

PROOF OF FORMULA 4.266.1

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln^7 x \, dx}{1+x} = -\frac{127\pi^8}{240}.$$

Consider the more general formula

$$I(a) := \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^a x \, dx}{1+x}.$$

Expand the denominator as a geometric series to obtain

$$I(a) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \int_0^1 x^j \ln^a x \, dx.$$

The change of variables $u = -\ln x$ gives

$$I(a) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+a} \int_0^{\infty} u^a e^{-(j+1)u} \, du,$$

and $t = (j+1)u$ yields

$$I(a) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{j+a}}{(j+1)^a} \int_0^{\infty} t^a e^{-t} \, dt.$$

The integral is recognized as $\Gamma(a+1)$. The sum is simplified using the standard even-odd split for the zeta function. It follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j^a} = -\frac{2^{a-1}-1}{2^{a-1}} \zeta(a).$$

Therefore

$$I(a) = \frac{(-1)^a(2^a-1)}{2^a} \Gamma(a+1) \zeta(a+1).$$

The case considered here is $a = 2n-1$ with $n = 5$. The result is first given in terms of $\zeta(2n)$ and this is simplified via the basic identity

$$\zeta(2n) = \frac{2^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} \pi^{2n} |B_{2n}|.$$

This appears as 9.542.1. The value $|B_8| = 1/30$ gives the final form.