

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.625.4

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin^{2n} x \cos^{m-1/2} 2x}{\cos^{2n+2m+1} x} dx = \frac{(2n-1)!! (2m-1)!! \pi}{(2n+2m)!!} \frac{1}{2}$$

The change of variable $t = \tan x$ gives

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin^{2n} x \cos^{m-1/2} 2x}{\cos^{2n+2m+1} x} dx = \int_0^1 t^{2n} (1-t^2)^{m-1/2} dt.$$

Now let $v = t^2$ and use the integral representation of the beta function

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt$$

to obtain

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin^{2n} x \cos^{m-1/2} 2x}{\cos^{2n+2m+1} x} dx = \frac{1}{2} B\left(n + \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

This is now reduced to the stated formula using

$$\Gamma\left(p + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^p} (2p-1)!!.$$