

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.248.3

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{2n} dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{(2n-1)!! \pi}{(2n)!!} \frac{1}{2}$$

The change of variables $t = x^2$ gives

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{2n} dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 t^{n-1/2} (1-t)^{-1/2} dt$$

and using the formula

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt$$

with $x = n + \frac{1}{2}$ and $y = \frac{1}{2}$, we get

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{2n} dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1}{2} B\left(n + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Now use

$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

and the expression

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2^n}$$

to obtain the result.