

Question

Prove that $\int_0^1 \frac{x^p}{1-x} \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(p+n+1)^2}$

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^p}{1-x} \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) &= \int_0^1 x^p \log \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{p+n} \log \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(p+n+1)^2}, \text{ since} \\ \int_0^1 x^\alpha \log \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \left[x^{\alpha+1} \log \frac{1}{x} \right]_0^1 + \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \int_0^1 x^{\alpha+1} \frac{x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$