

Solution (#1396) Use $1 - \cos x = 2 \sin^2(x/2)$ and find in due course

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \frac{x^2 dx}{1 - \cos x} &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} u^2 \csc^2 u \, du \\ &= -8 \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln \sin u \, du \\ &= 4\pi \ln 2. \quad [\#1395] \end{aligned}$$

Using again $1 - \cos x = 2 \sin^2(x/2)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \frac{x - \sin x}{1 - \cos x} dx &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} u \csc^2 u - \cot u \, du \\ &= 2 [u(-\cot u)]_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= 2 \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u \cot u = 2 \end{aligned}$$

noting from #1286 that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u \cot u = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u \frac{\cos u}{\sin u} = \left(\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u}{\sin u} \right) \left(\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \cos u \right) = 1 \times 1 = 1.$$