

**Solution** (#1406) Recall that

$$B\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{x(1-x)} \, dx.$$

Note that  $x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sin \theta)$  is decreasing on  $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ . We have

$$dx = -\frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \, d\theta,$$

so that the above integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\pi/2}^{-\pi/2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1 - \sin \theta}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{2}\right)} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \, d\theta\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ \theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{8}. \end{aligned}$$