

**Solution** (#1409) By definition

$$B(a+1, -a) = \int_0^1 x^a (1-x)^{-a-1} dx.$$

To relate  $B(a+1, -a)$  to the second integral set  $u = x/(1-x)$ .

We can relate the second integral to the third by IBP.

Finally to relate the second integral to the fourth, we set  $x = \tan^2 t$ .

Looking at the last integral we see that when  $a = -1/2$  we have  $B(1/2, 1/2) = \pi$ .