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Prove without any software:

$$\int_{\frac{1}{16}}^{\frac{1}{8}} \log \left(1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32x^4}{3} \right) dx < \frac{3}{128}$$

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Solution by proposer

Let be the function $f(x) = 36e^x - 6x^3 - 18x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}; f''(x) = 36(e^x - x - 1) \geq 0$

Due to the well-known inequality $e^x \geq x + 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have that f –is convex on \mathbb{R} .

The tangent for $A(0, f(0))$ is the $y = 36x + 36$. Because f –is convex we have that

$$f(x) \geq y, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (1)$$

So, we have that (1) holds for $x := 4x > 0$

$$f(4x) \geq y \Rightarrow 36e^{4x} - 6(4x)^3 - 18(4x)^2 \geq 36(4x) + 36 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4x \geq \log \left(1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32x^4}{3} \right)$$

Therefore,

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Note by editor:

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