

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Find:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\cos^3(x)}{(1 + \sin(x))^2} dx$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\cos^3(x)}{(1 + \sin(x))^2} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(1 - \sin^2(x))}{(1 + \sin(x))^2} d\sin(x) = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(1 - \sin(x))}{1 + \sin(x)} d\sin(x) \stackrel{\sin(x) \rightarrow t}{=} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - t}{1 + t} dt = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2 - (1 + t)}{1 + t} dt = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + t} dt - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} dt = \\ &= 2 \ln|1 + t| \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - t \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} = \ln\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$