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Find:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{x^3 + 1} dx$$

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Denote: $x^3 = y \Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{y} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{y^2}} dy$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}-\frac{2}{3}}}{y+1} dy = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{1-6}{9}}}{y+1} dy = \frac{1}{9} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{-\frac{5}{9}}}{y+1} dy = \frac{1}{9} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\frac{4}{9}-1}}{y+1} dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right)} = \frac{\pi}{9 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right)}\end{aligned}$$

We used the formula:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{p-1}}{1+t} dt = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi p)}; 0 < p < 1$$