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Find:

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \ln \left(\sum_{m=0}^n x^{2m} \right) dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 2 \ln \left(\sum_{m=0}^n x^{4m} \right) dx = 2 \left(\int_0^1 \ln(1 - x^{4(n+1)}) dx - \int_0^1 \ln(1 - x^4) dx \right) = \\ &= 2(I(4(n+1)) - I(4)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I = 2(I(4(n+1)) - I(4))$$

where

$$I(a) = \int_0^1 \ln(1 - x^a) dx, \quad x^a = t, \quad dx = \frac{1}{a} t^{\frac{1}{a}-1} dt$$

$$aI(a) = \int_0^1 t^{\frac{1}{a}-1} \ln(1-t) dx, \quad aI(a) = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{du} B\left(\frac{1}{a}, u\right)$$

$$aI(a) = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1} B\left(\frac{1}{a}, u\right) \left(\psi(u) - \psi\left(u + \frac{1}{a}\right) \right), \quad aI(a) = a \left(\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) - a \right)$$

$$I(a) = \left(\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) - a \right)$$

$$I = 2 \left(\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{4(n+1)}\right) - 4(n+1) - \psi(1) + \psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 4 \right)$$

$$I = 2 \left(\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{4(n+1)}\right) - 4n \right)$$