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Find a closed form:

$$I = \int_1^\infty \frac{Li_2[(1-y)^3]}{(y-1)^3} dy$$

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$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_1^\infty \frac{Li_2[(1-y)^3]}{(y-1)^3} dy \\ I &\stackrel{y-1=x}{=} \int_0^\infty \frac{Li_2[-x^3]}{x^3} dx, \quad I \stackrel{x^3=p}{=} \int_0^\infty \frac{Li_2[-p]}{p} \left(\frac{1}{3}p^{-\frac{2}{3}}\right) dp \\ I &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty p^{-1-\frac{2}{3}} Li_2(-p) dp \\ I &\stackrel{\text{Integration By Parts}}{=} -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty p^{-\frac{5}{3}} \ln(1+p) dp \\ I &\stackrel{\text{Integration By Parts}}{=} -\frac{3}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^{-\frac{2}{3}}}{1+p} dp \\ I &= -\frac{3}{2} B\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right), \quad I = -\frac{\frac{3}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\right)} \\ I &= -\frac{3}{2} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ I &\stackrel{\text{Euler Reflection}}{=} -\frac{3}{2} \pi \cosec\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$