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Find a closed form:

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln^2(x)}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-x)} dx$$

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Solution 1 by Exodo Halcalias-Angola

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln^2(x)}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-x)} dx = -2 \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{2-x} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{x-1} dx + \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{3-x} dx = \\ &= -2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln^2(x)}{1-\frac{1}{2}x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{1-x} dx + \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} \frac{\ln^2(x)}{1-\frac{1}{3}x} dx = -4Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + Li_3(1) + 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \left(21\zeta(3) + 4\ln^3(2) + 12\zeta(2)\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) + \zeta(3) + 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note :

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \frac{y \ln^n(z)}{1-yz} dz = (-1)^n n! Li_{n+1}(y)$$

$$Li_{s+1}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{Li_s(t)}{t} dt$$

Solution 2 by Pratham Prasad-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln^2(x)}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-x)} dx = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{3-x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{1-x} dx - 2 \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{2-x} dx = \frac{3}{2} I(3) + \frac{1}{2} I(1) - 2I(2) \end{aligned}$$

Define:

$$\begin{aligned} I(a) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{a-x} dx = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^2(x)}{1-\frac{x}{a}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^1 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^r \ln^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^r \int_0^1 x^r \ln^2(x) dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^r \frac{d^2}{dr^2} \left(\int_0^1 x^r dx \right) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^r \frac{d^2}{dr^2} \left(\frac{1}{r+1} \right) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^r \left(\frac{2}{(r+1)^3} \right) = 2 \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^r}{r^3} \end{aligned}$$

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$$I(a) = 2Li_3\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)$$

$$\psi = 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + Li_3(1) - 4Li_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x \ln^2(x)}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-x)} dx = 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \zeta(3) - 4Li_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Solution 3 by Shobhit Jain-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln^2 x}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-x)} dx = \int_0^1 \ln^2 x \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-x} - \frac{2}{2-x} + \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{3-x} \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \ln^2 x \left(\frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-1} - \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(1-\frac{x}{3}\right)^{-1} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2}F(1) - F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}F\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{here, } F(a) &= \int_0^1 (\ln^2 x)(1-ax)^{-1} dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^1 (\ln^2 x) a^{n-1} x^{n-1} dx = \Gamma 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^{n-1}}{n^3} = \frac{2}{a} Li_3(a) \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= \frac{1}{2}F(1) - F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}F\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = Li_3(1) - 4Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

By Landen's Trilogarithmic identity,

$$\begin{aligned} Li_3(z) + Li_3(1-z) + Li_3\left(1-\frac{1}{z}\right) &= \zeta(3) + \frac{1}{6} \ln^3 z + \zeta(2) \ln z - \frac{1}{2} (\ln^2 z) \ln(1-z) \\ \underset{z=1}{\underbrace{Li_3(1)}} &= \zeta(3) \underset{z=\frac{1}{2}}{\underbrace{2Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}} + Li_3(-1) = \zeta(3) + \frac{1}{3} \ln^3 2 - \zeta(2) \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow 2Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \eta(3) &= \zeta(3) + \frac{1}{3} \ln^3 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \ln 2 \Rightarrow 2Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{4} \zeta(3) = \zeta(3) + \frac{1}{3} \ln^3 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow Li_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{7}{8} \zeta(3) - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{6} \ln^3 2 \Rightarrow \Delta = \zeta(3) - 4 \left(\frac{7}{8} \zeta(3) - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{6} \ln^3 2 \right) + 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 3Li_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} \ln 2 - \frac{5}{2} \zeta(3) - \frac{2}{3} \ln^3 2 \end{aligned}$$