

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.411.2

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n-1} dx}{e^{ax} - 1} = (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{2\pi}{a} \right)^{2n} \frac{B_{2n}}{4n}$$

From formula 3.411.1 it follows that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n-1} dx}{e^{ax} - 1} = \frac{\Gamma(2n)\zeta(2n)}{a^{2n}}.$$

The result now follows from the representation of the values of the Riemann zeta function at even integers in terms of the Bernoulli numbers:

$$\zeta(2n) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{2(2n)!}.$$