

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.527.1

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\mu-1} dx}{\sinh^2(ax)} = \frac{4\Gamma(\mu)\zeta(\mu-1)}{(2a)^\mu}$$

The change of variable $t = ax$ shows that it is sufficient to consider the case $a = 1$. Start with

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\mu-1} dx}{\sinh^2 t} = 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\mu-1} dx}{(e^t - e^{-t})^2},$$

and write the last integral as

$$J := \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\mu-1} dt}{(e^t - e^{-t})^2} = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\mu-1} e^{-2t} dt}{(1 - e^{-2t})^2}.$$

Expand in a power series to obtain

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \int_0^\infty t^{\mu-1} e^{-2nt} dt.$$

The change of variable $v = 2nt$ yields

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\mu-1}} \times \frac{1}{2^\mu} \int_0^\infty v^{\mu-1} e^{-v} dv.$$

The series gives the term $\zeta(\mu-1)$ and the integral is $\Gamma(\mu)$.