

**PROOF OF FORMULA 3.251.5**

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{2m+1} dx}{(ax^2 + c)^n} = \frac{m!(n-m-2)!}{2(n-1)!a^{m+1}c^{n-m-1}}$$

Let  $x = \sqrt{ct}/\sqrt{a}$  so that  $ax^2 = ct^2$  to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{2m} dx}{(ax^2 + c)^n} = \frac{c^{m+1-n}}{a^{m+1}} J(n, m),$$

where

$$J(n, m) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{2m+1} dt}{(1+t^2)^n}.$$

To evaluate this integral, let  $u = t^2$  to obtain

$$J(n, m) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{u^m du}{(1+u)^n} = \frac{1}{2} B(m+1, n-m-1),$$

using the integral representation 8.380.3 in the table

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{a-1} dt}{(1+t)^{a+b}}.$$

Conclude that

$$J(n, m) = \frac{\Gamma(m+1)\Gamma(n-m-1)}{2\Gamma(n)} = \frac{m!(n-m-2)!}{2(n-1)!}.$$