

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.312.2

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^{-\alpha x})(1 - e^{-\beta x})e^{-px}}{1 - e^{-x}} dx = \psi(p + \alpha) + \psi(p + \beta) - \psi(p + \alpha + \beta) - \psi(p)$$

The change of variables $t = e^{-x}$ yields

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^{-\alpha x})(1 - e^{-\beta x})e^{-px}}{1 - e^{-x}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{p-1}(1 - t^\alpha - t^\beta + t^{\alpha+\beta})}{1 - t} dt.$$

Write the integrand as

$$-\frac{(t^{p-1} - 1) - (t^{p-1-\alpha} - 1) - (t^{p-1+\beta} - 1) + (t^{p-1+\alpha+\beta} - 1)}{t - 1},$$

and use the integral representation

$$\psi(z) = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{z-1} - 1}{t - 1} dt - \gamma$$

for the polygamma function to obtain the result.