

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.334

$$\int_0^\infty (e^x - 1)^{\nu-1} \exp\left[-\frac{b}{e^x - 1} - \mu x\right] dx = \Gamma(\mu - \nu - 1) e^{b/2} b^{\frac{\nu-1}{2}} W_{\frac{\nu-2\mu-1}{2}, -\frac{\nu}{2}}(b)$$

The change of variables $t = 1/(e^x - 1)$ gives

$$\int_0^\infty (e^x - 1)^{\nu-1} \exp\left[-\frac{b}{e^x - 1} - \mu x\right] dx = \int_0^\infty t^{\mu-\nu} (1+t)^{-1-\mu} e^{-bt} dt.$$

The Whittaker function is defined by the integral representation

$$W_{a,b}(z) = \frac{z^{b+1/2} e^{-z/2}}{\Gamma(b-a+\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} t^{b-a-\frac{1}{2}} (1+t)^{b+a-\frac{1}{2}} dt.$$

Matching parameters yields the evaluation.