

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.476.1

$$\int_0^\infty [\exp(-\nu x^p) - \exp(-\mu x^p)] \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1}{p} \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{\nu} \right)$$

Let $t = \nu x^p$ to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty [\exp(-\nu x^p) - \exp(-\mu x^p)] \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^\infty [e^{-t} - e^{-\mu t/\nu}] \frac{dt}{t}.$$

Use the representation

$$\gamma = - \int_0^\infty \left(e^{-t} - \frac{1}{1+t} \right) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and the change of variables $s = \mu t/\nu$ to write

$$\int_0^\infty [\exp(-\nu x^p) - \exp(-\mu x^p)] \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{\gamma}{p} - \frac{1}{p} \int_0^\infty \left(e^{-s} - \frac{1}{1+\nu s/\mu} \right) \frac{ds}{s}.$$

Simplifying it gives

$$\int_0^\infty [\exp(-\nu x^p) - \exp(-\mu x^p)] \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{1}{p} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\nu}{\mu + \nu s} - \frac{1}{1+s} \right) ds.$$

These are elementary integrals that produce the result.