

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.527.4

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x dx}{\cosh^2(ax)} = \frac{\ln 2}{a^2}$$

The change of variables $t = ax$ shows that it sufficient to ocnsider $a = 1$. Start with

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{t dt}{\cosh^2 t} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{4te^{-2t}}{(1 + e^{-2t})^2} dt$$

and expand the integrand in series to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{t dt}{\cosh^2 t} = 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k (k+1) \int_0^{\infty} te^{-2(k+1)t} dt.$$

The change of variables $v = 2(k+1)t$ yields

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{t dt}{\cosh^2 t} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} \int_0^{\infty} ve^{-v} dv.$$

The integral is $\Gamma(2) = 1$ and the series sums to $\ln 2$.