

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.552.6

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-2nx}}{\sinh x} dx = \frac{\pi^4}{8} - 12 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^4}$$

Write the integral as

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-2nx}}{\sinh x} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-(2n+1)x}}{1 - e^{-2x}} dx.$$

The change of variables $t = 2x$ gives

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-2nx}}{\sinh x} dx = \frac{1}{8} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^3 e^{-(2n+1)t}}{1 - e^{-t}} dt.$$

Expand the denominator of the integrand as a geometric series to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-2nx}}{\sinh x} dx = 12 \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^4}.$$

This is the result using

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^4} = \frac{\pi^2}{96}.$$