

**PROOF OF FORMULA 4.224.12**

$$\int_0^\pi \ln(1 + b \cos x) dx = \pi \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - b^2}}{2} \right)$$

Entry 4.224.9 states that

$$\int_0^\pi \ln(a + b \cos x) dx = \pi \ln \left( \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{2} \right).$$

This is the special case  $a = 1$ .