

PROOF OF FORMULA 4.297.7

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{b \ln(1 + ax) - a \ln(1 + bx)}{x^2} dx = ab \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

With $f(t) = \ln(1 + t)/t$, the integral is

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{b \ln(1 + ax) - a \ln(1 + bx)}{x^2} dx = ab \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx.$$

This is an integral of Frullani type with value

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx = [f(0) - f(\infty)] \ln \frac{b}{a}.$$

The result follows from $f(0) = 1$ and $f(\infty) = 0$.