

PROOF OF FORMULA 4.335.2

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} \ln^2 x \, dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{16} (2(\gamma + 2 \ln 2)^2 + \pi^2)$$

Start with the identity

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} t^{(a-1)/2} e^{-t} \, dt = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{a+1}{2}\right).$$

Differentiate twice with respect to a to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-x^2} \ln^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{8} \Gamma\left(\frac{a+1}{2}\right) \left[\psi^2\left(\frac{a+1}{2}\right) + \psi'\left(\frac{a+1}{2}\right) \right].$$

Now put $a = 0$ and use

$$\psi(1/2) = -\gamma - 2 \ln 2 \text{ and } \psi'(1/2) = \pi^2/2$$

(the last value appears as entry 8.366) to obtain the result.