

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.198

$$\int_0^1 x^{\mu-1}(1-x)^{\nu-1} [ax + b(1-x) + c]^{-(\mu+\nu)} dx = \frac{B(\mu, \nu)}{(a+c)^\mu (b+c)^\nu}$$

Start with

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{\mu-1}(1-x)^{\nu-1}}{[ax + b(1-x) + c]^{\mu+\nu}} dx = (b+c)^{-\mu-\nu} \int_0^1 x^{\mu-1}(1-x)^{\nu-1} \left[1 - \frac{b-a}{b+c}x\right]^{-(\mu+\nu)} dx.$$

The integral representation for the hypergeometric function

$${}_2F_1[\alpha, \beta; \gamma; z] = \frac{1}{B(\beta, \alpha - \beta)} \int_0^1 t^{\beta-1}(1-t)^{\alpha-\beta-1}(1-tz)^{-\alpha} dt$$

gives

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{\mu-1}(1-x)^{\nu-1} dx}{[ax + b(1-x) + c]^{\mu+\nu}} = (b+c)^{-\mu-\nu} B(\mu, \nu) {}_2F_1\left[\mu + \nu, \mu; \mu + \nu; \frac{b-a}{b+c}\right].$$

The identity

$${}_2F_1[\alpha, \beta; \alpha; z] = (1-z)^{-\beta},$$

produces the final result.