

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.462.8

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\mu x^2 + 2\nu x} dx = \frac{e^{\nu^2/\mu}}{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\mu}} \left(1 + \frac{2\nu^2}{\mu}\right)$$

Let $t = \sqrt{\mu}x$ to obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\mu x^2 + 2\nu x} dx = \frac{1}{\mu\sqrt{\mu}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 e^{-t^2 + 2\alpha t} dt$$

where $\alpha = \nu/\sqrt{\mu}$. This can be written as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 e^{-t^2 + 2\alpha t} dt = e^{\alpha^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (s + \alpha)^2 e^{-s^2} ds.$$

Expanding the binomial reduces the problem to the calculation of three integrals:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s^2 e^{-s^2} ds = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

that can be evaluated via the change of variables $s = \sqrt{u}$ and recognizing the resulting integral as $\Gamma(3/2)$;

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s e^{-s^2} ds = 0,$$

by symmetry and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-s^2} ds = \sqrt{\pi}.$$