

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.265

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^{a-1}}{1-x} dx &= \psi(a) + \gamma \\ &= \psi(1-a) + \gamma - \pi \cot(\pi a) \end{aligned}$$

This is special case of the formula

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{p-1} - x^{q-1}}{1-x} dx = \psi(q) - \psi(p).$$

In order to prove this consider first the integral

$$I(\epsilon) = \int_0^1 x^{p-1}(1-x)^{\epsilon-1} dx - \int_0^1 x^{q-1}(1-x)^{\epsilon-1} dx$$

that avoids the apparent singularity at $x = 1$. The integral $I(\epsilon)$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} I(\epsilon) &= B(p, \epsilon) - B(q, \epsilon) \\ &= \Gamma(\epsilon) \left(\frac{\Gamma(p)}{\Gamma(p+\epsilon)} - \frac{\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(q+\epsilon)} \right) \\ &= \Gamma(1+\epsilon) \left(\frac{\Gamma(p) - \Gamma(p+\epsilon)}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{\Gamma(p+\epsilon)} - \frac{\Gamma(q) - \Gamma(q+\epsilon)}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{\Gamma(q+\epsilon)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The result is now obtained by letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.