

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.311.13

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-px} + e^{-qx}}{1 + e^{-(p+q)x}} dx = \frac{\pi}{p+q} \operatorname{cosec} \left(\frac{\pi p}{p+q} \right)$$

Let $t = e^{-(p+q)x}$ to get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-px} + e^{-qx}}{1 + e^{-(p+q)x}} dx = \frac{1}{p+q} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{r-1} + t^{-r}}{1+t} dt,$$

with $r = p/(p+q)$.

Formula 3.231.2 gives $\pi \operatorname{cosec}(\pi r)$ as the value of this last integral.