

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.411.1

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1} dx}{e^{ax} - 1} = \frac{\Gamma(s) \zeta(s)}{a^s}$$

Let $t = ax$ to get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1} dx}{e^{ax} - 1} = a^{-s} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{s-1} dt}{e^t - 1}.$$

Observe that

$$\frac{1}{e^t - 1} = \frac{e^{-t}}{1 - e^{-t}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-(k+1)t},$$

and integrating term by term we have

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1} dx}{e^{ax} - 1} = a^{-s} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-(1+k)t} dt.$$

The change of variables $u = t(1+k)$ gives the result.