

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.411.8

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1} e^{-px} dx}{1 + e^x} = (n-1)! \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k+p)^n}$$

The integral is

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1} e^{-px} dx}{1 + e^x} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1} e^{-(p+1)x} dx}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

and expanding the integrand in a geometric series

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1} e^{-(p+1)x} dx}{1 + e^{-x}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-(p+1+k)x} dx.$$

The change of variables $u = (p+1+k)x$ and

$$\int_0^{\infty} u^{n-1} e^{-u} du = \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!,$$

give the result.