

**PROOF OF FORMULA 3.458.2**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x e^x dx}{(a + e^x)^{\nu+1}} &= \frac{1}{\nu a^\nu} [\ln a - \gamma - \psi(\nu)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\nu a^\nu} \left[ \ln a - \sum_{k=1}^{\nu-1} \frac{1}{k} \right] \quad \text{if } \nu \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$f(b) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^b dt}{(a + t)^{\nu+1}},$$

and observe that

$$f'(b) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^b \ln t dt}{(a + t)^{\nu+1}}.$$

The change of variables  $t = e^x$  gives

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x e^x dx}{(a + e^x)^{\nu+1}} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln t dt}{(a + t)^{\nu+1}},$$

so that the requested integral is  $f'(0)$ .

Observe next that

$$f(b) = a^{b-\nu} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^b ds}{(1 + s)^{\nu+1}} = a^{b-\nu} B(b+1, \nu-b) = a^{b-\nu} \frac{\Gamma(b+1)\Gamma(\nu-b)}{\Gamma(\nu+1)}.$$

Logarithmic differentiation gives

$$f'(b) = [\ln a + \psi(b+1) - \psi(\nu-b)]f(b).$$

Therefore

$$f'(0) = \frac{\ln a - \gamma - \psi(\nu)}{\nu a^\nu},$$

as claimed.