

**PROOF OF FORMULA 3.461.2**

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2n} e^{-px^2} dx = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2(2p)^n} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{p}}$$

Let  $x = t\sqrt{p}$  to have  $px^2 = t^2$ . Then

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2n} e^{-px^2} dx = \frac{1}{p^{n+1/2}} I_n$$

where

$$I_n = \int_0^{\infty} t^{2n} e^{-t^2} dt.$$

The change of variables  $s = t^2$  gives

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} s^{n-1/2} e^{-s} ds,$$

that produces the value

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

The expression 8.339.2:

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^n} (2n-1)!!$$

finishes the evaluation.