

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.521.3

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \sinh ax} = -2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{Ei}(-(2k+1)a)$$

Write the integral as

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \sinh ax} = 2 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ax}}{x} \frac{dx}{1 - e^{-2ax}}.$$

Expand the integrand as a geometric series to produce

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \sinh ax} &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{-(2k+1)ax}}{x} dx \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{(2k+1)a}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

The result now follows from the definition of the exponential integral

$$\text{Ei}(x) = - \int_{-x}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt.$$