

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.551.9

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-bx} \tanh x \frac{dx}{x} = \ln \frac{b}{4} + 2 \ln \left(\frac{\Gamma(b/4)}{\Gamma(b/4 + 1/2)} \right)$$

Write the integral as

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-bx} \tanh x \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-bx}(1 - e^{-2x})}{1 + e^{-2x}} \frac{dx}{x}.$$

The change of variables $t = 2x$ gives

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-bx} \tanh x \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-bt/2} - e^{-(b/2+1)t}}{1 + e^{-t}} \frac{dt}{t}.$$

Entry 3.411.28 states that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\nu x} - e^{-\mu x}}{e^{-x} + 1} \frac{dx}{x} = \ln \left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\mu+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\mu}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})} \right).$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-bx} \tanh x \frac{dx}{x} = \ln \left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{b}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{b}{4} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{b}{4} + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{b}{4} + \frac{1}{2})} \right).$$

This reduces to the stated answer.