

**PROOF OF FORMULA 4.253.3**

$$\int_a^\infty x^{-\nu}(x-a)^{\mu-1} \ln x \, dx = a^{\mu-\nu} B(\nu-\mu, \mu) [\ln a + \psi(\nu) - \psi(\nu-\mu)]$$

Let  $x = at$  to obtain

$$\int_a^\infty x^{-\nu}(x-a)^{\mu-1} \ln x \, dx = a^{\mu-\nu} \int_1^\infty t^{-\nu}(t-1)^{\mu-1} dt + a^{\mu-\nu} \int_1^\infty t^{-\nu}(t-1)^{\mu-1} \ln t \, dt.$$

The change of variables  $t = 1/s$  shows that the first integral is  $B(\nu-\mu, \mu)$  and the second one can be evaluated using

$$\int_0^1 t^{x-1}(1-t)^{y-1} \ln t \, dt = B(x, y) [\psi(x) - \psi(x+y)]$$

that comes from differentiating the basic integral representation of the beta function

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1}(1-t)^{y-1} dt$$

with respect to the parameter  $x$ .