

**PROOF OF FORMULA 4.355.1**

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\mu x^2} \ln x \, dx = \frac{1}{8\mu} (2 - \ln 4\mu - \gamma) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\mu}}$$

Start with the identity

$$\Gamma(a) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{a-1} e^{-x} \, dx$$

and let  $x = t^b$  and then  $t = \mu^{1/b} y$  to produce

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^{ab-1} e^{-\mu y^b} \, dy = \frac{1}{b\mu^a} \Gamma(a).$$

Introduce  $r = ab - 1$  to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^r e^{-\mu y^b} \, dy = \frac{1}{b} \mu^{-(r+1)/b} \Gamma\left(\frac{r+1}{b}\right).$$

Differentiate with respect to  $r$  to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^r e^{-\mu y^b} \ln y \, dy = \frac{\Gamma(p)}{b^2 \mu^p} [\psi(p) - \ln \mu]$$

where  $p = (r+1)/b$ .

The special case  $r = b = 2$  gives  $p = 3/2$ . The value

$$\psi\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2 + \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 - 2 \ln 2 - \gamma$$

gives the result.