

PROOF OF FORMULA 6.281.1

$$\int_0^\infty [1 - \operatorname{erf}(px)] x^{2q-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(q + 1/2)}{2\sqrt{\pi}qp^{2q}}$$

Let $t = px$ to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty [1 - \operatorname{erf}(px)] x^{2q-1} dx = \frac{1}{p^{2q}} \int_0^\infty [1 - \operatorname{erf}(t)] t^{2q-1} dt.$$

The error function is defined by

$$\operatorname{erf}(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds,$$

so it satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{erf}(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-t^2}.$$

Integration by parts gives

$$\int_0^\infty [1 - \operatorname{erf}(px)] x^{2q-1} dx = \frac{1}{qp^{2q}\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty t^{2q} e^{-t^2} dt.$$

The change of variables $y = t^2$ shows that the last integral is $\Gamma(q + 1/2)$.