

NAG C Library Function Document

nag_bessel_k_alpha (s18egc)

1 Purpose

nag_bessel_k_alpha (s18egc) returns a sequence of values for the modified Bessel functions $K_{\alpha+n}(x)$ for real $x > 0$, selected values of $\alpha \geq 0$ and $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$.

2 Specification

```
void nag_bessel_k_alpha (double x, Integer ia, Integer ja, Integer nl,
                        double b[], NagError *fail)
```

3 Description

This routine evaluates a sequence of values for the modified Bessel function of the second kind $K_{\alpha}(x)$, where x is real and non-negative and $\alpha \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ is the order. The $(N+1)$ -member sequence is generated for orders $\alpha, \alpha+1, \dots, \alpha+N$.

4 Parameters

1: **x** – double *Input*

On entry: the argument x of the function.

Constraint: $x > 0.0$.

2: **ia** – Integer *Input*

3: **ja** – Integer *Input*

On entry: the numerator i and denominator j , respectively, of the order $\alpha = i/j$ of the first member in the required sequence of function values. Only the following combinations of pairs of values of i and j are allowed:

$i = 0$ and $j = 1$ corresponds to $\alpha = 0$;

$i = 1$ and $j = 2$ corresponds to $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$;

$i = 1$ and $j = 3$ corresponds to $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$;

$i = 1$ and $j = 4$ corresponds to $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}$;

$i = 2$ and $j = 3$ corresponds to $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}$;

$i = 3$ and $j = 4$ corresponds to $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$.

Constraint: **ia** and **ja** must constitute a valid pair $(\mathbf{ia}, \mathbf{ja}) = (0,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,3)$ or $(3,4)$.

4: **nl** – Integer *Input*

On entry: the value of N . Note that the order of the last member in the required sequence of function values is given by $\alpha + N$.

Constraint: $0 \leq \mathbf{nl} \leq 100$.

5: **b[nl+1]** – double *Output*

On exit: with **fail.code** = **NE_NOERROR** or **fail.code** = **NW_SOME_PRECISION_LOSS**, the required sequence of function values: **b**(n) contains $K_{\alpha+n}(x)$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$.

6: **fail** – NagError *

Input/Output

The NAG error parameter (see the Essential Introduction).

5 Error Indicators and Warnings

NE_REAL

On entry, **x** = *<value>*.
Constraint: **x** > 0.0.

NE_INT

On entry, **nl** = *<value>*.
Constraint: $0 \leq \mathbf{nl} \leq 100$.

NE_INT_2

On entry, **ia** = *<value>*, **ja** = *<value>*.
Constraint: **ia** and **ja** must constitute a valid pair (**ia,ja**).

NE_OVERFLOW_LIKELY

The evaluation has been abandoned due to the likelihood of overflow.

NW_SOME_PRECISION_LOSS

The evaluation has been completed but some precision has been lost.

NE_TOTAL_PRECISION_LOSS

The evaluation has been abandoned due to total loss of precision.

NE_TERMINATION_FAILURE

The evaluation has been abandoned due to failure to satisfy the termination condition.

NE_INTERNAL_ERROR

An internal error has occurred in this function. Check the function call and any array sizes. If the call is correct then please consult NAG for assistance.

6 Further Comments

6.1 Accuracy

All constants in the underlying function are specified to approximately 18 digits of precision. If t denotes the number of digits of precision in the floating-point arithmetic being used, then clearly the maximum number of correct digits in the results obtained is limited by $p = \min(t, 18)$. Because of errors in argument reduction when computing elementary functions inside the underlying function, the actual number of correct digits is limited, in general, by $p - s$, where $s \approx \max(1, |\log_{10} x|)$ represents the number of digits lost due to the argument reduction. Thus the larger the value of x , the less the precision in the result.

6.2 References

Abramowitz M and Stegun I A (1972) *Handbook of Mathematical Functions* Dover Publications (3rd Edition)

7 See Also

None.

8 Example

The example program evaluates $K_0(x)$, $K_1(x)$, $K_2(x)$ and $K_3(x)$ at $x = 0.5$, and prints the results.

8.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_bessel_k_alpha (s18egc) Example Program.
 *
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 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nags.h>

int main(void)
{
    double alpha;
    double b[101];
    double x;
    Integer i;
    Integer ia;
    Integer exit_status=0;
    Integer ja;
    Integer nl;
    NagError fail;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);
    Vprintf("s18egc Example Program Results\n\n");
    /*      Skip heading in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[^\\n]");
    while (scanf("%lf %ld %ld %ld%*[^\\n]", &x, &ia, &ja, &nl) != EOF)
    {
        Vprintf("\n x      ia      ja      nl\n\n");
        Vprintf("%4.1f %6ld %6ld %6ld\n\n", x, ia, ja, nl);
        s18egc (x, ia, ja, nl, b, &fail);
        if (fail.code == NE_NOERROR)
        {
            Vprintf(" Requested values of K_alpha(X)\n\n");
            alpha = (double) ia / (double) ja;
            Vprintf("      alpha      K_alpha(X)\n");
            for (i = 0; i <= nl; ++i)
            {
                Vprintf(" %12.4e %12.4e\n", alpha, b[i]);
                alpha += 1.;
            }
        }
        else
        {
            Vprintf("Error from s18egc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
            exit_status = 1;
            goto END;
        }
    }
}
```

```
END:
    return exit_status;
}
```

8.2 Program Data

s18egc Example Program Data

0.5 0 1 3 : Values of x, ia, ja and nl

8.3 Program Results

s18egc Example Program Results

x	ia	ja	nl
0.5	0	1	3

Requested values of K_alpha(X)

alpha	K_alpha(X)
0.0000e+00	9.2442e-01
1.0000e+00	1.6564e+00
2.0000e+00	7.5502e+00
3.0000e+00	6.2058e+01
