
Subject: Re: Confluent Hypergeometric Function of the First Kind
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noahh.schwartz@gmail.com wrote:

> Hello everyone,
>
> I am looking for the Confluent Hypergeometric Function of the First
> Kind in the IDL Math Library but it does not seem to be implemented!
>
> I would like to use a function similar to the Hypergeometric1F1[a, b,
> z] of Mathematica [<http://reference.wolfram.com/mathematica/ref/Hypergeometric1F1.html>].
>
> I have not found what I was looking for, and so decided to try to code
> it myself... [sigh...]. Being a fresh beginner in IDL this is a hard
> task!
>
> Would anybody know how to code an infinite series expansion like the
> Hypergeometric1F1?
>
> Thank you in advance for your time!
> Noah

Dear Noah,

I am a bit late but just came back to the office.

I am using a Fortran-77 program which comes from the book: "Computation of Special Functions" of Zhang & Jin:
<http://jin.ece.uiuc.edu/routines/routines.html>

I very simple changed the program mchgm.for so that it works with arrays.
I compile it locally and then call it with spawn in mc_kummer.pro
The IDL routine looks a bit cluttered because I use it on different
machines.

BTW, mc_kummer uses mc_tmp() that produces a unique temporay file -
replace by whatever you want. It also uses mc_setup(/mcbin) that tells
it where it finds the executable - replace with your a.out.

Cheers
Matthias

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; NAME:
;     MC_KUMMER
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;
; PURPOSE:
;   Computes the Kummer or confluent hypergeometric function
;
; CATEGORY:
;   Math.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   res = mc_kummer(a,b,x)
;
; INPUTS:
;   a: parameter array
;   b: parameter array
;   x: variable array
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   res: confluent hypergeometric series
;
; EXAMPLE:
;   IDL> den = mc_kummer(-0.5d*ka , 0.5d , -0.5d*peclet_l)
;
; PROCEDURE:
;   mc_kummer calls the external fortran program
;   confluent_hypergeometric_series_M to compute the Kummer function
;
; REFERENCE:
;   Weisstein E.W. (2004b) Hypergeometric function.
;   In: MathWorld - A Wolfram Web Resource,
;   Website: http://mathworld.wolfram.com/HypergeometricFunction.html
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   Written by: JO, Sep 2004
;   Modified MC, Feb 2005 - a, b, x arrays
;           MC, Jun 2007 - undef
;-
FUNCTION MC_KUMMER, a, b, x, undef=undef
COMPILE_OPT idl2,
ON_ERROR, 2
; ---
os = ([1,2,3,4,5])[where([ 'darwin', 'win32', 'linux', 'osf', 'aix' ] eq strlowlcase(!version.os))][0]
;
if n_elements(undef) eq 0 then undef = -9999.
aa = a
bb = b
xx = x
iiundef = where(aa eq undef or bb eq undef or xx eq undef, undefcount)
if undefcount gt 0 then begin
  aa[iiundef] = 0.5

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bb[iiundef] = 0.5
cc[iiundef] = 0.5
endif
;
tempfile = mc_tmp()
reportfile = mc_tmp()
;---
;n = n_elements(x)
result = "
;---
get_lun, unit
openw, unit, tempfile
printf, unit, n
for i=0, n-1 do printf, unit, a[i], b[i], x[i]
free_lun, unit
; --- Run C program
newpath=mc_setup(/mcbin)
case os of
 1: begin
   ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.Mac'
   if not file_test(ccode) then $
     message,'No executable found for this platform: '+ccode
   spawn, ccode+' < '+ tempfile + ' > ' + reportfile, summary, /sh
 end
 2: begin
   ccode=newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.exe'
   if not file_test(ccode) then $
     message,'No executable found for this platform: '+ccode
   spawn, ccode+' < '+ tempfile + ' > ' + reportfile, summary, /log_output
 end
 3: begin
   spawn, 'uname -a', uname, /sh
   uname = strmid(uname,0,6)
   if uname eq 'obelix' then $
     ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.Linux.obelix' $
   else if uname eq 'asterix' then $
     ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.Linux.asterix' $
   else $
     ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.Linux'
   if not file_test(ccode) then $
     message,'No executable found for this platform: '+ccode
   spawn, ccode+' < '+ tempfile + ' > ' + reportfile, summary, /sh
 end
 4: begin
   ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.DEC'
   if not file_test(ccode) then $
     message,'No executable found for this platform: '+ccode
   spawn, ccode+' < '+ tempfile + ' > ' + reportfile, summary, /sh

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end
5: begin
  ccode = newpath+'confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.IBM'
  if not file_test(ccode) then $
    message,'No executable found for this platform: '+ccode
    spawn, ccode+' < ' + tempfile + ' > ' + reportfile, summary, /sh
  end
endcase
; ---
res = dblarr(n)
get_lun, unit
openr, unit, reportfile
for i=0, n-1 do begin
  readf, unit, result
  res[i] = double(result)
endfor
free_lun, unit
; ---
file_delete, tempfile, reportfile
;
if undefcount gt 0 then res[iiundef] = undef
;
if n gt 1 then return, res else return, res[0]
;
END
;-

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PROGRAM MCHGM

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C
C=====
C      Purpose: This program computes the confluent
C              hypergeometric function M(a,b,x) using
C              subroutine CHGM
C      Input : a --- Parameter
C              b --- Parameter ( b <> 0,-1,-2,... )
C              x --- Argument
C      Output: HG --- M(a,b,x)
C      Example:
C          a      b      x      M(a,b,x)
C  -----
C          1.5    2.0   20.0   .1208527185D+09
C          4.5    2.0   20.0   .1103561117D+12
C         -1.5    2.0   20.0   .1004836854D+05
C         -4.5    2.0   20.0   -.3936045244D+03
C          1.5    2.0   50.0   .8231906643D+21
C          4.5    2.0   50.0   .9310512715D+25
C         -1.5    2.0   50.0   .2998660728D+16
C         -4.5    2.0   50.0   -.1806547113D+13

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C
C=====
C
C      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
integer i, n
LOGICAL debug
PARAMETER (debug = .FALSE.)
C
if (debug) then
  WRITE(*,*) 'Please enter a, b and x '
  READ(*,*) A,B,X
  WRITE(*,*) ' a    b    x      M(a,b,x)'
  WRITE(*,*) ' -----'
  CALL CHGM(A,B,X,HG)
  WRITE(*,'(1X,F5.1,3X,F5.1,3X,F5.1,D20.10)') A,B,X,HG
else
  read(*,*) n
  do i=1, n
    READ(*,*) A,B,X
    CALL CHGM(A,B,X,HG)
    WRITE(*,*) HG
  end do
endif
C
      END PROGRAM MCHGM
C
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C
SUBROUTINE CHGM(A,B,X,HG)
C
C=====
C      Purpose: Compute confluent hypergeometric function
C      M(a,b,x)
C      Input : a --- Parameter
C              b --- Parameter ( b <> 0,-1,-2,... )
C              x --- Argument
C      Output: HG --- M(a,b,x)

C=====
C
C      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
LOGICAL debug
PARAMETER (debug = .FALSE.)
C

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PI=3.141592653589793D0
A0=A
A1=A
X0=X
HG=0.0D0
C
C--- SPECIAL CASES
C
C--- case where b=-n --> M(a,b,x) is undefined (13.1.3)
IF (B.EQ.0.0D0.OR.B.EQ.-ABS(INT(B))) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'b=-n --> M(a,b,x) is undefined'
  HG=1.0D+300
C--- case where a=0 or x=0 --> M(a,b,x)=1 (13.1.2)
ELSE IF (A.EQ.0.0D0.OR.X.EQ.0.0D0) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'a=0 or x=0 --> M(a,b,x) = 1'
  HG=1.0D0
C--- case where a=-1 --> M(a,b,x)=1-x/b (13.6.27)
ELSE IF (A.EQ.-1.0D0) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*)
    . 'a=-1 --> M(a,b,x) = polynomial of degree 1'
  HG=1.0D0-X/B
C--- case where a=b --> M(a,b,x) = exp(x) (13.6.12)
ELSE IF (A.EQ.B) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'a=b --> M(a,b,x) = exp(x)'
  HG=DEXP(X)
C--- case where a=b+1 --> M(a,b,x) = {1+x/b}*exp(x) (13.6.2)
ELSE IF (A-B.EQ.1.0D0) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'a=b+1 --> M(a,b,x) = {1+x/b}*exp(x)'
  HG=(1.0D0+X/B)*DEXP(X)
C--- case where a=1 and b=2 --> M(a,b,x) = {exp(x)-1}/x (13.6.14)
ELSE IF (A.EQ.1.0D0.AND.B.EQ.2.0D0) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'a=1 and b=2 --> M(a,b,x) = {exp(x)-1}/x'
  HG=(DEXP(X)-1.0D0)/X
C--- case a=-m --> polynomial of degree m (13.1.3 and 13.6.9)
ELSE IF (A.EQ.INT(A).AND.A.LT.0.0D0) THEN
  if (debug) WRITE(*,*)
    . 'a=-m --> M(a,b,x) = polynomial of degree m'
  M=INT(-A)
  R=1.0D0
  HG=1.0D0
  DO K=1,M
    R=R*(A+K-1.0D0)/K/(B+K-1.0D0)*X
    HG=HG+R
  ENDDO
ENDIF
IF (HG.NE.0.0D0) RETURN
C
C--- GENERAL CASE

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C
C--- case x<0 --> M(a,b,x) = exp(x)*M(a,b-a,-x) (13.1.27)
  IF (X.LT.0.0D0) THEN
    if (debug) WRITE(*,*) 'x<0 --> M(a,b,x) = exp(x)*M(b-a,b,-x)'
    A=B-A
    A0=A
    X=DABS(X)
  ENDIF
C--- from now on we try to evaluate M(A,B,X) even if (A,X) is not equal to (A1,X0)
C--- case ??????????
  IF (A.LT.2.0D0) NL=0
  IF (A.GE.2.0D0) THEN
    NL=1
    LA=INT(A)
    A=A-LA-1.0D0
  ENDIF
C--- loop on ??????????
  DO N=0,NL
    IF (A0.GE.2.0D0) A=A+1.0D0
    IF (X.LE.30.0D0+DABS(B).OR.A.LT.0.0D0) THEN
C--- use classical formula 13.1.2 for small x and small a
      if (debug) WRITE(*,*)
        'classic formula for small x with up to 500 maximum terms'
C      HG=1.0D0
      HG=1.0D0*DEXP(X0)
      RG=1.0D0
      J=0
      DO WHILE (DABS(RG/HG).GE.1.0D-15 .OR. J .LT. 500)
        J=J+1
        RG=RG*(A+J-1.0D0)/(J*(B+J-1.0D0))*X
      C      HG=HG+RG
      HG=HG+RG*DEXP(X0)
      ENDDO
      ELSE
C--- computation with asymptotic formula 13.5.1 up to 8 digits
        if (debug) WRITE(*,*)
          'asymptotic formula for big x up to 8 digits'
        CALL GAMMA(A,TA)
        CALL GAMMA(B,TB)
        XG=B-A
        CALL GAMMA(XG,TBA)
        SUM1=1.0D0
        SUM2=1.0D0
        R1=1.0D0
        R2=1.0D0
        DO I=1,8
          R1=-R1*(A+I-1.0D0)*(A-B+I)/(X*I)
          R2=-R2*(B-A+I-1.0D0)*(A-I)/(X*I)

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        SUM1=SUM1+R1
        SUM2=SUM2+R2
    ENDDO
C   HG1=TB/TBA*X**(-A)*DCOS(PI*A)*SUM1
C   HG1=TB/TBA*X**(-A)*DCOS(PI*A)*SUM1*EXP(X0)
C   HG2=TB/TA*DEXP(X)*X**((A-B)*SUM2
C   HG2=TB/TA*DEXP(X+X0)*X**((A-B)*SUM2
C   HG=HG1+HG2
    ENDIF
    IF (N.EQ.0) Y0=HG
    IF (N.EQ.1) Y1=HG
ENDDO
IF (A0.GE.2.0D0) THEN
    DO I=1,LA-1
        HG=((2.0D0*A-B+X)*Y1+(B-A)*Y0)/A
        Y0=Y1
        Y1=HG
        A=A+1.0D0
    ENDDO
ENDIF
C IF (X0.LT.0.0D0) HG=HG*DEXP(X0)
C IF (X0.GE.0.0D0) HG=HG*DEXP(-X0)
A=A1
X=X0
RETURN
END SUBROUTINE CHGM
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C
SUBROUTINE GAMMA(X,GA)
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C=====
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C
C=====

IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
DIMENSION G(26)
PI=3.141592653589793D0
IF (X.EQ.INT(X)) THEN

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IF (X.GT.0.0D0) THEN
  GA=1.0D0
  M1=X-1
  DO K=2,M1
    GA=GA*K
  ENDDO
ELSE
  GA=1.0D+300
ENDIF
ELSE
  IF (DABS(X).GT.1.0D0) THEN
    Z=DABS(X)
    M=INT(Z)
    R=1.0D0
    DO K=1,M
      R=R*(Z-K)
    ENDDO
    Z=Z-M
  ELSE
    Z=X
  ENDIF
  DATA G /1.0D0,0.5772156649015329D0,
& -0.6558780715202538D0, -0.420026350340952D-1,
& 0.1665386113822915D0,-.421977345555443D-1,
& -.96219715278770D-2, .72189432466630D-2,
& -.11651675918591D-2, -.2152416741149D-3,
& .1280502823882D-3, -.201348547807D-4,
& -.12504934821D-5, .11330272320D-5,
& -.2056338417D-6, .61160950D-8,
& .50020075D-8, -.11812746D-8,
& .1043427D-9, .77823D-11,
& -.36968D-11, .51D-12,
& -.206D-13, -.54D-14, .14D-14, .1D-15/
  GR=G(26)
  DO K=25,1,-1
    GR=GR*Z+G(K)
  ENDDO
  GA=1.0D0/(GR*Z)
  IF (DABS(X).GT.1.0D0) THEN
    GA=GA*R
    IF (X.LT.0.0D0) GA=-PI/(X*GA*DSIN(PI*X))
  ENDIF
ENDIF
RETURN
END SUBROUTINE GAMMA

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File Attachments

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- 1) [mc_kummer.pro](#), downloaded 97 times

2) [confluent_hypergeometric_series_M.f](#), downloaded 104 times
