
Subject: Re: Modified Bessel functions

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Stephen Dunne wrote:

>
> Does anybody know of a straight forward way to calculate the
> modified Bessel functions K0 and K1 in such a way that the expression
> may be part of a function to be integrated using QROMB?
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> Time's a wastin'..
> Steve.

Here's some Numerical Recipes functions you can convert easily to IDL... Note that the K calculation relies on the other modified B-function I, for $x \leq 2$.

```
float bessI0(float x)
{
    float ax,ans;
    double y;

    if ((ax=fabs(x)) < 3.75) {
        y=x/3.75;
        y*=y;
        ans=1.0+y*(3.5156229+y*(3.0899424+y*(1.2067492
            +y*(0.2659732+y*(0.360768e-1+y*0.45813e-2)))));
    } else {
        y=3.75/ax;
        ans=(exp(ax)/sqrt(ax))*(0.39894228+y*(0.1328592e-1
            +y*(0.225319e-2+y*(-0.157565e-2+y*(0.916281e-2
            +y*(-0.2057706e-1+y*(0.2635537e-1+y*(-0.1647633e-1
            +y*0.392377e-2))))))));
    }
    return ans;
}
```

```
float bessK0(float x)
{
    float bessI0(float x);
    double y,ans;

    if (x <= 2.0) {
        y=x*x/4.0;
        ans=(-log(x/2.0)*bessI0(x))+(-0.57721566+y*(0.42278420
            +y*(0.23069756+y*(0.3488590e-1+y*(0.262698e-2
            +y*(0.10750e-3+y*0.74e-5))))));
    }
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    } else {
        y=2.0/x;
        ans=(exp(-x)/sqrt(x))*(1.25331414+y*(-0.7832358e-1
            +y*(0.2189568e-1+y*(-0.1062446e-1+y*(0.587872e-2
                +y*(-0.251540e-2+y*0.53208e-3))))));
    }
    return ans;
}

float bessj1(float x)
{
    float ax,ans;
    double y;

    if ((ax=fabs(x)) < 3.75) {
        y=x/3.75;
        y*=y;
        ans=ax*(0.5+y*(0.87890594+y*(0.51498869+y*(0.15084934
+y*(0.2658733e-1+y*(0.301532e-2+y*0.32411e-3))))));
    } else {
        y=3.75/ax;
        ans=0.2282967e-1+y*(-0.2895312e-1+y*(0.1787654e-1
            -y*0.420059e-2));
        ans=0.39894228+y*(-0.3988024e-1+y*(-0.362018e-2
            +y*(0.163801e-2+y*(-0.1031555e-1+y*ans))));
        ans *= (exp(ax)/sqrt(ax));
    }
    return x < 0.0 ? -ans : ans;
}

float bessk1(float x)
{
    float bessj1(float x);
    double y,ans;

    if (x <= 2.0) {
        y=x*x/4.0;
        ans=(log(x/2.0)*bessj1(x))+(1.0/x)*(1.0+y*(0.15443144
            +y*(-0.67278579+y*(-0.18156897+y*(-0.1919402e-1
                +y*(-0.110404e-2+y*(-0.4686e-4))))));
    } else {
        y=2.0/x;
        ans=(exp(-x)/sqrt(x))*(1.25331414+y*(0.23498619
+y*(-0.3655620e-1+y*(0.1504268e-1+y*(-0.780353e-2
            +y*(0.325614e-2+y*(-0.68245e-3))))));
    }
}

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```
    return ans;  
}
```
