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Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 21:04:24 GMT

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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 23:50:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: Airy function implementation?

Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2013 17:01:38 GMT

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On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 7:50:11 PM UTC-4, wlandsman wrote:

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Thanks. Based on the code I found in the Starfinder program, that is an Airy pattern ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy\\_disk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy_disk)) which is different from an Airy function ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy\\_function](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy_function)). Sorry...I should have been precise.

Rob

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Subject: Re: Airy function implementation?

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2013 17:28:54 GMT

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On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 10:04:24 PM UTC+1, Rob Dimeo wrote:

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You don't have IMSL, but you do have GSL (in Linux 64 bit):

```
function ai, x
return, call_external('/usr/lib64/libgsl.so', 'gsl_sf_airy_Ai', double(x[0]), 1l, /all_value, /d_value,
/auto_glue)
end
```

```
pro test_ai ; Ai(x) in [-5,5]
x=dindgen(1001)/100-5
y=x
for j=0,1000 do y[j]=ai(x[j])
plot, y
end
```

Feel free to add error checking :-)

regards,  
Lajos

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