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**Description**

Compute the Airy functions  $Ai$  or  $Bi$  or their first derivatives,  $\frac{d}{dz}Ai(z)$  and  $\frac{d}{dz}Bi(z)$ .

The Airy functions are solutions of the differential equation

$$w'' = zw$$

for  $w(z)$ , and are related to each other and to the (modified) Bessel functions via (many identities, see <https://dlmf.nist.gov/9.6>), e.g., if  $\zeta := \frac{2}{3}z\sqrt{z} = \frac{2}{3}z^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ,

$$Ai(z) = \pi^{-1}\sqrt{z/3}K_{1/3}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{z}(I_{-1/3}(\zeta) - I_{1/3}(\zeta)),$$

and

$$Bi(z) = \sqrt{z/3}(I_{-1/3}(\zeta) + I_{1/3}(\zeta)).$$

**Usage**

`AiryA(z, deriv = 0, expon.scaled = FALSE, verbose = 0)`

`AiryB(z, deriv = 0, expon.scaled = FALSE, verbose = 0)`

**Arguments**

<code>z</code>	complex or numeric vector.
<code>deriv</code>	order of derivative; must be 0 or 1.
<code>expon.scaled</code>	logical indicating if the result should be scaled by an exponential factor (typically to avoid under- or over-flow).
<code>verbose</code>	integer defaulting to 0, indicating the level of verbosity notably from C code.

**Details**

By default, when `expon.scaled` is false, `AiryA()` computes the complex Airy function  $Ai(z)$  or its derivative  $\frac{d}{dz}Ai(z)$  on `deriv=0` or `deriv=1` respectively.

When `expon.scaled` is true, it returns  $\exp(\zeta)Ai(z)$  or  $\exp(\zeta)\frac{d}{dz}Ai(z)$ , effectively removing the exponential decay in  $-\pi/3 < \arg(z) < \pi/3$  and the exponential growth in  $\pi/3 < |\arg(z)| < \pi$ , where  $\zeta = \frac{2}{3}z\sqrt{z}$ , and  $\arg(z) = \text{Arg}(z)$ .

While the Airy functions  $Ai(z)$  and  $d/dz Ai(z)$  are analytic in the whole  $z$  plane, the corresponding scaled functions (for `expon.scaled=TRUE`) have a cut along the negative real axis.

By default, when `expon.scaled` is false, `AiryB()` computes the complex Airy function  $Bi(z)$  or its derivative  $\frac{d}{dz}Bi(z)$  on `deriv=0` or `deriv=1` respectively.

When `expon.scaled` is true, it returns  $\exp(-|\Re(\zeta)|)Bi(z)$  or  $\exp(-|\Re(\zeta)|)\frac{d}{dz}Bi(z)$ , to remove the exponential behavior in both the left and right half planes where, as above,  $\zeta = \frac{2}{3} \cdot z\sqrt{z}$ .

**Value**

a complex or numeric vector of the same length (and class) as  $z$ .

**Author(s)**

Donald E. Amos, Sandia National Laboratories, wrote the original fortran code. Martin Maechler did the R interface.

**References**

see [BesselJ](#); notably for many results the

Digital Library of Mathematical Functions (DLMF), Chapter 9 *Airy and Related Functions* at <https://dlmf.nist.gov/9>.

**See Also**

[BesselI](#) etc; the Hankel functions [Hankel](#).

The CRAN package [Rmpfr](#) has  $Ai(x)$  for arbitrary precise "mpfr"-numbers  $x$ .

**Examples**

```
## The AiryA() := Ai() function -----
curve(AiryA, -20, 100, n=1001)
curve(AiryA, -1, 100, n=1011, log="y") -> Aix
curve(AiryA(x, expon.scaled=TRUE), -1, 50, n=1001)
## Numerically "proving" the 1st identity above :
z <- Aix$x; i <- z > 0; head(z <- z[i <- z > 0])
Aix <- Aix$y[i]; zeta <- 2/3*z*sqrt(z)
stopifnot(all.equal(Aix, 1/pi * sqrt(z/3)* BesselK(zeta, nu = 1/3),
                    tol = 4e-15)) # 64b Lnx: 7.9e-16; 32b Win: 1.8e-15

## This gives many warnings (248 on nb-mm4, F24) about lost accuracy, but on Windows takes ~ 4 sec:
curve(AiryA(x, expon.scaled=TRUE), 1, 10000, n=1001, log="xy")

## The AiryB() := Bi() function -----
curve(AiryB, -20, 2, n=1001); abline(h=0,v=0, col="gray",lty=2)
curve(AiryB, -1, 20, n=1001, log = "y") # exponential growth (x > 0)

curve(AiryB(x,expon.scaled=TRUE), -1, 20, n=1001)
curve(AiryB(x,expon.scaled=TRUE), 1, 10000, n=1001, log="x")
```

Bessel

*Bessel Functions of Complex Arguments I(), J(), K(), and Y()***Description**

Compute the Bessel functions I(), J(), K(), and Y(), of complex arguments  $z$  and real  $\nu$ ,

**Usage**

```
BesselI(z, nu, expon.scaled = FALSE, nSeq = 1, verbose = 0)
BesselJ(z, nu, expon.scaled = FALSE, nSeq = 1, verbose = 0)
BesselK(z, nu, expon.scaled = FALSE, nSeq = 1, verbose = 0)
BesselY(z, nu, expon.scaled = FALSE, nSeq = 1, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

$z$	complex or numeric vector.
$\nu$	numeric (scalar).
<code>expon.scaled</code>	logical indicating if the result should be scaled by an exponential factor, typically to avoid under- or over-flow. See the ‘Details’ about the specific scaling.
<code>nSeq</code>	positive integer; if $> 1$ , computes the result for a whole <i>sequence</i> of $\nu$ values; if $\nu \geq 0$ , $\nu, \nu+1, \dots, \nu+nSeq-1$ , if $\nu < 0$ , $\nu, \nu-1, \dots, \nu-nSeq+1$ .
<code>verbose</code>	integer defaulting to 0, indicating the level of verbosity notably from C code.

**Details**

The case  $\nu < 0$  is handled by using simple formula from Abramowitz and Stegun, see details in [besseli\(\)](#).

The scaling activated by `expon.scaled = TRUE` depends on the function and the scaled versions are

**J():**  $\text{BesselJ}(z, \nu, \text{expo}=\text{TRUE}) := \exp(-|\Im(z)|)J_\nu(z)$

**Y():**  $\text{BesselY}(z, \nu, \text{expo}=\text{TRUE}) := \exp(-|\Im(z)|)Y_\nu(z)$

**I():**  $\text{BesselI}(z, \nu, \text{expo}=\text{TRUE}) := \exp(-|\Re(z)|)I_\nu(z)$

**K():**  $\text{BesselK}(z, \nu, \text{expo}=\text{TRUE}) := \exp(z)K_\nu(z)$

**Value**

a complex or numeric vector (or `matrix` with `nSeq` columns if `nSeq > 1`) of the same length (or `nrow` when `nSeq > 1`) and `mode` as  $z$ .

**Author(s)**

Donald E. Amos, Sandia National Laboratories, wrote the original fortran code. Martin Maechler did the translation to C, and partial cleanup (replacing `goto`'s), in addition to the R interface.

## References

Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. A. (1955, etc). *Handbook of mathematical functions* (NBS AMS series 55, U.S. Dept. of Commerce), <http://people.math.sfu.ca/~cbm/aands/>

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## See Also

The base R functions [besseli\(\)](#), [besselk\(\)](#), etc.

The Hankel functions (of first and second kind),  $H_\nu^{(1)}(z)$  and  $H_\nu^{(2)}(z)$ : [Hankel](#).

The Airy functions  $Ai()$  and  $Bi()$  and their first derivatives, [Airy](#).

For large x and/or nu arguments, algorithm AS~644 is not good enough, and the results may overflow to Inf or underflow to zero, such that direct computation of  $\log(I_\nu(x))$  and  $\log(K_\nu(x))$  are desirable. For this, we provide [besseli.nuAsym\(\)](#), [besseliAsym\(\)](#) and [besselk.nuAsym\(\\*, log=\\*\)](#), based on asymptotic expansions.

## Examples

```
## For real small arguments, Besseli() gives the same as base::besseli() :
set.seed(47); x <- sort(round(rlnorm(20), 2))
M <- cbind(x, b = besseli(x, 3), B = Besseli(x, 3))
stopifnot(all.equal(M[, "b"], M[, "B"], tol = 2e-15)) # ~4e-16 even
M

## and this is true also for the 'exponentially scaled' version:
Mx <- cbind(x, b = besseli(x, 3, expon.scaled=TRUE),
            B = Besseli(x, 3, expon.scaled=TRUE))
stopifnot(all.equal(Mx[, "b"], Mx[, "B"], tol = 2e-15)) # ~4e-16 even
```

**Description**

Compute the Hankel functions  $H(1, *)$  and  $H(2, *)$ , also called ‘H-Bessel’ function (of the third kind), of complex arguments. They are defined as

$$H(1, \nu, z) := H_\nu^{(1)}(z) = J_\nu(z) + iY_\nu(z),$$

$$H(2, \nu, z) := H_\nu^{(2)}(z) = J_\nu(z) - iY_\nu(z),$$

where  $J_\nu(z)$  and  $Y_\nu(z)$  are the Bessel functions of the first and second kind, see [BesselJ](#), etc.

**Usage**

```
BesselH(m, z, nu, expon.scaled = FALSE, nSeq = 1, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>m</code>	integer, either 1 or 2, indicating the kind of Hankel function.
<code>z</code>	complex or numeric vector of values <b>different from 0</b> .
<code>nu</code>	numeric, must currently be non-negative.
<code>expon.scaled</code>	logical indicating if the result should be scaled by an exponential factor (typically to avoid under- or over-flow).
<code>nSeq</code>	positive integer; if $> 1$ , computes the result for a whole <i>sequence</i> of <code>nu</code> values of length <code>nSeq</code> , see ‘Details’ below.
<code>verbose</code>	integer defaulting to 0, indicating the level of verbosity notably from C code.

**Details**

By default (when `expon.scaled` is false), the resulting sequence (of length `nSeq`) is for  $m = 1, 2$ ,

$$y_j = H(m, \nu + j - 1, z),$$

computed for  $j = 1, \dots, nSeq$ .

If `expon.scaled` is true, the sequence is for  $m = 1, 2$

$$y_j = \exp(-\tilde{m}zi) \cdot H(m, \nu + j - 1, z),$$

where  $\tilde{m} = 3 - 2m$  (and  $i^2 = -1$ ), for  $j = 1, \dots, nSeq$ .

**Value**

a complex or numeric vector (or [matrix](#) if `nSeq > 1`) of the same length and [mode](#) as `z`.

**Author(s)**

Donald E. Amos, Sandia National Laboratories, wrote the original fortran code. Martin Maechler did the R interface.

**References**

see [BesselI](#).

**See Also**

[BesselI](#) etc; the Airy function [Airy](#).

**Examples**

```
##----- H(1, *) -----
nus <- c(1,2,5,10)
for(i in seq_along(nus))
  curve(BesselH(1, x, nu=nus[i]), -10, 10, add= i > 1, col=i, n=1000)
legend("topleft", paste("nu = ", format(nus)), col = seq_along(nus), lty=1)

## nu = 10 looks a bit "special" ...  hmm...
curve(BesselH(1, x, nu=10), -.3, .3, col=4,
      ylim = c(-10,10), n=1000)

##----- H(2, *) -----
for(i in seq_along(nus))
  curve(BesselH(2, x, nu=nus[i]), -10, 10, add= i > 1, col=i, n=1000)
legend("bottomright", paste("nu = ", format(nus)), col = seq_along(nus), lty=1)
## the same nu = 10 behavior ..
```

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besselI.nuAsym	<i>Asymptotic Expansion of Bessel <math>I(x, \nu)</math> and <math>K(x, \nu)</math> for Large <math>\nu</math> (and <math>x</math>)</i>
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**Description**

Compute Bessel functions  $I_\nu(x)$  and  $K_\nu(x)$  for large  $\nu$  and possibly large  $x$ , using asymptotic expansions in Debye polynomials.

**Usage**

```
besselI.nuAsym(x, nu, k.max, expon.scaled = FALSE, log = FALSE)
besselK.nuAsym(x, nu, k.max, expon.scaled = FALSE, log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric or <a href="#">complex</a> , with real part $\geq 0$ .
nu	numeric; The <i>order</i> (maybe fractional!) of the corresponding Bessel function.
k.max	integer number of terms in the expansion. Must be in 0:5, currently.
expon.scaled	logical; if TRUE, the results are exponentially scaled, the same as in the corresponding <a href="#">BesselI()</a> and <a href="#">BesselK()</a> functions in order to avoid overflow ( $I_\nu$ ) or underflow ( $K_\nu$ ), respectively.
log	logical; if TRUE, $\log(f(\cdot))$ is returned instead of $f$ .

**Details**

Abramowitz & Stegun , page 378, has formula 9.7.7 and 9.7.8 for the asymptotic expansions of  $I_\nu(x)$  and  $K_\nu(x)$ , respectively, also saying *When  $\nu \rightarrow +\infty$ , these expansions (of  $I_\nu(\nu z)$  and  $K_\nu(\nu z)$ ) hold uniformly with respect to  $z$  in the sector  $|\arg z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi - \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number.* and for this reason, we require  $\Re(x) \geq 0$ .

The Debye polynomials  $u_k(x)$  are defined in 9.3.9 and 9.3.10 (page 366).

**Value**

a numeric vector of the same length as the long of `x` and `nu`. (usual argument recycling is applied implicitly.)

**Author(s)**

Martin Maechler

**References**

Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. A. (1955, etc). *Handbook of mathematical functions* (NBS AMS series 55, U.S. Dept. of Commerce), pp. 366, 378.

**See Also**

From this package **Bessel**: `Besseli()`; further, `besseliAsym()` for the case when  $x$  is large and  $\nu$  is small or moderate.

Further, from **base**: `besseli`, etc.

**Examples**

```
x <- c(1:10, 20, 50, 100, 100000)
nu <- c(1, 10, 20, 50, 10^(2:10))
```

```
sapply(0:4, function(k.)
  sapply(nu, function(n.)
    besselI.nuAsym(x, nu=n., k.max = k., log = TRUE)))
```

```
sapply(0:4, function(k.)
  sapply(nu, function(n.)
    besselK.nuAsym(x, nu=n., k.max = k., log = TRUE)))
```



**Description**

Compute Bessel function  $I_\nu(x)$  and  $K_\nu(x)$  for large  $x$  and small or moderate  $\nu$ , using the asymptotic expansions (9.7.1) and (9.7.2), p.377-8 of Abramowitz & Stegun, for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , even valid for complex  $x$ ,

$$I_a(x) = \exp(x)/\sqrt{2\pi x} \cdot f(x, a),$$

where

$$f(x, a) = 1 - \frac{\mu - 1}{8x} + \frac{(\mu - 1)(\mu - 9)}{2!(8x)^2} - \dots,$$

and  $\mu = 4a^2$  and  $|\arg(x)| < \pi/2$ .

Whereas `besselIasym(x, a)` computes a possibly exponentially scaled and/or logged version of  $I_a(x)$ , `besselI.ftrms` returns the corresponding *terms* in the series expansion of  $f(x, a)$  above.

**Usage**

```
besselIasym (x, nu, k.max = 10, expon.scaled = FALSE, log = FALSE)
besselKasym (x, nu, k.max = 10, expon.scaled = FALSE, log = FALSE)
besselI.ftrms(x, nu, K = 20)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	numeric or complex (with real part) $\geq 0$ .
<code>nu</code>	numeric; the <i>order</i> (maybe fractional!) of the corresponding Bessel function.
<code>k.max, K</code>	integer number of terms in the expansion.
<code>expon.scaled</code>	logical; if TRUE, the results are exponentially scaled in order to avoid overflow.
<code>log</code>	logical; if TRUE, $\log(f(\cdot))$ is returned instead of $f$ .

**Details**

Even though the reference (A. & S.) requires  $|\arg z| < \pi/2$  for  $I()$  and  $|\arg z| < 3\pi/2$  for  $K()$ , where  $\arg(z) := \text{Arg}(z)$ , the zero-th order term seems correct also for negative (real) numbers.

**Value**

a numeric (or complex) vector of the same length as `x`.

**Author(s)**

Martin Maechler

## References

Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. A. (1955, etc). *Handbook of mathematical functions* (NBS AMS series 55, U.S. Dept. of Commerce).

## See Also

From this package **Bessel()** **Besseli()**; further, **besseli.nuAsym()** which is useful when  $\nu$  is large (as well); further **base besseli**, etc

## Examples

```
x <- c(1:10, 20, 50, 100^(2:10))
nu <- c(1, 10, 20, 50, 100)

r <- lapply(c(0:4,10,20), function(k.)
            sapply(nu, function(n.)
                  besseliAsym(x, nu=n., k.max = k., log = TRUE)))
warnings()

try( # needs improvement in R [or a local workaround]
     besseliAsym(10000*(1+1i), nu=200, k.max=20, log=TRUE)
) # Error in log1p(-d) : unimplemented complex function
```

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besselJs

*Bessel J() function Simple Series Representation*


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## Description

Computes the modified Bessel  $J$  function, using one of its basic definitions as an infinite series, e.g. A. & S., p.360, (9.1.10). The implementation is pure R, working for **numeric**, **complex**, but also e.g., for objects of class "**mpfr**" from package **Rmpfr**.

## Usage

```
besselJs(x, nu, nterm = 800, log = FALSE,
         Ceps = if (isNum) 8e-16 else 2^(-x@.Data[[1]]@prec))
```

## Arguments

x	numeric or complex vector, or of another <b>class</b> for which arithmetic methods are defined, notably objects of class <b>mpfr</b> .
nu	non-negative numeric (scalar).
nterm	integer indicating the number of terms to be used. Should be in the order of $\text{abs}(x)$ , but can be smaller for large $x$ . A warning is given, when <i>nterm</i> was <i>possibly</i> too small. (Currently, many of these warnings are wrong, as
log	logical indicating if the logarithm $\log J()$ is required.
Ceps	a relative error tolerance for checking if <i>nterm</i> has been sufficient. The default is "correct" for double precision and also for multiprecision objects.

**Value**

a “numeric” (or complex or “mpfr”) vector of the same class and length as x.

**Author(s)**

Martin Maechler

**References**

Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. A. (1955, etc). *Handbook of mathematical functions* (NBS AMS series 55, U.S. Dept. of Commerce). [http://people.math.sfu.ca/~cbm/aands/page\\_360.htm](http://people.math.sfu.ca/~cbm/aands/page_360.htm)

**See Also**

This package `BesselJ`, `base::besselJ`, etc

**Examples**

```
stopifnot(all.equal(besselJs(1:10, 1), # our R code
                  besselJ(1:10, 1)))# internal C code w/ different algorithm

## Large 'nu' ...
x <- (0:20)/4
(bx <- besselJ(x, nu=200))# base R's -- gives (mostly wrong) warnings
if(require("Rmpfr")) { ## Use high precision, notably large exponent range, numbers:
  Bx <- besselJs(mpfr(x, 64), nu=200)
  all.equal(Bx, bx, tol = 1e-15)# TRUE -- warnings were mostly wrong; specifically:
  cbind(bx, Bx)
  signif(asNumeric(1 - (bx/Bx)[19:21]), 4) # only [19] had lost accuracy

  ## Without* mpfr numbers -- using log -- is accurate (here)
  lbx <- besselJs(x, nu=200, log=TRUE)
  lBx <- besselJs(mpfr(x, 64), nu=200, log=TRUE)
  cbind(x, lbx, lBx)
  stopifnot(all.equal(asNumeric(log(Bx)), lbx, tol=1e-15),
            all.equal(lBx, lbx, tol=4e-16))
} # Rmpfr
```

**Description**

Computes the modified Bessel *I* function, using one of its basic definitions as an infinite series. The implementation is pure R, working for `numeric`, `complex`, but also e.g., for objects of class “mpfr” from package **Rmpfr**.

**Usage**

```
besselIs(x, nu, nterm = 800, expon.scaled = FALSE, log = FALSE,
        Ceps = if (isNum) 8e-16 else 2^(-x@.Data[[1]]@prec))
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric or complex vector, or of another <code>class</code> for which arithmetic methods are defined, notably objects of class <code>mpfr</code> (package <b>Rmpfr</b> ).
nu	non-negative numeric (scalar).
nterm	integer indicating the number of terms to be used. Should be in the order of $\text{abs}(x)$ , but can be smaller for large $x$ . A warning is given, when <code>nterm</code> was chosen too small.
expon.scaled	logical indicating if the result should be scaled by $\exp(-\text{abs}(x))$ .
log	logical indicating if the logarithm $\log I(.)$ is required. This allows even more precision than <code>expon.scaled=TRUE</code> in some cases.
Ceps	a relative error tolerance for checking if <code>nterm</code> has been sufficient. The default is “correct” for double precision and also for multiprecision objects.

**Value**

a “numeric” (or complex or “`mpfr`”) vector of the same class and length as `x`.

**Author(s)**

Martin Maechler

**References**

Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. A. (1955, etc). *Handbook of mathematical functions* (NBS AMS series 55, U.S. Dept. of Commerce).

**See Also**

This package `BesselI`, `base` `besselI`, etc

**Examples**

```
(nus <- c(outer((0:3)/4, 1:5, `+`)))
stopifnot(
  all.equal(besselIs(1:10, 1), # our R code
            besselI (1:10, 1)) # internal C code w/ different algorithm
  ,
  sapply(nus, function(nu)
    all.equal(besselIs(1:10, nu, expon.scale=TRUE), # our R code
              BesselI (1:10, nu, expon.scale=TRUE)) # TOMS644 code
  )
  ,
  ## complex argument [gives warnings 'nterm=800' may be too small]
  sapply(nus, function(nu)
```

```

    all.equal(besselIs((1:10)*(1+1i), nu, expon.scale=TRUE), # our R code
              BesselI ((1:10)*(1+1i), nu, expon.scale=TRUE)) # TOMS644 code
  )
)

## Large 'nu' ...
x <- (0:20)/4
(bx <- besselI(x, nu=200))# base R's -- gives (mostly wrong) warnings
if(require("Rmpfr")) { ## Use high precision (notably large exponent range) numbers:
  Bx <- besselIs(mpfr(x, 64), nu=200)
  all.equal(Bx, bx, tol = 1e-15)# TRUE -- warning were mostly wrong; specifically:
  cbind(bx, Bx)
  signif(asNumeric(1 - (bx/Bx)[19:21]), 4) # only [19] had lost accuracy

  ## With*out* mpfr numbers -- using log -- is accurate (here)
  (lbx <- besselIs( x, nu=200, log=TRUE))
  lBx <- besselIs(mpfr(x, 64), nu=200, log=TRUE)
  stopifnot(all.equal(asNumeric(log(Bx)), lbx, tol=1e-15),
            all.equal(lBx, lbx, tol=4e-16))
} # Rmpfr

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