

## NAG Library Function Document

### nag\_kelvin\_ber\_vector (s19anc)

#### 1 Purpose

nag\_kelvin\_ber\_vector (s19anc) returns an array of values for the Kelvin function ber  $x$ .

#### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nags.h>
```

```
void nag_kelvin_ber_vector (Integer n, const double x[], double f[],
    Integer ivalid[], NagError *fail)
```

#### 3 Description

nag\_kelvin\_ber\_vector (s19anc) evaluates an approximation to the Kelvin function ber  $x_i$  for an array of arguments  $x_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Note:** ber( $-x$ ) = ber  $x$ , so the approximation need only consider  $x \geq 0.0$ .

The function is based on several Chebyshev expansions:

For  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ,

$$\text{ber } x = \sum_{r=0} a_r T_r(t), \quad \text{with } t = 2\left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^4 - 1.$$

For  $x > 5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ber } x = & \frac{e^{x/\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}a(t)\right) \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{x}b(t) \sin \alpha \right] \\ & + \frac{e^{-x/\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}c(t)\right) \sin \beta + \frac{1}{x}d(t) \cos \beta \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\pi}{8}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\pi}{8}$ ,

and  $a(t)$ ,  $b(t)$ ,  $c(t)$ , and  $d(t)$  are expansions in the variable  $t = \frac{10}{x} - 1$ .

When  $x$  is sufficiently close to zero, the result is set directly to ber 0 = 1.0.

For large  $x$ , there is a danger of the result being totally inaccurate, as the error amplification factor grows in an essentially exponential manner; therefore the function must fail.

#### 4 References

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

#### 5 Arguments

1: **n** – Integer

*Input*

*On entry:*  $n$ , the number of points.

*Constraint:*  $n \geq 0$ .

- 2: **x[n]** – const double *Input*  
*On entry:* the argument  $x_i$  of the function, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \mathbf{n}$ .
- 3: **f[n]** – double *Output*  
*On exit:* ber  $x_i$ , the function values.
- 4: **ivalid[n]** – Integer *Output*  
*On exit:* **ivalid**[ $i - 1$ ] contains the error code for  $x_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \mathbf{n}$ .  
**ivalid**[ $i - 1$ ] = 0  
 No error.  
**ivalid**[ $i - 1$ ] = 1  
 $\text{abs}(x_i)$  is too large for an accurate result to be returned. **f**[ $i - 1$ ] contains zero. The threshold value is the same as for **fail.code** = NE\_REAL\_ARG\_GT in nag\_kelvin\_ber (s19aac), as defined in the Users' Note for your implementation.
- 5: **fail** – NagError \* *Input/Output*  
 The NAG error argument (see Section 3.6 in the Essential Introduction).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, argument  $\langle value \rangle$  had an illegal value.

### NE\_INT

On entry,  $\mathbf{n} = \langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} \geq 0$ .

### 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 contact NAG for assistance.

### NW\_INVALID

On entry, at least one value of **x** was invalid.  
 Check **ivalid** for more information.

## 7 Accuracy

Since the function is oscillatory, the absolute error rather than the relative error is important. Let  $E$  be the absolute error in the result and  $\delta$  be the relative error in the argument. If  $\delta$  is somewhat larger than the *machine precision*, then we have:

$$E \simeq \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} (\text{ber}_1 x + \text{bei}_1 x) \right| \delta$$

(provided  $E$  is within machine bounds).

For small  $x$  the error amplification is insignificant and thus the absolute error is effectively bounded by the *machine precision*.

For medium and large  $x$ , the error behaviour is oscillatory and its amplitude grows like  $\sqrt{\frac{x}{2\pi}} e^{x/\sqrt{2}}$ .

Therefore it is not possible to calculate the function with any accuracy when  $\sqrt{x} e^{x/\sqrt{2}} > \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\delta}$ . Note that this value of  $x$  is much smaller than the minimum value of  $x$  for which the function overflows.

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

Not applicable.

## 9 Further Comments

None.

## 10 Example

This example reads values of  $x$  from a file, evaluates the function at each value of  $x_i$  and prints the results.

### 10.1 Program Text

```

/* nag_kelvin_ber_vector (s19anc) Example Program.
 *
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 */
#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nags.h>

int main(void)
{
    Integer    exit_status = 0;
    Integer    i, n;
    double     *f = 0, *x = 0;
    Integer    *ivalid = 0;
    NagError   fail;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    /* Skip heading in data file */
    scanf("%*[\n]");

    printf("nag_kelvin_ber_vector (s19anc) Example Program Results\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("      x          f          ivalid\n");
    printf("\n");
    scanf("%ld", &n);
    scanf("%*[\n]");

    /* Allocate memory */
    if (!(x = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
        !(f = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
        !(ivalid = NAG_ALLOC(n, Integer)))
    {
        printf("Allocation failure\n");
        exit_status = -1;
        goto END;
    }

    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        scanf("%lf", &x[i]);
    scanf("%*[\n]");

    /* nag_kelvin_ber_vector (s19anc).
     * Kelvin Function ber x
     */
    nag_kelvin_ber_vector(n, x, f, ivalid, &fail);
    if (fail.code!=NE_NOERROR && fail.code!=NW_IVALID)
    {
        printf("Error from nag_kelvin_ber_vector (s19anc).\n%s\n",

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        fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}

for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    printf(" %11.3e %11.3e %4ld\n", x[i], f[i], ivalid[i]);

END:
NAG_FREE(f);
NAG_FREE(x);
NAG_FREE(ivalid);

return exit_status;
}

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## 10.2 Program Data

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0.1 1.0 2.5 5.0 10.0 15.0 -1.0

## 10.3 Program Results

nag\_kelvin\_ber\_vector (s19anc) Example Program Results

x	f	ivalid
1.000e-01	1.000e+00	0
1.000e+00	9.844e-01	0
2.500e+00	4.000e-01	0
5.000e+00	-6.230e+00	0
1.000e+01	1.388e+02	0
1.500e+01	-2.967e+03	0
-1.000e+00	9.844e-01	0

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