

# NAG Library Function Document

## nag\_bessel\_j\_alpha (s18ekc)

### 1 Purpose

nag\_bessel\_j\_alpha (s18ekc) returns a sequence of values for the Bessel functions  $J_{\alpha+n-1}(x)$  or  $J_{\alpha-n+1}(x)$  for real  $x$ , non-negative  $\alpha < 1$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots, |N| + 1$ .

### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nags.h>
void nag_bessel_j_alpha (double x, double a, Integer nl, Complex b[], NagError *fail)
```

### 3 Description

nag\_bessel\_j\_alpha (s18ekc) evaluates a sequence of values for the Bessel function of the first kind  $J_\alpha(x)$ , where  $x$  is real and nonzero and  $\alpha$  is the order with  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . The  $(|N| + 1)$ -member sequence is generated for orders  $\alpha, \alpha + 1, \dots, \alpha + N$  when  $N \geq 0$ . Note that  $+$  is replaced by  $-$  when  $N < 0$ . For positive orders the function may also be called with  $x = 0$ , since  $J_q(0) = 0$  when  $q > 0$ . For negative orders the formula

$$J_{-q}(x) = \cos(\pi q)J_q(x) - \sin(\pi q)Y_q(x)$$

is used to generate the required sequence.

### 4 References

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

### 5 Arguments

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| 1: <b>x</b> – double   | <i>Input</i>  |
| <i>On entry:</i> the argument $x$ of the function.   |               |
| <i>Constraint:</i> if <b>nl</b> < 0, <b>x</b> ≠ 0.0.   |               |
|  |               |
| 2: <b>a</b> – double   | <i>Input</i>  |
| <i>On entry:</i> the order $\alpha$ of the first member in the required sequence of function values.   |               |
| <i>Constraint:</i> $0.0 \leq \alpha < 1.0$ .   |               |
|  |               |
| 3: <b>nl</b> – Integer   | <i>Input</i>  |
| <i>On entry:</i> the value of $N$ .  |               |
| <i>Constraint:</i> $\text{abs}(\mathbf{nl}) \leq 101$ .  |               |
|  |               |
| 4: <b>b[×]</b> – Complex   | <i>Output</i> |
| <i>On exit:</i> with <b>fail.code</b> = NE_NOERROR or <b>fail.code</b> = NW_SOME_PRECISION_LOSS, the required sequence of function values: <b>b(n)</b> contains $J_{\alpha+n-1}(x)$ if <b>nl</b> ≥ 0 and $J_{\alpha-n+1}(x)$ otherwise, for $n = 1, 2, \dots, \text{abs}(\mathbf{nl}) + 1$ . |               |

5:   **fail** – NagError \*

*Input/Output*

The NAG error argument (see Section 2.7 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### **NE\_INT**

On entry, **nl** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $\text{abs}(\mathbf{nl}) \leq 101$ .

### **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.

### **NE\_OVERFLOW\_LIKELY**

The evaluation has been abandoned due to the likelihood of overflow.

### **NE\_REAL**

On entry, **a** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $0.0 \leq \mathbf{a} < 1.0$ .

### **NE\_REAL\_INT**

On entry, **x** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ , **nl** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0.0$  when  $\mathbf{nl} < 0$ .

### **NE\_TERMINATION\_FAILURE**

The evaluation has been abandoned due to failure to satisfy the termination condition.

### **NE\_TOTAL\_PRECISION\_LOSS**

The evaluation has been abandoned due to total loss of precision.

### **NW\_SOME\_PRECISION\_LOSS**

The evaluation has been completed but some precision has been lost.

## 7 Accuracy

All constants in the underlying functions are specified to approximately 18 digits of precision. If  $t$  denotes the number of digits of precision in the floating-point arithmetic being used, then clearly the maximum number of correct digits in the results obtained is limited by  $p = \min(t, 18)$ . Because of errors in argument reduction when computing elementary functions inside the underlying functions are, the actual number of correct digits is limited, in general, by  $p - s$ , where  $s \approx \max(1, |\log_{10} |x||, |\log_{10} |\alpha||)$  represents the number of digits lost due to the argument reduction. Thus the larger the values of  $|x|$  and  $|\alpha|$ , the less the precision in the result.

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

`nag_bessel_j_alpha` (`s18ekc`) is not threaded in any implementation.

## 9 Further Comments

None.

## 10 Example

The example program evaluates  $J_0(x)$ ,  $J_1(x)$ ,  $J_2(x)$  and  $J_3(x)$  at  $x = 0.5$ , and prints the results.

### 10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc) Example Program.
*
* NAGPRODCODE Version.
*
* Copyright 2016 Numerical Algorithms Group.
*
* NAG C Library
*
* Mark 26, 2016.
*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nag_stlib.h>
#include <nags.h>

int main(void)
{
    Complex *b = 0;
    Integer exit_status = 0, i, nl;
    NagError fail;
    double a, alpha, d, x;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    /* Skip heading in data file */
#ifndef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%*[^\n]");
#else
    scanf("%*[^\n]");
#endif
    printf("nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc) Example Program Results\n");
    if (!(b = NAG_ALLOC(101, Complex)))
    {
        printf("Allocation failure\n");
        exit_status = -1;
        goto END;
    }
#endif
    while (scanf_s("%lf %lf %" NAG_IFMT "%*[^\n]", &x, &a, &nl) != EOF)
    {
        /* nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc).
         * Bessel functions J_(alpha + n - 1)(x) or
         * J_(alpha - n + 1)(x) for real x != 0, non-negative
         * alpha < 1 and n = 1 , 2 , ... , |N| + 1
         */
        nag_bessel_j_alpha(x, a, nl, b, &fail);
        if (fail.code == NE_NOERROR) {
            printf(" Requested values of J_alpha(X)\n");
            alpha = a;
            printf(" alpha J_alpha(X)\n");
            for (i = 0; i < ABS(nl) + 1; ++i) {
                printf(" %13.4e (%13.4e, %13.4e)\n", alpha, b[i].re, b[i].im);
                d = (double) nl;
                alpha += SIGN(1.0, d);
            }
        }
    }
}
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    else {
        printf("Error from nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc).\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
}
END:
NAG_FREE(b);
return exit_status;
}

```

## 10.2 Program Data

```
nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc) Example Program Data
0.5    0.0    3 : Values of x, a and nl
```

## 10.3 Program Results

```
nag_bessel_j_alpha (s18ekc) Example Program Results
      x          a         nl
0.5    0.0    3
```

Requested values of J\_alpha(X)

alpha	J_alpha(X)
0.0000e+00	( 9.3847e-01, 0.0000e+00)
1.0000e+00	( 2.4227e-01, 0.0000e+00)
2.0000e+00	( 3.0604e-02, 0.0000e+00)
3.0000e+00	( 2.5637e-03, 0.0000e+00)

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