NAG Library Function Document

nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac)

1 Purpose

nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) returns a value for the Kelvin function $\mathrm{ber}\, x$.

2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nags.h>
double nag_kelvin_ber (double x, NagError *fail)
```

3 Description

nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) evaluates an approximation to the Kelvin function $\mathrm{ber}\, x$.

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

The function is based on several Chebyshev expansions:

For $0 \leq x \leq 5$,

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

For $x > 5$,

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

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

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

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

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: **x** – double *Input*

On entry: the argument x of the function.

2: **fail** – NagError * *Input/Output*

The NAG error argument (see Section 3.6 in the Essential Introduction).

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

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_REAL_ARG_GT

On entry, $\mathbf{x} = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $|\mathbf{x}| \leq \langle value \rangle$.
$|\mathbf{x}|$ is too large for an accurate result to be returned and the function returns zero.

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 δ be the relative error in the argument. If δ is somewhat larger than the ***machine precision***, then we have:

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

(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 the argument x from a file, evaluates the function at each value of x and prints the results.

10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) Example Program.
 *
 * Copyright 1990 Numerical Algorithms Group.
 *
 * Mark 2 revised, 1992.
 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nags.h>

int main(void)
{
```

```
  Integer  exit_status = 0;
  double   x, y;
  NagError fail;

  INIT_FAIL(fail);

  /* Skip heading in data file */
  scanf("%*[^\n]");
  printf("nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) Example Program Results\n");
  printf("     x           y\n");
  while (scanf("%lf", &x) != EOF)
    {
      /* nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac).
       * Kelvin function ber x
       */
      y = nag_kelvin_ber(x, &fail);
      if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
        {
          printf("Error from nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac).\n%s\n",
                  fail.message);
          exit_status = 1;
          goto END;
        }
      printf("%12.3e%12.3e\n", x, y);
    }

 END:
  return exit_status;
}
```

10.2 Program Data

```
nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) Example Program Data
             0.1
             1.0
             2.5
             5.0
             10.0
             15.0
             -1.0
```

10.3 Program Results

```
nag_kelvin_ber (s19aac) Example Program Results
     x           y
   1.000e-01   1.000e-00
   1.000e+00   9.844e-01
   2.500e+00   4.000e-01
   5.000e+00  -6.230e+00
   1.000e+01   1.388e+02
   1.500e+01  -2.967e+03
  -1.000e+00   9.844e-01
```