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Bessel Functions - In(x) and Kn(x)

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ABSTRACT

The procedure besselik calculates by recurrence the values of the modified Bessel functions: I₀(x), I₁(x), ..., I_n(x) and K₀(x), K₁(x), ..., K_n(x).



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1. Function and Parameters.

besselik calculates the modified Bessel functions:
 $I_0(x), \dots, I_n(x)$ and $K_0(x), \dots, K_n(x)$.

Procedure heading:

```
procedure besselik (n,x,I,K);
value n,x; real x; integer n;
array I,K;
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Call parameters:

n	: (real or integer) (real is rounded to nearest integer)
	maximum order of the Bessel functions.
	n must be ≥ 0 .
x	: (real or integer) the argument, must be > 0 .

Return parameters:

I	: (real array I(0:n))
	the values of the calculated functions:
	$I(0)=I_0(x), \dots, I(n)=I_n(x)$.
K	: (real array K(0:n))
	the values of the calculated functions:
	$K(0)=K_0(x), \dots, K(n)=K_n(x)$.

2. Method.

First besselik calculates all the values of $I_j(x)$, see [1].

The recurrence is performed from an upper bound nb. If $x+1^4 \leq n+3$ this integer is set equal $n+4$ otherwise $x+1^4$.

Then $i(nb,x)$ is assigned the value of $(x/2)^{nb} / (1 \times 2 \times \dots \times nb)$, while $i(nb+1,x), \dots, i(n,x)$ is set to 0.
 $i(nb-1,x), \dots, i(0,x)$ are then computed from the recurrence formula

$$i(j-1,x) = 2 \times j/x \times i(j,x) + i(j+1,x).$$

But since $I_j(x)/i(j,x)$ is the same number for all $j \leq nb$, $I_j(x)$ can be calculated from the formula

$$\exp(x) = I_0(x) + 2 \times \sum_{k=1}^{nb} I_k(x)$$

by replacing x by abs x.

Then $K_0(x)$ and $K_1(x)$ are calculated by polynomial approximation see [2]:

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if 0 < x < 2 then
  K0(x) := P1((x/2) * x^2) - ln(x/2) * I0(x);
  K1(x) := P2((x/2) * x^2) / x + ln(x/2) * I1(x);
else
  K0(x) := P3(2/x) / exp(x) / sqrt(x);
  K1(x) := P4(2/x) / exp(x) / sqrt(x);
where Pi(x) is a polynomial of 6. degree.
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Further values of $K_j(x)$ are calculated by the recurrence formula:

$$K[i+1] = 2x_i/x \times K(i) + K(i-1).$$

3. Accuracy, Time and Storage Requirement.

Accuracy: relative error $<_{\text{p}} 7$
 Time: approx. $10 + 0.5 \times n$ ms
 e.g. $x=2, n=10: 11$ ms
 $x=10, n=40: 29$ ms

Storage requirement: 3 segments of program and 8 local real variables.
 Typographical length: 87 lines incl. last comment.

4. Test and Discussion.

The algorithm is similar to the GIER procedure O.No. 179. [3].

Below program gives the following output:

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begin
comment here the procedure is copied unless it is already
translated as an external;
integer i,n; real x;
  write(out,<:<12><10>n x:>,false add 32,13,<:I(n):>,
        false add 32,18,<:K(n)<10>:>);
AGAIN:
  read(in,n); if n=-1 then goto END;
  begin array K,I(0:n);
  read(in,x);
  besselik(n,x,I,K);
  write(out,<:<10>:>,<<dd>,<<dd.dd>,<<-d.dddd dddd>,<<-dd>,<<I(n),K(n)> );
  goto AGAIN;
  end inner block;
END:
end

data:
0, 0.01
0, 0.5
0, 5
1, 5
10, 5
20, 5
-1,
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n	x	I(n)	K(n)
0 0.01	1.00002 50003 ₁₀	0	4.72124 47360 ₁₀ 0
0 0.50	1.06348 33708 ₁₀	0	9.24419 07256 ₁₀ -1
0 5.00	2.72398 71829 ₁₀	1	3.69109 83816 ₁₀ -3
1 5.00	2.43356 42146 ₁₀	1	4.04461 33826 ₁₀ -3
10 5.00	4.58004 44196 ₁₀	-3	9.75856 28020 ₁₀ 0
20 5.00	5.02423 93598 ₁₀ -11		4.82700 05078 ₁₀ 8

5. References.

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6. Algorithm.

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besselik=set 3
besselik=algol
external

procedure besselik (n,x,I,K);
value n,x; real x; integer n;
array I,K;

begin integer i,nb,m;
real a,j0,j1,j2,sum,xhalf;
m:=n;
nb:=x+14;
if nb<=n+3 then nb:=n+4;
xhalf:=x/2;
if x<=-150 then nb:=0
else
begin
  j1:=1;
  i:=0;
  for i:=i+1 while j1>=-150&i<=nb do j1:=j1*xhalf/i;
  nb:=i-1
end;
comment nb is the upper bound for recurrence;
if nb<=n then
begin
  for i:=nb+1 step 1 until n do I(i):=0;
  m:=nb
end;
sum:=j2:=0;
for i:=nb step -1 until 1 do
begin
  if i<=n then I(i):=j1;
  j0:=i/xhalf*j1 + j2;
  sum:=sum+j0;
  j2:=j1; j1:=j0
end recurrence loop;

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sum:=exp(x)/(2×sum-j0);
a:=I(0):=j0×sum;
j2:=j2×sum; if n>0 then I(1):=j2;
for i:=m step -1 until 2 do I(i):=I(i)×sum;
comment all values of I0(x),...,In(x) are calculated;
if xhalf<1 then
begin
  j0:=xhalf×2;
  j1:=ln(x)-.693147181;
  a:=K(0):=((((( .00000740 ×j0 + .00010750)×j0
    + .00262698)×j0 + .03488590)×j0
    + .23069756)×j0 + .42278420)×j0
    -.57721566 - j1×a;
  if n>0 then
    j2:=K(1):=((((((-.00004686 ×j0 - .00110404)×j0
      -.01919402)×j0 - .18156897)×j0
      -.67278579)×j0 + .15443144)×j0
      + 1 )/x + j1×j2
  end
else
begin
  j0:=1/xhalf;
  j1:=sqrt(x)×exp(x);
  a:=K(0):=(((((.00053208 ×j0 - .00251540)×j0
    + .00587872)×j0 - .01062446)×j0
    + .02189568)×j0 - .07832358)×j0
    + 1.25331414)/j1;
  if n>0 then
    j2:=K(1):=((((((-.00068245 ×j0 + .00325614)×j0
      -.00780353)×j0 + .01504268)×j0
      -.03655620)×j0 + .23498619)×j0
      + 1.25331414)/j1
  end calculating K0(x) and K1(x) by
  polynomial approximation;
  for i:=2 step 1 until n do
begin
  sum:=K(i):=a+(i-1)/xhalf×j2;
  a:=j2; j2:=sum
end recurrence loop
end besselik;

comment
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K      : (real array K(0:n) )
        the values of the calculated functions:
        K(0)=K0(x),...,K(n)=Kn(x);

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