

Fast arbitrary-precision evaluation of special functions in the Arb library

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Open source (GPL). Depends on GMP/MPFR, MPFR, FLINT. Thread safe. 100 000 lines of code, extensively tested.

Python, Sage and Julia interfaces in progress.

<http://fredrikj.net/arb/>

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[± 1.37e-25] (at 25 digits)
[± 1.51e-50] (at 50 digits)
[± 6.01e-101] (at 100 digits)
[± 7.96e-201] (at 200 digits)
[± 1.07e-400] (at 400 digits)
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This takes

- ▶ **1 second** in Arb
- ▶ **200 seconds** in mpmath
- ▶ **100 000 seconds** in Mathematica

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Record computation done with Arb:

$$p(10^{20}) = \underbrace{18381765 \dots 88091448}_{11\,140\,086\,260 \text{ digits}}$$

[1 710 193 158 terms, 200 CPU hours, 130 GB memory]

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(Greetings from [The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences!](#))

A110375 Numbers n such that Maple 9.5, Maple 10, Maple 11 and Maple 12 give the wrong answers for the number of partitions of n . 2

11269, 11566, 12376, 12430, 12700, 12754, 15013, 17589, 17797, 18181, 18421, 18453, 18549, 18597, 18885, 18949, 18997, 20865, 21531, 21721, 21963, 22683, 23421, 23457, 23547, 23691, 23729, 23853, 24015, 24087, 24231, 24339, 24519, 24591, 24627, 24681, 24825, 24933, 25005, 25023, 25059, 25185, 25293, 27020 ([list](#); [graph](#); [refs](#); [listen](#); [history](#); [text](#); [internal format](#))

OFFSET 1,1

COMMENTS Based on various postings on the Web, sent to [N. J. A. Sloane](#) by [R. J. Mathar](#). Thanks to several correspondents who sent information about other versions of Maple. Mathematica 6.0, DrScheme and pari-2.3.3 all give the correct answers. Ramanujan's congruence says that $\text{numbpart}(5*k+4) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, so $\text{numbpart}(11269) \equiv \dots 851 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ can't be correct. [Robert Gerbicz, May 13 2008]

LINKS [Table of \$n, a\(n\)\$ for \$n=1..44\$.](#)
[Author?](#), [Concerning this sequence](#)

EXAMPLE From PARI, the correct answer:
`numbpart(11269)`
2311391772313039755144117876494556289590601993601099725578515191051551761\
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From Maple 11, incorrect:
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On the other hand, the old Maple 6 gives the correct answer.

Coverage of special functions

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Generalized hypergeometric functions

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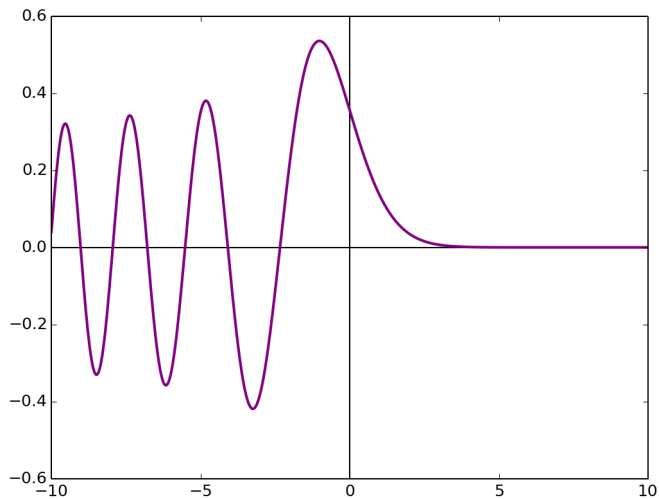
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Evaluation supported for $a_i, b_i, z \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]/\langle x^n \rangle$ (when convergent)

Error bounds for the *divergent* asymptotic series ${}_2F_0(a, b, z)$ with $a, b, z \in \mathbb{C}$ based on Olver (DLMF 13.7).

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Error propagation is automatic. We only need to select a correct (optionally, efficient) formula in each region.


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Algorithms:

- ▶ Euler-Maclaurin summation + functional equations
- ▶ Hypergeometric series and other methods for special values
- ▶ Some new error bounds + tricks for high precision or large n

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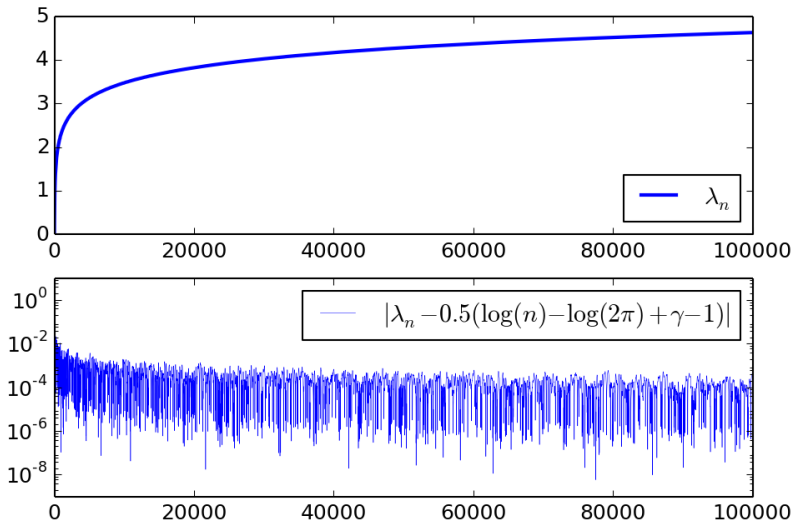
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3. If any $\lambda_n < 0$, collect the **\$1,000,000 Millennium Prize**.

Rigorous computation, $N = 100\,000$ (20 hours, 50 GB memory)



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Derived functions:

- ▶ Classical modular forms (Dedekind eta function, etc.)
- ▶ Weierstrass elliptic functions
- ▶ Complete elliptic integrals

A modular form magnified by a factor 10^{100}

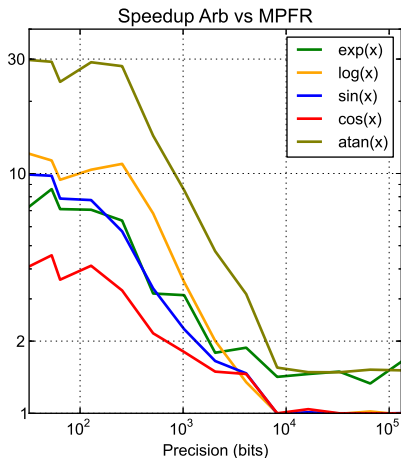
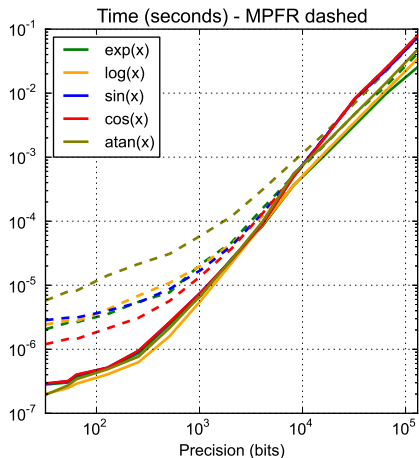
$j(\tau)$ on $[\sqrt{13}, \sqrt{13} + 10^{-101}] + [0, 2.5 \times 10^{-102}]i$



Modular transformations $\tau \mapsto \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$ with 100-digit coefficients map τ to the fundamental domain

Rendered using 768-bit arithmetic (5 000 pixels / second)

Performance of elementary functions



Time (microseconds) at quad (113 bits) precision:

	exp	sin	cos	log	atan
MPFR	5.76	7.29	3.42	8.01	21.30
libquadmath	4.51	4.71	4.57	5.39	4.32
QD	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.82	1.08
Arb	0.65	0.81	0.79	0.61	0.68

Time (microseconds) at quad-double (212 bits) precision:

	exp	sin	cos	log	atan
MPFR	7.87	9.23	5.06	12.60	33.00
QD	6.09	5.77	5.76	20.10	24.90
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Argument-halving $r \approx 8$ times

$$\exp(x) = [\exp(x/2)]^2$$

$$\log(1+x) = 2 \log(\sqrt{1+x})$$



$x \in [0, 2^{-r})$



Taylor series

Better recipe at medium precision

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Lookup table with $2^r \approx 2^8$ entries

$$\exp(t+x) = \exp(t) \exp(x)$$

$$\log(1+t+x) = \log(1+t) + \log(1+x/(1+t))$$



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Optimizing lookup tables

$m = 2$ tables with $2^5 + 2^5$ entries gives same reduction as
 $m = 1$ table with 2^{10} entries

Function	Precision	m	r	Entries	Size (KiB)
exp	≤ 512	1	8	178	11.125
exp	≤ 4608	2	5	23+32	30.9375
sin	≤ 512	1	8	203	12.6875
sin	≤ 4608	2	5	26+32	32.625
cos	≤ 512	1	8	203	12.6875
cos	≤ 4608	2	5	26+32	32.625
log	≤ 512	2	7	128+128	16
log	≤ 4608	2	5	32+32	36
atan	≤ 512	1	8	256	16
atan	≤ 4608	2	5	32+32	36
Total					236.6875

Evaluating Taylor series using rectangular splitting

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$$\begin{aligned} & (\square + \square x + \square x^2 + \square x^3) + \\ & (\square + \square x + \square x^2 + \square x^3) \square x^4 + \\ & (\square + \square x + \square x^2 + \square x^3) \square x^8 + \\ & (\square + \square x + \square x^2 + \square x^3) \square x^{12} \end{aligned}$$

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