

ALGORITHM 14

COMPLEX EXPONENTIAL INTEGRAL

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procedure EKZ(x,y,k,epsilon,u,v,n) ; real x,y,k,epsilon,u,v ;
    integer n ;
comment EKZ computes w(z,k) = u + iv = z^k e^z ∫_z^∞ e^{-t} dt / t^k
from the continued fraction representation found
in H. S. Wall, Continued Fractions, Chap. 18 (D.
Van Nostrand, New York, 1948). Input parameters
are x, y, k, and epsilon where z=x+iy. Successive con-
vergents are computed as follows: For n = 2, 3, 4,
..., D_n = z/(z + M × D_{n-1}), R_n =
(D_n - 1)R_{n-1}, C_n = C_{n-1} + R_n, where M is
k + (n-2)/2 or (n-1)/2 according to whether n
is even or odd, and D_1 = R_1 = C_1 = 1. Computa-
tion is stopped when C_n and C_{n-1} agree to the sig-
nificance specified by epsilon. The corresponding index
n is available after use of the procedure. This
method is valid in the entire complex plane except
for the origin and the negative real axis. Conver-
gence is too slow to be practical for |z| < .05.
Also for some range within the half-strip |y| < 2,
x < 0 (this range depends on k). The method is
valid for complex k, but only real k is considered
in this procedure;
begin
    real t1, t2, t3, M, K, c, a, d, b, g, h, epsilon ;
    integer m ;
    comment R = a + ib, D = c + id, C = g + ih ;
    epsilon := epsilon^2 ;
    u := c := a := 1 ; v := d := b := 0 ;
    n := 1 ; K := k - 1 ;
    BACK: g := u ; h := v ; n := n + 1 ;
    m := n ÷ 2 ,
    if 2 × m = n then M := m + K else M := m ;
    t1 := x + M × c ; t2 := y + M × d ;
    t3 := t1^2 + t2^2 ;
    c := (x × t1 + y × t2)/t3 ;
    d := (y × t1 - x × t2)/t3 ;
    t1 := c - 1 ; t2 := a ;
    a := a × t1 - d × b ; b := d × t2 + t1 × b ;
    u := g + a ; v := h + b ;
    if (a^2 + b^2)/(u^2 + v^2) > epsilon then go to
        BACK ;
end
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and 37), the real and imaginary parts of $E_k(z)$ were computed from u and v . Results are shown in the following table. In all cases, the values agreed with tabulated values within the tolerance specified.

x	y	k	ϵ	n
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-1}	7
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-2}	14
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-3}	24
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-4}	37
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-5}	52
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-6}	70
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-7}	90
1×10^{-8}	1.0	1	10^{-8}	114
1×10^{-8}	2.0	1	10^{-6}	37
1×10^{-8}	3.0	1	10^{-6}	26
1×10^{-8}	4.0	1	10^{-6}	21
1.0	1×10^{-8}	1	10^{-6}	40
1.0	1.0	1	10^{-6}	34
1.0	2.0	1	10^{-6}	26
1.0	3.0	1	10^{-6}	21
2.0	1×10^{-8}	1	10^{-6}	23
2.0	1.0	1	10^{-6}	22
2.0	2.0	1	10^{-6}	20
2.0	3.0	1	10^{-6}	17
3.0	1×10^{-8}	1	10^{-6}	17
3.0	1.0	1	10^{-6}	17
3.0	2.0	1	10^{-6}	16
3.0	3.0	1	10^{-6}	15
4.0	0.0	0	10^{-6}	20
4.0	0.0	1	10^{-6}	15
4.0	0.0	2	10^{-6}	16
4.0	0.0	3(1)14	10^{-6}	17
4.0	0.0	15, 16	10^{-6}	16

It thus appears that the algorithm gives satisfactory accuracy, but that in certain ranges of the variables, the time required may be excessive for extensive use.

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EKZ was programmed by hand for the Royal-Precision LGP-30 computer, using a 28-bit mantissa floating-point interpretive system (24.2 modified). To facilitate comparison with existing tables (National Bureau of Standards Applied Mathematics Series 51