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*/
* Put together by John Smith john at arrows dot demon dot
   co dot uk,
* using ideas by others.
* Calculate erf(z) for complex z.
* Three methods are implemented; which one is used depend
   s on z.
* The code includes some hard coded constants that are
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intended to
 * give about 14 decimal places of accuracy. This is appro
   priate for
 * 64-bit floating point numbers.
 * Oct 1999: Fixed a typo that in
       const double complex cerf_continued_fraction( const
    double complex z )
 * that caused erroneous answers for erf(z) where real(z)
   negative
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 * Put in Premia by Jérôme Lelong
 * used by Parisian Options
 */
#include <cmath>
#include <complex>
using namespace std;
typedef complex<double > complex_double ;
#ifndef M_SQRT2
#define M SQRT2
                  1.41421356237309504880168872420969808
     /* sqrt(2) */
#endif
#ifndef M PI
               3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
#define M PI
     /* pi */
#endif
/*#include <octave/oct.h>*/
/*#include "f77-fcn.h"*/
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* Abramowitz and Stegun: (eqn: 7.1.14) gives this continued
* fraction for erfc(z)
* erfc(z) = sqrt(pi).exp(-z^2). 1 1/2 1 3/2 2
   -- ...
                                z + z + z + z + z +
   z +
* This is evaluated using Lentz's method, as described in
   the narative
* of Numerical Recipes in C.
* The continued fraction is true providing real(z)>0. In
   practice we
* like real(z) to be significantly greater than 0, say gre
   ater than 0.5.
*/
static complex double cerfc continued fraction( complex dou
   ble z )
{
 double tiny = 1e-20; /* a small number, large enoug
   h to calculate 1/tiny */
 double eps = 1e-15; /* large enough so that 1.0+ep
   s > 1.0, when using */
 /* the floating point arithmetic */
 /*
  * first calculate z+ 1/2 1
                      --- --- ...
  *
                     z + z +
  */
 complex_double f = z ;
 complex double C = f ;
 complex double D = 0.0;
 complex_double delta ;
 double a ;
 a = 0.0;
 do
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{
     a = a + 0.5;
     D = z + a*D ;
     C = z + a/C;
      if (D.real() == 0.0 && D.imag() == 0.0)
       D = tiny ;
     D = 1.0 / D;
     delta = (C * D);
      f = f * delta ;
    } while (abs(1.0-delta) > eps);
 /*
   \ast Do the first term of the continued fraction
 f = 1.0 / f;
  * and do the final scaling
 f = f * exp(-z*z) / sqrt(M_PI) ;
 return f ;
static complex_double cerf_continued_fraction( complex_dou
   ble z )
{
  if (z.real() > 0)
   return 1.0 - cerfc_continued_fraction( z );
 else
   return -1.0 + cerfc_continued_fraction( -z );
 * Abramawitz and Stegun, Eqn. 7.1.5 gives a series for erf
    (z)
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* good for all z, but converges faster for smallish abs(z)
    , say abs(z)<2.
static complex double cerf series( complex double z )
 double tiny = 1e-20 ;  /* a small number compared
    with 1.*/
  /* warning("cerf_series:");*/
  complex_double sum = 0.0 ;
  complex_double term = z ;
  complex double z2 = z*z;
  for (n=0; n<3 \mid\mid abs(term) > abs(sum)*tiny; n++)
      sum = sum + term / (2.0*n+1.0);
     term = -term * z2 / (n+1.0);
    }
 return sum * 2.0 / sqrt(M PI) ;
}
 * Numerical Recipes quotes a formula due to Rybicki for ev
    aluating
 * Dawson's Integral:
 * \exp(-x^2) integral \exp(t^2).dt = 1/\operatorname{sqrt}(pi) lim
    \exp(-(z-n.h)^2) / n
              0 to x
                                                  h \rightarrow 0 n odd
* This can be adapted to erf(z).
static complex_double cerf_rybicki( complex_double z )
 /* warning("cerf rybicki:"); */
 double h = 0.2;
                            /* numerical experiment suggests
     this is small enough */
  complex_double I = complex_double(0.0,1.0);
  /*
   * choose an even n0, and then shift z\rightarrow z-n0.h and n\rightarrow n-
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h.
  * n0 is chosen so that real((z-n0.h)^2) is as small as
   possible.
  */
 int n0 = 2*(int) (floor(z.imag()/(2.0*h) + 0.5));
 complex double z0 = I* (double)n0 *h;
 complex\_double zp = z-z0;
 complex_double sum = 0.0;
 /*
  * limits of sum chosen so that the end sums of the sum
  * fairly small. In this case exp(-(35.h)^2)=5e-22
  */
 int np;
 for (np=-35; np<=35; np+=2)
     complex double t = zp -np*h*I ;
     complex_double b = exp(t*t) / (double)(np+n0);
     sum += b;
   }
 sum = sum * 2.0 * exp(-z*z) / M_PI ;
 return (I*sum);
static complex_double cerf( complex_double z )
 /* Use the method appropriate to size of z -
  * there probably ought to be an extra option for NaN z,
   or infinite z
  */
 if (abs(z) < 2.0)
   return cerf_series( z );
 else if (fabs(z.real()) < 0.5)
   return cerf_rybicki( z ) ;
 else
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}

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return cerf_continued_fraction( z );
}

complex_double normal_cerf ( complex_double z)
{
  return (0.5 * (cerf(z/M_SQRT2) + 1.0));
}
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## References