

The error function obeys the mirror symmetry:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(erf2(x, y))
erf2(conjugate(x), conjugate(y))
```

Differentiation with respect to x, y is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(erf2(x, y), x)
-2*exp(-x**2)/sqrt(pi)
>>> diff(erf2(x, y), y)
2*exp(-y**2)/sqrt(pi)
```

See also:

[erf](#) (page 471)

Gaussian error function.

[erfc](#) (page 473)

Complementary error function.

[erfi](#) (page 474)

Imaginary error function.

[erfinv](#) (page 477)

Inverse error function.

[erfcinv](#) (page 478)

Inverse Complementary error function.

[erf2inv](#) (page 479)

Inverse two-argument error function.

References

[R352]

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**erfinv**(z)

Inverse Error Function. The erfinv function is defined as:

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{erfinv}(y) = x$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import erfinv
>>> from sympy.abc import x
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> erfinv(0)
0
>>> erfinv(1)
oo
```

Differentiation with respect to x is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(erfinv(x), x)
sqrt(pi)*exp(erfinv(x)**2)/2
```

We can numerically evaluate the inverse error function to arbitrary precision on $[-1, 1]$:

```
>>> erfinv(0.2).evalf(30)
0.179143454621291692285822705344
```

See also:

[erf](#) (page 471)

Gaussian error function.

[erfc](#) (page 473)

Complementary error function.

[erfi](#) (page 474)

Imaginary error function.

[erf2](#) (page 476)

Two-argument error function.

[erfcinv](#) (page 478)

Inverse Complementary error function.

[erf2inv](#) (page 479)

Inverse two-argument error function.

References

[R353], [R354]

`inverse(argindex=1)`

Returns the inverse of this function.

`class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.erfcinv(z)`

Inverse Complementary Error Function. The `erfcinv` function is defined as:

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{erfcinv}(y) = x$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import erfcinv
>>> from sympy.abc import x
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> erfcinv(1)
0
>>> erfcinv(0)
oo
```

Differentiation with respect to x is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(erfcinv(x), x)
-sqrt(pi)*exp(erfcinv(x)**2)/2
```

See also:

[erf](#) (page 471)

Gaussian error function.

[erfc](#) (page 473)

Complementary error function.

[erfi](#) (page 474)

Imaginary error function.

[erf2](#) (page 476)

Two-argument error function.

[erfinv](#) (page 477)

Inverse error function.

[erf2inv](#) (page 479)

Inverse two-argument error function.

References

[R355], [R356]

`inverse(argindex=1)`

Returns the inverse of this function.

`class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.erf2inv(x, y)`

Two-argument Inverse error function. The erf2inv function is defined as:

$$\operatorname{erf2}(x, w) = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{erf2inv}(x, y) = w$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import erf2inv, oo
>>> from sympy.abc import x, y
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> erf2inv(0, 0)
0
>>> erf2inv(1, 0)
1
>>> erf2inv(0, 1)
oo
>>> erf2inv(0, y)
erfinv(y)
>>> erf2inv(oo, y)
erfcinv(-y)
```

Differentiation with respect to x and y is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(erf2inv(x, y), x)
exp(-x**2 + erf2inv(x, y)**2)
>>> diff(erf2inv(x, y), y)
sqrt(pi)*exp(erf2inv(x, y)**2)/2
```

See also:

[erf](#) (page 471)

Gaussian error function.

[erfc](#) (page 473)

Complementary error function.

[erfi](#) (page 474)

Imaginary error function.

[erf2](#) (page 476)

Two-argument error function.

[erfinv](#) (page 477)

Inverse error function.

[erfcinv](#) (page 478)

Inverse complementary error function.

References

[R357]

class `sympy.functions.special.error_functions.FresnelIntegral(z)`

Base class for the Fresnel integrals.

class `sympy.functions.special.error_functions.fresnels(z)`

Fresnel integral S.

Explanation

This function is defined by

$$S(z) = \int_0^z \sin \frac{\pi}{2} t^2 dt.$$

It is an entire function.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import I, oo, fresnels
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> fresnels(0)
0
>>> fresnels(oo)
1/2
>>> fresnels(-oo)
-1/2
>>> fresnels(I*oo)
-I/2
>>> fresnels(-I*oo)
I/2
```

In general one can pull out factors of -1 and i from the argument:

```
>>> fresnels(-z)
-fresnels(z)
>>> fresnels(I*z)
-I*fresnels(z)
```

The Fresnel S integral obeys the mirror symmetry $\overline{S(z)} = S(\bar{z})$:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(fresnels(z))
fresnels(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(fresnels(z), z)
sin(pi*z**2/2)
```

Defining the Fresnel functions via an integral:

```
>>> from sympy import integrate, pi, sin, expand_func
>>> integrate(sin(pi*z**2/2), z)
3*fresnels(z)*gamma(3/4)/(4*gamma(7/4))
>>> expand_func(integrate(sin(pi*z**2/2), z))
fresnels(z)
```

We can numerically evaluate the Fresnel integral to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> fresnels(2).evalf(30)
0.343415678363698242195300815958
```

```
>>> fresnels(-2*I).evalf(30)
0.343415678363698242195300815958*I
```

See also:

fresnelc (page 482)

Fresnel cosine integral.

References

[R358], [R359], [R360], [R361], [R362]

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.fresnelc(*z*)

Fresnel integral C.

Explanation

This function is defined by

$$C(z) = \int_0^z \cos \frac{\pi}{2} t^2 dt.$$

It is an entire function.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import I, oo, fresnelc
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> fresnelc(0)
0
>>> fresnelc(oo)
1/2
>>> fresnelc(-oo)
-1/2
>>> fresnelc(I*oo)
I/2
>>> fresnelc(-I*oo)
-I/2
```

In general one can pull out factors of -1 and *i* from the argument:

```
>>> fresnelc(-z)
-fresnelc(z)
>>> fresnelc(I*z)
I*fresnelc(z)
```

The Fresnel C integral obeys the mirror symmetry $\overline{C(z)} = C(\bar{z})$:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(fresnelc(z))
fresnelc(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to *z* is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(fresnelc(z), z)
cos(pi*z**2/2)
```

Defining the Fresnel functions via an integral:

```
>>> from sympy import integrate, pi, cos, expand_func
>>> integrate(cos(pi*z**2/2), z)
fresnelc(z)*gamma(1/4)/(4*gamma(5/4))
>>> expand_func(integrate(cos(pi*z**2/2), z))
fresnelc(z)
```

We can numerically evaluate the Fresnel integral to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> fresnelc(2).evalf(30)
0.488253406075340754500223503357
```

```
>>> fresnelc(-2*I).evalf(30)
-0.488253406075340754500223503357*I
```

See also:

[fresnels](#) (page 480)
Fresnel sine integral.

References

[R363], [R364], [R365], [R366], [R367]

Exponential, Logarithmic and Trigonometric Integrals

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**Ei**(z)
The classical exponential integral.

Explanation

For use in SymPy, this function is defined as

$$\text{Ei}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n n!} + \log(x) + \gamma,$$

where γ is the Euler-Mascheroni constant.

If x is a polar number, this defines an analytic function on the Riemann surface of the logarithm. Otherwise this defines an analytic function in the cut plane $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$.

Background

The name exponential integral comes from the following statement:

$$\text{Ei}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt$$

If the integral is interpreted as a Cauchy principal value, this statement holds for $x > 0$ and $Ei(x)$ as defined above.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Ei, polar_lift, exp_polar, I, pi
>>> from sympy.abc import x
```

```
>>> Ei(-1)
Ei(-1)
```

This yields a real value:

```
>>> Ei(-1).n(chop=True)
-0.219383934395520
```

On the other hand the analytic continuation is not real:

```
>>> Ei(polar_lift(-1)).n(chop=True)
-0.21938393439552 + 3.14159265358979*I
```

The exponential integral has a logarithmic branch point at the origin:

```
>>> Ei(x*exp_polar(2*I*pi))
Ei(x) + 2*I*pi
```

Differentiation is supported:

```
>>> Ei(x).diff(x)
exp(x)/x
```

The exponential integral is related to many other special functions. For example:

```
>>> from sympy import expint, Shi
>>> Ei(x).rewrite(expint)
-expint(1, x*exp_polar(I*pi)) - I*pi
>>> Ei(x).rewrite(Shi)
Chi(x) + Shi(x)
```

See also:

[expint](#) (page 485)

Generalised exponential integral.

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Special case of the generalised exponential integral.

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Logarithmic integral.

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Offset logarithmic integral.

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Sine integral.

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Cosine integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

***uppergamma* (page 466)**

Upper incomplete gamma function.

References

[R368], [R369], [R370]

class `sympy.functions.special.error_functions.expint(nu, z)`

Generalized exponential integral.

Explanation

This function is defined as

$$E_{\nu}(z) = z^{\nu-1} \Gamma(1-\nu, z),$$

where $\Gamma(1-\nu, z)$ is the upper incomplete gamma function (`uppergamma`).

Hence for z with positive real part we have

$$E_{\nu}(z) = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{-zt}}{t^{\nu}} dt,$$

which explains the name.

The representation as an incomplete gamma function provides an analytic continuation for $E_{\nu}(z)$. If ν is a non-positive integer, the exponential integral is thus an unbranched function of z , otherwise there is a branch point at the origin. Refer to the incomplete gamma function documentation for details of the branching behavior.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import expint, S
>>> from sympy.abc import nu, z
```

Differentiation is supported. Differentiation with respect to z further explains the name: for integral orders, the exponential integral is an iterated integral of the exponential function.

```
>>> expint(nu, z).diff(z)
-expint(nu - 1, z)
```

Differentiation with respect to ν has no classical expression:

```
>>> expint(nu, z).diff(nu)
-z**(nu - 1)*meijerg((()), (1, 1)), ((0, 0, 1 - nu), ()), z)
```

At non-positive integer orders, the exponential integral reduces to the exponential function:

```
>>> expint(0, z)
exp(-z)/z
>>> expint(-1, z)
exp(-z)/z + exp(-z)/z**2
```

At half-integers it reduces to error functions:

```
>>> expint(S(1)/2, z)
sqrt(pi)*erfc(sqrt(z))/sqrt(z)
```

At positive integer orders it can be rewritten in terms of exponentials and `expint(1, z)`. Use `expand_func()` to do this:

```
>>> from sympy import expand_func
>>> expand_func(expint(5, z))
z**4*expint(1, z)/24 + (-z**3 + z**2 - 2*z + 6)*exp(-z)/24
```

The generalised exponential integral is essentially equivalent to the incomplete gamma function:

```
>>> from sympy import uppgamma
>>> expint(nu, z).rewrite(uppgamma)
z**(nu - 1)*uppgamma(1 - nu, z)
```

As such it is branched at the origin:

```
>>> from sympy import exp_polar, pi, I
>>> expint(4, z*exp_polar(2*pi*I))
I*pi*z**3/3 + expint(4, z)
>>> expint(nu, z*exp_polar(2*pi*I))
z**(nu - 1)*(exp(2*I*pi*nu) - 1)*gamma(1 - nu) + expint(nu, z)
```

See also:

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Another related function called exponential integral.

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The classical case, returns `expint(1, z)`.

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Logarithmic integral.

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Offset logarithmic integral.

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Sine integral.

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Cosine integral.

Shi (page 494)

Hyperbolic sine integral.

Chi (page 495)

Hyperbolic cosine integral.

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References

[R371], [R372], [R373]

`sympy.functions.special.error_functions.E1(z)`

Classical case of the generalized exponential integral.

Explanation

This is equivalent to `expint(1, z)`.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import E1
>>> E1(0)
expint(1, 0)
```

```
>>> E1(5)
expint(1, 5)
```

See also:

Ei (page 483)

Exponential integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**li**(*z*)

The classical logarithmic integral.

Explanation

For use in SymPy, this function is defined as

$$\operatorname{li}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\log(t)} dt.$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import I, oo, li
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> li(0)
0
>>> li(1)
-oo
>>> li(oo)
oo
```

Differentiation with respect to *z* is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(li(z), z)
1/log(z)
```

Defining the *li* function via an integral: `>>> from sympy import integrate` `>>> integrate(li(z), z)` `z*li(z) - Ei(2*log(z))`

```
>>> integrate(li(z), z)
z*li(z) - Ei(2*log(z))
```

The logarithmic integral can also be defined in terms of *Ei*:

```
>>> from sympy import Ei
>>> li(z).rewrite(Ei)
Ei(log(z))
>>> diff(li(z).rewrite(Ei), z)
1/log(z)
```

We can numerically evaluate the logarithmic integral to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane (except the singular points):

```
>>> li(2).evalf(30)
1.04516378011749278484458888919
```

```
>>> li(2*I).evalf(30)
1.0652795784357498247001125598 + 3.08346052231061726610939702133*I
```

We can even compute Soldner's constant by the help of mpmath:

```
>>> from mpmath import findroot
>>> findroot(li, 2)
1.45136923488338
```

Further transformations include rewriting `li` in terms of the trigonometric integrals `Si`, `Ci`, `Shi` and `Chi`:

```
>>> from sympy import Si, Ci, Shi, Chi
>>> li(z).rewrite(Si)
-log(I*log(z)) - log(1/log(z))/2 + log(log(z))/2 + Ci(I*log(z)) +
→Shi(log(z))
>>> li(z).rewrite(Ci)
-log(I*log(z)) - log(1/log(z))/2 + log(log(z))/2 + Ci(I*log(z)) +
→Shi(log(z))
>>> li(z).rewrite(Shi)
-log(1/log(z))/2 + log(log(z))/2 + Chi(log(z)) - Shi(log(z))
>>> li(z).rewrite(Chi)
-log(1/log(z))/2 + log(log(z))/2 + Chi(log(z)) - Shi(log(z))
```

See also:

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Offset logarithmic integral.

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Exponential integral.

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Generalised exponential integral.

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Cosine integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

References

[R374], [R375], [R376], [R377]

class `sympy.functions.special.error_functions.Li(z)`

The offset logarithmic integral.

Explanation

For use in SymPy, this function is defined as

$$\text{Li}(x) = \text{li}(x) - \text{li}(2)$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Li
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

The following special value is known:

```
>>> Li(2)
0
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(Li(z), z)
1/log(z)
```

The shifted logarithmic integral can be written in terms of $\text{li}(z)$:

```
>>> from sympy import li
>>> Li(z).rewrite(li)
li(z) - li(2)
```

We can numerically evaluate the logarithmic integral to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane (except the singular points):

```
>>> Li(2).evalf(30)
0
```

```
>>> Li(4).evalf(30)
1.92242131492155809316615998938
```

See also:

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Logarithmic integral.

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Exponential integral.

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Generalised exponential integral.

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Sine integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

References

[R378], [R379], [R380]

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**Si**(z)

Sine integral.

Explanation

This function is defined by

$$\text{Si}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\sin t}{t} dt.$$

It is an entire function.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Si
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

The sine integral is an antiderivative of $\sin(z)/z$:

```
>>> Si(z).diff(z)
sin(z)/z
```

It is unbranched:

```
>>> from sympy import exp_polar, I, pi
>>> Si(z*exp_polar(2*I*pi))
Si(z)
```

Sine integral behaves much like ordinary sine under multiplication by I:

```
>>> Si(I*z)
I*Shi(z)
>>> Si(-z)
-Si(z)
```

It can also be expressed in terms of exponential integrals, but beware that the latter is branched:

```
>>> from sympy import expint
>>> Si(z).rewrite(expint)
-I*(-expint(1, z*exp_polar(-I*pi/2))/2 +
    expint(1, z*exp_polar(I*pi/2))/2) + pi/2
```

It can be rewritten in the form of sinc function (by definition):

```
>>> from sympy import sinc
>>> Si(z).rewrite(sinc)
Integral(sinc(t), (t, 0, z))
```

See also:

Ci (page 492)

Cosine integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

Chi (page 495)

Hyperbolic cosine integral.

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Exponential integral.

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unnormalized sinc function

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Offset logarithmic integral.

References

[R381]

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**Ci**(z)

Cosine integral.

Explanation

This function is defined for positive x by

$$\text{Ci}(x) = \gamma + \log x + \int_0^x \frac{\cos t - 1}{t} dt = - \int_x^\infty \frac{\cos t}{t} dt,$$

where γ is the Euler-Mascheroni constant.

We have

$$\text{Ci}(z) = - \frac{E_1(e^{i\pi/2}z) + E_1(e^{-i\pi/2}z)}{2}$$

which holds for all polar z and thus provides an analytic continuation to the Riemann surface of the logarithm.

The formula also holds as stated for $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Re(z) > 0$. By lifting to the principal branch, we obtain an analytic function on the cut complex plane.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Ci
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

The cosine integral is a primitive of $\cos(z)/z$:

```
>>> Ci(z).diff(z)
cos(z)/z
```

It has a logarithmic branch point at the origin:

```
>>> from sympy import exp_polar, I, pi
>>> Ci(z*exp_polar(2*I*pi))
Ci(z) + 2*I*pi
```

The cosine integral behaves somewhat like ordinary \cos under multiplication by i :

```
>>> from sympy import polar_lift
>>> Ci(polar_lift(I)*z)
Chi(z) + I*pi/2
>>> Ci(polar_lift(-1)*z)
Ci(z) + I*pi
```

It can also be expressed in terms of exponential integrals:

```
>>> from sympy import expint
>>> Ci(z).rewrite(expint)
-expint(1, z*exp_polar(-I*pi/2))/2 - expint(1, z*exp_polar(I*pi/2))/2
```

See also:

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Sine integral.

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Hyperbolic sine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

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Exponential integral.

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Special case of the generalised exponential integral.

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Logarithmic integral.

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Offset logarithmic integral.

References

[R382]

class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**Shi**(z)
Sinh integral.

Explanation

This function is defined by

$$\text{Shi}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\sinh t}{t} dt.$$

It is an entire function.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Shi
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

The Sinh integral is a primitive of $\sinh(z)/z$:

```
>>> Shi(z).diff(z)
sinh(z)/z
```

It is unbranched:

```
>>> from sympy import exp_polar, I, pi
>>> Shi(z*exp_polar(2*I*pi))
Shi(z)
```

The sinh integral behaves much like ordinary sinh under multiplication by i :

```
>>> Shi(I*z)
I*Si(z)
>>> Shi(-z)
-Shi(z)
```

It can also be expressed in terms of exponential integrals, but beware that the latter is branched:

```
>>> from sympy import expint
>>> Shi(z).rewrite(expint)
expint(1, z)/2 - expint(1, z*exp_polar(I*pi))/2 - I*pi/2
```

See also:

Si (page 491)

Sine integral.

***Ci* (page 492)**

Cosine integral.

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Hyperbolic cosine integral.

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References

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class sympy.functions.special.error_functions.**Chi**(*z*)

Cosh integral.

Explanation

This function is defined for positive *x* by

$$\text{Chi}(x) = \gamma + \log x + \int_0^x \frac{\cosh t - 1}{t} dt,$$

where γ is the Euler-Mascheroni constant.

We have

$$\text{Chi}(z) = \text{Ci}\left(e^{i\pi/2}z\right) - i\frac{\pi}{2},$$

which holds for all polar *z* and thus provides an analytic continuation to the Riemann surface of the logarithm. By lifting to the principal branch we obtain an analytic function on the cut complex plane.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Chi
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

The cosh integral is a primitive of $\cosh(z)/z$:

```
>>> Chi(z).diff(z)
cosh(z)/z
```

It has a logarithmic branch point at the origin:

```
>>> from sympy import exp_polar, I, pi
>>> Chi(z*exp_polar(2*I*pi))
Chi(z) + 2*I*pi
```

The cosh integral behaves somewhat like ordinary cosh under multiplication by i :

```
>>> from sympy import polar_lift
>>> Chi(polar_lift(I)*z)
Ci(z) + I*pi/2
>>> Chi(polar_lift(-1)*z)
Chi(z) + I*pi
```

It can also be expressed in terms of exponential integrals:

```
>>> from sympy import expint
>>> Chi(z).rewrite(expint)
-expint(1, z)/2 - expint(1, z*exp_polar(I*pi))/2 - I*pi/2
```

See also:

***Si* (page 491)**

Sine integral.

***Ci* (page 492)**

Cosine integral.

***Shi* (page 494)**

Hyperbolic sine integral.

***Ei* (page 483)**

Exponential integral.

***expint* (page 485)**

Generalised exponential integral.

***E1* (page 487)**

Special case of the generalised exponential integral.

***li* (page 487)**

Logarithmic integral.

***Li* (page 489)**

Offset logarithmic integral.

References

[R384]

Bessel Type Functions

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.BesselBase(*nu*, *z*)

Abstract base class for Bessel-type functions.

This class is meant to reduce code duplication. All Bessel-type functions can 1) be differentiated, with the derivatives expressed in terms of similar functions, and 2) be rewritten in terms of other Bessel-type functions.

Here, Bessel-type functions are assumed to have one complex parameter.

To use this base class, define class attributes `_a` and `_b` such that $2F_n' = -_aF_{n+1} + bF_{n-1}$.

property argument

The argument of the Bessel-type function.

property order

The order of the Bessel-type function.

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.besselj(*nu*, *z*)

Bessel function of the first kind.

Explanation

The Bessel J function of order ν is defined to be the function satisfying Bessel's differential equation

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + z \frac{dw}{dz} + (z^2 - \nu^2)w = 0,$$

with Laurent expansion

$$J_\nu(z) = z^\nu \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)2^\nu} + O(z^2) \right),$$

if ν is not a negative integer. If $\nu = -n \in \mathbb{Z}_{<0}$ is a negative integer, then the definition is

$$J_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n J_n(z).$$

Examples

Create a Bessel function object:

```
>>> from sympy import besselj, jn
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> b = besselj(n, z)
```

Differentiate it:

```
>>> b.diff(z)
besselj(n - 1, z)/2 - besselj(n + 1, z)/2
```

Rewrite in terms of spherical Bessel functions:

```
>>> b.rewrite(jn)
sqrt(2)*sqrt(z)*jn(n - 1/2, z)/sqrt(pi)
```

Access the parameter and argument:

```
>>> b.order
n
>>> b.argument
z
```

See also:

[bessely](#) (page 498), [besseli](#) (page 499), [besselk](#) (page 499)

References

[R385], [R386], [R387], [R388]

class `sympy.functions.special.bessel.bessely(nu, z)`

Bessel function of the second kind.

Explanation

The Bessel Y function of order ν is defined as

$$Y_{\nu}(z) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \nu} \frac{J_{\mu}(z) \cos(\pi\mu) - J_{-\mu}(z)}{\sin(\pi\mu)},$$

where $J_{\mu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind.

It is a solution to Bessel's equation, and linearly independent from J_{ν} .

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import bessely, yn
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> b = bessely(n, z)
>>> b.diff(z)
bessely(n - 1, z)/2 - bessely(n + 1, z)/2
>>> b.rewrite(yn)
sqrt(2)*sqrt(z)*yn(n - 1/2, z)/sqrt(pi)
```

See also:

[besselj](#) (page 497), [besseli](#) (page 499), [besselk](#) (page 499)

References

[R389]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.besseli(*nu*, *z*)
Modified Bessel function of the first kind.

Explanation

The Bessel I function is a solution to the modified Bessel equation

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + z \frac{dw}{dz} + (z^2 + \nu^2)w = 0.$$

It can be defined as

$$I_\nu(z) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(iz),$$

where $J_\nu(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import besseli
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> besseli(n, z).diff(z)
besseli(n - 1, z)/2 + besseli(n + 1, z)/2
```

See also:

[besselj](#) (page 497), [bessely](#) (page 498), [besselk](#) (page 499)

References

[R390]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.besselk(*nu*, *z*)
Modified Bessel function of the second kind.

Explanation

The Bessel K function of order ν is defined as

$$K_\nu(z) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \nu} \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\mu}(z) - I_\mu(z)}{\sin(\pi\mu)},$$

where $I_\mu(z)$ is the modified Bessel function of the first kind.

It is a solution of the modified Bessel equation, and linearly independent from Y_ν .

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import besselk
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> besselk(n, z).diff(z)
-besselk(n - 1, z)/2 - besselk(n + 1, z)/2
```

See also:

[besselj](#) (page 497), [besseli](#) (page 499), [bessely](#) (page 498)

References

[R391]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.hankel1(*nu*, *z*)
Hankel function of the first kind.

Explanation

This function is defined as

$$H_{\nu}^{(1)} = J_{\nu}(z) + iY_{\nu}(z),$$

where $J_{\nu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind, and $Y_{\nu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the second kind.

It is a solution to Bessel's equation.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import hankel1
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> hankel1(n, z).diff(z)
hankel1(n - 1, z)/2 - hankel1(n + 1, z)/2
```

See also:

[hankel2](#) (page 500), [besselj](#) (page 497), [bessely](#) (page 498)

References

[R392]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.hankel2(*nu*, *z*)
Hankel function of the second kind.

Explanation

This function is defined as

$$H_{\nu}^{(2)} = J_{\nu}(z) - iY_{\nu}(z),$$

where $J_{\nu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind, and $Y_{\nu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the second kind.

It is a solution to Bessel's equation, and linearly independent from $H_{\nu}^{(1)}$.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import hankel2
>>> from sympy.abc import z, n
>>> hankel2(n, z).diff(z)
hankel2(n - 1, z)/2 - hankel2(n + 1, z)/2
```

See also:

[hankel1](#) (page 500), [besselj](#) (page 497), [bessely](#) (page 498)

References

[R393]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.jn(*nu*, *z*)
Spherical Bessel function of the first kind.

Explanation

This function is a solution to the spherical Bessel equation

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + 2z \frac{dw}{dz} + (z^2 - \nu(\nu + 1))w = 0.$$

It can be defined as

$$j_{\nu}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2z}} J_{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}(z),$$

where $J_{\nu}(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind.

The spherical Bessel functions of integral order are calculated using the formula:

$$j_n(z) = f_n(z) \sin z + (-1)^{n+1} f_{-n-1}(z) \cos z,$$

where the coefficients $f_n(z)$ are available as [sympy.polys.orthopolys.spherical_bessel_fn\(\)](#) (page 2441).

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Symbol, jn, sin, cos, expand_func, besselj, bessely
>>> z = Symbol("z")
>>> nu = Symbol("nu", integer=True)
>>> print(expand_func(jn(0, z)))
sin(z)/z
>>> expand_func(jn(1, z)) == sin(z)/z**2 - cos(z)/z
True
>>> expand_func(jn(3, z))
(-6/z**2 + 15/z**4)*sin(z) + (1/z - 15/z**3)*cos(z)
>>> jn(nu, z).rewrite(besselj)
sqrt(2)*sqrt(pi)*sqrt(1/z)*besselj(nu + 1/2, z)/2
>>> jn(nu, z).rewrite(bessely)
(-1)**nu*sqrt(2)*sqrt(pi)*sqrt(1/z)*bessely(-nu - 1/2, z)/2
>>> jn(2, 5.2+0.3j).evalf(20)
0.099419756723640344491 - 0.054525080242173562897*I
```

See also:

[besselj](#) (page 497), [bessely](#) (page 498), [besseli](#) (page 499), [yn](#) (page 502)

References

[R394]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.**yn**(nu, z)
Spherical Bessel function of the second kind.

Explanation

This function is another solution to the spherical Bessel equation, and linearly independent from j_n . It can be defined as

$$y_\nu(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2z}} Y_{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}(z),$$

where $Y_\nu(z)$ is the Bessel function of the second kind.

For integral orders n , y_n is calculated using the formula:

$$y_n(z) = (-1)^{n+1} j_{-n-1}(z)$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import Symbol, yn, sin, cos, expand_func, besselj, bessely
>>> z = Symbol("z")
>>> nu = Symbol("nu", integer=True)
>>> print(expand_func(yn(0, z)))
-cos(z)/z
>>> expand_func(yn(1, z)) == -cos(z)/z**2-sin(z)/z
```

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```
True
>>> yn(nu, z).rewrite(besselj)
(-1)**(nu + 1)*sqrt(2)*sqrt(pi)*sqrt(1/z)*besselj(-nu - 1/2, z)/2
>>> yn(nu, z).rewrite(bessely)
sqrt(2)*sqrt(pi)*sqrt(1/z)*bessely(nu + 1/2, z)/2
>>> yn(2, 5.2+0.3j).evalf(20)
0.18525034196069722536 + 0.014895573969924817587*I
```

See also:

[besselj](#) (page 497), [bessely](#) (page 498), [besselk](#) (page 499), [jn](#) (page 501)

References

[R395]

`sympy.functions.special.bessel.jn_zeros(n, k, method='sympy', dps=15)`

Zeros of the spherical Bessel function of the first kind.

Parameters

- n** : integer
order of Bessel function
- k** : integer
number of zeros to return

Explanation

This returns an array of zeros of j_n up to the k -th zero.

- `method = "sympy"`: uses `mpmath.besseljzero`
- `method = "scipy"`: uses the SciPy's `sph_jn` and `newton` to find all roots, which is faster than computing the zeros using a general numerical solver, but it requires SciPy and only works with low precision floating point numbers. (The function used with `method="sympy"` is a recent addition to `mpmath`; before that a general solver was used.)

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import jn_zeros
>>> jn_zeros(2, 4, dps=5)
[5.7635, 9.095, 12.323, 15.515]
```

See also:

[jn](#) (page 501), [yn](#) (page 502), [besselj](#) (page 497), [besselk](#) (page 499), [bessely](#) (page 498)

class `sympy.functions.special.bessel.marcumq(m, a, b)`

The Marcum Q-function.

Explanation

The Marcum Q-function is defined by the meromorphic continuation of

$$Q_m(a, b) = a^{-m+1} \int_b^{\infty} x^m e^{-\frac{a^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2}} I_{m-1}(ax) dx$$

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import marcumq
>>> from sympy.abc import m, a, b
>>> marcumq(m, a, b)
marcumq(m, a, b)
```

Special values:

```
>>> marcumq(m, 0, b)
uppergamma(m, b**2/2)/gamma(m)
>>> marcumq(0, 0, 0)
0
>>> marcumq(0, a, 0)
1 - exp(-a**2/2)
>>> marcumq(1, a, a)
1/2 + exp(-a**2)*besseli(0, a**2)/2
>>> marcumq(2, a, a)
1/2 + exp(-a**2)*besseli(0, a**2)/2 + exp(-a**2)*besseli(1, a**2)
```

Differentiation with respect to a and b is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(marcumq(m, a, b), a)
a*(-marcumq(m, a, b) + marcumq(m + 1, a, b))
>>> diff(marcumq(m, a, b), b)
-a**(1 - m)*b**m*exp(-a**2/2 - b**2/2)*besseli(m - 1, a*b)
```

References

[R396], [R397]

Airy Functions

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.AiryBase(*args)

Abstract base class for Airy functions.

This class is meant to reduce code duplication.

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.airyai(arg)

The Airy function Ai of the first kind.

Explanation

The Airy function $\text{Ai}(z)$ is defined to be the function satisfying Airy's differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 w(z)}{dz^2} - zw(z) = 0.$$

Equivalently, for real z

$$\text{Ai}(z) := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + zt\right) dt.$$

Examples

Create an Airy function object:

```
>>> from sympy import airyai
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

```
>>> airyai(z)
airyai(z)
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> airyai(0)
3**(1/3)/(3*gamma(2/3))
>>> from sympy import oo
>>> airyai(oo)
0
>>> airyai(-oo)
0
```

The Airy function obeys the mirror symmetry:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(airyai(z))
airyai(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(airyai(z), z)
airyaiprime(z)
>>> diff(airyai(z), z, 2)
z*airyai(z)
```

Series expansion is also supported:

```
>>> from sympy import series
>>> series(airyai(z), z, 0, 3)
3**(5/6)*gamma(1/3)/(6*pi) - 3**(1/6)*z*gamma(2/3)/(2*pi) + 0(z**3)
```

We can numerically evaluate the Airy function to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> airyai(-2).evalf(50)
0.22740742820168557599192443603787379946077222541710
```

Rewrite $\text{Ai}(z)$ in terms of hypergeometric functions:

```
>>> from sympy import hyper
>>> airyai(z).rewrite(hyper)
-3**(2/3)*z*hyper(( ), (4/3, ), z**3/9)/(3*gamma(1/3)) + 3**(1/3)*hyper(( ),
→ (2/3, ), z**3/9)/(3*gamma(2/3))
```

See also:

[airybi](#) (page 506)

Airy function of the second kind.

[airyaiprime](#) (page 508)

Derivative of the Airy function of the first kind.

[airybiprime](#) (page 509)

Derivative of the Airy function of the second kind.

References

[R398], [R399], [R400], [R401]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.**airybi**(arg)

The Airy function Bi of the second kind.

Explanation

The Airy function $\text{Bi}(z)$ is defined to be the function satisfying Airy's differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 w(z)}{dz^2} - zw(z) = 0.$$

Equivalently, for real z

$$\text{Bi}(z) := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{t^3}{3} + zt\right) + \sin\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + zt\right) dt.$$

Examples

Create an Airy function object:

```
>>> from sympy import airybi
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

```
>>> airybi(z)
airybi(z)
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> airybi(0)
3**(5/6)/(3*gamma(2/3))
>>> from sympy import oo
>>> airybi(oo)
oo
>>> airybi(-oo)
0
```

The Airy function obeys the mirror symmetry:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(airybi(z))
airybi(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(airybi(z), z)
airybiprime(z)
>>> diff(airybi(z), z, 2)
z*airybi(z)
```

Series expansion is also supported:

```
>>> from sympy import series
>>> series(airybi(z), z, 0, 3)
3**(1/3)*gamma(1/3)/(2*pi) + 3**(2/3)*z*gamma(2/3)/(2*pi) + 0(z**3)
```

We can numerically evaluate the Airy function to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> airybi(-2).evalf(50)
-0.41230258795639848808323405461146104203453483447240
```

Rewrite $\text{Bi}(z)$ in terms of hypergeometric functions:

```
>>> from sympy import hyper
>>> airybi(z).rewrite(hyper)
3**(1/6)*z*hyper(( ), (4/3, ), z**3/9)/gamma(1/3) + 3**(5/6)*hyper(( ), (2/
→ 3, ), z**3/9)/(3*gamma(2/3))
```

See also:

[airyai](#) (page 504)

Airy function of the first kind.

[airyaiprime](#) (page 508)

Derivative of the Airy function of the first kind.

[airybiprime](#) (page 509)

Derivative of the Airy function of the second kind.

References

[R402], [R403], [R404], [R405]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.airyaiprime(*arg*)

The derivative Ai' of the Airy function of the first kind.

Explanation

The Airy function $Ai'(z)$ is defined to be the function

$$Ai'(z) := \frac{d Ai(z)}{dz}.$$

Examples

Create an Airy function object:

```
>>> from sympy import airyaiprime
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

```
>>> airyaiprime(z)
airyaiprime(z)
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> airyaiprime(0)
-3**(2/3)/(3*gamma(1/3))
>>> from sympy import oo
>>> airyaiprime(oo)
0
```

The Airy function obeys the mirror symmetry:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(airyaiprime(z))
airyaiprime(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(airyaiprime(z), z)
z*airyai(z)
>>> diff(airyaiprime(z), z, 2)
z*airyaiprime(z) + airyai(z)
```

Series expansion is also supported:

```
>>> from sympy import series
>>> series(airyaiprime(z), z, 0, 3)
-3**(2/3)/(3*gamma(1/3)) + 3**(1/3)*z**2/(6*gamma(2/3)) + O(z**3)
```


We can numerically evaluate the Airy function to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> airyaiprime(-2).evalf(50)
0.61825902074169104140626429133247528291577794512415
```

Rewrite $\text{Ai}'(z)$ in terms of hypergeometric functions:

```
>>> from sympy import hyper
>>> airyaiprime(z).rewrite(hyper)
3**(1/3)*z**2*hyper(( ), (5/3, ), z**3/9)/(6*gamma(2/3)) - 3**(2/
→ 3)*hyper(( ), (1/3, ), z**3/9)/(3*gamma(1/3))
```

See also:

[***airyai***](#) (page 504)

Airy function of the first kind.

[***airybi***](#) (page 506)

Airy function of the second kind.

[***airybiprime***](#) (page 509)

Derivative of the Airy function of the second kind.

References

[R406], [R407], [R408], [R409]

class sympy.functions.special.bessel.**airybiprime**(arg)

The derivative Bi' of the Airy function of the first kind.

Explanation

The Airy function $\text{Bi}'(z)$ is defined to be the function

$$\text{Bi}'(z) := \frac{d \text{Bi}(z)}{dz}.$$

Examples

Create an Airy function object:

```
>>> from sympy import airybiprime
>>> from sympy.abc import z
```

```
>>> airybiprime(z)
airybiprime(z)
```

Several special values are known:

```
>>> airybiprime(0)
3**(1/6)/gamma(1/3)
>>> from sympy import oo
>>> airybiprime(oo)
oo
>>> airybiprime(-oo)
0
```

The Airy function obeys the mirror symmetry:

```
>>> from sympy import conjugate
>>> conjugate(airybiprime(z))
airybiprime(conjugate(z))
```

Differentiation with respect to z is supported:

```
>>> from sympy import diff
>>> diff(airybiprime(z), z)
z*airybi(z)
>>> diff(airybiprime(z), z, 2)
z*airybiprime(z) + airybi(z)
```

Series expansion is also supported:

```
>>> from sympy import series
>>> series(airybiprime(z), z, 0, 3)
3**(1/6)/gamma(1/3) + 3**(5/6)*z**2/(6*gamma(2/3)) + O(z**3)
```

We can numerically evaluate the Airy function to arbitrary precision on the whole complex plane:

```
>>> airybiprime(-2).evalf(50)
0.27879516692116952268509756941098324140300059345163
```

Rewrite $\text{Bi}'(z)$ in terms of hypergeometric functions:

```
>>> from sympy import hyper
>>> airybiprime(z).rewrite(hyper)
3**(5/6)*z**2*hyper(( ), (5/3, ), z**3/9)/(6*gamma(2/3)) + 3**(1/
→ 6)*hyper(( ), (1/3, ), z**3/9)/gamma(1/3)
```

See also:

[airyai](#) (page 504)

Airy function of the first kind.

[airybi](#) (page 506)

Airy function of the second kind.

[airyaiprime](#) (page 508)

Derivative of the Airy function of the first kind.

References

[R410], [R411], [R412], [R413]

B-Splines

`sympy.functions.special.bsplines.bspline_basis(d, knots, n, x)`

The n -th B-spline at x of degree d with knots.

Parameters

d : integer

degree of bspline

knots : list of integer values

list of knots points of bspline

n : integer

n -th B-spline

x : symbol

Explanation

B-Splines are piecewise polynomials of degree d . They are defined on a set of knots, which is a sequence of integers or floats.

Examples

The 0th degree splines have a value of 1 on a single interval:

```
>>> from sympy import bspline_basis
>>> from sympy.abc import x
>>> d = 0
>>> knots = tuple(range(5))
>>> bspline_basis(d, knots, 0, x)
Piecewise((1, (x >= 0) & (x <= 1)), (0, True))
```

For a given (d , $knots$) there are $\text{len}(knots)-d-1$ B-splines defined, that are indexed by n (starting at 0).

Here is an example of a cubic B-spline:

```
>>> bspline_basis(3, tuple(range(5)), 0, x)
Piecewise((x**3/6, (x >= 0) & (x <= 1)),
          (-x**3/2 + 2*x**2 - 2*x + 2/3,
           (x >= 1) & (x <= 2)),
          (x**3/2 - 4*x**2 + 10*x - 22/3,
           (x >= 2) & (x <= 3)),
          (-x**3/6 + 2*x**2 - 8*x + 32/3,
           (x >= 3) & (x <= 4)),
          (0, True))
```

By repeating knot points, you can introduce discontinuities in the B-splines and their derivatives:

```
>>> d = 1
>>> knots = (0, 0, 2, 3, 4)
>>> bspline_basis(d, knots, 0, x)
Piecewise((1 - x/2, (x >= 0) & (x <= 2)), (0, True))
```

It is quite time consuming to construct and evaluate B-splines. If you need to evaluate a B-spline many times, it is best to lambdify them first:

```
>>> from sympy import lambdify
>>> d = 3
>>> knots = tuple(range(10))
>>> b0 = bspline_basis(d, knots, 0, x)
>>> f = lambdify(x, b0)
>>> y = f(0.5)
```

See also:

[bspline_basis_set](#) (page 512)

References

[R414]

`sympy.functions.special.bsplines.bspline_basis_set(d, knots, x)`

Return the $\text{len}(\text{knots}) - d - 1$ B-splines at x of degree d with knots .

Parameters

d : integer

degree of bspline

knots : list of integers

list of knots points of bspline

x : symbol

Explanation

This function returns a list of piecewise polynomials that are the $\text{len}(\text{knots}) - d - 1$ B-splines of degree d for the given knots. This function calls `bspline_basis(d, knots, n, x)` for different values of n .

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import bspline_basis_set
>>> from sympy.abc import x
>>> d = 2
>>> knots = range(5)
>>> splines = bspline_basis_set(d, knots, x)
>>> splines
[Piecewise((x**2/2, (x >= 0) & (x <= 1)),
          (-x**2 + 3*x - 3/2, (x >= 1) & (x <= 2)),
          (x**2/2 - 3*x + 9/2, (x >= 2) & (x <= 3)),
          (0, True)),
 Piecewise((x**2/2 - x + 1/2, (x >= 1) & (x <= 2)),
          (-x**2 + 5*x - 11/2, (x >= 2) & (x <= 3)),
          (x**2/2 - 4*x + 8, (x >= 3) & (x <= 4)),
          (0, True))]
```

See also:

[bspline_basis](#) (page 511)

`sympy.functions.special.bsplines.interpolating_spline(d, x, X, Y)`

Return spline of degree *d*, passing through the given *X* and *Y* values.

Parameters

d : integer

Degree of Bspline strictly greater than equal to one

x : symbol

X : list of strictly increasing integer values

list of X coordinates through which the spline passes

Y : list of strictly increasing integer values

list of Y coordinates through which the spline passes

Explanation

This function returns a piecewise function such that each part is a polynomial of degree not greater than *d*. The value of *d* must be 1 or greater and the values of *X* must be strictly increasing.

Examples

```
>>> from sympy import interpolating_spline
>>> from sympy.abc import x
>>> interpolating_spline(1, x, [1, 2, 4, 7], [3, 6, 5, 7])
Piecewise((3*x, (x >= 1) & (x <= 2)),
          (7 - x/2, (x >= 2) & (x <= 4)),
          (2*x/3 + 7/3, (x >= 4) & (x <= 7)))
>>> interpolating_spline(3, x, [-2, 0, 1, 3, 4], [4, 2, 1, 1, 3])
```

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```
Piecewise((7*x**3/117 + 7*x**2/117 - 131*x/117 + 2, (x >= -2) & (x <= 1)),
(10*x**3/117 - 2*x**2/117 - 122*x/117 + 77/39, (x >= 1) & (x <= 4)))
```

See also:

[bspline_basis_set](#) (page 512), [interpolating_poly](#) (page 2438)

Riemann Zeta and Related Functions

class `sympy.functions.special.zeta_functions.zeta`(*z*, *a_*=None)
Hurwitz zeta function (or Riemann zeta function).

Explanation

For $\operatorname{Re}(a) > 0$ and $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, this function is defined as

$$\zeta(s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+a)^s},$$

where the standard choice of argument for $n+a$ is used. For fixed a with $\operatorname{Re}(a) > 0$ the Hurwitz zeta function admits a meromorphic continuation to all of \mathbb{C} , it is an unbranched function with a simple pole at $s = 1$.

Analytic continuation to other a is possible under some circumstances, but this is not typically done.

The Hurwitz zeta function is a special case of the Lerch transcendent:

$$\zeta(s, a) = \Phi(1, s, a).$$

This formula defines an analytic continuation for all possible values of s and a (also $\operatorname{Re}(a) < 0$), see the documentation of [lerchphi](#) (page 517) for a description of the branching behavior.

If no value is passed for a , by this function assumes a default value of $a = 1$, yielding the Riemann zeta function.

Examples

For $a = 1$ the Hurwitz zeta function reduces to the famous Riemann zeta function:

$$\zeta(s, 1) = \zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}.$$

```
>>> from sympy import zeta
>>> from sympy.abc import s
>>> zeta(s, 1)
zeta(s)
>>> zeta(s)
zeta(s)
```

The Riemann zeta function can also be expressed using the Dirichlet eta function:

```
>>> from sympy import dirichlet_eta
>>> zeta(s).rewrite(dirichlet_eta)
dirichlet_eta(s)/(1 - 2**(1 - s))
```

The Riemann zeta function at positive even integer and negative odd integer values is related to the Bernoulli numbers:

```
>>> zeta(2)
pi**2/6
>>> zeta(4)
pi**4/90
>>> zeta(-1)
-1/12
```

The specific formulae are:

$$\zeta(2n) = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{B_{2n}(2\pi)^{2n}}{2(2n)!}$$

$$\zeta(-n) = -\frac{B_{n+1}}{n+1}$$

At negative even integers the Riemann zeta function is zero:

```
>>> zeta(-4)
0
```

No closed-form expressions are known at positive odd integers, but numerical evaluation is possible:

```
>>> zeta(3).n()
1.20205690315959
```

The derivative of $\zeta(s, a)$ with respect to a can be computed:

```
>>> from sympy.abc import a
>>> zeta(s, a).diff(a)
-s*zeta(s + 1, a)
```

However the derivative with respect to s has no useful closed form expression:

```
>>> zeta(s, a).diff(s)
Derivative(zeta(s, a), s)
```

The Hurwitz zeta function can be expressed in terms of the Lerch transcendent, [lerchphi](#) (page 517):

```
>>> from sympy import lerchphi
>>> zeta(s, a).rewrite(lerchphi)
lerchphi(1, s, a)
```

See also:

[dirichlet_eta](#) (page 516), [lerchphi](#) (page 517), [polylog](#) (page 516)

References

[R415], [R416]

class sympy.functions.special.zeta_functions.dirichlet_eta(s)
Dirichlet eta function.

Explanation

For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$, this function is defined as

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}.$$

It admits a unique analytic continuation to all of \mathbb{C} . It is an entire, unbranched function.

Examples

The Dirichlet eta function is closely related to the Riemann zeta function:

```
>>> from sympy import dirichlet_eta, zeta
>>> from sympy.abc import s
>>> dirichlet_eta(s).rewrite(zeta)
(1 - 2**(1 - s))*zeta(s)
```

See also:

[zeta](#) (page 514)

References

[R417]

class sympy.functions.special.zeta_functions.polylog(s, z)
Polylogarithm function.

Explanation

For $|z| < 1$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$, the polylogarithm is defined by

$$\operatorname{Li}_s(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^s},$$

where the standard branch of the argument is used for n . It admits an analytic continuation which is branched at $z = 1$ (notably not on the sheet of initial definition), $z = 0$ and $z = \infty$.

The name polylogarithm comes from the fact that for $s = 1$, the polylogarithm is related to the ordinary logarithm (see examples), and that

$$\operatorname{Li}_{s+1}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\operatorname{Li}_s(t)}{t} dt.$$