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See Also

Packages **DPQ**, **Rmpfr** are both used by this package.

Examples

```
## An example how mpfr-numbers "just work" with reasonable R functions:
.srch <- search() ; doAtt <- is.na(match("Rmpfr:package", .srch))
if(doAtt) require(Rmpfr)
nu.s <- 2^seqMpfr(mpfr(-30, 64), mpfr(100, 64), by = 1/mpfr(4, 64))
b0 <- DPQ::b_chi(nu.s)
b1 <- DPQ::b_chi(nu.s, one.minus=TRUE)
stopifnot(inherits(b0,"mpfr"), inherits(b1, "mpfr"),
          b0+b1 == 1, diff(log(b1)) < 0)
plot(nu.s, log(b1), type="l", log="x")
plot(nu.s[-1], diff(log(b1)), type="l", log="x")
if(doAtt) # detach the package(s) we've attached above
for(pkg in setdiff(search(), .srch)) detach(pkg, character.only=TRUE)
```

algdivM*Compute log(gamma(b)/gamma(a+b)) Accurately, also via Rmpfr***Description**

Computes

$$\text{algdiv}(a, b) := \log \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a + b)} = \log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a + b) = \text{lgamma}(b) - \text{lgamma}(a + b)$$

in a numerically stable way.

The name ‘algdiv’ is from the auxiliary function in R’s (TOMS 708) implementation of [pbeta\(\)](#). As package **DPQ** provides R’s Mathlib (double precision) as R function `algdiv()`, we append ‘M’ to show the reliance on the **Rmpfr** package.

Usage

```
algdivM(a, b, usePr = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>a, b</code>	numeric or numeric-alike vectors (recycled to the same length if needed), typically inheriting from class “mpfr”.
<code>usePr</code>	positive integer specifying the precision in <code>bits</code> , or <code>NULL</code> when a smart default will be used.

Details

Note that this is also useful to compute the Beta function

$$B(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a + b)}.$$

Clearly,

$$\log B(a, b) = \log \Gamma(a) + \text{algdiv}(a, b) = \log \Gamma(a) - \log Q_{ab}(a, b).$$

In our ‘`../tests/qbeta-dist.R`’ file, we look into computing $\log(pB(p, q))$ accurately for $p \ll q$

.

We are proposing a nice solution there.

How is this related to `algdiv()`?

Additionally, we have defined

$$Q_{ab} = Q_{a,b} := \frac{\Gamma(a + b), \Gamma(b)}{,},$$

such that $\log Q_{ab}(a, b) := \log Q_{ab}(a, b)$ fulfills simply

$$\log Q_{ab}(a, b) = -\text{algdiv}(a, b)$$

see [logQab_asy](#) from package **DPQ**.

Value

a numeric vector of length `max(length(a), length(b))` (if neither is of length 0, in which case the result has length 0 as well).

Author(s)

Martin Maechler (for the **Rmpfr** version).

References

Didonato, A. and Morris, A., Jr, (1992) Algorithm 708: Significant digit computation of the incomplete beta function ratios, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* **18**, 360–373.

See Also

`gamma`, `beta`; the (double precision) version `algdiv()` in **DPQ**, and also in **DPQ**, the asymptotic approximation `logQab_asy()`.

Examples

```

Qab <- algdivM(2:3, 8:14)
cbind(a = 2:3, b = 8:14, Qab) # recycling with a warning

## algdivM() and my logQab_asy() give *very* similar results for largish b:
(lQab <- DPQ::logQab_asy(3, 100))
all.equal( - algdivM(3, 100), lQab, tolerance=0) # 1.283e-16 !!
## relative error
1 + lQab/ algdivM(3, 1e10) # 0 (64b F 30 Linux; 2019-08-15)

## in-and outside of "certified" argument range {b >= 8}:
a. <- c(1:3, 4*(1:8))/32
b. <- seq(1/4, 20, by=1/4)
ad <- t(outer(a., b., algdivM))
## direct computation:
f.algdiv0 <- function(a,b) lgamma(b) - lgamma(a+b)
f.algdiv1 <- function(a,b) lgamma(b) - lgamma(a+b)
ad.d <- t(outer(a., b., f.algdiv0))

matplot (b., ad.d, type = "o", cex=3/4,
         main = quote(log(Gamma(b)/Gamma(a+b)) ~" vs. algdivM(a,b)"))
mtext(paste0("a[1:",length(a.),"] = ", 
            paste0(paste(head(paste0(formatC(a.*32), "/32")), collapse=","), ", , , 1")))
matlines(b., ad, type = "l", lwd=4, lty=1, col=adjustcolor(1:6, 1/2))
abline(v=1, lty=3, col="midnightblue")
# The larger 'b', the more accurate the direct formula wrt algdivM()
all.equal(ad[b. >= 1,], ad.d[b. >= 1,])# 1.5e-5
all.equal(ad[b. >= 2,], ad.d[b. >= 2,], tol=0)# 3.9e-9
all.equal(ad[b. >= 4,], ad.d[b. >= 4,], tol=0)# 4.6e-13
all.equal(ad[b. >= 6,], ad.d[b. >= 6,], tol=0)# 3.0e-15
all.equal(ad[b. >= 8,], ad.d[b. >= 8,], tol=0)# 2.5e-15 (not much better)

```

Description

The three functions "p" (cumulative distribution, CDF), "d" (density (PDF)), and "q" (quantile) use Ding(1994)'s algorithm A, B, and C, respectively, each of which implements a recursion formula using only simple arithmetic and `log` and `exp`.

These are particularly useful also for using with high precision "mpfr" numbers from the **Rmpfr** CRAN package.

Usage

```
dbetaD94(x, shape1, shape2, ncp = 0, log = FALSE,
          eps = 1e-10, itrmax = 100000L, verbose = FALSE)
pbetaD94(q, shape1, shape2, ncp = 0, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE,
          log_scale = (a * b > 0) && (a + b > 100 || c >= 500),
          eps = 1e-10, itrmax = 100000L, verbose = FALSE)

qbetaD94(p, shape1, shape2, ncp = 0, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE,
          log_scale = (a * b > 0) && (a + b > 100 || c >= 500),
          delta = 1e-6,
          eps = delta^2,
          itrmax = 100000L,
          iterN = 1000L,
          verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x, q</code>	numeric vector of values in [0, 1] as beta variates.
<code>shape1, shape2</code>	the two shape parameters of the beta distribution, must be positive.
<code>ncp</code>	the noncentrality parameter; by default zero for the (<i>central</i>) beta distribution; if positive, we have a noncentral beta distribution.
<code>p</code>	numeric vector of probabilities, <code>log()</code> ged in case <code>log.p</code> is true.
<code>log, log.p</code>	logical indicating if the density or probability values should be <code>log()</code> ged.
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical indicating if the lower or upper tail probability should be computed, or for <code>qbeta*</code> () are provided.
<code>eps</code>	a non-negative number specifying the desired accuracy for computing F() and f().
<code>itrmax</code>	the maximal number of steps for computing F() and f().
<code>delta</code>	[For <code>qbeta*</code> ():] non-negative number indicating the desired accuracy for computing x_p (the root of $p\text{beta} * () == p$), i.e., the convergence tolerance for the Newton iterations. This sets default <code>eps = delta^2</code> which is sensible but may be too small, such that <code>eps</code> should be specified in addition to <code>delta</code> .

iterN	[For <code>qbeta*</code> ():] The maximal number of Newton iterations.
log_scale	logical indicating if most of the computations should happen in <code>log</code> scale, which protects from “early” overflow and underflow but takes more computations. The current default is somewhat <i>arbitrary</i> , still derived from the facts that <code>gamma</code> (172) overflows to <code>Inf</code> already and <code>exp(-750)</code> underflows to 0 already.
verbose	logical (or integer) indicating the amount of diagnostic output during computation; by default none.

Value

In all three cases, a numeric vector with the same attributes as `x` (or `q` respectively), containing (an approximation) to the correponding beta distribution function.

Author(s)

Martin Maechler, notably `log_scale` was not part of Ding’s proposals.

References

Cherng G. Ding (1994) On the computation of the noncentral beta distribution. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis* **18**, 449–455.

See Also

`pbeta`. Package **Rmpfr**’s `pbetaI()` needs both `shape1` and `shape2` to be integer but is typically more efficient than the current `pbetaD94()` implementation.

Examples

```
## Low precision (eps, delta) values as "e.g." in Ding(94): -----
## Compare with Table 3 of Baharev_et_al 2017 %% ===> ./qbBaha2017.Rd <<<<<<<<
aa <- c(0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 5, 10, 25)
bb <- c(1:15, 10*c(2:5, 10, 25, 50))
utime <-
  qbet <- matrix(NA_real_, length(aa), length(bb),
                 dimnames = list(a = formatC(aa), b = formatC(bb)))
  (doExtras <- DPQmpfr:::doExtras())
  if(doExtras) qbetL <- utimeL <- utime

  p <- 0.95
  delta <- 1e-4
  eps  <- 1e-6
  system.t.usr <- function(expr)
    system.time(gcFirst = FALSE, expr)[["user.self"]]

  system.time(
    for(ia in seq_along(aa)) {
      a <- aa[ia]; cat("\n----\nna=",a,":\n")
      for(ib in seq_along(bb)) {
```

```

b <- bb[ib]; cat("\n> b=",b,"\n")
utime [ia, ib] <- system.t usr(
  qbet[ia, ib] <- qbetaD94(p, a, b, ncp = 0, delta=delta, eps=eps, verbose = 2))
if(doExtras)
  utimeL[ia, ib] <- system.t usr(
    qbetL[ia, ib] <- qbetaD94(p, a, b, ncp = 0, delta=delta, eps=eps,
                                verbose = 2, log_scale=TRUE))
}
cat("\n")
}
#> system.time(.): ~ 1 sec (lynne i7-7700T, Fedora 32, 2020)
sum(print(table(round(1000*utime)))) # lynne .. :
##  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 14 15 16 29
## 53 94 15  3  3 12  2  2  2  1  2  3  1  2  1
## [1] 198
if(doExtras) print(sum(print(table(round(1000*utimeL))))) # lynne .. :

```

dhyperQ*Exact Hypergeometric Distribution Probabilities***Description**

Computes **exact** probabilities for the hypergeometric distribution (see, e.g., [dhyper\(\)](#) in R), using package **gmp**'s big integer and rational numbers, notably [chooseZ\(\)](#).

Usage

```

dhyperQ(x, m, n, k)
phyperQ(x, m, n, k, lower.tail=TRUE)
phyperQall(m, n, k, lower.tail=TRUE)

```

Arguments

- x the number of white balls drawn without replacement from an urn which contains both black and white balls.
- m the number of white balls in the urn.
- n the number of black balls in the urn.
- k the number of balls drawn from the urn, hence must be in $0, 1, \dots, m + n$.
- lower.tail logical indicating if the lower or upper tail probability should be computed.

Value

a birational (class "bigq" from package **gmp**) vector "as" x; currently of length one (as all the function arguments must be "scalar", currently).

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

See Also

[chooseZ](#) (pkg **gmp**), and R's own [Hypergeometric](#)

Examples

```
## dhyperQ() is simply
function (x, m, n, k)
{
  stopifnot(k - x == as.integer(k - x))
  chooseZ(m, x) * chooseZ(n, k - x) / chooseZ(m + n, k)
}

# a case where phyper(11, 15, 0, 12, log=TRUE) gave 'NaN'
(phyp5.0.12 <- cumsum(dhyperQ(0:12, m=15,n=0,k=12)))
stopifnot(phyp5.0.12 == c(rep(0, 12), 1))

for(x in 0:9)
  stopifnot(phyperQ(x, 10,7,8) +
            phyperQ(x, 10,7,8, lower.tail=FALSE) == 1)

(ph. <- phyperQall(m=10, n=7, k=8))
## Big Rational ('bigq') object of length 8:
## [1] 1/2431      5/374      569/4862   2039/4862  3803/4862  4685/4862  4853/4862 1
stopifnot(identical(gmp::c_bigq(list(0, ph.)),
                     1 - c(phyperQall(10,7,8, lower.tail=FALSE), 0)))

(doExtras <- DPQmpfr:::doExtras())
if(doExtras) { # too slow for standard testing
  k <- 5000
  system.time(ph <- phyper(k, 2*k, 2*k, 2*k)) # 0 (< 0.001 sec)
  system.time(phQ <- phyperQ(k, 2*k, 2*k, 2*k)) # 5.6 (was 6.3) sec
  ## Relative error of R's phyper()
  stopifnot(print(gmp::asNumeric(1 - ph/phQ)) < 1e-14) # seen 1.063e-15
}
```

Description

dntJKBm is a fully **Rmpfr**-ified vectorized version of [dntJKBf\(\)](#) from **DPQ**; see there.

`dtWVm(x, df, ncp)` computes the density function $f(x)$ of the t distribution with df degrees of freedom and non-centrality parameter ncp , according to Wolfgang Viechtbauer's proposal in 2002, using an asymptotic formula for "large" $df = \nu$.

Usage

```
dntJKBm(x, df, ncp, log = FALSE, M = 1000) # __ Deprecated __ use DPQ :: dntJKBf
dtWVm (x, df, ncp, log = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	numeric or " mpfr " vector.
df	degrees of freedom (> 0 , maybe non-integer). $df = \text{Inf}$ is allowed.
ncp	non-centrality parameter δ ; If omitted, use the central t distribution.
log	as in dt() , a logical indicating if $\log(f(x, *))$ should be returned instead of $f(x, *)$.
M	the number of terms to be used, a positive integer.

Details

See [dtWV](#)'s details (package **DPQ**).

As **DPQ**'s [dntJKBf\(\)](#) is already fully mpfr-ized, [dntJKBm\(\)](#) is deprecated.

Value

an [mpfr](#) vector of the same length as the maximum of the lengths of x, df, ncp.

Note

Package **DPQ**'s [dntJKBf\(\)](#) is already fully mpfr-ized, and hence [dntJKBm\(\)](#) is redundant, and therefore deprecated.

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

See Also

R's [dt](#), and package **DPQ**'s [dntJKBf\(\)](#) and [dtWV\(\)](#).

Examples

```
tt <- seq(0, 10, len = 21)
ncp <- seq(0, 6, len = 31)
dt3R <- outer(tt, ncp, dt , df = 3)
dt3WV <- outer(tt, ncp, dtWVm, df = 3)
all.equal(dt3R, dt3WV) # rel.err 0.00063
dt25R <- outer(tt, ncp, dt , df = 25)
dt25WV <- outer(tt, ncp, dtWVm, df = 25)
all.equal(dt25R, dt25WV) # rel.err 1.1e-5

x <- -10:700
fx <- dt (x, df = 22, ncp =100)
lfx <- dt (x, df = 22, ncp =100, log=TRUE)
lfV <- dtWVm(x, df = 22, ncp =100, log=TRUE)

head(lfx, 15) # shows that R's dt(*, log=TRUE) implementation is "quite suboptimal"

## graphics
```

```

opa <- par(no.readonly=TRUE)
par(mar=.1+c(5,4,4,3), mgp = c(2, .8,0))
plot(fx ~ x, type="l")
par(new=TRUE) ; cc <- c("red", adjustcolor("orange", 0.4))
plot(lfx ~ x, type = "o", pch=". ", col=cc[1], cex=2, ann=FALSE, yaxt="n")
sfsmisc::eaxis(4, col=cc[1], col.axis=cc[1], small.args = list(col=cc[1]))
lines(x, lfV, col=cc[2], lwd=3)
dtt1 <- "      dt"; dtt2 <- "(x, df=22, ncp=100"; dttL <- paste0(dtt2, ", log=TRUE)"
legend("right", c(paste0(dtt1,dtt2,")), paste0(c(dtt1,"dtVm"), dttL)),
      lty=1, lwd=c(1,1,3), col=c("black", cc), bty = "n")
par(opa) # reset

## For dntJKBm(), see example(dntJKBf, package="DPQ")

```

Description

Utilities for package **DPQmpfr**

Usage

```
ldexp(f, E)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| <code>f</code> | 'fraction', as such with absolute value in [0.5, 1), but can be any numbers. |
| <code>E</code> | integer-valued exponent(s). |

Details

`ldexp()` is a simple wrapper, either calling `DPQ::ldexp` from **DPQ** or `ldexpMpfr` from the **Rmpfr** package,

$$\text{ldexp}(f, E) := f \times 2^E,$$

computed accurately and fast on typical platforms with internally binary arithmetic.

Value

either a numeric or a "`mpfr`", depending on the type of `f`, vector as (the recycled) combination of `f` and `E`.

See Also

`ldexp` from package **DPQ** and `ldexpMpfr` from package **Rmpfr**.

Examples

```
ldexp(1:10, 2)
ldexp(Rmpfr::Const("pi", 96), -2:2) # = pi * (1/4 1/2 1 2 4)
```

gam1M

Compute 1/Gamma(x+1) - 1 Accurately

Description

FIXME: "R's own" double prec version is now in package DPQ: e.g. `~/R/Pkgs/DPQ/man/gam1.Rd`

FIXME2: R-only implementation is in `~/R/Pkgs/DPQ/TODO_R_versions_gam1_etc.R`

Computes $1/\Gamma(a + 1) - 1$ accurately in $[-0.5, 1.5]$ for numeric argument a ; For "`mpfr`" numbers, the precision is increased intermediately such that $a + 1$ should not lose precision.

Usage

```
gam1M(a, usePr = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `a` a numeric or numeric-alike, typically inheriting from class "`mpfr`".
- `usePr` the precision to use; the default, `NULL`, means to use a default which depends on `a`, specifically `getPrec(a)`.

Details

<https://dlmf.nist.gov/> states the well-known Taylor series for

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$

with $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = \gamma$, (Euler's gamma , $\gamma = 0.5772\dots$), with recursion $c_k = (\gamma c_{k-1} - \zeta(2)c_{k-2}\dots + (-1)^k \zeta(k-1)c_1)/(k-1)$.

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(z+1)} = z + 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_k (z+1)^k,$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(z+1)} - 1 = z + \gamma * (z+1)^2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} c_k (z+1)^k.$$

Consequently, for $\zeta_k := \zeta(k)$, $c_3 = (\gamma^2 - \zeta_2)/2$, $c_4 = \gamma^3/6 - \gamma\zeta_2/2 + \zeta_3/3$.

```

require(Rmpfr) # Const(), mpfr(), zeta()
gam <- Const("gamma", 128)
z <- zeta(mpfr(1:7, 128))
(c3 <- (gam^2 - z[2])/2)                                # -0.655878071520253881077019515145
(c4 <- (gam*c3 - z[2]*c2 + z[3])/3)                  # -0.04200263503409523552900393488
(c4 <- gam*(gam^2/6 - z[2]/2) + z[3]/3)
(c5 <- (gam*c4 - z[2]*c3 + z[3]*c2 - z[4])/4) # 0.1665386113822914895017007951
(c5 <- (gam^4/6 - gam^2*z[2] + z[2]^2/2 + gam*z[3]*4/3 - z[4])/4)

```

Value

a numeric-alike vector like a.

Author(s)

Martin Maechler building on C code of TOMS 708

References

TOMS 708, see [pbeta](#)

See Also

[gamma](#).

Examples

```

##' naive direct formula:
g1 <- function(u) 1/gamma(u+1) - 1

##' @title gam1() from TOMS 708 -- translated to R (*and* vectorized)
##' @author Martin Maechler
gam1R <- function(a, chk=TRUE) { ## == 1/gamma(a+1) - 1 -- accurately ONLY for -0.5 <= a <= 1.5
  if(!length(a)) return(a)
  ## otherwise:
  if(chk) stopifnot(-0.5 <= a, a <= 1.5) # if not, the computation below is non-sense!
  d <- a - 0.5
  ## t := if(a > 1/2) a-1 else a ==> t in [-0.5, 0.5] <=> |t| <= 0.5
  R <- t <- a
  dP <- d > 0
  t[dP] <- d[dP] - 0.5
  if(any(N <- (t < 0.))) { ## L30: */
    r <- c(-.422784335098468, -.771330383816272,
           -.244757765222226, .118378989872749, 9.30357293360349e-4,
           -.0118290993445146, .00223047661158249, 2.66505979058923e-4,
           -1.32674909766242e-4)
    s1 <- .273076135303957
    s2 <- .0559398236957378
    t_ <- t[N]
    top <- (((((r[9] * t_ + r[8]) * t_ + r[7]) * t_ + r[6]) * t_ + r[5]) * t_ + r[4]
             ) * t_ + r[3]) * t_ + r[2]) * t_ + r[1]
  }

```

```

bot <- (s2 * t_ + s1) * t_ + 1.
w <- top / bot
## if (d > 0.) :
if(length(iP <- which(dP[N])))
  R[N & dP] <- (t_ * w)[iP] / a[N & dP]
## else d <= 0 :
if(length(iN <- which(!dP[N])))
  R[N & !dP] <- a[N & !dP] * (w[iN] + 0.5 + 0.5)
}
if(any(Z <- (t == 0))) ## L10: a in {0, 1}
  R[Z] <- 0.
if(any(P <- t > 0)) { ## t > 0; L20: */
  p <- c( .577215664901533, -.409078193005776,
         -.230975380857675, .0597275330452234, .0076696818164949,
         -.00514889771323592, 5.89597428611429e-4 )
  q <- c(1., .427569613095214, .158451672430138, .0261132021441447, .00423244297896961)
  t <- t[P]
  top <- (((((p[7] * t + p[6])*t + p[5])*t + p[4])*t + p[3])*t + p[2])*t + p[1]
  bot <- (((q[5] * t + q[4]) * t + q[3]) * t + q[2]) * t + 1.
  w <- top / bot
## if (d > 0.) ## L21: */
  if(length(iP <- which(dP[P])))
    R[P & dP] <- t[iP] / a[P & dP] * (w[iP] - 0.5 - 0.5)
## else d <= 0 :
  if(length(iN <- which(!dP[P])))
    R[P & !dP] <- a[P & !dP] * w[iN]
}
R
} ## gam1R()

u <- seq(-.5, 1.5, by=1/16); set.seed(1); u <- sample(u) # permuted (to check logic)
g11 <- vapply(u, gam1R, 1) # [-.5, 1.5] == the interval for which the above gam1() was made
gam1. <- gam1R(u)
cbind(u, gam1., D = sfsmisc::relErrV(gam1., g1(u)))[order(u),]
# looks "too good", as we are not close (but different) to {0, 1}
stopifnot( identical(g11, gam1.))
all.equal(g1(u), gam1., tolerance = 0) # 6.7e-16 ("too good", see above)
stopifnot( all.equal(g1(u), gam1.))

## Comparison using Rmpfr; slightly extending [-.5, 1.5] interval (and getting much closer to {0,1})
u <- seq(-0.525, 1.525, length.out = 2001)
uM <- Rmpfr::mpfr(u, 128)
gam1M. <- gam1M(uM)
relE <- Rmpfr::asNumeric(sfsmisc::relErrV(gam1M., gam1R(u, chk=FALSE)))
rbind(rErr = summary(relE),
      `|rE|` = summary(abs(relE)))
##           Min.     1st Qu.    Median     Mean     3rd Qu.     Max.
## rErr -3.280e-15 -3.466e-16 1.869e-17 1.526e-16 4.282e-16 1.96e-14
## |rE|  1.343e-19  2.363e-16 3.861e-16 6.014e-16 6.372e-16 1.96e-14
stopifnot(max(abs(relE)) < 1e-13)

relEtit <- expression("Relative Error of " ~ gam1(u) %~% {} == frac(1, Gamma(u+1)) - 1) #%
plot(relE ~ u, type="l", ylim = c(-1,1) * 2.5e-15, main = relEtit)

```

```

grid(lty = 3); abline(v = c(-.5, 1.5), col = adjustcolor(4, 1/2), lty=2, lwd=2)

## what about the direct formula -- how bad is it really ?
relED <- Rmpfr::asNumeric(sfsmisc::relErrV(gam1M., g1(u)))

plot(relE ~ u, type="l", ylim = c(-1,1) * 1e-14, main = relEtit)
lines(relED ~ u, col = adjustcolor(2, 1/2), lwd = 2); abline(v = (-1:3)/2, lty=2, col="orange3")
mtext("comparing with direct formula 1/gamma(u+1) - 1", col=2, cex=3/4)
legend("top", c("gam1R(u)", "1/gamma(u+1) - 1"), col = 1:2, lwd=1:2, bty="n")
## direct is clearly *worse* , but not catastrophic

```

lgamma1pM*Compute log(Gamma(x+1)) Arbitrarily (MPFR) Accurately***Description**

Computes $\log \Gamma(x + 1)$ accurately notably when $|x| \ll 1$. For "mpfr" numbers, the precision is increased intermediately such that $a + 1$ should not lose precision.

R's "own" double prec version is soon available in package in **DPQ**, under the name `gamln1()` (from TOMS 708).

Usage

```
lgamma1pM(a, usePr = NULL, DPQmethod = c("lgamma1p", "algam1"))
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>a</code> | a numeric or numeric-alike vector, typically inheriting from class "mpfr". |
| <code>usePr</code> | positive integer specifying the precision in <code>bits</code> , or <code>NULL</code> when a smart default will be used. |
| <code>DPQmethod</code> | a character string; must be the name of an <code>lgamma1p()</code> -alike function from package DPQ . It will be called in case of <code>is.numeric(a)</code> (and when DPQ is available). |

Value

a numeric-alike vector like `a`.

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

References

TOMS 708, see `pbeta`

See Also

[lgamma\(\)](#) (and [gamma\(\)](#) (same page)), and our [algdivM\(\)](#); further, package **DPQ**'s [lgamma1p\(\)](#) and (if already available) [gamln1\(\)](#).

Examples

```
## Package {DPQ}'s lgamma1p():
lgamma1p <- DPQ::lgamma1p
lg1 <- function(u) lgamma(u+1) # the simple direct form
u <- seq(-.5, 1.5, by=1/16); set.seed(1); u <- sample(u) # permuted (to check logic)
g11 <- vapply(u, lgamma1p, numeric(1))
lgamma1p. <- lgamma1p(u)
all.equal(lg1(u), g11, tolerance = 0) # see 3.148e-16
stopifnot(exprs = {
  all.equal(lg1(u), g11, tolerance = 2e-15)
  identical(g11, lgamma1p.)
})

## Comparison using Rmpfr; slightly extending the [-.5, 1.5] interval:
u <- seq(-0.525, 1.525, length.out = 2001)
lg1p <- lgamma1pM( u)
lg1pM <- lgamma1pM(Rmpfr::mpfr(u, 128))
asNumeric <- Rmpfr:::asNumeric
relErrV <- sfsmisc::relErrV
if(FALSE) { # DPQ "latest" version __FIXME__
  lng1 <- DPQ:::lngam1(u)
  relE <- asNumeric(relErrV(lg1pM, cbind(lgamma1p = lg1p, lngam1 = lng1)))
} else {
  relE <- asNumeric(relErrV(lg1pM, cbind(lgamma1p = lg1p)))#,
  lngam1 = lng1))
}

## FIXME: lgamma1p() is *NOT* good around u =1. -- even though it should
##        and the R-only vs (not installed) *does* "work" (is accurate there) ??????
## --> ~/R/Pkgs/DPQ/TODO_R_versions_gam1_etc.R
if(FALSE) {
  matplot(u, relE, type="l", ylim = c(-1,1) * 2.5e-15,
    main = expression("relative error of " ~ lgamma1p(u) == log( Gamma(u+1) )))
} else {
  plot(relE ~ u, type="l", ylim = c(-1,1) * 2.5e-15,
    main = expression("relative error of " ~ lgamma1p(u) == log( Gamma(u+1) )))
}
grid(lty = 3); abline(v = c(-.5, 1.5), col = adjustcolor(4, 1/2), lty=2, lwd=2)

## what about the direct formula -- how bad is it really ?
relED <- asNumeric(relErrV(lg1pM, lg1(u)))
lines(relED ~ u, col = adjustcolor(2, 1/2), lwd = 2)
```

Description

Compute a version of the Beta cumulative distribution function (`pbeta()` in R), namely using the series expansion, named `BPSER()`, from “TOMS 708”, i.e., Didonato and Morris (1992).

This “pure R” function exists for didactical or documentational reasons on one hand, as R’s own `pbeta()` uses this expansion when appropriate and other algorithms otherwise. On the other hand, using high precision q and MPFR arithmetic (via package `Rmpfr`) may allow to get highly accurate `pbeta()` values.

Usage

```
pbeta_ser(q, shape1, shape2, log.p = FALSE, eps = 1e-15, errPb = 0, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>q, shape1, shape2</code>	quantiles and shape parameters of the Beta distribution, <code>q</code> typically in [0, 1], see <code>pbeta</code> . Here, <code>q</code> must be scalar, i.e., of length one, and may inherit from class “mpfr”, in order to be more accurate (than with the double precision computations).
<code>log.p</code>	if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).
<code>eps</code>	non-negative number; <code>tol <- eps/shape1</code> will be used for convergence checks in the series computations.
<code>errPb</code>	an integer code, typically in -2, -1, 0 to determine how warnings on convergence failures are handled.
<code>verbose</code>	logical indicating if console output about intermediate results should be printed.

Details

`pbeta_ser()` crucially needs three auxiliary functions which we “mpfr-ized” as well: `gam1M()`, `lgamma1pM()`, and `alldivM`.

Value

An approximation to the Beta probability $P[X \leq q]$ for $X \sim B(a, b)$, (where $a = \text{shape1}$, and $b = \text{shape2}$).

Author(s)

Didonato and Morris and R Core team; separate packaging by Martin Maechler.

References

Didonato, A. and Morris, A., Jr, (1992) Algorithm 708: Significant digit computation of the incomplete beta function ratios, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* **18**, 360–373; doi:[10.1145/131766.131776](https://doi.org/10.1145/131766.131776).

See Also

[pbeta](#), **DPQmpfr**'s own [pbetaD94](#); even more pbeta() approximations in package **DPQ**, e.g., [pnbetaAS310](#), or [pbetaRv1](#).

In addition, for integer shape parameters, the potentially “fully accurate” finite sum base [pbetaI\(\)](#) in package **Rmpfr**.

Examples

```
(p. <- pbeta_ser(1/2, shape1 = 2, shape2 = 3, verbose=TRUE))
(lp <- pbeta_ser(1/2, shape1 = 2, shape2 = 3, log.p = TRUE))
  all.equal(lp, log(p.)) , tolerance=0) # 1.48e-16
stopifnot(all.equal(lp, log(p.), tolerance = 1e-13))

## Using Vectorize() in order to allow vector 'q' e.g. for curve():
str(pbetaSer <- Vectorize(pbeta_ser, "q"))
curve(pbetaSer(x, 1.5, 4.5)); abline(h=0:1, v=0:1, lty=2, col="gray")
curve(pbeta(x, 1.5, 4.5), add=TRUE, col = adjustcolor(2, 1/4), lwd=3)

## now using mpfr-numbers:
half <- 1/Rmpfr::mpfr(2, 256)
(p2 <- pbeta_ser(half, shape1 = 1, shape2 = 123))
```

pnormLU*Bounds for 1-Phi(.) – Mill's Ratio related Bounds for pnorm()***Description**

Bounds for $1 - \Phi(x)$, i.e., [pnorm](#)(x , $*$, lower.tail=FALSE), typically related to Mill's Ratio.

Usage

```
pnormL_LD10(x, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p = FALSE)
pnormU_S53 (x, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	positive (at least non-negative) numeric “ mpfr ” vector (or array).
<code>lower.tail, log.p</code>	logical, see, e.g., pnorm ().

Value

vector/array/mpfr like x .

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

References

Lutz Duembgen (2010) *Bounding Standard Gaussian Tail Probabilities*; arXiv preprint 1012.2063, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1012.2063>

See Also

[pnorm](#). The same functions “numeric-only” are in my **DPQ** package.

Examples

```

x <- seq(1/64, 10, by=1/64)
px <- cbind(
  lQ = pnorm      (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
  , Lo = pnormL_LD10(x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
  , Up = pnormU_S53 (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE))
matplot(x, px, type="l") # all on top of each other

matplot(x, (D <- px[,2:3] - px[,1]), type="l") # the differences
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))

## check they are lower and upper bounds indeed :
stopifnot(D[, "Lo"] < 0, D[, "Up"] > 0)

matplot(x[x>4], D[x>4,], type="l") # the differences
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))

#### zoom out to larger x : [1, 1000]
x <- seq(1, 1000, by=1/4)
px <- cbind(
  lQ = pnorm      (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
  , Lo = pnormL_LD10(x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
  , Up = pnormU_S53 (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE))
matplot(x, px, type="l") # all on top of each other
matplot(x, (D <- px[,2:3] - px[,1]), type="l") # the differences
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))

## check they are lower and upper bounds indeed :
table(D[, "Lo"] < 0) # no longer always true
table(D[, "Up"] > 0)
## not even when equality (where it's much better though):
table(D[, "Lo"] <= 0)
table(D[, "Up"] >= 0)

## *relative* differences:
matplot(x, (rD <- 1 - px[,2:3] / px[,1]), type="l", log = "x")
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))
## abs()
matplot(x, abs(rD), type="l", log = "xy", axes=FALSE, # NB: curves *cross*
         main = "relative differences 1 - pnormUL(x, *)/pnorm(x,*)")
legend("top", c("Low.Bnd(D10)", "Upp.Bnd(S53)'), bty="n", col=1:2, lty=1:2)
sfsmisc::eaxis(1, sub10 = 2)
sfsmisc::eaxis(2)

```

```

abline(h=(1:4)*2^-53, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/4))

#### zoom out to LARGE x : -----
x <- 2^seq(0, 30, by = 1/64)
col4 <- adjustcolor(1:4, 1/2)
options(width = 111) -> oop # (nicely printing "tables")
if(FALSE)## or even HUGE:
  x <- 2^seq(4, 513, by = 1/16)
px <- cbind(
  lQ = pnorm      (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
, a0 = dnorm(x, log=TRUE)
, a1 = dnorm(x, log=TRUE) - log(x)
, Lo = pnormL_LD10(x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
, Up = pnormU_S53 (x, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE))
doLegTit <- function(col=1:4) {
  title(main = "relative differences 1 - pnormUL(x, *)/pnorm(x,*)")
  legend("top", c("phi(x)", "phi(x)/x", "Low.Bnd(D10)", "Upp.Bnd(S53)"),
         bty="n", col=col, lty=1:4)
}
## *relative* differences are relevant:
matplot(x, (rD <- 1 - px[,-1] / px[,1]), type="l", log = "x",
        ylim = c(-1,1)/2^8, col=col4) ; doLegTit()
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))

if(x[length(x)] > 1e150) # the "HUGE" case (not default)
  print( tail(cbind(x, px), 20) )
##--> For very large x ~ 1e154, the approximations overflow *later* than pnorm() itself !!

## abs(rel.Diff) ---> can use log-log:
matplot(x, abs(rD), type="l", log = "xy", xaxt="n", yaxt="n"); doLegTit()
sfsmisc::axis(1, sub10=2)
sfsmisc::axis(2)
abline(h=(1:4)*2^-53, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/4))

## lower.tail=TRUE (w/ log.p=TRUE) works "the same" for x < 0:
require(Rmpfr)
x <- - 2^seq(0, 30, by = 1/64)
## ==
log1mexp <- Rmpfr::log1mexp # Rmpfr version >= 0.8-2 (2020-11-11 on CRAN)
px <- cbind(
  lQ = pnorm      (x, lower.tail=TRUE, log.p=TRUE)
, a0 = log1mexp(- dnorm(-x, log=TRUE))
, a1 = log1mexp(-(dnorm(-x, log=TRUE) - log(-x)))
, Lo = log1mexp(-pnormL_LD10(-x, lower.tail=TRUE, log.p=TRUE))
, Up = log1mexp(-pnormU_S53 (-x, lower.tail=TRUE, log.p=TRUE)) )
matplot(-x, (rD <- 1 - px[,-1] / px[,1]), type="l", log = "x",
        ylim = c(-1,1)/2^8, col=col4) ; doLegTit()
abline(h=0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))

## Comparison with Rmpfr::erf() / erfc() based pnorm():

```

```

## Set the exponential ranges to maximal -- to evade underflow as long as possible
.mpfr_erange_set(value = (1-2^-52) * .mpfr_erange(c("min.emin","max.emax")))
l2t <- seq(0, 32, by=1/4)
twos <- mpfr(2, 1024)^l2t
Qt <- pnorm(twos, lower.tail=FALSE)
pnU <- pnormU_S53 (twos, log.p=TRUE)
pnL <- pnormL_LD10(twos, log.p=TRUE)
logQt <- log(Qt)
M <- cbind(twos, Qt, logQt = logQt, pnU)
roundMpfr(M, 40)
dM <- asNumeric(cbind(dU = pnU - logQt, dL = logQt - pnL,
# NB: the numbers are *negative*
rdU= 1 - pnU/logQt, rdL = pnL/logQt - 1))
data.frame(l2t, dM)
## The bounds are ok (where Qt does not underflow): L < p < U :
stopifnot(pnU > pnL, pnU > logQt, (logQt > pnL)[Qt > 0])
roundMpfr(cbind(twos, pnL, pnU, D=pnU-pnL, relD=(pnU-pnL)/((pnU+pnL)/2)), 40)

## ----- R's pnorm() -- is it always inside [L, U] ?? -----
nQt <- stats::pnorm(asNumeric(twos), lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
data.frame(l2t, check.names=FALSE
, nQt
, "L <= p" = c(" ", "W")[2 -(pnL <= nQt)]
, "p <= U" = c(" ", "W")[2- (nQt <= pnU)])
## ==> pnorm() is *outside* sometimes for l2t >= 7.25; always as soon as l2t >= 9.25

## *but* the relative errors are around c_epsilon in all these cases :
plot (2^l2t, asNumeric(abs(nQt-pnL)/abs(pnU)), type="o", cex=1/4, log="xy", axes=FALSE)
sfsmisc::axis(1, sub10 = 2)
sfsmisc::axis(2)
lines(2^l2t, asNumeric(abs(nQt-pnU)/abs(pnU)), type="o", cex=1/4, col=2)
abline(h=c(1:4)*2^-53, lty=2, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/4))

options(oop)# reverting

```

Description

These functions provide the first terms of asymptotic series approximations to `pnorm()`'s (extreme) tail, from Abramowitz and Stegun's 26.2.13 (p.932), or `qnorm()` where the approximations have been derived via iterative plugin using Abramowitz and Stegun's formula.

Usage

```

pnormAsymp(x, k, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p = FALSE)
qnormAsymp(p, lp = .DT_Clog(p, lower.tail = lower.tail, log.p = log.p),
order, M_2PI =,
lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = missing(p))

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	positive (at least non-negative) numeric vector.
<code>k</code>	integer ≥ 0 indicating how many terms the approximation should use; currently $k \leq 5$.
<code>p</code>	numeric vector of probabilities, possibly transformed, depending on <code>log.p</code> . Does not need to be specified, if <code>lp</code> is instead.
<code>lp</code>	numeric (vector) of $\log(1-p)$ values; if not specified, computed from <code>p</code> , depending on <code>lower.tail</code> and <code>log.p</code> .
<code>order</code>	an integer in $\{0, 1, \dots, 5\}$, specifying the approximation order.
<code>M_2PI</code>	the number 2π in the same precision as <code>p</code> or <code>lp</code> , i.e., <code>numeric</code> or of class " <code>mpfr</code> ".
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical; if true, probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$, otherwise upper tail probabilities, $P[X > x]$.
<code>log.p</code>	logical; if TRUE (default for <code>qnormAsymp</code> !!), probabilities <code>p</code> are given as $\log(p)$ in argument <code>p</code> or $\log(1 - p)$ in <code>lp</code> .

Details

see both help pages `pnormAsymp` and `qnormAsymp` from our package **DPQ**.

Value

vector/array/mpfr like first argument `x` or `p` or `lp`, respectively.

Author(s)

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See Also

`pnorm`. The same functions “numeric-only” are in my **DPQ** package with more extensive documentation.

Examples

```
require("Rmpfr") # (in strong dependencies of this pkg {DPQmpfr})
x <- seq(1/64, 10, by=1/64)
xm <- mpfr(x, 96)
"TODO"

## More extreme tails: -----
##
## 1. pnormAsymp() -----
lx <- c((2:10)*2, 25, (3:9)*10, (1:9)*100, (1:8)*1000, (2:7)*5000)
lxm <- mpfr(lx, 256)
Px <- pnorm(lxm, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
PxA <- sapplyMpfr(setNames(0:5, paste("k =",0:5)),
                  pnormAsymp, x=lxm, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p=TRUE)
if(interactive())
```

```

roundMpfr(PxA, 40)
# rel.errors :
relE <- asNumeric(1 - PxA/Px)
options(width = 99) -> oop # (nicely printing the matrices)
cbind(lx, relE)
matplot(lx, abs(relE), type="b", cex = 1/2, log="xy", pch=as.character(0:5),
       axes=FALSE,
       main = "|relE( <pnormAsymp(lx, k=*, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE) )|")
sfsmisc::eaxis(1, sub10=2); sfsmisc::eaxis(2)
legend("bottom", paste("k =", 0:5), col=1:6, lty=1:5,
       pch = as.character(0:5), pt.cex=1/2, bty="n")
## NB: rel.Errors go down to 7e-59 ==> need precision of -log2(7e-59) ~ 193.2 bits

## 2. qnormAsymp() -----
QPx <- sapplyMpfr(setNames(0:5, paste("k =", 0:5)),
                    function(k) qnormAsymp(Px, order=k, lower.tail = FALSE, log.p=TRUE))
(relE.q <- asNumeric(QPx/lx - 1))
# note how consistent the signs are (!) <=> have upper/lower bounds

matplot(-asNumeric(Px), abs(relE.q), type="b", cex = 1/2, log="xy", pch=as.character(0:5),
        xlab = quote(-Px), axes=FALSE,
        main = "|relE( <qnormAsymp(Px, k=*, lower.tail=FALSE, log.p=TRUE) )|")
sfsmisc::eaxis(1, sub10=2); sfsmisc::eaxis(2)
legend("bottom", paste("k =", 0:5), col=1:6, lty=1:5,
       pch = as.character(0:5), pt.cex=1/2, bty="n")

options(oop) # {revert to previous state}

```

Description

Compute "accurate" `qbeta()` values from Baharev et al (2017)'s Program.

Usage

```
data("qbBaha2017")
```

Format

FIXME: Their published table only shows 6 digits, but running their (32-bit statically linked) Linux executable ‘mindiffver’ (from their github repos, see “source”) with their own ‘input.txt’ gives 12 digits accuracy, which we should be able to increase even more, see <https://github.com/baharev/mindiffver/blob/master/README.md>

A numeric matrix, 9×22 with guaranteed accuracy `qbeta(0.95, a, b)` values, for $a = 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 5, 10, 25$ and $b =$ with `str()`

```

num [1:9, 1:22] 0.902 0.95 0.966 0.975 0.98 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
..$ a: chr [1:9] "0.5" "1" "1.5" "2" ...
..$ b: chr [1:22] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...

```

Details

MM constructed this data as follows (TODO: say more..):

```

ff <- "~/R/MM/NUMERICS/dpq-functions/beta-gamma-etc/Baharev_et_al-2017_table3.txt"
qbB2017 <- t( data.matrix(read.table(ff)) )
dimnames(qkB2017) <- dimnames(qbet)
saveRDS(qkB2017, "..../qbBaha2017.rds")

```

Source

This matrix comprises all entries of Table 3, p. 776 of
 Baharev, A., Schichl, H. and Rév, E. (2017) Computing the noncentral-F distribution and the power
 of the F-test with guaranteed accuracy; *Comput. Stat.* **32**(2), 763–779. doi:[10.1007/s00180016-07013](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00180016-07013)

The paper mentions the first author's 'github' repos where source code and executables are available from: <https://github.com/baharev/mindiffver/>

Examples

```

data(qBaha2017)
str(qBaha2017)
str(ab <- lapply(dimnames(qBaha2017), as.numeric))
stopifnot(ab$a == c((1:6)/2, 5, 10, 25),
          ab$b == c(1:15, 10*c(2:5, 10, 25, 50)))
matplot(ab$b, t(qBaha2017)[,9:1], type="l", log = "x", xlab = "b",
        ylab = "qbeta(.95, a,b)",
        main = "Guaranteed accuracy 95% percentiles of Beta distribution")
legend("right", paste("a = ", format(ab$a)),
       lty=1:5, col=1:6, bty="n")

## Relative error of R's qbeta() -- given that the table only shows 6
## digits, there is *no* relevant error: R's qbeta() is accurate enough:
x.ab <- do.call(expand.grid, ab)
matplot(ab$b, 1 - t(qbeta(0.95, x.ab$a, x.ab$b) / qBaha2017),
        main = "rel.error of R's qbeta() -- w/ 6 digits, it is negligible",
        ylab = "1 - qbeta()/'true'",
        type = "l", log="x", xlab="b")
abline(h=0, col=adjustcolor("gray", 1/2))

```

stirlerrM*Stirling Formula Approximation Error***Description**

Compute the [log\(\)](#) of the error of Stirling's formula for $n!$. Used in certain accurate approximations of (negative) binomial and Poisson probabilities.

`stirlerrM()` currently simply uses the direct mathematical formula, based on [lgamma\(\)](#), adapted for use with [mpfr](#)-numbers.

Usage

```
stirlerrM(n, minPrec = 128L)
stirlerrSer(n, k)
```

Arguments

<code>n</code>	numeric or “numeric-alike” vector, typically “large” positive integer or half integer valued, here typically an “ <code>mpfr</code> ”-number vector.
<code>k</code>	integer <i>scalar</i> , now in 1:22.
<code>minPrec</code>	minimal precision (in bits) to be used when coercing number-alikes, say, biginteger (bigz) to “ <code>mpfr</code> ”.

Details

Stirling's approximation to $n!$ has been

$$n! \approx \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n},$$

where by definition the error is the difference of the left and right hand side of this formula, in log-scale,

$$\delta(n) = \log \Gamma(n+1) - n \log(n) + n - \log(2\pi n)/2.$$

See the vignette *log1pmx, bd0, stirlerr, ...* from package **DPQ**, where the series expansion of $\delta(n)$ is used with 11 terms, starting with

$$\delta(n) = \frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{360n^3} + \frac{1}{1260n^5} \pm O(n^{-7}).$$

Value

a numeric or other “numeric-alike” class vector, e.g., [mpfr](#), of the same length as `n`.

Note

In principle, the direct formula should be replaced by a few terms of the series in powers of $1/n$ for large `n`, but we assume using high enough precision for `n` should be sufficient and “easier”.

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References

Catherine Loader, see [dbinom](#);

Martin Maechler (2021) `log1pmx()`, `bd0()`, `stirlerr()` – Computing Poisson, Binomial, Gamma Probabilities in R. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=DPQ/vignettes/log1pmx-etc.pdf>

See Also

[dbinom](#); rational exact `dbinomQ()` in package [gmp](#). `stirlerr()` in package [DPQ](#) which is a pure R version R's mathlib-internal C function.

Examples

```
#### ----- Regular R double precision -----

n <- n. <- c(1:10, 15, 20, 30, 50*(1:6), 100*(4:9), 10^(3:12))
(stE <- stirlerrM(n)) # direct formula is *not* good when n is large:
require(graphics)
plot(stirlerrM(n) ~ n, log = "x", type = "b", xaxt="n") # --> *negative* for large n!
sfsmisc::eaxis(1, sub10=3) ; abline(h = 0, lty=3, col=adjustcolor(1, 1/2))
oMax <- 22 # was 8 originally
str(stirSer <- sapply(setNames(1:oMax, paste0("k=",1:oMax)),
                      function(k) stirlerrSer(n, k)))
cols <- 1:(oMax+1)
matlines(n, stirSer, col = cols, lty=1)
leg1 <- c("stirlerrM(n): [dble prec] direct f()", 
         paste0("stirlerrSer(n, k=", 1:oMax, ")"))
legend("top", leg1, pch = c(1,rep(NA,oMax)), col=cols, lty=1, bty="n")
## for larger n, current values are even *negative* ==> dbl prec *not* sufficient

## y in log-scale [same conclusion]
plot (stirlerrM(n) ~ n, log = "xy", type = "b", ylim = c(1e-13, 0.08))
matlines(n, stirSer, col = cols, lty=1)
legend("bottomleft", leg1, pch=c(1,rep(NA,oMax)), col=1:(oMax+1), lty=1, bty="n")

## the numbers:
options(digits=4, width=111)
stEmat. <- cbind(sM = setNames(stirlerrM(n),n), stirSer)
stEmat.
# note *bad* values for (n=1, k >= 8) !

## for printing n=<nice>: 8
N <- Rmpfr::asNumeric
dfm <- function(n, mm) data.frame(n=formatC(N(n)), N(mm), check.names=FALSE)
## relative differences:
dfm(n, stEmat.[,-1]/stEmat.[,1] - 1)
# => stirlerrM() {with dbl prec} deteriorates after ~ n = 200--500
```

```

#### ----- MPFR High Accuracy -----

stopifnot(require(gmp),
           require(Rmpfr))
n <- as.bigz(n.)
## now repeat everything .. from above ... FIXME shows bugs !
## fully accurate using big rational arithmetic
class(stEserQ <- sapply(setNames(1:oMax, paste0("k=", 1:oMax)),
                         function(k) stirlerrSer(n=n, k=k))) # list ..
stopifnot(sapply(stEserQ, class) == "bigq") # of exact big rationals
str(stEsQM <- lapply(stEserQ, as, Class="mpfr"))# list of oMax; each prec. 128..702
stEsQM. <- lapply(stEserQ, .bigq2mpfr, precB = 512) # constant higher precision
stEsQMm <- sapply(stEserQ, asNumeric) # a matrix -- "exact" values of Stirling series

stEM <- stirlerrM(mpfr(n, 128)) # now ok (loss of precision, but still ~ 10 digits correct)
stEM4k <- stirlerrM(mpfr(n, 4096))# assume practically "perfect"/ "true" stirlerr() values
## ==> what's the accuracy of the 128-bit 'stEM'?
N <- asNumeric # short
dfm <- function(n, mm) data.frame(n=formatC(N(n)), N(mm), check.names=FALSE)
dfm(n, stEM/stEM4k - 1)
## .....
## 29 1e+06 4.470e-25
## 30 1e+07 -7.405e-23
## 31 1e+08 -4.661e-21
## 32 1e+09 -7.693e-20
## 33 1e+10 3.452e-17 (still ok)
## 34 1e+11 -3.472e-15 << now start losing --> 128 bits *not* sufficient!
## 35 1e+12 -3.138e-13 <<<
## same conclusion via number of correct (decimal) digits:
dfm(n, log10(abs(stEM/stEM4k - 1)))

plot(N(-log10(abs(stEM/stEM4k - 1))) ~ N(n), type="o", log="x",
      xlab = quote(n), main = "#{correct digits} of 128-bit stirlerrM(n)")
ubits <- c(128, 52) # above 128-bit and double precision
abline(h = ubits* log10(2), lty=2)
text(1, ubits* log10(2), paste0(ubits,"-bit"), adj=c(0,0))

stopifnot(identical(stirlerrM(n), stEM)) # for bigz & bigq, we default to precBits = 128
all.equal(roundMpfr(stEM4k, 64),
          stirlerrSer(n., oMax)) # 0.00212 .. because of 1st few n. ==> drop these
all.equal(roundMpfr(stEM4k,64)[n. >= 3], stirlerrSer(n.[n. >= 3], oMax)) # 6.238e-8

plot(asNumeric(abs(stirlerrSer(n., oMax) - stEM4k)) ~ n.,
      log="xy", type="b", main="absolute error of stirlerrSer(n, oMax) & (n, 5)")
abline(h = 2^-52, lty=2); text(1, 2^-52, "52-bits", adj=c(1,-1)/oMax)
lines(asNumeric(abs(stirlerrSer(n., 5) - stEM4k)) ~ n., col=2)

plot(asNumeric(stirlerrM(n)) ~ n., log = "x", type = "b")
for(k in 1:oMax) lines(n, stirlerrSer(n, k), col = k+1)
legend("top", c("stirlerrM(n)", paste0("stirlerrSer(n, k=", 1:oMax, ")")))

```

```

pch=c(1,rep(NA,oMax)), col=1:(oMax+1), lty=1, bty="n")

## y in log-scale
plot(asNumeric(stirlerrM(n)) ~ n., log = "xy", type = "b", ylim = c(1e-13, 0.08))
for(k in 1:oMax) lines(n, stirlerrSer(n, k), col = k+1)
legend("topright", c("stirlerrM(n)", paste0("stirlerrSer(n, k=", 1:oMax, ")"))),
    pch=c(1,rep(NA,oMax)), col=1:(oMax+1), lty=1, bty="n")
## all "looks" perfect (so we could skip this)

## The numbers ... reused
## stopifnot(sapply(stEserQ, class) == "bigq") # of exact big rationals
## str(stEsQM <- lapply(stEserQ, as, Class="mpfr"))# list of oMax; each prec. 128..702
##     stEsQM <- lapply(stEserQ, .bigq2mpfr, precB = 512) # constant higher precision
##     stEsQMm <- sapply(stEserQ, asNumeric) # a matrix -- "exact" values of Stirling series

## stEM <- stirlerrM(mpfr(n, 128)) # now ok (loss of precision, but still ~ 10 digits correct)
## stEM4k <- stirlerrM(mpfr(n, 4096))# assume "perfect"
stEmat <- cbind(sM = stEM4k, stEsQMm)
signif(asNumeric(stEmat), 6) # prints nicely -- large n = 10^e: see ~ 1/(12 n) = 0.8333 / n
## print *relative errors* nicely :
## simple double precision version of direct formula (cancellation for n >> 1 !):
stE <- stirlerrM(n.) # --> bad for small n; catastrophically bad for n >= 10^7
## relative *errors*
dfm(n , cbind(stEsQMm, dbl=stE)/stEM4k - 1)
## only "perfect" Series (showing true mathematical approx. error; not *numerical*
relE <- N(stEsQMm / stEM4k - 1)
dfm(n, relE)
matplot(n, relE, type = "b", log="x", ylim = c(-1,1) * 1e-12)
## |rel.Err| in [log log]
matplot(n, abs(N(relE)), type = "b", log="xy")
matplot(n, pmax(abs(N(relE)), 1e-19), type = "b", log="xy", ylim = c(1e-17, 1e-12))
matplot(n, pmax(abs(N(relE)), 1e-19), type = "b", log="xy", ylim = c(4e-17, 1e-15))
abline(h = 2^{-(53:52)}, lty=3)

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