
Note on using CAS for working with book AiryAi/AiryBi terms

CAS such as Mathematica or Maple can actually handle very large numbers. It is possible to calculate individual terms of the Airy series given by the book (but no sum it). Calculating individual terms, up to 10 million terms for $x=1, 100$ and $x=10000$ is shown below as illustration. It takes few minutes to do each term

define small function to calculate one term

$$\text{bookAi}[x_Integer, n_Integer] := \frac{3^{-\frac{2}{3}} x^{3n}}{9^n \text{Factorial}[n] \text{Gamma}[n + 2/3]} - 3^{-\frac{4}{3}} \frac{x^{3n+1}}{9^n \text{Factorial}[n] \text{Gamma}[n + 4/3]};$$

This is for $x=1, N=10,000,000$

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In[3]:= bookAi[1, 10 000 000] // N
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Out[3]= 5.7642115 × 10-140 856 542
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This is for $x=100, N=10,000,000$

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In[4]:= bookAi[100, 10 000 000] // N
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Out[4]= 5.7583009 × 10-80 856 542
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This is for $x=10,000$ and $N=10,000,000$

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In[5]:= Timing[bookAi[10 000, 10 000 000] // N]
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Out[5]= {582.3829332, 5.167240 × 10-20 856 542}
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The above took 582 seconds to complete! The largest number it can handle on my PC is

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In[6]:= $MaxNumber
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Out[6]= 1.605216761933662 × 101 355 718 576 299 609
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Let compare the above to Gamma[10,000,000]

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In[8]:= Gamma[10 000 000.0]
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Out[8]= 1.2024234 × 1065 657 052
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In[9]:= Gamma[10 000 000.0] < $MaxNumber
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Out[9]= True
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We see that Gamma[10,000,000] is much less than the largest number it can handle. Here is Gamma

for 10 billion

In[10]:= **Gamma [10 000 000 000.0]**

Out[10]= $2.3258 \times 10^{95\,657\,055\,176}$

And 10 billion Factorial

In[11]:= **Factorial[10 000 000 000.0]**

Out[11]= $2.3258 \times 10^{95\,657\,055\,186}$

So CAS can handle these terms. But not the complete series summation as given in the book