

Examples of Functions expressed in terms of Hypergeometric Series

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$$F(a, b, c; x) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$F(1, 1, 1; x) = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad \text{geometric series}$$

$$xF\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}; -x^2\right) = \tan^{-1}(x) \quad \text{inverse trigonometric functions}$$

$$xF(1, 1, 2; -x) = \ln(1+x) \quad \text{logarithms}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1; k^2\right) = K(k) \quad \text{complete elliptic integrals}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} F\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1; k^2\right) = E(k)$$

$$F(-l, l+1, 1; \frac{1-x}{2}) = P_l(x) \quad \text{Legendre polynomials}$$

and in terms of Confluent Hypergeometric Series

$$M(a, c; x) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x M\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; -x^2\right) = \text{erf}(x) \quad \text{error function}$$

$$\frac{e^{-ix}}{\Gamma(p+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^p M\left(p + \frac{1}{2}, 2p + 1; 2ix\right) = J_p(x) \quad \text{Bessel functions}$$

$$(-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{n!} M\left(-n, \frac{1}{2}; x^2\right) = H_{2n}(x) \quad \text{Hermite polynomials}$$

$$(-1)^n \frac{(2n+1)!}{n!} 2x M\left(-n, \frac{3}{2}; x^2\right) = H_{2n+1}(x)$$

$$M(-n, 1; x) = L_n(x) \quad \text{Laguerre polynomials}$$