

## Mathematical Functions

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Relevant developments in the [MathematicalFunctions](#) project happened for Maple 2017, regarding both the addition of the four [Appell](#) functions, representing the first ever full implementation of these functions in computational environments, as well as the addition of a new package, [Evalf](#), for performing numerical experimentation taking advantage of sophisticated symbolic computation functionality. The [Evalf](#) package and project aims to provide a user-friendly environment to develop and work with numerical algorithms for mathematical functions.

### ▼ The Four Appell Functions

The four multi-parameter [Appell](#) functions, [AppellF1](#), [AppellF2](#), [AppellF3](#) and [AppellF4](#) are doubly hypergeometric functions that include as particular cases the 2F1 [hypergeometric](#) and some cases of the [MeijerG](#) function, and with them most of the known functions of mathematical physics. These Appell functions have been popping up with increasing frequency in applications in quantum mechanics, molecular physics, and general relativity.

As in the case of the [hypergeometric](#) function, a distinction is made between the four Appell *series*, with restricted domain of convergence, and the four Appell *functions*, that coincide with the series in their domain of convergence but also extend them analytically to the whole complex plane. The Maple implementation of the Appell functions includes a thorough set of their symbolic properties, all accessible using the [FunctionAdvisor](#), as well as *numerical algorithms to evaluate the four functions over the whole complex plane*, representing the first ever complete computational implementation of these functions.

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### ▼ Examples

The definition of the four [Appell](#) *series* and the corresponding domains of convergence can be seen through the [FunctionAdvisor](#). For example,

> *FunctionAdvisor(definition, AppellF1)*

$$\left[ F_1(a, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{k_1+k_2} (b_1)_{k_1} (b_2)_{k_2} z_1^{-k_1} z_2^{-k_2}}{(c)_{k_1+k_2} k_1! k_2!}, |z_1| < 1 \right. \\ \left. \wedge |z_2| < 1 \right] \quad (1.1.1)$$

> *FunctionAdvisor(definition, AppellF2);*

$$\left[ F_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{k_1+k_2} (b_1)_{k_1} (b_2)_{k_2} z_1^{-k_1} z_2^{-k_2}}{(c_1)_{k_1} (c_2)_{k_2} k_1! k_2!}, |z_1| < 1 \right. \\ \left. + |z_2| < 1 \right] \quad (1.1.2)$$

> *FunctionAdvisor(definition, AppellF3);*

$$\left[ F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_{k_1} (a_2)_{k_2} (b_1)_{k_1} (b_2)_{k_2} z_1^{-k_1} z_2^{-k_2}}{(c)_{k_1+k_2} k_1! k_2!}, |z_1| < 1 \wedge |z_2| < 1 \right] \quad (1.1.3)$$

> *FunctionAdvisor(definition, AppellF4);*

$$\left[ F_4(a, b, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{k_1+k_2} (b)_{k_1+k_2} z_1^{-k_1} z_2^{-k_2}}{(c_1)_{k_1} (c_2)_{k_2} k_1! k_2!}, \sqrt{|z_1|} + \sqrt{|z_2|} < 1 \right] \quad (1.1.4)$$

From these definitions, these series and the corresponding analytic extensions ([Appell](#) functions) are singular (division by zero) when the  $c$  parameters entering the [pochhammer](#) functions in the denominators of these series are non-positive integers. For an analogous reason, when the  $a$  and/or  $b$  parameters entering the [pochhammer](#) functions in the numerators of the series are non-positive integers, the series will truncate and the [Appell](#) functions will be polynomial. Consult the [FunctionAdvisor](#) for comprehensive information on the combinations of all these conditions. For example, for [AppellF1](#), the singular cases happen when any of the following conditions hold

> *FunctionAdvisor(singularities, AppellF1)*

$$\left[ F_1(a, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2), (c::\mathbb{Z}^{0,-}) \wedge a::\mathbb{Z}^{0,-} \wedge b_1::(-\mathbb{Z}^{0,-}) \wedge a < c \vee (c::\mathbb{Z}^{0,-}) \right] \quad (1.1.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \wedge a::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge b_2::(\neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)}) \wedge a < c \vee (c::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge a::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge b_1::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \\ & \wedge b_2::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge a < c \wedge b_1 + b_2 < c) \vee (c::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge a::(\neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)}) \wedge b_1::(\neg \\ & \neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)}) \vee (c::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge a::(\neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)}) \wedge b_2::(\neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)})) \vee (c::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge a::(\neg \\ & \neg \mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)}) \wedge b_1::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge b_2::\mathbb{Z}^{(0,-)} \wedge b_1 + b_2 < c) ] \end{aligned}$$

By requesting the sum form of the [Appell](#) functions, besides their double power series definition, we also see the particular form the four series take when one of the summations is performed and the result expressed in terms of  $2F_1$  hypergeometric functions. For example, for [AppellF3](#),

> *FunctionAdvisor(sum\_form, AppellF3)*

$$\left[ F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_m (a_2)_n (b_1)_m (b_2)_n z_1^m z_2^n}{(c)_{m+n} m! n!}, |z_1| < 1 \wedge |z_2| < 1 \right] \quad (1.1.6)$$

$$\left[ F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_k (b_1)_k {}_2F_1(a_2, b_2; c+k; z_2) z_1^k}{(c)_k k!}, |z_1| < 1 \right]$$

$$\left[ F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_2)_k (b_2)_k {}_2F_1(a_1, b_1; c+k; z_1) z_2^k}{(c)_k k!}, |z_2| < 1 \right]$$

So, for [AppellF3](#) (and also for [AppellF1](#), but not for [AppellF2](#) nor [AppellF4](#)) the domain of convergence of the single sum with hypergeometric coefficients is larger than the domain of convergence of the double series, because the hypergeometric coefficient in the single sum - say the one in  $z_2$  - analytically extends the series with regards to the other variable - say  $z_1$  - entering the hypergeometric coefficient.

In the literature, the [Appell](#) series are analytically extended by integral representations in terms of Eulerian double integrals. With the exception of [AppellF4](#), one of the two iterated integrals can always be computed resulting in a single integral with hypergeometric integrand. For example, for [AppellF2](#)

> *FunctionAdvisor(integral\_form, AppellF2);*

$$\left[ F_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) = \frac{\Gamma(c_1) \int_0^1 \frac{u^{b_1-1} {}_2F_1\left(a, b_2; c_2; -\frac{z_2}{u z_1 - 1}\right)}{(1-u)^{-c_1+b_1+1} (-u z_1 + 1)^a} du}{\Gamma(b_1) \Gamma(c_1 - b_1)}, z_1 \right] \quad (1.1.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \neq 1 \wedge 0 < \Re(b_1) \wedge 0 < -\Re(-c_1 + b_1) \Bigg], \Bigg[ F_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) \\
& \Gamma(c_2) \left( \int_0^1 \frac{u^{b_2-1} {}_2F_1\left(a, b_1; c_1; -\frac{z_1}{u z_2 - 1}\right)}{(1-u)^{1+b_2-c_2} (-u z_2 + 1)^a} du \right) \\
& = \frac{\Gamma(c_2)}{\Gamma(b_2) \Gamma(c_2 - b_2)}, z_2 \neq 1 \wedge 0 < \Re(b_2) \wedge 0 \\
& < -\Re(-c_2 + b_2) \Bigg], \Bigg[ F_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) \\
& = \frac{1}{\Gamma(b_1) \Gamma(b_2) \Gamma(c_1 - b_1) \Gamma(c_2 - b_2)} \left( \Gamma(c_1) \Gamma(c_2) \left( \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{u^{b_1-1} v^{b_2-1}}{(1-u)^{-c_1+b_1+1} (1-v)^{1+b_2-c_2} (-u z_1 - v z_2 + 1)^a} du dv \right) \right), 0 < \Re(b_1) \\
& \wedge 0 < \Re(b_2) \wedge 0 < -\Re(-c_1 + b_1) \wedge 0 < -\Re(-c_2 + b_2) \Bigg], \Bigg[ F_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, \\
& z_1, z_2) = \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{u^{a-1} {}_1F_1(b_1; c_1; u z_1) {}_1F_1(b_2; c_2; u z_2)}{e^u} du}{\Gamma(a)}, \Re(z_1 + z_2) < 1 \wedge 0 \\
& < \Re(a) \Bigg]
\end{aligned}$$

For the purpose of numerically evaluating the four Appell functions over the whole complex plane, instead of numerically evaluating the integral representations, it is simpler, when possible, to evaluate the function using identities. For example, with the exception of [AppellF3](#), the Appell functions admit identities analogous to Euler identities for the hypergeometric function. These Euler-type identities, as well as contiguity identities for the four Appell functions, are visible using the FunctionAdvisor with the option **identities**, or directly from the function. For [AppellF4](#), for instance, provided that none of  $a, b, a - b, c_2 - a$  is a non-positive integer,

$$\begin{aligned} > F_4(a, b, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) = (\text{AppellF4:-Transformations}_{\text{Euler}})_1(a, b, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) \\ \text{AppellF4}(a, b, c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2) \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\Gamma(c_2) \Gamma(b - a) (-z_2)^{-a} \text{AppellF4}\left(a, a - c_2 + 1, a - b + 1, c_1, \frac{1}{z_2}, \frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)}{\Gamma(c_2 - a) \Gamma(b)} \\ &+ \frac{\Gamma(c_2) \Gamma(a - b) (-z_2)^{-b} \text{AppellF4}\left(b, 1 + b - c_2, b - a + 1, c_1, \frac{1}{z_2}, \frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)}{\Gamma(c_2 - b) \Gamma(a)} \end{aligned}$$

and this identity can be used to evaluate [AppellF4](#) at  $z_1 = 1$  over the whole complex plane since, in that case, the two variables of the [Appell](#) Functions on right-hand side become equal, and that is a special case of [AppellF4](#), expressible in terms of hypergeometric 4F3 functions

$$\begin{aligned} > (1.1.8) \Big|_{z_1=1} \\ \text{AppellF4}(a, b, c_1, c_2, 1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(c_2 - a) \Gamma(b)} \left( \Gamma(c_2) \Gamma(b - a) (-z_2) \right. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &^{-a} \text{hypergeom}\left(\left[a, a - c_2 + 1, \frac{1}{2} a - \frac{1}{2} b + \frac{1}{2} c_1, \frac{1}{2} a - \frac{1}{2} b + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} c_1\right], \right. \\ &\left. [c_1, a - b + 1, a - b + c_1], \frac{4}{z_2}\right) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(c_2 - b) \Gamma(a)} \left( \Gamma(c_2) \Gamma(a \right. \\ &- b) (-z_2)^{-b} \text{hypergeom}\left(\left[b, 1 + b - c_2, \frac{1}{2} b - \frac{1}{2} a + \frac{1}{2} c_1, \frac{1}{2} b - \frac{1}{2} a \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} c_1\right], [c_1, b - a + 1, b - a + c_1], \frac{4}{z_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

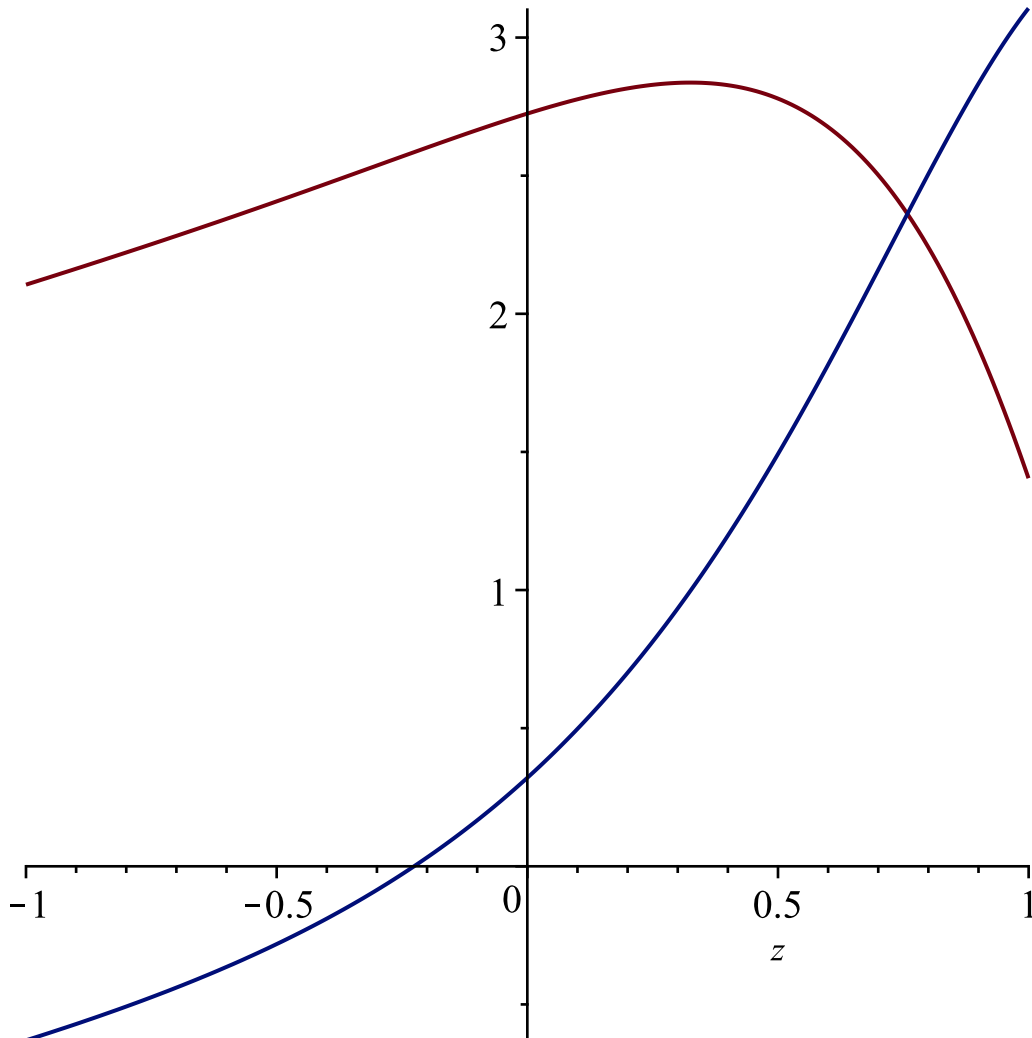
A plot of the AppellF2 function for some values of its parameters

$$> F2 := \text{AppellF2}\left(\exp(I \cdot z), \frac{1}{2} \cdot I, \frac{3}{7} - \frac{I}{4}, 4, \frac{5}{7} + 6 \cdot I, 6, z\right)$$

$$F2 := F_2\left(e^{Iz}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{7} - \frac{I}{4}, 4, \frac{5}{7} + 6I, 6, z\right)$$

(1.1.10)

> plot([Re, Im](F2), z=-1..1)



A thorough set with the main symbolic properties of any of the four [Appell](#) functions, for instance for [AppellF3](#), can be seen via

> *FunctionAdvisor*(AppellF3)

## ▼ AppellF3

► describe

▼ definition

$$F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_{-k_1} (a_2)_{-k_2} (b_1)_{-k_1} (b_2)_{-k_2} z_1^{-k_1} z_2^{-k_2}}{(c)_{-k_1 - k_2} k_1! k_2!}$$

$$|z_1| < 1 \wedge |z_2| < 1$$

► **classify function**

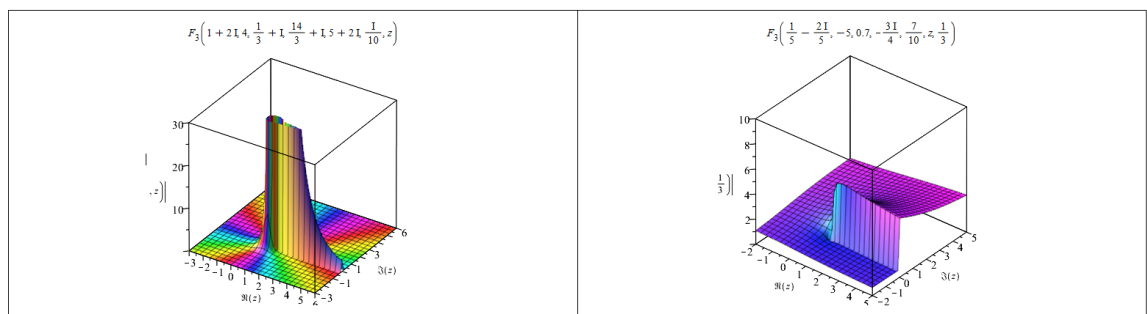
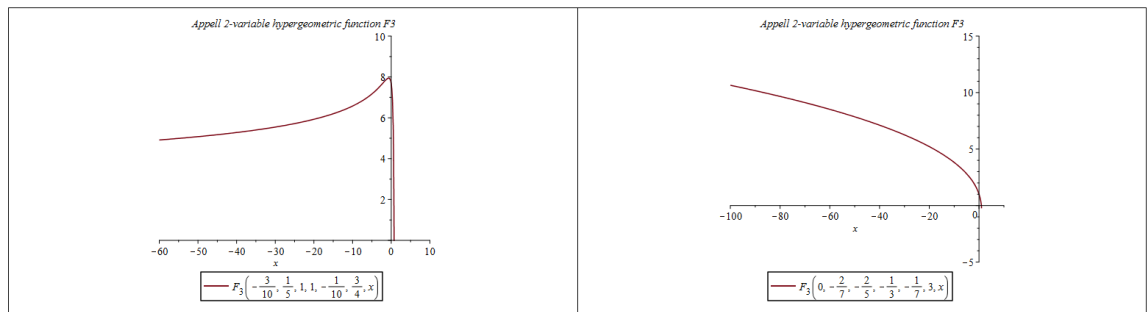
▼ **symmetries**

$$F_3(a_2, a_1, b_2, b_1, c, z_2, z_1) = F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2)$$

$$F_3(b_1, a_2, a_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2)$$

$$F_3(a_1, b_2, b_1, a_2, c, z_1, z_2) = F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2)$$

▼ **plot**



► **singularities**

► **branch points**

► **branch cuts**

► **special values**

► **identities**

► **sum form**

► **series**

► **integral form**

▼ **differentiation rule**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \frac{a_1 b_1 F_3(a_1 + 1, a_2, b_1 + 1, b_2, c + 1, z_1, z_2)}{c}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial z_1^n} F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \frac{(a_1)_n (b_1)_n F_3(n + a_1, a_2, n + b_1, b_2, n + c, z_1, z_2)}{(c)_n}$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \frac{a_2 b_2 F_3(a_1, a_2 + 1, b_1, b_2 + 1, c + 1, z_1, z_2)}{c}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial z_2^n} F_3(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c, z_1, z_2) = \frac{(a_2)_n (b_2)_n F_3(a_1, n + a_2, b_1, n + b_2, n + c, z_1, z_2)}{(c)_n}$$

► **DE**

## ▼ **The Evalf Package**

[Evalf](#) is both a command and a package of commands for the numerical evaluation of mathematical expressions and functions, numerical experimentation, and fast development of numerical algorithms, taking advantage of the advanced symbolic capabilities of the Maple computer algebra system.

As an environment for working with special functions, [Evalf](#) helps developing/implementing the typical approaches used in the literature and comparing their performances. This kind of environment is increasingly relevant nowadays, when rather complicated mathematical expressions and advanced special functions, as for instance is the case of the [Heun](#) and [Appell](#) functions, appear more and more in the modeling of problems in science.



## ▼ Examples

> *with(MathematicalFunctions, Evalf) :*  
*with(Evalf);*

*{Add, Evalb, Zoom, QuadrantNumbers, Singularities, GenerateRecurrence}* (2.1.1)

Consider the following [AppellF4](#) function

> *F4 := AppellF4(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, z)*

*F4 := F<sub>4</sub>(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, z)* (2.1.2)

This function satisfies a linear differential equation whose singularities, which depend on the function's parameters, are relevant in the context of numerically evaluating the function. To see the location of these singularities you can construct the linear ODE behind *F4* using [PDEtools:-dpolyform](#)) and use the [DEtools:-singularities](#) command, or directly use [Evalf:-Singularities](#)

> *S := Singularities(F4)*

*S := [0, 6 - 2√5, 20/3, 6 + 2√5, ∞ + ∞ I]* (2.1.3)

For the purpose of experimentation with numerical methods, it is useful to have arrays of points located in different quadrants and different regions of the complex plane. For example, in connection with the singularities of *F4*, you can get an [Array](#) of floating-point complex numbers in the four quadrants around the absolute value of these singularities using [Evalf:-QuadrantNumbers](#)

> *A := QuadrantNumbers(around=S)*

*A := [[0.09096185863 + 1.205783116 I, 1.255134238 + 0.8712098412 I, 4.939576781 + 2.417014449 I, 5.093003040 + 4.301832689 I, 5.159673340 + 8.714817536 I, 10.24799305 + 2.155056773 I, 56.48956305 + 76.36169567 I], [-0.08511545637 + 1.206209908 I, -1.081827151 + 1.078896918 I, -2.959168243 + 4.635159213 I, -2.189287060 + 6.296941052 I, -10.08592081 + 0.9189532694 I, -9.881182611 + 3.468120756 I, -74.43594928 + 59.00397237 I], [-0.2728483263 - 1.178024098 I, -0.9255276779 - 1.215634427 I, -1.758183662 - 5.210582293 I, -2.156327649 - 6.308303696 I, -0.8181035751 - 10.09460154 I, -7.982590950 - 6.778190989 I, -92.10357765 - 23.21874853 I], [1.163589128 - 0.3290096109 I, 1.506463679 - 0.2548248963 I, 3.383276874 - 4.335298746 I, 3.923925098 - 5.389550656 I, 5.180810882 - 8.702268225 I, 0.3272774255 - 10.46702063 I, 58.19478206 - 75.07027801 I]]* (2.1.4)

Check the quadrant location of the points in each of the four components of the Array A

> `map(u → map(QuadrantNumbers, u), A)`

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.5)$$

Use the [Evalf:-GenerateRecurrence](#) command to generate a recurrence with which one could numerically evaluate the following [AppellF2](#) function and use it to compute the first four coefficients of its power series expansion around the origin

> `F2 := AppellF2(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, z)`  
`F2 := F2(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, z)` (2.1.6)

> `U := GenerateRecurrence(F2)`  
`U := proc(i)` (2.1.7)

`option hfloat, cache;`

`if(i:nonnegint, 4/5 * (i^2 - 4) * thisproc(i - 1) / ((i + 4) * i) + 1/5 * (i^3 - i^2 - 10 * i - 8) * thisproc(i - 2) / (i * (i + 4) * (i + 3)), 'procname(args)')`

`end`

The procedure returned by [Evalf:-GenerateRecurrence](#) is optimized for numerical computations ([option hfloat](#)) but it can also compute with exact numbers as the arguments of `F2`

> `(%sum = sum)(U(n) · zn, n = 0..3)`  

$$\sum_{n=0}^3 U(n) z^n = {}_2F_1(1, 2; 4; 6) + \frac{{}_3F_1(2, 2; 4; 6) z}{5} + \frac{{}_2F_1(2, 3; 4; 6) z^2}{5} + \frac{{}_2F_0(2;; 6) z^3}{7}$$
 (2.1.8)

Perform a *numerical double sum*, where both summation ranges are from 0 to infinity, using the [Evalf:-Add](#) command, so perform the double sum *until the summation converges up to the value of Digits*. For example, consider the definition of the [AppellF2](#) double series

> `FunctionAdvisor(definition, F2(a, b1, b2, c1, c2, z1, z2))`  

$$\left[ F_2(a, b1, b2, c1, c2, z1, z2) = \sum_{k1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k2=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{k1+k2} (b1)_{k1} (b2)_{k2} z1^{-k1} z2^{-k2}}{(c1)_{k1} (c2)_{k2-k1!} k2!}, |z1| + |z2| < 1 \right] \quad (2.1.9)$$

Following the steps outlined in [Evalf:-Add](#), get the summand and construct a formula-procedure depending on 2 parameters *m* and *n*

> *summand* := op([1, 1], rhs((2.1.9)<sub>1</sub>))

$$\text{summand} := \frac{(a)_{-k1 + -k2} (b1)_{-k1} (b2)_{-k2} z1^{-k1} z2^{-k2}}{(c1)_{-k1} (c2)_{-k2} -k1! -k2!} \quad (2.1.10)$$

> *general\_formula* := unapply(*summand*, *\_k1*, *\_k2*)

$$\text{general\_formula} := (_k1, _k2) \rightarrow (\text{pochhammer}(a, _k1 + _k2) \text{ pochhammer}(b1, _k1) \text{ pochhammer}(b2, _k2) z1^{-k1} z2^{-k2}) / (\text{pochhammer}(c1, _k1) \text{ pochhammer}(c2, _k2) -k1! -k2!) \quad (2.1.11)$$

Use this formula to create a routine for the numerical evaluation of [AppellF2](#) valid when the condition  $|z1| + |z2| < 1$ , shown in the definition, is satisfied

> ``evalf/AF2` := (a, b1, b2, c1, c2, z1, z2) → Add(subs('[:a = a, :-b1 = b1, :-b2 = b2, :-c1 = c1, :-c2 = c2, :-z1 = z1, :-z2 = z2]', eval(general_formula))) :`

where we are calling *AF2* this representation of [AppellF2](#). Consider now for instance some numerical complex values of the parameters *a*, *b1*, *b2*, *c1*, *c2*, *z1*, *z2* satisfying  $|z1| + |z2| < 1$  and numerically evaluate this *AF2* representation at those values using the procedure ``evalf/AF2`` just constructed

$$\text{AF2}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{7}, -\frac{1}{4}, 2, \frac{3}{2} + I, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \quad (2.1.12)$$

$$\text{evalf}((2.1.12)) \quad 0.9831522491 + 0.02726587338 I \quad (2.1.13)$$

Compare with the numerical value obtained using the standard Maple [AppellF2](#) function

$$\text{subs}(AF2 = \text{AppellF2}, (2.1.12)) \quad F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{7}, -\frac{1}{4}, 2, \frac{3}{2} + I, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \quad (2.1.14)$$

$$\text{evalf}((2.1.14)) \quad 0.9831522491 + 0.02726587338 I \quad (2.1.15)$$

Consider the following confluent [HeunC](#) function

$$HC := \text{HeunC}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \quad HC := HC(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \quad (2.1.16)$$

You can normally evaluate the function using `evalf`

$$\text{evalf}(HC) \quad -0.009083056536 - 0.004476814952 I \quad (2.1.17)$$

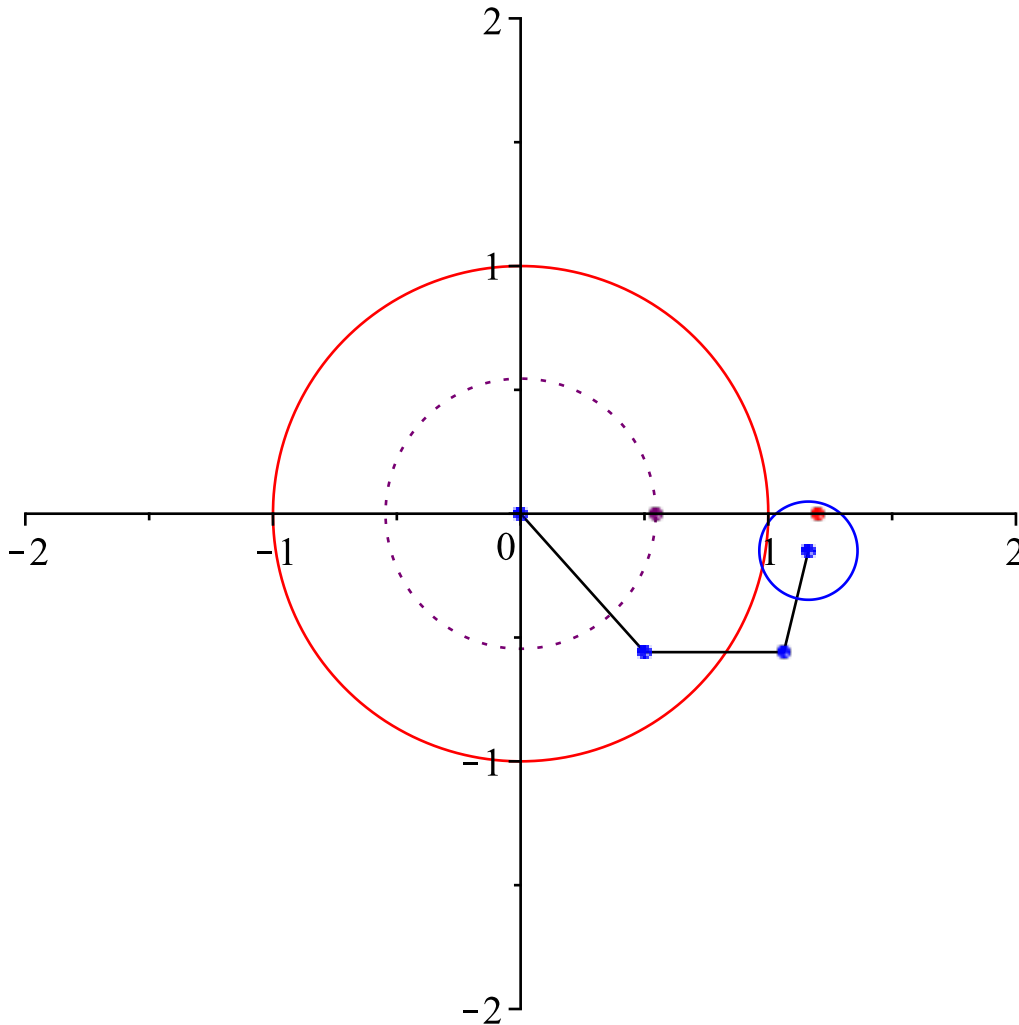
But how was this evaluation performed? Using [Evalf](#), instead of a black box approach, you have access to information describing the approach used:

> *Evalf*(*HC*)

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HeunCZ and HeunCZPrime at Z = .500000000000
-.559016994375*I using a series expansion around Z = 0
HeunCZ and HeunCZPrime at Z = 1.062500000000
-.559016994375*I using a series expansion around Z =
.500000000000-.559016994375*I
HeunCZ and HeunCZPrime at Z = 1.16204916259
-.149352378815*I using a series expansion around Z =
1.062500000000-.559016994375*I
HeunCZ at Z = 1.200000000 using a series expansion
around Z = 1.16204916259-.149352378815*I

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*CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .284 seconds*

$-0.009083056536 - 0.004476814952 I$

**(2.1.18)**

From this information we see that the **Z** approach (see [Evalf](#)) was used to first map the original problem at  $z=6$  into a problem within the ring  $1 \leq Z \leq 2$ , then a

sequence of concatenated Taylor series got used departing from the origin, working around the singularity at  $z=1$ , finally reaching  $Z=1.200000000$  and from there getting the value at  $z=6$ .

In the case of the [Heun](#) or [Appell](#) functions, the singularities behind the corresponding differential equations, and hence restricting the radius of convergence of power series expansions, can be viewed using the [Evalf:-Singularities](#) command

> *Singularities*(HC)

$$[0, 1] \quad (2.1.19)$$

[Evalf](#) can evaluate expressions in general, not just single function calls. Any optional arguments apply when [Heun](#) or [Appell](#) functions are present in the expression. Consider for instance one of the special values of [AppellF1](#), a case where the function can be represented by a 2F1 [hypergeometric](#) function

>  $F1 := \%AppellF1(4.0, 2.0, 0.3, 2.3, 1.12, 1.1)$

$$F1 := F_1(4.0, 2.0, 0.3, 2.3, 1.12, 1.1) \quad (2.1.20)$$

>  $F1 = value(convert(F1, rational))$

$$F_1(4.0, 2.0, 0.3, 2.3, 1.12, 1.1) = 10000 {}_2F_1\left(2, 4; \frac{23}{10}; -\frac{1}{5}\right) \quad (2.1.21)$$

The left-hand side is [AppellF1](#) written in [inert form](#), to avoid the automatic representation in terms of 2F1 functions, while the right-hand side involves only a [hypergeometric](#) 2F1 function in terms of rational numbers, also to avoid the automatic numerical evaluation of this function. Proceed now with the numerical evaluation of both sides of this equation

> *evalf*( (2.1.21) )

$$5325.710910 = 5325.710910 \quad (2.1.22)$$

Compute now showing the strategy used

> *Evalf*( (2.1.21) )

-> Numerical evaluation of  $AppellF1(4.0, 2.0, .3, 2.3, 1.12, 1.1)$

->  $AppellF1$ , checking singular cases

->  $AppellF1$ , trying special values

Hypergeometric: case:  $c = b1 + b2$

<- special values of  $AppellF1$  successful

*CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .1e-2 seconds*

$$5325.710910 = 5325.710910 \quad (2.1.23)$$

So during the numerical evaluation of [AppellF1](#) the special value of hypergeometric form was identified and used. Numerically evaluate this equation now without using the special values information of [AppellF1](#)

> *Evalf*( (2.1.21), *usespecialvalues*=false)

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-> Numerical evaluation of AppellF1(4.0, 2.0, .3, 2.3,
1.12, 1.1)
  -> AppellF1, checking singular cases
  -> AppellF1, trying formulas
    case AKF page 36, after (13), maps into AppellF3
with  $\text{abs}(z2/(z2-1)) < 1$ 
      case:  $\text{abs}(z1) > 1, \text{abs}(z2) > 1$  and  $1.1 \leq \text{abs}(z1) < \text{abs}(z2)$ ; swapping parameters and  $z1 \leftrightarrow z2$ 
      -> Numerical evaluation of AppellF3(-1.7, 2.0,
.3, 4.0, 2.3, 11.00000000, 1.12)
        -> AppellF3, checking singular cases
        -> AppellF3, trying special values
        -> AppellF3, trying formulas
        CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .3e-2 seconds
      case AKF page 35, (9), maps into AppellF2 with  $\text{abs}(1 - z1/z2) < 1$ 
      case:  $\text{abs}(z1) < 1, \text{abs}(z2) > 1$ ; swapping
parameters and  $z1 \leftrightarrow z2$ 
      -> Numerical evaluation of AppellF2(2.3, 4.0,
.3, 2.3, 2.3, 1.12, -.18181818e-1)
        -> AppellF2, checking singular cases
        -> AppellF2, trying special values
Hypergeometric: case:  $c1 = a, c2 = a$  and  $z1 \neq 1$  and  $z2 \neq 1$ 
      <- special values of AppellF2 successful
      CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .2e-2 seconds
      CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .15e-1 seconds
      5325.710904 = 5325.710910 (2.1.24)

```

In the information above we see that first a mapping into [AppellF3](#) was attempted, it did not succeed, then a mapping into [AppellF2](#) was attempted and that resulted in the correct value. Perform the numerical evaluation once more, this time without mapping into other functions:

```

> Evalf( (2.1.21), usespecialvalues=false, allowmapping=false)
-> Numerical evaluation of AppellF1(4.0, 2.0, .3, 2.3,
1.12, 1.1)
  -> AppellF1, checking singular cases
  -> AppellF1, trying formulas
    case  $z1 \neq 0$  and  $z1 \neq 1$  and  $\text{abs}(z1/(z1-1)) < 1$ ;
swapping parameters and recursing
      case AKF page 30, (5.5),  $\text{abs}(z1) > 1, \text{abs}(z2) > 1$ , and  $\text{abs}((z2-z1)/(z2-1)) \leq 1$ ; using identity mapping

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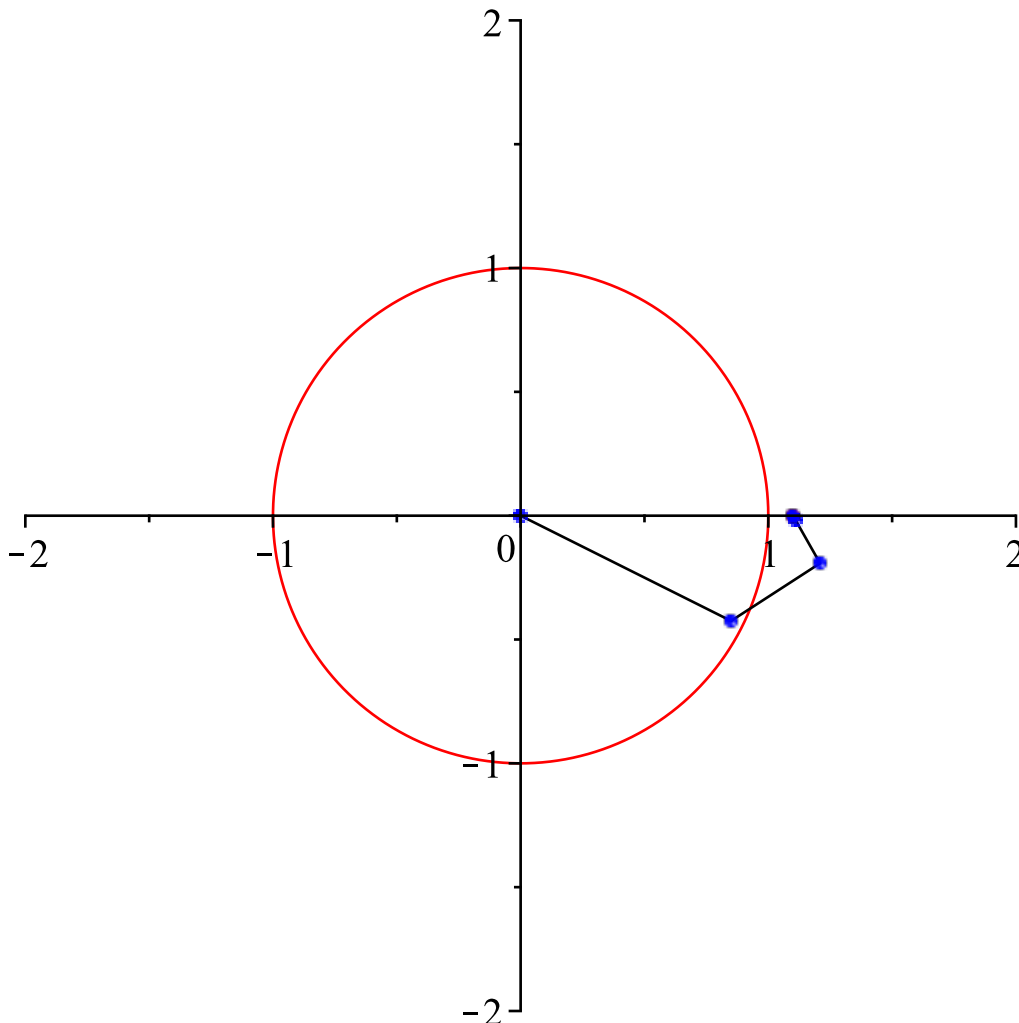
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into F*AppellF1(..., z1, (z2-z1)/(z2-1))
      -> Numerical evaluation of AppellF1(-1.7, 0.,
2.0, 2.3, 1.1, .1666666667)
      -> AppellF1, checking singular cases
      -> AppellF1, trying special values
      <- special values of AppellF1 successful
CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .3e-2 seconds
5325.710909 = 5325.710910 (2.1.25)

```

We see now that there was still another formula that could be used, it is a transformation of Euler type mapping [AppellF1](#) into an equivalent form of [AppellF1](#) that has the advantage of having as evaluation point  $\left| \frac{z1}{z1-1} \right| < 1$  so after swapping parameters the function got evaluated again as expected. The same problem using a *sequence of concatenated Taylor expansions*, avoid displaying extra information, just the time consumed and a plot showing the path used and expansion points

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> Evalf( (2.1.21), usetaylor, time, plot, quiet)
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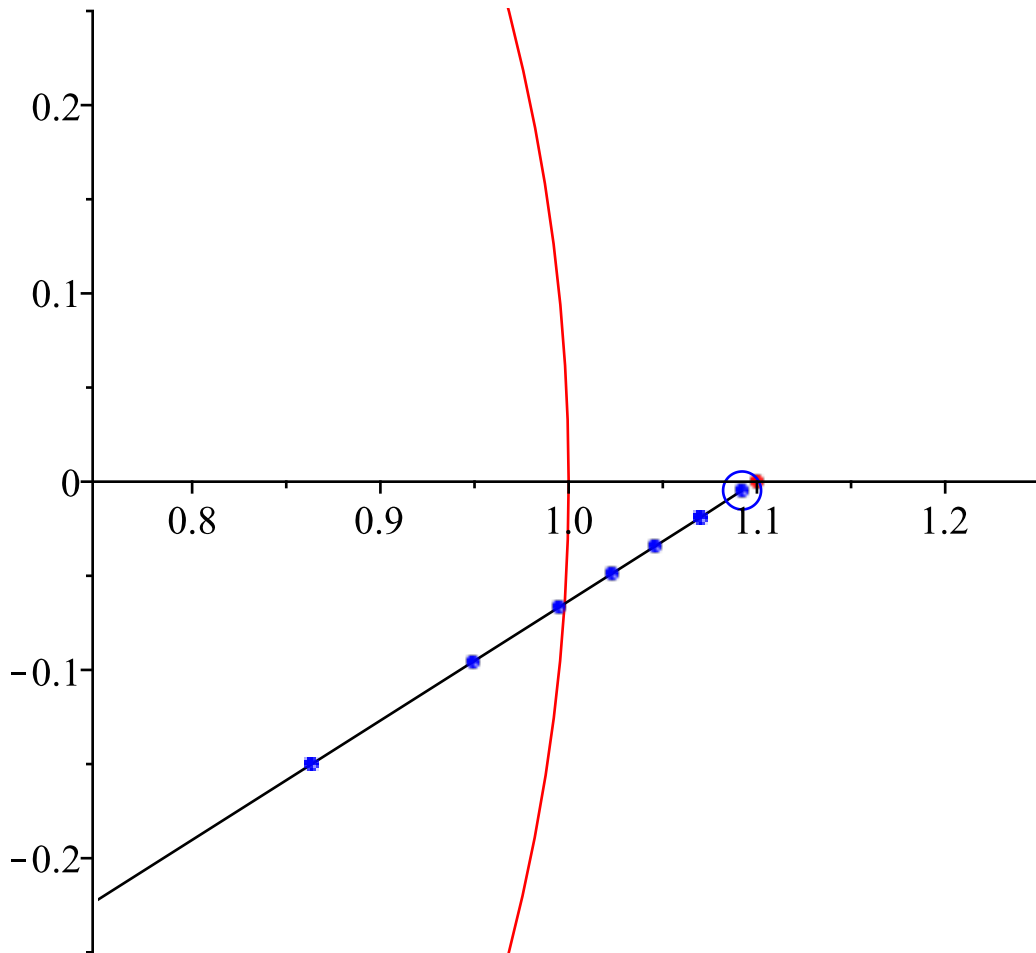
*CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .56e-1 seconds*

$$5325.710910 + 1.10^{-13} I = 5325.710910$$

(2.1.26)

In this Taylor approach, each expansion around a point is used to reach up to 95/100 of the radius of convergence before starting another expansion. Reduce that to 1/2, compute internally at Digits = 50 (but return as if computing with Digits = 10) and zoom the plot around  $z=1$  extending 1/4 to either side of the singularity located at  $z=1$

> Evalf[50]((2.1.21), usetaylor, R =  $\frac{1}{2}$ , time, plot, zoom =  $\left[1, \frac{1}{4}\right]$ , quiet)



CPU time elapsed during evaluation: .206 seconds  
 $5325.710910 + 1.410240821 \cdot 10^{-52} I = 5325.710910$

(2.1.27)