

ALGORITHM 88  
EVALUATION OF ASYMPTOTIC EXPRESSION  
FOR THE FRESNEL SINE AND COSINE INTE-  
GRALS

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**real procedure** FRESNEL (u) Result: (frcos, frsin); **value**  
(u);

**comment** This procedure evaluates the Fresnel sine and cosine  
integrals for large  $u$  by expanding the asymptotic series given  
by

$$S(u) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{(2x)^2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{(2x)^4} - \dots \right] \\ - \frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{(2x)^3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{(2x)^5} - \dots \right]$$

and

$$C(u) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{(2x)^2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{(2x)^4} - \dots \right] \\ - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{(2x)^3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{(2x)^5} - \dots \right]$$

in which  $x = \pi u^2/2$ . Reference: PEARCEY, T. *Table of the Fresnel  
Integral to Six Decimal Places*. The Syndics of the Cambridge  
University Press, Melbourne, Australia (1956).;

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begin pi := 3.14159265; arg := pi × (u ↑ 2)/2; temp := 1;
argsq := 1/(4 × (arg ↑ 2)); term := -3 × argsq;
series := 1 + term; N := 3;
first: if temp = series then go to second; temp := series;
termi := term;
term := -termi × (4 × N - 7) × (4 × N - 5) × (argsq);
if abs(term) > abs(termi) then go to second;
series := temp + term; N := N + 1; go to first;
second: series2 := ½ × arg; temp := 0; term := series2;
N := 2;
loop: if series2 = temp then go to exit; termi := term;
term := -termi × argsq × (4 × N - 5) × (4 × N - 3);
if abs(term) > abs(termi) then go to exit;
temp := series2; series2 := temp + term;
N := N + 1; go to loop;
exit: if u < 0 then half := -½ else half := ½;
frcos := half + (sin(arg) × series - cos(arg) + series2)/
(pi × u);
frsin := half - (cos(arg) × series2 + sin(arg) × series)/
(pi × u)
end FRESNEL;
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REMARK ON ALGORITHMS 88, 89 AND 90  
EVALUATION OF THE FRESNEL INTEGRALS

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While coding these algorithms in FORTRAN for the IBM 7094,  
modifications were required (both in the formulation and in the  
language) before execution with any degree of speed and accuracy  
could be obtained. In the process it was found that the reference,  
*Pearcy*, contains an error in the formula for  $C(u)$ . This error is  
contained in Algorithm 88 in the formula

$$C(u) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} [ ] - \dots$$

The first minus sign above should be a plus sign.

After the necessary modifications were made, the three algo-  
rithms were found to be too large and uneconomical for our  
usage. A single algorithm, incorporating these three procedures,  
was written and is in current usage in a computer program which  
requires several thousand evaluations of each Fresnel integral.