

HASTINGS-CODY APPROXIMATIONS OF THE INTEGRAL OF A POWER TIMES THE COMPLETE ELLIPTIC INTEGRAL OF THE FIRST KIND

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ABSTRACT. Hastings and later Cody tabulated minimax polynomial approximations for the Complete Elliptic Integral of the First Kind. The simplicity of this representation by polynomials and polynomials times a logarithm allows to integrate their terms analytically. We demonstrate how integrals of the Complete Elliptic Integral times a power of its argument achieve double precision accuracy for powers from 0 to 2 based on Cody's polynomials up to 9th order.

1. INTRODUCTION

The series representation of the complete Elliptic Integral $K(k)$ of the First Kind is the Gaussian hypergeometric function [3, p. 15][1, 17.2.6]

$$(1) \quad K(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \mid k^2 \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n} \frac{k^{2n}}{n!}.$$

For the integrated Elliptic Integral, the Byrd-Friedman book gives a power series [3, 610.00]

$$(2) \quad \int K dk = \frac{\pi k}{2} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{[(2n)!]^2 k^{2n}}{(2n+1)2^{4n}(n!)^4} \right\}, \quad 0 < k < 1,$$

obtained by swapping the order of summation and integration:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \int K(k) dk &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n (2n+1)} \frac{k^{2n+1}}{n!} = \frac{\pi}{4} k \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n (n+1/2)} \frac{k^{2n}}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} k \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n \frac{1}{2} (3/2)_n} \frac{k^{2n}}{n!} = \frac{\pi}{2} k {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, 1/2 \\ 1, 3/2 \end{matrix} \mid k^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

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In the same spirit, i -th moments of the integral are Saalschützian generalized hypergeometric series [21]:

$$\begin{aligned}
(4) \quad \int k^i K(k) dk &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n (2n+1+i)} \frac{k^{2n+1+i}}{n!} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4} k^{1+i} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(1)_n [n + (i+1)/2]} \frac{k^{2n}}{n!} = \frac{\pi}{4} k^{1+i} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n ((1+i)/2)_n}{(1)_n \frac{1+i}{2} ((3+i)/2)_n} \frac{k^{2n}}{n!} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2(1+i)} k^{1+i} {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, (1+i)/2 \\ 1, (3+i)/2 \end{matrix} \mid k^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The series is known to converge for $k^2 < 1$ [21], and provides reference values for other methods to compute these integrals.

Remark 1. *Special values for unit argument $k^2 = 1$ for $i = 0$ to 3 are [19, 7.4.4.165, 7.4.4.172]*

$$(5) \quad {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, (i+1)/2 \\ 1, (i+3)/2 \end{matrix} \mid 1 \right) = \begin{cases} 4G/\pi, & i = 0; \\ {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \mid 1 \right) = 4/\pi, & i = 1; \\ 3(2G+1)/(2\pi), & i = 2; \\ 40/(9\pi), & i = 3; \end{cases}$$

where $G \approx 0.915965594$ is Catalan's constant [10, A006752]. Bailey's contiguous relations for unit argument read [2, (4.5)]

$$\begin{aligned}
(6) \quad &(3+i)(1+i)(i-1) {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, (i-1)/2 \\ 1, (i+1)/2 \end{matrix} \mid 1 \right) \\
&+ (1+i)(2+i)^2 {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, (i+3)/2 \\ 1, (i+5)/2 \end{matrix} \right) \\
&= (3+i)(1+2i^2+2i) {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, (i+1)/2 \\ 1, (i+3)/2 \end{matrix} \mid 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

This means the ${}_3F_2$ for unit argument at $i \geq 4$ can be generated recursively from the four special values above, and in consequence the definite integrals $\int_0^1 k^i K(k) dk$ are all linear combinations of fractions and Catalan's constant.

2. HASTINGS-CODY REPRESENTATIONS

Hastings' approximation of the complete elliptic integral of the first kind is [12][1, 17.3.34]

$$(7) \quad K \approx a_0 + a_1 m_1 + \cdots + a_4 m_1^4 - [b_0 + b_1 m_1 + \cdots + b_4 m_1^4] \log m_1$$

with $m_1 = 1 - k^2$, which is a typical near-minimax approximation as Fig. 1 shows.

2.1. Moment Order zero. An immediate benefit is that each term allows closed-form integration,

$$(8) \quad \int K dk \approx \int dk \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} a_s m_1^s - \log m_1 \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s m_1^s \right].$$

s	a_s	b_s
0	1.38629436112	0.5
1	0.09666344259	0.12498593597
2	0.03590092383	0.06880248576
3	0.03742563713	0.03328355346
4	0.01451196212	0.00441787012

TABLE 1. Coefficients in Hastings' 4-th polynomial order approximation (7).

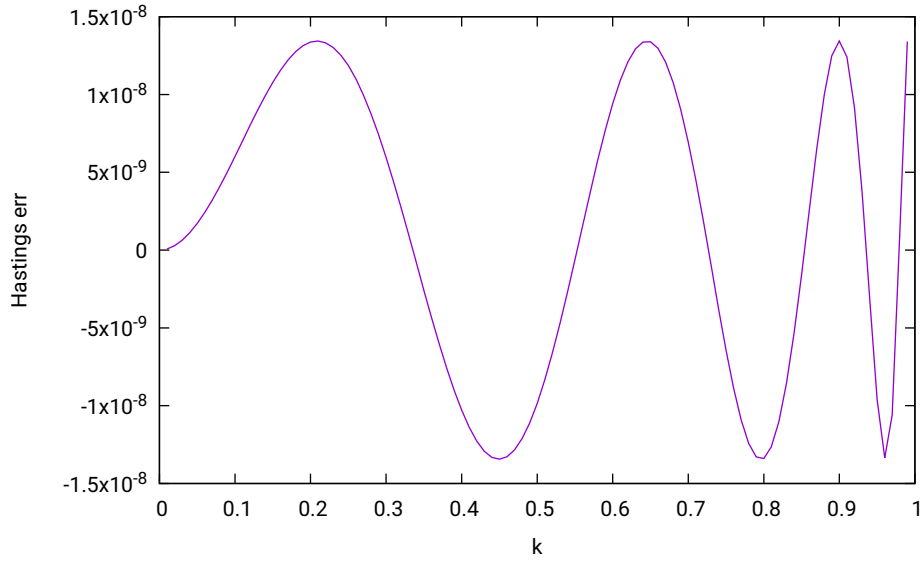


FIGURE 1. Absolute error: Hastings' approximation (7) minus $K(k)$.

For the terms with the a_s coefficients we define the elementary integrals (9)

$$\bar{k}_s^{(0)} \equiv \int dk m_1^s = \int dk (1 - k^2)^s = \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} (-1)^l \int dk k^{2l} = k \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} (-k^2)^l.$$

Remark 2. A recurrence is derived via partial integration

$$(10) \quad (1 + 2s)\bar{k}_s^{(0)} = k(3 - k^2)(1 - k^2)^{s-1} + 2(s - 1)[2\bar{k}_{s-2}^{(0)} - \bar{k}_{s-1}^{(0)}], \quad s \geq 1.$$

This is anchored at $\bar{k}_0^{(0)} = k$, $\bar{k}_1^{(0)} = k - k^3/3 = k(3 - k^2)/3$.

For the terms with the b_s coefficients the associated integrals involve an additional logarithmic factor in the integrand. By partial integration

$$\begin{aligned}
(11) \quad \bar{l}_s^{(0)} &\equiv \int dk m_1^s \log m_1 = \int dk (1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) = \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) - \int \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \left(-\frac{2k}{1-k^2}\right) dk \\
&= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) + 2 \int \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \frac{k}{1-k^2} dk = \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) + 2 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} \int \frac{k^{2l+2}}{1-k^2} dk \\
&= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) - 2 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{l'=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{l'} (-)^{l+1-l'} \int (1-k^2)^{l'-1} dk \\
&= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) - 2 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} \left[(-)^{l+1} \operatorname{arctanh} k + \sum_{l'=1}^{l+1} (-)^{l+1-l'} \binom{l+1}{l'} \int (1-k^2)^{l'-1} dk \right] \\
&= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) + 2 \operatorname{arctanh} k \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} (-)^l - \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{2}{2l+1} \sum_{l'=0}^l (-)^{l-l'} \binom{l+1}{l'+1} \bar{k}_{l'}^{(0)} \\
&= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) + \frac{2}{\binom{s+1/2}{s}} \operatorname{arctanh}(k) - \sum_{l'=0}^s \bar{k}_{l'}^{(0)} \sum_{l=l'}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{2}{2l+1} (-)^{l-l'} \binom{l+1}{l'+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

At $s = 0$ this is $\bar{l}_0^{(0)} = k \log(1-k^2) - 2k + 2 \operatorname{arctanh} k$, for example.

With polynomial orders from 4 (which is Hastings') up to 10 (tabulated by Cody [5]) the relative errors in the representation

$$(12) \quad \int dk K(k) \approx \sum_{s \geq 0} a_s \bar{k}_s^{(0)} - \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s \bar{l}_s^{(0)}$$

are illustrated in Figure 2.

2.2. Moment Order One. The Hastings-Cody approximations for the moments of first order are

$$\begin{aligned}
(13) \quad \int k K dk &\approx \int dk \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} a_s k m_1^s - \log m_1 \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s k m_1^2 \right] \\
&= \int dk \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} a_s k (1-k^2)^s - \log(1-k^2) \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s k (1-k^2)^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

These integrands are now odd functions of k :

$$(14) \quad \bar{k}_s^{(1)} \equiv \int k (1-k^2)^s dk = -\frac{1}{2} \int y^s dy = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{y^{s+1}}{s+1} + c = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-k^2)^{s+1}}{s+1} + c.$$

We select the integration constant c to have this evaluate to 0 at the lower limit $k = 0$, i.e., $\int K dk$ is interpreted as $\int_0^k K(k') dk'$:

$$(15) \quad \bar{k}_s^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-k^2)^{s+1} - 1}{s+1}.$$

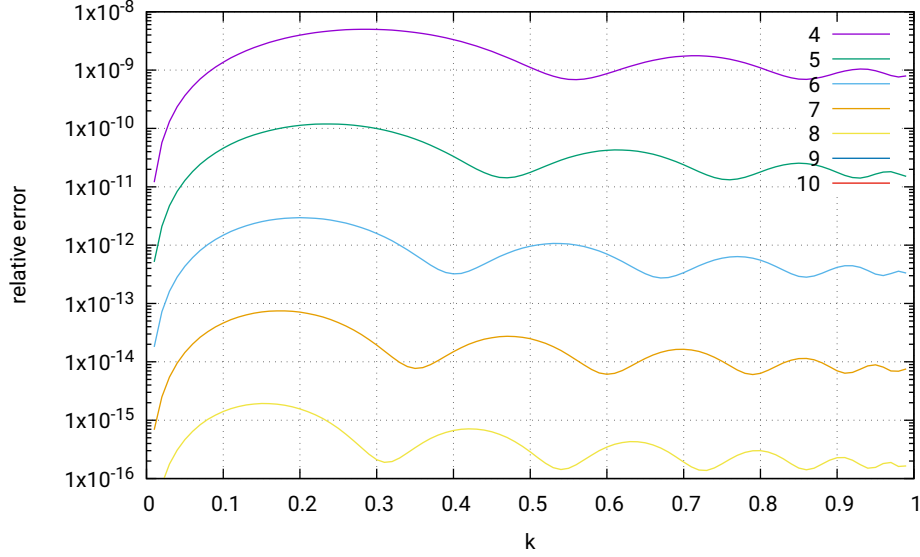


FIGURE 2. Relative error in the approximation (12) of $\int K(k)dk$ for upper limit k with Cody-Hastings polynomial orders from 4 to 10. Curves for orders 9 and 10 do not appear because the relative errors stay below the 10^{-16} limit chosen on the error scale.

The auxiliary integrals for the b_s terms are calculated with the substitution $y = 1 - k^2$ [11, 2.723.1][18, 1.6.1.18]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (16) \quad \bar{l}_s^{(1)} &\equiv \int k(1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) dk = -\frac{1}{2} \int y^s \log y dy = -\frac{1}{2} y^{s+1} \left[\frac{\log y}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right] + c \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (1-k^2)^{s+1} \left[\frac{\log(1-k^2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right] + c.
 \end{aligned}$$

The integration constant c is selected to reach a limit of zero for $k = 0$:

$$(17) \quad \bar{l}_s^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} (1-k^2)^{s+1} \left[\frac{\log(1-k^2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right] - \frac{1}{2(s+1)^2}.$$

The performance of the approximation

$$(18) \quad \int kK dk \approx \sum_{s \geq 0} a_s \bar{k}_s^{(1)} - \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s \bar{l}_s^{(1)}$$

is illustrated in Figure 3 for various polynomial orders. As for the moments of order zero, polynomial orders 9 suffice to generate results with double precision accuracy for all upper limits k .

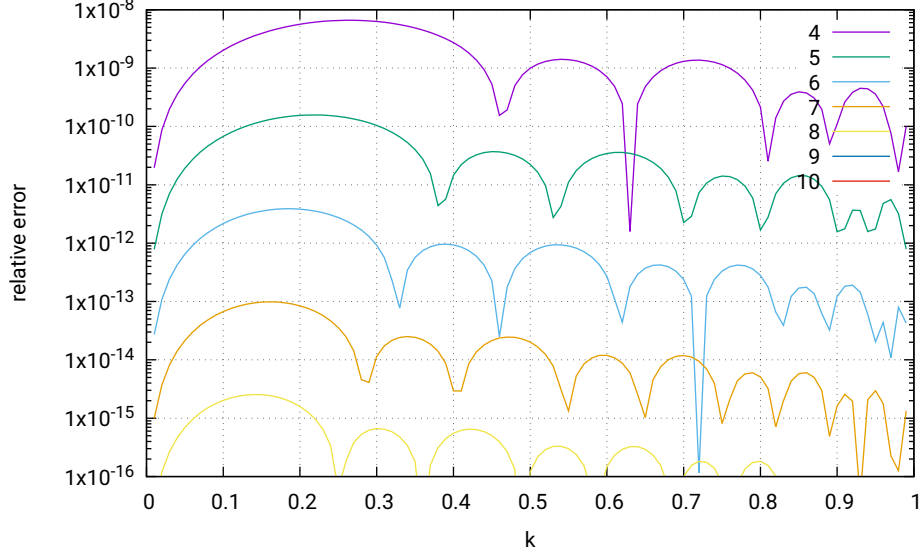


FIGURE 3. Relative error in the approximation (18) of $\int kK(k)dk$ for upper limit k with Cody-Hastings polynomial orders from 4 to 10.

2.3. Moments of Higher Order. Higher even powers of k in the integrand are recursively wound back to order zero by binomial expansion of the factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (19) \quad \bar{k}_s^{(2i)} &\equiv \int k^{2i}(1-k^2)^s dk = (-)^i \int (-k^2)^i (1-k^2)^s dk = (-)^i \int (1-k^2-1)^i (1-k^2)^s dk \\
 &= (-)^i \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{i}{l} \int (1-k^2)^l (-)^{i-l} (1-k^2)^s dk = \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \int (1-k^2)^l (1-k^2)^s dk \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \int (1-k^2)^{s+l} dk = \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \bar{k}_{s+l}^{(0)}, \quad i \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Higher odd powers of k are wound back to order one:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (20) \quad \bar{k}_s^{(2i+1)} &\equiv \int k^{2i+1}(1-k^2)^s dk = -\frac{1}{2} \int (k^2)^i y^s dy = -(-)^i \frac{1}{2} \int (-k^2)^i y^s dy \\
 &= -(-)^i \frac{1}{2} \int (1-k^2-1)^i y^s dy = -(-)^i \frac{1}{2} \int (y-1)^i y^s dy = -(-)^i \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{i}{l} \int y^l (-)^{i-l} y^s dy \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \frac{1}{l+s+1} y^{l+s+1} + c = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \frac{1}{l+s+1} (1-k^2)^{l+s+1} + c \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \frac{(1-k^2)^{l+s+1} - 1}{l+s+1} = \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \bar{k}_{l+s}^{(1)}, \quad i \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

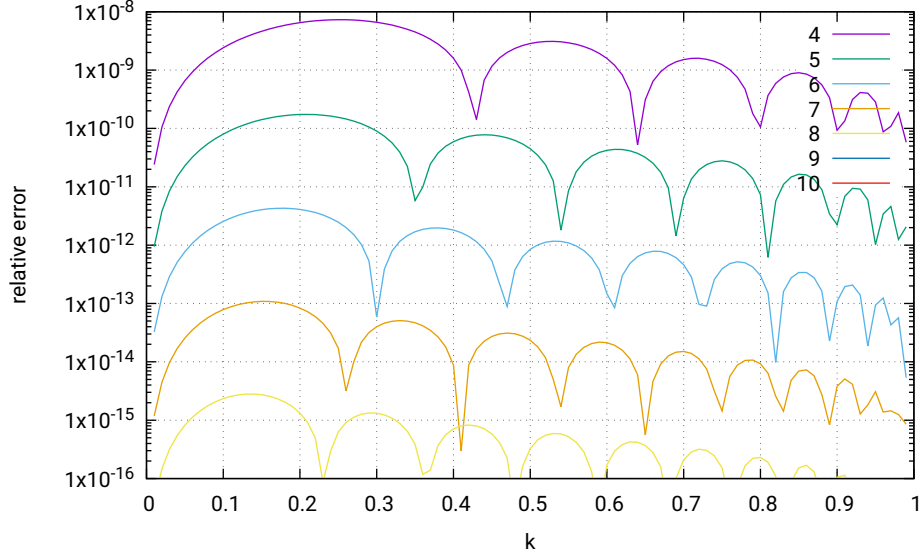


FIGURE 4. Relative error of $\int k^2 K dk$ according to (24) for $i = 2$ and polynomial orders 4 to 10.

The integrals over the terms for the b -coefficients are for even powers

$$(21) \quad \bar{l}_s^{(2i)} \equiv \int k^{2i}(1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) = (-)^i \int (1-k^2-1)^i (1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) \\ = \sum_{l=0}^i (-)^l \binom{i}{l} \bar{l}_{s+l}^{(0)}, \quad i \geq 0.$$

For odd powers $1-k^2 = y$, $dy = -2kdk$, is substituted as above:

$$(22) \quad \bar{l}_s^{(2i+1)} \equiv \int k^{2i+1}(1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) dk = -(-)^i \frac{1}{2} \int (1-k^2-1)^i (1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) dy \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{i}{l} (-)^l \int (1-k^2)^l (1-k^2)^s \log(1-k^2) dy \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{i}{l} (-)^l \int y^{l+s} \log y dy = \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{i}{l} (-)^l \bar{l}_{l+s}^{(1)}, \quad i \geq 0.$$

Remark 3. The Pascal-type recurrences are

$$(23) \quad \bar{k}_s^{(i)} = \bar{k}_{s-1}^i - \bar{k}_{s-1}^{i+2}; \quad \bar{l}_s^{(i)} = \bar{l}_{s-1}^i - \bar{l}_{s-1}^{i+2}.$$

This defines the Hastings-Cody approximation for moments of order i :

$$(24) \quad \int k^i K dk \approx \sum_{s \geq 0} a_s \bar{k}_s^{(i)} - \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s \bar{l}_s^{(i)}$$

with the performance of the second moments $i = 2$ illustrated in Figure 4.

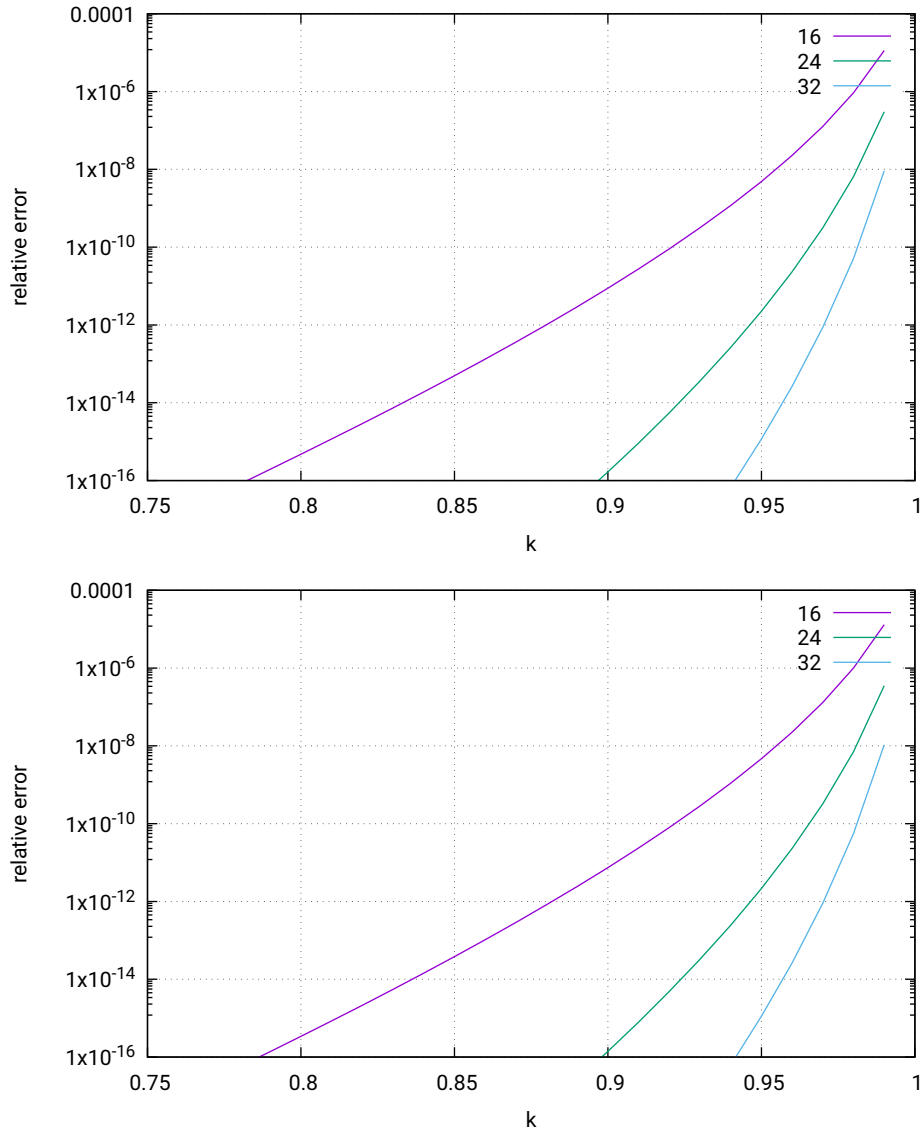


FIGURE 5. Relative errors of Gauss-Legendre quadratures with 16, 24 or 32 abscissae points for $\int k^i K(k) dk$ at $i = 1$ (top) and $i = 2$ (bottom).

3. GAUSS-LEGENDRE QUADRATURE

Examples of a Gauss-Legendre quadrature of $\int k^i K(k) dk$ for upper limits between 0.7 and 1.0 are shown in Figure 5; weights and abscissae have been copied from [16]. As expected, this approach cannot handle the curvature of $K(k)$ at large upper limits; 32 abscissae points are sufficient for double precision accuracy as long as the upper limits are smaller than ≈ 0.94 . For upper limits smaller than 0.8, 16 abscissae points are sufficient.

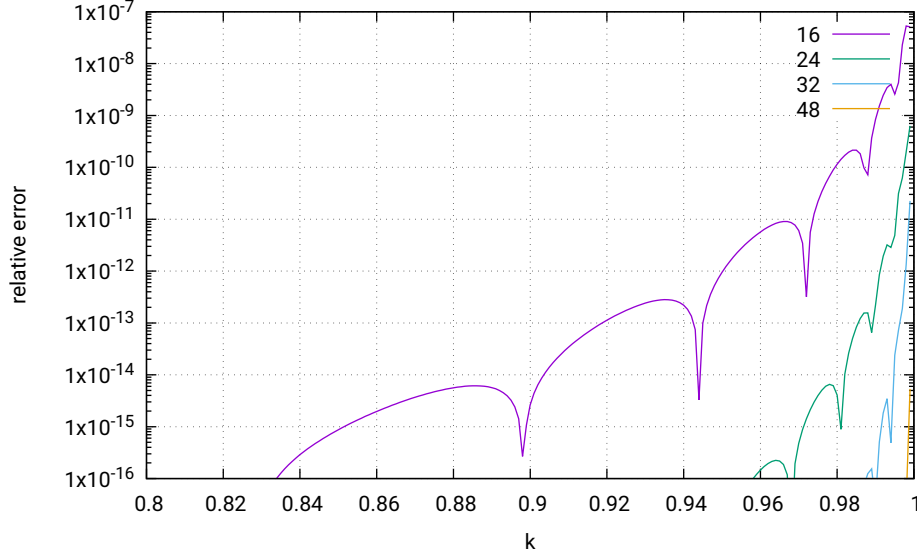


FIGURE 6. Relative errors of Gauss-Legendre quadratures for $\int K(k)dk$ with 16, 24, 32 or 48 abscissae points over the θ interval computed with (25).

4. REVERSED ORDER OF INTEGRATION

Integrals over Elliptic integrals are double integrals. Swapping the order of the integrations proposes [11, 2.261]

$$(25) \quad \int K(k)dk = \int dk \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \arcsin(k \sin \theta),$$

which is a rather smooth function of k and θ . This can be integrated with a Gauss-Legendre procedure over the (fixed) θ -interval. Figure 6 shows that this achieves double precision accuracy for $k \leq 0.98$ if 32 abscissa points are used, or for $k \leq 0.95$ if 24 points are used. The same strategy for first order moments reads

$$(26) \quad \int kK(k)dk = \int dk k \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta}}{\sin^2 \theta}.$$

Remark 4. The constant of integration over dk has again been chosen to tack the integral to zero at $k = 0$.

The second moments are [11, 2.264.3]

$$(27) \quad \begin{aligned} \int k^2 K(k)dk &= \int dk k^2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \theta} \left[-k \sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \int \frac{dk}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \right] \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \theta} \left[-k \sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\arcsin(k \sin \theta)}{\sin \theta} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

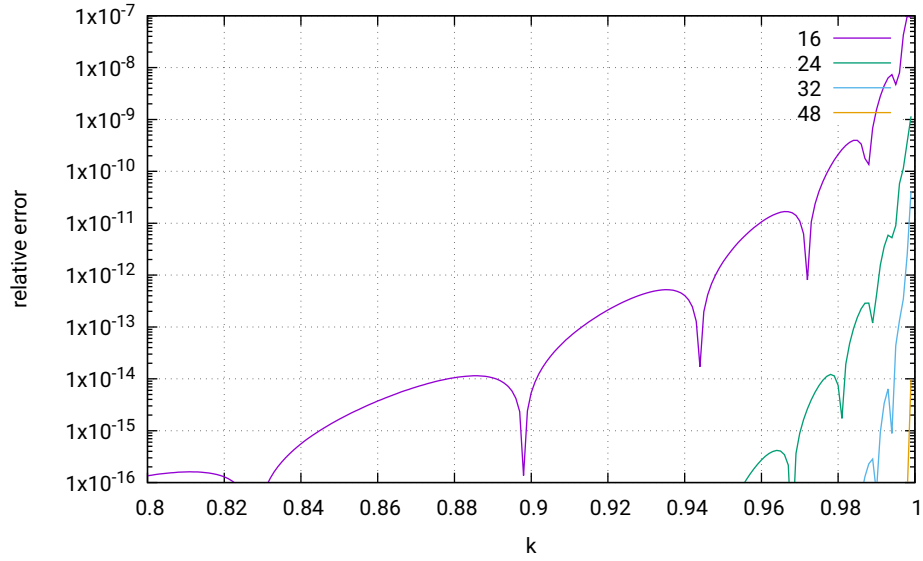


FIGURE 7. Relative errors of Gauss-Legendre quadratures for $\int kK(k)dk$ with 16, 24, 32 or 48 abscissae points over the θ interval computed with (26).

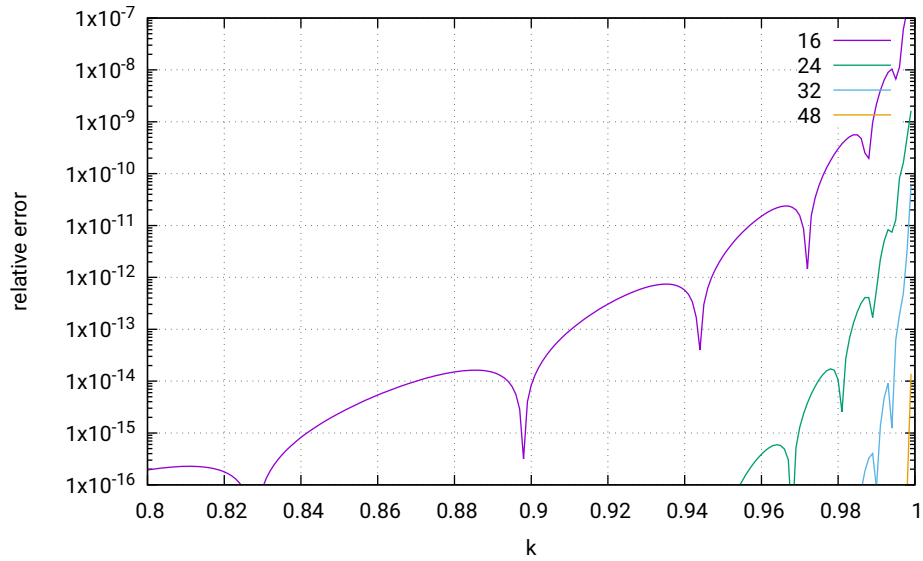


FIGURE 8. Relative errors of Gauss-Legendre quadratures for $\int k^2K(k)dk$ with 16, 24, 32 or 48 abscissae points over the θ interval computed with (27).

In summary, this methodology is an accurate and fast evaluation—compared with

Section 3 where each point requires evaluation of a $K(k)$ —if the upper limit of the k -integral is not too close to 1.

5. INTEGRAND WITH SQUARED ELLIPTIC INTEGRAL

For integrated powers of K like $\int dk K^2(k)$, a reference evaluation emerges if the square of (1) is evaluated as a power series based on the product of two Gaussian Series [4]:

$$(28) \quad {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix} \middle| px\right) {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a', b' \\ c' \end{matrix} \middle| qx\right) \\ = \sum_n \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!} {}_4F_3\left(\begin{matrix} a', b', 1-c-n, -n \\ 1-a-n, 1-b-n, c' \end{matrix} \middle| q/p\right) (px)^n.$$

$$(29) \quad K^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{n!^2} {}_4F_3\left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, -n, -n \\ 1/2-n, 1/2-n, 1 \end{matrix} \middle| 1\right) k^{2n}.$$

Interchange of integration and summation yields series representations of the moments:

$$(30) \quad \int K^2 dk = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(n!)^2 (2n+1)} {}_4F_3\left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, -n, -n \\ 1/2-n, 1/2-n, 1 \end{matrix} \middle| 1\right) k^{1+2n} \\ = \frac{\pi^2}{4} k \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} k^2 + \frac{11}{160} k^4 + \frac{17}{64} k^6 + \frac{1787}{8192} k^8 + \frac{277}{16384} k^{10} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{42631}{3407872} k^{12} + \frac{75937}{7864320} k^{14} + \frac{70223483}{9126805504} k^{16} + \frac{128223827}{20401094656} k^{18} + \dots \right].$$

$$(31) \quad \int k K^2 dk = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1/2)_n (1/2)_n}{(n!)^2 (2n+2)} {}_4F_3\left(\begin{matrix} 1/2, 1/2, -n, -n \\ 1/2-n, 1/2-n, 1 \end{matrix} \middle| 1\right) k^{2+2n} \\ = \frac{\pi^2}{4} k^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} k^2 + \frac{11}{192} k^4 + \frac{17}{512} k^6 + \frac{1787}{81920} k^8 + \frac{3047}{196608} k^{10} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{42631}{3670016} k^{12} + \frac{75937}{8388608} k^{14} + \frac{70223483}{9663676416} k^{16} + \frac{128223827}{21474836480} k^{18} + \dots \right].$$

These do not converge well, as illustrated in Figure 9, although Wynn's series transformation [23] may gain some orders of magnitude if we compare Fig. 9 with Fig. 10.

Remark 5. *The poor convergence of this reference implementation is the reason not to plot some results in this section at $k > 0.85$.*

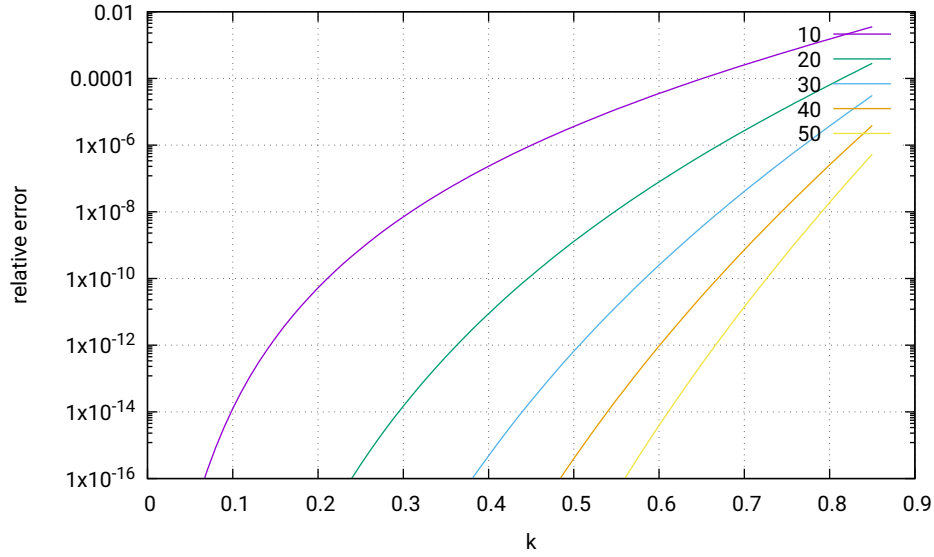


FIGURE 9. Relative errors of power series representations for $\int K(k)^2 dk$ truncated at the orders $O(k^o)$ for $o = 10, 20, \dots$, which means essentially keeping the first 5, 10, ... non-vanishing terms of the power series.

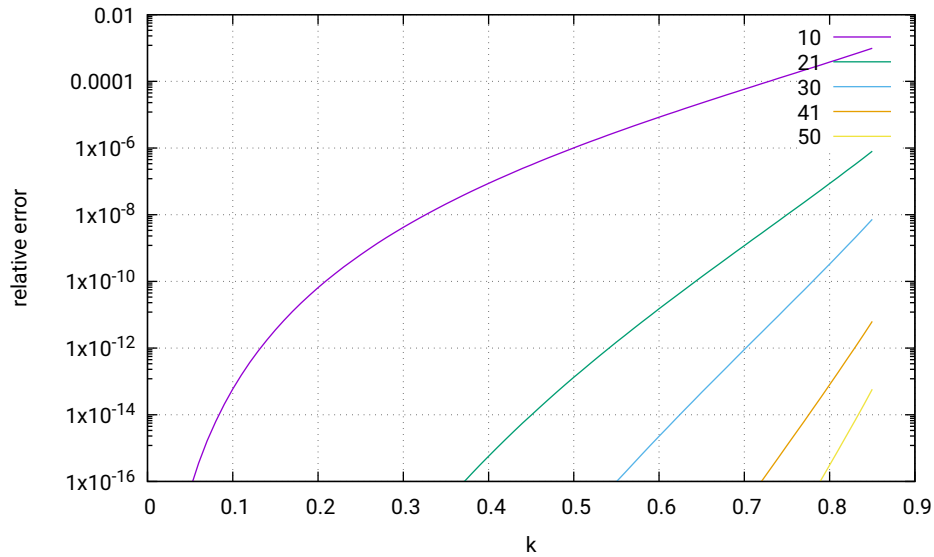


FIGURE 10. Relative errors of power series representations for $\int K(k)^2 dk$ truncated at the orders $O(k^o)$ for $o = 10, 21, \dots$, and postprocessed with Wynn's convergence acceleration. (The truncation orders are slightly adjusted because the acceleration needs two more series terms to produce one more estimator. . .)

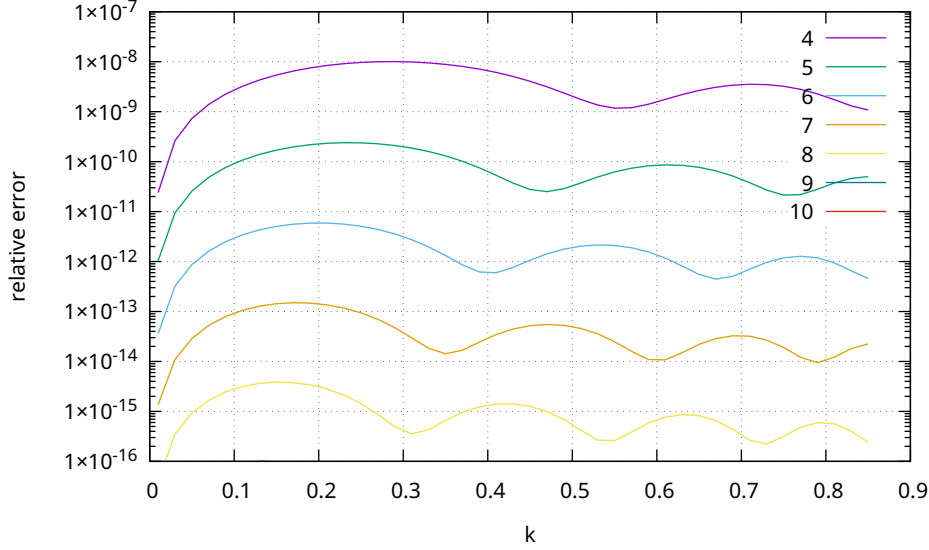


FIGURE 11. Relative errors of the Hastings-Cody representation (32) for $\int K(k)^2 dk$ for polynomial orders from 4 to 10.

The Hastings-Cody approach of the square proceeds with binomial expansion which convolves the a_s and b_s sums:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (32) \quad \int dk K^2(k) &\approx \int dk \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} a_s (1-k^2)^s - \log(1-k^2) \sum_{s \geq 0} b_s (1-k^2)^s \right]^2 \\
 &= \int dk \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} a_s (1-k^2)^s \right]^2 + \int dk \log^2(1-k^2) \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} b_s (1-k^2)^s \right]^2 \\
 &\quad - 2 \int dk \log(1-k^2) \sum_{s \geq 0} a_s (1-k^2)^s \sum_{s' \geq 0} b_{s'} (1-k^2)^{s'} \\
 &= \sum_{s \geq 0} \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \sum_{s' \geq 0} a_{s-s'} a_{s'} + \int dk \log^2(1-k^2) \left[\sum_{s \geq 0} b_s (1-k^2)^s \right]^2 - 2 \sum_{s \geq 0} \bar{l}_s^{(0)} \sum_{s' \geq 0} a_{s-s'} b_{s'} \\
 &= \sum_{s \geq 0} \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \sum_{s' \geq 0} a_{s-s'} a_{s'} + \sum_{s \geq 0} \bar{L}_s \sum_{s' \geq 0} b_{s-s'} b_{s'} - 2 \sum_{s \geq 0} \bar{l}_s^{(0)} \sum_{s' \geq 0} a_{s-s'} b_{s'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the middle term integrals with a squared logarithm are required,

$$(33) \quad \bar{L}_s \equiv \int dk \log^2(1-k^2) (1-k^2)^s,$$

which are detailed in App. B. a_s, b_s with negative indices or indices larger than the polynomial order are interpreted as zero. Figure 11 demonstrates that polynomial orders 9 achieve double precision accuracy for $\int dk K^2(k)$.

6. SUMMARY

The approximation (24) is the Hastings-Cody equivalent for i th- moments of the Complete Elliptic Integral of the First Kind, where the auxiliary integrals $\bar{k}_s^{(i)}$ and $\bar{l}_s^{(i)}$ might be recursively generated from (9), (11), (15) and (17).

APPENDIX A. AUXILIARY INTEGRAL DENOMINATOR m_1

In preparation of the last section in this manuscript, partial fraction decomposition and [11, 2.727.2,2.728.2] yield for the negative index in (11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (34) \quad \bar{l}_{-1}^{(0)} &= \int \frac{\log(1-k^2)}{1-k^2} dk = \frac{1}{2} \int \left[\frac{\log(1+k)}{1+k} + \frac{\log(1-k)}{1+k} + \frac{\log(1+k)}{1-k} + \frac{\log(1-k)}{1-k} \right] dk \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \log^2(1+k) + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\log(1-k)}{1+k} dk + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\log(1+k)}{1-k} - \frac{1}{4} \log^2(1-k) \\
 &= [\log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1-k^2)] \operatorname{arctanh} k + \frac{1}{4}(1-k)\Phi\left(\frac{1-k}{2}, 2, 1\right) - \frac{1}{4}(1+k)\Phi\left(\frac{1+k}{2}, 2, 1\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where Φ is the Lerch function [11, 9.550][7, §1.11]

$$(35) \quad \Phi(z, s, v) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{z^n}{(v+n)^s}.$$

APPENDIX B. AUXILIARY INTEGRAL WITH SQUARED LOGARITHM

By partial integration of (33)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (36) \quad \bar{L}_s &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) - 2 \int dk \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) \frac{-2k}{1-k^2} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) + 4 \int dk \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log(1-k^2) \frac{k}{1-k^2} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) - 4 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} \int dk \log(1-k^2) \frac{(-k^2)^{l+1}}{1-k^2} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) - 4 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{1}{2l+1} \int dk \log(1-k^2) \frac{(1-k^2-1)^{l+1}}{1-k^2} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) - 4 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} \sum_{l'=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{l'} (-)^{1-l'} \int dk \log(1-k^2) \frac{(1-k^2)^{l'}}{1-k^2} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) - 4 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} \left[(-)^ \int dk \log(1-k^2) \frac{1}{1-k^2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{l'=1}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{l'} (-)^{1-l'} \int dk \log(1-k^2) \frac{(1-k^2)^{l'}}{1-k^2} \right] \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) + 4 \bar{l}_{-1}^{(0)} \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} - 4 \sum_{l=0}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} \sum_{l'=0}^l \binom{l+1}{l'+1} (-)^{l'} \int dk \log(1-k^2) (1-k^2)^{l'} \\
 &= \bar{k}_s^{(0)} \log^2(1-k^2) + 4 \bar{l}_{-1}^{(0)} \frac{1}{\binom{s+1/2}{s}} - 4 \sum_{l'=0}^s (-)^{l'} \bar{l}_{l'}^{(0)} \sum_{l=l'}^s \binom{s}{l} \frac{(-)^l}{2l+1} \binom{l+1}{l'+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The $\bar{k}_s^{(0)}$ are computed from (9), the $\bar{l}_s^{(0)}$ from (11), and $\bar{l}_{-1}^{(0)}$ from App. A.

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