

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS IN RADIATIVE TRANSFER AND THEIR PROPERTIES : $Bis_n(x, \theta)$

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$Bis_n(x, \theta)$ FUNCTIONS

Integral form of $Bis_n(x, \theta)$ function is [1]

$$Bis_n(x, \theta) = \int_{\alpha=0}^{\theta} Ki_n(x \sec \alpha) \cos^{n-2} \alpha d\alpha \quad (1)$$

where Ki_n is the Bickley-Naylor function of the n th order. This function appears in radiative integral transfer equations of rectangular geometry and they satisfy following differentiation and integration rules

$$\frac{dBis_{n+1}}{dx} = -Bis_n(x) \quad \text{and} \quad Bis_{n+1}(x) = \int_x^{\infty} Bis_n(x') dx' \quad (2)$$

For $-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$, the series expansions for $Bis_1(x, \theta)$, $Bis_2(x, \theta)$ and $Bis_3(x, \theta)$ are obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} Bis_1(x, \theta) = & x\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) + x \tan \theta \left[\gamma - 2 + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] \\ & + x \tan \theta \left[\gamma + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta)}{(k!)^2 (2k+1)^2} \\ & + \left(\frac{x \tan \theta}{2} \right) \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta)}{k!(k+1)!(2k+1)} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sec \theta)^{2k} + 4k^2 C_{k-1}(\tan \theta)}{k(k!)^2 (2k+1)^2} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^{2k} \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{4k^2 + 2k - 1 + 2k(2k+1)(k+1)\Phi(k+1)}{kk!(k+1)!(2k+1)^2} \right] \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
Bis_2(x, \theta) = & \theta \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) - x \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) - \frac{x^2 \tan \theta}{2} \left\{ \left[\gamma - \frac{5}{2} + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] + \right. \\
& + \left. \left[\gamma + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta)}{k!(k+1)!(2k+1)} \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{4k^2 + 2k - 1 + 2k(2k+1)(k+1)\Phi(k+1)}{k(k+1)!(2k+1)^2} \right] \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta) \\
& \left. - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sec \theta)^{2k} + 4k^2 C_{k-1}(\tan \theta)}{kk!(k+1)!(2k+1)^2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
Bis_3(x, \theta) = & \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \theta - \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right) \theta + \frac{\pi x^2}{4} \ln(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) + \frac{x^3 \tan \theta}{6} \left[\gamma - \frac{17}{6} + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] \\
& + \frac{x^3 \tan \theta}{2} \left\{ \left[\gamma + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2} \sec \theta\right) \right] \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta)}{k!(k+1)!(2k+1)(2k+3)} \right. \\
& - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{4k^2 + 2k - 1 + 2k(2k+1)(k+1)\Phi(k+1)}{k(k+1)!^2 (2k+1)^2 (2k+3)} \right] \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta) \\
& - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k} A_k(\tan \theta)}{k!(k+1)!(2k+1)(2k+3)^2} \\
& \left. - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sec \theta)^{2k} + 4k^2 C_{k-1}(\tan \theta)}{kk!(k+1)!(2k+1)^2 (2k+3)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where

$$\Phi(k+1) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \tag{6}$$

and γ is the Euler constant. A_n and C_n 's in satisfy the following recurrence relations:

$$A_n(x) = \frac{1}{(2n+1)} \left[(1+x^2)^n + 2nA_{n-1}(x) \right], \quad n \geq 1 \tag{7}$$

$$C_n(x) = \frac{1}{2n(2n+1)} \left[(1+x^2)^n - A_n(x) + 4n^2 C_{n-1}(x) \right], \quad n \geq 1 \tag{8}$$

The first few orders of the polynomial A_n are

$$A_0(x) = 1, \quad A_1(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 3), \quad A_2(x) = \frac{1}{15}(3x^4 + 10x^2 + 15), \dots \tag{9}$$

and those of C_n are

$$\begin{aligned}
C_0(x) &= 1 - \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}, & C_1(x) &= \frac{1}{9}(x^2 + 6) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}, \\
C_2(x) &= \frac{1}{225}(9x^4 + 35x^2 + 120) - \frac{8}{15} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}, \dots
\end{aligned}
\tag{10}$$

As a special case, for $\theta = \pi/2$, Bis_n functions yield in terms of exponential integral functions as

$$Bis_n\left(x, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} E_n(x)
\tag{11}$$

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