

12. EVALUATION OF THE LAGUERRE POLYNOMIAL $L_n(X)$
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comment This procedure computes the Laguerre polynomial
 $L_n(X) = e^X \times (d^n/dX^n(X^n \times e^{-X}))$ for any
given real argument, X, and any order, n, by
the recursion formula below;

real procedure La(n, X) ;
integer n ; **real** X ;
begin real a, b, c ; **integer** i ;
a := 1 ; b := 1 - X ;
if n = 0 **then** c := a **else if** n = 1 **then**
c := b **else for** i = 1 **step** 1 **until** n-1 **do**
begin c := (1 + 2 × i - X) × b - (i ↑ 2) × a ;
a := b ; b := c
end
La := c
end