

Integral Representation (Arfken chapter 11, P. 679)

Bessel's differential equation:

$$x^2 y''(x) + xy'(x) + \{x^2 - n^2\} y = 0$$

has the power series solution in the form:

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2j} = J_n(x)$$

The generating function for $J_n(x)$

The function $g(x, t) = e^{(t-t^{-1})\frac{x}{2}}$ is called the generating function for J_n and the following shows the fact that:

$$g(x, t) = e^{(t-t^{-1})\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) t^n$$

Since

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(t-t^{-1})\frac{x}{2}} &= e^{t\frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{2t}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \left(\frac{xt}{2}\right)^i \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \left(-\frac{x}{2t}\right)^j \\ &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{i! j! 2^{i+j}} x^{i+j} t^{i-j} \end{aligned}$$

Let $i - j = n$, $\Rightarrow n \in \{-\infty, \infty\}$, then:

$$e^{(t-t^{-1})\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!(n+j)! 2^{2j+n}} (x)^{2j+n} \right) t^n = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) t^n$$

Comment: If now $n < 0$, we still have the coefficient of t^n for a fixed value of j given by:

$$\frac{(-1)^j}{j!(j-n)! 2^{2j-n}} (x)^{2j-n}$$

But, now the requirement that $j \geq 0$ with $j = i - n$ is satisfied for all values of i . Hence the total coefficient of t^n is just:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{j-n}}{j!(j-n)! 2^{2j-n}} (x)^{2j-n} &= (-1)^{-n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^p}{p!(p+n)! 2^{2p+n}} (x)^{2p+n}, & p = j - n \\ &= (-1)^{-n} J_n(x) = J_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

H. W. Prove the following Recurrence relations for $J_n(x)$

$$1- \frac{d}{dx} \{x^n J_n(x)\} = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$$

$$2- \frac{d}{dx} \{x^{-n} J_n(x)\} = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$$

Three terms Recurrence relations

- 3- $xJ_n'(x) = nJ_n(x) - xJ_{n+1}(x)$
- 4- $xJ_n'(x) = xJ_{n-1}(x) - nJ_n(x)$
- 5- $2J_n'(x) = J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)$
- 6- $2nJ_n(x) = x \{J_{n+1}(x) + J_{n-1}(x)\}$

Proof:

- 1- Start with the definition $J_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2j}$, multiply both sides with x^n and rearrange, one gets:

$$x^n J_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^n}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+2j}$$

Differentiate the last equation w.r.t. x ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (x^n J_n(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^n}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+2j} \right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^n}{j!(n+j)!} \left[(\cancel{j} + \cancel{n}) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+2j-1} \frac{1}{\cancel{j}} \right] \\ &= x^n \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^n (n+j)}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2j-1} = x^n \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^n}{j!(n+j-1)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2j-1} \\ &= x^n J_{n-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

- 2- Same like 1

- 3- From (2) $\underbrace{\frac{d}{dx} \{x^{-n} J_n(x)\}}_{-nx^{-n-1} J_n(x) + x^{-n} J_n'(x)} = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$, multiply both sides with x^{n+1} and rearrange, we get

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- 4- From (1) $\underbrace{\frac{d}{dx} \{x^n J_n(x)\}}_{nx^{n-1} J_n(x) + x^n J_n'(x)} = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$, multiply both sides with x^{-n+1} and rearrange, we get

$$xJ_n'(x) = xJ_{n-1}(x) - nJ_n(x)$$

- 5- Adding 3 and 4, we have the result.

- 6- Subtracting 3 and 4, we reach the result.

Comments:

$$J_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!(n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2j}, \quad J_{-n}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!(-n+j)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-n+2j}$$

- 1- The series converge for all finite x .
- 2- If n is not an integer, the solutions are linearly independent.
- 3- If n is an integer, they are linearly dependent, and in particular $J_{-m}(x) = (-1)^m J_m(x)$
- 4- Because of the linearly dependence of $J_{-m}(x)$ on $J_m(x)$, we introduce a second linearly independent function

$$N_\nu(x) = \frac{J_\nu(x)\cos(\nu\pi) - J_{-\nu}(x)}{\sin(\nu\pi)},$$

known as Neumann Function or the Bessel Function of the second kind. Conventionally, we choose as our linearly independent function $J_\nu(x)$ and $N_\nu(x)$ even if ν is not an integer.

Integral representations of Bessel functions

A particularly useful and powerful way of treating Bessel functions employs integral representations.

If we return to the generating function $g(x,t) = e^{\frac{(t-t^{-1})x}{2}}$, and expand it, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\frac{(t-t^{-1})x}{2}} &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) t^n \\ &= J_0(x) + t^1 J_1(x) + t^2 J_2(x) + \cdots + t^{-1} \underbrace{J_{-1}(x)}_{(-)^1 J_1(x)} + t^{-2} \underbrace{J_{-2}(x)}_{(-)^2 J_2(x)} + \cdots \\ &= J_0(x) + \left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) J_1(x) + \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) J_2(x) + \left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t^3}\right) J_3(x) + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $t = e^{i\theta}$, we get:

$$t^n = e^{in\theta} = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta), \quad t^{-n} = e^{-in\theta} = \cos(n\theta) - i \sin(n\theta),$$

Adding and subtracting the above equations, we have:

$$\left(t^n + \frac{1}{t^n}\right) = 2 \cos(n\theta), \quad \left(t^n - \frac{1}{t^n}\right) = 2i \sin(n\theta),$$

Then

$$e^{\frac{(t-t^{-1})x}{2}} = e^{ix \sin(\theta)} = \cos[x \sin(\theta)] + i \sin[x \sin(\theta)] \quad (\text{I})$$

and

$$e^{\frac{(t-t^{-1})x}{2}} = J_0(x) + \underbrace{\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) J_1(x)}_{2i \sin(\theta)} + \underbrace{\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) J_2(x)}_{2 \cos(2\theta)} + \underbrace{\left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t^3}\right) J_3(x)}_{2i \sin(3\theta)} + \cdots \quad (\text{II})$$

Equate the real and imaginary parts in (I) and (II), one finds:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos[x \sin(\theta)] &= J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_{2n}(x) \cos(2n\theta), \\ \sin[x \sin(\theta)] &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_{2n-1}(x) \sin[(2n-1)\theta] \end{aligned}$$

These are Jacobi's series.

H.W. Show that:

$$\cos(x) = J_0(x) - 2J_2(x) + 2J_4(x) - \cdots,$$

$$\sin(x) = 2J_1(x) - 2J_3(x) + 2J_5(x) - \cdots$$

Standard formulae

in which n and m are **positive** integers (zero is excluded),⁵ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin \theta) \cos n\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} J_n(x), & n \text{ even}, \\ 0, & n \text{ odd}, \end{cases} \quad (11.27)$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin(x \sin \theta) \sin n\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ even}, \\ J_n(x), & n \text{ odd}. \end{cases} \quad (11.28)$$

If these two equations are added together,

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi [\cos(x \sin \theta) \cos n\theta + \sin(x \sin \theta) \sin n\theta] d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta - x \sin \theta) d\theta, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (11.29)$$

As a special case, Equation (11.29) gives:

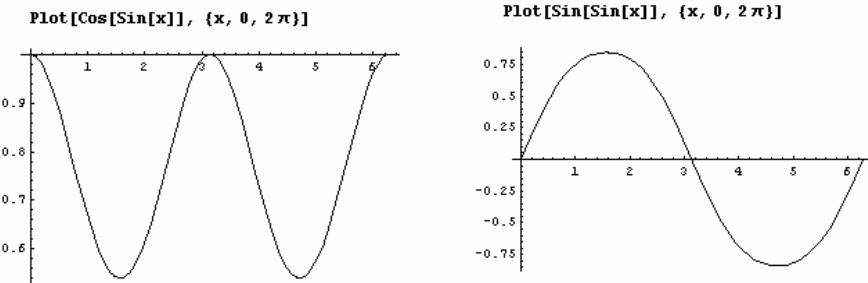
$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta. \quad (11.30)$$

Noting that $\cos(x \sin \theta)$ repeats itself in all four quadrants, we may write Eq. (11.30) as

$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta. \quad (11.30a)$$

On the other hand, $\sin(x \sin \theta)$ reverses its sign in the third and fourth quadrants, so

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(x \sin \theta) d\theta = 0. \quad (11.30b)$$



Adding Eq. (11.30a) and i times Eq. (11.30b), we obtain the complex exponential representation

$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ix \sin \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ix \cos \theta} d\theta. \quad (11.30c)$$

Example: Evaluate the indefinite integral $I = \int x (\ln x) J_o(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int x (\ln x) J_o(x) dx = \int (\ln x) \underbrace{\left[x J_o(x) \right]}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x J_1(x)} dx = \int (\ln x) d [x J_1(x)] \\ &= x (\ln x) J_1(x) - \int x \underbrace{J_1(x)}_{-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} J_0(x)} dx = x (\ln x) J_1(x) + J_0(x) \end{aligned}$$

Example 1. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(bx) dx, \quad a > 0, \quad b > 0.$$

Replacing $J_0(bx)$ by its integral representation (5.10.8), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(bx) dx &= \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} dx \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(bx \sin \varphi) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\varphi \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} \cos(bx \sin \varphi) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{a d\varphi}{a^2 + b^2 \sin^2 \varphi}, \end{aligned}$$

where the absolute convergence of the double integral justifies reversing the order of integration. Evaluating the last integral, we have

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(bx) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \quad a > 0, \quad b > 0. \quad (5.15.1)$$

Example . Evaluate Weber's integral

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-a^2 x^2} J_v(bx) x^{v+1} dx, \quad a > 0, \quad b > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re} v > -1.$$

Replacing $J_v(bx)$ by its series expansion and integrating term by term, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-a^2 x^2} J_v(bx) x^{v+1} dx &= \int_0^\infty e^{-a^2 x^2} x^{v+1} dx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (bx/2)^{v+2k}}{k! \Gamma(k+v+1)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k! \Gamma(k+v+1)} \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^{v+2k} \int_0^\infty e^{-a^2 x^2} x^{2v+2k+1} dx \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k! \Gamma(k+v+1)} \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^{v+2k} \frac{1}{2a^{2v+2k+2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{v+k} dt \\ &= \frac{b^v}{(2a^2)^{v+1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-b^2/4a^2)^k}{k!}, \end{aligned}$$

where reversing the order of integration and summation is again justified by an absolute convergence argument. Summing the last series, we have

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-a^2 x^2} J_v(bx) x^{v+1} dx = \frac{b^v}{(2a^2)^{v+1}} e^{-b^2/4a^2}, \quad a > 0, \quad b > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re} v > -1.$$

H.W. Show that $\int_0^y \frac{x \sin(ax)}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi y}{2} J_1(a y)$

Answer: Use: $\sin[x \sin(\varphi)] = 2J_1(x) \sin(\varphi) + 2J_3(x) \sin(3\varphi) + \dots$

$$\int_0^\pi \sin[x \sin(\varphi)] \sin(\varphi) d\varphi = 2J_1(x) \underbrace{\int_0^\pi \sin(\varphi) \sin(\varphi) d\varphi}_{\pi/2} + 2J_3(x) \underbrace{\int_0^\pi \sin(3\varphi) \sin(\varphi) d\varphi}_{0} + \dots$$

$$\pi J_1(x) = \int_0^\pi \underbrace{\sin[x \sin(\varphi)] \sin(\varphi) d\varphi}_{F(\varphi)=F(\pi-\varphi)} = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin[x \sin(\varphi)] \sin(\varphi) d\varphi$$

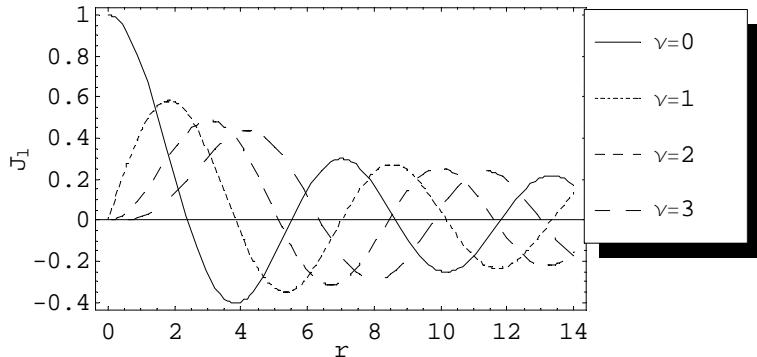
$$\pi J_1(ay) = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin[a y \sin(\varphi)] \sin(\varphi) d\varphi$$

Changing the variable $y \sin(\varphi) = x \Rightarrow dx = y \cos(\varphi) d\varphi$

$$d\varphi = \frac{dx}{y \cos(\varphi)} = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}$$

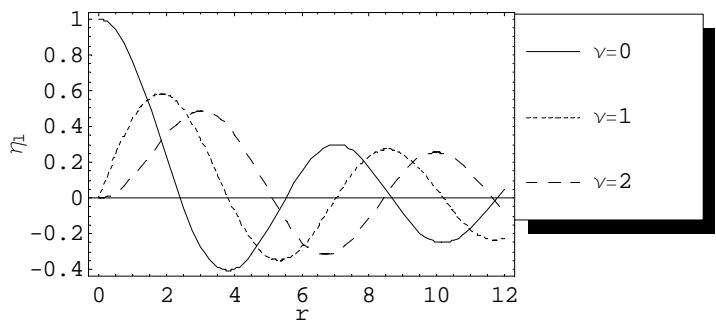
y0=BesselJ[0,z];y1=BesselJ[1,z];y2=BesselJ[2,z];y3=BesselJ[3,z];

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Plot[{y0, y1, y2, y3}, {z, 0.01, 14}, Frame → True,
PlotStyle → {GrayLevel[0], Dashing[{0.01}], Dashing[{0.03}], Dashing[{0.05}]},
PlotLegend → {"ν=0", "ν=1", "ν=2", "ν=3"}, LegendPosition → {0.99, -0.2},
FrameLabel → {r, J1}]
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y0=BesselY[0,z];y1=BesselY[1,z];y2=BesselY[2,z];y3=BesselY[3,z];

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Plot[{y0, y1, y2}, {z, 0.00, 12}, Frame → True,
PlotStyle → {GrayLevel[0], Dashing[{0.01}], Dashing[{0.03}]},
PlotLegend → {"ν=0", "ν=1", "ν=2"}, LegendPosition → {0.99, -0.2},
FrameLabel → {r, η1}]
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(* Find the roots *)
<< NumericalMath`BesselZeros`
BesselJZeros[0,5]
{2.40483, 5.52008, 8.65373, 11.7915, 14.9309}
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