



BESSEL FUNCTIONS 2

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Example 1:

Solve in terms of Bessel functions the following differential equation:

$$x^2 y'' + x y' + (9x^2 - 1/4) y = 0$$

Solution:

We have $\nu = 1/2$, $\lambda = 3$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 J_{1/2}(3x) + C_2 J_{-1/2}(3x)$$

Example 2:

Solve in terms of Bessel functions the differential equation $xy'' + y' + xy = 0$

Solution:

We can consider the equation $x^2 y'' + x y' + x^2 y = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - 0) y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 J_0(x) + C_2 Y_0(x)$$

Example 3:

Solve in terms of Bessel functions the following differential equation:

$$x^2 y'' + x y' + 4(x^4 - 1)y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } x^2 = t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(2x \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2x \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2x \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) (2x)$$

Substitute in the differential equation

$$4x^4 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2x^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2x^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4(x^4 - 1)y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + t \frac{dy}{dt} + (t^2 - 1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 J_1(t) + C_2 Y_1(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = C_1 J_1(x^2) + C_2 Y_1(x^2)$$

Example 4:

Solve in terms of Bessel functions the following differential equation:

$$x y'' + 3 y' + x y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } y = x^\alpha u$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = x^\alpha u' + \alpha x^{\alpha-1} u$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = x^\alpha u'' + 2\alpha x^{\alpha-1} u' + \alpha(\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-2} u$$

Substitute in the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\alpha+1} u'' + 2\alpha x^\alpha u' + \alpha(\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-1} u \\ + 3x^\alpha u' + 3\alpha x^{\alpha-1} u + x^{\alpha+1} u = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^{\alpha+1} u'' + (2\alpha+3) x^\alpha u' + (\alpha(\alpha-1) + 3\alpha) x^{\alpha-1} u + x^{\alpha+1} u = 0$$

$$2\alpha+3=1 \Rightarrow \alpha=-1 \quad \Rightarrow u'' + \frac{1}{x} u' + \left(\frac{-1}{x^2} + 1\right) u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 u'' + x u' + (x^2 - 1) u = 0$$

$$\therefore u_{gs} = C_1 J_1(x) + C_1 Y_1(x)$$

but $y = x^\alpha u$

$$\Rightarrow y_{gs} = \frac{1}{x} (C_1 J_1(x) + C_1 Y_1(x))$$

Prove that $J_{-N}(x) = (-1)^N J_N(x)$ for any positive integer N

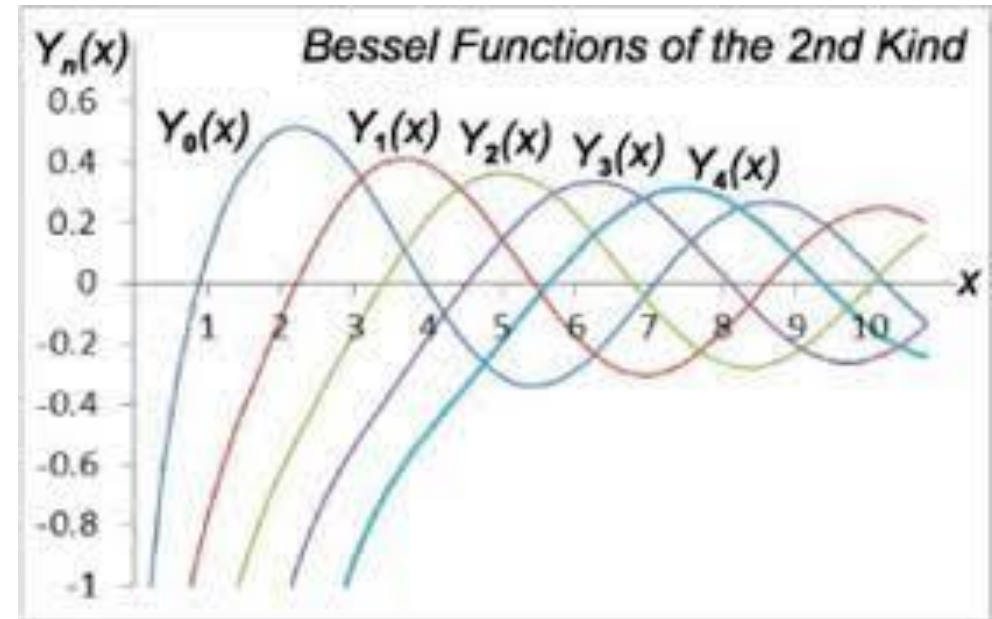
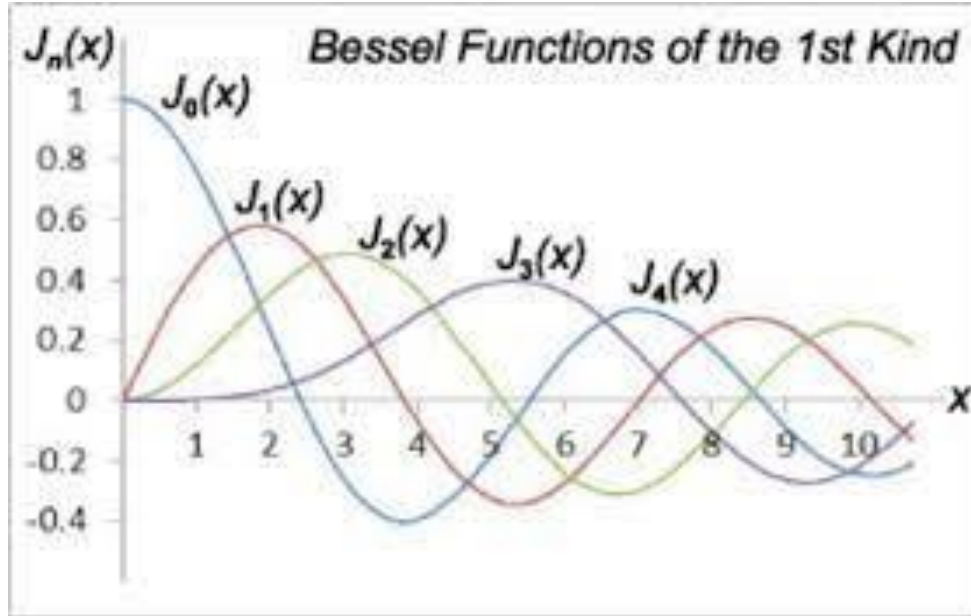
Proof:

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

Let $n - N = k \Rightarrow J_{-N}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+N} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+2N-N}}{(k+N)! \Gamma(k+1)}$

$$\Rightarrow J_{-N}(x) = (-1)^N \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+N}}{k! \Gamma(k+N+1)} = (-1)^N J_N(x)$$

Graph of Bessel functions:



From the graphs we can conclude the following facts:

$$J_0(0) = 1 \quad \& \quad J_n(0) = 0 \quad \forall n \quad \text{and} \quad J_\infty(x) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{A}{\sqrt{x}} \sin(x + \varphi)$$

$J_n(x)$ is a bounded function but $Y_n(x)$ is unbounded at $x=0$

Bessel functions can be represented as damped sine function for large x

Show that

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$$

$$\& \quad J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1/2}(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\frac{1}{2}}}{n! \Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2} + 1)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\frac{1}{2}}}{n! \Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2} + 1)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi x}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1} \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2n+1} n! \Gamma(n + \frac{3}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

Using Legendre's duplication formula

$$\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2x) = 2^{2x-1} \Gamma(x) \Gamma(x + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2n+1} n! \Gamma(x + \frac{3}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi} (2n+1)!$$

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$$

Similarly, we can prove that $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$

Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \left(x^n J_n(x) \right) = x^n J_{n-1}(x) \quad (I)$

Proof:

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

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(x^{-n} J_n(x) \right) = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x) \quad (II)$$

Using I and II we can show that

$$J_n(x) = \frac{x}{2n} (J_{n-1}(x) + J_{n+1}(x)) \quad (III)$$

$$J'_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} (J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)) \quad (IV)$$

Using I and II we can show that

We can use III to express $J_n(x)$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$ only.

We can also use III to express $J_{\frac{2n+1}{2}}(x)$ $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

We can use IV to evaluate $\int J_n(x)$.

We can Use I and II as follows

$$\int x^n J_{n-1}(x) dx = x^n J_n(x) + C$$

$$\int x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x) dx = -x^{-n} J_n(x) + C$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int x^4 J_1(x) dx$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$ only