

6. Generating Functions

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Function that generates Bessel functions of different order

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

We prove that the coefficient of e^n in the power series expansion of $e^{\frac{x}{2}\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)}$ is $J_n(x)$.

$$\text{LHS} = e^{\frac{x}{2}\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)} = e^{\frac{xt}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{2t}}$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{xt}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1!}\right) + \left(\frac{xt}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{xt}{2}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) + \left(\frac{xt}{2}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\right) + \dots\right)$$

\times

$$\left(1 + (-1)^1 \frac{x}{2t} \left(\frac{1}{1!}\right) + (-1)^2 \left(\frac{x}{2t}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right) + \dots + (-1)^n \left(\frac{x}{2t}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) + (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{x}{2t}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\right) + \dots\right)$$

Case (1): $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Collecting terms that contain e^n

$$\text{Coefficient of } t^n = \left(\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) - \left(\frac{x^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1!}\right) + \left(\frac{x^{n+2}}{2^{n+2}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{(n+2)!}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right) + \dots\right)$$

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

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

Case (2): $n = 0$

Collecting constant terms

$$\text{Coefficient of } t^0 = 1 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{1!}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^6 \left(\frac{1}{3!}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^0 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{0+2(0)}}{0! \Gamma(0+0+1)} + \frac{(-1)^1 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{0+2(1)}}{1! \Gamma(0+1+1)} + \frac{(-1)^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{0+2(2)}}{2! \Gamma(0+2+1)} + \dots$$

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

$$= J_0(x)$$

Case ③: $n \in \mathbb{Z}^-$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Coefficients of } t^{-n} &= \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n \frac{1}{n!} + \frac{(-1)^1 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2}}{1! (n+1)!} + \frac{(-1)^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+4}}{2! (n+2)!} \quad \text{FIX} \\ &= (-1)^n J_n(x) \\ &= \underline{\underline{J_{-n}(x)}} \end{aligned}$$

Combining the expressions from all cases:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\frac{x}{2}\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)} &= t^0 J_0 + t^1 J_1 + t^2 J_2 + \dots + t^n J_n + t^{-1} J_{-1} + t^{-2} J_{-2} + \dots + t^{-n} J_{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^n J_n + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} t^n J_n + \left[t^n J_n \right]_{n=0} \end{aligned}$$

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