

Resurgence of modified Bessel functions of second kind

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1 Generalized Airy

In [?] [?] the authors introduce generalized Airy functions $A_k(z), B_0(z), B_k(z)$, $k = 1, 2, 3$ as approximate solutions of the Orr–Sommerfeld fluid equation. They are defined as countour integral ([?] §9.13(ii))

$$\begin{aligned} A_k(z, p) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_k} e^{zt - \frac{t^3}{3}} \frac{dt}{t^p} & k = 1, 2, 3 \ p \in \mathbb{C} \\ B_0(z, p) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_0} e^{zt - \frac{t^3}{3}} \frac{dt}{t^p} & p \in \mathbb{Z} \\ B_k(z, p) &= \int_{\gamma_k} e^{zt - \frac{t^3}{3}} \frac{dt}{t^p} & k = 1, 2, 3 \ p \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

where the countours $\Gamma_k, \Gamma_0, \gamma_k$ are represented in Figure ??

Each generalize Airy functions is a solution of

$$[\partial_z^3 - z\partial_z + (p-1)] f(z, p) = 0 \quad (1)$$

and if $p = 0$ they reduced to the classical Airy functions: $\text{Ai}(z) = A_1(z, 0)$ and $\text{Bi}(z) = B_1(z, 0)$.

We define the following exponential integral: let $p \geq 0$, $f(t) = \frac{t^3}{3} - t$ and $\nu_p = \frac{dt}{t^p}$. The critical points of f are $\pm \frac{2}{3}$ (as for the classical Airy case), however the volume form ν_p is meromorphic

$$I_\alpha(z, p) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_\alpha} e^{-z(\frac{t^3}{3} - t)} \frac{dt}{t^p} \quad (2)$$

where \mathcal{C}_α is the path through the point α , starting and ending at infinity (as in Figure ??). In particular, $I_+(z, p) = z^{\frac{p-1}{3}} A_1(z^{2/3}, p)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_+(z, p) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_+} e^{-z(\frac{t^3}{3}-t)} \frac{dt}{t^p} \\
&= \frac{z^{(p-1)/2}}{2\pi i} \int_{z^{-1/3}C_+} e^{-z(z^{-1}\frac{s^3}{3}-z^{-1/3}s)} \frac{ds}{s^p} \quad t = z^{-\frac{1}{3}}s \\
&= \frac{z^{(p-1)/3}}{2\pi i} \int_{z^{-1/3}C_+} e^{-\left(\frac{s^3}{3}-z^{2/3}s\right)} \frac{ds}{s^p} \\
&= z^{(p-1)/3} A_1(z^{2/3}, p)
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that $I_+(z)$ is a solution of

$$\left[\partial_z^3 - \frac{4}{9} \partial_z + \frac{2-p}{z} \partial_z^2 - \frac{4(1-p)}{9z} - \frac{1+3p-3p^2}{9} \frac{\partial_z}{z^2} + \frac{3+p-3p^2-p^3}{27z^3} \right] I_+(z, p) = 0 \quad (3)$$

From the general theory of linear ODE, the formal integral solution of (3) is a linear combinations of three generators

$$\tilde{I}_+(z, p) = U_1 z^{p-1} \tilde{W}_1(z) + U_2 e^{-\frac{2}{3}z} z^{-1/2} \tilde{W}_2(z) + U_3 e^{\frac{2}{3}z} z^{-1/2} \tilde{W}_3(z) \quad (4)$$

where \tilde{W}_1, \tilde{W}_2 and \tilde{W}_3 are formal power seirs $\tilde{W}_k(z) = \sum_{j \geq 0} a_{k,j} z^{-j}$, which are the unique (we fix $a_{k,0} = 1$ for $k = 1, 2, 3$) solution of

$$\left[\partial_z^3 - \frac{4}{9} \partial_z - \frac{1-2p}{z} \partial_z^2 + \frac{17-30p+12p^2}{9z^2} \partial_z + \frac{8}{27} \frac{p^3-6p^2+11p-6}{z^3} \right] \tilde{W}_1(z) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[\partial_z^3 - 2\partial_z^2 + \frac{8}{9} \partial_z + \frac{1-2p}{2z} \partial_z^2 - \frac{2-4p}{3z} \partial_z + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{36z^2} \partial_z + \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{54z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} \left(\frac{5}{24} + \frac{59}{108}p + \frac{5}{18}p^2 + \frac{1}{27}p^3 \right) \right] \tilde{W}_2(z) = 0 \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[\partial_z^3 + 2\partial_z^2 + \frac{8}{9} \partial_z + \frac{1-2p}{2z} \partial_z^2 + \frac{2-4p}{3z} \partial_z + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{36z^2} \partial_z + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{54z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} \left(\frac{5}{24} + \frac{59}{108}p + \frac{5}{18}p^2 + \frac{1}{27}p^3 \right) \right] \tilde{W}_3(z) = 0 \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us first study equation (5): its Borel transform is

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\zeta^3 \tilde{w}_1 + \frac{4}{9} \zeta \tilde{w}_1 - (1-2p) \int_0^\zeta \tilde{w}_1(t) t^2 dt + \frac{(17-30p+12p^2)}{9} \int_0^\zeta (-t \tilde{w}_1(t)) (\zeta-t) dt + \\
&\quad + \frac{8}{27} (p^3-6p^2+11p-6) \int_0^\zeta \tilde{w}_1(t) \frac{(\zeta-t)^2}{2} dt = 0
\end{aligned}$$

We differentiate three times, getting

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{4}{9}\zeta - \zeta^3\right) \tilde{w}_1^{(3)}(\zeta) + \left(\frac{4}{3} - 2(5-p)\zeta^2\right) \tilde{w}_1''(\zeta) - \left(\frac{215}{9} - \frac{34}{3}p + \frac{4}{3}p^2\right) \tilde{w}_1'(\zeta) + \\ + \frac{8}{27} \left(p - \frac{9}{2}\right) \left(p - \frac{7}{2}\right) \left(p - \frac{5}{2}\right) \tilde{w}_1(\zeta) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

we set $y = \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2$

$$\begin{aligned} y^2(1-y)\tilde{w}_1^{(3)}(y) + y \left(\left(p - \frac{13}{2}\right)y + 3 \right) \tilde{w}_1''(y) - \left(y \left(\frac{305}{36} - \frac{1}{3}(10-p)p \right) - \frac{3}{4} \right) \tilde{w}_1'(y) + \\ + \frac{1}{27} \left(p - \frac{5}{2}\right) \tilde{w}_1(y) = 0 \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

which is a generalized hypergeometric equation (16.8.5 [?]) with parameters

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{7}{6} - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{5}{6} - \frac{p}{3} \right) \quad \mathbf{b}_0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

therefore, $\tilde{w}_1(y) = c_1 {}_3F_2(\mathbf{a}_0; \mathbf{b}_0; y) + R(\zeta)$ for some function $R(\zeta)$ which can be determined from the integral equation.

Then we look at equation (6): its Borel transform is

$$\begin{aligned} -\zeta^3 \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) - 2\zeta^2 \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) - \frac{8}{9} \zeta \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) + \frac{1-2p}{2} \int_0^\zeta t^2 \tilde{w}_2(t) dt - \frac{2-4p}{3} \int_0^\zeta (-t \tilde{w}_2(t)) dt + \\ + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{36} \int_0^\zeta (\zeta-t)(-t \tilde{w}_2(t)) dt - \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{54} \int_0^\zeta (\zeta-t) \tilde{w}_2(t) dt + \\ - \left(\frac{5}{54} + \frac{59}{108}p + \frac{5}{18}p^2 + \frac{1}{27}p^3 \right) \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-t)^2}{2} \tilde{w}_2(t) dt = 0 \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

and taking three derivatives it simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\left(\zeta^3 + 2\zeta^2 + \frac{8}{9}\zeta \right) \partial_\zeta^3 + \frac{8}{3} \partial_\zeta^2 + \left(\frac{17}{2} + p \right) \zeta \left(\zeta + \frac{4}{3} \right) \partial_\zeta^2 + \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{p^2}{3} + \frac{14}{3}p + \frac{581}{36} \right) \left(\zeta + \frac{2}{3} \right) \partial_\zeta + \frac{1}{27} \left(p + \frac{7}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{11}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{15}{2} \right) \right] \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) = 0 \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

define $y = \zeta \left(\zeta + \frac{4}{3} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[y \left(y + \frac{4}{9} \right)^2 \partial_y^3 + 2 \left(\frac{3}{2} y + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{y}{2} \left(\frac{17}{2} + p \right) \right) \left(y + \frac{4}{9} \right) \partial_y^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{y}{4} \left(\frac{17}{2} + p \right) \right) \partial_y \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{p^3}{3} + \frac{14}{3} p + \frac{581}{36} \right) \left(y + \frac{4}{9} \right) \partial_y + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 27} \left(p + \frac{7}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{11}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{15}{2} \right) \right] \tilde{w}_2(y) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

which now looks like a generalized hypergeometric equation. Indeed setting $t = \frac{9}{4}y + 1$, (11) reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[t^2(1-t)\partial_t^3 - t \left(\left(\frac{23}{4} + \frac{p}{2} \right) t - \frac{p}{2} - \frac{11}{4} \right) \partial_t^2 - \left(-\frac{5}{8} - \frac{p}{4} + t \left(\frac{887}{144} + \frac{17}{12} p + \frac{p^2}{12} \right) \right) \partial_t + \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{8 \cdot 27} \left(p + \frac{7}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{11}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{15}{2} \right) \right] \tilde{w}_2(t) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

hence a solution is given by the generalized hypergeometric function ${}_3F_2(\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; y)$ with parameters

$$\mathbf{a} = \left(\frac{5}{4} + \frac{p}{6}; \frac{7}{12} + \frac{p}{6}; \frac{11}{12} + \frac{p}{6} \right) \quad \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{5}{4} + \frac{p}{2} \right)$$

and we denote $\hat{w}_2(\zeta) = c_2 {}_3F_2\left(\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; \left(\frac{3}{2}\zeta + 1\right)^2\right)$. The equation (7) differs from (6) for few signs: we find that its Borel transform is

$$\begin{aligned} & -\zeta^3 \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) + 2\zeta^2 \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) - \frac{8}{9} \zeta \tilde{w}_2(\zeta) + \frac{1-2p}{2} \int_0^\zeta t^2 \tilde{w}_2(t) dt + \frac{2-4p}{3} \int_0^\zeta (-t \tilde{w}_2(t)) dt + \\ & + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{36} \int_0^\zeta (\zeta-t)(-t \tilde{w}_2(t)) dt + \frac{5+24p+12p^2}{54} \int_0^\zeta (\zeta-t) \tilde{w}_2(t) dt + \\ & - \left(\frac{5}{54} + \frac{59}{108} p + \frac{5}{18} p^2 + \frac{1}{27} p^3 \right) \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-t)^2}{2} \tilde{w}_2(t) dt = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

and differentiating three times we find a generalized hypergeometric equation with parameters \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} in the variable $y = \left(\frac{3}{2}\zeta - 1\right)^2$, i.e. $\hat{w}_3(\zeta) = c_3 {}_3F_2\left(\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; \left(\frac{3}{2}\zeta - 1\right)^2\right)$. In particular,

$$\hat{w}_3(\zeta) = C_{23} \hat{w}_2\left(\zeta - \frac{4}{3}\right) \quad (14)$$

1.1 Analytic continuation

In [D.B. Karp and E.G. Prilepkina formula 3.1 (see also <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2110.12219.pdf> equation 27)] the authors compute the analytic continuation of generalized hypergeometric

functions across the branch cut

$${}_qF_{q-1}(\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; x + i0) - {}_qF_{q-1}(\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; x - i0) = 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b})}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a})} G_{q,q}^{q,0} \left(1, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{a}; \frac{1}{x} \right). \quad (15)$$

We first consider $\hat{w}_1(\zeta) = c_1 {}_3F_2(\mathbf{a}_0; \mathbf{b}_0; \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2)$, it has a branch cut at $\zeta \in [\frac{2}{3}, +\infty)$ and another for $\zeta \in (-\infty, -\frac{2}{3}]$. The jumps can be computed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} {}_3F_2(\mathbf{a}_0; \mathbf{b}_0; y + i0) - {}_3F_2(\mathbf{a}_0; \mathbf{b}_0; y - i0) &= 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b}_0)}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_0)} G_{3,3}^{3,0} \left(1, \mathbf{b}_0; \mathbf{a}_0; \frac{1}{y} \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b}_0)}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_0)} G_{3,3}^{0,3} (1 - \mathbf{a}_0; 0, 1 - \mathbf{b}_0; y) \\ &= 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b}_0)}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_0)} G_{3,3}^{0,3} \left(\mathbf{a}'_0; 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}; y \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b}_0)}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_0)} G_{3,3}^{0,3}(\mathbf{a}'_0; \mathbf{b}'_0; y) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that equation (8) is also the differential equation for Meijer G-funtion $G_{3,3}^{3,0}(\mathbf{a}'_0; \mathbf{b}'_0; y)$ where

$$\mathbf{a}'_0 = \left(\frac{p}{3} - \frac{1}{2}; \frac{p}{3} - \frac{1}{6}; \frac{p}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \quad \mathbf{b}'_0 = \left(0; \frac{1}{2}; -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

1.1.1 $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_2(\zeta)$ and $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_3(\zeta)$

We consider $\hat{w}_2(\zeta)$, it has a branch cut at $\zeta \in [0, +\infty)$ and $\zeta \in (-\infty, -\frac{4}{3}]$,

We first study the equation (5): its unique formal solution $\tilde{w}_1(z)$ has the following coefficients (we compute them with Mathematica)

$$a_{1,2j} = \frac{\Gamma(1+3j-p)}{3^j \Gamma(1+j) \Gamma(1-p)} \quad j \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

Notice that $a_{1,j}$ are well defined only for $p \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. However, for $p = 1, 2, 3$ the solution is well defined and constant $\tilde{w}_1(z) = 1$. Therefore the Borel transform of $\tilde{w}_1(z)$ is

$$\hat{w}_1(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \delta & \text{if } p = 1, 2, 3 \\ \delta + \zeta^{\frac{\Gamma(4-p)}{3\Gamma(1-p)}} {}_3F_2 \left(\frac{4-p}{3}, \frac{5-p}{3}, 2 - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{3}{2}, 2; \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2 \right) & \text{if } p \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

In particular, the generalized hypergeometric series has a branch cut singularity at $\zeta = \pm \frac{3}{2}$. We expect that $\tilde{w}_1(z)$ is a simple resurgent fuction such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w}_1(\zeta + \frac{2}{3}) &= \delta + \frac{C}{2\pi i \zeta} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta) \hat{w}_2(\zeta) + \text{hol. fct.} \\ \hat{w}_1(\zeta - \frac{2}{3}) &= \delta + \frac{C}{2\pi i \zeta} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta) \hat{w}_3(\zeta) + \text{hol. fct.} \end{aligned}$$

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which in our case becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{2}\zeta \left({}_3F_2 \left(\frac{4-p}{3}, \frac{5-p}{3}, 2 - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{3}{2}, 2; \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2 + i0 \right) - {}_3F_2 \left(\frac{4-p}{3}, \frac{5-p}{3}, 2 - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{3}{2}, 2; \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2 - i0 \right) \right) = \\ & = 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} G_{3,3}^{3,0} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2; \frac{4-p}{3}, \frac{5-p}{3}, 2 - \frac{p}{3}; \frac{4}{9}\zeta^{-2} \right) \\ & = 2\pi i \frac{\Gamma(\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} G_{3,3}^{0,3} \left(\frac{p-1}{3}, \frac{p-2}{3}, \frac{p}{3} - 1; \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -1; \frac{9}{4}\zeta^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

When $p = 1, 2, 3$ the solution is a trivial resurgent function, it is constant.

Let us now consider the formal solution $\tilde{w}_2(z)$ and $\tilde{w}_3(z)$. The recursive relation for $a_{2,j}, a_{3,j}$ have not a simple expressions as it is for $a_{1,j}$. However, we compute numerically their first coefficients:

$j = 1$	23	45	67
$a_{2,j}$			
$a_{3,j}$			

Then we look at the Borel transform of \tilde{W}_2, \tilde{W}_3 : their equations have some symmetries in the coefficients, namely they differ by a sing in the even degree coefficients.