

# Bessel Functions continued



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Last lectures:

- Bessel functions

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0 .$$

This lectures:

- Bessel functions continued..
- Justification of the sign of  $-\mu^2$
- Eigenmodes of a circular drum

**Reading: Chapter 8 of lecture notes**

# Bessel equation



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In Bessel equation..

Now show it must be **negative**  
and so called it  $-\mu^2$ .

Now show that **0** or **+ve**  
**values** would not allow us to  
satisfy the **initial** and  
**boundary conditions**.



$$x = \mu r ,$$
$$y(x) = R(r) = R\left(\frac{x}{\mu}\right) .$$

$$R' = \frac{dR}{dr} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dr} = \mu \frac{dy}{dx} ,$$

$$R'' = \frac{dR'}{dr} = \frac{d}{dr} \left( \mu \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \mu \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \frac{dx}{dr} = \mu^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} .$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{\mu}\right)^2 \mu^2 y'' + \frac{x}{\mu} \mu y' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0 ,$$

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0 .$$

# Bessel equation



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If  $\mu = 0$ ,

then the  $(r, \theta)$  part of the wave equation:

$$r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + r \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{Q''}{Q} = -\mu^2 r^2 .$$

reduces to the **Laplace equation**

Recall: extreme values to the Laplace equation always occur on the **boundary**,

eg here  $u = 0$  at the edge of the drum.

Therefore have  $u = 0$  everywhere in the interior of the drum as well, i.e., **the trivial solution**.

# Bessel equation



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If  $\mu = +ve$  separation constant

i.e.,  $\mu^2$  in place of  $-\mu^2$ , then radial equation would be

$$r^2 R'' + rR' - (\mu^2 r^2 + n^2)R = 0 .$$

- the functions  $I_n$  and  $K_n$  are exponentially rising and falling, respectively.
- so these can't satisfy the B.C that the solution go to zero at the edge of the drum ....
- therefore conclude separation constant  $-\mu^2$  must indeed be negative.

General solution to the radial equ  $R(r) = y(x) = y(\mu r)$ ,

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i.e.  $R(r) = EI_n(\mu r) + FK_n(\mu r)$  .

# Eigenmodes of a circular drum



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## Vibrations of a circular drum

Can relate solutions  $R(r)$  of the radial equation as  $R(r) = y(x) = y(\mu r)$ , to the solution  $y(x)$  of Bessel's equation

$$R(r) = EJ_n(\mu r) + FY_n(\mu r)$$

where  $E$  and  $F$  are constants,

fix using the boundary conditions.

Boundary condition states: solution must be finite at  $r = 0$ . Since all of the  $Y_n$  diverge for  $r \rightarrow 0$ , we must have  $F = 0$ .



# Eigenmodes of a circular drum



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The other boundary condition says that

$$R(a) = EJ_n(\mu a) = 0$$

Cannot have  $E = 0$  or else, left with  $R = 0$  (trivial solution)

and therefore the eigenvalue  $\mu$  must take on values such that  $\mu a$  is one of the zeros of  $J_n$ .

So the allowed values of  $\mu$  are

$$\mu_{nm} = \frac{z_{nm}}{a}$$

$m^{\text{th}}$  zero of  $J_n$ ,



# Eigenmodes of a circular drum



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Put altogether : RQT:

$$R(r) = E J_n(z_{nm}r/a) ,$$

$$Q(\theta) = C \cos(n\theta) + D \sin(n\theta) ,$$

$$T(t) = A \cos(vz_{nm}t/a) + B \sin(vz_{nm}t/a) .$$

If choose initial speed of the drum = zero,

but give it a nonzero displ

The **full solution** for the motion of

will therefore be a **linear combination** of the form

Each term in the sum  
corresponds to specific  $(n,m)^{\text{th}}$   
**eigenmodes** of vibration

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_n(z_{nm}r/a) \cos(z_{nm}vt/a) [a_{nm} \cos(n\theta) + b_{nm} \sin(n\theta)]$$



# Time dependence



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Time dependence:

$$\cos(vz_{nm}t/a) = \cos(2\pi\nu_{nm}t)$$

where the frequency of a specific eigenmode is given by

$$\nu_{nm} = \frac{vz_{nm}}{2\pi a} .$$

Because **spacing** of zeros of Bessel fns  $z_{nm}$  is **irregular**, **mixture of frequencies** from drum results in a **dissonant** sound.



Compare to a piano string of length  $L$



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Lateral displacement of a vibrating string

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin(2\pi\nu_n t) ,$$

where allowed frequencies  $\nu_n$  related to string length  $L$  and the speed of waves  $v$  by

$$\nu_n = \frac{nv}{2L} .$$



Corresponding wavelengths  $\lambda_n$  for vibrations such that an **integer number** of halfwaves fits the length of the string, i.e.,  
$$\lambda_n/2 = L/n.$$

# Piano string of length $L$



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For a vibrating string:

hear the combination of the fundamental tone  $n = 1$  and the higher harmonics with  $n = 2, 3, \dots$



Depending on how the string is struck,  
*different combinations* of harmonics are present.  
overtone frequencies are always an

**integer multiple x fundamental frequency,**

Why our brains perceive a piano string as sounding

# For the drum



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For the drum,

the **wavelengths** of the different eigenmodes are not related by ratios of small **integers**,

but by the **irregular spacing** of zeros of **Bessel functions**.

Why a drum does not play clear musical notes.....



Drum: mixture of eigenmodes produced depend on how struck.

If hits the drum in the centre:

by symmetry the solution cannot depend on  $\theta$ ,

so for the angular solution  $Q(\theta)$  one must have  $n = 0$ .

The resulting modes will have wavelengths corresponding to the zeros of  $J_0$ , i.e.,  $z_{01}, z_{02}, \dots$

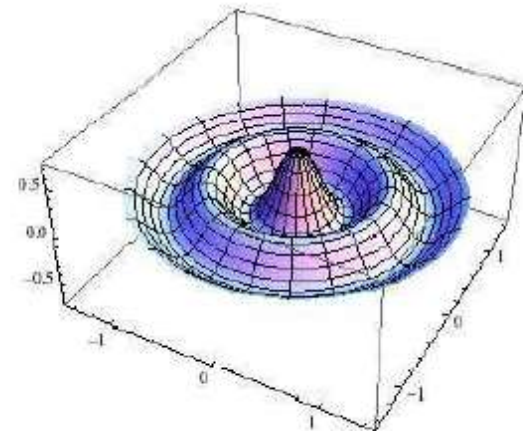
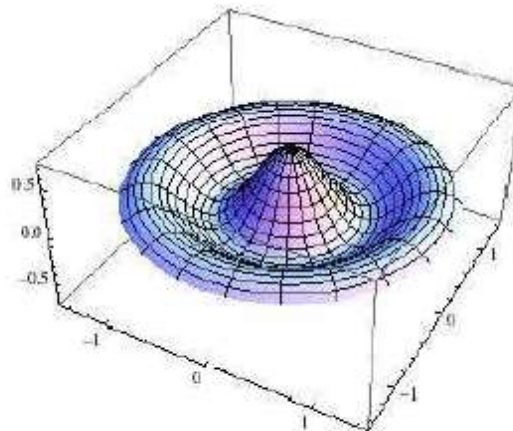
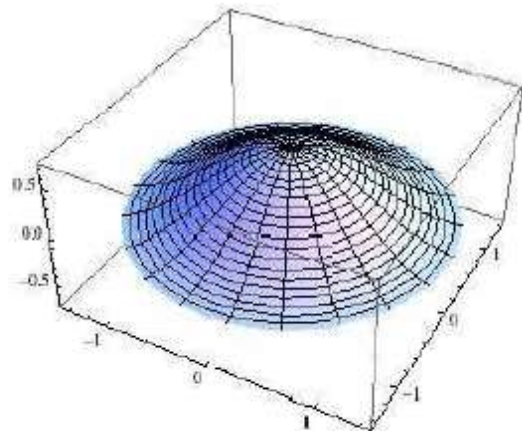
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# For the drum: struck at centre



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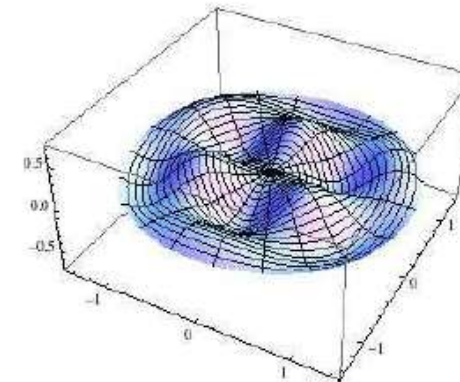
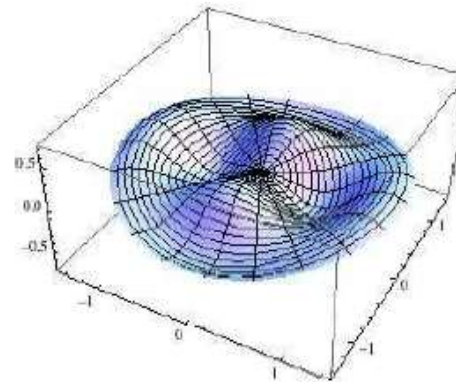
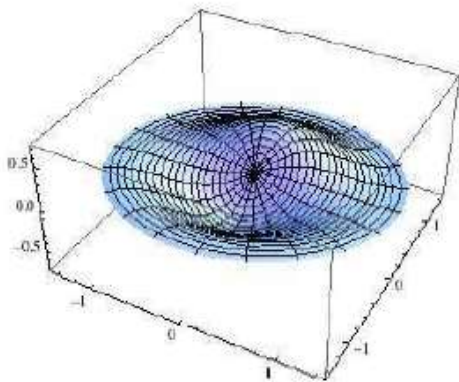


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## Drum:

mixture of eigenmodes  
produced depend on how struck.

If hit between **centre and the edge**  
excites eigenmodes corresponding to  
**nonzero values of  $n$ .**



Eigenmodes of a circular drum corresponding to  $m = 1$  and  $n = 1, 2,$



# Orthogonality of Bessel functions



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By specifying initial conditions: can determine coeffs  $a_{nm}$

Which tell the drum's exact motion as a function of time

Suppose that the drum's membrane is initially at rest

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = 0$$

initial position is given by a specified function of  $r$  and  $\theta$ :

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = f(r, \theta)$$

Already seen: radial eq. for  $R(r)$  is special case of the **Sturm-Liouville equation**,

So know solutions  $R_{nm}(r) = J_n(z_{nm}r/a)$  corresponding to different eigenvalues are **orthogonal**.

# Orthogonality of Bessel functions



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For any given order of the Bessel functions  $n$   
and for any two zeros  $z_{nl}$  and  $z_{nm}$  : must have

$$\langle J_n(z_{nl}r/a), J_n(z_{nm}r/a) \rangle = \int_0^a J_n(z_{nl}r/a) J_n(z_{nm}r/a) r dr = \|J_n(z_{nm}r/a)\|^2 \delta_{lm}.$$

**Note:** here inner product is defined on the interval  $0 \leq r \leq a$   
using the weight function  $w(r) = r$

and that the value of  $n$  (the order of the Bessel function) is  
the same for both  $J_n$  terms in the inner product.

It is the eigenvalues of the corresponding Sturm-Liouville  
operator,  $\mu_{nm} = z_{nm}/a$  and  $\mu_{nl} = z_{nl}/a$ , that are different.



# Orthogonality of Bessel functions



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For the case  $l = m$ ,

i.e., where the two zeros of  $J_n$  are equal:

the integral gives the norm squared of the Bessel function:

$$\|J_n(z_{nm}r/a)\|^2 = \frac{a^2}{2} J_{n+1}^2(z_{nm}) .$$

# Orthogonality of Bessel functions



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Can use orthogonality relation for Bessel functions together with the corresponding formulae for sines and cosines to **solve for the coefficients  $a_{nm}$  and  $b_{nm}$ :**

Like the heated disc problem:

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# Orthogonality of Bessel functions



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$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_n(z_{nm}r/a) \cos(z_{nm}vt/a) [a_{nm} \cos(n\theta) + b_{nm} \sin(n\theta)] .$$

2 different types of orthogonal functions:

- trigonometric functions  $\cos(n\theta)$  and  $\sin(n\theta)$
- Bessel functions  $J_n(z_{nm}r/a)$ .



## orthogonality relation for sines and cosines

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(n\theta) \cos(l\theta) d\theta = \|\cos(n\theta)\|^2 \delta_{nl} ,$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(n\theta) \sin(l\theta) d\theta = \|\sin(n\theta)\|^2 \delta_{nl} ,$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(n\theta) \sin(l\theta) d\theta = 0 , \quad (\text{all } n, l) ,$$

where  $\|\cos(0)\|^2 = 2\pi$ ,  $\|\sin(0)\|^2 = 0$ ,

$\|\cos(n\theta)\|^2 = \|\sin(n\theta)\|^2 = \pi$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

# Solve for the coefficients




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Can solve for the coefficients by using essentially the same approach as with the Fourier series.

First take the inner product of both sides of Eq. with  $\cos(l\theta)$  and define the result as a new quantity  $a_l(r)$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} a_l(r) &\equiv \langle \cos(l\theta), f(r, \theta) \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(l\theta) f(r, \theta) d\theta \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_n \left( \frac{z_{nm}r}{a} \right) \left[ a_{nm} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(n\theta) \cos(l\theta) d\theta + b_{nm} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(n\theta) \cos(l\theta) d\theta \right] . \end{aligned}$$



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$$b_l(r) \equiv \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(l\theta) f(r, \theta) d\theta = \|\sin(l\theta)\|^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{lm} J_l \left( \frac{z_{lm}r}{a} \right) .$$

## Now for the Bessel function



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by multiplying both sides of by  $J_l(z_{lk}r/a)$

times the weight function  $r$  and integrating from  $0$  to  $a$ .

$$\int_0^a a_l(r) J_l\left(\frac{z_{lk}r}{a}\right) r dr = \|\cos(l\theta)\|^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{lm} \int_0^a J_l\left(\frac{z_{lm}r}{a}\right) J_l\left(\frac{z_{lk}r}{a}\right) r dr .$$

use the orthogonality relation for Bessel functions

which will gives a Kronecker delta  $\delta_{km}$

$$a_{lk} = \frac{2}{N_l \pi a^2} \frac{1}{J_{l+1}^2(z_{lk})} \int_0^a a_l(r) J_l\left(\frac{z_{lk}r}{a}\right) r dr , \quad l = 0, 1, \dots ,$$

carry out the sum over  $m$ , which is nonzero only for  $m = k$ .

where defined  $N_0 = 2$  and  $N_l = 1$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  &  $b_{lk} = 0$  for  $l = 0$ .

$$b_{lk} = \frac{2}{\pi a^2} \frac{1}{J_{l+1}^2(z_{lk})} \int_0^a b_l(r) J_l\left(\frac{z_{lk}r}{a}\right) r dr , \quad l = 1, 2, \dots ,$$

$l$  and  $k$  relabeled back to  $n$  and  $m$ ,



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