

# Lecture Notes: Mathematical Physics Equations and Special Functions

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Recall

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^R r f(r) J_n\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(n)}}{R} r\right) dr}{\frac{R^2}{2} J_{n+1}^2(\mu_m^{(n)})}. \quad (1)$$

## 1 5.4 Applications of Bessel Functions

Bessel functions have extremely wide applications. In this section, we only choose the simplest problems to illustrate the **key points and steps** of using Bessel functions to solve mathematical physics problems.

- Note: In higher-dimensional problems involving the **Laplace operator** on a **cylindrical domain** or **circular disk**, Bessel equations and functions arise.
- However, to **simplify calculations**, this section typically **assumes axisymmetry, reducing** the problem to a **two-dimensional** one.
- If axisymmetry is **not** present, the approach outlined in Section 5.1 can be followed.

**Ex 1.1** (Heat Conduction Problem). Consider a uniform thin circular disk with a radius of 1. The temperature on the circumference is maintained at 0 degrees, and the initial temperature distribution inside the disk is  $1 - r^2$ , where  $r$  is the polar radius of any point inside the disk. Try to find the temperature distribution inside the disk.

**Solution.** The temperature  $u$  to be found satisfies the two dimensional homogeneous heat conduction equation. Since the solution domain is a circular domain, **polar coordinates** are used. Because the definite solution conditions are **independent of  $\theta$** , so  $u = u(r, t)$ . Then the definite solution problem is as follows:

$$u_t = a^2(u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r), \quad (0 < r < 1), \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous equation}} \quad (2)$$

$$u|_{r=1} = 0, \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous boundary}} \quad (3)$$

$$u|_{t=0} = 1 - r^2. \quad (4)$$

Apply the **method of separation of variables**. Let  $u(r, t) = R(r)T(t)$  and substitute it into (2), we get

$$RT' = a^2(R'' + \frac{1}{r}R')T.$$

$$\implies \frac{T'}{a^2T} = \frac{R'' + \frac{1}{r}R'}{R} = -\lambda.$$

From this, we obtain

$$T' + \lambda a^2 T = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$r^2 R'' + rR' + \lambda r^2 R = 0 \quad (6)$$

From the physical meaning of the problem, we know that the temperature function  $u$  should satisfy the condition  $|u| < +\infty$ . Therefore, the function  $R$  should satisfy the natural boundary condition

$$|R(0)| < +\infty \quad (7)$$

And from the **homogeneous boundary condition** (3), we can get

$$R(1) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Equations (6)-(8) form the eigenvalue problem of the Bessel equation of order 0:

$$\begin{cases} r^2 R'' + rR' + \lambda r^2 R = 0 & \text{Identify 0-order Bessel equation} \\ |R(0)| < +\infty, R(1) = 0 & \end{cases}$$

The general solution of the Bessel equation of **order 0** (6) is

$$R(r) = C J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + D Y_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

From the condition (7)  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we know that  $D = 0$ . Then, using the condition (8)  $R(1) = 0$ , we get  $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$ , that is,  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  is a zero of  $J_0(x) = 0$ .

Let  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  represent the positive zeros of  $J_0(x)$ , that is,  $J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}) = 0$ . Then the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions of equation (6) under the conditions (7) and (8) are

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_m^{(0)} = (\mu_m^{(0)})^2 & (m = 1, 2, \dots) \\ R_m(r) = J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) & \end{cases}$$

Now consider the equation

$$T' + \lambda a^2 T = 0$$

Substitute  $\lambda_m^{(0)}$  into equation (5) to obtain its general solution

$$T_m(t) = C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 t}$$

Then, using  $u(r, t) = R(r)T(t)$ , we can get

$$u_m(r, t) = C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 t} J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)$$

According to the superposition principle, the solution of equation (2) that satisfies condition (3) is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 t} J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) \quad (9)$$

Then, from the initial condition (5), we have

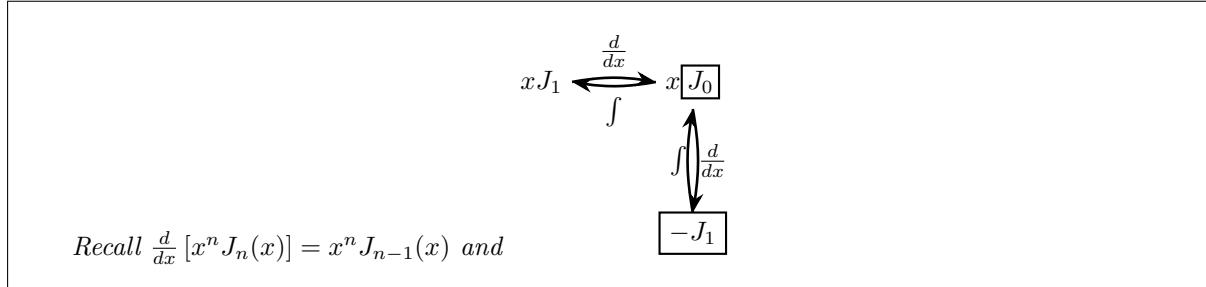
$$u(r, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) = 1 - r^2$$

Using the Fourier-Bessel coefficient formula (1), we have

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) dr}{\frac{1}{2} J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Don't forget the weight } r}$$

First, calculate the numerator. Let  $\mu_m^{(0)}r = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 r J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) dr &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2} [x J_1(x)]_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 r^3 J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r) dr &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^4} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^3 J_0(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^4} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 \cdot x J_0(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^4} \left[ x^3 J_1(x) \Big|_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} - 2 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_1(x) dx \right] \\
&\quad \uparrow \boxed{\text{Another method: } \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_1(x) dx = - \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 dJ_0(x)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^4} \left[ (\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 2x^2 J_2(x) \Big|_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - \frac{2}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2} J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})
\end{aligned}$$

- The problem involves integrating the product of polynomials and Bessel functions.
- To integrate such products, **polynomials** are typically **decomposed**.
- The approach often involves **breaking down the polynomial into simpler terms** that can be more **easily integrated with Bessel functions**. That is, to generate  $xJ_0$ ,  $x^n J_{n-1}$  or  $x^{-n} J_{n+1}$  terms which can be integrated.

Substitute into  $C_m$  to get

$$C_m = \frac{4J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})}$$

Substitute  $C_m$  into (9), and the solution of the problem (2)-(4) is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r) e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)} a)^2 t}$$

**Ex 1.2** (Electric Potential in a Cylindrical Domain). For an empty cylinder composed of conductor walls, with the height of the cylinder being  $h$  and the radius being  $b$ . Suppose the electric potential of the upper base is  $U$ , and the electric potentials of the side surface and the lower base are 0. Try to find the electric potential inside the cylinder.

**Solution.** Since the region is cylindrical, the cylindrical coordinate system is used. Because the boundary conditions are **independent of the angle  $\varphi$** , the electric potential  $u$  to be found is only a function of

two variables  $\rho$  and  $z$ , that is  $u = u(\rho, z)$ . Then the definite solution problem is as follows:

$$u_{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}u_\rho + u_{zz} = 0 \quad (0 < \rho < b, 0 < z < h), \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous equation}} \quad (10)$$

$$u|_{z=0} = 0, u|_{z=h} = U, \leftarrow \boxed{\text{determine the coefficients}} \quad (11)$$

$$u|_{\rho=b} = 0, \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous boundary}} \quad (12)$$

where  $U$  is a constant.

Apply the **method of separation of variables**. Let  $u(\rho, z) = R(\rho)Z(z)$  and substitute it into (10), we get

$$R''Z + \frac{1}{\rho}R'Z + RZ'' = 0$$

$$\frac{R'' + \frac{1}{\rho}R'}{R} = -\frac{Z''}{Z} = -\lambda$$

From this, we obtain

$$Z'' - \lambda Z = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\rho^2 R'' + \rho R' + \lambda \rho^2 R = 0 \quad (14)$$

From the physical meaning of the problem, we know that the electric potential function  $u$  should satisfy the condition  $|u| < +\infty$ . Therefore, the function  $R$  should satisfy

$$|R(0)| < +\infty. \quad (15)$$

And from the homogeneous boundary condition (12), we can get

$$R(b) = 0 \quad (16)$$

Equations (14)-(16) form the eigenvalue problem of the Bessel equation of order 0:

$$\begin{cases} \rho^2 R'' + \rho R' + \lambda \rho^2 R = 0 \\ |R(0)| < +\infty, R(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The general solution of the Bessel equation of order 0 (14) is

$$R(\rho) = C J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}\rho) + D Y_0(\sqrt{\lambda}\rho)$$

From the condition (15)  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we know that  $D = 0$ . Then, using the condition (16)  $R(b) = 0$ , we get  $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}b) = 0$ , that is,  $\sqrt{\lambda}b$  is a zero of  $J_0(x) = 0$ .

Let  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  represent the positive zeros of  $J_0(x)$ , that is,  $J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}) = 0$ . Then the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions of equation (14) under the conditions (15) and (16) are

$$\lambda_m^{(0)} = \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} \right)^2, R_m(\rho) = J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} \rho \right) \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Now consider the equation

$$Z'' - \lambda Z = 0 \quad (17)$$

Substitute  $\lambda_m^{(0)}$  into equation (17) to obtain its general solution

$$Z_m(z) = C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z}.$$

Thus

$$u_m(\rho, z) = (C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z}) J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} \rho \right).$$

According to the superposition principle, the solution of equation (10) that satisfies condition (12) is

$$u(\rho, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} z}) J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b} \rho \right) \quad (18)$$

From the first formula in condition (11), we have

$$u(\rho, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (C_m + D_m) J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho\right) = 0$$

So we get (comparing the coefficients orthogonality or linear independency)

$$C_m + D_m = 0 \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots) \quad (19)$$

From the second formula in condition (11), we have

$$u(\rho, h) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h}) J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho\right) = U$$

Using the Fourier-Bessel coefficient formula (1), we have

$$C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h} = \frac{\int_0^b \rho U J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho\right) d\rho}{\frac{b^2}{2} J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \quad (20)$$

First, calculate the numerator. Let  $\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b \rho U J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho\right) d\rho &= \frac{b^2 U}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{b^2 U}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2} [x J_1(x)]_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} = \frac{b^2 U}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) \end{aligned}$$

Then formula (21) simplifies to

$$C_m e^{\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h} + D_m e^{-\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h} = \frac{2U}{\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})}$$

Solve equations (19) and (20) simultaneously, with  $shx = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$ , we get

$$C_m = \frac{U}{\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) sh \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h}, D_m = -\frac{U}{\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) sh \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h}$$

Substitute  $C_m$  and  $D_m$  into (18), and the solution of the problem (10)-(23) is

$$u(\rho, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2U}{\mu_m^{(0)} sh \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}h J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} sh \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}z J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{b}\rho\right).$$

**Ex 1.3** (Axisymmetric Vibration Problem of a Circular Membrane). Consider a circular membrane with a radius of  $B$ . The circumference is fixed. If a very small height  $h > 0$  is lifted at the center of the membrane and then held stationary, and suddenly released to let it vibrate, try to find the vibration law of the membrane.

**Solution.** Since the equation is homogeneous and the definite - solution conditions are independent of the angle  $\theta$ , in the polar coordinate system, the displacement function  $u$  is only a function of two variables  $r$  and  $t$ , that is  $u = u(r, t)$ . Then the definite solution problem is as follows:

$$u_{tt} = a^2(u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r) \quad (0 < r < B), \quad (21)$$

$$u|_{r=B} = 0, \quad (22)$$

$$u|_{t=0} = h(1 - \frac{r}{B}), u_t|_{t=0} = 0. \quad (23)$$

Apply the method of separation of variables. Let  $u(r, t) = R(r)T(t)$  and substitute it into (21), we get

$$RT'' = a^2(R'' + \frac{1}{r}R')T$$

$$\implies \frac{T''}{a^2T} = \frac{R'' + \frac{1}{r}R'}{R} = -\lambda$$

From this, we obtain

$$T'' + a^2\lambda T = 0 \quad (24)$$

$$r^2R'' + rR' + \lambda r^2R = 0 \quad (25)$$

From the physical meaning of the problem, we know that the displacement function  $u$  should satisfy the condition  $|u| < +\infty$ . Therefore, the function  $R$  should satisfy

$$|R(0)| < +\infty$$

And from the homogeneous boundary condition (22), we can get

$$R(B) = 0 \quad (26)$$

This constitutes the eigenvalue problem of the Bessel equation of order 0:

$$\begin{cases} r^2R'' + rR' + \lambda r^2R = 0 \\ |R(0)| < +\infty, R(B) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The general solution of the Bessel equation of order 0 (25) is

$$R(r) = CJ_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + DY_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

From the boundedness condition  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we know that  $D = 0$ . Then, using the condition (26)  $R(B) = 0$ , we get  $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}B) = 0$ , that is,  $\sqrt{\lambda}B$  is a zero of  $J_0(x) = 0$ .

Let  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  represent the positive zeros of  $J_0(x)$ , that is,  $J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}) = 0$ . Then the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions of equation (25) under the boundedness condition and (26) are

$$\lambda_m^{(0)} = \left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}\right)^2, R_m(r) = J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}r\right) \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Now consider the equation

$$T'' + a^2\lambda T = 0$$

Substitute  $\lambda_m^{(0)}$  into equation (24) to obtain its general solution

$$T_m(t) = a_m \cos \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t + b_m \sin \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t$$

Thus

$$u_m(r, t) = (a_m \cos \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t + b_m \sin \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t)J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}r\right)$$

According to the superposition principle, the solution of equation (21) that satisfies condition (22) is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_m \cos \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t + b_m \sin \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}t)J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}r\right) \quad (27)$$

From the second formula in the initial condition (23), we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} b_m J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B}r\right) = 0$$

So we get

$$b_m = 0 \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

From the first formula in the initial condition (23), we have

$$u(r, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) = h \left( 1 - \frac{r}{B} \right)$$

Using the Fourier-Bessel coefficient formula (1), we have

$$a_m = \frac{\int_0^B r h \left( 1 - \frac{r}{B} \right) J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) dr}{\frac{B^2}{2} J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \quad (28)$$

First, calculate the numerator. Let  $\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} h \int_0^B r J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) dr &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^2} [x J_1(x)]_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} = \frac{h B^2}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1 \left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h}{B} \int_0^B r^2 J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) dr &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x \cdot x J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \left[ x^2 J_1(x) \Big|_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} - \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_1(x) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \left[ \left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^2 J_1 \left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right) + x J_0(x) \Big|_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} - \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{h B^2}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1 \left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right) - \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \underbrace{\int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx}_{\text{Generalized Hypergeometric Function}} . \end{aligned}$$

Using the Fourier-Bessel coefficient formula (1), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h \int_0^B r J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) dr &= \frac{h B^2}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) \\ \frac{h}{B} \int_0^B r^2 J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right) dr &= \frac{h B^2}{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - \frac{h B^2}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the above results into formula (28):

$$\begin{aligned} a_m &= \frac{2h}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx \\ a_m &= \frac{2h}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx, b_m = 0 \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $a_m$  and  $b_m$  into (27), and the solution of the problem (21)-(23) is:

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2h}{\left( \mu_m^{(0)} \right)^3 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} J_0(x) dx \right] \cos \frac{a \mu_m^{(0)} t}{B} J_0 \left( \frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{B} r \right).$$

**Ex 1.4.** Solve the following definite solution problem:

$$u_t = a^2 \left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r - \frac{1}{r^2} u \right) \quad (0 < r < 1), \leftarrow \boxed{\text{leads to 1st order Bessel equation}} \quad (29)$$

$$u|_{r=1} = 0, |u(r, t)| < +\infty, \quad (30)$$

$$u|_{t=0} = 1 - r. \quad (31)$$

- Replacing  $u_t$  with  $u_{tt}$  transforms the equation into a wave equation.
- Replacing  $u_t$  with  $-u_{zz}$  transforms the equation into a potential equation in cylindrical coordinates.
- These substitutions allow for the creation of various new problems in PDEs.
- The corresponding solutions can be found by substituting the appropriate parts of the five steps of the method of separation of variables.

**Solution.** Apply the method of separation of variables. Let  $u(r, t) = R(r)T(t)$  and substitute it into (29), we get

$$RT' = a^2 \left( R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' - \frac{1}{r^2} R \right) T$$

or

$$\frac{T'}{a^2 T} = \frac{R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' - \frac{1}{r^2} R}{R} = -\lambda$$

From this, we obtain

$$T' + \lambda a^2 T = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$r^2 R'' + r R' + (\lambda r^2 - 1) R = 0 \quad (33)$$

Note that this equation is a Bessel equation of order one. Using the definite solution conditions (30), we can get

$$R(1) = 0, |R(0)| < +\infty \quad (34)$$

(33) and (34) form the eigenvalue problem of the Bessel equation of order one. The corresponding eigenvalues and eigenfunctions are respectively

$$\lambda_m^{(1)} = (\mu_m^{(1)})^2, R_m(r) = J_1(\mu_m^{(1)} r) \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Substitute the eigenvalues into (32), we can get

$$T_m(t) = C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(1)} a)^2 t}$$

Then, using  $u(r, t) = R(r)T(t)$ , we can get

$$u_m(r, t) = C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(1)} a)^2 t} J_1(\mu_m^{(1)} r) \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

According to the superposition principle, the general solution that satisfies equation (29) and condition (30) is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m e^{-(\mu_m^{(1)} a)^2 t} J_1(\mu_m^{(1)} r). \quad (35)$$

Finally, from the initial condition (31), we have

$$1 - r = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m J_1(\mu_m^{(1)} r)$$

Using the Fourier-Bessel coefficient formula (1), we have

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r(1-r) J_1(\mu_m^{(1)} r) dr}{\frac{1}{2} J_1^2(\mu_m^{(1)})} \quad (36)$$

First, calculate the numerator. Let  $\mu_m^{(1)}r = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 r J_1(\mu_m^{(1)}r) dr &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} x J_1(x) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} [x J_0(x)]_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} + \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} J_0(x) dx \\ &= -\frac{J_0(\mu_m^{(1)})}{\mu_m^{(1)}} + \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} J_0(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 r^2 J_1(\mu_m^{(1)}r) dr &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^3} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} x^2 J_1(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^3} [x^2 J_2(x)]_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} = \frac{J_2(\mu_m^{(1)})}{\mu_m^{(1)}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that, from the recurrence formula, we can get

$$J_0(\mu_m^{(1)}) + J_2(\mu_m^{(1)}) = \frac{2}{\mu_m^{(1)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(1)}) = 0$$

Substitute the above results into (36) and simplify to get

$$C_m = \frac{2}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(1)})} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} J_0(x) dx$$

Substitute the value of  $C_m$  into expression (35) to obtain the solution of the original problem (29)-(31).

**Ex 1.5.** Solve the following definite solution problem:

$$u_t = a^2 \left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r \right) + A \quad (0 < r < 1), \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Non-homogeneous eq.}} \quad (37)$$

$$u|_{r=1} = 0, |u(r, t)| < +\infty, \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous bdry.}} \quad (38)$$

$$u|_{t=0} = 0, \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Homogeneous initial data}} \quad (39)$$

where  $A$  is a constant.

**Solution.** Apply the **method of eigenfunctions** (recall §2.4).

**Step 1:** First, for the non-homogeneous equation (37), the corresponding homogeneous equation is

$$u_t = a^2 \left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r \right).$$

The system of eigenfunctions that simultaneously satisfies the homogeneous boundary condition (38) is the Bessel function system  $\{J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ .

**Step 2:** Assume the solution is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_m(t) J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) \quad (40)$$

where  $u_m(t)$  is a function of  $t$  to be determined.

**Step 3:** Expand the free term  $A$  in the equation into a Fourier-Bessel series according to the corresponding Bessel function system:

$$A = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(t) J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) \quad (41)$$

where the coefficients are

$$f_m(t) = \frac{\int_0^1 r \cdot A \cdot J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) dr}{\frac{1}{2}J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} = \frac{2A}{\mu_m^{(0)}J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots).$$

**Step 4:** Substitute (40) and (41) into (37) and simplify to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u'_m(t)J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a^2 u_m(t) \underbrace{\left[ [J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]'' + \frac{1}{r}[J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]' \right]}_{\text{Hope to replace it to } J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r), \text{ then one can compare the coef.}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(t)J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

- This step features a significant innovation: the derivative terms are replaced by the Bessel equation.
- Only by making this substitution so that it satisfies the Bessel equation, does the first step you took earlier amount to solving the corresponding homogeneous Sturm-Liouville (S-L) problem.
- Similar situations will also occur in Chapter 2, for example,  $(\sin \frac{n\pi}{l}x)'' \propto \sin \frac{n\pi}{l}x$ . (Recall and compare the relevant content and calculations from Chapter 2 “How to invent the method of eigenfunctions?”)
- This process can be substituted in because it is designed to use the S-L equation to handle (Recall Chapter 2 “How to invent the method of eigenfunctions?”).

From the Bessel equation of order zero, we know that:

$$r^2[J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]'' + r[J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]' + (\mu_m^{(0)})^2 r^2 J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) = 0$$

Naturally, we have

$$[J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]'' + \frac{1}{r}[J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)]' = -(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)$$

Substitute the above formula into (42) and simplify to get

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [u'_m(t) + (\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 u_m(t)]J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(t)J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r).$$

By comparing the coefficients of the like terms on both sides, we can get

$$u'_m(t) + (\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 u_m(t) = f_m(t) = \frac{2A}{\mu_m^{(0)}J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})}.$$

**Step 5:** From the initial condition (39), we can get

$$u_m(0) = 0.$$

**Step 6:** Apply the general solution formula of the first order linear differential equation or the Laplace transform method to obtain

$$u_m(t) = \frac{2A}{\mu_m^{(0)}J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} \int_0^t e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2(t-\tau)} d\tau = \frac{2A}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 a^2 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} (1 - e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 t})$$

Finally, substitute the value of  $u_m(t)$  into formula (40) to obtain the solution of the definite solution problem (37)-(39):

$$u(r, t) = \frac{2A}{a^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^{-(\mu_m^{(0)}a)^2 t})}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} J_0(\mu_m^{(0)}r)$$

## Notes on Solving Non-homogeneous Boundary Value Problems

- Students may ask how to use auxiliary functions to handle non-homogeneous boundary conditions when encountering non-homogeneous boundary.
- The approach involves constructing an auxiliary function.
- After constructing the auxiliary function, remove it from the variable to transform the problem into one that can be solved using eigenfunction methods and separation of variables.
- Although we haven't covered auxiliary functions explicitly, the method from Chapter 2 still applies.

## Exercise Class

**Ex 1.6.** Calculate definite integrals and indefinite integrals.

1.  $\int_0^1 x^3 J_0(\alpha x) dx$ , where  $\alpha$  is a positive zero point of the Bessel function  $J_0(x)$  of order zero, (that is  $J_0(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow J_1(\alpha) \neq 0$ ).
2.  $\int x^4 J_1(x) dx$
3.  $\int J_3(x) dx$  (Hint: Express it in terms of  $J_0$ ,  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ , use the recurrence relations  $x^n J_n \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} x^n J_{n-1}$ ,  $x^{-n} J_n \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} -x^{-n} J_{n+1}$ )

**Solution.** (1) We will obtain two different expressions of the same result by different recurrence relations.  
Let  $t = \alpha x$ , then  $dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} dt$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^3 J_0(\alpha x) dx &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^3 J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^2 \cdot t J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^2 d(t J_1(t)) \leftarrow [\text{Integrate by parts}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} [\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) - 2 \int_0^\alpha t^2 J_1(t) dt] \end{aligned}$$

**Method 1:** Using  $x^n J_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} [\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) - 2[t^2 J_2(t)]_0^\alpha] \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} [\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) - 2\alpha^2 J_2(\alpha)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} J_1(\alpha) - \frac{2}{\alpha^2} J_2(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

**Method 2:**

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} [\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) + 2 \int_0^\alpha t^2 J'_0(t) dt]$$

Since  $J_0(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $\int_0^\alpha t^2 J'_0(t) dt = [t^2 J_0(t)]_0^\alpha - 2 \int_0^\alpha t J_0(t) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} [\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) + 2[t^2 J_0(t)]_0^\alpha - 4 \int_0^\alpha t J_0(t) dt] \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} J_1(\alpha) - \frac{4}{\alpha^3} J_1(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1.1.** • Compare Method 1 and Method 2:  $\frac{2}{\alpha^2} J_2(\alpha) = \frac{4}{\alpha^3} J_1(\alpha) \Rightarrow J_2(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\alpha} J_1(\alpha)$ .

- This can be proven by the recurrence relations  $J_2(\alpha) + J_0(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\alpha} J_1(\alpha)$  and  $J_0(\alpha) = 0$ .

(2) **Method 1:** Using  $x^n J_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^4 J_1(x) dx &= \int x^2 \cdot x^2 J_1(x) dx \\ &= \int x^2 d(x^2 J_2(x)) \\ &= x^2 \cdot x^2 J_2(x) - \int x^2 J_2(x) dx^2 \\ &= x^4 J_2(x) - 2 \int x^3 J_2(x) dx \\ &= x^4 J_2(x) - 2 \int d(x^3 J_3(x)) \\ &= x^4 J_2(x) - 2x^3 J_3(x) + C \end{aligned}$$

**Method 2:** By  $J_1(x) = -J'_0(x)$  and  $x^n J_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^4 J_1(x) dx &= - \int x^4 dJ_0(x) \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + \int J_0(x) dx^4 \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + 4 \int x^3 J_0(x) dx \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + 4 \int x^2 d(x J_1(x)) \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + 4x^3 J_1(x) - 4 \int x J_1(x) dx^2 \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + 4x^3 J_1(x) - 8 \int x^2 J_1(x) dx \\ &= -x^4 J_0(x) + 4x^3 J_1(x) - 8x^2 J_2(x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Idea: reduce the order of  $J_3$  to  $J_0$  and  $J_1$ , use relations  $x^{-n} J_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$ , then  $-x^{-1} J_1 \longrightarrow x^{-1} J_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int J_3(x) dx &= \int x^2 \cdot x^{-2} J_3(x) dx \leftarrow \boxed{\text{introduce } x^{-n} \text{ to help}} \\ &= - \int x^2 d(x^{-2} J_2(x)) \\ &= -x^2 \cdot x^{-2} J_2(x) + \int x^{-2} J_2(x) dx^2 \\ &= -J_2(x) + 2 \int x^{-1} J_2(x) dx \\ &= -J_2(x) - 2 \int d(x^{-1} J_1(x)) \\ &= -J_2(x) - 2x^{-1} J_1(x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

**Ex 1.7.** 1. Let  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  be the  $m$ -th positive zero of the Bessel function  $J_0(x)$ . Try to expand the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  into a Fourier-Bessel series of  $J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} x)$  on the interval  $(0, 1)$ . (Hint: Use the recurrence formulas:  $\frac{d}{dx}[J_0(x)] = -J_1(x)$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx}[x J_1(x)] = x J_0(x)$ )

2. Solve the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2(u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r), & 0 \leq r < 1, t > 0 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{change } u_{tt} \text{ to } u_t, -u_{zz} \text{ to create new exercise}} \\ u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(r, 0) = f(r), & f(1) = 0 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Compatibility condition--initial data is compatible with boundary}} \\ u_t(r, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution.** 1.  $x^2 - 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} x)$ , where

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^1 x(x^2 - 1)J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} x)dx}{\frac{1}{2}J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^3 J_0(x)dx &= \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2(xJ_1(x))' dx \\ &= (\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 2 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_1(x)dx \\ &= ((\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) + 2 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_0'(x)dx) \\ &= ((\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 4 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_0(x)dx) \\ &= ((\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 4\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^3 J_0(x)dx &= \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2(xJ_1(x))' dx \\ &= (\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 2 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^2 J_1(x)dx \\ &= ((\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)}) - 2(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$C_m = \frac{-8}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} \quad \text{or} \quad C_m = \frac{-4J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})}.$$

2. Apply the **method of separation of variables**. Let  $u(x, t) = R(r)Z(z)$ . Substitute it into the equation and separate variables to get

$$\begin{aligned} T'' - \lambda a^2 T &= 0 \\ r^2 R'' + rR' + \lambda r^2 R &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From  $|u(0, t)| < +\infty$  and  $u(1, t) = 0$ , we know  $|R(0)| < +\infty$  and  $R(1) = 0$ . Solving the zero - order Bessel equation, we get the general solution

$$R(r) = C J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + D Y_0(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

From the condition  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we know  $D = 0$ . Denote  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  as the  $m$ -th positive zero of  $J_0(x)$ . Then from the condition  $R(1) = 0$ , we have  $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$ , so

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_m = (\mu_m^{(0)})^2 \\ R_m(r) = J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r) \end{cases}$$

Substitute  $\lambda_m$  into the equation of  $T$  to get

$$T_m(t) = a_m \cos(\mu_m^{(0)} at) + b_m \sin(\mu_m^{(0)} at)$$

Then

$$u_m(r, t) = [a_m \cos(\mu_m^{(0)} at) + b_m \sin(\mu_m^{(0)} at)] J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r)$$

According to the superposition principle

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [a_m \cos(\mu_m^{(0)} at) + b_m \sin(\mu_m^{(0)} at)] J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r)$$

From the initial value  $u(r, 0) = \phi(r)$ , we get

$$a_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r \phi(r) J_0(\mu_m^{(0)} r) dr}{\frac{1}{2} J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})}, \quad b_m = 0$$

**Ex 1.8.** 1. Calculate the definite integral  $\int_0^1 x^3 J_0(\alpha x) dx$ , where  $\alpha$  is a positive zero of the Bessel function  $J_0(x)$  of order zero. (Hint: Use the recurrence formulas:  $J'_0(x) = -J_1(x)$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx}[x J_1(x)] = x J_0(x)$ )

2. Solve the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r, & 0 \leq r < 2, t > 0 \\ u(2, t) = 0, |u(0, t)| < +\infty, & t > 0 \\ u(r, 0) = 4 - r^2, & 0 \leq r \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

**Solution.** 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^3 J_0(\alpha x) dx &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^3 J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^2 (t J_1(t))' dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} (\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) - 2 \int_0^\alpha t^2 J_1(t) dt) \\ &= \frac{J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha} + \frac{2}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^2 J'_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha} - \frac{4}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha} - \frac{4 J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha^3} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^3 J_0(\alpha x) dx &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^3 J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha t^2 (t J_1(t))' dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} (\alpha^3 J_1(\alpha) - 2 \int_0^\alpha t^2 J_1(t) dt) \\ &= \frac{J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha} - \frac{2}{\alpha^4} \int_0^\alpha (t^2 J_2)'(t) dt \\ &= \frac{J_1(\alpha)}{\alpha} - \frac{2 J_2(\alpha)}{\alpha^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Apply the **method of separation of variables**. Let  $u(x, t) = R(r)T(t)$ . Substitute it into the equation and separate variables to get

$$\begin{aligned} T' + \lambda T &= 0 \\ r^2 R'' + r R' + \lambda r^2 R &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From  $|u(0, t)| < +\infty$ , we have  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , and from  $u(2, t) = 0$ , we have  $R(2) = 0$ . Solving the zero order Bessel equation, we get the general solution

$$R(r) = C J_0(\sqrt{\lambda} r) + D Y_0(\sqrt{\lambda} r)$$

From the condition  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we know  $D = 0$ . Denote  $\mu_m^{(0)}$  as the  $m$ -th positive zero of  $J_0(x)$ . Then from the condition  $R(2) = 0$ , we have  $J_0(2\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$ , so

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_m = \frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2}{4} \\ R_m(r) = J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

Substitute  $\lambda_m$  into the equation of  $T$  to get

$$T_m(t) = C_m e^{-\frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 t}{4}}$$

Then

$$u_m(r, t) = C_m e^{-\frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 t}{4}} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right)$$

According to the superposition principle

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} C_m e^{-\frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 t}{4}} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right)$$

From the initial condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_m &= \frac{\int_0^2 r(4 - r^2) J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right) dr}{2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \\ &= \frac{8 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x J_0(x) dx}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} - \frac{8 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(0)}} x^3 J_0(x) dx}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^4 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} \\ &= \frac{8}{\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} - \frac{8}{\mu_m^{(0)} J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} + \frac{32}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} \\ &= \frac{32}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{32}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^3 J_1(\mu_m^{(0)})} e^{-\frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 t}{4}} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right)$$

or

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{16 J_2(\mu_m^{(0)})}{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 J_1^2(\mu_m^{(0)})} e^{-\frac{(\mu_m^{(0)})^2 t}{4}} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)} r}{2}\right)$$

**Ex 1.9.** Suppose there is a cylinder with radius  $a$  and height  $h$ , which is adiabatic (heat - insulated) from the outside. The initial temperature is  $u_0(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{a^2})$ . Find the temperature distribution and variation inside this cylinder.

**Solution.** Since the initial temperature is **independent of  $\theta$  and  $z$** , this problem is **independent of  $\theta$  and  $z$** . The problem can be translated as:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - k \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho}) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \Big|_{\rho=a} = 0, \quad u|_{\rho=0} \text{ is bounded} \leftarrow \boxed{\text{The second kind boundary}} \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{a^2}) \end{cases}$$

Using the **method of separation of variables**.

**The separation of variables:** Let  $u(\rho, t) = R(\rho)T(t)$ . Then

$$RT' - k \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} (\rho \frac{dR}{d\rho}) = RT' - k \frac{1}{\rho} (R' + \rho R'') = 0.$$

Dividing both sides by  $kRT$ , we get

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{R' + \rho R''}{\rho R} = -\lambda,$$

that is  $R' + \rho R'' + \lambda \rho R = 0$  and  $T' + k \lambda T = 0$ .

**Transform PDE to ODEs:**

$$\begin{cases} T' + k \lambda T = 0 \\ \rho^2 R'' + \rho R' + \lambda \rho^2 R = 0 \end{cases}$$

The boundary conditions can be written as  $R'(a)T(t) = 0$ . To obtain a nontrivial solution, we have  $R'(a) = 0$  and  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ .

**Solve ODEs:** The equation  $\rho^2 R'' + \rho R' + \lambda \rho^2 R = 0$  is a Bessel equation of order 0.

### Supplementary proof of $\lambda \geq 0$

The Bessel's equation is

$$\rho R'' + R' + \lambda \rho R = 0$$

Multiply both sides by  $R$  and integrate:

$$\int_0^a \rho R'' R d\rho + \int_0^a R R' d\rho + \lambda \int_0^a \rho R^2 d\rho = 0.$$

Using integration by parts:

$$\int_0^a \rho R'' R d\rho = \underbrace{[\rho R' R]_0^a}_{\text{by bdry condition}=0} - \int_0^a R R' d\rho - \int_0^a \rho (R')^2 d\rho$$

It follows that:  $\lambda \int_0^a \rho R^2 d\rho = \int_0^a \rho (R')^2 d\rho$ , and then  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

- Note: Compared with the first type boundary problem,  $\lambda$  can be 0 here.
- If  $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow R' = 0, \Rightarrow R = \text{constant}$ . Unlike the first type problem, in the second type problem,  $R(\rho) \not\equiv 0$ , i.e.,  $R(\rho)$  could be a nonzero constant.
- Because in the first type problem,  $\lambda = 0$  leads to  $R(a) = 0$  and  $R' = 0 \Rightarrow R \equiv 0$ , while the second type boundary problem has no such issue.

**Case 1: when  $\lambda > 0$ .** The general solution of the Bessel equation of order 0 is  $R(\rho) = C J_0(\sqrt{\lambda} \rho) + D Y_0(\sqrt{\lambda} \rho)$ . From the boundedness  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we have  $D = 0$ . Then using  $R'(a) = 0$ , since  $R'(\rho) = C \sqrt{\lambda} J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda} \rho) \implies R'(a) = C \sqrt{\lambda} J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0$ , and  $J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = -J_1(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0$  (**recall in the first type boundary, here is  $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0$ . This is a main different!**). Therefore,  $R'(a) = 0 \implies J_1(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0$ .

Let  $\mu_m^{(1)}$  be the positive zero of  $J_1(x)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then the eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_m = \left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a}\right)^2,$$

and the eigenfunctions are

$$R_m(\rho) = J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a}\rho\right) \leftarrow \boxed{\text{It is not } J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(0)}}{a}\rho\right)}, \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots).$$

For the ODE of  $T$ ,  $T_m(t) = C_m e^{-k(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a})^2 t}$ . So  $u_m(\rho, t) = C_m e^{-k(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a})^2 t} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a}\rho\right)$ .

**Case 2 when  $\lambda = 0$ .** Solve  $\rho^2 R'' + \rho R' = 0$ , we get  $R(\rho) = A + B \ln \rho$ , then  $R'(\rho) = \frac{B}{\rho}$ . Using the boundary conditions  $R'(a) = 0$  and  $|R(0)| < +\infty$ , we have  $B = 0$ , so  $R_0(\rho) = A_0$ . For the ODE of  $T$ ,  $T_0(t) = A_0^*$ , so  $u_0(\rho, t) = A_0^* A_0 \equiv C_0$ .

Superposition series solution

$$u(\rho, t) = C_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m e^{-k(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a})^2 t} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a}\rho\right)$$

Determine coefficients from initial values

$$u(\rho, 0) = C_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a}\rho\right) = u_0\left(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{a^2}\right)$$

- We cannot use the Fourier-Bessel coefficients given previously because  $\mu_m^{(1)}$  is a zero of  $J_1$ , not a zero of  $J_0$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** Prove that  $\int_0^1 J_0(\mu_i^{(1)}x)xdx = 0$ , where  $\mu_i^{(1)}$  is a zero of  $J_1(x)$ , that is  $J_1(\mu_i^{(1)}) = 0$ .

*Proof.*

$$\int_0^1 J_0(\mu_i^{(1)}x)xdx = \frac{1}{(\mu_i^{(1)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_i^{(1)}} J_0(t)tdt = \frac{1}{(\mu_i^{(1)})^2} [tJ_1(t)]_0^{\mu_i^{(1)}} = \frac{1}{(\mu_i^{(1)})^2} \mu_i^{(1)} J_1(\mu_i^{(1)}) = 0$$

This shows that 1 and  $J_0(\mu_i^{(1)}x)$  are **orthogonal**.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\mu_i$  be a positive zero of  $J'_n(r)$ . Then

1. Orthogonality:  $\int_0^1 J_n(\mu_i r)J_n(\mu_k r)rdr = 0$  ( $i \neq k$ )
2. And the norm:  $\int_0^1 J_n^2(\mu_i r)rdr = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{n^2}{\mu_i^2})J_n^2(\mu_i)$

*Proof.* 1. From the previous theorem, we know  $\int_0^R rJ_n(\frac{\mu_m^{(n)}}{R}r)J_n(\frac{\mu_k^{(n)}}{R}r)dr = 0$  ( $m \neq k$ ). Using the notation in the proof of the orthogonality theorem,

$$(\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2) \int_0^R rF_1(r)F_2(r)dr + \left[ rF_2 \frac{dF_1}{dr} - rF_1 \frac{dF_2}{dr} \right]_0^R = 0. \quad (43)$$

Let  $R = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \mu_i$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \mu_k$ , then  $\frac{dF_1}{dr}|_{r=1} = \mu_i J'_n(\mu_i) = 0$ ,  $\frac{dF_2}{dr}|_{r=1} = \mu_k J'_n(\mu_k) = 0$ . So

$$(\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2) \int_0^1 rF_1(r)F_2(r)dr = 0.$$

When  $i \neq k$ ,  $\int_0^1 rJ_n(\mu_i r)J_n(\mu_k r)dr = 0$ , and the orthogonality is proved.

2. Calculate  $\int_0^1 J_n^2(\mu_i r)rdr$ . Using (43),

$$\int_0^1 rF_1(r)F_2(r)dr = \frac{[rF_2 \frac{dF_1}{dr} - rF_1 \frac{dF_2}{dr}]_0^1}{\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2}.$$

Let  $\alpha_1 = \mu_i$ , then  $\frac{dF_1}{dr}|_{r=1} = 0$ . We further arrive at

$$\underbrace{\int_0^1 rJ_n(\mu_i r)J_n(\alpha_2 r)dr}_{\text{a continuous function of } \alpha_2} = \frac{\alpha_2 J_n(\mu_i)J'_n(\alpha_2)}{\mu_i^2 - \alpha_2^2}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 J_n^2(\mu_i r)rdr &= \lim_{\alpha_2 \rightarrow \mu_i} \int_0^1 rJ_n(\mu_i r)J_n(\alpha_2 r)dr \\ &= \lim_{\alpha_2 \rightarrow \mu_i} \frac{\alpha_2 J_n(\mu_i)J'_n(\alpha_2)}{\mu_i^2 - \alpha_2^2} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha_2 \rightarrow \mu_i} \frac{\alpha_2 J_n(\mu_i)J''_n(\alpha_2) + J_n(\mu_i)J'_n(\alpha_2)}{-2\alpha_2} \\ &= -\frac{\mu_i J_n(\mu_i)J''_n(\mu_i)}{2\mu_i} = -\frac{1}{2} J_n(\mu_i)J''_n(\mu_i) \end{aligned}$$

Using the Bessel equation  $J_n''(x) + \frac{1}{x}J_n'(x) + (1 - \frac{n^2}{x^2})J_n(x) = 0$  with  $x = \mu_i$ ,  $J_n''(\mu_i) = -(1 - \frac{n^2}{\mu_i^2})J_n(\mu_i)$ . Then

$$\int_0^1 J_n^2(\mu_i r) r dr = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{n^2}{\mu_i^2})J_n^2(\mu_i).$$

□

$$Let a = 1, u(\rho, 0) = C_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) = u_0(1 - \rho^2)$$

$$C_0 = \frac{\int_0^1 u_0(1 - \rho^2) \rho d\rho}{\int_0^1 \rho d\rho} = \frac{u_0 \int_0^1 (\rho - \rho^3) d\rho}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}u_0,$$

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^1 u_0(1 - \rho^2) \rho J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) d\rho}{\int_0^1 J_0^2(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) \rho d\rho} = \frac{\mu_0 \int_0^1 [\rho J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) - \rho^3 J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho)] d\rho}{\frac{1}{2} J_0^2(\mu_m^{(1)})}.$$

Calculate

$$\int_0^1 \rho J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) d\rho = \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} t J_0(t) dt = \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2} [t J_1(t)]_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \rho^3 J_0(\mu_m^{(1)} \rho) d\rho &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^4} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} t^3 J_0(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^4} \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} t^2 d(t J_1(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^4} \left( [t^3 J_1(t)]_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} - 2 \int_0^{\mu_m^{(1)}} t J_1(t) dt \right) \\ &= -\frac{2(\mu_m^{(1)})^2}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^4} J_2(\mu_m^{(1)}) = -\frac{2 J_2(\mu_m^{(1)})}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into  $C_m$ , and using  $J_0(\mu_m^{(1)}) + J_2(\mu_m^{(1)}) = \frac{2}{\mu_m^{(1)}} J_1(\mu_m^{(1)}) = 0 \Rightarrow J_2(\mu_m^{(1)}) = -J_0(\mu_m^{(1)})$

$$C_m = -\frac{4u_0 J_0(\mu_m^{(1)})}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2 J_0^2(\mu_m^{(1)})} = -\frac{4u_0}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2 J_0(\mu_m^{(1)})}.$$

So

$$u(\rho, t) = \frac{1}{2}u_0 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4u_0}{(\mu_m^{(1)})^2 J_0(\mu_m^{(1)})} e^{-k(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a})^2 t} J_0\left(\frac{\mu_m^{(1)}}{a} \rho\right).$$

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