

Solution **Section 4.5 – Bessel's Equation and Bessel Functions**

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right)y = 0 : \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right)y = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{9} \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{The general solution is: } \underline{y(x) = c_1 J_{1/3}(x) + c_2 J_{-1/3}(x)}$$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0 : \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = 1 \rightarrow v = 1$$

$$\text{The general solution is: } \underline{y(x) = c_1 J_1(x) + c_2 Y_1(x)}$$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 25)y = 0 : \quad 4x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (4x^2 - 25)y = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = \frac{25}{4} \rightarrow v = \pm \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{The general solution is: } \underline{y(x) = c_1 J_{5/2}(x) + c_2 J_{-5/2}(x)}$$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0 : \quad 16x^2 y'' + 16xy' + (16x^2 - 1)y = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{16} \rightarrow v = \pm \frac{1}{4}$$

The general solution is: $y(x) = c_1 J_{1/4}(x) + c_2 J_{-1/4}(x)$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - v^2)y = 0: \quad xy'' + y' + xy = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = 0 \rightarrow v = 0$$

The general solution is: $y(x) = c_1 J_0(x) + c_2 Y_0(x)$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(x^2 - v^2\right)y = 0: \quad xy'' + y' + \left(x - \frac{4}{x}\right)y = 0$$

Solution

$$v^2 = 4 \rightarrow v = 2$$

The general solution is: $y(x) = c_1 J_2(x) + c_2 Y_2(x)$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (\alpha^2 x^2 - v^2)y = 0: \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + (9x^2 - 4)y = 0$$

Solution

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 = 9 \rightarrow \alpha = 3 \\ v^2 = 4 \rightarrow v = 2 \end{cases}$$

The general solution is: $y(x) = c_1 J_2(3x) + c_2 Y_2(3x)$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (\alpha^2 x^2 - v^2)y = 0: \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(36x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right)y = 0$$

Solution

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 = 36 \rightarrow \alpha = 6 \\ \nu^2 = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \nu = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

The general solution is: $\underline{y(x) = c_1 J_{1/2}(6x) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(6x)}$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(\alpha^2 x^2 - \nu^2\right) y = 0: \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(25x^2 - \frac{4}{9}\right) y = 0$$

Solution

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 = 25 \rightarrow \alpha = 5 \\ \nu^2 = \frac{4}{9} \rightarrow \nu = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

The general solution is: $\underline{y(x) = c_1 J_{2/3}(5x) + c_2 J_{-2/3}(5x)}$

Exercise

Find the general solution of the given differential equation on $(0, \infty)$ using Bessel equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(\alpha^2 x^2 - \nu^2\right) y = 0: \quad x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(2x^2 - 64\right) y = 0$$

Solution

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 = 2 \rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt{2} \\ \nu^2 = 64 \rightarrow \nu = 8 \end{cases}$$

The general solution is: $\underline{y(x) = c_1 J_8(\sqrt{2}x) + c_2 Y_8(\sqrt{2}x)}$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$4x^2 y'' + 8xy' + (x^4 - 3)y = 0$$

Solution

$$\frac{1}{4} \times 4x^2 y'' + 8xy' + (x^4 - 3)y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' + \left(-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}x^4\right) y = 0$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$A = 2, \quad B = -\frac{3}{4}, \quad C = \frac{1}{4}, \quad p = 4$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{4}{2} = 2, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}}{4} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{1+3}}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= x^{-1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{4} x^2 \right) + c_2 J_{-1/2} \left(\frac{1}{4} x^2 \right) \right] \\ &= x^{-1/2} \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin z + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos z \right) \\ &= x^{-1/2} \left(c_1 \frac{2}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin \frac{x^2}{4} + c_2 \frac{2}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos \frac{x^2}{4} \right) \\ &= x^{-3/2} \left(C_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin \frac{x^2}{4} + C_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos \frac{x^2}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right] \\ &= c_1 \left(\frac{2}{\pi x} \right)^{1/2} \sin x + c_2 \left(\frac{2}{\pi x} \right)^{1/2} \cos x \\ z &= kx^\beta = \frac{x^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$y'' + 9xy = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 \times y'' + 9xy = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + 9x^3 y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 9, \quad p = 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{3}{2}, \quad k = 2, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/3} \left(2x^{3/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-1/3} \left(2x^{3/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p) y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' + (x-3)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' - 3y + xy = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' - 3xy + x^2 y = 0$$

$$A = -3, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 2$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p) y = 0$$

$$\alpha = 2, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{2} = 2$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x^2 \left[c_1 Y_2(x) + c_2 J_2(x) \right]}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 J_{-\nu}(kx^\beta) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' + (4x^3 - 1)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' - y + 4x^3 y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' - xy + 4x^4 y = 0$$

$$A = -1, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 4, \quad p = 4$$

$$\alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 2, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= x \left[c_1 J_{1/2}(x^2) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(x^2) \right] \\ &= x \left(c_1 \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin x^2 + c_2 \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos x^2 \right) \\ &= c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin x^2 + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos x^2 \\ &= \underline{C_1 \sin x^2 + C_2 \cos x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 J_{-\nu}(kx^\beta) \right]$$

$$y(z) = x^\alpha \left(c_1 \left(\frac{2}{\pi z} \right)^{1/2} \sin z + c_2 \left(\frac{2}{\pi z} \right)^{1/2} \cos z \right)$$

$$z = kx^\beta = x^2$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$x^2 y'' + xy' - \left(\frac{1}{4} + x^2 \right) y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(-\frac{1}{4} - x^2 \right) y = 0$$

$$A = 1, \quad B = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad C = -1, \quad p = 2$$

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = i, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 I_{1/2}(x) + c_2 I_{-1/2}(x)$$

$$y(x) = c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sinh x + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cosh x$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 I_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 I_{-\nu}(kx^\beta) \right]$$

$$I_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sinh x$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' + (2x+1)y' + (2x+1)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' + (2x+1)y' + (2x+1)y = 0$$

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

$$\text{Let } Y = ye^x \rightarrow y = Ye^{-x}$$

$$x^2(Y'' - 2Y' + Y)e^{-x} + x(2x+1)(Y' - Y)e^{-x} + (2x^2 + x)Ye^{-x} = 0$$

$$x^2 Y'' - 2x^2 Y' + x^2 Y + (2x^2 + x)Y' - (2x^2 + x)Y + (2x^2 + x)Y = 0$$

$$x^2 Y'' + xY' + x^2 Y = 0$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$A=1, \quad B=0, \quad C=1, \quad p=2$$

$$\alpha=0, \quad \beta=1, \quad k=1, \quad \nu=0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$Y(x) = c_1 J_0(x) + c_2 Y_0(x)$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 Y_\nu(kx^\beta) \right]$$

$$y(x) = (c_1 J_0(x) + c_2 Y_0(x))e^{-x}$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' - y' - xy = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' - y' - xy = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' - xy' - x^2 y = 0$$

$$A=-1, \quad B=0, \quad C=-1=i, \quad p=2$$

$$\text{Let } Y = \frac{y}{x} \quad \& \quad X = ix$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$y = xY \quad \& \quad x = -iX$$

$$x^2(2Y' + xY'') - x(Y + xY') - x^3Y = 0$$

$$x^3Y'' + x^2Y' - x(x^2 + 1)Y = 0$$

$$x^2Y'' + xY' - (x^2 + 1)Y = 0$$

$$-X^2Y'' - iXY' - (-X^2 + 1)Y = 0$$

$$X^2Y'' + XY' + (X^2 - 1)Y = 0$$

$$A = 1, \quad B = -1, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 2$$

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = 1$$

$$Y = Z_1(X)$$

$$y(x) = xZ_1(ix)$$

$$= x(c_1 I_1(x) + c_2 K_1(x))$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 Y_\nu(kx^\beta) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$x^4 y'' + a^2 y = 0$$

Solution

$$\frac{1}{x^2} \times x^4 y'' + a^2 y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + \frac{a^2}{x^2} y = 0$$

$$\text{Let } Y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{x} Y$$

$$X = \frac{a}{x} \rightarrow x = \frac{a}{X}$$

$$X^2 Y'' + XY' + (X^2 - K^2)Y = 0$$

$$Y = x^{-1/2} y$$

$$Y' = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2} y + x^{-1/2} y'$$

$$Y'' = \frac{3}{4} x^{-5/2} y - x^{-3/2} y' + x^{-1/2} y''$$

$$x^2 \left(x^{-1/2} y'' - x^{-3/2} y' + \frac{3}{4} x^{-5/2} y \right) + x \left(-\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2} y + x^{-1/2} y' \right) + (x^2 - K^2) x^{-1/2} y = 0$$

$$x^{3/2}y'' - x^{1/2}y' + \frac{3}{4}x^{-1/2}y - \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}y + x^{1/2}y' + (x^2 - K^2)x^{-1/2}y = 0$$

$$x^{3/2}y'' + \left(x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)x^{-1/2}y = 0 \quad \times x^{1/2}$$

$$x^2y'' + \left(x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)y = 0$$

$$x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4} = x^2$$

$$-K^2 + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \rightarrow K^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$X^2Y'' + XY' + \left(X^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right)Y = 0$$

$$A = 1, \quad B = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 2$$

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Y = Z_{1/2}(X)$$

$$y(x) = \sqrt{x}Z_{1/2}\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{x}\left(c_1J_{1/2}\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) + c_2J_{-1/2}\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{x}\left(c_1\sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi a}}\sin\frac{a}{x} + c_2\sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi a}}\cos\frac{a}{x}\right)$$

$$= x\left(c_1\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a}}\sin\frac{a}{x} + c_2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a}}\cos\frac{a}{x}\right)$$

$$= x\left(C_1\sin\frac{a}{x} + C_2\cos\frac{a}{x}\right)$$

$$x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Ax\frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu(kx^\beta) + c_2 J_{-\nu}(kx^\beta) \right]$$

$$y(z) = x^\alpha \left(c_1 \left(\frac{2}{\pi z}\right)^{1/2} \sin z + c_2 \left(\frac{2}{\pi z}\right)^{1/2} \cos z \right)$$

$$z = kX^\beta = \frac{a}{x}$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$y'' - x^2y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 \times y'' - x^2y = 0$$

$$x^2y'' - x^4y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = -1, \quad p = 4$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = \frac{i}{2}, \quad \nu = 0$$

$$\text{Let } Y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{x} Y$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{2}ix^2 \rightarrow x^2 = -2iX$$

$$X^2 Y'' + XY' + (X^2 - K^2)Y = 0$$

$$Y = x^{-1/2}y$$

$$Y' = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}y + x^{-1/2}y'$$

$$Y'' = \frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2}y - x^{-3/2}y' + x^{-1/2}y''$$

$$x^2 \left(x^{-1/2}y'' - x^{-3/2}y' + \frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2}y \right) + x \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}y + x^{-1/2}y' \right) + (x^2 - K^2)x^{-1/2}y = 0$$

$$x^{3/2}y'' - x^{1/2}y' + \frac{3}{4}x^{-1/2}y - \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}y + x^{1/2}y' + (x^2 - K^2)x^{-1/2}y = 0$$

$$x^{3/2}y'' + \left(x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) x^{-1/2}y = 0 \quad \times x^{1/2}$$

$$x^2 y'' + \left(x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) y = 0$$

$$x^2 - K^2 + \frac{1}{4} = -x^4$$

$$K = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow K^2 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$X^2 Y'' + XY' + \left(X^2 - \frac{1}{16} \right) Y = 0$$

$$A=1, \quad B=-\frac{1}{16}, \quad C=1, \quad p=2$$

$$\alpha=0, \quad \beta=1, \quad k=1, \quad \nu=\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$Y = Z_{1/4}(X)$$

$$y(x) = \sqrt{x} Z_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{i}{2} x^2 \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{x} \left(c_1 I_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) + c_2 I_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right)$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

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

Solution

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

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$A=-1, \quad B=1, \quad C=1, \quad p=2$$

$$\alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x \left[c_1 J_0(x) + c_2 Y_0(x) \right]}$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' + 3y' + xy = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' + 3y' + xy = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + 3xy' + x^2 y = 0$$

$$A = 3, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 2$$

$$\alpha = -1, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = 1$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x^{-1} \left[c_1 J_1(x) + c_2 Y_1(x) \right]}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p) y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$xy'' - y' + 36x^3 y = 0$$

Solution

$$x \times xy'' - y' + 36x^3 y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' - xy' + 36x^4 y = 0$$

$$A = -1, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 36, \quad p = 4$$

$$\alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 2, \quad k = 3, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x \left[c_1 J_{1/2}(3x^2) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(3x^2) \right]}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p) y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 J_{1/2}(x) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(x)$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$x^2 y'' - 5xy' + (8+x)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' - 5xy' + (8+x)y = 0$$

$$A = -5, \quad B = 8, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 1$$

$$\alpha = 3, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad k = 2, \quad \nu = 2$$

$$y(x) = x^3 \left[c_1 J_2 \left(2x^{1/2} \right) + c_2 Y_2 \left(2x^{1/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 Y_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$36x^2 y'' + 60xy' + (9x^3 - 5)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' + \frac{5}{3}xy' + \left(\frac{1}{4}x^3 - \frac{5}{36} \right)y = 0$$

$$A = \frac{5}{3}, \quad B = -\frac{5}{36}, \quad C = \frac{1}{4}, \quad p = 3$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad \beta = \frac{3}{2}, \quad k = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{9}}}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(x) = x^{-1/3} \left[c_1 J_{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^{3/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-1/3} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^{3/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$16x^2 y'' + 24xy' + (1 + 144x^3)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2}xy' + \left(\frac{1}{16} + 9x^3 \right)y = 0$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}, \quad B = \frac{1}{16}, \quad C = 9, \quad p = 3$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad \beta = \frac{3}{2}, \quad k = 2, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}}{3} = 0$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x^{-1/4} \left[c_1 J_0 \left(2x^{3/2} \right) + c_2 Y_0 \left(2x^{3/2} \right) \right]}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 Y_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$x^2 y'' + 3xy' + (1 + x^2)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' + 3xy' + (1 + x^2)y = 0$$

$$A = 3, \quad B = 1, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 2$$

$$\alpha = -1, \quad \beta = 1, \quad k = 1, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4}}{3} = 0$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x^{-1} \left[c_1 J_0(x) + c_2 Y_0(x) \right]}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 Y_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$4x^2 y'' - 12xy' + (15 + 16x)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 y'' - 3xy' + \left(\frac{15}{4} + 4x \right)y = 0$$

$$A = -3, \quad B = \frac{15}{4}, \quad C = 4, \quad p = 1$$

$$\alpha = 2, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad k = 4, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(4)^2 - 15}}{1} = 1$$

$$\underline{y(x) = x^2 \left[c_1 J_1 \left(4x^{1/2} \right) + c_2 Y_1 \left(4x^{1/2} \right) \right]}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 Y_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$16x^2y'' - (5 - 144x^3)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2y'' + \left(9x^3 - \frac{5}{16}\right)y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = -\frac{5}{16}, \quad C = 9, \quad p = 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{3}{2}, \quad k = 2, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{5}{4}}}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/2} \left(2x^{3/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-1/2} \left(2x^{3/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$2x^2y'' + 3xy' - (28 - 2x^5)y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2y'' + \frac{3}{2}xy' + (x^5 - 14)y = 0$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}, \quad B = -14, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 5$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad \beta = \frac{5}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2}{5}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 56}}{5} = \frac{15}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y(x) = x^{-1/4} \left[c_1 J_{3/2} \left(\frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-3/2} \left(\frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$y'' + x^4y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 \times y'' + x^6y = 0$$

$$x^2y'' + x^6y = 0$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p)y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 1, \quad p = 6$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = 3, \quad k = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/6} \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) + c_2 J_{-1/6} \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Determine the general solution in terms of Bessel functions or, if possible, in terms of elementary functions.

$$y'' + 4x^3 y = 0$$

Solution

$$x^2 \times y'' + 4x^5 y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + 4x^5 y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 4, \quad p = 5$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{5}{2}, \quad k = \frac{4}{5}, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/5} \left(\frac{4}{5} x^{5/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-1/5} \left(\frac{4}{5} x^{5/2} \right) \right]$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Ax \frac{dy}{dx} + (B + Cx^p) y = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left[c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right]$$

Exercise

Find a Frobenius solution of Bessel's equation of order zero $x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = 0$

Solution

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x} y' + y = 0$$

Therefore, $x = 0$ is a regular singular point, and that $p_0 = 1$, $q_0 = 0$ and $p(x) \equiv 1$, $q(x) = x^2$.

The indicial equation is: $r(r-1) + r = r^2 = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{r=0}$

There is only one Frobenius series solution: $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = 0$$

$$x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} + x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n(n-1) + n]a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = 0 \quad a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{4^2} = \frac{a_0}{2^2 \cdot 4^2}$$

$$0 + a_1 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = 0$$

$$a_1 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n^2 a_n + a_{n-2}) x^n = 0$$

$$a_1 = 0 \rightarrow a_{n(\text{odd})} = 0$$

$$n^2 a_n + a_{n-2} = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = -\frac{a_{n-2}}{n^2} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{4}$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{a_4}{6^2} = -\frac{a_0}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2}$$

$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)^2} a_0 = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n} \cdot (n!)^2} a_0$$

The choice $a_0 = 1$ gives us the Bessel function of order zero of the first kind.

$$J_0(x) = \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{2^{2n} \cdot (n!)^2} = \underline{1 - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^4}{64} - \frac{x^6}{2304} + \dots}$$

Exercise

Derive the formula $x J'_\nu(x) = \nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} x J_\nu(x) &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\ x J'_\nu(x) &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \nu J_\nu(x) \\ &= \nu J_\nu(x) + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\ &= \nu J_\nu(x) + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n! \Gamma(2+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu+1} \\ &= \nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Derive the formula $x J'_\nu(x) = -\nu J_\nu(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} x J'_\nu(x) &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-\nu J_\nu(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x) &= -\nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\
&= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \nu}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\
&= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \nu}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (\nu+n)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} 2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-\nu + 2n + 2\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\
&= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\
&= x J'_\nu(x) \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Derive the formula $2\nu J'_\nu(x) = x J_{\nu+1}(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x)$

Solution

From previous proofs:

$$\begin{aligned}
&x J'_\nu(x) = \nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x) \\
- &x J'_\nu(x) = -\nu J_\nu(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x) \\
\hline
&0 = 2\nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x) - x J_{\nu-1}(x) \\
&\underline{2\nu J'_\nu(x) = x J_{\nu+1}(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x)} \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Prove that $\frac{d}{dx} \left[x^{\nu+1} J_{\nu+1}(x) \right] = x^{\nu+1} J_\nu(x)$

Solution

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

Exercise

Show that $y = \sqrt{x} J_{3/2}(x)$ is a solution of $x^2 y'' + (x^2 - 2)y = 0$

Solution

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

$J_{3/2}(x)$ is the solution of Bessel's equation of order $\frac{3}{2}$:

$$x^2 J''_{3/2}(x) + x J'_{3/2}(x) + \left(x^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right) J_{3/2}(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 \left(\sqrt{x} J_{3/2}(x) \right)'' + (x^2 - 2) \sqrt{x} J_{3/2}(x) &= \\
&= x^2 \left[-\frac{1}{4} x^{-3/2} J_{3/2}(x) + x^{-1/2} J'_{3/2}(x) + x^{1/2} J''_{3/2}(x) \right] + (x^2 - 2) \sqrt{x} J_{3/2}(x) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} x^{1/2} J_{3/2}(x) + x^{3/2} J'_{3/2}(x) + x^{5/2} J''_{3/2}(x) + x^{5/2} J_{3/2}(x) - 2\sqrt{x} J_{3/2}(x)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{x} \left[x^2 J''_{3/2}(x) + x J'_{3/2}(x) + \left(x^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right) J_{3/2}(x) \right]$$

$$= 0$$

Exercise

Show that $4J''_{\nu}(x) = J_{\nu-2}(x) - 2J_{\nu}(x) + J_{\nu+2}(x)$

Solution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= x J'_{\nu}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x J'_\nu(x) &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+\nu)}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} + \nu J_\nu(x) \\
&= \nu J_\nu(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)! \Gamma(1+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu-1} \\
&= \nu J_\nu(x) + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n! \Gamma(2+\nu+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu+1} \\
&= \nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x) \quad \Big|
\end{aligned}$$

$$x J'_\nu(x) = -\nu J_\nu(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&x J'_\nu(x) = \nu J_\nu(x) - x J_{\nu+1}(x) \\
+ \quad &x J'_\nu(x) = -\nu J_\nu(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x) \\
\hline
&2x J'_\nu(x) = -x J_{\nu+1}(x) + x J_{\nu-1}(x)
\end{aligned}$$

$$J'_\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2} (J_{\nu-1}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x))$$

$$J''_\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2} (J'_{\nu-1}(x) - J'_{\nu+1}(x))$$

$$J'_\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2} (J_{\nu-1}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x)) \rightarrow (\nu = \nu - 1) \quad J'_{\nu-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (J_{\nu-2}(x) - J_\nu(x))$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4} (J_{\nu-2}(x) - 2J_\nu(x) + J_{\nu+2}(x))$$

$$\underline{4J''_\nu(x) = J_{\nu-2}(x) - 2J_\nu(x) + J_{\nu+2}(x)} \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise

Show that $y = x^{1/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right)$ is a solution of Airy's differential equation $y'' + \alpha^2 xy = 0$, $x > 0$, whenever w is a solution of Bessel's equation of order $\frac{2}{3}$, that is, $t^2 w'' + tw' + \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right)w = 0$, $t > 0$.
[Hint: After differentiating, substituting, and simplifying, then let $t = \frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}$].

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^{1/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) \\y' &= \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + x^{1/2}\left(\alpha x^{1/2}\right)w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) \\&= \alpha x w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) \\y'' &= \alpha x\left(\alpha x^{1/2}\right)w''\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \alpha w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}\left(\alpha x^{1/2}\right)w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) \\&= \alpha^2 x^{3/2}w''\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\alpha w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$y'' + \alpha^2 xy = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 x^{3/2}w''\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\alpha w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \alpha^2 x^{3/2}w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 x^{3/2}w''\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\alpha w'\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) + \left(\alpha^2 x^{3/2} - \frac{1}{4x^{3/2}}\right)w\left(\frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2}\right) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{2}{3}\alpha x^{3/2} \rightarrow \alpha x^{3/2} = \frac{3}{2}t$$

$$\frac{3}{2}\frac{\alpha}{t}\left[t^2 w''(t) + tw'(t) + \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right)w(t)\right] = 0$$

$$\underline{t^2 w'' + tw' + \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right)w = 0} \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise

Use the relation $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$ and if p is nonnegative integer, then show that

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

Solution

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

$$\text{Given: } \Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$$

$$\Gamma(v+n+1) = (v+1)(v+2)\cdots(v+n)\Gamma(v+n)$$

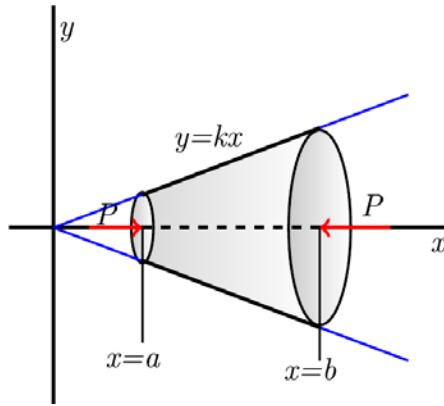
$$J_v(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! (v+1)(v+2)\cdots(v+n)\Gamma(v+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^v$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(v+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^v \left[1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(v+1)(v+2)\cdots(v+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n} \right] \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise

A linearly tapered rod with circular cross section, subject to an axial force P of compression. Its deflection curve $y = y(x)$ satisfies the endpoint value problem

$$EIy'' + Py = 0 ; \quad y(a) = y(b) = 0 \quad (1)$$



Here, however, the moment of inertia $I = I(x)$ of the cross section at x is given by

$$I(x) = \frac{1}{4} \pi (kx)^4 = I_0 \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^4 \quad (2)$$

Where $I_0 = I(b)$, the value of I at $x = b$. Substitution of $I(x)$ in the differential equation (1) yields to the eigenvalue problem

$$x^4 y'' + \lambda y = 0 ; \quad y(a) = y(b) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Where $\lambda = \mu^2 = \frac{Pb^4}{EI_0}$

a) Show that the general solution of $x^4 y'' + \mu^2 y = 0$ is $y(x) = x \left(A \cos \frac{\mu}{x} + B \sin \frac{\mu}{x} \right)$

b) Conclude that the n th eigenvalue is given by $\mu_n = n\pi \frac{ab}{L}$, where $L = b - a$ is the length of the rod, and hence that the n th buckling force is

$$P_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 EI_0$$

Solution

$$a) \quad x^{-2} \times x^4 y'' + \mu^2 y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + \mu^2 x^{-2} y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = \mu^2, \quad p = -2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = -1, \quad k = \mu, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/2}(\mu x^{-1}) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(\mu x^{-1}) \right] \quad y(x) = x^\alpha \left(c_1 J_{1/2}(kx^\beta) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(kx^\beta) \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{x} \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\mu}} \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\mu}} \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$= x^\alpha \left(c_1 \left(\frac{2}{\pi k x^\beta} \right)^{1/2} \sin(kx^\beta) + c_2 \left(\frac{2}{\pi k x^\beta} \right)^{1/2} \cos(kx^\beta) \right)$$

$$= x \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\mu}} \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\mu}} \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$A = c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\mu}}, \quad B = c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\mu}}$$

$$= x \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$b) \quad \text{Given: } \mu_n = n\pi \frac{ab}{L}; \quad y(a) = y(b) = 0, \quad L = b - a$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} y(a) &= a \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{a}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{a}\right) \right) = 0 \\ y(b) &= b \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{b}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{b}\right) \right) = 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} A \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{a}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{a}\right) &= 0 \\ A \cos\left(\frac{\mu}{b}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{b}\right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right. \quad (a, b \neq 0)$$

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$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \frac{\mu}{a} & \sin \frac{\mu}{a} \\ \cos \frac{\mu}{b} & \sin \frac{\mu}{b} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \cos \frac{\mu}{a} \sin \frac{\mu}{b} - \sin \frac{\mu}{a} \cos \frac{\mu}{b}$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{\mu}{b} - \frac{\mu}{a}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{ab} \mu\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{L}{ab} \mu\right)$$

$$\lambda = \mu^2 = \frac{Pb^4}{EI_0}$$

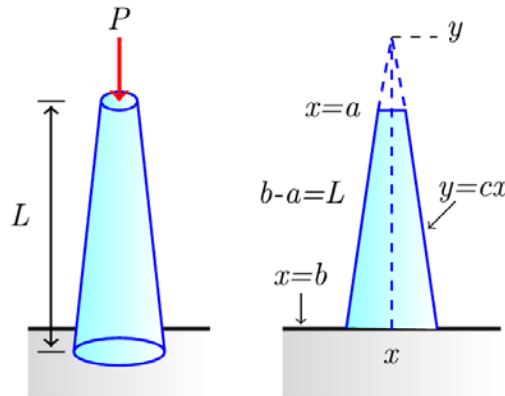
$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{EI_0}{b^4} \mu^2 \\
 &= \frac{EI_0}{b^4} \left(n\pi \frac{ab}{L} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} (EI_0) \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise

When a constant vertical compressive force or load P was applied to a thin column of uniform cross section, the deflection $y(x)$ was a solution of the boundary-value problem

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Py = 0 ; \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(L) = 0$$

The assumption here is that the column is hinged at both ends. The column will buckle or deflect only when the compression force is a critical load P_n



- a) Let assume that the column is of length L , is hinged at both ends, has circular cross sections, and is tapered. If the column, a truncated cone, has a linear taper $y = cx$ in cross section, the moment of inertia of a cross section with respect to an axis perpendicular to the xy - plane is $I = \frac{1}{4} \pi r^4$, where $r = y$ and $y = cx$. Hence we can write $I(x) = I_0 (x/b)^4$, where $I_0 = I(b) = \frac{1}{4} \pi (cb)^4$. Substituting $I(x)$ into the differential equation, we see that the deflection in this case is determine from the BVP?

$$x^4 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0 ; \quad y(a) = 0, \quad y(b) = 0$$

Where $\lambda = Pb^4 EI_0$

Find the critical loads P_n for the tapered column. Use an appropriate identity to express the buckling modes $y_n(x)$ as a single function.

- b) Plot the graph of the first buckling mode $y_1(x)$ corresponding to the Euler load P_1 when $b = 11$ and $a = 1$

Solution

c) $x^{-2} \times x^4 y'' + \lambda y = 0$

$$x^2 y'' + \lambda x^{-2} y = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = \lambda, \quad p = -2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = -1, \quad k = \sqrt{\lambda}, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/2}(\sqrt{\lambda} x^{-1}) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(\sqrt{\lambda} x^{-1}) \right] \quad y(x) = x^\alpha \left(c_1 J_{1/2}(kx^\beta) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(kx^\beta) \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{x} \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$= x^\alpha \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k x^\beta}} \sin(kx^\beta) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k x^\beta}} \cos(kx^\beta) \right)$$

$$= x \left(c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$A = c_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}}, \quad B = c_2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}}}$$

$$= x \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

Given: $\lambda = Pb^4 EI_0$; $y(a) = y(b) = 0$, $L = b - a$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(a) = a \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) \right) = 0 \\ y(b) = b \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) \right) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) = 0 \\ A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (a, b \neq 0)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) = 0 \\ A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (a, b \neq 0)$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} & \sin\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} \\ \cos\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b} & \sin\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \cos\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} \sin\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b} - \sin\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} \cos\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{ab}\sqrt{\lambda}\right) \\
&= \sin\left(\frac{L}{ab}\sqrt{\lambda}\right) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{L}{ab}\sqrt{\lambda} = n\pi \rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi ab}{L} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 a^2 b^2}{L^2} = P b^4 EI_0$$

$$P_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} (EI_0) \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

If we let $B = -A \frac{\sin \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}}$

$$y(x) = x \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$= x \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) - A \frac{\sin \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{A}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}} x \left(\cos \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) - \sin \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$

$$\frac{A}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}} = C$$

$$= Cx \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right)$$

$$= Cx \sin \sqrt{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$y_n(x) = Cx \sin \sqrt{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \left(\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi ab}{L} \right)$$

$$= Cx \sin \frac{n\pi ab}{L} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

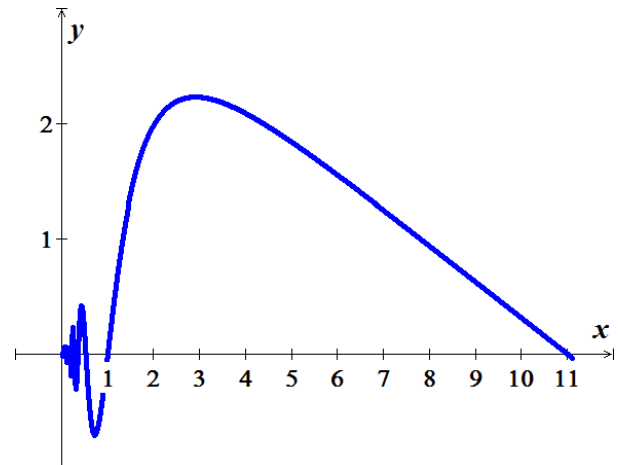
$$= Cx \sin \frac{n\pi b}{L} \left(\frac{a}{x} - 1 \right)$$

$$= C_1 x \sin \frac{n\pi b}{L} \left(1 - \frac{a}{x} \right)$$

d) **Given:** $n = 1, \quad a = 1, \quad b = 11$

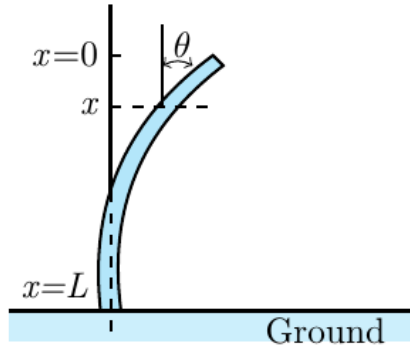
Let $C_1 = 1$

$$y_1(x) = x \sin \frac{11\pi}{10} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \right)$$



Exercise

For a practical application, we now consider the problem of determining when a uniform vertical column will buckle under its own weight (after, perhaps, being nudged laterally just a bit by a passing breeze). We take $x = 0$ at the free top end of the column and $x = L > 0$ at its bottom; we assume that the bottom is rigidly imbedded in the ground, perhaps in concrete.



Denote the angular deflection of the column at the point x by $\theta(x)$. From the theory of elasticity it follows that

$$EI \frac{d^2\theta}{dx^2} + g\rho x\theta = 0$$

Where E is the Young's modulus of the material of the column,

I is its cross-sectional moment of inertia

ρ is the linear density of the column

g is gravitational acceleration.

For physical reasons – no bending at the free top of the column and no deflection at its imbedded bottom – the boundary conditions are $\theta'(0) = 0$, $\theta(L) = 0$

Determine the general equation of the length L .

Solution

$$EI\theta'' + g\rho x\theta = 0$$

$$\theta'' + \frac{g\rho}{EI}x\theta = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda = \frac{g\rho}{EI} = \gamma^2$$

$$x^2 \times \theta'' + \gamma^2 x\theta = 0$$

$$x^2\theta'' + \gamma^2 x^3\theta = 0; \quad \theta'(0) = 0, \quad \theta(L) = 0$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = 0, \quad C = \gamma^2, \quad p = 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{3}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\gamma}{3}, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\theta(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} \gamma x^{3/2} \right) + c_2 J_{-1/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} \gamma x^{3/2} \right) \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1-A}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2}, \quad k = \frac{2\sqrt{C}}{p}, \quad \nu = \frac{\sqrt{(1-A)^2 - 4B}}{p}$$

$$y(x) = x^\alpha \left(c_1 J_\nu \left(kx^\beta \right) + c_2 J_{-\nu} \left(kx^\beta \right) \right)$$

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma\left(n + \frac{4}{3}\right)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n + \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$J_{\nu}(x) = \frac{x^{\nu}}{2^{\nu} \Gamma(\nu+1)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2(2\nu+2)} + \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot (2\nu+2)(2\nu+4)} - \dots \right\}$$

$$= \frac{x^{1/3}}{2^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2\left(\frac{2}{3}+2\right)} + \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}+2\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}+4\right)} - \dots \right\}$$

$$= \frac{x^{1/3}}{2^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3x^2}{2^3} + \frac{3^2 x^4}{112 \times 2^3} - \dots \right\}$$

$$J_{1/3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^{1/3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{2^3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^2 + \frac{3^2}{896} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^4 - \dots \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\gamma^{1/3}}{3^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} x^{1/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{12} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{504} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\}$$

$$J_{-1/3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{-1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^{-1/3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2\left(2-\frac{1}{3}\right)} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\left(2-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(4-\frac{1}{3}\right)} \left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right)^4 - \dots \right\}$$

$$= \frac{3^{1/3}}{\gamma^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} x^{-1/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{180} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\}$$

$$\theta(x) = x^{1/2} \left[c_1 J_{1/3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right) + c_2 J_{-1/3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\gamma x^{3/2}\right) \right]$$

$$= x^{1/2} \left[c_1 \frac{\gamma^{1/3}}{3^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} x^{1/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{12} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{504} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\} + c_2 \frac{3^{1/3}}{\gamma^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} x^{-1/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{180} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\} \right]$$

$$= c_1 \frac{\gamma^{1/3}}{3^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left\{ x - \frac{1}{12} \gamma^2 x^4 + \frac{1}{504} \gamma^4 x^7 - \dots \right\} + c_2 \frac{3^{1/3}}{\gamma^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{180} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\}$$

Given: $\theta(L) = 0, \quad \theta'(0) = 0$

$$\theta'(x) = c_1 \frac{\gamma^{1/3}}{3^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \gamma^2 x^3 + \frac{1}{72} \gamma^4 x^6 - \dots \right\} + \frac{3^{1/3}}{\gamma^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{30} \gamma^4 x^5 - \dots \right\}$$

$$\theta'(\mathbf{0}) = c_1 \frac{\gamma^{1/3}}{3^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} = \mathbf{0} \quad \rightarrow \quad \underline{c_1 = 0}$$

$$\frac{3^{1/3} c_2}{\gamma^{1/3} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \gamma^2 L^3 + \frac{1}{180} \gamma^4 L^6 - \dots \right\} = 0$$

$$c_2 J_{-1/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} \gamma L^{3/2} \right) = 0 \rightarrow J_{-1/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} \gamma L^{3/2} \right) = 0$$

$$J_{-1/3} \left(z = \frac{2}{3} \gamma L^{3/2} \right) = 0$$

Using MatLab:

```
fzero('besselj(-1/3,z)',2)
syms z y
fplot(besselj(-1/3, z))
axis([0 10 -0.5 1.1])
grid on
ylabel('J_{-1/3}(z)')
legend('J_{-1/3}')
```

$$z = 1.8664$$

$$z = \frac{2}{3} \gamma L^{3/2} \rightarrow L = \left(\frac{3z}{2\gamma} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$L = \left(\frac{3(1.86635)}{2\sqrt{\frac{g\rho}{EI}}} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\approx 1.986352 \left(\frac{EI}{g\rho} \right)^{1/3}$$

