

Homework 3

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Problem 1

A hollow right circular cylinder of radius b has its axis coincident with the z axis and its ends at $z = 0$ and $z = L$. The potential on the end faces of the cylinder is zero, while the potential on the cylindrical surface is $V(\phi, z)$.

The Laplace equation in cylindrical coordinates is given by

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

The first step in approaching partial differential equations is to separate the variables. The variables for a cylinder are

$$\vec{\Phi}(\vec{x}) = R(\rho)Q(\phi)Z(z)$$

and plugging these variables into the Laplace equation gives

$$\left(\frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{d\rho} \right) \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = 0.$$

The boundary conditions are at the bottom of the cylinder $z = 0$ and the top of the cylinder $z = L$, where the length of the cylinder is some length L . With all boundary conditions applied to the problem, the new potential can be expressed in the form

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{m=0} \sum_{n=1} J_m \left(\frac{in\pi\rho}{L} \right) (C_{m,n} e^{im\phi} + D_{m,n} e^{-im\phi}) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi z}{L} \right).$$

The Bessel function of the first kind is given from the equation I_ν . Therefore, $J_\nu(ix) = i^\nu I_\nu(x)$ which can be substituted into the equation above and gives

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} i^m I_m\left(\frac{in\pi\rho}{L}\right) (C_{m,n}e^{im\phi} + D_{m,n}e^{-im\phi}) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right).$$

From here the final boundary condition can be applied. The potential on the cylindrical surface is $V(\phi, z)$. Therefore, we set $\Phi(\phi, z) \rightarrow V(\phi, z)$ and since ρ is not included in the new potential, then set $\rho = a$. The new potential can now be expressed as

$$V(\phi, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} i^m I_m\left(\frac{in\pi a}{L}\right) (C_{m,n}e^{im\phi} + D_{m,n}e^{-im\phi}) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right).$$

The potential needs to be multiplied by \sin and integrated such that

$$\int_0^L dz \int_0^{2\pi} V(\phi, z) e^{-im\phi} \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi z}{L}\right) d\phi$$

and now the coefficients can be solved for. Where

$$C_{m,n} = \left[L\pi i^m I_m\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L}\right) \right]^{-1} \int_0^L dz \int_0^{2\pi} V(\phi, z) e^{-im\phi} \sin\left(\frac{n'\pi z}{L}\right) d\phi$$

and $D_{m,n}$ is just the complex conjugate of $C_{m,n}$, therefore, we have $D_{m,n} = C_{m,n}^*$. Thus, we get the final expression

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \frac{1}{L\pi} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_m(n\pi\rho/L)}{I_m(n\pi a/L)} (C_{m,n}e^{im\phi} + C_{m,n}^*e^{-im\phi}) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right).$$

Problem 2

Much of the previous problem can be used to solve this problem. Starting from the integral of $C_{m,n}$, there are now two integrals needed. One of those integrals will be from $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$. The other integral will be from $\pi/2$ to $3\pi/2$. This set up as the constant looks like

$$C_{m,n} = \int_0^L dz \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} V e^{-im\phi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) d\phi - \int_0^L dz \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} V e^{-im\phi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) d\phi$$

Evaluating the integrals above we get

$$C_{m,n} = \frac{8LV}{mn\pi} (-1)^{(m-1)/2}.$$

Substituting the constant $C_{m,n}$ into the potential from problem 1 we get

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \frac{16V}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_m(n\pi\rho/L)}{I_m(n\pi a/L)} \frac{(-1)^{(m-1)/2}}{mn} \cos(\phi m) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right).$$

Problem 3

In Jackson chapter 3, Jackson gives the solutions to $J_\nu(x)$ in equation 3.82 and $J_{-\nu}(x)$ in equation 3.83. To show that $J_{-m}(x) = (-1)^m J_m(x)$, equation 3.83 can be used. Equation 3.83 is given as

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

If ν is not an integer, then the solutions are linearly independent. If ν is an integer, then we have $\nu = m$. The equation above then can be written as

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

When the condition $j < m$ is satisfied, the denominator component $(j - m + 1)!$ is infinite. The starting term for the summation is $j = m$, so setting $j = k + m$ gives the result

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

Therefore, we get

$$J_{-m}(x) = (-1)^m J_m(x)$$

Problem 4

The figures were generated using the program in the Appendix

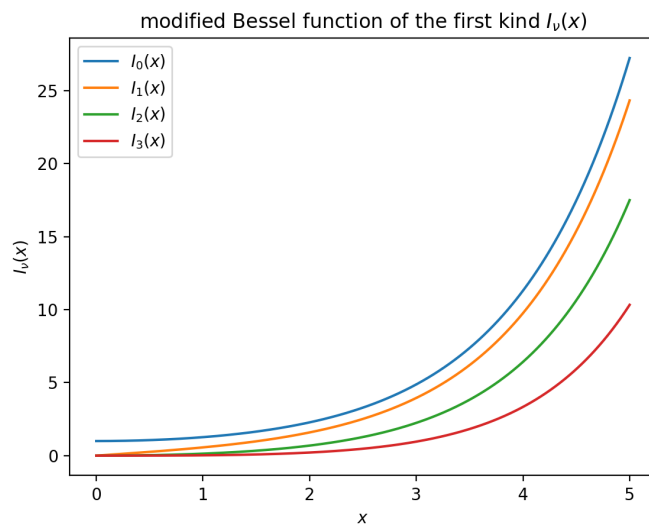


Figure 1: modified Bessel function of the first kind $I_\nu(x)$.

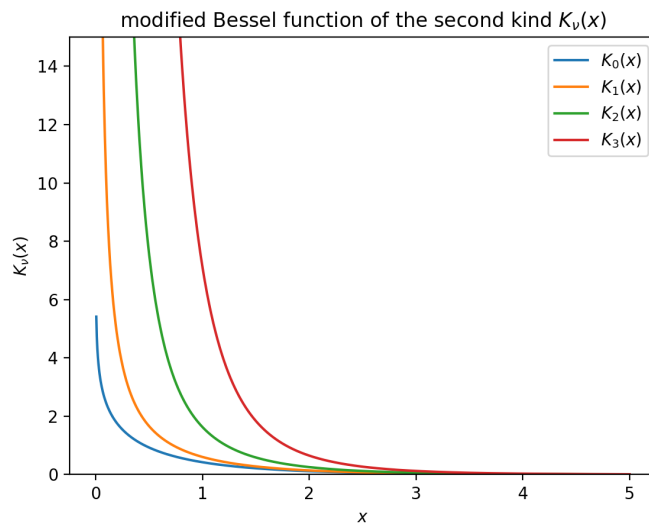


Figure 2: modified Bessel function of the second kind $K_\nu(x)$.

Appendix

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1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import scipy.special as sp
4
5
6 def I_nu(x, nu):
7     I = ((1j) ** (-nu)) * sp.jv(nu, 1j * x)
8
9     return I
10
11
12 def K_nu(x, nu):
13     hv = sp.jv(nu, 1j * x) + 1j * sp.yv(nu, 1j * x)
14     K = (np.pi/2) * (1j) ** (nu + 1) * hv
15
16     return K
17
18
19 x = np.linspace(0, 5, 1000)
20 nu = [0, 1, 2, 3]
21 I = []
22 K = []
23 if __name__ == "__main__":
24     for i in range(0, len(nu)):
25         I.append(I_nu(x, nu[i]))
26         K.append(K_nu(x, nu[i]))
27
28
29 for i in range(0, len(nu)):
30     plt.plot(x, I[i], label=r'$I_{\nu}(x)$'.format(i))
31
32 plt.title(r'modified Bessel function of the first kind $I_{\nu}(x)$')
33 plt.xlabel(r'$x$')
34 plt.ylabel(r'$I_{\nu}(x)$')
35 plt.legend(loc='best')
36 plt.show()
37
38
39 for i in range(0, len(nu)):
40     plt.plot(x, K[i], label=r'$K_{\nu}(x)$'.format(i))
41
42 plt.title(r'modified Bessel function of the second kind $K_{\nu}(x)$')
43 plt.xlabel(r'$x$')
44 plt.ylabel(r'$K_{\nu}(x)$')
45 plt.legend(loc='best')
46 plt.ylim((0, 15))

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47 plt.show()
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Julia modified Bessel program

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env julia
2  using SpecialFunctions
3  using PyPlot
4
5  x = range(0, stop=5, length=100)
6  for nu in range(0, stop=5, length=6)
7      I_nu = besseli.(nu, x)
8      plot(x, I_nu, label="\$I_{\$nu}(x)\$")
9  end
10 title(L"modified Bessel function of the first kind \$I_{\$nu}(x)\$")
11 xlabel(L"\$x\$")
12 ylabel(L"\$I_{\$nu}(x)\$")
13 legend(loc="best")
14 show()
15 #PyPlot.svg(true)
16
17 for nu in range(0, stop=5, length=6)
18     K_nu = besserk.(nu, x)
19     plot(x, K_nu, label="\$K_{\$nu}(x)\$")
20 end
21 title(L"modified Bessel function of the second kind \$K_{\$nu}(x)\$")
22 xlabel(L"\$x\$")
23 ylabel(L"\$K_{\$nu}(x)\$")
24 legend(loc="best")
25 ylim((0, 15))
26 show()
27 #PyPlot.svg(true)
```