

Bessel functions

The Bessel function $J_\nu(z)$ of the first kind of order ν is defined by

$$J_\nu(z) = \frac{(z/2)^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} {}_0F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{z^2}{4} \right) = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}. \quad (1)$$

For $\nu \geq 0$ this is a solution of the Bessel differential equation

$$z^2 y''(z) + zy'(z) + (z^2 - \nu^2) y(z) = 0, \quad \nu \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

For $\nu \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have that $J_{-\nu}(z)$ is a second solution of the differential equation (2) and the two solutions $J_\nu(z)$ and $J_{-\nu}(z)$ are clearly linearly independent.

For $\nu = n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have

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

since

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(-n+k+1)} = 0 \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} J_{-n}(z) &= \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-n} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(-n+k+1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+k}}{\Gamma(k+1) (n+k)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2(n+k)} \\ &= (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(n+k+1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} = (-1)^n J_n(z). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $J_n(z)$ and $J_{-n}(z)$ are linearly dependent for $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

A second linearly independent solution can be found as follows. Since $(-1)^n = \cos n\pi$, we see that $J_\nu(z) \cos \nu\pi - J_{-\nu}(z)$ is a solution of the differential equation (2) which vanishes when $\nu = n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Now we define

$$Y_\nu(z) := \frac{J_\nu(z) \cos \nu\pi - J_{-\nu}(z)}{\sin \nu\pi}, \quad (3)$$

where the case that $\nu = n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ should be regarded as a limit case. By l'Hopital's rule we have

$$Y_n(z) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} Y_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\partial J_\nu(z)}{\partial \nu} \right]_{\nu=n} - \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi} \left[\frac{\partial J_{-\nu}(z)}{\partial \nu} \right]_{\nu=n}.$$

This implies that $Y_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n Y_n(z)$ for $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

The function $Y_\nu(z)$ is called the Bessel function of the second kind of order ν .

Using the definition (1) we find that

$$\left[\frac{\partial J_\nu(z)}{\partial \nu} \right]_{\nu=n} = J_n(z) \ln \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(n+k+1)}{(n+k)! k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k},$$

where

$$\psi(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \ln \Gamma(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)}.$$

For $\nu \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have

$$\frac{\partial J_{-\nu}(z)}{\partial \nu} = -J_{-\nu}(z) \ln \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-\nu} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(-\nu + k + 1)}{\Gamma(-\nu + k + 1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}.$$

Now we use

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -n} (z + n) \Gamma(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \implies \Gamma(z) \sim \frac{(-1)^n}{(z + n) n!} \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow -n$$

and

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)} \sim \frac{-\frac{(-1)^n}{(z+n)^2 n!}}{\frac{(-1)^n}{(z+n) n!}} = -\frac{1}{z+n} \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow -n.$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -n} \frac{\psi(z)}{\Gamma(z)} = (-1)^{n+1} n! \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(-\nu + k + 1)}{\Gamma(-\nu + k + 1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \\ &= (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k-1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(-n + k + 1)}{\Gamma(-n + k + 1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \\ &= (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k-1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} + (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1) (n+k)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial J_{-\nu}(z)}{\partial \nu} \right]_{\nu=n} &= -J_{-n}(z) \ln \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) + (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k-1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi(k+1)}{(n+k)! k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we use the fact that $J_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n J_n(z)$ to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_n(z) &= \frac{2}{\pi} J_n(z) \ln \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k-1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(n+k)! k!} [\psi(n+k+1) + \psi(k+1)] \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \end{aligned}$$

for $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Compare with the theory of Frobenius for linear second differential equations.

In the theory of second order linear differential equations of the form

$$y'' + p(z)y' + q(z)y = 0,$$

two solutions y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent if and only if

$$W(y_1, y_2)(z) := \begin{vmatrix} y_1(z) & y_2(z) \\ y_1'(z) & y_2'(z) \end{vmatrix} = y_1(z)y_2'(z) - y_1'(z)y_2(z) \neq 0.$$

This determinant is called the Wronskian of the solutions y_1 and y_2 .

It can (easily) be shown that this determinant of Wronski satisfies the differential equation

$$W'(z) + p(z)W(z) = 0.$$

This result is called Abel's theorem or the theorem of Abel-Liouville. In the case of the Bessel differential equation we have $p(z) = 1/z$, which implies that

$$W'(z) + \frac{1}{z}W(z) = 0 \quad \implies \quad W(y_1, y_2)(z) = \frac{c}{z}$$

for some constant c . Now we have

Theorem 1.

$$W(J_\nu, J_{-\nu})(z) = -\frac{2 \sin \nu\pi}{\pi z} \quad \text{and} \quad W(J_\nu, Y_\nu)(z) = \frac{2}{\pi z}. \quad (4)$$

For $\nu \geq 0$ this implies that $J_\nu(z)$ and $J_{-\nu}(z)$ are linearly independent if $\nu \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and that $J_\nu(z)$ and $Y_\nu(z)$ are linearly independent for all $\nu \geq 0$.

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} W(J_\nu, Y_\nu)(z) &= J_\nu(z)Y_\nu'(z) - J_\nu'(z)Y_\nu(z) \\ &= J_\nu(z) \frac{J_\nu'(z) \cos \nu\pi - J_{-\nu}'(z)}{\sin \nu\pi} - J_\nu'(z) \frac{J_\nu(z) \cos \nu\pi - J_{-\nu}(z)}{\sin \nu\pi} \\ &= -\frac{J_\nu(z)J_{-\nu}'(z) - J_\nu'(z)J_{-\nu}(z)}{\sin \nu\pi} = -\frac{W(J_\nu, J_{-\nu})(z)}{\sin \nu\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the definition (1) to obtain

$$J_\nu(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu + k + 1) k!} \cdot \frac{z^{\nu+2k}}{2^{\nu+2k}} \quad \implies \quad J_\nu'(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (\nu + 2k)}{\Gamma(\nu + k + 1) k!} \cdot \frac{z^{\nu+2k-1}}{2^{\nu+2k}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_{-\nu}(z) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{\Gamma(-\nu + m + 1) m!} \cdot \frac{z^{-\nu+2m}}{2^{-\nu+2m}} \\ \implies \quad J_{-\nu}'(z) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (-\nu + 2m)}{\Gamma(-\nu + m + 1) m!} \cdot \frac{z^{-\nu+2m-1}}{2^{-\nu+2m}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
z W(J_\nu, J_{-\nu})(z) &= z [J_\nu(z)J'_{-\nu}(z) - J'_\nu(z)J_{-\nu}(z)] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+m}(-\nu+2m)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)\Gamma(-\nu+m+1)k!m!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k+2m}}{2^{2k+2m}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+m}(\nu+2k)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)\Gamma(-\nu+m+1)k!m!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k+2m}}{2^{2k+2m}} \\
&= - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+m}(2\nu+2k-2m)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)\Gamma(-\nu+m+1)k!m!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k+2m}}{2^{2k+2m}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z W(J_\nu, J_{-\nu})(z) = -\frac{2\nu}{\Gamma(\nu+1)\Gamma(-\nu+1)} = -\frac{2\nu}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)\Gamma(1-\nu)} = -\frac{2 \sin \nu\pi}{\pi}.$$

Using the definition (1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dz} [z^\nu J_\nu(z)] &= \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2\nu+2k}}{2^{\nu+2k}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k(2\nu+2k)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2\nu+2k-1}}{2^{\nu+2k}} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2\nu+2k-1}}{2^{\nu+2k-1}} = z^\nu J_{\nu-1}(z).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{d}{dz} [z^\nu J_\nu(z)] = z^\nu J_{\nu-1}(z) \iff zJ'_\nu(z) + \nu J_\nu(z) = zJ_{\nu-1}(z). \quad (5)$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dz} [z^{-\nu} J_\nu(z)] &= \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k}}{2^{\nu+2k}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 2k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k-1}}{2^{\nu+2k}} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\Gamma(\nu+k+2)k!} \cdot \frac{z^{2k+1}}{2^{\nu+2k+1}} = -z^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(z).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{d}{dz} [z^{-\nu} J_\nu(z)] = -z^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(z) \iff zJ'_\nu(z) - \nu J_\nu(z) = -zJ_{\nu+1}(z). \quad (6)$$

Elimination of $J'_\nu(z)$ from (5) and (6) gives

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

and elimination of $J_\nu(z)$ from (5) and (6) gives

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

Special cases

For $\nu = 1/2$ we have from the definition (1) by using Legendre's duplication formula for the gamma function

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(k+3/2) k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} = \sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x, \quad x > 0$$

and for $\nu = -1/2$ we have

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(k+1/2) k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} x^{2k} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x, \quad x > 0.$$

Note that the definition (3) implies that

$$Y_{1/2}(x) = -J_{-1/2}(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{-1/2}(x) = J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x, \quad x > 0.$$

Integral representations

First we will prove

Theorem 2.

$$J_{\nu}(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu+1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{\nu} \int_{-1}^1 e^{izt} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu > -1/2. \quad (7)$$

Proof. We start with

$$\int_{-1}^1 e^{izt} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iz)^n}{n!} \int_{-1}^1 t^n (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt.$$

Note that the latter integral vanishes when n is odd. For $n = 2k$ we obtain using $t^2 = u$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 t^{2k} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt &= 2 \int_0^1 u^k (1-u)^{\nu-1/2} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} = \int_0^1 u^{k-1/2} (1-u)^{\nu-1/2} du \\ &= B(k+1/2, \nu+1/2) = \frac{\Gamma(k+1/2)\Gamma(\nu+1/2)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use Legendre's duplication formula to find that

$$\Gamma(k+1/2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2k-1}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2k)}{\Gamma(k)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2k}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2k}} \cdot \frac{(2k)!}{k!}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 e^{izt} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iz)^{2k}}{(2k)!} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(k+1/2)\Gamma(\nu+1/2)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1)} \\ &= \Gamma(\nu+1/2)\sqrt{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.

We also have Poisson's integral representations

Theorem 3.

$$\begin{aligned} J_\nu(z) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_0^\pi e^{iz \cos \theta} (\sin \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_0^\pi \cos(z \cos \theta) (\sin \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu > -1/2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Use the substitution $t = \cos \theta$ to obtain

$$\int_{-1}^1 e^{izt} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2} dt = \int_\pi^0 e^{iz \cos \theta} (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^{\nu-1/2} \cdot (-\sin \theta) d\theta = \int_0^\pi e^{iz \cos \theta} (\sin \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta.$$

Further we have

$$e^{iz \cos \theta} = \cos(z \cos \theta) + i \sin(z \cos \theta)$$

and

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(z \cos \theta) (\sin \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta = 0.$$

This shows that Poisson's integral representations follow from the integral representation (7).

Remarks:

1. The Fourier transform is defined by

$$F(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-izt} f(t) dt$$

with inversion formula

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{izt} F(z) dz.$$

This implies that the Fourier transform of the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} (1-t^2)^{\nu-1/2}, & |t| \leq 1 \\ 0, & |t| > 1 \end{cases}$$

is

$$F(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-\nu} J_\nu(z).$$

2. Instead of the substitution $t = \cos \theta$ in (7) one can also use the substitution $t = \sin \theta$, which leads to slightly different forms of Poisson's integral representations. In fact we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_\nu(z) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} e^{iz \sin \theta} (\cos \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos(z \sin \theta) (\cos \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(z \sin \theta) (\cos \theta)^{2\nu} d\theta, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu > -1/2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrals of Bessel functions

The Hankel transform of a function f is defined by

$$F(s) = \int_0^\infty t f(t) J_\nu(st) dt$$

for functions f for which the integral converges. The inversion formula is given by

$$f(t) = \int_0^\infty s F(s) J_\nu(st) ds.$$

This pair of integrals is called a Hankel pair of order ν .

An example of such an integral is

$$\int_0^\infty t^{\mu-1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} J_\nu(st) dt = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{2^{\nu+1} \Gamma(\nu+1)} \cdot \frac{s^\nu}{\rho^{\mu+\nu}} \cdot {}_1F_1\left(\begin{matrix} (\mu+\nu)/2 \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{s^2}{4\rho^2}\right), \quad \operatorname{Re}(\mu+\nu) > 0.$$

It can be shown that the integral converges for $\operatorname{Re}(\mu+\nu) > 0$. Now we use the definition (1) to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty t^{\mu-1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} J_\nu(st) dt = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1) k!} \cdot \frac{s^{\nu+2k}}{2^{\nu+2k}} \cdot \int_0^\infty t^{\mu+\nu+2k-1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} dt.$$

Using the substitution $\rho^2 t^2 = u$ we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty t^{\mu+\nu+2k-1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} dt &= \rho^{-\mu-\nu-2k+1} \int_0^\infty u^{(\mu+\nu+2k-1)/2} e^{-u} \frac{du}{2\rho\sqrt{u}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho^{-\mu-\nu-2k} \int_0^\infty u^{(\mu+\nu+2k-2)/2} e^{-u} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho^{-\mu-\nu-2k} \Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu+2k}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty t^{\mu-1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} J_\nu(st) dt &= \frac{1}{2} \rho^{-\mu-\nu} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^k \Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2} + k\right)}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1) k!} \cdot \frac{s^{\nu+2k}}{2^{\nu+2k} \rho^{2k}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{2 \rho^{\mu+\nu} \Gamma(\nu+1)} \cdot \frac{s^\nu}{2^\nu} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^k ((\mu+\nu)/2)_k}{(\nu+1)_k k!} \cdot \frac{s^{2k}}{2^{2k} \rho^{2k}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{2^{\nu+1} \Gamma(\nu+1)} \cdot \frac{s^\nu}{\rho^{\mu+\nu}} \cdot {}_1F_1\left(\begin{matrix} (\mu+\nu)/2 \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{s^2}{4\rho^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The special case $\mu = \nu + 2$ is of special interest: in that case we have $(\mu+\nu)/2 = \nu+1$. This implies that the ${}_1F_1$ reduces to a ${}_0F_0$ which is an exponential function. The result is

$$\int_0^\infty t^{\nu+1} e^{-\rho^2 t^2} J_\nu(st) dt = \frac{s^\nu}{(2\rho^2)^{\nu+1}} \cdot e^{-s^2/4\rho^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu > -1.$$

Hankel functions

The functions $H_\nu^{(1)}(z)$ and $H_\nu^{(2)}(z)$ are defined by

$$H_\nu^{(1)}(z) := J_\nu(z) + iY_\nu(z) \quad \text{and} \quad H_\nu^{(2)}(z) := J_\nu(z) - iY_\nu(z).$$

These functions are called Hankel functions or Bessel functions of the third kind. Note that these definitions imply that

$$J_\nu(z) = \frac{H_\nu^{(1)}(z) + H_\nu^{(2)}(z)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_\nu(z) = \frac{H_\nu^{(1)}(z) - H_\nu^{(2)}(z)}{2i}.$$

Further we have

$$H_{-1/2}^{(1)}(x) = J_{-1/2}(x) + iY_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} (\cos x + i \sin x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} e^{ix}, \quad x > 0$$

and

$$H_{-1/2}^{(2)}(x) = J_{-1/2}(x) - iY_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} (\cos x - i \sin x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} e^{-ix}, \quad x > 0.$$

Similarly we have

$$H_{1/2}^{(1)}(x) = J_{1/2}(x) + iY_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} (\sin x - i \cos x) = -i\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} e^{ix}, \quad x > 0$$

and

$$H_{1/2}^{(2)}(x) = J_{1/2}(x) - iY_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} (\sin x + i \cos x) = i\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} e^{-ix}, \quad x > 0.$$

Modified Bessel functions

The modified Bessel function $I_\nu(z)$ of the first kind of order ν is defined by

$$I_\nu(z) := \frac{(z/2)^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} {}_0F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{z^2}{4} \right) = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu+k+1) k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k}.$$

For $\nu \geq 0$ this is a solution of the modified Bessel differential equation

$$z^2 y''(z) + zy'(z) - (z^2 + \nu^2) y(z) = 0, \quad \nu \geq 0.$$

For $\nu \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have that $I_{-\nu}(z)$ is a second solution of this differential equation and the two solutions $I_\nu(z)$ and $I_{-\nu}(z)$ are linearly independent.

For $\nu = n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have $I_{-n}(z) = I_n(z)$.

The modified Bessel function $K_\nu(z)$ of the second kind of order ν is defined by

$$K_\nu(z) := \frac{\pi}{2 \sin \nu\pi} [I_{-\nu}(z) - I_\nu(z)] \quad \text{for} \quad \nu \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

and

$$K_n(z) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} K_\nu(z) \quad \text{for} \quad n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

Now we have for $x > 0$

$$I_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sinh x, \quad I_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cosh x \quad \text{and} \quad K_{1/2}(x) = K_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x}.$$

A generating function

The Bessel function $J_n(z)$ of the first kind of integer order $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ can also be defined by means of the generating function

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}z(t-t^{-1})\right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(z)t^n. \quad (8)$$

In fact, the series on the right-hand side is a so-called Laurent series at $t = 0$ for the function at the left-hand side. Using the Taylor series for the exponential function we obtain

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}z(t-t^{-1})\right) = \exp\left(\frac{zt}{2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{z}{2t}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \left(\frac{zt}{2}\right)^j \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2t}\right)^k = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n t^n.$$

For $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ we have

$$a_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{n+k} \cdot \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^k = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(n+k)!k!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} = J_n(z)$$

and

$$a_{-n} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^j \cdot \frac{(-1)^{j+n}}{(n+j)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{n+j} = (-1)^n J_n(z) = J_{-n}(z).$$

This proves (8).

If $t = e^{i\theta}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(t-t^{-1}) &= \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2} = i \sin \theta \\ \implies \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}x(t-t^{-1})\right) &= e^{ix \sin \theta} = \cos(x \sin \theta) + i \sin(x \sin \theta). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\cos(x \sin \theta) + i \sin(x \sin \theta) = e^{ix \sin \theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) e^{in\theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) [\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)].$$

Since $J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$ this implies that

$$\cos(x \sin \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) \cos(n\theta) = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_{2k}(x) \cos(2k\theta)$$

and

$$\sin(x \sin \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) \sin(n\theta) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{2k+1}(x) \sin(2k+1)\theta.$$

For $\theta = \pi/2$ this implies that

$$\cos x = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k J_{2k}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \sin x = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k J_{2k+1}(x).$$

For $\theta = 0$ we also have

$$1 = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_{2k}(x).$$

The generating function (8) can be used to prove that

$$J_n(x+y) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_k(x)J_{n-k}(y).$$

The proof is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x+y)t^n &= \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+y)(t-t^{-1})\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}x(t-t^{-1})\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y(t-t^{-1})\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_k(x)t^k \cdot \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m(y)t^m = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_k(x)J_{n-k}(y) \right) t^n. \end{aligned}$$

We can also find an integral representation for the Bessel function $J_n(x)$ of the first kind of integral order n starting from the generating function

$$e^{ix \sin \theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x)e^{in\theta}.$$

We use the orthogonality property of the exponential function, id est

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ik\theta} d\theta = \begin{cases} 0, & k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \neq 0 \\ 2\pi, & k = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ix \sin \theta} \cdot e^{-in\theta} d\theta = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_k(x) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ik\theta} \cdot e^{-in\theta} d\theta = 2\pi \cdot J_n(x).$$

This implies that

$$J_n(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i(x \sin \theta - n\theta)} d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x \sin \theta - n\theta) d\theta.$$

The special case $n = 0$ reads

$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\cos(xt)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt.$$