

# 5.4 & 5.5 Bessel's Equation & Bessel's Functions

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\* Bessel's Equation  $x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - \nu^2) y = 0$ ,  $\nu$ : constant, real &  $\nu \geq 0$  → Eq(1)

Compare to  $x^2 y'' + x b(x) y' + c(x) y = 0 \Rightarrow b(x) = 1$  and  $c(x) = x^2 - \nu^2$

Can we use Frobenius method?  $b(0) = 1 \leftarrow b_0$  and  $c(0) = -\nu^2 \leftarrow c_0$ , both are analytic

So, yes, we can use F.M. Thus  $y(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r}$ , derive  $y'$  and  $y''$

then subst. in ODE of Eq(1), to end up with the indicial equation:

$$r(r-1) + b_0 r + c_0 = 0 \quad \text{where } b_0 = 1 \text{ and } c_0 = -\nu^2$$

Thus:  $r(r-1) + r - \nu^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 = \nu^2$ , remember  $\nu$  is real  $\geq 0$   
 therefore, roots  $r_1, r_2 = \pm \nu$

## Root cases

- Case 1: For  $\nu = \text{integer} = n$   $r_1 = n, r_2 = -n$  "Case 3 of F.M"

$$y_1(x) = x^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+n} m! (n+m)!} = J_n(x)$$

$$y_2(x) = x^{-n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m-n} m! (m-n)!} = J_{-n}(x)$$

General sol'n:  $y(x) = A J_n(x) + B J_{-n}(x)$ ,  $A$  &  $B \Rightarrow$  constants (I.C's)

where  $J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  "Int." of order  $(n)$ .  
↳ Bessel function of the 1<sup>st</sup> kind

- Case 2: For  $\nu \neq \text{integer}$  "Case 1 of F.M"

$$y_1(x) = x^\nu \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+\nu} m! \Gamma(m+\nu+1)} = J_\nu(x)$$

$$y_2(x) = x^{-\nu} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m-\nu} m! \Gamma(m-\nu+1)} = J_{-\nu}(x)$$

General sol'n  $y(x) = A J_\nu(x) + B J_{-\nu}(x)$ ,  $A$  &  $B \Rightarrow$  I.C's

↳ Bessel function of First Kind of the order  $(\nu)$

\* Gamma function  $\Gamma(x) \Rightarrow$  A function similar to the factorial (!) but for non-integer values

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$$

\* Special cases  $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$  "n: Integer"

-  $\Gamma(3) = 2!$ ,  $\Gamma(77) = 76!$

-  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$

\* Important Properties of  $J_\nu(x)$

$$(a) \quad [x^\nu J_\nu(x)]' = x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x)$$

$$(b) \quad [x^{-\nu} J_\nu(x)]' = -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(x)$$

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

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

$$(e) \quad J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$$

$$(f) \quad J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$$

$$(g) \quad J_{3/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} - \cos x \right)$$

$$(h) \quad J_{-3/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left( \frac{\cos x}{x} + \sin x \right)$$

Case (3):  $\nu = 0$  "repeated roots"

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The ODE of Eq(1) becomes:  $x^2 y'' + x y' + x^2 y = 0 \quad \div x \neq 0$

$$x y'' + y' + x y = 0$$

$$y(x) = y_1 + y_2 \neq \begin{cases} y_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} m!} = J_0(x) \\ y_2(x) = J_0(x) \ln(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m-1} h_m}{2^{2m} m!} x^{2m} = Y_0(x) \end{cases}$$

where  $h_m = 1$  for  $m=1$

$$h_m = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \quad \text{for } m = 2, 3, \dots$$

$Y_0(x)$ : Bessel function of the second type of the order zero.

\* Relationship between  $J$  and  $Y$  "1st and 2nd kinds Bessel functions"

For  $\nu \neq \text{Integer}$

$$Y_\nu = \frac{1}{\sin(\nu\pi)} \left( J_\nu(x) \cos(\nu\pi) - J_{-\nu}(x) \right), \quad Y_{-\nu} \rightarrow \text{replace } \nu \text{ by } (-\nu)$$

For  $\nu = \text{Integ.} = n$

$$Y_n = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} Y_\nu(x), \quad Y_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n Y_n(x)$$

Finally, the General solution of Bessel's Equation of ALL values of ( $\nu$ ) and ( $x > 0$ )

$$y(x) = C_1 J_\nu(x) + C_2 Y_\nu(x)$$

\* Remember, we need computers to obtain solutions of Bessel Eqn and Bessel's functions!

Practice - Problem set 5.4 - page 195  $\Rightarrow$  (2, 3, 9 and 10)  
- Problem set 5.5 - page 200  $\Rightarrow$  (1, 2, 7 and 9)

Example For the ODE:  $x^2 y'' + x y' + (\lambda^2 x^2 - \nu^2) y(x) = 0$ ,  $\lambda$ : constant <sup>(4)</sup>

① Show that this ODE can be reduced to Bessel's equation ( $z = \lambda x$ )

② Solve the ODE

Sol'n:  $z = \lambda x \Rightarrow x = \frac{z}{\lambda}$ ,  $x^2 = \frac{z^2}{\lambda^2}$ ,  $y(z) = y(\lambda x)$

To find  $\frac{dy}{dz}$ , we use chain rule

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \lambda \quad (z = \lambda x, \frac{dz}{dx} = \lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dz} = \dot{y} = \frac{y'}{\lambda}$$

$$y'' = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \lambda \right) = \left( \frac{d}{dz} (\lambda \dot{y}) \right) \frac{dz}{dx} \quad \text{"chain rule"}$$

$$= \lambda \ddot{y} \cdot \lambda \Rightarrow \boxed{y'' = \lambda^2 \ddot{y}}$$

Subst. in ODE

$$\frac{z^2}{\lambda^2} \cdot \lambda^2 \ddot{y} + \frac{z}{\lambda} \cdot \lambda \dot{y} + \frac{(z^2 - \nu^2)}{x^2 \lambda^2} y(\lambda x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{z^2 \ddot{y} + z \dot{y} + (z^2 - \nu^2) y(\lambda x) = 0} \rightarrow \text{Bessel's Eq'n}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(z) = C_1 J_\nu(z) + C_2 Y_\nu(z)$$

or

$$y(\lambda x) = C_1 J_\nu(\lambda x) + C_2 Y_\nu(\lambda x)$$

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Chain rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} \Rightarrow y' = \dot{y} \cdot \lambda$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \cdot \left( \frac{dz}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} = \ddot{y} \lambda^2 + (\dot{y})' \lambda \Rightarrow \boxed{y'' = \ddot{y} \lambda^2}$$