

BESSEL FUNCTIONS

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Differential Equation

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

Solution

$$y(x) = A_1 J_n(x) + A_2 Y_n(x) \quad \text{for all } n$$

$$y(x) = A_1 J_n(x) + A_2 J_{-n}(x) \quad \text{for all } n \neq 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Bessel Function of the First Kind

Zero Order

$$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{(x/2)^2}{(1!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^4}{(2!)^2} - \frac{(x/2)^6}{(3!)^2} + \dots$$

First Order

$$J_1(x) = \frac{x}{2} \left[1 - \frac{(x/2)^2}{2(1!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^4}{3(2!)^2} - \frac{(x/2)^6}{4(3!)^2} + \dots \right] = -\frac{d}{dx} [J_0(x)]$$

Order n

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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

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

Modified Bessel Function of the First Kind

Zero Order

$$I_0(x) = 1 + \frac{(x/2)^2}{(1!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^4}{(2!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^6}{(3!)^2} + \dots$$

First Order

$$I_1(x) = \frac{x}{2} \left[1 + \frac{(x/2)^2}{2(1!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^4}{3(2!)^2} + \frac{(x/2)^6}{4(3!)^2} + \dots \right] = \frac{d}{dx} [I_0(x)]$$

Higher Order Modified Bessel Function

$$I(x) = (j)^{-n} J_n(jx)$$

Bessel Function of the Second Kind (Neumann Functions)

Zero Order

$$Y_0(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\ln \frac{x}{2} + c \right) J_0(x) + \frac{2}{1} J_2(x) - \frac{2}{2} J_4(x) + \frac{2}{3} J_6(x) - \dots \right]$$

where $c = 0.577\ 215\ 665$

First Order

$$Y_1(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\ln \frac{x}{2} + c \right) J_1(x) - \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) - \frac{1}{2} J_1(x) + \frac{9}{4} J_3(x) - \dots \right] = -\frac{d}{dx} [Y_0(x)]$$

Modified Bessel Functions of the Second Kind

Zero Order

$$K_0(x) = - \left[\left(\ln \frac{x}{2} + c \right) I_0(x) - \frac{2}{1} I_2(x) - \frac{2}{2} I_4(x) - \frac{2}{3} I_6(x) - \dots \right]$$

Half-Odd Integers

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

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

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

$$Y_{3/2}(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[\frac{\cos(x)}{x} + \sin(x) \right]$$

Recurrence Relations

$$J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x} J_n(x) - J_{n-1}(x)$$

$$I_{n+1}(x) = -\frac{2n}{x} I_n(x) + I_{n-1}(x)$$

APPENDIX A

Bessel Function of the First Kind of Order n

First Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} J_n(x) &= J_{n-1}(x) - \frac{n}{x} J_n(x) \\ &= -J_{n+1}(x) + \frac{n}{x} J_n(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)]\end{aligned}$$

Second Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} J_n(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-2}(x) - J_n(x)] - \frac{1}{2} [J_n(x) - J_{n+2}(x)] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{ J_{n-2}(x) - 2J_n(x) + J_{n+2}(x) \}\end{aligned}$$

Third Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3}{dx^3} J_n(x) &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dx} \{ J_{n-2}(x) - 2J_n(x) + J_{n+2}(x) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} J_{n-2}(x) - 2 \frac{d}{dx} J_n(x) + \frac{d}{dx} J_{n+2}(x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-3}(x) - J_{n-1}(x)] - [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)] + \frac{1}{2} [J_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+3}(x)] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \{ [J_{n-3}(x) - J_{n-1}(x)] - 2[J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)] + [J_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+3}(x)] \} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \{ J_{n-3}(x) - 3J_{n-1}(x) + 3J_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+3}(x) \}\end{aligned}$$

Fourth Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_n(x) &= \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} \{J_{n-3}(x) - 3J_{n-1}(x) + 3J_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+3}(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} J_{n-3}(x) - 3 \frac{d}{dx} J_{n-1}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} J_{n+1}(x) - \frac{d}{dx} J_{n+3}(x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} J_{n-3}(x) - 3 \frac{d}{dx} J_{n-1}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} J_{n+1}(x) - \frac{d}{dx} J_{n+3}(x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} [J_{n-4}(x) - J_{n-2}(x)] \\ &\quad - \frac{3}{16} [J_{n-2}(x) - J_n(x)] \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{16} [J_n(x) - J_{n+2}(x)] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{16} [J_{n+2}(x) - J_{n+4}(x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{16} [J_{n-4}(x) - 4J_{n-2}(x) + 6J_n(x) - 4J_{n+2}(x) + J_{n+4}(x)]\end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX B

Modified Bessel Function of the First Kind of Order n

First Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} I_n(x) &= I_{n-1}(x) - \frac{n}{x} I_n(x) \\ &= I_{n+1}(x) + \frac{n}{x} I_n(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [I_{n-1}(x) + I_{n+1}(x)]\end{aligned}$$

Second Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} I_n(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} [I_{n-1}(x) + I_{n+1}(x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} I_{n-1}(x) + \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+1}(x) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [I_{n-2}(x) + I_n(x)] + \frac{1}{2} [I_0(x) + I_{n+2}(x)] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{ I_{n-2}(x) + 2I_n(x) + I_{n+2}(x) \}\end{aligned}$$

Third Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3}{dx^3} I_n(x) &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dx} \{I_{n-2}(x) + 2I_n(x) + I_{n+2}(x)\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} I_{n-2}(x) + 2 \frac{d}{dx} I_n(x) + \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+2}(x) \right\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [I_{n-3}(x) + I_{n-1}(x)] + [I_{n-1}(x) + I_{n+1}(x)] + \frac{1}{2} [I_{n+1}(x) + I_{n+3}(x)] \right\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} \{ [I_{n-3}(x) + I_{n-1}(x)] + 2[I_{n-1}(x) + I_{n+1}(x)] + [I_{n+1}(x) + I_{n+3}(x)] \} \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} \{ I_{n-3}(x) + 3I_{n-1}(x) + 3I_{n+1}(x) + I_{n+3}(x) \}\end{aligned}$$

Fourth Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_n(x) &= \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} \{I_{n-3}(x) + 3I_{n-1}(x) + 3I_{n+1}(x) + I_{n+3}(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} I_{n-3}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} I_{n-1}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+1}(x) + \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+3}(x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} I_{n-3}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} I_{n-1}(x) + 3 \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+1}(x) + \frac{d}{dx} I_{n+3}(x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} [I_{n-4}(x) + I_{n-2}(x)] \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{16} [I_{n-2}(x) + I_n(x)] \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{16} [I_n(x) + I_{n+2}(x)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16} [I_{n+2}(x) + I_{n+4}(x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{16} [I_{n-4}(x) + 4I_{n-2}(x) + 6I_n(x) + 4I_{n+2}(x) + I_{n+4}(x)]\end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX C

Bessel Function of the First Kind of Order Zero, Derivatives

First Derivative

$$\frac{d}{dx} J_0(x) = -J_1(x)$$

Second Derivative

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} J_0(x) = \frac{1}{4} \{ J_{-2}(x) - 2J_0(x) + J_2(x) \}$$

Note that

$$J_{n+1}(x) = -J_{n-1}(x) \quad \text{for } n=0$$

Thus

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} J_0(x) = \frac{1}{4} \{ -J_0(x) - 2J_0(x) - J_0(x) \}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} J_0(x) = -J_0(x)$$

Third Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3}{dx^3} J_0(x) &= \frac{1}{8} \{J_3(x) - 3J_{-1}(x) + 3J_1(x) - J_3(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{3J_1(x) - J_3(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{3J_1(x) + J_1(x)\} \\ &= J_1(x)\end{aligned}$$

Fourth Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [J_{-4}(x) - 4J_{-2}(x) + 6J_0(x) - 4J_2(x) + J_4(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [-J_{-2}(x) - 4J_{-2}(x) + 6J_0(x) - 4J_2(x) - J_2(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [-5J_{-2}(x) + 6J_0(x) - 5J_2(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [5J_0(x) + 6J_0(x) + 5J_0(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} J_0(x) &= J_0(x)\end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX D

Modified Bessel Function of the First Kind of Order Zero, Derivatives

First Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} I_n(x) &= \frac{1}{2} [I_{-1}(x) + I_1(x)] \\ &= I_1(x)\end{aligned}$$

Second Derivative

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} I_0(x) = \frac{1}{4} \{ I_{-2}(x) + 2I_0(x) + I_2(x) \}$$

Note that

$$I_{n+1}(x) = I_{n-1}(x) \quad \text{for } n=0$$

Thus

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} I_0(x) = \frac{1}{4} \{ I_0(x) + 2I_0(x) + I_0(x) \}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} I_0(x) = I_0(x)$$

Third Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3}{dx^3} I_0(x) &= \frac{1}{8} \{I_3(x) + 3I_{-1}(x) + 3I_1(x) + I_3(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{3I_1(x) + I_3(x)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{3I_1(x) + I_1(x)\} \\ &= I_1(x)\end{aligned}$$

Fourth Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [I_{-4}(x) + 4I_{-2}(x) + 6I_0(x) + 4I_2(x) + I_4(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [I_{-2}(x) + 4I_{-2}(x) + 6I_0(x) + 4I_2(x) + I_2(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [5I_{-2}(x) + 6I_0(x) + 5I_2(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_0(x) &= \frac{1}{16} [5I_0(x) + 6I_0(x) + 5I_0(x)] \\ \frac{d^4}{dx^4} I_0(x) &= I_0(x)\end{aligned}$$