

Bessel functions

1 Derivation with the Frobenius method

Solution of the differential equation by the Frobenius method, but for $z \ll 1$ (not enough to derive the full solution)

→ **besselexpand: true;**

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→ **declare(s,constant);**

(%o2) done

We expand up to 6th order but because there are derivatives up to the 2nd order, we shouldn't use $y(z)$ more than up to 4th order

→ **y(z):=sum(a[n]-z^(n+s),n,0,inf);**

(%o3)
$$y(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n z^{n+s})$$

Bessel differential equation

→ **eq1: z^2-diff(y(z),z,2) + z-diff(y(z),z) + (z^2-v^2)·y(z) = 0;**

eq1
$$(z^2 - v^2) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n z^{n+s}) \right) + z \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s) a_n z^{n+s-1}) \right) + z^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s-1)(n+s) a_n z^{n+s-2}) = 0$$

→ **eq2: intosum(eq1);**

eq2
$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s-1)(n+s) a_n z^{n+s}) \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s) a_n z^{n+s}) \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n z^{n+s} (z^2 - v^2)) = 0$$

→ **sum3: expand(part(eq2,1,3));**

sum3
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n z^{n+s+2} - a_n v^2 z^{n+s})$$

→ **sum4: sum(part(sum3,1,1),n,0,inf);**

sum4
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n z^{n+s+2})$$

→ **sum5: intosum(sum(part(sum3,1,2),n,0,inf));**

sum5
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-(a_n v^2 z^{n+s}))$$

→ **sum4a: changevar(sum4,n+2-m,m,n);**

sum4a
$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (a_{m-2} z^{m+s})$$

→ **eq3: intosum(substpart(sum4a+sum5,eq2,1,3));**

eq3
$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-(a_n v^2 z^{n+s})) \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s-1)(n+s) a_n z^{n+s}) \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+s) a_n z^{n+s}) \right) + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (a_{m-2} z^{m+s}) = 0$$

→ **eq4: ratsimp(sumcontract(eq3));**

$$\text{eq4} \quad \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left((-a_n v^2) + (n^2 + 2sn + s^2) a_n + a_{n-2} \right) z^{n+s} \right) + z^s \left((s^2 + 2s + 1) a_1 - a_1 v^2 \right) z - a_0 v^2 + s^2 a_0 = 0$$

→ **eqn0: -a[0]·v^2+s^2·a[0]= 0;**

$$\text{eqn0} \quad s^2 a_0 - a_0 v^2 = 0$$

If $a[0] \neq 0$, then $s = \pm v$. We take $s = v$

→ **eq5: ratsubst(v,s,eq4);**

$$\text{eq5} \quad \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left((2n a_n v + n^2 a_n + a_{n-2}) z^{v+n} \right) \right) + (2 a_1 v + a_1) z^{v+1} = 0$$

→ **eqn1: part(eq5,1,2,1) = 0;**

$$\text{eqn1} \quad 2 a_1 v + a_1 = 0$$

→ **solve(eqn1,a[1]);**

$$(\%o15) \quad [a_1 = 0]$$

→ **eqnn: part(eq5,1,1,1,1) = 0;**

$$\text{eqnn} \quad 2n a_n v + n^2 a_n + a_{n-2} = 0$$

→ **solnn: solve(eqnn,a[n])[1];**

$$\text{solnn} \quad a_n = - \left(\frac{a_{n-2}}{2n v + n^2} \right)$$

→ **/* if n = 3, we need a[3-2] = a[1], but this is zero, so a[3] is zero as well. So, all the even n are zero */**

solnn1: (ratsubst(2·m,n,solnn));

$$\text{solnn1} \quad a_{2m} = - \left(\frac{a_{2m-2}}{4m v + 4m^2} \right)$$

if $m = 2$, i.e., for $a[2*2] = a[4]$, we need $a[4-2] = a[2]$, which is in terms of $a[2-2]=a[0]$.

For $a[6]$, we need $a[4]$, which is itself in terms of $a[0]$, so $a[6]$ also contains $a[0]$.

If we continue, we see that products of coefficients are formed, that can be written in terms of factorials. Choosing a normalization

$$a[0] = 1/(2^v v!)$$

we arrive at the standard definition of the Bessel functions $J_v(z)$.

To illustrate, let's take the expansion for $z \ll 1$, up to 6th order. So:

→ **/* n = 2 */**

a2: ratsubst(2,n,solnn);

$$\text{a2} \quad a_2 = - \left(\frac{a_0}{4v + 4} \right)$$

→ **/* n = 4 */**

a4: ratsubst(4,n,solnn);

$$\text{a4} \quad a_4 = - \left(\frac{a_2}{8v + 16} \right)$$

→ **a4a: factor(ratsubst(rhs(a2),a[2],a4));**

$$\text{a4a} \quad a_4 = \frac{a_0}{32(v+1)(v+2)}$$

→ **/* n = 6 */**

a6: ratsubst(6,n,solnn);

$$\text{a6} \quad a_6 = - \left(\frac{a_4}{12v + 36} \right)$$

→ **a6a: factor(ratsubst(rhs(a4a),a[4],a6));**

$$a_6 = -\left(\frac{a_0}{384 (v+1) (v+2) (v+3)}\right)$$

→ /* Together, we have for J_v(z) for z << 1 */

besselj_artisanal: a[0]·z^v + rhs(a2)·z^(v+2) + rhs(a4a)·z^(v+4) + rhs(a6a)·z^(v+6);

$$\text{besselj_artisanal} - \left(\frac{a_0 z^{v+6}}{384 (v+1) (v+2) (v+3)} \right) + \frac{a_0 z^{v+4}}{32 (v+1) (v+2)} - \frac{a_0 z^{v+2}}{4 v+4} + a_0 z^v$$

→ /* substitution of the normalization */

besselj_artisanal1: factor(ratsubst(1/(2^v·gamma(v+1)),a[0],besselj_artisanal));

$$\text{besselj_artisanal1} - \left(\frac{2^{-v-7} z^v (z^6 - 12 v z^4 - 36 z^4 + 96 v^2 z^2 + 480 v z^2 + 576 z^2 - 384 v^3 - 2304 v^2 - 4224 v - 2304)}{3 (v+1) (v+2) (v+3) \Gamma(v+1)} \right)$$

→ **besseljbydef: expand(sum((-1)^m/(gamma(m+1)·gamma(m+1+v)) · (z/2)^(2·m + v),m,0,3));**

$$\text{besseljbydef} - \left(\frac{2^{-v-7} z^{v+6}}{3 \Gamma(v+4)} \right) + \frac{2^{-v-5} z^{v+4}}{\Gamma(v+3)} - \frac{2^{-v-2} z^{v+2}}{\Gamma(v+2)} + \frac{z^v}{2^v \Gamma(v+1)}$$

→ /* Without simplifying the gammas, it's hard to see that both series expansions are equivalent.
We substitute concrete values of v to test */;

→ **expand(ratsubst(1/2,v,besselj_artisanal1));**

$$(\%o27) - \left(\frac{z^{13/2}}{315 \cdot 2^{7/2} \sqrt{\pi}} \right) + \frac{z^{9/2}}{15 \cdot 2^{5/2} \sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{z^{5/2}}{3 \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

→ **expand(ratsubst(1/2,v,besseljbydef));**

$$(\%o28) - \left(\frac{z^{13/2}}{315 \cdot 2^{7/2} \sqrt{\pi}} \right) + \frac{z^{9/2}}{15 \cdot 2^{5/2} \sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{z^{5/2}}{3 \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

→ /* The full value is */

bessel_j(1/2,z);

$$(\%o29) \frac{\sqrt{2} \sin(z)}{\sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{z}}$$

→ /* which we can check for a Taylor expansion that is the same we calculated*/

taylor(bessel_j(1/2,z),z,0,8);

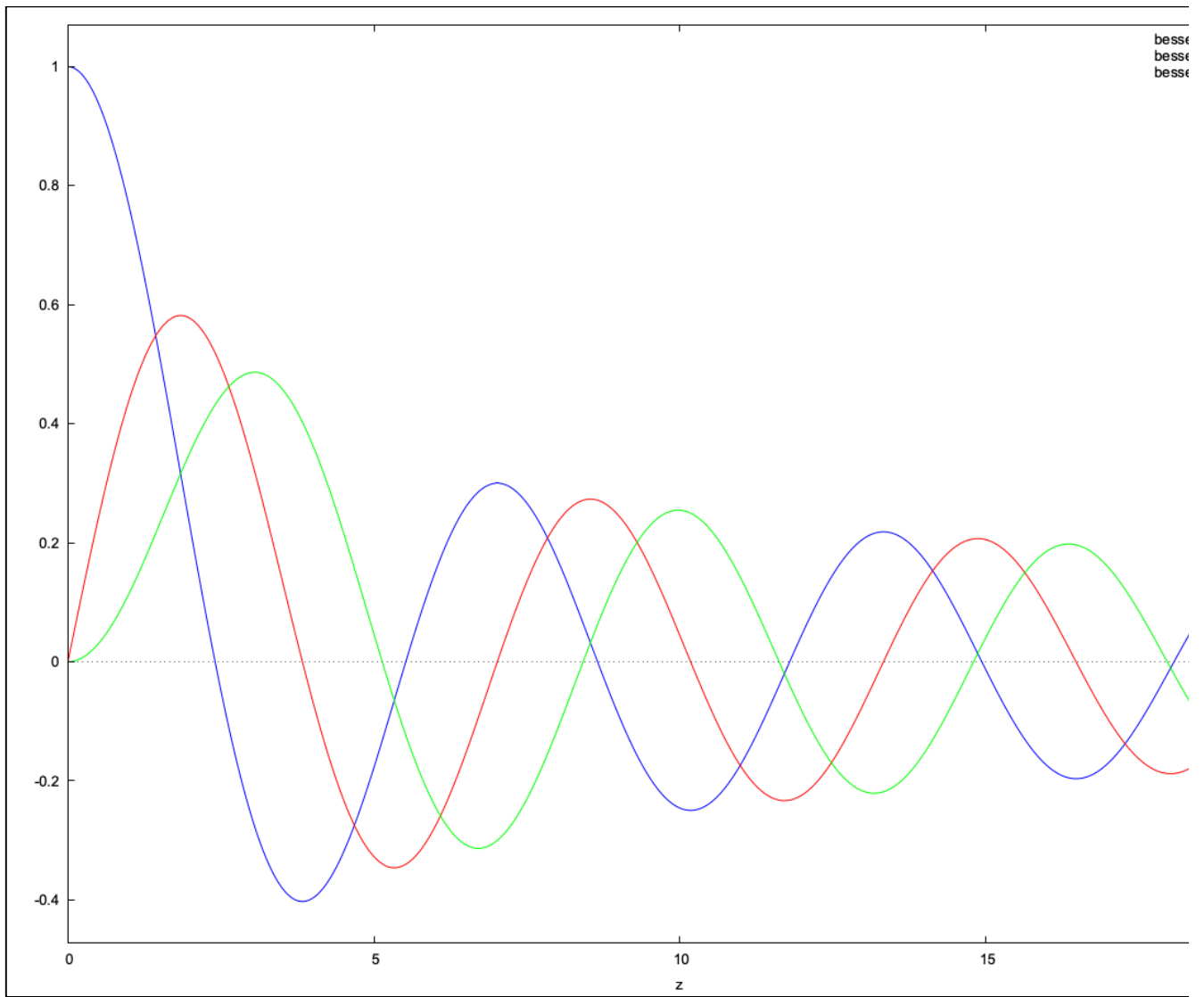
$$(\%o30)/\pi \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{z^{5/2}}{3 \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{z^{9/2}}{15 \sqrt{2}^5 \sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{z^{13/2}}{315 \sqrt{2}^7 \sqrt{\pi}} + \dots$$

2 Plots

Integer index

(%i5) **wxplot2d([bessel_j(0,z), bessel_j(1,z), bessel_j(2,z)], [z,0,20],
[gnuplot_postamble, "set zeroaxis;"])\$**

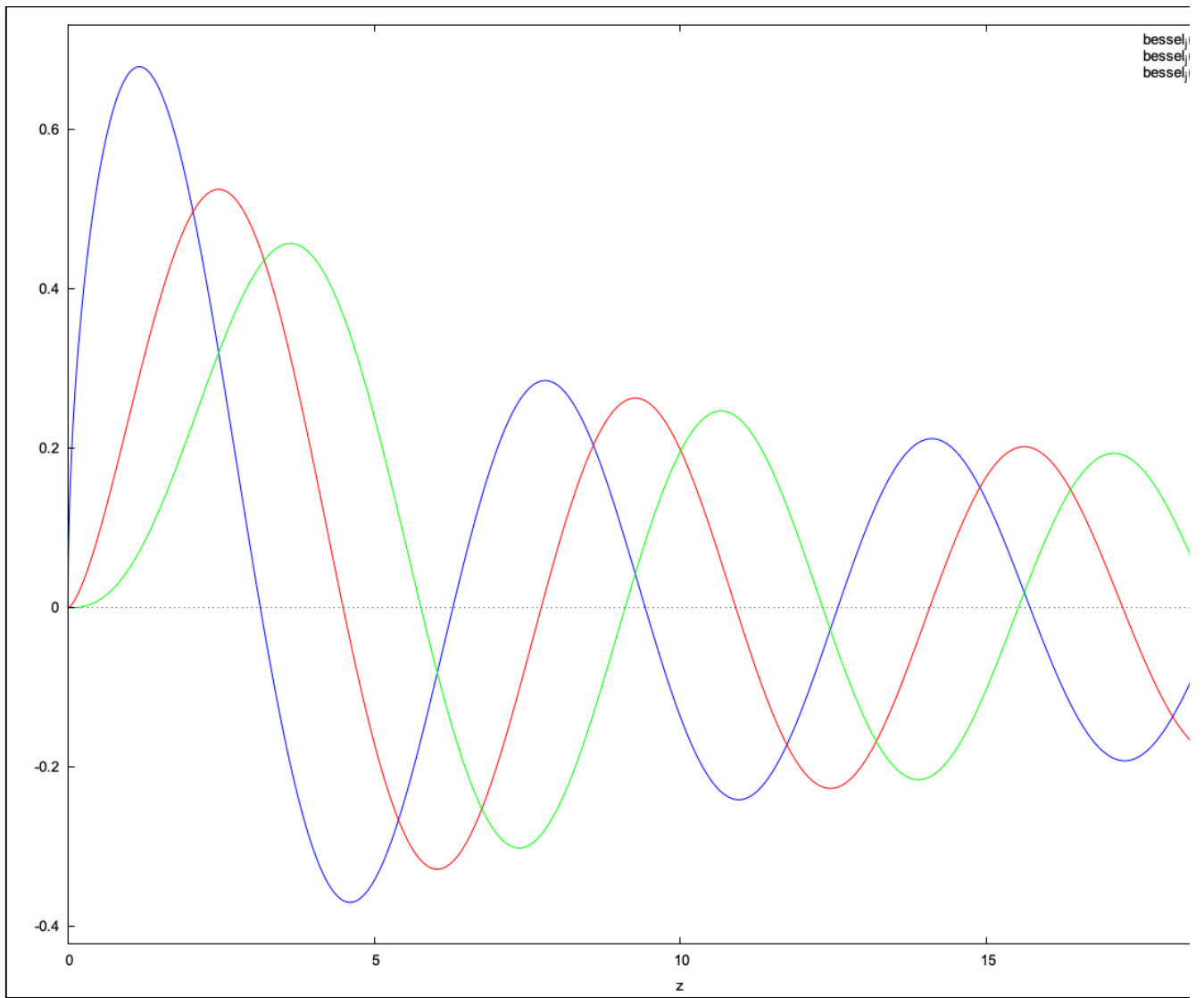
(%t5)



Half-integer index

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(%i4) wxplot2d([bessel_j(1/2,z), bessel_j(3/2,z), bessel_j(5/2,z)], [z,0,20],
[gnuplot_postamble, "set zeroaxis;"]$
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(%t4)



3 Example of derivation of a recurrence formula

Generating function

(%i11) **g:** `exp((x/2)*(t-1/t));`

$$\frac{\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)^x}{2}$$

g %e

Expansion in a Laurent series with the generating function

(%i12) **eq10:** `sum(J[n](x)*t^n,n,-inf,inf);`

eq10 %e

$$\frac{\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)^x}{2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))$$

Differentiation w.r.t. t

(%i14) **eq10dt:** `diff(eq10,t);`

eq10dt

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{t^2} + 1\right)^x \frac{\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)^x}{2}}{2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (n t^{n-1} J_n(x))$$

We transform the indices on the r.h.s. to have the coefficients of t^n

(%i18) **newsum:** `changevar(rhs(eq10dt),n-1-m,m,n);`

$$\text{newsum} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} ((m+1) t^m J_{m+1}(x))$$

(%i19) **newsum: changevar(newsum,m-n,n,m);**

$$\text{newsum} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} ((n+1) t^n J_{n+1}(x))$$

Substitution back into the equation

(%i21) **eq11: substpart(newsum,eq10dt,2);**

$$\text{eq11} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t}+1\right)^x e^{\frac{\left(t-\frac{1}{t}\right)x}{2}}}{2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} ((n+1) t^n J_{n+1}(x))$$

We substitute the generating function for its Laurent series

(%i34) **eq12: 2-ratsubst(rhs(eq10),lhs(eq10),eq11);**

$$\text{eq12} \frac{(t^2+1)x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))}{t^2} = 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} ((n+1) t^n J_{n+1}(x))$$

Now we insert the t^2 in the denominator inside of the series (a bit laborious in Maxima)

(%i35) **eq13: expand(lhs(eq12));**

$$\text{eq13} \frac{x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))}{t^2} + x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))$$

(%i52) **dpart(eq13,1,1,2);**

$$\text{(%o52)} \frac{x \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x)) \right)}{t^2} + x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))$$

(%i58) **sumtotransf: part(eq13,1,1);**

$$\text{sumtotransf} x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))$$

(%i61) **tinside: t^(-2)·part(sumtotransf,2,1);**

$$\text{tinside} t^{n-2} J_n(x)$$

(%i68) **sumtransf: substpart(tinside,sumtotransf,2,1);**

$$\text{sumtransf} x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^{n-2} J_n(x))$$

Now we change variables to obtain the coefficients of t^n

(%i69) **sumtransf: changevar(sumtransf,n-2-m,m,n);**

$$\text{sumtransf } x \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^m J_{m+2}(x))$$

(%i70) **sumtransf: changevar(sumtransf,m-n,n,m);**

$$\text{sumtransf } x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_{n+2}(x))$$

(%i71) **eq14: substpart(sumtransf,eq13,1);**

$$\text{eq14 } x \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_{n+2}(x)) \right) + x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x))$$

We substitute all the results into the original equation (the derivative of $g(x,t)$ w.r.t. t)

(%i72) **eq15: eq14 = rhs(eq12);**

$$\text{eq15 } x \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_{n+2}(x)) \right) + x \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (t^n J_n(x)) = 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} ((n+1) t^n J_{n+1}(x))$$

We finally arrive at the recurrence relation

(%i76) **recurrencerel1: x·J[n+2](x) + x·J[n] = 2·(n+1)·J[n+1](x);**

$$\text{recurrencerel1 } x J_{n+2}(x) + J_n x = 2 (n+1) J_{n+1}(x)$$