

## STURM-LIOUVILLE APPLICATIONS

$$1. \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u(0,t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L,t) = -h u(L,t)$$

boundary condition of the "third kind"

(a) Heat flow is proportional to temperature difference

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L,t) = -h u(L,t) - 0$$

↑  
heat flow

temperature difference, if the ambient temperature is zero

physical context: we expect  $h > 0$

(b)  $u(x,t) = G(t) \phi(x)$  separates:  $G' = -\lambda k G$  and

$$\phi'' = -\lambda \phi$$

$$\phi(0) = 0$$

$$\phi'(L) + h \phi(L) = 0$$

Sturm-Liouville Problem

$$p=1, \quad q=0, \quad \sigma=1$$

(c) Rayleigh Quotient:

$$\lambda = \frac{-p\phi\phi'|_a^b + \int_a^b (p(\phi')^2 - q\phi^2) dx}{\int_a^b \phi^2 \sigma dx} = \frac{-\phi\phi'|_0^L + \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx}$$

$$= \frac{h\phi^2(L) + \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx}$$

so  $\lambda > 0$  if  $h > 0$ .

If  $h < 0$ , then there might be negative eigenvalues.

(d) If  $\lambda > 0$ , then the solution is  $\phi(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$ .

Boundary conditions:  $\phi(0) = 0$  implies  $c_1 = 0$ , so  $\phi(x) = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$

$$\phi'(x) = \sqrt{\lambda} c_2 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$\phi'(L) = -h\phi(L) \quad \text{implies} \quad \sqrt{\lambda} c_2 \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = -h c_2 \sin(L\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\text{or} \quad c_2 (\sqrt{\lambda} \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) + h \sin(L\sqrt{\lambda})) = 0$$

We don't want  $c_2 = 0$ , so we need  $\sqrt{\lambda} \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) + h \sin(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$

$$\text{or} \quad \tan(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{h}$$

(e) Let  $t = \sqrt{\lambda}$ , and plot  $y = \frac{-t}{h}$  and  $y = \tan(tL)$ .

Intersection points of the graphs give eigenvalues.

(f) Large eigenvalues are close to the vertical asymptotes of  $\tan(tL)$ .

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \sqrt{\lambda_n} L \rightarrow (n - \frac{1}{2})\pi.$$

(g) See section 5.8 in the text, especially pages 196-199.

$$2. \quad r^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + r \frac{df}{dr} + (\lambda r^2 - m^2) f = 0 \quad (*)$$

(a) Divide by  $r$ :  $r \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + \frac{df}{dr} + (\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}) f = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) - \frac{m^2}{r} f + \lambda r f = 0$$

This is a S-L equation with  $x=r$ ,  $p(r)=r$ ,  $q(r) = -\frac{m^2}{r}$ ,  $\sigma(r)=r$ .

Note:  $r=0$  is a singular point: solutions might be badly behaved at  $r=0$  (maybe vertical asymptote).

(b) Change of variables:  $z = \sqrt{\lambda} r$  or  $r = \frac{z}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

$$\text{So } r = \frac{z}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{df}{dr} = \frac{df}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dr} = \frac{df}{dz} \sqrt{\lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{df}{dz} = \frac{df}{dr} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} = \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} \lambda$$

So equation (\*) becomes:

$$\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right)^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} \lambda + \frac{z}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{df}{dz} \sqrt{\lambda} + \left( \lambda \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right)^2 - m^2 \right) f = 0$$

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} + z \frac{df}{dz} + (z^2 - m^2) f = 0$$

BESSEL'S EQUATION  
OF ORDER  $m$

(c) The Bessel functions of order  $m$  solve Bessel's equation of order  $m$ :

$J_m(z)$  is the Bessel function of the first kind of order  $m$ ,  
and is finite at  $z=0$ . Mathematica:  $\text{Bessel J}[m, z]$

$Y_m(z)$  is the Bessel function of the second kind of order  $m$ ,  
and has a vertical asymptote at  $z=0$ . Mathematica:  $\text{Bessel Y}[m, z]$

(d) Boundary conditions:  $|f(0)| < \infty$  ← solution is bounded at the origin  
 $f(a) = 0$  ← boundary of the drum is fixed  
↑  
 $r=a$

General solution:  $f(z) = c_1 J_m(z) + c_2 Y_m(z)$   
↑ blows up at  $z=0$

$|f(0)| < \infty$  implies that  $c_2 = 0$

so  $f(z) = c_1 J_m(z)$

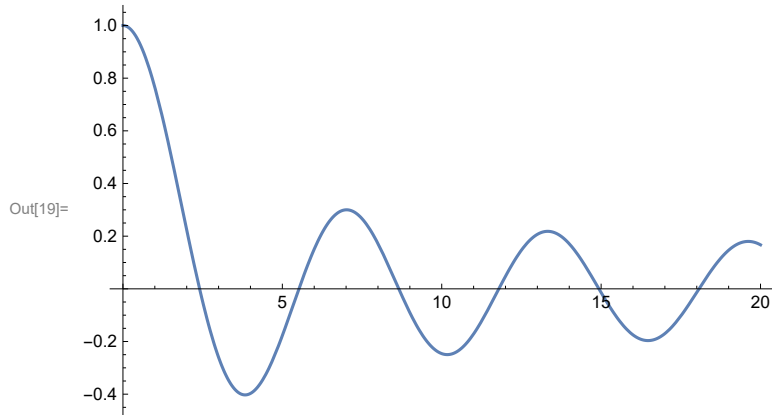
Condition  $f(a) = 0$  implies  $0 = c_1 \underbrace{J_m(\sqrt{\lambda} a)}_{\text{want: } J_m(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0}$   
 $r=a$

so choose  $\lambda$  so that  $\sqrt{\lambda} a$  is a zero of  $J_m$

to be continued...

Bessel function of the first kind of order 0:

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In[19]:= Plot[BesselJ[0, z], {z, 0, 20}]
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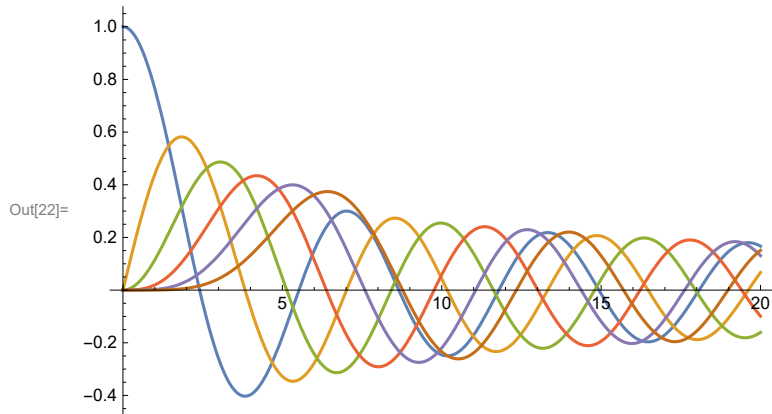


Bessel functions of the first kind of order 0, 1, ..., 5:

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In[21]:= bjs = Table[BesselJ[m, z], {m, 0, 5}]
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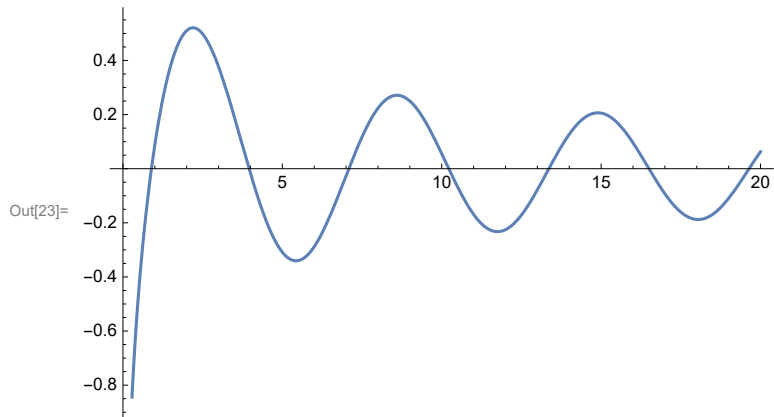
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Out[21]= {BesselJ[0, z], BesselJ[1, z], BesselJ[2, z], BesselJ[3, z], BesselJ[4, z], BesselJ[5, z]}
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In[22]:= Plot[bjs, {z, 0, 20}]
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Bessel function of the second kind of order 0:

In[23]:= **Plot**[**BesselY**[0, z], {z, 0, 20}]



Bessel functions of the second kind of order 0, 1, 2, ..., 5

In[24]:= **bys** = **Table**[**BesselY**[m, z], {m, 0, 5}]

Out[24]= {**BesselY**[0, z], **BesselY**[1, z], **BesselY**[2, z], **BesselY**[3, z], **BesselY**[4, z], **BesselY**[5, z]}

In[25]:= **Plot**[**bys**, {z, 0, 20}]

