

# Bessel Equation of Order One-Half



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- Substituting these into the differential equation, we obtain

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# Recurrence Relation



- Using results of previous slide, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ (r+n)(r+n-1) + (r+n) - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_n x^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n+2} = 0$$

or

$$\left( r^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) a_0 x^r + \left[ (r+1)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_1 x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \left[ (r+n)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_n + a_{n-2} \right\} x^{r+n} = 0$$

- The roots of indicial equation are  $r_1 = 1/2$ ,  $r_2 = -1/2$ , and note that they differ by a positive integer.
- The recurrence relation is

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{a_{n-2}(r)}{(r+n)^2 - 1/4}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

# First Solution : Coefficients



- Consider first the case  $r_1 = 1/2$ . From the previous slide,  
$$(r^2 - 1/4)a_0x^r + \left[ (r+1)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_1x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \left[ (r+n)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_n + a_{n-2} \right\} x^{r+n} = 0$$
- Since  $r_1 = 1/2$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ , and hence from the recurrence relation,  $a_1 = a_3 = a_5 = \dots = 0$ .

For the even coefficients, we have

$$a_{2m} = -\frac{a_{2m-2}}{(1/2 + 2m)^2 - 1/4} = -\frac{a_{2m-2}}{2m(2m+1)}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

- It follows that  $a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{3!}$ ,  $a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_0}{5!}, \dots$

and

$$a_{2m} = \frac{(-1)^m a_0}{(2m+1)!}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Bessel Function of First Kind, Order One-Half



- It follows that the first solution of our equation is, for  $a_0 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(x) &= x^{1/2} \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+1)!} x^{2m} \right], \quad x > 0 \\ &= x^{-1/2} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+1)!} x^{2m+1} \right], \quad x > 0 \\ &= x^{-1/2} \sin x, \quad x > 0\end{aligned}$$

- The **Bessel function of the first kind of order one-half**,  $J_{1/2}$ , is defined as

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} y_1(x) = \left( \frac{2}{\pi x} \right)^{1/2} \sin x, \quad x > 0$$

## Second Solution : Even Coefficients



- Now consider the case  $r_2 = -1/2$ . We know that

$$(r^2 - 1/4)a_0x^r + \left[ (r+1)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_1x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \left[ (r+n)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] a_n + a_{n-2} \right\} x^{r+n} = 0$$

- Since  $r_2 = -1/2$ ,  $a_1 =$  arbitrary. For the even coefficients,

$$a_{2m} = -\frac{a_{2m-2}}{(-1/2 + 2m)^2 - 1/4} = -\frac{a_{2m-2}}{2m(2m-1)}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

- It follows that

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2!}, \quad a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{a_0}{4!}, \dots$$

and

$$a_{2m} = \frac{(-1)^m a_0}{(2m)!}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

## Second Solution: Odd Coefficients



- For the odd coefficients,

$$a_{2m+1} = -\frac{a_{2m-1}}{(-1/2 + 2m + 1)^2 - 1/4} = -\frac{a_{2m-1}}{2m(2m+1)}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

- It follows that

and

$$a_3 = -\frac{a_1}{3!}, \quad a_5 = -\frac{a_3}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_1}{5!}, \dots$$

$$a_{2m+1} = \frac{(-1)^m a_1}{(2m+1)!}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Second Solution



- Therefore

$$y_2(x) = x^{-1/2} \left[ a_0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{(2m)!} + a_1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!} \right], \quad x > 0$$
$$= x^{-1/2} [a_0 \cos x + a_1 \sin x], \quad x > 0$$

- The second solution is usually taken to be the function

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \left( \frac{2}{\pi x} \right)^{1/2} \cos x, \quad x > 0$$

where  $a_0 = (2/\pi)^{1/2}$  and  $a_1 = 0$ .

- The general solution of Bessel's equation of order one-half is

$$y(x) = c_1 J_{1/2}(x) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(x)$$

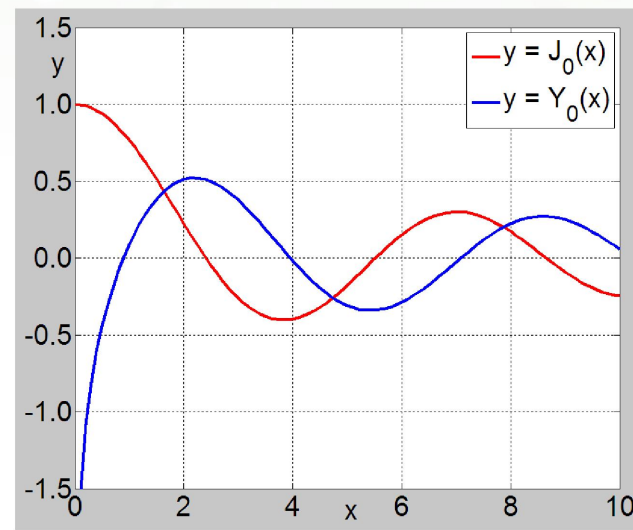
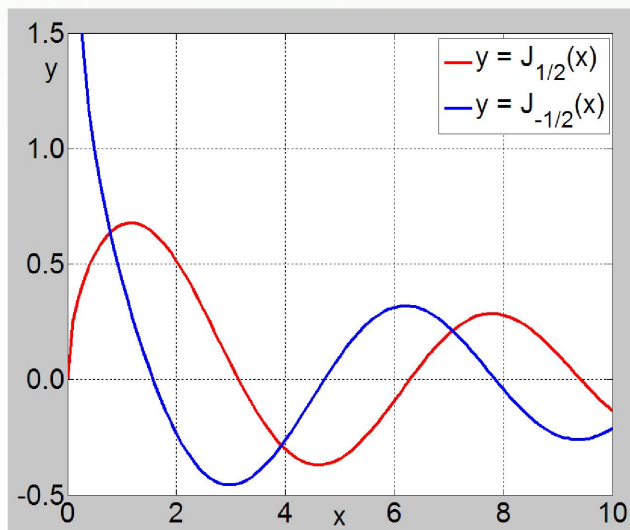
# Graphs of Bessel Functions, Order One-Half



- Graphs of  $J_{1/2}$ ,  $J_{-1/2}$  are given below.
- Note behavior of  $J_{1/2}$ ,  $J_{-1/2}$  similar to  $J_0$ ,  $Y_0$  for large  $x$ , with phase shift of  $\pi/4$ .

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \cos x, \quad J_{1/2}(x) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \sin x$$

$$J_0(x) \cong \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad Y_0(x) \cong \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$







## MATLAB Code

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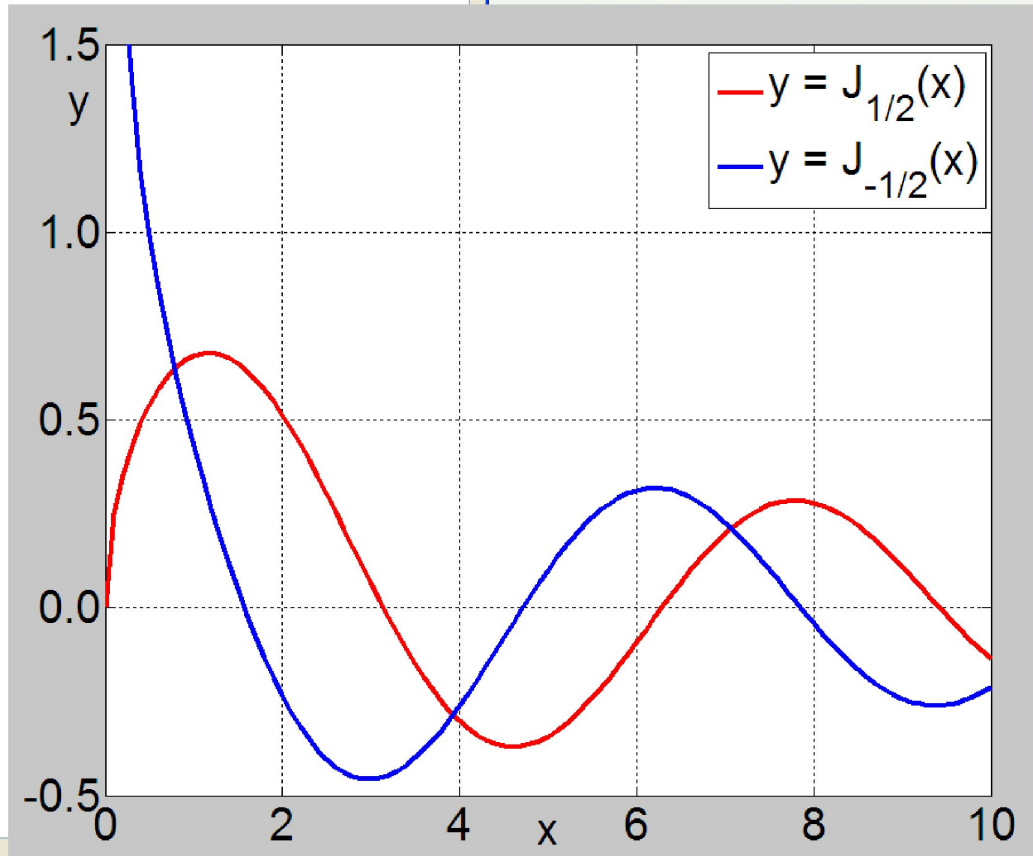
x = 0:0.1:10;

J1 = besselj(1/2,x);
plot(x,J1,'r-','LineWidth',2);

J2 = besselj(-1/2,x);
plot(x,J2,'b-','LineWidth',2);

xlabel('x','fontsize',30)
ylabel('y','fontsize',30,'rotation',0)
grid on;

legend('y = J_{1/2}(x)','y = J_{-1/2}(x)')
axis([0 10 -0.5 1.5])
box on
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# Recurrence Relation



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# First Solution : Coefficients



- Consider first the case  $r_1 = 1$ . From previous slide,

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and

$$a_{2m} = \frac{(-1)^m a_0}{2^{2m} (m+1)!m!}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Bessel Function of First Kind, Order One



- It follows that the first solution of our differential equation is

$$y_1(x) = a_0 x \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m} (m+1)! m!} x^{2m} \right], \quad x > 0$$

- Taking  $a_0 = 1/2$ , the **Bessel function of the first kind of order one**,  $J_1$ , is defined as

$$J_1(x) = \frac{x}{2} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m} (m+1)! m!} x^{2m} \right], \quad x > 0$$

- The series converges for all  $x$  and hence  $J_1$  is analytic everywhere.

## Second Solution



- For the case  $r_1 = -1$ , a solution of the form

$$y_2(x) = a J_1(x) \ln x + x^{-1} \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^{2n} \right], \quad x > 0$$

is guaranteed by Theorem 5.7.1.

- The coefficients  $c_n$  are determined by substituting  $y_2$  into the ODE and obtaining a recurrence relation, etc. The result is:

$$y_2(x) = -J_1(x) \ln x + x^{-1} \left[ 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (H_m + H_{m-1})}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m} \right], \quad x > 0$$

where  $H_k$  is as defined previously.

- Note that  $J_1 \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and is analytic at  $x = 0$ , while  $y_2$  is unbounded at  $x = 0$  in the same manner as  $1/x$ .

# Bessel Function of Second Kind, Order One



- The second solution, the **Bessel function of the second kind of order one**, is usually taken to be the function

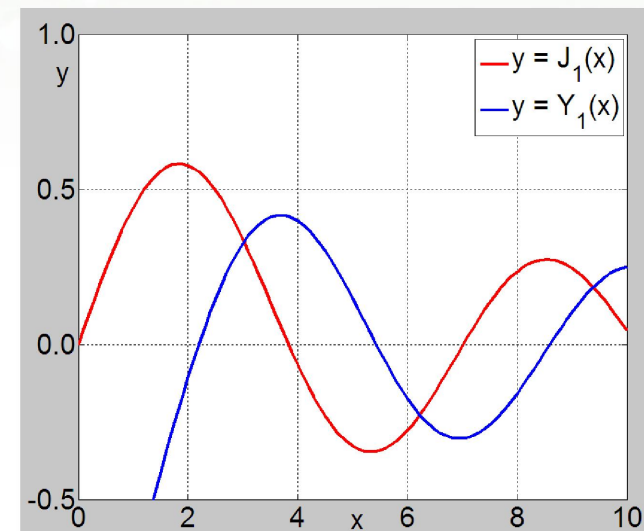
$$Y_1(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} [-y_2(x) + (\gamma - \ln 2)J_1(x)], \quad x > 0$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler-Mascheroni constant.

- The general solution of Bessel's equation of order one is

$$y(x) = c_1 J_1(x) + c_2 Y_1(x), \quad x > 0$$

- Note that  $J_1$ ,  $Y_1$  have same behavior at  $x = 0$  as observed on previous slide for  $J_1$  and  $y_2$ .





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