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## I. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the expression  $J_0$  of Bessel equations is the graphic most widely published in Differential Equation textbooks. Every time we talk about the vibration of a circular membrane the graphics of Figure 1 is always referred to. Mathematical software packages such as Maple™ always includes this curve in their libraries. If you hit once a circular membrane, it is easy to assume that the first undulation will have a higher amplitude than the following undulations which will decrease gradually as shown also in Figure 1.

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plot([BesselJ(0, x), BesselJ(1, x)], x = 0..30, y = -2..2, color = [red, blue]);
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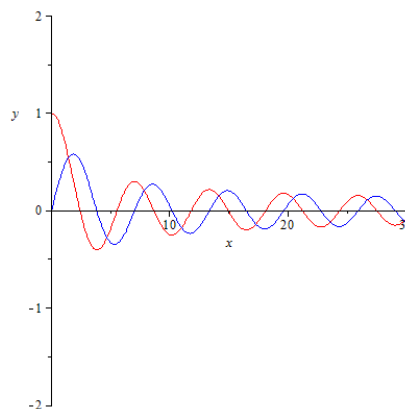


Figure 1: Plot of  $J_0$  and  $J_1$  of Bessel

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In this work we proceed to find the  $J_v(x)$  functions of the first kind and order  $v$  to satisfy the second order differential equation of Bessel.

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + (x^2 - v^2)y(x) = 0$$

To study acoustical radiation and vibration analysis one usually solves problems in cylindrical coordinates that are associated with Besselfunctions of integer order. We can solve also spherical problems with half-integer order Bessel Function.

## II. BESSEL FUNCTIONS

### a) Differential Equation of Order $v$

We focus this work on Besselfunctions of the first kind of positive order and real arguments [1] for

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

Assuming

$$y = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

which leads to

#### Differentiating and substituting

$$y' = c_{n(n+r)} x^{n+r-1}$$

$$y'' = c_{n(n+r)(n+r-1)} x^{n+r-2}$$

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

$$x^2 c_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} x^{-2}$$

$$c_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r}$$

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

$$x c_n (n+r) x^{n+r} x^{-1}$$

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

$$c_n (x^2 - v^2) x^{n+r}$$

Writing out the differential equation give us

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (n+r) x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r+2} - v^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

Ref

1. Dennis Zill, A First course in Differential Equations with Applications, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition, PWS Publishers, Wadsworth, Inc. Belmont, California, 1982.

For  $n=0$ 

$$c_0(0+r)(0+r-1)x^{0+r} + c_0(0+r)x^{0+r} + c_0x^{0+r+2} - c_0v^2x^{0+r}$$

$$c_0(r)(r-1)x^r + c_0(r^2-r)x^r + c_0rx^r + c_0x^{r+2} - c_0v^2x^r$$

$$c_0(x^r r^2 - x^r r + r x^r + x^r x^2 - v^2 x^r)$$

$$c_0(r^2 - r + r + x^2 - v^2)x^r$$

Substituting this back to the differential equation gives

$$c_0(r^2 - r + r - v^2)x^r + x^r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n[(n+r)(n+r-1) + (n+r) - v^2]x^n + x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2}$$

$$(n+r)(n+r-1) + (n+r)$$

$$(n+r)(n+r+1) = n^2 + 2nr + r^2 - n - r$$

$$n^2 + 2nr + r^2 - n - r + (n+r)$$

$$n^2 + 2nr + r^2$$

$$(n+r)^2$$

Leading to

$$c_0(r^2 - v^2)x^r + x^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n[(n+r)^2 - v^2]x^n + x^r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2} = 0$$

If  $r_1 = v$

$$[(n+v)^2 - v^2] = n^2 + 2nv + v^2 - v^2$$

$$n(n+2v)$$

giving

$$x^v \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n(n+2v)x^n + x^v \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2}$$

or

$$x^v \left[ c_1(1+2v) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n n(n+2v)x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2} \right]$$

Using  $k=n-2$  in

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n n(n+2v)x^n$$

And  $k=n$  in

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2}$$

leads to

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+2)(k+2+2v)c_{k+2} + c_k] x^{k+2} = 0$$

Notes

Writing this out

$$x^v \left[ c_1(1+2v) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+2)(k+2+2v)c_{k+2} + c_k] x^{k+2} \right] = 0$$

So that

$$(1+2v) = 0$$

$$(k+2)(k+2+2v)c_{k+2} + c_k = 0$$

Or

$$c_{k+2} = \frac{-c_k}{(k+2)(k+2+2v)} \quad k=0,1,2.. \quad (1)$$

$c_1=0$  in (1) leads to  $c_3=c_5=c_7=\dots=0$  so, for  $k=0,2,4$ . after making  $k+2=2n$ ,  $n=1, 2, 3..$  we will have that

$$c_{2n} = \frac{-c_{2n-2}}{2n(2n+2v)}$$

$$\frac{-c_{2n-2}}{2^2 n(n+v)}$$

The coefficients with even index are determined by the following formula:

$$c_2 = -\frac{c_0}{2^2 * 1 * (1+v)}$$

$$c_4 = -\frac{c_2}{2^2 * 2 * (2+v)} = \frac{c_0}{2^4 * 1 * 2(1+v)(2+v)}$$

$$c_6 = -\frac{c_4}{2^2 * 3 * (3+v)} = \frac{c_0}{2^6 * 1 * 2 * 3(1+v)(2+v)(3+v)}$$

⋮

$$c_{2n} = \frac{(-1^n)c_0}{2^n n! (1+v)(2+v)..(n+v)}$$

i. *The Gamma Function*

Since we can select  $a_0$ , we take it to be [2]

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2^v \Gamma(1+v)}$$

The Gamma function  $\Gamma$  is defined as

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

then

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

Where

$$\Gamma(1+v+1) = (1+v) \Gamma(1+v)$$

$$\Gamma(1+v+2) = (2+v) \Gamma(2+v)$$

$$= (2+v)(1+v) \Gamma(1+v)$$

Then we can write

$$c_{2n} = \frac{(-1^n) c_0}{2^{n+v} n! (1+v)(2+v) \dots (n+v) \Gamma(1+v)}$$

$$c_{2n} = \frac{(-1^n) c_0}{2^{n+v} n! \Gamma(1+v+n)}$$

The solution for this  $c_n$  is

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{2n} x^{2n+v}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+v+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+v}$$

$$J_v(X) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+v+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+v}$$

b) *Half Integer Order [3]*

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1+\frac{1}{2}+n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} + n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} + n)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n}$$

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(X) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \frac{(1)}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2}) 1!} + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{2}) 2!} - \dots \right]$$

$$\Gamma_{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\Gamma_{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4}$$

$$\Gamma_{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{8}$$

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{x^2}{4} \frac{4}{3\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{x^4}{16} \frac{8}{15\sqrt{\pi} \cdot 2} - \dots \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{x}{2\pi}} \left[ 2 - \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{x^4}{60} - \dots \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{x}{2\pi}} * \frac{2}{x} \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \dots \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \right]$$

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

### c) Spherical Bessel [4]

If we solve the Helmholtz's equation we obtain the following differential

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{2}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \left[ 1 + \frac{l(l+1)}{x^2} \right] y = 0 \quad (3)$$

One of the solutions of (3) is

$$J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(x)$$

The Bessel function of half-integral order is used to define the important function:

R<sub>ef</sub>

4. Teboho A. Moloi, Spherical Bessel Functions, Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 2022.

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

$J_n$  is called the spherical Bessel function of the first kind. For  $n=0$  we can see that (1) becomes [5]

$$J_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

### III. PLOTTING WITH MAPLE

a) Plotting  $\sin(x)/x$

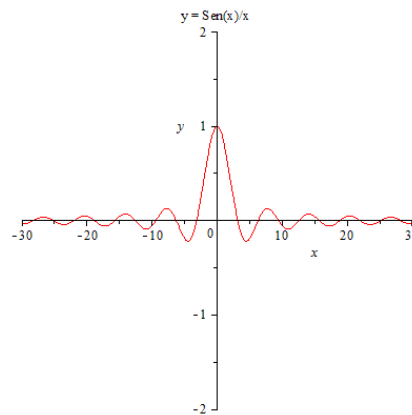


Figure 2: Plot of  $\sin(x)/x$

b) Plotting of  $J(-1/2)$

$$\text{plot}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(1) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(2) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(3) \cdot \pi\right), x=1..20, y=-1..5, \text{discont}=\text{true}, \text{color}=\text{red}\right)$$

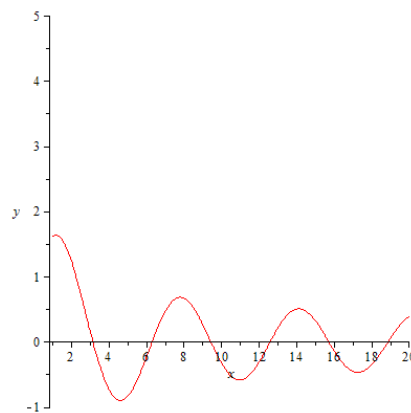


Figure 2: Plot of  $\sin(2/\pi x)^2 \sin(x)$

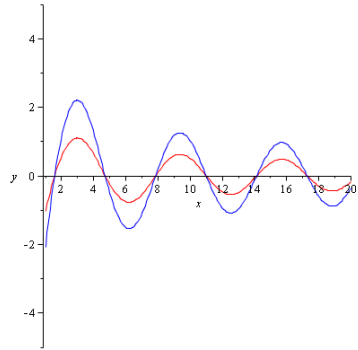
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5. Annie Cuyt1, Wen-shin Leel; 2, and Min Wu3. High accuracy trigonometric approximations of the real Bessel functions of the First kind, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK,2019.



c) Plotting  $J(1/2)$  with variations

$$\text{plot}\left(\left[\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(1) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(2) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(3) \cdot \pi\right), 2 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(1) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(2) \cdot \pi\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \cdot x}} \cdot \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{4}(3) \cdot \pi\right)\right]\right), x=1..20, y=-5..5, \text{discont}=\text{true}, \text{color}=[\text{red}, \text{blue}]\right)$$

Figure 4: Plot of Two variations of  $J(1/2)$ 

$$\text{plot}\left(2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{8x}\right), x=-30..30, y=-2..2, \text{discont}=\text{true}, \text{title}=\text{"y = Sen(x)"}\right);$$

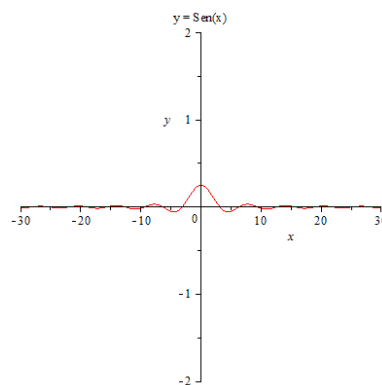


Figure 5: In this plot you can assume a change in the frequency

$$\text{plot}\left(2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{x}\right), x=-30..30, y=-2..2, \text{discont}=\text{true}, \text{title}=\text{"y = Sen(x)"}\right);$$

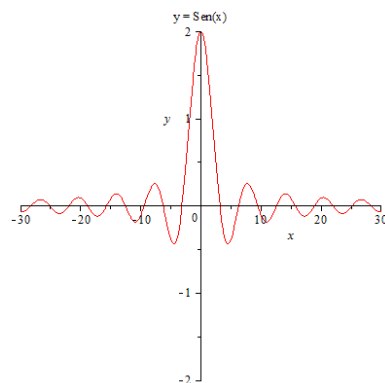


Figure 6: In this plot you can assume a change in Amplitude

#### IV. COMPARING BESSEL WITH A LINEAR MODEL UNDERDAMPED

Given that

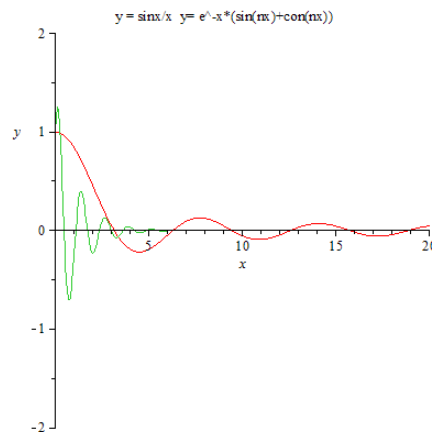


Figure 7: Bessel  $J(1/2)$  vs Over damped

#### V. ANIMATION OF BESSEL ON MAPLE SOFTWARE

`animate(wave, [uC(0, 3)], t = 0 .. P(0, 3));`

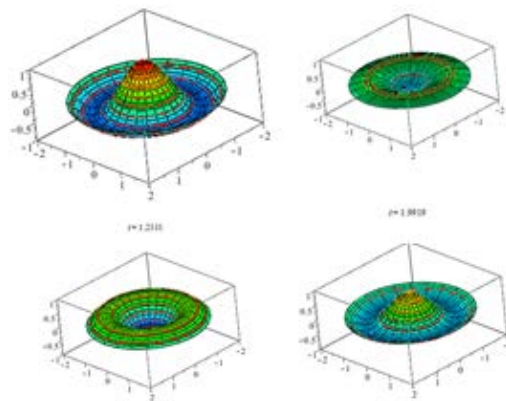


Figure 8: Four snapshots of the Bessel animation

#### VI. CONCLUSION

A study of Bessel equations can lead us to new applications in acoustics. By changing their parameters, we can determine the ratio between a membrane dimension and the acoustic power it can radiate or the way the membrane will vibrate. For example, we can find analogies between the elasticity of a trampoline jumper and a loudspeaker membrane. We can also study suspension, material thickness, and surfaces and compare them to computer animations which allow us to explore these analogies. Thus, educational institutions with low budgets can make physics experiments on vibration and mechanics at more affordable prices using computer animations. Knowing Bessel equation and its relationship with Helmholtz's formula we can extend the application to the resonance phenomena too.

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