

1. Prove formulas (1)–(6) concerning Bessel functions.

For formula (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^n J_n(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{x^{2n+2k}}{2^{n+2k}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{(2n+2k)x^{2n+2k-1}}{2^{n+2k}} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k(n+k)}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{x^{2n+2k-1}}{2^{n-1+2k}} \\ &= x^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n-1)!} \frac{x^{n+2k-1}}{2^{n-1+2k}} \\ &= x^n J_{n-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for formula (2),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-n} J_n(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^{n+2k}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{(2k)x^{2k-1}}{2^{n+2k}} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k}{k!(k+n)!} \frac{x^{-n} x^{n+2k-1}}{2^{n-1+2k}} \\ &= -x^{-n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!(k-1+n+1)!} \frac{x^{n+1+2(k-1)}}{2^{n+1+2(k-1)}} \\ &= -x^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+n+1)!} \frac{x^{n+1+2k}}{2^{n+1+2k}} \\ &= -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

From formula (1) we get

$$x^n J_n'(x) + nx^{n-1} J_n(x) = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$$

and dividing both sides by  $x^n$  gives

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

which is (3).

From formula (2) we get

$$x^{-n} J'_n(x) - nx^{-(n+1)} J_n(x) = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$$

and multiplying both sides by  $x^n$  we get

$$J'_n(x) - \frac{n}{x} J_n(x) = -J_{n+1}(x)$$

which is (4).

Add (3) and (4) together and get (5):

$$2J'_n(x) + J(n-1)(x) - J_{n+1}(x)$$

because the  $(n/x)J_n(x)$  terms cancel.

Likewise, subtract (4) from (3) to get (6):

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

## 2. Multiply the Bessel equation

$$u'' + \frac{1}{x}u' + \left(\alpha^2 - \frac{n^2}{x^2}\right)u = 0$$

by  $2x^2u'$  and integrate from 0 to 1 and show that

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(\alpha x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} J'_n(\alpha)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{\alpha^2}\right) J_n(\alpha)^2.$$

Then put  $\alpha = z_{nm}$  and conclude (using formula (4)) that

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(z_{nm} x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} J'_n(z_{nm})^2 = \frac{1}{2} J_{n+1}(z_{nm})^2.$$

Recall that  $u(x) = J_n(\alpha x)$  is a solution of the differential equation. Multiply the equation by  $2x^2u'$  and integrate from 0 to 1 and get:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^1 2x^2 u' u'' + 2x(u')^2 + 2(\alpha^2 x^2 - n^2) u u' dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x^2(u')^2)' + (\alpha^2 x^2 - n^2)(u^2)' dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x^2(u')^2)' + \alpha(x^2 u^2)' - 2\alpha x u^2 - n^2(u^2)' dx \\ &= [x^2(u')^2 + \alpha x^2 u^2 - n^2 u^2] \Big|_0^1 - 2\alpha \int_0^1 x u^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

where the clever step comes after the third equals sign.

Now we recall that  $u(x) = J_n(\alpha x)$ , so that  $u'(x) = \alpha J'_n(\alpha x)$ , and move the integral over to the other side of the equation and get

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(\alpha x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} J'_n(\alpha)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{\alpha^2}\right) J_n(\alpha)^2.$$

But if  $\alpha = z_{nm}$  is a place where  $J_n$  is zero, then we have

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(z_{nm} x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} J'_n(z_{nm})^2 = \frac{1}{2} J_{n+1}(z_{nm})^2,$$

using formula (4) (and the fact that  $J_n(z_{nm}) = 0$  again).

### 3. Calculate the coefficients $c_{nm}$ and $d_{nm}$ in the solution of the wave equation.

We start from the formula for  $u$  at the top of page 7 of the notes:

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, \theta, t) = & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} ct) \left( a_{nm} \cos n\theta + b_{nm} \sin n\theta \right) \\ & + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} ct) \left( c_{nm} \cos n\theta + d_{nm} \sin n\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the coefficients  $c_{nm}$  and  $d_{nm}$ , we need to take the derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $t$  and set  $t = 0$  (which gives us the initial condition containing  $g$ ):

$$g(r, \theta) = u_t(r, \theta, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) (c_{nm} \cos n\theta + d_{nm} \sin n\theta)$$

If we view  $\theta$  as the variable and  $r$  as constant for the moment, this becomes an ordinary Fourier series for  $g(r, \theta)$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} c c_{0m} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} r) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(r, \theta) d\theta \quad \text{for } n = 0, \\ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c c_{nm} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(r, \theta) \cos m\theta d\theta \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, \\ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c d_{nm} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(r, \theta) \sin m\theta d\theta \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

But the left sides of these are Fourier-Bessel series, so using the results of the "Orthogonality" section of the notes we finally obtain the coefficients:

$$c_{0m} = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^a r g(r, \theta) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} r) dr d\theta}{\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c \int_0^a r J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} r)^2 dr} \quad \text{for } n = 0, m \geq 1$$

$$c_{nm} = \frac{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^a r g(r, \theta) J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) \cos n\theta dr d\theta}{\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c \int_0^a r J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r)^2 dr} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, m \geq 1$$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^a r g(r, \theta) J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r) \sin n\theta dr d\theta}{\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} c \int_0^a r J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r)^2 dr} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, m \geq 1$$

and the denominators are given by

$$\int_0^a r J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} r)^2 dr = \int_0^a r J_n\left(\frac{z_{nm}}{a} r\right)^2 dr = \frac{a^2}{2} J_{n+1}(z_{nm})^2.$$

4. Prove the formula

$$\int_0^a x^{n+1} J_n\left(\frac{\alpha x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{a^{n+2}}{\alpha} J_{n+1}(\alpha)$$

and use it to solve the problem (with circular symmetry, so there's no dependence on  $\theta$ ):

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 16 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right), \quad 0 < r < 1, t > 0$$

with boundary condition  $u(1, t) = 0$  and initial conditions  $u(r, 0) = 1 - r^2$  and  $u_t(r, 0) = 1$ .

(*Hint*: I think the answer is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_0(z_m r) \left[ \frac{8}{z_m^3 J_1(z_m)} \cos(4z_m t) + \frac{1}{2z_m^2 J_1(z_m)} \sin(4z_m t) \right].$$

where  $z_m$  is the  $m$ th positive zero of the Bessel function  $J_0(x)$ . You'll need to use identities (1) and (6) and integration by parts to get it into this form.)

Formula (1) from problem 1 is

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n J_n(x)) = x^n J_{n-1}(x) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

Replace  $n$  with  $n + 1$  and get

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{n+1} J_{n+1}(x)) = x^{n+1} J_n(x) \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

and turn it around into the integral formula

$$\int_0^a x^{n+1} J_n(x) dx = [x^{n+1} J_{n+1}(x)] \Big|_0^a = a^{n+1} J_{n+1}(a).$$

Now to do the integral

$$\int_0^a x^{n+1} J_n\left(\frac{\alpha x}{a}\right) dx$$

we let  $u = \alpha x/a$ , so  $dx = (a/\alpha) du$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a x^{n+1} J_n\left(\frac{\alpha x}{a}\right) dx &= \frac{a}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha \left(\frac{a}{\alpha} u\right)^{n+1} J_n(u) du \\ &= \left(\frac{a}{\alpha}\right)^{n+2} \int_0^\alpha u^{n+1} J_n(u) du \\ &= \left(\frac{a}{\alpha}\right)^{n+2} \alpha^{n+1} J_{n+1}(\alpha) = \frac{a^{n+2}}{\alpha} J_{n+1}(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

which is the formula we needed to prove.

Now we're ready to solve the PDE. You could either start from scratch and separate variables (we're looking for  $u(r, t)$  since there's no dependence on  $\theta$ , or else we can use the solution from the "back to the wave equation" section of the notes, and just get rid of all the terms that have  $\theta$  in them, namely all the terms with  $n \geq 1$ . So the solution is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{0m} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} r) \cos(4\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_{0m} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} r) \sin(4\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}} t)$$

since  $c = 4$ ,  $a = 1$  and  $\lambda_{0m} = z_{0m}^2$  (where  $z_{0m}$  is the  $m$ th positive zero of the Bessel function  $J_0(x)$ ). Since we're only using  $J_0$  in this problem, we'll just write  $\lambda_m$  instead of  $\lambda_{0m}$ ,  $z_m$  instead of  $z_{0m}$ , and  $a_m$  and  $c_m$  instead of  $a_{0m}$  and  $c_{0m}$ .

Since the initial conditions are  $f(r) = 1 - r^2$  and  $g(r) = 1$ , we also know that

$$a_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r(1 - r^2) J_0(z_m r) dr}{\int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r)^2 dr} \quad \text{for } m \geq 1$$

and (from problem 3),

$$c_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r) dr}{4z_m \int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r)^2 dr} \quad \text{for } m \geq 1$$

and the integrals in the denominators evaluate to  $\frac{1}{2} J_1(z_m)^2$  (from problem 2).

To evaluate the integral in the numerator of  $a_m$ , we first make the substitution  $x = z_m r$  (so  $dr = dx/z_m$  and rewrite it as

$$\int_0^{z_m} \frac{x}{z_m} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{z_m^2}\right) J_0(x) \frac{dx}{z_m} = \frac{1}{z_m^4} \int_0^{z_m} x(z_m^2 - x^2) J_0(x) dx.$$

Next, integrate by parts with  $u = z_m^2 - x^2$  and  $dv = x J_0(x) dx$ . Then from formula (1) in the notes (with  $n = 1$ ),  $v = x J_1(x)$  so we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 r(1 - r^2) J_0(z_m r) dr &= \frac{1}{z_m^4} \int_0^{z_m} x(z_m^2 - x^2) J_0(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{z_m^4} [(z_m^2 - x^2) x J_1(x)] \Big|_0^{z_m} + \frac{1}{z_m^4} \int_0^{z_m} 2x^2 J_1(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{z_m^4} \int_0^{z_m} x^2 J_1(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{z_m^4} x^2 J_2(x) \Big|_0^{z_m} = \frac{2}{z_m^2} J_2(z_m) \end{aligned}$$

where we used (1) again, this time with  $n = 2$ . Therefore, we have that

$$a_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r(1 - r^2) J_0(z_m r) dr}{\int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r)^2 dr} = \frac{\frac{2}{z_m^2} J_2(z_m)}{\frac{1}{2} J_1(z_m)^2} = \frac{4J_2(z_m)}{z_m^2 J_1(z_m)^2}.$$

We can do a little better still — from equation (6) with  $n = 1$ , we can replace  $J_2(z_m)$  with  $2J_1(z_m)/z_m$ , and write:

$$a_m = \frac{8}{z_m^3 J_1(z_m)},$$

and that's about as simple as we can get it.

For  $c_m$ , we need only use our substitution  $x = z_m r$  and formula (1) to integrate

$$\int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r) dr = \int_0^{z_m} \frac{x}{z_m} J_0(x) \frac{dx}{z_m} = \frac{1}{z_m^2} z_m J_1(z_m) = \frac{J_1(z_m)}{z_m}$$

Therefore

$$c_m = \frac{\int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r) dr}{4z_m \int_0^1 r J_0(z_m r)^2 dr} = \frac{\frac{J_1(z_m)}{z_m}}{4z_m \frac{1}{2} J_1(z_m)^2} = \frac{1}{2z_m^2 J_1(z_m)}$$

Therefore, the solution is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} J_0(z_m r) \left[ \frac{8}{z_m^3 J_1(z_m)} \cos(4z_m t) + \frac{1}{2z_m^2 J_1(z_m)} \sin(4z_m t) \right].$$

Whew!