

Bessel equation:  $x^2 z_p''(x) + x z_p'(x) + (x^2 - p^2) z_p(x) = 0$   
define  $w(x) = z_p(ix)$  ( $i^2 = -1$ )

ODE for  $w$ :  $x^2 w'' + x w' - (x^2 + p^2) w = 0$   
Modified Bessel equation

$$w(x) \begin{cases} c_1 J_p(ix) + c_2 J_{-p}(ix) & p \neq \text{integer} \\ c_1 J_n(ix) + c_2 Y_n(ix) & p = n = \text{integer} \end{cases}$$

$$J_p(ix) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+p}}{k! \Gamma(k+p+1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+p}}{k! \Gamma(k+p+1)} = i^p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+p}}{k! \Gamma(k+p+1)}$$

if  $x$  is real, this is real

Define  $I_p(x) = i^{-p} J_p(ix) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{2k+p}}{k! \Gamma(k+p+1)}$  → Modified Bessel function of 1st kind

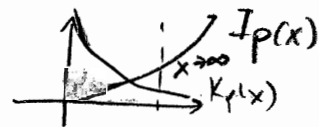
real if  $x$  is real

$$K_p(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} i^{p+1} H_p^{(1)}(ix) \rightarrow \text{Modified Bessel function of 2nd kind}$$

$w(x) = c_1 I_p(x) + c_2 K_p(x)$ : general solution of modified Bessel equation

$x \rightarrow \infty$   $I_p(x) \sim \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{2\pi x}}$

$K_p(x) \sim \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x}$



$x \rightarrow 0$

$$I_p(x) \approx \frac{1}{2^p \Gamma(p+1)} x^{p+1}$$

$$I_{-p}(x) \approx \frac{1}{2^p \Gamma(1-p)} x^{-p}$$

$$K_p(x) \approx 2^{p-1} \Gamma(p) x^{-p} \quad (p \geq 1), \quad K_0(x) \approx -\ln x$$

Special case:  $p$ : half-integer =  $n + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n$ : integer  
 → Bessel functions become elementary

ex  $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ ,  $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$   
 $I_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sinh x$ ,  $I_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cosh x$

Generally,  $J_{n+1/2}(x) = \frac{2n-1}{x} J_{n-1/2}(x) - J_{n-3/2}(x)$

$$I_{n+1/2}(x) = -\frac{2n-1}{x} I_{n-1/2}(x) + I_{n-3/2}(x)$$