

In this exercise use the result of Exercise 7.8.7  $\left[ \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + y \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} z^{-2} - m^2 z^{-2} \right) = 0 \right]$  in order to

improve on (7.8.3):

a. Substitute  $y = e^{iz} w(z)$  and show that

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + 2i \frac{dw}{dz} + \frac{\gamma}{z^2} w = 0, \text{ where } \gamma = \frac{1}{4} - m^2$$

b. Substitute  $w = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n z^{-n}$ . Determine the first few terms  $\beta_n$  (assuming that  $\beta_0 = 1$ ).

c. Use part (b) to obtain an improved asymptotic solution of Bessel's differential equation. For real solutions, take real and imaginary parts.

d. Find a recurrence formula for  $\beta_n$ . Show that the series diverges. (Nonetheless, a finite series is very useful.)

a.

$$y = e^{iz} w(z), \quad \frac{dy}{dz} = ie^{iz} w(z) + e^{iz} w'(z),$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} = (i^2 e^{iz} w(z) - ie^{iz} w'(z)) + (ie^{iz} w'(z) + e^{iz} w''(z)) = -e^{iz} w(z) + 2ie^{iz} w'(z) + e^{iz} w''(z)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + y \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} z^{-2} - m^2 z^{-2} \right) = [-e^{iz} w(z) + 2ie^{iz} w'(z) + e^{iz} w''(z)] + e^{iz} w(z) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} z^{-2} - m^2 z^{-2} \right) = 0$$

$$-e^{iz} w(z) + 2ie^{iz} w'(z) + e^{iz} w''(z) + e^{iz} w(z) \left( \frac{1}{4} + m^2 \right) z^{-2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + 2i \frac{dw}{dz} + \frac{\left( \frac{1}{4} + m^2 \right)}{z^2} w = \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} + 2i \frac{dw}{dz} + \frac{\gamma}{z^2} w = 0$$

b.  $w(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n z^{-n}$ ,  $\beta_0 = 1$

$$w'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n \beta_n z^{-n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -(n+1) \beta_{n+1} z^{-n-1+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-n-1) \beta_{n+1} z^{-n}$$

$$w''(z) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} -n(-n-1) \beta_n z^{-n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -(n+2)(-n-2-1) \beta_{n+2} z^{-n-2+2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-n-2)(-n-3) \beta_{n+2} z^{-n}$$

When  $n=0$ , the equation from part (a), after some algebra, yields:  $\beta_2 = \frac{1}{6} \left( -\frac{\gamma}{z^2} + 2i\beta_1 \right)$ .

When  $n=1$ , the equation yields:  $\beta_3 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 4i\beta_2 - \frac{\lambda}{z^2} \beta_1 \right) = -\frac{i}{18} \frac{\gamma}{z^2} + \left( \frac{i}{6} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\gamma}{z^2} \right) \beta_1$ .

When  $n=2$ , the equation yields:  $\beta_4 = \frac{1}{20} \left( -\frac{\gamma}{z^2} \beta_2 + 6i\beta_3 \right) = \frac{1}{120} \left( \frac{\gamma}{z^2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{60} \frac{\gamma}{z^2} + \left( \frac{2i}{120} - \frac{1}{20} - \frac{i}{40} \frac{\gamma}{z^2} \right) \beta_1$ .

Similarly, for all  $\beta_n$  with  $n>1$ , can be represented in terms of  $\beta_1$ .

c.

d.