

**Solution to Problem 25)** In the limit of large  $x$ , we use Eq.(37) to arrive at

$$J_\nu(x) \cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi),$$

$$J'_\nu(x) \cong -\sqrt{2/(\pi x)} [\frac{1}{2}x^{-1} \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) + \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi)].$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu/x)J_\nu(x) - J'_\nu(x) &\cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} [(\nu + \frac{1}{2})x^{-1} \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) + \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi)] \\ &\cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) \\ &= \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \cos[x - \frac{1}{2}(\nu + 1)\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi] \\ &\cong J_{\nu+1}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Similarly, in the limit of large  $x$ , Eq.(38) yields

$$Y_\nu(x) \cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi),$$

$$Y'_\nu(x) \cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} [-\frac{1}{2}x^{-1} \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) + \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi)].$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu/x)Y_\nu(x) - Y'_\nu(x) &\cong \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} [(\nu + \frac{1}{2})x^{-1} \sin(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) - \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi)] \\ &\cong -\sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \cos(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi) \\ &= \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \sin[x - \frac{1}{2}(\nu + 1)\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi] \\ &\cong Y_{\nu+1}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Next, we define the function  $f(x) = (\nu/x)Z_\nu(x) - Z'_\nu(x)$ , differentiate it twice with respect to  $x$ , and replace  $Z''_\nu(x)$  with  $-x^{-1}Z'_\nu(x) - [1 - (\nu/x)^2]Z_\nu(x)$  (which is an identity that is derived directly from Bessel's differential equation), as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -(\nu/x^2)Z_\nu(x) + (\nu/x)Z'_\nu(x) - Z''_\nu(x) \\ &= [(\nu + 1)/x]Z'_\nu(x) + [1 - \nu(\nu + 1)/x^2]Z_\nu(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= [(\nu + 1)/x]Z''_\nu(x) + [1 - (\nu + 1)^2/x^2]Z'_\nu(x) + [2\nu(\nu + 1)/x^3]Z_\nu(x) \\ &= [1 - (\nu + 1)(\nu + 2)/x^2]Z'_\nu(x) - [(\nu + 1)/x - \nu(\nu + 1)(\nu + 2)/x^3]Z_\nu(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Combining the results obtained in Eqs.(3) and (4), we now write

$$x^2 f''(x) + x f'(x) = -[x^2 - (\nu + 1)^2][(\nu/x)Z_\nu(x) - Z'_\nu(x)] = -[x^2 - (\nu + 1)^2]f(x). \quad (5)$$

It is now clear that the function  $f(x) = (\nu/x)Z_\nu(x) - Z'_\nu(x)$  must itself be a solution of Bessel's differential equation of order  $\nu + 1$ . Thus, in principle,  $f(x)$  could be some arbitrary

linear combination of  $J_{\nu+1}(x)$  and  $Y_{\nu+1}(x)$ . However, the asymptotic behavior of  $f(x)$  as revealed by Eqs.(1) and (2) compels  $f(x)$  to be equal to  $\mathcal{Z}_{\nu+1}(x)$ , thus confirming the identity  $\mathcal{Z}'_{\nu}(x) = (\nu/x)\mathcal{Z}_{\nu}(x) - \mathcal{Z}_{\nu+1}(x)$ .

A similar procedure can be used to confirm the other Bessel function identity given in Eqs.(41) and (42), namely,  $\mathcal{Z}'_{\nu}(x) = \mathcal{Z}_{\nu-1}(x) - (\nu/x)\mathcal{Z}_{\nu}(x)$ .

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