

# A Nicholson-type integral for the cross-product of the Bessel functions

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## Abstract

We prove a new Nicholson-type integral representation for the cross-product of the Bessel functions  $J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(z) - Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(z)$ , and related integral representations for  $|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2$ , where  $H_\nu^{(1)}$  is the Hankel function of the first kind.

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## 1. Introduction

The main result of this paper is the following representation of the cross-product of the Bessel functions  $J_\nu$  and  $Y_\nu$

$$J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(z) - Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(z) = \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_C J_0 \left( \sqrt{z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta} \right) \cosh \nu \zeta \, d\zeta, \tag{2}$$

where  $C$  is any contour starting at 0 and ending at  $\log z - \log w$ . The formula holds for every complex number  $\nu$ , and all complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  such that  $|\operatorname{Arg} z| < \pi$  and  $|\operatorname{Arg} w| < \pi$ . We demonstrate it in Theorem 2.1 by verifying that the integral satisfies Bessel's differential equation and appropriate limiting conditions at the origin.

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The cross-products of the Bessel functions have long been studied theoretically, see e.g. [13, 10.6, 10.21], [8], [7]. They have also found several applications to wave propagation in cylindrical geometries, e.g. to acoustic modeling of ducts [5], and to modeling of optical waveguides [6], [14]. Other applications include heat transport [2] and free elastic oscillations of a spherical body [10]. Other integral representations of various products of the Bessel functions are well-known, an extensive list is given in [9, p. 93-98], see also [11].

Our second result is an integral representation of the square of the modulus of the Hankel function  $H_\nu^{(1)}$  of the first kind

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(x + iy)|^2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 t + y^2 \cosh^2 t} \right) \cosh 2\nu t dt. \quad (3)$$

This formula is valid if all  $x, y, \nu$  are real, and  $y > 0$ . We present two simple derivations: one in Theorem 3.1 is based on a known representation of the product of the modified Bessel functions  $K_\nu(\alpha)K_\nu(\beta)$ , and another one in Appendix uses the Mehler-Sonine integrals.

Formula (3) has some interesting consequences. For example, it follows from (3) that for a fixed  $z$  in the upper half-plane, the magnitude  $|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|$  increases with the order  $\nu$  when  $\nu \geq 0$ . This fact has been observed experimentally [4], [1], but no proofs are given there. The property is needed in the numerical evaluation of the Bessel and the Hankel functions using a three-term recurrence. For the sake of numerical stability, the recurrence must proceed in the direction of increasing magnitudes. It is known that the magnitudes of the modified Bessel function  $|K_\nu(\zeta)|$  grow with  $\nu \geq 0$  [13, 10.37] when  $\zeta$  is in the right half-plane, and monotonicity of  $|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|$  can also be deduced from this fact.

In 1910, J. W. Nicholson published [12] the following equality

$$J_\nu^2(z) + Y_\nu^2(z) = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty K_0(2z \sinh t) \cosh 2\nu t dt, \quad (4)$$

valid for  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$  and an arbitrary complex order  $\nu$ . Nicholson's formula can be recovered from (3) by fixing  $x > 0$ , letting  $y \rightarrow 0^+$ , and then taking analytic continuation first in  $z$ , and then in  $\nu$ . This derivation of (4) appears somewhat simpler than the one presented in [15], while another short proof is given in [16].

Finally, in Theorem 3.2 we combine (1) and (3) to obtain the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} |H_\nu^{(1)}(x - iy)|^2 &= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 t + y^2 \cosh^2 t} \right) \cosh 2\nu t dt \quad (5) \\ &+ \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^{\operatorname{arccot} \frac{x}{y}} I_0 \left( 2\sqrt{-x^2 \sin^2 \phi + y^2 \cos^2 \phi} \right) \cos 2\nu \phi d\phi, \end{aligned}$$

which is valid if all  $x, y, \nu$  are real, and  $y > 0$ .

## 2. Integral representation of the cross-product

The following theorem, which gives an integral representation of the cross-product of the Bessel functions  $J_\nu$  and  $Y_\nu$ , is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For all complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  such that  $|\operatorname{Arg} z| < \pi$  and  $|\operatorname{Arg} w| < \pi$ , and for every complex number  $\nu$ ,*

$$J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(z) - Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(z) = \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_C J_0\left(\sqrt{z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta}\right) \cosh \nu \zeta \, d\zeta, \tag{7}$$

where  $C$  is any contour starting at 0 and ending at  $\log z - \log w$ .

In this paper,  $J_\nu$ ,  $Y_\nu$  and  $\log$  always denote the principal branches of these functions.  $\operatorname{Arg} z$  denotes the principal argument of a complex number  $z \neq 0$ . The function  $J_0(\sqrt{\cdot})$  is entire, so the integral does not depend on the choice of a contour joining 0 to  $\log z - \log w$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha(z, w)$  denote the expression in (7), i.e.

$$\alpha(z, w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_C J_0\left(\sqrt{z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta}\right) \cosh \nu \zeta \, d\zeta. \tag{8}$$

Since the integrand in (8) is symmetric with respect to  $z$  and  $w$ , and the contour joins 0 to  $\log z - \log w$ , we infer that

$$\alpha(w, z) = -\alpha(z, w). \tag{9}$$

It is shown in Lemma 4.1 (see Appendix) that for a fixed  $w \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha(z, w)$  satisfies Bessel's equation with respect to  $z$  in the region  $|\operatorname{Arg} z| < \pi$ . Since  $J_\nu$  and  $Y_\nu$  are linearly independent solutions of Bessel's equation [3, 8.474], we have

$$\alpha(z, w) = c_1(w)J_\nu(z) + c_2(w)Y_\nu(z), \tag{10}$$

for some functions  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . Combining this with (9), we obtain

$$c_1(z)J_\nu(w) + c_2(z)Y_\nu(w) = -c_1(w)J_\nu(z) - c_2(w)Y_\nu(z). \tag{11}$$

Let  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  be any complex numbers such that  $J_\nu(w_1)Y_\nu(w_2) - Y_\nu(w_1)J_\nu(w_2) \neq 0$ . Setting  $w = w_1$  and  $w = w_2$  in (11), we obtain a system of two linear equations for  $c_1(z)$  and  $c_2(z)$ . Therefore both  $c_1(z)$  and  $c_2(z)$  are linear combinations of  $J_\nu(z)$  and  $Y_\nu(z)$  with coefficients that do not depend on  $z$  or  $w$ . Consequently, (10) implies that

$$\alpha(z, w) = a_{11}J_\nu(w)J_\nu(z) + a_{21}Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(z) + a_{12}J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(z) + a_{22}Y_\nu(w)Y_\nu(z), \tag{12}$$

where the coefficients  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}$  do not depend on  $z$  or  $w$ , but may depend on  $\nu$ . Due to linear independence of  $J_\nu$  and  $Y_\nu$ , we infer from (9) that  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 0$ , and  $a_{21} = -a_{12}$ .

We determine the remaining coefficient  $a_{12}$  by comparing the limits of (6) and (7) as  $z$  and  $w$  approach 0 through the positive real values with  $\frac{z}{w} = r$ , where  $r > 0$ . From (8), we obtain for  $\nu \neq 0$

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(rw, w) = \frac{2}{\pi} J_0(0) \int_0^{\log r} \cosh \nu \zeta \, d\zeta = \frac{1}{\pi \nu} (r^\nu - r^{-\nu}). \quad (13)$$

For  $\nu = 0$ , the above limit equals  $\frac{2}{\pi} \log r$ . The same values are obtained in Lemma 4.2 (see Appendix) for the corresponding limit of the cross-product. Therefore  $a_{12} = 1$ , and the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Integral representations of $|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2$

In this section, we assume that the order  $\nu$  is real. We consider the cases when  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z) < 0$  separately.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $x$  is a real number and  $y > 0$ , then*

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(x + iy)|^2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 t + y^2 \cosh^2 t} \right) \cosh 2\nu t \, dt, \quad (14)$$

for every real order  $\nu$ .

$K_\nu$  denotes the modified Bessel function of the second kind and order  $\nu$ , and  $H_\nu^{(1)}$  denotes the Hankel function of the first kind and order  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* The following formula, valid when  $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$  and  $\text{Re}(\beta) > 0$ , is a special case of [3, 6.648] (with  $\rho$  replaced by  $\nu$ , and  $x$  replaced by  $s$ )

$$K_\nu(\alpha)K_{-\nu}(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{\nu s} K_0 \left( \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \cosh s} \right) ds. \quad (15)$$

Since  $K_\nu = K_{-\nu}$  [13, 10.27.3], we have

$$K_\nu(\alpha)K_\nu(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty K_0 \left( \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \cosh s} \right) \cosh \nu s \, ds \quad (16)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \cosh s} \right) \cosh \nu s \, ds \quad (17)$$

$$= 2 \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \cosh 2t} \right) \cosh 2\nu t \, dt. \quad (18)$$

Since  $\nu$  is real, we have [13, 10.11.9]

$$\overline{H_\nu^{(1)}(z)} = H_\nu^{(2)}(\bar{z}). \quad (19)$$

From connection formulas between  $K_\nu$  and  $H_\nu^{(1)}$ ,  $H_\nu^{(2)}$  [13, 10.27.8], we infer that

$$H_\nu^{(1)}(z)H_\nu^{(2)}(w) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} K_\nu(-iz)K_\nu(iw), \quad (20)$$

when  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(w) < 0$ . Combining (19) and (20) (with  $w = \bar{z}$ ), we obtain

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 = H_\nu^{(1)}(z)H_\nu^{(2)}(\bar{z}) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} K_\nu(-iz)K_\nu(i\bar{z}). \quad (21)$$

The claim now follows by setting  $z = x + iy$ ,  $\alpha = -iz$ ,  $\beta = i\bar{z}$  in (18).  $\square$

Another, more direct proof of this theorem is given in Appendix.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $x$  is a real number and  $y > 0$ , then*

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(x - iy)|^2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 t + y^2 \cosh^2 t} \right) \cosh 2\nu t \, dt \quad (22)$$

$$+ \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^{\text{arccot} \frac{x}{y}} I_0 \left( 2\sqrt{-x^2 \sin^2 \phi + y^2 \cos^2 \phi} \right) \cos 2\nu \phi \, d\phi \quad (23)$$

for every real order  $\nu$ .

$I_0$  denotes the modified Bessel function of the first kind and order 0, and  $\text{arccot}$  denotes the inverse function of the cotangent  $\cot \phi$ ,  $0 < \phi < \pi$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $z$  with  $\bar{z}$  in (19), we obtain

$$\overline{H_\nu^{(1)}(\bar{z})} = H_\nu^{(2)}(z). \quad (24)$$

Combining this with (21) and connection formulas between the Hankel and the Bessel functions [13, 10.4.3], we have

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(\bar{z})|^2 = H_\nu^{(1)}(\bar{z})H_\nu^{(2)}(z) - H_\nu^{(1)}(z)H_\nu^{(2)}(\bar{z}) + |H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 \quad (25)$$

$$= -2i (J_\nu(\bar{z})Y_\nu(z) - Y_\nu(\bar{z})J_\nu(z)) + |H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2. \quad (26)$$

We set  $z = x + iy$ ,  $w = x - iy$ , and express the above cross-product by means of Theorem 2.1. Choosing the contour  $C$  to be the line interval joining 0 to

$\log z - \log w = 2i \operatorname{arccot} \frac{x}{y}$ , we obtain

$$J_\nu(\bar{z})Y_\nu(z) - Y_\nu(\bar{z})J_\nu(z) = \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{2 \operatorname{arccot} \frac{x}{y}} J_0 \left( \sqrt{z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh(it)} \right) \cosh(\nu it) i dt \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{4i}{\pi} \int_0^{\operatorname{arccot} \frac{x}{y}} J_0 \left( \sqrt{2x^2 - 2y^2 - 2(x^2 + y^2) \cos(2\phi)} \right) \cos(2\nu\phi) d\phi \quad (29)$$

$$= \frac{4i}{\pi} \int_0^{\operatorname{arccot} \frac{x}{y}} J_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sin^2 \phi - y^2 \cos^2 \phi} \right) \cos 2\nu\phi d\phi. \quad (30)$$

The claim now follows by substituting the above and (14) into (26), and using a connection formula between  $J_0$  and  $I_0$  [13, 10.27.6].  $\square$

Since  $|H_\nu^{(2)}(z)| = |H_\nu^{(1)}(\bar{z})|$ , see (24), both theorems have their counterparts for  $|H_\nu^{(2)}(z)|^2$ .

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## 4. Appendix

The following two lemmas are used in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For a fixed  $w \neq 0$ , the function*

$$y(z) = \int_C J_0 \left( \sqrt{z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta} \right) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta, \quad (31)$$

where  $C$  is any contour joining 0 to  $\log z - \log w$ , satisfies Bessel's differential equation

$$(zy')' + \left( z - \frac{\nu^2}{z} \right) y = 0 \quad (32)$$

in the region  $|\operatorname{Arg} z| < \pi$ .

*Proof.* We introduce the function  $u(\xi) = J_0(\sqrt{\xi})$ , which is entire, and satisfies the following differential equation [3, 8.491(9)]

$$\xi u'' + u' + \frac{1}{4}u = 0. \quad (33)$$

We write the contour integral (31) as follows

$$y(z) = \int_C u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta. \quad (34)$$

Differentiating this formula under the integral sign with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$y'(z) = \int_C u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2z - 2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta \quad (35)$$

$$+ [u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta]_{\zeta=\log z - \log w} (\log z - \log w)'$$

$$= \int_C u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2z - 2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta \quad (36)$$

$$+ u(0) \cosh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{1}{z}. \quad (37)$$

Consequently,

$$zy'(z) = \int_C u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2z^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta \quad (38)$$

$$+ u(0) \cosh \nu (\log z - \log w). \quad (39)$$

Differentiating again, we obtain

$$(zy')'(z) = \quad (40)$$

$$= \int_C [u''(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2z - 2w \cosh \zeta) (2z^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (41)$$

$$+ u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z - 2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta] d\zeta \quad (42)$$

$$+ [u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2z^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta]_{\zeta=\log z - \log w} (\log z - \log w)'$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z}. \quad (43)$$

Collecting the terms, we arrive at

$$(zy')'(z) = \quad (44)$$

$$= \int_C [u''(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z^3 - 8z^2w \cosh \zeta + 4zw^2 \cosh^2 \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (45)$$

$$+ u'(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z - 2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta] d\zeta \quad (46)$$

$$+ u'(0) (z^2 - w^2) \cosh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{1}{z} \quad (47)$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z}. \quad (48)$$

Substituting  $\xi = z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta$  into (33), and multiplying both sides by  $4z$ , we deduce that

$$u'' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z^3 - 8z^2w \cosh \zeta + 4zw^2) \quad (49)$$

$$+ u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cdot 4z \quad (50)$$

$$= -zu (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta). \quad (51)$$

Therefore the integrand in (45)–(46) can be written as follows

$$u'' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z^3 - 8z^2w \cosh \zeta + 4zw^2 \cosh^2 \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (52)$$

$$+ u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4z - 2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (53)$$

$$= -zu (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (54)$$

$$+ u'' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4zw^2 \sinh^2 \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta \quad (55)$$

$$+ u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta. \quad (56)$$

Substituting this into (45), and adding  $zy$  to both sides, we obtain

$$(zy')'(z) + zy(z) = \quad (57)$$

$$= \int_C u'' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4zw^2 \sinh^2 \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta \quad (58)$$

$$+ \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \cosh \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta \quad (59)$$

$$+ u'(0) (z^2 - w^2) \cosh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{1}{z} \quad (60)$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z}. \quad (61)$$

In (63), (64), (67), (70), (76), (78), we use integration by parts, and a prime symbol applied to an expression in parentheses  $(\dots)'$  denotes differentiation with respect



to  $\zeta$ . First we integrate by parts the integral in (58)

$$\int_C u'' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (4zw^2 \sinh^2 \zeta) \cosh \nu \zeta d\zeta = \quad (62)$$

$$= \int_C (u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta))' (-2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta) d\zeta \quad (63)$$

$$= - \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta)' d\zeta \quad (64)$$

$$+ [u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta)]_{\zeta=\log z - \log w} \quad (65)$$

$$- [u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta)]_{\zeta=0} \quad (66)$$

$$= \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta)' d\zeta \quad (67)$$

$$- u'(0) (z^2 - w^2) \cosh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{1}{z}. \quad (68)$$

Substituting this into (58), we obtain

$$(zy')'(z) + zy(z) = \quad (69)$$

$$= \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2w \sinh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta)' d\zeta \quad (70)$$

$$+ \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (-2w \cosh \zeta \cosh \nu \zeta) d\zeta \quad (71)$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z} \quad (72)$$

$$= \int_C u' (z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) (2w\nu \sinh \zeta \sinh \nu \zeta) d\zeta \quad (73)$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu (\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z}. \quad (74)$$

We conclude the proof by integrating (73) by parts

$$(zy')'(z) + zy(z) = \tag{75}$$

$$= \int_C (u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta))' \left(-\frac{\nu}{z} \sinh \nu \zeta\right) d\zeta \tag{76}$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu(\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z} \tag{77}$$

$$= - \int_C u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \left(-\frac{\nu}{z} \sinh \nu \zeta\right)' d\zeta \tag{78}$$

$$+ \left[ u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \left(-\frac{\nu}{z} \sinh \nu \zeta\right) \right]_{\zeta=\log z - \log w} \tag{79}$$

$$- \left[ u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \left(-\frac{\nu}{z} \sinh \nu \zeta\right) \right]_{\zeta=0} \tag{80}$$

$$+ u(0) \sinh \nu(\log z - \log w) \cdot \frac{\nu}{z} \tag{81}$$

$$= \int_C u(z^2 + w^2 - 2zw \cosh \zeta) \left(\frac{\nu^2}{z} \cosh \nu \zeta\right) d\zeta \tag{82}$$

$$= \frac{\nu^2}{z} y(z). \tag{83}$$

□

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $\nu \neq 0$  and  $r > 0$ , then*

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} (J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(rw) - Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(rw)) = \frac{1}{\pi\nu} (r^\nu - r^{-\nu}). \tag{84}$$

*If  $r > 0$ , then*

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} (J_0(w)Y_0(rw) - Y_0(w)J_0(rw)) = \frac{2}{\pi} \log r. \tag{85}$$

*Proof.* First we assume that  $\nu$  is non-integer. Therefore [3, 8.403(1)]

$$Y_\nu(z) = \cot \nu\pi J_\nu(z) - \frac{1}{\sin \nu\pi} J_{-\nu}(z) \tag{86}$$

for  $|\text{Arg } z| < \pi$ . The lowest order term in the power series expansion of  $J_\nu(z)$  [3, 8.402] equals  $\frac{z^\nu}{2^\nu \Gamma(\nu+1)}$ , or equivalently  $\frac{z^\nu}{2^\nu \nu \Gamma(\nu)}$ . Consequently,

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} (J_\nu(w)Y_\nu(rw) - Y_\nu(w)J_\nu(rw)) = \tag{87}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sin \nu\pi} \lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} (J_\nu(w)J_{-\nu}(rw) - J_{-\nu}(w)J_\nu(rw)) \tag{88}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sin \nu\pi) \nu \Gamma(\nu) \Gamma(1-\nu)} (r^\nu - r^{-\nu}) \tag{89}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi\nu} (r^\nu - r^{-\nu}). \tag{90}$$

The last step uses Euler's reflection formula for the gamma function [13, 5.5.3]. If  $\nu$  is a positive integer, then the lowest order term in the power series expansion of  $Y_\nu(z)$  [3, 8.403(2)] equals  $(-1/\pi)2^\nu(\nu-1)!z^{-\nu}$ , and (84) follows in a similar fashion. If  $\nu$  is a negative integer, then  $J_\nu = (-1)^\nu J_{-\nu}$  and  $Y_\nu = (-1)^\nu Y_{-\nu}$  [3, 8.404], and (84) follows from the previous case. Finally, for  $\nu = 0$  we have [3, 8.444(1)]

$$Y_0(z) = \frac{2}{\pi} J_0(z) \log z + u_0(z), \quad (91)$$

where  $u_0$  is an entire function, and (85) follows.  $\square$

We present below an alternative proof of Theorem 3.1, which uses the Mehler-Sonine integrals and proceeds along the lines of [15, 13.72].

*Proof.* Let  $z = x + iy$ . By assumption,  $y > 0$  and  $\nu$  is real. We start with the Mehler-Sonine representation [13, 10.9.10]

$$H_\nu^{(1)}(z) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\nu\pi i}}{\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iz \cosh t - \nu t} dt, \quad (92)$$

valid when  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ . Taking the complex conjugates of both sides, we obtain

$$\overline{H_\nu^{(1)}(z)} = -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}\nu\pi i}}{\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\bar{z} \cosh s - \nu s} ds. \quad (93)$$

We multiply these equations side by side, and replace the product of the absolutely convergent integrals by a double integral

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{iz \cosh t - i\bar{z} \cosh s - \nu(s+t)} ds dt. \quad (94)$$

We make the substitution  $u = \frac{s+t}{2}$  and  $v = \frac{-s+t}{2}$ , and express the argument of the exponential in the new coordinates

$$iz \cosh t - i\bar{z} \cosh s - \nu(s+t) = \quad (95)$$

$$= ix(\cosh t - \cosh s) - y(\cosh t + \cosh s) - \nu(s+t) \quad (96)$$

$$= 2ix \sinh u \sinh v - 2y \cosh u \cosh v - 2\nu u. \quad (97)$$

Since  $ds dt = 2 du dv$ , in the new coordinates (94) becomes

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{2ix \sinh u \sinh v} e^{-2y \cosh u \cosh v - 2\nu u} du dv. \quad (98)$$

Since  $|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2$  is real, we can omit the imaginary part of  $e^{2ix \sinh u \sinh v}$  in (98), which leaves us with  $\cos(2x \sinh u \sinh v)$ . Next, we write (98) as an iterated integral

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\nu u} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(2x \sinh u \sinh v) e^{-2y \cosh u \cosh v} dv du. \quad (99)$$

The inner integral can be evaluated using the substitution  $w = \sinh v$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(2x \sinh u \sinh v) e^{-2y \cosh u \cosh v} dv = \quad (100)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(2x \sinh u w) e^{-2y \cosh u \sqrt{1+w^2}} \frac{dw}{\sqrt{1+w^2}} \quad (101)$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \cos(2x \sinh u w) e^{-2y \cosh u \sqrt{1+w^2}} \frac{dw}{\sqrt{1+w^2}} \quad (102)$$

$$= 2K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 u + y^2 \cosh^2 u} \right), \quad (103)$$

where the last step uses formula [3, 3.914(4)]. Substituting this into (99), we obtain

$$|H_\nu^{(1)}(z)|^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 u + y^2 \cosh^2 u} \right) e^{-2\nu u} du \quad (104)$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} K_0 \left( 2\sqrt{x^2 \sinh^2 u + y^2 \cosh^2 u} \right) \cosh 2\nu u du. \quad (105)$$

This completes our alternative proof of (14).  $\square$

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