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On Hankel Transform

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Introduction

Hankel Transform is one of the integral transform. In this paper we introduce some of its properties and use this transform for solving some boundary value problems.

Definition :

We can introduce Hankel transform definition by using Fourier transform as

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(x, y)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} f(x, y) dx dy$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F(k, l)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} F(k, l) dk dl$$

where $\vec{r} = (x, y)$, $\vec{k} = (k, l)$, introducing the polar coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad k = \vec{k} \cos \phi, \quad l = \vec{k} \sin \phi$$

we have

$$F(k, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i r k \cos(\theta - \phi)} r dr d\theta f(r, \theta)$$

let $f(r, \theta) = e^{-in\theta} f(r)$ then

$$F(k, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(r) r dr \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i[n\theta - r k \cos(\theta - \phi)]} d\theta$$

substitute $\alpha - \frac{\pi}{2} = \theta - \phi$ then

$$F(k, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(r) r dr \int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi}^{2\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi} e^{i[n(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{2} + \phi) - r k \sin(\alpha)]} d\alpha$$

using the integral representation for Bessel function

$$J_n(kr) = \int_{\phi_0}^{2\pi + \phi_0} e^{i[\alpha n - r k \sin(\alpha)]} d\alpha$$

then

$F(k, \phi) = e^{in(\phi - \frac{\pi}{2})} \tilde{f}(k)$ where $\tilde{f}(k)$ is called Hankel transform of $f(r)$ defined as

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{f(r)\} = \tilde{f}(k) = \int_0^{\infty} r J_n(kr) f(r) dr \quad (1)$$

Similarly we can prove that

$$\mathcal{H}_n^{-1}\{\tilde{f}(k)\} = f(r) = \int_0^\infty k J_n(kr) \tilde{f}(k) dk$$

and finally we can get

$$f(r) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k P J_n(kr) J_n(kP) f(P) dk dP \quad (2)$$

In particular Hankel transform of zero order ($n = 0$) and order one ($n = 1$) are very useful for the solution of problems involving Laplaces equations in an axisymmetric clynderical geometry .

Hankel transform of derivatives :

we can prove that

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{f'(r)\} = \frac{k}{2n} [(n-1)\tilde{f}_{n+1}(k) - (n+1)\tilde{f}_{n-1}(k)] \quad (3)$$

where $\tilde{f}_n(k) = \mathcal{H}_n\{f(r)\}$

Proof :

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{f'(r)\} = \int_0^\infty r J_n(kr) f'(r) dr = r J_n(kr) f(r) \Big|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty f(r) \frac{d}{dr}(r J_n(kr)) dr$$

and if we have the condition that $r f(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, $r \rightarrow 0$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_n\{f'(r)\} &= - \int_0^\infty f(r) \frac{d}{dr}(r J_n(kr)) dr \\ i.e \quad \mathcal{H}_n\{f'(r)\} &= - \int_0^\infty r f(r) \frac{d}{dr}(J_n(kr)) + f(r) J_n(kr) dr \end{aligned}$$

from the properties of Bessel function

$$J_n'(kr) = \frac{kr}{2} (J_{n-1} - J_{n+1}) \quad (i)$$

$$J_n = \frac{kr}{2n} [J_{n+1} - J_{n-1}] \quad (ii)$$

then by substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_n\{f'(r)\} &= - \int_0^\infty [(n-1)J_{n+1} - (n+1)J_{n-1}] \frac{kr}{2n} f(r) dr \\ &= \frac{k}{2n} [(n-1)\tilde{f}_{n+1}(k) - (n+1)\tilde{f}_{n-1}(k)] \end{aligned}$$

which complete the Proof

Clearly for $n = 1$ we get

$$\mathcal{H}_1\{f'(r)\} = -k \tilde{f}_0(k) \quad (4)$$

Now we can use (3) to calculate (H.T) of $f''(r)$ as

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{f''(r)\} = \frac{k}{2n} [(n-1)\mathcal{H}_{n+1}\{f'(r)\} - (n+1)\mathcal{H}_{n-1}\{f'(r)\}]$$

and after some simplification we get

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{f''(r)\} = \frac{k^2}{4} \left[\frac{n-1}{n+1} \tilde{f}_{n+2} - \frac{2(n^2-3)}{n^2-1} \tilde{f}_n + \frac{n+1}{n-2} \tilde{f}_{n-2} \right] \quad (5)$$

We can take the Hankel transform for Bessel differential operator

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_n &= \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{n^2}{r^2} \quad as \\ \mathcal{H}_n\{\Delta_n f(r)\} &= -k^2 \mathcal{H}_n\{f(r)\} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

The Proof :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_n\{\Delta_n f(r)\} &= \int_0^\infty r \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{df}{dr} \right) - \frac{n^2}{r^2} f \right] J_n(kr) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{df}{dr} \right) - \frac{n^2}{r} f \right] J_n(kr) dr \end{aligned}$$

integrating by parts we have

$$\mathcal{H}_n\{\Delta_n f(r)\} = \int_0^\infty \left[k^2 J_n''(kr) + \frac{k}{r} J_n'(kr) - \frac{n^2}{r^2} J_n(kr) \right] r f(r) dr$$

$$= -k^2 \int_0^{\infty} r f(r) J_n(kr) dr = -k^2 \mathcal{H}_n\{f(r)\}$$

Specially for $n = 0$ equation (6) leads to

$$\mathcal{H}_0\{\Delta_0 f(r)\} = \mathcal{H}_0\left\{\frac{d^2}{dr^2}f(r) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{d}{dr}f(r)\right\} = -k^2 \mathcal{H}_0\{f(r)\} \quad (6)$$

Some Applications :

(i) Consider: $\mathcal{H}_0\{e^{-ar^2}\} = \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-ar^2} J_0(kr) dr$

let $r^2 = t \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_0\{e^{-ar^2}\} = \mathcal{L}\{J_0(k\sqrt{t})\}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{(s!)^2} \left(\frac{k\sqrt{t}}{2}\right)^{2s} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{(s!)^2} \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{k\sqrt{t}}{2}\right)^{2s} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{(s!)^2} \left(\frac{k^2}{4}\right)^s \frac{\Gamma(s+1)}{a^{s+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k^2}{4a}\right)^s \frac{1}{s!} = \frac{1}{2a} e^{-\frac{k^2}{4a}} \end{aligned}$$

That means Hankel transform for a Gaussian function is a Gaussian . Which lead to proving the Haizenberg uncertainty principle in Quantum mechanics .

(ii) The Laplace equation in the region $z > 0$, with a symmetric Dirichlet condition at the boundary let the boundary value problem given by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad , \quad z > 0 \quad , \quad 0 < r < \infty \\ v(r, 0) = f(r) \end{array} \right\} \quad (8)$$

Using Hankel transform of order 0 we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}(s, z) - s^2 V(s, z) = 0 \quad (9)$$

and the boundary condition yeilds to

$$V(s, 0) = \int_0^{\infty} r f(r) J_0(sr) dr \quad (10)$$

the solution is

$$V(s, z) = e^{-sz} \int_0^{\infty} r f(r) J_0(sr) dr \quad (11)$$

so that

$$v(r, z) = \int_0^{\infty} s e^{-sz} J_0(sr) ds \int_0^{\infty} p f(p) J_0(sp) dp$$

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