

Python code: Legendre Polynomials and Bessel Functions of first kind

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Legendre Equation:

The Legendre equation is given by

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$P_n(x)$ satisfy the above equation.

$P_n(x)$ is called Legendre Polynomial of order n . This $P_n(x)$ can be obtained from Rodrigue's Formula:

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!2^n} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

Few Legendre Polynomials are:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(x) &= 1 \\ P_2(x) &= \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(x) &= x \\ P_3(x) &= \frac{5x^3 - 3x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonality of Legendre Polynomials:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ \frac{2}{2n+1}, & m = n \end{cases}$$

Recurrence Formulae for $P_n(x)$:

$$1. \quad (1-x^2) P'_n(x) = (n+1)x P_n(x) - (n+1) P_{n+1}(x)$$

$$2. \quad (n+1) P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)x P_n(x) - n P_{n-1}(x)$$

$$3. \quad n P_n(x) = x P'_n(x) - P'_{n-1}(x)$$

$$4. \quad (2n+1) P_n(x) = P'_{(n+1)}(x) - P'_{(n-1)}(x)$$

$$5. \quad P'_n(x) = xP'_{n-1}(x) + nP_{n-1}(x)$$

Bessel's Equation

The most important differential equations is

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - n^2) y = 0$$

$J_n(x)$ is a solution of this equation. This is called Bessel's equation of first kind.

Recurrence formulae for $J_n(x)$:

$$1. \quad nJ_n(x) + xJ'_n(x) = xJ_{n-1}$$

$$2. \quad J'_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)]$$

$$3. \quad J'_n(x) = \frac{n}{x} J_n(x) - J_{n+1}(x)$$

$$4. \quad \frac{d}{dx} [x^{-n} J_n(x)] = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$$

$$5. \quad J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x} J_n(x) - J_{n-1}(x)$$

An important Property of Bessel functions:

$$J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$$

Orthogonality of Bessel functions:

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(\alpha x) J_n(\beta x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & \alpha \neq \beta \\ \frac{[J_{n+1}(\alpha)]^2}{2}, & \alpha = \beta \end{cases}$$

where α and β are roots of $J_n(x) = 0$

Python Code:

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# Plotting Legendre Polynomials

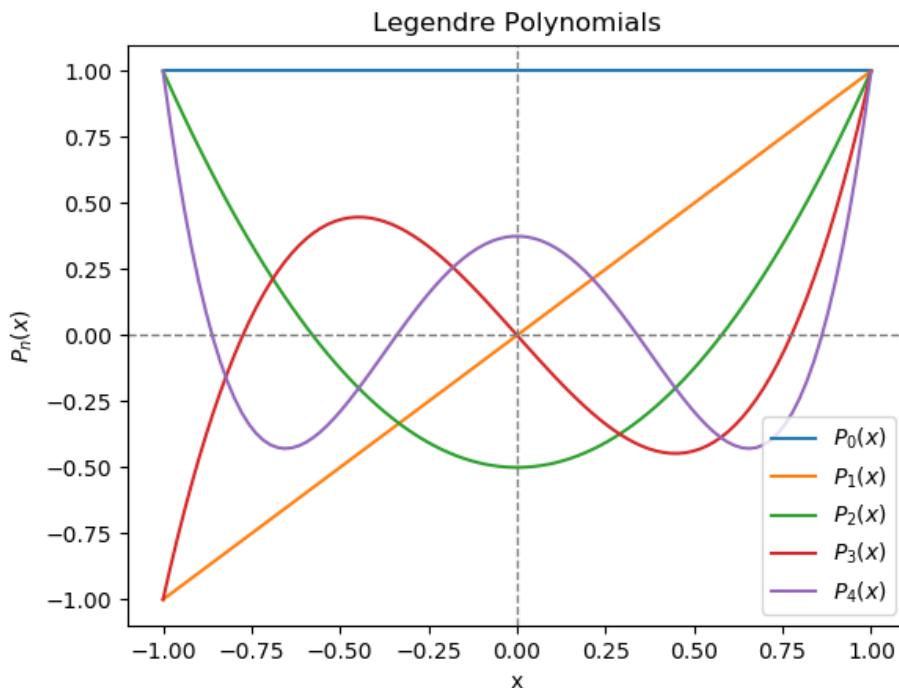
import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of x values

N=4 # highest order of Polynomial

for n in range(N+1):
    plt.plot(x,P(n)(x),label=r"$P_{%d}(x)$"%(n))

plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('$P_n(x)$')
plt.title('Legendre Polynomials')
plt.axhline(0,c='gray',ls='--',lw=1)
plt.axvline(0,c='gray',ls='--',lw=1)
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.show()
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# Plotting of Legendre Polynomials in Polar Co-ordinate system

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P

a,b=2,3 # Number of rows and column of the figure
n = a*b ### number of Legendre Polynomials

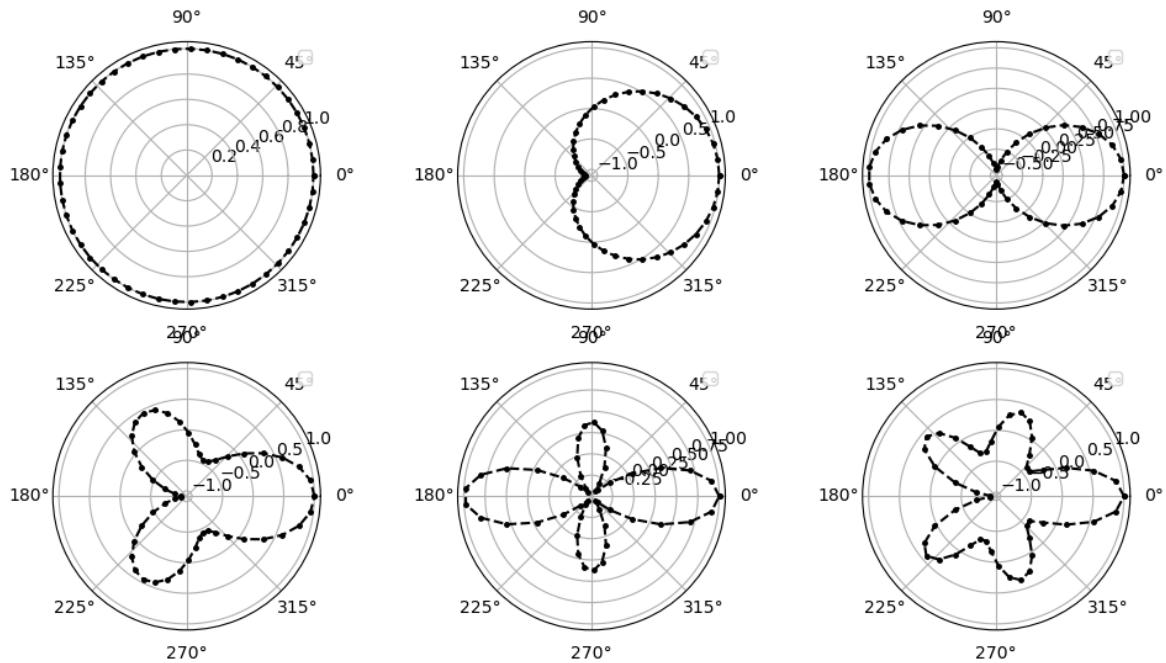
# Theta values

th=np.linspace(0,2.*np.pi)

fig=plt.figure(figsize=(6*a,4*b))
plt.suptitle("Legendre Polynomial in Polar Co-ordinate")
for i in range(n):
    pn=P(i)(np.cos(th))

    plt.subplot(a,b,i+1, projection='polar')# choice of boxes
for subplots
    plt.plot(th, pn, 'k.',ls='--', ms = 5)
    plt.legend(loc='best',prop={'size':10})
plt.show()
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Legendre Polynomial in Polar Co-ordinate



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# Orthogonality of Legendre Polynomials
# To verify Integration(Pm(x)*Pn(x)dx)=2/(2n+1)delta(mn)
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import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import simps
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

m=2 # Values of m

x=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of x

# evaluating integration

print ('m\t n\t delta_mn ')
print '-----'

for n in range(0,m+2):
    fun=P(m)*P(n)
    result=(2*n+1.)/2.*simps(fun,x)

    print ('%d\t%d\t%.4f '%(m,n,result))
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Result:

m	n	delta_mn
2	0	0.0000
2	1	-0.0000
2	2	1.0000
2	3	0.0000

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# Recurrence formulae for P_n(x)
#(1-x**2)P'_n(x)=[(n+1)xP_n(x)-(n+1)P_(n+1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print 'Enter the order of Polynimial'
n=input()
#n=2 # Values of n
tol=0.0001 # tolerence
flag=0

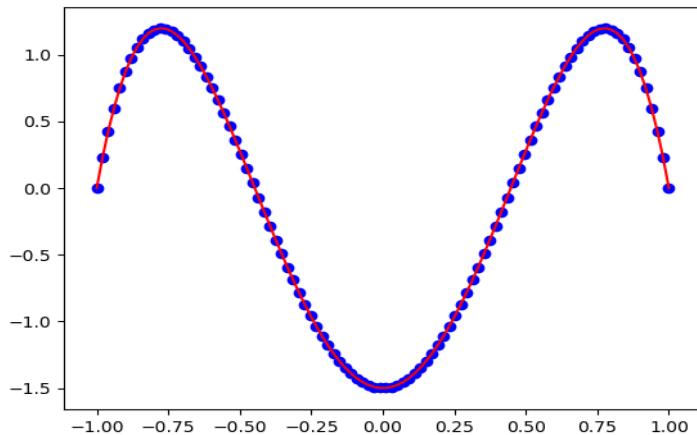
lhs=np.poly1d([-1,0,1])*np.polyder(P(n))
rhs=(n+1.)*(np.poly1d([1,0])*P(n)-P(n+1))

X=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of integration
for x in X:
    if abs(lhs(x)-rhs(x))<tol:
        flag=1
    else:
        flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence fromulae is verified"
else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"
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plt.plot(X, lhs(X), c='red')
plt.scatter(X[::], rhs(X)[::], c='blue', marker='o')
plt.show()

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# Recurrence formulae for P_n(x)
#(n+1)P_(n+1)(x)=(2n+1)xP_n(x)-nP_(n-1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print 'Enter the order of Polynimial'
n=input()
#n=2 # Values of n
tol=0.0001 # tolerence
flag=0

lhs=(n+1.)*P(n+1)
rhs=(2*n+1.)*np.poly1d([1,0])*P(n)-n*P(n-1)

X=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of x
for x in X:
    if abs(lhs(x)-rhs(x))<tol:
        flag=1
    else:
        flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence fromulae is verified"
else:

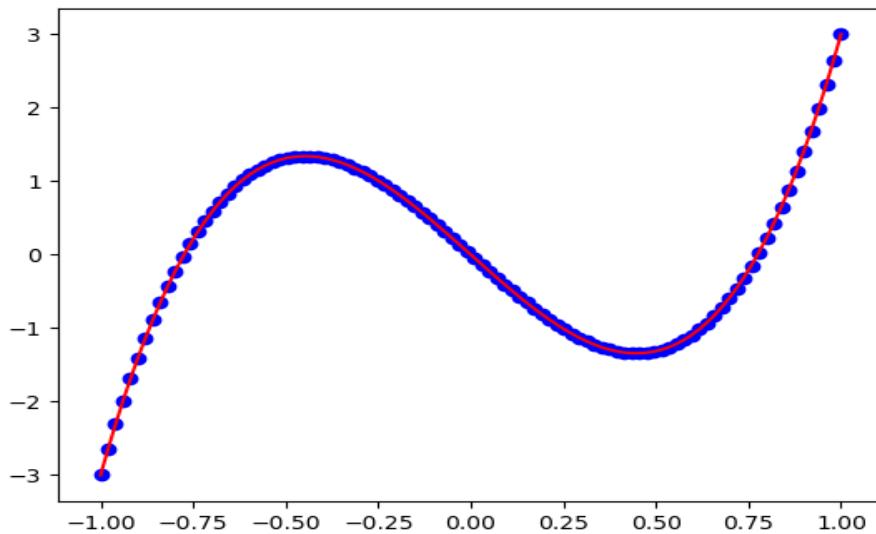
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        print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

plt.plot(X,lhs(X),c='red')
plt.scatter(X[::],rhs(X)[::],c='blue',marker='o')
plt.show()

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# Recurrence formulae for P_n(x)
#nP_n(x)=xP'_n(x)-P'_(n-1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print 'Enter the order of Polynimial'
n=input()
#n=2 # Values of n
tol=0.0001 # tolerence
flag=0

lhs=n*P(n)
rhs=np.poly1d([1,0])*np.polyder(P(n))-np.polyder(P(n-1))

X=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of integration
for x in X:
    if abs(lhs(x)-rhs(x))<tol:
        flag=1
    else:
        flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence fromulae is verified"

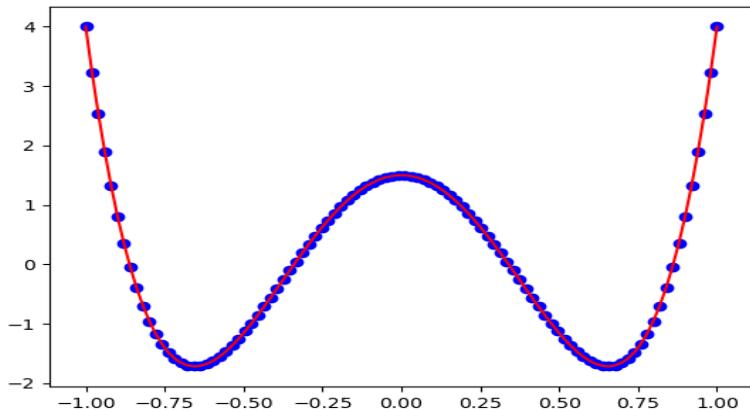
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else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

plt.plot(X,lhs(X),c='red')
plt.scatter(X[::],rhs(X)[::],c='blue',marker='o')
plt.show()

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# Recurrence formulae for P_n(x)
#(2n+1)P_n(x)=P'_(n+1)(x)-P'_(n-1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print 'Enter the order of Polynimial'
n=input()
#n=2 # Values of n
tol=0.0001 # tolerence
flag=0

lhs=(2*n+1)*P(n)
rhs=np.polyder(P(n+1))-np.polyder(P(n-1))

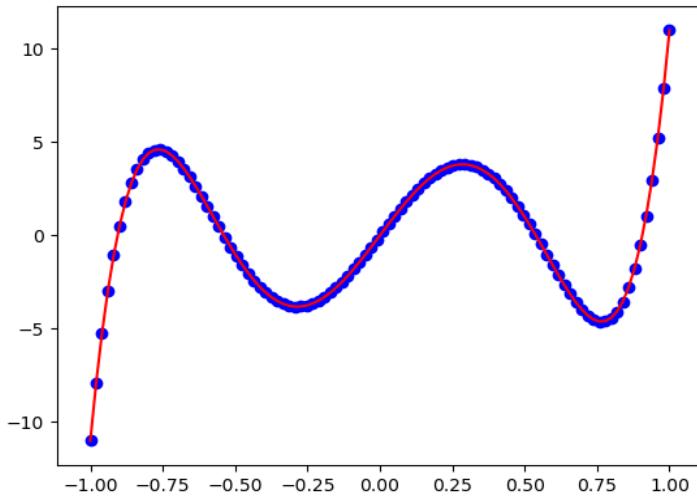
X=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of x
for x in X:
    if abs(lhs(x)-rhs(x))<tol:
        flag=1
    else:
        flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence fromulae is verified"
else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

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plt.plot(X, lhs(X), c='red')
plt.scatter(X[::], rhs(X)[::], c='blue', marker='o')
plt.show()

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# Recurrence formulae for P_n(x)
#P'_n(x)=xP'_(n-1)(x)+nP_(n-1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import legendre as P
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print 'Enter the order of Polynimial'
n=input()
#n=2 # Values of n
tol=0.0001 # tolerence
flag=0

lhs=np.polyder(P(n))
rhs=np.poly1d([1,0])*np.polyder(P(n-1))+n*P(n-1)

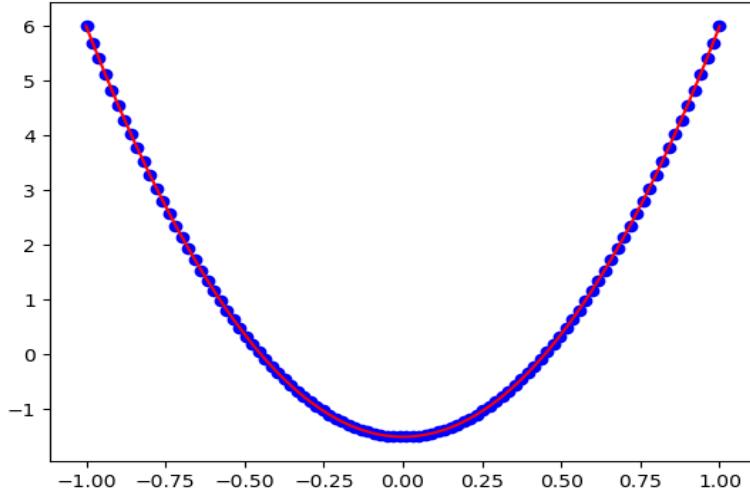
X=np.linspace(-1,1,100) # range of x
for x in X:
    if abs(lhs(x)-rhs(x))<tol:
        flag=1
    else:
        flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence fromulae is verified"
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    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

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plt.plot(x, lhs(X), c='red')
plt.scatter(X[::], rhs(X)[::], c='blue', marker='o')
plt.show()

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Plotting Bessel functions of first kind

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import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jvp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

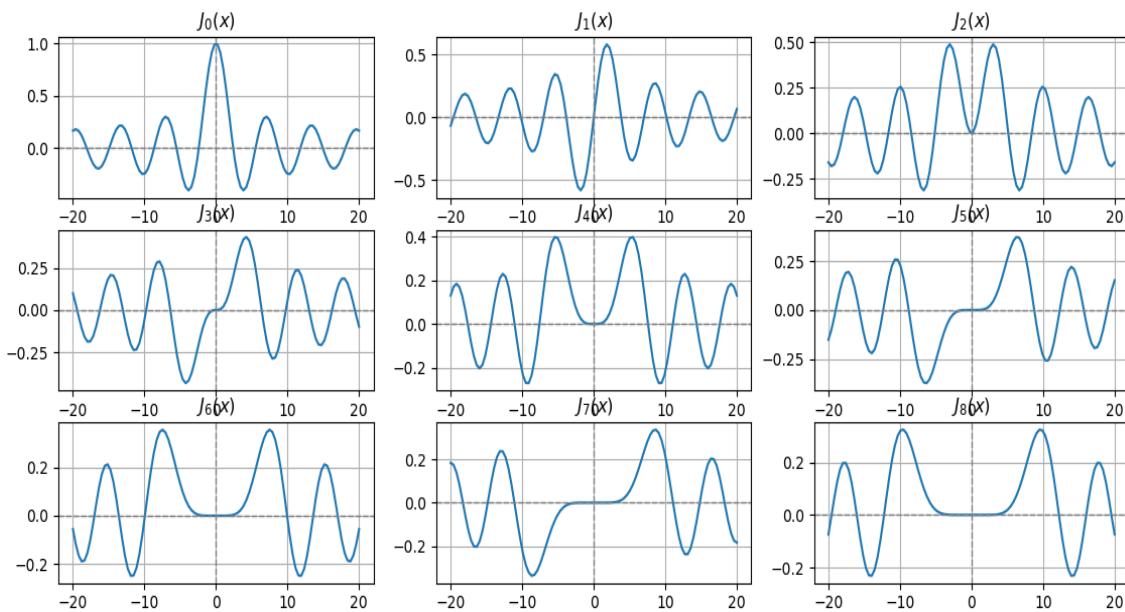
x=np.linspace(-20,20,100) # range of x

n=-3 # highest order of Polynomial
a,b=3,3 # number of plots along x and y axes respectively
        # row=b, column=a

plt.figure(figsize=(6*a,4*b))
plt.suptitle('Bessel functions')
for i in range(0,a*b):
    ax=plt.subplot(b,a,i+1)
    ax.plot(x,jv(i,x),label=r'$J_{%d}(x)$' %(i))
    ax.set_title('$J_{%d}(x)$' %(i))
    ax.axhline(0,c='gray',ls='--',lw=1)
    ax.axvline(0,c='gray',ls='--',lw=1)
    ax.grid()
plt.show()

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Bessel functions



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# Verification of  $J_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n J_n(z)$ 

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jvp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

z=np.linspace(-20,20,100) # range of x values

n=3 # value of n
tol=0.0001

lhs=jv(-n,z)
rhs=(-1.)**n*jv(n,z)

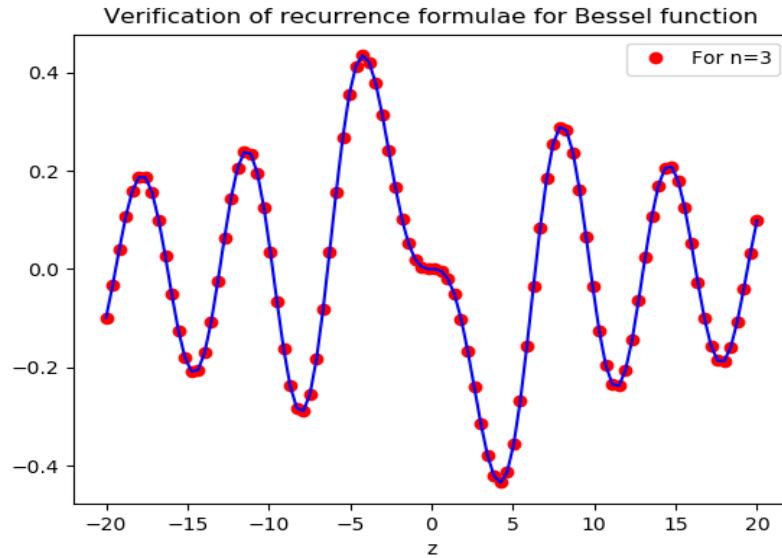
if abs(lhs-rhs).max()<tol:
    flag=1
else:
    flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence formulae is verified"
else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

plt.plot(z, lhs, 'ro', markevery=1, label='For n=%d'%(n))
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plt.plot(z,rhs,'b-')
plt.title('Verification of recurrence formulae for Bessel function')
plt.xlabel('z')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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# Verifying recurrence formulae for Bessel functions
# zJ'_n(z)+nJ_n(z)=zJ_(n-1)(z)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jvp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

z=np.linspace(-20,20,100) # range of z

n=3 # value of n
tol=1.e-4
lhs=z*jvp(n,z)+n*jv(n,z)
rhs=z*jv(n-1,z)

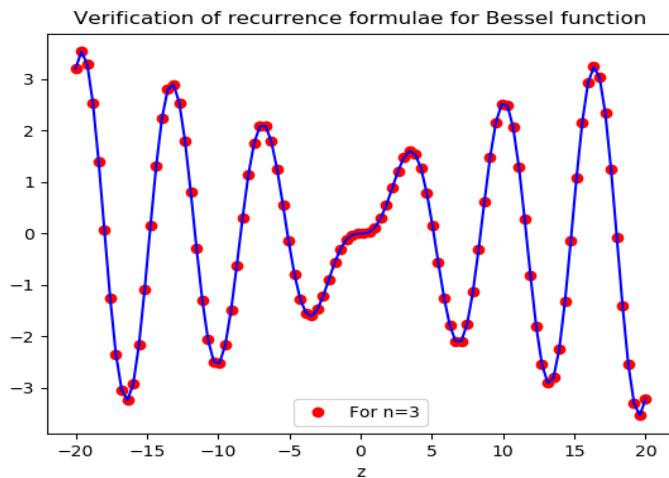
if abs(lhs-rhs).max()<tol:
    flag=1
else:
    flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence formulae is verified"
else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

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plt.plot(z, lhs, 'ro', markevery=1, label='For n=%d' %(n))
plt.plot(z, rhs, 'b-')
plt.title('Verification of recurrence formulae for Bessel function')
plt.xlabel('z')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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# Verifying recurrence formulae for Bessel functions
# J'n(x)=0.5*[J_(n-1)(x)-J_(n+1)(x)

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jvp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

z=np.linspace(-10,10,100) # range of z

n=3 # value of n
tol=1.e-4
lhs=2.*jvp(n,z)
rhs=(jv(n-1,z)-jv(n+1,z))

if abs(lhs-rhs).max()<tol:
    flag=1
else:
    flag=0
if flag==1:
    print "Given recurrence formulae is verified"
else:
    print "Given formulae is NOT verified"

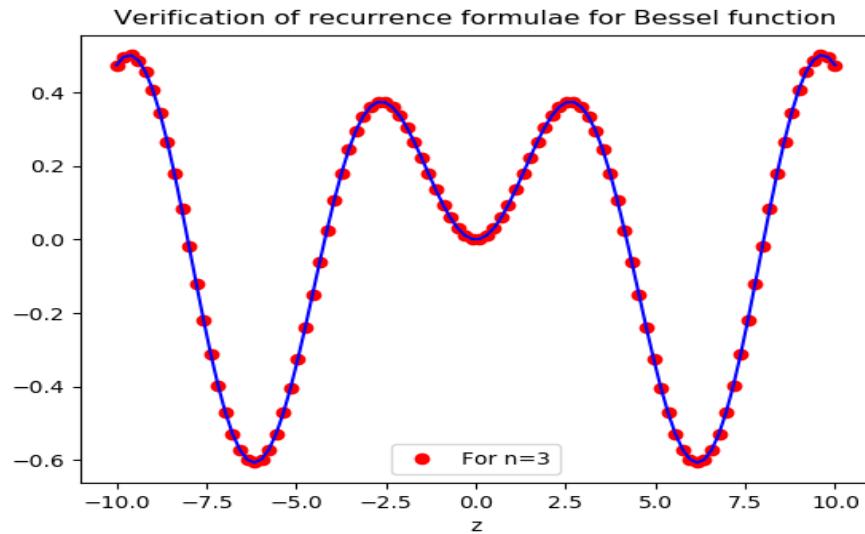
plt.plot(z, lhs, 'ro', markevery=1, label='For n=%d' %(n))

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plt.plot(z,rhs,'b-')
plt.title('Verification of recurrence formulae for Bessel function')
plt.xlabel('z')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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# Orthogonality of Bessel functions
# Integrate(xJn(ax)Jn(bx)dx, 0,1)=0 for a!=b, else 0.5*(J_n+1(a))**2

import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jvp, jn_zeros
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.integrate import simps
import random

n=input('Enter the order of Bessel function\n')
nt=input('Enter the total number of zeros(root)\n')

a=jn_zeros(n,nt) # Calculation of zeros of the Jn(x)=0

x=np.linspace(0,1,100) # limit of integration

print '-----'
print ' a=\t\t\t', ' b=\t\t\t', '\tI='
print '-----'
i=random.choice(a)
for j in a:
    fun=x*jv(n,i*x)*jv(n,j*x)

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rhs=0.5*(jv(n+1,i))**2
I=simps(fun,x)/rhs
print'%f\t\t %f\t\t %f'%(i,j,I)

print '-----'

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OUTPUT

Enter the order of Bessel function

6

Enter the total number of zeros(root)

9

a= b= I=

20.320789	9.936110	-0.000045
20.320789	13.589290	0.000056
20.320789	17.003820	-0.000064
20.320789	20.320789	1.000070
20.320789	23.586084	-0.000076
20.320789	26.820152	0.000081
20.320789	30.033722	-0.000085
20.320789	33.233042	0.000090
20.320789	36.422020	-0.000094