

FIGURE 9.5. Zeros of $Y_n(z)$ and $Y'_n(z)$. . .

$$|\arg z| \leq \pi.$$

Figure 9.5 shows the approximate distribution of the complex zeros of $Y_n(z)$ in the region $|\arg z| \leq \pi$. The figure is symmetrical about the real axis. The two curves on the left extend to infinity, having the asymptotes

$$\mathcal{I}z = \pm \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 = \pm .54931 \dots$$

There are an infinite number of zeros near each of these curves.

The two curves extending from $z = -n$ to $z = n$ and bounding an eye-shaped domain intersect the imaginary axis at the points $\pm i(na+b)$, where

$$a = \sqrt{t_0^2 - 1} = .66274 \dots$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - t_0^{-2}} \ln 2 = .19146 \dots$$

and $t_0 = 1.19968 \dots$ is the positive root of $\coth t = t$. There are n zeros near each of these curves. Asymptotic expansions of these zeros for large n

are given by the right of 9.5.22 with $\nu = n$ and $\zeta = n^{-2/3} \beta_s$ or $n^{-2/3} \bar{\beta}_s$, where $\beta_s, \bar{\beta}_s$ are the complex zeros of $\text{Bi}(z)$ (see 10.4).

Figure 9.5 is also applicable to the zeros of $Y'_n(z)$. There are again an infinite number near the infinite curves, and n near each of the finite curves. Asymptotic expansions of the latter for large n are given by the right of 9.5.24 with $\nu = n$ and $\zeta = n^{-2/3} \beta'_s$ or $n^{-2/3} \bar{\beta}'_s$; where β'_s and $\bar{\beta}'_s$ are the complex zeros of $\text{Bi}'(z)$.

Numerical values of the three smallest complex zeros of $Y_0(z), Y_1(z)$ and $Y'_1(z)$ in the region $0 < \arg z < \pi$ are given below.

For further details see [9.36] and [9.13]. The latter reference includes tables to facilitate computation.

Complex Zeros of the Hankel Functions

The approximate distribution of the zeros of $H_n^{(1)}(z)$ and its derivative in the region $|\arg z| \leq \pi$ is indicated in a similar manner on Figure 9.6.

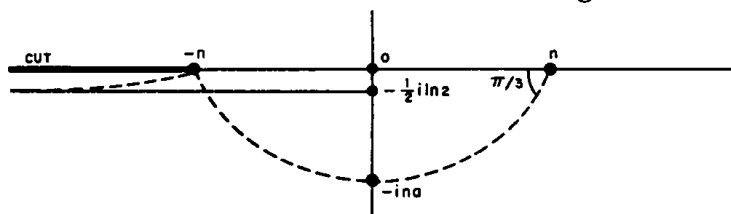


FIGURE 9.6. Zeros of $H_n^{(1)}(z)$ and $H_n^{(1)'}(z)$. . .

$$|\arg z| \leq \pi.$$

The asymptote of the solitary infinite curve is given by

$$\mathcal{I}z = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2 = -.34657 \dots$$

Zeros of $Y_0(z)$ and Values of $Y_1(z)$ at the Zeros³

Zero		Y_1	
Real	Imag.	Real	Imag.
-2. 40301 6632	+. 53988 2313	+. 10074 7689	-. 88196 7710
-5. 51987 6702	+. 54718 0011	-. 02924 6418	+. 58716 9503
-8. 65367 2403	+. 54841 2067	+. 01490 8063	-. 46945 8752

Zeros of $Y_1(z)$ and Values of $Y_0(z)$ at the Zeros

Zero		Y_0	
Real	Imag.	Real	Imag.
-0. 50274 3273	+. 78624 3714	-. 45952 7684	+1. 31710 1937
-3. 83353 5193	+. 56235 6538	+. 04830 1909	-. 69251 2884
-7. 01590 3683	+. 55339 3046	-. 02012 6949	+0. 51864 2833

Zeros of $Y'_1(z)$ and Values of $Y_1(z)$ at the Zeros

Zero		Y_1	
Real	Imag.	Real	Imag.
+0. 57678 5129	+. 90398 4792	-. 76349 7088	+. 58924 4865
-1. 94047 7342	+. 72118 5919	+. 16206 4006	-. 95202 7886
-5. 33347 8617	+. 56721 9637	-. 03179 4008	+. 59685 3673

³ From National Bureau of Standards, Tables of the Bessel functions $Y_0(z)$ and $Y_1(z)$ for complex arguments, Columbia Univ. Press, New York, N.Y., 1950 (with permission).