Exercise Sheet

Bessel Functions



"All the world's a differential equation, and the men and women are merely variables."

-Ben Orlin



[1] Solve in terms of Bessel Functions the following differential equation:

(a)
$$y'' - \frac{1}{x}y' + \left(1 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)y = 0$$
 ; put $y = xu$

(b)
$$xy'' - 3y' + xy = 0$$

(c)
$$y'' + (3e^{2x} - 4)y = 0$$
 ; use $e^x = z$

(d)
$$xy'' + y = 0$$

(e)
$$xy'' + 5y' + xy = 0$$

(f)
$$xy'' - 7y' + xy = 0$$

(g)
$$(x-1)^2y'' + (x-1)y' + (x^2-2x-3)y = 0$$

[2] Evaluate:

(a)
$$\int_0^1 x^5 J_0(x) dx$$

"in terms of J_0 and J_1 "

(b)
$$\int x^4 J_1(x) dx$$

"in terms of Jo and J1"

(c)
$$\int x^{3/2} J_{-1/2}(x) dx$$

(d)
$$\int J_5(x) \ dx$$

[3] Show That:

-By using the formula:
$$J_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+\theta}}{2^{2m+\theta} m! \, \Gamma(m+\theta+1)}$$

(a)
$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$$
 [Final Spring 2021] (b) $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ [Final 2015]

(c) i.
$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^nJ_n(x)) = x^nJ_{n-1}(x)$$
 [Final 2015] [Final 2017] [Final 2018]
ii. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-n}J_n(x)) = -x^{-n}J_{n+1}(x)$
iii. $J_{n-1}(x) + J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x}J_n(x)$

(d)
$$J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x) = 2J'_n(x)$$
 [Midterm Spring 2017] [Final 2013]

(e)
$$\int J_{n+1} dx = \int J_{n-1} dx - 2J_n$$
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(f) $J_n(x)$ is an **Odd Function** when n is odd & it is an **Even Function** when n is even.