

► Prove the expression (18.91)

If we multiply (18.90) by $xJ_v(\alpha_m X)$ and integrate from $x = 0$ to $x = b$ then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b x J_v(\alpha_m x) f(x) dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \int_0^b x J_v(\alpha_m x) J_v(\alpha_n x) dx \\ &= c_m \int_0^b J_v^2(\alpha_m x) x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} c_m b^2 J_v'^2(\alpha_m b) = \frac{1}{2} c_m b^2 J_{v+1}^2(\alpha_m b), \end{aligned}$$

where in the last two lines we have used (18.88) with $\alpha_m = \alpha \neq \beta = \alpha_n$, (18.89), the fact that $J_v(\alpha_m b) = 0$ and (18.95), which is proved below. ◀

Recurrence relations

The recurrence relations enjoyed by Bessel functions of the first kind, $J_v(x)$, can be derived directly from the power series definition (18.79).

► Prove the recurrence relation

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^v J_v(x)] = x^v J_{v-1}(x). \quad (18.92)$$

From the power series definition (18.79) of $J_v(x)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [x^v J_v(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2v+2n}}{2^{v+2n-1} n! \Gamma(v+n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2v+2n}}{2^{v+2n-1} n! \Gamma(v+n)} \\ &= x^v \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{v-1}}{2^{(v-1)+2n} n! \Gamma((v-1)+n+1)} = x^v J_{v-1}(x). \quad \blacktriangleleft \end{aligned}$$

It may similarly be shown that

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-v} J_v(x)] = -x^{-v} J_{v+1}(x). \quad (18.93)$$

From (18.92) and (18.93) the remaining recurrence relations may be derived. Expanding out the derivative on the LHS of (18.92) and dividing through by x^{v-1} , we obtain the relation

$$xJ'(x) - vJ_v(x) = -xJ_{v-1}(x). \quad (18.94)$$

Similarly, by expanding out the derivative on the LHS of (18.93), and multiplying through by x^{v+1} , we find

$$xJ'(x) - vJ_v(x) = -xJ_{v+1}(x). \quad (18.95)$$

Adding (18.94) and (18.95) and dividing through by x gives

$$xJ_{v-1}(x) - xJ_{v+1}(x) = 2J_v'(x). \quad (18.96)$$