

# Plotting Bessel functions

This simple example uses Mathematica to produce a plot of the first six Bessel functions. Two plots are shown, one created by Mathematica and a second created by LaTeX using the plotting package `pgfplots` and the data exported from Mathematica.

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myData = Partition[Flatten[Table[{x, Table[BesselJ[n, x], {n, 0, 5}]}], {x, 0, 15, 0.1}], 7];  
myPlot = Plot[Evaluate[Table[BesselJ[n, x], {n, 0, 5}]], {x, 0, 15}, PlotLegends -> "Expressions"];  
  
Export["example-04-fig.png", myPlot, "PNG"];  
Export["example-04-fig.pdf", myPlot, "PDF"];  
Export["example-04.txt", myData, "Table", "FieldSeparators" -> " "];
```

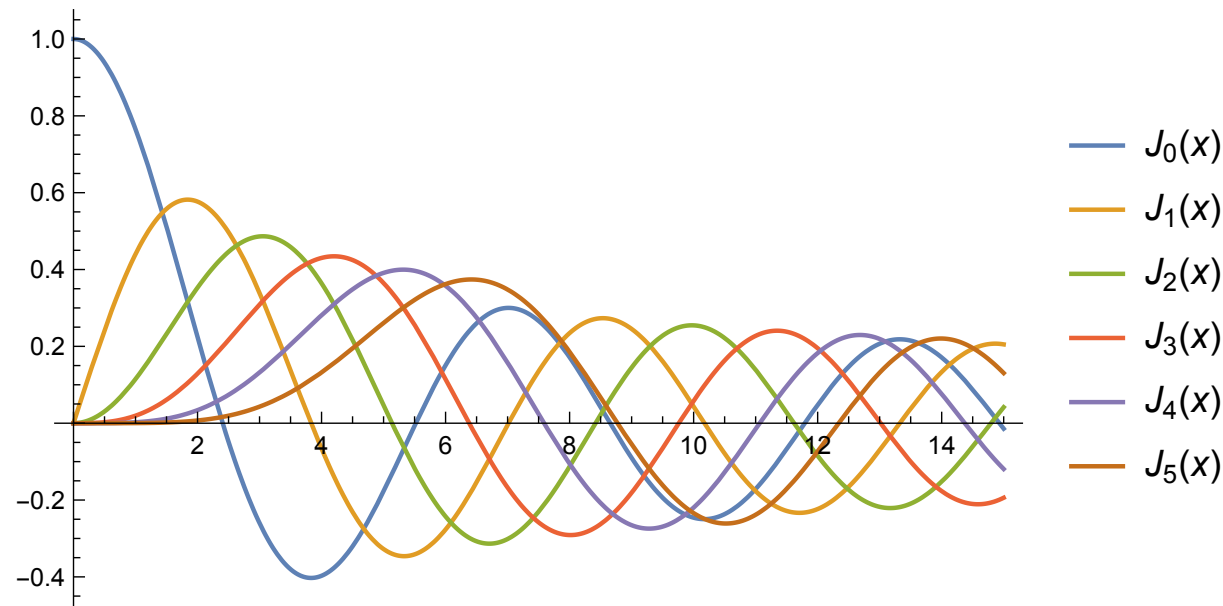


Figure 1: The first six Bessel functions.

## Using pgfplots

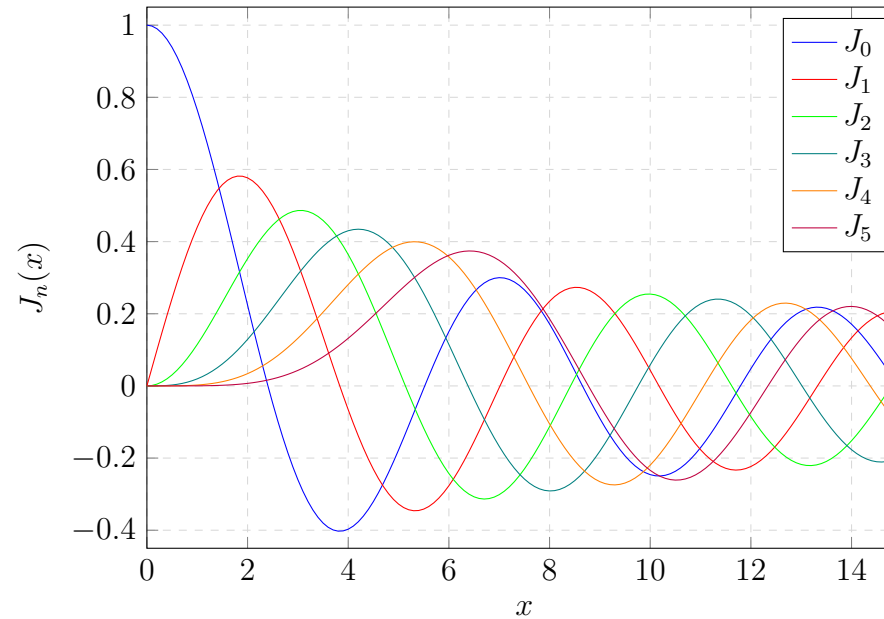


Figure 2: The first six Bessel functions.

```

\begin{tikzpicture} % requires \usepackage{pgfplots}
\begin{axis}
[xmin= 0.0, xmax=15.0,
ymin=-0.45, ymax=1.05,
xlabel=$x$, ylabel=$J_n(x)$,
grid=major, grid style={dashed,gray!30},
legend entries = {$J_0$, $J_1$, $J_2$, $J_3$, $J_4$, $J_5$}]
\addplot[blue] table [x index=0, y index=1]{example-04.txt};
\addplot[red] table [x index=0, y index=2]{example-04.txt};
\addplot[green] table [x index=0, y index=3]{example-04.txt};
\addplot[teal] table [x index=0, y index=4]{example-04.txt};
\addplot[orange] table [x index=0, y index=5]{example-04.txt};
\addplot[purple] table [x index=0, y index=6]{example-04.txt};
\end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
\captionof{figure}{The first six Bessel functions.} % requires \usepackage{caption}

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