

Plotting Bessel functions

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

This example is based upon the Mathworks example at <https://au.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/35229-matlab-plot-gallery-standard-line-colors>.

```
x = 0:0.1:15;
y0 = besseli(0,x);
y1 = besseli(1,x);
y2 = besseli(2,x);
y3 = besseli(3,x);
y4 = besseli(4,x);
y5 = besseli(5,x);

plot(x, y0, 'r', x, y1, 'g', x, y2, 'b', ...
      x, y3, 'c', x, y4, 'm', x, y5, 'y');
legend('J_0','J_1','J_2','J_3','J_4','J_5');

print(gcf,'example_04_fig.png','-dpng');

% Note: using ' on [x;y0...]' ensures the six functions are written as columns of example_01.txt

dlmwrite ('example_04.txt',[x;y0;y1;y2;y3;y4;y5'],'delimiter',' ','precision','% .8e');
```

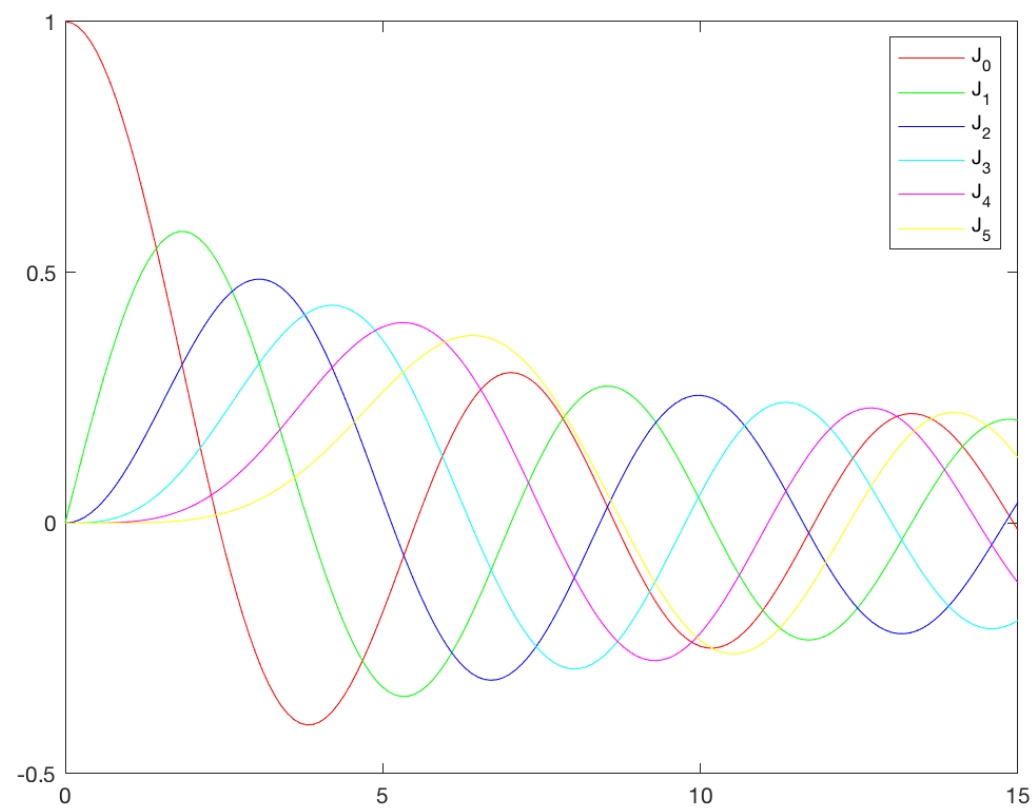


Figure 1: The first six Bessel functions.

Using pgfplots

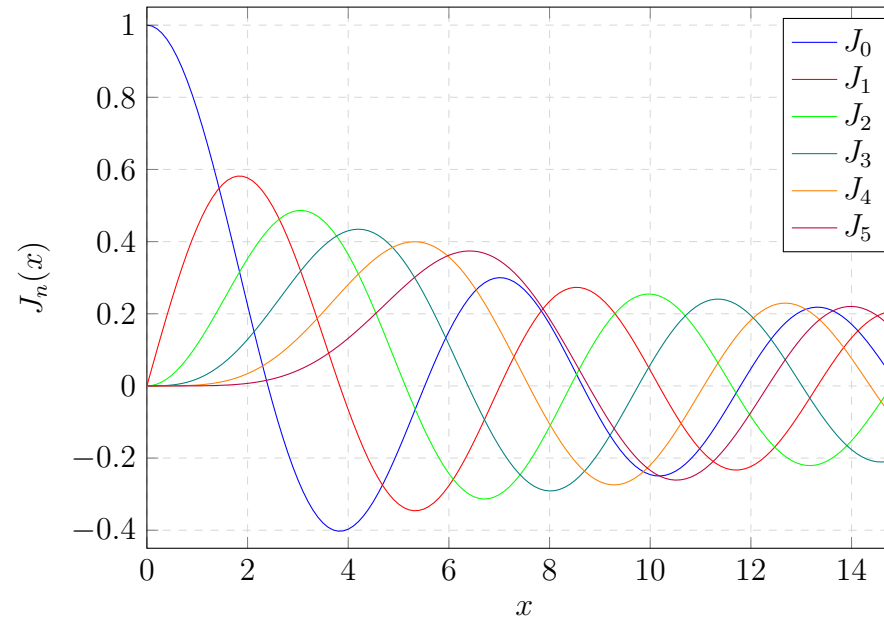


Figure 2: The first six Bessel functions.

```
\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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