

MA-207 Differential Equations II

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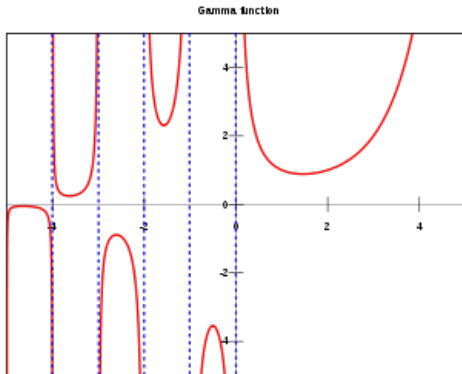
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By translating,

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(1/2) &= \sqrt{\pi} \approx 1.772 \\ \Gamma(-1/2) &= \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{-1/2} = -2\sqrt{\pi} \approx -3.545 \\ \Gamma(-3/2) &= \frac{\Gamma(-1/2)}{-3/2} = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 2.363 \\ \Gamma(3/2) &= \frac{1}{2}\Gamma(1/2) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 0.886 \\ \Gamma(5/2) &= \frac{3}{2}\Gamma(3/2) = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 1.329 \\ \Gamma(7/2) &= \frac{5}{2}\Gamma(5/2) = \frac{15}{8}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 3.323\end{aligned}$$

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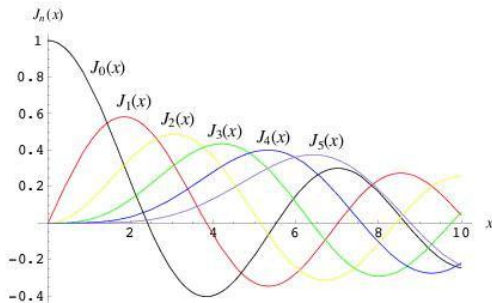
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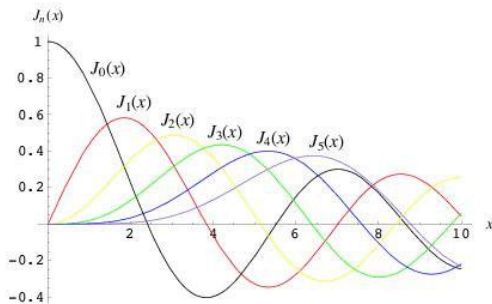
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Further,

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1 - 4p^2}{4x^2}\right) dx = \infty$$

By previous theorem, $u(x)$, hence any Bessel function has infinitely many zeros on $(0, \infty)$.

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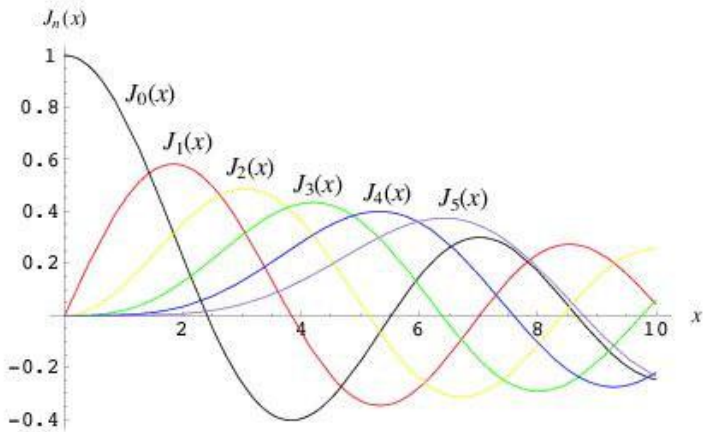
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We call a function on $[0, 1]$ square integrable with respect to this inner product if

$$\int_0^1 x f(x)^2 dx < \infty$$

The multiplying factor x is called a **weight function**.

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