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[A proof is given in
ARFKEN, WEBER (2005). Mathematical Methods for Physicists;
6e, section 11.2 p 694.
This is an alternate approach.]

The Bessel's ODE

$$x^2 Z_v''(x) + x Z_v'(x) + (x^2 - v^2) Z_v(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho^2 \frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} Z_v(k\rho) + \rho \frac{d}{d\rho} Z_v(k\rho) + (k^2 \rho^2 - v^2) Z_v(k\rho) = 0$$

can be rearranged as

$$-\left(\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} - \frac{v^2}{\rho^2}\right) Z_v(k\rho) = k^2 Z_v(k\rho)$$

implying the $Z_v(k\rho)$ is an eigenfunction of the operator

$$\mathcal{L} = -\left(\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} - \frac{v^2}{\rho^2}\right)$$

with eigenvalue k^2 . The weight function needed to make $\mathcal{L}$ self-adjoint is

$$w(\rho) = \frac{1}{\beta_0(\rho)} e^{\int \frac{\beta_1(\rho)}{\beta_0(\rho)} d\rho} = \frac{1}{-1} e^{\int \frac{1}{\rho} d\rho} = -\rho$$

where β_0 and β_1 are coefficients of $\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2}$ and $\frac{d}{d\rho}$ respectively.

Also, if λ_u and λ_v are eigenvalues for eigenfunctions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ respectively, we have

$$(\lambda_u - \lambda_v) \int_a^b v^* u w dx = \left[w \beta_0 (v^* u' - v'^* u) \right]_a^b$$

where $*$ and $'$ denote conjugation and x -derivatives respectively.

Taking our eigenfunctions to be $J_\nu(k_1 \rho)$ and $J_\nu(k_2 \rho)$, we get

$$(k_1^2 - k_2^2) \int_0^a (-\rho) J_\nu(k_1 \rho) J_\nu(k_2 \rho) d\rho$$

$$= \left[J_\nu(k_2 a) \cdot k_1 J_\nu'(k_1 a) - k_2 J_\nu'(k_2 a) J_\nu(k_1 a) \right] \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=a}$$

$$\left[\text{because } \frac{df(x)}{dx} = af'(xa) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a [k_2 J_\nu(k_1 a) J_\nu'(k_2 a) - k_1 J_\nu'(k_1 a) J_\nu(k_2 a)]}{k_1^2 - k_2^2} = \int_0^a \rho J_\nu(k_1 \rho) J_\nu(k_2 \rho) d\rho$$

The LHS can be made zero by choosing $k_1 a$ and $k_2 a$ to be zeroes of J_ν , i.e., if $\alpha_{\nu i}$ is the i^{th} zero of J_ν , we have the following orthogonality in $[0, a]$:

$$\int_0^a \rho J_\nu(\alpha_{\nu i} \frac{\rho}{a}) J_\nu(\alpha_{\nu j} \frac{\rho}{a}) d\rho = 0 \quad ; i \neq j$$

Alternatively, taking a and b as zeroes of J_ν , we can prove the orthogonality as follows:

Rewrite the Bessel's ODE as

$$x(x J_\nu')' + (x^2 - \nu^2) J_\nu = 0$$

$$J_\nu(a) = J_\nu(b) = 0$$

Letting $u = J_\nu(ax)$, $v = J_\nu(bx)$ and considering

$$\text{the fact that } x^n f^{(n)}(x) = x^n \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) = x^n \frac{d^n}{d(ax)^n} f(ax) = x^n f^{(n)}(ax)$$

we have $J_\nu(ax)$ and $J_\nu(bx)$ satisfying

$$x(xu')' + (a^2x^2 - \nu^2)u = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$x(xv')' + (b^2x^2 - \nu^2)v = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$u \cdot \textcircled{2} - v \cdot \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$$

$$(b^2 - a^2)xuv = \frac{d}{dx}(vxu' - uxv')$$

$$(b^2 - a^2) \int_0^L xuv \, dx = (vxu' - uxv') \Big|_0^L = 0$$

for $v(\frac{bx}{L})$, $u(\frac{ax}{L})$, hence

$$\int_0^L x J_\nu\left(\frac{ax}{L}\right) J_\nu\left(\frac{bx}{L}\right) dx = 0 \quad \text{for } a \neq b$$

(2) The generating function for J_n is given by

$$g(x, t) = e^{(x/2)(t - t^{-1})} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) t^n$$

$$\Rightarrow g(u+v, t) = g(u, t) \cdot g(v, t)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(u+v) t^n = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m(u) t^m \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} J_l(v) t^l$$

Equating the coefficients of t^n , $[l = n - m]$

$$J_n(u+v) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m(u) J_{n-m}(v)$$

(3)

$$g(u) = \int_0^1 (1-x^2) J_0(ux) x dx$$

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Changing the integration variables to $x = ur$

$$g(x=ur) = \int_0^u \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{u^2}\right) J_0(x) \frac{x}{u^2} dx$$

Integrating by parts,

$$g(x) = \left[\frac{1}{u^2} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{u^2}\right) \int x J_0(x) dx \right]_0^u - \frac{1}{u^2} \int \left(\frac{-2x}{u^2}\right) \int x J_0(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{u^2} \left[x J_1(x) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{u^2}\right) \right]_0^u + \frac{2}{u^2} \int x^2 J_1(x) dx$$

because
 $\left[x^n J_n(x) \right]' = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$

$$= 0 + \frac{2}{u^4} \int_0^u \left[x^2 J_2(x) \right]' dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{u^4} x^2 J_2(x) \Big|_0^u = \frac{2}{u^2} J_2(u)$$

(4)

Separating the variables $U = R(\rho) \Phi(\phi) T(t)$,
 we get the separated equations:

$$\frac{1}{v^2} \frac{d^2 T}{dt^2} = -k^2 \Rightarrow T(t) = b_1 e^{i\omega t} + b_2 e^{-i\omega t} \dots (1a)$$

$$\text{where } k^2 = \omega^2 / v^2$$

... (1b)

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = -m^2 \Rightarrow \Phi(\phi) = a_1 e^{im\phi} + a_2 e^{-im\phi} \quad \dots (2)$$

where m is an integer so that Φ is continuous $\forall \phi$;
 $\dots (2b)$

The third equation

$$\frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{d\rho} - \frac{m^2}{\rho^2} R = -k^2 R$$

is a Bessel ODE with variable $k\rho$.

The solution $J_m(k\rho)$ must vanish at $\rho = a$, so that

$k a$ are zeroes of J_m . $\dots (3)$

From (1a), (2) and (3),

$$a) \quad \mathcal{U}(\rho, \phi, t) = J_m(k\rho) [a_1 e^{im\phi} + a_2 e^{-im\phi}] [b_1 e^{i\omega t} + b_2 e^{-i\omega t}]$$

From (1b) and (3),

b) The allowed values of k are

$$k_n = \alpha_{mn} / a = \omega / v \quad \rightarrow m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where α_{mn} is the n^{th} zero of J_m . Hence both k and ω are discrete.