Question

Show that:
$$J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cdot \cos(x)$$

Solution

We know that

$$J_{k}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{n! \cdot \Gamma(n+k+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+k} \Longrightarrow J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{n! \cdot \Gamma\left(n-\frac{1}{2}+1\right)} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n-\frac{1}{2}} = \\ = \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{n! \cdot \Gamma\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n} = \left\{\Gamma\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}{2^{n}} \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2^{n}} \sqrt{\pi}\right\} = \\ = \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{n! \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2^{n}} \sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{2^{2n}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{2^{n} \cdot n! \cdot (2n-1)!!} \cdot x^{2n} = \\ = \left\{2^{n} \cdot n! \cdot (2n-1)!! = (2n)!\right\} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n} = \left\{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n}}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n} = \cos(x)\right\} = \\ = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cdot \cos(x).$$
Answer: $J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cdot \cos(x).$