

**Problem 3-23)** The desired integral may be written as follows:

$$\int_0^\infty r J_n(kr) J_n(k'r) dr = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha^2 + r^2} r J_n(kr) J_n(k'r) dr = \alpha^2 I_n(\alpha k) K_n(\alpha k'), \quad k' > k > 0.$$

We now invoke the large-argument asymptotic forms of  $I_n(\cdot)$  and  $K_n(\cdot)$  given in G&R 8.451-5,6:

$$I_n(x) \sim \frac{\exp(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left[ 1 - \frac{(2n+1)(2n-1)}{8x} + \frac{(2n+3)(2n+1)(2n-1)(2n-3)}{128x^2} + \dots \right],$$

$$K_n(x) \sim \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \exp(-x)}{\sqrt{2x}} \left[ 1 + \frac{(2n+1)(2n-1)}{8x} + \frac{(2n+3)(2n+1)(2n-1)(2n-3)}{128x^2} + \dots \right].$$

For  $k \leq k'$ , we will have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty r J_n(kr) J_n(k'r) dr &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^2 \frac{\exp(\alpha k)}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha k}} \left[ 1 - \frac{(2n+1)(2n-1)}{8\alpha k} + \dots \right] \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \exp(-\alpha k')}{\sqrt{2\alpha k'}} \left[ 1 + \frac{(2n+1)(2n-1)}{8\alpha k'} + \dots \right] \\ &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \alpha \frac{\exp[-\alpha(k'-k)]}{2\sqrt{kk'}} \left[ 1 - \frac{(4n^2-1)(k'-k)}{8\alpha kk'} + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$

When  $k > k'$ , the roles of  $k$  and  $k'$  in the above equation will be reversed, so that, in the final expression,  $(k'-k)$  is replaced with  $(k-k')$ . The resulting  $\frac{1}{2}\alpha \exp(-\alpha|k-k'|)$  thus approaches a delta-function in the limit  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , while all the high-order terms go to zero. We thus find

$$\int_0^\infty r J_n(kr) J_n(k'r) dr = (kk')^{-1/2} \delta(k-k').$$