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The differential equation is

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x}y' + \left(1 - \frac{\nu^2}{x^2}\right)y = 0.$$

The origin is a RSP, so write  $y(x) = x^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  with  $a_0 \neq 0$ . The recurrence relation is then

$$[(n+s)^2 - \nu^2]a_n + a_{n-2} = 0$$
 for  $n \ge 2$ .

The indicial and  $O(x^{s-1})$  equations are

$$(s^2 - \nu^2)a_0 = 0$$
  $[(s+1)^2 - \nu^2]a_1 = 0.$ 

So  $s = \pm v$  and the recurrence relation becomes

$$n(n+2s)a_n + a_{n-2} = 0,$$

leading to the solution

$$J_{\pm\nu}(x) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\pm\nu} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!\Gamma(n\pm\nu+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n}.$$

where one adopts the conventional normalization

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2^{\pm \nu} \Gamma(\pm \nu + 1)}.$$

The Gamma function is an extension of the factorial function with  $\Gamma(n + s + 1) = (n + s)(n + s - 1) \dots (s + 1)\Gamma(s + 1)$ .

The general theory of Frobenius series indicates that the second solution may not take Frobenius form if  $2\nu$  is an integer. In fact one sees that the series works when  $\nu$  is a half-integer. For integer  $\nu$ , it fails. The second series is given by

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}[(s-s_1)y(s;x)]_{s=s_1},$$

where  $s_1$  is the smaller of the indices and y(s; x) denotes the Frobenius series in which the value of s is as yet unspecified. For the Bessel function, this means using the recurrence relation

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{(n+s+\nu)(n+s-\nu)}a_{n-2}.$$

For  $\nu = 2$ , this leads to

$$y(s;x) = x^{s} \left\{ 1 - \frac{x^{2}}{s(s+4)} + \frac{x^{4}}{s(s+4)(s+2)(s+6)} + \cdots \right\},\$$

which is singular at s = -2. The second solution is given by

$$\lim_{s \to -2} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s} \left\{ (s+2)x^s \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{s(s+4)} + \cdots \right] \right\}$$
  
=  $x^{-2} \log x \left[ -\frac{x^4}{16} + \cdots \right] + x^{-2} \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^4}{64} + \cdots \right]$   
=  $-\frac{1}{4} J_2(x) \log x + \frac{1}{x^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{4} + \cdots \right].$ 

If  $\nu = 0$ , the indicial equation is  $s^2 = 0$ . Then

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!^2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n}.$$

The recurrence relation can be solved to give

$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+s)^2(2n+s-2)^2\cdots(2+s)^2}a_0.$$

The limiting procedure given above gives a second solution in the form

$$J_0(x)\log x - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!^2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right].$$

In fact it is conventional to add another multiple of  $J_0(x)$  to obtain a specific behavior as  $x \to \infty$ .