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HW # 3

Math 121 B

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UCB extension.

Solve DE using power series and by elementary method. Verify same solution.

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2 + 4a_4 x^3 + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2a_2 + 2 \cdot 3 a_3 x + 3 \cdot 4 a_4 x^2 + \dots + (n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$4y = 4a_0 + 4a_1 x + 4a_2 x^2 + 4a_3 x^3 + \dots + 4a_n x^n$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} = -4 a_n}$$

now I can generate few a's to see pattern for even and odd a's.

$$n=0$$

$$1 \cdot 2 a_2 = -4 a_0 \Rightarrow a_2 = -\frac{4}{1 \cdot 2} a_0$$

$$n=1$$

$$2 \cdot 3 a_3 = -4 a_1 \Rightarrow a_3 = -\frac{4}{2 \cdot 3} a_1$$

$$n=2$$

$$3 \cdot 4 a_4 = -4 a_2 \Rightarrow a_4 = -\frac{4}{3 \cdot 4} a_2 = \frac{-4}{3 \cdot 4} \left( -\frac{4}{1 \cdot 2} \right) a_0 = \frac{+4^2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} a_0$$

$$n=3$$

$$4 \cdot 5 a_5 = -4 a_3 \Rightarrow a_5 = -\frac{4}{4 \cdot 5} a_3 = -\frac{4}{4 \cdot 5} \left( -\frac{4}{2 \cdot 3} \right) a_1 = \frac{4^2}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} a_1$$

$$n=4$$

$$5 \cdot 6 a_6 = -4 a_4 \Rightarrow a_6 = -\frac{4}{5 \cdot 6} a_4 = -\frac{4}{5 \cdot 6} \frac{4^2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} a_0 = \frac{-4^3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} a_0$$

$$n=5$$

$$6 \cdot 7 a_7 = -4 a_5 \Rightarrow a_7 = -\frac{4}{6 \cdot 7} a_5 = -\frac{4}{6 \cdot 7} \frac{4^2}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} a_1 = \frac{-4^3}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} a_1$$

from this I see that for odd  $n$ ,  $a_n = \frac{4^{(n-1)/2}}{n!} a_1$

and for even  $n$ ,  $a_n = \frac{4^{n/2}}{n!} a_0$



$$So \quad y = a_0 \sum_{\substack{n \text{ even} \\ n \geq 0}} s(n) \frac{4^{n/2}}{n!} x^n + a_1 \sum_{\substack{n \text{ odd} \\ n \geq 1}} c(n) \frac{4^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{n!} x^n$$

this function flips the sign.  
 at  $n=0$  it is +  
 at  $n=2$  it is -  
 at  $n=4$  it is +  
 at  $n=6$  it is -  
 :  
 etc

this flips the sign  
 at  $n=1$  it is +  
 at  $n=3$  it is -  
 at  $n=5$  it is +  
 at  $n=7$  it is -  
 :  
 etc.

not sure how to write this in the sum directly.

looking at few terms in  $y$  we see

$$y = a_0 \left[ \underset{n=0}{1} - \underset{n=2}{\frac{4}{2}} x^2 + \underset{n=4}{\frac{4^2}{4!}} x^4 - \underset{n=6}{\frac{4^3}{6!}} x^6 + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[ \underset{n=1}{x} - \underset{n=3}{\frac{4}{3!}} x^3 + \underset{n=5}{\frac{4^2}{5!}} x^5 - \dots \right]$$

This is power series of  $\cos 2x$   
 can be better seen by noting that  $4=2^2$

let  $a_1 = 2C$  where  $C$  is some constant. I need to do this to make second series a sin series.

$$so \quad y = a_0 [\cos 2x] + C \left[ 2x - \frac{2^3}{3!} x^3 + \frac{2^5}{5!} x^5 - \dots \right]$$

$$y = a_0 \cos 2x + C \sin 2x$$

now I solve using basic method to verify the series solution.

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = Ae^{mx}$$

$$y' = Ame^{mx}$$

$$y'' = Am^2e^{mx}$$

$$\text{so } Am^2e^{mx} + 4Ae^{mx} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } e^{mx}(Am^2 + 4A) = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 2i$$

$$\text{so } y_1 = A_1 e^{2ix}, \quad y_2 = A_2 e^{-2ix}$$

$$\text{so general solution} = y_1 + y_2 = A_1 e^{2ix} + A_2 e^{-2ix}$$

$$= A_1 (\cos 2x + i \sin 2x) + A_2 (\cos -2x + i \sin -2x)$$

$$\text{but } \begin{aligned} \cos -x &= \cos x \\ \sin -x &= -\sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } y &= A_1 (\cos 2x + i \sin 2x) + A_2 (\cos 2x - i \sin 2x) \\ &= \cos 2x (A_1 + A_2) + \sin 2x ((A_1 - A_2) i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } A_1 + A_2 = C_1$$

$$\text{let } i(A_1 - A_2) = C_2$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{y = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x}$$

which match series solution, where  $C_1 = a_0$

$$\text{and } \frac{a_1}{2} = C_2$$

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Solve by series method

$$y'' - x^2 y' - xy = 0$$

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2 + 4a_4 x^3 + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2a_2 + 2 \cdot 3 a_3 x + 3 \cdot 4 a_4 x^2 + \dots + (n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} x^n + \dots$$

$$xy = a_0 x + a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^3 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^n$$

$$x^2 y' = a_1 x^2 + 2a_2 x^3 + \dots + (n-1) a_{n-1} x^n$$

so recursive formula is

$$(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} x^n - (n-1) a_{n-1} x^n - a_{n-1} x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} - (n-1) a_{n-1} - a_{n-1} = 0$$

n=1:

$$2 \cdot 3 a_3 - a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} a_0$$

n=2

$$3 \cdot 4 a_4 - a_1 - a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} (a_1 + a_1) = \frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} a_1$$

n=3

$$4 \cdot 5 a_5 - 2a_2 - a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_5 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} (2a_2 + a_2) = \frac{3}{4 \cdot 5} a_2$$

n=4

$$5 \cdot 6 a_6 - 3a_3 - a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow a_6 = \frac{4}{5 \cdot 6} a_3 = \frac{4}{5 \cdot 6} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} a_0 = \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} a_0$$

n=5

$$6 \cdot 7 a_7 - 4a_4 - a_4 = 0 \Rightarrow a_7 = \frac{5}{6 \cdot 7} a_4 = \frac{5}{6 \cdot 7} \cdot \frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} a_1$$

n=6

$$7 \cdot 8 a_8 - 5a_5 - a_5 = 0 \Rightarrow a_8 = \frac{6}{7 \cdot 8} a_5 = \frac{6}{7 \cdot 8} \cdot \frac{3}{4 \cdot 5} a_2$$



now note that  $a_2 = 0$  ✓ (by looking at Table of coefficients.)

good. the recursion relation is only valid for  $x \geq 1$ , but there is an  $x^0$  term.

so  $a_3 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} a_0$

$$a_4 = \frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} a_1$$

$$a_5 = 0$$

$$a_6 = \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} a_0$$

$$a_7 = \frac{5 \cdot 2}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} a_1$$

$$a_8 = 0$$

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so, plug in  $y$ , we get

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} a_0\right) x^3 + \left(\frac{2}{3 \cdot 4}\right) a_1 x^4 + \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} a_0 x^6 + \frac{5}{6 \cdot 7} \frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} a_1 x^7$$

$$y = a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} x^3 + \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} x^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$+ a_1 \left[ x + \frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} x^4 + \frac{5 \cdot 2}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} x^7 + \dots \right]$$

To make denominators factorial expressions, I multiply numerator and denominator for each term as needed:

$$y = a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{(4)(4)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} x^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$+ a_1 \left[ x + \frac{2(2)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} x^4 + \frac{5(5)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} \frac{2(2)}{5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} x^7 + \dots \right]$$

$$y = a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{4^2}{6!} x^6 + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[ x + \frac{2^2}{4!} x^4 + \frac{(5 \cdot 2)^2}{7!} x^7 + \dots \right]$$

this is the series solution.

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solve  $(x^2+1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$  by series method.

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2 + 4a_4 x^3 + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2a_2 + 6a_3 x + 12a_4 x^2 + \dots$$

$$2y = 2a_0 + 2a_1 x + 2a_2 x^2 + 2a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$2xy' = 2xa_1 + 4a_2 x^2 + 6a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$x^2 y'' = 2a_2 x^2 + 6a_3 x^3 + 12a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

by inspection, looking at first column,  $2a_2 + 2a_0 = 0$  i.e.  $a_2 = -a_0$

now I write the general recursive formula for  $x^n$

$$\underbrace{x^2 y''}_{n(n-1)a_n x^n} + \underbrace{y''}_{(n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} x^n} - \underbrace{2xy'}_{2n a_n x^n} + \underbrace{2y}_{2a_n x^n} \rightarrow$$

D.E.  
since equation equals zero, then coeff. of each power of  $x$  must be zero as well. hence

$$(n(n-1)a_n + (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} - 2n a_n + 2a_n) x^n = 0$$

i.e.

$$(n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} = -n(n-1)a_n - 2a_n + 2a_n$$

$$\boxed{(n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} = a_n (2n - 2 - n(n-1))}$$

I will now use this to generate few 'a' terms  $\rightarrow$

let me simplify the recursive equation a little more

$$(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} = a_n (3n - n^2 - 2)$$

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start with  $n=1$  since I already know  $a_2$ .

$n=1$

$$(2)(3) a_3 = a_1 (3 - 1 - 2) \Rightarrow a_3 = 0$$

$n=2$

$$(3)(4) a_4 = a_2 (6 - 4 - 2) \Rightarrow a_4 = 0$$

$n=3$

$$(4)(5) a_5 = a_3 (9 - 9 - 2) \Rightarrow a_5 = 0$$

actually, no need to go more:

since,  $a_3 = 0$  and  $a_4 = 0$ , and this recursive relation

finds  $a_{n+2}$  in terms of  $a_n$ , then all  $a_n$  are

Zero for  $n=3, 4, 5, \dots$  !

$$\text{so } y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x - a_0 x^2$$

$$y = a_0 [1 - x^2] + a_1 x$$



2.1 using 2.6:  $a_{n+2} = -\frac{(l-n)(l+n+1)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$  and

$$2.7: y = a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{l(l+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{l(l+1)(l-2)(l+3)}{4!} x^4 - \dots \right]$$

$$+ a_1 \left[ x - \frac{(l-1)(l+2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(l-1)(l+2)(l-3)(l+4)}{5!} x^5 - \dots \right]$$

and the requirement that  $P_l(1) = 1$ , find  $P_2(x)$ ,  $P_3(x)$  and  $P_4(x)$ .

### Solution

If I write  $y$  as

$$y = a_0 \left( 1 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + a_6 x^6 + \dots \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{The even } l \text{ series}$$

$$+ a_1 \left( x + a_3 x^3 + a_5 x^5 + \dots \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{The odd } l \text{ series}$$

The ' $a_0$ ' series is the one that remains for  $l = 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$

and the ' $a_1$ ' series diverges in those cases and not used.

the ' $a_1$ ' series remains for  $l = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$  and the ' $a_0$ ' series diverges for those values and not used.

so for  $P_2(x)$ , this is  $l = 2$ . hence will use the  $a_0$  series.

for  $P_3(x)$ , this is  $l = 3$ , hence use the  $a_1$  series

for  $P_4(x)$ , this is  $l = 4$ , hence use the  $a_0$  series.

$$\text{so } P_2(x) = a_0 (1 + a_2 x^2)$$

$$P_3(x) = a_1 (x + a_3 x^3)$$

$$P_4(x) = a_0 (1 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4)$$

so I just need to find the  $a$ 's above to complete the solution  $\rightarrow$

for  $l=2$ ,  $a_2 = - \frac{(l-0)(l+0+1)}{(0+2)(0+1)} a_0$   
 ie  $n=0$

$$= - \frac{(2)(2+1)}{2} a_0 = - \frac{(2)(3)}{2} a_0 = - \frac{3}{1} a_0$$

hence  $P_2(x) = a_0(1 - 3x^2)$

$a_0$  is found by using the restriction that  $y$  must be 1 when  $x=1$ .

so  $1 = a_0(1 - 3(1)^2) = a_0(1 - 3)$

so  $a_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$

so  $P_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - 3x^2) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)}$

for  $l=3$ .

$P_3(x) = a_1(x + a_3x^3)$

$a_3 = a_{n+2}$  so  $n=1$

so  $a_3 = - \frac{(l-1)(l+1+1)}{(1+2)(1+1)} a_1 = - \frac{(2)(3)}{3 \cdot 2} a_1$

let  $l=3$ ,  $a_3 = - \frac{(3-1)(3+2)}{3 \cdot 2} a_1 = - \frac{(2)(5)}{3 \cdot 2} a_1 = - \frac{5}{3} a_1$

so  $P_3(x) = a_1(x - \frac{5}{3}x^3)$ . apply the boundary restriction:

$1 = a_1(1 - \frac{5}{3}) \Rightarrow 1 = a_1(\frac{-2}{3}) \Rightarrow a_1 = -\frac{3}{2}$

so  $P_3(x) = -\frac{3}{2}(x - \frac{5}{3}x^3) = \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)}$



for  $l=4$

$$P_4(x) = a_0(1 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4)$$

find  $a_2$ , and use to find  $a_4$ .

$$a_2, \text{ i.e. } n=0 \Rightarrow a_2 = - \frac{(l-0)(l+0+1)}{(0+2)(0+1)} a_0$$

$$= - \frac{l(l+1)}{2} a_0 \cdot \xrightarrow{l=4} - \frac{4(5)}{2} a_0 = -10 a_0$$

$$a_4, \text{ i.e. } n=2 \Rightarrow a_4 = - \frac{(l-2)(l+2+1)}{(2+2)(2+1)} a_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{l=4} a_4 = - \frac{(4-2)(4+2+1)}{(4)(3)} a_2 = - \frac{(2)(7)}{(4)(3)} \underbrace{a_2}_{(-10 a_0)}$$

$$a_4 = + \frac{70}{6} a_0 = + \frac{35}{3} a_0$$

$$\text{so } P_4(x) = a_0 \left( 1 - 10x^2 + \frac{35}{3}x^4 \right)$$

now apply boundary conditions to find  $a_0$

$$1 = a_0 \left( 1 - 10 + \frac{35}{3} \right) \Rightarrow 1 = a_0 \left( \frac{3-30+35}{3} \right) = a_0 \left( \frac{8}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{so } a_0 = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{so } P_4(x) = \frac{3}{8} \left( 1 - 10x^2 + \frac{35}{3}x^4 \right) = \frac{3}{8} - \frac{30x^2}{8} + \frac{35}{8}x^4$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

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2.2

show that  $P_l(-1) = (-1)^l$

$$P_l(x) = a_0 \underbrace{[1 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + \dots]}_{\text{sum of even functions in } x} + a_1 \underbrace{[x + a_3 x^3 + \dots]}_{\text{sum of odd functions in } x}$$

There are 2 cases to consider. when  $l$  is even, and odd.

when  $l$  is even

then  $P_l(x)$  is the sum of even functions ( $x^2, x^4, x^6, \dots$ )  
but sum of even functions is an even function.

so  $P_l(-x) = P_l(x)$

for  $x=1$ , we set  $P_l(-1) = P_l(1)$

but  $P_l(1) = 1$  by definition, since this is the boundary condition; we want to solve for.

so  $P_l(-1) = 1$

now since  $l$  is even,

then  $1 = (-1)^l$

i.e.  $l = -1^2$   
 $l = -1^4$   
 $l = -1^6$   
 $\vdots$

so  $\boxed{P_l(-1) = (-1)^l}$  (1)

now for the case  $l$  is odd:

now  $P_l(x)$  is sum of odd functions of  $x$ , ( $x, x^3, x^5, \dots$ )

so  $P_l(x)$  is an odd function.

i.e.  $P_l(-x) = -P_l(x)$

~~at  $x=1$~~  for  $x=1$ , we have  $P_l(-1) = -P_l(1) = -1$

again, since  $l$  is odd, then  $-1$  is the same as  $(-1)^l$

hence  $\boxed{P_l(-1) = (-1)^l}$  (2). from (1) & (2), then  $\boxed{P_l(-1) = -1^l}$  for all  $l$

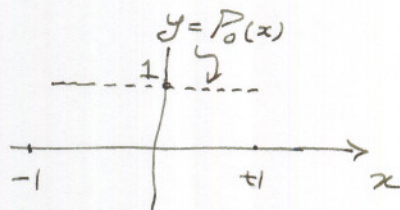
**2.3** sketch graph of  $P_0(x)$ ,  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$ ,  $P_3(x)$  from  $x = -1$  to  $x = 1$ .

in all graphs we must have  $P_l(1) = 1$  since this is the boundary condition on the solution of the D.E. we used to obtain the Legendre polynomials.

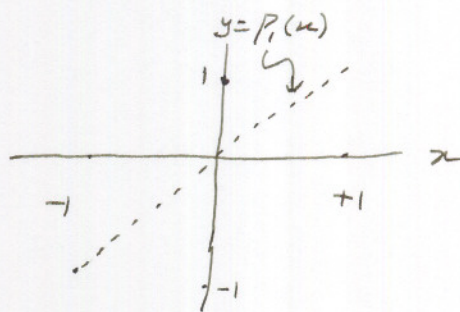
in addition  $P_l(0) = 0$  for odd  $l$ .

also,  $P_l(-1) = (-1)^l$ , so  $P_l(-1) = 1$  for even  $l$ ,  
and  $P_l(-1) = -1$  for odd  $l$ .

$P_0(x) = 1$ , plot is



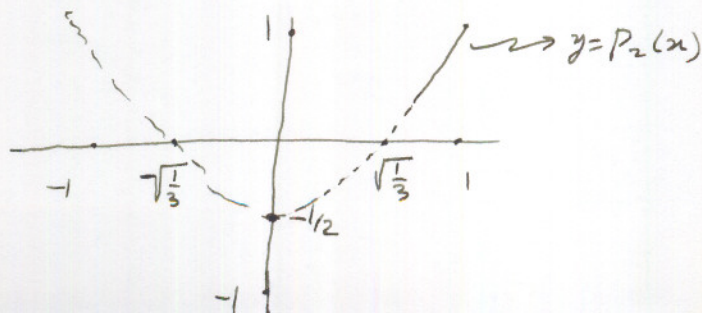
$P_1(x) = x$ , plot is



$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$

when  $y = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 1 = 0$  i.e.  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$  are the roots.

when  $x = 0 \Rightarrow P_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$  so plot



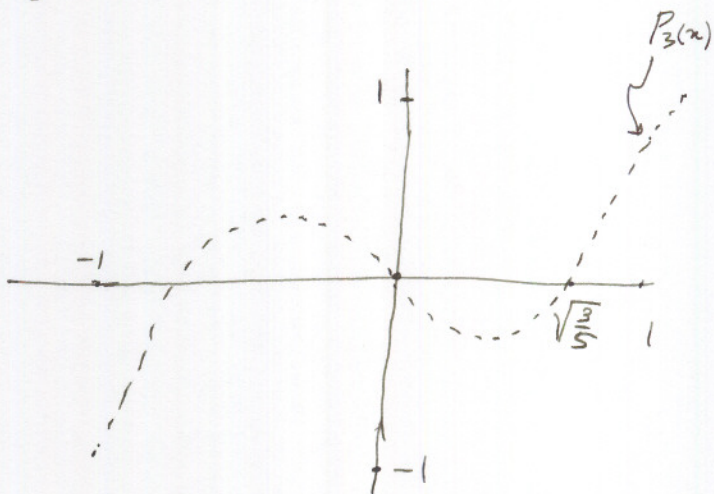
$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

when  $y=0 \Rightarrow 5x^3 - 3x = 0 \quad \vee \quad x(5x^2 - 3) = 0.$

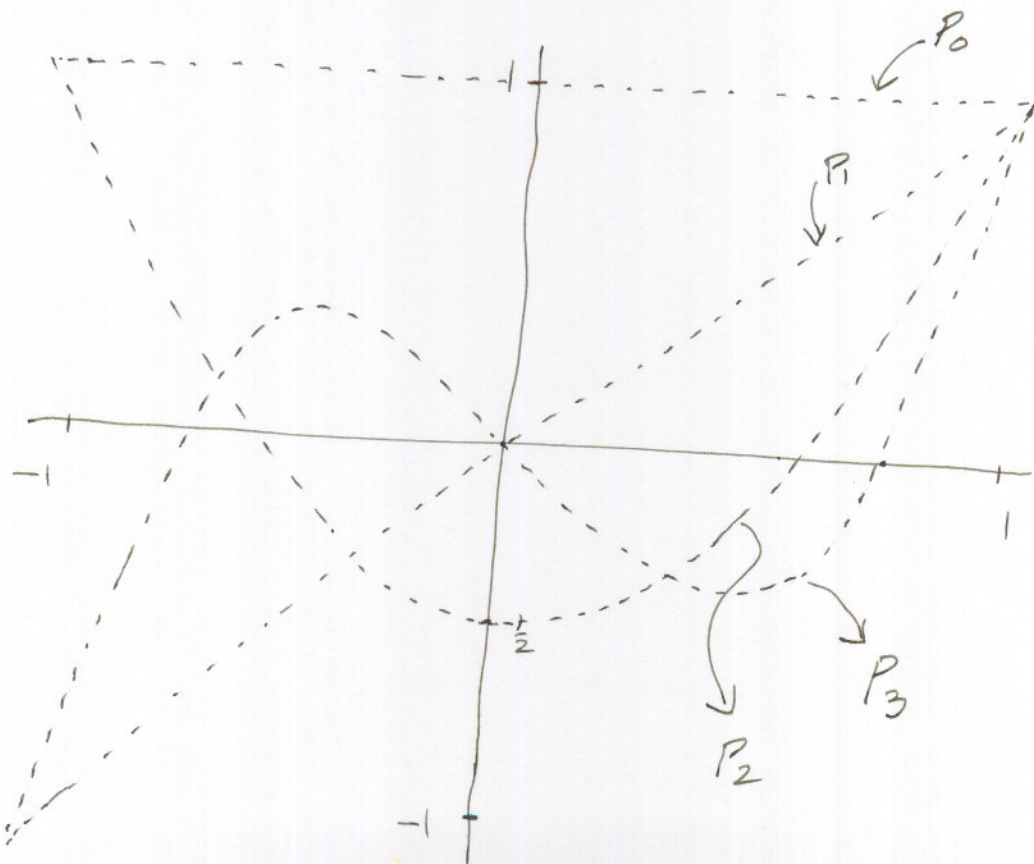
ie  $x=0$  or  $5x^2 - 3 = 0$  ie  $x^2 = \frac{3}{5}$  or  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$

so roots are  $0, +\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}, -\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$

so, in the plot we have



putting the ~~the~~ plots all on one diagram we have



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3.5

Solve  $\frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} x^2 e^{-x}$  using Leibniz rule.

Leibniz rule is used for differentiation of products

it says 
$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} uv = \frac{d^0}{dx^0} u \frac{d^n}{dx^n} v + n \frac{d^1}{dx^1} u \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} v$$

$$+ \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} u \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}} v + \dots$$

taking  $u = x^2$  and  $v = e^{-x}$ , we get

$$\frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} x^2 e^{-x} = \frac{d^0}{dx^0} x^2 \frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} e^{-x} + 100 \frac{d^1}{dx^1} x^2 \frac{d^{99}}{dx^{99}} e^{-x} + \frac{(100)(99)}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} x^2 \frac{d^{98}}{dx^{98}} e^{-x} +$$

$$\frac{(100 \times 99)(98)}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} x^2 \frac{d^{97}}{dx^{97}} e^{-x} + \dots$$

but  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^m = 0$  for  $n > m$ . so all terms from here and the rest are zero.

so 
$$\frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} x^2 e^{-x} = x^2 \frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} e^{-x} + 100(2x) \frac{d^{99}}{dx^{99}} e^{-x} + \frac{(100)(99)}{2} (2) \frac{d^{98}}{dx^{98}} e^{-x}$$

now need to find  $\frac{d^m}{dx^m} e^{-x}$ . by trying few terms I see

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} e^{-x} &= -e^{-x} \\ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} e^{-x} &= e^{-x} \\ \frac{d^3}{dx^3} e^{-x} &= -e^{-x} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{so } \frac{d^m}{dx^m} e^{-x} = \begin{cases} -e^{-x} & \text{when } m \text{ is even} \\ e^{-x} & \text{when } m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

hence Result =  $x^2 (+e^{-x}) + 200x (e^{-x}) + 9900 (+e^{-x}) = \boxed{e^{-x} (+9900 + x^2) + e^{-x} (200x)}$

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4.3

Find  $P_0(x), P_1(x), P_2(x), P_3(x)$  and  $P_4(x)$  from Rodrigues formula (4.1). Compare your solution with (2.8) and problem 2.1.

Rodrigues formula generates Legendre's polynomials for different  $l$  values and given by

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2-1)^l$$

$$P_0(x) = \frac{1}{2^0 0!} \frac{d^0}{dx^0} (x^2-1)^0 = \boxed{1}$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{1}{2^1 1!} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2-1)^1 = \frac{1}{2} (2x) = \boxed{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x) &= \frac{1}{2^2 2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x^2-1)^2 = \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} (x^2-1)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} (2(x^2-1) \cdot 2x) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} (4x^3 - 4x) = \frac{1}{8} (12x^2 - 4) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} (x^2-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_3(x) &= \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 6} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \frac{d}{dx} (x^2-1)^3 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{48} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (3(x^2-1)^2 \cdot 2x) = \frac{1}{48} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (6x(x^4 - 2x^2 + 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{48} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (6x^5 - 12x^3 + 6x) = \frac{1}{48} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} (6x^5 - 12x^3 + 6x) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{48} \frac{d}{dx} (28x^4 - 24x^2 + 6) = \frac{1}{48} (36x^3 - 24) \\ &= \frac{1}{48} \frac{d}{dx} (30x^4 - 36x^2 + 6) = \frac{1}{48} (120x^3 - 72x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 3x)} \end{aligned}$$

→ back



$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{d}{dx} (3(x^2-1)^2 \cdot 2x) = \frac{d}{dx} (6x^5 - 12x^3 + 6x)$$

$$= 30x^4 - 36x^2 + 6$$

$$\frac{d^3}{dx^3} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ 30x^4 - 36x^2 + 6 \end{matrix} \right) = 120x^3 - 72x$$

$$\frac{d^4}{dx^4} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ 120x^3 - 72x \end{matrix} \right) = \frac{360}{x^2} - 72$$

so now plug above into (1) we get:

$$= (x^2-1)(360x^2-72) + 8x(120x^3-72x) + 12(30x^4-36x^2+6)$$

$$= 144 - 1440x^2 + \cancel{720x^4} + \cancel{1320x^4} + 1680x^4$$

$$\text{so } P_4(x) = \frac{1}{24 \cdot 4!} \left( \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{384} \left( \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$\text{so } P_4(x) = \frac{1}{384} (1680x^4 - 1440x^2 + 144)$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{48} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

This result agrees with result obtained in 2.1

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4.4

show that  $\int_{-1}^1 x^m P_l(x) dx = 0$  if  $m < l$ .

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use Rodrigues formula, write  $P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2-1)^l$

let  $k = \frac{1}{2^l l!}$  so  $P_l(x) = k \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2-1)^l$

hence integral is  $k \int_{-1}^1 x^m \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right) dx = k \int_{-1}^1 x^m d \left( \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right)$

apply integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$u = x^m \Rightarrow du = m x^{m-1}$

$dv = d \left( \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right) \Rightarrow v = \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l$

hence integral =  $k \left[ x^m \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right]_{-1}^1 - km \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l$

(1)

now I show that  $\left[ x^m \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right]_{-1}^1$  is zero.

looking at  $\frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \Rightarrow$  look at  $(x^2-1)^l$ . write as  $(x-1)^l (x+1)^l$

~~differentiate this we get  $(x^2-1)^{l-1}$~~   
~~and this we get~~

so  $\frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l = \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x-1)^l (x+1)^l$

apply Leibniz rule for differentiation of products.  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} ab = a \frac{d^n}{dx^n} b + n \frac{d}{dx} a \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} b + \dots$

$= (x+1)^l \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x-1)^l + (l-1) \frac{d}{dx} (x+1)^l \frac{d^{l-2}}{dx^{l-2}} (x-1)^l + \binom{l-2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x+1)^l \frac{d^{l-3}}{dx^3} (x-1)^l + \dots$

*I'm not sure how the result follows... I think the idea is that  $\frac{d^k}{dx^k} (x+1)^l \sim (x+1)^{l-k}$ , which is zero when  $x=-1$ . Similar result for  $\frac{d^k}{dx^k} (x-1)^l$  (for  $k \leq l$ )*

now  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x+1)^l = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} (x+1)^l \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (l) = 0$

hence in the above we are

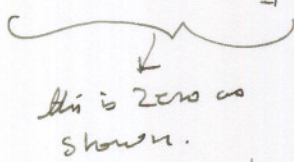
are left with

$\frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l = (x+1)^l \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x-1)^l + (l-1) \frac{d^{l-2}}{dx^{l-2}} (x-1)^l$


every term in the expansion above is a product of such terms, hence vanishes at both  $x=1$  and  $x=-1$ .

now going back to equation (1), we have

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^m P_l(x) dx = k \left[ x^m \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right]_{-1}^1 - km \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l dx$$


  
 this is zero as shown.

$$\text{so } \int_{-1}^1 x^m P_l(x) dx = - km \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d^{l-1}}{dx^{l-1}} (x^2-1)^l dx$$

Now, apply integration by parts again to this 

$$= -km \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d^{l-2}}{dx^{l-2}} (x^2-1)^l \right) dx = -km \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} d \left( \frac{d^{l-2}}{dx^{l-2}} (x^2-1)^l \right)$$

as before, we get the  $[uv] - \int v du$ , and as before, the  $[uv]$  term reduced to zero.

hence each time we apply integration by parts,  $x^m \rightarrow x^{m-1}$  and

$$\frac{d^k}{dx^k} (x^2-1)^l \rightarrow \frac{d^{k-1}}{dx^{k-1}} (x^2-1)^l$$

This is a race between  $m$  and  $l$ .

if  $m < l$ , then we can terminate integration by

parts with  $\int_{-1}^1$  (some constant)  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2-1)^l dx$

$$\text{but } \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right) dx = \left[ \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^l \right]_{-1}^1$$

by the fundamental theory of calculus.

but the expression we have shown to be zero. hence this completes the proof.

$$\text{so } \int_{-1}^1 x^m P_l(x) dx = 0 \text{ if } m < l.$$

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5.1

Find  $P_3(x)$  by setting one more term in the generating function expansion 5.3.

$$\phi(x, h) = \frac{1}{(1-2xh+h^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$|h| < 1$$

①

$$\phi(x, h) = P_0(x) + h P_1(x) + h^2 P_2(x) + h^3 P_3(x) + \dots + h^l P_l(x) + \dots$$

expand ① in power series. let  $y = 2xh - h^2$ , then ① can be written as

$$\phi(y) = \phi(x, h) = (1-y)^{-1/2}, \quad \text{expand } \phi(y) \text{ as Taylor series around } y=0$$

$$\phi(y) = (1-y)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow 1 \quad \text{at } y=0$$

$$\phi'(y) = -\frac{1}{2} (1-y)^{-3/2} (-1) \Rightarrow +\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{at } y=0$$

$$\phi''(y) = +\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) (1-y)^{-5/2} (-1) \Rightarrow +\frac{3}{2^2} \quad \text{at } y=0$$

$$\phi'''(y) = +\frac{1}{2} \left(+\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) (1-y)^{-7/2} (-1) \Rightarrow +\frac{3 \cdot 5}{2^3} \quad \text{at } y=0$$

$$\text{so } \phi(y) = \phi(\bar{y}) + \phi'(\bar{y}) y + \frac{\phi''(\bar{y})}{2!} y^2 + \frac{\phi'''(\bar{y})}{3!} y^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \left(+\frac{1}{2}\right) y + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2!} y^2 + \left(+\frac{3 \cdot 5}{8}\right) \frac{1}{3!} y^3 + \dots$$

$$\phi(y) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} y + \frac{3}{8} y^2 + \frac{15}{48} y^3 + \dots$$

now replace  $y$  with  $2xh - h^2$  we set

$$\phi(x, h) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (2xh - h^2) + \frac{3}{8} (2xh - h^2)^2 + \frac{15}{48} (2xh - h^2)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + xh - \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{3}{8} (4x^2h^2 - 4xh^3 + h^4) + \frac{15}{48} ((2xh - h^2)^2 (2xh - h^2))$$

$$= 1 + xh - \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{12}{8} x^2h^2 - \frac{3}{2} xh^3 + \frac{3}{8} h^4 + \frac{15}{48} ((4x^2h^2 - 4xh^3 + h^4) (2xh - h^2))$$



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5.3

use recursion relation  $l P_l(x) = (2l-1)x P_{l-1}(x) - (l-1)P_{l-2}(x)$

and the values  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  to find  $P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6$ .

$P_0 = 1$

$P_1 = x$

so for  $P_2$ ,  $l=2$ . hence from the recursion formula

$2P_2 = (4-1)x P_1 - P_0 = 3x(x) - 1 = 3x^2 - 1$

ie  $P_2 = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$

now set  $l=3$

so  $3P_3 = 5x P_2 - P_1 = 5x(\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)) - 2x$

$= 5x(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}) - 2x = \frac{15x^3}{2} - \frac{5x}{2} - 2x = \frac{15x^3}{2} - \frac{(5+4)x}{2}$

$3P_3 = \frac{15x^3}{2} - \frac{9x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(15x^3 - 9x)$

so  $P_3 = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$

For  $P_4$ ,  $l=4$ .

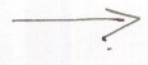
so  $4P_4 = 7x P_3 - 3P_2 = 7x(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x) - 3(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2})$

$= \frac{35}{2}x^4 - \frac{21}{2}x^2 - \frac{9x^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$

$= \frac{35}{2}x^4 - \frac{30}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}$

so  $P_4 = \frac{35}{8}x^4 - \frac{30}{8}x^2 + \frac{3}{8}$

$= \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$



$$= 1 + \underbrace{xh}_{\rightarrow P_1} + h^2 \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}x^2\right)}_{\rightarrow P_2} - \frac{3}{2}xh^3 + \frac{3}{8}h^4 + \frac{15}{48} \left( \begin{matrix} 8x^3h^3 - 4x^2h^4 - 8x^2h^4 + 4xh^5 \\ + 2xh^5 - h^6 \end{matrix} \right)$$

do not care for  $P_3$

$$= P_0 + hP_1 + h^2P_2 + h^3 \left( -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{15}{48}x^3 \right) + h^4 (\dots) + \dots$$

$$= P_0 + hP_1 + h^2P_2 + h^3 \left( -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{15}{6}x^3 \right) + \dots$$

$$= P_0 + hP_1 + h^2P_2 + h^3 \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{15}{3}x^3 - 3x \right) + \dots$$

$$= P_0 + hP_1 + h^2P_2 + h^3 \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 3x)}_{\text{but this is } P_3(x)} + \dots$$

hence  $= P_0(x) + hP_1(x) + h^2P_2(x) + h^3P_3(x) + \dots$

for  $P_5, l=5$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{so } 5P_5 &= 9xP_4 - 4P_3 \\
&= 9x \left( \frac{35}{8}x^4 - \frac{30}{8}x^2 + \frac{3}{8} \right) - 4 \left( \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x \right) \\
&= \frac{315x^5}{8} - \frac{270x^3}{8} + \frac{27x}{8} - \frac{20x^3}{2} + \frac{12x}{2} \\
&= \frac{315x^5}{8} - \frac{270x^3}{8} - \frac{80x^3}{8} + \frac{27x}{8} + \frac{48x}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$5P_5 = \frac{315}{8}x^5 - \frac{350x^3}{8} + \frac{75x}{8}$$

$$\text{so } P_5 = \frac{315x^5}{5 \cdot 8} - \frac{350x^3}{5 \cdot 8} + \frac{75x}{5 \cdot 8} = \frac{63x^5}{8} - \frac{70x^3}{8} + \frac{15x}{8}$$

$$P_5 = \frac{1}{8} (63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$$

for  $P_6, l=6$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{so } 6P_6 &= 11xP_5 - 5P_4 \\
&= 11x \left( \frac{63}{8}x^5 - \frac{70}{8}x^3 + \frac{15}{8}x \right) - 5 \left( \frac{35}{8}x^4 - \frac{30}{8}x^2 + \frac{3}{8} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{693}{8}x^6 - \frac{770}{8}x^4 + \frac{165}{8}x \right) - \frac{175}{8}x^4 + \frac{150x^2}{8} - \frac{15}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_6 = \frac{1}{16} (231x^6 - 315x^4 + 105x^2 - 5)$$

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5.5

Differentiate (5.8a) and use recursion relation 5.8b with  $l$  replaced by  $l-1$  to prove 5.8c.

5.8a is given by  $l P_l(x) = (2l-1)x P_{l-1} - (l-1) P_{l-2}$

5.8b is  $x P'_l - P'_{l-1} = l P_l$

5.8c is  $P'_l - x P'_{l-1} = l P_{l-1}$

differentiate 5.8a, we get

$l P'_l = (2l-1)x P'_{l-1} + (2l-1)P_{l-1} - (l-1)P'_{l-2}$  — (1)

from 5.8b, replace  $l$  by  $l-1$ , we get

$x P'_{l-1} - P'_{l-2} = (l-1) P_{l-1}$

or  $P'_{l-2} = x P'_{l-1} - (l-1) P_{l-1}$  — (2)

Plug (2) into (1) to remove  $P'_{l-2}$  term in (1), we get

$l P'_l = (2l-1)x P'_{l-1} + (2l-1)P_{l-1} - (l-1)[x P'_{l-1} - (l-1)P_{l-1}]$

expand and simplify:

$l P'_l = 2lx P'_{l-1} - x P'_{l-1} + 2lx P_{l-1} - P_{l-1} - lx P'_{l-1} + l(l-1)P_{l-1} + x P'_{l-1} - (l-1)P_{l-1}$





$$lP'_l = 2lx P'_{l-1} - x P'_{l-1} + 2l P_{l-1} - P_{l-1} - lx P'_{l-1} + l^2 P_{l-1} - l P_{l-1} + x P'_{l-1} - l P_{l-1} + P_{l-1}$$

$$lP'_l = 2lx P'_{l-1} - lx P'_{l-1} + l^2 P_{l-1}$$

$$P'_l = x P'_{l-1} + l P_{l-1}$$

or

$$P'_l - x P'_{l-1} = l P_{l-1}$$

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5.6

From 5.8b and 5.8c obtain 5.8d. Then differentiate 5.8d and eliminate  $P'_{l-1}$  using 5.8b. Your result should be the Legendre equation.

5.8b:  $x P'_l - P'_{l-1} = l P_l$

5.8c:  $P'_l - x P'_{l-1} = l P_{l-1}$

5.8d:  $(1-x^2) P'_l = l P_{l-1} - l x P_l$

multiply 5.8b by  $x$  and 5.8c - 5.8b leads to

$x^2 P'_l - x P'_{l-1} = x l P_l$

$P'_l - x P'_{l-1} = l P_{l-1}$

$(1-x^2) P'_l = l P_{l-1} - x l P_l$  which is 5.8d.

differentiate 5.8d, we get

$(1-x^2) P''_l + P'_l (-2x) = l P'_{l-1} - [x l P'_l + l P_l]$

$(1-x^2) P''_l - 2x P'_l = l P'_{l-1} - x l P'_l - l P_l$

eliminate  $P'_{l-1}$  in above equation by using 5.8b

from 5.8b,  $P'_{l-1} = x P'_l - l P_l$ . hence substitute in to get.

$(1-x^2) P''_l - 2x P'_l = l [x P'_l - l P_l] - x l P'_l - l P_l$

$(1-x^2) P''_l - 2x P'_l = l x P'_l - l^2 P_l - x l P'_l - l P_l$

$(1-x^2) P''_l - 2x P'_l + l(l+1) P_l = 0$  which is the Legendre equation.

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write 5.8c with  $l$  replaced by  $l+1$  and use it to eliminate the  $xP'_l$  term in 5.8b. you should get 5.8e.

$$5.8c: P'_l - xP'_{l-1} = lP_{l-1}$$

$$5.8b: xP'_l - P'_{l-1} = lP_l$$

$$5.8e: (2l+1)P_l = P'_{l+1} - P'_{l-1}$$

replace  $l$  with  $l+1$  in 5.8c, we get

$$P'_{l+1} - xP'_l = (l+1)P_l$$

$$\Rightarrow xP'_l = P'_{l+1} - (l+1)P_l \quad \checkmark \quad (1)$$

sub (1) into 5.8b

$$[P'_{l+1} - (l+1)P_l] - P'_{l-1} = lP_l$$

$$P'_{l+1} - (l+1)P_l - P'_{l-1} = lP_l \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'_{l+1} - P'_{l-1} &= lP_l + (l+1)P_l \\ &= lP_l + lP_l + P_l \\ &= 2lP_l + P_l \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P'_{l+1} - P'_{l-1} = P_l(2l+1)}$$

which is 5.8e.

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**5.11** express  $x-x^3$  as a linear combination of legendre polynomials.

$$f(x) = x - x^3$$

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$\text{so } P_3 = \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\frac{5}{2}x^3 = P_3 + \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\boxed{x^3 = \frac{2}{5}P_3 + \frac{3}{5}x}$$

$$\text{so } f(x) = x - \left[ \frac{2}{5}P_3 + \frac{3}{5}x \right] = -\frac{2}{5}P_3 + x - \frac{3}{5}x = -\frac{2}{5}P_3 + \frac{2}{5}x$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}(x - P_3) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

now  $P_1 = 1-x$  or  $x = 1 - P_1$

hence  $f(x) = \frac{2}{5}((1 - P_1) - P_3) = \frac{2}{5}(1 - P_1 - P_3)$

ie  $\boxed{x - x^3 = \frac{2}{5}(1 - P_1 - P_3)}$  oops.

now  $P_1 = x$ , hence from  $\textcircled{1}$  we set

$$\text{so } f(x) = \frac{2}{5}(P_1 - P_3)$$

$$\text{ie } \boxed{x - x^3 = \frac{2}{5}(P_1 - P_3)}$$