

## Homework 8

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The problems are relevant for the Final; they are not to be turned in.

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12.4.3, 12.5.14, 12.6.16, 12.11.11, 13.10.12, 13.10.21, 13.10.20

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HW #8

12.4.3

Find  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  from Rodrigues' formula.

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

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

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

$$(iii) P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2^2 2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x^2-1)^2 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 2} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2-1) 2x$$
$$= \frac{1}{4 \cdot 2} \cdot 2 \cdot [(x^2-1) + x(2x)]$$

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

$$(iv) P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (3[x^2-1] 2x) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ 6(x^2-1)^2 + 12(x^2-1) 2x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \left[ 24(x^2-1)x + 48x(x^2-1) + 48(x^2-1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8 \cdot 6} \left[ 168x^3 - 72x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [21x^3 - 9x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [7x^3 - 3x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3 3!} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left\{ 3(x^2-1)^2 2x \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{6}{2^3 3!} \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ (x^2-1)^2 + 2(x^2-1) 2x \right\}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2^3 3!} \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ (x^2-1)^2 + 4(x^2-x^2) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2^3 3!} \left\{ 2(x^2-1) 2x + 16x^3 - 8x \right\}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2^2 3!} \left\{ x^3 \left[ \frac{4+16}{4} \right] + x \left[ \frac{-4-8}{4} \right] \right\}$$

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

12.5.14

a polynomial,  $a_n y^n + b_{n-1} y^{n-1} + c_{n-2} y^{n-2} \dots + d y = 0$

can be written as a linear combination of Legendre polynomials w/order  $l \leq n$ .

a) Von Rodrigues' formula 
$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (y^2 - 1)^l$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (-1)^l \left[ (1 - y^2)^l \right]$$
$$= \frac{(-1)^l}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} \left[ 1 - 2ly^2 + \frac{l(l-1)}{2!} (-2y)^2 + \frac{l(l-1)(l-2)}{3!} (-2y^2)^3 + \dots \right]$$

polynomial of order  $2l$

$\Rightarrow P_l(x)$  will be a polynomial of order  $\frac{d^l}{dx^l} x^{2l} \approx x^l$

b) So, consider  $x^3$

$$(a) P_3 = \frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 3x) \rightarrow x^3 = \frac{(2P_3 + 3x)}{5}$$
$$= \left( \frac{2P_3 + 3P_1}{5} \right)$$

(iii) Similarly, we can construct any series of Legendre polynomials to describe any arbitrary polynomial of order  $n$  using  $P_l$  where  $l \leq n$ .

12-6-16

a mystery to me at this point



12-11-11

solve  $36x^2 y'' + (5-9x^2)y = 0$  by series method (Frobenius)

obey, let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k}$

$$\rightarrow 36x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n (n+k)(n+k-1) x^{n+k-2}) + (5-9x^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k} = 0$$

~~find two w/ smallest powers of  $x^k$~~

~~$n=0 \rightarrow k=2$~~

$$36 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+k)(n+k-1) x^{n+k} + 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k} - 9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k+2} = 0$$

look at case when  $n=0$  & lowest power of  $x^k$  term

(i)  $x^k (36a_0 k(k-1) + 5a_0)$  must sum to 0, in general

$$\Rightarrow a_0 [5 + 36k(k-1)] = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_0 = 0 \text{ or } 36k^2 - 36k + 5 = 0$$

$$k = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{5}{9}}}{2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{6}$$

(ii)  $x^{k+1} (36a_1 (k+1)k + 5a_1) = 0$

$$\hookrightarrow a_1 [5 + 36k(k+1)] = 0, a_1 = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$36k^2 + 36k + 5 = 0, k^2 + k + \frac{5}{36} = 0$$

$$k = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{20}{9}}}{2} = -\frac{1}{6} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6}$$

form recurrence relation for  $a_n$

$$\rightarrow 36 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} (n+k+2)(n+k+1) x^{n+k+2} + 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k} - 9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+k+2}$$

$n=0$  b/c  $n=0, 1$  do not survive  
 $y'' \rightarrow$  series actually starts w/2.

But re-define series to start at  $n=0$ , b/c change  $n \rightarrow n+2$  in series

(i) now, gather terms w/ powers  $x^{n+k+2}$ ,

$$(36 a_{n+2} (n+k+2)(n+k+1) + 5 a_{n+2} - 9 a_n) x^{n+k+2}$$

↑ again, ( ) term  $\rightarrow 0$ , in general

$$a_{n+2} [36(n+k+2)(n+k+1) + 5] - 9 a_n = 0$$

$$\frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} = \frac{9}{36(n+k+1)(n+k+2) + 5}$$

(ii) for case  $k = +\frac{1}{6} \rightarrow \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} = \frac{9}{36(n+\frac{7}{6})(n+\frac{13}{6}) + 5}$   
 $(\rightarrow a_1 = 0)$

$$= \frac{9}{36(n^2 + \frac{10}{3}n + \frac{91}{36}) + 5}$$

$$= \frac{9}{36n^2 + 120n + 91 + 5}$$

$$= \frac{9}{36n^2 + 120n + 96}$$

$$= \frac{3}{12n^2 + 40n + 32}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4(3n^2 + 10n + 8)}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} = \frac{3}{4(3n+4)(n+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\frac{1}{6}} = x^{\frac{1}{6}} [a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + \dots]$$

$$= x^{\frac{1}{6}} \left[ a_0 + \frac{3}{32} a_0 x^2 + \frac{9}{5120} a_0 x^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$y_1 = a_0 x^{\frac{1}{6}} \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{32} x^2 + \frac{9}{5120} x^4 + \dots \right]$$

(iii) for case  $k = -\frac{1}{6} \rightarrow \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} = \frac{9}{36(n+\frac{5}{6})(n+\frac{11}{36})+5}$   
 $(\rightarrow a_0 = 0)$

$$= \frac{9}{36(n+\frac{5}{6})(n+\frac{11}{36})+5}$$

$$= \frac{9}{36n^2 + 9n + 55 + 5}$$

$$= \frac{9}{6[6n^2 + 6n + 10]}$$

$$= \frac{9}{12[3n^2 + 18n + 10]}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} = \frac{3}{4(3n+1)(n+5)}$$



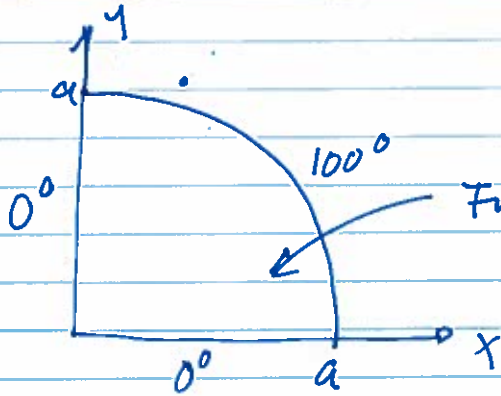
$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ \text{odd}}}^{\infty} a_n X^{n-\frac{1}{6}} = X^{-\frac{1}{6}} [a_1 + a_3 X^3 + a_5 X^5 + \dots]$$

$$= X^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left[ a_1 + \frac{3}{32} a_1 X^3 + \frac{3}{10,240} a_1 X^5 + \dots \right]$$

$$y_2 = X^{-\frac{1}{6}} a_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{32} X^3 + \frac{3}{10,240} X^5 + \dots \right]$$

Other cases add no new information; we have two independent solutions,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  defined by the arbitrary constants  $a_0$  &  $a_1$

13.10.12



Find  $T(r, \theta)$  inside circle

$$\nabla^2 T = \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right) T = 0$$

Use cylindrical coordinates (sorry)

let  $T(r, \theta) = f(r)g(\theta)$

$$\rightarrow g(\theta) \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right] f + f \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} g = 0$$

$$\underbrace{r \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right)}_{+m^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} g}_{-m^2} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow g = g_0 \cos m\theta + g_1 \sin m\theta$$

$$\rightarrow r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) = m^2 f$$

let  $f = ar^b \Rightarrow r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r a b r^{b-1}] = m^2 a r^b$

$$r a b (b) r^{b-1} = m^2 a r^b$$

$$a r^b [m^2 - a b^2] = 0$$

$$\rightarrow m = \pm b$$

$\Rightarrow$  general solution is  $T(r, \theta) = \left( a_0 r^b + \frac{a_1}{r^b} \right) (g_0 \cos m\theta + g_1 \sin m\theta)$

at  $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, T \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow q_0 = 0, m \frac{\pi}{2} = n\pi$

$$m = \frac{2n}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(r, \theta) = \left( a_0 r^b + \frac{a_1}{r^b} \right) q_n \sin\left(\frac{2n}{4} \theta\right)$$

we want  $T(r, \theta)$  well-behaved at  $r=0 \rightarrow a_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow T(r, \theta) = C_n r^{2n} \sin(2n\theta)$$

at  $r=a, T(a, \theta) = 100$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n a^{2n} \sin(2n\theta)$$

find  $C_n$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} 100 \sin(2n'\theta) d\theta = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n a^{2n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(2n\theta) \sin(2n'\theta) d\theta$$

$$-\frac{100}{2n'} \cos(2n'\theta) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n a^{2n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(2n\theta) \sin(2n'\theta) d\theta$$

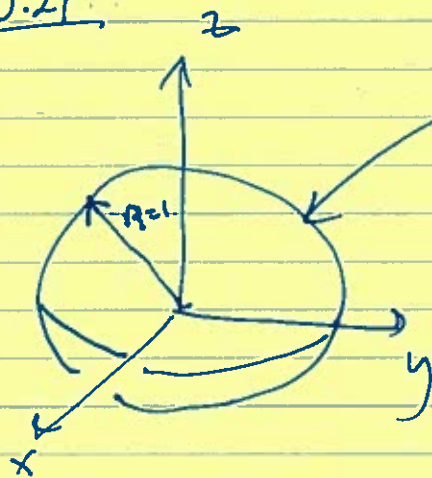
$$\rightarrow \frac{200}{2n'}, n \text{ odd} = \frac{\pi}{4} a^{2n} C_n \delta_{nn'}$$

$$\rightarrow C_n = \frac{400}{\pi n a^{2n}}$$

$$\text{sol } T(r, \theta) = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ \text{odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{400}{\pi n a^{2n}} r^{2n} \sin(2n\theta)$$



13.10.21



$$u = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^3 \theta, \text{ find } u(r, \theta) \text{ for } r < 1$$

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( a_l r^l + \frac{b_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

for axisymmetric solution

a) BCs in that  $u = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^3 \theta$  at  $r=1$

a) express in series of Legendre polynomials

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2}(5\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta) \quad \text{b/c } u = \cos^3 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = \cos^3 \theta + 1 - \cos^2 \theta$$

and we need up to  $P_3$

$$(i) 2P_3(\theta) = 5\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta \rightarrow \cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{5}(2P_3 + 3\cos \theta)$$

$$P_1(\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(2P_3 + 3P_1)$$

$$(ii) 2P_2 = 3\cos^2 \theta - 1 \xrightarrow{\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}(2P_2 + 1)} = \frac{1}{3}(2P_2 - P_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \cos^3 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{5}(2P_3 + 3P_1) + P_0 - \left( \frac{2P_2 - P_0}{3} \right)$$

$$u(r=1) = \frac{2}{5}P_3 - \frac{2}{3}P_2 + \frac{3}{5}P_1 + \frac{2}{3}P_0$$



b) we don't want to blow up at  $r=0 \rightarrow b_\ell = 0$   
ad so

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_\ell r^\ell P_\ell(\theta)$$

c) determine  $a_\ell$  from BCs, where

$$u(r=1, \theta) = \frac{2}{5} P_3 - \frac{2}{3} P_2 + \frac{3}{5} P_1 + \frac{2}{3} P_0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{2}{5}, a_2 = -\frac{2}{3}, a_1 = \frac{3}{5}, a_0 = \frac{2}{3}$$

ad all other  $a_\ell = 0$

$$\Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5} r P_1(\theta) - \frac{2}{3} r^2 P_2(\theta) + \frac{2}{5} r^3 P_3(\theta)$$