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2.)

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) P_\ell'(x) \right] + \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - (1-x^2)^{-1} \right] P_\ell(x) = 0$$

$$= P_m(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) P_\ell'(x) \right] - P_\ell(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) P_m'(x) \right]$$

$$+ P_m(x) P_\ell(x) \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - \cancel{(1-x^2)^{-1}} - m(m+1) \oplus \oplus \cancel{(1-x^2)^{-1}} \right] = 0$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) (P_m(x) P_\ell'(x) - P_\ell(x) P_m'(x)) \right]$$

$$+ P_m(x) P_\ell(x) \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - m(m+1) \right] = 0$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) (P_m(x) P_\ell'(x) - P_\ell(x) P_m'(x))$$

$$+ \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - m(m+1) \right] \int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_\ell(x) dx = 0$$

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2.) cont.

$$= [l(l+1) - m(m+1)] \int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_l(x) dx = 0$$

$$\text{iff } m \neq l \quad \int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_l(x) dx = 0$$

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5.) using 7.1

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_0(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{when } l \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } P_0(x) = 1$$

$$\text{thus } \int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) \cdot 1 dx = 0 \quad \text{when } l \neq 0$$

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$$4.) e^{-\frac{x^2}{a}} \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\int_{-p}^p e^{-\frac{x^2}{a}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{a}} dx = \int_{-p}^p e^{-x^2} dx = N^a$$

$$\text{let } I = \int_{-p}^p e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$\text{look at } I^2 = \int_{-p}^p e^{-x^2} dx \int_{-p}^p e^{-y^2} dy = \int_{-p}^p \int_{-p}^p e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^p \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^p e^{-r^2} r dr$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot \frac{-1}{2} \int_0^p e^u du = -\pi(-1) \cdot \pi$$

$$\text{thus } I^2 = \pi$$

$$\text{so } I = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\text{so } N = \pi^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\text{and } f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{a}}$$

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5.)

$$f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l P_l(x)$$

$$C_l = \left( \frac{2l+1}{2} \right) \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_l(x) dx$$

since  $f(x)$  is an even function

$C_l = 0$  when  $l$  is odd

$$C_0 = \left( \frac{2 \cdot 0 + 1}{2} \right) \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cdot 1 dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \int_0^1 (-x+1) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 -\frac{x^2}{2} + x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_2 = \left( \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 1}{2} \right) \cdot 2 \int_0^1 (-x+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (3x^2-1) dx = \frac{5}{2} \int_0^1 (-3x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 1) dx$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \int_0^1 -3 \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{3x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} - x = \frac{5}{2} \left( -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{4} + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{4}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{4} = -\frac{5}{8}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} P_0(x) - \frac{5}{8} P_2(x) + \dots$$

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16.)

$$f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l p_l(x)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 p_m(x) f(x) dx = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \int_{-1}^1 p_l(x) p_m(x) dx$$

use the fact that  $\int_{-1}^1 p_l(x) p_m(x) dx = \delta_{lm}$

$$\int_{-1}^1 p_m(x) f(x) dx = c_m$$

so up to  $l=2$

$$f(x) = c_0 p_0(x) + c_1 p_1(x) + c_2 p_2(x) \quad \text{with } c_l = \int_{-1}^1 p_l(x) f(x) dx$$

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16.) cont.

$$I = \int_{-1}^1 [f - (b_0 p_0 + b_1 p_1 + b_2 p_2)]^2 dx$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 (f^2 - 2b_0 p_0 f - 2b_1 p_1 f - 2b_2 p_2 f$$

$$+ b_0^2 p_0^2 + b_1^2 p_1^2 + b_2^2 p_2^2$$

$$+ 2b_0 b_1 p_0 p_1 + 2b_0 b_2 p_0 p_2 + 2b_1 b_2 p_1 p_2) dx$$

- use the fact that  $\int_{-1}^1 p_\ell p_m dx = \delta_{\ell m}$

$$- \text{and } c_\ell = \int_{-1}^1 f p_\ell dx$$

$$I = \int f^2 dx - 2(b_0 c_0 + b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2) + b_0^2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2$$
$$+ (c_0^2 + c_1^2 + c_2^2) - (c_0^2 - c_1^2 - c_2^2)$$

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14) cont. a

$$I = \int f^2 dx + (b_0 - c_0)^2 + (b_1 - c_1)^2 + (b_2 - c_2)^2 - (c_0^2 - c_1^2 - c_2^2)$$

to make  $I$  as small as possible with respect to  $b_0, b_1, b_2$

we need only to look at  $(b_0 - c_0)^2 + (b_1 - c_1)^2 + (b_2 - c_2)^2$

this is always  $\geq 0$

the smallest it can be is 0 and this occurs when

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= c_0 \\ b_1 &= c_1 \\ b_2 &= c_2 \end{aligned}$$

this can be easily be done for higher polynomials also

with  $f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n c_l p_l(x)$ ,  $c_l = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) p_l(x) dx$ , and

the polynomial of degree  $n = \sum_{l=0}^n b_l p_l(x)$

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$$1) (1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] y = 0$$

$$y = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} u$$

$$y' = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} u' + \frac{m}{2} u (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \cdot (-2x)$$

$$y'' = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} u'' + \frac{m}{2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} u' \cdot (-2x) + \frac{m}{2} u' \cdot (-2x) (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \\ - 2 \frac{m}{2} u (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - (2x) \frac{m}{2} u \left( \frac{m}{2}-1 \right) (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} \cdot (-2x)$$

$$(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}+1} u'' - m u' x (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} - m u' x (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}}$$

$$- m u (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} + 2x^2 u m \left( \frac{m}{2}-1 \right) (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1}$$

$$- 2x u' (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} + 2x^2 m u (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1}$$

$$+ \left[ \ell(\ell+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} u = 0$$



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1. cont.

$$(1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} u'' - 2m u' x (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} - 2x (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} u'$$

$$- m u (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} + \cancel{x^2} u \left( \frac{m^2 - 2m}{x} \right) (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$+ 2x^2 u m \cancel{(1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}-1}} + \ell(\ell+1) (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} u$$

$$- m^2 (1-x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} u = 0$$

$$(1-x^2) u'' - 2x u' (n+1) - m u + x^2 u m^2 (1-x^2)^{-1}$$

$$+ \ell(\ell+1) u - m^2 (1-x^2)^{-1} u = 0$$

$$(1-x^2) u'' - 2(n+1) x u' + [\ell(\ell+1) - n(n+1)] u = 0$$

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1. cont. ...

$$\left( (1-x^2)u'' \right)' = (1-x^2)'u'' + (1-x^2)u'''$$

$$= \underline{-2xu''} + (1-x^2)u'''$$

$$-2(m+1)(xu')' = \underline{-2(m+1)u' - 2(m+1)xu''}$$

so

$$\left[ (1-x^2)u''' - 2(m+2)xu'' + [l(l+1) - (m+1)(m+2)]u' \right] = 0$$

Section 10

2. If  $x = \cos \theta$ , then by the chain rule (text, Chapter 4, Section 5)

$$(1) \quad \frac{df}{d\theta} = \frac{df}{dx} \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta \frac{df}{dx} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{df}{d\theta} = -\frac{df}{dx}.$$

Write the first term of the given differential equation as

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[ (\sin^2 \theta) \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right].$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{dy}{d\theta} = -\frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} [ \quad ] = -\frac{d}{dx} [ \quad ].$$

Also replace  $\sin^2 \theta$  by  $1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - x^2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[ (\sin^2 \theta) \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right] &= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1 - x^2) \left( -\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1 - x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &= (1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy'. \end{aligned}$$

These are the first two terms of text equation (10.1). The rest of the terms are the same as text equation (10.1) if we replace  $\sin^2 \theta$  by  $(1 - x^2)$  as above.

$$\frac{d^l}{dx^l} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x-a) dx \right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta^{(l)}(x-a) dx$$

$$\frac{d^l}{dx^l} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x-a) dx \right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta^{(l)}(x-a) dx$$

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7) cont.

$$= \binom{l+m}{m} D^m (x-1)^l D^l (x-1)^m$$

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$$\binom{l+m}{l} D^l (x-1)^l D^m (x-1)^m$$

$$= \frac{(l+m)!}{m! l!} \frac{l!}{(l-m)!} (x+1)^{l-m} l!$$

+

$$\frac{(l+m)!}{(m+1)! (l-1)!} \frac{l!}{(l-m-1)!} (x+1)^{l-m} \frac{l!}{1!} (x-1)^1$$

+

$$\frac{(l+m)!}{(m+2)! (l-2)!} \frac{l!}{(l-m-2)!} (x-1)^2$$

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1. roots

$$f(x) = (x-1)^m (x+1)^n$$

$$= (x-1)^m (x+1)^n$$

$$(x-1)^m (x+1)^n = \frac{(x^2-1)^{m+n}}{(x-1)^{n-m}}$$

Let  $n > m$

$$= \frac{(x^2-1)^{m+n}}{(x-1)^{n-m}}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-1)^{m+n}}{(x-1)^{n-m}}$$

+

$$= \frac{(x^2-1)^{m+n}}{(x-1)^{n-m}}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-1)^{m+n}}{(x-1)^{n-m}}$$

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8.)

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

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

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

$$= (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} C_2^l(x)$$

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Section 11

4. Substitute text equations (11.3) into  $x^2y'' - 6y = 0$  and tabulate powers of  $x$  as follows:

|          |             |             |     |                   |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-----|-------------------|
|          | $x^s$       | $x^{s+1}$   | ... | $x^{n+s}$         |
| $x^2y''$ | $s(s-1)a_0$ | $(s+1)sa_1$ |     | $(n+s)(n+s-1)a_n$ |
| $-6y$    | $-6a_0$     | $-6a_1$     |     | $-6a_n$           |

Each column (coefficients of a power of  $x$ ) must add to zero. Thus the indicial equation (first column) gives

$$s^2 - s - 6 = 0, \quad (s-3)(s+2) = 0, \quad s = 3 \text{ or } s = -2.$$

For  $s = 3$ , we find from the second column,  $a_1 = 0$ . Similarly, from the  $x^{n+s}$  column, we find

$$[(n+3)(n+2) - 6]a_n = (n^2 + 5n)a_n = 0$$

so  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n \neq 0$ . The solution corresponding to  $s = 3$  is just  $a_0x^3 = a_0x^3$ , or

$$y = Ax^3.$$

For  $s = -2$ , we also find  $a_n = 0$ ,  $n \neq 0$  (verify this), so the corresponding solution is  $y = Bx^{-2}$ , and the general solution of the given differential equation is

$$y = Ax^3 + Bx^{-2}.$$

(Note that the given differential equation is an Euler or Cauchy equation and so can also be solved as on page 378 of the text.)

14. Hint: Look at the second column of your tabulation of coefficients. What is  $b_1$ ? Compare the corresponding equation for  $a_1$ .