

Find Boas

2 goals:

- ⊙ separable DE's
- ⊙ separable DE's = 0 w/ coefficients

last time: $y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$ try $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$

gave recurrence relation: $c_{n+2} (n+2)(n+1) + \omega^2 c_n = 0$

$$c_{n+2} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$c_{0+2} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_0}{(0+1)(0+2)} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_0}{2} = c_2$$

$$c_{1+2} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_1}{(1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_1}{6} = c_3$$

$$c_{2+2} = \frac{-\omega^2 c_2}{(2+1)(2+2)} = \frac{-\omega^2}{12} c_2 = (-\omega^2)^2 \frac{c_0}{4!} = c_4$$

$$c_5 = \dots = (-\omega^2)^2 \frac{c_1}{5!} = c_5$$

$$c_n \begin{cases} n \text{ even} & (-\omega^2)^{n/2} \frac{c_0}{n!} \\ n \text{ odd} & (-\omega^2)^{(n-1)/2} \frac{c_1}{n!} \end{cases}$$

$$y(x) = c_0 \sum_{n \text{ even}} (-\omega^2)^{n/2} \frac{x^n}{n!} + c_1 \sum_{n \text{ odd}} (-\omega^2)^{(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow c_0 \sum_{n \text{ even}} (-1)^{n/2} \frac{(\omega x)^n}{n!} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{c_1}{\omega} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} (-1)^{(n-1)/2} \frac{(\omega x)^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

flips: one positive one negative

$$= c_0 \cos(\omega x) + \frac{c_1}{\omega} \sin(\omega x)$$

Legendre's Eqⁿ

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notice $\nabla^2 \varphi(x \equiv \cos \theta) = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 \varphi}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \right]$

Legendre's eqⁿ: $(1-x^2)y''(x) - 2xy'(x) + \boxed{l(l+1)y} = 0$

invent new infinite series sum fn's

try $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$

$$0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[(1-x^2)c_n n(n-1)x^{n-2} - 2x c_n n x^{n-1} + l(l+1)c_n x^n \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[n(n-1)c_n x^{n-2} - (n(n-1)c_n + 2n c_n - l(l+1)c_n)x^n \right]$$

when $n=0,1$, sums zero, can shift $m=n-2$ $m+2=n$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[(m+2)(m+1)c_{m+2} x^m \right] - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[(n(n-1) + 2n - l(l+1))c_n x^n \right]$$

combine

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[(m+2)(m+1)c_{m+2} - (m(m+1) - l(l+1))c_m \right] x^m$$

must = 0

Recursion:

$$c_{m+2} = \frac{m(m+1) - l(l+1)}{(m+2)(m+1)} c_m$$

series converges for $|x| < 1$

if $l = \text{integer} \geq 0 \rightarrow c_{l+2} = 0$ series stop

Defines some new fn's \rightarrow Legendre Polynomials

$$P_l(x = \cos \theta)$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

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

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

the $P_l(x)$ form a complete expansion basis:

$$\text{any } f(x = \cos \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l P_l(x)$$

$l(l+1)y(x)$ term results from a "eigenvalue" situation

PHB Ch 12 $\mathcal{L} \equiv (1-x^2) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{d}{dx}$

Legendre DE. $\mathcal{L}[y(x)] = -l(l+1)y(x)$

if solⁿ's of \uparrow form an expansion basis $F_l(x)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l F_l(x)$$

then solⁿ's of DE $\mathcal{L}[y(x)] = f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l F_l(x)$

Orthogonality

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \overset{\text{Legendre}}{\underbrace{P_m(x) \cdot P_n(x)}} \propto \underbrace{\delta_{mn}}_{\text{Kronecker Delta}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ 1 & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$$

compare to $\int_0^{2\pi} \begin{matrix} \cos(m\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta \\ \sin(m\theta) \sin(n\theta) \\ \cos(m\theta) \cos(n\theta) \end{matrix}$