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**Homework-1**

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1. (a) Evaluate (i)  $\nabla e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$ , (ii)  $\nabla \left( \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)$  and (iii)  $\nabla \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})$ .  
(b) Evaluate (i)  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}})$  and (ii)  $\nabla \times (\mathbf{a} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}})$ .  
(c) Evaluate (i)  $\nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)$  and (ii)  $\nabla^2 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)$ .

Here  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are constant vectors. Also,  $\lambda$  is a constant.

2. Show that the gradient operator in spherical coordinates is

$$\nabla = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}.$$

Calculate  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = \nabla^2 f$ . Note: The partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$  in the left-hand  $\nabla$  operator act on the unit vectors  $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$  of right-hand  $\nabla$  operator.

3. Show that the angular momentum operator  $\mathbf{L} = -i\hbar[\mathbf{r} \times \nabla]$  in spherical coordinates is

$$\mathbf{L} = -i\hbar \left[ -\hat{\theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right].$$

Obtain the form of  $\mathbf{L}$  at the equator from the above expression.

4. The kinetic momentum of a particle with charge  $q > 0$  and mass  $m$  in presence of the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{\Pi} = (-i\hbar \nabla - q\mathbf{A})$ . Here  $\mathbf{A}$  is the vector potential corresponding to the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ .

(a) Show that  $\mathbf{\Pi} \times \mathbf{\Pi} = i\hbar q \mathbf{B}$  and the commutator  $[\Pi_x, \Pi_y] = i\hbar q B$ , without choosing any specific form of the vector potential.

(b1) Find a symmetric form of  $\mathbf{A}$  for  $\mathbf{B} = B\hat{z}$ . Check that  $\mathbf{A}$  is divergenceless.

(b2) Calculate the line integral  $\int_{\mathbf{r}_1}^{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  along the straight line joining between  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$  points and show that its value is the magnetic flux passing through the triangle spanned by the vectors  $\mathbf{r}_1 = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = x_2\hat{i} + y_2\hat{j}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$ .

(b3) Show that

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{\Pi}^2}{2m} = \frac{\mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{\Pi}}{2m} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{qB}{2m} L_z + \frac{q^2 B^2}{8m} (x^2 + y^2)$$

with  $L_z = -i\hbar(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$  is the angular momentum operator.

5. Sketch the following functions:

$$(i) \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \tanh(x/\epsilon), \quad (ii) \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x/\epsilon)}{\pi x}, \quad (iii) \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\epsilon/\pi}{x^2 + \epsilon^2}.$$

6. Sketch the Fermi-Dirac distribution function and its derivative:

$$f(E) = \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} + 1},$$

where  $\mu$  is a real constant. Express  $f(E)$  in terms of the unit step function as  $T \rightarrow 0$ . Express  $f'(E) = \frac{\partial f(E)}{\partial E}$  in terms of the Dirac delta function as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

7. Evaluate the following integral:

$$D(E) = \int_V \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \delta\left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\right).$$

Here  $k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$  is three-dimensional wavevector. The final result will give you the density of states of a free electron with mass  $m$ .

8. Evaluate the following integral:

$$D(E) = \int_S \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2} \delta\left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - \alpha k\right).$$

Here  $\alpha$  is a constant having suitable dimension and  $k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$  is two-dimensional wavevector.

9. Find the points  $x_n$ , the range of values of the summation index  $n$  and the coefficients  $c_n$  in the following expansion

$$\delta(\sin x - \cos x) = \sum_n c_n \delta(x - x_n). \quad (1)$$

Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-|x|} \delta(\sin x).$$

10. Show that

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 4\pi \delta^3(\mathbf{r}).$$

Evaluate the following volume integral using (i) direct integration and (ii) using the above result:

$$J = \int_V e^{-r} \left[ \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) \right] d\tau,$$

where  $V$  is a sphere of radius  $R$ , centered at origin. Try to understand role of the auxiliary function  $e^{-r}$  in the integrand.

[Hints: In direct integration, use  $\nabla \cdot (f\mathbf{A}) = f\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla f$  and Gauss divergence theorem. Here  $f \equiv f(\mathbf{r})$  is a scalar function.]

11. Show that

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\rho} \right) = 2\pi \delta^2(\boldsymbol{\rho}),$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\rho} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$ .

Evaluate the following surface integral using (i) direct integration and (ii) using the above result:

$$J = \int_S e^{-\rho} \left[ \nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\rho} \right) \right] \cdot d\mathbf{a},$$

where  $S$  is a circular disk of radius  $R$ , centered at origin. Try to understand role of the auxiliary function  $e^{-\rho}$  in the integrand.

[Hints: In direct integration, use  $\nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{A} + f\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  and Stokes theorem.]

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**Homework-2**

1. Consider the following set of vectors:

$$|\eta_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, |\eta_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\eta_3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that  $|\eta_k\rangle$  are linearly independent.
  - (b) Construct orthonormal basis vectors  $|v_k\rangle$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ) from the three vectors  $|\eta_k\rangle$  using the Gram-Schmidt procedure.
  - (c) Check that orthonormal basis vectors satisfy the completeness relation.
  - (d) Construct the projection operator  $P_k = |v_k\rangle\langle v_k|$ .
2. In a real  $n$ -dimensional LVS, consider the vectors  $|v_k\rangle$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3 \dots n$ ) are given by

$$|v_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |v_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots |v_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Does the  $\{|v_k\rangle\}$  form a basis in the space?

Construct a vector  $|\psi\rangle$  in terms of  $|v_k\rangle$  such that  $\langle v_k|\psi\rangle = 1$  for all  $k$ .

3. Verify that

$$[\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}] = 2i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \quad (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = 2\hat{\mathbf{n}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

Here  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is the radial unit vector.

4. (a) Prove that

$$(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{A})(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}).$$

Evaluate (i)  $(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla)^2$  and (ii)  $(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})^l$  with  $l = 2, 3, 4$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  being the unit radial vector.

(b) Show that the Pauli Hamiltonian

$$H_P = \frac{[\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - q\mathbf{A})]^2}{2m}$$

is simplified to

$$H_P = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - q\mathbf{A})^2}{2m} - \frac{q\hbar}{2m} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}.$$

Here  $\mathbf{p} = -i\hbar\nabla$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ , charge  $q$  and mass  $m$ .

Observe that the last term of the above Hamiltonian is the Zeeman coupling.

(c) Consider  $V(\mathbf{r}) = 1/r$  and  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$  is a wave function. Show that

$$[\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla V(\mathbf{r})][\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \psi(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{dV(\mathbf{r})}{dr} \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV(\mathbf{r})}{dr} \right) (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}) \psi(\mathbf{r}).$$

Here  $\mathbf{L} = -i\hbar(\mathbf{r} \times \nabla)$  and  $\mathbf{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ .

Observe that the second term on the right hand side of the above expression is proportional to the spin-orbit coupling  $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$ : a coupling between electrons's orbital angular momentum  $\mathbf{L}$  with its own spin angular momentum  $\mathbf{S}$ .

5. (a) Show that the spin rotation operator  $U(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta)$  around any arbitrary direction  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  can be simplified as

$$U(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = e^{\pm i(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \frac{\theta}{2}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \pm i(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \sin \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

Replacing  $\theta \rightarrow (-i\theta)$  in the above result, find the compact expression of  $V(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) \equiv U(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, -i\theta) = e^{\pm i(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \frac{\theta}{2}}$ .

(b) Show that the Pauli vector  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  transforms under the spin rotation operator  $U(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta)$  as

$$U^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} U = \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} - i \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} [\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}] + (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \boldsymbol{\sigma} (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

(c) Using the results of Problem 3, show that the above expression simplifies further as given by

$$U^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} U = \cos \theta \boldsymbol{\sigma} + (1 - \cos \theta)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \hat{\mathbf{n}} - \sin \theta (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}).$$

6. Simplify  $U_x = e^{i\sigma_x \theta/2}$  without expanding the exponential of the matrix  $A = i\sigma_x \theta/2$ . Instead, use  $e^A = P e^D P^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix contains eigenvalues of  $A = i\sigma_x \theta/2$  and the matrix  $P$  diagonalizes the matrix  $A$  such that  $P^{-1}P = PP^{-1} = I$ . You will be able to recover the known result.
7. Show that under the unitary rotation operator

$$U = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_z} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_y},$$

the Pauli matrices transform as

$$\sigma_x \rightarrow -\sigma_y, \quad \sigma_y \rightarrow -\sigma_x, \quad \sigma_z \rightarrow -\sigma_z,$$

Note that the rotation operator  $U$  is a product of two rotation operators. First, rotation around  $y$  axis through an angle  $\pi$  and then followed by another rotation around  $z$  axis through an angle  $\pi/2$ .

8. **Markov matrix:** A square matrix with non-negative elements such that sum of elements of each column vector or row vector is always 1. This is also known as stochastic matrix. One of the eigenvalues of a Markov matrix is always 1 and rest of the eigenvalues ( $\lambda$ ) will be  $-1 \leq \lambda \leq +1$ . A simple example is the Pauli matrix  $\sigma_x$ .

Consider the following Markov matrix:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 1-a & 1-b \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ .

(a) Express  $M$  in terms of  $\sigma_0, \sigma_x, \sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$ .

(b) Express  $M$  in terms of the four operators  $|0\rangle\langle 0|, |1\rangle\langle 0|, |0\rangle\langle 1|$  and  $|1\rangle\langle 1|$ . Here,  $|0\rangle = (1 \ 0)^T$  and  $|1\rangle = (0 \ 1)^T$  with  $T$  being the transpose operation.

(c) Show that the eigenvalues of  $M$  are  $\lambda_+ = (a - b)$  and  $\lambda_- = 1$ . It can be easily checked that  $|\lambda_+| < 1$ . Show that the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$|v_+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |v_-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{b}{1-a} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(d) Are the vectors  $|v_\pm\rangle$  linearly independent? If so, check if they are orthogonal to each other or not. If not, make them orthonormal vectors using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization method.

9. The model Hamiltonian for a **generic two-level Dirac system** can be written as

$$H = d_0 \sigma_0 + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{d}.$$

Here  $\sigma_0$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sigma_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \sigma_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \sigma_z \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ , and  $\mathbf{d} = d_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + d_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + d_z \hat{\mathbf{k}}$  is a constant vector. Parameterizing components of  $\mathbf{d}$  as  $d_x = d \sin \theta \cos \phi$ ,  $d_y = d \sin \theta \sin \phi$  and  $d_z = d \cos \theta$  with  $d = |\mathbf{d}|$ .

(a) Show that the eigenvalues are  $E_\pm = d_0 \pm d$  and the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$|\chi_+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}; \quad |\chi_-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that eigenvectors do not depend on  $d_0$  and  $|\mathbf{d}|$ .

(b) Write down the projection operators  $P_\pm = |\chi_\pm\rangle\langle\chi_\pm|$ . Show that  $(P_\pm)^2 = P_\pm$  and  $P_+ P_- = 0$ . Check that the vectors satisfy the completeness relation i.e  $P_+ + P_- = \sigma_0$ .

(c) Defining  $\mathbf{A}_\pm = i\langle\chi_\pm|\nabla_{\mathbf{d}}|\chi_\pm\rangle$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{A}_+ = -\frac{1}{2d} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}, \quad \mathbf{A}_- = +\frac{1}{2d} \cot\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

(d) Defining  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_\pm = \nabla_{\mathbf{d}} \times \mathbf{A}_\pm$ . Show that

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_\pm = \mp \frac{\mathbf{d}}{2d^3}.$$

10. The **Hadamard matrix** is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix};$$

This matrix represents a quantum logic gate, or simply quantum gate. This quantum gate is very popular in the study of quantum computation and quantum information processing.

(a) Express  $H$  in terms of the Pauli matrices.

(b) Express  $H$  in terms of the four operators  $|0\rangle\langle 0|$ ,  $|1\rangle\langle 0|$ ,  $|0\rangle\langle 1|$  and  $|1\rangle\langle 1|$ . Here,  $|0\rangle = (1\ 0)^T$  and  $|1\rangle = (0\ 1)^T$  with  $T$  being the transpose operation.

(c) Show that the eigenvalues are  $\epsilon_{\pm} = \pm 1$  and the corresponding eigenvectors can be expressed as

$$|\chi_+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \end{pmatrix}; \quad |\chi_-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\pi}{8} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(d) Find  $e^{\phi H}$  using two different methods: (i) Expand  $e^{\phi H}$  and sum the series, and (ii)  $e^A = Pe^DP^{-1}$ , where  $P$  is the transformation matrix which diagonalizes the matrix  $A = \phi H$  and  $D$  is diagonal matrix contains the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(e) Replace  $\phi \rightarrow i\phi$  in the above result and evaluate  $e^{i\phi H}$ .

11. (a) If  $M$  is the  $(n \times n)$  matrix with each element  $M_{jk} = 1$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ). Find  $e^M$  and  $e^{iM}$ . [Hints: Calculate  $M^2$  and relate with  $M$ .]

(b) A matrix  $M$  is given as

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

Find  $e^M$  and its eigenvalues. [Hints: Calculate  $M^2, M^3, M^4$  etc.]

12. The finite-angle rotation matrices around  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes, respectively, are given as

$$R_x(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_y(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_z(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Consider  $R_j(\phi)$  with  $k = x, y, z$  and obtain the corresponding matrices for an infinitesimal rotation  $\delta\phi$  about  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes, respectively. Writing these as  $R_k(\delta\phi) = [I + i\delta\phi J_k]$  and identify the generators  $J_x$ ,  $J_y$  and  $J_z$ .

(b) A finite-angle rotation  $\phi$  can be generated by considering  $n$  successive infinitesimal rotation  $\delta\phi$  such that  $\delta\phi = \phi/n$  with  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that

$$R_k(\phi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [R_k(\delta\phi)]^n = e^{i\phi J_k}.$$

(c) Show that the generators satisfy the following commutation relation:

$$[J_k, J_l] = i\epsilon_{klm}J_m.$$

(d) Expand  $e^{i\phi J_k}$  and sum the exponential series. Verify that they correctly reproduce the finite-angle rotation operators  $R_k(\phi)$  as given above.

(e) Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of  $R_j(\phi)$  with  $j = x, y, z$ .

13. The angular momentum operators in quantum mechanics are the differential operators acting on some function  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$L_x = -i\hbar \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right); \quad L_y = -i\hbar \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right); \quad L_z = -i\hbar \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right).$$

Show that

$$[L_k, L_l] = i\epsilon_{klm}L_m.$$

The differential form of the angular momentum operators in quantum mechanics are the generators of the group of rotations in three dimensions.

14. **Non-Hermitian matrix and its physical realization:** There are many physical systems described by non-Hermitian Hamiltonians.

Consider a model non-Hermitian matrix:

$$H = a\sigma_0 + b\sigma_x + ig\sigma_z.$$

Here  $a, b$  and  $g$  are three real parameters.

- (a) Show that the eigenvalues are  $\epsilon_{\pm} = +a \pm \sqrt{b^2 - g^2}$ . and the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$|\chi_{\pm}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} ig \pm \sqrt{b^2 - g^2} \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that  $\epsilon_{\pm}$  are purely real for  $b > g$ ,  $\epsilon_{\pm}$  are purely imaginary for  $b < g$ . Both the eigenvalues collapse to  $\epsilon_{\pm} = a$  and the eigenvectors become parallel for  $b = g$ .

- (c) Check that the eigenvectors are not orthogonal. Make them orthonormal using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization method for  $b \neq g$ .

15. **Generators of the Lorentz boost:** Inverse Lorentz boost, along  $x$  axis, transformation can be obtained from

$$ct = \gamma(ct' + \beta x'), \quad x = \gamma(x' + vt'), \quad y = y', \quad z = z'.$$

Here  $\beta = v/c$  and  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$ .

Introducing rapidity  $\lambda$  as  $\tanh \lambda = \beta$ , so  $-1 < \beta < 1$  and  $-\infty < \lambda < \infty$ .

- (a) Show that the above transformation equations can be written in terms of  $\lambda$  as

$$ct = (ct' \cosh \lambda + x' \sinh \lambda), \quad x = (x' \cosh \lambda + ct' \sinh \lambda), \quad y = y', \quad z = z'.$$

This set of equations can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \lambda & \sinh \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \lambda & \cosh \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = B_x(\lambda) \begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore the matrix  $B_x$  is the boost operator along  $x$  axis. Similarly, the boost operator along  $y$  and  $z$  axes can easily be obtained as

$$B_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \lambda & 0 & \sinh \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \lambda & 0 & \cosh \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_z = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \lambda & 0 & 0 & \sinh \lambda \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sinh \lambda & 0 & 0 & \cosh \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Obtain the generators  $K_j$  for an infinitesimal boost ( $\delta\lambda$ ) along  $j$ -th axes. Here  $j = x, y, z$ .  
(c) Show that the boost operators  $B_j$  can be written as

$$B_j = e^{i\lambda K_j}.$$



16. The spin-1 matrices in one of the representations are given by

$$S_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Show that they satisfy the following commutation relation

$$[S_j, S_k] = i\epsilon_{jkl}S_l.$$

(b) Simplify the exponential of the operator  $M_x$  i.e.  $e^{i\theta S_x}$ .

(c) Consider the following matrix:

$$M = \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}},$$

where  $\mathbf{S} = S_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + S_y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + S_z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is the radial unit vector.

(i) Show that the eigenvalues are  $\epsilon_{\pm 1} = \pm 1$  and  $\epsilon_0 = 0$ .

(ii) Show that the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$|n_+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\phi} \\ \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |n_0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta e^{-i\phi} \\ \sqrt{2} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |n_-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\phi} \\ \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}.$$


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**Homework-3**

1. Consider a classical harmonic oscillator described by the Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{p^2(t)}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2(t)$ . Consider a dimensionless complex variable  $z$  as  $z(t) = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} x(t) + i\frac{p(t)}{\sqrt{2m\hbar\omega}}$ . Find an equation of motion in the complex variable  $z(t)$ . Solve the equation of motion and extract  $x(t)$  and  $p(t)$ .

[Note: The system is one dimensional but we are using momentum as a second dimension and constructing a complex variable. While solving harmonic oscillator quantum mechanically, we use bosonic ladder operators. The form of the ladder operators is exactly same as  $z(t)$ . In quantum case, we treat  $x$  and  $p$  as operators.]

2. The rotation matrix  $R_z(\phi)$  (as given in class) changes a point  $(x, y)$  to  $(x', y')$ . Define complex coordinates as  $\xi = x + iy$  and  $\xi' = x' + iy'$  and their conjugates accordingly, so that the transformation in the complex plane can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi' \\ (\xi')^* \end{pmatrix} = R_z(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \xi^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the rotation matrix in the complex plane  $\xi$ .

3. Show that

a)

$$S_N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{in\theta} = \frac{\sin(N\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)} e^{i(N-1)\theta/2}.$$

Plot  $|S_N|^2$  vs  $\theta$  for  $N = 10, 100$  and  $1000$ .

b)

$$S_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n e^{in\theta} = \frac{1 - pe^{-i\theta}}{1 - 2p \cos \theta + p^2},$$

where  $|p| < 1$ . Plot  $|S_p|^2$  vs  $\theta$  for  $p = 0.01, 0.5$  and  $0.99$ . These results are very useful in optics.

c)

$$S_p = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} p^{|n|} e^{in\theta} = \frac{1 - p^2}{1 - 2p \cos \theta + p^2} = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{1 + pe^{i\theta}}{1 - pe^{i\theta}} \right],$$

where  $0 \leq |p| < 1$ . This is known as Poisson kernel for the unit disc.

(d) Evaluate

$$F(\phi) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} t_l e^{il\phi} = 2e^{-i\phi/2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} t_l \cos[(l + 1/2)\phi]$$

with the condition  $t_l = t_{-(l+1)}$ . For what value of  $\phi$ ,  $F(\phi)$  vanishes, irrespective of  $l$  and  $t_l$  values.

This result is useful in the study of quantum scattering in two-dimensions.

4. Determine number of branches, branch points and their order of the following complex functions:

$$(i) z^{1/2}(z-1)^{1/3}, (ii)(z^2+1)^{1/3}, (iii)\sqrt{z(z-1)}, (iv)\log(z^2-1) (v)(z+1)^{1/2}+(z-1)^{1/2}.$$

Draw all possible branch cuts and domains where the function is single-valued.

5. (a) **Trigonometric mapping function**  $w(z) = \sin z$ .

Show that straight lines  $x = c_1$  ( $c_1 \neq 0, \pm\pi/2$ ), are mapped onto hyperbolas in the  $w$  plane. Here,  $c_1$  is a real constant.

- (b) **Logarithmic mapping function**  $w(z) = \ln z$ .

Show that circles centered at the origin in the  $z$ -plane are mapped onto lines parallel to the  $v$  axis.

- (c) **Joukowski mapping function**  $w(z) = z + 1/z$ .

Show that a circle with radius  $r_0 \neq 1$  is centered at  $z = 0$  is mapped onto ellipses in  $w$ -plane.

Show that a circle with radius  $r_0 = 1$  is centered at  $z = 0$  is mapped onto the segment  $-2 \leq u \leq 2$  of  $u$  axis.

6. Consider a function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0. \end{cases}$$

Is this function continuous at  $z = 0$ ?

[Hints: Along all the straight lines  $y = mx$ , it seems to be continuous. Consider a set of parabolic paths  $y = ax^2$  and see what happens.]

7. (a) Is  $f(z) = z^m e^{-|z|^2/4}$  an analytic function?

(b) Consider  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is an analytic function. Check whether  $F(x, y) = u(x, y)v(x, y)$  is a solution of the Laplace equation or not.

(c) Consider the real part of an analytic function is given by  $u(x, y) = -2xy + y/(x^2 + y^2)$ . Calculate its harmonic conjugate function  $v(x, y)$ .

8. Consider the following matrix operator

$$H = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\nabla} = \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ . Note that  $x$  and  $y$  are dimensionless here.

(a) Show that the components of the operator  $\boldsymbol{\nabla}$  can be expressed in terms of complex conjugate coordinates as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right]$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right].$$

(a) Express the operator  $H$  in complex coordinates.

(b) Find the eigenvector  $|\psi\rangle$  which satisfies  $H|\psi\rangle = 0$ .

9. The Hamiltonian of a two-dimensional isotropic harmonic oscillator is given by

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} M \omega^2 (x^2 + y^2).$$

- (a) Obtain the Hamiltonian  $H$  in complex coordinates as given below:

$$H = \hbar \omega \left[ -2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial z^*} + \frac{z z^*}{2} \right].$$

Note that here  $z$  is a dimensionless variable:  $z = (x + iy)/a$  with the oscillator length  $a = \sqrt{\hbar/(M\omega)}$ .

- (b) Show that the complex function  $\psi_l(z)$  (normalized to one)

$$\psi_l(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^2 l!}} z^l e^{-|z|^2/2}, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and its conjugate  $\psi_l^*(z)$  are the eigenfunctions of  $H$  with the same eigenvalues  $E_l = \hbar \omega (l+1)$ .

- (c) Show that the **angular momentum** operator in terms of the complex coordinates can be expressed as

$$L_z = -i\hbar \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = \hbar \left[ z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z^* \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right].$$

- (d) Show that

$$L_z \psi_l(z) = l\hbar \psi_l(z), \quad L_z \psi_l^*(z) = -l\hbar \psi_l^*(z).$$

- (e) Show that

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |\psi_l(z)|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi a^2}.$$

10. You have already derived the following Hamiltonian for a charge ( $q > 0$ ) particle in presence of the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = B\hat{z}$  in the symmetric gauge:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 - \frac{qB}{2M} (xp_y - yp_x) + \frac{q^2 B^2}{8M} (x^2 + y^2).$$

Introducing **dimensionless** and **independent** complex conjugate variables  $z = (x + iy)/l$  and  $z^* = (x - iy)/l$ , where  $l = \sqrt{\hbar/(qB)}$  is the magnetic length scale.

- (a) Show that the components of the canonical momentum operator can be expressed in terms of complex conjugate coordinates as

$$p_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = -\frac{i\hbar}{l} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right]$$

and

$$p_y = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\hbar}{l} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right].$$

- (b) You have already derived **canonical angular momentum** operator in terms of the complex coordinates in the previous problem:

$$L_z = (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p})_z = +\hbar \left[ z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z^* \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right].$$

The **mechanical angular momentum** operator is given by  $L_z^{\text{mech}} = (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{\Pi})_z = (x\Pi_y - y\Pi_x)$ . Show that the mechanical angular momentum  $L_z^{\text{mech}}$  in terms of the complex coordinates can be written as

$$L_z^{\text{mech}} = +\hbar \left[ z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z^* \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} - \frac{|z|^2}{2} \right]$$

(c) Show that the above Hamiltonian  $H$  can be re-written as

$$H = \hbar\omega_c \left[ -2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial z^*} - \frac{1}{2} \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z^* \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right) + \frac{zz^*}{8} \right].$$

Here,  $\omega_c = qB/M$  is the cyclotron frequency.

(d) You have already derived the commutator  $[\Pi_x, \Pi_y] = i\hbar qB$ , which is similar to  $[x, p_x] = i\hbar$ . We know that two ladder operators (or, raising and lowering operators) in terms of  $x$  and  $p_x$  are constructed in order to quantize the Hamiltonian of a quantum mechanical harmonic oscillator.

Similarly, constructing the following ladder operators:

$$a = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\hbar qB}} [\Pi_x + i\Pi_y], \quad a^\dagger = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2\hbar qB}} [\Pi_x - i\Pi_y].$$

Show that the ladder operators can be expressed in complex coordinates as

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{z}{2} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right], \quad a^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{z^*}{2} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right].$$

Show that  $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$ .

(e) Show that

$$a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} = \left[ -2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial z^*} - \frac{1}{2} \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z^* \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \right) + \frac{|z|^2}{8} \right].$$

Therefore, the Hamiltonian can be re-written as

$$H = \hbar\omega_c \left( a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Here,  $\hat{N} = a^\dagger a$  is the number operator.

[This is the Hamiltonian of a simple harmonic oscillator with the quantized energy levels  $E_n = (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega_c$  with  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Each discrete energy is called Landau level.]

(f) Show that

$$a^\dagger a \psi_m(z) = 0,$$

where  $\psi_m(z) = \phi_m(z) e^{-\frac{|z|^2}{4}}$ . Here  $\phi_m(z)$  is a set of analytic functions given as

$$\phi_m(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi l^2 2^m m!}} z^m,$$

with  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(g) Show that

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |\psi_m(z)|^2 = \frac{qB}{2\pi\hbar} = \frac{1}{2\pi l^2}.$$

(h) Show that

$$L_z \psi_m(z) = m\hbar \psi_m(z).$$

Show that

$$\langle \psi_m(z) | L_z^{\text{mech}} | \psi_m(z) \rangle = -\hbar.$$

Note that  $\psi_m(z)$  are eigenfunctions of  $L_z$ , but not the eigenfunctions of  $L_z^{\text{mech}}$ .

11. Consider a set of analytic functions

$$\phi_m(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi 2^m m!}} z^m,$$

where  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . One can use  $\phi_m(z)$  as basis states with the measure or weight factor  $\mu[z] = e^{-|z|^2/2}$  to construct an infinite dimensional complex space with finite norm. Defining an inner product as

$$\langle \phi_n | \phi_m \rangle = \int \phi_n^*(z) \phi_m(z) \mu[z] dx dy.$$

i) Prove that  $\langle \phi_n | \phi_m \rangle = \delta_{mn}$ .

ii) Show that  $b^\dagger = \frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $b = \sqrt{2} \frac{d}{dz}$  act like raising and lowering operators, respectively, in this infinite dimensional complex space.

iii) Check that  $b^\dagger$  and  $b$  satisfy the bosonic commutation relation:  $[b, b^\dagger] = 1$ .

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**Homework-5**

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1. Determine locations and order of all the poles of the function

$$f(z) = \frac{e^{pz}}{\cosh^2 z},$$

with  $p$  is a real constant. Evaluate sum of all the residues in the upper-half plane.

2. Using the “indented” contour and “ $i\epsilon$ ” method, show that

$$\text{P.V.} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (1)$$

3. Using the Dirac identity (real-axis version of Sokhotski–Plemelj theorem), show that

(a)

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{ik_x x}}{k_x^2 - k_0^2} dk_x = -\frac{\pi}{k_0} \sin(k_0 x).$$

Note that the same result is obtained in class using two different methods: “indented” contour and “ $i\epsilon$ ” method.

(b)

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty dE \int_0^\infty dt f(E) e^{-iEt} = \pi f(0) - i \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f(E)}{E} dE.$$

(c)

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-i(\omega \pm \omega_0)t} dt = i \text{P.V.} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega \pm \omega_0} \right] + \pi \delta(\omega \pm \omega_0).$$

(d)

$$\delta(x - x_0) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \frac{1}{x - x_0 - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x - x_0 + i\epsilon} \right].$$

4. Solve the following integral using (i) argument principle and (ii) residue theorem:

$$\oint_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz,$$

for  $f(z) = \cos(z)/z$  and  $C$  describes a circle of radius  $2\pi$  centered at  $z = 0$ .

5. Considering the following integral

$$\oint_{C_N} \frac{\csc z}{z^2} dz,$$

where the contour  $C_N$  is a positively oriented square whose sides are described by  $x = \pm(N + 1/2)\pi$  and  $y = \pm(N + 1/2)\pi$ . Also,  $N$  is an integer. Using the result of this integral and taking the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , we are going to evaluate sum of the following infinite series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}.$$

(a) On the horizontal lines:  $z = z \pm i(N + 1/2)\pi$ : Show that

$$\frac{1}{|\sin z|} \leq |\operatorname{csch}(y)|.$$

Note that horizontal lines are always at  $|y| \geq \pi/2$ . Therefore,  $1/|\sin(z)| \leq \operatorname{csch}(\pi/2)$ . Hence, it goes to zero as  $y \rightarrow \infty$  (Or,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ).

(b) On the vertical sides,  $z = \pm(N + 1/2)\pi + iy$ . Show that

$$\sin(z) = \pm(-1)^N \cosh(y).$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{|\sin(z)|} \Big|_{\text{vertical}} = \operatorname{sech}(y) \leq 1.$$

(c) Using Darboux's theorem, show that

$$\left| \oint \frac{1}{z^2 \sin(z)} dz \right| \leq \frac{(8N + 4)}{N^2} \rightarrow 0; N \rightarrow \infty.$$

(d) In class, we have calculated residues of the complex integrand at all the singular points. Using Cauchy's residue theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{6} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} &= 0 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} &= \frac{\pi^2}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

6. (a) Show that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - b^2} = \frac{\pi}{b} \cot(\pi b).$$

Here  $b$  is a real constant.

(b) By taking  $b \rightarrow 0$  limit, show that the Riemann zeta function

$$\zeta(2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

7. In class, we have derived

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon H(\epsilon) \left[ -\frac{\partial f}{\partial \epsilon} \right] = H(\mu) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{d^2 H(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon^2} \Big|_{\epsilon=\mu} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 \frac{d^4 H(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon^4} \Big|_{\epsilon=\mu} + \dots, \quad (2)$$

where  $H(\epsilon)$  is a well-behaved differentiable function.

By integrating left hand side integral of the above Sommerfeld expansion by parts, using the fact that  $f(\epsilon)H(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow \pm\infty$  and defining  $F(\epsilon) = \frac{dH}{d\epsilon}$ , show that the above mentioned Sommerfeld expansion [Eq. (2)] can be written in terms of the function  $F(\epsilon)$  as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon F(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} F(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{dF(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\mu} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 \frac{d^3 F(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon^3} \Big|_{\epsilon=\mu} + \dots \quad (3)$$



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**Homework-4**

1. Consider the complex function  $h(k) = h_x(k) + ih_y(k)$ , where  $h_x(k) = v + w \cos k$  and  $h_y(k) = w \sin k$ . Here  $k$  is a parameter varying from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  (0 to  $2\pi$ ). Also,  $v$  and  $w$  are real positive constants.

The tip of the “complex vector”  $h(k)$  traces out a circle of radius  $w$  centered at  $(v, 0)$  in the  $h_x(k)$ - $h_y(k)$  plane while varying  $k$  from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ . Note that  $h_x(k = \pm\pi) = 0$  and  $h_y(k = \pm\pi) = 0$  for  $v = w$ .

- (a) Draw these circles on  $h_x(k)$ - $h_y(k)$  plane for the following three different cases: (i)  $v < w$ , (ii)  $v = w$ , and (iii)  $v > w$ .  
(b) Plot the argument of  $h(k)$  vs  $k$  for (i)  $w/v = 0.5$ , (ii)  $w/v = 1$  and (iii)  $w/v = 1.5$ .  
(c) Evaluate the following integral:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{dh(k)}{h(k)},$$

for the three different cases: (i)  $v < w$ , (ii)  $v = w$ , and (iii)  $v > w$ . Here the closed contour  $C$  is the path traces out by the tip of  $h(k)$  while  $k$  varying from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ .

This integral is also known as winding number. The discrete change in the winding number while changing the system parameters  $(v, w)$  continuously. This has been verified in laboratory in recent past. It is a topological phase transition.

2. (a) Show that  $\frac{d}{dz} \sin z = \cos(z)$  and  $\int \cos z dz = \sin z$ .  
b) Verify that  $\int_{0,0}^{1,1} z^* dz$  depends on the path by evaluating the integral for the two paths: i)  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1)$  and ii)  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1)$ .  
c) Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_{\Gamma} (z^2 + 1)e^{-iz^2} dz,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the ray  $\theta = -\pi/4$ .

- d) Evaluate  $\oint_C z^n e^{-|z|^2} dz$  where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and the contour  $C$  is a circle with radius  $\epsilon$  centered at  $z = z_0 = 0$ .  
ie) Show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C z^{m-n-1} dz = \delta_{m,n}.$$

Here,  $\delta_{m,n}$  is the Kronecker delta and the contour  $C$  is a unit circle centered at origin.

- f) Consider the integral

$$I = \oint_C \frac{1}{(az - b)(pz - q)} dz,$$

where  $C$  describes the circle  $|z| = R$ . Here,  $a, b, p$  and  $q$  are real constants. Evaluate  $I$  for i)  $\frac{b}{a} < R < \frac{q}{p}$ , ii)  $\frac{q}{p} < R < \frac{b}{a}$ , iii)  $R > \frac{q}{p} > \frac{b}{a}$ , and iv)  $R < \frac{q}{p} < \frac{b}{a}$ .

3. i) Using the fact that  $f(z) = e^{-iz^n}$  is an analytic function, show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\sin n\theta} \cos(\theta - \cos n\theta) d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\sin n\theta} \sin(\theta - \cos n\theta) d\theta = 0.$$

Here,  $n$  is a positive integer.

- ii) Evaluate the integral  $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z(R-z)}$ , where  $C$  is a circle:  $|z| = r < R$ . Use this result to evaluate the following integral:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(R - r \cos \theta) d\theta}{R^2 + r^2 - 2Rr \cos \theta}.$$

4. Consider  $f(z)$  is an analytic function inside and on a unit circle  $C$  centered at  $z_0$ . Show that

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-in\theta} f(z_0 + e^{i\theta}) d\theta.$$

5. i) Consider the integral

$$I = \int_{\Gamma} e^{-z^2} dz,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a line segment of length  $L$  running parallel to the imaginary axis from  $R$  to  $R + iL$ . Using the Darboux's theorem, show that  $|I|$  tends to zero as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

- ii) Following the proof of the Jordan's lemma, show that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\Gamma} e^{ikz^N} dz \right| = 0,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is an arc of the circle  $|z| = R$  lying in the sector  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2N}$  and  $N > 1$ .

Using this result, evaluate the following integral of the real variable  $x$

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{ix^N} dx.$$

- iii) Prove that

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-px^2} \cos(2bx) dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{p}} e^{-b^2/p}.$$

Here,  $b > 0$  and  $p > 0$ .

- iv) Prove that

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{ipx^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{p}} e^{i\pi/4}.$$

6. i) Using the Cauchy's integral theorem and Cauchy's integral formula, evaluate the following integral:

$$\oint_C \frac{e^{-z} \sin z}{z^2},$$

where  $C$  is any closed curve encircles  $z = 0$  point.

- ii) Using the Cauchy's integral formula, evaluate the following integral:

$$\oint_C \frac{\sin(\pi z^2) + \cos(\pi z^2)}{(z-1)(z-3)} dz,$$

where  $C : |z - i| = 3$ .

7. Using the entire function  $f(z) = e^z$  in the Poisson integral formula, show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{2\cos\theta} \cos(2\sin\theta)}{5 - 4\cos(\theta - \phi)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} e^{\cos\phi} \cos(\sin\phi)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{2\cos\theta} \sin(2\sin\theta)}{5 - 4\cos(\theta - \phi)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} e^{\cos\phi} \sin(\sin\phi).$$

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**Homework-6**

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1. Obtain the Fourier series expansion of a step edge defined as

$$f(x) = +C, \quad x > 0 \quad (1)$$

$$= -C, \quad \text{otherwise,} \quad (2)$$

where  $C$  is a real constant. Using any standard mathematical software, plot the Fourier series expansion of  $f(x)$  (in units of  $C$ ) vs  $x$  over  $-5 \leq x \leq +5$  for three different values of the upper limit of the series summation:  $n_{\max} = 50, 100, 200$ . Analyse the plots around the point of discontinuity and then you will see the Gibb's phenomenon.

2. (a) Show that the Fourier series expansion of  $f(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)$  ( $\omega_0$  is not an integer) is

$$\cos(\omega_0 t) = \frac{\sin(\pi\omega_0)}{\pi\omega_0} \left[ 1 + 2\omega_0^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cos(nt)}{\omega_0^2 - n^2} \right].$$

- (b) Obtain Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  (here  $\omega_0$  can be integer also):

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt.$$

- (c) Plot the Fourier series expansion of  $f(t)$  and sketch Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  i.e.  $F(\omega)$ .

3. The Fourier series expansion of a periodic function  $f(x) = x$  with a period  $2L$  is given by

$$f(x) = L \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi x/L)}{n} \right].$$

Using any standard mathematical software, plot the Fourier series expansion of  $f(x)$  (in units of  $L$ ) vs  $x/L$  over  $-6 \leq x/L \leq +6$  for three different values of the upper limit of the series summation:  $n_{\max} = 10, 50, 100$ . Analyse the plots around the point of discontinuity and then you will see the Gibb's phenomenon.

4. (a) Defining  $f(x) = e^{\pm x}$  are periodic functions with the fundamental interval  $(-\pi < x < \pi)$ . Show that the Fourier series of the periodic function  $f(x)$   $(-\pi < x < \pi)$  is given by

$$e^{\pm x} = \frac{\sinh(\pi)}{\pi} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos(nx) \mp n \sin(nx)}{1 + n^2} \right].$$

- (b) Defining  $\sinh(x)$  and  $\cosh(x)$  are periodic functions in the interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . Obtain the Fourier series of  $\sinh(x)$  and  $\cosh(x)$ .

5. A function  $f(x)$  is expanded in an exponential Fourier series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \quad \text{with} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx.$$

- (a) If  $f(x)$  is real, what restriction is imposed on the coefficients  $c_n$ ?  
 (b) If  $f(-x) = f(x)$ , what restriction is imposed on the coefficients  $c_n$ ?  
 (c) If  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , what restriction is imposed on the coefficients  $c_n$ ?  
 (d) Assuming that the Fourier expansion of a periodic function  $f(x)$  ( $0 < x < 2\pi$ ) is convergent, show that the Parseval's identity has the form given by

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = c_0^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^2.$$

6. Obtain the Fourier series form of the periodic function  $f(x) = x^4$  ( $-\pi < x < \pi$ ). Using this result, show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}.$$

7. Solve the following inhomogeneous differential equation:

$$\omega \frac{df(\theta)}{d\theta} + f(\theta) = a \sin \theta + b \cos(2\theta).$$

Here  $\omega, a, b$  are real constant and  $f(\theta)$  is a periodic function with period  $2\pi$ .

8. **Dirac comb:** It is a periodic, infinite array of  $\delta$ -functions with the fundamental interval  $(-L/2, L/2)$  i.e.  $\delta(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - nL)$ . The Dirac comb model potential is popularly used to study band structure in solid state systems.

Show that the Fourier series representation of  $\delta(x)$  is

$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\pm i 2\pi n x / L} = \frac{1}{L} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos(2\pi n x / L) \right].$$

Plot this function using any standard mathematical software.

9. a) Show that the Dirac delta function  $\delta(x - a)$  expanded in a Fourier sine series in the interval  $(0, L)$  ( $0 < a < L$ ) is given by

$$\delta(x - a) = \frac{2}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right).$$

- b) A string is clamped at both ends  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ . Assuming small-amplitude vibrations, the amplitude  $u(x, t)$  satisfies the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2},$$

where  $c_s$  is the velocity of the wave propagation along the string. The string is set in vibration by a sharp blow at  $x = a$ . Hence the initial conditions are

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = L v_0 \delta(x - a).$$

Solve the wave equation subject to these initial conditions.

10. A string, clamped at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , is vibrating freely. Its motion is described by the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2},$$

where  $c_s$  is the velocity of the wave propagation along the string. Assume a Fourier series of the form

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right).$$

The initial conditions are  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  and  $\left.\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}\right|_{t=0} = g(x)$ . Determine the coefficients  $b_n(t)$ .

11. The one-dimensional heat equation is given by

$$D \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t},$$

where  $D$  is the diffusivity. The boundary conditions are  $u(0, t) = 0$  and  $u(L, t) = 0$ . Show that the most general solution of the heat equation with the given boundary conditions is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 D t / L}.$$

Determine the Fourier coefficients  $a_n$  if the initial condition is  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

12. The position of an underdamped oscillator is given by

$$x(t) = e^{-\gamma t} \cos(\omega_0 t) \theta(t),$$

where  $\gamma$  is the damping factor,  $\omega_0$  is the undamped oscillator frequency and  $\theta(t)$  is the unit step function.

(a) Show that the Fourier transform of  $x(t)$  is

$$x(\omega) = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\omega - i\gamma}{(\omega - i\gamma)^2 - \omega_0^2} \right].$$

(b) Plot  $x(t)$  vs  $t$  and  $|x(\omega)|^2$  vs  $\omega$  for  $\omega_0 = 10$  and  $\gamma = 1$ . Compare the plots.

13. Obtain Fourier transform of the following functions:

a) The ground and first excited state wave functions of a hydrogen atom

$$\psi_{100}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0}, \quad \psi_{200}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32\pi a_0^3}} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0}\right) e^{-r/(2a_0)}.$$

Here  $a_0$  is the Bohr radius and  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ .

b) The ground and first excited state wave functions of 1D harmonic oscillator

$$\phi_0(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} a_h}} e^{-x^2/(2a_h^2)}, \quad \phi_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi} a_h^3}} x e^{-x^2/(2a_h^2)},$$

where  $a_h = \sqrt{\hbar/(m\omega)}$  is the oscillator length.

c) The ground state wave function of a shifted harmonic oscillator

$$\phi_0(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi}a_h}} e^{-(x-x_0)^2/(2a_h^2)},$$

where  $x_0$  is a constant.

d) The Coulomb potential in 3D:

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{C}{r},$$

where  $C = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0)$ .

14. Calculate the following inverse Fourier transformation of the Fermi occupation number  $n_{\mathbf{k}} = \Theta(k_f - |\mathbf{k}|)$  at  $T = 0$ :

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{V_{\mathbf{k}}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} n_{\mathbf{k}} d^3k,$$

where  $V_{\mathbf{k}}$  is the volume of a sphere with radius  $k_f$  in  $\mathbf{k}$ -space. Here  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  are the three-dimensional vectors. Plot  $n(\mathbf{r})$  vs  $k_f r$ .

Obtain approximate expressions of  $n(\mathbf{r})$  for  $r \rightarrow 0$  and  $r \rightarrow \infty$  limits and sketch them.

Repeat the same calculations for 2D systems.

**Answer for 3D case:**

$$n(\mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{\sin(k_f r) - (k_f r) \cos(k_f r)}{r^3}.$$

For small  $r$ :  $n(y) \simeq 1/3 - y^2/(30)\dots$  and for large  $r$ :  $n(y) \simeq \frac{\cos y}{y^2}$  with  $y = k_f r$ .

This kind of integrals appear while calculating Hatree-Fock energy.

15. The drift-diffusion equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 n(x, t)}{\partial x^2} - v_d \frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial x},$$

where  $n(x, t)$  is the particle density,  $D$  is the diffusivity or diffusion constant and  $v_d$  is the drift velocity.

(a) Using the Fourier transform method, solve for  $n(x, t)$  of the drift-diffusion equation for a given initial condition  $n(x, 0) = C_0 \delta(x)$  with  $C_0$  being a constant. Sketch  $n(x, t)$  at different times.

16. The diffusion equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 n(x, t)}{\partial x^2},$$

where  $n(x, t)$  is the particle density and  $D$  is the diffusivity or diffusion constant. One can construct a typical length scale of a diffusive system as  $l_D = \sqrt{2Dt} \sim \sqrt{t}$ . Keep in mind that the length scale goes as  $\sqrt{t}$  and it is not a constant. This equation can be solved by assuming the following ansatz:

$$n(x, t) = \frac{N_0}{l_D} f\left(\frac{x}{l_D}\right).$$

Here,  $N_0$  is the total particle number in the system and it is conserved i.e. at any given time  $t$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(x, t) dx = N_0$ . Introducing a dimensionless variable  $\xi = x/\sqrt{2Dt} = x/l_D$ . Therefore,  $f(\xi)$  is a function of one variable  $\xi$ .

a) Show that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) d\xi = 1$ .

b) Show that the partial diffusion equation reduces to the following ordinary differential equation:

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} + \xi \frac{d}{d\xi} + 1 \right] f(\xi) = 0.$$

Assuming initial condition is  $f(x, t = 0) = N_0 \delta(x)$ . First solve the ordinary differential equation for  $f(\xi)$  and then show that the solution of the partial differential equation is

$$n(x, t) = \frac{N_0}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}.$$

Guess what will be the solution of the drift-diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 n(x, t)}{\partial x^2} - v_d \frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial x},$$

where  $v_d$  is the drift velocity.

17. Using Fourier transform method, solve the following inhomogeneous differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = -e^{-x^2},$$

where  $f(x)$  vanishes as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Answer:**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-k^2/4}}{k^2} e^{ikx} dk.$$

18. Using the Parseval's identity, show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{(w^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{\pi}{2a^3}.$$



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**Homework-7**

1. Using the Frobenius method, obtain two linearly independent solutions of the following differential equations:

(i)

$$\left[ x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x \frac{d}{dx} - n^2 \right] y(x) = 0,$$

where  $n$  is any number. This equation is obtained from two-dimensional Laplace's equation.

(ii)

$$\left[ x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + C_1 x \frac{d}{dx} + x^2 + C_2 \right] y(x) = 0,$$

for two different cases: (a)  $C_1 = 4, C_2 = 2$  and (b)  $C_1 = 2, C_2 = -2$ .

(iii)

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x \frac{d}{dx} + 1 \right] y(x) = 0.$$

(iv)

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \frac{n(n+1)}{x^2} \right] y(x) = 0,$$

where  $n$  is non-negative real number.

2. In the class, we have derived  $J_1(x)$  and  $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \sin x$ . Using Wronskian method, obtain the second independent solution  $N_1(x)$  (at least first three terms in the series) and  $N_{1/2}(x)$ .
3. A quantum particle of mass  $M$  is confined in a cylinder of radius  $R$  and height  $H$ . The potential is described as

$$V(\rho, \phi, z) = 0, \quad 0 < \rho < R, 0 < z < H \quad (1)$$

$$= \infty \quad \text{otherwise.} \quad (2)$$

Obtain the discrete energy spectrum and the corresponding wave functions.

4. In class we have seen that two-dimensional plane wave can be expressed as a series of cylindrical Bessel functions:

$$e^{\pm ix \cos \phi} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-i)^n J_n(x) e^{\pm in\phi}. \quad (3)$$

From one of the above relations, show that

$$\cos(x \cos \phi) = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n J_{2n}(x) \cos(2n\phi) \quad (4)$$

$$\sin(x \cos \phi) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} J_{2n-1}(x) \cos[(2n-1)\phi]. \quad (5)$$

From these results, express  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  as a series of  $J_n(x)$ .

5. **Arfken & Weber: 11.1.13:** The scattering amplitude of a quantum scattering problem is given as

$$f(\theta) = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R e^{ik\rho \sin \theta \sin \phi} \rho d\rho d\phi, \quad (6)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle through which the particle is scattered and  $R$  is the radius of the scatterer. Show that

$$|f(\theta)|^2 \sim \left[ \frac{J_1(kr \sin \theta)}{\sin \theta} \right]^2. \quad (7)$$

6. The Helmholtz equation in spherical polar coordinates:

$$[\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + k^2] \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = 0, \quad (8)$$

where  $k$  is a constant. For a free particle of mass  $M$  and energy  $E$ ,  $k^2 = 2ME/\hbar^2$ . Assume  $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)P(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$ .

- (a) Using the separation of variables, show that

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{d\phi^2} + m^2 \right] \Phi(\phi) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} + Q \right] P(\theta) = 0 \quad (10)$$

and

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \right) + k^2 r^2 - Q \right] R(r) = 0. \quad (11)$$

Here,  $m^2$  and  $Q$  are two separation constants.

- (b) We have seen in the lectures that  $m$  must be an integer to have single-valued wave function and  $Q$  must have form like  $Q = n(n+1)$  with  $n$  is non-negative integer to get converging series solution. In Eq. (9), why do we choose  $m^2$  as a separation constant, instead of  $m$ ?

**Note: In physical systems,  $m$  is identified as azimuthal quantum number and  $n$  is identified as orbital angular momentum quantum number.**

- (c) Equation (11) is not the Bessel's differential equation. Obtain the following Bessel's differential equation by introducing a new dimensionless variable  $x = kr$  and substitute  $R(x) = Z(x)/\sqrt{x}$  and  $Q = n(n+1)$  into Eq. (11):

$$\left[ x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x \frac{d}{dx} + x^2 - (n+1/2)^2 \right] Z(x) = 0. \quad (12)$$

$Z(x)$  is the Bessel function of order  $n+1/2$ :  $Z(x) = J_{n+1/2}(x)$ . Therefore, the original solution is

$$R(x) = \frac{Z(x)}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{J_{n+1/2}(x)}{\sqrt{x}}. \quad (13)$$

The spherical Bessel function of first kind of order  $n$  is given as

$$j_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{n+1/2}(x). \quad (14)$$

It is convention to introduce  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$  in  $j_n(x)$ . Similarly, the spherical Bessel function of second kind of order  $n$  is given as

$$n_n(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{-(n+1/2)}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} N_{n+1/2}(x). \quad (15)$$

The zeroth-order spherical Bessel function is  $j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ . Evaluate  $n_0(x)$  by using the Wronskian approach.

7. Prove the following recurrence relations for the spherical Bessel function  $j_n(x)$ :

(a)

$$j_{n-1}(x) + j_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x). \quad (16)$$

(Hint: use  $J_{\nu-1}(x) + J_{\nu+1}(x) = \frac{2\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x)$ .)

(b)

$$j'_n(x) = \frac{n}{2n+1} j_{n-1}(x) - \frac{n+1}{2n+1} j_{n+1}(x). \quad (17)$$

[Hint: use  $J_{\nu-1}(x) + J_{\nu+1}(x) = \frac{2\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x)$  and  $2J'_{\nu}(x) = J_{\nu-1}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x)$ .]

(c)

$$j_{n\pm 1}(x) = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2} \mp \frac{1}{2})}{x} j_n(x) \mp j'_n(x). \quad (18)$$

Using  $j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ , show that

$$j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x} \quad (19)$$

$$j_2(x) = \frac{3 \sin x}{x^3} - \frac{3 \cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}. \quad (20)$$

Plot these three functions.

(d)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{n+1} j_n(x)] = x^{n+1} j_{n-1}(x). \quad (21)$$

(e)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-n} j_n(x)] = -x^{-n} j_{n+1}(x). \quad (22)$$

Note: All the recurrence relations mentioned here are valid for  $n_n(x)$  also.

8. a) Substitute  $x = \cos \theta$  into Eq. (10) and obtain the associated Legendre differential equation:

$$\left[ (1-x^2) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{d}{dx} - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} + n(n+1) \right] y(x) = 0. \quad (23)$$

Show that  $x = 0$  is an ordinary point,  $x = \pm 1$  and  $x = \infty$  are regular singular points.

- b) Consider the Legendre differential equation and assuming the ansatz for the series solution as

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^{j+k}. \quad (24)$$

Obtain the following recurrence relation:

$$a_{j+2} = \frac{(j+k)(j+k+1) - n(n+1)}{(j+k+1)(j+k+2)} a_j. \quad (25)$$

- c) Two roots of the indicial equation are  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$ . For  $k = 0$ ,  $a_1$  may or may not be zero. For  $k = 1$ ,  $a_1$  must be zero. For  $k = 0$  case, we assume  $a_1 = 0$ .

For  $k = 0$ , show that

$$y_1(x) = a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{n(n+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(n-2)n(n+1)(n+3)}{4!} x^4 - \dots \right] \quad (26)$$

and for  $k = 1$ , show that

$$y_2(x) = a_0 \left[ x - \frac{(n-1)(n+2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(n-3)(n-1)(n+2)(n+4)}{5!} x^5 - \dots \right]. \quad (27)$$

9. Construct an orthonormal set from the set of functions  $u_n(x) = x^n$ , ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) in the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq +1$  by using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization method. You will see  $n$ -th such function is proportional to  $P_n(x)$ .
10. Express the Dirac-Delta function  $\delta(x \pm 1)$  in a series of  $P_n(x)$ . Assume that the entire delta function is covered when integrating over  $[-1, +1]$ .
11. Arfken: 12.3.11: The amplitude of a scattered wave is given by

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) e^{i\delta_l} \sin \delta_l P_l(\cos \theta). \quad (28)$$

Here,  $\theta$  is the scattering angle,  $l$  is orbital angular momentum quantum number,  $\hbar k$  is momentum of the incident particle and  $\delta_l$  is the phase shift produced by the scattering potential. Calculate the total cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \int |f(\theta)|^2 d\Omega, \quad (29)$$

where  $\Omega$  is the solid angle.