

Assignment 6

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1a. $(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + l(l+1)y(x) = 0$

$P_2(x) = (1-x^2)$, $P_1(x) = 2x$, $P_0(x) = l(l+1)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_1(x)}{P_2(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = 0 \rightarrow \text{finite}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_0(x)}{P_2(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{l(l+1)}{1-x^2} = l(l+1) \rightarrow \text{finite}$

$\Rightarrow x=0$ is an ordinary point

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm 1} \frac{P_1(x)}{P_2(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm 1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \infty \rightarrow x = \pm 1$ are singular points

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm 1} [x - (\pm 1)] \frac{P_1(x)}{P_2(x)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1) \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x}{1+x} = 1 \rightarrow \text{finite} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x+1) \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2x}{1-x} = 1 \rightarrow \text{finite} \end{cases}$

$\therefore x = \pm 1$ are regular singular points

Let $u = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

$\begin{cases} \frac{dy(x)}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = -u^2 \frac{dy}{du} \\ \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{du}{dx} \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = -u^2 \left(-2u \frac{dy}{du} - u^2 \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} \right) = u^3 \left(2 \frac{dy}{du} + u \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} \right) \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow (1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + l(l+1)y(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{u^2}\right) u^3 \left(2 \frac{dy}{du} + u \frac{d^2 y}{du^2}\right) - \frac{2}{u} (u^2 \frac{dy}{du}) + l(l+1)y(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (u^4 - u^2) \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} + 2u^3 \frac{dy}{du} + l(l+1)y(x) = 0$

$$P_2(u) = u^4 - u^2$$

$$P_1(u) = 2u^3$$

$$P_0(u) = l(l+1)$$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $u \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_1(u)}{P_2(u)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{2u^3}{u^4 - u^2} = 0 \rightarrow \text{finite}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_0(u)}{P_2(u)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{l(l+1)}{u^4 - u^2} = \infty$$

$\therefore u=0 \Rightarrow x=\pm\infty$ are singular

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u \frac{2u^3}{u^4 - u^2} = 0 \rightarrow \text{finite}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u^2 \frac{l(l+1)}{u^4 - u^2} = \text{finite}$$

$\therefore u=0 \Rightarrow x=\pm\infty$ are regular singular

d.

Since $x=0$ is ordinary,

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

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

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n+1) a_n x^{n-2} - n(n+1) a_n x^n - 2n a_n x^n + l(l+1) a_n x^n = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+2} = \frac{n(n+1) - l(l+1)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{l(l+1)}{2} a_0$$

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

$$a_4 = \frac{2(3) - l(l+1)}{(4)(3)} a_2$$

$$a_5 = \frac{3(4) - l(l+1)}{5(4)} a_3$$

$$= \frac{l(l+1)[2(3) - l(l+1)]}{4(3)(2)} a_0$$

$$= \frac{[(1)(2) - l(l+1)][(3)(4) - l(l+1)]}{5(4)(3)(2)} a_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + \left[-\frac{1}{2} l(l+1) a_0 \right] x^2 + \frac{2-l(l+1)}{3!} a_1 x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} l(l+1) x^2 + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[x + \frac{2-l(l+1)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \right]$$

C.

$$\text{Even: } y_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{[(l-2n+2) \dots (l-2)] [l(l+1)(l+3) \dots (l+2n-1)]}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$

$$\text{Odd: } y_2(x) = x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{[(l-2n+1) \dots (l-3)(l-1)] [(l+2)(l+4) \dots (l+2n)]}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1}$$

when l is even,

$\Rightarrow y_1(x)$ converge to polynomial of order l and powers of x are even,

$\Rightarrow y_2(x)$ diverge

when l is odd,

$\Rightarrow y_1(x)$ converge to polynomial of order l and powers of x are odd

$\Rightarrow y_2(x)$ diverge

\therefore converging $y_1(x) \Rightarrow$ Legendre polynomial

diverging $y_2(x) \Rightarrow$ Legendre function of the second kind

$$20. -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 R(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} R(r) + V(r)R(r) = ER(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 R(r)}{dr^2} + \left[\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} + V(r) - E \right] R(r) = 0$$

$$P_2(r) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}$$

$$P_1(r) = 0$$

$$P_0(r) = \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} + V(r) - E$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_1(r)}{P_2(r)} = 0 ; \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_0(r)}{P_2(r)} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^2 \left[\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} + V(r) - E \right]}{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} = -l(l+1)$$

$\Rightarrow r=0$ is a regular point

$$\text{Let } R(r) = r^\sigma \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) a_n r^{n+\sigma-2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{2m} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{n+\sigma}$$

$$+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m r^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{n+\sigma} - E \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{n+\sigma} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) a_n r^{n+\sigma-2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{n+\sigma-2}$$

$$+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_m r^{n+\sigma-m} - E \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{n+\sigma} = 0$$

r^0 :

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\sigma)(\sigma-1)a_0 + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m}a_0 = 0$$

$$a_0(-\sigma^2 + \sigma + l^2 + l) = 0$$

$$a = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma = \frac{1 \pm (1+2l)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_1 = \frac{1 + (1+2l)}{2} = l+1,$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{1 - (1+2l)}{2} = -l$$

By Fuchs's theorem,

there is one regular solution $R_l(r) = r^{l+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n$

$$\begin{aligned} b. \quad R_2(r) &= C r^{l+1} \ln r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n + r^{-l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n r^n \\ &= R_l(r) \int^r \frac{1}{[r_1(z)]^2} \left[e^{-\int^z \frac{P_1(z')}{P_2(z')} dz'} \right] dz \\ &= R_l(r) \int^r \frac{1}{[r_1(z)]^2} [e^0] dz \\ &= R_l(r) \int^r \frac{1}{z^{2l+2} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right]^2} dz \\ &= R_l(r) \int^r \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+l+1} \right]^{-2} dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } z \rightarrow 0, \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+l+1} \right)^{-2} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{as } r \rightarrow 0, \int^r \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+l+1} \right)^{-2} dz \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow R_2(r)$ diverges at the origin

$$3. \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = (\ln x)^2$$

$$\text{Euler-Cauchy Eqn} \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$\text{characteristic eqn} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\text{let solution be } y = (C_1 + C_2 \ln|x|)x$$

$$= C_1 x + C_2 x \ln x$$

$$y_p(x) = \int^x (x-\varepsilon) e^{x-\varepsilon} - \varepsilon e^{x-\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\ln x}{x} \right)^2 d\varepsilon$$

$$= [\ln(x)]^2 + 4 \ln x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 + C_2 x \ln x + (\ln x)^2 + 4 \ln x + 6$$