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$$(a+b)^n = \frac{a^n b^0}{0!} + \frac{n a^{n-1} b^1}{1!} + \frac{n(n-1) a^{n-2} b^2}{2!} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) a^{n-3} b^3}{3!} \\ + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) a^{n-4} b^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$(1-v)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(-v) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2}-1)(-v)^2}{2!} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2}-1)(-\frac{1}{2}-2)(-v)^3}{3!} \\ - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2}-1)(-\frac{1}{2}-2)(-\frac{1}{2}-3)(-v)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$(1-v)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}v + \frac{3}{8}v^2 + \frac{5}{16}v^3 + \frac{35}{128}v^4 + \dots$$

Set  $v = 2xu - u^2$

$$(1-2xu+u^2)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(2xu-u^2) + \frac{3}{8}(2xu-u^2)^2 \\ + \frac{5}{16}(2xu-u^2)^3 + \frac{35}{128}(2xu-u^2)^4 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + xu - \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{3}{8}u^4 - \frac{3}{2}u^3x + \frac{3}{2}u^2x^2 - \frac{5}{6}u^6 + \\ \frac{15}{8}u^5x - \frac{15}{4}u^4x^2 + \frac{5}{2}u^3x^3 + \frac{35}{128}u^8 - \frac{35}{16}u^7x + \frac{105}{16}u^6x^2 \\ - \frac{35}{4}u^5x^3 + \frac{35}{8}u^4x^4 + \dots$$



$$(1-2xu+u^2)^{-1/2} = 1u^0 + xu^1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}x^2\right)u^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}x^3\right)u^3 + \left(-\frac{15}{4}x^2 + \frac{35}{8}x^4 + \frac{3}{8}\right)u^4 + \dots$$

Looking at the coefficients of  $u$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

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

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

$$P_4(x) = -\frac{15}{4}x^2 + \frac{35}{8}x^4 + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^3 + 3)$$

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Target higher order terms

$$G(u, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2xu+u^2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x) u^n$$

Derive  $P_{n+1}(x)$  in terms of  $P_n(x)$  and  $P_{n-1}(x)$

$$\frac{d}{du} G(u, x) = \frac{d}{du} (1-2xu+u^2)^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1}$$

$$G'(u, x) = \frac{(x-u)}{(1-2xu+u^2)^{3/2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{x-u}{(1-2xu+u^2)^{1/2}} = (1-2xu+u^2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1}$$



$$\frac{(x-u)}{\sqrt{1-2xu+u^2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1} - 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} x n P_n(x) u^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n+1}$$

$$\text{but } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2xu+u^2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x) u^n$$

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

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (2n+1) x P_n(x) u^n - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} P_n(x) u^{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n+1}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (2n+1) x P_n(x) u^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_{n-1}(x) u^n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n P_n(x) u^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (2n+1) x P_n(x) u^n - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n P_{n-1}(x) u^n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1) P_n(x) u^n$$

$$(2n+1) x P_n(x) - n P_{n-1}(x) = (n+1) P_{n+1}(x)$$

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Using  $(n+1) P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)x P_n(x) - n P_{n-1}(x)$   
verify up to  $n=6$

Set  $P_0(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(x) = x$

$$n=1: 2P_2(x) = 3x P_1(x) - P_0(x) =$$
$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$n=2: 3P_3(x) = 5x P_2(x) - 2P_1(x)$$
$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

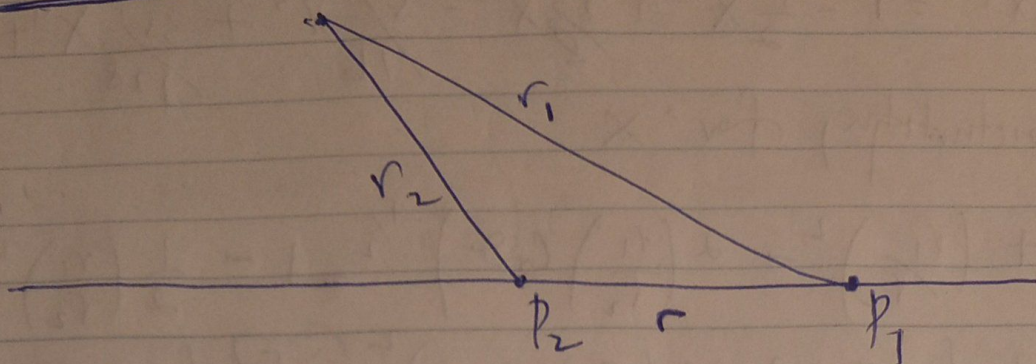
$$n=3: 4P_4(x) = 7x P_3(x) - 3P_2(x)$$
$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left( 7x \left( \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x) \right) - 3 \left( \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1) \right) \right)$$
$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

$$n=4: 5P_5(x) = 9x P_4(x) - 4P_3(x)$$
$$P_5(x) = \frac{1}{5} \left( 9x \left( \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3) \right) - 4 \left( \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x) \right) \right)$$
$$P_5(x) = \frac{1}{8} (63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$$

$$n=5: 6P_6(x) = 11x P_5(x) - 5P_4(x)$$
$$P_6(x) = \frac{1}{16} (231x^6 - 315x^4 + 105x^2 - 5)$$



Q.5(b).



Using cosine rule

$$r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \theta}}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) \cos \theta \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{Let } x = \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) \cos \theta, \quad n = -1/2$$

then

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2!} x^2 - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)(\frac{1}{2}-3)}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$



$$(1+x)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{5}{16}x^3 + \frac{35}{128}x^4 + \dots$$

Substituting for  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^{-1/2} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta \\ &+ \frac{3}{8}\left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^2 - \frac{5}{16}\left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^3 \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^{-1/2} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta \\ &+ \frac{3}{8}\left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^4 + 4\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2\cos^2\theta - 4\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^3\cos\theta\right) - \\ &\frac{5}{16}\left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^6 - 8\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^3\cos^3\theta + 3\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^4\left(-2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)\right. \\ &\left.+ 3\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2\left(-2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^2\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta + \frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^4 + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2\cos^2\theta \\ &- \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^3\cos\theta - \frac{5}{16}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^6 + \frac{5}{2}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^3\cos^3\theta + \\ &\frac{15}{8}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^5\cos\theta + \frac{15}{4}\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^4\cos\theta + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{r}{r_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{r_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)\cos\theta + \right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 1)\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta)\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^3 + \right. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{8} (35 \cos 4\theta - 30 \cos^2 \theta + 3) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^4 + \dots \\
& = \frac{1}{r_2} \left( P_0(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^0 + P_1(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^1 + P_2(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + P_3(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^3 + P_4(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^4 + \dots \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{r_2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^n \right) \\
& \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \theta}} = \frac{1}{r_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\cos \theta) \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^n
\end{aligned}$$


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c). A point charge in space creates an electric field given by  $\vec{E} = \frac{kq}{r^2} \hat{r}$ , where  $k = 9 \times 10^9$ , and  $q$  is the charge at that point.  $\vec{E}$  is a vector field around it, so considering a Gaussian or any surface about this point charge, the generating function above helps us to access charge at special values e.g.  $x = \pm 1$ . This function can enable us to obtain charge even between limits  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  e.g.  $|P_n(\cos \theta)| \leq 1$ , therefore the solution for the generating function is convergent for  $|x| < 1$  and  $|r| = 1$  except for  $r = \pm 1$ , when  $|P_n(\pm 1)| = 1$ . With the equation above, where potential at that point can be evaluated explicitly and



Special values .