## Laguerre polynomials

Verify

$$x\frac{d^2}{dx^2}L_n^{\alpha}(x) + (\alpha + 1 - x)\frac{d}{dx}L_n^{\alpha}(x) + nL_n^{\alpha}(x) = 0$$

where  $L_n^{\alpha}(x)$  are associated Laguerre polynomials

$$L_n^{\alpha}(x) = \frac{e^x}{x^{\alpha} n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^{n+\alpha} e^{-x})$$

For integer  $\alpha$  the following formula can be used.

$$L_n^{\alpha}(x) = (n+\alpha)! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-x)^k}{(n-k)!(\alpha+k)!k!}$$