

Central Forces Quiz 1

1. Use the change of variable $z = \cos \theta$ to rewrite the following Legendre's equation in terms of θ and derivatives with respect to θ :

$$(1 - z^2)P''(z) - 2zP'(z) + l(l + 1)P(z) = 0.$$

Hint: $P'(z) = \frac{dP(z)}{dz}$ and $P''(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dP(z)}{dz} \right)$