

Notes and derivations not given explicitly in referenced documents.

Derivatives of regular Laplace expansions, assuming normalized Legendre functions and unit normalization constants (α and β in G&D). Identities for Legendre functions come from CS-TR-4264.

$$\partial_z = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1 - \mu^2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu}, \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\phi}}{r(1 - \mu^2)^{1/2}} \left[(1 - \mu^2) \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \right) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right], \quad (3)$$

$$\overline{\partial_{xy}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-i\phi}}{r(1 - \mu^2)^{1/2}} \left[(1 - \mu^2) \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \right) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right], \quad (5)$$

$$\partial_x = (\partial_{xy} + \overline{\partial_{xy}})/2, \quad (6)$$

$$\partial_y = -i(\partial_{xy} - \overline{\partial_{xy}})/2. \quad (7)$$

$$R_n^m = r^n N_n^m P_n^{|m|} e^{im\phi}, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_n^m}{\partial z} = \left[\mu n r^{n-1} P_n^{|m|} + r^{n-1} (1 - \mu^2) \frac{\partial P_n^{|m|}}{\partial \mu} \right] e^{im\phi} N_n^m, \quad (9)$$

$$= r^{n-1} N_n^m P_{n-1}^{|m|} e^{im\phi}, \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{N_n^m}{N_{n-1}^m} R_{n-1}^m, \quad (11)$$

$$= \left[\frac{2n+1}{2n-1} (n^2 - m^2) \right]^{1/2} R_{n-1}^m. \quad (12)$$

$$S_n^m = r^{-n-1} N_n^m P_n^{|m|} e^{im\phi}, \quad (13)$$

$$\partial_z S_n^m = - \left[\mu(n+1)r^{-n-2} P_n^{|m|} + r^{-n-2}(1-\mu^2) \frac{\partial P_n^{|m|}}{\partial \mu} \right] e^{im\phi} N_n^m, \quad (14)$$

$$= -r^{-n-2} N_n^m (n-|m|+1) P_{n+1}^{|m|} e^{im\phi}, \quad (15)$$

$$= -(n-|m|+1) \frac{N_n^m}{N_{n+1}^m} S_{n+1}^m, \quad (16)$$

$$= - \left\{ \frac{2n+1}{2n+3} [(n+1)^2 - m^2] \right\}^{1/2} S_{n+1}^m, \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{xy} S_n^m &= \left\{ (1-\mu^2)^{1/2} \left[-(n+1) P_n^{|m|}(\mu) - \mu \frac{\partial P_n^{|m|}}{\partial \mu} \right] - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{m}{(1-\mu^2)^{1/2}} P_n^{|m|}(\mu) \right\} N_n^m e^{i(m+1)\phi} r^{-n-2}, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$= \left[\frac{2n+1}{2n+3} (n+m+1)(n+m+2) \right]^{1/2} S_{n+1}^{m+1}, \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\partial_{xy}} S_n^m &= \left\{ (1-\mu^2)^{1/2} \left[-(n+1) P_n^{|m|}(\mu) - \mu \frac{\partial P_n^{|m|}}{\partial \mu} \right] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{m}{(1-\mu^2)^{1/2}} P_n^{|m|}(\mu) \right\} N_n^m e^{i(m-1)\phi} r^{-n-2}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$= - \left[\frac{2n+1}{2n+3} (n-m+1)(n-m+2) \right]^{1/2} S_{n+1}^{m-1}. \quad (21)$$

We store rotation coefficients $H_n^{\nu m}$ for $\nu = -n, \dots, n$, $m = 0, \dots, n$. By symmetry (G&D 5.5.2):

$$H_n^{\nu, -m} = H_n^{-\nu, m}.$$

References

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