

### EXERCISE SET #3

Definition: (Regular) Sturm-Liouville (S-L) problem is a linear homogeneous 2nd order boundary value problem (BVP):

$$[p(x)y']' + q(x)y + \lambda w(x)y = 0, \quad a < x < b,$$

with homogeneous (separated) boundary conditions

$$\alpha y(a) + \beta y'(a) = 0, \quad \gamma y(b) + \delta y'(b) = 0,$$

where  $a, b$  are finite, where  $p, p', q, w$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and where  $p(x) > 0$  and  $w(x) > 0$  on  $[a, b]$ . Further,  $\alpha, \beta$  are not both zero,  $\gamma, \delta$  are not both zero, and  $a, b, p(x), q(x), w(x), \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are all real.

Theorem: (S-L Theorem) Let  $\lambda_n$  and  $\phi_n(x)$  denote any eigenvalue and corresponding eigenfunction of the S-L eigenvalue problem  $L[y] = \lambda y$  where  $L$  is the (S-L) differential operator

$$L \equiv -\frac{1}{w} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( p \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q \right].$$

(a) The eigenvalues are real,

(b) To each eigenvalue there corresponds only one linearly independent eigenfunction. Further there are an  $\infty$ -number of eigenvalues and they can be ordered so that  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots$  where  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(c) Eigenfunction corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal, that is, if  $\lambda_j \neq \lambda_k$ , then

$\langle \phi_j, \phi_k \rangle_w = 0$ , where the weighted “inner” product is defined by  $\langle \phi_j, \phi_k \rangle_w \equiv \int_a^b \phi_j(x) \bar{\phi}_k(x) w(x) dx$ .

(d) Let  $f$  and  $f'$  be piecewise continuous on  $[a, b]$ . If  $a_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle_w / \langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle_w$ , then the series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x)$  converges to  $f(x)$  if  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , and to the mean value  $[f(x^+) + f(x^-)]/2$  if  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x$ , for each point  $x$  in  $a < x < b$ .

Definition: (Periodic) S-L problem has the nonseparated (periodic) boundary conditions

$$y(a) = y(b), \quad y'(a) = y'(b).$$

Definition: (Singular) S-L problem arises when  $p(x)$  (and possibly  $w(x)$ ) vanishes at one or both endpoints, so that  $p(x) > 0$  and  $w(x) > 0$  holds on open  $(a, b)$ . Further, the boundary conditions are modified as follows:

(a)  $p(a) = 0$  (and  $p(b) \neq 0$ ): Then the boundary conditions are:  $y$  bounded at  $a$ ,  $\gamma y(b) + \delta y'(b) = 0$ .

(b)  $p(b) = 0$  (and  $p(a) \neq 0$ ): Then the boundary conditions are:  $\alpha y(a) + \beta y'(a) = 0$ ,  $y$  bounded at  $b$ .

(c)  $p(a) = p(b) = 0$ : Then the boundary conditions are:  $y$  bounded at  $a$ ,  $y$  bounded at  $b$ .

Theorem: (Periodic and Singular S-L Theorem) Let  $\lambda_n$  and  $\phi_n(x)$  denote any eigenvalue and corresponding eigenfunction of a periodic or a singular S-L problem.

(a) The eigenvalues are real,

(b)  $q(x) \leq 0$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $[p(x)\phi_n(x)\phi_n'(x)]_a^b \leq 0$  for the eigenfunction  $\phi_n(x)$ , then not only is  $\lambda_n$  real, it is also nonnegative:  $\lambda_n \geq 0$ .

(c) Eigenfunction corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal, that is, if  $\lambda_j \neq \lambda_k$ , then  $\langle \phi_j, \phi_k \rangle_w = 0$ .

### Bessel Functions

They arise when solving PDEs in polar and cylindrical coordinates as eigenfunctions of the singular S-L problem (case (a))

$$(rR')' + (\lambda r - \frac{v^2}{r})R = 0, \quad 0 < r < a,$$

subject to the boundary conditions:  $R = R(r)$  bounded as  $r \rightarrow 0$  &  $\gamma R'(a) + \delta R(a) = 0$ .

The change of variables  $x = \sqrt{\lambda}r$  and thus  $d/dr = \sqrt{\lambda} d/dx$  yields

$$x^2 R'' + xR' + (x^2 - v^2)R = 0,$$

the Bessel's differential equation of order  $v \geq 0$ . For  $x = 0$  being a RSP, we seek a Frobenius solution  $y(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ . This results in the indicial equation  $r^2 - v^2 = 0$  with roots  $r = \pm v$ .

The solution for root  $r_1 = v$  is the Bessel function of the first kind of order  $v$ :

$$J_v(x) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^v \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+v)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k}$$

when  $v$  is a positive integer. This can be generalized to

$$J_v(x) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^v \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k! \Gamma(k+v+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k}$$

for  $v \geq 0$ . Here,  $\Gamma(v)$  is the Gamma function defined by

$$\Gamma(v) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{v-1} e^{-x} dx.$$

as a generalization of the factorial operation to noninteger values. It can be shown by integration-by-parts that  $\Gamma(v+1) = v\Gamma(v)$  and thus for  $v$  a positive integer,  $\Gamma(v+1) = v!$  while  $\Gamma(1) = 1$ .

The second independent solution for root  $r_2 = -v$  requires separate considerations for  $v$  **(1)** not an integer, **(2)** zero, **(3)** positive integer.

**(1)** When  $v$  is not an integer, the second solution can be written as

$$J_{-v}(x) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-v} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k! \Gamma(k-v+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k}$$

because  $v \rightarrow -v$  leaves the differential equation invariant. It is independent of  $J_v(x)$ , because

$J_v(0) = 0$  while  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} J_{-v}(x) = \infty$ . Thus, a general solution is  $R(x) = AJ_v(x) + BJ_{-v}(x)$ .

Note also that the roots  $r_1 - r_2 = \nu - (-\nu) = 2\nu$  differ by an integer when  $\nu$  is one-half an odd integer ( $1/2, 3/2, 5/2, \dots$ ). It can be shown, for example, that

$$J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x \quad \text{and} \quad J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x.$$

These are called spherical Bessel functions.

(2) When  $\nu$  is zero, the indicial roots are equal:  $r_1 = r_2 = 0$ . By Frobenius theorem, the second independent solution is sought in the form

$$R(x) = J_0(x) \ln(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k x^k \quad \text{where} \quad J_0(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k!)^2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k}.$$

After some scaling, the Bessel Function of the second kind of order zero results

$$Y_0(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ J_0(x) \left[ \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \gamma \right] + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(k!)^2} \phi(k) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} \right\}$$

where,  $\gamma = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\phi(k) - \ln k)$  is the Euler's constant and  $\phi(k) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k}$ .

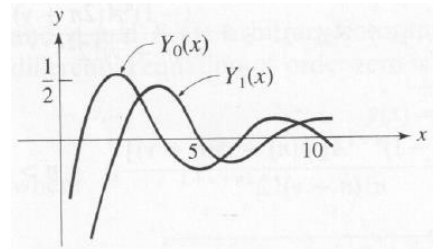
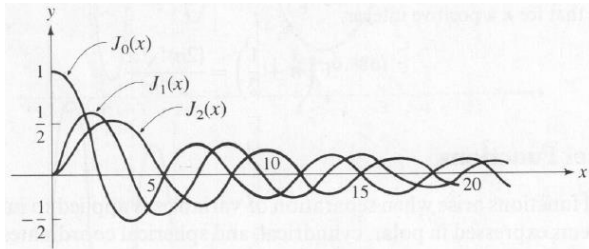
(3) When  $\nu$  is a positive integer, the indicial roots differ by an integer. By Frobenius theorem, the second independent solution is sought in the form

$$R(x) = \kappa J_{\nu}(x) \ln(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k-\nu}.$$

After some scaling, the Bessel Function of the second kind of order  $\nu$  results

$$Y_{\nu}(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ J_{\nu}(x) \left[ \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \gamma \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\nu} \sum_{k=0}^{\nu-1} \frac{(\nu-k-1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\nu} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k [\phi(k) + \phi(k+\nu)]}{k!(k+\nu)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k} \right\}.$$

Graphs of some Bessel functions are shown below:



that can be constructed by the Matlab commands:

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>> Jnu = besselj(nu,x);    % First kind Bessel fn. of order nu.
>> Ynu = bessely(nu,x);    % Second kind Bessel fn. of order nu.
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Due to the boundedness requirement as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , the general solution to the singular Bessel S-L problem is

$$R(r; \lambda) = A J_{\nu}(\sqrt{\lambda} r), \quad 0 < r < a,$$

where the eigenvalue(s) are determined by the boundary conditions  $\gamma R'(a; \lambda) + \delta R(a; \lambda) = 0$ . The eigenfunctions  $\{R(r; \lambda_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  form a basis set of orthogonal functions

$$(R(r; \lambda_n), R(r; \lambda_m))_r \equiv \int_0^a R(r; \lambda_n) R(r; \lambda_m) r dr = \rho_n \delta_{nm}.$$

This allows Fourier-Bessel representation of piecewise-smooth functions  $f(r)$  in terms of the Bessel S-L eigenfunctions as follows:

$$\frac{1}{2}(f(r^+) + f(r^-)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n R(r; \lambda_n) \quad \text{where} \quad c_n \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_n} \int_0^a f(r) R(r; \lambda_n) r dr.$$

The norm  $\rho_n = \|R(r; \lambda_n)\|^2$  can be obtained from the Bessel DE as follows:

- Multiply the DE by  $2rR'$  and rearrange:  $0 = \frac{d}{dr}(rR')^2 + (\lambda r^2 - \nu^2) \frac{d}{dr}(R)^2$
- Integrate to get:  $\lambda \int_0^a r^2 \frac{d}{dr}(R)^2 dr = \left[ \nu^2 (R)^2 - (rR')^2 \right]_0^a$
- The norm follows:  $\rho_n = \int_0^a R^2 r dr = \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \left[ (rR')^2 - \nu^2 R^2 + \lambda_n r^2 R^2 \right]_0^a.$

Recurrence Relations may be used to evaluate Bessel functions of higher orders by using the series representations. Some are:

- $J_{\nu-1}(x) + J_{\nu+1}(x) = \frac{2\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 1$ ,
- $2J'_{\nu}(x) = J_{\nu-1}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 1$ ,
- $J'_{\nu}(x) = -\frac{\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x) + J_{\nu-1}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 1$ ,
- $J'_{\nu}(x) = \frac{\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 0$ .

Further, multiplication of the last two equations by  $x^{\nu}$  and  $x^{-\nu}$  yields

- $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{\nu} J_{\nu}(x)) = x^{\nu} J_{\nu-1}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 1$ ,
- $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-\nu} J_{\nu}(x)) = -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(x)$  for  $\nu \geq 0$ .

These results are also valid for  $Y_{\nu}(x)$ .

1. Solve for the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, and work out the eigenfunction expansion of the given function  $f$ .

(a)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(L) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 100$

(b)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y(L) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1$

(c)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(L) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x < L/2 \\ 0, & L/2 \leq x \leq L \end{cases}$

How can you verify:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n-1} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ?

(d)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y(L) + y'(L) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 50$

(e)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(0) + y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y(\pi) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 10$

(f)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(-1) = 0$ ,  $y'(1) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 50, & 0 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

(g)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(0) - 2y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(2) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 100$

(h)  $x^2 y'' + x y' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(1) = 0$ ,  $y(a) = 0$ ,  $f(x)$

Ans.: Let  $\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2$ . (a)  $\{\alpha_n = (2n-1)\pi/2L; \sin(\alpha_n x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , (b)  $\{\alpha_n = (2n-1)\pi/2L; \cos(\alpha_n x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , (c)  $\{\alpha_n = n\pi/L; \cos(\alpha_n x)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,

(d)  $\{\tan(\alpha_n L) = 1/\alpha_n; \cos(\alpha_n x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , (e)  $\{\cot(\alpha_n \pi) = 1/\alpha_n; \sin(\alpha_n(\pi - x))/\sin(\alpha_n \pi)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , (f) see (c),

(g)  $\{\tan(2\alpha_n) = 2/\alpha_n; \cos(\alpha_n(2 - x))/\cos(2\alpha_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , (h)  $\{\alpha_n = n\pi/\ln(a); \sin(\alpha_n \ln(x))\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

2. Recast each of the following differential equations in the S-L form.

(a)  $xy'' + 5y' + \lambda xy = 0$ , (b)  $y'' + 2y' + xy + \lambda x^2 y = 0$ , (c)  $y'' + y' + \lambda y = 0$ , (d)  $y'' - y' + \lambda xy = 0$ ,

(e)  $x^2 y'' + xy' + \lambda x^2 y = 0$ , (f)  $y'' + (\cot x)y' + \lambda y = 0$

3. Find the adjoint  $L^*$  of the given operator  $L$ , i.e.  $\langle L[u], v \rangle = \langle u, L^*[v] \rangle$ , and state whether the given operator is self-adjoint ( $L = L^*$ ) relative to the inner product chosen. If it is not, state why it is not.

In each case, use the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle \equiv \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ .

(a)  $L = \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $u(0) = 0$  (b)  $L = \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $u(1) = 0$ , (c)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$ ,

(d)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ , (e)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 3$ ,  $u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ , (f)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ ,

(g)  $L = \frac{d^3}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2\frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $u(0) = u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ , (h)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1$ ,  $u(0) + u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ ,

(i)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $u'(0) = u(1) + 5u'(1) = 0$ , (j)  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $u(0) - u(1) = u'(0) - u'(1) = 0$ ,

(k)  $L = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $2u(0) - u(1) + 4u'(1) = u(0) + 2u'(1) = 0$ ,

(l)  $L = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ,  $u(0) - u(1) = u'(0) + u'(1) = 0$

4. Show that the 4<sup>th</sup> order Sturm-Liouville differential operator

$$\mathfrak{L} \equiv \frac{1}{w(x)} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[ s(x) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right] + \frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right] + q(x) \right\}$$

is self-adjoint if the boundary conditions are homogeneous. State the boundary conditions.

5. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, and work out the eigenfunction expansion of the given function  $f$ .

(a)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = y(4)$ ,  $y'(0) = y'(4)$ ,  $f(x) = H(x - 2)$ , unit step function.

(b)  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(-1) = y(5)$ ,  $y'(-1) = y'(5)$ ,  $f(x) = x + 2$ ,

(c)  $x^2 y'' + xy' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(1) = y(2)$ ,  $y'(1) = y'(2)$ ,  $f(x) = 6$ ,

(d)  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y(1)$  bounded,  $f(x) = 4$ ,

(e)  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y(1)$  bounded,  $f(x) = x$ ,

(f)  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(-1)$  bounded,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 5x^2$ ,

(g)  $(4 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(-2)$  bounded,  $y(2)$  bounded,  $f(x) = 5 - 2x$

Hint:  $\{\lambda_n = n(n+1); P_n(x)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ : (d)  $n$ :odd &  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , (e)  $n$ :even &  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , (f)  $n$ :even &  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$ , (g) Transform to  $[-1, 1]$ .

6. Put the power series solution about the ordinary point  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$  into the Legendre's equation  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$  and derive the recursion formula  $a_{k+2} = \frac{k(k+1) - \lambda}{(k+1)(k+2)} a_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

Show that the series terminates for  $\lambda = n(n+1)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and construct the first five Legendre polynomials,  $P_n(x)$  scaled with  $P_n(1) = 1$ .

7. Use Rodrigues's formula  $P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [(x^2 - 1)^n]$  to reproduce the first five Legendre polynomials,  $P_n(x)$ .
8. Expand the left-hand side of the Generating function:  $(1 - 2xr + r^2)^{-1/2} = \sum_0^\infty P_n(x)r^n$  in a Taylor series in  $r$ , about  $r=0$ , up to  $r^3$ , to verify that the coefficients of  $r^0, \dots, r^3$  are indeed  $P_0(x), \dots, P_3(x)$ .
9. Show by changing  $x$  to  $-x$  in the Generating function that  $P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x)$ . What can you deduce about the values of  $P_n(0)$  and  $P'_n(0)$ ?
10. Show by taking  $\partial/\partial r$  of the Generating function that one obtains the recursion formula  $nP_n(x) = (2n-1)xP_{n-1}(x) - (n-1)P_{n-2}(x)$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \dots$
11. Show by taking  $\partial/\partial x$  of the Generating function that one obtains the recursion formula  $P'_n(x) - 2xP'_{n-1}(x) + P'_{n-2}(x) = P_{n-1}(x)$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \dots$
12. Recast the Legendre's equation  $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$  in the S-L form and reason to verify the orthogonality relation  $\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x)P_m(x) dx = 0$  for  $n \neq m$ .

By squaring and integrating the Generating function from -1 to 1, and using the orthogonality to obtain

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1 - 2xr + r^2)^{-1} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 [P_n(x)]^2 dx \right\} r^{2n},$$

show that  $\int_{-1}^1 [P_n(x)]^2 dx = \frac{2}{2n+1}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

13. What can you say about the integral of the Legendre polynomials on the half interval, i.e.

$$\int_0^1 P_n(x)P_m(x) dx ?$$

14. Associated Legendre functions are soln's to the DE

$$((1-x^2)y')' + \left( n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) y = 0.$$

where  $m$  is a nonnegative integer. It reduces to the Legendre DE when  $m = 0$ .

Show that when  $y(x)$  is a sol'n to the Legendre DE,  $(1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m y}{dx^m}$  is a sol'n to the Associated Legendre DE. Thus,  $P_{mn}(x) = (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m P_n(x)}{dx^m}$  is called the Associated Legendre functions of degree  $n$  and order  $m$ . Show also that  $P_{mn}(x)$  is nonvanishing only when  $n \geq m$ .

15. An alternative representation of associated Legendre functions is obtained by setting  $x = \cos \theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  where they take the form of trigonometric polynomials. Generate few of these functions using

$$P_{mn}(\cos \theta) = (-1)^m \sin^m \theta \frac{d^m P_n(\cos \theta)}{d(\cos \theta)^m},$$

and establish the orthogonality relations of  $P_{mn}(\cos \theta)$  for m-fixed and n-fixed cases.

Hint: Re-write the associated Legendre DE in  $\theta$  and identify the inner-product weight functions for each case.

16. Put the power series solution about the regular singular point  $x=0$ ,  $y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+r}$  into the Bessel's equation  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - v^2)y = 0$  and derive the recursion relation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ [(k+r)^2 - v^2] a_k + a_{k-2} \right\} x^{k+r} = 0.$$

17. Show using the recursion relation for the case  $v=1/2$  that the Bessel functions of the first kind are obtained as  $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \sin x$  and  $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{2/(\pi x)} \cos x$ .

18. It can be shown that the Generating function for the Bessel function of the first kind, of order  $n$ ,  $J_n(x)$  is  $\exp(\frac{x}{2}(t - \frac{1}{t})) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) t^n$ .

(a) Show by taking  $\partial/\partial t$  of the Generating function that one obtains the recursion formula

$$J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{x}{2(n+1)} [J_n(x) + J_{n+2}(x)], \quad n=0,1,\dots$$

(b) Show by taking  $\partial/\partial x$  of the Generating function that one obtains the recursion formula

$$J'_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)], \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

19. Show that equations in the form  $[t^a u']' + bt^c u = 0$  where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers, can be transformed to a Bessel equation  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - v^2)y = 0$  by transforming both independent and dependent variables by the change of variables  $x = \alpha \sqrt{bt}^{1/\alpha}$  and  $y = t^{-v/\alpha} u$  where  $\alpha = 2/(c-a+2)$  and  $v = (1-a)/(c-a+2)$ . Apply this result to the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' + 4x^2 y = 0$ , (b)  $xy'' - 2y' + xy = 0$ , (c)  $4y'' + 9xy = 0$ , (d)  $y'' + \sqrt[3]{x} y = 0$ , (e)  $4xy'' + y = 0$ , (f)  $4xy'' + 2y' + xy = 0$ , (g)  $y'' + xy = 0$ , (h)  $y'' + 4y = 0$  (compare with the known elementary solution).

20. Show that Bessel's equation of order zero has a solution  $J_0$  which is analytic on the entire x-axis and satisfies the condition  $J_0(0) = 1$ .

21. Show that the Fourier-Bessel representation of the function  $f(r) = a^2 - r^2$  in the form:

$$f(r) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k J_0(\lambda_k r) \quad \text{where} \quad c_k \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_k} \int_0^a f(r) J_0(\lambda_k r) r dr$$

yields  $c_k = \frac{4}{\lambda_k^2 J_0(\lambda_k a)}$  when the eigenvalue relation is  $J_1(\lambda_k a) = 0$ .

Hint: Use the relation  $(x^{-v} J_v(x))' = -x^{-v} J_{v+1}(x)$ ,  $v \geq 0$  and integration-by-parts.