

Complex Numbers

Denoted by either i or j

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$\sqrt{i} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$z = x + iy = \underbrace{r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)}_{Euler's\ Formula} = re^{i\theta}$$

$$x = \operatorname{Re}\{z\}, y = \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$$

$$r = |z|^2 = zz^*$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$$

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + i(y_1 - y_2)$$

$$z_1 z_2 = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2) = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{z_1 z_2^*}{|z_2|^2} = \frac{r_1 e^{i\phi_1}}{r_2 e^{i\phi_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$$

De Moivre's Theorem:

$$\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = (\cos\theta + i \sin\theta)^n$$

Coordinate Systems

Cartesian Coordinates

$$\underline{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{Laplacian: } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{Gradient: } \underline{\nabla} T = \hat{i} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\underline{\nabla} T}{|\underline{\nabla} T|}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} T \cdot \hat{u} = \left. \frac{dT}{ds} \right|_{\hat{u}}$$

Divergence:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{T} = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (T_x \hat{i} + T_y \hat{j} + T_z \hat{k})$$

Curl:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{T} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ T_x & T_y & T_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial T_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial T_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial T_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial T_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ &\quad + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial T_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial T_x}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical Polars

$$(x, y, z) = (r \cos\theta, r \sin\theta, z)$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{i} = \cos\theta$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{j} = \sin\theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\underline{\nabla} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$V = \int_0^r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^h dz r$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V} = \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ V_r & r V_\theta & V_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} f)$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$$

Spherical Polars

$$(x, y, z) = (r \sin\theta \cos\phi, r \sin\theta \sin\phi, r \cos\theta)$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{i} = \sin\theta \cos\phi$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{j} = \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{k} = \cos\theta$$

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\underline{r}}{|\underline{r}|}$$

$$V = \int_0^r dr \int_0^\pi d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi r^2 \sin\theta$$

$$\underline{\nabla} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(r^2 V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \left(\frac{\partial(\sin\theta V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V} = \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & r \hat{\theta} & r \sin\theta \hat{\phi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ V_r & r V_\theta & r \sin\theta V_\phi \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 f &= \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} f) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}\end{aligned}$$

Conservative Fields

$$\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{l} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{F} = 0$$

$$\underline{F} = -\underline{\nabla} V$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} V) = 0$$

Continuity Equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \underline{V}) = 0$$

$$\text{Incompressible fluid: } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

Data Analysis

Propagation of errors:

$$\sigma_A^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 \sigma_x^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \sigma_y^2$$

Combination in quadrature

$$\text{If } A = x + y - z, \sigma_A^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_z^2$$

$$\text{If } A = \frac{xy^n}{z},$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_A}{A} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{x} \right)^2 + n^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_y}{y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_z}{z} \right)^2$$

Least Squares Fit

$$\text{Chisquared } \chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{\delta_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \Big|_{\min}$$

where δ_i is the distance from the data point to the corresponding fit point.

Degrees of freedom: $N_{dof} = N - p$

where N is the number of data points and p is the number of fitted parameters.

For a good fit, $\chi^2 \approx N_{dof}$

Repeated measurements

$$\text{Mean: } \langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$\text{Error of mean: } \sigma_{\langle x \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sigma$$

Best estimate of σ from the spread of points:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2}$$

$$\text{Weighted mean: } X_m = \frac{w_a X_a + w_b X_b}{w_a + w_b}$$

$$\text{where } w_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}, \text{ and } w_m = w_a + w_b.$$

Delta functions

Dirac delta:

$$\delta(x - x_0) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = x_0 \\ 0 & x \neq x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - x_0) dx = 1$$

Kronecker Delta:

$$\delta_{nm} = \begin{cases} 1 & n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

Differentiation and Integration

Differentiation

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{dx}{dy} \right)^{-1}$$

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
x^n	nx^{n-1}
e^{kx}	ke^{kx}
a^x	$a^x \log a$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$\sin^2 x$	$2 \sin x \cos x$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\tan x$	$\sec^2 x$
$\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$
$\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$
$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$\frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$
$\cot x$	$-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$\sec x$	$\tan x \sec x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x}$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$-\cot x \operatorname{cosec} x$ $= -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x}$

$\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$-\frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$
$\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$\frac{a}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$
$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$-\frac{a}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$
$\sinh x$	$\cosh x$
$\cosh x$	$\sinh x$
$\tanh x$	$\operatorname{sech}^2 x$
$\sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}}$
$\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$
$\tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$	$\frac{a}{a^2 - x^2}$

Chain rule: $\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$

Product Rule: $\frac{d(uv)}{dx} = v \frac{du}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx}$

Quotient Rule: $\frac{d\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

Stationary point: $\frac{dx}{dy} = 0$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

$\Delta > 0, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} > 0$, minimum

$\Delta > 0, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} < 0$, maximum

$\Delta < 0$ saddlepoint

$\Delta = 0$ tests with higher derivatives needed

Point of inflexion: $\frac{d^2 x}{dy^2} = 0, \frac{d^2 x}{dy^2}$ changes sign on either side

Integration

$$\int \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(x) + c$$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{x=a}^b f(x) \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x) dx = [f(x)]^b_a$$

Divergence Theorem: $\int_S \underline{V} \cdot d\underline{A} = \int_V (\nabla \cdot \underline{V}) dV$

Stoke's Theorem: $\oint_C \underline{V} \cdot d\underline{l} = \int_S (\nabla \times \underline{V}) \cdot d\underline{A}$

Integration by Parts:

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx + c$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{u(x)}^{v(x)} f(t) dt = f(v(x)) \frac{dv(x)}{dx} - f(u(x)) \frac{du(x)}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_0^a dx \left(\int_0^b dy \rho(x, y) \right) = \int_0^b dy \left(\int_0^a dx \rho(x, y) \right) \\ &= \int_0^a \int_0^b \rho(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^b \int_0^a \rho(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \iint_A dx dy \rho(x, y) = \int_A dx dy \rho(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - a^2} = \int \frac{dx}{(x+a)(x-a)} = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + c$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c \text{ via } x = a \sin u$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c \text{ via } x = a \tan u$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} = \sin^{-1} h \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c \text{ via } x = a \sinh u$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \cos^{-1} h \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c \text{ via } x = a \cosh u$$

To solve $\int \sin^n ax \cos^m ax dx$;

If $n+m$ is odd,

$$\int \sin^n ax \cos^m ax dx = \int \sin^{n-1} ax \cos^m ax \sin ax$$

and substitute $u = \cos ax$ (n odd)

$$\int \sin^n ax \cos^m ax dx = \int \sin^n ax \cos^{m-1} ax \cos ax dx$$

and substitute $u = \sin ax$ (m odd)

If $n+m$ is even; use either.

Differential Equations

First Order Ordinary Differential Equations

$$\text{Separable: } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$$

Take x, y to opposite sides, integrate to get solution

$$\text{Linear: } \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

Use integrating factor

$$I(x) = \exp\left(\int P(x)dx\right)$$

Multiply by $I(x)$, then choose suitable

$$\begin{aligned} I(x), \text{ e.g. } \frac{d(I(x)y)}{dx} &= I \frac{dy}{dx} + IP(x)y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d(I(x)y)}{dx} &= I(x)Q(x) \end{aligned}$$

Then as for separable case

Bernoulli's Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n \quad (n \neq 0, 1)$$

Divide through by y^n , substitute $u = y^{1-n}$

$$\left(\frac{du}{dx} = (1-n)y^{-n} \frac{dn}{dx} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-n} \frac{du}{dx} + P(x)u = Q(x)$$

Then use integrating factor

$I(x) = \exp\left(\int (-n)P(x)dx\right)$, and proceed as above

Second Order ODE with constant coefficients

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2 y = f(x)$$

Set $f(x) = 0$ and solve \rightarrow complementary function $y_c(x)$. Then find solution for

$f(x) \neq 0 \rightarrow$ particular integral $y_p(x)$.

$$\text{Then } y_T(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$

Trial solution: $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$

Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{X}} = \lambda \underline{\underline{X}}$$

$\underline{\underline{A}} \equiv \hat{A}$ is an operator, λ is an eigenvalue and $\underline{\underline{X}}$ is an eigenvector.

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) = 0$$

$\underline{\underline{I}}$ is the unitary matrix (see later)

$$(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda_n \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{\underline{X}}_n = 0$$

eigenvector $\underline{\underline{X}}_n = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, a, b anything.

Unit eigenvectors $\hat{\underline{\underline{X}}}_n = \frac{\underline{\underline{X}}_n}{\det \underline{\underline{X}}_n}$

Expansions

Binomial expansion:

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

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + \frac{nx}{1!} + \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} + \dots + x^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{i!(n-1)!}$$

Taylor expansion:

About $x = 0$ (Maclaurin expansion);

$$f(x) \approx f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}f^n(0)$$

About $x = x_0$:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)}{1!}f'(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \dots$$

About $x = x_0, y = y_0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(x_0, y_0) + h \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y} \\ &\quad + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{k^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Exponentials & Logarithms

$$\ln \equiv \log_e$$

$$x^a x^b = x^{a+b}$$

$$(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$$

$$\ln(xy) = \ln x + \ln y$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln x - \ln y$$

$$\ln(x^a) = a \ln x$$

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\ln 1 = 0$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

Fourier Transforms

Standard Notation

$$f(x) = a_o + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos kx + b_n \sin kx)$$

$$a_o = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^{+L} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{+L} f(x) \cos kx dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$a_n = 0$ for an odd function, i.e. not symmetric on the y-axis.

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{+L} f(x) \sin kx dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$b_n = 0$ for an even function, i.e. symmetric on the y-axis.

Complex Notation

Kronecker Delta: $\delta_{nm} = \begin{cases} 1 & m = n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases}$

$$\int_a^b U_n * U_n dx = I_m \delta_{nm}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{inx/L} = \sum_n \underbrace{C_n U_n(x)}_{\text{Basis functions}}$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L}^L e^{-inx/L} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{I_n} \int_a^b U_n(x) f(x) dx$$

Parseval, normalization:

$$\int_{-L}^L |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-L}^L f(x) * f(x) dx = 2L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |C_n|^2$$

Dirichlet's Conditions

A set of $\cos kx$ and $\sin kx$ is complete – any sensible function can be built from them.

$f(x)$ must be single-valued, and have a finite number of finite discontinuities.

$$\int_{-L}^{+L} |f(x)| dx \text{ must be finite.}$$

Integral Transforms

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

$$g(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

Gives the amount of each wave needed in the Fourier series.

For any function $f(x)$ and its fourier transform $g(k)$, $\Delta x \Delta k \geq 1/2$

Legendre Series, $(-1 \leq x \leq 1)$

Any ‘sensible’ function on $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ can be expanded using Legendre polynomials

$$f(x) = \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} c_L P_L(x)$$

$$c_L = \frac{2L+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_L(x) dx$$

Orthogonality

$$\int_{-L}^{+L} U(x) V(x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_a^b U(x) V(x) dx = 0$$

$$a \leq x \leq b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\int_{-L}^{+L} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = 0, \quad m \neq n$$

$$\int_{-L}^{+L} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = 0, \quad \forall m, n$$

Solutions

$$f(x) = A \cos kx + B \sin kx \quad (-k^2)$$

$$f(x) = A_n e^{inx/L} + B_n e^{-inx/L} \quad (k^2)$$

Convolution theory

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x-x') f_2(x') dx'$$

$$G(k) = 2\pi g_1(k) g_2(k)$$

Fourier transform of convolution of 2

functions is the product of their individual transforms ($\times 2\pi$)

Newton-Raphson Method

(Numerically solving equations)

- Make initial guess at solution $\rightarrow x_0$
- Find the gradient at $x_0 \rightarrow f'(x_0)$
- Find where it cuts the x-axis

$$\rightarrow x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

- Repeat as needed

Polynomials

All just combinations of $\cos x$, $\sin x$ and x^{-1} .

Can solve using power series $y = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1}$.

Legendre Polynomials $P_L(x)$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + L(L+1)y = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_L(x) P_m(x) dx = 0$$

$$P_0 = 1, \quad P_1 = x, \quad P_2 = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2}, \dots$$

Finite at $x = \pm 1$

Eigenvalues: $L(L+1)$, $L = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(waves with axial symmetry, i.e. no ϕ dependence)

Associated Legendre Polynomials

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

$$P_\ell^m(x) = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_\ell(x)$$

$$P_\ell^m(\cos\theta) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^\ell \ell!} (r \cos^2 \theta)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^{\ell+m} (\cos^2 \theta - 1)}{(d \cos \theta)^{\ell+m}}$$

Finite at $x = \pm 1$

Eigenvalues: $L \geq |m|$, $m = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$
(waves with ϕ dependence)

Hermite Polynomials $H_n(x)$

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2ny = 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\sim x^n$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

(quantum harmonic oscillator)

Laguerre Polynomials $L_n(x)$

$$xy'' + (1-x)y' + ny = 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\sim x^n$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, finite at $x = 0$

(hydrogen atom radial wave functions)

Bessel Functions $J_m(x)$

$$x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - m^2)y = 0$$

Finite at $x = 0$

(free waves in plane or cylindrical polars)

Spherical Bessel Functions $J_L(x)$

$$x^2y'' + 2xy' + (x^2 - L(L+1))y = 0$$

Finite at $x = 0$

(Free waves in spherical polar cords)

Quadratics

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Series

Arithmetic

$$S_n = a + (a+d) + \dots + (a + (N-1)d)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (a + nd) = \frac{N}{2} [a + (a + d(N-1))]$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (n) = \frac{1}{2} (N(N-1))$$

Geometric

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} ax^n = a \left(\frac{1-x^n}{1-x} \right)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ax^n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(a \left(\frac{1-x^N}{1-x} \right) \right)$$

Trigonometry

$$\cos \phi = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}) = \frac{1}{\sec \phi}$$

$$\cos(-x) = -\cos(-x) \text{ (even)}$$

$$\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$$

$$\cos x \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots \text{ (Maclaurin)}$$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}) = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} \phi}$$

$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x)$$

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x) \text{ (odd)}$$

$$\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \text{ (Maclaurin)}$$

$$\langle \sin^2 kx \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \frac{1}{\cot \phi}$$

$$\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$$

$$\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi = 1$$

$$\cos \phi + \sin \phi = 1 + \tan \phi$$

$$\sin 2\phi = 2 \sin \phi \cos \phi$$

$$\cos 2\phi = \cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi = 2 \cos^2 \phi - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \phi$$

$$\operatorname{sinc}(\alpha) = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\alpha}$$

$$\text{L'Hopital's Rule: } \frac{\sin 0}{0} = 1 \text{ (from Maclaurin)}$$

$$\sinh(\alpha) = \frac{e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha}}{2} = \sin(i\alpha)$$

$$\cosh(\alpha) = \frac{e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}}{2} = \cos(i\alpha)$$

$$\tanh(\alpha) = \frac{\sinh(\alpha)}{\cosh(\alpha)}$$

Vector Identities

Scalar Product:

$$\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = \underline{B} \cdot \underline{A} = |\underline{A}| |\underline{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

Vector Product:

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = -\underline{B} \times \underline{A} = |\underline{A}| |\underline{B}| \sin \theta \hat{n}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Scalar Triple Product:

$$(\underline{A} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \underline{C} = |\underline{A} \times \underline{B}| |\underline{C}| \cos \varphi$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} C_x & C_y & C_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

where φ is the angle between

$$|\underline{A} \times \underline{B}| \text{ and } |\underline{C}|$$

Vector Triple Product:

$$\underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) = (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}) \underline{B} - (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}) \underline{C}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \underline{V}) = \phi \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V} + \underline{V} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\phi \underline{V}) = \phi \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V} - \underline{V} \times \underline{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} T) = \nabla^2 T$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} T) = 0$$

$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V})$ cannot be simplified

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V}) = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V}) = \underline{\nabla} (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V}) - \nabla^2 V$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{V} \times \underline{W}) = (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{V}) \cdot \underline{W} - (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{W}) \cdot \underline{V}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{V} \times \underline{W}) = (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{W}) \underline{V} + (\underline{W} \cdot \underline{\nabla}) \underline{V} - (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{V}) \underline{W} - (\underline{V} \cdot \underline{\nabla}) \underline{W}$$

Rotation matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_x' \\ V_y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrices

$$\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{C}} \rightarrow c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{C}} \rightarrow c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Identity matrix $\underline{\underline{I}} = \underline{\underline{I}}_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

Transpose $A_{ij}^T = \tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ji}$

$$\text{If } \underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{B}}, \underline{\underline{C}}^T = (\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{B}})^T = \underline{\underline{B}}^T \underline{\underline{A}}^T$$

$$\text{Inverse: } \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{I}} = \delta_{ij}$$

Complex conjugate: $A^* = \bar{A}$

$$\text{Hermitian conjugate: } \underline{\underline{A}}^\dagger = (\underline{\underline{A}}^*)^T$$

$$\text{Trace: } Tr(\underline{\underline{A}}) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ii}$$