

# Associated Leg. functions

The ODE  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + \lambda y - \frac{m^2 y}{1-x^2} = 0$

has solution  $C_n^m P_n^m(x)$ ,  $\lambda = n(n+1)$  with  $n=0,1,2,\dots$  as before.

$P_n^m \equiv (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_n(x) (-1)^m$  "Associated Legendre funk."

N.B. we had an earlier convention that the SL eigenfunctions  $\{\lambda_n, y_n\}$  started with  $n=1$ ; here we're starting with  $n=0$ . (because  $\lambda \equiv n(n+1)$  for  $n=0,1,2,\dots$ )

Back to PDE:

$u(\rho, \theta, \varphi) \rightarrow R(\rho) \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\varphi)$   $\leftarrow \Phi'' + m^2 \Phi = 0, \text{ FS in } \varphi$   
 $m=0,1,2,\dots$

$\rho^\nu$  or  $\rho^{-1-\nu}$  with  $\lambda = \nu(1+\nu)$

gave the leg. diff eqs. with  $x = \cos \theta$  sols.  $P_n^m(\cos \theta)$

So  $\nu \equiv n!$  And regularity demands  $\rho^n$ . Gen. Sol. is:

$$u = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} a_{0n} P_n(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{mn} \cos m\varphi + b_{mn} \sin m\varphi) P_n^m(x) \right]$$

Boundary condition:  $u = F(\theta, \varphi)$  at  $\rho = 1$ .

Use a F.S. to represent F:

$$F(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2} A_0(\theta) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [A_m(\theta) \cos m\varphi + B_m(\theta) \sin m\varphi]$$

where

$$[A_0, A_m, B_m] = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\theta, \varphi) [1, \cos m\varphi, \sin m\varphi] d\varphi$$

Match up the F.S. terms:

$A_0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{0n} P_n(x)$  Requires  $a_{0n} = \frac{\int_{-1}^1 A_0 P_n(x) dx}{\int_{-1}^1 P_n^2 dx}$   
 $A_m = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{mn} P_n^m(x)$   
 $B_m = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{mn} P_n^m(x)$   
 $\left\{ \begin{matrix} a_{mn} \\ b_{mn} \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{\int_{-1}^1 \left\{ \begin{matrix} A_m \\ B_m \end{matrix} \right\} P_n^m dx}{\int_{-1}^1 (P_n^m)^2 dx}$