

(Q)

Example on Legendre Polynomial with Some more conditions (CE+ME) Math II

Soln:- $P_0(x) =$

Ex: 1 Express $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 2$ in terms of Legendre Polynomial.

Soln:- Let $x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 2 = aP_4(x) + bP_3(x) + cP_2(x) + dP_1(x) + eP_0(x)$ (1)

We know that $P_n(x) = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{(-1)^r (2n-2r)!}{2^n r! (n-r)! (n-r)!} x^{n-r}$

if n is even thus in $P_n(x)$ Put $n-2r=0$ i.e., $r=n/2$
in last term [i.e. x contain zero power]

and if n is odd thus in $P_n(x)$ Put $n-2r=1$, $r=\frac{n-1}{2}$
in last term [i.e. x contain one power]

we know that

$P_0(x) = 1$

$P_1(x) = x$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{(-1)^0 (2-0)!}{2^2 0! (2-0)!} x^2 + \frac{(-1)^1 (2-2)!}{2^2 1! (2-1)!} x^{2-1}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} x^1$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2^2 \cdot 2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} x$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Now $P_3(x) = \frac{(-1)^0 (3-0)!}{2^3 0! (3-0)!} x^3 + \frac{(-1)^1 (3-2)!}{2^3 1! (3-1)!} x^{3-1}$

$$= \frac{6}{8} x^3 - \frac{2}{8} x = \frac{3}{4} x^3 - \frac{1}{4} x$$

(2)

$$P_4(x) = \frac{(-1)^0 12x^4 - 0}{2^4 10 \quad 14-0 \quad 14-0} x^{4-0} + \frac{(-1)^1 12x^4 - 2}{2^4 11 \quad 14-1 \quad 14-2} x^{4-2}$$

$$+ \frac{(-1)^2 12x^4 - 4x^2 - 2x^2}{2^4 12 \quad 14-2 \quad 14-4} x^{4-4} \rightarrow \text{not a power}$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2}{16 \times 8 \times 3 \times 2 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2} x^4 - \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2}{16 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2} x^2 + \frac{9 \times 3 \times 2}{16 \times 2 \times 2}$$

$$= \frac{35x^4}{8} - \frac{15x^2}{4} + \frac{9}{8}$$

above these values

Now put in eqⁿ (1)

$$x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 2 = a \left(\frac{35x^4}{8} - \frac{15x^2}{4} + \frac{9}{8} \right) + b \left(\frac{5x^3}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} \right) + c \left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + dx + e$$

Now equating same power coefficient

power of x^4 i.e. $1 = a \times \frac{35}{8} \Rightarrow a = \frac{8}{35}$

power of x^3

$$3 = \frac{5b}{2} \Rightarrow b = \frac{6}{5}$$

Power of $x^2 \Rightarrow -\frac{15a}{4} + \frac{3c}{2} = -1$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{15 \times \frac{8}{35}}{4} + \frac{3c}{2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{30}{35} + \frac{3c}{2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3c}{2} = -1 + \frac{30}{35} = -\frac{5}{35}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1 \times 2}{7 \times 3} = -\frac{2}{21}$$

Power of x

$$\Rightarrow -5 = -3b + d$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 = -\frac{3 \times \frac{6}{5}}{2} + d$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 = -\frac{9}{5} + d$$

$$\frac{9}{5} - 5 = d$$

$$\frac{9-25}{5} = d$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{16}{5} = d$$

Power of $x^0 \Rightarrow -2 = \frac{3a}{8} - \frac{1}{2}c + e \Rightarrow -2 = \frac{3 \times \frac{8}{35}}{8} - \frac{1 \times -2}{2 \times 21} + e$

$$\Rightarrow e = -\frac{32}{15}$$

③

Thus put the value of a, b, c, d, e for (1)

$$x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 2 = \frac{8}{35} P_4(x) + \frac{6}{5} P_3(x) - \frac{2}{5} P_2(x) - \frac{16}{5} P_1(x) - \frac{32}{15} P_0(x)$$

Ex 2.2 Show that

$$x^4 = \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{35} [8 P_4(x) + 14 P_2(x) + 7 P_0(x)]$$

Soln:-

we have discuss in above example

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus put in R.H.S } & \frac{1}{35} \left[8 \times \frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3) \right. \\ & \left. + 14 \times \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1) + 7 \times 1 \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{35} [35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3 + 30x^2 - 14 + 7] = x^4 \text{ L.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Generating function for $P_n(x)$

In the expansion of $(1 - 2xt + t^2)^{-1/2}$, the co-efficient of t^n is known as generating function for $P_n(x)$

$$\text{Show that } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x) = (1 - 2xt + t^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x) t^n \right] = \left\{ 1 - t(2x - t) \right\}^{-1/2}$$

we know that by Binomial expansion:

$$(1-z)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}}{2!} z^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2}}{3!} z^3 + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \dots (3n-1)}{(2n)!} z^n + \dots$$

(n+1)th term

$$\therefore [1 - t(2x-t)]^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2}) \times -t(2x-t)}{1!} + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}-1) \{-t(2x-t)\}^2}{2!}$$

$$+ \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}-2) \{-t(2x-t)\}^3}{3!}$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2}) \dots \{-\frac{1}{2} - (n-1)\} \{-t(2x-t)\}^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} t(2x-t) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{2!} \{t(2x-t)\}^2 + \dots + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \dots \{3n-1\}}{(2n-1)!} \{t(2x-t)\}^{n-1}$$

Now including rth term

(n+1)th term = $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \dots \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + (r-1) \times 1 \right\} \{t(2x-t)\}^{r-1}$

$$\rightarrow = 1 + \frac{1!}{(1!)^2 2^2} t(2x-t) + \frac{1!}{(2!)^2 2^4} t^2(2x-t)^2 + \frac{1!}{(3!)^2 2^6} t^3(2x-t)^3$$

$$+ \frac{1!}{(n-r)!^2 2^{2(n-r)}} t^{n-r}(2x-t)^{n-r} + \dots + \frac{1!}{(n!)^2 2^{2n}} t^n(2x-t)^n$$

for getting $t^{n-r}(2x-t)^{n-r}$

The term t^n from the term containing $t^{n-r}(2x-t)^{n-r}$

$$\frac{1!}{(n-r)!^2 2^{2(n-r)}} t^{n-r} (n-r) C_r (-t)^r (2x)^{n-r-r}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^r 1!}{(n-r)!^2 2^{2(n-r)}} \frac{(n-r)!}{r!} \frac{(-1)^r t^r}{2^r} \frac{2^{n-r-r} x^{n-r-r}}{1!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^r 1!}{2^n} \frac{(n-r)!}{r!} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^r} \frac{2^{n-r-r} x^{n-r-r}}{1!}$$

(5)

Thus all the co-efficient term of t^n is $P_n(x)$

$$\text{where } P_n(x) = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{(-1)^r}{2^n} \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!} x^{n-r}$$

where $n = \begin{cases} \text{even} & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ \text{odd} & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow n-r=0$
 $r = \frac{n+1}{2}$
 $n-r=1$
 last term is x^0 or x^1

Hence we see that

$$\left[1 - t(2x-t) \right]^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x) \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

which is known as generating function of Legendre Polynomials.

Condition I

$$P_n(1) = 1$$

Now put $x=1$ in A

$$\left[1 - t(2-t) \right]^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(1) t^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[1 - 2t + t^2 \right]^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(1) t^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[(1-t)^2 \right]^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(1) t^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-t)^{-1} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots + t^n + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(1) t^n = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots + t^n + \dots$$

(6)

Thus equating the co-efficient of t^n

$$\Rightarrow P_n(1) = 1$$

Condition 2

$$P_n(-1) = (-1)^n$$

Taking $x = -1$ in (A)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(-1) t^n = (1+t)^{-1} = 1 - t + t^2 - \dots + (-1)^n t^n$$

equating the co-efficient of t^n is $(-1)^n$

thus

$$P_n(-1) = (-1)^n$$

7

Show that

$$P_{2n}(0) = \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}$$

$$P_{2n+1}(0) = 0$$

Same as $P_n(0) = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{n/2} 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots n}, & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ = 0 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

we know that

$$\sum t^{2n} P_{2n}(0) = (1 - 2xt + t^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$= (1 + t^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$= 1 + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)t^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)}{2!}t^4 + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)}{3!}t^6$$

$$+ \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-7}{2}\right)}{4!}t^8 + \cdots + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-7}{2}\right)\cdots(-n+1)}{n!}t^{2n} + \cdots$$

equating the co-efficient of t^{2n} both sides, we get

$$P_{2n}(0) = \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2^n n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}$$

equating the co-efficient of t^{2n+1} both side

but in above expression only even powers are presenting thus $P_{2n+1}(0) = 0$ proved.

8

Prove that

$$(i) P_n'(1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$(ii) P_n'(-1) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Soln:- we know that Legendre's equation is

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

$$(1-x^2) P_n''(x) - 2x P_n'(x) + n(n+1) P_n(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

∵ $P_n(x)$ is the solution of (1)
 ↓ thus

$$(1-x^2) P_n''(1)$$

put $x=1$ in (2)

$$0 - 2 P_n'(1) + n(n+1) P_n(1) = 0$$

$$2 P_n'(1) = n(n+1) P_n(1)$$

$$\therefore \underline{P_n'(1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} P_n(1)} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\because P_n(1) = 1 \right]$$

on putting $x=-1$ in (2)

$$0 + 2 P_n'(-1) + n(n+1) P_n(-1) = 0$$

$$2 P_n'(-1) + (-1)^n n(n+1) P_n(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 P_n'(-1) + (-1)^n n(n+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 P_n'(-1) - (-1)^{n-1} n(n+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P_n'(-1) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$$

Recurrence formulae

$$(i) (n+1) P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)x P_n(x) - n P_{n-1}(x)$$

Soln:-

$$(1-2xt+t^2)^{-1/2} = \sum t^n P_n(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diff w.r.t } t & \quad -\frac{1}{2} (1-2xt+t^2)^{-3/2} (-2x+2t) \\ & = \sum n t^{n-1} P_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

5

Multiplying both side by $(1-2xt+t^2)$, we get

$$(1-2xt+t^2)^{-1/2} (x-t) = (1-2xt+t^2)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x)$$

$$(x-t) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x) = (1-2xt+t^2)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^{n+1} P_n(x)$$

equating the co-efficient of t^n both side

$$\Rightarrow x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x) - t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n(x)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n t^{n-1} P_n(x)$$

$$- 2xt \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n t^{n-1} P_n(x)$$

$$+ t^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n t^{n-1} P_n(x)$$

for getting co-efficient of t^n

we should have to adjust in Polynomial function

$\Rightarrow$ Thus co-efficient of t^n in both side is equal

$$x P_n(x) - P_{n-1}(x) = (n+1) P_{n+1}(x)$$

$$- 2xn P_n(x)$$

$$+ n(n-1) P_{n-1}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1) P_{n+1}(x) = x P_n(x) \{1+2n\} - n P_{n-1}(x)$$

(2) Show that

$$n P_n(x) = x P_n'(x) - P_{n-1}'(x) \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

we know that

$$(1-2xt+t^2)^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x) t^n$$

Differentiating (I) partially w.r.t x we get

$$-\frac{1}{2} (1-2xt+t^2)^{-3/2} (-2t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n'(x) t^n \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } t (1-2xt+t^2)^{-3/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n'(x) t^n \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Again differentiating (II) partially w.r.t t we have

$$(x-t) (1-2xt+t^2)^{-3/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P_n(x) t^{n-1} \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

$$\text{by (III)/(II)} \quad \frac{x-t}{t} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P_n(x) t^{n-1}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n'(x) t^n}$$

(10)

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{n P_n = x P_n'(x) - P_{n-1}'(x)} \quad \text{Proved II}$$

Formula III $(n+1)P_n = P_{n+1}' - P_{n-1}'(x)$

we know that

$$(n+1)P_{n+1}(x) = (n+1)xP_n - nP_{n-1} \quad (1)$$

Diff (1) w.r.t x

$$(n+1)P_{n+1}' = (n+1)P_n + (n+1)xP_n' - nP_{n-1}' \quad (2)$$

by formula 2

$$xP_n' - P_{n-1}' = nP_n \quad (3)$$

use (3) in (2)

$$(n+1)P_{n+1}' = (n+1)P_n + (n+1)[nP_n + P_{n-1}'] - nP_{n-1}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(n+1)P_n = P_{n+1}' - P_{n-1}'}$$

Formula IV

$$\boxed{P_n' - xP_{n-1}' = nP_{n-1}}$$

$$(n+1)P_{n+1} = (n+1)xP_n - nP_{n-1} \quad \text{formula - 1}$$

Replacing n by n-1

$$nP_n = (n-1)xP_{n-1} - (n-1)P_{n-2}$$

Diff w.r.t x

$$nP_n' = (n-1)P_{n-1} + (n-1)xP_{n-1}' - (n-1)P_{n-2}'$$

$$\Rightarrow n[P_n' - xP_{n-1}'] - (n-1)[xP_{n-1}' - P_{n-2}'] = (n-1)P_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n[P_n' - xP_{n-1}'] - (n-1)[(n-1)P_{n-1}] = (n-1)P_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n[P_n' - xP_{n-1}'] = [(n-1)^2 + (n-1)]P_{n-1} = n^2P_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_n' - xP_{n-1}' = nP_{n-1}}$$

Formula V $(x^2-1)P_n' = n[xP_n - P_{n-1}]$

Soln: - by III $P_n' - xP_{n-1}' = nP_{n-1} \quad (1)$

$xP_n' - P_{n-1}' = nP_n$ by II (2)

multiplying (2) by x and subtracting from (1), we get

(11) ~~we get~~
 $1-x^2$

$$\text{we get } (1-x^2)P_n' = n(P_{n-1} - xP_n)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Formula VI}} \quad (x^2-1)P_n' = (n+1)(P_{n+1} - xP_n)$$

So/n! - we know that

$$(n+1)P_{n+1} = (2n+1)xP_n - nP_{n-1} \text{ [by for I]}$$

which can be written as

$$(n+1)(P_{n+1} - xP_n) = n(xP_n - P_{n-1}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{but } (x^2-1)P_n' = n(xP_n - P_{n-1}) \quad \text{--- (2) [by formula V, from (1) and (2)]}$$

$$\boxed{(x^2-1)P_n' = (n+1)(P_{n+1} - xP_n)}$$

proved