

1. Given a function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| & -1 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

(a) Express the  $f(x)$  in terms of Legendre polynomials

$$f(x) \approx c_0 P_0(x) + c_1 P_1(x) + c_2 P_2(x) + c_3 P_3(x) + c_4 P_4(x),$$

where

$$P_0(x) = 1,$$

$$P_1(x) = x,$$

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

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x),$$

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

Please determine the coefficients of  $c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3$  and  $c_4$ . (10 %) Use the Legendre polynomials to express the function for  $f(x) = 5x^3$ . (5 %) Find the particular solution,  $y_p(x)$ , for (10 %)

$$(1 - x^2)y_p''(x) - 2xy_p'(x) = 5x^3$$

2. Find the indicial equation for (10 %)

$$x(x-1)y''(x) + 3xy'(x) + y(x) = 0$$

3. If  $\sin(\sqrt{x})$  is one of the complementary solutions, find another one for (10 %)

$$4xy''(x) + 2y'(x) + y(x) = 0$$

4. Explain the following items: (30 %)

- (1). Legendre polynomials,
- (2). Bessel function,
- (3). regular point
- (4). Chebyshev polynomial,
- (5). Euler-Cauchy equation,
- (6). Hermitian matrix.

5. By changing  $x = \cos(\theta)$  and  $y(x) = y(\cos(\theta)) = \bar{y}(\theta)$  for

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

find the ODE for  $\bar{y}(\theta)$ . (10 %) Also, derive the orthogonal relation for the Chebyshev polynomial. (10%)

6. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for (10 %)

$$y''(x) = \lambda y(x), y(0) = y(\pi) = 0.$$