

# Road to spherical harmonics

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# Why it is worthwhile taking time for spherical harmonics?

- 1 it is a wave function but, of what ?
- 2 rotational energy  $E = B \hbar J(J+1)$
- 3 angular momentum  $J, K, K_a, K_c$
- 4 symmetry  $(-1)^J$
- 5 selection rule  $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, 0 \leftrightarrow 0$
- 6 (vanishing integral) expansion

## Hamiltonian in central field

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$$

$$p_x = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$p^2 = -\hbar^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

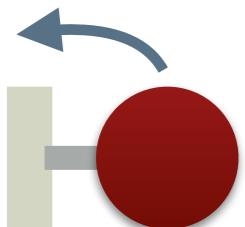
$$= \sum_i^n \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \sum_{i < j}^n \frac{Z_i Z_j e^2}{r_{ij}}$$

**kinetic**      **potential**

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

**we have shown**



**Laplacian**

**all that rotates**

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r + \frac{1}{r^2} \Lambda^2$$

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**Legendrian**

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

**goal: to know  
wavefunction**

**if**  $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi)$

**radial angular**

$$HRY = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 (RY) - \frac{Ze^2}{r} RY$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r + \frac{1}{r^2} \Lambda^2 \right) RY - \frac{Ze^2}{r} RY$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left( Y \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r R + R \frac{1}{r^2} \Lambda^2 Y \right) - \frac{Ze^2}{r} RY$$


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**if**  $\Lambda^2 Y = c_1 Y$  **equation involves Y only**

$$Y \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r R + \frac{R}{r^2} c_1 Y - V(r) RY = -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} ERY$$

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# Legendre differential equation

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

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## Rodrigues formula

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [(x^2 - 1)^n]$$

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# One more thing

Legendrian

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$$y = P_n(x)$$

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**do not look same.**

$$\Lambda_1^2 = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{θ part of } \Lambda^2$$

$$x = \cos \theta$$

$$dx = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$g(\theta) = g(\theta(x)) = f(x)$$

$$\Lambda_1^2 g = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \sin \theta \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

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$$= \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \frac{dx}{d\theta} (-\sin \theta) + \frac{df}{dx} (-\cos \theta)$$

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$$= -\cos \theta \frac{df}{dx} + (1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} - x \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$= -x \frac{df}{dx} + (1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} - x \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$= -2x \frac{df}{dx} + (1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$$

## Legendre differential equation

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

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$$\Lambda^2 y = -n(n+1)y$$

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# What to do with $\phi$

polar azimuthal

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$$

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$$\Lambda^2 \Theta \Phi = \left[ \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \Theta \Phi$$

if  $\frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = -m^2 \Phi$   
equation  $\phi$  only

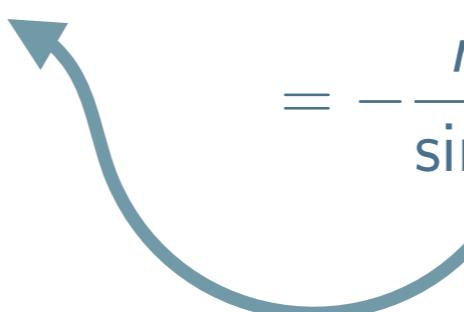
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2 find  $\Phi$

$$\Lambda^2 \Theta = -\frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta + \Lambda_1^2 \Theta$$

equation  $\Theta$  only

$$= \Theta \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} + \Phi \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \right] \Theta$$

$$= -\frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta \Phi + \Phi \Lambda_1^2 \Theta$$


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## Legendre differential equation

$$\Theta(\theta) = \tilde{\Theta}(x)$$

$$x = \cos \theta$$

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## associated Legendre differential equation

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satisfies 1

$f = (x^2 - 1)^n$  is enough

$$f' = n(x^2 - 1)^{n-1} \cdot 2x$$

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$$(x^2 - 1)f'' = 2x(n-1)f' + 2nf$$

**differentiate both sides**

**n times**

# Leibniz rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f \cdot g) = f^{(1)}g^{(0)} + f^{(0)}g^{(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(f \cdot g) &= \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}}(f^{(1)}g^{(0)} + f^{(0)}g^{(1)}) \\ &= \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}}(f^{(2)}g^{(0)} + f^{(1)}g^{(1)} + f^{(1)}g^{(1)} + f^{(0)}g^{(2)}) \\ &= \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$(f \cdot g)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(k)}g^{(n-k)}$$

**remember binomial theorem?**

$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x+y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

$$(x+y)^n = x^n + n \cdot x^{n-1}y + \dots + n \cdot xy^{n-1} + y^n$$

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$$\frac{(x^2 - 1)f''}{g}$$

$$g^{(1)} = 2x$$

$$g^{(2)} = 2$$

$$g^{(3)} = 0$$

**max k=2 is enough**

$$\frac{2x(n-1)f'}{g f}$$

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Rodrigues is the solution of Legendre

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

Show

$$v = (1 - x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$$

is the solution of 2

$$y = P_n(x)$$

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$$y^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^{n+m}}{dx^{n+m}} [(x^2 - 1)^n]$$

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**Leibniz rule**

y was solution of  
Legendre

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**differentiate both sides**

**m times**

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

$$\frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right] = (1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2mx y^{(m+1)} - 2 \cdot \frac{m(m-1)}{2} y^{(m)}$$

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

$$n(n+1) \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = n(n+1) y^{(m)}$$

$$g^{(1)} = -2x$$

$$g^{(2)} = -2$$

$$g^{(3)} = 0$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

**g**

**f**

**max k=2 is enough**

$$\frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right] - \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ 2x \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + n(n+1) \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = 0 \quad \boxed{3}$$

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$$n(n+1) \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = n(n+1) y^{(m)}$$

$$\boxed{3} \quad (1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} + [-m(m-1) - 2m + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0$$

$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad \boxed{4}$$

$$\frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right] - \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ 2x \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + n(n+1) \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = 0 \quad \boxed{3}$$

$$\frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right] = (1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2mx y^{(m+1)} - 2 \cdot \frac{m(m-1)}{2} y^{(m)}$$

$$= (1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2mx y^{(m+1)} - m(m-1) y^{(m)}$$

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

$$n(n+1) \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = n(n+1) y^{(m)}$$

**associated Legendre**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{dv}{dx} \right] + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad \boxed{2}$$

**Show**  $v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$

**is the solution**

$$\boxed{3} \quad (1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [-m(m-1) - 2m + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0$$

$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad \boxed{4}$$

**preparation finished**

## associated Legendre

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{dv}{dx} \right] + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad 2$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{m}{2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \cdot (-2x) y^{(m)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$= -mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} y^{(m)} - mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$- mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$= m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} y^{(m)} - 2mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)}$$

Show  $v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$  is the solution

$$[-mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1}]'$$

$$= -m (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - mx \left( \frac{m}{2} - 1 \right) (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} \cdot (-2x)$$

$$= \left[ -m(1-x^2) + 2mx^2 \cdot \left( \frac{m}{2} - 1 \right) \right] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

$$= [mx^2 - m + mx^2 \cdot (m-2)] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

$$= m [x^2 - 1 + x^2 \cdot (m-2)] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

$$= m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

and here our preparation

$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad 4$$

## associated Legendre

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{dv}{dx} \right] + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad 2$$

Show  $v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$  is the solution

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0$$

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$$= [-m(1-x^2) + 2mx^2 \cdot \left(\frac{m}{2} - 1\right)] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

$$= [mx^2 - m + mx^2 \cdot (m-2)] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

$$= m [x^2 - 1 + x^2 \cdot (m-2)] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2}$$

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$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad 4$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad \text{2}$$

$$v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$$

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$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -mx(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

Show   = 0

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$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m \left[ (m-1)x^2 - 1 \right] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} y^{(m)} - 2mx(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad 4$$

from “non-associated” Legendre differential equation

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad \text{2}$$

$$v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$$

$$\text{5} \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = -mx(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

Show   = 0

$$\text{6} \quad \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m \left[ (m-1)x^2 - 1 \right] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} y^{(m)} - 2mx(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad \text{4}$$

from “non-associated” Legendre differential equation

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m \left[ (m-1)x^2 - 1 \right] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2mx(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}+1} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$-2x \frac{dv}{dx} = 2mx^2(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2x(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$-\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} v = -\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad 2$$

$$v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)} \text{ Show } \underline{\hspace{10cm}} = 0$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}+1} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$-2x \frac{dv}{dx} = 2mx^2 (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2x (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$-2mx - 2x \\ = -2(m+1)x \times (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}}$$

$$-\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} v = -\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^m$$

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$$m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] + 2mx^2 - m^2$$

$$= m(m+1)x^2 - m^2 - m$$

$$= m(m+1)x^2 - m(m+1)$$

$$= m(m+1)(x^2 - 1)$$

$$= -m(m+1)(1-x^2)$$

$$\times (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1}$$

$$= (1-x^2)(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)} - m(m+1)(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^m$$

$$= (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} [(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - m(m+1)y^m]$$

$$= (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} [-n(n+1)y^{(m)}]$$

$$= -n(n+1)v$$

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$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad 4$$

“non-associated” Legendre differential equation

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0 \quad 2$$

$$v = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)} \text{ Show } \underline{\hspace{10cm}} = 0$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2mx (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}+1} y^{(m+2)}$$

$$-2x \frac{dv}{dx} = 2mx^2 (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} y^{(m)} - 2x (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)}$$

$$-\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} v = -\frac{m^2}{1-x^2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^m$$

$$\begin{aligned} & m [(m-1)x^2 - 1] + 2mx^2 - m^2 \\ &= m(m+1)x^2 - m^2 - m \\ &= m(m+1)x^2 - m(m+1) \\ &= m(m+1)(x^2 - 1) \\ &= -m(m+1)(1-x^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\times (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1}$$

“non-associated” Legendre differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} & + + \\ &= (1-x^2) (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m+1)} - m(m+1)(1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^m \\ &= (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} [(1-x^2) y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - m(m+1)y^m] \\ &= (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} [-n(n+1)y^{(m)}] \\ &= -n(n+1)v \end{aligned}$$

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$$(1-x^2)y^{(m+2)} - 2(m+1)x y^{(m+1)} - [m(m+1) + n(n+1)] y^{(m)} = 0 \quad 4$$

# So what did we do?

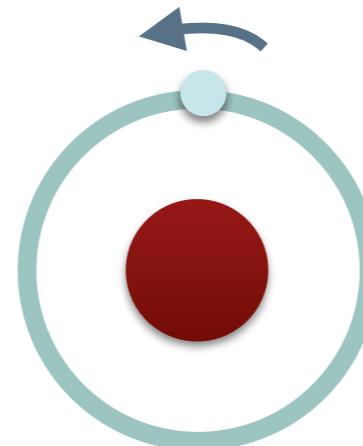
started from here

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

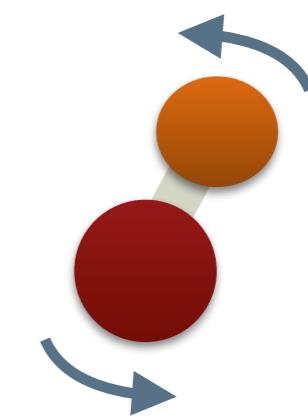
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r + \frac{1}{r^2} \Lambda^2$$

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

we had this in mind



but this is exactly same



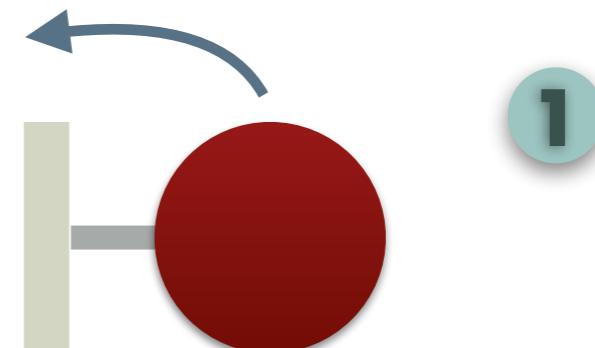
convinced angular wavefunction is solution of associated Legendre differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2) \frac{dv}{dx} \right] + \left[ I(I+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0$$

$$\Lambda^2 Y(\theta, \phi) = -I(I+1) Y(\theta, \phi)$$

$$Y_{l,m}(x, \phi) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} [(x^2 - 1)^l]$$

$$x = \cos \theta$$



1 find  $\mu$

both of them are this  
except

1 Rigid rotor with  $r$  fixed.

2 central field is not explicit.

# Road to spherical harmonics

- 1 Hamiltonian in central field

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

- 2 separate r and  $\theta, \phi$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r + \frac{1}{r^2} \Lambda^2$$

- 3 Laplacian in polar coordinate

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

- 4 Legendre differential equation is part of Laplacian

- 5 Rodrigues formula is solution Leibniz rule

- 6 full Laplacian is associated Legendre differential equation

- 7 Derivative of Rodrigues formula is solution

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→ spherical harmonics

$$v = (1 - x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} y^{(m)}$$

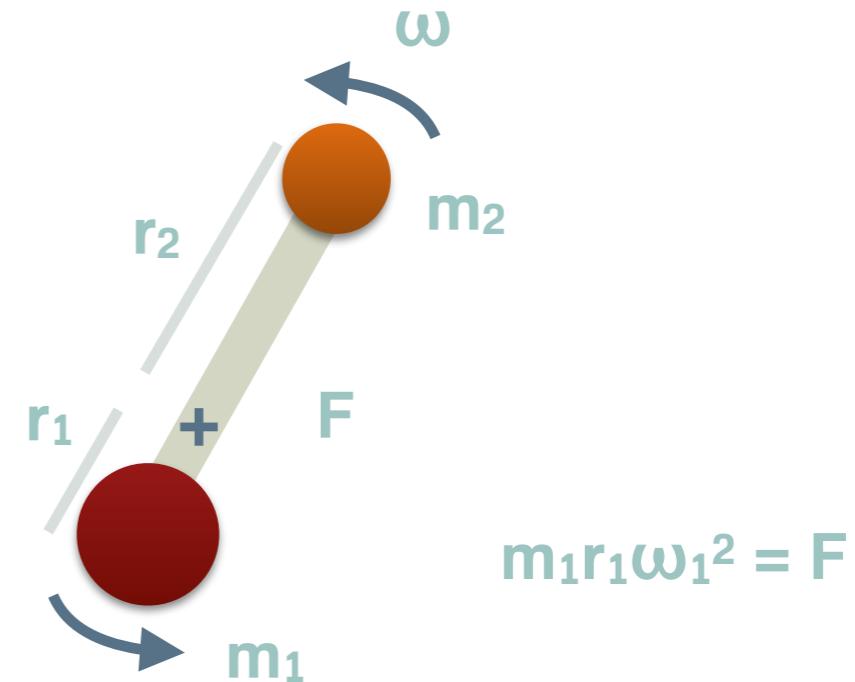
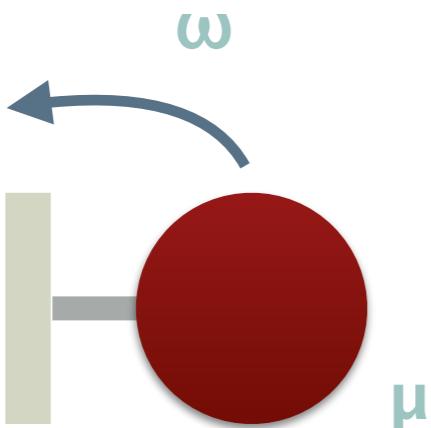
$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dv}{dx} + \left[ n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] v = 0$$

$$y = P_n(x)$$

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [(x^2 - 1)^n]$$

# Exercise today

1 find  $\mu$



$$m_1 r_1 \omega^2 = F$$

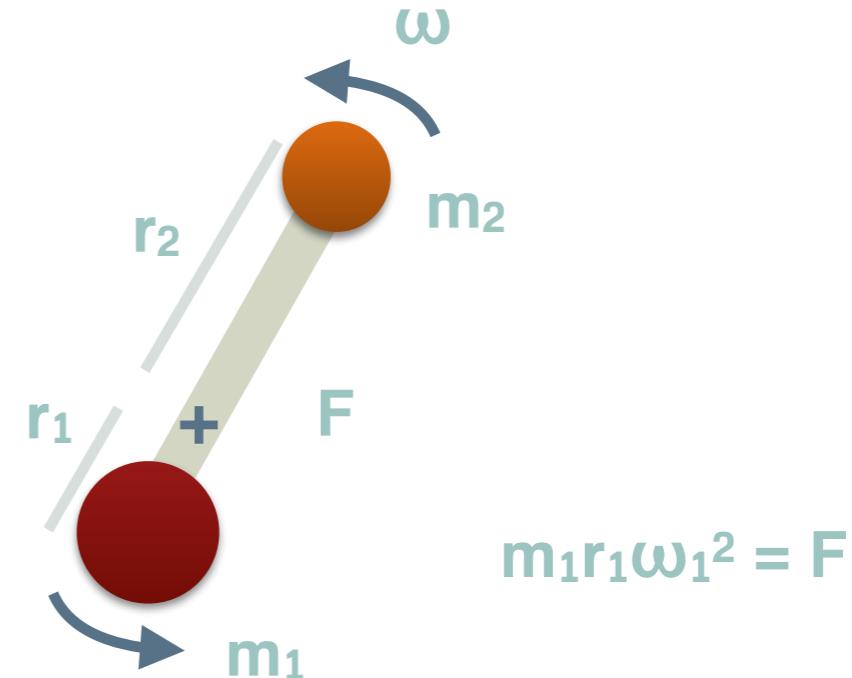
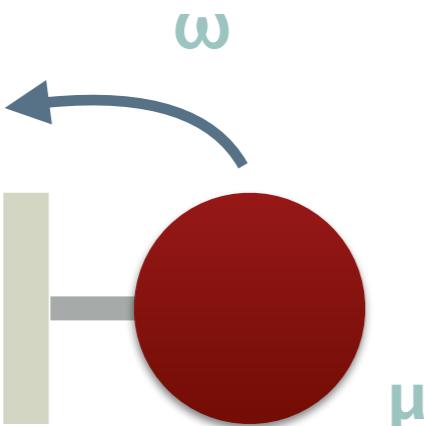
2 find  $\phi$

if  $\frac{d^2\phi}{d\phi^2} = -m^2\phi$

# Exercise today

1

find  $\mu$



$$m_1 r_1 \omega^2 = F$$

because

$$\omega = \omega_1 = \omega_2$$

$$m_1 r_1 = m_2 r_2$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

2

find  $\phi$

if  $\frac{d^2\phi}{d\phi^2} = -m^2\Phi$

$$\phi = \exp(-im\phi)$$

rigid rotor

$$r = r_1 + r_2$$

$$= r_1 + \frac{m_1}{m_2} r_2$$

$$\mu r \omega^2 = F$$

$$= \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1} r_2$$