

Fourier, Gegenbauer, and Jacobi expansions related to a fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation

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Introduction – Special Functions & Fundamental Solutions

■ Main question of my research:

What can be learned about the **properties** of **special functions** by studying **separable solutions** of **linear homogeneous partial differential equations** which admit a **fundamental solution**.

■ Categories of PDEs:

- Variety/Type (focus: **elliptic** – **Laplace**)
- Order (**polynomial generalizations**)
- Differentiable **Riemannian manifolds**

The gamma function – Essential building block

- **Gamma function:** For $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$, $\Gamma(z + 1) = z\Gamma(z)$

$$\Gamma(z) := \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$$

- **Factorial:** For $n \in \mathbf{N}_0 := \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ $\Gamma(n + 1) = n!$

- **Euler reflection formula:** $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1 - z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z}$

- **Double factorial, $\cdot!!$:** $\{-1, 0, 1, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbf{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, defined as

$$n!! := \begin{cases} n \cdot (n - 2) \cdots 2 & \text{if } n \text{ even } \geq 2, \\ n \cdot (n - 2) \cdots 1 & \text{if } n \text{ odd } \geq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = -1, 0. \end{cases}$$

- **Pochhammer symbol (rising factorial), $(\cdot)_n$:** $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, defined as

$$(z)_0 := 1, \quad (z)_n := (z)(z + 1) \cdots (z + n - 1),$$

$$(a)_n = \frac{\Gamma(a + n)}{\Gamma(a)} \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}_0)$$

The Gauss hypergeometric function

- **Gauss hypergeometric function,**

${}_2F_1 : \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \times (\mathbf{C} \setminus -\mathbf{N}_0) \times \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, defined as

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!} z^n,$$

- **Symmetry**

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = {}_2F_1(b, a; c; z)$$

- **Unit value** (only the first term survives)

$${}_2F_1(0, b; c; z) = {}_2F_1(a, 0; c; z) = {}_2F_1(a, b; c; 0) = 1$$

- **Unit argument:** For $\operatorname{Re}(c - a - b) > 0$ and $c \notin -\mathbf{N}_0$

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; 1) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c - a - b)}{\Gamma(c - a)\Gamma(c - b)}$$

- **Hypergeometric polynomial:** For $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$: ${}_2F_1(-n, b; c; z)$ is a **polynomial** in z of degree n .

Important hypergeometric polynomials

- **Jacobi polynomials**, $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) := \frac{(-1)^n (-\alpha - n)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1 \left(-n, n + \alpha + \beta + 1; \alpha + 1; \frac{1-x}{2} \right)$$

- **Gegenbauer polynomials**, $C_n^\mu : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$C_n^\mu(x) := \frac{(2\mu)_n}{(\mu + \frac{1}{2})_n} P_n^{(\mu-1/2, \mu-1/2)}(x)$$

- **Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind**, $T_n : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$T_n(x) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_n} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{n + \mu}{\mu} C_n^\mu(x),$$

where $T_n(\cos \phi) := \cos(n\phi)$, and ϵ_n is the **Neumann factor**:

$$\epsilon_n := 2 - \delta_{n,0} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

- **Legendre polynomials**, $P_n : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$, $P_n(x) := C_n^{1/2}(x)$.

Transformations of the Gauss hypergeometric function

■ Transformations of the Gauss hypergeometric function

- **Kummer's 24 solutions:** 2 exponents at each of the 3 possible singular points, each of which appears 4 times due to Euler's and Pfaff's linear transformations of the Gauss hypergeometric function

Euler ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1 - z)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1(c - a, c - b; c; z)$

Pfaff 1 ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1 - z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(a, c - b; c; \frac{z}{z - 1}\right)$

Pfaff 2 ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1 - z)^{-b} {}_2F_1\left(c - a, b; c; \frac{z}{z - 1}\right)$

- **Quadratic transformations** of the Gauss hypergeometric function (Legendre functions)

Associated Legendre functions

■ Associated Legendre differential equation

$$(1 - z^2) \frac{d^2 w}{dz^2} - 2z \frac{dw}{dz} + \left[\nu(\nu + 1) - \frac{\mu^2}{1 - z^2} \right] w = 0,$$

■ Ferrers function of the first kind: $P_\nu^\mu : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ (associated Legendre function of the first kind on the cut)

$$P_\nu^\mu(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \mu)} \left[\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right]^{\frac{\mu}{2}} {}_2F_1 \left(-\nu, \nu + 1; 1 - \mu; \frac{1 - x}{2} \right)$$

■ Legendre function of the first kind: $P_\nu^\mu : \mathbf{C} \setminus (-\infty, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$

$$P_\nu^\mu(z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \mu)} \left[\frac{z + 1}{z - 1} \right]^{\frac{\mu}{2}} {}_2F_1 \left(-\nu, \nu + 1; 1 - \mu; \frac{1 - z}{2} \right)$$

Ferrers function of the second kind

- Ferrers function of the second kind, $Q_\nu^\mu : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_\nu^\mu(x) := & \sqrt{\pi} 2^\mu \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2}(\nu + \mu) \right] \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{\nu + \mu + 2}{2} \right)}{\Gamma \left(\frac{\nu - \mu + 1}{2} \right)} x(1 - x^2)^{-\mu/2} \\
 & \times {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1 - \nu - \mu}{2}, \frac{\nu - \mu + 2}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; x^2 \right) \\
 & - \sqrt{\pi} 2^{\mu-1} \sin \left[\frac{\pi}{2}(\nu + \mu) \right] \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{\nu + \mu + 1}{2} \right)}{\Gamma \left(\frac{\nu - \mu + 2}{2} \right)} (1 - x^2)^{-\mu/2} \\
 & \times {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{-\nu - \mu}{2}, \frac{\nu - \mu + 1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}; x^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Associated Legendre function of the 2nd kind

- Legendre function of the second kind, $Q_\nu^\mu : \mathbf{C} \setminus (-\infty, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$

$$Q_\nu^\mu(z) := \frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{i\pi\mu} \Gamma(\nu + \mu + 1) (z^2 - 1)^{\mu/2}}{2^{\nu+1} \Gamma(\nu + \frac{3}{2}) z^{\nu+\mu+1}} \\ \times {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\nu + \mu + 2}{2}, \frac{\nu + \mu + 1}{2}; \nu + \frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{z^2}\right)$$

- For instance, **Magnus, Oberhettinger & Soni (1966)** tabulates a list of **36 different ways** to describe associated Legendre functions of the first and second kind in terms of **Gauss hypergeometric functions**.

Fundamental solutions for homogeneous PDEs in \mathbf{R}^d

- **Linear inhomogeneous partial differential equation (PDE)**

$$L(\mathbf{x})\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})$$

given in terms of a **partial differential operator**:

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = g \left(x_1, \dots, x_d, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_d} \right)$$

- For certain **linear operators** a **solution** to the **PDE** can be obtained

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = L^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}')$$

through an **integral inverse**, in terms of a **fundamental solution** \mathcal{G}_L

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = L^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}') = \int \mathcal{G}_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}'$$

$$L(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{G}_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \delta^d(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

- **Fundamental solutions** encapsulate the **influence of a partial differential operator** over the entire **space \mathbf{R}^d** .

PDEs which admit fundamental solutions and special function solutions via separation of variables

- Laplace's equation, **polyharmonic** equation, **Helmholtz** equation, **Hamilton-Jacobi** equation, **Wave** equation, **Heat** equation, **Schrödinger** equation, **Klein-Gordon** equation, **higher order extensions**, and on **certain differentiable manifolds**, are examples of operators which admit **fundamental solutions**
- **Investigation.** What can be learned about the **special functions** which **naturally arise** from **fundamental solutions** of **linear partial differential operators** and the **Fourier**, **Gegenbauer**, and **Jacobi analysis** of these **fundamental solutions**.
- **Main interest.** Explore the **properties** of the **classical special functions**, i.e. those which arise from the theory of **separation of variables** from the homogeneous linear **partial differential equations** of **mathematical physics** in real **Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^d**

Global analysis on d -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^d

- Zero **curvature** d -dimensional **Euclidean** space \mathbf{R}^d , finite-dimensional vector space with the Euclidean **inner** (dot) product $(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^d$ such that

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_dy_d$$

- **Euclidean inner product** for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d$ induces the **Euclidean norm**

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})}$$

- **Geodesic distance** between two points $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^d$ is given by

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

- **Laplace-Beltrami operator (Laplacian)** $\Delta : C^p(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow C^{p-2}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ for $p \geq 2$ is defined by

$$\Delta := \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_d^2}$$

Fundamental solution of Laplace and polyharmonic equation

- Laplace equation, $\Phi : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, harmonic

$$-\Delta\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0,$$

- Polyharmonic equation, $\Phi : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, polyharmonic

$$(-\Delta)^k\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0,$$

where $k \in \mathbf{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation

$$(-\Delta)^k\mathcal{G}_k^d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

where $\mathcal{G}_k^d : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

Fundamental solution of Laplace equation in Euclidean space

$$-\Delta \mathcal{G}^d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

Theorem. Fundamental solution of Laplace's equation in d -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^d

Let $d = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Define $\mathcal{G}^d : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, such that

$$\mathcal{G}^d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}(d-2)} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^{d-2}} & \text{if } d = 1 \text{ or } d \geq 3, \\ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| & \text{if } d = 2, \end{cases}$$

then \mathcal{G}^d is a fundamental solution for $-\Delta$, where Δ is the Laplacian.

Fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation in \mathbf{R}^d

$$(-\Delta)^k \mathcal{G}_k^d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

Theorem. Fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation in \mathbf{R}^d

Let $d, k \in \mathbf{N}$. Define $\mathcal{G}_k^d : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, such that

$$\mathcal{G}_k^d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{k+d/2+1} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^{2k-d}}{(k-1)! (k-d/2)! 2^{2k-1} \pi^{d/2}} (\log \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| - \beta_{k-d/2,d}) & \text{if } d \text{ even, } k \geq d/2, \\ \frac{\Gamma(d/2 - k) \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^{2k-d}}{(k-1)! 2^{2k} \pi^{d/2}} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\beta_{p,d} \in \mathbf{Q}$ such that $\beta_{p,d} := \frac{1}{2} [H_p + H_{d/2+p-1} - H_{d/2-1}]$, and $H_j \in \mathbf{Q}$ is the j -th harmonic number $H_0 := 0$, $H_j := 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{j}$, then \mathcal{G}_k^d is a fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation.

Theory of separation of variables for $(-\Delta)^k f = 0$

- Symmetry group of **polyharmonic equation** is **conformal group**
- **Symmetries** are **differential operators** which map solutions to solutions
- Conformal **symmetries** include **inversions, reflections, dilatations**
- These *extra symmetries* imply the existence of both **simple** and **R -separation of variables**
- **R -separation** yields extra **coordinate systems**
 - \mathbf{R}^3 : **quadrics – 2nd order surfaces** which are two-dimensional generalization of the **conic sections**

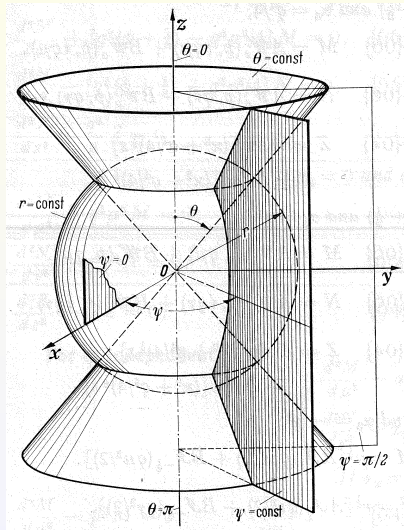
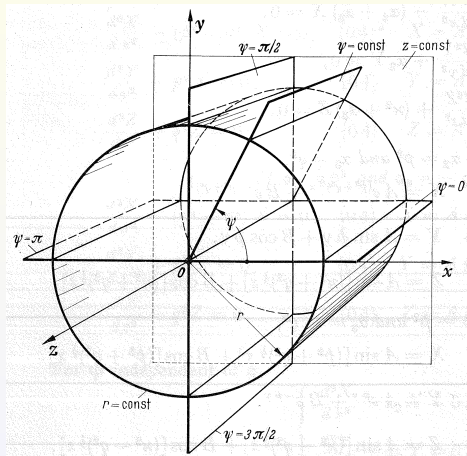
$$P_2(x, y, z) = 0$$

- \mathbf{R}^3 : **cyclides – 4th order surfaces**

$$c(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 + P_2(x, y, z) = 0, \quad c \in \mathbf{R}$$

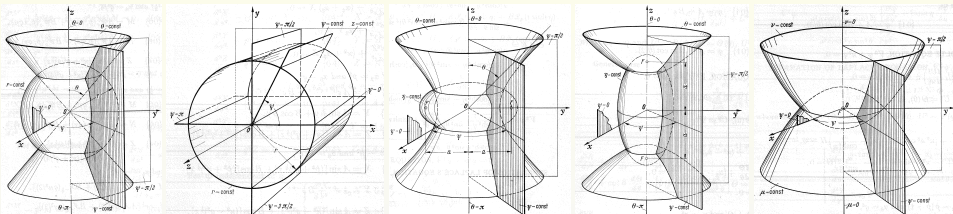
- and their $(d - 1)$ -dimensional generalizations
- We look for **rotationally invariant** separable **coordinate systems**
 - all share **trigonometric** $e^{im\phi}$ (**poly-**)**harmonics**

Subgroup-type rotationally-invariant coordinates

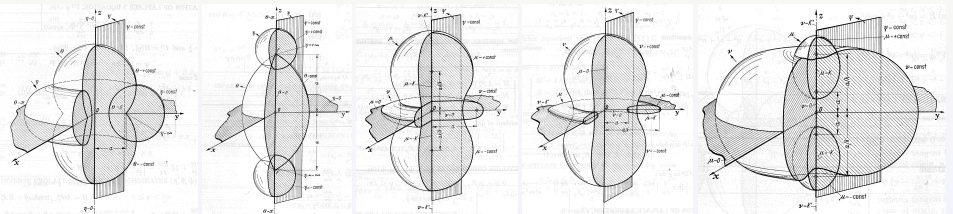


Separable rotationally invariant coordinate systems

\mathbb{R}^3 : Rotational (quadric)



\mathbb{R}^3 : Rotational (cyclidic)

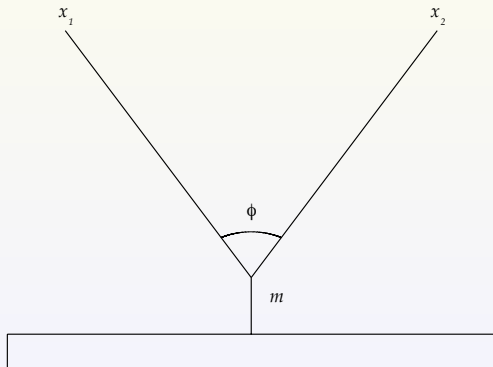


Vilenkin's polyspherical coordinates

- The **method of trees**: a method for constructing **subgroup-type coordinates** on the d -dimensional **hypersphere**
- Example: \mathbf{R}^2 - putting coordinates on \mathbf{S}^1

$$x_1 = r \cos \phi$$

$$x_2 = r \sin \phi$$



Vilenkin's polyspherical coordinates (cont.)

- Example: \mathbf{R}^3 - putting coordinates on \mathbf{S}^2

$$x_1 = r \cos \theta$$

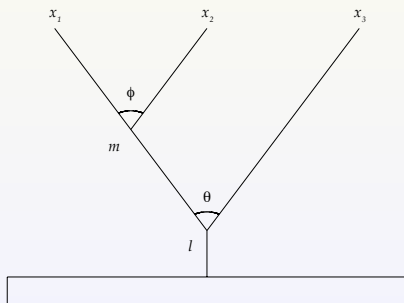
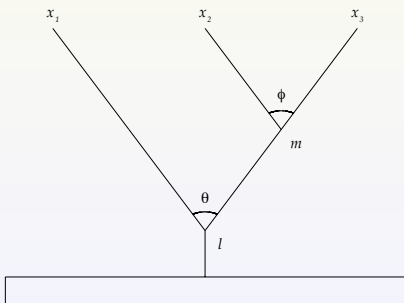
$$x_2 = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$x_3 = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$x_1 = r \cos \theta \cos \phi$$

$$x_2 = r \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$x_3 = r \sin \theta$$



Catalan numbers: 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796, 58786, 208012, ...

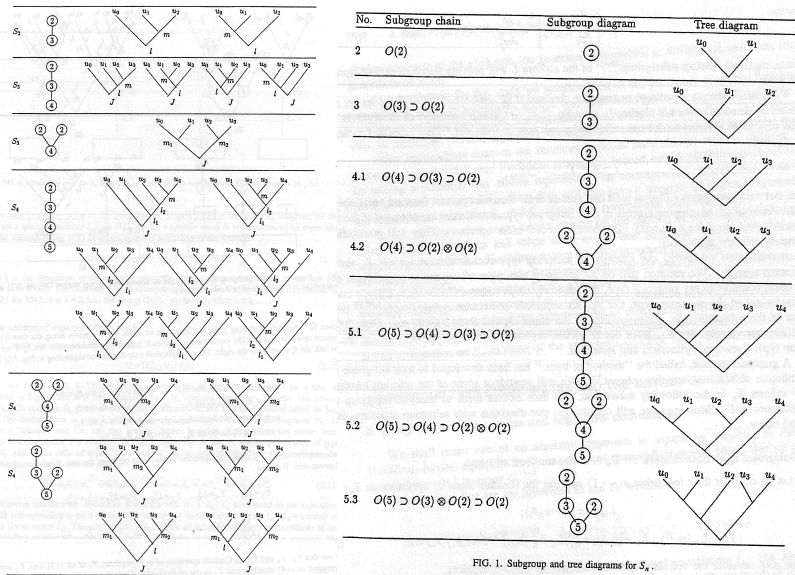


FIG. 1. Subgroup and tree diagrams for S_n .

Wedderburn-Etherington numbers: 1, 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 23, 46, 98, 207, 451, 983, ...

Fourier $e^{in\phi}$, Gegenbauer $C_n^\mu(\cos\theta)$, and Jacobi $P_n^{(a,b)}(\cos\theta)$ analysis of a fundamental solution for $(-\Delta)^k \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

- We would like to perform **Fourier** $e^{im\phi}$, **Gegenbauer** $C_l^\mu(\cos\theta)$, and **Jacobi** $P_l^{a,b}(\cos\theta)$ analysis of a **fundamental solution** for the **polyharmonic equation**
- Perform an **eigenfunction expansion** of a fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation in a **basis** given by **Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind**

$$T_n(\cos\phi) = \cos(n\phi)$$

and **Gegenbauer polynomials**

- **Gegenbauer polynomials** with argument given in terms of the $\cos\gamma$ are simply **hyperspherical harmonics** on $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}, \widehat{\mathbf{x}}' \in \mathbf{S}^{d-1}$

Separable rotationally invariant coordinate systems

- **Separable curvilinear coordinate systems** are those which transform $(-\Delta)^k \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ into a set of d -**uncoupled ODEs**, each **separately** in terms of ξ_i such that $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$, with $(d - 1)$ -**separation constants**.
- Consider the following **rotationally invariant** coordinate system:

$$x_1 = R(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{d-1}) \cos \phi$$

$$x_2 = R(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{d-1}) \sin \phi$$

$$x_3 = x_3(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{d-1})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_d = x_d(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{d-1})$$

- **Parametrize** points on the $(d - 1)$ -dimensional **half-hyperplane** given by $\phi = \text{const}$ and $R > 0$ using separable **curvilinear coordinates** $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{d-1})$.

Fourier expansions for a fundamental solution of $(-\Delta)^k$

- **Expand**, over the $(d - 1)$ -**separation constants**, a **fundamental solution** for $(-\Delta)^k$ in terms of separable **poly-harmonics** in each **rotationally invariant coordinate system**.
- Since all **rotationally invariant coordinate systems** share ϕ as an **azimuthal angle**, one can always expand a fundamental solution of the polyharmonic equation as a **azimuthal Fourier cosine series** over $\cos(m(\phi - \phi'))$ with $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- In a (κ, d) **rotationally invariant coordinate system**, we can write

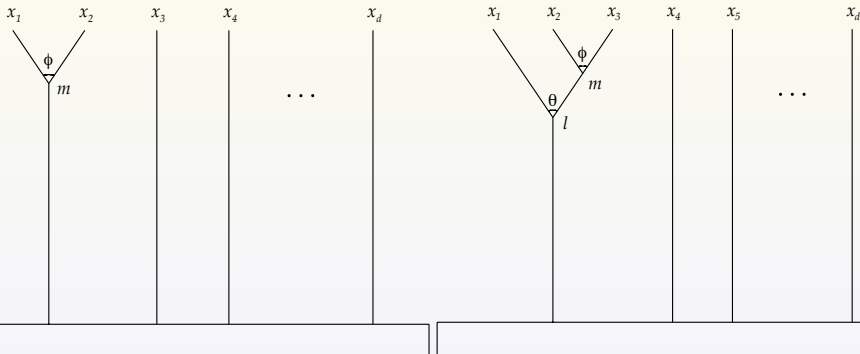
$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| = \sqrt{2RR'} \sqrt{\chi_\kappa^d - \cos(\phi - \phi')}$$

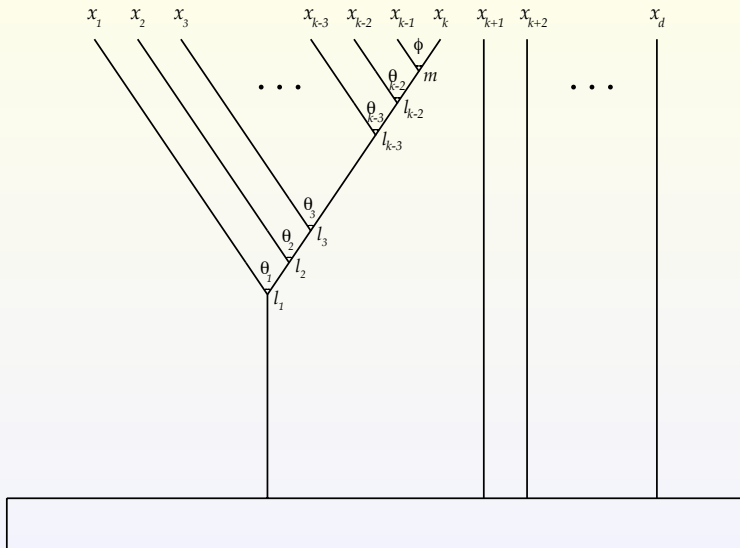
where $\chi_\kappa^d > 1$ is defined by

$$\chi_\kappa^d := \frac{R^2 + R'^2 + (x_3 - x'_3)^2 + \dots + (x_d - x'_d)^2}{2RR'}$$

Example: $(2, d)$ and $(3, d)$ Euclidean-hyperspherical

Embedded 2 and 3 dimensional hyperspherical coordinates



Example: (κ, d) Euclidean-hyperspherical coordinates

Addition theorem for hyperspherical harmonics

■ Addition theorem for hyperspherical harmonics

$$C_l^{d/2-1}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}(d-2)}{(2l+d-2)\Gamma(d/2)} \sum_K Y_l^K(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \overline{Y_l^K(\hat{\mathbf{x}}')},$$

where $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbf{S}^{d-1}$, and K is a set of **quantum numbers** which label **representations** for l in **subgroup-type coordinates** which **parametrize points** on \mathbf{S}^{d-1} .

Fourier and Gegenbauer expansions: powers of the distance

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^\nu = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{e^{i\pi(\nu+1)/2}}{\Gamma(-\nu/2)} \left(2rr' \prod_{i=1}^{d-2} \sin \theta_i \sin \theta_i' \right)^{\nu/2} (\chi^2 - 1)^{(\nu+1)/4}$$

$$\times \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{im(\phi-\phi')} Q_{m-1/2}^{-(\nu+1)/2}(\chi)$$

$$\chi := \chi_d^d = \frac{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \sum_{i=1}^{d-2} \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_i' \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \sin \theta_j \sin \theta_j'}{2rr' \prod_{i=1}^{d-2} \sin \theta_i \sin \theta_i'}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^\nu = \frac{e^{i\pi(\nu+d-1)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right) (r_{>}^2 - r_{<}^2)^{(\nu+d-1)/2}}{2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(-\frac{\nu}{2}\right) (rr')^{(d-1)/2}}$$

$$\times \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} (2\lambda + d - 2) Q_{\lambda+(d-3)/2}^{(1-\nu-d)/2} \left(\frac{r^2 + r'^2}{2rr'} \right) C_\lambda^{d/2-1}(\cos \gamma)$$

Example: Spherical coordinates on \mathbf{R}^3

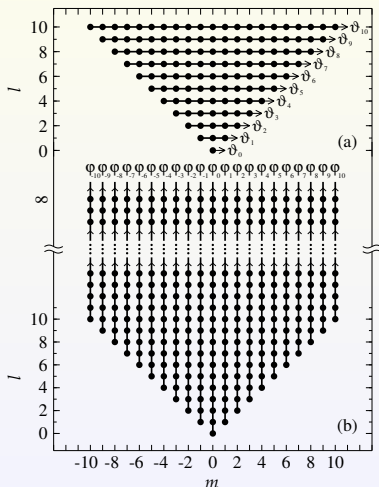
$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^\nu &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{e^{i\pi(\nu+1)/2}}{\Gamma(-\nu/2)} (2rr' \sin \theta \sin \theta')^{\nu/2} (\chi^2 - 1)^{(\nu+1)/4} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{im(\phi-\phi')} Q_{m-1/2}^{-(\nu+1)/2}(\chi), \end{aligned}$$

$$\chi = \frac{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \theta \cos \theta'}{2rr' \sin \theta \sin \theta'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^\nu &= -\frac{e^{i\pi\nu/2}}{2\Gamma(-\nu/2)} \frac{(r_{>}^2 - r_{<}^2)^{(\nu+2)/2}}{rr'} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) Q_l^{-(\nu+2)/2} \left(\frac{r^2 + r'^2}{2rr'} \right) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(\cos \theta) P_l^m(\cos \theta') e^{im(\phi-\phi')} \end{aligned}$$

Sum over configuration space

Alternative double summations in (l, m) space (a) first over m at fixed l to form partial sums ϑ_l (b) first over l at fixed m to form partial sums φ_m



Addition theorems in \mathbf{R}^3

■ General addition theorem

$$Q_{m-1/2}^{-(\nu+1)/2}(\chi) = \frac{i\sqrt{\pi}2^{-(\nu+3)/2}(\sin\theta\sin\theta')^{-\nu/2}}{(\chi^2-1)^{(\nu+1)/4}} \left(\frac{r_{>}^2 - r_{<}^2}{rr'}\right)^{(\nu+2)/2}$$

$$\times \sum_{l=|m|}^{\infty} (2l+1) \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} Q_l^{-(\nu+2)/2} \left(\frac{r^2 + r'^2}{2rr'}\right) P_l^m(\cos\theta) P_l^m(\cos\theta')$$

■ Addition theorem for $\nu = -1$

$$Q_{m-1/2}(\chi) = \pi\sqrt{\sin\theta\sin\theta'} \sum_{l=|m|}^{\infty} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} \left(\frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}}\right)^{l+1/2} P_l^m(\cos\theta) P_l^m(\cos\theta')$$

Generating functions for orthogonal polynomials

- **Chebyshev polynomials of the 1st kind:** $T_n(\cos \theta) = \cos(n\theta)$

$$\frac{1 - x\rho}{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n(x)\rho^n$$

- **Chebyshev polynomials of the 2nd kind:** $U_n(\cos \theta) = \frac{\sin((n+1)\theta)}{\sin \theta}$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(x)\rho^n$$

- **Gegenbauer polynomials**

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^\mu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n^\mu(x)\rho^n$$

- **Jacobi polynomials**

$$\frac{2^{\alpha+\beta}}{R(1 - \rho + R)^\alpha(1 + \rho + R)^\beta} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)\rho^n$$

where $R = \sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}$. **Should we study these?**

The alg. functions $\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}$, $\sqrt{z - x}$ from geometry

- The distance between two points $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbf{R}^d$ in a pure hyperspherical coordinate system is given by

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| = \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}, \quad (1)$$

where $r = \|\mathbf{x}\|$, $r' = \|\mathbf{x}'\|$, and $\cos \gamma = \frac{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')}{rr'}$. If you define

$r_{\leq} := \min_{\max} \{r, r'\}$, then you can rewrite (1) as

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| = r_{>} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}}\right)^2 - 2\frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \cos \gamma},$$

or with $\rho := \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}}$, and $x := \cos \gamma$ we have

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| = r_{>} \sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho \cos \gamma},$$

where $\rho \in (0, 1)$. The other option is:

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\| = \sqrt{2rr'} \sqrt{z - x}, \quad \text{where } z = \frac{1 + \rho^2}{2\rho} \in (1, \infty)$$

Generalizations of generating functions

- The **Chebyshev polynomials** can also be defined in terms of **Gegenbauer polynomials**

- **Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind**

$$U_n(x) := C_n^1(x)$$

- **Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind**

$$T_n(x) := \frac{1}{\epsilon_n} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{n + \mu}{\mu} C_n^\mu(x),$$

- Generalization of **generating function** for **Gegenbauer polynomials**

$$\frac{(z^2 - 1)^{(\nu - \mu)/2 - 1/4}}{(z - x)^\nu} = \frac{2^{\mu + 1/2} \Gamma(\mu) e^{i\pi(\mu - \nu + 1/2)}}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + \mu) Q_{n + \mu - 1/2}^{\nu - \mu - 1/2}(z) C_n^\mu(x)$$

- Generalization of **generating function** for **Chebyshev polynomials**

$$\frac{(z^2 - 1)^{\nu/2 - 1/4}}{(z - x)^\nu} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{e^{-i\pi(\nu - 1/2)}}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_n T_n(x) Q_{n - 1/2}^{\nu - 1/2}(z)$$

Super expansion for C_n^μ through various limiting procedures

- The **generalization** of the **generating function** for **Gegenbauer polynomials** produces the **generalized Heine's identity** in the limit as $\mu \rightarrow 0$.
- **Produces** an **analogous generalized identity** for **Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind**.
- **Produces Fourier** and **hyperspherical harmonic** expansions for arbitrary **powers of the distance between two points** between two points in Euclidean space.
- Through **limit-derivative** technique, produces **Fourier** and **Gegenbauer** expansions for **logarithmic fundamental solutions** of the polyharmonic equation
- Produces **expansions** for $(1-x)^\mu$ and (cf. Szmytkowski (2011)) for $(y-x)^\mu$ where $x, y \in (-1, 1)$ and $y > x$.

Super expansion for $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$?

- **Super expansion for Gegenbauer polynomials** is a consequence of expanding the **generating function for Gegenbauer polynomials** $C_n^\mu(x)$ in terms of the complete set $C_n^\nu(x)$
- This expansion is consequence of **connection formulae** for **orthogonal polynomials** which illustrate how one expands an orthogonal polynomial of **one index** in terms of a finite-sum over the same orthogonal polynomial of a **different index**.
- One must identify the coefficients of this expansion, which for **Gegenbauer** and **Jacobi polynomials** are given in terms of a ${}_3F_2$ hypergeometric function of **unit argument**, which can be expressed in terms of gamma functions using **Watson's formula** and **Chu's (2011) recent extension**.

Generating functions for Jacobi polynomials

- The **Gegenbauer polynomial** can be defined in terms of the **Jacobi polynomial**.

$$C_n^\mu(x) := \frac{(2\mu)_n}{\left(\mu + \frac{1}{2}\right)_n} P_n^{(\mu-1/2, \mu-1/2)}(x)$$

- Relevant **generating functions for generalization**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\beta + 1)_n} \rho^n = \frac{1}{(1 + \rho)^{\alpha + \beta + 1}} \times {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + 1}{2}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + 2}{2}; \beta + 1; \frac{2\rho(1 + x)}{(1 + \rho)^2}\right)$$

and its **companion**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\alpha + 1)_n} \rho^n = \frac{1}{(1 - \rho)^{\alpha + \beta + 1}} \times {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + 1}{2}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + 2}{2}; \alpha + 1; \frac{-2\rho(1 - x)}{(1 - \rho)^2}\right)$$

Legendre function representations of generating functions

- Associated Legendre function representation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\beta + 1)_n} \rho^n = \left(\frac{2}{\rho(1+x)} \right)^{\beta/2} \times \frac{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^{(\alpha+1)/2}} P_{\alpha}^{-\beta} \left(\frac{1 + \rho}{\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}} \right)$$

- Ferrers function representation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\alpha + 1)_n} \rho^n = \left(\frac{2}{\rho(1-x)} \right)^{\alpha/2} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^{(\beta+1)/2}} P_{\beta}^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{1 - \rho}{\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}} \right)$$

Extensions

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\beta + 1)_n} \rho^n = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(1 - \rho)}{(1 + \rho)^{\alpha + \beta + 2}} \\ \times {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + 2}{2}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + 3}{2}; \beta + 1; \frac{2\rho(1 + x)}{(1 + \rho)^2} \right)$$

and its **companion**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\alpha + 1)_n} \rho^n = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho)^{\alpha + \beta + 2}} \\ \times {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + 2}{2}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + 3}{2}; \alpha + 1; \frac{-2\rho(1 - x)}{(1 - \rho)^2} \right)$$

Legendre function representations of extensions

- **Associated Legendre function representation** of extension

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\beta + 1)_n} \rho^n = \left(\frac{2}{\rho(1+x)} \right)^{\beta/2} \\ \times \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(1 - \rho)\Gamma(\beta + 1)}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^{(\alpha+2)/2}} P_{\alpha+1}^{-\beta} \left(\frac{1 + \rho}{\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}} \right)$$

- **Ferrers function representation** of extension

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\alpha + 1)_n} \rho^n = \left(\frac{2}{\rho(1-x)} \right)^{\alpha/2} \\ \times \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(1 + \rho)\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^{(\beta+2)/2}} P_{\beta+1}^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{1 - \rho}{\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}} \right)$$

Generalization of extension

- Hypergeometric generalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1)_m \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_n}{(\beta + 1)_n} \\
 & \quad \times {}_2F_1 \left(m, -m + 1; \alpha + \beta + 2n + 2; \frac{-\rho}{1 - \rho} \right) \rho^n \\
 & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_m (1 - \rho)^m}{(1 - \rho)^{\alpha + \beta + m + 1}} \\
 & \quad \times {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + m + 1}{2}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + m + 2}{2}; \beta + 1; \frac{2\rho(1 + x)}{(1 + \rho)^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Generalizations of extensions + Jacobi generating functions

- Associated Legendre generalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) (\alpha + \beta + m + 1)_{2n} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta + n + 1)} \\
 & \quad \times P_{-m}^{-\alpha - \beta - 2n - 1} \left(\frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho} \right) \\
 & \quad = \frac{\rho^{(\alpha+1)/2} (1 - \rho)^m}{(1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x)^{(\alpha+m+1)/2}} \left(\frac{2}{1+x} \right)^{\beta/2} \\
 & \quad \quad \times P_{\alpha+m}^{-\beta} \left(\frac{1 + \rho}{\sqrt{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho x}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- And its companions

Generating function for products of Gegenbauer polynomials

- Generating function for product of Gegenbauer polynomials

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(2\alpha)_k} C_k^\alpha(x) C_k^\alpha(y) \rho^k = {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{\alpha+1}{2}; \alpha + \frac{1}{2}; \frac{4(1-x^2)(1-y^2)\rho^2}{(1+\rho^2-2xy\rho)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\alpha)} (\rho \sin \theta \sin \phi)^\alpha Q_{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho \cos \theta \cos \phi}{2\rho \sin \theta \sin \phi} \right)$$

Generating function for Jacobi polynomials

■ Generating function for Jacobi polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{2n}^{(\alpha-2n, \beta-2n)}(x) \rho^n &= {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-\alpha}{2}, \frac{-\alpha+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}; \xi\right) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-\beta}{2}, \frac{-\beta+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}; \eta\right) \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \alpha \beta (1-x^2) \rho {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-\alpha+1}{2}, \frac{-\alpha+2}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \xi\right) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-\beta+1}{2}, \frac{-\beta+2}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \eta\right) \\ &= \frac{(1-\xi)^{\alpha/2} (1-\eta)^{\beta/2}}{4} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}\right)^\alpha + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}\right)^{-\alpha} \right] \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}}\right)^\beta + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}}\right)^{-\beta} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\rho(1-x^2)}{4\sqrt{\xi\eta}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}\right)^\alpha - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}\right)^{-\alpha} \right] \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}}\right)^\beta - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}}\right)^{-\beta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\xi = \frac{(1+x)^2 \rho}{4}, \text{ and } \eta = \frac{(1-x)^2 \rho}{4}.$$

Generating function for Jacobi polynomials

■ Generating function for Jacobi polynomials

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{2n+1}^{(\alpha-2n, \beta-2n)}(x) \rho^n \\
 &= \frac{(1-\xi)^{(\alpha+1)/2} (1-\eta)^{(\beta+1)/2}}{8\sqrt{\xi}} (x-1) \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}} \right)^\alpha + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}} \right)^{-\alpha} \right] \\
 & \quad \times \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}} \right)^\beta + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}} \right)^{-\beta} \right] \\
 &+ \frac{(1-\xi)^{(\alpha+1)/2} (1-\eta)^{(\beta+1)/2}}{8\sqrt{\eta}} (x+1) \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}} \right)^\alpha - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\xi}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}} \right)^{-\alpha} \right] \\
 & \quad \times \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}} \right)^\beta - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\eta}}{\sqrt{1-\eta}} \right)^{-\beta} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Ongoing Investigations

- **A whole host of other Jacobi generating functions** can be expressed in terms of **associated Legendre functions** and **Ferrers functions**, and in terms of the **second kind**.
- **Multi-summation** (power-law and logarithmic) **addition theorems**
- **Analysis of special functions** and **fundamental solutions** on **highly symmetric Riemannian manifolds**