

1. Show that

$$\Gamma(-n + \epsilon) = \frac{(-)^n}{n!} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + F(n) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

where F is the digamma function ($F(z) = \psi(z + 1)$), n is a positive integer, and ϵ is small. Use the identity

$$F(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} - \gamma$$

(γ the Euler-Mascheroni constant) and think inductively.

2. Derive the “Jacobi-Anger” expansion

$$\exp(ix \cos \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} i^n J_n(x) \exp(in\theta)$$

This is an expansion of a plane wave in a series of cylindrical waves. (This is also problem 14.1.5 in the text.)

3. Use the integral representation of the Hankel function

$$H_0^{(1)}(x) = \frac{2}{i\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \exp(ix \cosh s) ds$$

to show that

(a)

$$J_0(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sin xt}{\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} dt$$

(b)

$$N_0(x) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\cos xt}{\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} dt$$

4. Show that a series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{x^n}$$

is asymptotic to $f(x)$ if and only if it is also asymptotic to $f(x) + \exp(-x)$.

5. The modified Bessel function $K_0(x)$ has the integral representation

$$K_0(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-x \cosh t) dt$$

Use this integral representation and the method of steepest descent to derive the leading term in an asymptotic expansion of $K_0(x)$. For full credit you must use the method of steepest descent.

6. Define the Sharpe polynomials $S_n(x)$ by the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(x)t^n = \frac{\exp(xt)}{1-t}, \quad |t| < 1$$

- (a) Compute $S_n(0)$ for all n .
- (b) Derive the recurrence relations

$$\begin{aligned} S'_n &= S_{n-1} \\ (n+1)S_{n+1} &= xS_n + [S_n + S_{n-1} + \cdots + S_0] \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Describe a Schläfli-type (contour integral) representation of $S_n(x)$.
- (d) Find a closed-form expression for $S_n(x)$.

7. Show that

$$\int_0^x L_n(t)dt = L_n(x) - L_{n+1}(x)$$

where L_n denotes the n th Laguerre polynomial.

8. Let $P_n(x)$ denote the Legendre polynomials and $U_n(x)$ denote the type II Chebyshev polynomials. Show that

$$\begin{aligned} U_{2n} &= (P_n)^2 + 2P_{n-1}P_{n+1} + 2P_{n-2}P_{n+2} + \cdots + 2P_0P_{2n} \\ U_{2n+1} &= 2P_nP_{n+1} + 2P_{n-1}P_{n+2} + \cdots + 2P_0P_{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

for all n . (Hint: use the generating functions.)

9. Define the generalized hypergeometric functions by

$${}_pF_q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \cdots (\alpha_p)_n}{(\beta_1)_n \cdots (\beta_q)_n} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^z {}_pF_q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; x)dx &= \\ \frac{(\beta_1 - 1)(\beta_2 - 1) \cdots (\beta_q - 1)}{(\alpha_1 - 1)(\alpha_2 - 1) \cdots (\alpha_p - 1)} [{}_pF_q(\alpha_1 - 1, \dots, \alpha_p - 1, \beta_1 - 1, \dots, \beta_q - 1; z) - 1] \end{aligned}$$