

Mathematics for Chemistry - Assignment 7

SOLUTIONS

$$\boxed{1} \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$\sum_n n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - 2n a_n x^n + a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^n : (n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} - 2n a_n + a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = a_n \frac{2n-1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$\boxed{2} \quad \sum_n n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - 2n a_n x^n + a_n x^n = 0$$

$$(2+n)(n+1) a_{n+2} - 2n a_n + a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

* Does not terminate !!

$$\boxed{3} \quad \sum_n n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - 2n a_n x^n + a_n x^n = 0$$

$$(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} - (2n-1) a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{(2n-1) a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{3 a_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{a_2}{4} = \frac{-1 a_0}{2 \times 4} = -\frac{a_0}{8}$$

$$\boxed{4} \quad P_n(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (1-x^2)^n$$

$$P_5(x) = \frac{(-1)^5}{2^5 5!} \frac{d^5}{dx^5} (1-x^2)^5$$

$$= \frac{-1}{32 \times 120} \frac{d^5}{dx^5} [x^{10} + 5x^8 - 10x^6]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{32 \times 120} [-10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 x^5 + 5 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 x^3 - 10 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [63 x^5 - 70 x^3 + 15 x]$$

5 $P_6(x)$ contains x^6, x^4, x^2, x^0
or 6, 4, 2, 0 powers of x .

6 $6 = 2 \times 3$
Solution = $a_0 P_2(x) + a_1 S_{\text{odd}}(x)$

7 $|\vec{L}| = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1)}$
 $= \hbar \sqrt{6}$

8 $\int_{-1}^1 P_3(x) x P_5(x) dx = 0$
because $x P_5 = a P_4 + b P_6$
and is independent of $P_3(x)$

9 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} H_4(x) x H_5(x) dx$ Notice, no e^{-x^2} factor

Involves even polynomials
Integral diverges and goes to infinity.

10 Solution is $H_4(x) = 4x^4 - 12x^2 + 3$