



LeGendre solutions

Show that the first three LeGendre polynomials are solutions for the equation:

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{\partial^2 P(x)}{\partial x^2} - 2x \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x} + \left(J(J + 1) - \frac{M^2}{1 - x^2} \right) P(x) = 0$$

You may assume the case of $M = 0$.

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Legendre Polynomials

$$P_0(x)=1$$

$$P_1(x)=x$$

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

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