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OF SOME DIFFERENTIAL FORMULAE FOR LEGENDRE FUNCTIONS
OF THE FIRST KIND

Summary. Legendre functions are the solutions of Legendre differential equation:

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

where z , ν , μ are arbitrary (see [1], page 126).

The paper comprises a series of new formulae for derivatives of the n -th order of $P_\nu^\mu(z)$ Legendre function of the first kind, e.g.

$$(1^\circ) \quad D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(z) \right] =$$

$$= (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n (-\mu-\nu)_n (z^2-1)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu-n}(z),$$

$$(4^\circ) \quad D^n \left[z^{n+(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} z^{(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n}(\sqrt{z}).$$

Some applications of the formulae in summing the expressions that include Legendre $P_\nu^\mu(z)$ functions are given. For $\mu = 0$, $\nu = 2$ some of them reduce to the formulae valid for Legendre polynomials $P_n(z)$.

The Legendre functions are solutions of Legendre's differential equation

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

z, ν, μ , being unrestricted. Under substitution $w = (z^2-1)^{\mu/2}v$, (I) becomes

$$(1-z^2) \frac{d^2v}{dz^2} - 2(\mu+1)z \frac{dv}{dz} + (\nu-\mu)(\nu+\mu+1)v = 0.$$

And, with $\xi = 1/2-z/2$ as new independent variable, the differential equation becomes

$$\xi(1-\xi) \frac{d^2v}{d\xi^2} + (\mu+1)(1-2\xi) \frac{dv}{d\xi} + (\nu-\mu)(\nu+\mu+1)v = 0.$$

This is Gauss' equation. Thus a solution of (I) is of the form

$$w = P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\mu)} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right)^{\mu/2} F(-\nu, \nu+1; 1-\mu; 1/2-z/2), \quad |1-z| < 2,$$

where

$$F(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n z^n}{(c)_n n!}, \quad \text{with } (a)_n = \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)},$$

is a Gauss hypergeometric series (see [1], pp. 126, 109 and 69). The function $P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$ is known as the Legendre function of the first kind. It is one-valued and regular in the z -plane supposed cut along the real axis from 1 to ∞ . We assume $|\arg(z\pm 1)| < \pi$ (see [1], p. 127).

Formulae for the first derivative of the Legendre functions $P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$,

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dz} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) = \frac{(\nu+\mu)(\nu-\mu+1)}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} P_{\nu}^{\mu-1}(z) - \frac{\mu z}{z^2-1} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z), \quad (3)$$

are well known (see, for example, [1], 3.8.10. and 3.8.9., p.162). In this note we give a number of simple and compact formulae for the derivatives of n -th order for some expressions involving these functions, and application to

calculation of some expressions with Legendre functions. In what follows the symbol D means d/dz .

We have the following new formulae:

$$D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(z) \right] = \quad (1^\circ)$$

$$= (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n (-\mu-\nu)_n (z^2-1)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu-n}(z),$$

$$D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(z) \right] = (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu+n}(z), \quad (2^\circ)$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n-(\mu+\nu)/2-1} (z-1)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] = \quad (3^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{(-\mu-\nu)_{2n}}{2^n} z^{-(\mu+\nu)/2-1} (z-1)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n}(\sqrt{z}),$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n+(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] = \quad (4^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} z^{(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n}(\sqrt{z}),$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n+(\nu-\mu-1)/2} (z-1)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] = \quad (5^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{(\nu-\mu+1)_{2n}}{2^n} z^{(\nu-\mu-1)/2} (z-1)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n}(\sqrt{z}),$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n+(\mu-\nu)/2-1} (z-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] = \quad (6^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} z^{(\mu-\nu)/2-1} (z-1)^{-(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n}(\sqrt{z}),$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n-\mu-1} (1-z^2)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right] = \quad (7^\circ)$$

$$= (\nu-\mu+1)_n (-\mu-\nu)_n z^{-\mu-1} (1-z^2)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu-n}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right),$$

$$D^n \left[z^{n+\mu-1} (1-z^2)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{1}{z} \right) \right] = z^{\mu-1} (1-z^2)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{z} \right), \quad (8^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (\nu-\mu+1)_{2n} z^{-(\nu+n+1)/2} (1-z)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (9^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} z^{(\nu-n)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (10^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (-\mu-\nu)_{2n} z^{(\nu-n)/2} (1-z)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (11^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} z^{-(\nu+n+1)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (12^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{\nu+n} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{z+1}{2\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n z^{-(\nu+n+1)/2} (1-z)^\nu P_{\nu+n}^\mu \left(\frac{z+1}{2\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (13^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^n \left[z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{n-\nu-1} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{z+1}{2\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= (-1)^n (-\mu-\nu)_n z^{(\nu-n)/2} (1-z)^{-\nu-1} P_{\nu-n}^\mu \left(\frac{z+1}{2\sqrt{z}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (14^\circ)$$

$$D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\nu/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} \right) \right] = \quad (15^\circ)$$

$$= (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n (z^2-1)^{(\nu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^\mu \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} \right),$$

$$D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{-(\nu+1)/2} P_\nu^\mu \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} \right) \right] = \quad (16^\circ)$$

$$= (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n (z^2-1)^{-(\nu+n+1)/2} P_{\nu+n}^\mu \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} \right).$$

These formulae are valid under the following conditions:

$$|\arg(-z \pm 1)| < \pi \quad \text{for } (1^\circ) - (2^\circ),$$

$$|\arg z|, \quad |\arg(z-1)| < \pi \quad \text{for } (3^\circ) - (6^\circ),$$

$$|\arg(-z^{-1} \pm 1)| < \pi \quad \text{for } (7^\circ) - (8^\circ),$$

$$|\arg z|, \quad |\arg(z^{-1}-1)| < \pi \quad \text{for } (9^\circ) - (12^\circ),$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z+1}{2\sqrt{z}} > 0 \quad \text{for } (13^\circ) - (14^\circ),$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2-1}} > 0 \quad \text{for } (15^\circ) - (16^\circ).$$

Moreover, (3^o) and (5^o), (4^o) and (6^o), (9^o) and (11^o), (10^o) and (12^o), (13^o) and (14^o), (15^o) and (16^o) are connected by virtue of the relation $P_\nu^\mu(z) = P_{-\nu-1}^\mu(z)$ (see [1], p. 140). All these formulae can be obtained by differentiation of the corresponding power series or by induction.

We prove, for example, the formula (2^o). The proof is by induction. It is obviously valid for $n = 0$. Let us suppose that it is true also if $k = n > 0$. We shall show that it is valid if $k = n+1$. So we have to prove that

$$D^{n+1} \left[(z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(z) \right] = (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} P_\nu^{\mu+n+1}(z).$$

The proof follows from the relations (1) and

$$(\nu-\mu+1)P_{\nu+1}^{\mu}(z)-(\nu+\mu+1)z P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) = \sqrt{z^2-1} P_{\nu}^{\mu+1}(z) \quad (4)$$

(see [1], 3.8.8). Indeed, by the induction assumption and next according to the relations (1) and (4), we have in turn

$$\begin{aligned} D^{n+1} \left[(z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) \right] &= D \left\{ D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) \right] \right\} = \\ &= D \left[(z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) \right] = \\ &= -(\mu+n)z(z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2-1} P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) + (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} D P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) = \\ &= -(\mu+n)z(z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2-1} P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) + \\ &+ (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} \left\{ \left[\nu-(\mu+n)+1 \right] P_{\nu+1}^{\mu+n}(z) - (\nu+1)z P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) \right\} (z^2-1)^{-1} = \\ &= (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2-1} \left\{ \left[\nu-(\mu+n)+1 \right] P_{\nu+1}^{\mu+n}(z) - \left[\nu+(\mu+n)+1 \right] z P_{\nu}^{\mu+n}(z) \right\} = \\ &= (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu+n+1}(z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof of the formula (2⁰) is finished.

Now we prove the formula (12⁰) as well. It is obviously valid for $n = 0$. Let us suppose that it is true also if $k = n > 0$. We shall show that it is valid if $k = n+1$. So we have to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} D^{n+1} \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} z^{-(\nu+n+2)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} P_{\nu+n+1}^{\mu+n+1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The proof follows from the relations

$$P_{\nu-1}^{\mu+1}(z) - P_{\nu+1}^{\mu+1}(z) = -(2\nu+1) \sqrt{z^2-1} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$$

(see [1], 3.8.3., p. 162). Indeed, we have in turn

$$\begin{aligned} D^{n+1} \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] &= D \left\{ D^n \left[z^{-(\nu+1)/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] \right\} = \\ &= D \left[\frac{(-1)^n}{z^n} z^{-(\nu+n+1)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{z^n} D \left[z^{-(\nu+n)-1/2} z^{(\nu+n)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{z^{n+1}} \left[2(\nu+n)+1 \right] z^{-(\nu+n)-3/2} z^{(\nu+n)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) + \\ &+ \frac{(-1)^n}{z^n} z^{-(\nu+n)-1/2} D \left[z^{(\nu+n)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\mu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{z^{n+1}} \left\{ \left[2(\nu+n)+1 \right] z^{-(\nu+n+3)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) + \right. \\ &+ \left. z^{-(\nu+n)-1/2} z^{(\nu+n-1)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} P_{\nu+n-1}^{\mu+n+1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right\} = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{z^{n+1}} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} z^{-(\nu+n+2)/2} \left\{ \left[2(\nu+n)+1 \right] \left(\frac{1-z}{z} \right)^{1/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) + \right. \\ &+ \left. P_{\nu+n-1}^{\mu+n+1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right) \right\} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{z^{n+1}} (1-z)^{-(\mu+n+1)/2} z^{-(\nu+n+2)/2} P_{\nu+n+1}^{\mu+n+1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the formula (12⁰).

The formulae (1^o) - (16^o) can be applied to calculation of sums of Legendre functions.

Example. Summation of some expressions with Legendre functions.

1. The following formula is true:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-\mu)_{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k} (z^2-1)^{k/2} P_{\nu-k}^{\mu+k}(z) = \\ & = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (-\mu-\nu)_{2n} (z^2-1)^{n/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n}(z). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Indeed, differentiating the product $z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right)$ and next using formula (10^o), we get in turn

$$\begin{aligned} & D^n \left[z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right) \right] = D^n \left[(1-z)^{\mu} z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right) \right] = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} D^{n-k} \left[(1-z)^{\mu} \right] \cdot D^k \left[z^{\nu/2} (1-z)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right) \right] = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-\mu)_{n-k} (1-z)^{\mu-n+k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k} z^{(\nu-k)/2} (1-z)^{-(\mu+k)/2} P_{\nu-k}^{\mu+k}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right) = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-\mu)_{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k} (1-z)^{-n+(\mu+k)/2} z^{(\nu-k)/2} P_{\nu-k}^{\mu+k}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now taking into account the formula (11^o) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (-\mu-\nu)_{2n} z^{(\nu-n)/2} (1-z)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_{\nu-n}^{\mu-n}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right) = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-\mu)_{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k} (1-z)^{-n+(\mu+k)/2} z^{(\nu-k)/2} P_{\nu-k}^{\mu+k}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By the above, we get the relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (-\mu-\nu) {}_{2n}P_{\nu-n}\left(\frac{1-z}{\sqrt{z}}\right) = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-\mu)_{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k} \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{k/2} P_{\nu-k}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Next making the substitution $z \rightarrow \frac{1}{z^2}$ we have the formula (5).

2. The following relation is true:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-\mu)_{n-k}}{2^k k! (n-k-2\mu)_{n-k}} (z^2-1)^k C_{n-k}^{\mu-n+k+1/2}(z) P_{\nu}^{\mu+k}(z) = \\ & = (-1)^n \frac{(\nu-\mu+1)_n (-\mu-\nu)_n}{2^n n!} (z^2-1)^n P_{\nu}^{\mu-n}(z) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where

$$C_n^{\lambda}(z) = \frac{(2\lambda)_n}{n!} F(-n, n+2\lambda; \lambda+1/2; 1/2-z/2)$$

is a Gegenbauer polynomial (see [1], p. 177).

We shall prove the relation (6). Differentiating the product $(z^2-1)^{\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) \right] = D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu} (z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) \right] = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} D^{n-k} \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu} \right] D^k \left[(z^2-1)^{-\mu/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) \right] = \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{2^{n-k} (n-k)!}{(n-k-2\mu)_{n-k}} (-\mu)_{n-k} (z^2-1)^{\mu-n+k} C_{n-k}^{\mu-n+k+1/2}(z) \cdot \\ & \cdot (z^2-1)^{-(\mu+k)/2} P_{\nu}^{\mu+k}(z) = \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^n n! (z^2-1)^{\mu/2-3n/2} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-\mu)_{n-k}}{(n-k-2\mu)_{n-k}} \frac{1}{z^k k!} (z^2-1)^k \cdot$$

$$\cdot C_{n-k}^{\mu-n+k+1/2}(z) P_{\nu}^{\mu+k}(z),$$

where the formula (2⁰) and the Rodrigues formula for Gegenbauer polynomials

$$C_n^{\lambda}(z) = \frac{(-1)^n (\lambda)_n}{n! (n+2\lambda)_n} (1-z^2)^{1/2-\lambda} D^n \left[(1-z^2)^{n+\lambda-1/2} \right]$$

were used. From this, by (1⁰), we get the relation (6).

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PEWNE WZORY RÓŻNICZKOWANIA FUNKCJI LEGRENDRE'A $P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$ PIERWSZEGO RODZAJU

S t r e s z c z e n i e

Funkcje Legendre'a są rozwiązaniami równania różniczkowego Legendre'a

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

gdzie z , ν , μ są dowolne (zobacz [1], str. 126).

Praca zawiera szereg nowych wzorów na pochodne n -tego rzędu funkcji Legendre'a $P_{\nu}^{\mu}(z)$ pierwszego rodzaju, na przykład

$$(1^0) \quad D^n \left[(z^2-1)^{\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(z) \right] = \\ = (-1)^n (\nu-\mu+1)_n (-\mu-\nu)_n (z^2-1)^{(\mu-n)/2} P_\nu^{\mu-n}(z),$$

$$(4^0) \quad D^n \left[z^{n+(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-\mu/2} P_\nu^\mu(\sqrt{z}) \right] = \\ = \frac{1}{2^n} z^{(\mu+\nu-1)/2} (z-1)^{-(\mu+n)/2} P_{\nu+n}^{\mu+n}(\sqrt{z}).$$

Podano także zastosowanie wzorów do sumowania wyrażeń z funkcjami Legendre'a $P_\nu^\mu(z)$. Dla $\mu = 0$, $\nu = n$ niektóre z nich sprowadzają się do wzorów dla wielomianów Legendre'a $P_n(z)$.