

8.29) For $l=m=0$, use

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2\theta} \right] \Theta = 0 \quad (8.65)$$

a) TO VERIFY THAT $\Theta = \text{CONSTANT} = A$ IS A SOLUTION

b) TO VERIFY THAT

$$\Theta = \ln \left[\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta} \right]$$

IS A SOLUTION BUT IT BLOWS UP AT 0 AND π .

c) SINCE ANY SOLUTION IS A LINEAR COMBINATIONS OF THESE SOLUTIONS, WRITE DOWN THE GENERAL SOLUTION & SHOW THAT ONLY $\Theta = \text{CONSTANT}$ IS ACCEPTABLE.

For $l=m=0$, THE DE BECOMES

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) = 0$$

a) For $\Theta = \text{CONSTANT} = A$,

$$\frac{dA}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta (0) \right) = 0$$

\Rightarrow YES, $\Theta = A$ IS A SOLUTION

- NOT A VERY INTERESTING SOLUTION, BUT A SOLUTION!

b) For $\Theta = \ln \left[\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta} \right]$ AND $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f(x)} f'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\ln(1+\cos\theta) - \ln(1-\cos\theta) \right] \\ &= \frac{-\sin\theta}{1+\cos\theta} - \frac{\sin\theta}{1-\cos\theta} = \frac{-\sin\theta(1-\cos\theta) - \sin\theta(1+\cos\theta)}{(1+\cos\theta)(1-\cos\theta)} \\ &= \frac{2\sin\theta}{1-\cos^2\theta} \end{aligned}$$

AND

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\frac{2\sin^2\theta}{1-\cos^2\theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\frac{2(1-\cos^2\theta)}{1-\cos^2\theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} [2] = 0! \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow YES $\Theta = \ln \left[\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta} \right]$ IS A SOLUTION!

8.29) CONTINUED

CHECK THE LIMITS OF $H(\theta) = \ln \left[\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right]$ WHERE $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H(\theta=0) &= \ln \left[\frac{1+1}{1-1} \right] = \ln \left[\frac{2}{0} \right] \\ H(\theta=\pi) &= \ln \left[\frac{1-1}{1-(-1)} \right] = \ln \left[\frac{0}{2} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \text{BOOM!}$$

\Rightarrow THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION!

c) A LINEAR COMBINATION OF THE PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS IS ALSO A SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{dH}{d\theta} \right) &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[aA + b \ln \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ \sin \theta \left[0 + \frac{db}{d\theta} \ln(\dots) - \frac{2b \sin \theta}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ \frac{2b \sin^2 \theta}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ \frac{2b \sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} (2b) = 0 \quad \text{QED!} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow THE LINEAR COMBINATION IS A SOLUTION!

BUT,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H(\theta=0) &= aA + b \ln \left[\frac{2}{0} \right] \rightarrow \infty \\ H(\theta=\pi) &= aA + b \ln \left[\frac{0}{2} \right] \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \right\} \text{BOOM!}$$

\Rightarrow SINCE THIS, TOO, BLOWS UP AT THE BOUNDARIES, THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION (OF THESE) IS THAT $H = \text{CONSTANT}$.