

1. Write in terms of  $\pi$  the following values :

$$(a) \Gamma(3.5); (b) B\left(\frac{5}{6}, \frac{7}{6}\right).$$

2. (a) Find the period  $T$  of a pendulum (with a string of length  $l$ ) for swings from the angle  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  to  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$  and back in terms of complete elliptic integral.
- (b) Let  $T_0$  denote the period of a very small oscillation of the same pendulum. Use the approximation

$$K(k) \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4}k^2 \right)$$

to estimate  $\frac{T}{T_0}$ .

3. Solve the differential equation

$$y'' = x^2 y$$

using power series.

4. Prove the following identities for the Legendre's polynomials

$$P'_l(x) = (2l-1)P_{l-1}(x) + (2l-5)P_{l-3}(x) + \cdots + P_0$$

if  $l$  is odd,

$$P'_l(x) = (2l-1)P_{l-1}(x) + (2l-5)P_{l-3}(x) + \cdots + 3P_1$$

if  $l$  is even.

Hint: write

$$P'_l(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} c_k P_k(x)$$

and find  $c_k$  using the orthogonality property.