Phys 366 Mathematical Methods of Physics

Homework Assignment #1 (60 points) Due Tuesday, August 30 (at lecture)

1.1 (10 points) Boas Sec. 2.5, Problems 16, 28, 33, 53, 62, 64

 $1.2~(10~{\rm points})$ Boas Sec. 2.10, Problems 31, 32

1.3 (10 points) Boas Sec. 2.11, Problems 17, 18

1.4 (10 points) Show that

$$\tanh^{-1} z = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right),$$
 $\coth^{-1} z = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right).$

Are these expressions unique? If not, give all the possible values of $\tanh^{-1} z$ and $\coth^{-1} z$.

1.5 (10 points)

(a) *Find* the finite sum

$$S_N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} R^n \cos n\theta \; ,$$

where R and θ are real numbers.

(b) Find the value of S_N when R = 1 and $\theta = 2\pi m/N$, where m is an integer that takes on the values m = 0, 1, ..., N - 1. Explain your answer.

(c) Assuming |R| < 1, find $\lim_{N \to \infty} S_N$.

1.6 (10 points) Challenge problem

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