

The Associated Legendre functions are related to the ordinary Legendre polynomials by the following formula:

$$P_l^m(x) = (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_l(x)$$

Upon substitution into this formula, we obtain,

$$P_l^m(x) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^l l!} (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (1-x^2)^l$$

The spherical harmonics are defined in terms of these functions as:

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\phi}$$

The first few harmonics are:

$$Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \quad Y_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta \quad Y_{11} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_{20} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad Y_{21} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin\theta \cos\theta e^{i\phi} \quad Y_{22} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2\theta e^{2i\phi}$$

$$Y_{30} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{4\pi}} \left[\frac{5}{2} \cos^3\theta - \frac{3}{2} \cos\theta \right] \quad Y_{31} = \sqrt{\frac{21}{4\pi}} \sin\theta (5\cos^2\theta - 1) e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_{32} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{105}{2\pi}} \sin^2\theta \cos\theta e^{2i\phi} \quad Y_{33} = \sqrt{\frac{35}{4\pi}} \sin^3\theta e^{3i\phi}$$

The spherical harmonics are *normalized*, so that,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{lm}^* Y_{pq} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{lp} \delta_{mq}$$