

b) A couple of Math results.

$$\textcircled{1} \oint_V dv' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \oint_V dv' \left\{ \vec{j}(\vec{r}') (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{k}) + \vec{r}' (\vec{j}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{k}) \right\} = 0 \quad \text{for any } \vec{k}$$

Use a "physicists proof"

write  $\vec{j}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{\alpha}) \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}$

$$\textcircled{1} \oint_V dv' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') = \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \right) = 0 \quad \text{for stationary currents}$$

currents have no end or beginning so an integral over a current loop gives zero. just as much current flowing in one direction as another.

$$\textcircled{2} \oint_V dv' \left\{ \right\} = \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} \left( \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} (\vec{r}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{k}) + \vec{r}_{\alpha} (\dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{k}) \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} \underbrace{(\vec{r}_{\alpha} (\vec{r}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{k}))}_{\text{const}} = 0 \quad \text{for stationary currents}$$

Same reasoning integrated over a current loop gives zero.

$$\textcircled{c) } \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \vec{A}^{(1)}(\vec{r}) + \vec{A}^{(2)}(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

$$\vec{A}^{(1)}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \left[ \oint_V dv' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \right] \frac{1}{r} = 0 \quad \text{by } \textcircled{1} \quad \text{no monopole field}$$

$$A^{(2)}(r) = -\frac{1}{c} \left[ \oint_V dv' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \vec{r}' \right] \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{original terms}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2c} \oint_V dv' \left[ \vec{j}(\vec{r}') (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}) - \vec{r}' (\vec{j}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}) \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2c} \oint_V dv' \left[ \vec{j}(\vec{r}') (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}) + \vec{r}' (\vec{j}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}) \right]$$

These two cancel



$$A^{(2)}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2c} \oint_V dV' (\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}')) \times \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}$$

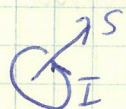
where we used  
 $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \times \vec{C} = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C})\vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{C}$   
 BAC CAB rule

$$\equiv -\vec{m} \times \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}$$

with  $\vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} \oint_V dV' (\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}'))$  the magnetic dipole moment

Problem 2-21 asks you to verify

that this is consistent w/ our prior definition of  $\vec{m} = \frac{I}{c} \vec{S}$

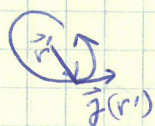


$$\vec{m} = \frac{I}{c} \vec{S}$$

$$\vec{A}^{(2)}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{e}_r}{r^2} = \frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}') =$  vector in  $\perp$  direction

vector potential of magnetic dipole



d)  $\vec{B}^{(2)} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}^{(2)}$

used  $\vec{\nabla} \times f \vec{A} = f \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} - \vec{A} \times \vec{\nabla} f$   
 "—" (minus sign)

$$= \nabla \times \left( \frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = \left( \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \times (\vec{m} \times \vec{r}) + \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{m} \times \vec{r})$$

$$= \vec{m} \cdot \left( \left( \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \cdot \vec{r} \right) - \left( \left( \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \cdot \vec{m} \right) \vec{r}$$

BAC-CAB rule ~~there~~

$$+ \frac{1}{r^3} (\vec{m} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{r})) - (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} + \vec{A} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$$

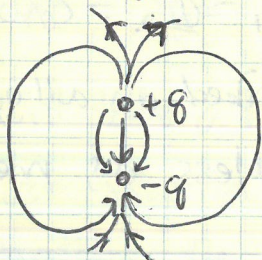
$$= -\vec{m} \frac{3\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^5} + \frac{3\vec{r} \cdot \vec{m}}{r^5} \vec{r} + \frac{1}{r^3} 3\vec{m} - \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{m}$$

magnetic moment  
 $\vec{m}$  is constant w/  
 respect to curls  
 derivatives which  
 operate on  $\vec{r}$  so  
 $(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{m}$  &  $\vec{r} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{m})$  terms  
 are zero.

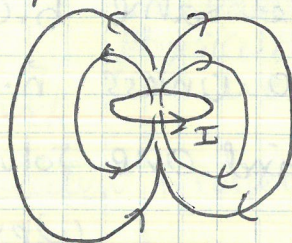
$$\vec{B}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{r^5} (3(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{r} - \vec{m} r^2)$$

This is the same field that we got for the electric field of an electric dipole!

again: This formula only applies far away from the current charge distribution. "Inside" the dipole the fields of magnetic & electric dipoles look very different



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# Poisson & Laplace (History of the two people)

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \Delta \Phi = -4\pi S \quad (\text{Poisson})$$

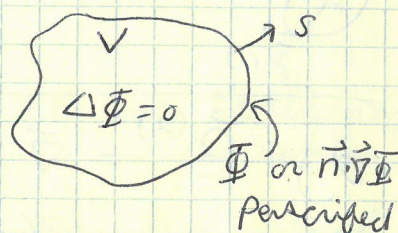
$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \Delta \Phi = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace})$$

who when asked about why his books on celestial mechanics did not mention "God" answered:  
"I had no need of that Hypothesis"

Solutions to Laplace's eq. are called "harmonic functions"

a) Definition of the problem:

- finite volume  $V$
- boundary: closed surface  $S$   
w/ outward normal  $\hat{n}$
- No charge inside  $V \Rightarrow \Delta \Phi = 0$
- On boundary either  $\Phi$  is prescribed  
or "mixed" (parts of  $S$   $\Phi$  is prescribed  
other parts  $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Phi$  is prescribed)



b) Properties of  $\Phi$

① Superposition:  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  are solutions of Laplace eq. w/ different b.c. (but of the same type) then  $a\Phi_1 + b\Phi_2$  is also a solution, but with suitably modified b.c.

② Uniqueness:  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  are solutions of Laplace's eq. with the same b.c. then  $\Phi_1 - \Phi_2 = \text{const}$   
(const = 0 unless  $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Phi$  is prescribed on all of  $S$ )  
∴ If we find one solution regardless of method were done.



③ Smoothing  $\Phi$  has no minima or maxima inside  $V$

proof of ① Laplace's equation is linear

proof of ②  $\Phi = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2$  satisfies Laplace's eq with "null b.c." either  $\Phi = 0$  on  $S$  or  $\vec{\nabla}\Phi \cdot \hat{n} = 0$

$$\text{look at } \oint_S da \Phi (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\Phi) = 0$$

$$= \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot (\Phi \vec{\nabla}\Phi)$$

$$= \int_V dv \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\Phi \vec{\nabla}\Phi)$$

$$= \int_V dv (|\vec{\nabla}\Phi|^2 + \Phi \underbrace{\vec{\nabla}^2 \Phi}_{=0})$$

$$= \int_V dv |\vec{\nabla}\Phi|^2 = 0$$

Since  $|\vec{\nabla}\Phi|^2$  is not negative  $\vec{\nabla}\Phi = 0$  &  $\Phi = \text{const.}$

proof of ③ if  $\Phi$  has a maximum then there exists a surface  $S$  around the point where  $\Phi$  has a maximum such that  $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\Phi < 0$  on  $S$ . This means

$$\text{Contradiction } 0 > \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\Phi = \int_{V_S} dv \nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \text{ since there is no charge}$$

$$\text{for minimum } 0 < \dots = 0$$

So how do we solve this eq?

Laplace eq. in rectangular coords

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

There are mathematical theories that explain why the strategy we take here works. As physicists all we care about is that we found the solution

We will take a pragmatic approach:

- First find a general solution irrespective of boundary conditions
- Match the solution to the b.c.



## Separation of Variables

Look for  $\Phi$  of the form  $\Phi = X(x) Y(y) Z(z)$

$$\Delta \Phi = Y Z \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + X Z \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + X Y \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

divide by  $\Phi = X Y Z$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

each of these terms must be a constant since the functions are independent

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = \alpha^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = \alpha^2 X$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = \beta^2 Y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = \gamma^2 Z$$

where  
 $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 0$

this means  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  can't all be real #'s

one or two must be imaginary

Solutions are exponential functions

$$X(x) = e^{\alpha x} \quad \text{or} \quad (\cosh \alpha x, \sinh \alpha x, e^{-\alpha x} \text{ etc.})$$

$$Y(y) = e^{\beta y}$$

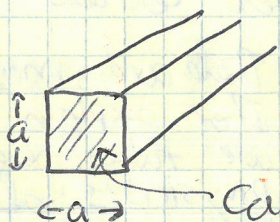
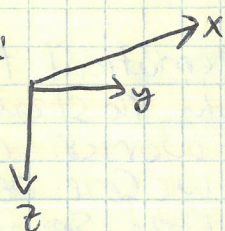
$$Z(z) = e^{\gamma z}$$

if  $\alpha = i\alpha'$   
then  $e^{i\alpha'x}$  or  $e^{-i\alpha'x}$  or  
 $\sin \alpha'x$  or  $\cos \alpha'x$

General Solution is:

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} e^{\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z}$$

Ex:



square metal pipe

with walls held at  $\Phi = 0$

Capped by a plate at  $x=0$  held at  $\Phi = \Phi_0$

note: plate is separated by a small gap

what is  $\Phi$  inside the pipe?



Deal w/ boundary Conditions first.

Choose  $Y(y)$  such that  $Y(0) = Y(a) = 0$

$$Y_r(y) = \sin \frac{\pi y r}{a} \quad r=1, 2, \dots$$

Choose  $Z(z)$  such that  $Z(0) = Z(a) = 0$

$$Z_s(z) = \sin \frac{\pi z s}{a} \quad s=1, 2, \dots$$

$X(x)$  must go to 0 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$X_\alpha(x) = e^{-\alpha x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi r}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi s}{a}\right)^2 + \alpha^2 = 0 \quad \alpha_{rs} = \frac{\pi}{a} \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} A_{rs} e^{-\alpha_{rs} x} \sin \frac{\pi y r}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z s}{a}$$

What about boundary conditions at  $x=0$

$$\Phi(0, y, z) = \Phi_0 = \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} A_{rs} f_{r,s}(y, z) \quad f_{r,s}(y, z) = \sin \frac{\pi y r}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z s}{a}$$

The functions  $f_{rs}(y, z)$  are complete & orthogonal on  $0 < y, z < a$

Completeness: Any function  $F(y, z)$  can be written as a linear combination of the  $f_{rs}$  functions

$$\text{Orthogonality: } \int_0^a dy dz f_{r,s}(y, z) f_{r',s'}(y, z) = \int_0^a dy \int_0^a dz f_{r,s}(y, z) f_{r',s'}(y, z) = \delta_{rr'} \delta_{ss'} C_{rs}$$

$$C_{rs} = \frac{a^2}{4} \text{ for our functions } f_{rs}$$

This is not a coincidence. This is a general property of solutions of differential equations of the type



we considered, with null boundary conditions  
 "Sturm - Liouville problem"

Completeness guarantees that suitable coefficients  $A_{rs}$  exist

$$\Phi_0 = \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} A_{rs} f_{rs}(y,z) = \Phi(0,y,z)$$

Orthogonality gives a quick way to find them

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a dy dz \Phi(0,y,z) f_{r's'}(y,z) &= \sum_{r,s=1}^{\infty} \int_0^a dy dz A_{rs} f_{rs}(y,z) f_{r's'}(y,z) \\ &= A_{r's'} C_{r's'} \\ &= A_{r's'} \frac{a^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

but we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a dy dz \Phi(0,y,z) f_{r's'}(y,z) &= \int_0^a dy dz \Phi_0 \frac{\sin \frac{\pi y r'}{a}}{a} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi z s'}{a}}{a} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{2a}{\pi r'} \frac{2a}{\pi s'} & \text{if } r', s' \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{rs} = \begin{cases} \frac{16 \Phi_0}{\pi^2 rs} & \text{if } r, s \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{since } A_{rs} \frac{a^2}{4} \text{ has to equal}$$

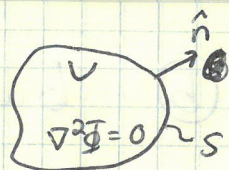
$$\Phi(x,y,z) = \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r,s \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{16 \Phi_0}{\pi^2 rs} e^{-\frac{\pi x}{a} \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}} \sin \frac{\pi y r}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z s}{a}$$

for  $x \gg a$   $\Phi$  dominated by  $r=s=1$  term

$$\Phi(x,y,z) \approx \frac{16}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi y}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z}{a} e^{-\frac{\pi x}{a} \sqrt{2}}$$



Again our strategy



b.c.: on each part of  $S$  specifying  $\Phi$  or  $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi$

\* Find Special Solutions using Separation of Variables

\* General Solution will be a superposition of the special solutions

\* Match Solution to boundary condition use completeness & orthogonality of special solutions

For rectangular coords:

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} A_{\alpha\beta\gamma} e^{\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z}$$

$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 0$   
 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  one or two real the other imaginary

Laplace Eq for Spherical coords  $r, \theta, \phi$

$$a) \nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dr} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{d\Phi}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2}$$

b) Separation of variables

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) P(\theta) Q(\phi)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

Can switch  $\frac{d}{dr} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \sin \theta$  or variables are separated

$$\frac{1}{r^2 R} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} + \frac{1}{r^2 P \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{dP}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 Q \sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

c) multiply by  $r^2 \sin^2 \theta$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{R} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} + \frac{\sin \theta}{P} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{dP}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{Q} \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{Q} \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} = \text{const} = -m^2$$

$$Q(\phi) = e^{im\phi}$$

since  $Q(\phi) = Q(\phi + 2\pi)$   $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$



d) Return to (b) but now <sup>multiply</sup> divide by  $r^2$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dR}{dr}}_{\text{Constant } l(l+1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{P \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{dP}{d\theta} - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta}}_{\text{Constant } = -l(l+1)} = 0$$

notation  $l(l+1)$  is for future reference

$$\frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} - l(l+1)R = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta \frac{dP}{d\theta} - \frac{m^2 P}{\sin^2 \theta} + l(l+1)P = 0$$

e) Solve for R: we try  $R(r) = r^\alpha$   $\alpha = l$  or  $-l-1$

$$R_\ell(r) = A_\ell r^\ell + B_\ell r^{-\ell-1}$$

note: if origin is part of the volume where  $\nabla^2 \Phi$  is being

Solved then  $B_\ell = 0$  otherwise  $A_\ell$  &  $B_\ell$  may be present

f) Solve eq for P

make variable change  $\cos \theta \rightarrow x$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( (1-x^2) \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + \left[ l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] P = 0$$

- First let's solve for  $m=0$  axial symmetry no dependence on  $\phi$   
Solutions are the Legendre polynomials

- Then we will discuss the case for arbitrary  $m$   
Solutions are the Spherical Harmonics



# The Legendre Polynomial

a) Rewrite equation for  $P$  as

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dP}{dx} + l(l+1)P = 0 \quad \text{Legendre's Eq.}$$

method for solving this eq.

- Ansatz:  $P$  is a power series in  $x$
- Require Convergence for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$   
we will find that convergence occurs only if power series breaks off &  $P$  becomes a polynomial in  $x$
- Degree of polynomial will be  $l$   
"Legendre polynomial of order  $l$ "  $P_l(x)$

Ansatz:  $P(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  plug into eq.

$$(1-x^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + l(l+1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

Collect all equal powers & solve for the coefficients of  $x^n$

$$a_n \{ l(l+1) - n(n-1) - 2n \} + (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = a_n \frac{l(l+1) - n(n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

generally  $\frac{a_{n+2}}{a_n} \rightarrow -1$  if  $n \rightarrow \infty$

note: this power series does not converge for  $x = \pm 1$

unless  $l$  is an integer, then series terminates

when  $n = l$  since  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n > l$

solution w/ integer  $l$  is denoted  $P_l(x)$  & is a polynomial of degree  $l$



## b) Properties of Legendre Polynomials

- 1) if  $l$  is even all coeffs  $a_n$  w/  $n$  odd are zero  
 " " " odd " " " " " even " "

$$P(-x) = (-1)^l P(x)$$

- 2) To normalize for all orders  $P_l(1) = 1$

- 3) Complete orthogonal set on  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx P_l(x) P_{l'}(x) = \delta_{ll'} \frac{2}{2l+1}$$

4)  $P_0(x) = 1$

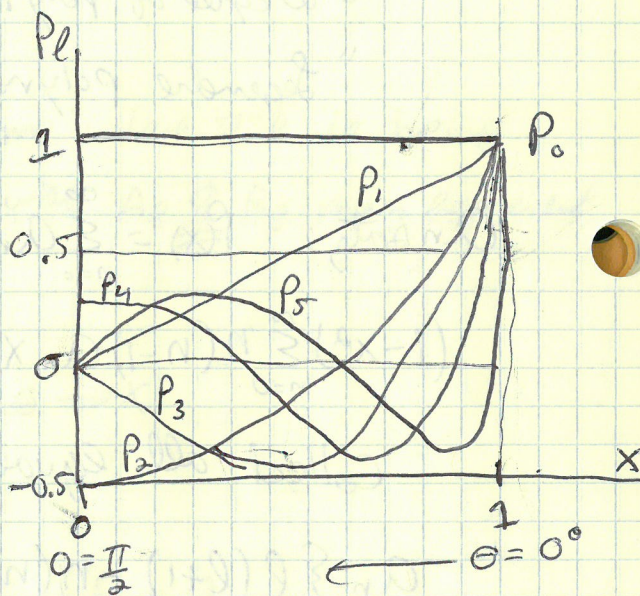
$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

$$P_5(x) = \frac{1}{8}(63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$$



## 5) Rodrigues' formula

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

## 6) Generating function

$$F(x, \mu) = \frac{1}{(1 - 2x\mu + \mu^2)^{1/2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mu^l P_l(x)$$

i.e. expanding as a power series in  $\mu$ , coefficients are polynomials in  $x$



## 7) Recursion relations

$$(\ell+1) P_{\ell+1}(x) = (2\ell+1)x P_{\ell}(x) - \ell P_{\ell-1}(x)$$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{dP_{\ell}}{dx} = -\ell x P_{\ell}(x) + \ell P_{\ell-1}(x)$$

Summary: General solution of Laplace's eq w/ axial symmetry

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + B_{\ell} \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}}) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

Fix  $A_{\ell}, B_{\ell}$  using boundary conditions

note: if  $\Phi$  is continuous at  $r=0$   $B_{\ell}=0$

for  $\Phi$  corresponding to localized source  $A_{\ell}=0$

note: similar to multipole expansion. Same  $\ell$  dependence for given order in expansion  $B_0 = \text{monopole}, B_1 = \text{dipole}, \text{etc.}$

## Spherical Harmonics $m \neq 0$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( (1-x^2) \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + \left( \ell(\ell+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) P = 0$$

Solutions are called "associated Legendre functions"

$$P_{\ell}^m(x) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{\ell} \ell!} (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^{\ell+m}}{dx^{\ell+m}} (x^2-1)^{\ell} \quad m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm \ell$$

• orthogonality:  $\int_{-1}^1 dx P_{\ell}^m(x) P_{\ell'}^m(x) = \frac{2}{2\ell+1} \frac{(\ell+m)!}{(\ell-m)!} \delta_{\ell\ell'}$

• Together with  $e^{im\phi}$  the associated Legendre functions are complete on  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$

Spherical Harmonics:

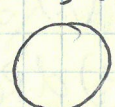
$$Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell+1)(\ell-m)!}{4\pi(\ell+m)!}} P_{\ell}^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$




$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) Y_{l'}^{m'*}(\theta, \phi) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

\*  $\equiv$  Complex Conjugate

$$Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$


$$|Y_0^0|^2$$


"s" orbital

$$|Y_2^0|^2$$


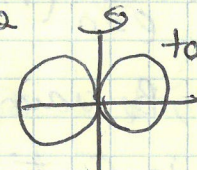
lobes  
torus

$$Y_1^0(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta$$


$$|Y_1^0|^2$$


"p" orbital

$$Y_1^{\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$|Y_1^{\pm 1}|^2$$


torus

$$|Y_2^{\pm 1}|^2$$


d orbital

etc.

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left( A_l^m r^l + B_l^m \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \right) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

## Review & examples

c) Laplace's equation for spherical polar coords  $(r, \theta, \phi)$

$$\Delta \Phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin\theta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2}$$

a) Find special solution of the form

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) P(\cos\theta) Q(\phi)$$

$$Q_m(\phi) = e^{im\phi} \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$R_l(r) = r^l \text{ or } \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \quad l = |m|, |m|+1, \dots$$

P satisfies (w/  $x = \cos\theta$ )

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( (1-x^2) \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + \left( l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) P = 0$$

if  $m=0$

$P = P_l(\cos\theta)$   $l^{\text{th}}$  Legendre Polynomial w/  $l=0, 1, 2$

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



b) General Solution for  $m=0$  Case (no  $\phi$  dependence)

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + \frac{B_{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \right) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

•  $P_{\ell}$  are complete & orthogonal on  $-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$

$$\int_{-1}^1 d\cos \theta P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) P_{\ell'}(\cos \theta) = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \frac{2}{2\ell+1}$$

•  $P_0 \cos \theta = 1$

$P_1 \cos \theta = \cos \theta$

$P_2 \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$

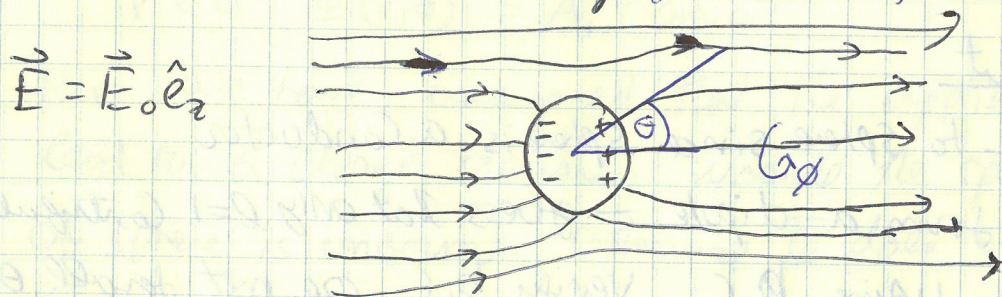
note Similarity to multiple expansion. Some angular dependence for a given order in the expansion

$A_{\ell}$  are zero for a localized source

c) if  $m \neq 0$  we need spherical harmonics

Examples:

1) Conducting sphere of radius  $a$  in uniform electric field  
 Sphere alters the field locally but far from sphere we expect no change. Find  $\vec{E}$  field Everywhere



a) Axial symmetry means  $m=0$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( A_{\ell} r^{\ell} + \frac{B_{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} \right) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

b) for  $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$   $\Phi = -E_0 z = -E_0 r \cos \theta$



Comparing w/ expansion for  $\Phi$

$$A_\ell = 0 \text{ if } \ell \neq 1 \quad A_1 = -E_0$$

$$\text{So } \Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_\ell}{r^{\ell+1}} P_\ell(\cos \theta) - E_0 r \cos \theta$$

c) Match B using boundary conditions at sphere.

$\Phi$  is constant at  $r=a$  let's make it  $\Phi=0$  (for E field continuity don't matter)  
Use orthogonality of the  $P_\ell$  to find  $B_\ell$

$$\Phi(a, \theta) = -E_0 a P_1 + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_\ell}{a^{\ell+1}} P_\ell = 0$$

integrate both sides  
with  $\int_{-1}^1 dx P_\ell P_{\ell'}'$

$$E_0 a \int_{-1}^1 P_1(x) P_\ell'(x) dx = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_\ell}{a^{\ell+1}} \int_{-1}^1 P_\ell(x) P_\ell'(x) dx$$

$$E_0 a \frac{2}{2\ell'+1} \delta_{1\ell'} = \frac{B_{\ell'}}{a^{\ell'+1}} \frac{2}{2\ell'+1}$$

$$B_\ell = E_0 a^{\ell+2} \delta_{1\ell} \quad B_1 = E_0 a^3 \quad B_{\ell \neq 1} = 0$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = -E_0 \left(1 - \frac{a^3}{r^3}\right) r \cos \theta$$

d) Short cut

Field is  $\perp$  to sphere since sphere is a conductor

Charges form a dipole - guess that only  $\ell=1$  contributes  
match  $B_1$  using B.C. verify b.c. are met for all  $\theta$   
& invoke uniqueness to ensure you have the solution

e) Electric field inside sphere  $\vec{E} = 0$

$$\text{outside } \begin{cases} E_r = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = E_0 \left(1 + \frac{2a^3}{r^3}\right) \cos \theta \\ E_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} = -E_0 \left(1 - \frac{a^3}{r^3}\right) \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

note at  $r=a$   
 $E_\theta = 0$



Surface charge density is  $E_r(r=a) = 4\pi S_s$

used  $(\epsilon_2 E_2 - \epsilon_1 E_1) \cdot n = 4\pi S_s$        $S_s = \frac{3}{4\pi} E_0 \cos\theta$

& the fact that  $E_1$  inside sphere is zero &  $\epsilon_2 = 1$

$$\Phi = \underbrace{-E_0 r \cos\theta}_{\text{External Contribution}} + \underbrace{\frac{E_0 a^3 \cos\theta}{r^2}}_{\text{Local induced Contribution}} \quad r > a$$

$\Phi$  induced is just the dipole potential with  $\vec{P} = \vec{E}_0 a^3$

Ex 2      lets repeat this for a <sup>linear</sup> dielectric sphere

a) axial symmetry  $\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( A_l r^l + B_l \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos\theta)$

b) for  $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{e}_z \Rightarrow \Phi = -E_0 z = -E_0 r \cos\theta$

c) Guess: need  $l=1$  only

$$r > a: \Phi(r, \theta) = -E_0 r \cos\theta + \underbrace{\frac{B_1}{r^2}}_{\text{This time dipole will not completely cancel field inside}}$$

$$r < a: \Phi(r, \theta) = A'_1 r \cos\theta$$

Here we have assumed that the applied field does not lead to a charge density inside the sphere (i.e. polarization of sphere is uniform). Otherwise  $\Phi$  does not obey the Laplace eq for  $r < a$

b.c. at  $r=a$

- $D_{\perp} = D_r$  Continuous
- $E_{\parallel} = E_{\theta}$  Continuous
- $\Phi$  Continuous

$\Phi$  at  $a$

$$-E_0 a \cos\theta + \frac{B_1}{a^2} \cos\theta = A'_1 a \cos\theta$$

$\Phi$  continuous ensures  $E_{\parallel}$  continuous