

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{r^3} [3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{p}]$$

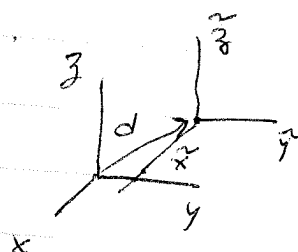
expresses $\vec{E}$ of dipole
in coord free form

Origin of coordinates

The definition of the multipole moments depends on
the choice of origin of the coordinates

Suppose transform to $\tilde{\vec{r}} = \vec{r} - \vec{d}$

In the $\tilde{\vec{r}}$ coord system



$$\tilde{q} = \int d^3\tilde{r} \rho(\tilde{r}) = \int d^3r \rho(r) = q$$

monopole does not depend on choice of origin

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\vec{p}} &= \int d^3\tilde{r} \rho(\tilde{r}) \tilde{\vec{r}} = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r} - \vec{d}) \\ &= \int d^3r \rho \vec{r} - \vec{d} \int d^3r \rho \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\vec{p}} = \vec{p} - \vec{d}q \quad \tilde{\vec{p}} = \vec{p} \text{ only if } q=0!$$

if $q \neq 0$, then $\tilde{\vec{p}} \neq \vec{p}$

$\Rightarrow$ ~~One could~~ If $q \neq 0$, one could always choose
an origin of coords for which $\vec{p} = 0$!

Falk/HW/John will show that $\tilde{\vec{r}} = \vec{r} - \vec{d}$...

Quadrupole moment in new coordinates

$$\vec{\vec{Q}} = \int d^3\tilde{r} \rho [3\tilde{r}\tilde{r} - (\tilde{r})^2 \vec{\vec{I}}]$$

where $\tilde{r} = r - d$

substitute in above

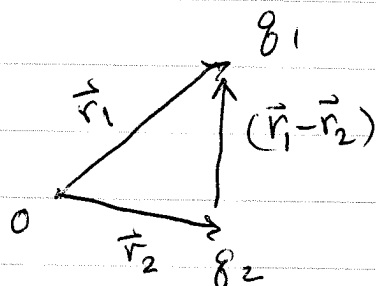
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\vec{Q}} &= \int d^3r \rho [3(\vec{r} - \vec{d})(\vec{r} - \vec{d}) - (\vec{r} - \vec{d})^2 \vec{\vec{I}}] \\ &= \int d^3r \rho [3\vec{r}\vec{r} - 3\vec{r}\vec{d} - 3\vec{d}\vec{r} + 3\vec{d}\vec{d} - (r^2 + d^2 - 2\vec{r}\cdot\vec{d})\vec{\vec{I}}] \\ &= \int d^3r \rho [3\vec{r}\vec{r} - r^2\vec{\vec{I}}] - 3\left[\int d^3r \rho \vec{r}\right]\vec{d} - 3\vec{d}\left[\int d^3r \rho \vec{r}\right] \\ &\quad + 3\vec{d}\vec{d}\left[\int d^3r \rho\right] - d^2\vec{\vec{I}}\left[\int d^3r \rho\right] \\ &\quad + 2\left[\int d^3r \rho \vec{r}\right] \cdot \vec{d} \vec{\vec{I}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\vec{Q}} = \vec{\vec{Q}} - 3\vec{p}\vec{d} - 3\vec{d}\vec{p} + 3\vec{d}\vec{d}q - [d^2q - 2\vec{p}\cdot\vec{d}]\vec{\vec{I}}$$

we see that $\vec{\vec{Q}}$ is independent of choice of origin only when both q and $\vec{p}$ vanish. when this happens the quadrupole term is the leading term in the multipole expansion.

In general, the leading term in multipole expansion will be indep of origin of coordinates.

Example two charges q_1 at $\vec{r}_1$ and q_2 at $\vec{r}_2$
 $q_1 + q_2 = q \neq 0$



monopole $q_1 + q_2 = q$
 dipole $\vec{p} = q_1 \vec{r}_1 + q_2 \vec{r}_2$
 quadrupole $\vec{Q} = (3\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_1 - r_1^2 \hat{I}) q_1$
 $+ (3\vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_2 - r_2^2 \hat{I}) q_2$

We can make the dipole moment vanish by shifting to a new coord system $\vec{r}' = \vec{r} - \vec{d}$ where $\vec{d} = \frac{\vec{p}}{q}$

$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} - \frac{q_1 \vec{r}_1 + q_2 \vec{r}_2}{q_1 + q_2} = \frac{q_1 (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) + q_2 (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2)}{q_1 + q_2}$$

positions of q_1, q_2 in new coords are

$$\vec{r}'_1 = \frac{q_2}{q_1 + q_2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\vec{r}'_2 = \frac{-q_1}{q_1 + q_2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

Origin of new coord system is at

$$\vec{r}' = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \frac{q_1 \vec{r}_1 + q_2 \vec{r}_2}{q_1 + q_2}$$

lies along vector from $\vec{r}_2$ to $\vec{r}_1$

"center of charge"

for many charges q_i at positions $\vec{r}_i$, the origin that makes dipole moment vanish is at

$$\vec{r} = \frac{\sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_i q_i}$$

In this coord system

$$\vec{p}' = q_1 \vec{r}_1' + q_2 \vec{r}_2' = \frac{q_1 q_2}{q_1 + q_2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) - \frac{q_2 q_1}{q_1 + q_2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \\ = 0 \quad \text{as it must be!}$$

Quadrupole moment in the coord system in which $\vec{p}' = 0$
the quadrupole tensor is

$$\vec{Q}' = [3\vec{r}_1' \vec{r}_1' - (r_1')^2 \vec{I}] q_1 + [3\vec{r}_2' \vec{r}_2' - (r_2')^2 \vec{I}] q_2$$

let us choose ~~coord~~ spherical coordinates with origin at O'
and $\hat{z}$ axis aligned along $\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$, so that

$$\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2 = s \hat{z} \quad \text{where } s = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2| \text{ is separation between the charges}$$

$$\text{then } \vec{r}_1' = \frac{q_2}{q_1 + q_2} s \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{r}_2' = \frac{-q_1}{q_1 + q_2} s \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{Q}' = \left(\frac{q_2}{q_1 + q_2} \right)^2 q_1 [3s^2 \hat{z} \hat{z} - s^2 \vec{I}] \\ + \left(\frac{-q_1}{q_1 + q_2} \right)^2 q_2 [3s^2 \hat{z} \hat{z} - s^2 \vec{I}]$$

$$\vec{Q}' = \frac{q_2^2 q_1 + q_1^2 q_2}{(q_1 + q_2)^2} s^2 [3 \hat{z} \hat{z} - \vec{I}]$$

$$= \frac{q_1 q_2}{q_1 + q_2} s^2 [3 \hat{z} \hat{z} - \vec{I}]$$

$$Q'_{ij} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{q_1 + q_2} s^2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in } xyz \text{ coord system}$$

as $\hat{z} \hat{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The contribution of quadrupole to the potential is

$$\phi_{\text{quad}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^3}$$

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

with origin at O' this becomes

in xyz coords

$$\phi_{\text{quad}} = \frac{s^2}{2r^3} \frac{q_1 q_2}{q_1 + q_2} (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

do matrix multiplications

$$\phi_{\text{quad}} = \frac{s^2}{2r^3} \frac{q_1 q_2}{q_1 + q_2} (2 \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$

independent of φ as it must be due to azimuthal symmetry

Example

sample charge configs

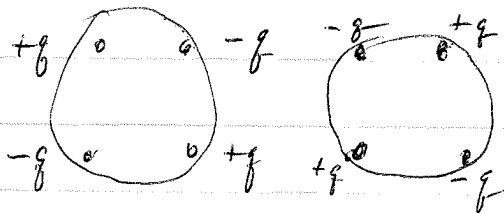
• $q \Rightarrow$ monopole is leading term

$+q \quad -q \Rightarrow$ monopole $= 0 \Rightarrow$ dipole is leading term
 $\vec{p}$ is indep of origin

$+q \quad -q \quad -q \quad +q \Rightarrow$ monopole $= 0 \Rightarrow$ total dipole is
sum of dipoles of individual neutral pairs

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ + \\ \rightarrow \end{array} = 0$$

leading term is quadrupole



$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\text{with } Q_2 = -Q_1$$

$\Rightarrow Q = 0$ leading term is octopole

when monopole $= 0$ and dipole $= 0$,
quadrupole is indep of origin.
 $\rightarrow$ total quadrupole is sum of
quadrupoles of individual
clusters with $q = 0$ and $\vec{p} = 0$

Magnetostatics

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}, \quad \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \end{cases} \quad \text{Ampere's Law (statics only!)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}$$

$$\text{can write } \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

where by $\nabla^2 \vec{A}$ we mean $(\nabla^2 A_x) \hat{x} + (\nabla^2 A_y) \hat{y} + (\nabla^2 A_z) \hat{z}$

$\nabla^2 \vec{A}$ only has a single expression in Cartesian coords

If tried to write it in spherical coords, for example, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \vec{A} &= \nabla^2 (A_r \hat{r} + A_\theta \hat{\theta} + A_\phi \hat{\phi}) \\ &= (\nabla^2 A_r) \hat{r} + A_r (\nabla^2 \hat{r}) + (\nabla^2 A_\theta) \hat{\theta} + A_\theta (\nabla^2 \hat{\theta}) \\ &\quad + (\nabla^2 A_\phi) \hat{\phi} + A_\phi (\nabla^2 \hat{\phi}) \end{aligned}$$

one must not forget to take the derivatives of $\hat{r}$, $\hat{\theta}$, $\hat{\phi}$ since they vary with position!

for example, $\hat{r} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$

one could compute $\nabla^2 \hat{r}$ by applying ∇^2 in spherical coords to each piece and summing up. Get a mess!

If work in Coulomb gauge, with $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$, then

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \boxed{-\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}} \quad \text{Poisson's equation!}$$

Many of the same methods used to solve for electrostatic ϕ can therefore be applied to solve for magnetostatic $\vec{A}$. But vector nature of eqn makes for complications!

For simple geometries, one can do the Coulomb-like integral

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \quad \text{three equations for } A_x, A_y, A_z !$$

for localized current sources $j(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$

Multipole expansion - magnetic dipole moment

For a general treatment, analogous to how we did multipole expansion for electrostatics, one can use vector spherical harmonics - see Jackson Chpt 9.

Here we do a more straight forward approach, but only up to magnetic dipole term.

For $r \gg r'$ approx

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \frac{1}{(r^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}' + r'^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{[1 - \frac{2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} + (\frac{r'}{r})^2]^{1/2}}$$

do Taylor series to 1st order in $(\frac{r'}{r})$ to get

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} + \dots \right\} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^3} + \dots$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \overset{\textcircled{1}}{\int \frac{d^3r'}{c} \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{r}} + \overset{\textcircled{2}}{\int \frac{d^3r'}{c} \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}')}{r^3}} + \dots$$

Consider term ①

$$\int d^3r \vec{j}(\vec{r}) \quad \int d^3r (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{r} \quad \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_j} = \delta_{ij}$$

write $\int d^3r j_i(r) = \sum_{j=1}^3 \int d^3r j_j \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_j}$ integrate by parts

$$= \sum_j \left\{ \oint_S da j_j r_i - \int d^3r \frac{\partial j_j}{\partial r_j} r_i \right\}$$

↑
vanishes as $S \rightarrow \infty$ if
 $\vec{j}$ sufficiently localized
ie $\vec{j}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow 0$ sufficiently
fast as $r \rightarrow \infty$

↑
vanishes in
magnetostatics
where $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$

So $\int d^3r \vec{j}(\vec{r}) = 0$ in magnetostatics
monopole term vanishes

term (2)

$$\int d^3r \vec{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{r} \quad \text{tensor}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \int d^3r \hat{j}_i r_j &= \sum_k \int d^3r \hat{j}_k r_j \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_k} \quad \text{integrate by parts} \\ &= \sum_k \left\{ \oint_S da \hat{j}_k r_j r_i - \int d^3r \frac{\partial}{\partial r_k} (\hat{j}_k r_j) r_i \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$
vanishes as $S \rightarrow \infty$ if $\vec{f}$ sufficiently localized

$$= - \sum_k \int d^3r \left(\frac{\partial \hat{j}_k}{\partial r_k} r_j r_i + \hat{j}_k \frac{\partial r_j}{\partial r_k} r_i \right)$$

$\uparrow$ vanishes as $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$ in magnetostatics $\uparrow = \delta_{jk}$

$$= - \int d^3r \hat{j}_j r_i$$

$$\text{So } \int d^3r \hat{j}_i r_j = - \int d^3r \hat{j}_j r_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r (\hat{j}_i r_j - \hat{j}_j r_i)$$

So

$$\int d^3r' \hat{j}_i(\vec{r}') (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') = \sum_j r_j \int d^3r' \hat{j}_i(\vec{r}') r_j'$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r' (\hat{j}_i r_j r_j' - r_j \hat{j}_j r_i')$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r' (\hat{j}_i (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') - r_i' (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'))$$