

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 105**

**Plan for Lecture 9:**

**Continue reading Chapter 4**

**Dipolar fields and dielectrics**

**A. Electric field due to a dipole**

**B. Electric polarization P**

**C. Electric displacement D and dielectric functions**

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**Course schedule for Spring 2018**  
(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Lecture date	JDJ Reading	Topic	HW	Due date
Wed: 01/17/2018	No class	Snow		
1 Fri: 01/19/2018	Chap. 1 & Appen.	Introduction, units and Poisson equation	#1	01/26/2018
2 Mon: 01/22/2018	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	#2	01/26/2018
3 Wed: 01/24/2018	Chap. 1	Poisson's equation and Green's theorem	#3	01/26/2018
4 Thu: 01/25/2018	Chap. 1 & 2	Poisson's equation in 2 and 3 dimensions		
5 Fri: 01/26/2018	Chap. 1 & 2	Brief introduction to numerical methods	#4	01/29/2018
6 Mon: 01/29/2018	Chap. 2	Method of image charges	#5	01/31/2018
7 Wed: 01/31/2018	Chap. 2 & 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries	#6	02/02/2018
8 Fri: 02/02/2018	Chap. 3 & 4	Multipole analysis	#7	02/07/2018
9 Mon: 02/05/2018	Chap. 4	Dipoles and Dielectrics	#8	02/09/2018
10 Wed: 02/07/2018				
11 Fri: 02/09/2018				
12 Mon: 02/12/2018				
13 Wed: 02/14/2018				
14 Fri: 02/16/2018				
15 Mon: 02/19/2018				

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Review: General results for a multipole analysis of the electrostatic potential due to an isolated charge distribution:  
General form of electrostatic potential with boundary value  $\Phi(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$  for confined charge density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left( \sum_l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_c^l}{r^l} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \right)$$

Suppose that  $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{lm} \rho_{lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{1}{2l+1} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \left( \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \int_0^r r'^{2+l} dr' \rho_{lm}(r') + r^l \int_r^\infty r'^{l-1} dr' \rho_{lm}(r') \right)$$

For  $r \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{1}{2l+1} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty r'^{2+l} dr' \rho_{lm}(r')}_{q_{lm}}$

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**Notion of multipole moment:**

In the spherical harmonic representation --  
 define the moment  $q_{lm}$  of the (confined) charge distribution  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$q_{lm} \equiv \int d^3r' r'^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

In the Cartesian representation --  
 define the monopole moment  $q$ :

$$q \equiv \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

define the dipole moment  $\mathbf{p}$ :

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \int d^3r' \mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

define the quadrupole moment components  $Q_{ij}$  ( $i, j \rightarrow x, y, z$ ):

$$Q_{ij} \equiv \int d^3r' (3r'_i r'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

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**General form of electrostatic potential in terms of multipole moments:**

For  $r$  outside the extent of  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)}{r^{l+1}} \left( \int d^3r' r'^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') \rho(\mathbf{r}') \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi q_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)}{2l+1} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}}$$

In terms of Cartesian expansion:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} Q_{ij} \frac{r_i r_j}{r^5} \dots \right)$$

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**Focus on dipolar contributions:**

For  $r$  outside the extent of  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

Electrostatic potential:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

Electrostatic field:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2 \mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$


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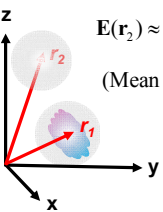
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Summary of key argument:



$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \int_{r \leq R} d^3r \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

(Mean value theorem for Laplace equation)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \int_{r \leq R} d^3r \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r})$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \left( -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \right) \approx -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

Summary:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3}\mathbf{p}\delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles:

Electric polarization  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

Mono electric charge density  $\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_i q_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

Electrostatic potential for a single monopole charge  $q$  and a single dipole  $\mathbf{p}$ :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Electrostatic potential for a single monopole charge  $q$  and a single dipole  $\mathbf{p}$ :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

Electrostatic potential for collections of monopole charges  $q_i$  and dipoles  $\mathbf{p}_i$ :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \int d^3r' \frac{\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \int d^3r' \frac{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \right)$$

Note:  $\int d^3r' \frac{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} = \int d^3r' \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \nabla' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = -\int d^3r' \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Electrostatic potential for collections of monopole charges  $q_i$  and dipoles  $\mathbf{p}_i$  :

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \int d^3r' \frac{\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} - \int d^3r' \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \right)$$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}) - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})) = \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r})$$

Define Displacement field :  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})$

Macroscopic form of Gauss's law :  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r})$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Many materials are polarizable and produce a polarization field in the presence of an electric field with a proportionality constant  $\chi_e$  :

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$\epsilon$  represents the dielectric function of the material

Boundary value problems in dielectric materials

For  $\rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  At a surface between two dielectrics, in terms of surface normal  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  :

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{continuous} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics -- example:

For isotropic dielectrics:

$$D_{1n} = D_{2n} \quad \epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}$$

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad \frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example:

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r})=0$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})=0$  At  $r=a$ :  $\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$   
 For  $r \leq a$   $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\epsilon \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$   $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$   
 For  $r > a$   $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\epsilon_0 \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example – continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$  At  $r=a$ :  $\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$   
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( B_l r^l + \frac{C_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$   $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$   
 For  $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -E_0 r \cos \theta$

Solution -- only  $l=1$  contributes  
 $B_1 = -E_0$   
 $A_1 = -\left( \frac{3}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) E_0$   $C_1 = \left( \frac{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) a^3 E_0$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example -- continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left( \frac{3}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) E_0 r \cos \theta$   
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left( r - \left( \frac{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \epsilon / \epsilon_0} \right) \frac{a^3}{r^2} \right) E_0 \cos \theta$

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