

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**12-12:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**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 2020**  
(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

	Lecture date	JDJ Reading	Topic	HW	Due date
1	Mon: 01/13/2020	Chap. 1 & Appen.	Introduction, units and Poisson equation	#1	01/17/2020
2	Wed: 01/15/2020	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	#2	01/22/2020
3	Fri: 01/17/2020	Chap. 1	Electrostatic potentials and fields	#3	01/24/2020
	Mon: 01/20/2020	No class	Martin Luther King Holiday		
4	Wed: 01/22/2020	Chap. 1 - 3	Poisson's equation in 2 and 3 dimensions	#4	01/27/2020
5	Fri: 01/24/2020	Chap. 1 - 3	Brief introduction to numerical methods	#5	01/31/2020
6	Mon: 01/27/2020	Chap. 2 & 3	Image charge constructions	#6	02/03/2020
7	Wed: 01/29/2020	Chap. 2 & 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries	#7	02/05/2020
8	Fri: 01/31/2020	Chap. 3 & 4	Spherical geometry and multipole moments	#8	02/07/2020
9	Mon: 02/03/2020	Chap. 4	Dipoles and Dielectrics	#9	02/09/2020
10	Wed: 02/05/2020	Chap. 4	Polarization and Dielectrics		
11	Fri: 02/07/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetostatics		
12	Mon: 02/10/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetic dipoles and hyperfine interaction		
13	Wed: 02/12/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetic dipoles and dipolar fields		

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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  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

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

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  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

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

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

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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Poorly defined for  $r \rightarrow 0$      Correct value for  $r \rightarrow 0$

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“Justification” of surprising  $\delta$ -function term in dipole electric field -- Assuming dipole is located at  $r=0$ , we need to need to evaluate the electrostatic field near  $r=0$ :

We will use the approximation:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r} \approx \mathbf{0}) \approx \left( \int_{\text{sphere}} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{r}).$$

First we note that:

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

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Some details:

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

This result follows from the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\text{vol}} \nabla \cdot \mathcal{V} d^3 r = \int_{\text{surface}} \mathcal{V} d\mathbf{A}.$$

In our case, this theorem can be used for each cartesian coordinate if we choose  $\mathcal{V} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{x}}\Phi(\mathbf{r})$  for the  $x$  component, etc.

$$\int_{r \leq R} \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{x}}\Phi) d^3 r + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{y}}\Phi) d^3 r + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{r \leq R} \nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}}\Phi) d^3 r,$$

which is equal to:

$$\int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) R^2 d\Omega ((\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) R^2 d\Omega \hat{\mathbf{r}}.$$

Therefore --

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = - \int_{r \leq R} \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

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More details

$$\int_{r \leq R} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r = -R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega.$$

Now, we notice that the electrostatic potential can be determined from the charge density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  according to:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3 r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \int d^3 r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'^l}{r^l} Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}').$$

We also note that the unit vector can be written in terms of spherical harmonic functions:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{cases} \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos(\theta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \left( Y_{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \int d^3 r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'^l}{r^l} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \left( Y_{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} + Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \int d^3 r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'^l}{r^l} \hat{\mathbf{r}}'$$

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**More details continued --**

When we evaluate the integral over solid angle  $d\Omega$ , only the  $l = 1$  terms contribute, and the result of the integration reduces to:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} \int d^3 r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{r'_z}{r'^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}}'$$

The choice of  $r'_z$  and  $r'_z$  is a choice between the integration variables  $r'$  and the sphere radius  $R$ . If the sphere encloses the charge distribution,  $\rho(\mathbf{r}')$ , then  $r'_z = r'$  and  $r'_z = R$  so that the result is:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} \frac{1}{R^2} \int d^3 r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') r' \hat{\mathbf{r}}' = -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

Otherwise, if the charge distribution  $\rho(\mathbf{r}')$  lies outside of the sphere, then  $r'_z = R$  and  $r'_z = r'$  and the result is:

$$-R^2 \int_{r=R} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\Omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} R \int d^3 r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{r'^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}' = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} \mathbf{E}(0).$$

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**In summary --**

Electrostatic dipolar field for dipole moment  $\mathbf{p}$  at  $\mathbf{r}=0$ :

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

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**Summary of key argument:**

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

(Mean value theorem for Laplace equation)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \int_{r \leq R} d^3 r' \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}) \approx \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} \left( -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \right) \Rightarrow -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{3\epsilon_0} \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

**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  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r})$  due to collection of dipoles :

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

Monopole 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  $\mathbf{p}_i$  :

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

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

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

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

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

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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  $\chi_c$  :

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

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

$\epsilon$  represents the dielectric function of the material

Boundary value problems in dielectric materials

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

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

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

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

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

For  $\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} = 2$

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:

$$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( B_l r^l + \frac{C_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

At  $r = a$ :  $\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$   
 $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$   
 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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