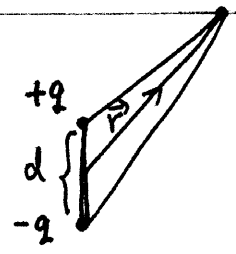


# Lect 16 Multiple expansion

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dipole:  $V(r) = q \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \frac{d}{2}\hat{z}|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r} + \frac{d}{2}\hat{z}|} \right)$



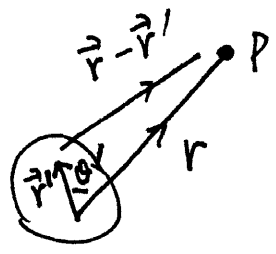
$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \frac{d}{2}\hat{z}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + (\frac{d}{2})^2 - rd \cos\theta}} \approx \frac{1}{r \left(1 - \frac{d}{2r} \cos\theta\right)} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{d}{2r} \cos\theta\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} + \frac{d}{2}\hat{z}|} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{d}{2r} \cos\theta\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(r) = \frac{qd \cos\theta}{r^2}$$

Generally for a charge distribution  $\rho(r')$  in a small region, its potential at the long distance.

$$V(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') dz'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$



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

$$= \frac{1}{r} \left[1 + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{2r' \cos\theta'}{r}\right]^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \left[1 + \frac{r'}{r} \cos\theta' + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 \left[\frac{3\cos^2\theta' - 1}{2}\right] + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^3 \frac{5\cos^3\theta' - 3\cos\theta'}{2} + \dots\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^n P_n(\cos\theta')$$

$$\Rightarrow V(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \int r'^n P_n(\cos\theta') \rho(r') dz'$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \int \rho(r') dz' + \frac{1}{r^2} \int r' \cos\theta' \rho(r') dz' + \frac{1}{r^3} \int r'^2 \left(\frac{3\cos^2\theta' - 1}{2}\right) \rho(r') dz' + \dots$$

↑ monopole                      ↑ dipole                      ↑ quadrupole

$$V_{dip}(r) = \frac{1}{r^2} \int r' \cos \theta' \rho(\vec{r}') dz' = \frac{1}{r^2} \int \hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') dz'$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') dz' = \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{P}}{r^2}, \text{ where } \vec{P} = \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') dz'$$

$\vec{P}$ : dipole moment.

If we shift the origin  $\vec{r}' \rightarrow \vec{r}' + \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{P}' = \int (\vec{r}' + \vec{a}) \rho(\vec{r}' + \vec{a}) dz'$   
 $= \vec{P} + \vec{a} Q$ .

if the total charge  $Q=0$ , then dipole is independent of the choice of origin.

• Electric-field of Dipole

$$V = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3}, \quad \vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\nabla \left( \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

$$\nabla \left( \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = \frac{1}{r^3} \nabla(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r}) - \frac{3(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r})}{r^4} \hat{r}$$

$$\nabla(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r}) = \vec{P} \times (\nabla \times \vec{r}) + (\vec{P} \cdot \nabla) \vec{r} = [P_x \partial_x + P_y \partial_y + P_z \partial_z](x, y, z)$$

$$= (P_x, P_y, P_z) = \vec{P}$$

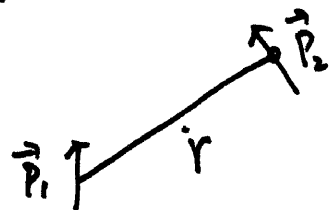
$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{\vec{P}}{r^3} + \frac{3(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{r})}{r^3} \hat{r} = \frac{1}{r^3} [3(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{P}]$$

• energy of a dipole in the electric field

$$W = q[V(\vec{r} + \frac{\vec{d}}{2}) - V(\vec{r} - \frac{\vec{d}}{2})] = q \nabla V \cdot \vec{d} = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{P}$$

interaction energy between two dipoles

$$W = \frac{1}{r^3} [ \vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{P}_2 - 3(\vec{P}_1 \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{P}_2 \cdot \hat{r}) ]$$



Set  $\vec{P}$  along  $\hat{z}$ -axis and at the origin

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{r^3} [ 3 P \cos\theta \hat{e}_r - P \hat{z} ]$$

$$\hat{z} = \hat{e}_r \cos\theta - \hat{e}_\theta \sin\theta$$

$$= \frac{P}{r^3} [ 2 \cos\theta \hat{e}_r + \sin\theta \hat{e}_\theta ]$$

