

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{(b)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[ \int d\Omega' Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') V(\theta', \phi') \right] \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^l \int d\Omega' V(\theta', \phi') \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) && \text{by addition theorem} \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^l \int d\Omega' V(\theta', \phi') \frac{2l+1}{4\pi} P_l(\cos \gamma) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^l \int d\Omega' V(\theta', \phi') P_l(\cos \gamma)
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

On the other hand

$$\Phi_{(a)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{a(a^2 - r^2)}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\Omega' V(\theta', \phi')}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos \gamma)^{3/2}} \tag{2}$$

Compare (1) and (2), it's sufficient to prove

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^l P_l(\cos \gamma) = \frac{a(a^2 - r^2)}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos \gamma)^{3/2}} \tag{3}$$

Indeed, define

$$t \equiv \frac{r}{a} \qquad x \equiv \cos \gamma \qquad g(t, x) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + t^2 - 2tx}} \tag{4}$$

then it's easy to see

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{RHS}_{(3)} &= \frac{a^3(1 - t^2)}{a^3(1 + t^2 - 2tx)^{3/2}} \\
&= \frac{(1 + t^2 - 2tx) + 2t(x - t)}{(1 + t^2 - 2tx)^{3/2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + t^2 - 2tx}} + 2t \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + t^2 - 2tx}} \right) \\
&= \left( 1 + 2t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) g(t, x)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

But  $g(t, x)$ , being the generating function of the Legendre polynomials, can be expanded as

$$g(t, x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l(x) t^l \tag{6}$$

Therefore

$$\left( 1 + 2t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) g(t, x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} [P_l(x) t^l + 2t P_l(x) l t^{l-1}] = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) P_l(x) t^l = \text{LHS}_{(3)} \tag{7}$$