

- Without loss of generality, let the charge be rotating around z axis with angular velocity ω_0 . Let $\rho_0(\mathbf{x})$ be the charge distribution at $t = 0$ and let $\mathbf{x} = (r, \theta, \phi)$ be the spherical coordinates. Then at time t , the charge distribution is

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_0(r, \theta, \phi - \omega_0 t) \quad (1)$$

By definition (see (4.3)) the multipole moment $q_{lm}(t)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} q_{lm}(t) &= \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho_0(r', \theta', \phi' - \omega_0 t) d^3 x' && \text{variable change } \phi' \rightarrow \phi' + \omega_0 t \\ &= \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi' + \omega_0 t) r'^l \rho_0(r', \theta', \phi') d^3 x' \\ &= \int \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta') e^{-im\phi'} e^{-im\omega_0 t} r'^l \rho_0(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \\ &= e^{-im\omega_0 t} \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho_0(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \\ &= e^{-im\omega_0 t} q_{lm}(0) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

This shows that for a rotating source, its multipole expansion's lm -th component is oscillating with frequency $m\omega_0$.

- For a periodically changing source $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$, it can be expanded into Fourier series (note n ranges from all integers)

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \rho_n(\mathbf{x}) e^{-in\omega_0 t} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\rho_n(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho(\mathbf{x}, t') e^{in\omega_0 t'} dt' \quad (4)$$

To verify this, substitute (4) into the RHS of (3),

$$\text{RHS}_{(3)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho(\mathbf{x}, t') e^{in\omega_0(t'-t)} dt' = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho(\mathbf{x}, t') dt' \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \overbrace{e^{in\omega_0(t'-t)}}^{T\delta(t'-t)} = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (5)$$

where we have used

$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{inx} \implies \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\omega_0(t'-t)} = 2\pi\delta[\omega_0(t'-t)] = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \delta(t'-t) = T\delta(t'-t) \quad (6)$$

(3) can be written in identical form that has no negative frequencies

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \text{Re}[\rho_n(\mathbf{x}) e^{-in\omega_0 t}] \quad (7)$$

If we take $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ to be the rotating source (1), the n -th harmonic (4) can be written

$$\rho_n(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_0(r, \theta, \phi - \omega_0 t') e^{in\omega_0 t'} dt' \quad (8)$$

whose contribution to q_{lm} is

$$\begin{aligned} q_{lm}^n &= \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho_n(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \\ &= \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_0(r', \theta', \phi' - \omega_0 t') e^{in\omega_0 t'} dt' \right] d^3 x' && \text{variable change } \phi' \rightarrow \phi' + \omega_0 t' \\ &= \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi' + \omega_0 t') r'^l \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_0(r', \theta', \phi') e^{in\omega_0 t'} dt' \right] d^3 x' \\ &= \overbrace{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(n-m)\omega_0 t'} dt'}^{\delta_{mn}} \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho_0(r', \theta', \phi') d^3 x = \delta_{mn} q_{lm}(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The interpretation of this connection is that the lm -th multipole moment q_{lm} has contribution only from the m -th harmonic $\rho_m(\mathbf{x})$ of the source distribution.

3. For the rotating single charge, we can express the time-dependent charge density as

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{q}{R^2} \delta(r - R) \delta(\cos \theta) \delta(\phi - \omega_0 t) \quad (10)$$

Thus by (2)

$$\begin{aligned} q_{lm}(t) &= e^{-im\omega_0 t} \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho_0(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \\ &= e^{-im\omega_0 t} \frac{q}{R^2} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} \overbrace{\int_0^\infty r'^{l+2} \delta(r' - R) dr'}^{R^{l+2}} \underbrace{\int_0^\pi \delta(\cos \theta') P_l^m(\cos \theta') \sin \theta' d\theta'}_{P_l^m(0)} \overbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} \delta(\phi') e^{-im\phi'} d\phi'}^1 \\ &= e^{-im\omega_0 t} q R^l \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(0) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

For $l = 0, 1$,

$$q_{00}(t) = q \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \quad (12)$$

$$q_{11}(t) = -e^{-i\omega_0 t} q R \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \quad q_{10}(t) = 0 \quad q_{1,-1}(t) = e^{i\omega_0 t} q R \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \quad (13)$$

Method in part (b) would have given the same result due to the more general result (9).

From (11) we see that higher moments exist if $P_l^m(0) \neq 0$. By the parity of associated Legendre function

$$P_l^m(-x) = (-1)^{l+m} P_l^m(x) \quad (14)$$

the higher moments exist if $l + m$ is even. The radiation frequency is $\pm m\omega_0$ for any even $m + l$.