

1. We can write the potential of the interior in the form

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l A_{lm} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \quad (1)$$

where the coefficients A_{lm} can be determined by

$$\begin{aligned} A_{lm} &= \int d\Omega \Phi(R, \theta, \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \phi) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} \int_0^\pi P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(R, \theta, \phi) e^{-im\phi} d\phi}_I \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

By the problem statement, we can write the integral I as $I = I_+ + I_-$, where

$$I_+ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{(2j)(2\pi/2n)}^{(2j+1)(2\pi/2n)} (V) e^{-im\phi} d\phi \quad (3)$$

$$I_- = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{(2j+1)(2\pi/2n)}^{(2j+2)(2\pi/2n)} (-V) e^{-im\phi} d\phi \quad (4)$$

Carrying out the integrals I_{\pm} explicitly, we have

$$I_+ = V \frac{1}{(-im)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [e^{-im(2j+1)(2\pi/2n)} - e^{-im(2j)(2\pi/2n)}] \quad (5)$$

$$I_- = -V \frac{1}{(-im)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [e^{-im(2j+2)(2\pi/2n)} - e^{-im(2j+1)(2\pi/2n)}] \quad (6)$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{V}{(-im)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [2e^{-im(2j+1)\pi/n} - 2e^{-im2j\pi/n}] \\ &= \frac{2V}{(-im)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{-im2j\pi/n} (e^{-im\pi/n} - 1) \\ &= \frac{2V}{(-im)} (e^{-im\pi/n} - 1) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^j \quad \text{where } \omega = e^{-im2\pi/n} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Notice from

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^j = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\omega^n}{1-\omega} = 0 & \text{for } \omega \neq 1 \\ n & \text{for } \omega = 1 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

we know the sum will vanish unless m is a integer multiple of n . But if m/n is an even integer, I will vanish due to the factor $e^{-im\pi/n} - 1$ in front of the sum. So the only way for I not to vanish is when $m = (2k+1)n$ for some k , in which case

$$I = \frac{2V}{(-im)} [e^{-i(2k+1)\pi} - 1] \cdot n = \frac{4Vn}{im} \quad \text{for } m = (2k+1)n \quad (9)$$

2. With $n = 1$, only $m = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots$ will contribute. Thus up to $l = 3$, the potential can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r, \theta, \phi) &\approx [A_{1,1} Y_{1,1}(\theta, \phi) + A_{1,-1} Y_{1,-1}(\theta, \phi)] \left(\frac{r}{a}\right) + \\ &\quad [A_{2,1} Y_{2,1}(\theta, \phi) + A_{2,-1} Y_{2,-1}(\theta, \phi)] \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 + \\ &\quad [A_{3,1} Y_{3,1}(\theta, \phi) + A_{3,-1} Y_{3,-1}(\theta, \phi) + A_{3,3} Y_{3,3}(\theta, \phi) + A_{3,-3} Y_{3,-3}(\theta, \phi)] \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^3 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Let's first notice for odd m , $A_{lm} = A_{l,-m}$ since

$$A_{lm} = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} \int_0^\pi P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \cdot \frac{4V}{im} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{l,-m} &= \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l+m)!}{(l-m)!}} \int_0^\pi (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \cdot \frac{4V}{(-im)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} \int_0^\pi P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \cdot \frac{4V}{im} = A_{lm} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{lm} &\equiv A_{lm} Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) + A_{l,-m} Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \phi) = A_{lm} \left[\sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} e^{im\phi} P_l^m(\cos \theta) + \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l+m)!}{(l-m)!}} e^{-im\phi} P_l^{-m}(\cos \theta) \right] \\ &= A_{lm} \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) (e^{im\phi} - e^{-im\phi}) \\ &= \left[\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} \right] \left[\int_0^\pi P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \right] P_l^m(\cos \theta) \cdot \frac{4V}{im} \cdot 2i \sin m\phi \\ &= \left[\frac{2(2l+1)V}{m\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} \right] \left[\int_0^\pi P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \right] P_l^m(\cos \theta) \sin m\phi \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

With the well known associated Legendre functions (reference [Wolfram](#))

$$\begin{aligned} P_1^1(\cos \theta) &= -\sin \theta & P_2^1(\cos \theta) &= -3 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ P_3^1(\cos \theta) &= -\frac{3}{2} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta & P_3^3(\cos \theta) &= -15 \sin^3 \theta \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

we can calculate T_{lm} as the following

$$T_{11} = \left(\frac{6V}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \right) \overbrace{\left(\int_0^\pi -\sin^2 \theta d\theta \right)}^{-\pi/2} (-\sin \theta \sin \phi) = \frac{3V}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad (15)$$

$$T_{21} = \left(\frac{10V}{\pi} \frac{1}{6} \right) \overbrace{\left(\int_0^\pi -3 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta \right)}^0 (-3 \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi) = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{31} &= \left(\frac{14V}{\pi} \frac{2}{24} \right) \overbrace{\left[\int_0^\pi -\frac{3}{2} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin^2 \theta d\theta \right]}^{-3\pi/16} \left[-\frac{3}{2} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta \sin \phi \right] \\ &= \frac{21V}{64} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta \sin \phi \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{33} &= \left(\frac{14V}{3\pi} \frac{1}{720} \right) \overbrace{\left[\int_0^\pi -15 \sin^4 \theta d\theta \right]}^{-45\pi/8} (-15 \sin^3 \theta \sin 3\phi) \\ &= \frac{35V}{64} \sin^3 \theta \sin 3\phi \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

It seems quite messy, but recall that in this problem, when $n = 1$, our positively and negatively charged hemispheres are in the y_+ and y_- half spaces, while in section 3.3, they are in the z_+ and z_- half spaces. This suggests a coordinate change that maps

$$y = \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \longrightarrow \quad z' = \cos \theta' \quad (19)$$

Then simple algebra will show the equivalence of these two solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right) + T_{31} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^3 + T_{33} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^3 &= \frac{3V}{2} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right) \cos \theta' - \frac{7V}{8} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^3 \left(\frac{5}{2} \cos^3 \theta' - \frac{3}{2} \cos \theta' \right) \\ &= \frac{3V}{2} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right) P_1(\cos \theta') - \frac{7V}{8} \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^3 P_3(\cos \theta') \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$