

1. Prob 6.21

- (a) We can consider the dipole as the limit of a pair of charges $\pm q$ located at $\mathbf{r}_0 \pm \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}$, with $l \rightarrow 0$ while keeping $q\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{p}$. Thus the charge density is

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \left\{ q\delta\left[\mathbf{x} - \left(\mathbf{r}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right)\right] - q\delta\left[\mathbf{x} - \left(\mathbf{r}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right)\right] \right\} \\ &= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} q \left\{ \delta\left[\left(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0\right) - \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right] - \delta\left[\left(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0\right) + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right] \right\} \\ &= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} q\mathbf{l} \cdot [-\nabla\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0)] = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0)\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

And from $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)\mathbf{v}$,

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\mathbf{v}[\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0)] \quad (2)$$

- (b) For the magnetic dipole, applying the equation above (5.58)

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i q_i (\mathbf{x}_i \times \mathbf{v}_i) \quad (3)$$

on the dipole \mathbf{p} , we have

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{2} \left[q \left(\mathbf{r}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2} \right) \times \mathbf{v} - q \left(\mathbf{r}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2} \right) \times \mathbf{v} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{v} \quad (4)$$

For the electric quadrupole, applying (4.9)

$$Q_{ij} = \int (3x'_i x'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) \rho(\mathbf{x}') d^3x' \quad (5)$$

to \mathbf{p} , we have

$$\begin{aligned}Q_{ij} &= \int (3x'_i x'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) q \left[\delta\left(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{r}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right) - \delta\left(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{r}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2}\right) \right] d^3x' \\ &= 3q \left[\left(r_{0i} + \frac{l_i}{2} \right) \left(r_{0j} + \frac{l_j}{2} \right) - 3 \left(r_{0i} - \frac{l_i}{2} \right) \left(r_{0j} - \frac{l_j}{2} \right) \right] - \delta_{ij} q \left(\left| \mathbf{r}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2} \right|^2 - \left| \mathbf{r}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2} \right|^2 \right) \\ &= 3q (r_{0i} l_j + r_{0j} l_i) - \delta_{ij} q \left[\left(r_0^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} + \mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{l} \right) - \left(r_0^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} - \mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{l} \right) \right] \\ &= 3(r_{0i} p_j + r_{0j} p_i) - 2\delta_{ij} \mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{p}\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

- (c) By equation (4.10), the contribution to the electric potential from the quadrupole is

$$\Phi^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{x_i x_j}{r^5} \quad (7)$$

Thus the second order electric field is

$$\begin{aligned}4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla \left(\sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{x_i x_j}{r^5} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_a \hat{\mathbf{e}}_a \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_a} \left(\frac{x_i x_j}{r^5} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_a \hat{\mathbf{e}}_a \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \left(\frac{\delta_{ia} x_j}{r^5} + \frac{x_i \delta_{aj}}{r^5} - \frac{5x_i x_j x_a}{r^7} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_a \hat{\mathbf{e}}_a \left[\overbrace{3 \sum_{ij} (r_{0i} p_j + r_{0j} p_i) \left(\frac{\delta_{ia} x_j}{r^5} + \frac{x_i \delta_{aj}}{r^5} \right)}^A - 2(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{p}) \overbrace{\sum_{ij} \delta_{ij} \left(\frac{\delta_{ia} x_j}{r^5} + \frac{x_i \delta_{aj}}{r^5} \right)}^B \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 15 \underbrace{\sum_{ij} (r_{0i} p_j + r_{0j} p_i) \cdot \frac{x_i x_j x_a}{r^7}}_C + 10(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{p}) \underbrace{\sum_{ij} \delta_{ij} \frac{x_i x_j x_a}{r^7}}_D \right] \quad (8)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = 2 \left(r_{0\alpha} \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{r^4} + p_\alpha \frac{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n}}{r^4} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$B = \frac{2x_\alpha}{r^5} \quad (10)$$

$$C = \frac{2x_\alpha (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}) (\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n})}{r^5} \quad (11)$$

$$D = \frac{x_\alpha}{r^5} \quad (12)$$

Putting everything back to (8) yields

$$4\pi\epsilon_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{3[\mathbf{r}_0(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n})]}{r^4} - \frac{3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{p})}{r^4} + \frac{15\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n})}{r^4} \quad (13)$$

2. Prob 6.22

(a) The vector potential due to the moving dipole \mathbf{p} is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 \mathbf{v}}{4\pi} \left[\mathbf{p} \cdot \int \frac{\nabla' \delta(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{r}_0)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \right] && \text{integration by parts and } \nabla' \leftrightarrow -\nabla \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 \mathbf{v}}{4\pi} \left[\mathbf{p} \cdot \int \delta(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{r}_0) \nabla \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) d^3x' \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 \mathbf{v}}{4\pi} \left[\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0|} \right) \right] && \text{let } \mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_0 \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})}{r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The second form

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})}{r^3} \right] \quad (15)$$

follows straightforwardly from the vector identity

$$(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \times \mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \mathbf{c} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) \mathbf{b} \quad (16)$$

(b) Using the vector identity

$$\nabla \times (\psi \mathbf{a}) = \nabla \psi \times \mathbf{a} + \psi \nabla \times \mathbf{a} \quad (17)$$

we obtain the symmetric magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}_{\text{sym}} &= \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi} \nabla \times \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})}{r^3} \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi} \left[\nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \times \mathbf{p} + \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{r^3} \right) \times \mathbf{v} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Note that

$$\nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) = \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sum_j \frac{r_j v_j}{r^3} \right) = \sum_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i v_j \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^3} - \frac{3r_i r_j}{r^5} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{r^3} - \frac{3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})}{r^3} \quad (19)$$

and similarly

$$\nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{r^3} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{r^3} - \frac{3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})}{r^3} \quad (20)$$

Then it is clear

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{sym}} = -\frac{3\mu_0}{8\pi r^3} \mathbf{n} \times [\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})] \quad (21)$$

- (c) Let's compute the curl of one term in (21), after which the full curl can be obtained using the $\mathbf{p} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}$ symmetry. With (17),

$$\nabla \times \left[(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \right] = \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) + \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \nabla \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \quad (22)$$

With the identity

$$\nabla (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) \quad (23)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) &= (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{\mathbf{n}}{r^3} \right) + \mathbf{v} \times \left[\nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{n}}{r^3} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_i \left(v_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) \left(\sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \frac{r_j}{r^4} \right) \\ &= \sum_{ij} v_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^4} - \frac{4r_i r_j}{r^6} \right) \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{v}}{r^4} - \frac{4\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})}{r^4} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Thus the first term of the RHS of (22) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p})}{r^4} - \frac{4\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^4} [\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p})] \\ &= \frac{[(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{p}]}{r^4} - \frac{4\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^4} [(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{p}] \\ &= \frac{1}{r^4} [(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} + 3(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{p} - 4(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n}] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Also using the identity

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{b}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} \quad (26)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) &= -\mathbf{p}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}) + (\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n} \\ &= -\mathbf{p} \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{r_i}{r} + \sum_i p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \frac{r_j}{r} \right) \\ &= -\mathbf{p} \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{r_i^2}{r^3} \right) + \sum_{ij} p_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\mathbf{p}}{r} - \frac{(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}}{r} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

so the second term of the RHS of (22) becomes

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \nabla \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{r^4} [-(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{p} - (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}] \quad (28)$$

Adding (25) and (28) turns (22) into

$$\nabla \times \left[(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^3} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{r^4} [(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{p} - 5(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n}] \quad (29)$$

The second term of (21) can be obtained by $\mathbf{v} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{p}$ in (29), which finally gives the curl of \mathbf{B}_{sym} ,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{sym}} = \frac{3\mu_0}{4\pi r^4} [5(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{p} - (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{v}] \quad (30)$$

Comparing (30) with (13), we see that they embodied the Maxwell equation $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{sym}} = \partial \mathbf{D}^{(2)} / \partial t$.

- (d) The total magnetic field computed from the curl of (14) is

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \nabla \times \left[\frac{\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})}{r^2} \right] = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \underbrace{\nabla \left(\mathbf{p} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{n}}{r^2} \right)}_{\text{see (20)}} \times \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \mathbf{v} \times \frac{[3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}]}{r^3} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c^2} \times \mathbf{E}_{\text{dipole}} \quad (31)$$