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For fixed  $\mathbf{r}_1$ , fixed centres  $\mathbf{c}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_4$ , fixed constant  $\alpha_3$ ,  $\alpha_4 > 0$ , and with variable r > 0, define

$$f(r) = \int_{S^2} e^{-\alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 + r\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}_3| - \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 + r\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}_4|} \, d\mathbf{w}.$$

Note that

$$|r\mathbf{w}| - |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| \le |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3 + r\mathbf{w}| \le |r\mathbf{w}| + |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3|$$
, and  $|r\mathbf{w}| = r$ .

Therefore,

$$r - |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| \le |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3 + r\mathbf{w}| \le r + |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3|$$
.

Since  $\alpha_3 > 0$ ,

$$-\alpha_3 r + \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3|) \ge -\alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| + r\mathbf{w}| \ge -\alpha_3 r - \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3|, \text{ and similarly}$$
$$-\alpha_4 r + \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4|) \ge -\alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4| + r\mathbf{w}| \ge -\alpha_4 r - \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4|.$$

Therefore,

$$-r(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) + \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| + \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4| \ge \text{exponent} \ge -r(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) - \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| - \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4|.$$

And as  $e^x$  is monotone increasing,

$$e^{-r(\alpha_3+\alpha_4)+\alpha_3|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_3|+\alpha_4|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_4|} \ge \text{integrand } \ge e^{-r(\alpha_3+\alpha_4)-\alpha_3|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_3|-\alpha_4|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_4|}.$$

Take the integral on all three,

$$\int_{S^2} e^{-r(\alpha_3+\alpha_4)+\alpha_3|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_3|+\alpha_4|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_4|} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{w} \ge f(r) \ge \int_{S^2} e^{-r(\alpha_3+\alpha_4)-\alpha_3|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_3|-\alpha_4|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{c}_4|} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}.$$

Notice that the integral on the LHS and RHS doesn't involve  $\mathbf{w}$ , so we can pull it out, and note that  $\int_{S^2} d\mathbf{w} = 4\pi$ , which is the surface area of the unit sphere. Therefore,

$$4\pi\mu \cdot e^{-r(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)} \ge f(r) \ge 4\pi \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot e^{-r(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)},$$

where  $\mu = \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| + \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4|$ .

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Now for fixed centres  $\mathbf{c}_3, \mathbf{c}_4$  and fixed constants  $\alpha_3, \alpha_3 > 0$ , define

$$g(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int_0^\infty r \int_{S^2} e^{-\alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 + r\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}_3| - \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 + r\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}_4|} \, d\mathbf{w} \, dr.$$

Note that

$$g(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int_0^\infty r f_{\mathbf{r}_1}(r) \, \mathrm{d}r.$$

Based on the previous results,

$$4\pi\mu_{\mathbf{r}_1} \cdot \int_0^\infty r e^{-(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)r} \, \mathrm{d}r \ge g(\mathbf{r}_1) \ge 4\pi \frac{1}{\mu_{\mathbf{r}_1}} \cdot \int_0^\infty r e^{-(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)r} \, \mathrm{d}r,$$

where  $\mu_{\mathbf{r}_1} = \alpha_3 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3| + \alpha_4 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4|$ . And using integration by parts twice,

$$\int_0^\infty r e^{-(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)r} \, \mathrm{d}r = \left[ -\frac{r}{\alpha_3 + \alpha_4} e^{-(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)r} \right]_0^\infty - \left[ \frac{1}{(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)^2} e^{-(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)r} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)^2}.$$

Therefore, putting everything together, we have

$$\kappa \left(\alpha_3 \left| \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3 \right| + \alpha_4 \left| \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4 \right| \right) \ge g(\mathbf{r}_1) \ge \frac{\kappa}{\left(\alpha_3 \left| \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3 \right| + \alpha_4 \left| \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}_4 \right| \right)},$$

where  $\kappa = 4\pi/(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)^2$ .