

A point charge  $q$  is located in free space at distance  $d$  from the center of a dielectric sphere of radius  $a$  ( $a < d$ ) and dielectric constant  $\varepsilon$ .

(a) Use *appropriate boundary conditions* to verify which one of the following functions is a suitable Green's function describing the electrostatic potential in this problem (Only one function is correct – all others are false).

$$G^{(1)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \text{outside} & \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{l(\varepsilon-1)}{[l(\varepsilon+1)-2]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} \\ \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) & \frac{2(l-1)}{[l(\varepsilon+1)-2]} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} \end{cases}$$

$$G^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \text{outside} & \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{l(\varepsilon-1)}{[l(\varepsilon+1)-1]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} \\ \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) & \frac{2l-1}{[l(\varepsilon+1)-1]} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} \end{cases}$$

$$G^{(3)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \text{outside} & \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{l(\varepsilon-1)}{[l(\varepsilon+1)+1]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} \\ \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) & \frac{2l+1}{[l(\varepsilon+1)+1]} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} \end{cases}$$

$$G^{(4)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{(2l+1)} \times \begin{cases} \text{outside} & \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} - \frac{l(\varepsilon+1)}{[l(\varepsilon-1)-1]} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{(r_{>} r_{<})^{l+1}} \\ \text{inside } (r < a, r' > a) & \frac{2l+1}{[1-l(\varepsilon-1)]} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} \end{cases}$$

(b) Calculate the electrostatic field near the center of the sphere up to and including the  $l=1$  terms. Verify your answer in the limits  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$  and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$ . (Hint:  $\theta' = 0$ )

(c) Calculate the  $l=2$  correction to the el. field in Cartesian coordinates.