

Bessel Recurrence Relations

- Many recurrences, combine a few here.
- Derived from the generating function for integer m , but in fact true for all real m .

$$J_{m-1} + J_{m+1} = \frac{2m}{x} J_m$$

$$J_{m-1} - J_{m+1} = 2J'_m$$

$$J_{m\pm 1} = \frac{m}{x} J_m \mp J'_m$$

$$(x^m J_m)' = x^m J_{m-1}$$

$$(x^{-m} J_m)' = -x^{-m} J_{m+1}$$

(sometimes useful for
integration by parts)

Bessel Function Normalization

- Normalization integral

$$\begin{aligned} B_{mn}^2 &= \int_0^a \rho J_m \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}\rho}{a} \right) J_m \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}\rho}{a} \right) d\rho \\ &= \frac{a^2}{\alpha_{mn}^2} \int_0^{\alpha_{mn}} x J_m^2(x) dx = \frac{a^2}{\alpha_{mn}^2} I \end{aligned}$$

- Recurrence relation: $xJ'_m = mJ_m - xJ_{m+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I &= \left[\frac{1}{2} (x^2 - m^2) J_m^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m^2 J_m^2 + x^2 J_{m+1}^2 - 2mx J_m J_{m+1}) \right]_0^{\alpha_{mn}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [x^2 J_m^2 + x^2 J_{m+1}^2 - 2mx J_m J_{m+1}]_0^{\alpha_{mn}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{mn}^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn}) \end{aligned}$$

- Hence $B_{mn}^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})$

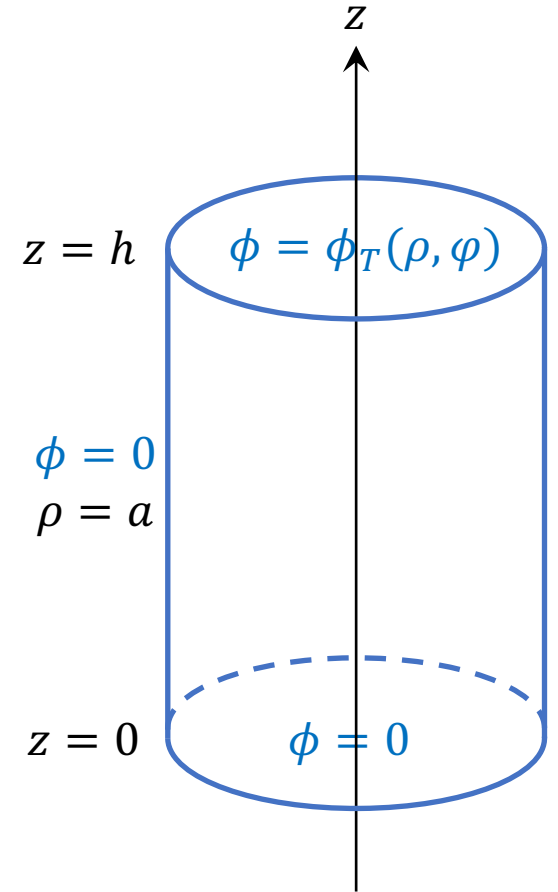
Example (3D): Laplace's Equation in a Cylinder

- BC at $z = h$ gives a Fourier-Bessel series for $\phi_T(\rho, \varphi)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_T(\rho, \varphi) = \sum_{m,n} J_m\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}\rho}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}h}{a}\right) \\ \times (C_{mn} \cos m\varphi + D_{mn} \sin m\varphi)\end{aligned}$$

- Invert

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} C_{mn} \\ D_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \sinh\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}h}{a}\right) \\ \times \int_0^a \rho d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi J_m\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}\rho}{a}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \cos m\varphi \\ \sin m\varphi \end{pmatrix} \phi_T(\rho, \varphi)\end{aligned}$$

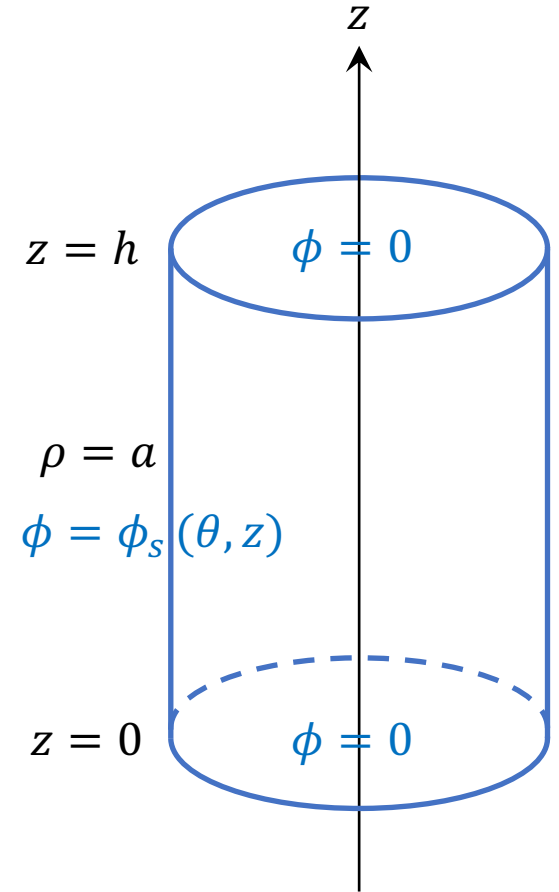


Laplace Equation in a Cylinder, v.2

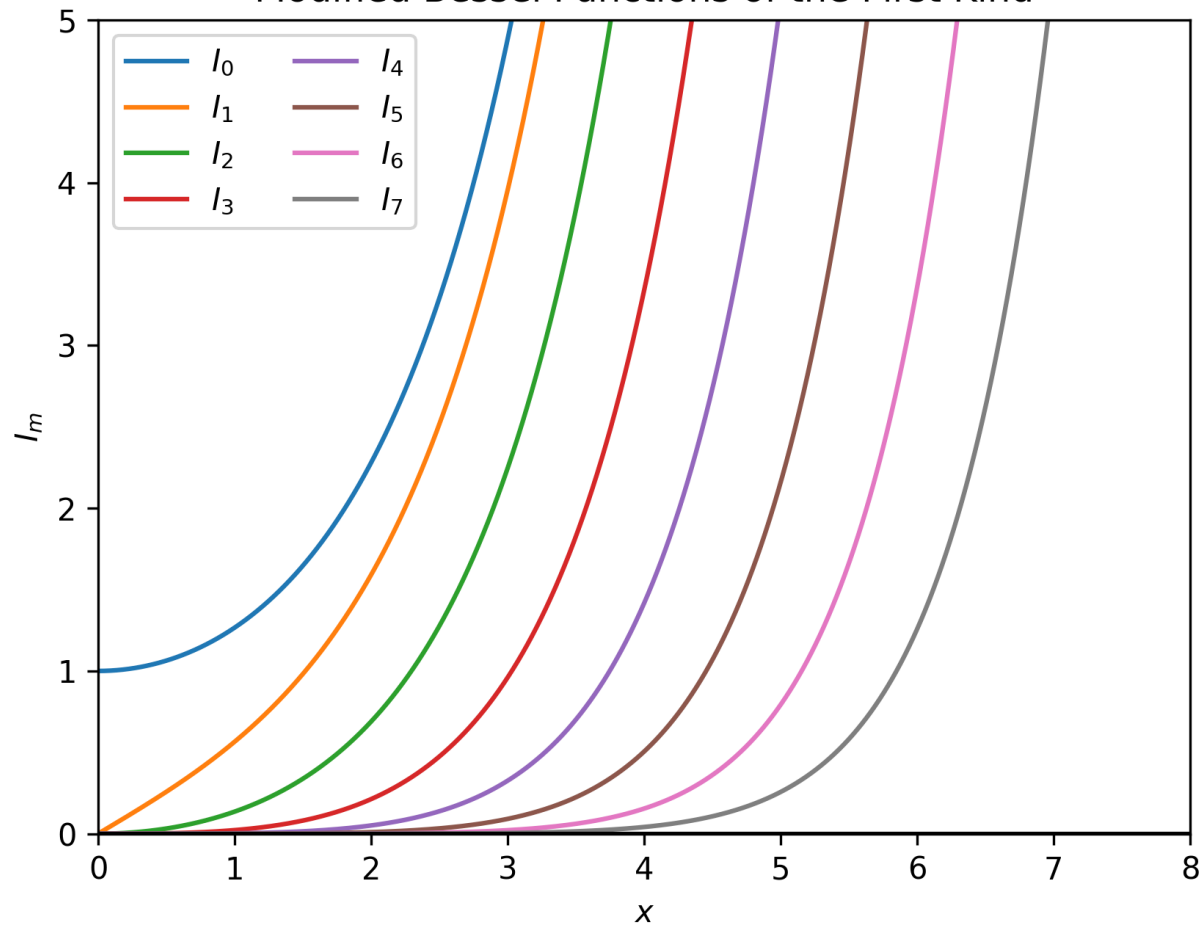
- Modify the BCs slightly
- Solution is a sum of terms of the form
$$\phi_{ml}(\rho, \varphi, z) = J_m(\lambda\rho) e^{\pm im\varphi} e^{\pm \lambda z}$$
- But the boundary condition at $z = 0, h$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = il, \quad l \text{ real}, \quad lh = n\pi$$
$$\Rightarrow z\text{-dependence is } \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h}$$
- \Rightarrow New radial dependence, λ now pure imaginary
- New radial equation is

$$\rho^2 u'' + \rho u' - (l^2 \rho^2 + m^2) u = 0$$

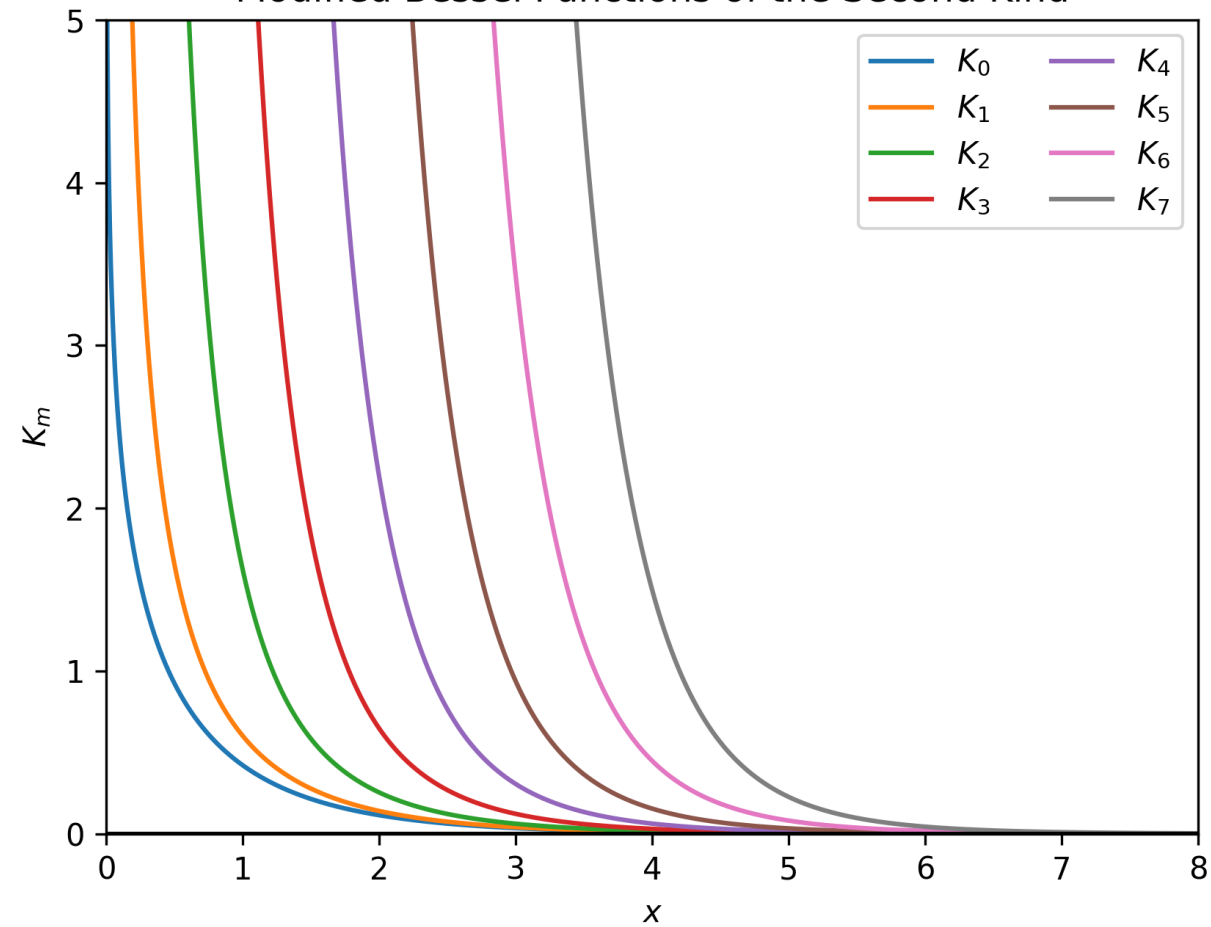
Modified Bessel function



Modified Bessel Functions of the First Kind



Modified Bessel Functions of the Second Kind



Spherical Bessel Functions

- Appear in the spherical polar problem (next topic), $x = kr$.
- Address here for completeness (l is integer, coupling with P_l^m).

$$j_l(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{l+1/2}(x)$$

$$y_l(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} Y_{l+1/2}(x)$$

$$h_l^{(1,2)}(x) = j_l(x) \pm i y_l(x)$$

- Can infer all properties from those of the regular Bessel functions, but convenient to recast the recurrence and other relations.

- First few: $j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ $j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$
 $n_0(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{x}$ $n_1(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$

Spherical Bessel Functions

- Asymptotic behavior

$$j_l(x) \sim \frac{1}{x} \sin\left(x - \frac{l\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y_l(x) \sim \frac{1}{x} \cos\left(x - \frac{l\pi}{2}\right)$$

- Recurrence relations (same for y_l, h_l)

$$j_{l-1} + j_{l+1} = \frac{2l+1}{x} j_l$$

$$l j_{l-1} - (l+1) j_{l+1} = (2l+1) j_l'$$

$$(x^{l+1} j_l)' = x^{l+1} j_{l-1}$$

$$(x^{-l} j_l)' = x^{-l} j_{l+1}$$

Asymptotic Behavior

- Rigorous derivation will take us too far afield, but here's a quick and dirty version.
- Interested in solutions to Bessel's equation for $x \gg 1$.

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \cancel{m^2})y = 0$$

(can't throw away the xy' term – would lead to $y = e^{ix}$)

- Look for a solution $y = x^\alpha e^{ix}$ (for large x)
 $\Rightarrow y' = x^{\alpha-1}(\alpha + ix)e^{ix}, \quad y'' = x^{\alpha-2}[\alpha(\alpha-1) + 2i\alpha x - x^2]e^{ix}$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = x^\alpha e^{ix}[\cancel{\alpha^2} + (2\alpha + 1)ix]$
 $\quad \quad \quad = 0 \text{ if } 2\alpha + 1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$
- Solution varies as $x^{-1/2}e^{ix}$ for large x .

Spherical Bessel Functions

- Recurrence relations lead to the Rayleigh formulae

$$j_l(x) = (-1)^l x^l \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \right)^l j_0(x)$$

$$n_l(x) = (-1)^l x^l \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \right)^l n_0(x)$$

easiest proof: induction on l

- Orthogonality:

$$\int_0^a j_l \left(\alpha_{lm} \frac{r}{a} \right) j_l \left(\alpha_{ln} \frac{r}{a} \right) r^2 dr = \frac{1}{2} a^2 [j_{l+1}(\alpha_{ln})]^2 \delta_{mn}$$

Example: Spherical Piston

- Sphere of radius a oscillates radially (no angular dependence), spatial dependence of the surrounding pressure satisfies the Helmholtz equation

$$\nabla^2 u + k^2 u = 0.$$


- For $r > a$, solution is ($l = m = 0$)

$$u(r) = A j_0(kr) + B n_0(kr)$$

- Outgoing wave with $e^{-i\omega t}$ time dependence has

$$u(r) = C h_0^{(1)}(kr) = -C \frac{i}{kr} e^{ikr}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(r, t) = \frac{-iC}{kr} e^{ikr - i\omega t}$$

 amplitude $\propto \frac{1}{r}$
power $\propto \frac{1}{r^2}$

Legendre Polynomials

- Recall that the series solution to Legendre's equation with $k = 0$ gives the recurrence relation

$$a_j = \frac{(j-1)(j-2)-l(l+1)}{j(j-1)} a_{j-2} = -\frac{(l+j-1)(l+2-j)}{j(j-1)} a_{j-2}$$

- Series terminates at $j = l$.
- For even l have only even j , so write $l = 2L$, $j = 2m$, for $m = 0, \dots, L$.
- Recurrence relation connects a_j to a_0 in $m = j/2$ steps.
- Then

$$a_{2m} = -\frac{\overset{\textcircled{1}}{(2L+2m-1)}\overset{\textcircled{2}}{(2L+2-2m)}}{2m(2m-1)} a_{2m-2} = \dots = \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} c_0 \overset{\textcircled{1}}{A_{Lm}} \overset{\textcircled{2}}{B_{Lm}}$$

Legendre Polynomials

- Expanding

$$\begin{aligned} A_{Lm} &= (2L + 2m - 1)(2L + 2m - 3) \dots (2L + 1) \\ &= \frac{(2L+2m)(2L+2m-1)(2L+2m-2)(2L+2m-3)\dots(2L+1)}{(2L+2m)(2L+2m-2)(2L+2m-4)\dots(2L+2)} \\ &= \frac{(2L+2m)!}{(2L)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^m(L+m)(L+m-1)(L+m-2)\dots(L+1)} \\ &= \frac{(2L+2m)!}{(2L)!} \cdot \frac{L!}{2^m(L+m)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{Lm} &= (2L + 2 - 2m)(2L + 4 - 2m) \dots (2L) \\ &= 2^m(L + 1 - m)(L + 2 - m) \dots (L) \\ &= \frac{2^m L!}{(L-m)!} \end{aligned}$$

Legendre Polynomials

- Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{2m} &= \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} c_0 A_{Lm} B_{Lm} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m c_0}{(2m)!} \frac{(2L+2m)!}{(2L)!} \frac{L!}{2^m (L+m)!} \frac{2^m L!}{(L-m)!} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m c_0}{(2m)!} \frac{(2L+2m)!}{(L-m)!(L+m)!} \frac{(L!)^2}{(2L)!} = K_l, \text{ independent of } m
 \end{aligned}$$

- Conventional to write $r = L - m$ (i.e. count down, not up)

$$\Rightarrow P_l(x) = \sum_{m=0}^L a_{2m} x^{2m} = K_l \sum_{r=0}^L (-1)^r \frac{(2l-2r)!}{r!(l-r)!} \frac{x^{l-2r}}{(l-2r)!}$$

- Can show result holds for odd l also.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2L + 2m &= 4L - 2r \\
 &= 2l - 2r
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L - m &= r \\
 L + m &= 2L - r \\
 &= l - r
 \end{aligned}$$

Legendre Polynomials

- Can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_l(x) &= K_l \sum_{r=0}^L \frac{(-1)^r}{r!(l-r)!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^l x^{2l-2r} \\
 &= \frac{K_l}{l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^l \sum_{r=0}^L (-1)^r \frac{l!}{r!(l-r)!} x^{2l-2r} \\
 &= \frac{K_l}{l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^l (x^2 - 1)^l
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(-1)^r \frac{(2l-2r)!}{r!(l-r)!} \frac{x^{l-2r}}{(l-2r)!} \\
 &\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^l x^{2l-2r} \\
 &= (2l-2r)(2l-2r-1) \dots (l-2r+1) x^{l-2r} \\
 &= \frac{(2l-2r)!}{(l-2r)!} x^{l-2r}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Conventional to take $P_l(1) = 1$ for all l .

$$\Rightarrow P_l(1) = \frac{K_l}{l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} \left[\underbrace{(x-1) \dots (x-1)}_{l \text{ terms}} \cdot \underbrace{(x+1) \dots (x+1)}_{l \text{ terms}} \right] \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$= 2^l K_l$$

- nonzero only when all $x-1$ factors are removed
- $l!$ ways to do this
- result is 2^l

Legendre Polynomials

- Hence

$$K_l = 2^{-l}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P_l(x) &= \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (x^2 - 1)^l \\ &= \frac{(-1)^l}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (1 - x^2)^l \end{aligned}$$

Rodrigues formula

Legendre Normalization

- Can use Rodrigues to evaluate the normalization integral for P_l :

$$\begin{aligned} I_{lm} &= \int_{-1}^1 dx P_l(x) P_m(x), \quad m \leq l \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{l+m}}{2^{l+m} l! m!} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (1-x^2)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^m (1-x^2)^m \end{aligned}$$

- Integrate by parts

$$\begin{aligned} I_{lm} &= -\frac{(-1)^{l+m}}{2^{l+m} l! m!} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^{l-1} (1-x^2)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^{m+1} (1-x^2)^m \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= \frac{(-1)^l}{2^{l+m} l! m!} \int_{-1}^1 dx (1-x^2)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^{l+m} (1-x^2)^m \\ &= 0 \text{ if } m \neq l \end{aligned}$$

Legendre Normalization

- If $m = l$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{ll} &= -\frac{(-1)^{l+m}}{2^{l+m} l! m!} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{l-1} (1-x^2)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{m+1} (1-x^2)^m \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^l}{2^{2l} (l!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 dx (1-x^2)^l \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{2l} \underbrace{(1-x^2)^l}_{\text{leading term is } (-1)^l x^{2l}} \\
 &= \frac{(2l)!}{2^{2l} (l!)^2} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 dx (1-x^2)^l}_{= \frac{2^{2l+1} (l!)^2}{(2l+1)!}} \\
 &= \frac{(2l)!}{2^{2l} (l!)^2} \frac{2^{2l+1} (l!)^2}{(2l+1)!} \\
 &= \frac{2}{2l+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Legendre Generating Function

- The generating function for P_l is

$$F(h, z) = (1 - 2hz + h^2)^{-1/2} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l(z)h^l$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}: \quad h(1 - 2hz + h^2)^{-3/2} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P'_l(z)h^l \quad (1 - 2hz + h^2)^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P'_l(z)h^l$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l(z)h^{l+1} = (1 - 2hz + h^2) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P'_l(z)h^l$$

$$\Rightarrow P_l = P'_{l+1} - 2zP'_l + P'_{l-1} \quad (\dagger)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial h}: \quad (z - h)(1 - 2hz + h^2)^{-3/2} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} lP_l(z)h^{l-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (z - h) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P'_l(z)h^l = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} lP_l(z)h^l$$

$$\Rightarrow zP'_l - P'_{l-1} = lP_l \quad (\ddagger)$$

$$+: \quad (l+1)P_l = P'_{l+1} - zP'_l$$

Legendre Generating Function

$$lP_{l-1} = P'_l - zP'_{l-1}$$

$$z(\ddagger): z^2P'_l - zP'_{l-1} = lzP_l$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - z^2)P'_l = l(P_{l-1} - zP_l)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}: (1 - z^2)P''_l - 2zP'_l = l \underbrace{(P'_{l-1} - zP'_l - P_l)}_{-lP_l(\ddagger)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - z^2)P''_l - 2zP'_l + l(l + 1)P_l = 0$$

Legendre Generating Function

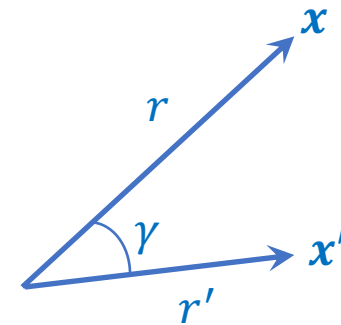
- Generating function for P_l is

$$F(h, z) = (1 - 2hz + h^2)^{-1/2} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l(z) h^l$$

- This time, has a physical interpretation!
- Consider points \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' in 3D space, with $r = |\mathbf{x}| > r' = |\mathbf{x}'|$

Then the Coulomb potential is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left[1 - 2 \frac{r'}{r} \cos \gamma + \left(\frac{r'}{r} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{r'^l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

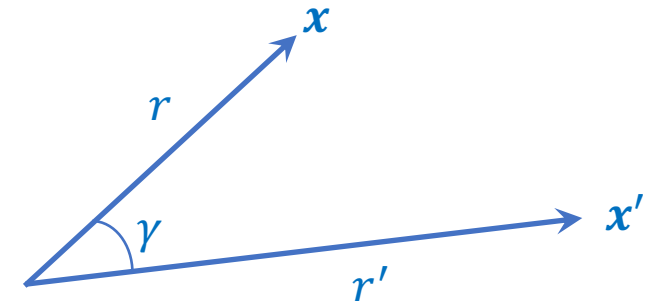


$$\begin{aligned} h &= \frac{r'}{r} \\ z &= \cos \gamma \end{aligned}$$

Legendre Generating Function

- If $r < r'$, the Coulomb potential is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{|x-x'|} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}} \\ &= \frac{1}{r'} \left[1 - 2 \frac{r}{r'} \cos \gamma + \left(\frac{r}{r'} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^l}{(r')^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \gamma)\end{aligned}$$



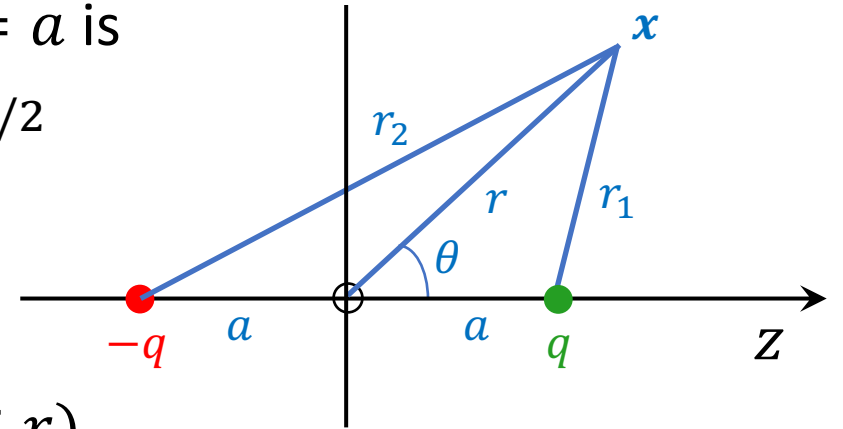
- Sometimes write $r_{<} = \min(r, r')$, $r_{>} = \max(r, r')$, so

$$\frac{1}{|x-x'|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \gamma)$$

Example: Electrostatic Potential

- Potential at location \mathbf{x} due to a charge q at $z = a$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{kq}{r_1} = kq(r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos \theta)^{-1/2} \\ &= kq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) \\ &= \frac{kq}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) \quad (a < r)\end{aligned}$$



- Now add a charge $-q$ at $z = -a$ (dipole), so

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{kq}{r_1} - \frac{kq}{r_2} = \frac{kq}{r} \left[\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) - \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-a}{r}\right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) \right] \\ &= \frac{2kq}{r} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{2m+1} P_{2m+1}(\cos \theta)\end{aligned}$$

even terms cancel

- leading term for $r \gg a$ is $\phi \sim \frac{2kqa}{r^2} P_1(\cos \theta)$ dipole potential
 $D = 2qa$ is the dipole moment

Example: Electrostatic Potential

- Now imagine 3 charges as indicated

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2kq}{r} - \frac{kq}{r} \left[\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-a}{r} \right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) \right]$$

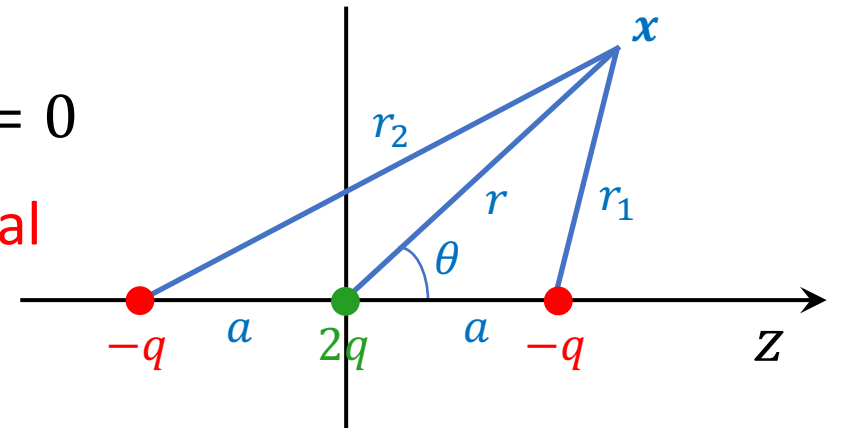
$$l = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2kq}{r} - \frac{2kq}{r} = 0$$

$$l = 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{kqa}{r^2} P_1(\cos \theta) - \frac{kq(-a)}{r^2} P_1(\cos \theta) = 0$$

- Leading term is the $l = 2$ **quadrupole potential**

$$\phi \sim -\frac{kq}{r^3} (2qa^2) P_2(\cos \theta)$$

- $Q = 2qa^2$ is the quadrupole moment



Multipole Moments

- Derivation so far only works in axisymmetric distributions, but can already see a trend

- total charge is the monopole moment M

leading term for $r \gg a$ is $\phi \sim \phi_M = \frac{kM}{r} P_0(\cos \theta)$

- if $M = 0$, next term is the dipole (D)

leading term is $\phi \sim \phi_D = \frac{kD}{r^2} P_1(\cos \theta)$

- if $d = 0$, next term is the quadrupole (Q)

leading term is $\phi \sim \phi_Q = \frac{kQ}{r^3} P_2(\cos \theta)$

- Note: r and θ have to do with the field point \mathbf{x} , while the moments M, d, Q, \dots have to do with the distribution of charge within the source region.

Multipole Moments

- Form of the next term:
 - expect scaling appropriate for $l = 3$
 $\Rightarrow r^{-4}P_3(\cos\theta)$
 - moment should scale as qa^3 , exact result depend on details of the geometry
 - called the octupole moment, \mathcal{O}
 - octupole potential $\phi_O = \frac{k\mathcal{O}}{r^4}P_3(\cos\theta)$
 - next is hexadecapole, $\phi_H = \frac{kH}{r^5}P_4(\cos\theta)$, $H \sim qa^4$
 - etc.