

物理笔记

1 Nabla算符

1. $\nabla(fg) = (\nabla f)g + (\nabla g)f.$

$$\nabla(fg) = \partial_i(fg) = f\partial_i g + g\partial_i f = (\nabla f)g + (\nabla g)f.$$

2. $\nabla f \mathbf{A} = (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})f + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla f).$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})f + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla f) &= f\delta_{ij}\partial_j A_i + \delta_{ij}A_i\partial_j f = \delta_{ij}(f\partial_j A_i + A_i\partial_j f) \\ &= \delta_{ij}\partial_j(fA_i) = \nabla(f\mathbf{A}). \end{aligned}$$

3. $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}).$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) &= \varepsilon_{ijk}\partial_i(A_j B_k) = \varepsilon_{ijk}(A_j\partial_i B_k + B_k\partial_i A_j) \\ &= \varepsilon_{ijk}B_i\partial_j A_k - \varepsilon_{ijk}A_i\partial_j B_k = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}). \end{aligned}$$

4. $\nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) = (\nabla \times \mathbf{A})f - \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f).$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) &= \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_j(fA_k) = \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i(A_k\partial_j f + f\partial_j A_k) \\ &= f\varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_j A_k - \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i A_j\partial_k f = (\nabla \times \mathbf{A})f - \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f). \end{aligned}$$

5. $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0.$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) &= \delta_{ij}\partial_i(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_j = \delta_{ij}\partial_i(\varepsilon_{jkl}\partial_k A_l) = \delta_{ij}\varepsilon_{jkl}\partial_{ik} A_l \\ &= \varepsilon_{jkl}(\delta_{ij}\partial_{ik})A_l = \varepsilon_{jkl}\partial_{jk} A_l = \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_{jkl}\partial_{jk} A_l + \varepsilon_{kjl}\partial_{kj} A_l) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_{jkl} + \varepsilon_{kjl})\partial_{jk} A_l = 0. \end{aligned}$$

6. $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}.$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_j(\nabla f)_k = \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_{jk} f = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{e}_i(\varepsilon_{ijk} + \varepsilon_{ikj})\partial_{jk} f = \mathbf{0}.$$

7. $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \cdot \mathbf{A}.$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) &= \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_j(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_k = \varepsilon_{ijk}\varepsilon_{klm}\mathbf{e}_i\partial_{jl} A_m \\ &= (\delta_{il}\delta_{jm} - \delta_{im}\delta_{jl})\mathbf{e}_i\partial_{jl} A_m \\ &= (\delta_{il}\mathbf{e}_i)\partial_{jl}(\delta_{jm} A_m) - (\delta_{im}\mathbf{e}_i)(\delta_{jl}\partial_j\partial_l)A_m \\ &= \mathbf{e}_l\partial_l(\partial_j A_j) - \mathbf{e}_m(\delta_{jl}\partial_j\partial_l)A_m = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \cdot \mathbf{A}. \end{aligned}$$

2 曲线坐标系的矢量微分

2.1 球坐标系

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\mathbf{l} &= dr\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r d\theta\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \sin\theta d\varphi\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}, \quad d\tau = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\varphi. \\
 \nabla t &= \partial_r t \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta t \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \partial_\varphi t \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}; \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \partial_\theta (\sin\theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \partial_\varphi v_\varphi; \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} [\partial_\theta (v_\varphi \sin\theta) - \partial_\varphi v_\theta] \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \partial_\varphi v_r - \partial_r (r v_\varphi) \right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r} [\partial_r (r v_\theta) - \partial_\theta v_r] \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}. \\
 \nabla^2 t &= \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 \partial_r t) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \partial_\theta (\sin\theta \partial_\theta t) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \partial_\varphi^2 t.
 \end{aligned}$$

2.2 柱坐标系

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\mathbf{l} &= ds\hat{\mathbf{s}} + s d\varphi\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} + dz\hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad d\tau = s ds d\varphi dz. \\
 \nabla t &= \partial_s t \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \frac{1}{s} \partial_\varphi t \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} + \partial_z t \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{s} \partial_s (s v_s) + \frac{1}{s} \partial_\varphi v_\varphi + \partial_z v_z. \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{v} &= \left[\frac{1}{s} \partial_\varphi v_z - \partial_z v_\varphi \right] \hat{\mathbf{s}} + [\partial_z v_s - \partial_s v_z] \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} + \frac{1}{s} [\partial_s (s v_\varphi) - \partial_\varphi v_s] \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \\
 \nabla^2 t &= \frac{1}{s} \partial_s (s \partial_s t) + \frac{1}{s^2} \partial_\varphi^2 t + \partial_z^2 t.
 \end{aligned}$$

3 三维形式的Maxwell方程组

3.1 真空中

微分形式:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 4\pi\rho \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\partial_t \mathbf{B} & \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{H} \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0 \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \partial_t \mathbf{E} & \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{E}
 \end{aligned}$$

积分形式:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} &= \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{\varepsilon_0} & \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} &= 4\pi Q_{\text{in}} \\
 \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= -\partial_t \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} & \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \int_S \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \\
 \oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} &= 0 & \oint_S \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{a} &= 0 \\
 \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \mu_0 \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \partial_t \int_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} & \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \int_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 介质中

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{D} &= \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}, & \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) & \mathbf{D} &= \mathbf{E} + 4\pi \mathbf{P}, & \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{H} + 4\pi \mathbf{M} \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \frac{\rho_f}{\varepsilon_0} & & & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= 4\pi \rho_f \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\partial_t \mathbf{B} & & & \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{B} \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 & & & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J}_f + \partial_t \mathbf{D} & & & \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{D}
 \end{aligned}$$

4 相对性原理

4.1 洛伦兹变换

四维时空中的转动:

$$x = x' \cosh \psi + ct' \sinh \psi, \quad ct = x' \sinh \psi + ct' \cosh \psi, \quad \tanh \psi = \frac{V}{c}.$$

$$x = \frac{x' + Vt}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}, \quad t = \frac{t' + Vx/c^2}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}$$

洛伦兹收缩: 静止的 K 系内有一根杆, 在相对于 K 的运动速度为 V 的 K' 系的同一时刻中, 杆两端坐标为

$$x_1 = \frac{x'_1 + Vt'}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{x'_2 + Vt'}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}.$$

得

$$x'_2 - x'_1 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}.$$

4.2 四维时空

采用度规

$$g^{ik} = g_{ik} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

四维时空中的矢量 A^i 有**逆变分量**(空间分量带有“正确的”正号)和**协变分量**:

$$A_i = g_{ik} A^k.$$

四维矢量 A 的模长为 $A_i A^i$, 两个矢量 A 和 B 的标积为 $A_i B^i$.

洛伦兹变换就是闵可夫斯基空间中的转动, **四维标量**在转动过程中不变. 一个**四维矢量**的模长是一个四维标量. 闵可夫斯基空间中的转动应当为

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^0 \\ A^1 \\ A^2 \\ A^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \psi & \sinh \psi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \psi & \cosh \psi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A'^1 \\ A'^2 \\ A'^3 \\ A'^4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

取 $\tanh \psi = V/c$, 有

$$A^0 = \frac{A'^0 + VA'^1/c}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}, \quad A^1 = \frac{A'^1 + VA'^0/c}{\sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}}, \quad A^2 = A'^2, \quad A^3 = A'^3.$$

5 相对论动力学

能量、动量:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2}} = c\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2c^2}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2}} = \frac{\mathcal{E}\mathbf{v}}{c^2}.$$

此外, 有四维动量矢量(在洛伦兹变换下满足四维矢量的变换规律)

$$p^i = (\mathcal{E}/c, \mathbf{p}) = mcu_i.$$

自由粒子的作用量与拉格朗日函数:

$$S = - \int mcds = - \int mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2} dt, \quad L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2}.$$

6 运动方程、场方程

6.1 四维电流矢量与四维势

$$J^i = (c\rho, \mathbf{J}), \quad A^i = (\varphi, \mathbf{A}).$$

连续性方程:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \partial_t \rho = 0 \Leftrightarrow \partial_i J^i = 0.$$

四维势的洛伦兹规范:

$$\partial_i A^i = 0.$$

设一个粒子具有电量 e , 则在电磁场中的作用量和拉格朗日函数为

$$S = - \int mcds - \frac{e}{c} \int A_i dx^i = \int L dt, \quad L = -mc\sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2} - e\varphi + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

对于连续的电流情形, 作用量为(其中 $d\Omega$ 为四维体积微元)

$$S = - \sum \int mcds - \frac{1}{c^2} \int A_i J^i d\Omega.$$

6.2 运动方程、电磁场张量

可以利用最小作用量原理, 通过变分粒子的轨道, 来推导粒子的运动方程. 设一个粒子的轨道有变分 $x^i + \delta x^i$.

$$\delta ds = \delta \sqrt{dx_i dx^i} = \frac{\delta(dx_i dx^i)}{2\sqrt{dx_i dx^i}} = \frac{dx_i}{ds} \delta dx^i = u_i \delta dx^i.$$

其中 u_i 为四维速度. 则

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S &= - \int mc \delta ds - \frac{e}{c} \int \delta(A_i dx^i) = - \int mc u_i \delta dx^i - \frac{e}{c} \int (\delta A_i dx^i + A_i \delta dx^i) \\
&= \int \left\{ -mc u_i \delta dx^i - \frac{e}{c} A_i \delta dx^i - \frac{e}{c} (\partial_k A_i) \delta x^k dx^i \right\} \\
&= - \int \frac{e}{c} (\partial_i A_k) \delta x^i dx^k + \int \left\{ mc du_i \delta x^i + \frac{e}{c} dA_i \delta x^i \right\} \\
&= - \int \frac{e}{c} (\partial_i A_k) \delta x^i u_k ds + \int \left\{ mc \frac{du_i}{ds} ds \delta x^i + \frac{e}{c} (\partial_k A_i) u^k ds \delta x^i \right\} \\
&= \int \left\{ mc \frac{du_i}{ds} - \frac{e}{c} (\partial_i A_k - \partial_k A_i) u^k \right\} \delta x^i ds.
\end{aligned}$$

记电磁场张量为

$$F_{ik} = \partial_i A_k - \partial_k A_i,$$

则可以得到运动方程

$$\frac{e}{c} F_{ik} u^k = mc \frac{du_i}{ds}.$$

设

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\varphi - \frac{1}{c}\partial_t\mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A},$$

(分别称为**电场**和**磁场**), 则有

$$F_{ik} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -H_z & H_y \\ -E_y & H_z & 0 & -H_x \\ -E_z & -H_y & H_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F^{ik} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -H_z & H_y \\ E_y & H_z & 0 & -H_x \\ E_z & -H_y & H_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

写出上述运动方程的三维形式, 就有

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = e \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{H} \right).$$

6.3 电磁场的作用量、场的拉格朗日方程

在**高斯单位制**下, 电磁场及其中粒子的作用量为

$$S = - \sum \int mc ds - \frac{1}{c^2} \int A_i J^i d\Omega - \frac{1}{16\pi c} \int F^{ik} F_{ik} d\Omega.$$

其拉格朗日量的密度为

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{c^2} A_i J^i - \frac{1}{16\pi c} F^{ik} F_{ik}.$$

一般地, 对于任意一种形式的场(不仅是电磁场), 设其拉格朗日密度为 \mathcal{L} , 由一些量 $q_{(n)}$ (简称为 q)所决定(对于电磁场, q 就是 A^i 的分量). 则 \mathcal{L} 可以写为 q 和 $\partial_i q$ 的函数. 通过变分法可以得到

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_i q)} = 0.$$

6.4 第一对麦克斯韦方程

第一对麦克斯韦方程可以直接从电磁场张量的定义 $F_{ik} = \partial_i A_k - \partial_k A_i$ 得来:

$$\boxed{e^{iklm} \partial_k F_{lm} = 0.} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\partial_i F_{kl} + \partial_k F_{li} + \partial_l F_{ik} = 0.}$$

这等价于三维形式的方程:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{H}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0.$$

6.5 第二对麦克斯韦方程

第二对麦克斯韦方程描述的是电荷如何激发电磁场. 这可以通过在电磁场的作用量中, 变分势 A^i 而得来:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= -\frac{1}{c^2} \int \delta A_i J^i d\Omega - \frac{1}{16\pi c} \int \delta (F^{ik} F_{ik}) d\Omega \\ &= -\frac{1}{c^2} \int J^i \delta A_i d\Omega - \frac{1}{8\pi c} \int F^{ik} \delta (\partial_i A_k - \partial_k A_i) d\Omega \\ &= -\frac{1}{c^2} \int J^i \delta A_i d\Omega + \frac{1}{8\pi c} \int \{ \partial_i F^{ik} \delta A_k - \partial_k F^{ik} \delta A_i \} d\Omega \\ &= - \int \left\{ \frac{1}{c^2} J^i + \frac{1}{4\pi c} \partial_k F^{ik} \right\} \delta A_i d\Omega \text{ (对上式交换第二个积分第一项的 } i, k \text{ 并用反对称性)} \end{aligned}$$

故有:

$$\boxed{\partial_k F^{ik} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J^i.}$$

这等价于三维形式的方程:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi \rho, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{E}.$$

6.6 能量与动量

由麦克斯韦方程组出发, 通过运算, 可以得到

$$\partial_t \left(\frac{E^2 + H^2}{8\pi} \right) + \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{c}{4\pi} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} \right).$$

记坡印廷矢量为

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}.$$

对上式在某一体积 V 内进行积分, 并且利用高斯定理, 注意到 $\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ 为动能密度对于时间的导数, 就有

$$\partial_t \left\{ \int_V \frac{E^2 + H^2}{8\pi} dV + \mathcal{E}_{\text{kin}} \right\} = - \oint_{\partial V} \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{f}.$$

由此式可知, $(E^2 + H^2)/8\pi$ 为电磁场的能量密度, S 为能流密度.

时空的平移对称性表现在场的拉格朗日函数不显含空间坐标, 即

$$\partial_i \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_k q)} \frac{\partial(\partial_k q)}{\partial x^i} = \partial_k \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_k q)} \right) \partial_i q + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_k q)} \partial_k (\partial_i q) = \partial_k \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_k q)} \partial_i q \right).$$

则有

$$\partial_k \left\{ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_k q)} \partial_i q - \delta_i^k \mathcal{L} \right\} = 0.$$

记能量动量张量为

$$T_i^k = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_k q)} \partial_i q - \delta_i^k \mathcal{L}.$$

一般来说, 可以加上一个三阶张量的散度, 使得 T^{ik} 为对称张量:

$$T^{ik} + \partial_l \psi^{ikl}, \quad \psi^{ikl} = -\psi^{ilk}.$$

能量动量张量的各分量的物理意义如下:

$$T^{ik} = \begin{bmatrix} W & S_x/c & S_y/c & S_z/c \\ S_x/c & -\sigma_{xx} & -\sigma_{xy} & -\sigma_{xz} \\ S_y/c & -\sigma_{yx} & -\sigma_{yy} & -\sigma_{yz} \\ S_z/c & -\sigma_{zx} & -\sigma_{zy} & -\sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix}.$$

其中, W 为能量密度, $S_\alpha = cT^{0\alpha}$ 为坡印廷矢量即能流密度, $P_\alpha = T^{0\alpha}/c$ 为动量密度, $-\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ 为动量流密度, $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ 为应力张量.

7 拉普拉斯方程

7.1 球坐标

拉普拉斯算子:

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 \partial_r) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \partial_\phi^2.$$

设欲求的函数 $\phi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi)$, 则分离变量得到以下两个方程:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_r (r^2 \partial_r R) &= l(l+1)R, \\ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta \partial_\theta Y) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \partial_\phi^2 Y &= -l(l+1)Y. \end{aligned}$$

第一个方程可以解出

$$R(r) = A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}}.$$

其中 A_l, B_l 为常数. 对第二个方程继续分离变量: $Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$. 则有

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\phi^2 \Phi &= -m^2 \Phi, \\ \partial_\theta^2 \Theta + \cot \theta \partial_\theta \Theta + \left(l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \Theta &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(因为 Φ 是周期函数, 故 $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.) 第一个方程可以解出

$$\Phi(\phi) = e^{im\phi}.$$

第二个方程的解为 $P_l^m(\cos \theta)$, 称为连带勒让德多项式(此时要求 $|m| \leq l$). 若记 $x = \cos \theta$, 则有

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 \Theta}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{d\Theta}{dx} + \left(l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) \Theta = 0.$$

故上述拉普拉斯方程的一个特解为

$$\left(A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi).$$

其中 Y_{lm} 是(归一化的)球谐函数.

7.2 球谐函数与勒让德多项式

勒让德多项式可由以下母函数生成:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2tx+t^2}} = \sum_{l \geq 0} t^l P_l(x).$$

勒让德多项式是正交完备的函数系:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_{l'}(x) dx = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'}, \quad \sum_{l \geq 0} \frac{2l+1}{2} P_l(x) P_l(x') = \delta(x-x').$$

球谐函数为

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta), \quad Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \phi). \quad (0 \leq m \leq l)$$

其也为正交完备的函数系:

$$\int Y_{lm} Y_{l'm'}^* d\Omega = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}, \quad \sum_{l \geq 0, |m| \leq l} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') = \delta(\cos \theta - \cos \theta') \delta(\phi - \phi').$$

球谐函数的加法定理: 对于单位矢量 $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2$, 有

$$P_l(\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2) = \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_{-l \leq m \leq l} Y_{lm}^*(\mathbf{n}_1) Y_{lm}(\mathbf{n}_2).$$

因此, 对于两个矢量 \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' , 满足 $r' < r$, 则有

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{l \geq 0} \left(\frac{r'}{r} \right)^l P_l(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}') = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{l \geq 0, |m| \leq l} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \left(\frac{r'}{r} \right)^l Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$