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- Multipole expansion
  - Vector form of dipole term
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- Application
  - Conducting sphere in uniform E-field
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Show that the dipole potential may be written

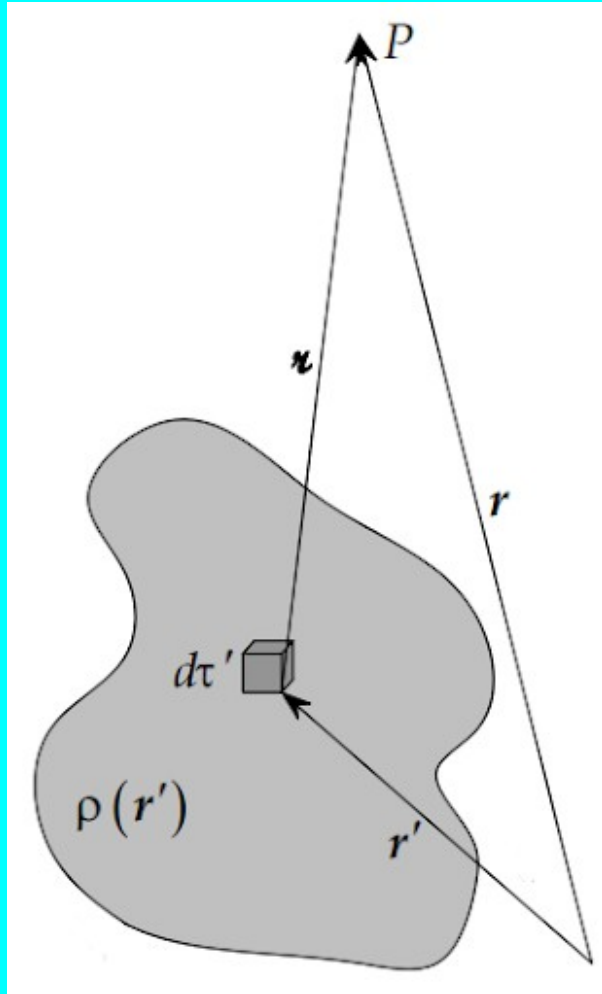
$$V(\vec{r}_T) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_T^2} \hat{r}_T \cdot \vec{p}$$

What is the electric field of a dipole in spherical coordinates?

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{p \cos \theta}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

## Multipole expansion

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(r')}{r} d\tau' \quad \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_T} \left[ 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{3}{8}\epsilon^2 - \frac{5}{16}\frac{\epsilon^3}{3!} \right]$$



$$\epsilon \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Delta^2 - 2\Delta \cos \alpha$$

$$\Delta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{r_S}{r_T}$$

# Legendre Polynomials

$$P_0(\cos \theta) = 1$$

$$P_1(\cos \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$P_2(\cos \theta) = \frac{(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}{2}$$

$$P_3(\cos \theta) = \frac{(5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)}{2}$$

HW6-05 A sphere of radius  $R$  has charge for  $r < R$  defined as:

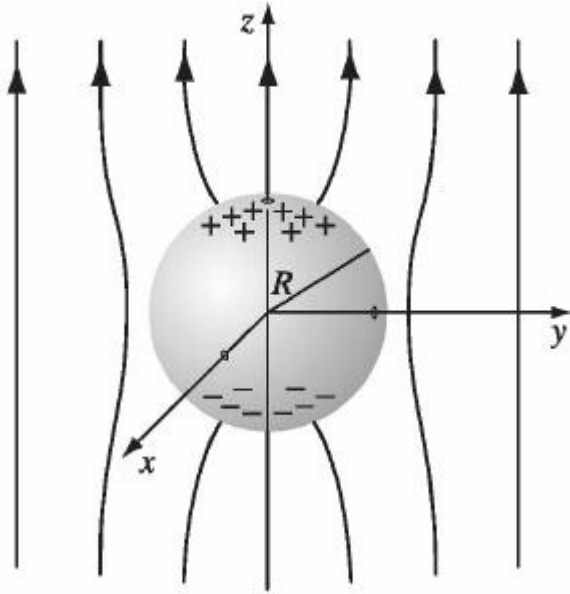
$$\rho(r, \theta) = a \frac{R}{r^2} (R - 2r) \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{p} = \int \vec{r} \rho d\tau$$

Calculate the potential  
for  $z \gg R$ .

HW6-07 A conducting sphere of radius  $R$  is placed in a uniform electric field  $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$ .

What is the potential inside and outside the sphere?



$$V(r, \theta) = \left( Ar^L + \frac{B}{r^{L+1}} \right) \sum_{L=0}^{L=\infty} P_L(\cos \theta)$$

What is the general solution to Laplace in spherical coordinates?

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \left( A r^L + \frac{B}{r^{L+1}} \right) \sum_{L=0}^{L=\infty} P_L(\cos \theta)$$