

## Section 3.4 - Multipoles (continued)

\* spherical solutions  $V(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}}) P_l(\cos \theta)$  solving Laplace equation  $\nabla^2 V = 0$

\* internal multipole  $Q_{int}^{(l)} = B_l$

\* external multipole  $Q_{ext}^{(l)} = A_l$

$$r \rightarrow \infty: V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} Q_{int}^{(l)} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$r \rightarrow 0: V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} Q_{ext}^{(l)} r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$r \rightarrow 0: Q_{int}^{(l)} = \int d\tau' r'^l P_l(\cos \theta')$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty: Q_{ext}^{(l)} = \int d\tau' \frac{1}{r'^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta')$$

	$l=0$	1	2	3
V	$1/r$	$1/r^2$	$1/r^3$	$1/r^4$
E	$1/r^2$	$1/r^3$	$1/r^4$	$1/r^5$

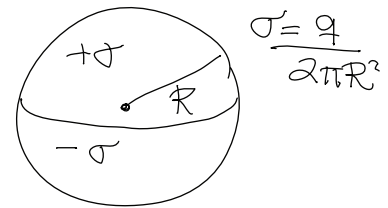
	$l=0$	1	2	3
V	const	$r$	$r^2$	$r^3$
E	-	const	$r$	$r^2$

\* example: calculate the dipole moment of two oppositely charge hemispheres

$$\vec{p} = \int d\tau' \vec{r}' \quad p_x = p_y = 0$$

$$p_z = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \sigma da' \cdot z' = \int_{x=-1}^1 \sigma \cdot 2\pi R^2 dx R x$$

$$= \int_{x=-1}^0 \frac{-q}{2\pi R^2} 2\pi R^2 dx R x + \int_{x=0}^1 \frac{q}{2\pi R^2} 2\pi R^2 dx R x = qR \left[ \int_{-1}^0 x dx + \int_0^1 x dx \right] = qR$$



\* example: internal and external moments of a 4-pole  $+q @ (a, a)$   $-q @ (a, -a)$   
 $-q @ (-a, a)$   $+q @ (-a, -a)$

$$q = \sum_i q_i = q + q - q - q = 0$$

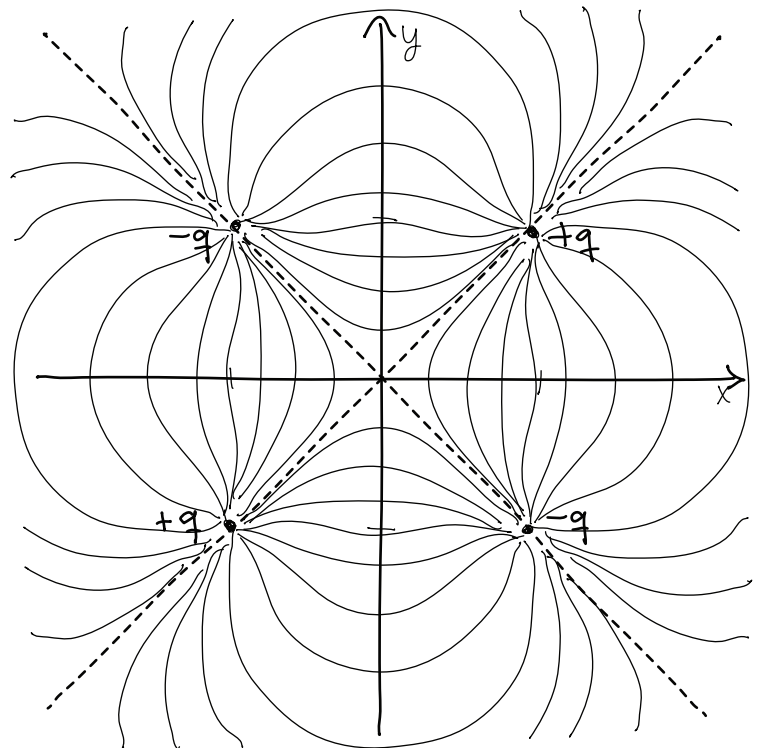
$$\vec{p} = \sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i = q(a, a) - q(a, -a) - q(-a, a) + q(-a, -a) = \vec{0}$$

$$Q_{zx} = \sum_i 3q_i z_i x_i = 0 = Q_{zy}$$

$$Q_{xy} = \sum_i 3q_i x_i y_i = +3q \cdot a \cdot a - 3q(a)(-a) - 3q(-a)(a) + 3q(-a)(-a) = 4qa^2$$

$$Q_{xx} = \sum_i q_i (3x_i^2 - r_i^2) = q(3a^2 - 2a^2) - q(3a^2 - 2a^2) - q(3a^2 - 2a^2) + q(3a^2 - 2a^2) = 0$$

$$Q_{zz} = \sum_i q_i (3z_i^2 - r_i^2) = (q - q - q + q)(0 - 2a^2) = 0$$



\* electric field of a dipole  $V = \frac{p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} = \frac{2p \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \hat{r} + \frac{p \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \hat{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta})$$

$$= \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (3 \cos \theta \hat{r} - \hat{z}) = 3 \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r} \hat{r} - \vec{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$