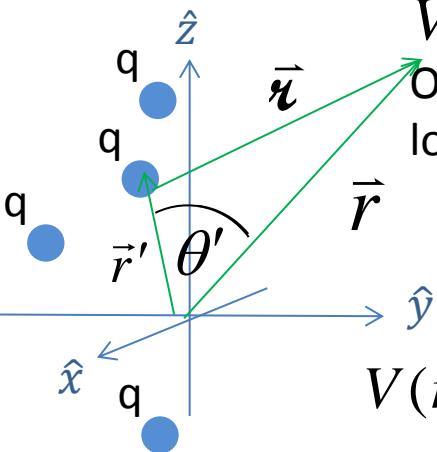


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# Multi-pole Expansion

# Discrete charge distribution



**Observation**

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i^{\text{charges}} \frac{q_i}{r_i} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i^{\text{charges}} \frac{q_i}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \theta_{r \rightarrow r'}}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathfrak{q}} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r'_i}{r} \right)^n P_n(\cos \theta'_i)$$

$$P_n(\cos \theta')$$

**n<sup>th</sup> Legendre polynomial**

$$P_0 = 1$$

$$P_1(u) = u$$

$$P_2(u) = (3u^2 - 1)/2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i^{\text{charges}} \left( \frac{q_i}{r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \left( \frac{r'_i}{r} \right)^n P_n(\cos \theta'_i) \right) \right)$$

For each charge... sum terms in expansion

## Flip order of summation

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( r^{-(n+1)} \sum_i^{\text{charges}} \left( r_i'^n P_n(\cos\theta_i') q_i \right) \right)$$

For each term in expansion... sum contribution of charges

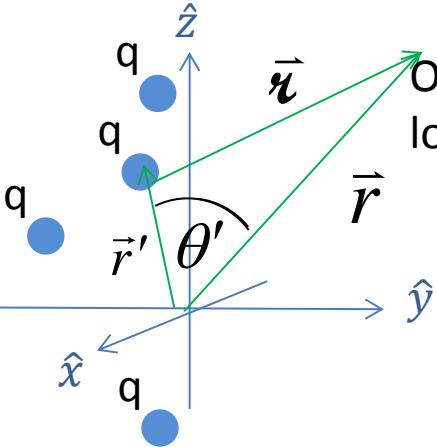
$$\sum_i q_i \quad \sum_i r'_i q_i \cos \theta'_i$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\overline{i}}{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\overline{i}}{r^2} + \dots$$

monopole      dipole

# Multi-pole Expansion

Discrete charge distribution



$V(r)$  = Observation  
location

$$Q_{net} = \sum_i q_i$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_{net}}{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} + \dots$$

monopole      dipole

charges  
 $\sum_i q_i$

charges  
 $\sum_i r'_i q_i \cos \theta'_i$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r}{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r^2}{r^2} + \dots$$

dipole

Observe that

$$\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r} = r_i r \cos \theta'_i$$

or

$$\vec{r}' \cdot \hat{r} = \vec{r}' \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = r'_i \frac{r}{r} \cos \theta' = r'_i \cos \theta'_i$$

so

$$\sum_i r'_i q_i \cos \theta'_i = \sum_i q_i \vec{r}' \cdot \hat{r} = \left( \sum_i q_i \vec{r}'_i \right) \cdot \hat{r}$$

$$= \vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}$$

Electric  
Dipole Moment

Q: explain rate each term drops off

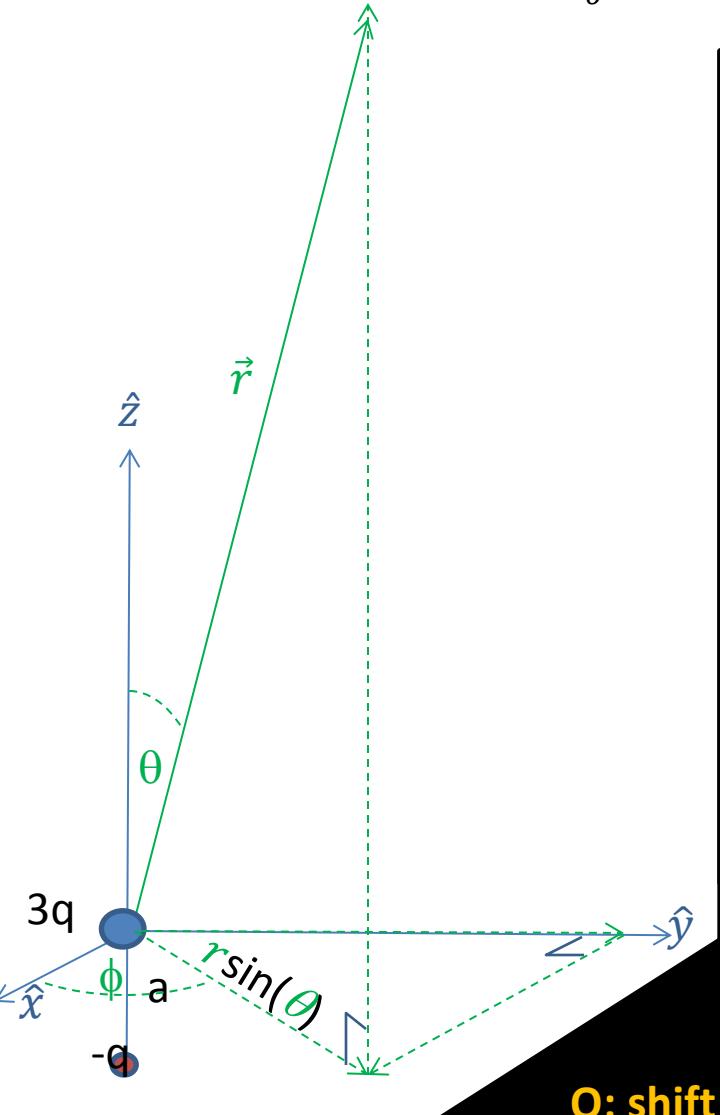
How many terms to keep?

**Exercise:** Find the first two terms in the multipole expansion for the figure shown below.

$$V(\vec{r})_{mono} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{\vec{r}}$$

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

$$\vec{p} = \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' = \vec{r}'_1 q_1 + \vec{r}'_2 q_2$$



**Q: shift origin effect**

**coordinate-free representation of dipole field:** Please do problem 3.36.

**Electric field of dipole in other coordinates:** Is it possible to show how the electric field of a dipole would look like in Cartesian or cylindrical coordinates?

# Multi-pole Expansion

Continuous charge distribution

Observation  
location



$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r}$$

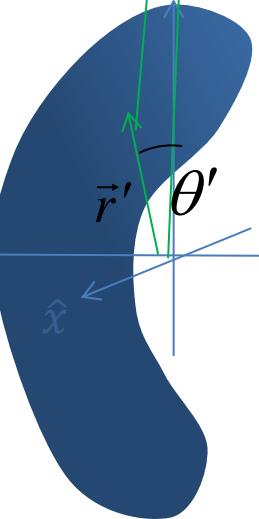
$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^n P_n(\cos \theta')$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \left( \left( \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^n P_n(\cos \theta') \right) \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' \right)$$

Re-ordering sums

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \int r'^n P_n(\cos \theta') \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{\int \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{r} + \frac{\int r' \cos \theta' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{r^2} + \frac{\int r'^2 (3(\cos \theta')^2 - 1) \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{2r^3} + \dots \right)$$



$n^{\text{th}}$  Legendre polynomial

$$P_n(\cos \theta')$$

$$P_0 = 1$$

$$P_1(u) = u$$

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# Multi-pole Expansion

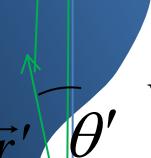
$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dq}{r}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\int \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{r} + \frac{\int r' \cos \theta' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{r^2} + \frac{\int r'^2 (3(\cos \theta')^2 - 1) \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{2r^3} + \dots \right)$$

$$\vec{r}$$

$$\hat{z}$$

Continuous charge distribution



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

Monopole      Dipole      Quadrapole

$$\theta'$$

$$\vec{r}'$$

$$\hat{y}$$

$$\hat{x}$$

Dipole Moment

$$\vec{p} \equiv \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'$$

Analogy:

If  $\rho(\vec{r}')$  where mass density, then

$$\frac{\int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{\int \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'} = \frac{\int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'}{\text{Mass}}$$

Would be the center of mass or mass-averaged location.

**Example:** Find the first two terms in the multipole expansion for the figure shown below if  $\lambda(\vec{r}) = \lambda_o(2z'/L)^3$ .

$$V(\vec{r})_{mono} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q}{r}$$

$$V(\vec{r})_{dipole} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

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

$$Q = \int_{z'=-\frac{L}{2}}^{z'= \frac{L}{2}} \lambda(\vec{r}) dz'$$

$$Q = \int_{z'=-\frac{L}{2}}^{z'= \frac{L}{2}} \lambda_o \left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right)^3 dz'$$

$$\vec{p} = \int_{z'=-\frac{L}{2}}^{z'= \frac{L}{2}} \vec{r}' \lambda(\vec{r}') dz'$$

$$\vec{p} = \int_{z'=-\frac{L}{2}}^{z'= \frac{L}{2}} z' \hat{z} \lambda_o \left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right)^3 dz'$$

$$Q = \lambda_o \frac{L}{2} \int_{(\frac{2z'}{L})=-1}^{(\frac{2z'}{L})=1} \left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right)^3 d\left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right)$$

$$\vec{p} = \lambda_o \frac{L^2}{4} \int_{(\frac{2z'}{L})=-1}^{(\frac{2z'}{L})=1} \left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right)^4 d\left(\frac{2z'}{L}\right) \hat{z}$$

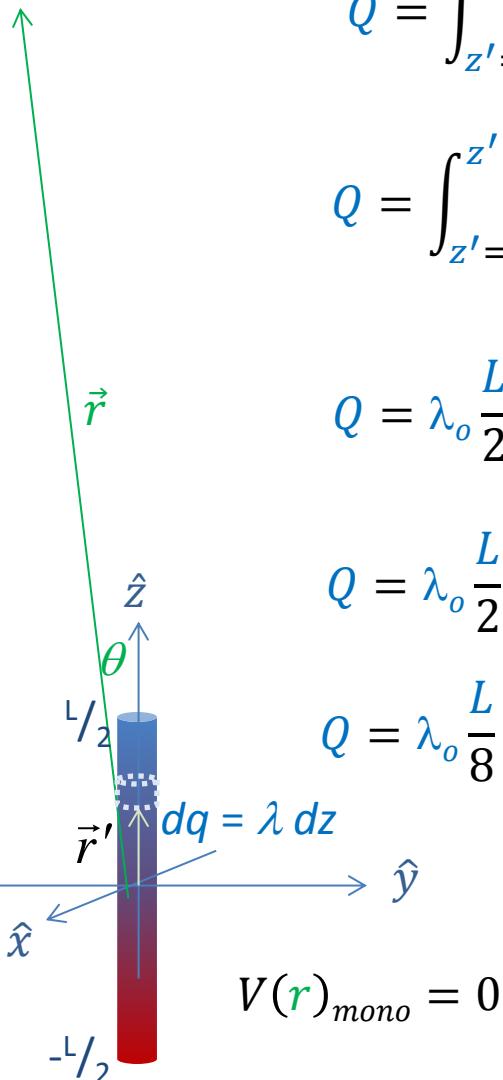
$$Q = \lambda_o \frac{L}{2} \int_{z=-1}^{z=1} z^3 dz$$

$$\vec{p} = \lambda_o \frac{L^2}{20} (1^5 - (-1)^5) \hat{z} = \lambda_o \frac{L^2}{10} \hat{z}$$

$$Q = \lambda_o \frac{L}{8} (1^4 - (-1)^4) = 0$$

$$V(\vec{r})_{dipole} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \lambda_o \frac{L^2}{10} \frac{\hat{z} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$V(\vec{r})_{dipole} = \frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\cos(\theta)}{r^2}$$



$$V(\vec{r})_{mono} = 0$$

## Example: Find the corresponding approximate field expression.

Far from the sources,  $|\vec{r}| \gg |\vec{r}'|$ ,  $V(\vec{r}) \approx V(\vec{r})_{mono} + V(\vec{r})_{dipole}$

$$V(\vec{r}) \approx 0 + \frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\cos(\theta)}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\nabla V(\vec{r})$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} V(\vec{r}) \hat{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} V(\vec{r}) \hat{\theta} - \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} V(\vec{r}) \hat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\cos(\theta)}{r^2} \right) \hat{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\cos(\theta)}{r^2} \right) \hat{\theta}$$

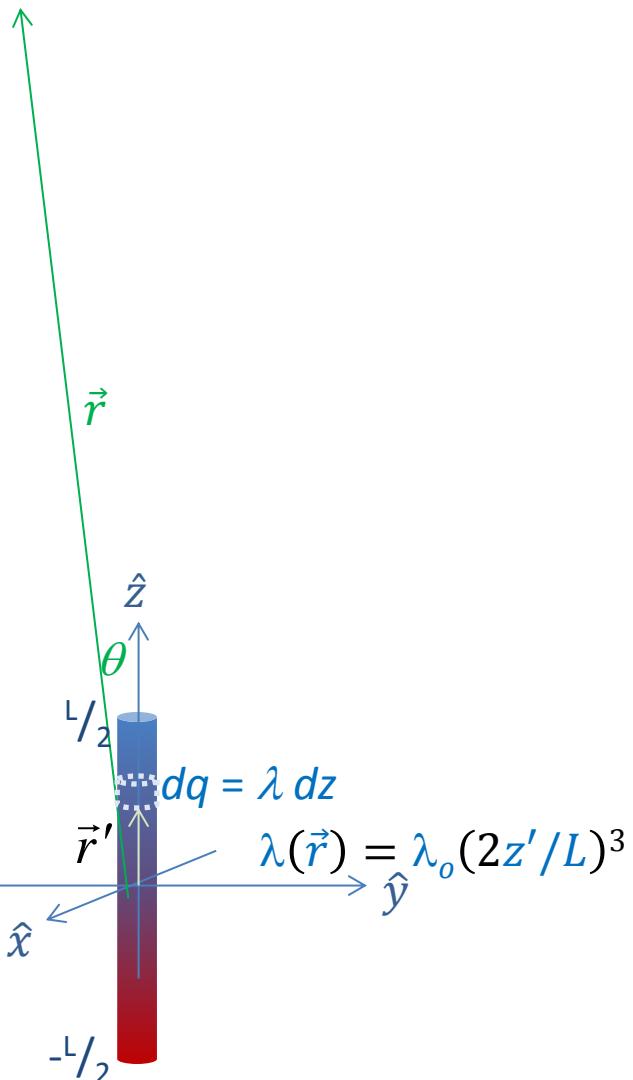
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx -\frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \cos(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos(\theta)) \hat{\theta} \right)$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx -\frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \left( -2 \cos(\theta) \left( \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \hat{r} + \frac{-1}{r^3} \sin(\theta) \hat{\theta} \right)$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{\lambda_o L^2}{40\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{1}{r^3} (2 \cos(\theta) \hat{r} + \sin(\theta) \hat{\theta})$$

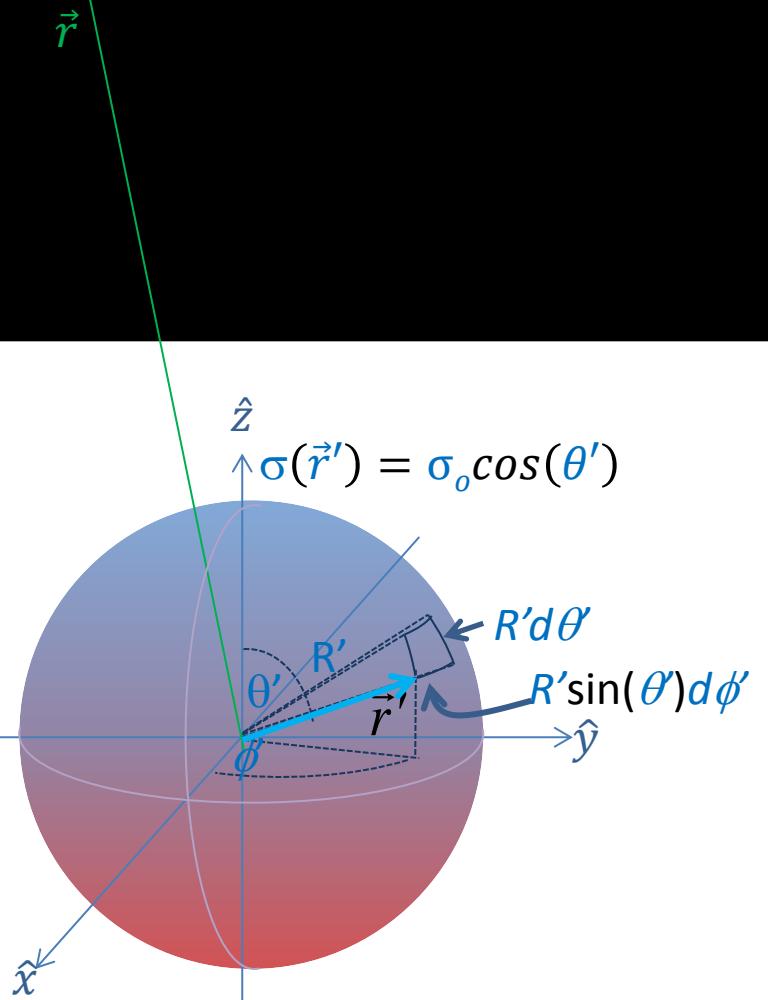
Or since  $\vec{p} = \lambda_o \frac{L^2}{10} \hat{z}$ ,

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\vec{p}}{r^3} (2 \cos(\theta) \hat{r} + \sin(\theta) \hat{\theta})$$



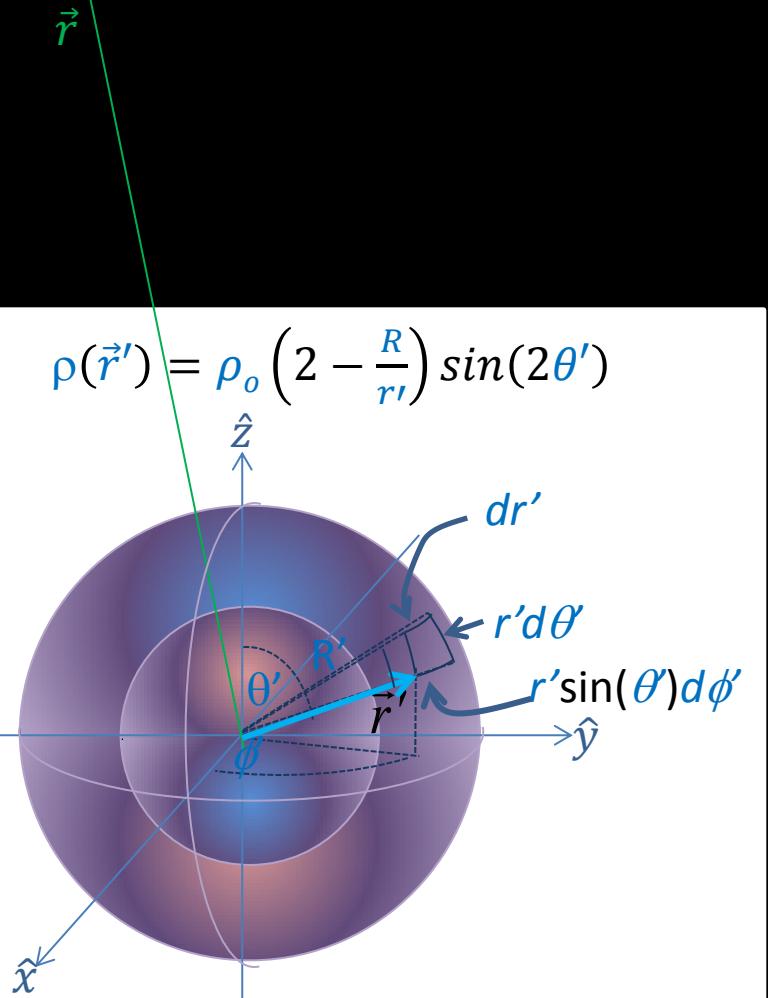
**Exercise:** Find the first two terms in the multi-pole expansion for this surface charge distribution.

$$V(\vec{r})_{mono} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r} \quad V(\vec{r})_{dipole} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \vec{p} = \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'$$



**Exercise:** Find the first two terms in the multi-pole expansion for this volume charge distribution.

$$V(\vec{r})_{mono} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r} \quad V(\vec{r})_{dipole} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \vec{p} = \int \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau'$$



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