

Electrodynamics I: Assignment 8.

Due November 21 at 11:00am in class or 10:45am in the instructor's mailbox.

1. For the nested cones of Assignment 7, problem 4, find the potential between the cones from integrations of Laplace's equation.

2. The quadrupole-moment tensor as first introduced in class from a Taylor expansion as $Q_{ij} = \iiint \rho(\vec{r}') x'_i x'_j dv'$. Verify the claims we made about it in class:

- Show it's proportional to Jackson Eqn. 4.9
- Show the delta-function term in Jackson Eqn 4.9 doesn't contribute to the quadrupole term in the potential.
- Recall in the discussion of degrees-of-freedom, we introduced a new quadrupole tensor $Q'_{ij} = Q_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\text{Tr}(Q)$; show it's traceless.

3. Suppose a charge distribution has azimuthal symmetry. Further suppose the quadrupole tensor is referenced in its principal axis. Find the number of degrees of freedom in the quadrupole tensor.

4. A charge distribution $\rho(r)$ has a finite spatial extent.

a. Show that the dipole moment of this charge distribution is

$$\mathbf{P} = -3\epsilon_0 \iiint \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) dv$$

b. Now suppose the charge in problem (a) is entirely outside some volume V of finite spatial extent. Show that the electric field $\mathbf{E}(p)$ at a point p within the charge-free volume is

$$\mathbf{E}(p) = \frac{1}{V} \iiint \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) dv$$

Variants of this are classic done in numerous texts. Hint: Since the charge distribution is finite in extent, there is some sphere which contains all the charge. One way is to start by replacing $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$ with the integral expression over charge density.

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