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Problem Session 4

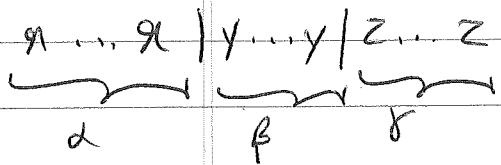
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(1) Problem 4.3, Jackson.

(2) Problem 4.6, Jackson.

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(1) Counting the number of  $\binom{2l}{d_1, d_2, d_3}$  is just counting the number of ways to fill three boxes with two partitions such that  $d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = l$ :



This number is given by:

$$\sum_{\substack{d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = l \\ d_1, d_2, d_3 \geq 0}} (d_1 + 1)(d_2 + 1)(d_3 + 1) = \frac{(l+1)(l+2)}{2} \quad *$$

For even  $l$ , the total number of spherical multipole moments is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0, 2, \dots, l} (2l' + 1) &= \sum_{l'=0, 1, \dots, \frac{l}{2}} 2l' + (\frac{l}{2} + 1) = 2 \sum_{l'=0, 1, \dots, \frac{l}{2}} l' + (\frac{l}{2} + 1) = 2 \cdot \frac{\frac{l}{2}(\frac{l}{2} + 1)}{2} + (\frac{l}{2} + 1) \\ &= (\frac{l}{2} + 1)(l + 1) = \frac{(l+1)(l+2)}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \text{Same as *}$$

For odd  $l$ , the total number follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=1, 3, \dots, l} (2l' + 1) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{l-1}{2}} (4n - 1) = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{l-1}{2}} n - \frac{l+1}{2} = 2 \left( \frac{l+1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{l+3}{2} \right) - \frac{l+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{(l+1)}{2} (l+3-1) = \frac{(l+1)(l+2)}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \text{Same as *}$$

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$$(2) (a) W = -\frac{1}{6} \sum_i E_i Q_{ij} \quad Q_{ij}$$

For a cylindrically symmetric field, we have  $\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y}$ . But:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z}$$

Also, note that  $Q_{xy} = Q_{yz} = Q_{zx} = 0$  in this case. Since  $Q_{xx} + Q_{yy} + Q_{zz} \neq 0$ ,

we have  $Q_{xx} = Q_{yy} = -\frac{1}{2} Q_{zz}$ .

symmetry  
of distribution

As a result, we have:

$$W = -\frac{1}{6} \left( Q_{xx} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} + Q_{yy} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} + Q_{zz} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0 = -\frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{2} eQ \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} + eQ \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0 = -\frac{1}{4} eQ \left( \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0$$

(b) This is a simple numerical calculation.

$$(c) Q_{zz} = \int (3z^2 - r^2) S(\vec{x}) dz = \frac{Ze}{(\frac{4}{3}\pi a^2 b)} \int_{-b}^b dz \int_0^{\sqrt{1-\frac{z^2}{a^2}}} S(2z^2 - s^2) ds \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$$

Here we have used:

$$S(\vec{x}) = \frac{Ze}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^2 b} \quad (\text{Volume of the spheroid } \frac{a^2 + y^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ is } \frac{4}{3}\pi a^2 b)$$

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Then:

$$Q_{zz} = \frac{3eZ}{4\pi a^2 b} \int_{-b}^b dz \left[ \pi a^2 \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{b^2}\right) \cdot 2z^2 - 2\pi \int_0^{a\sqrt{1-\frac{z^2}{b^2}}} s^3 ds \right] =$$

$$\frac{3eZ}{4\pi a^2 b} 2\pi a^2 \left( \frac{2b^3}{3} - \frac{2b^3}{5} \right) - \frac{3Ze}{2a^2 b} \frac{a^4}{4} \int_{-b}^b dz \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{b^2}\right) =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{5} Ze b^2 - \frac{2}{5} Ze a^2 \Rightarrow Q_{zz} = \frac{2}{5} eZ (b^2 - a^2) \Rightarrow Q = \frac{2}{5} Z (b^2 - a^2)}$$

Using  $R = \frac{b+a}{2}$ , we find:

$$\frac{b-a}{R} = \frac{5Q}{4R^2 Z} = \frac{5 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-28}}{4 \times 49 \times 10^{-30} \times 63} \approx 0.1$$