

18. Electrostatics in d dimensions (continued from last week)

Consider Problem #18 as set up in Problem Assignment #5.

- b) Calculate and plot the potential φ and the field \mathbf{E} for $d = 2$ for the case of a homogeneously charged disk, $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_0 \Theta(r_0 - |\mathbf{x}|)$.

hint: It is easiest to proceed as in the 3- d case, see Problem 17.

note: This problem plays an important role in the theory of the Kosterlitz-Thouless transition, for which part of the 2016 Nobel prize in Physics was awarded.

- c) The same for $d = 1$ for the case of a uniformly charged rod, $\rho(x) = \rho_0 \Theta(x_0^2/4 - x^2)$.

hint: Integrate Poisson's formula directly. (8 points)

19. Helmholtz equation

Find the most general Fourier transformable solution of the Helmholtz equation

$$(\kappa^2 - \nabla^2)\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = 4\pi\rho(\mathbf{x})$$

in terms of an integral.

hint: The answer is a generalization of Poisson's formula.

(3 points)

20. Quadrupole moments

- a) Consider a localized charge density as in ch.2 §3.1 and carry the expansion of the potential to $O(1/r^3)$. Show that the potential to that order is given by

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{r} Q + \frac{1}{r^3} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{d} + \frac{1}{r^5} \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j Q_{ij} + \dots$$

with Q the total charge and \mathbf{d} the dipole moment, and determine the quadrupole tensor Q_{ij} .

- b) Show that the quadrupole tensor is independent of the choice of the origin provided the total charge and the dipole moment vanish.

- c) Consider a homogeneously charged ellipsoid $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 + (z/c)^2 \leq 1$ and calculate the quadrupole tensor Q_{ij} with respect to the ellipsoid's center. Check to make sure that the result for Q_{ij} is traceless.

- d) Let the charge density be invariant under rotations about the z -axis through multiples of an angle α ,

with $|\alpha| < \pi$. Show that in this case the quadrupole tensor has the form $\begin{pmatrix} q & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2q \end{pmatrix}$. Make sure your

result from part c) conforms with this for the special case $a = b$.

- e) Consider the homogeneously charged ellipsoid from Problem 20 c), and calculate the quadrupole moments Q_{2m} as defined in ch.2 §3.5.

(10 points)

18. c) Wieder $\nabla^2 G_d(\vec{x}) = -\int_{S_d} \delta(\vec{x})$

will \int_{S_d} the surface one of the $(d-1)$ -sphere.

Proposition: $G_d(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{d-2} \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}}$ for $d \neq 2$

$G_d(\vec{x}) = \ln(1/|\vec{x}|)$ for $d=2$

Proof: $d=1$ by direct differentiation: 610 Problem 76b)

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (-1/|x|) = -\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{|x|} = -2\delta(x)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dx^2} G_{d=1}(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (-1/|x|) = -2\delta(x) =$$

$$= -\int_{S_{d=1}} \delta(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$r=|\vec{x}|$

$d=2$: $\partial_i \partial_i \ln|\vec{x}| = \partial_i \frac{x_i}{r^2} = \frac{r^2 \delta_{ij} - x_i \frac{2x_j}{r}}{r^4} = \frac{r^2 \delta_{ij} - 2x_i x_j}{r^4}$

$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \ln|\vec{x}| = \partial_i \partial_i \ln|\vec{x}| = (2-2) \frac{1}{r^2} = 0 \quad \forall r \neq 0$

$\rightarrow \ln|\vec{x}|$ is a harmonic fct. $\forall \vec{x} \neq 0$

Now integrate over a circle C_0 radius r_0 :

$$\int_{C_0} d^2x \nabla^2 \ln|\vec{x}| = \int_{C_0} d^2x \nabla \cdot (\nabla \ln|\vec{x}|) \stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{=} \int_{(C_0)} d\vec{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \ln|\vec{x}|$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi r_0 \frac{\vec{x}}{r} \cdot \frac{\vec{x}}{r^2} \Big|_{r_0} = 2\pi$$

$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \ln|\vec{x}| = 2\pi \delta(\vec{x}) = \int_{S_{d=2}} \delta(\vec{x})$

$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{G_{d=2}(\vec{x}) = -\ln|\vec{x}| = \ln(1/|\vec{x}|)}}$

$$\underline{d > 2}: \quad \partial_i \partial_j \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}} = -\frac{d-2}{r} \partial_i \frac{\lambda x_j}{|\vec{x}|^d} = -(d-2) \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{|\vec{x}|^{d+2}} - \frac{d}{r} \frac{\lambda x_i x_j}{|\vec{x}|^{d+2}} \right)$$

$$= -(d-2) \frac{r^2 \delta_{ij} - d x_i x_j}{r^{(d+2)2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}} = -(d-2)(d-d) \frac{1}{r^{(d-1)2}} = 0 \quad \forall r \neq 0$$

Integrate over a hypersphere S_0 with radius r_0 :

$$\int_{S_0} d^d x \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}} = \int_{(S_0)} d\vec{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}} = \int_{S_0} d\vec{\sigma} \cdot \frac{\vec{x}}{r^2} (-)(d-2) \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}{r^2}$$

$$= -(d-2) \int_{S_0} d\vec{\sigma} \cdot \frac{\vec{x}}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}} = -(d-2) \int_{S_0} d\vec{\sigma} \delta(\vec{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{G_{d>2}(\vec{x})} = \underline{\frac{1}{d-2} \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|^{d-2}}}$$

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b) It is easiest to start with the field. Gauss's law in d -d reads

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{x}) = \lambda_0 g(\vec{x})$$

and proceeding as in Problem 17 we have

$$\lambda_0 r E(r) = \lambda_0 \cdot \lambda_0 \int_0^r dr' r' g(r')$$

for a charge distribution $g(\vec{x}) = g(r)$ and $\vec{E}(\vec{x}) = E(r) \hat{e}_r$.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E(r) = \frac{\lambda_0}{r} \int_0^r dr' r' g(r')}$$

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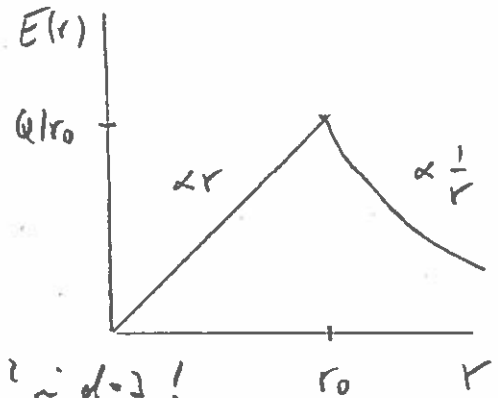
Homogeneity of charged disk: $g(r) = g_0 \Theta(r_0 - r)$

1st con: $r < r_0$ $E(r) = \frac{\sigma_0}{r} \int_0^r dr' r' \rho_0 = \frac{\sigma_0 \rho_0}{r} \frac{1}{2} r^2 = \sigma_0 \rho_0 r$
 $= \frac{Q}{r_0^2} r$ with $Q = \sigma_0 r_0^2 \rho_0$ total charge

2nd con: $r > r_0$ $E(r) = \frac{\sigma_0}{r} \rho_0 \frac{1}{2} r_0^2 = \frac{Q}{r}$

$\vec{E}(\vec{x}) = E(r) \hat{e}_r$

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} Q r / r_0^2 & \text{for } r < r_0 \\ Q / r & \text{for } r > r_0 \end{cases}$$



Field falls off only as $1/r$, as opposed to $1/r^2$ in $d=3$!

Now the potential: $\vec{E}(\vec{x}) = -\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}) = -\partial_r \phi(r) \hat{e}_r$

$\rightarrow E(r) = -\partial_r \phi(r)$

$\rightarrow \phi(r) = - \int_{\text{wpt}}^r dr' E(r')$

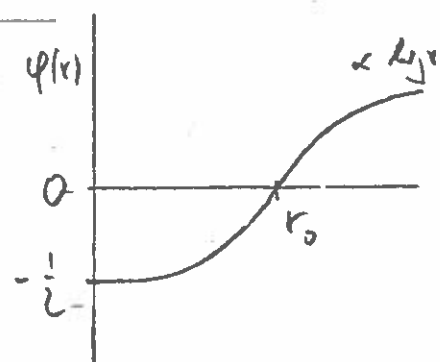
$\rightarrow \phi(r) = - \int_{r_0}^r dr' E(r')$

with the choice $\phi(r=r_0) = 0$

1st con: $r < r_0$ $\phi(r) = - \int_{r_0}^r dr' \frac{Q r'}{r_0^2} = + \frac{Q}{2 r_0^2} (r_0^2 - r^2) = \frac{+Q}{2} \left(\frac{r^2}{r_0^2} - 1 \right)$

2nd con: $r > r_0$ $\phi(r) = \int_{r_0}^r dr' \frac{Q}{r'} = Q \ln_j(r/r_0)$

$$\phi(r) = Q \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^2}{r_0^2} - 1 \right) & \text{for } r < r_0 \\ \ln_j(r/r_0) & \text{for } r > r_0 \end{cases}$$



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two sketches

c) In 1-d it is easiest to integrate Poisson's formula directly:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\varphi(x)}} &= \int_{-x_0/2}^{x_0/2} G_{d=1}(x-y) \rho(y) dy = - \int_{-x_0/2}^{x_0/2} |x-y| \rho_0 \Theta(x_0^2/4 - y^2) dy \\ &= - \rho_0 \int_{-x_0/2}^{x_0/2} |x-y| dy = \underline{\underline{\varphi(-x)}} \end{aligned}$$

Let $x \geq 0$.

1st case: $x < x_0/2$

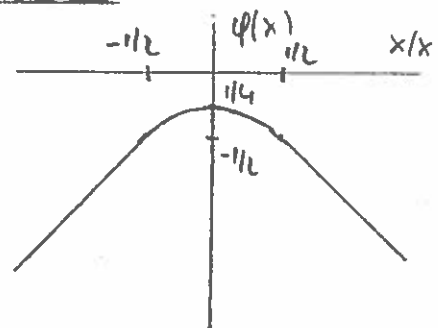
$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &= -\rho_0 \int_{-x_0/2}^x (x-y) dy + \rho_0 \int_x^{x_0/2} (x-y) dy \\ &= -\rho_0 \left[x \left(x + \frac{x_0}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4} x_0^2 \right) \right] + \rho_0 \left[x \left(\frac{x_0}{2} - x \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_0^2}{4} - x^2 \right) \right] \\ &= \underline{\underline{-\rho_0 \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4} x_0^2 \right)}} \end{aligned}$$

2nd case: $x > x_0/2$

$$\varphi(x) = -\rho_0 \int_{-x_0/2}^{x_0/2} (x-y) dy = -\rho_0 x x_0 = -\rho_0 x_0 x$$

$= -Qx$ with $Q = \rho_0 x_0$ total charge

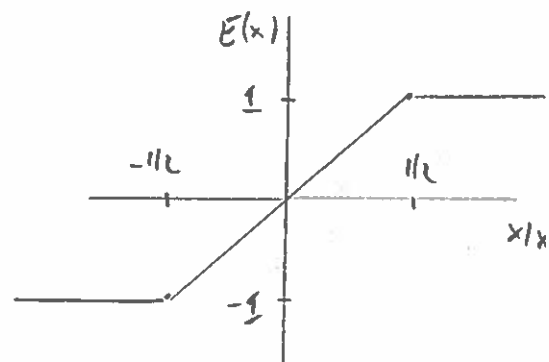
$$\varphi(x) = -Qx_0 \times \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{x_0^2} + \frac{1}{4} & \text{for } |x| < x_0/2 \\ |x|/x_0 & \text{for } |x| > x_0/2 \end{cases}$$



Now the field:

$$E(x) = -\partial_x \varphi(x) =$$

$$E(x) = Q \times \begin{cases} 2x/x_0 & \text{for } |x| < x_0/2 \\ \text{sgn } x & \text{for } |x| > x_0/2 \end{cases}$$



Field does not fall off for $|x| \rightarrow \infty$!

19.) Helmholtz eq: $(\nabla^2 - \lambda^2)\varphi(\vec{x}) = 4\pi\rho(\vec{x})$

Fourier transform eq. is $\Delta \hat{\varphi}(\vec{k}) = -4\pi \hat{\rho}(\vec{k})$

$$(-k^2 + \lambda^2)\hat{\varphi}(\vec{k}) = 4\pi\hat{\rho}(\vec{k})$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\varphi}(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi}{k^2 + \lambda^2} \hat{\rho}(\vec{k})$$

$$\rightarrow \varphi(\vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \frac{4\pi}{k^2 + \lambda^2} \hat{\rho}(\vec{k})$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{y} v_{sc}(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) \rho(\vec{y}) \quad \text{by the convolution theorem,}$$

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where $v_{sc}(\vec{x})$ is the Fourier back transform of the screened Coulomb potential

$$\hat{v}_{sc}(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi}{k^2 + \lambda^2}$$

610 Problem 27 b) $\rightarrow v_{sc}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{r} e^{-\lambda r}$ with $r = |\vec{x}|$

$$\rightarrow \varphi(\vec{x}) = \int d^3\vec{y} \frac{e^{-\lambda|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|}}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} \rho(\vec{y})$$

For $\lambda=0$ we recover Poisson's formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 20.) \quad a) \quad \frac{1}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} &= \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - 2 \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{r^2} + \frac{y^2}{r^2}\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{r^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{r^2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y})^2}{r^4} + \dots\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \left[1 + \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{r^2} + \frac{3}{2} x_i x_j y_i y_j \frac{1}{r^4} - \frac{1}{2} y^2 \delta_{ij} x_i x_j \frac{1}{r^4} + \dots\right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \left[1 + \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{r^2} + \frac{1}{2} x_i x_j (3 y_i y_j - \delta_{ij} y^2) \frac{1}{r^4} + \dots\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\varphi(\vec{x})}} &= \int d\vec{y} \frac{\rho(\vec{y})}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} = \frac{1}{r} \int d\vec{y} \rho(\vec{y}) + \frac{1}{r^2} \vec{x} \cdot \int d\vec{y} \vec{y} \rho(\vec{y}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^4} x_i x_j \int d\vec{y} (3 y_i y_j - \delta_{ij} y^2) \rho(\vec{y}) + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} Q + \frac{1}{r^2} \vec{x} \cdot \vec{d} + \frac{1}{r^4} \sum_{ij} x_i x_j Q_{ij} + O(1/r^4)
 \end{aligned}$$

oder $Q = \int d\vec{y} \rho(\vec{y})$ monopole moment

$\vec{d} = \int d\vec{y} \vec{y} \rho(\vec{y})$ dipole moment

$Q_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{y} (3 y_i y_j - \delta_{ij} y^2) \rho(\vec{y})$ quadrupole moment

b) $\rho'(\vec{y}) = \rho(\vec{y} - \vec{a})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Q'_{ij}}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{y} (3 y_i y_j - \delta_{ij} y^2) \rho(\vec{y}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{y} [3 (y_i + a_i)(y_j + a_j) - \delta_{ij} (\vec{y} + \vec{a})^2] \rho(\vec{y}) \\
 &= Q_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{y} [3 a_i y_j + 3 a_j y_i + 3 a_i a_j - \delta_{ij} (2 \vec{a} \cdot \vec{y} + a^2)] \rho(\vec{y}) \\
 &= Q_{ij} + \frac{3}{2} a_i d_j + \frac{3}{2} a_j d_i + \frac{3}{2} a_i a_j Q - \delta_{ij} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} - \delta_{ij} \frac{1}{2} a^2 Q \\
 &= Q_{ij} \quad \text{if} \quad \underline{\underline{\vec{d} = Q = 0}}
 \end{aligned}$$

c) ellipsoid: $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 \leq 1$

$$\rightarrow Q_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{x} (\Gamma_{ij} x_j - \delta_{ij} \vec{x}^2) \Theta(x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 \leq 1) \int$$

where $\vec{x} = (x, y, z)$ and $\int = \text{total dom}$

by symmetry $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{\delta_{ij} = 0 \text{ unless } i=j}}$

$$\underline{\underline{Q_{11}}} = \frac{8}{2} \int dx dy dz (2x^2 - y^2 - z^2) \Theta(x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 \leq 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int abc \int dx dy dz (2a^2 x^2 - b^2 y^2 - c^2 z^2) \Theta(x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 \leq 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int abc \left[2a^2 \int_0^1 dr r^2 \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right. \\ \left. - b^2 \int_0^1 dr r^2 \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right. \\ \left. - c^2 \int_0^1 dr r^2 \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int abc \left[2a^2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{2} - b^2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{2} - c^2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int abc \cdot \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{8}{3} a^2 - \frac{4}{3} b^2 - \frac{4}{3} c^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} abc \int \frac{1}{10} (2a^2 - b^2 - c^2)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{Q \frac{1}{10} (2a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}}$$

with $\underline{\underline{Q = \frac{4}{3} \int abc = \text{total dom}}}$

$$\underline{\underline{Q_{22}}} = \underline{\underline{Q \frac{1}{10} (2b^2 - a^2 - c^2)}} \quad \text{by symmetry}$$

$$\underline{\underline{Q_{33}}} = \underline{\underline{Q \frac{1}{10} (2c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}} \quad \text{by symmetry}$$

(1) check: $\underline{\underline{Q_{11} + Q_{22} + Q_{33} = 0}} \quad \checkmark$

d) As a real symmetric tensor, Q_{ij} can always be diagonalized
 \rightarrow The most general form of Q_{ij} in its principal axes system is

$$Q_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} q_+ + q_- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q_+ - q_- & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2q_+ \end{pmatrix}$$

When

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{q_-} &= \frac{1}{2} (Q_{11} - Q_{22}) = \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{x} \rho(\vec{x}) [2x^2 - y^2 - z^2 - (y^2 + x^2 + z^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{x} \rho(\vec{x}) (x^2 - y^2) \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical coordinates: $x = r \cos \varphi$ $y = r \sin \varphi$ $x^2 - y^2 = r^2 (\cos^2 \varphi - \sin^2 \varphi) = r^2 \cos 2\varphi$

$$\rightarrow q_- = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\infty} dr r \int_0^{\infty} dz \rho(r, \varphi, z) r^2 \cos 2\varphi$$

Now let $\rho(r, \varphi, z) = \rho(r, \varphi + \alpha, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow q_- &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 \int_0^{\infty} dz \rho(r, \varphi + \alpha, z) \cos 2\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 \int_0^{\infty} dz \rho(r, \varphi, z) \cos 2(\varphi - \alpha) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 \int_0^{\infty} dz \rho(r, \varphi, z) (\cos 2\varphi \cos 2\alpha + \sin 2\varphi \sin 2\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{r^2 \sin 2\varphi - r^2 \cos 2\varphi \sin 2\alpha = xy} \rightarrow \text{the second term is } \propto Q_{12} = 0$$

$$= \cos 2\alpha \cdot q_- \rightarrow \underline{q_- = 0} \text{ since } \alpha \neq 0$$

part c) with $a=b \rightarrow Q_{11} = Q_{22} = \frac{Q}{10} (a^2 - c^2) \checkmark$

e)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Q_{20}} &= \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \int_0^\infty dr r^4 \int dR g(r, R) \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \frac{1}{2} (2y^2 - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) (2z^2 - r^2) = \underline{D_{22}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{Q_{2,\pm 2}} \propto \int dR g(r, R) \underbrace{P_2^{\pm 2}(y)}_{\text{odd}} = 0 \quad \text{by symmetry}$$

fct. of z

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Q_{22}} &= \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \int_0^\infty dr r^4 \int dR g(r, R) \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \frac{1}{4!} e^{2i\varphi} \lambda(1-y^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{124} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) r^2 (1-y^2) (\cos 2\varphi + i \sin 2\varphi) \\ &= \frac{1}{124} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) r^2 \underbrace{\cos^2 \varphi}_{\text{even}} (\cos^2 \varphi - \sin^2 \varphi) + \frac{1}{124} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) r^2 \underbrace{\sin^2 \varphi}_{\text{odd}} (\cos^2 \varphi - \sin^2 \varphi) \\ &= \frac{1}{124} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) r^2 (\underbrace{\cos^2 \varphi}_{\text{even}} - \underbrace{\sin^2 \varphi}_{\text{odd}}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \varphi \\ y &= r \sin \varphi \\ z &= r \cos \vartheta \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad x^2 - y^2 = r^2 \cos^2 \varphi - r^2 \sin^2 \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{216} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) (x^2 - y^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{216} \int d\vec{x} g(\vec{x}) [(2x^2 - y^2 - z^2) - (2y^2 - x^2 - z^2)] \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{16} (D_{22} - D_{22})}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{Q_{2,-2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \int_0^\infty dr r^4 \int dR g(r, R) \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \frac{1}{4!} e^{-2i\varphi} \frac{1}{2} (1-y^2) = \underline{Q_{22}}$$