

Problem 4.7, part (a) only

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{64\pi} r^2 e^{-r} \sin^2 \theta$$

Note that the problem has azimuthal symmetry. Then, $m=0$ and I can use Legendre polynomials. Moreover, $\sin^2 \theta$ is a very simple function and I can "by eye" write it as a linear combination of $P_l(\cos \theta)$'s simply looking at Eq. (3.15):

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta &= 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \left[\frac{2P_2(\cos \theta) + 1}{3} \right] = \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ P_0(\cos \theta)}}}{1 - P_2(\cos \theta)} \right) = \frac{2}{3} [P_0(\cos \theta) - P_2(\cos \theta)] \end{aligned}$$

$$q_{lm} \stackrel{\text{(4.3)}}{=} \int Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \rho(\vec{r}') d^3x' \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ m=0 \\ \text{and use our } \rho(\vec{r})}}{=}$$

$$= \int Y_{l0}^*(\theta', \phi') r'^l \frac{1}{64\pi} r'^2 e^{-r'} \frac{2}{3} [P_0(\cos \theta') - P_2(\cos \theta')] \cdot r'^2 dr' d\phi' \sin \theta' d\theta'$$

Use now (3.57):

$$Y_{l0}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

Then:

$$q_{l0} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{l0}^* Y_{l0} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \frac{2l+1}{4\pi} P_l^2(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta$$

$\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = 2\pi$ $\frac{2\pi}{64\pi} \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}}$ $\int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta = 2$ $\int_0^\pi P_l^2(\cos\theta) \sin\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{l,0}$ (Use 3.21)

$\int_0^\infty r^{2l+4} e^{-r} dr$ This is a ~~Bessel~~ ^{Gamma} function $\Gamma(l+5)$ *

$$= \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} \Gamma(l+5) \left(2\delta_{l,0} - \frac{2}{5}\delta_{l,2} \right)$$

Then, $q_{00} = \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \Gamma(5) 2 = \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}}$

$$q_{20} = \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \Gamma(7) \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) = \boxed{-6\sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}}}$$

* $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$

$$\Gamma(z+5) = \int_0^\infty t^{z+4} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\Gamma(5) = 4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

$$\Gamma(7) = 6! = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 30 \cdot 24$$

From Wikipedia:

Now we need the potential at large distance:

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} q_{l0} \frac{Y_{l0}(\theta, \phi)}{r^{l+1}} \xrightarrow{(3.57)} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$m=0$
in this
case

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{4\pi}} q_{00} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} \underbrace{P_0(\cos\theta)}_1 \frac{1}{r} + \frac{4\pi}{5} q_{20} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}}}_{-6\sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}}} P_2(\cos\theta) \frac{1}{r^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{6}{r^3} P_2(\cos\theta) \right]$$

\hookrightarrow (3.15) says

$$P_2(\cos\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{6}{r^3} \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \right]}$$

This charge distribution has both a monopole and dipole moment.