

Let us start with (1.30):

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\vec{x}') \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} d^3x'$$

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 Proof of
 " $\frac{r^2 \nabla^2 \rho}{6}$ "
 term

For simplicity in the algebra let us take \vec{x} as the origin of coordinates $\vec{0}$. Then $r = |\vec{x}'|$.

For the expansion of ρ let us use "good old" cartesian coordinates as in page 150, Eq (4.22):

$$\rho(\vec{x}') \cong \rho(\vec{0}) + \underbrace{\vec{x}' \cdot \nabla \rho(\vec{0})}_{\text{indep. of } \vec{x}'} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} x'_i x'_j \left[\frac{\partial^2 \rho(\vec{0})}{\partial x'_i \partial x'_j} \right]_{\vec{x}'=\vec{0}}$$

independent of \vec{x}'

The linear term becomes

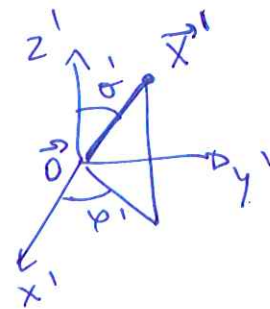
$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \vec{x}' \cdot \nabla \rho(\vec{0}) \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} d^3x'$$

$$\vec{x}' = (x', y', z')$$

$$x' = r \sin \theta' \cos \varphi'$$

$$y' = r \sin \theta' \sin \varphi'$$

$$z' = r \cos \theta'$$



Consider the first coordinate:

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint r \sin \theta' \cos \varphi' \nabla_{x'} \rho(\vec{0}) \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} r^2 dr \sin \theta' d\theta' d\varphi'$$

Here $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos \varphi' d\varphi' = 0$ and it cancels.

For y' , the integral $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin \varphi' d\varphi' = 0$ will appear
canceling this term
as well

For z' , $\int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta' \sin \theta' d\theta' = \frac{\sin^2 \theta'}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} = 0$ also.

Then, the linear term cancels entirely.

Consider now the second order term. First
focus on the "crossed terms" involving

$x'y'$ or $x'z'$ or $y'z'$

For $x'y'$ we have the "angular" integral:
 $\int_0^{\pi} d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin \theta' \cos \varphi' \cdot \sin \theta' \sin \varphi' \cdot \sin \theta'$
where $\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin \varphi' \cos \varphi' = \frac{\sin^2 \varphi'}{2} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0$

For $x'z'$ we have $\int_0^{\pi} d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin \theta' \cos \varphi' \cdot \cos \theta' \cdot \sin \theta'$
and $\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \cos \varphi' = 0$

For $y'z'$ we have $\int_0^{\pi} d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin \theta' \sin \varphi' \cdot \cos \theta' \cdot \sin \theta'$
and $\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin \varphi' = 0$

Then, only x'^2 , y'^2 , z'^2 may matter.

For x'^2 the angular integration is:

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin^2\theta' \cos^2\varphi' \sin\theta' = \int_0^\pi d\theta' \sin^3\theta' \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2\varphi' d\varphi'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\varphi' &= \cos^2\varphi' - \sin^2\varphi' \\ &= \cos^2\varphi' - (1 - \cos^2\varphi') = 2\cos^2\varphi' - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^2\varphi' = \frac{1 + \cos 2\varphi'}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2\varphi' d\varphi' = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2\varphi'}{2}\right) d\varphi' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi = \pi$$

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta' \sin^3\theta' = \int_0^\pi d\theta' \sin\theta' (1 - \cos^2\theta') = -\cos\theta' \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{3} \cos^3\theta' \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$= -(-1-1) + \frac{1}{3}(-1-1)$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Then, the full contribution of " x'^2 " is:

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{1}{2} r^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x'^2} \right] \frac{4}{3} \pi \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} r^2 dr$$

From Taylor expansion
evaluated at 0
From angular integration
from d^3x' after integrating θ' and φ'

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} \frac{1}{6} r^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x'^2} r^2 dr$$

For y^{12} the angular integration is:

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin^2\theta' \sin^2\varphi' \sin\theta'$$

and $\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \sin^2\varphi' = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \frac{1 - \cos 2\varphi'}{2} = \pi$ like for x^{12}
 The $\int d\theta'$ integral is the same.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\varphi' &= \cos^2\varphi' - \sin^2\varphi' \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2\varphi' \\ \sin^2\varphi' &= \frac{1 - \cos 2\varphi'}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the contribution of y^{12} is the same as x^{12} just replacing $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^{12}} \rho$ by $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^{12}} \rho$!

For z^{12} the angular integration is:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \cos^2\theta' \sin\theta' &= 2\pi \int_0^\pi d\theta' \cos^2\theta' \sin\theta' \\ &= 2\pi \left(-\frac{\cos^3\theta'}{3} \right) \Big|_0^\pi = \left(\frac{-2\pi}{3} \right) (-1-1) \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \text{ like before!} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the contribution of z^{12} is the same as x^{12} replacing $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^{12}} \rho$ by $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^{12}} \rho$.

Putting all together, the second order contribution in the Taylor expansion is:

$$-\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \frac{3a^2}{(r^2+a^2)^{5/2}} \frac{1}{6} r^2 \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x'^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z'^2} \right)}_{\nabla^2} \rho \, r^2 dr$$

which is the result in the book page 35.