

Legendre Polynomials Application (Griffiths example 3.6, 3.7).

$V(\theta)$ specified on surface of hollow sphere, find potential inside sphere.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(R, \theta) &= \sum_l (A_l R^l + B_l R^{-(l+1)}) P_l(\cos \theta). \\ &= \sum_l A_l R^l P_l(\cos \theta) \quad \text{for origin included.} \end{aligned}$$

Use $\langle P_m | P_l \rangle = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{ml}$ over $[-1, 1]$

$$A_l R^l \frac{2}{2l+1} = \int_0^\pi \Phi(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A_l R^l = \frac{2l+1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l \int_0^\pi \Phi(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l \left[\int_0^\pi \Phi(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \right] P_l(\cos \theta)$$

for $r < R, \theta \in [0, \pi]$

Potential outside? make substitution

$$A_l R^l \frac{2}{2l+1} = \langle \Phi(R, \theta) | P_l(\cos \theta) \rangle \rightarrow B_l R^{-(l+1)} \frac{2}{2l+1} = \langle \dots | \dots \rangle$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{l+1} \left[\int_0^\pi \Phi(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \right] P_l(\cos \theta)$$