

J.D. Jackson Problem 9.12

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1 Finding the multipole moments

We have to start by finding the charge density by setting its integral equal to the total charge.

$$Q = \iiint \rho r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{Q}{2\pi} = \rho \int_0^\pi \int_0^{R(\theta)} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{Q}{2\pi} = \frac{\rho}{3} \int_0^\pi r^3 \Big|_0^{R(\theta)} \sin \theta d\theta \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{3Q}{2\pi} = \rho R_0^3 \int_0^\pi (1 + \beta P_2(\cos \theta))^3 \sin \theta d\theta \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{3Q}{2\pi} = \rho R_0^3 \int_{-1}^1 (1 + \beta P_2 x)^3 dx \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{12Q}{2\pi} = \rho R_0^3 \int_{-1}^1 (2 + 3\beta x^2 - \beta)^3 dx \quad (6)$$

The integrand expands and integrates as follows

$$\rho = \frac{6Q}{\pi R_0^3} \left[(2 - \beta)^3 + \frac{1}{3}(9\beta(2 - \beta)^2) + \frac{1}{5}(27\beta^2(2 - \beta)) + \frac{1}{7}27\beta^3 \right]^{-1} \quad (7)$$

Keeping only the lower order terms in beta,

$$\rho = \frac{15Q}{4\pi R_0^3(5 + 3\beta^2)} \quad (8)$$

Now that we have the charge density we can find the multipole moments.

$$Q_{lm} = \int r^l Y_{lm}^* \rho d^3 x \quad (9)$$

$$Q_{l0} = \frac{15Q}{4\pi R_0^3(5 + 3\beta^2)} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} \frac{2\pi}{3+l} \int_0^\pi r^{3+l} \Big|_0^{R(\theta)} \sin \theta P_l(\cos \theta) d\theta \quad (10)$$

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So, let's calculate the first few of these.

$$Q_{00} = \frac{15Q}{4\pi R_0^3(5 + 3\beta^2)} \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1 + 1}{4\pi}} \frac{2\pi}{3+0} R_0^3 \frac{2}{5} (3\beta^2 + 5) \quad (12)$$

$$Q_{00} = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \quad (13)$$

$$Q_{10} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$Q_{20} = \frac{15Q}{4\pi R_0^3(5+3\beta^2)} \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 2 + 1}{4\pi}} \frac{2\pi}{3+2} R_0^5 \frac{2\beta}{1001} (572\beta^2 + 1001) \quad (15)$$

$$Q_{20} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{20\pi}} Q R_0^2 \beta \quad (16)$$

2 Power per solid angle

We can find the power radiated by each multipole using equation 9.151.

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z_0}{2k^2} |a(l, m)|^2 |\mathbf{X}_{lm}|^2 \quad (17)$$

According to the footnote on page 431, $\mathbf{X}_{00} = 0$, so we see that the monopole moment doesn't radiate. The $l = 1$ term also does not radiate because its $a(1, 0)$ term is zero. The other a terms will need to be calculated more rigorously. We'll use the long wavelength limit as described in equation 9.169. (Our Q'_{lm} 's are zero because there is no magnetization.)

$$a(l, m) \approx \frac{ck^{l+2}}{i(2l+1)!!} \sqrt{\frac{l+1}{l}} Q_{lm} \quad (18)$$

$$a(2, 0) \approx \frac{ck^4}{15i} \sqrt{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{9}{20\pi}} Q R_0^2 \beta \quad (19)$$

$$|a(2, 0)|^2 = \frac{3}{1000\pi} c^2 k^8 Q^2 R_0^4 \beta^2 \quad (20)$$

The table on page 437 give us the last remaining piece of the puzzle

$$|\mathbf{X}_{20}|^2 = \frac{15}{8\pi} \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \quad (21)$$

Putting all of this together, we see,

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{9Z_0 c^2 k^6 Q^2 R_0^4 \beta^2}{3200\pi^2} \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \quad (22)$$

3 Total Power

Total power is given by integrating the power per solid angle over all possible solid angles.

$$P = \frac{9Z_0 c^2 k^6 Q^2 R_0^4 \beta^2}{1600\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta \quad (23)$$

$$P = \frac{3Z_0 c^2 k^6 Q^2 R_0^4 \beta^2}{2000\pi} \quad (24)$$