

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

**Plan for Lecture 7:**

**Start reading Chapter 3**

**Solution of Poisson equation in for  
special geometries –**

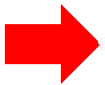
**A. Cylindrical**

**B. Spherical**

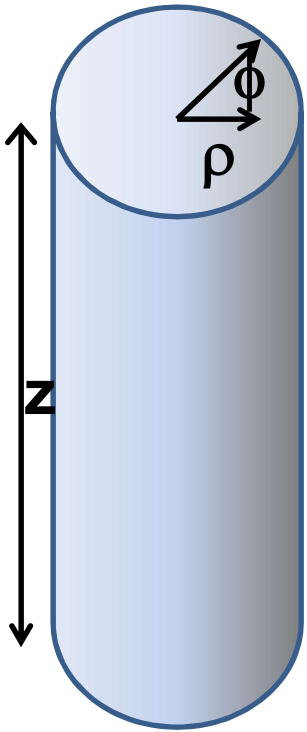
## Course schedule for 2013

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	JDJ Reading	Topic	Assign.
01-16(Wed)	Chap. 1	Introduction, units and Poisson equation.	<a href="#">#1</a>
01-18(Fri)	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	<a href="#">#2</a>
01-21(Mon)	<i>No class</i>	<i>MKL Holiday</i>	
01-23(Wed)	Chap. 1	Poisson Equation and Green's Functions	<a href="#">#3</a>
01-25(Fri)	Chap. 1 & 2	Green's Theorem and Functions	<a href="#">#4</a>
01-28(Mon)	Chap. 1 & 2	Brief introduction to numerical methods	<a href="#">#5</a>
01-30(Wed)	Chap. 2	Method of images	<a href="#">#6</a>
02-01(Fri)	Chap. 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries	<a href="#">#7</a>



# Solution of the Poisson/Laplace equation in various geometries -- cylindrical geometry with z-dependence



Laplace equation :  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = R(\rho)Q(\phi)Z(z)$$

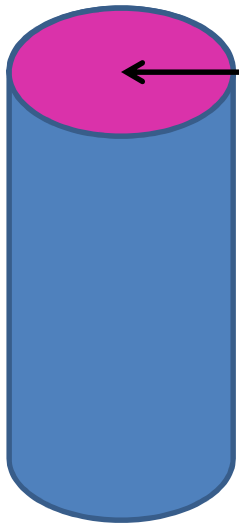
Cylindrical geometry continued:

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} - k^2 Z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow Z(z) = \sinh(kz), \cosh(kz), e^{\pm kz}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} + m^2 Q = 0 \quad \Rightarrow Q(\phi) = e^{\pm im\phi}$$

$$\frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{d\rho} + \left( k^2 - \frac{m^2}{\rho^2} \right) R = 0 \quad \Rightarrow J_m(k\rho), N_m(k\rho)$$

## Cylindrical geometry example:



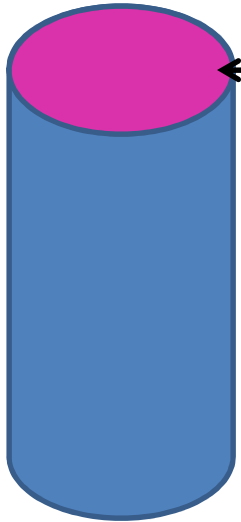
$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z = L) = V(\rho, \phi)$$

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = 0 \quad \text{on all other boundaries}$$

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{n,m} A_{mn} J_m(k_{mn}\rho) \sinh(k_{mn}z) \sin(m\phi + \alpha_{mn})$$

$$\text{where } J_m(k_{mn}a) = 0$$

Green's function for Dirchelet boundary value inside cylindrar:



$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z = L) = V(\rho, \phi)$$

$$\Phi(\rho = a, \phi, z) = 0, \quad \Phi(\rho, \phi, z = 0) = 0$$

Expansion in terms of Bessel function zeros :  $J_m(k_{mn}a) = 0$

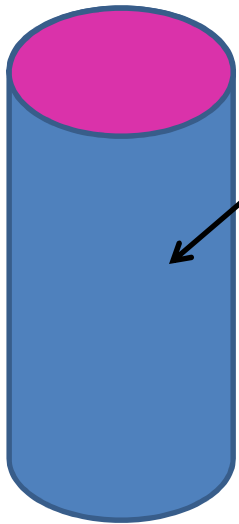
$$G(\rho, \rho', \phi, \phi', z, z') =$$

$$\frac{8\pi}{\pi a^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{im(\phi-\phi')} J_m(k_{mn}\rho) J_m(k_{mn}\rho') \sinh(k_{mn}z_{<}) \sinh(k_{mn}(L-z_{>}))}{k_{mn} (J_{m+1}(k_{mn}a))^2 \sinh(k_{mn}L)}$$

$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V d\phi' \rho' d\rho' dz' G(\rho, \rho', \phi, \phi', z, z') \rho(\rho', \phi', z')$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S; z'=L} d\phi' \rho' d\rho' \left. \frac{\partial G(\rho, \rho', \phi, \phi', z, z')}{\partial z'} \right|_{z'=L} V(\rho', \phi')$$

## Cylindrical geometry example:



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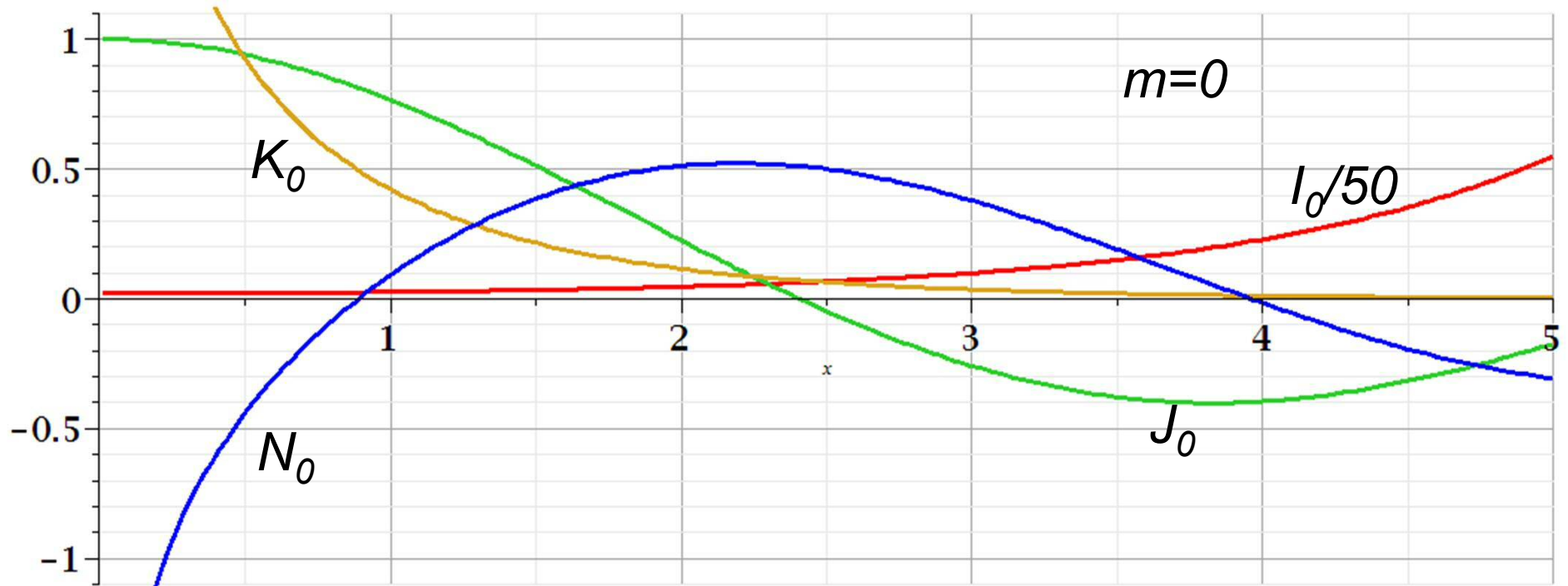
$$\Phi(\rho, \phi, z) = \sum_{n,m} A_{mn} I_m \left( \frac{n\pi\rho}{L} \right) \sin \left( \frac{n\pi z}{L} \right) \sin(m\phi + \alpha_{mn})$$

## Comments on cylindrical Bessel functions

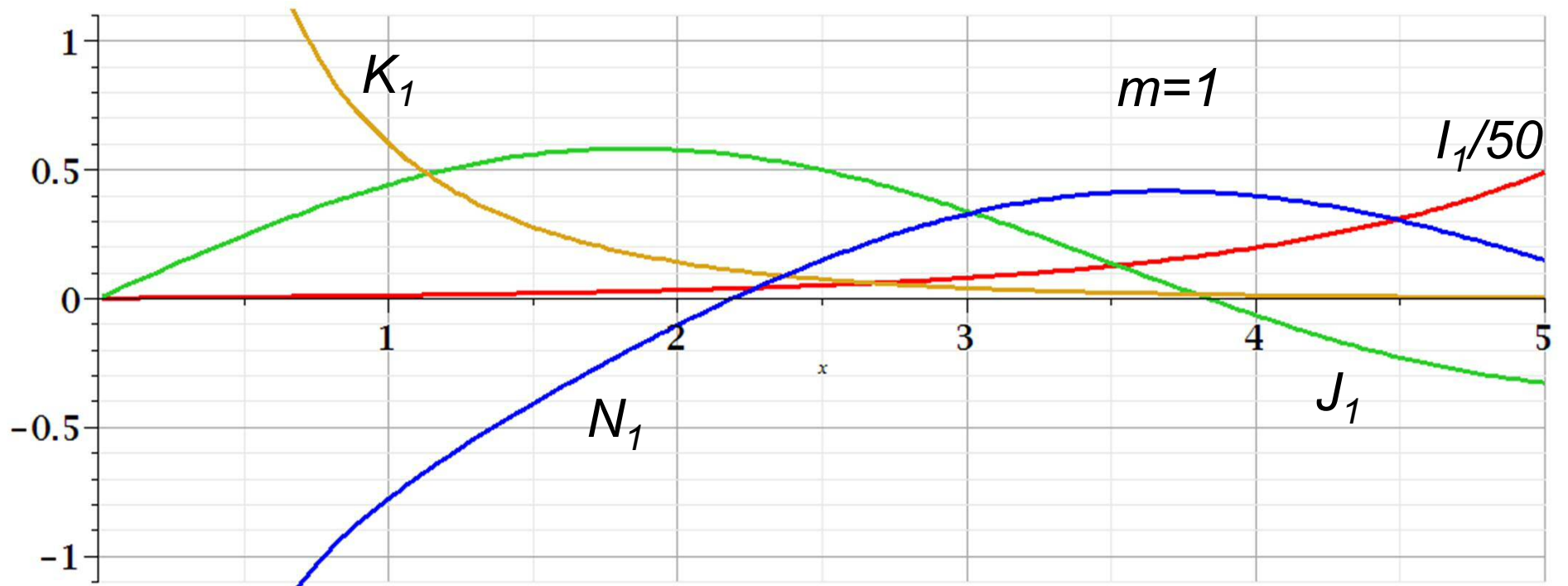
$$\left( \frac{d^2}{du^2} + \frac{1}{u} \frac{d}{du} + \left( \pm 1 - \frac{m^2}{u^2} \right) \right) F_m^\pm(u) = 0$$

$$F_m^+(u) = J_m(u), N_m(u), H_m(u) \equiv J_m(u) \pm N_m(u)$$

$$F_m^-(u) = I_m(u), K_m(u)$$







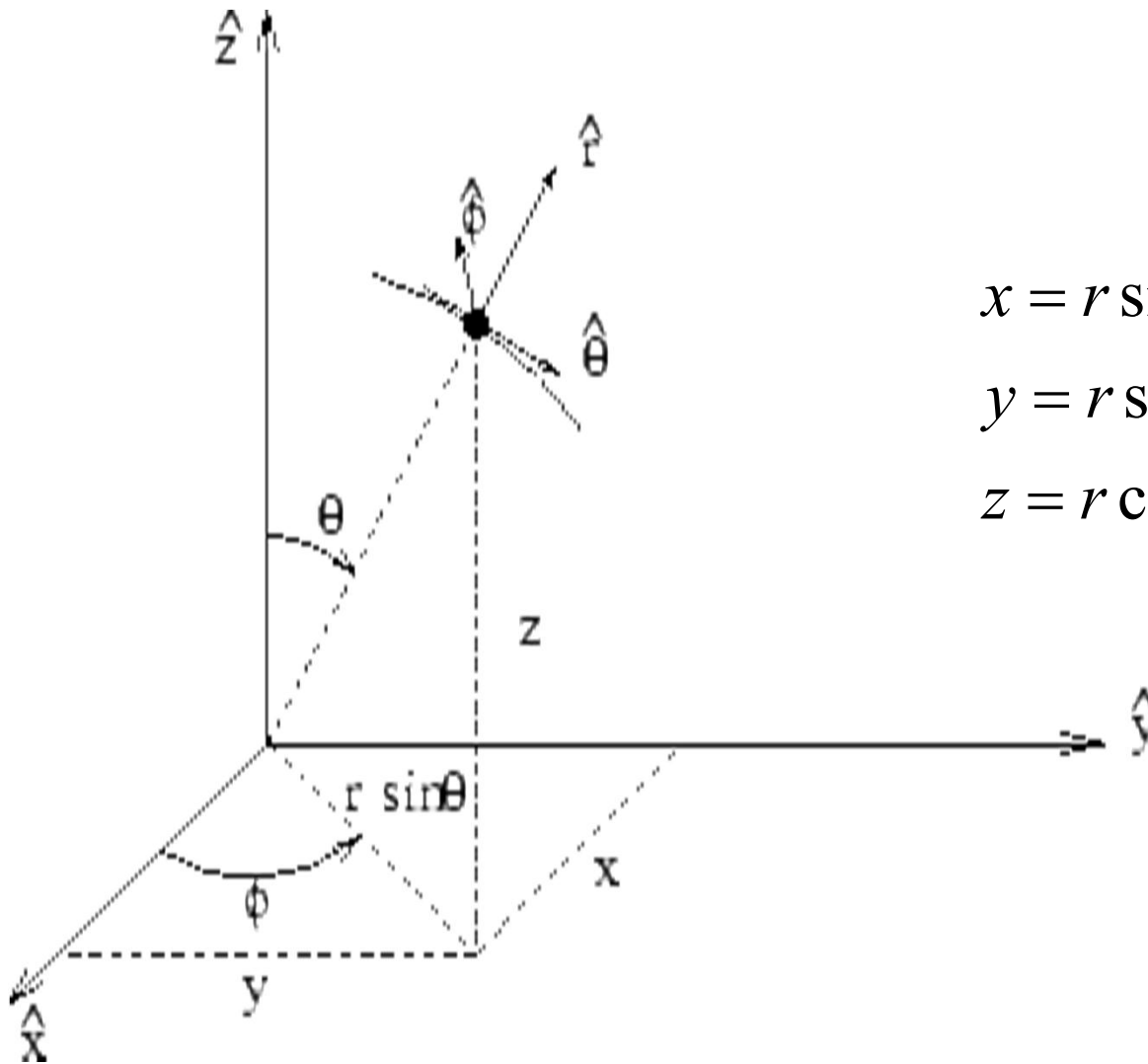
## Some useful identities involving cylindrical Bessel functions

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{du^2} + \frac{1}{u} \frac{d}{du} + \left( 1 - \frac{m^2}{u^2} \right) \right) J_m(u) = 0 \quad \text{for integer } m$$

Properties of Bessel functions in terms of zeros:  $x_{mn} \quad J_m(x_{mn}) = 0$

$$\int_0^a \rho d\rho J_m(x_{mn}\rho/a) J_m(x_{m'n'}\rho/a) = \frac{a^2}{2} (J_{m+1}(x_{mn}))^2 \delta_{nn'}$$

# Poisson and Laplace equation in spherical polar coordinates



$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

<http://www.uic.edu/classes/eecs/eecs520/textbook/node32.html>

## Poisson and Laplace equation in spherical polar coordinates -- continued

Laplace equation for electrostatic potential  $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$ :

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r\Phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \Phi = 0$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{lm} R_{lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

Spherical harmonic functions :

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = -l(l+1) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

## Properties of spherical harmonic functions

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m Y_{l(-m)}^*(\theta, \phi) \quad (\text{standard Condon - Shortley convention})$$

$$\int d\Omega Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta, \phi) \equiv \int \sin \theta d\theta d\phi Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta, \phi) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

Completeness :

$$\sum_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') = \delta(\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}') \equiv \delta(\cos \theta - \cos \theta') \delta(\phi - \phi')$$

Relationship to Legendre polynomials :

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

Useful identity:

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

Example for isolated charge density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  with electrostatic potential vanishing for  $r \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left( \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Example -- continued

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left( \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \right)$$

$$\text{Suppose: } \rho(\mathbf{r}') = \frac{Q}{a^3 \pi^{3/2}} e^{-r'^2/a^2}$$

$$\int d\Omega' Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') = \sqrt{4\pi} \delta_{l0} \delta_{m0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{4\pi}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\infty r'^2 dr' \frac{r_{<}^0}{r_{>}^1} \frac{Q}{a^3 \pi^{3/2}} e^{-r'^2/a^2} \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\text{erf}(r/a)}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Useful identity:

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

Elements of "proof":

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} &= \frac{1}{r_{>} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}' \right)^{1/2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{r_{>}} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}' + \left( \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{3}{2} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r_{>}} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r_{<}}{r_{>}} \right)^l P_l(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}') \right) \end{aligned}$$



Useful identity:

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \sum_{lm} \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

Elements of "proof" -- continued:

Sum rule for spherical harmonics:

$$P_l(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}') = \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$

Note that for  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}'$ ,  $P_l(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}') = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^l |Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})|^2 = 1$$

Some spherical harmonic functions:

$$Y_{00}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

$$Y_{1(\pm 1)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$$

$$Y_{2(\pm 2)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

$$Y_{2(\pm 1)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{20}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$