

Here we “prove” (for $l = 0, \dots, 4$) that, defining:

$$\hat{q} = (\sin(\theta) \sin(\phi), \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi), \cos(\theta)),$$

$$\hat{k} = (\sin(\theta') \sin(\phi'), \sin(\theta') \cos(\phi'), \cos(\theta')),$$

one finds:

$$(2l + 1) P_l(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{q}) = 4 \pi \sum_{M=-l}^{M=l} Y_l^M(\theta, \phi) Y_l^M(\theta', \phi')^*$$

This result is called the *Addition theorem for Spherical Harmonics*. A proof for arbitrary l can be found in J.D. Jackson, *Classical Electrodynamics*, 3ed., pp. 110-111. [Sec. 3.6].

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In[148]:= qunit = {Sin[θ] Sin[φ], Sin[θ] Cos[φ], Cos[θ]};
kunit = {Sin[θp] Sin[φp], Sin[θp] Cos[φp], Cos[θp]};
Table[Simplify[((2 l + 1) LegendreP[l, kunit.qunit])/
(4 π Sum[SphericalHarmonicY[l, M, θ, φ] Conjugate[SphericalHarmonicY[l, M, θp, φp]],
{M, -l, l}), Assumptions → {{θ, θp, φ, φp} ∈ Reals}], {l, 0, 4}]
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Out[150]= {1, 1, 1, 1, 1}
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The other result that we showed yesterday was that:

$$\sum_{M=-l}^{M=l} Y_l^M(\theta', \phi')^* \int \hat{q} Y_l^M(\theta, \phi) d\Omega_{\hat{q}} = \delta_{l,1} \hat{k}$$

Here we can check that this is true for $l = 1$ (the output is indeed \hat{k}) that for a few $l \neq 0$ it gives zero. But the proof can be done directly by hand.

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In[154]:= Table[FullSimplify[Sum[SphericalHarmonicY[l, M, θp, φp] Integrate[
Sin[θ] Conjugate[SphericalHarmonicY[l, M, θ, φ]] qunit, {φ, 0, 2 π}, {θ, 0, π}],
{M, -l, l}], Assumptions → {{θp, φp} ∈ Reals}], {l, 0, 3}]
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Out[154]= {{0, 0, 0}, {Sin[θp] Sin[φp], Cos[φp] Sin[θp], Cos[θp]}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}
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In[159]:= qunitY =  $\left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \right)^{-1}$ 
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$$\text{FullSimplify}\left\{ -\frac{\text{SphericalHarmonicY}[1, 1, \theta, \phi] + \text{SphericalHarmonicY}[1, -1, \theta, \phi]}{\sqrt{2} i}, \right. \\ \left. -\frac{\text{SphericalHarmonicY}[1, 1, \theta, \phi] - \text{SphericalHarmonicY}[1, -1, \theta, \phi]}{\sqrt{2}}, \right. \\ \left. \text{SphericalHarmonicY}[1, 0, \theta, \phi] \right\}$$

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Out[159]= {Sin[θ] Sin[φ], Cos[φ] Sin[θ], Cos[θ]}
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In[161]:= SphericalHarmonicY[1, +1,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ]  
          SphericalHarmonicY[1, -1,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ]  
          SphericalHarmonicY[1, 0,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ]
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$$\text{Out[161]} = -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin[\theta]$$

$$\text{Out[162]} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin[\theta]$$

$$\text{Out[163]} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \cos[\theta]$$