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$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{int}}^{(2)} &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{d^{2l+1} r^{2l+1}} \frac{l(l-\epsilon)}{l\epsilon + (l+1)a} P_l(\cos\theta) \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{d^{2l+1} r^{2l+1}} \frac{l(l-\epsilon)}{l\epsilon + (l+1)a} P_l(\cos\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $l=0$ term is ZERO

Taking limit $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{int}}^{(2)} &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2l+1}}{d^{2l+1} r^{2l+1}} (-1) P_l(\cos\theta) \\ &= \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) \frac{(a/d)^l}{r^{2l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta) + \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) \frac{1}{r} - \frac{a}{d} \frac{1}{r} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) \frac{(a/d)^l}{r^{2l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(a/d)q}{r} \\ &= \frac{(-a/d)q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) \frac{(a/d)^l}{r^{2l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(a/d)q}{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(-a/d)q}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_1|} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(a/d)q}{r} \end{aligned}$$

negative image charge at the center
 to make total charge of the
 sphere ZERO

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