

L3. Radial Functions

The radial functions  $j_j^{(l'm)}(x)$  and  $\pm 2j_j^{(l'm)}(x)$  determine the free streaming of multipoles according to Eqs. (2.15) and (2.38). For the line-of-sight integrals (2.22) and (2.45) we need the  $j_j^{(l'm)}$  only up to  $l'=2$  (and  $m=0, \dots, \pm l'$ ), and  $\pm 2j_j^{(2m)} = \epsilon_j^m \pm i/\beta_j^m$  for  $m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ .

The radial functions  $j_j^{(l'm)}$  are given by the Clebsch-Gordan series as (2.14)

$$j_j^{(l'm)} = \sum_l (-i)^{l+l'-j} \left( \frac{2l+1}{2j+1} \right) \langle l0l'm|jm \rangle \langle l0l'0|j0 \rangle j_l \tag{1}$$

as linear combinations of spherical Bessel functions.

We shall need some properties of the spherical Bessel functions  $j_l(x)$ :

Recursion formulae:

('  $\equiv$  derivative)

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| $(2l+1)j_l' = l \cdot j_{l-1} - (l+1) \cdot j_{l+1} \tag{2}$ |
| $(2l+1) \frac{j_l(x)}{x} = j_{l-1}(x) + j_{l+1}(x) \tag{3}$  |

Value at zero: 
$$j_l(0) = \delta_{l0} \tag{4}$$

For  $(l'm) = (00)$ , we simply have  $j_j^{(00)} = j_j$  since  $\langle l000|j0 \rangle = \delta_{lj}$ .

In general, the  $\langle l0l'm|jm \rangle$  can be nonzero only for  $l = |j-l'|, \dots, j+l'$ .

Moreover, since  $\langle l0l'0|j0 \rangle = 0$  for  $l+l'-j$  odd, (1) turns out to be real, and the  $l'=1$  case has only 2 terms:  $l=j-1, j+1$  and the  $l'=2$  case has only 3 terms:  $l=j-2, 0, j+2$  in the series (1).

Using the values for  $\langle l0l'm|jm \rangle$  given by VMK Tables 8.2 and 8.4

and then the recursion formulae (2) and (3) we get the following results

for  $j_j^{(l'm)}$  (next page).

The radial functions  $j_L^{(l'm)}(x)$

$$j_L^{(00)} = j_L$$

$$j_L^{(10)} = \frac{L}{2L+1} j_{L-1} - \frac{L+1}{2L+1} j_{L+1}$$

$$j_L^{(20)} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{L(L-1)}{(2L+1)(2L-1)} j_{L-2} - \frac{L(L+1)}{(2L+3)(2L-1)} j_L + \frac{3}{2} \frac{(L+2)(L+1)}{(2L+3)(2L+1)} j_{L+2}$$

$$j_L^{(11)} = \frac{1}{2L+1} \sqrt{\frac{L(L+1)}{2}} (j_{L-1} + j_{L+1})$$

$$j_L^{(21)} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} L(L+1)} \left[ \frac{L-1}{(2L+1)(2L-1)} j_{L-2} - \frac{1}{(2L-1)(2L+3)} j_L - \frac{L+2}{(2L+1)(2L+3)} j_{L+2} \right]$$

$$j_L^{(22)} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8} (L-1)L(L+1)(L+2)} \left[ \frac{1}{(2L+1)(2L-1)} j_{L-2} + \frac{2}{(2L-1)(2L+3)} j_L + \frac{1}{(2L+1)(2L+3)} j_{L+2} \right]$$

(5)

$$j_L^{(l'-m)} = j_L^{(l'm)} \quad (6)$$

Using the recursion formulae (2) & (3) we can put these into a form where only the same  $j_L$  appears in each term:

$$j_L^{(00)} = j_L$$

$$j_L^{(11)}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{L(L+1)}{2}} \frac{j_L(x)}{x}$$

$$j_L^{(10)} = j_L'$$

$$j_L^{(21)}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} L(L+1)} \left( \frac{j_L(x)}{x} \right)'$$

$$j_L^{(20)} = \frac{3}{2} j_L'' + \frac{1}{2} j_L$$

$$j_L^{(22)}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8} (L-1)L(L+1)(L+2)} \frac{j_L(x)}{x^2}$$

(7)

To show by substitution that (2.22) satisfies (2.1a) we need the recursion relation

$$(2L+1) j_L^{(l'm)'} \stackrel{\leftarrow \text{derivative}}{=} \sqrt{L^2 - m^2} j_{L-1}^{(l'm)} - \sqrt{(L+1)^2 - m^2} j_{L+1}^{(l'm)} \quad (8)$$

(I have verified this only for (00), (10), (20), (11)) and the values at zero

$$j_L^{(l'm)}(0) = \frac{1}{2L+1} \delta_{l'm} \quad (9)$$

Note also that  $j_L^{(00)'} = j_L^{(10)}$

$$j_L^{(10)'} = \frac{2}{3} j_L^{(20)} - \frac{1}{3} j_L^{(00)}$$

$$j_L^{(11)'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} j_L^{(21)} \quad (10)$$

- The polarization radial functions  $\pm 2j_j^{(l,m)}$  are given by (36) as

$$\pm 2j_j^{(2m)} \equiv \sum_l (-i)^{l+2-j} \left( \frac{2l+1}{2j+1} \right) \langle l02m|jm \rangle \langle l0j2, \mp 2|j, \mp 2 \rangle j_l \quad (11)$$

- The complex phase of the terms comes from  $(-i)^{l+2-j} \Rightarrow$  the  $l=j-1, j+1$  terms are imaginary and the others are real. Examination of VMK Table 8.4 reveals that

$$\langle j\pm 1, 0; 2, \pm 2|j, \pm 2 \rangle = -\langle j\pm 1, 0; 2, -2|j, -2 \rangle \Rightarrow \underline{-2j_j^{(2m)} = +2j_j^{(2m)*}} \quad (12)$$

$\therefore$  Thus we can write  $\underline{\pm 2j_j^{(2m)} = \epsilon_j^m \pm i\beta_j^m}$  where  $\epsilon_j^m, \beta_j^m$  are real.  $\square$  (13)

- From VMK Table 8.4 we also see that  $\langle l0j2, -m|j, -m \rangle = (-1)^{l+j} \langle l0j2m|j, m \rangle$ , meaning that the imaginary terms (i.e. the  $\beta_j^m$ ) get the opposite sign for  $-m$ .

$$\Rightarrow \underline{2j_j^{(2, -m)} = 2j_j^{(2m)*}} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{|l} \epsilon_j^{-m} = \epsilon_j^m \\ \beta_j^{-m} = -\beta_j^m \end{array} \quad (14)$$

Combining (12) & (14), we have  $\underline{2j_j^{(2, -m)} = 2j_j^{(2m)*} = -2j_j^{(2m)} = -2j_j^{(2, -m)*}}$  (15)

We also see from (14) that  $\underline{\beta_j^0 = 0}$ . (16)

- Comparing (11) to (1), we note that  $\underline{\pm 2j_j^{(20)} = \epsilon_j^0 = j_j^{(2, \mp 2)} = j_j^{(22)}}$  (17)

Using VMK Table 3.4 we get from (11) & (13) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}_L^0 &= j_L^{(22)} \\
 \mathcal{E}_L^1 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(L-1)(L+2)} \left[ \frac{L+1}{(2L+1)(2L-1)} j_{L-2} + \frac{3}{(2L-1)(2L+3)} j_L - \frac{L}{(2L+1)(2L+3)} j_{L+2} \right] \\
 \mathcal{E}_L^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{(L+1)(L+2)}{(2L-1)(2L+1)} j_{L-2} - 6 \frac{(L-1)(L+2)}{(2L-1)(2L+3)} j_L + \frac{(L-1)L}{(2L+1)(2L+3)} j_{L+2} \right] \\
 \beta_L^0 &= 0 \\
 \beta_L^1 &= \frac{\sqrt{(L-1)(L+2)}}{2(2L+1)} [j_{L-1} + j_{L+1}] \\
 \beta_L^2 &= \frac{1}{2(2L+1)} [(L+2)j_{L-1} - (L-1)j_{L+1}]
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Using the recursion relations (2) & (3) we can put these into the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}_L^0(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}(L-1)L(L+1)(L+2)} \frac{j_L(x)}{x^2} & \beta_L^0(x) &= 0 \\
 \mathcal{E}_L^1(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(L-1)(L+2)} \left[ \frac{j_L(x)}{x^2} + \frac{j_L'(x)}{x} \right] & \beta_L^1(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(L-1)(L+2)} \frac{j_L(x)}{x} \\
 \mathcal{E}_L^2(x) &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ -j_L(x) + j_L''(x) + 2 \frac{j_L(x)}{x^2} + 4 \frac{j_L'(x)}{x} \right] & \beta_L^2(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ j_L'(x) + 2 \frac{j_L(x)}{x} \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$C_{\alpha\alpha b\beta}^{c\gamma} \equiv \langle \alpha\alpha b\beta | c\gamma \rangle$$

Table 8.2.  
 $C_{\alpha\alpha 1\beta}^{c\gamma}$

| $c$     | $\beta = 1$  | $\beta = 0$  | $\beta = -1$   |
|---------|--|--|--|
| $a + 1$ | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)}{(2c - 1)2c} \right]^{1/2}$           | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 1)c} \right]^{1/2}$                | $\left[ \frac{(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 1)2c} \right]^{1/2}$           |
| $a$     | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma + 1)}{2c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$           | $\frac{\gamma}{[c(c + 1)]^{1/2}}$  | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma)}{2c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$            |
| $a - 1$ | $\left[ \frac{(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)}{(2c + 2)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$ | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 1)}{(c + 1)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$ | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 2)(c + \gamma + 1)}{(2c + 2)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$ |

Table 8.4  
 $C_{\alpha\alpha 2\beta}^{c\gamma}$

| $c$     | $\beta = 2$  | $\beta = 1$   |
|---------|--|---|
| $a + 2$ | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma - 3)(c + \gamma - 2)(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)}{(2c - 3)(2c - 2)(2c - 1)2c} \right]^{1/2}$           | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma - 2)(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 3)(c - 1)(2c - 1)c} \right]^{1/2}$                |
| $a + 1$ | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma - 2)(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma + 1)}{(2c - 2)(2c - 1)c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$            | $-(c - 2\gamma + 1) \left[ \frac{(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)}{(2c - 2)(2c - 1)c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$                         |
| $a$     | $\left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)}{2(2c - 1)c(c + 1)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$           | $(1 - 2\gamma) \left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma + 1)}{2(2c - 1)c(c + 1)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$                            |
| $a - 1$ | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma + 3)}{c(c + 1)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)} \right]^{1/2}$            | $(c + 2\gamma) \left[ \frac{(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)}{c(c + 1)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)} \right]^{1/2}$                          |
| $a - 2$ | $\left[ \frac{(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma + 3)(c - \gamma + 4)}{(2c + 2)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)(2c + 5)} \right]^{1/2}$ | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma + 3)}{(c + 1)(2c + 3)(c + 2)(2c + 5)} \right]^{1/2}$ |

Table 8.4. (Cont.)

| $c$     | $\beta = 0$  | $\beta = -1$  | $\beta = -2$   |
|---------|--|---|--|
| $a + 2$ | $\left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma - 1)(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 3)(2c - 2)(2c - 1)c} \right]^{1/2}$               | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma - 2)(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 3)(c - 1)(2c - 1)c} \right]^{1/2}$                | $\left[ \frac{(c - \gamma - 3)(c - \gamma - 2)(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 3)(2c - 2)(2c - 1)2c} \right]^{1/2}$           |
| $a + 1$ | $\gamma \left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma)(c - \gamma)}{(c - 1)(2c - 1)c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$  | $(c + 2\gamma + 1) \left[ \frac{(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 2)(2c - 1)c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$                          | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma - 2)(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{(2c - 2)(2c - 1)c(c + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$             |
| $a$     | $\frac{3\gamma^2 - c(c + 1)}{[(2c - 1)c(c + 1)(2c + 3)]^{1/2}}$  | $(2\gamma + 1) \left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma)}{2(2c - 1)c(c + 1)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$                            | $\left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma - 1)(c - \gamma)}{2(2c - 1)c(c + 1)(2c + 3)} \right]^{1/2}$           |
| $a - 1$ | $-\gamma \left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 1)}{c(c + 1)(2c + 3)(c + 2)} \right]^{1/2}$                                 | $-(c - 2\gamma) \left[ \frac{c(c + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)}{c(c + 1)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)} \right]^{1/2}$                                 | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)(c + \gamma + 3)(c - \gamma - 1)}{c(c + 1)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)} \right]^{1/2}$         |
| $a - 2$ | $\left[ \frac{3(c + \gamma + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 2)}{(c + 1)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)(2c + 5)} \right]^{1/2}$ | $-\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)(c - \gamma + 1)(c - \gamma + 3)}{(c + 1)(2c + 3)(c + 2)(2c + 5)} \right]^{1/2}$ | $\left[ \frac{(c + \gamma + 1)(c + \gamma + 2)(c + \gamma + 3)(c + \gamma + 4)}{(2c + 2)(2c + 3)(2c + 4)(2c + 5)} \right]^{1/2}$ |

$$j_{\ell}^{(10)}(x) = j_{\ell}'(x),$$

$$[j_{\ell}''(x) + j_{\ell}/(x)],$$

$$\frac{(\ell+1)j_{\ell}(x)}{2x},$$

$$\frac{(\ell+1)(j_{\ell}(x))'}{2x},$$

$$\frac{3(\ell+2)!j_{\ell}(x)}{3(\ell-2)!x^2} \quad (15)$$

derivatives with respect to the argument  $x=kr$ . These modes are shown

in Fig. 3 for various multipole orders  $\ell$  and  $m$  (see Fig. 3).

$$\sqrt{4\pi(2\ell+1)}[\epsilon_{\ell}^{(m)}(kr)]$$

$$Y_{\ell}^m(\hat{n}), \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{(\ell+2)!j_{\ell}(x)}{(\ell-2)!x^2},$$

$$\frac{(\ell+2)\left[\frac{j_{\ell}(x)}{x^2} + \frac{j_{\ell}'(x)}{x}\right]}{(\ell+2)},$$

$$\left[\frac{j_{\ell}(x)}{x^2} + 2\frac{j_{\ell}'(x)}{x} + 4\frac{j_{\ell}''(x)}{x}\right], \quad (17)$$

where  $\ell, \ell \pm 2$  coupling and  $\ell \pm 1$  coupling.

$$\frac{j_{\ell}(x)}{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)x},$$

$$\left[\frac{j_{\ell}(x)}{x} + 2\frac{j_{\ell}'(x)}{x}\right], \quad (18)$$

where  $\ell \pm 1$  coupling. The correction involves a reversal in sign

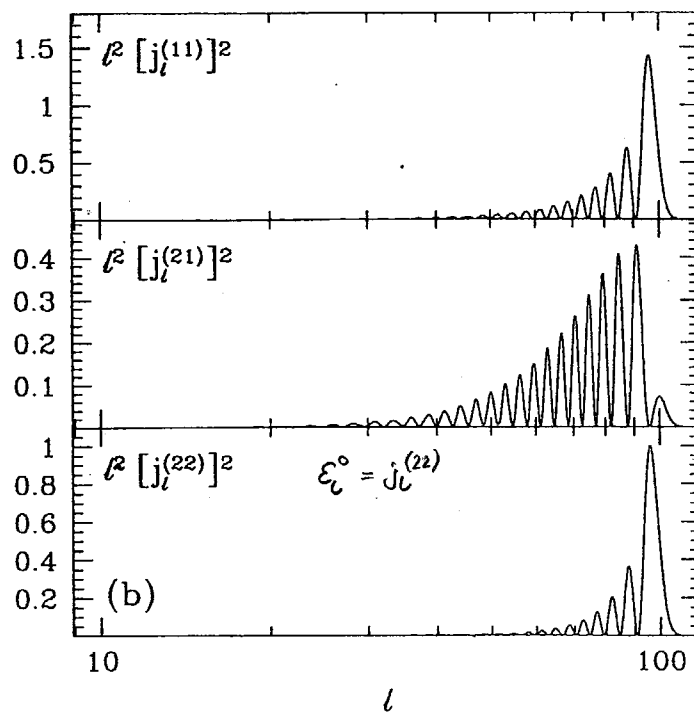
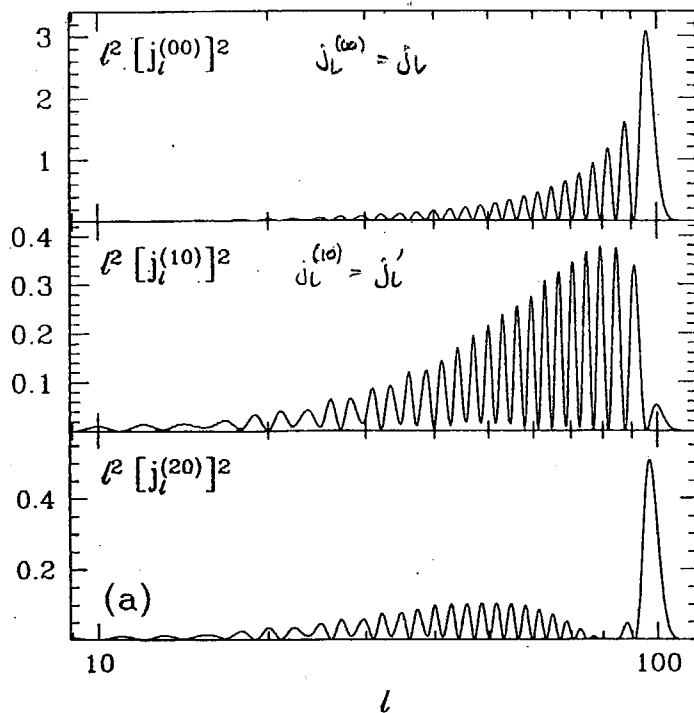


FIG. 3. Radial spin-0 (temperature) modes. The angular power in a plane wave (left panel, top) is modified due to the intrinsic angular structure of the source as discussed in the text. The left panel corresponds to the power in scalar ( $m=0$ ) monopole  $G_0^0$ , dipole  $G_1^0$ , and quadrupole  $G_2^0$  sources (top to bottom); the right panel to that in vector ( $m=1$ ) dipole  $G_1^{\pm 1}$  and quadrupole  $G_2^{\pm 1}$  sources and a tensor ( $m=2$ ) quadrupole  $G_2^{\pm 2}$  source (top to bottom). Note the differences in how sharply peaked the power is at  $\ell \approx kr$  and how fast power falls as  $\ell \ll kr$ . The argument of the radial functions  $kr=100$  here.

to a range of angular scales from  $\ell \approx kr$  at  $\theta = \pi/2$  to larger angles  $\ell \ll kr$  as  $\theta \rightarrow (0, \pi)$ , where  $\hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} = \cos \theta$  (see Fig. 1).

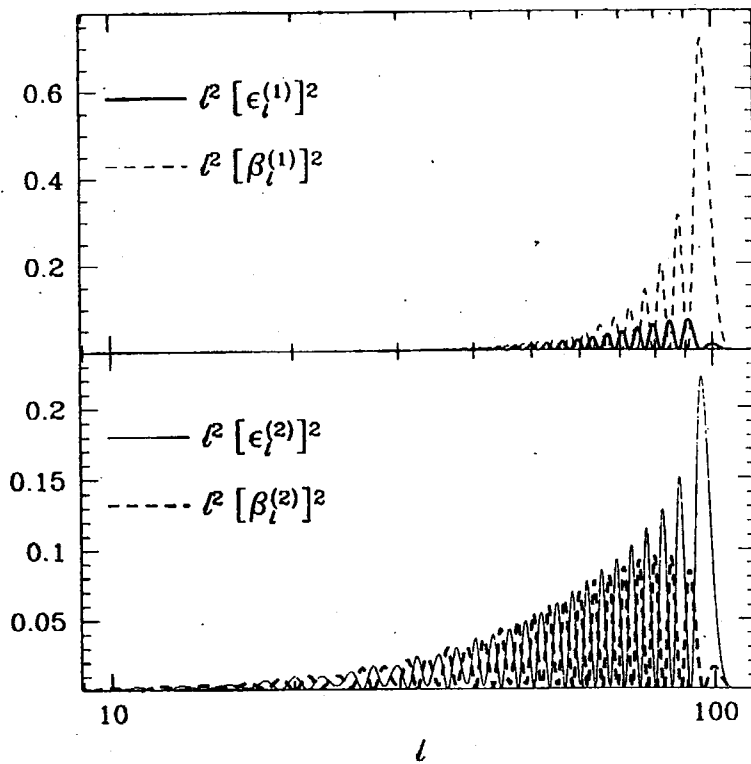


FIG. 4. Radial spin-2 (polarization) modes. Displayed is the angular power in a plane-wave spin-2 source. The top panel shows that vector ( $m=1$ , upper panel) sources are dominated by  $B$ -parity contributions, whereas tensor ( $m=2$ , lower panel) sources have comparable but less power in the  $B$  parity. Note that the power is strongly peaked at  $l=kr$  for the  $B$ -parity vectors and  $E$ -parity tensors. The argument of the radial functions  $kr=100$  here.

Thus factors of  $\sin\theta$  in the intrinsic angular dependence suppress power at  $l \ll kr$  ("aliasing suppression"), whereas factors of  $\cos\theta$  suppress power at  $l \approx kr$  ("projection suppression"). Let us consider first a  $m=0$  dipole contribution  $Y_1^0 \propto \cos\theta$  (see Fig. 2). The  $\cos\theta$  dependence suppresses power in  $j_l^{(10)}$  at the peak in the plane-wave spectrum  $l \approx kr$  [compare Fig. 3(a) top and middle panels]. The remaining power is broadly distributed for  $l \lesssim kr$ . The same reasoning applies for  $Y_2^0$  quadrupole sources which have an intrinsic angular dependence of  $3\cos^2\theta - 1$ . Now the minimum falls at  $\theta = \cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$  causing the double peaked form of the power in  $j_l^{(20)}$  shown in Fig. 3(a) (bottom panel). This series can be continued to higher  $G_l^0$  and such techniques have been used in the free streaming limit for temperature anisotropies [11].

Similarly, the structures of  $j_l^{(11)}$ ,  $j_l^{(21)}$ , and  $j_l^{(22)}$  are apparent from the intrinsic angular dependences of the  $G_l^1$ ,

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This scaling puts an can rise with  $l$  the bound on the amount that *decreases* with

The same argument the added complications  $\epsilon_l$  and  $\beta_l$ . introduces a  $\beta$  contribution  $m = \pm 1$ , the  $\beta$  contributions; which slightly larger than reach the asymptotic

$$\frac{\sum_l l^l}{\sum_l l^l}$$

for fixed  $kr \gg 1$ . The parity of the angular momentum does mix states of  $l$  does not have definition in the intrinsic angular

$${}_2G_2^m \mathbf{M}_+ + {}_{-2}G_2$$

Thus the addition generates "magnetic" anisotropies an intrinsically "even" parity of amplitude functions has significant calculation in Section is absent for s