

Q & A for Dipole problem (thanks to Nahid for the questions):

When it is said dipole moment has orientation (θ', ϕ') , if I am correct, it means my dipole will be $\mathbf{p} = qd \delta(\cos\theta' - \cos\theta) \delta(\phi' - \phi)$?
and in this case the potential will be

$$\phi(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qd \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2} + O\left(\frac{d^2}{R^2}\right) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2}$$

and \mathbf{R} here is $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p$ and then I can expand it and so on?

Yes, you seem to have the right answer. Remember that you want the limit where $d \rightarrow 0$ and $q \rightarrow \infty$ in such a way that the product remains $\mathbf{p} = qd$, a constant. If you obtained your result this way, then the higher order terms will vanish because of higher powers of d but being still only first order in q .

[I assume you derived your result and did not just write it down from some equation in Jackson.]