

Electromagnetism 514

Final Examination 2006

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You should attempt all questions. There is a total of 100 points.

Problem 1	:	15 Points
Problem 2	:	20 Points
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Formula that might be useful

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk e^{im(\phi-\phi')} J_m(k\rho) J_m(k\rho') e^{-k(z_>-z_<)} .$$

$$\nabla(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) .$$

$$Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} .$$

$$Y_{11} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} , \quad Y_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta .$$

$$Y_{22} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{i2\phi} , \quad Y_{21} = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} , \quad Y_{20} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) .$$

$$Y_{L-M}(\theta, \phi) = (-)^m Y_{LM}^*(\theta, \phi) .$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} dr r^\alpha e^{-\lambda r} = \frac{\alpha!}{\lambda^{\alpha+1}} .$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} A_\phi$$

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IMPORTANT: Answer ALL questions

1. [15 Total Points] (Charge Distribution and Multipoles)

An isolated charge distribution has the form

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\lambda^5}{64\pi} r^2 e^{-\lambda r} \sin^2 \theta \quad .$$

(a) [8 points] Find the multipole moments, q_{LM} , of $\rho(r, \theta, \phi)$.

(b) [7 points] Find the potential far from this charge distribution ($\lambda r \gg 1$) in terms of the spherical harmonics, $Y_{LM}(\theta, \phi)$.

2. [20 Total Points] (Currents, Permeable Material and Images)

Consider an isolated circular loop of radius a of fine wire carrying current I .

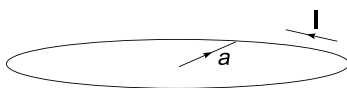


FIG. 1: *Current loop.*

(a) [4 points] Show that the vector potential (in cylindrical coordinates) associated with this loop is $\mathbf{A} = A_\phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$, with

$$A_\phi = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \int_0^\infty dk J_1(k a) J_1(k \rho) e^{-k |z|} .$$

Forgetting about the current loop for now, consider the situation where space is divided into two regions. The entire region with $z < 0$ is filled with a material of permeability μ , while the entire region $z \geq 0$ is vacuum.

(b) [2 points] Starting with Maxwell's equations relevant to static charge and current distributions, derive the boundary conditions on the magnetic field that must be satisfied at the boundary at $z = 0$.

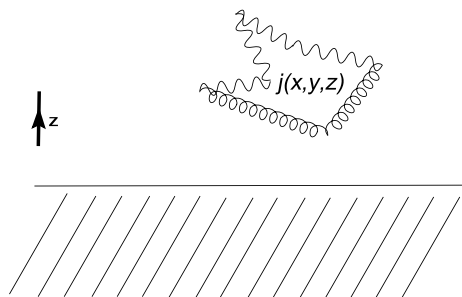


FIG. 2: *Current density $\mathbf{j}(x, y, z)$ above a semi-infinite permeable medium of permeability μ .*

(c) [6 points] An arbitrary current density, $\mathbf{j}(x, y, z)$, is placed in the region $z > 0$. Find the image current distributions that can be used to determine the vector potential in both regions of space.

(d) [6 points] Find the interaction energy between the circular current loop, considered in part (a), placed a distance d from the surface of the material with its plane parallel to the boundary (leave your answer as an integral over Bessel functions).

(e) [2 points] What is the force on the loop (leave your answer as an integral over Bessel functions)

3. [15 Total Points] (Electric Potential)

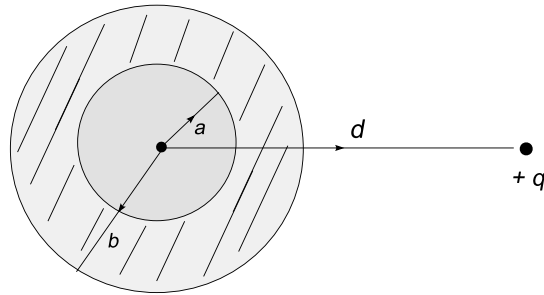


FIG. 3: A grounded conducting sphere surrounded by dielectric near an isolated charge.

A grounded conducting sphere of radius a is at the center of a uniform dielectric spherical shell of inner radius a and outer radius b , with dielectric constant ϵ . A charge $+q$ is placed a distance d from the center of the sphere.

- (a) [3 points] Write the form that the potential must have inside the dielectric as an expansion in Legendre polynomials or spherical harmonics.
- (b) [3 points] What are the boundary conditions that must be satisfied by the electric field at the dielectric-vacuum interface?
- (c) [9 points] What is the total charge on the conducting sphere?

4. [20 Total Points] (Magnetization)

The force experienced by a current distribution \mathbf{j} in an external magnetic field \mathbf{B} is

$$\mathbf{F} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \quad .$$

(a) [10 points] Show that a magnetized object, with magnetization density $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})$, placed in an external magnetic field \mathbf{B} experiences a force

$$\mathbf{F} = - \int d^3\mathbf{r} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) \quad .$$

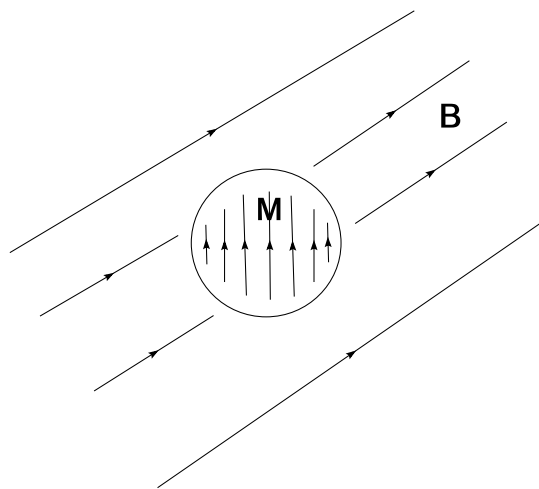


FIG. 4: *Uniformly magnetized sphere placed in a non-uniform magnetic field.*

(b) [10 points] A uniformly magnetized sphere aligned along the z -axis is placed in an external magnetic field of the form

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 [(1 + \beta z)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + (1 + \beta x)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z] \quad .$$

What is the force on the sphere?

5. [15 Total Points] (Laplace)

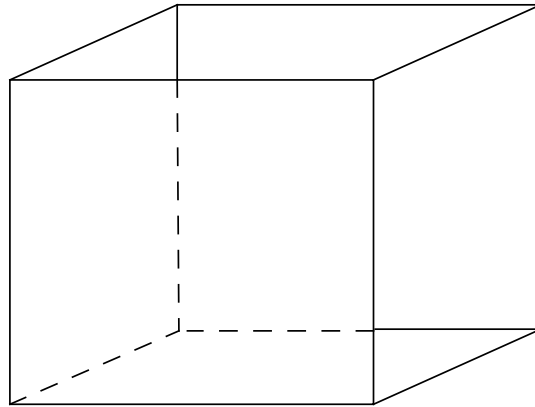


FIG. 5: *Cubic cavity with specified boundary conditions.*

Consider a cubic cavity with sides located at $x = 0, 1$, $y = 0, 1$ and $z = 0, 1$, i.e. the unit cube. The sides at $x = 0, 1$, $y = 0, 1$ are held at a potential $\Phi = 0$. The potentials on the side at $z = 0$ and $z = 1$ are

$$\Phi(x, y, z = 0) = -V_0 \sin(\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \quad , \quad \Phi(x, y, z = 1) = V_0 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \quad ,$$

respectively. [**Notice** that the arguments of the sine-functions on the two surfaces are **not** the same.]

(a) [12 points] Find the potential everywhere inside the cube.

(b) [3 points] What are the maximum and minimum values of the potential and where are they located?

6. [15 Total Points] (Conductor and Dielectric)

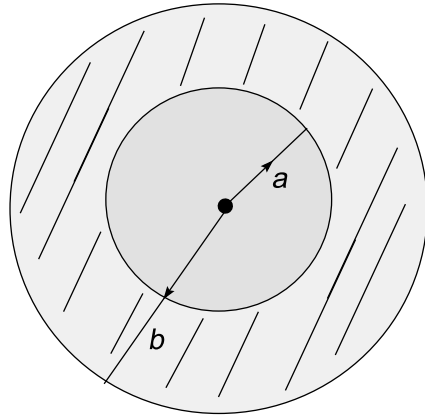


FIG. 6: *Cubic cavity with specified boundary conditions.*

An isolated conducting sphere of radius a is at the center of a dielectric spherical shell of inner radius a and outer radius b , with dielectric constant

$$\epsilon(\theta) = \epsilon_A + \epsilon_B \cos^2 \theta \quad ,$$

with respect to the z -axis. A charge Q is placed on the conducting sphere.

- (a) [3 points] Why does the angular component of the electric displacement vanish everywhere?
- (b) [5 points] Find the electric field, electric displacement and polarization everywhere.
- (c) [3 points] What is the surface density of free-charge, and the total surface charge density?
- (d) [4 points] What is the capacitance of this system?

