

## 1. Problem 9.2

Let the initial position of the positive charges be  $(\pm a/\sqrt{2}, 0)$  and that of the negative charges be  $(0, \pm a/\sqrt{2})$ . The charges and their time-dependent positions are

$$\begin{aligned} +q : & \quad \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos \omega t, \sin \omega t, 0) \\ +q : & \quad \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (-\cos \omega t, -\sin \omega t, 0) \\ -q : & \quad \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (-\sin \omega t, \cos \omega t, 0) \\ -q : & \quad \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin \omega t, -\cos \omega t, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The quadrupole components can be calculated from

$$Q_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i q_i (3x_{i\alpha}x_{i\beta} - r^2\delta_{\alpha\beta}) \quad (2)$$

Apparently  $Q_{\alpha 3} = Q_{3\beta} = 0$ . Explicit calculation produces

$$Q_{11} = 3qa^2(\cos^2 \omega t - \sin^2 \omega t) = 3qa^2 \cos 2\omega t \quad (3)$$

$$Q_{12} = Q_{21} = 3qa^2(\cos \omega t \sin \omega t + \sin \omega t \cos \omega t) = 3qa^2 \sin 2\omega t \quad (4)$$

$$Q_{22} = 3qa^2(\sin^2 \omega t - \cos^2 \omega t) = -3qa^2 \cos 2\omega t \quad (5)$$

In complex convention, these components are

$$Q_{11} = 3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} = -Q_{22} \quad Q_{12} = Q_{21} = i3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} \quad (6)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n}) = 3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ i & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = 3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ i \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n}) = 3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ i \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3qa^2 e^{-i2\omega t} \begin{bmatrix} -i \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} \\ i \sin^2 \theta e^{i2\phi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

and by (9.44), in the long wavelength approximation and in the far zone,

$$\mathbf{H} = -\frac{ick^3}{24\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n}) = -\frac{ick^3 qa^2}{8\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} (-\hat{\mathbf{x}} i \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} i \sin^2 \theta e^{i2\phi}) e^{-i2\omega t} \quad (9)$$

while the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  is related to  $\mathbf{H}$  via

$$\mathbf{E} = Z_0 \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{n} \quad (10)$$

It should be noted that in this configuration, all of electric monopole, dipole and magnetization vanish, so the electric quadrupole accounts for the lowest order of field.

With (9.46)

$$|[\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n})] \times \mathbf{n}|^2 = \mathbf{Q}^* \cdot \mathbf{Q} - |\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{Q}|^2 = 9q^2 a^4 (2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin^4 \theta) = 9q^2 a^4 (1 - \cos^4 \theta) \quad (11)$$

then the angular distribution of power is given by (9.45)

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{c^2 Z_0}{1152\pi^2} k^6 |[\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n})] \times \mathbf{n}|^2 = \frac{c^2 Z_0}{128\pi^2} k^6 q^2 a^4 (1 - \cos^4 \theta) = \frac{Z_0 \omega^6}{2\pi^2 c^4} q^2 a^4 (1 - \cos^4 \theta) \quad (12)$$

where we should take care to note  $k = 2\omega/c$  since the quadrupole is radiating at  $2\omega$  frequency.

The total power of radiation is given by (9.49)

$$P = \frac{c^2 Z_0 k^6}{1440\pi} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |Q_{\alpha\beta}|^2 = \frac{8Z_0 \omega^6}{5\pi c^4} q^2 a^4 \quad (13)$$

## 2. Problem 9.3

If the potential does not change with time, this configuration is the electrostatic example discussed in section 3.3, in particular, the static potential is given by (3.36)

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = V \left[ \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 P_1(\cos \theta) - \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^4 P_3(\cos \theta) + \frac{11}{16} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^6 P_5(\cos \theta) + \dots \right] \quad \text{for } r > R \quad (14)$$

These three terms correspond to the contributions from the  $l = 1, 3, 5$  multipole moments.

The radiation is thus dominated by the dipole contribution  $l = 1$ .

Comparing the dipole potential (1.24)

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|^3} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{p \cos \theta}{r^2} \quad (15)$$

with the dipole contribution of (14) gives the equivalent dipole

$$p = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2 \cdot V \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{p} = 6\pi\epsilon_0 V R^2 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (16)$$

Then we can use (9.19) to calculate the dominating dipole contribution of the radiation fields

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{ck^2}{4\pi} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} = -\frac{3\epsilon_0 ck^2 V R^2}{2} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = Z_0 \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{n} = -\frac{3k^2 V R^2}{2} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad (18)$$

where the time dependency  $e^{-i\omega t}$  is understood.

The angular distribution of power by (9.22) is

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{c^2 Z_0}{32\pi^2} k^4 |(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \times \mathbf{n}|^2 = \frac{c^2 Z_0}{32\pi^2} k^4 p^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{9}{8} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} k^4 V^2 R^4 \sin^2 \theta \quad (19)$$

The total power is given by (9.24)

$$P = \frac{c^2 Z_0 k^4}{12\pi} |\mathbf{p}|^2 = 3\pi \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} k^4 V^2 R^4 \quad (20)$$

It is clear from (14) that the next order of electric moment is  $l = 3$ , i.e., there is no contribution from electric quadrupoles. The only remaining  $l < 3$  contribution is the magnetization  $\mathbf{m}$ . The following calculation shows it also vanishes.

Indeed, the surface charge is

$$\sigma = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi \Big|_{r=R} = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{n} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right) \Big|_{r=R} = \frac{3\epsilon_0 V}{R} \cos \theta \quad (21)$$

Then by charge continuity, the surface current density  $\mathbf{K} = K \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  satisfies

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} - i\omega \sigma = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial (K \sin \theta)}{\partial \theta} = i\omega \cdot \frac{3\epsilon_0 V}{R} \cos \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{K} = \frac{i3\omega\epsilon_0 V \sin \theta}{2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad (22)$$

which gives the magnetization

$$\mathbf{m} \propto \int \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{K} da \propto \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} d\phi = \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) d\phi = 0 \quad (23)$$