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### EEE220 Electric and Magnetic Fields

Answer **THREE** questions. **No marks will be awarded for solutions to a fourth question.** Solutions will be considered in the order that they are presented in the answer book. Trial answers will be ignored if they are clearly crossed out. **The numbers given after each section of a question indicate the relative weighting of that section.**

1. a. Using Gauss' law, show that the electric field resulting from an infinite plane sheet carrying a charge  $q_s$  per unit area has a magnitude

$$E = \frac{q_s}{2\epsilon_0} \text{ V/m, and is directed away from the sheet.} \quad (5)$$

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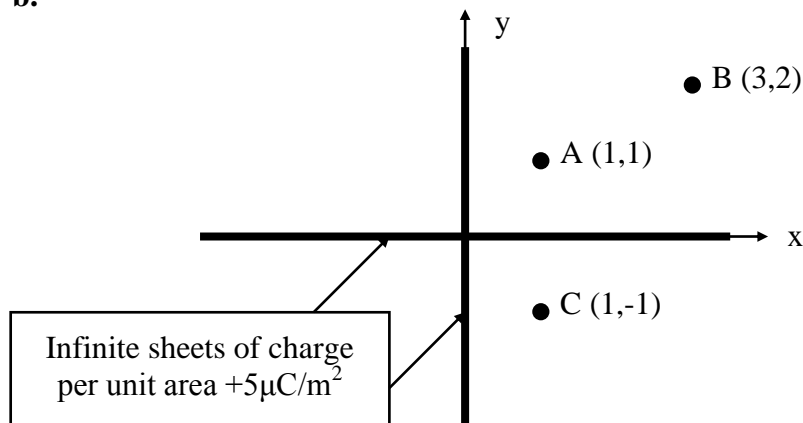


Figure 1

Two such infinite plane sheets with  $q_s = 5\mu\text{C/m}^2$  are placed perpendicular to each other in the planes  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , as shown in Figure 1. Calculate the x- and y-components of the electric fields at the points A, B, and C. (6)

- c. Redraw the above diagram, sketching in electric field lines and surfaces of equi-potential. (3)
- d. Calculate the potential difference between points A and B. (6)

2. a.

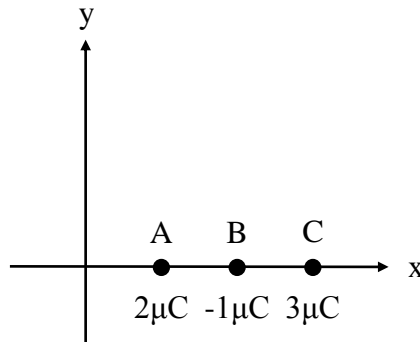


Figure 2a

- i. Three point charges are placed at coordinates  $(1,0,0)$ ,  $(2,0,0)$ , and  $(3,0,0)$  as shown in Figure 2a, where the unit of length is 1m. Calculate the force exerted on charge B due to charges A and C. (5)
- ii. Rearrange the charges (by swapping their positions) to produce the largest magnitude of electric field at the origin. What is the magnitude and direction of this field? (5)

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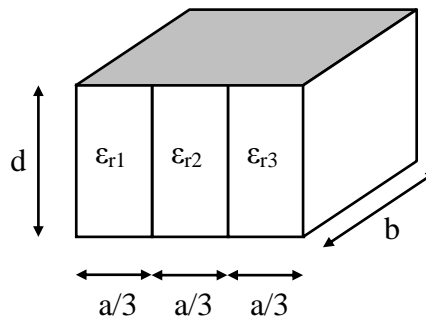


Figure 2b

- i. A parallel plate capacitor consists of two rectangular plates of area  $a \times b$  separated by a distance  $d$  and contains three materials with different dielectric constants,  $\epsilon_{r1}$ ,  $\epsilon_{r2}$ ,  $\epsilon_{r3}$ , as shown in the figure 2b. Ignoring fringing fields, derive an expression for the total capacitance of this arrangement. (6)
- ii. If the capacitor is charged to 12V, calculate the energy stored in the capacitor when  $a = 0.01\text{m}$ ,  $b = 0.005\text{m}$ ,  $d = 0.002\text{m}$ ,  $\epsilon_{r1} = 4$ ,  $\epsilon_{r2} = 5.5$ ,  $\epsilon_{r3} = 3$ . (4)

3. a. With reference to the movement of charge carriers, show that the force experienced by a conductor carrying a current  $I$ , placed in a magnetic field with flux density  $\underline{B}$  is given by the expression:-

$$\underline{F} = I \oint d\mathbf{l} \times \underline{B}$$

You should define any quantities used in your derivation, and state any assumptions made.

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- b. Figure 3 shows a wire, current carrying loop of length  $L$  and width  $a$  which is placed in a magnetic field  $B$ .

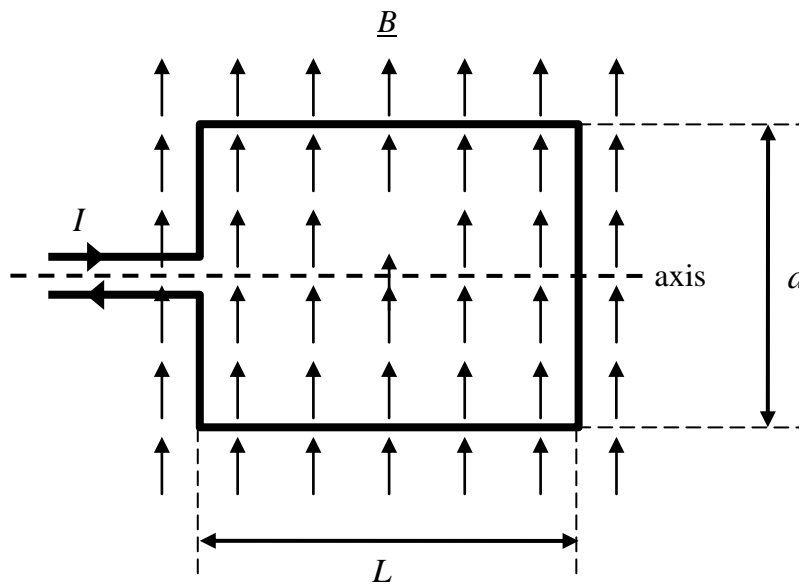


Figure 3

- i. Assuming  $a = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $L = 5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $B = 0.5 \text{ T}$ , and  $I = 100 \text{ mA}$ , calculate the force on each of the top, bottom, and right hand sides of the loop. State the direction of the force in each case.

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- ii. Derive an expression for the torque on the loop as a function of  $\theta$ , where  $\theta$  describes the rotation angle the loop about the axis. When  $\theta = 0$  the plane of the loop is parallel with the field, as shown in the Figure 3. Sketch a graph of this torque for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$

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- iii. With reference to the graph, describe two problems which would prevent continuous rotation. Suggest modifications which would overcome these problems.

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4. a.

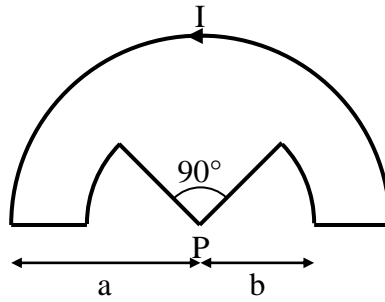


Figure 4a

Figure 4a shows a loop circuit consisting of circular arcs and straight radial lines. The arcs have a common centre, P and radii  $a$  and  $b$ . The circuit carries a current  $I$  in the direction shown. Use the Biot-Savart rule to find an expression for the B-field at the point P.

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b.

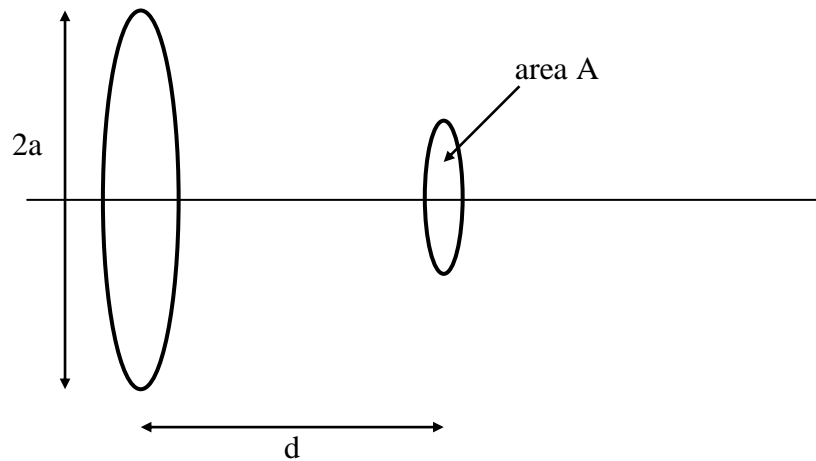


Figure 4b

Figure 4b shows two circular loops of wire positioned a distance  $d$  apart. The loop on the left has  $N$  turns of radius  $a$ . The smaller loop on the right has only one turn of area  $A$ . Assuming the loops are parallel and that  $A \ll d^2$ , deduce an expression for the mutual inductance between the two loops. Evaluate this inductance for  $a = 0.2\text{m}$ ,  $N = 150$ ,  $d = 0.1\text{m}$  and  $A = 10^{-4}\text{m}^2$ .

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