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**ENERGY CONVERSION**

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Time allowed: 2:00 hours

THREE

There are ~~TWO~~ questions on this paper.

Answer All questions.

Q1 carries 40% of the marks. Questions 2 and 3 carry equal marks (30% each).

Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.

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## ENERGY CONVERSION

1. A uniformly charged slab has thickness  $a$  and is infinitely large in the other two directions. The volume charge density is  $\rho$ , see Figure 1.1.



Figure 1.1

- a) What properties of the electric field can be deduced using symmetry considerations? Plot the electric field lines *outside* the slab. [ 5 ]
- b) Find the electric field inside and outside the slab. Plot the variation of the field with the distance from the middle of the slab. [ 15 ]
- c) Derive and analyse an expression for the voltage  $U_{AB}$  between point A and point B as shown in Figure 1.2. Point A is outside the slab, at a distance  $a$  from its surface. Point B is in the middle of the slab. The vertical distance between points A and B is  $a$ . [ 20 ]

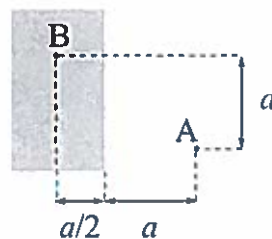


Figure 1.2

2. An infinitely long, thin, and straight conducting wire carries a dc current  $I$ .
  - a) Using Biot-Savart's law and symmetry considerations, discuss the form and the direction of the magnetic field lines. Sketch the field lines. [ 5 ]
  - b) Using Ampere's law, find the magnetic flux density  $B$  created by the current [ 10 ]
  - c) Using the Biot-Savart law, find the magnetic flux density  $B$  created by the current, i.e. derive the same result as in b). [ 15 ]

3. Figure 3.1 shows an equivalent circuit of an ideal transformer. The primary and the secondary coils have  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  turns, respectively.

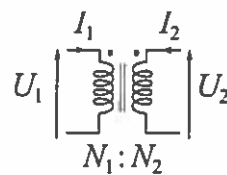


Figure 3.1

- a) What simplifying assumptions are made about the flux and the magnetic field strength in the core of an ideal transformer? [ 5 ]
- b) Derive the relationships between the voltages,  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ , and the currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  of the ideal transformer of Figure 3.1 [ 10 ]
- c) Figure 3.2 shows an equivalent circuit of a real transformer. Briefly explain the physical meaning of the components  $R_t$ ,  $X_t$ ,  $R_i$ , and  $X_m$  and the reasons why they are connected in series and in parallel with the transformer coil. [ 15 ]

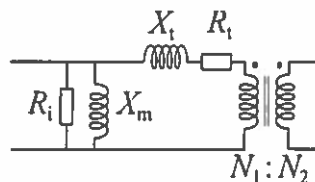


Figure 3.2



# Formula sheet

Maxwell's equations in integral form

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_l (\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}) &= -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) \\ \oint_l (\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}) &= \int_S (\mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) + \frac{d}{dt} \int_S (\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) \\ \oint_S (\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) &= \int_V \rho dV \\ \oint_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Gauss's law for electric fields in differential form, Cartesian coordinates

$$\epsilon_0 \left( \frac{\partial E_x(x, y, z)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y(x, y, z)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z(x, y, z)}{\partial z} \right) = \rho(x, y, z)$$

Gauss's law for electric fields in differential form, centrosymmetric distributions, spherical coordinates

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 E(r)) = \frac{\rho(r)}{\epsilon_0}$$

Electric flux density and field strength:  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_d \mathbf{E}$ . Magnetic flux density and field strength:  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \mathbf{H}$ .

Coulomb's law

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_d r^3} \mathbf{r}$$

The Biot-Savart law

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{[d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{r}]}{r^3}$$

Voltage, potential

$$U_{AB} = \varphi(A) - \varphi(B) = \int_A^B (\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l})$$

Electrostatic energy

$$W = \frac{1}{8\pi \epsilon_0} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

Capacitance:  $C = q/U$ . Inductance:  $L = \Phi/I$ . Force on a charge in electric field:  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$ ; in magnetic field:  $\mathbf{F} = q[\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}]$ .

Rotating machines. Torque, definition (force perpendicular to arm):  $T = Fa$ . Torque for a motor with  $N$  coils:  $T = K\Phi I$ , where  $K = 2N/\pi$ . Back-emf:  $e = K\Phi\omega$ .

Useful integrals

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} = \ln(x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}) \quad \int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \quad \int \frac{x dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$

