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**ENERGY CONVERSION**

Wednesday, 13 June 10:00 am

Time allowed: 2:00 hours

There are **THREE** questions on this paper.

**Answer All questions.**

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

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# Formula sheet

Maxwell's equations in integral form

$$\oint_l (\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}) = \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S})$$

$$\oint_l (\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}) = \iint_S (\mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) + \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S (\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S})$$

$$\oiint_S (\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) = \iiint_V \rho dV$$

$$\oiint_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}) = 0$$

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

$$\frac{\partial D_x(x, y, z)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y(x, y, z)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z(x, y, z)}{\partial z} = \rho(x, y, z)$$

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

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

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

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

## ENERGY CONVERSION

1. a) For a positive point charge, sketch electric field lines and equipotential lines, briefly explaining the relationship between the two. [ 5 ]
- b) A charge distribution has the form of a full circle of a radius  $R$ . The linear charge density varies as  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \theta$ , where  $\lambda_0$  is a constant, and the angle  $\theta$  is defined in Figure 1.1. Find the total charge of the distribution. [ 5 ]

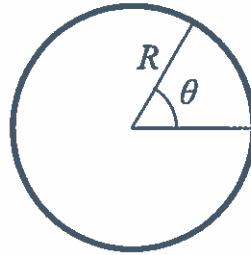


Figure 1.1

- c) How does the capacitance of a capacitor depend on its charge? Briefly justify your answer. [ 5 ]
- d) Discuss how charging a capacitor increases the energy it stores. Assuming a capacitance  $C$  and a capacitor voltage  $U$ , express the energy stored in terms of (i) the voltage and the capacitance; and (ii) the charge and the capacitance. [ 10 ]
- e) Three equal positive point charges  $q$  are placed at the corners of an equilateral triangle with the length of a side equal to  $l$ . Find the electrostatic energy of the charge distribution. [ 7 ]
- f) List the usual assumptions for perfect conductors and use them to show that the electric field inside a perfect conductor is zero. [ 8 ]
2. a) An ion of a charge  $q$  and a mass  $m$  enters, with a zero velocity, a region with a homogeneous dc electric field of a strength  $E$ . This region is kept in vacuum. Find the velocity of the ion after it travels a distance  $L$ . [ 10 ]
- b) The capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor is given by  $C = \epsilon_0 S/d$ , where  $S$  is the area of the plates and  $d$  is the distance between them. Suggest two methods for using the capacitor as a sensor of mechanical displacements. [ 10 ]
- c) Plot the normal magnetisation curve (from zero initial magnetisation to saturation) of a ferromagnet on a  $BH$ -diagram and explain briefly the main features of the curve. [ 10 ]

3. a) A dc current is distributed in space with the surface current density  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$ . Derive a mathematical expression that shows that the current is conserved. [ 15 ]
- b) Three infinitely long thin conductors are arranged as shown in Figure 3.1. All conductors are in the same plane. The angle between conductor 2 and 3 is  $90^\circ$ . The angle between conductors 1 and 2 is equal to the angle between conductors 1 and 3. Conductor 1 is carrying a current equal to  $I$ ; conductors 2 and 3 are both carrying currents equal to  $I/2$ . The currents in all conductors are flowing from bottom to top. Point P lies vertically above point O, in the same plane as the conductors. The length of OP is  $d$ . Find the magnetic flux density  $B$  at point P. [ 15 ]

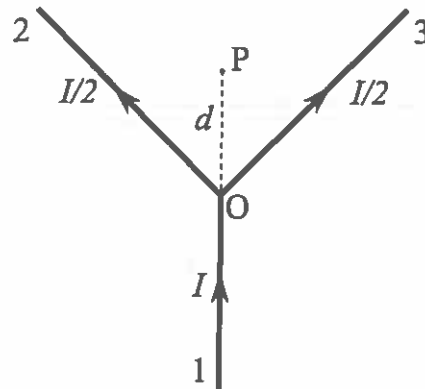


Figure 3.1

