E & M Qualifier

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   (b) the second number is the page number for **that** problem (start each problem with page number 1),
   (c) the third number is the total number of pages you used to answer **that** problem,
7. **DO NOT** staple your exam when done.

1. (a) [2 pts] Write down all four of Maxwell's equations in differential form for the four fields $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{D}$, and $\mathbf{B}$. Which two are homogeneous equations and which two are non-homogeneous equations? Which one is called Faraday's law of induction, which one is called Ampère's law, and which one is equivalent to Gauss's law?

   (b) [1 pts] Maxwell's equations simplify for fields defined in static, nonconducting, homogeneous, isotropic, and linear materials. Eliminate $\mathbf{H}$ and $\mathbf{D}$ from two of the four equations and simplify these two equations by assuming $\mathbf{B} = \mu\mathbf{H}$, and $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon\mathbf{E}$, where the permittivity ϵ and permeability μ are both real positive constants. (Do not assume the free charge density or the free current density vanishes.)

   (c) [2 pts] Using your Maxwell equations from part (a) explain exactly why $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ can be replaced by potentials ϕ and $\mathbf{A}$. What freedom (non-uniqueness) exists in ϕ and $\mathbf{A}$ for a given pair of fields $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$?

   (d) [2 pts] Replace $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ by ϕ and $\mathbf{A}$ in your four Maxwell equations of part (b) and explain how it is possible to solve them for ϕ and $\mathbf{A}$ if these quantities are not unique?

   (e) [3 pts]Given charge and current densities $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ bounded in space (i.e., contained entirely in $r < R$) and static before some early time $t = t_0$, simplify your Maxwell equations from part (d) by using the Coulomb ($\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$) gauge constraint. Give the retarded solution for ϕ and $\mathbf{A}$ to your Maxwell equations as 3-d spatial integrals.

2. Consider a capacitor composed of two thin concentric spherical metal shells, the inner one with radius a and the outer one with radius b. The region between the spherical metal shells is filled with a linear dielectric with permittivity $\epsilon = k/r^2$. A charge $+Q$ exists on the inner metallic shell and $-Q$ on the outer metallic shell.

   (a) [2 pts] Find the electric displacement $\mathbf{D}$ everywhere in space.

   (b) [3 pts] Find the capacitance of the configuration.

   (c) [5 pts] Calculate the bound charge densities within the dielectric and on its surfaces, and verify that the total net bound charge is zero.

3. In this problem you will construct the 4-dimensional (4-d) electromagnetic stress-energy-momentum tensor from the 4-d electromagnetic field tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$ in **Gaussian** units. Recall that $F^{\mu\nu}$ is antisymmetric ($F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$) and is constructed from components of the electric and magnetic induction fields $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ by choosing

$$F^{0i} = -E^i, \quad F^{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} B^k.$$

Here we use the Einstein convention of summing over repeated indices, where Greek letters run from 0 to 3, while Latin letters run from 1 to 3. The symbol ϵ^{ijk} is the totally anti-symmetric 3-dimensional Levi-Civita symbol and satisfies $\epsilon^{123} = +1$. The time coordinate is given by $x^0 = ct$, where c is the speed of light and the 4-d metric used to raise and lower Greek indices is $g^{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} = \mathrm{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$.

(a) [3 pts] Define the 4-current J^μ and show that in a region containing no polarizable materials ($\epsilon = \mu = 1$) Maxwell equations are written in 4-d form as

$$\partial_\nu F^{\nu\mu} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J^\mu, \quad \partial_\lambda F_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu F_{\nu\lambda} + \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\mu} = 0.$$

(b) [1 pts] From Maxwells equations prove that charge is conserved, i.e., show that

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0.$$

(c) [3 pts] The 4-d stress-energy-momentum tensor is a traceless symmetric second-rank tensor, quadratic in the field strengths defined by

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi}\left[F^{\mu\lambda} F_\lambda{}^\nu - \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\beta\alpha}\right].$$

Show that the 4 parts of $T^{\mu\nu}$ can be identified with the electromagnetic energy density u by $T^{00} = u$, the momentum density $\mathbf{g}$ and the Poynting vector $\mathbf{S}$ by $T^{0i} = T^{i0} = cg^i = S^i/c$, and the 3-d Maxwell stress tensor $\overleftrightarrow{\mathbf{T}}_M$ by $T^{ij} = -T_M^{ij}$. Be sure to give u, $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{S}/c^2$, and $\overleftrightarrow{\mathbf{T}}_M$ as functions of $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$.

(d) [3 pts] Use Maxwell's equations to compute $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}$. Show that $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ in a region where $J^\mu = 0$ and that this one 4-d vector equation is equivalent to the local conservation of electromagnetic energy and momentum in 3-d, i.e., that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = 0,$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \overleftrightarrow{\mathbf{T}}_M.$$

4. A solution of dextrose, which is optically active, is characterized by a polarization vector $\mathbf{P} = \gamma \nabla \times \mathbf{E}$ where γ is a real constant that depends on the concentration of dextrose. The solution is non-conducting ($\mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} = 0$) and non-magnetic ($\mathbf{M} = 0$). Consider a plane electromagnetic wave of angular frequency ω propagating along the $+z$-axis in such a solution.

   (a) [5 pts] Using Maxwell's equations show that left and right circularly polarized waves travel at 2 distinct speeds ($v_\pm$) in this medium. Calculate the indices of refraction $n_\pm = (ck_\pm)/\omega = c/v_\pm$ as a function of ω and γ for left and right circularly polarized waves. Recall that left (+) and right (−) circularly polarized waves are of the form

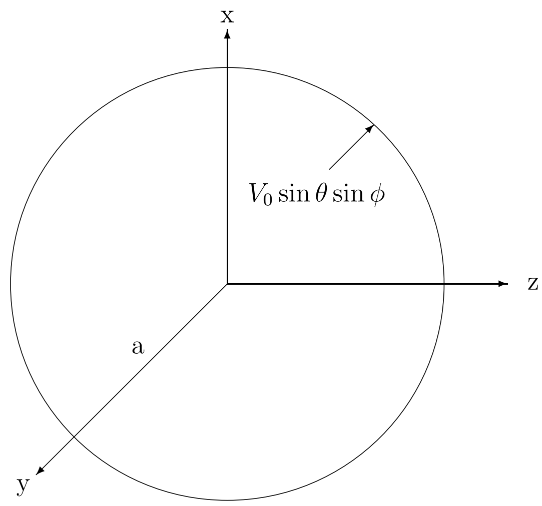
   $$\mathbf{E} = E_0\,(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \pm i\,\hat{\mathbf{y}})\,e^{i(kz-\omega t)}$$

   (b) [5 pts] Suppose linearly polarized light is incident on the dextrose solution. After traveling a distance L through the solution, the light is still linearly polarized but its direction of polarization rotated by an angle $\Delta\phi$. Calculate $\Delta\phi$ in terms of L, γ, and ω. Hint: Write $k_\pm = \overline{k} \pm \Delta k$ where

   $$\overline{k} \equiv \frac{k_+ + k_-}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta k \equiv \frac{k_+ - k_-}{2}.$$

   Also recall that the amplitude of a wave linearly polarized at an angle ϕ relative to the x-direction can be written as a combination of circularly polarized amplitudes as

   $$(\cos\phi\;\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\phi\;\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = e^{i\phi}\left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} - i\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{2}\right) + e^{-i\phi}\left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + i\,\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{2}\right).$$



5. Assume that in spherical polar coordinates (r, θ, ϕ), the potential on the surface of a sphere of radius a, centered on the origin, is known to be $V(\theta, \phi)$.

   (a) [2 pts] If the space inside the sphere is empty give an expression for the potential $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$ everywhere inside as an expansion in spherical harmonics with arbitrary constants. If you knew the potential $V(\theta, \phi)$ on the surface how would you evaluate the constants in your expansion?

   (b) [2 pts] If the space outside the sphere is empty give an expression for the potential $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$ everywhere outside as an expansion in spherical harmonics with arbitrary constants. If you knew the potential $V(\theta, \phi)$ on the surface how would you evaluate the constants in your expansion?

   (c) [6 pts] If $V(\theta, \phi) = V_0 \sin\theta \sin\phi$ give exact expressions for $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$ inside and outside the sphere.

   The spherical harmonics are ortho-normal on the sphere and for $\ell = 1$

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\begin{aligned}
Y_1^{-1}(\theta, \phi) &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{-i\phi}, \\
Y_1^{0}(\theta, \phi) &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta, \\
Y_1^{1}(\theta, \phi) &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{i\phi}.
\end{aligned}
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6. In this problem you are to describe properties of waves penetrating into conductors. If the conductor is static, homogeneous, isotropic, linear, and ohmic, you can replace $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{H}$, and $\mathbf{J}$ in Maxwell's equations using

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}, \ \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \ \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E},$$

where ϵ, μ, and σ are real positive constants. For simplicity you can also assume the wave is a harmonic plane wave propagating in the z-direction, e.g., its electric field and magnetic induction are of the form

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}},$$

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

(a) [4 pts] Use Maxwell's equations to relate k to ω. Explain what the imaginary part of $k = k_{Re} + ik_{Im}$ does to the amplitude of the wave.

(b) [3 pts] Use Maxwell's equations to relate B_0 to E_0. Explain what the phase of $k = |k|e^{i\phi}$ does to the phase of $\mathbf{B}$ as compared to the phase of $\mathbf{E}$.

(c) [3 pts] If the conductor is a "good" conductor, i.e., if for low frequencies, $\epsilon \ll \sigma/\omega$, what does k simplify to, what is the attenuation distance (skin depth) of the wave, and what is the phase delay of the magnetic induction $\mathbf{B}$ relative to the electric field $\mathbf{E}$?