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FORMULA SHEET FOR QUIZ 1

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Index Notation:

Unit Vectors: $\hat{x} \equiv \hat{i} \equiv \hat{e}_1$, $\hat{y} \equiv \hat{j} \equiv \hat{e}_2$, $\hat{z} \equiv \hat{k} \equiv \hat{e}_3$, $\vec{A} \equiv A_i \hat{e}_i$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_i B_i , \quad \vec{A} \times \vec{B}_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k , \quad \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{pqk} = \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}$$

$$\det A = \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} A_{1, i_1} A_{2, i_2} \dots A_{n, i_n} \quad ***$$

Rotation of a Vector:

$$A'_i = R_{ij} A_j , \quad \text{Orthogonality: } R_{ij} R_{ik} = \delta_{jk} \quad (R^T T = I)$$

$$\text{Rotation about } z\text{-axis by } \phi: R_z(\phi)_{ij} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} j=1 & j=2 & j=3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} i=1 \\ i=2 \\ i=3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Rotation about axis \hat{n} by ϕ : ***

$$R(\hat{n}, \phi)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \cos \phi + \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j (1 - \cos \phi) - \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{n}_k \sin \phi .$$

Vector Calculus:

$$\text{Gradient: } (\vec{\nabla} \varphi)_i = \partial_i \varphi = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \hat{z} , \quad \partial_i \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\text{Divergence: } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} \equiv \partial_i A_i = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{Curl: } (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{x} + \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{y} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{z}$$

$$\text{Laplacian: } \nabla^2 \varphi = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \varphi) = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2}$$

Fundamental Theorems of Vector Calculus:

Gradient:
$$\int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{\nabla} \varphi \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \varphi(\vec{b}) - \varphi(\vec{a})$$

Divergence:
$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} d^3x = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

 where S is the boundary of \mathcal{V}

Curl:
$$\int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_P \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

 where P is the boundary of S

Vector Identities:

Triple Products:

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

Product Rules:

$$\vec{\nabla}(fg) = f\vec{\nabla}g + g\vec{\nabla}f$$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f\vec{A}) = f\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}f$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (f\vec{A}) = f\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} - \vec{A} \times \vec{\nabla}f$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} + \vec{A}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$$

Second Derivatives:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} f) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

Spherical Coordinates:

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} + \cos \theta \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} - \sin \theta \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{x} + \cos \phi \hat{y}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} / z \right)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} (y/x)$$

$$\hat{x} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{r} + \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\theta} - \sin \phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$\hat{y} = \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{r} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\theta} + \cos \phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$\hat{z} = \cos \theta \hat{r} - \sin \theta \hat{\theta}$$

Point separation: $d\vec{\ell} = dr \hat{r} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{\phi}$

Volume element: $d^3x \rightarrow r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

Gradient: $\vec{\nabla} \varphi = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi}$

Divergence: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$

Curl:
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = & \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\phi) - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{r} \\ & + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) \right] \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \phi^2}$

Cylindrical Coordinates:

$x = s \cos \phi$ $s = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

$y = s \sin \phi$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$

$z = z$ $z = z$

$\hat{s} = \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \phi \hat{y}$ $\hat{x} = \cos \phi \hat{s} - \sin \phi \hat{\phi}$

$\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{x} + \cos \phi \hat{y}$ $\hat{y} = \sin \phi \hat{s} + \cos \phi \hat{\phi}$

$\hat{z} = \hat{z}$ $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$

Point separation: $d\vec{\ell} = ds \hat{s} + s d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z}$

Volume element: $d^3x \rightarrow s ds d\phi dz$

Gradient: $\vec{\nabla} \varphi = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

Divergence: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s A_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$

Curl:
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = & \left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \right] \hat{s} + \left[\frac{\partial A_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial s} \right] \hat{\phi} \\ & + \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s A_\phi) - \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(s \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2}$

Delta Functions:

$$\int \varphi(x) \delta(x - x') dx = \varphi(x'), \quad \int \varphi(\vec{r}) \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d^3x = \varphi(\vec{r}')$$

$$\int \varphi(x) \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x - x') dx = - \left. \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \right|_{x=x'}$$

$$\delta(g(x)) = \sum_i \frac{\delta(x - x_i)}{|g'(x_i)|}, \quad \text{where } i \text{ is summed over all points for which } g(x_i) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \right) = -4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

Electrostatics:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}, \text{ where}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') q_i}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \rho(\vec{r}') d^3x'$$

$$\epsilon_0 = \text{permittivity of free space} = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/(\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

$$V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r}_0) - \int_{\vec{r}_0}^{\vec{r}} \vec{E}(\vec{r}') \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3x'$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0, \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{Poisson's Eq.}), \quad \rho = 0 \implies \nabla^2 V = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace's Eq.})$$

Laplacian Mean Value Theorem (no generally accepted name): If $\nabla^2 V = 0$, then the average value of V on a spherical surface equals its value at the center.

Energy:

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\substack{ij \\ i \neq j}} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x d^3x' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \rho(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \int |\vec{E}|^2 d^3x$$

Conductors:

$$\text{Just outside, } \vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$$

$$\text{Pressure on surface: } \frac{1}{2} \sigma |\vec{E}|_{\text{outside}}$$

$$\text{Two-conductor system with charges } Q \text{ and } -Q: Q = CV, W = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

N isolated conductors:

$$V_i = \sum_j P_{ij} Q_j, \quad P_{ij} = \text{elastance matrix, or reciprocal capacitance matrix}$$

$$Q_i = \sum_j C_{ij} V_j, \quad C_{ij} = \text{capacitance matrix}$$

Image charge in sphere of radius a : Image of Q at R is $q = -\frac{a}{R}Q$, $r = \frac{a^2}{R}$

Separation of Variables for Laplace's Equation in Cartesian Coordinates:

Seek solution to $\nabla^2 V = 0$ of the form

$$V(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z),$$

where

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = C_1, \quad \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = C_2, \quad \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = C_3,$$

and $C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 0$.

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = C X \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} X \propto e^{\pm\sqrt{C}x} \text{ or } X \propto \begin{cases} \sinh(\sqrt{C}x) \\ \cosh(\sqrt{C}x) \end{cases} & \text{if } C > 0 \\ X \propto e^{\pm i\sqrt{-C}x} \text{ or } X \propto \begin{cases} \sin(\sqrt{-C}x) \\ \cos(\sqrt{-C}x) \end{cases} & \text{if } C < 0 \\ X \propto A + Bx & \text{if } C = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^a \sin \frac{n'\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{1}{2} a \delta_{n'n}$$