

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

PC4242: Electrodynamics

(Semester II: AY 2014-15)

Time allowed: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. Please write your student number only. **Do not write your name.**
2. This assessment paper contains **TWO** questions and comprises **THREE** printed pages.
3. Students are required to answer all **TWO** questions.
4. Students should write the answers for each question on a new page.
5. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.
6. Some useful formulas are provided on Page 2.
7. The use of **electronic equipment** of any kind is **not permitted**.

Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 4\pi\rho \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\
\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} \\
\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} &= 0 \\
\mathbf{E} &= -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{A} - \nabla \phi \\
\mathbf{B} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \\
\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= 0 \\
\mathbf{f} &= \rho \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \\
\begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ \mathbf{x}' \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma \frac{\mathbf{v}^T}{c} \\ \gamma \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} & 1 + (\gamma - 1) \frac{\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T}{v^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \\
\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{c} A_\mu J^\mu - \frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\
\frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^3} \left| \mathbf{n} \times \int d^3x' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t_r) \right|^2 \\
P &= \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \\
\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{x}', t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c) \\
\frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{1}{4\pi c^3} \left| \mathbf{n} \times \left[\ddot{\mathbf{d}}(t_e) - \mathbf{n} \times \ddot{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(t_e) + \frac{1}{6c} \ddot{\mathbf{Q}}(t_e) \cdot \mathbf{n} \right] \right|^2 \\
\frac{dP(\omega, T)}{d\Omega} &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2 c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} [\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{J}^*(\mathbf{k}, T + \frac{1}{2}\tau)] \cdot [\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k}, T - \frac{1}{2}\tau)] \\
E_x(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{E_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} ik \cos \theta \int_{\text{apertures}} d^2x'_\perp e^{-ik\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'_\perp} \\
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}(\mathbf{x}) + ik \left(1 + \frac{\nabla \nabla}{k^2} \right) \cdot \int d^2x'_\perp \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_\perp|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_\perp|} \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}'_\perp)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{d}(t) &= \int d^3x \mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \\
\boldsymbol{\mu}(t) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3x \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\
\mathbf{Q}(t) &= \int d^3x (3\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x} - 1x^2) \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \\
f(t) &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} f(\omega) \\
f(\omega) &= \int dt e^{i\omega t} f(t) \\
f(\mathbf{x}) &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{k}) \\
f(\mathbf{k}) &= \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \\
\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \\
\frac{d\mathcal{E}(\omega)}{d\Omega} &= \frac{\omega^2}{4\pi^2 c^3} |\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)|^2 \\
\frac{d\sigma_{\text{Th}}}{d\Omega} &= \frac{e^4}{(mc^2)^2} \frac{|\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}|^2}{|\mathbf{E}|^2} \\
\sigma_{\text{Ray}} &= \sigma_{\text{Th}} \frac{\omega^4}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + (\gamma\omega)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

- 1: The tensor $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}$ is a four-dimensional extension of the Levi-Civita symbol. It is totally antisymmetric in its indices, and $\epsilon^{0123} = +1$. Define the dual field of the electromagnetic tensor \tilde{F} as

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}F_{\rho\lambda},$$

where $F_{\rho\lambda} = \partial_\rho A_\lambda - \partial_\lambda A_\rho$ is the normal electromagnetic tensor.

- (a) Show that \tilde{F} satisfies

$$\partial_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

[10 marks]

- (b) Find all the components of $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ in terms of the **E** and **B**.

[10 marks]

- 2: An antenna model has the current density

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{e}_z I \cos(\omega t) \delta(x) \delta(y) \cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{L}\right) \eta(L^2 - 4z^2),$$

where $\eta(x)$ is the Heaviside step function.

- (a) Find the angular distribution of the radiated power, averaged over one period of the oscillation.

[15 marks]

- (b) Simplify your result in (a) for a so-called “half-wave antenna,” specified by $L = \frac{1}{2}\lambda$.

[5 marks]

- (c) Two half-wave antennas are parallel to the z axis at a distance $a > 0$, with their centers at $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}a$, so that the electric current density is given by $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{J}_+(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{J}_-(\mathbf{x}, t)$ with

$$\mathbf{J}_\pm(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{e}_z I \cos\left(\omega t \mp \frac{1}{2}\beta\right) \delta\left(x \mp \frac{1}{2}a\right) \delta(y) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi z}{\lambda}\right) \eta(\lambda^2 - 16z^2),$$

where β is the relative phase between the currents in the two antennas. Find the angular distribution of the radiated power, averaged over one period of the oscillation.

[15 marks]

- (d) Determine a and β such that your result in (c) is particularly large in the direction $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{e}_x$ and particularly small in the direction $\mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{e}_x$.

[5 marks]

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