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## ECE259: Electromagnetism

**Term test 2 - Thursday March 15, 2018**

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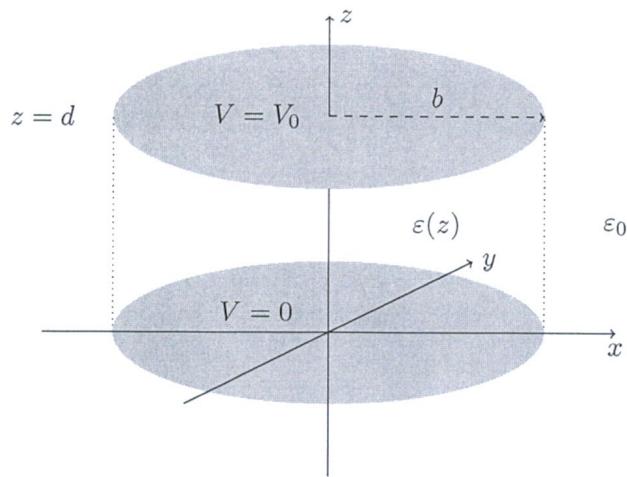
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Section	Day	Time	Room	TA name
TUT0101	Monday	14:00-15:00	BA 3012	Shashwat
TUT0102	Monday	14:00-15:00	RS 310	Gengyu (Paul)
TUT0103	Monday	14:00-15:00	BA 2159	Sameer
TUT0104	Monday	14:00-15:00	BA 3116	Fadime
TUT0105	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	BA 3012	Shashwat
TUT0106	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	WB 144	Gengyu (Paul)
TUT0107	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	BA 2159	Sameer
TUT0108	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	BA 3116	Fadime

### Instructions

- Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (9:10 to 10:40)
- Exam Paper Type: A. Closed book. Only the aid sheet provided at the end of this booklet is permitted.
- Calculator Type: 2. All non-programmable electronic calculators are allowed.
- Answers written in pen are typically eligible for remarking. Answers written in pencil may *not* be eligible for remarking.
- **Only answers that are fully justified will be given full credit!**

Marks:	Q1: /20	Q2: /12	Q3: /8	Q4: /20	TOTAL: /60
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**Question 1**

Consider the structure shown in the figure above. We have two conducting circular disks of radius \$b\$, one in the plane \$z = d\$ and the other in the plane \$z = 0\$. The volume between the disks is filled by a dielectric which is ideal (\$\sigma = 0\$) and inhomogeneous, with permittivity

$$\epsilon(z) = \epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{z}{d}\right)$$

The upper disk is held at potential \$V = V\_0\$ while the lower disk is held at potential \$V = 0\$, and it is known that the volume density of free charge inside the dielectric material is zero.

- (a) Assume that the potential inside the structure is only function of \$z\$, i.e. \$V = V(z)\$. Solve Poisson's equation to prove that \$V(z) = \frac{V\_0}{\ln(2)} \ln\left(\frac{d+z}{d}\right)\$. [8 points]

(b) Find the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  in the dielectric. [4 points]

(c) Find the capacitance  $C$  between the plates. [8 points]

**Question 2**

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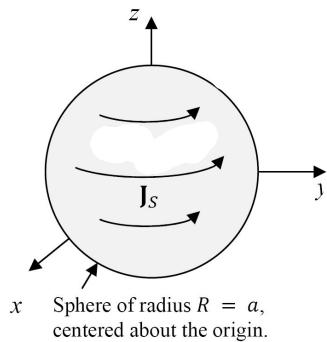
- (a) Determine the expression for resistance of this structure. [6 points]

(b) If  $a = 1.4 \text{ mm}$ ,  $b = 2.1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $V_0 = 15 \text{ V}$ ,  $\epsilon_{r0} = 4.5$ , and  $\sigma_0 = 8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ S/m}$  determine the maximum length possible for this resistor, such that the power dissipated in the resistor is less than  $123 \text{ nW}$ . [4 points]

(c) For the length of the resistor found in part (b), determine the energy dissipated over a 10 minute period. Briefly describe the physical mechanism behind this energy use. [2 points]

**Question 3**

One way to model the movement of the valence electrons around an atom's nucleus is with a current density flowing on the surface of a sphere with radius  $R = a$ . As illustrated, this uniform surface current density can be expressed as  $\mathbf{J}_S = J_0 \mathbf{a}_\varphi$  for  $R = a$ , where  $J_0$  is a constant with units of [A/m]. Determine the magnetic flux density,  $\mathbf{B}$ , at the origin of this sphere, which results from the current distribution  $\mathbf{J}_S$ . You can assume this atom exists in a non-magnetic material (i.e.,  $\mu_r = 1$ ). [8 points]



**Question 4.1**

A parallel-plate capacitor is filled with a dielectric with a relative permittivity of  $\epsilon_r$  and has a plate area of  $S$  and a plate-to-plate spacing of  $d$ . The capacitor is attached to a battery and charged up, such that the plates have charges  $\pm Q$ . This is Case A. The capacitor is left for a long time and then the dielectric piece is removed from the capacitor with the battery still attached. This is Case B. Determine whether each of the following statements are **True** or **False**. Justify each of your answers. You can ignore the effects of fringing fields for this question. [8 points]

- (a) (True / False) The capacitance of Case B is larger than the capacitance of Case A (i.e.,  $C_B > C_A$ ).
- (b) (True / False) The charge on the positively-charged plate is the same in both cases (i.e.,  $Q_A = Q_B$ ).
- (c) (True / False) The magnitude of the electric flux density inside the capacitor for Case A is larger than that for Case B, (i.e.,  $|\mathbf{D}_A| > |\mathbf{D}_B|$ )
- (d) (True / False) The stored energy within the capacitor is larger in Case A than it is in Case B.

**Question 4.2**

Consider a capacitor with a dielectric and constant charge  $Q$  on its plates (i.e., it has been connected to a battery for a long time and then the battery is disconnected before any changes are made). The dielectric is then taken out. After the dielectric is removed, does the stored energy: [4 points]

- (a) Increase. Explain where the additional energy came from.
- (b) Decrease. Explain where the "lost" energy went
- (c) Remain the same. Explain why energy remains the same.

Briefly justify your answer.

**Question 4.3**

A steady current of 5 A is carried from left to right by a 20 cm section of copper cylindrical wire A ( $\sigma_c = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$ ), which has a circular cross-section with radius 1 cm. An aluminum wire B ( $\sigma_a = 3.5 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$ ) with total length 15 cm is connected to the right of wire A, and also has a circular cross-section with radius of 1 cm. The two wires share the same central axis. Which of the following statements is true? You may assume that the current is uniformly distributed in both wires and they are part of a larger circuit that is connected to a source which sustains the steady 5 A current. Recall, that the relative permittivity for both copper and aluminum can be assumed to be one, i.e.,  $\epsilon_r = 1$ . Briefly justify your answer. [4 points]

- (a) The current density,  $J$ , in wire A is different from that in wire B.
- (b) The electric field intensity,  $\mathbf{E}$ , in wire A is the same as it is in wire B.
- (c) The total current,  $I$ , in wire A is different than that in wire B.
- (d) The total resistance of the length of wire A is greater than the total resistance of the length of wire B.
- (e) A positive free charge density exists at the interface of the two wires.
- (f) None of the above statements are true.

**Question 4.4**

Consider an electric dipole that is located along the  $z$ -axis with a dipole moment given by  $\mathbf{p} = Qda_z$  and is centered about the point  $z = d$ . This dipole is placed above an infinitely large perfectly conducting plane that is located in the  $xy$ -plane. Which statement below correctly describes the electric field at the origin? Briefly justify your answer. [4 points]

- (a) The electric field is zero at the origin.
  - (b) The electric field points only in the positive  $z$ -direction at the origin.
  - (c) The electric field points only in the negative  $z$ -direction at the origin.
  - (d) The electric field has  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  components at the origin.
  - (e) More information is needed to know the nature of the electric field at the origin.
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