

11.10 Solution: (a) Let $\epsilon = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$, then

$$\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ 0 & \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \theta \sin \phi & \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

By straightforward calculation, it can be shown that $(\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{S})^3 = -\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{S}$.

Similarly,

$$\epsilon' \cdot \mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos \theta & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

and $(\epsilon' \cdot \mathbf{K})^3 = \epsilon' \cdot \mathbf{K}$.

(b) Using the result from part (a), we can find that, for $n \geq 1$,

$$(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n} = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-3}(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^3 = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-3}(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K}) = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-2} = \dots = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^2,$$

and, for $n \geq 0$,

$$(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n+1} = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-2}(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^3 = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-2}(\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K}) = (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2n-1} = \dots = \hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K},$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-\zeta \hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\zeta)^n}{n!} (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^n \\ &= I + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\zeta)^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\zeta)^{2k}}{(2k)!} (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^{2k} \\ &= I + (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\zeta)^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\zeta)^{2k}}{(2k)!} \\ &= I - (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K}) \sinh \zeta + (\hat{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{K})^2 [\cosh \zeta - 1], \end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$\sinh x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, \quad \cosh x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}.$$