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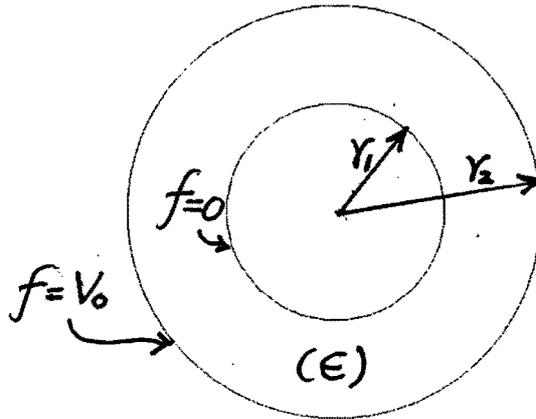
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**P331 Electromagnetic Theory I**

**Question one**

A potential difference  $V_0$  is maintained between two very thin-shelled and co-centred spherical conducting balls of radius  $r_1$  &  $r_2$  as depicted in the diagram below :



- (a) From  $\nabla^2 f(r) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{df(r)}{dr} \right) = 0$ , with boundary conditions of  $f(r=r_1) = 0$  and  $f(r=r_2) = V_0$ , find the specific solution of  $f(r)$  and show that it is  $f(r) = -\frac{V_0 r_1 r_2}{r_2 - r_1} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{V_0 r_2}{r_2 - r_1}$ . (10 marks)
- (b) From  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} f(r)$  find the electric field  $\vec{E}$  established in the space between the given two conducting spheres, i.e.,  $r_1 \leq r \leq r_2$ . (3 marks)
- (c) From  $\rho_s = \epsilon E_n$  find the electric surface charge density  $\rho_s$  on  $r=r_1$  and  $r=r_2$  respectively assuming the space between the two conducting spheres is filled with the dielectric material of electric permittivity  $\epsilon$ . Then find the total charges deposited on both  $r=r_1$  &  $r=r_2$  conducting surfaces and show that they are equal and opposite. (10 marks)
- (d) Find the capacitance of this two-conductor system in terms of  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$  &  $\epsilon$ . (2 marks)

### Question two

- (a) A very long thin conducting wire is situated at z-axis and uniformly charged with line charge density  $\sigma_l$ .
- (i) Use integral Coulomb's Law and choose an appropriate Gaussian surface to deduce that the electric field at a field point outside the given thin conducting wire is
- $$\vec{E} = \vec{e}_\rho \frac{\sigma_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0\rho} \quad \text{where } \rho \text{ is the distance from z-axis and}$$
- $\vec{e}_\rho$  is one of the unit vectors in cylindrical coordinate system (7 marks)
- (ii) Use  $\Phi = - \int_{P_0}^P \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  to find the electric potential at any point  $P : (\rho, \phi, z)$  where  $P_0 : (\rho_0, 0, 0)$  is the zero potential reference point and show that it is
- $$\Phi = \frac{\sigma_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right) \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$
- (b) Two long thin conducting wires are parallel to the z-axis and lie in the  $y=0$  plane, i.e., in the  $x-z$  plane. One is situated at  $x=-b$  and carries  $-\sigma_l$  uniform line charge density and the other is situated at  $x=+b$  and carries  $+\sigma_l$  uniform line charge density, as shown in the Figure.1 (on  $y=0$  plane) and Figure.2 (on  $z=0$  plane) below :

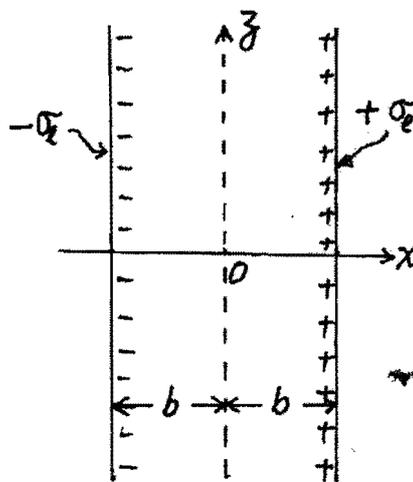


Figure 1  $y=0$  plane

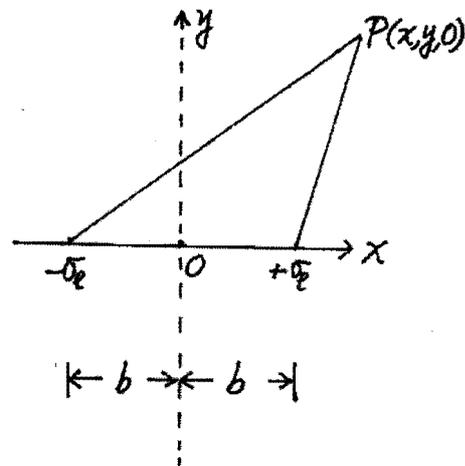
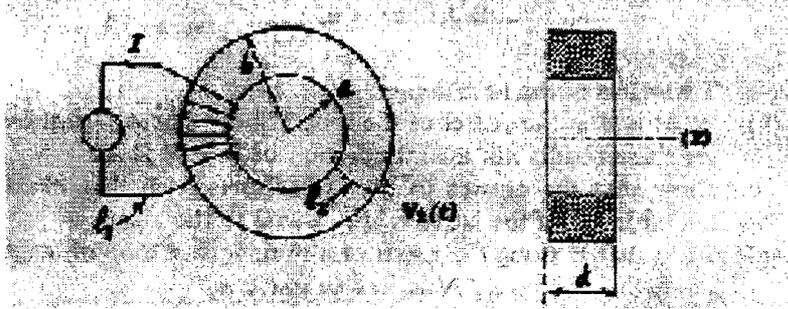


Figure 2  $z=0$  plane

- (i) Utilize the result in (a)(ii) and choose  $P_0$  as the origin, apply the superposition principle to deduce that the electric potential at point  $P : (x, y, 0)$  is
- $$\Phi = \frac{\sigma_l}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{(x+b)^2 + y^2}{(x-b)^2 + y^2}\right) \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$
- (ii) Use  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$  to find the electric field  $\vec{E}$  generated by the given two conducting wires. Also find the value of  $\vec{E}$  at the origin. (4 + 2 marks)

### Question three

- (a) A static current  $I$  flows in the  $n_1$  turn toroid  $l_1$  wired around an iron ring core of magnetic permeability  $\mu$  with the rectangular cross-section area  $(b-a) \times d$  as shown below



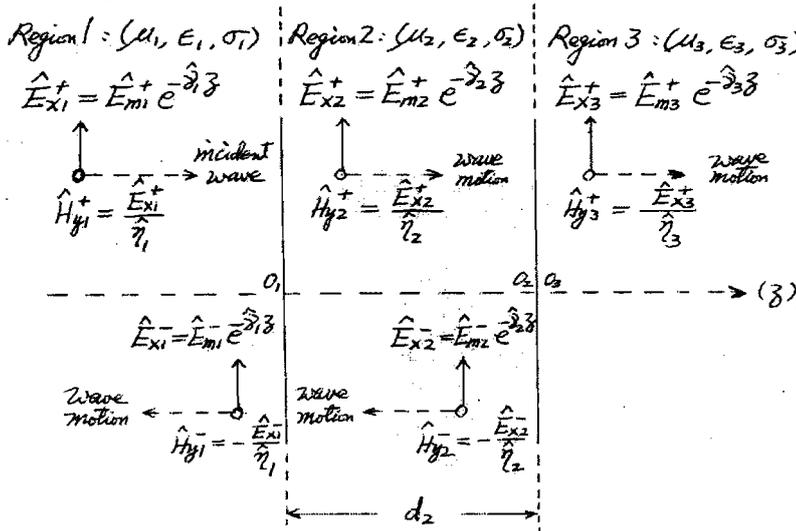
- (i) Use the integral Ampere's law and choose proper closed loops to find  $\vec{B}$  in terms of  $\rho$ ,  $n_1$ ,  $\mu$  &  $I$  within the iron core, i.e.,  $a \leq \rho \leq b$  &  $0 \leq z \leq d$  region. (7 marks)
- (ii) Find the total magnetic flux  $\Psi_m$  passing through the cross-section area  $(b-a) \times d$  of the iron ring in counter clockwise sense, i.e.,  $\int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$  where  $S: a \leq \rho \leq b$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq d$  &  $d\vec{s} = \vec{a}_\phi d\rho dz$ , in terms of  $a, b, d, n_1, \mu$  &  $I$ . (6 marks)
- (iii) Find the external self-inductance  $L_e$  of the toroid wire  $l_1$  in terms of  $a, b, d, \mu$  &  $n_1$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Placing a single turn secondary coil  $l_2$  around the iron ring and if the toroid wire  $l_1$  carries a sinusoidal current of  $I_0 \sin(\omega t)$  instead of carrying a static current  $I$ , find the induced e.m.f.  $V_2(t)$  for the single turn secondary coil  $l_2$  in terms of  $a, b, d, \omega, n_1, \mu$  &  $I_0$  under quasi static situation. If  $a = 4 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 8 \text{ cm}$ ,  $d = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $n_1 = 100$ ,  $f = 50 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\mu = 400 \mu_0$  and  $I_0 = 2 \text{ A}$ , compute the amplitude of  $V_2(t)$ . (6 + 3 marks)

### Question four

- (a) (i) From the time-dependent Maxwell's equations deduce the following wave equation for  $\vec{E}$  in the material region with parameters of  $\mu$ ,  $\epsilon$  &  $\sigma$  where  $\rho_v = 0$  &  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ , as
- $$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$
- (ii) By direct substitution, show that  $E_x = \hat{E}_m e^{\hat{\gamma} z} e^{i\omega t}$  (where  $\hat{E}_m$  is any constant,  $\omega$  is any frequency and  $\hat{\gamma} = \sqrt{i\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon}$ ) is a solution to the  $E_x$  part of the wave equation in (a)(i), i.e.,  $\nabla^2 E_x = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2}$ .
- (6 marks)
- (b) An uniform plane wave traveling along the +z direction with the field components  $E_x(z)$  &  $H_y(z)$  has a complex electric field amplitude  $\hat{E}_m = 200 e^{i40^\circ} \frac{V}{m}$  and propagates at a frequency  $f = 10^7 \text{ Hz}$  in a material region having the parameters  $\mu = \mu_0$ ,  $\epsilon = 4 \epsilon_0$  &  $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = 1$ .
- (i) Find the values of the propagation constant  $\hat{\gamma} (= \alpha + i\beta)$  and the intrinsic wave impedance  $\hat{\eta}$  for this wave, (5 marks)
- (ii) Express the electric and magnetic fields in both their complex and real-time forms, with the numerical values of (b)(i) inserted, (5 marks)
- (iii) Find the values of the penetration depth, wavelength and phase velocity of the given wave. (3 marks)

### Question five

An uniform plane wave  $(\hat{E}_{x1}^+, \hat{H}_{y1}^+)$ , operating at a frequency  $f$ , is normally incident upon a layer of  $d_2$  thickness, and emerges to region 3 as shown below :



$0_1$ ,  $0_2$  &  $0_3$  are the respective origins for region 1, 2 & 3 chosen at the first and second interface.

- (a) Define for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  region ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) the reflection coefficient  $\hat{\Gamma}_i(z)$  and the total wave impedance  $\hat{Z}_i(z)$  and deduce the following :

$$\begin{cases} \hat{Z}_i(z) = \hat{\eta}_i \frac{1 + \hat{\Gamma}_i(z)}{1 - \hat{\Gamma}_i(z)} \\ \hat{\Gamma}_i(z') = \hat{\Gamma}_i(z) e^{2\hat{\gamma}_i(z'-z)} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } z' \text{ \& } z \text{ are two positions in } i^{\text{th}} \text{ region} \quad (5 + 4 \text{ marks})$$

- (b) If  $f = 10^5 \text{ Hz}$  &  $d_2 = \frac{\lambda_2}{4}$ , region 1 & 3 are air regions and region 2 is a lossless

region with parameters  $\mu_2 = \mu_0$ ,  $\epsilon_1 = 9 \epsilon_0$  &  $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = 0$

- (i) find the values of  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $\beta_3$ ,  $\lambda_2$  &  $\hat{\eta}_2$ , (note:  $\hat{\eta}_1 = \hat{\eta}_3 = 120 \pi \Omega$  and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$ ) (4 marks)
- (ii) starting with  $\hat{\Gamma}_3(z) = 0$  for the rightmost region, i.e., region 3, and using continuous  $\hat{Z}$  at the interface as well as the equations in (a), find the values of  $\hat{Z}_3(0)$ ,  $\hat{Z}_2(0)$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}_2(0)$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}_2(-10 \text{ cm})$ ,  $\hat{Z}_2(-10 \text{ cm})$ ,  $\hat{Z}_1(0)$  &  $\hat{\Gamma}_1(0)$  (10 marks)
- (iii) find the value of  $\hat{E}_{m1}^-$  if given  $\hat{E}_{m1}^+ = 100 e^{i50^\circ} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$  (2 marks)

### Useful informations

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \alpha + i \beta \quad \text{where}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2} - 1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2} + 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}}{\sqrt[4]{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2}} e^{i \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)}$$

$$\eta_0 = 120 \pi \Omega = 377 \Omega$$

$$\beta_0 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \iiint_V \rho_v dv$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \equiv 0$$

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \right)$$

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \right)$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{B} = 0$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{B} = \mu \bar{J} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\bar{J} = \sigma \bar{E}$$

$$\oiint_S \bar{F} \cdot d\bar{s} \equiv \iiint_V (\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F}) dV \quad \text{divergence theorem}$$

$$\oint_L \bar{F} \cdot d\bar{l} \equiv \iint_S (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{F}) \cdot d\bar{s} \quad \text{Stokes' theorem}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{F}) \equiv 0$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times (\bar{\nabla} f) \equiv 0$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{F}) \equiv \bar{\nabla} (\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F}) - \nabla^2 \bar{F}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla} f &= \bar{e}_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \bar{e}_y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \bar{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \bar{e}_\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} + \bar{e}_\phi \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} + \bar{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \\ &= \bar{e}_r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \bar{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \bar{e}_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F} &= \frac{\partial(F_x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(F_y)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(F_\rho \rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(F_\phi)}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(F_r r^2)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial(F_\theta \sin(\theta))}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial(F_\phi)}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{F} &= \bar{e}_x \left( \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(F_y)}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{e}_y \left( \frac{\partial(F_x)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial x} \right) + \bar{e}_z \left( \frac{\partial(F_y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(F_x)}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{e}_\rho}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial(F_\phi \rho)}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{e}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{\bar{e}_z}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial(F_\phi \rho)}{\partial \rho} - \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{e}_r}{r^2 \sin(\theta)} \left( \frac{\partial(F_\phi r \sin(\theta))}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial(F_\theta r)}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{\bar{e}_\theta}{r \sin(\theta)} \left( \frac{\partial(F_r)}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial(F_\phi r \sin(\theta))}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\bar{e}_\phi}{r} \left( \frac{\partial(F_\theta r)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial(F_r)}{\partial \theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{F} = \bar{e}_x F_x + \bar{e}_y F_y + \bar{e}_z F_z = \bar{e}_\rho F_\rho + \bar{e}_\phi F_\phi + \bar{e}_z F_z = \bar{e}_r F_r + \bar{e}_\theta F_\theta + \bar{e}_\phi F_\phi$  and  $d\bar{l} = \bar{e}_x dx + \bar{e}_y dy + \bar{e}_z dz = \bar{e}_\rho d\rho + \bar{e}_\phi \rho d\phi + \bar{e}_z dz = \bar{e}_r dr + \bar{e}_\theta r d\theta + \bar{e}_\phi r \sin(\theta) d\phi$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} \end{aligned}$$