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## EE1 - Winter 10: FINAL

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**Answer ALL 6 questions.** Write your answers directly onto this handout. Show all your work. You are allowed to use up to two 3"x5" index cards as cheat-sheet and a calculator.

### Problem 1 (Concept questions)

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[1] Imagine a closed surface that is not symmetric. The net enclosed charge is zero. What can you say about the electric field at a given point at this surface ?

- (a) it is also zero.
- (b) it is not zero
- (c) can't tell

[2] If you move a charge a distance  $d$  against a static electric field and then back, how much work do you perform ?

- (a) no work at all
- (b) a small amount of work due to friction
- (c) the field performs work
- (d) can't tell

[3] A solid spherical conductor is given a net negative charge. The electrostatic potential of the conductor is ?

- (a) smallest at the center
- (b) smallest on the surface
- (c) constant throughout the volume
- (d) largest somewhere between center and surface

[4] Which of the following charge distributions creates a potential that increases with distance ?

- (a) magnetic dipole
- (b) spherical charge
- (c) infinite sheet of charge
- (d) conducting cylinder (inside)

[5] You connect a battery to a conducting wire with cylindrical cross-section. What can you say about the electric field inside the wire ?

- (a) it is zero inside the conductor
- (b) it is constant everywhere
- (c) it varies linearly from one end to the other
- (d) it points radially outwards

[6] The velocity of free charges inside a wire

- (a) increases with charge density
- (b) increases with length of the wire for a given electric field
- (c) increases linearly with electric field
- (d) does only depend on the resistivity

[7] A certain material is repelled by a permanent magnet. Which of the following would be an appropriate  $\mu_r$  ?

- (a)  $\mu_r = 0$
- (b)  $\mu_r = 0.6$
- (c)  $\mu_r = -2.3$
- (d)  $\mu_r = 15$

[8] An electric dipole in the field of a second electric dipole experiences

- (a) both a net torque and a net force
- (b) only a net torque
- (c) no force at all since it is at rest

[9] Imagine two wires crossing each other at a right angle. If you drive a current through both wires, what will happen ?

- (a) the wires will attract each other
- (b) both wires will rotate
- (c) both wires will align
- (d) nothing will happen

[10] A homogeneous electric field is created by an infinite sheet of positive charge. If you place a conducting plate in front of the charge sheet what will happen to the electric field behind the plate ?

- (a) The plate will charge up and will increase the field since it is closer
- (b) The plate will act as a shield and cancel out the electric field behind it
- (c) The electric field behind the plate will not change

(d) You create a capacitor and change the field between the two conductors

[11] Which of the following can increase the inductance of a conducting system

- (a) charging it
- (b) increasing the current flowing through it
- (c) increasing its resistance
- (d) changing its geometry

[12] A dipole antenna radiates electromagnetic waves preferably in which direction ?

- (a) perpendicular to the dipole
- (b) along the dipole axis
- (c) at an oblique angle
- (d) It depends on the frequency

[13] An electromagnetic wave propagates in the  $z$  direction. If the magnetic field points in the  $x$  direction, in which direction does the electric field point ?

- (a)  $x$
- (b)  $y$
- (c)  $z$
- (d)  $-y$
- (e)  $-x$

[14] A wave equation is given as  $\partial^2 A / \partial z^2 = c \cdot \partial^2 A / \partial t^2$ . What is the velocity of the wave ?

- (a)  $c$
- (b)  $\sqrt{c}$
- (c)  $1/c$
- (d)  $1/\sqrt{c}$

[15] If you fill the space between the plates of a charge capacitor with a dielectric what will happen to the electric field in that space ?

- (a) it will stay the same, changing the charge on the plates
- (b) it will increase
- (c) it will decrease
- (d) can't tell

**Problem 2**

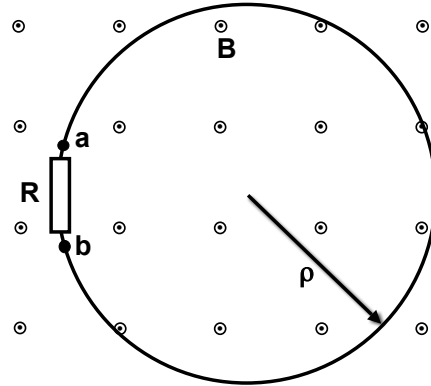
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Use  $\vec{J} = \sigma \cdot \vec{E}$  to prove that two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in parallel behave like one resistor with a total resistance of  $R_{tot} = (R_1 R_2) / (R_1 + R_2)$ .

### Problem 3

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A circular conductor in the x-y plane is embedded in an external magnetic field  $\vec{B} = 0.2 \cdot \cos(120\pi t) \vec{a}_z$  T. Assume that the conductor joining the two ends of the resistor R is perfect (the magnetic field produced by  $I(t)$  is negligible).

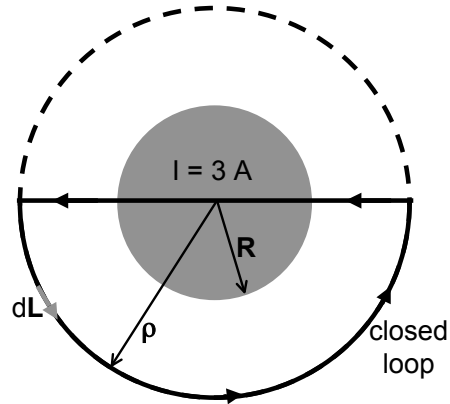


- (a) Find both  $V_{ab}(t)$  and  $I(t)$  as a function of time  $t$ .
- (b) In which direction does the induced current flow if the magnetic field (pointing out of the paper plane) decreases in time ?
- (c) How would the result from a) change if  $\vec{B}$  would point into the  $\vec{a}_x$  direction ?

**Problem 4**

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A long straight wire of circular cross-section carries a uniformly distributed current of 3 A into the paper plane and has a radius of  $R = 3$  cm. The closed loop shown in the sketch is a semi-circle of radius  $\rho = 4$  cm that passes through the center of the wire. For this closed loop without using Ampere's law, find (a) the magnetic field along the circular arc, (b) the line integral of  $\vec{B}$  along the arc and (c) the line integral of  $\vec{B}$  along the straight section. Find the line integral around the entire loop and explain how your result agrees with Ampere's law.



**Problem 5**

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A 1.5 pF plate capacitor is connected to a time varying voltage source  $V(t) = 12 \text{ V} \cdot \cos(2\pi ft)$ , where  $f = 60 \text{ Hz}$ . Calculate the displacement current inside the capacitor for a plate area of  $1 \text{ mm}^2$ . Assume that the field is homogeneous and that the charging time of the capacitor is much shorter than  $1/f$ .

**Problem 6**

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A long straight conductor of 0.2 mm radius carries a uniformly-distributed current of 2A (constant).

- (a) Find  $\vec{J}$  within the conductor
- (b) Find the vector magnetic field inside the conductor
- (c) Show that  $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}$  within the conductor.



### Useful equations:

Divergence

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho D_\rho) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial D_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 D_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (D_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial D_\phi}{\partial \phi}\end{aligned}$$

Gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla V &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \vec{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \vec{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \vec{a}_z \\ \nabla V &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \vec{a}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \vec{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \vec{a}_z \\ \nabla V &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \vec{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \vec{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \vec{a}_\phi\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{H} &= \left( \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} \right) \vec{a}_x + \left( \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \vec{a}_y + \left( \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right) \vec{a}_z \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial H_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \vec{a}_\rho + \left( \frac{\partial H_\rho}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \rho} \right) \vec{a}_\phi + \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial (\rho H_\phi)}{\partial \rho} - \frac{\partial H_\rho}{\partial \phi} \right] \vec{a}_z \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial (H_\phi \sin \theta)}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial H_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \vec{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial (r H_\phi)}{\partial r} \right] \vec{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial (r H_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \vec{a}_\phi\end{aligned}$$