

$$r_{eq} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2}{2me^2}$$

1) Show that a semi-circular mass  $m$  and a particle of mass  $m$  orbit a fixed point  $P$  in a horizontal circle with constant angular velocity  $\omega$ .

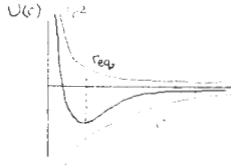
$$U(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2 - \frac{k}{r}$$

2)  $U(r)$  is what you'd normally think of as the potential energy (that is, the energy of configuration for the system).  $U_{eff}(r)$  is the potential for radial motion at energy  $E$  for a 1D radial system operating under an effective potential given by:

$$U_{eff}(r) = \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} + U(r)$$

3) For the following 2.5-dimensional system of mass  $m$ , charge  $-e$ , and angular momentum  $L$  about a massive nucleus of charge  $+Ze$ :

- 1) (5 points) Write out the effective potential energy for the electron's radial motion in the nucleus. Do a quick, qualitative sketch of the effective potential (you're not required to plot between the nucleus and the electron, but interpret the rest in light of what you know about the electron's classical motion).



$$U_{eff} = \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

The electron is (effectively) in a stable equilibrium when it orbits at  $r = r_{eq}$ .

- 2) (10 points) Using the effective potential, find the effective force on the electron in this 1-dimensional case. Find the effective equilibrium value of the radial motion.

$$\frac{\partial U_{eff}}{\partial r} = -\frac{L^2}{mr^3} + \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$F_{eff,r} = -\frac{\partial U_{eff}}{\partial r} \Rightarrow F_{eff,r} = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \left[ \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2}{2me^2} - r \right]$$

At  $r_{eq}$ ,  $F_{eff,r} = 0 \Rightarrow r_{eq} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2}{2me^2}$

- 3) (10 points) Let's only do a change of variables. Let  $r = r_{eq} + \delta r$ . Find the effective force  $F_{eff}$  and  $F_{eff,r}$  for  $\delta r \ll r_{eq}$  and the result and discuss how it relates to the picture for plot (a) (d) center.

$$F_{eff,r} = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} [r_{eq} - r]$$

$$F_{eff,r} = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{eq}^3} \left[ \left(\frac{r}{r_{eq}}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{r}{r_{eq}}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$F_{eff,r} = \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{eq}^3} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{\delta r}{r_{eq}}\right)^3 - \left(1 + \frac{\delta r}{r_{eq}}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta r}{r_{eq}} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \text{Taylor expand...}$$

$$F_{eff,r} = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{eq}^3} \delta r$$

$$F_{eff,r} = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{2me^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2}\right)^3 \delta r \leftarrow \text{linear restoring force } \propto \delta r$$

The electron is sitting at the bottom of a potential well. Displace it slightly, and it will oscillate back and forth across  $r_{eq}$ ...

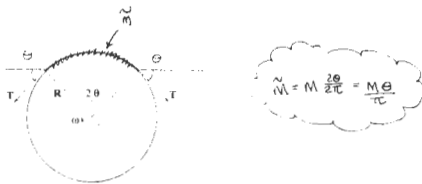
- 4) (10 points) Displace the electron's radial distance slightly from its nominal value by a non-zero amount. Describe its subsequent motion in as much detail as you can, and list any names of any parameters that may be relevant to the description of motion.

if  $F_r = -kx \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m} \left(\frac{2me^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L^2}\right)^3}$

For slight displacements from  $r_{eq}$ , the electron will oscillate back and forth about its equilibrium radius with an angular frequency equal to that boxed above...

2) A circular string of mass  $M$  and uniform distribution of radius  $R$  rotates in a plane about a fixed point  $P$  in free space (no gravity) with an angular velocity  $\omega$  (counterclockwise).

- 1) (10 points) Find the tension in the string by considering the net force acting on a segment that subtends an angle  $2\theta$  in the plane  $\theta = 0$ .



$$\Sigma F_r = M a_r$$

$$2T \sin \theta = M R \omega^2$$

$$2T \sin \theta = \frac{M \theta R \omega^2}{\pi}$$

$$T = \frac{m R \omega^2}{2\pi \sin \theta} \Rightarrow T = \frac{m R \omega^2}{2\pi}$$

$T \omega^2$  seems reasonable to  $m g$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \rightarrow 1$$

- 2) (10 points) Find the speed at which a small disturbance would propagate through the string. How does this speed relate to the speed at which the string is moving in the lab? Can you explain this? (10)

Pulse in a string  $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{M/L}} = \sqrt{\frac{T L}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{T 2\pi R}{m}} = \sqrt{R \omega^2}$

$$v = R \omega$$

This is equal to the tangential speed of the rope - how cool is that??

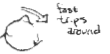
In fact, there are only three dimensionful quantities to set scale in the whole problem:  $m, R, \omega$ . The only combination that can lead to the dimensions of  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$  is  $R \omega$ . So it's not too surprising...

- 2) (5 points) When we find the speed with which disturbances propagate in a medium, with respect to what reference is that speed measured? Suppose a pulse is set in motion in our string - describe its motion as seen in the lab (there may be more than one answer).

That speed is the speed of the pulse... with respect to the medium!  
 \* if the pulse is moving opposite the motion of the rope in the lab, the pulse will appear to be stationary in the lab (with the rope sort of pulling through it)



\* if the pulse is moving with the motion of the rope, it will appear to wobble around the circumference with twice the speed (in the lab) that the rope is moving



- 2) (10 points) Suppose a rope to direct sound towards the pendulum string. What happens if you hold the string steady, directly and to emit a disturbance on the string?

Boundary conditions - The wave in the rope must return to each point with identical phase...

$$\lambda = N 2\pi R \leftarrow \text{an integer number of wavelengths in the circumference...}$$

$$\frac{v}{f} = N 2\pi R$$

$$\frac{R \omega}{f} = N 2\pi R$$

$$f = N \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

Again, that's kind of cool!  
 Let's consider - given the parameters we've got, how many ways are there to construct  $\frac{1}{\text{time}}$ ?



- 3a) (5 points) A uniform surface charge  $\sigma$  and radius  $R$  lies in the  $xy$  plane, centered on the origin (Fig. 1). Write or derive the electric field at all points on the  $z$ -axis.

You can probably write this from memory.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{k}$$

- 3b) (10 points) A uniform surface charge  $\sigma$  lies in the  $xy$  plane, centered on the origin, extending from  $r = a$  to  $r = b$  (Fig. 2). Find the electric field at all points on the  $z$ -axis.

Build the washer from rings.

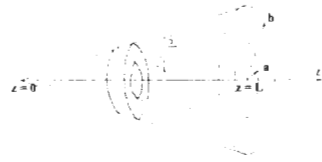
$$d\vec{E} = \frac{dq z}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{k} \leftarrow dq = \sigma 2\pi r dr$$

$$dE = \frac{\sigma z 2\pi r dr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{k} \leftarrow u = r^2 + z^2$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{4\epsilon_0} \int_{a^2+z^2}^{b^2+z^2} u^{-3/2} du \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma z}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+z^2}} \right] \hat{k} \leftarrow \sigma = \frac{Q}{\pi(b^2-a^2)}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 (b^2-a^2)} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2/z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2/z^2}} \right] \hat{k}$$



- 4a) (5 points) A cone of volume charge density  $\rho_0(z) = \rho_0 \frac{z}{L}$  extends symmetrically about the  $z$ -axis from its tip (at the origin) to its base (radius  $b$ , parallel to the  $xy$  plane), a distance  $L$  from the origin. All charge is located within a conical cap of fixed radius  $a < b$  that extends from the tip of the original cone to  $z = L/2$ . Find the electric field (magnitude and direction) at the origin.

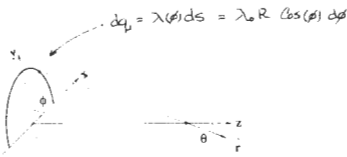
$$d\vec{E} = \frac{dq}{2\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2/z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2/z^2}} \right] \hat{k}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_1/2 = a/2 \\ r_2/2 = b/2 \end{array} \right\}$  similar triangles

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{\rho(z) dz}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2/z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2/z^2}} \right] \hat{k} \leftarrow \rho(z) = \rho_0 \frac{z}{L}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\rho_0}{2\epsilon_0 L^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2/z^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2/z^2}} \right] \hat{k} \int_0^L z^2 dz$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\rho_0 L}{6\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2/L^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2/L^2}} \right] \hat{k}$$



- 4c) (5 points) Is symmetry a viable option for finding the components of the electric field that you can't find using the electric potential? Explain.

Sure of. The density of negative charge mirrors the density of positive charge when reflected around the  $y$ -axis. Ultimately, this will mean  $E_y = 0$ . It will also probably mean that  $E_x \neq 0$ , but we'll have to do some work to confirm it.

- 4b) (10 points) A ring of radius  $R$  and linear charge density  $\lambda_0(z)$  lies in the  $xy$  plane, centered on the origin and spans the range  $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$  in the counterclockwise parameterization (shown). The 3-dimensional unit vector shown can be written  $\hat{u} = \cos\theta \hat{x} + \sin\theta \hat{y} + \sin\theta \hat{z}$ . But with  $\theta$  not given,  $\hat{u}$  will have to be re-written in terms of quantities you know.

- 4a) (5 points) Find the electric potential with respect to a point infinitely distant from the origin at all points along the  $z$ -axis. How much work would you have to do to bring a unit charge  $q$  from that infinitely distant point to the origin? Does it matter where that infinitely distant point is? Show your work, and explain everything as though the world is your private red hoes.

$$dV = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$dV = \frac{\lambda_0 R \cos\theta d\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{R^2 + z^2}}$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda_0 R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$V_{\text{ext}} = q \cdot V = q [V(z_2) - V(z_1)] = q(0 - 0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{\text{ext}} = 0$$

Because the distribution is finite, it looks the same out at all points infinitely distant ~ so unless you start doesn't really matter, so long as it's very far away. Both independence takes care of the rest...

- 4a) (10 points) Find the electric field vector at all points on the  $z$ -axis.

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda_0 R \cos\theta d\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} (\sin\theta \cos\theta \hat{i} - \sin\theta \sin\theta \hat{j} + \cos\theta \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda_0 R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} d\theta (-\sin\theta \cos\theta \hat{i} - \sin\theta \sin\theta \hat{j} + \cos\theta \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{-\lambda_0 R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \sin\theta \frac{\pi}{2} \hat{i} \leftarrow \sin\theta = \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{-\lambda_0 \pi R^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i}$$

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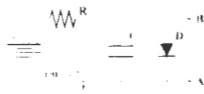
- 4b) (5 points) Which rectangular components of the electric field may be obtained from the potential you found in part a? Explain.

In part a, we calculated  $V(x, y, z)$ . That is, because we plugged-in explicit values for  $x$  and  $y$ , we lost the rate-of-charge information in  $x$  and  $y$  - taking the gradient of  $V(x, y, z)$  won't help us find  $E_x$  &  $E_y$ ...

On the other hand... we do have rate-of-charge information in  $z$ . So we can find  $E_z$ ... ( $E_z = -\partial_z V(x, y, z)$ )

- 4c) (5 points) Describe the electric field as it would appear at points quite distant from the origin. Explain the behavior of the field, with regard to distance from the origin, as clearly as you can. Hint: compare the dependence on distance to what you would see with a point charge.

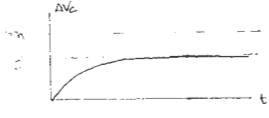
For points far from the origin,  $z \gg R$  and  $|\vec{E}| \propto \frac{1}{z^3}$ . The field from a point charge should fall off as  $1/z^2$ . So what we're seeing here is falling off faster - At a great distance, the field looks like that of a dipole!



... the circuit shown above, we speak of the maximum voltage,  $\Delta V_{max}$ , which has been open a long time, and the capacitor's maximum charge,  $Q_{max}$ , which is proportional to  $\Delta V_{max}$ . The capacitor's charge is at its forward-biased state (parallel to the circuit) in the direction of the arrow. It has no resistance when the potential difference across it exceeds the threshold voltage or the diode's  $\Delta V_{th}$ . When the potential difference across the device is less than the threshold voltage, it has infinite resistance.

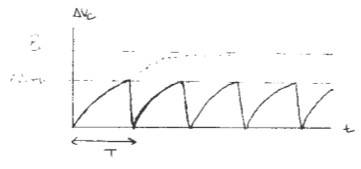
- 5a) (5 points) How will the maximum potential difference across the capacitor compare to the potential difference across the battery? Suppose  $\mathcal{E} > \Delta V_{th}$ . Find  $\Delta V_{max}$  as a function of  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\Delta V_{th}$ . Don't forget to sketch  $\xi$  and  $\Delta V_C$  on your plot.

$\Delta V_{C,max} \leq \mathcal{E}$ , so... if  $\mathcal{E} < \Delta V_{th}$ , the diode is irrelevant - we can ignore it...  
 $\Delta V_{AB} = \Delta V_C = \mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/RC})$



- 5b) (5 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{E} < \Delta V_{th}$ . Describe what happens now. Plot  $\Delta V_C$  on your graph as a function of time. Sketch  $\xi$  and  $\Delta V_C$  on your plot.

if  $\mathcal{E} > \Delta V_{th}$ , the capacitor will discharge every time  $\Delta V_C$  reaches  $\Delta V_{th}$ ...



• 5c) (5 points) What is the period of the voltage across the diode in part 5b?  
 $\Delta V_{th} = \mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/RC})$   
 $1 - \frac{\Delta V_{th}}{\mathcal{E}} = e^{-t/RC}$

$\Rightarrow T = -RC \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{E} - \Delta V_{th}}{\mathcal{E}}\right)$

- 5d) (5 points) Suppose you wanted the potential difference on the capacitor to be  $\Delta V_C$  for a certain amount of time and every time. How would you choose your circuit? (Use  $\mathcal{E} > \Delta V_{th}$ .)

if  $t/RC \ll 1$ ,  $e^{-t/RC} \approx 1 - \frac{t}{RC}$  and  $\Delta V_{AB} \approx \frac{\mathcal{E}}{RC} t$  (linear!)  
 But large RC means long period unless  $\Delta V_{th} \approx \mathcal{E}$

$\Rightarrow$  we want a large value of RC and  $\mathcal{E}$  slightly larger than  $\Delta V_{th}$

- 6a) (10 points) In part 5b, some sort of load resistor will have to be connected across terminals A and B. How will that affect the period (for full credit, write the new expression for the period, and explain)? Are there any values of  $\mathcal{E}$  or  $\Delta V_{th}$  that will be particularly problematic? Explain.

We've saved this circuit before, without the diode...

$\Delta V_{C,max}$  will go from  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{E} \frac{R_L}{R+R_L}$

and RC will go to  $\frac{R R_L}{R+R_L} C$ ...

$T \rightarrow -\frac{R R_L C}{R+R_L} \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{E} R_L - \Delta V_{th}(R+R_L)}{\mathcal{E} R_L}\right)$

if  $\mathcal{E} R_L < \Delta V_{th}(R+R_L)$ , we've got problems (the capacitor never discharges)... we'll need to make sure

$R_L > \frac{\Delta V_{th} R}{\mathcal{E} - \Delta V_{th}}$



6) A particle of mass  $m$  and charge  $q$  is released at rest at the origin in a region filled with uniform electric and magnetic fields as shown.

- 6a) (5 points) Find the torque  $\tau$  on the particle at any instant when its velocity is given by  $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k}$ .

$\vec{\tau} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

$\vec{\tau} = q(E_y \hat{j} + B_z v_x \hat{i} - B_z v_y \hat{j})$

$\vec{\tau} = q B_z v_x \hat{i} + q(E_y - B_z v_y) \hat{j}$

- 6b) (10 points) Now, decouple the differential equations. By the end of this part, you should have separate equations in  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ , and  $v_z$ .

Use the derivatives on the preceding page to decouple the equations...

$\frac{d^2 v_x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{q B_z}{m}\right)^2 v_x = \frac{q^2 B_z E_y}{m^2}$   
 $\frac{d^2 v_y}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{q B_z}{m}\right)^2 v_y = 0$   
 $\frac{d v_z}{dt} = 0$

- 6d) (10 points) Assume the particle starts at rest and find  $v_x(t)$ ,  $v_y(t)$ , and  $v_z(t)$  as a function of  $t$ . (Hints: remember how you used initial conditions to find amplitude for a simple harmonic oscillator and how you dealt with shifts in the equilibrium position.)

General solutions follow from our work with oscillators...

$v_x(t) = v_{x,max} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$      $v_y(t) = v_{y,max} \sin(\omega t + \delta)$      $v_z(t) = \text{constant}$   
 $a_x(t) = -v_{x,max} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$      $a_y(t) = v_{y,max} \omega \cos(\omega t + \delta)$      $a_z(t) = 0$

initial conditions:  $v_x(0) = 0$      $a_x(0) = \frac{F_{ax}}{m} = 0$   
 $v_y(0) = 0$      $a_y(0) = \frac{F_{ay}}{m} = \frac{q E_y}{m}$   
 $v_z(0) = 0$      $a_z(0) = \frac{F_{az}}{m} = 0$

$\Rightarrow v_z(t) = 0$  (easy)  
 $\Rightarrow v_y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \delta = 0$   
 $a_y(0) = \frac{q E_y}{m} \Rightarrow v_{y,max} = \frac{E_y}{B_z}$   
 $\Rightarrow a_x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = 0$   
 $v_x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow v_{x,max} = -\frac{E_y}{B_z}$

$v_x(t) = \frac{E_y}{B_z} (1 - \cos(\omega t))$   
 $v_y(t) = \frac{E_y}{B_z} \sin(\omega t)$   
 $v_z(t) = 0$   
 where  $\omega = \frac{q B_z}{m}$

6c) \* To decouple, we'll need derivatives of these equations. let's grab them while we're here...

$\frac{d^2 v_x}{dt^2} - \frac{q B_z}{m} \frac{d v_y}{dt} = 0$      $\frac{d v_x}{dt} = -\frac{m}{q B_z} \frac{d^2 v_y}{dt^2}$   
 $\frac{d^2 v_y}{dt^2} + \frac{q B_z}{m} \frac{d v_x}{dt} = 0$      $\frac{d v_y}{dt} = \frac{m}{q B_z} \frac{d^2 v_x}{dt^2}$      $\rightarrow$  use these in part c