

## Electricity and Magnetism - Test 1 - Spring 2013

Work four of the six problems. Place the problems in the order you wish them graded. The first two problems form the first half test; the second two problems form the second half test.

**Problem 1.1** Consider the following electromagnetic field

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}(x, y, z) = B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{z}$$

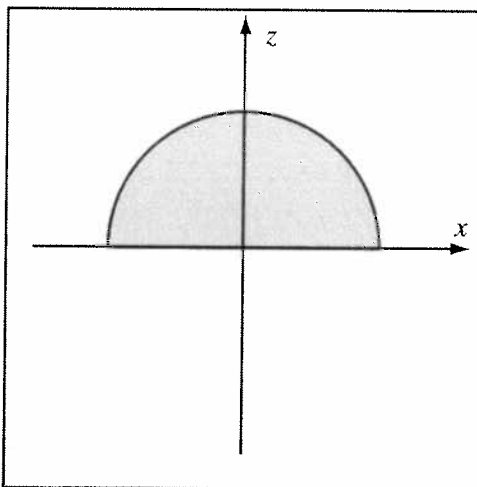
where  $E_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $k$ , and  $\omega$  are constants which may be related. The field exists in a region of space where both the charge density  $\rho$  and the current density  $\vec{J}$  are zero. Does this field satisfy Maxwell's equations? If it does not, state all of the equations that are not satisfied for any non-zero choice of  $E_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $k$ , and  $\omega$ . If the fields do satisfy Maxwell's equations, what algebraic equations must be satisfied by  $E_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $k$ , and  $\omega$  for Maxwell's equations to be satisfied?

**Problem 1.2** As a first model for the charge density of a semiconductor diode we could use

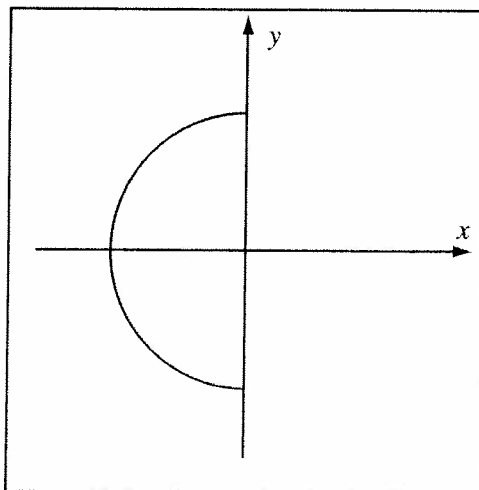
$$\rho(x) = \frac{\rho_0}{a} x \exp(-(x/a)^2).$$

Sketch this charge density and the electric field. Calculate the electric field everywhere.

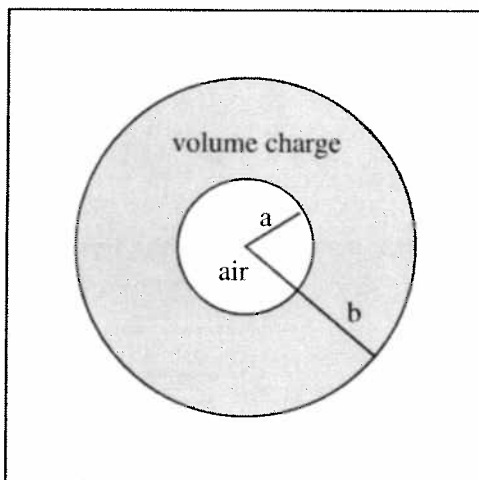
**Problem 1.3** Compute the electric field at the origin of a uniformly charged half-sphere with charge density  $\rho$  where  $\rho$  is non-zero at points  $r < a$  and  $z > 0$ .



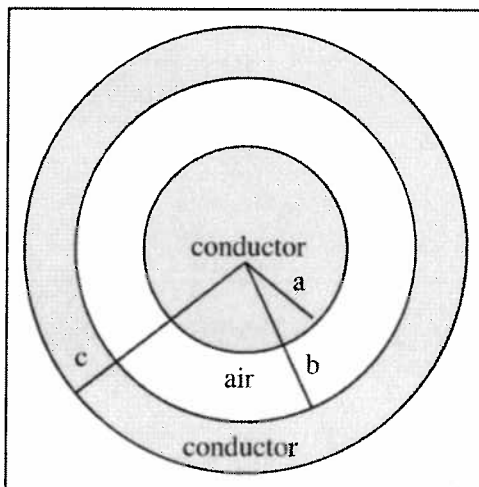
**Problem 1.4** Compute the electric potential at a point P along the z axis,  $\vec{r}_P = (0, 0, z)$ , of a half-circle with constant linear charge density  $\lambda$ . The half-circle lies in the x - y plane, has radius  $a$ , and is non-zero for  $\pi/2 < \phi < 3\pi/2$ .



**Problem 1.5** A NON-UNIFORM spherical volume charge has charge density  $\rho(r) = \gamma r$  for  $a < r < b$  and zero otherwise;  $\gamma$  is a constant. Calculate the electric field and electric potential everywhere. Let  $V(\infty) = 0$ .



**Problem 1.6** A capacitor is formed of two concentric spherical conductors. The inner conductor has radius  $a$  and the outer conductor has inner radius  $b$  and outer radius  $c$ . Compute the capacitance between the inner and outer conductors. Compute the energy stored in the capacitor if the inner conductor has charge  $Q$  and the outer conductor charge  $-Q$  in two ways: (1) from the capacitance, (2) from the energy density of the fields.



(1.1)

Gauss  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

No Mag Monopoles

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

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Faraday

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} = E_0 k \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -B_0 \omega \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{z}$$

Satisfied if  $E_0 k = B_0 \omega$

Ampere

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$= -k B_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = -\omega E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{y}$$

Satisfied, if

$$-k B_0 = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega E_0$$

So we can satisfy Maxwell's eqns, if

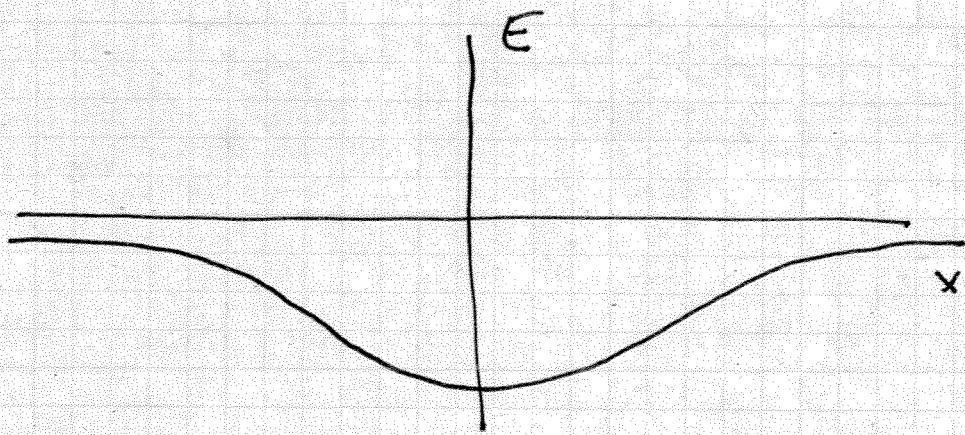
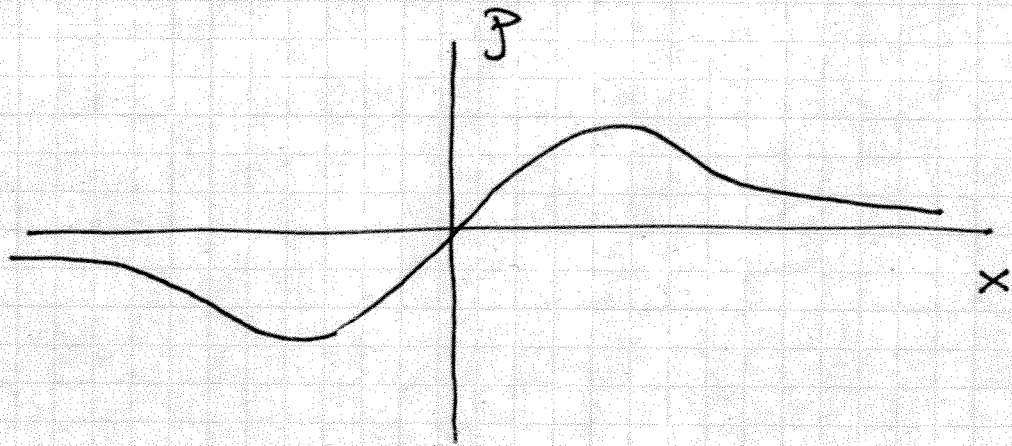
$$E_0 k = B_0 \omega$$

$$B_0 k = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega E_0$$

Solve  $B_0 k = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega \left( \frac{B_0 \omega}{k} \right)$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2} \quad \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \text{speed of light}$$

1.2



Use Gauss' Law

A cylindrical Gaussian surface that encloses all charge, encloses zero net charge, so the field at  $\pm\infty$  is zero.

Now use a Gaussian surface with one end at  $-\infty$  and the other end at  $x$ . The charge enclosed if the surface has end area  $A$

$$\text{is } Q_{\text{enc}} = \int \rho d\tau = \int \rho A dx$$

$$Q_{enc} = \frac{\rho_0}{a} A \int_{-\infty}^x x e^{-(x/a)^2} dx$$

$$u = (x/a)^2 \quad du = \frac{2}{a^2} x dx$$

$$Q_{enc} = \frac{\rho_0 A}{a} \cdot \frac{a^2}{2} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{(x/a)^2} e^{-u} du$$

$$= \frac{\rho_0 A a}{2} \left[ -e^{-u} \right]_{-\infty}^{(x/a)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{\rho_0 A a}{2} e^{-(x/a)^2} \quad \text{Both units and directions check.}$$

Gauss Law



$$\phi = E(x) A - E(-\infty) A$$

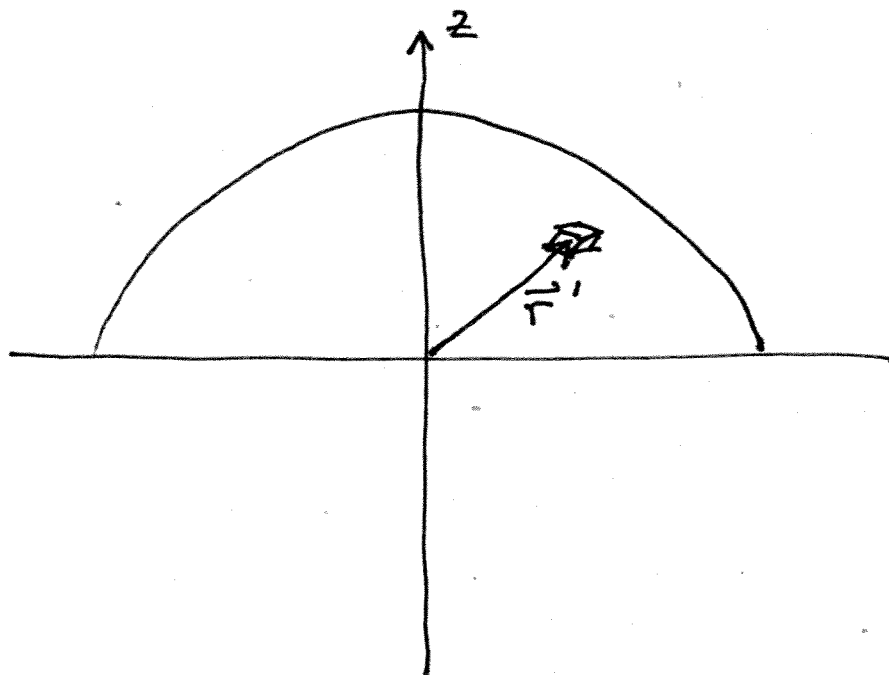
$$= \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(-\infty) = 0$$

$$E(x) = \frac{Q_{enc}}{A \epsilon_0} = \frac{\rho_0 A a}{A \epsilon_0}$$

$$= -\frac{\rho_0 a}{2 \epsilon_0} e^{-(x/a)^2}$$

1.3 Use spherical coordinates



Source Point  $\vec{r}' = r' \hat{r}'$

Field Point  $\vec{r} = 0$

Displacement Vector  $\vec{r}'' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' = -r' \hat{r}'$

Length  $r'$

Unit Vector  $-\hat{r}'$

Coulomb's Law

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho d\tau' \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2}$$

$$d\vec{r}' = (dr')(r'd\theta')(r'\sin\theta'd\phi')$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{-\rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{dr'd\theta'd\phi' r'^2 \sin\theta' \hat{r}'}{(r')^2}$$

The field must point in the  $-\hat{z}$  direction by symmetry. Write  $\hat{r}'$  in cartesian and throw away  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}$  term

Griffith's Cover

$$\hat{r}' = \underbrace{\sin\theta'\cos\phi'\hat{x} + \sin\theta'\sin\phi'\hat{y}}_{\text{integrates to zero}} + \cos\theta'\hat{z}$$

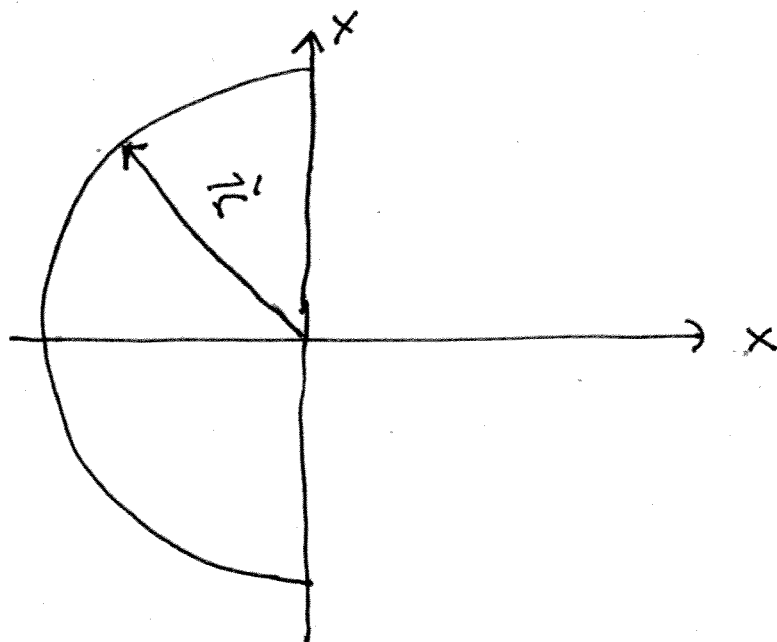
$$\vec{E} = \frac{-\rho_0 \hat{z}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \underbrace{\int_0^a dr'}_a \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi'}_{2\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta' \sin\theta' \cos\theta'}_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{-\rho_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \pi a \hat{z} = -\frac{\rho_0 a}{4\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

Units and direction check.



1.4



Field point  $\vec{r} = (0, 0, z)$

Source point  $\vec{r}' = s' \hat{s}'$

Displacement  $\vec{r}'' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' = z \hat{z} - s' \hat{s}'$

Length  $r'' = \sqrt{z^2 + s'^2} = \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}$

Potential

$$V(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\lambda dl'}{r''} \quad dl' = a d\phi'$$

$$= \frac{\lambda a}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \frac{d\phi'}{\sqrt{z^2 + a^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda a}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}} \cdot \pi = \frac{\lambda a}{4\epsilon_0 \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}}$$

Units check

1.5

Region I ( $r < a$ )  $Q_{enc} = 0$   $\vec{E}_I = 0$

Region II ( $a < r < b$ )

$$Q_{enc} = \int_a^r 4\pi r^2 \rho dr$$

$$= 4\pi\gamma \int_a^r r^3 dr$$

$$= 4\pi\gamma \frac{r^4}{4} \Big|_a^r = \pi\gamma(r^4 - a^4)$$

Field by Gauss

$$\phi = 4\pi r^2 E = Q_{enc} / \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{E}_{II} = \frac{\pi\gamma(r^4 - a^4) \hat{r}}{4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0} = \frac{\gamma(r^4 - a^4) \hat{r}}{4\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Region III  $Q_{enc} = \pi\gamma(b^4 - a^4)$

$$\vec{E}_{III} = \frac{\pi\gamma(b^4 - a^4) \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\gamma(b^4 - a^4) \hat{r}}{4\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Potential In region III we must have the potential of a point charge

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{III}} &= \frac{\pi\gamma(b^4 - a^4)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \\ &= \frac{\gamma(b^4 - a^4)}{4\epsilon_0 r} \end{aligned}$$

Region II

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{II}}(r) &= - \int E_{\text{II}} dr \\ &= - \int \frac{\gamma r^2}{4\epsilon_0} dr + \int \frac{\gamma a^4}{4\epsilon_0 r^2} dr \\ &= - \frac{\gamma r^3}{12\epsilon_0} - \frac{\gamma a^4}{4\epsilon_0 r} + C \end{aligned}$$

Continuity

$$V_{\text{II}}(b) = V_{\text{III}}(b)$$

$$\frac{\gamma(b^4 - a^4)}{4\epsilon_0 b} = - \frac{\gamma b^3}{12\epsilon_0} - \frac{\gamma a^4}{4\epsilon_0 b} + C$$

$$\frac{\gamma b^3}{4\epsilon_0} = \frac{-\gamma b^3}{12\epsilon_0} + C$$

$$C = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\gamma b^3}{\epsilon_0}$$

Region I There is no field, so  $V_I$  constant

Continuity

$$\begin{aligned} V_I(a) &= V_{II}(a) = -\frac{\gamma a^3}{12\epsilon_0} - \frac{\gamma a^4}{4\epsilon_0 a} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\gamma b^3}{\epsilon_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{\gamma}{\epsilon_0} (b^3 - a^3) \end{aligned}$$

1.6 Place  $+Q$  on inner conductor,  $-Q$  on outer conductor.

The field between the conductors is  $\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$

The potential difference is

$$\Delta V_{ab} = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad d\vec{l} = \hat{r} dr$$

$$= \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \Big|_a^b$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right) < 0$$

Capacitance

$$C = \frac{Q}{|\Delta V|} = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 (ab)}{b - a}$$

## Energy

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{Q^2 (b-a)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 ab}$$
$$= \frac{Q^2 (b-a)}{8\pi\epsilon_0 ab}$$

## Energy Density of Field

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \frac{Q^2}{16\epsilon_0 \pi^2 r^4}$$
$$= \frac{Q^2}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r^4}$$

Integrate energy density

$$U = \int u d\tau$$
$$= \int_a^b 4\pi r^2 u dr = 4\pi \cdot \frac{Q^2}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r^2}$$
$$= \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{Q^2 (b-a)}{8\pi\epsilon_0 ab}$$