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## **Test 5 on WPPH16001.2017-2018 “Electricity and Magnetism”**

Content: 10 pages (including this cover page)

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- Write your full name and student number
- Write your answers in the designated area
- Reversed sides of each page are left blank intentionally and could be used for draft answers
- Read the questions carefully
- Please, do not use a pencil
- Books, notes, phones, and tablets are not allowed. Calculators and dictionaries are allowed.

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The weighting of the questions and the grading scheme (total number of points, and mention the number of points at each (sub)question).

Grade =  $1 + 9 \times (\text{score}/\text{max score})$ .

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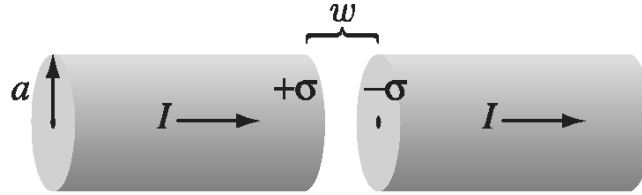
|              | Maximum points | Points scored |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Question 1   | 13             |               |
| Question 2   | 14             |               |
| Question 3   | 6              |               |
| Question 4   | 12             |               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>45</b>      |               |

**Final mark:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Problem 1. (13 points)**

A fat wire, radius  $a$ , carries a constant current  $I$ , uniformly distributed over its cross section. A narrow gap in the wire, of width  $w \ll a$ , forms a parallel-plate capacitor, as shown in Figure.



As you remember from the previous test, the electric  $\mathbf{E}$  and magnetic  $\mathbf{B}$  fields inside the gap are given as

$$\mathbf{E}(t) = \frac{It}{\pi\epsilon_0 a^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad \mathbf{B}(s, t) = \frac{\mu_0 I s}{2\pi a^2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}.$$

where  $z$ -axis is the horizontal symmetry axis that runs from the left to the right,  $s$  is the distance from the axis in the radial direction,  $t$  is time, and we assume that the charge is zero at  $t = 0$ .

1. Find the energy density  $u_{em}$  in the gap. (2 points)
2. Find the Poynting vector  $\mathbf{S}$  in the gap. Note especially the direction of  $\mathbf{S}$ . (2 points)
3. Show that the law of the local conservation of electromagnetic energy is satisfied. (3 points)
4. Determine the total energy in the gap, as a function of time. [If you're worried about the fringing fields, do it for a volume of radius  $b < a$  well inside the gap.] (3 points)
5. Calculate the total power flowing into the gap, by integrating the Poynting vector over the appropriate surface. (2 points)
6. Show that the Poynting theorem is satisfied

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_V u d\tau - \int_S \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

(Tip:  $W = 0$  because there is no charge in the gap). (1 point)

**Answer to Question 1 (Problem 8.2 from tutorials) 13 points**

**1. (2 points)**

The energy density

$$u_{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{It}{\pi \epsilon_0 a^2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{\mu_0 I s}{2\pi a^2} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{2\pi^2 a^4} [(ct)^2 + (s/2)^2].$$

**2. (2 points)**

The Poynting vector  $\mathbf{S}$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{It}{\pi \epsilon_0 a^2} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_0 I s}{2\pi a^2} \right) (-\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = -\frac{I^2 t}{2\pi^2 \epsilon_0 a^4} s \hat{\mathbf{s}}.$$

**3. (3 points)**

Local conservation of electromagnetic energy (from the formula sheet)  $\frac{du}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}$

$$\frac{\partial u_{\text{em}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{2\pi^2 a^4} 2c^2 t = \frac{I^2 t}{\pi^2 \epsilon_0 a^4}; \quad -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = \frac{I^2 t}{2\pi^2 \epsilon_0 a^4} \nabla \cdot (s \hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \frac{I^2 t}{\pi^2 \epsilon_0 a^4} = \frac{\partial u_{\text{em}}}{\partial t}.$$

**4. (3 points)**

The total energy in the gap

$$U_{\text{em}} = \int u_{\text{em}} w 2\pi s ds = 2\pi w \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{2\pi^2 a^4} \int_0^b [(ct)^2 + (s/2)^2] s ds = \frac{\mu_0 w I^2}{\pi a^4} \left[ (ct)^2 \frac{s^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{s^4}{4} \right] \Big|_0^b \\ = \frac{\mu_0 w I^2 b^2}{2\pi a^4} \left[ (ct)^2 + \frac{b^2}{8} \right].$$

**5. (2 points)**

The total power flowing into the gap over a surface at radius  $b$ :

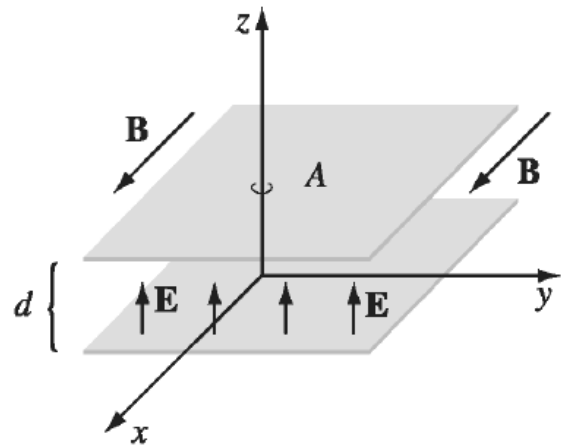
$$P_{\text{in}} = - \int \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{I^2 t}{2\pi^2 \epsilon_0 a^4} [b \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot (2\pi b w \hat{\mathbf{s}})] = \frac{I^2 w t b^2}{\pi \epsilon_0 a^4}.$$

**6. (1 point)**

$$\frac{dU_{\text{em}}}{dt} = \frac{\mu_0 w I^2 b^2}{2\pi a^4} 2c^2 t = \frac{I^2 w t b^2}{\pi \epsilon_0 a^4} = P_{\text{in}}$$

**Question 2 (14 points)**

A charged parallel-plate capacitor (with uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = E \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ) is placed in a uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = B \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , as shown in Figure.  $A$  stands for the area of the plates; as usual,  $d \ll \sqrt{A}$ .



1. Determine all nine elements of the stress tensor  $\vec{\mathbf{T}}$  in the region between the plates if  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Display your answer as a 3x3 matrix. (5 points)

2. From now on,  $\mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Find the electromagnetic momentum in the space between the plates. (2 points)

3. Now a resistive wire is connected between the plates, along the  $z$  axis, so that the capacitor slowly discharges. The current through the wire will experience a magnetic force; what is the total impulse delivered to the system, during the discharge? Note that the charge is not given. (6 points)

4. Does the answer to #3 make any sense? (1 point)

**Answer to Question 2** (Problem 8.7a from the tutorials and 8.6) **14 points**

**1. 5 points**

$$T_{xx} \equiv \epsilon_0 \left( -\frac{1}{2} E^2 \right) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$T_{yy} \equiv \epsilon_0 \left( -\frac{1}{2} E^2 \right) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$T_{zz} \equiv \epsilon_0 \left( E^2 - \frac{1}{2} E^2 \right) = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E^2 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

All other components equal zero because there are no cross-fields, i.e.  $T_{xy} = \epsilon_0 (E_x E_y) = 0$ .  
(1 point)

$$\vec{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E^2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

**2. 2 points**

The momentum density:  $\mathbf{g}_{\text{em}} = \epsilon_0 (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \epsilon_0 EB \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

The momentum:  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{em}} = \epsilon_0 EBAd \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

**3. 6 points**

The total impulse delivered

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \int_0^\infty \mathbf{F} dt = \int_0^\infty I(t) (\mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{B}) dt = \int_0^\infty I(t) Bd (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}) dt = Bd \hat{\mathbf{y}} \int_0^\infty I(t) dt \\ &= Bd \hat{\mathbf{y}} \int_0^\infty \left( -\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} \right) dt = -Bd \hat{\mathbf{y}} [Q(\infty) - Q(0)] = BdQ(0) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{aligned}$$

But the original field was  $E(t=0) = \frac{\sigma(t=0)}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q(0)}{\epsilon_0 A}$ ;  $Q(0) = \epsilon_0 EA$

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 EBAd \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

**4. 1 point**

Yes, this is in line with the momentum conservation law.

**Question 3. (6 points)**

The intensity of sunlight hitting the earth is about  $1300 \text{ W/m}^2$ .

1. If sunlight strikes a perfect absorber, what pressure does it exert? Provide the value!

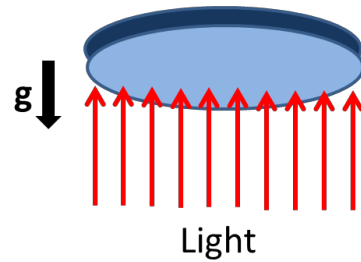
(2 points)

2. How about a perfect reflector? Provide the value, too.

(1 point)

3. What fraction of atmospheric pressure ( $10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ ) does this amount to? (1 point)

4. What intensity is needed to levitate (i.e. to maintain at a steady position in the gravitational earth field, see Figure) a perfectly reflecting 1 gram disk of 1 cm radius? (2 points)



**Answers to Question 3** (Problem 9.10 modified; also considered at lectures)

**1. (2 points)**

$$P = \frac{I}{c} = \frac{1.3 \times 10^3}{3.0 \times 10^8} = \boxed{4.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N/m}^2.}$$

**2. (1 point)**

For a perfect reflector the pressure is twice as great:

$$\boxed{8.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N/m}^2.}$$

**3. (1 point)**

Atmospheric pressure is  $10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$

$$(8.6 \times 10^{-6}) / (1.03 \times 10^5) = \boxed{8.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ atmospheres.}}$$

**4. (2 points)**

$$mg = P \cdot \pi r^2 = 2 \frac{I}{c} \pi r^2; I = \frac{mgc}{2\pi r^2}$$

$$I = \frac{10^{-3} \cdot 10 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^8}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-4}} = 5 \cdot 10^9 \frac{W}{m^2}$$



**Question 4** (12 points)

An electromagnetic monochromatic plane wave with frequency  $\omega$  is traveling in the direction from the origin to the point (1, 1, 1), with polarization parallel to the  $xz$  plane.

1. Give the explicit Cartesian components of  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ . (2 points)
2. Write down the (real) electric field for the wave of amplitude  $E_0$  (consider the phase constant zero):  $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = E_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$  (4 points)
3. Write down the (real) magnetic field for the same wave. Don't forget to express  $B_0$  via  $E_0$ .  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = B_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \omega t)} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}})$  (4 points)
4. Sketch the electromagnetic wave. (2 points)

**Solution Question 4 (Griffiths 9.9 from tutorials) (12 points)**

1. (2 points)

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{\omega}{c} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

Since  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is parallel to the  $xz$  plane, it must have the form  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \alpha\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \beta\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ; since  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$ ;  $\beta = -\alpha$ ; and since  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is a unit vector,  $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

2. (4 points)

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = E_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{3}c} (\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{3}c} (x + y + z)$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z, t) = E_0 \cos \left[ \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{3}c} (x + y + z) - \omega t \right] \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

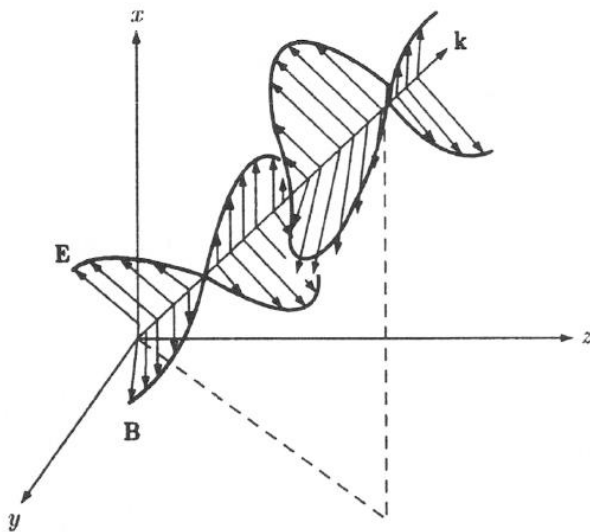
3. (4 points)

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c} E_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \omega t)} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \text{ because } B_0 = \frac{1}{c} E_0$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}})$$

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{E_0}{c} \cos \left[ \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{3}c} (x + y + z) - \omega t \right] \left( \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

4. (2 points)



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