# Electricity and Magnetism PHYCS 102 Final 2002 – 03

## **Useful constants:**

Coulomb's constant,  $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N.m}^2/\text{C}^2$ Permittivity of free space,  $\varepsilon_o = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / \text{ N.m}^2$ Permeability of free space,  $\mu_o = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T.m} / \text{ A}$ Electron charge,  $e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ Electron mass,  $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ Acceleration due to gravity,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m}/\text{ s}^2$ 

## Answer all problems in the exam copy book.

- 1- Three point charges are placed on the x-axis as shown in the figure.
  - a) Find the direction and magnitude of the electric field due to the three charges at point P located at x = 5m from origin.
  - b) Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric force experienced by  $Q_2$  due to the other two charges.

$$Q_{1} = +1 \ \mu C$$

$$Q_{2} = -5 \ \mu C$$

$$Q_{3} = +10 \ \mu C$$

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## **Solution:**

a)  

$$\vec{E}_{p} = K \left[ \frac{Q_{1}}{5^{2}} \vec{i} + \frac{Q_{2}}{2^{2}} \left( -\vec{i} \right) + \frac{Q_{3}}{1^{2}} \vec{i} \right] = 7.91 \times 10^{4} \frac{N}{C} \vec{i}$$
a)  

$$\vec{F}_{Q_{2}} = K \left[ \frac{Q_{1}Q_{2}}{3^{2}} \left( -\vec{i} \right) + \frac{Q_{3}Q_{2}}{1^{2}} \vec{i} \right] = 0.445N\vec{i}$$
b)

- 2- An insulating solid sphere of radius R has a volume charge density  $\rho$ .
  - a) Determine the magnitude of the electric field at point **a**, which is at a distance r<sub>a</sub> from the center.
  - b) Determine the magnitude of the electric field at point **b**, which is at a distance  $r_b$  from the center.
  - c) Find the potential V at the surface of the sphere (point c). Take V = 0 at infinity.



# Solution:

a) Apply Gauss's Law

$$E_{a}\left(4\pi r_{a}^{2}\right) = \frac{\rho\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r_{a}^{3}\right)}{\varepsilon_{o}}, \qquad E_{a} = \frac{\rho r_{a}}{3\varepsilon_{o}}$$
  
b) 
$$E_{b}\left(4\pi r_{b}^{2}\right) = \frac{\rho\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^{3}\right)}{\varepsilon_{o}}, \qquad E_{b} = \frac{\rho R^{3}}{3\varepsilon_{o}r^{2}}$$

c) 
$$V_c - V_{\infty} = \int_{R}^{\infty} E(r) dr$$
,  $V_c - V_{\infty} = \int \left[ \frac{\rho R^3}{3\varepsilon_o r^2} \right] dr$ ,  $V_c - V_{\infty} = \frac{\rho R^2}{3\varepsilon_o}$ 

- 3- Two thin conducting cylindrical shells form a capacitor as shown in the figure. The outer shell has a radius  $R_A$  and carries a charge -Q, while the inner shell has a radius  $R_B$  and carries a charge +Q. The two coaxial shells have the same length L.
  - a) Show that the potential difference between the two shells is:

$$V_B - V_A = \left(\frac{Q}{2\pi\varepsilon_o L}\right) In \left(\frac{R_A}{R_B}\right)$$

b) Use the results of the previous part to determine the capacitance of this cylindrical capacitor.



#### **Solution:**

Consider a cylindrical Gaussian surface of length *l* and radius *r*:

$$E(2\pi rl) = \frac{\lambda l}{\varepsilon_o} , \qquad E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\varepsilon_o r} = \frac{Q/L}{2\pi\varepsilon_o r} , \qquad V_B - V_A = \int_{R_B}^{R_A} E \ dr = \frac{Q}{2\pi\varepsilon_o L} \ell n \left(\frac{R_A}{R_B}\right)$$
$$C = \frac{Q}{V_{BA}} = \frac{2\pi\varepsilon_o L}{\ell n \left(\frac{R_A}{R_B}\right)}$$

**4-** A simple circuit consists of two capacitors and a battery as shown in the figure.

a) Determine the equivalent capacitance.

- b) Now, while the battery remains connected, a dielectric with dielectric constant  $\kappa = 2$ , is inserted into (and completely fills) C<sub>2</sub>. Determine the new equivalent capacitance.
- c) Find the voltage across  $C_2$  (after the dielectric has been inserted).



**Solution:** 

a)  

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_{1}C_{2}}{C_{1} + C_{2}} = 0.75 \mu F$$
b)  

$$C_{eq,N} = \frac{C_{1}(kC_{2})}{C_{1} + kC_{2}} = 0.857 \mu F$$
c)  

$$Q = V_{Battery} C_{eq,N} = 8.57 \mu C$$
,  

$$\Delta V_{2} = \frac{Q}{kC_{2}} = \frac{8.57 \mu C}{2 \times 3 \mu F} = 1.43V$$

- 5- A copper wire 2 mm in radius and 50 cm in length, carries a current of 5A. If the number of free electrons per unit volume  $n = 8.5 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , and if the resistivity of the wire is  $1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega.\text{m}$ , find:
  - a) The current density J.
  - b) The drift velocity  $v_d$ .
  - c) The electric field inside the wire.
  - d) The resistance of the wire.

### **Solution:**

a) 
$$J = \frac{5}{\pi r^2} = 3.97 \times 10^5 A/m^2$$
  
b)  $J = nev_d$ ,  $v_d = 0.029 mm/s$   
c)  $E = \rho J = 6.74 \times 10^{-3} V/m$ 

d) 
$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} = 6.76 \times 10^{-4} \Omega$$

6- Consider the circuit shown in the figure. Determine the voltage difference across the capacitor  $(V_B - V_A)$ , assuming the circuit has been connected for a long time and the capacitor is fully charged.





**Solution:** 

- $R_{total} = \frac{(22)(27)}{22+27} = 12.12\Omega, \quad I_{main} = \frac{6}{12.12} = 0.5 = I_A + I_B,$  $22I_B = 27I_A \therefore I_A = 0.23A \quad and \quad I_B = 0.27A.$
- $V_B V_A = -20I_B + 25I_A = +0.35V$
- 7- A conducting wire carrying a current, I, consists of three segments as shown in the figure; the first segment lies along the x-axis and has length L, the second segment is a semicircle of radius R, and the third segment is a straight line that exists the page at point A and extends for a length L. If the wire is subjected to a uniform magnetic field B (normal and entering into the page), determine the magnitude and direction of the net magnetic force experience by the wire.



# Solution:

Third segment does not experience any force.

Seg.1 :  $\vec{F}_1 = I\vec{L}_1 \wedge \vec{B} = (ILB)\vec{j}$ Seg.2:  $\vec{F}_2 = I\int \vec{d\ell} \wedge \vec{B} = IB\int (d\ell) Sin\theta\vec{j}$  $= IB\int_{\sigma}^{\pi} (Rd\theta)Sin\theta\vec{j} = 2IRB\vec{j}$   $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = IB(L+2R)\vec{j}$ 

- 8- An infinite straight wire carries a current  $I = 60 e^{-3t}$ . A conducting square loop of side 5 cm is placed at a distance of 10 cm from the wire as shown in the figure. Determine:
  - a) The magnitude of the magnetic flux through the loop.
  - b) The magnitude of the induced emf in the loop.

c) The magnitude and direction (clockwise or couter-clockwise) of the induced current in the loop if it has a resistance  $R = 5\Omega$ 



### **Solution:**

a)  

$$\Phi = \int_{0.1m}^{0.15m} \left(\frac{\mu_o I}{2\pi x}\right) 0.05 \, dx = \frac{\mu_o I(0.05)}{2\pi} \ell n \left(\frac{0.15}{0.1}\right) = 0.1m$$

$$\Phi = \left(2.43 \times 10^{-7}\right) e^{-3t} Wb$$
b)  

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \left(7.3 \times 10^{-7}\right) e^{-3t} V$$
b)  

$$I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} = \left(1.5 \times 10^{-7}\right) e^{-3t} A \ (clockwise)$$

- 9- A rod of length L =0.8 m and resistance 5  $\Omega$  is placed on a rail (with zero resistance) as shown in the figure. A magnetic field B = 2T is applied perpendicular to the plane of the rail and has the direction shown in the figure. The rod is attached to a mass m = 0.2 kg through a weightless chord that passes over a frictionless pulley. The rod moves to the left with constant velocity.
  - a) Determine the magnitude and direction (positive or negative y axis) of the induced current in the rod.
  - b) Find the velocity of the rod.



10- Tow long straight parallel wires are 0.5 m apart, as shown in the figure. The current  $I_1 = 8A$  and is coming out of the page. Determine:

- a) The magnitude and direction of the current  $I_2$  given that the net magnetic field due to the two wires is zero at point S.
- b) The net magnetic field (magnitude and direction) at point P.



11- The curved wire in the figure carries a current  $I_1 = 4A$ . It consists of two very long straight segments and an arc with radius R = 0.4 m that subtends an

angle of 60°. A second infinite straight wire carries a current  $I_2 = 2A$  and runs in the negative x – direction. Determine:

- a) Magnitude and direction (into or out of page) of the magnetic field at point P due to  $I_1$ .
- b) Magnitude and direction (into or out of page) of the magnetic field at point P due to  $I_2$ .
- c) Magnitude and direction (into or out of page) of the resultant magnetic field at point P due to  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ .



**Solution:** 

a) 
$$B_{1} = \int \frac{\mu_{o}}{4\pi} I_{1} \frac{d\ell}{R^{2}} = \frac{\mu_{o}I_{1}}{4\pi R^{2}} R\theta = 1.047 \,\mu T \left(\Box\right)$$
  

$$B_{2} = \frac{\mu_{o}I_{2}}{2\pi \left(0.6\right)} = 0.67 \,\mu T \left(\otimes\right)$$
  
b) 
$$B_{res} = B_{1} - B_{2} = 0.38 \,\mu T \left(\Box\right)$$