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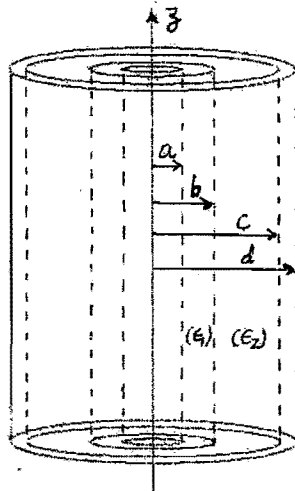
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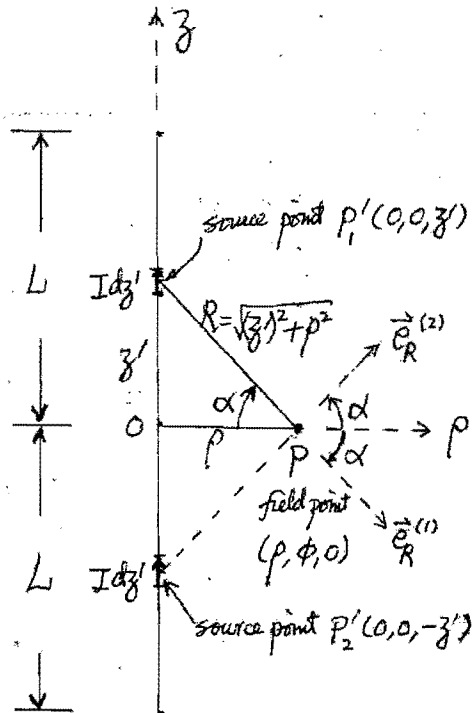
Question one

A uniform surface charge density of $\left(\frac{k}{a}\right) C/m^2$ where k is a positive constant is deposited on $\rho = a$ surface of a very long straight coaxial cable, with an inner solid wire of radius a m. A uniform surface charge density of $\left(-\frac{k}{c}\right) C/m^2$ is deposited on $\rho = c$ surface of the outer hollow wire with inner radius of c m and outer radius of d m. In-between the wires is filled with two layers of insulating materials with permittivity ϵ_1 & ϵ_2 for $(a < \rho < b)$ & $(b < \rho < c)$ layers respectively as shown in the figure below.



- (a) Find the total electric charges per unit length deposited on each of the inner and outer conducting wires in terms of k and name them as q_1 & q_2 respectively. Show that $q_1 = -q_2$. (3 marks)
- (b) Set $\vec{D}(\rho, \phi, z) = \vec{e}_\rho D_\rho(\rho)$ (write a brief justification for this setting), draw an appropriate closed surface and utilize the integral form of electric Gauss law, i.e., $\oiint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = \{total\ Q\ enclosed\ by\ S\}$, to find $D_\rho(\rho)$ for $a < \rho < c$ region. Then write down the form of electric field \vec{E} for $a < \rho < c$ region. (2 + 2 + 6 marks)
- (c) Find the potential difference between the inner and outer wires and then write down the distributive capacitance of the given coaxial cable system. (5 + 2 marks)
- (d) Explain briefly the bounded charge excess on the surface of a dielectric material and then find the surface charge density of the bounded charge excess σ_{sp} on the $\rho = a$ & $\rho = c$ dielectric material surfaces in terms of k , ϵ_1 & ϵ_2 . (1 + 4 marks)
(Hint : $\sigma_{sp} = \vec{e}_n \cdot \vec{P}$ where \vec{e}_n is the normal outward unit vector on dielectric surface)

- (a) A thin conducting wire of length $2L$, with its central axis coinciding with the z axis and its centre point coinciding with the origin, carries a steady total current I along positive z direction as shown in the figure below.



- (i) Since the given current source is only along z axis, its produced vector potential at a field point $P(\rho, \phi, 0)$ is also having only z component A_z , i.e.,

$$\vec{A} = \vec{e}_z A_z \quad \text{where} \quad A_z = \int_{z'=-L}^{z'=+L} \frac{\mu_0 I dz'}{4\pi R} = 2 \int_{z'=0}^{z'=+L} \frac{\mu_0 I dz'}{4\pi \sqrt{(z')^2 + \rho^2}}$$

carry out the above integral for A_z about z' and show that

$$A_z = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{L + \sqrt{L^2 + \rho^2}}{\rho} \right) \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

(Hint : set $z' = \rho \tan(\alpha)$, $\int \sec(\alpha) d\alpha = \ln(\sec(\alpha) + \tan(\alpha))$)

- (ii) For $L \gg \rho$, i.e., $\sqrt{L^2 + \rho^2} \rightarrow L$, use $\vec{A} \approx \vec{e}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{2L}{\rho} \right)$ and $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

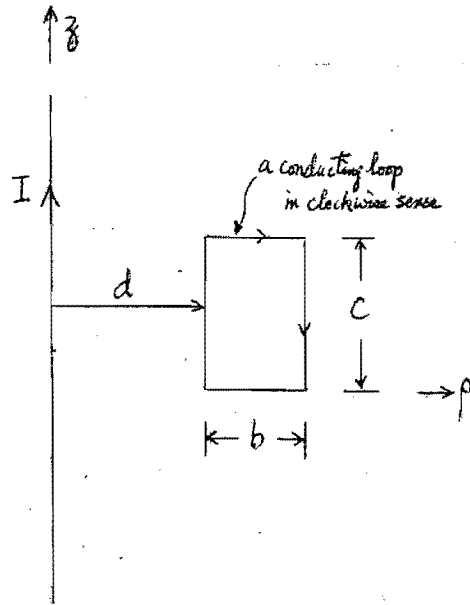
to find the magnetic field \vec{B} at the field point and show that

$$\vec{B} = \vec{e}_\phi \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi \rho} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

Question two (continued)

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- (b) Placing a rectangular conducting loop of dimension $b \times c$ a distance of d away from the central current carrying wire as shown in the diagram below, i.e., the inner region confined by the rectangular loop in clockwise sense is
 $S: d \leq \rho \leq d+b$, $0 \leq z \leq c$ & $d\vec{s} = \vec{a}_\phi d\rho dz$,

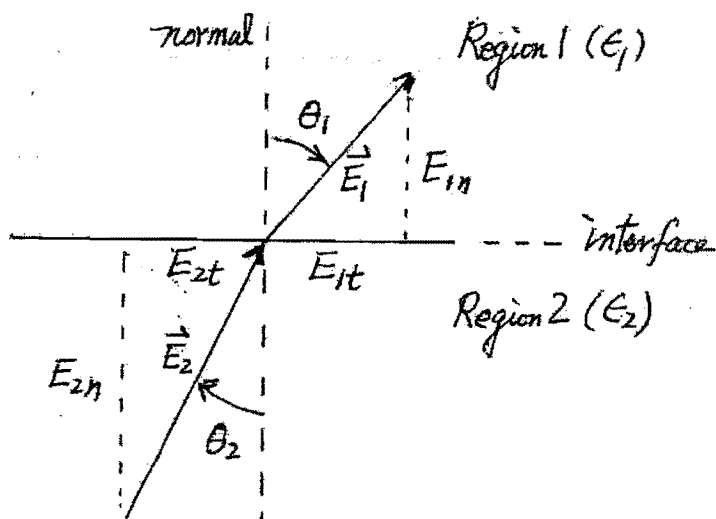


- (i) find the total magnetic flux Φ_m passing through the inner region confined by the rectangular loop, i.e., $\Phi_m = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$, in terms of μ_0 , b , c , d & I . Also write down the mutual inductance M between the given rectangular loop and the long straight wire and show that $M = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \times \ln\left(\frac{d+b}{d}\right) \times c$. (5 marks)
- (ii) If given the values of $b = 5 \text{ cm}$, $c = 8 \text{ cm}$ & $d = 10 \text{ cm}$ find the value of M . Further if the wire carries a sinusoidal current $I(t) = 2 \sin(9t) \text{ A}$ instead of carrying a static current I , find the induced e.m.f. in the rectangular conducting loop . (3 + 2 marks)

Question three

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- (a) An interface separating two dielectric regions of permittivity ϵ_1 & ϵ_2 is shown in the figure below. \vec{E}_1 & \vec{E}_2 are the electric fields at the same point on the interface in the different regions and θ_1 & θ_2 are their respective angles made with the normal.



- (i) Use the integral Faraday's law and by choosing proper closed loop across the interface, deduce that the tangential component of \vec{E} is continuous at the interface, i.e., $E_{1t} = E_{2t}$. (5 marks)
- (ii) Use the integral electric Gauss law and by choosing proper closed surface across the interface, deduce that the normal component of \vec{D} is continuous at the interface, i.e., $D_{1n} = D_{2n}$. (5 marks)
- (iii) Use the results in (a)(i) and (a)(ii) and deduce the following refraction law for \vec{E} $\epsilon_1 \tan(\theta_2) = \epsilon_2 \tan(\theta_1)$. (4 marks)
- (b) The equation of motion of an average conduction electron based on Drude's model is $m_e \frac{d\vec{v}_d}{dt} = -e\vec{E} - \frac{2m_e \vec{v}_d}{\tau_c}$,
- (i) Explain briefly each term in the above equation. (2 marks)
- (ii) In the steady state situation, i.e., $\frac{d\vec{v}_d}{dt} = 0$, deduce the following point form of Ohm's law $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ where $\sigma = \frac{ne^2}{2m_e} \tau_c$; (Hint: $\vec{J} = \rho_v \vec{v}_d = -ne\vec{v}_d$) (5 marks)
- (iii) If a certain pure metal has an atomic density of $3 \times 10^{28} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{m}^3}$ at room temperature and three outer orbit electrons are conduction electrons, find the value of τ_c if its measured dc conductivity is $\sigma = 2 \times 10^7 \frac{1}{\text{m}\Omega}$. (4 marks)

Question four

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- (a) The Maxwell's equations for the material region of parameters μ , ϵ & σ are

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad \dots\dots (2)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \quad \dots\dots (3)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \dots\dots (4)$$

- (i) Deduce from them the following wave equation for \vec{H}

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \dots\dots (5) \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- (ii) Set \vec{H} as $(\vec{H}(\text{space}) e^{i\omega t})$ and substitute it into the above wave equation,

to deduce the following time-harmonic equation for $\vec{H}(\text{space})$ as

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H}(\text{space}) - \hat{\gamma}^2 \vec{H}(\text{space}) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{\gamma} = \sqrt{i\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- (iii) Set the propagation constant $\hat{\gamma} \equiv \alpha + i\beta$, to deduce that

$$\beta = \frac{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2} + 1} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(Hint : $\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{2}}$ & $\cos(\theta) = \left(\sqrt{1 + \tan^2(\theta)}\right)^{-1}$)

- (b) An uniform plane wave traveling along the +z direction with the field components

$E_x(z)$ & $H_y(z)$ has a complex electric field amplitude $\hat{E}_m = 100 e^{i20^\circ} \frac{V}{m}$ and

propagates at a frequency $f = 10^6$ Hz in a material region having the parameters

$$\mu = \mu_0, \quad \epsilon = 2\epsilon_0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} = 0.4$$

- (i) Find the values of the propagation constant $\hat{\gamma} (= \alpha + i\beta)$ and the intrinsic wave impedance $\hat{\eta}$ for this wave, (4 marks)

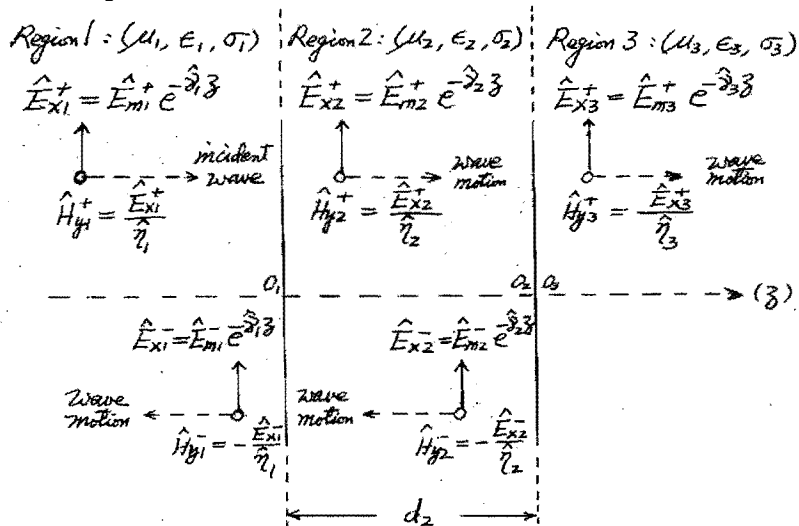
- (ii) Express the electric and magnetic fields in both their complex and real-time forms, with the numerical values of (b)(i) inserted, (6 marks)

- (iii) Find the values of the penetration depth, wavelength and phase velocity of the given wave. (3 marks)

Question five

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An uniform plane wave $(\hat{E}_{x1}^+, \hat{H}_{y1}^+)$, operating at a frequency f , is normally incident upon a layer of d_2 thickness, and emerges to region 3 as shown below :



O_1 , O_2 & O_3 are the respective origins for region 1, 2 & 3 chosen at the first and second interface.

- (a) Define for the i^{th} region ($i = 1, 2, 3$) the reflection coefficient $\hat{\Gamma}_i(z)$ and the total wave impedance $\hat{Z}_i(z)$ and deduce the following :

$$\hat{\Gamma}_i(z) = \frac{\hat{Z}_i(z) - \hat{\eta}_i}{\hat{Z}_i(z) + \hat{\eta}_i} \quad \text{(6 marks)}$$

- (b) If $f = 10^8$ Hz & $d_2 = \frac{\lambda_2}{4}$, region 1 & 3 are air regions and region 2 is a lossless

region with parameters $\mu_2 = \mu_0$, $\epsilon_2 = 4 \epsilon_0$ & $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = 0$

- (i) find the values of β_1 , β_2 , β_3 , λ_2 & $\hat{\eta}_2$. (note: $\hat{\eta}_1 = \hat{\eta}_3 = 120 \pi \Omega$ and $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$) (4 marks)

- (ii) Starting with $\hat{\Gamma}_3(z) = 0$ for the rightmost region, i.e., region 3, and using continuous \hat{Z} at the interface as well as the equations in (a), find the values of $\hat{Z}_3(0)$, $\hat{Z}_2(0)$, $\hat{\Gamma}_2(0)$, $\hat{\Gamma}_2(-d_2)$, $\hat{Z}_2(-d_2)$, $\hat{Z}_1(0)$ & $\hat{\Gamma}_1(0)$ (10 marks)

- (iii) Find the value of \hat{E}_{m1}^- & \hat{E}_{m2}^+ if given $\hat{E}_{m1}^+ = 100 e^{j30^\circ} \frac{V}{m}$ (5 marks)

Useful informations

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$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon}\right)^2} - 1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon}\right)^2} + 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon}}}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon}\right)^2}} e^{i \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon}\right)}$$

$$\eta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_0}} = 120 \pi \ \Omega = 377 \ \Omega$$

$$\beta_0 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \iiint_V \rho_v \, dv$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \right)$$

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} + \mu \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\varepsilon}$$

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \vec{J} + \mu \varepsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \quad \& \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \mu_0 \vec{H} + \vec{M}$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \equiv \iiint_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) dV \quad \text{divergence theorem}$$

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$$\oint_L \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \equiv \iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{Stokes' theorem}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \equiv 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} f) \equiv 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \equiv \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2 \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \vec{e}_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \vec{e}_y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \vec{e}_\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} + \vec{e}_\phi \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

$$= \vec{e}_r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}$$

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$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \vec{e}_x \left(\frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(F_y)}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{e}_y \left(\frac{\partial(F_x)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial x} \right) + \vec{e}_z \left(\frac{\partial(F_y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(F_x)}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\vec{e}_\rho}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial(F_\phi \rho)}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{e}_\phi \left(\frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial(F_z)}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{\vec{e}_z}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial(F_\phi \rho)}{\partial \rho} - \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

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where $\vec{F} = \vec{e}_x F_x + \vec{e}_y F_y + \vec{e}_z F_z = \vec{e}_\rho F_\rho + \vec{e}_\phi F_\phi + \vec{e}_z F_z = \vec{e}_r F_r + \vec{e}_\theta F_\theta + \vec{e}_\phi F_\phi$ and

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