

PHYSICS 7B, Lecture 2 - Spring 2014  
Midterm 2, C. Bordel  
7pm-9pm, Tuesday, April 8, 2014

**Make sure you show all your work and justify your answers.**

**Problem 1 - Electrical conduction (20 pts)**

*Remember: always write your symbolic solution before the numerical solution.*

A current  $I$  is passed through a cylindrical Ag wire of cross-sectional area  $A$  and resistivity  $\rho$ .

**a) Estimate the magnitude of the electric field  $E$  in the wire.**

Assume Ag has a mass density  $d$ , an atomic mass  $m_{\text{Ag}}$ , and 1 free electron per atom.

**b) Estimate the magnitude of the drift velocity,  $v_d$ , of the conduction electrons.**

Assume that the free electrons, of mass  $m_e$ , can be treated as an ideal gas.

**c) Estimate the rms speed of the conduction electrons at room temperature.**

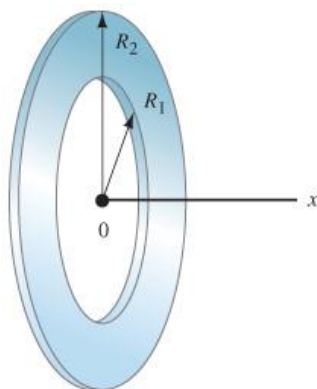
**d) Comment on the many orders of magnitude difference between  $v_d$  and  $v_{\text{rms}}$ .**

$I = 5 \text{ A}$  ;  $A = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$  ;  $\rho = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ } \Omega\text{m}$  ;  $e = 2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  ;  $d = 10^4 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ;  
 $m_{\text{Ag}} = 2 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg/at.}$  ;  $k_B = 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$  ;  $m_e = 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$ .

**Problem 2 - Electric field (20 pts)**

A flat ring of inner radius  $R_1$  and outer radius  $R_2$  carries a non-uniform surface charge density  $\sigma(r) = \frac{\beta}{r}$ , where  $\beta$  is a positive constant, and  $r$  is the radial distance measured from the center of the ring.

**Calculate the electric field produced by such a charge distribution at any point on the symmetry axis.**



**Problem 3 - Electric field (20 pts)**

A solid insulating cylinder of infinite length and radius  $R$  carries a non-uniform

volume charge density  $\rho(r) = \frac{\alpha}{r} e^{-\frac{r}{a}}$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $a$  are both positive constants, and  $r$  is the radial distance measured from the symmetry axis of the cylinder.

**Calculate the electric field produced at any point by the charge distribution and draw the electric field vector at 2 different points of your choice.**

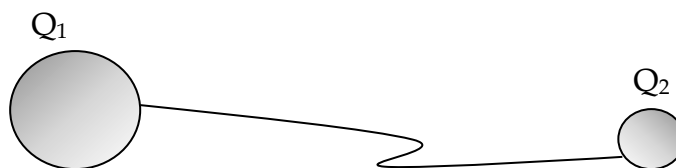
**Problem 4 - Electric potential (20 pts)**

A solid metallic sphere of radius  $R_1$  and carrying some charge  $Q$  is in electrostatic equilibrium.

- Calculate the electric field and electric potential at any point, using  $V(\infty)=0$  as the reference.**
- Draw the electric field lines and equipotential lines around the sphere.**

A second metallic sphere of radius  $R_2$ , carrying no net charge, is placed far from the first one.

- Calculate the electric charge of each sphere if they are electrically connected to each other by a very thin wire.**
- Draw the field lines corresponding to the new charge distribution.**



**Problem 5 - Capacitor (20 pts)**

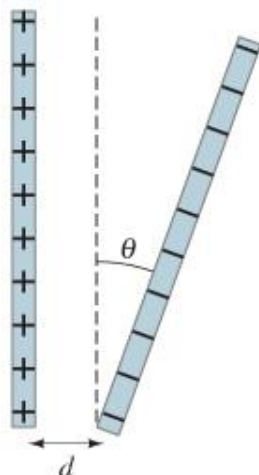
Let's consider a parallel-plate capacitor, whose plates carry some charge  $+Q$  and  $-Q$ , have a surface area  $L^2$ , and are separated by a constant distance  $d$ , with  $d \ll L$ .

- Calculate the electric field created between the 2 charged plates.**

Now one of the 2 plates is slightly tilted by a small angle  $\theta$  ( $\theta \ll d/L$ ).

- Determine the capacitance  $C$  and the potential energy  $U$  stored by this capacitor.**

*Hint: you may consider this capacitor as a combination of infinitesimal capacitors.*



$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{3}{2}kT$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{Q_1Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0r^2}\hat{r}$$

$$\vec{F} = Q\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0r^2}\hat{r}$$

$$\rho = \frac{dQ}{dV}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{dQ}{dA}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{dQ}{dl}$$

$$\vec{p} = Q\vec{d}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\Phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Delta U = Q\Delta V$$

$$V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$V = \int \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0r}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$$

$$Q = CV$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 \text{ (In parallel)}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \text{ (In series)}$$

$$\epsilon = \kappa\epsilon_0$$

$$U = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

$$U = \int \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} |\vec{E}|^2 dV$$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$\Delta V = IR$$

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

$$\rho(T) = \rho(T_0)(1 + \alpha(T - T_0))$$

$$P = IV$$

$$I = \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\vec{j} = nQv_d = \frac{\vec{E}}{\rho}$$

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 \text{ (In series)}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \text{ (In parallel)}$$

$$\sin(x) \approx x$$

$$\cos(x) \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$(1+x)^\alpha \approx 1 + \alpha x + \frac{(\alpha-1)\alpha}{2}x^2$$

$$\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\hat{z}$$

$$d\vec{l} = dr\hat{r} + r d\theta\hat{\theta} + dz\hat{z}$$

(Cylindrical Coordinates)

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r\sin(\theta)}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}\hat{\phi}$$

$$d\vec{l} = dr\hat{r} + r d\theta\hat{\theta} + r\sin(\theta)d\phi\hat{\phi}$$

(Spherical Coordinates)

$$\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-ax} dx = \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}}$$

$$\int_0^\infty x^{2n} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{(2n)!}{n!2^{2n+1}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^{2n+1}}}$$

$$\int_0^\infty x^{2n+1} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{n!}{2a^{n+1}}$$

$$\int (1+x^2)^{-1/2} dx = \ln(x + \sqrt{1+x^2})$$

$$\int (1+x^2)^{-1} dx = \arctan(x)$$

$$\int (1+x^2)^{-3/2} dx = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\cos(x)} dx = \ln \left( \left| \tan \left( \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right| \right)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sin(x)} dx = \ln \left( \left| \tan \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right| \right)$$

$$\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$$

$$\cos(2x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1$$

$$\sin(a+b) = \sin(a) \cos(b) + \cos(a) \sin(b)$$

$$\cos(a+b) = \cos(a) \cos(b) - \sin(a) \sin(b)$$

$$1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$$

$$1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$$