

**Midterm #2 Exam– Physics 7B-002 – Tue April 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 (7-9pm)  
Spring 2015 – UC Berkeley - Eric Corsini**

**Carefully read the following**

**On the cover of your green/blue book write (legibly) in that order**

- First and Last Name
- SID number
- Feb 24, 2015
- Physics 7B – MT1
- Lec 2
- [your discussion section #]
- GSI name
- Row and seat number

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**There are seven (5) problems**

- **All problems are worth the same number of points each**
- **Point values are assigned to some of the problem subparts**

**Strategy**

- Start by reading all problems carefully
- Attempt all problems, show your work, box your answers, check units.

**How to maximize partial credit and avoid losing points**

- You are writing to a jury of five graders; your work must be clear to them not just to you
- Carefully show your reasoning so that the grader can be sure you derived the answer as opposed to guessing or relying on a solved problem or on memory of a solved problem.
- Show the logical steps of your work and reasoning, and write legibly; this will enable the grader to give partial credit.
- No credit will be given for unjustified answers even if it is the correct answer
- Cross out any part of the solution you do not want the grader to grade.
- Give your answers in terms of the known variables given in each question
- It may be that the answer does not depend on ALL the given variables in that question.
- All required diagrams must be drawn in the blue book and be at least ½ page of the blue book. Be accurate in your drawing; for example, lines or vectors meant to be parallel should be drawn parallel; similarly if they are meant to be perpendicular; it does not have to be perfect but your drawing should clearly indicate what you mean.
- Clearly indicate your choice and orientation of axes; however, when given, use the same axes orientation as shown in the problem-figure.
- If you are stuck on a problem write down how you would proceed if you had more time.
- If you believe the answer you derived is incorrect, say why.
- Check the units of your final answers
- Box your final answer in each of the question in each of the given problem.
- Box both numerical and algebraic answers when both are required.

**Exam Policies**

- Raise your hand if you have any question – however, an answer will not necessarily be provided.
- Anyone who uses a wireless-capable device will receive zero on the exam.
- Cell phones must be turned OFF and placed in your backpack (not in your pocket!).
- No calculators allowed
- The only items allowed on your desk are: pencils, eraser, blue book, student picture ID.
- You must show your student ID upon request
- Do not reach inside your backpack during the exam (it will be deemed an attempt at cheating and will result in a zero score for that exam; a report will also be made to the university)

**Keep the test face up until instructed to start**

$$\vec{F} = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

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

$$\vec{E} = \int \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$V = \int \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

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

$$Q = CV$$

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

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

$$\epsilon = \kappa\epsilon_0$$

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

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

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

$$\Delta V = IR$$

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

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

$$P = IV$$

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

$$\vec{j} = nQ\vec{v}_d = \frac{\vec{E}}{\rho}$$

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

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

$$\sum_{\text{junction}} I = 0$$

$$\sum_{\text{loop}} V = 0$$

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

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

(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)

$$y(t) = \frac{B}{A}(1 - e^{-At}) + y(0)e^{-At}$$

$$\text{solves } \frac{dy}{dt} = -Ay + B$$

$$y(t) = y_{max} \cos(\sqrt{At} + \delta)$$

$$\text{solves } \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -Ay$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{d \cot(x)}{dx} = -\csc^2(x)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In each problem express your answer in terms of known or given variables listed for that problem. In addition to the known variables all physical constants are also known ( $g, \epsilon_0, G, \dots$ ). Not all variables need to be used in your answers. Show your work, box your answers, check units.

### Problem 1 (total: 20 points)

The known variables are  $V, R_1, R_2, C_1, C_2$

Consider the circuit as shown.

Before  $t=0$  both switches are open and the capacitors are uncharged.

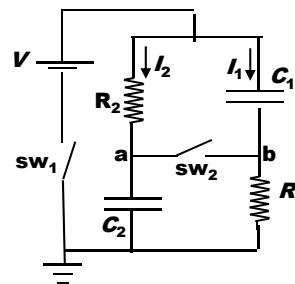
At time  $t=0$  we close switch 1 and switch 2 remains open,

- At time  $t=0$  what are the currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  in each arm?
- At time  $t=0$  what is the potential difference between point a and point b?
- At time  $t=\infty$  what is the potential difference between point a and point b?

Now consider the circuit in the state as it would be in part c).

We close switch 2 and both switches are now closed

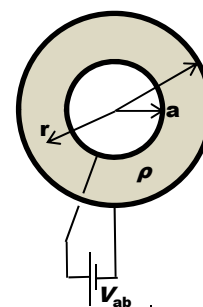
- What is the final potential of point b with respect to ground at  $t=\infty$ ?
- How much does the charge change on each capacitor at  $t=\infty$  (compared to just before switch 2 was closed)?



### Problem 2 (total: 20 points) The known variables are: $b, a, V_{ab}, \rho$

The region between two concentric spherical conducting thin shells of radii  $a$  and  $b$  ( $b > a$ ) is filled with a material with resistivity  $\rho$ . The potential difference between the two shells is  $V_{ab}$ .

- Derive an expression for the total resistance  $R$  between the two shells?
- Show that the expression from a) reduces to an expression similar to  $R = \rho L/A$  when the separation  $L = b - a$  between the spheres is small.
- What is the current density  $\vec{j}$  as a function of  $r$  ( $a < r < b$ ); in this part  $r$  is given.



### Problem 3 (total: 20 points) The known variables are $K, L, h, d, \xi$ (pronounced Xi)

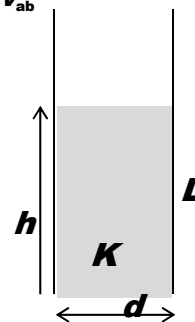
A fuel gauge uses the value of the capacitance  $C$  to measure the fuel level in the tank. Each of the capacitor's plates have a size  $L \times L$ ; the separation between the plates is  $d$  ( $L \gg d$ ). The height of the fuel between the plates is  $h$ . The fuel dielectric constant is  $K$ .

- What is the capacitance  $C$  as a function of  $h$ ?

The fuel gauge is calibrated for a capacitance value when the dielectric constant value of the fuel is  $K$ .

Suppose you now replace the fuel in part a) with the same volume of a different fuel with dielectric constant  $(K + \xi)$ , where  $\xi \ll K$ .

- What is % the error on the fuel gauge, with this new fuel?

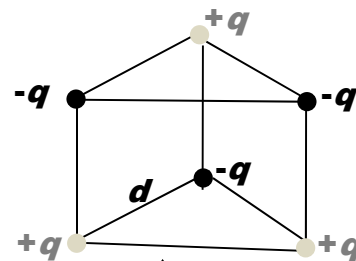


### Problem 4 (total: 20 points)

The known variables are  $d, q$

Consider the ionic crystal as shown (all sides have length  $d$ ) with six charges of equal magnitudes  $q$ , one at each apex, with charge signs arranged as shown. Take zero to be the potential energy of the six charges when they are infinitely far from each other.

- Calculate the potential energy  $U$  of this arrangement.
- Is the ionic crystal stable? Explain why.



### Problem 5 (total: 20 points): The known variables are: $R, r, d, \rho$

An insulating cylinder of radius  $R$  has a symmetry axis through the origin. The cylinder has a cylindrical cavity of radius  $r$  with axis of symmetry parallel to that of the cylinder and at a distance  $d$  from the origin, as shown ( $r < d < R - r$ ). The solid part of the cylinder has uniform charge density  $\rho$ .

Find the magnitude and direction of the electric field inside the cylindrical cavity. Use either the Cartesian coordinates  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  or the polar coordinates  $r, \theta$ . Both coordinate systems have the same origin  $\mathbf{o}$ .

