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Other information:

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Problem 1.

Consider two fixed, parallel, infinitely long cylinders of radius b whose cross sections are shown as grey disks in the figure below. The cylinder axes are parallel to the z axis (not shown) which points out of the paper plane. Labeling the cylinders 1 and 2, the cylinder axes have x-coordinates $x_1 = -w, x_2 = w$, and y-coordinates $y_1 = y_2 = 0$. Cylinder α ($\alpha = 1, 2$) has a surface charge density $\sigma_{\alpha}(r)$ on the curved cylinder surface. The space between the cylinders is vacuum with electric permittivity ϵ_0 . The electric field produced by cylinder α at a point $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)$ will be denoted by $\mathbf{E}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})$.

- a) 1. Consider a finite segment of length L of cylinder 1. Let \bm{F} be the electric force on this segment due to cylinder 2. Write down an expression for \boldsymbol{F} that takes the form of some kind of spatial integral involving some of the functions introduced above.
	- 2. Assume that the surface charge density σ_{α} is the same everywhere on the surface. Show that for r outside cylinder α ,

$$
|\boldsymbol{E}_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{r})| = \frac{b|\sigma_{\alpha}|}{\epsilon_{0}s_{\alpha}}\tag{1}
$$

where s_{α} is the distance from r to the cylinder axis. What is the direction of $E_{\alpha}(r)$? Also determine $E_{\alpha}(r)$ inside the cylinder. (Hint: Make use of symmetry arguments.)

Alternatively, the force \boldsymbol{F} defined above can be expressed as

$$
\mathbf{F} = \oint_{a} \mathbf{\hat{T}} \cdot d\mathbf{a} - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathbf{S}}{c^2} d^3 r \tag{2}
$$

where Ω is an appropriately chosen volume and a is the surface bounding Ω .

b) Again, assume that the surface charge density σ_{α} is the same everywhere on the surface (with $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$ in general). Then, by symmetry, F must be parallel to \hat{x} , so it suffices to consider F_x . Use (2) to calculate F_x . (Hints: Argue that the volume Ω can be chosen as follows: for each z between $-L/2$ and $L/2$ it has the same cross section, taking the shape of a "half-disk" with radius R , as shown by the thick dashed lines in the figure on the previous page. Furthermore, show/argue that in the limit $R \to \infty$ the surface integral in (2) reduces to the contribution from the flat surface at $x = 0$.)

Problem 2.

Consider a simple (i.e. linear and isotropic) non-conducting medium. You may assume that

- the electric permittivity ϵ is real with $\epsilon \geq \epsilon_0$, where ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity,
- the magnetic permeability μ is to a very good approximation equal to the vacuum permeability μ_0 ,
- there is no free charge or free current anywhere.

Then both E and B will satisfy the wave equation in the medium, with wave velocity $v = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}$, which can also be expressed as $v = c/n$, where $c = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}$ is the speed of light in vacuum and *n* is the refractive index, which is real with $n \geq 1$.

a) Consider the plane wave solution (using complex notation, with ω and k real)

$$
\tilde{E} = \tilde{E}_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}, \quad \tilde{B} = \tilde{B}_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \tag{3}
$$

of the wave equations for **E** and **B**, where $\omega = v k$ (with $k = |\mathbf{k}|$).

1. Show that both \tilde{E} and \tilde{B} are perpendicular to k , and that

$$
\tilde{B} = \frac{1}{\omega} (\mathbf{k} \times \tilde{E}). \tag{4}
$$

2. Evaluate Eq. (4) when $\tilde{E}_0 = \tilde{E}_0 \hat{y}$ and $\mathbf{k} = k(\cos \theta \hat{z} + \sin \theta \hat{x})$.

Next, consider two simple non-conducting media 1 and 2. **Each of these media possesses** the general properties discussed earlier. The two media are separated by a flat interface. A plane electromagnetic wave in medium 1 is incident on the interface, giving rise to a reflected wave in medium 1 and a transmitted wave in medium 2.

We choose a coordinate system such that the interface is the xy plane (i.e. at $z = 0$), with medium 1 in the region $z < 0$ and medium 2 in the region $z > 0$. The incident wave has (angular) frequency ω_I and wavevector \mathbf{k}_I . The corresponding quantities are ω_R and \mathbf{k}_R for the reflected wave and ω_T and \mathbf{k}_T for the transmitted wave. Then, using the boundary conditions for this system,

$$
\epsilon_1 E_1^{\perp} = \epsilon_2 E_2^{\perp}, \tag{5}
$$

$$
B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp,\tag{6}
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{E}_1^{\parallel} = \boldsymbol{E}_2^{\parallel}, \tag{7}
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{B}_1^{\parallel} = \boldsymbol{B}_2^{\parallel}, \tag{8}
$$

it can be shown that the exponential factors $e^{i(k \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$ for the three waves must be identical for all times t and all r in the interface, which in turn can be shown to imply the following results:

$$
\omega_T = \omega_R = \omega_I,\tag{9}
$$

$$
k_I
$$
, k_R and k_T lie in the same plane (the so-called "plane of incidence"), (10)

 $\theta_R = \theta_I$ (the law of reflection), (11)

$$
n_1 \sin \theta_I = n_2 \sin \theta_T \text{ (the law of refraction, also known as Snell's law).} \tag{12}
$$

The angles θ_I , θ_R , and θ_T here are shown in the figure below, which also shows the directions of the wavevectors (the orientation of the x and y axes in the xy plane have been chosen so that the wavevectors have no y component, and we also made the assumption $n_1 < n_2$ in the figure).

So far, no use has been made of the direction of \tilde{E}_I . Now, assume that \tilde{E}_I points along the y axis. Then it can be shown that also \tilde{E}_R and \tilde{E}_T point along the y axis. In other words, the vector \tilde{E}_0 in Eq. (3) for the respective waves can be written

$$
\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}_{0I} = \tilde{E}_{0I} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \tag{13}
$$

$$
\tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{E}_{0R} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \qquad (14)
$$

$$
\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}_{0T} = \tilde{E}_{0T} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}.
$$
\n(15)

b) Use the boundary conditions (5)-(8) to derive the two equations

$$
\tilde{E}_{0I} + \tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{E}_{0T}, \qquad (16)
$$

$$
\tilde{E}_{0I} - \tilde{E}_{0R} = \alpha \beta \tilde{E}_{0T}, \qquad (17)
$$

where $\alpha = \cos \theta_T / \cos \theta_I$ and $\beta = n_2/n_1$. (Remark: It turns out that (6) and (7) lead to the same equation, so only one of these boundary conditions have to be considered.)

c) Assume that $n_1 < n_2$. Determine the phase between the reflected wave and the incident wave as a function of θ_I for $0 \leq \theta_I < \pi/2$, and whether there are any values of θ_I for which the reflected wave vanishes.

Problem 3.

Two tiny metal spheres are separated by a distance d along the z axis (see the figure above). They are connected by an electrically neutral wire, through which a current with angular frequency ω is driven, so that at time t, the charge on the upper sphere is $q(t)$ and the charge on the lower sphere is $-q(t)$, where $q(t) = q_0 \cos(\omega t)$. We introduce complex notation by writing $q(t) = \text{Re } \tilde{q}(t)$ with $\tilde{q}(t) = q_0 e^{-i\omega t}$ etc. The current density is given by

$$
\tilde{j}(r,t) = \hat{z}\frac{d\tilde{q}(t)}{dt}\delta(x)\delta(y)\Theta(d/2 - |z|)
$$
\n(18)

where Θ is the Heaviside step function.

- a) 1. Treating the metal spheres as points, write down an expression for the charge density $\tilde{\rho}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$.
	- 2. Make independent calculations of the following two quantities: $\frac{\partial \tilde{\rho}}{\partial t}$ and $\nabla \cdot \tilde{j}$. Give a physical interpretation of the result.

In the following we will be interested in the fields that contribute to radiation, denoted by E_{rad} and B_{rad} . This means that in your calculations below you may assume that $d \ll r$ and $c/\omega \ll r$, where r is the radial coordinate of the point $\mathbf{r} = (r, \theta, \phi)$. (Note that at this stage you should not make any assumptions about the relative magnitude of d and c/ω .) It will be convenient to introduce the wavenumber $k = \omega/c$.

b) We will first consider the potentials $\tilde{V}(r, t)$ and $\tilde{A}(r, t)$. It can be shown (you are not asked to show it) that the vector potential

$$
\tilde{A}(r,t) \approx -\frac{icq_0\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{kd}{2}\cos\theta\right)}{\cos\theta} \frac{\exp(i(kr-\omega t))}{r} \hat{z}.
$$
\n(19)

Find the corresponding expression for the scalar potential $\tilde{V}(r, t)$.

c) It can be shown (you are not asked to show it) that

$$
\tilde{E}_{\rm rad}(r,t) = -\frac{q_0 k}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \tan\theta \sin\left(\frac{kd}{2}\cos\theta\right) \frac{\exp(i(kr - \omega t))}{r} \hat{\theta}.
$$
 (20)

Find $\tilde{B}_{rad}(r, t)$ (preferably by a calculation not making use of (20)). Compare the expressions for \tilde{E}_{rad} and \tilde{B}_{rad} ; are their similarities and differences as you would have expected?

d) Determine the angular dependence (i.e. the dependence on the angles θ and ϕ) of the resulting radiation pattern, as contained e.g. in the Poynting vector S . How does this dependence simplify when $kd \ll 1$? Comment on this simplified dependence.

Formulas

Some formulas that you may or may not need (you should know the meaning of the symbols and possible limitations of validity):

$$
T_{ij} = \epsilon_0 \left(E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2 \right)
$$
 (21)

$$
\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \tag{22}
$$

$$
\frac{d}{du}\Theta(u) = \delta(u) \tag{23}
$$

$$
V(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3 r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}',t_{\text{ret}})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}
$$
(24)

$$
\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}',t_{\text{ret}})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}
$$
(25)

FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS

SPHERICAL AND CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Spherical

$$
\begin{cases}\ns = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\
\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \\
z = z\n\end{cases}\n\qquad\n\begin{cases}\ns = \cos \phi \mathbf{x} + \sin \phi \mathbf{y} \\
\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\
\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}\n\end{cases}
$$

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Maxwell's Equations

In general :

In matter:

$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho
$$
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$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}
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$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0
$$
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$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}
$$
\n
$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}
$$

Auxiliary Fields

Definitions:

Linear media:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \\
\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}\n\end{cases}\n\qquad\n\begin{cases}\n\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \\
\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbf{B}\n\end{cases}
$$

Potentials

 $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

Lorentz force law

$$
\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})
$$

Energy, Momentum, and Power

Energy:
$$
U = \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2\right) d\tau
$$

\n*Momentum*: $\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \int (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) d\tau$
\n
$$
Poynting vector: \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})
$$
\n
$$
Larmor formula: \quad P = \frac{\mu_0}{6\pi c} q^2 a^2
$$

Triple Products

- (1) $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$
- (2) $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$

Product Rules

- (3) $\nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + g(\nabla f)$
- (4) $\nabla (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}$
- (5) $\nabla \cdot (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla f)$
- (6) $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$
- (7) $\nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f)$
- (8) $\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$

Second Derivatives

- (9) $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$
- (10) $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$
- (11) $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

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 $\int_{a}^{b} (\nabla f) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a})$ **Gradient Theorem:** Divergence Theorem : $\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ **Curl Theorem:**

 $d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{\mathbf{x}} + dy \hat{\mathbf{y}} + dz \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad d\tau = dx dy dz$ Cartesian.

Gradient:
$$
\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}}
$$

Divergence:
$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}
$$

$$
Curl: \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}}
$$

Laplacian :
$$
\nabla^2 t = \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}
$$

 $d\mathbf{l} = dr \hat{\mathbf{r}} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{\phi}; \quad d\tau = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$ Spherical.

 $\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi}$ Gradient:

Divergence:
$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi}
$$

$$
\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \, v_{\phi}) - \frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{\mathbf{r}}
$$

+
$$
\frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_{r}}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_{\phi}) \right] \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_{\theta}) - \frac{\partial v_{r}}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\phi}
$$

Laplacian :
$$
\nabla^{2} t = \frac{1}{r^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^{2} \frac{\partial t}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{2} \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial t}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{2} \sin^{2} \theta} \frac{\partial^{2} t}{\partial \phi^{2}}
$$

Cylindrical. $d\mathbf{l} = ds \hat{\mathbf{s}} + s d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + dz \hat{\mathbf{z}}$; $d\tau = s ds d\phi dz$

- $\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z} \hat{z}$ Gradient:
- Divergence: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_{\phi}}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial z}$

$$
Curl: \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_{\phi}}{\partial z} \right] \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \left[\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s} \right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_{\phi}) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{\mathbf{z}}
$$

Laplacian:
$$
\nabla^2 t = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(s \frac{\partial t}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}
$$