ECE 329 Fields and Waves I
Homework 1

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- Tag all the questions in Gradescope. Failure to do so results in a 5 points deduction.
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- Please show detailed process for each problem instead of just an answer. No partial credits would be given otherwise. All answers should include units wherever appropriate.
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Question	Points	Score
1	10	
2	7	
3	13	
4	10	
5	10	
Total:	50	

1. **Review exercises on vectors:** Consider the 3D vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= 3\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 2\hat{z},\\ \mathbf{B} &= \hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z},\\ \mathbf{C} &= \hat{x} - 2\hat{y} + 3\hat{z},\end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{x} \equiv (1,0,0)$, $\hat{y} \equiv (0,1,0)$, and $\hat{z} \equiv (0,0,1)$ constitute an orthogonal set of unit vectors directed along the principal axes of a right-handed Cartesian coordinate system.

Vectors can also be represented in component form — e.g., $\mathbf{A} = (3, 1, -2)$, which is equivalent to $3\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 2\hat{z}$. Determine the following.

(a) (1 point) The vector $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$,

(b) (1 point) The vector $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} - 4\mathbf{C}$,

(c) (2 points) The vector *magnitude* $|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} - 4\mathbf{C}|$.

(d) (2 points) The unit vector $\hat{u}$ along vector $\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$.

(e) (2 points) The *dot product* $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$.

(f) (2 points) The *cross product* $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$.

2. (7 points) A particle with charge $q = 1$ C passing through the origin $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z) = \mathbf{0}$ of the lab frame is observed to accelerate with forces

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = 3\hat{z}, \quad \mathbf{F}_2 = \hat{z}, \quad \mathbf{F}_3 = 3\hat{z} + 4\hat{y}\,\mathrm{N}$$

when the velocity of the particle is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = 1\hat{y}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = 2\hat{z}\,\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}},$$

in the same unknown fields $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$.

Use the Lorentz force equation $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$ to determine the fields $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ at the origin.

3. (13 points) Let $\mathbf{J} = z^2(\hat{x}+\hat{y}+\hat{z})$ A/m^2 denote the electrical *current density* field — i.e., current flux per unit area — in a region of space represented in Cartesian coordinates. A current density of $\mathbf{J} = z^2(\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})$ A/m^2 implies the flow of electrical current in direction $\frac{\mathbf{J}}{|\mathbf{J}|} = \frac{\hat{x}+\hat{y}+\hat{z}}{\sqrt{3}}$ with a magnitude of $|\mathbf{J}| = z^2\sqrt{3}$ amperes (A) per unit area. Calculate the total **current flux** $\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ out of a closed surface S enclosing a cubic volume $V = 1\,\mathrm{m}^3$ with vertices at $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ m.

Hint: Surface S of cube V consists of six surfaces of square shapes having equal areas $S_i = 1\,\mathrm{m}^2$, $i = 1, 2, \cdots, 6$. The flux $\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ is therefore the sum of six *surface integrals* $\int_{S_i} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ taken over surfaces S_i, where the infinitesimal area vectors $d\mathbf{S}$ are, in turn, $\pm\hat{z}dxdy$, $\pm\hat{x}dydz$, and $\pm\hat{y}dzdx$ — by convention $d\mathbf{S}_i$ are taken as vectors pointing away from volume V (at each subsurface S_i) in flux calculations.

4. (10 points) Charges $Q_1 = 8\pi\epsilon_o$ C and $Q_2 = -Q_1/2$ are located at points P_1 and P_2 having the position vectors $\mathbf{r}_1 = -\hat{x} = (-1, 0, 0)$ m and $\mathbf{r}_2 = \hat{x} = (1, 0, 0)$ m, respectively. Determine the electric field vector $\mathbf{E}$ at points P_3 and P_4 having the position vectors $\mathbf{r}_3 = \hat{y} = (0, 1, 0)$ m and $\mathbf{r}_4 = \hat{z} = (0, 0, 1)$ m, respectively. Make sketches showing the charge locations and the resulting electric field vectors (drawn coming out of points P_3 and P_4, respectively) in each case.

5. (10 points) **Bonus Question**: During the semester, some HWs will have an **optional** bonus question on an advanced concept that can help you to increase your HW average for the semester up to a maximum of 100%. For this week, derive Green's first identity: $\int_{\partial V} \psi(\nabla\phi \cdot \boldsymbol{n})\, dS = \int_V (\psi\nabla^2\phi + \nabla\phi \cdot \nabla\psi)\, dV$. (**Hint**: apply the divergence theorem.)