

Exam 1

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This is a closed book exam and calculators are not allowed. Please show all your work and make sure to include your reasoning for each answer. **All answers should include units wherever appropriate.**

Problem 1 (25 points)	
Problem 2 (25 points)	
Problem 3 (25 points)	
Problem 4 (25 points)	
TOTAL (100 points)	

1. Consider a static volumetric charge density $\rho(x, y, z) = 6\epsilon_0\delta(z) + \rho_s\delta(z - 4)$ C/m³ in a given region of free space (having permittivity ϵ_0), where the displacement field in the region $0 < z < 4$ m is known to be $\mathbf{D} = \hat{x}\epsilon_0 + \hat{z}3\epsilon_0$ C/m², and $D_z = 2\epsilon_0$ for $z > 4$ m. Furthermore, field \mathbf{D} is uniform in each of the regions $z < 0$, $0 < z < 4$, and $z > 4$.

a) (3 pts) Determine ρ_s .

b) (3 pts) Determine \mathbf{D} in the region $z > 4$ m.

c) (4 pts) Determine \mathbf{D} in the region $z < 0$.

d) (6 pts) Determine \mathbf{E} in all three regions ($z < 0$, $0 < z < 4$, and $z > 4$).

e) (5 pts) What is the voltage drop from the point $(0, 0, 0)$ to the point $(0, 0, 4)$?

f) (4 pts) Is the plane at $z = 4$ m an equipotential surface? Explain.

2. An electric field in free space is given as $\mathbf{E} = \hat{x}yz + \hat{y}zx + \hat{z}xy$ V/m.

a) (5 pts) Determine if the electric field given above is conservative.

b) (10 pts) Determine the electrostatic potential function, $V(x, y, z)$, corresponding to the field \mathbf{E} assuming that the potential at the origin is $V(0, 0, 0) = 0$ V.

c) (5 pts) Determine the total charge contained in a cubic volume $V = 1$ m³ with vertices at $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ m.

d) (5 pts) Determine the charge density ρ in the region corresponding to the electric field.

3. The region between two infinite, plane parallel, perfectly conducting plates at $z = 0$ and $z = 1$ m is filled with two slabs of perfect dielectric materials having constant electric permittivities $\epsilon_1 = 2\epsilon_0$ for $0 < z < d$ m (region 1) and ϵ_2 for $d < z < 1$ (region 2). The bottom plate is held at constant potential $V(0) = 0$ and the electrostatic field between the plates is known to be

$$\mathbf{E}(z) = \begin{cases} -\frac{3\epsilon_2}{8\epsilon_0}\hat{z}, & 0 < z < d \\ -\frac{3\epsilon_1}{8\epsilon_0}\hat{z}, & d < z < 1 \end{cases} \text{ V/m}$$

- a) (4 pts) Verify that the above field satisfies Maxwell's boundary condition regarding \mathbf{D} at the boundary between the two dielectric slabs.
- b) (7 pts) Write the expression for the electrostatic potential $V(z)$ for $0 < z < 1$ m in terms of ϵ_1 , ϵ_2 , and d .
- c) (5 pts) Determine ϵ_2 if the surface charge density on the top plate (at $z = 1$ m) is $\rho_s = 3\epsilon_0$ C/m².
- d) (3 pts) Does $V(z)$ determined in part (b) satisfy Laplace's equation in the region $0 < z < 1$ m? Explain your answer.
- e) (5 pts) What would be the capacitance C of the structure described above if the parallel plates at $z = 0$ and $z = 1$ m were constrained to have finite areas $A = W^2$ (where $W \gg 1$ m) facing one another. In this calculation ignore the fringing fields, and express C as a function of ϵ_1 , ϵ_2 , d , and A .

4. Consider a co-axial cable of length L that is centered on the origin and lies along the \hat{z} axis. The inner conducting wire has a radius $R = 10$ mm and carries a surface charge density of $-3\epsilon_0$ C/m², while the thin, outer conducting shell has a radius $3R = 30$ mm and carries a surface charge density of ϵ_0 C/m². The region between the two conductors is filled with a perfect dielectric material characterized by permittivity $\epsilon = 6\epsilon_0$.

a) (8 pts) Assuming that $R \ll L$ (such that fringing fields at the edges of the cable can be neglected), use Gauss' Law in integral form to determine the electric field in the region between the conductors ($R < r < 3R$) and in the region outside of both conductors ($r > 3R$).

b) (5 pts) What are the magnitude and unit direction, *in Cartesian coordinates*, of the displacement field \mathbf{D} between the conductors at the *Cartesian* point $P = (-15 \text{ mm}, 20 \text{ mm}, 10 \text{ mm})$?

c) (8 pts) Assuming the inner conducting wire is held at a constant potential of $V_R = 10$ mV, what is the electrostatic potential V_{3R} on the outer conducting shell? **Hint:** there are two independent ways of solving for V_{3R} .

d) (4 pts) If the dielectric material between the conductors is not perfect, such that $\sigma \neq 0$, indicate whether the following statements are true or false:

- i. **TRUE/FALSE:** Free electrons inside the material will be accelerated toward the inner conductor via the Lorentz force.
- ii. **TRUE/FALSE:** Current will flow in the $+\hat{r}$ direction.
- iii. **TRUE/FALSE:** The surface charge density on the outer conductor will decrease initially.
- iv. **TRUE/FALSE:** The capacitance of the system will decrease initially.

6. Consider a static volumetric charge density $\rho(x; y; z) = 6\epsilon_0 \delta(z) + \rho_s(z - 4)$ C/m³ in a given region of free space (having permittivity ϵ_0), where the displacement field in the region $0 < z < 4$ m is known to be $\mathbf{D} = \hat{x}\epsilon_0 + \hat{z}3\epsilon_0$ C/m² for and $D_z = 2\epsilon_0$ C/m² for $z > 4$ m. Furthermore, field \mathbf{D} is uniform in each of regions $z < 0$, $0 < z < 4$ m, and $z > 4$ m.

- Determine ρ_s .
- Determine \mathbf{D} for the region $z > 4$ m.
- Determine \mathbf{D} for the region $z < 0$.
- Determine \mathbf{E} in all three regions ($z < 0$, $0 < z < 4$, and $z > 4$).
- What is the voltage drop from the point (0,0,0) and the point (0,0,4)?
- Is the plane at $z=4$ m an equi-potential surface? Explain.

Solutions

6. Consider a static charge density $\rho(x; y; z) = 6\epsilon_0 \delta(z) + \rho_s(z - 4)$ C/m³ in a given region of free space (having permittivity ϵ_0), where the displacement field is known to be $\mathbf{D} = \hat{x}\epsilon_0 + \hat{z}3\epsilon_0$ C/m² for $0 < z < 4$ m and $D_z = 2\epsilon_0$ C/m² in the region $z > 4$ m. The volume charge density corresponds to two infinite surfaces at $z = 0$ m and $z = 4$ m with surface charges of 6C/m^3 and ρ_s C/m³, respectively.

a) Apply boundary conditions at the interface: $\rho = \hat{n} \cdot [\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2]$ At $z = 4$ m, we have that the surface charge density ρ_s must be equal to the difference between the normal components of \mathbf{D} on each side of the interface. Then, with $\hat{n} = \hat{z}$, we have:

$$\rho_s = D_z|_{z=4^+} - D_z|_{z=4^-} = 2\epsilon_0 - 3\epsilon_0 = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{m}^2}$$

b) In the region $z > 4$ m, we know that $D_z = 2\epsilon_0$ C/m². In addition, since the tangential components of \mathbf{E} at the interface at $z = 4$ m must be continuous, i.e., $E_x|_{z=4^+} = E_x|_{z=4^-}$, and assuming that the charged sheets are in a vacuum, we can verify that $D_x|_{z=4^+} = D_x|_{z=4^-} = \epsilon_0$ C/m².

Extending the field to the region $z > 4$ m, we find that

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_o \hat{x} + 2\epsilon_o \hat{z} \frac{C}{m^2} \text{ for } z > 4 \text{ m.}$$

c) Applying boundary conditions at the interface at $z = 0$ m, we have that $D_z|_{z=0^+} - D_z|_{z=0^-} = 6$ thus, $D_z|_{z=0^-} = 3\epsilon_o - 6\epsilon_o = -3\epsilon_o C/m^2$. In addition, since $E_x|_{z=0^+} = E_x|_{z=0^-}$ and given that the space is a vacuum, we can verify that $D_x|_{z=0^-} = D_x|_{z=0^+} = \epsilon_o$. Extending the fields to the region $z < 0$ m, we find that

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_o \hat{x} - 3\epsilon_o \hat{z} \frac{C}{m^2} \text{ for } z < 0 \text{ m. C}$$

d) The displacement field, \mathbf{D} , is defined to be equal to $\epsilon_{medium}\mathbf{E}$. Since the region is in free space $\epsilon_{medium} = \epsilon_o$. The electric field in the region where $z < 0$ m is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\epsilon_o \hat{x} + (3\epsilon_o - 6)\hat{z}}{\epsilon_o} = \hat{x} - 3\hat{z} \frac{V}{m}$$

The electric field in the region from $z = 0$ m to $z = 4$ m is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\epsilon_o \hat{x} + 3\epsilon_o \hat{z}}{\epsilon_o} = \hat{x} + 3\hat{z} \frac{V}{m}$$

The electric field in the region where $z > 4$ m is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\epsilon_o \hat{x} + 2\epsilon_o \hat{z}}{\epsilon_o} = \hat{x} + 2\hat{z} \frac{V}{m}$$

e) We can calculate the voltage drop from $(0,0,0)$ m to $(0,0,4)$ with the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &= V_{(0,0,4)} - V_{(0,0,0)} = -\int_0^4 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\int_0^4 \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_o} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= -\int_0^4 (\hat{x} + 3\hat{z}) \cdot \hat{z} dz = -3z \Big|_0^4 = -12 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

f) The plane at $z=4$ m is NOT an equipotential surface. Because of the x-component of the electric field, integration on the top plane in the horizontal direction gives a non-zero result indicating a potential drop on the surface.

2. $\vec{E} = \hat{x} yz + \hat{y} zx + \hat{z} xy \text{ V/m}$ free space: $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$

(a) conservative = curl free:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz & zx & xy \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(x-x) + \hat{y}(0-0) + \hat{z}(z-z) = 0 \therefore \vec{E} \text{ is conservative}$$

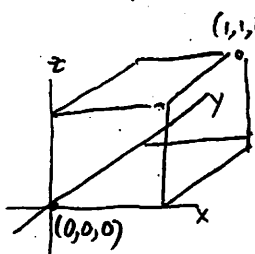
(b) $V_{(x,y,z)} - V_{(0,0,0)} = V(x,y,z) = \int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,y,z)} -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

$$= \int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,0,0)} -E_x dx + \int_{(x,0,0)}^{(x,y,0)} -E_y dy + \int_{(x,y,0)}^{(x,y,z)} -E_z dz$$

$$= \int_0^x 0 dx + \int_0^y 0 dy + \int_0^z (-xy) dz$$

$$= -xyz \Big|_0^z = -xyz [V] //$$

(c) $\int \rho dV = ? = \oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s}$



$$= \oint \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \int_{x=1} \epsilon_0 E_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{x} dy dz + \int_{x=0} \epsilon_0 E_x \hat{x} \cdot (-\hat{x}) dy dz$$

$$+ \int_{y=1} \epsilon_0 E_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{y} dx dz + \int_{y=0} \epsilon_0 E_y \hat{y} \cdot (-\hat{y}) dx dz$$

$$+ \int_{z=1} \epsilon_0 E_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} dx dy + \int_{z=0} \epsilon_0 E_z \hat{z} \cdot (-\hat{z}) dx dy$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \left[\int (yz) dy dz - (yz) dy dz \right]$$

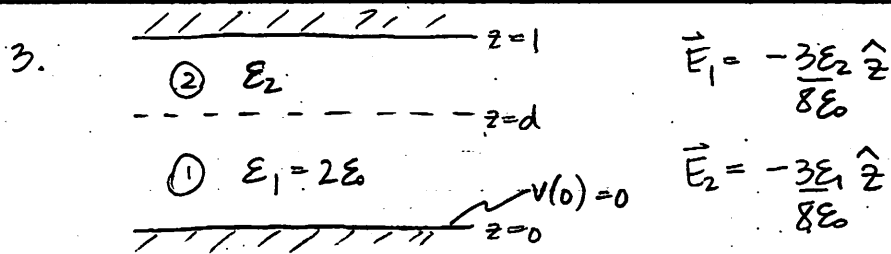
$$+ \epsilon_0 \left[\int (zx) dx dz - (zx) dx dz \right]$$

$$+ \epsilon_0 \left[\int (xy) dx dy - (xy) dx dy \right] \Bigg\} = 0 = \int \rho dV //$$

(d) $\rho(x,y,z) = ? = \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \vec{E}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \epsilon_0 E_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \epsilon_0 E_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \epsilon_0 E_z$

$$= (0) + (0) + (0)$$

$\rho = 0$ everywhere //



Ⓐ boundary condition. eqn: $\hat{n} \cdot (\vec{D}^+ - \vec{D}^-) = \rho_s = 0$ (since $\sigma = 0$ in both regions)

let $\hat{n} = \hat{z}$: $D_{z1} - D_{z2} = 0$

so $\epsilon_1 E_{z1} - \epsilon_2 E_{z2} = 0 = \frac{\epsilon_1 (-3E_2)}{8\epsilon_0} - \frac{\epsilon_2 (-3E_1)}{8\epsilon_0}$ ✓

Ⓑ $\vec{E}_1 = -\nabla V_1 = \text{constant} \therefore V_1(z) = A_1 z + B_1$ linear function

$\vec{E}_2 = -\nabla V_2 = \text{constant} \therefore V_2(z) = A_2 z + B_2$

$V(0) = V_1(0) = B_1 = 0$ (given)

$-\nabla V_1 = -A_1 \hat{z} = E_{1z} \hat{z}$ so $A_1 = \frac{3E_2}{8\epsilon_0}$

$-\nabla V_2 = -A_2 \hat{z} = E_{2z} \hat{z}$ so $A_2 = \frac{3E_1}{8\epsilon_0}$

$V_1(d) = V_2(d)$ so $A_1 d = A_2 d + B_2 \Rightarrow B_2 = (A_1 - A_2) d$

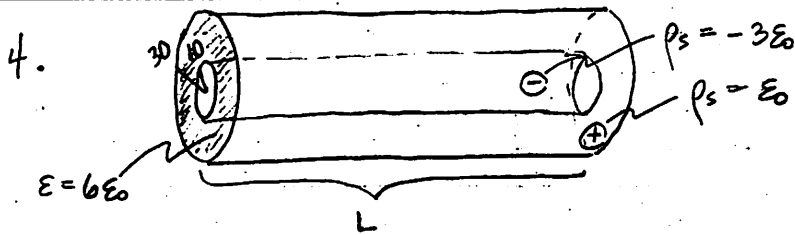
$$V(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{3E_2}{8\epsilon_0} z & 0 < z < d \\ \frac{3E_1}{8\epsilon_0} z + \left(\frac{3E_2 - 3E_1}{8\epsilon_0} \right) d & d < z < 1 \end{cases}$$

Ⓒ $\frac{\|\vec{E} = 0\|}{E_2} 3\epsilon_0 \hat{z} \cdot (0 - \epsilon_2 \vec{E}_2) = 3\epsilon_0 = + \frac{3E_1 \epsilon_2}{8\epsilon_0} \quad (\epsilon_1 = 2\epsilon_0)$

so $E_2 = \frac{8\epsilon_0^2}{\epsilon_1} = 4\epsilon_0$ //

Ⓓ NO, not across $0 < z < 1$ since $\nabla^2 V \neq 0$ @ $z = d$.

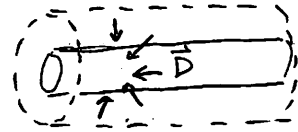
Ⓔ $C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\rho_s A}{V} = \frac{3\epsilon_0 A}{V}$ where $V = \underbrace{E_{1z} d}_{\text{voltage rise across region ①}} + \underbrace{E_{2z} (1-d)}_{\text{voltage rise across region ②}}$



@ Gauss law: $\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \rho dv = Q_{enc} = \text{inner charge only}$.

Know \vec{D} is radial: so

cylindrical surface of radius $3R < r < R$, length L , centered



$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int D_r \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} dS = D_r \int dS = D_r (2\pi r L)$$

$$Q_{enc} = \rho_s 2\pi R L \text{ [C]}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{D} = D_r \hat{r} = \hat{r} \left(\frac{\rho_s 2\pi R L}{2\pi r L} \right) = \hat{r} \frac{-3\epsilon_0 R}{r} = \epsilon E_r \hat{r} = 6\epsilon_0 E_r \hat{r}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{E} = \hat{r} \left(\frac{-R}{2r} \right) = -\hat{r} \frac{1}{200r} \text{ V/m } (R = 10^{-2} \text{ m})$$

ⓑ $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = -\frac{3\epsilon_0 R}{r} \hat{r} = -\frac{3\epsilon_0 (10^{-2})}{r} \hat{r}$

@ $(-15 \text{ mm}, 20 \text{ mm}, 10 \text{ mm})$ $r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{(15)^2 + (20)^2} \text{ mm}$
 $= \sqrt{(3.5)^2 + (4.5)^2} = 5\sqrt{25} = 25 \text{ mm}$

$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = \left(\frac{-15}{25}, \frac{20}{25}, 0 \right)$ cylindrical radius!

so $\vec{D} = -\frac{3\epsilon_0 (10^{-2})}{25 (10^{-3})} \left(\frac{-15}{25}, \frac{20}{25}, 0 \right) \Rightarrow |\vec{D}| = \frac{6}{5} \epsilon_0 \text{ C/m}^2$

unit dir = $\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{-4}{5}, 0 \right)$

Ⓒ $V_{3R} - V_R = \int_R^{3R} -\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_R^{3R} \frac{1}{200r} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} dr = \frac{1}{200} (\ln r) \Big|_R^{3R} = \frac{1}{200} \ln \left(\frac{3R}{R} \right) = \frac{\ln 3}{200} \text{ [V]}$

so $V_{3R} = \frac{\ln(3)}{200} + \frac{1}{100} \text{ [V]}$

or $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = \frac{\epsilon L 2\pi}{\ln \left(\frac{3R}{R} \right)}$ so $\Delta V = \frac{\ln(3) Q}{6\epsilon_0 L 2\pi} = \ln(3) \frac{R}{2} = \frac{\ln(3)}{200} \text{ [V]}$
 $= \epsilon_0 (2\pi (3R) L) = +3\epsilon_0 (2\pi R L)$

Ⓓ (i) FALSE. $\vec{F} = -e\vec{E} \propto +\hat{r}$ (ii) FALSE. $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E} \propto -\hat{r}$

(iii) TRUE. $+Q$ gains $-e$ (iv) FALSE. $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ is constant (see above)