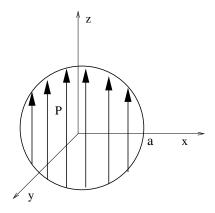
Candidacy Exam Spring 2004

Electricity and Magnetism

1. Consider sphere of radius a centered at the origin with zero free charge and a uniform permanent polarization $\mathbf{P} = P\hat{\mathbf{z}}$.



[5 pts] (a) What is the bound volume charge density, $\rho_b(\mathbf{r})$, and surface charge density, $\sigma_b(\mathbf{r})$? [5 pts] (b) Show that $\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ integrated over any spherical surface centered at the origin vanishes. [15 pts] (c) Find the potential both inside and outside the sphere by solving Laplace's equation.

Note: Recall that solutions of Laplace's equation with azimuthal symmetry can be written as a series in Legendre polynomials

$$\phi(r,\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left[A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right] P_l(\cos \theta).$$

2. Consider a medium that is linear and isotropic but not homogeneous in both conducting and dielectric properties. Let $\epsilon(\mathbf{r})$ be the permittivity and $\sigma(\mathbf{r})$ be the conductivity of the material.

[5 pts] (a) Write down the differential form of Gauss' Law for the displacement field, \mathbf{D} , and the continuity equation for the free current density, \mathbf{J}_{f} .

For parts (b) and (c), a steady current is established across the material.

[10 pts] (b) Show that there will be a volume density of free charge in the material given by

$$ho_{
m f}({f r}) = -rac{
abla \phi}{\sigma} \cdot (\sigma
abla \epsilon - \epsilon
abla \sigma),$$

where $\phi(\mathbf{r})$ is the electrostatic potential in the material.

[10 pt] (c) A simple example of an inhomogeneous material is the composition of two different homogeneous materials joined at an interface. Label each region 1 and 2. Show that, at the interface between the two materials, there will be a surface free charge density given by

$$\sigma_{
m fch} = J_{
m n} \left(rac{\epsilon_2}{\sigma_2} - rac{\epsilon_1}{\sigma_1}
ight),$$

where J_n is the normal component of the free current density at the interface.

[25 pts] 3. A circular loop in the xy plane is in a spatially uniform magnetic field described by $\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}B_0\cos\omega t$. The loop has a radius a, resistance R, and self-inductance L. Find the current in the loop as a function of time.

4. An infinitely long ideal solenoid is at rest in the frame S' with its axis parallel to the y' axis. It has n' turns per unit length and carries a steady current I'.

[15 pts] (a) Find **E** and **B** inside and outside the solinoid for an observer S who traveling at constant velocity $\mathbf{v} = v\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ with respect to S'.

[5 pts] (b) Sketch the lines of **E** and indicate the charge distribution that must be associated with this electric field.

[5 pts] (c) Will an electric field be observed by someone who sees the solenoid moving at constant speed along the axis of the solenoid? Justify your answer.