2nd Midterm Solutions (11/5/2020)

Problem 1) a) $P(\mathbf{r},t) = p_0 \delta(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \rightarrow \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla \cdot P(\mathbf{r},t) = -p_0 \delta(x) \delta(y) \delta'(z).$

The figure shows a typical plot of $\delta'(z)$ for a sufficiently small value of the parameter α . The function is positive below, and negative above, the origin. The minus sign in the above expression of $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$ reverses the sign of the function, so that the (bound) charge-density below the origin is negative, while that above the origin is positive. This is consistent with our understanding that the dipole moment $p_0\hat{z}$ represents a pair of

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positive and negative charges, with the negative charge slightly below, and the positive charge slightly above, the origin. The area under each lobe of $\delta'(z)$ is $1/\alpha$, making the magnitude of the pair of charges equal to $\pm p_0/\alpha$. Given that the charges are separated by a distance α along the z-axis, as shown in the figure, their dipole moment is $(p_0/\alpha)\alpha\hat{z} = p_0\hat{z}$.

b)
$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = m_0 \delta(\boldsymbol{r}) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial M_z}{\partial y} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} - \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial x} \hat{\boldsymbol{y}} \right)$$

$$= (m_0/\mu_0) [\delta(x)\delta'(y)\delta(z)\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} - \delta'(x)\delta(y)\delta(z)\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}].$$

The figure below shows typical plots of $\delta'(x)$, $\delta'(y)$, and $\delta(z)$ for sufficiently small values of the α parameter. The current-density $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$ has components along the x and y axes, as shown in the rightmost panel of the figure. The direction of the current along each of the four legs of the loop is determined by whether the corresponding lobe of $\delta'(x)$ or $\delta'(y)$ is positive or negative. Each triple-delta-function-product in the above expression of $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$ has a magnitude of $1/\alpha^4$. Integration over each leg's cross-sectional area (α^2) yields the loop current as $I_0 = m_0/(\mu_0 \alpha^2)$, and multiplication by the loop area $A = \alpha^2$ yields $I_0A = m_0/\mu_0$. The magnetic dipole moment m_0 along the z-axis is thus seen to be the product of μ_0 , the loop current I_0 , and the loop area A.



c) Invoking the sifting properties of $\delta(\cdot)$ and $\delta'(\cdot)$, direct Fourier transformation of $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r},t)$ and $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r},t)$ yields $\int_{-\infty}^{(e)} f(\zeta)\delta(\zeta)d\zeta = f(0) \text{ and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\zeta)\delta'(\zeta)d\zeta = -f'(0).$ $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = -p_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x)\delta(y)\delta'(z) \exp[-i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)] d\mathbf{r}dt = -i2\pi p_0 k_z \delta(\omega).$ \downarrow $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = (m_0/\mu_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta(x)\delta'(y)\delta(z)\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \delta'(x)\delta(y)\delta(z)\hat{\mathbf{y}}] \exp[-i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)] d\mathbf{r}dt$ $= i2\pi (m_0/\mu_0) (k_y \hat{\mathbf{x}} - k_x \hat{\mathbf{y}})\delta(\omega).$ Alternatively, one could first evaluate the Fourier transforms of P(r, t) and M(r, t), then calculate the Fourier transforms of the bound charge and current densities, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_0 \delta(\boldsymbol{r}) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \exp[-\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{r} - \omega t)] \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r} \mathrm{d}t = 2\pi p_0 \delta(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}. \\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} m_0 \delta(\boldsymbol{r}) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \exp[-\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{r} - \omega t)] \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r} \mathrm{d}t = 2\pi m_0 \delta(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}. \\ \rho_{\mathrm{bound}}^{(\mathrm{e})}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) &= -\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = -\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k} \cdot 2\pi p_0 \delta(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} = -\mathrm{i}2\pi p_0 k_z \delta(\omega). \\ \boldsymbol{J}_{\mathrm{bound}}^{(\mathrm{e})}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) &= \mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k} \times \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = \mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k} \times 2\pi (m_0/\mu_0) \delta(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} = \mathrm{i}2\pi (m_0/\mu_0) (k_y \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} - k_x \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}) \delta(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2) a) In the limit when $\omega_0 \rightarrow 0$, the oscillating current $I_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$ approaches the constant current I_0 . In this limit,

$$\begin{split} \sin(\omega_0 t) &\to \omega_0 t \to 0; \\ J_0(\rho\omega_0/c) \to 1; \\ Y_0(\rho\omega_0/c) \to (2/\pi)[\mathcal{C} + \ln(\rho\omega_0/2c)]; \\ \end{split} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \cos(\omega_0 t) \to 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\omega_0 t)^2 \to 1; \\ J_1(\rho\omega_0/c) \to \rho\omega_0/2c; \\ Y_1(\rho\omega_0/c) \to -\frac{2c}{(\pi\rho\omega_0)}. \end{split}$$

Keeping in mind that $\lim_{x\to 0} (x \ln x) = 0$, substitution into the expressions of the radiated *E* and *H* fields now yields

$$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \to 0; \qquad \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \to (l_0/2\pi\rho)\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}.$$

b) In the far field, where $\rho \omega_0 / c = 2\pi \rho / \lambda_0 \gg 1$ (λ_0 being the vacuum wavelength), one may write

$$J_{0}(\rho\omega_{0}/c) \cong \sqrt{2c/(\pi\rho\omega_{0})} \cos[\rho\omega_{0}/c - (\pi/4)]; \quad J_{1}(\rho\omega_{0}/c) \cong \sqrt{2c/(\pi\rho\omega_{0})} \cos[\rho\omega_{0}/c - (3\pi/4)];$$
$$Y_{0}(\rho\omega_{0}/c) \cong \sqrt{2c/(\pi\rho\omega_{0})} \sin[\rho\omega_{0}/c - (\pi/4)]; \quad Y_{1}(\rho\omega_{0}/c) \cong \sqrt{2c/(\pi\rho\omega_{0})} \sin[\rho\omega_{0}/c - (3\pi/4)].$$

Substitution into the expressions of the radiated E and H fields yields

$$\begin{array}{c} \hline Z_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0/\varepsilon_0} \end{array} \rightarrow \quad E(\boldsymbol{r},t) \cong -\frac{1}{2} \left(Z_0 I_0 / \sqrt{\lambda_0 \rho} \right) \cos[\omega_0(t-\rho/c) + (\pi/4)] \, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}, \quad \leftarrow \lambda_0 = 2\pi c/\omega_0 \\ H(\boldsymbol{r},t) \cong \frac{1}{2} \left(I_0 / \sqrt{\lambda_0 \rho} \right) \cos[\omega_0(t-\rho/c) + (\pi/4)] \, \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}. \end{array}$$

These functions have the correct retarded form, with $\varphi_0 = \pi/4$. The Poynting vector in the far field is readily seen to be aligned with $\hat{\rho}$ and inversely proportional to ρ , as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{S}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \times \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \cong \frac{1}{4} (Z_0 I_0^2 / \lambda_0 \rho) \cos^2[\omega_0(t-\rho/c) + (\pi/4)] \,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}$$

Problem 3) In the Fourier domain, the Lorenz gauge equation is $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k},\omega) - (\omega/c^2)\psi(\mathbf{k},\omega) = 0$. Considering that $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k},\omega)/[k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]$, $\psi(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \rho(\mathbf{k},\omega)/\varepsilon_0[k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]$, and $c^2 = (\mu_0\varepsilon_0)^{-1}$, substitution into the Lorenz gauge equation yields $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k},\omega) - \omega\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega) = 0$, which is the expression of charge-current continuity in the Fourier domain.

Problem 4) a) Given the charge-density
$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho_0[\text{sphere}(r/R_2) - \text{sphere}(r/R_1)]$$
, we have

$$\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(\mathbf{r},t) e^{-\mathrm{i}(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \mathrm{d}t = 2\pi\delta(\omega)\rho_0 \int_{r=R_1}^{R_2} \int_{\varphi=0}^{\pi} e^{-\mathrm{i}kr\cos\varphi} 2\pi r^2 \sin\varphi \,\mathrm{d}r \mathrm{d}\varphi$$

integration by parts

$$= \frac{8\pi^2\delta(\omega)\rho_0}{k} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} r\sin(kr) \,\mathrm{d}r \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \frac{8\pi^2\delta(\omega)\rho_0}{k} \Big[-(r/k)\cos(kr) \big|_{r=R_1}^{R_2} + k^{-1} \int_{R_1}^{R_2}\cos(kr) \,\mathrm{d}r \Big]$$

$$= 8\pi^{2}\delta(\omega)\rho_{0}\left[\frac{\sin(R_{2}k) - R_{2}k\cos(R_{2}k)}{k^{3}} - \frac{\sin(R_{1}k) - R_{1}k\cos(R_{1}k)}{k^{3}}\right].$$
 (1)

b)
$$\psi(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega)}{\varepsilon_0[k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]} = \frac{8\pi^2 \delta(\omega)\rho_0}{\varepsilon_0[k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]} \left[\frac{\sin(R_2k) - R_2k\cos(R_2k)}{k^3} - \frac{\sin(R_1k) - R_1k\cos(R_1k)}{k^3} \right].$$
 (2)

c)
$$\psi(\mathbf{r},t) = (2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\mathbf{k},\omega) e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)} d\mathbf{k} d\omega = (2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{k},\omega)}{\varepsilon_0[k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]} e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)} d\mathbf{k} d\omega$$

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{\rho_0}{2\pi^2 \varepsilon_0} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\varphi=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin(R_2 k) - R_2 k \cos(R_2 k)}{k^5} - \frac{\sin(R_1 k) - R_1 k \cos(R_1 k)}{k^5} \right] e^{ikr \cos\varphi} 2\pi k^2 \sin\varphi \, dk d\varphi \\ &= \frac{2\rho_0}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\sin(R_2 k) - R_2 k \cos(R_2 k)}{k^4} - \frac{\sin(R_1 k) - R_1 k \cos(R_1 k)}{k^4} \right] \sin(kr) \, dk \\ &= \frac{2\rho_0}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \begin{cases} \pi r (3R_2^2 - r^2)/12; & (r \le R_2) \\ \pi R_2^3/6; & (r \ge R_2) \end{cases} - \frac{2\rho_0}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \begin{cases} \pi r (3R_1^2 - r^2)/12; & (r \le R_1) \\ \pi R_1^3/6; & (r \ge R_1). \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Consequently,

$$\psi(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{\rho_0}{2\varepsilon_0} \begin{cases} R_2^2 - R_1^2; & r \le R_1, \\ R_2^2 - \frac{1}{3}r^2 - \frac{2}{3}R_1^3/r; & R_1 \le r \le R_2, \\ \frac{2}{3}(R_2^3 - R_1^3)/r; & r \ge R_2. \end{cases}$$
(3)

d) The *E*-field inside and outside the shell is obtained from the above scalar potential, as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi(\boldsymbol{r},t) = -(\partial\psi/\partial r)\hat{\boldsymbol{r}} = \frac{\rho_0\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}}{3\varepsilon_0r^2} \begin{cases} 0; & r \leq R_1, \\ r^3 - R_1^3; & R_1 \leq r \leq R_2, \\ R_2^3 - R_1^3; & r \geq R_2. \end{cases}$$
(4)

e) Average E_r within the shell's wall = $\left(\int_{R_1}^{R_2} E_r dr\right)/(R_2 - R_1)$

$$= \frac{\rho_0}{3\varepsilon_0(R_2 - R_1)} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \left(r - \frac{R_1^3}{r^2} \right) dr = \frac{\rho_0}{3\varepsilon_0(R_2 - R_1)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(R_2^2 - R_1^2 \right) + R_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{R_2} - \frac{1}{R_1} \right) \right] \\ = \frac{\rho_0(R_2^3 - R_2R_1^2 + 2R_1^3 - 2R_2R_1^2)}{6\varepsilon_0(R_2 - R_1)R_2} = \frac{\rho_0[(R_2^2 - R_1^2)R_2 - 2R_1^2(R_2 - R_1)]}{6\varepsilon_0(R_2 - R_1)R_2} = \frac{\rho_0(R_2 - R_1)^2(R_2 + 2R_1)}{6\varepsilon_0(R_2 - R_1)R_2} \\ = \frac{\rho_0(R_2 - R_1)(R_2 + 2R_1)}{6\varepsilon_0R_2}.$$
(5)

f) The ratio of the average E_r within the shell's wall to the *E*-field at $r = R_2^+$ is given by

$$\frac{\text{average } E_r}{E_r \text{ immediately outside the shell}} = \frac{\rho_0(R_2 - R_1)(R_2 + 2R_1)/6\varepsilon_0R_2}{\rho_0(R_2^3 - R_1^3)/3\varepsilon_0R_2^2} = \frac{R_2(R_2 + 2R_1)}{2(R_2^2 + R_2R_1 + R_1^2)}.$$
(6)

The above ratio approaches $\frac{1}{2}$ when $R_1 \rightarrow R_2$.