## **Opti 501 2<sup>nd</sup> Midterm Exam** (10/31/2023) **Time: 75 minutes**

## Please write your name and ID number on all the pages, then staple them together. Answer all the questions.

## Note: Bold symbols represent vectors and vector fields.

**Problem 1**) Consider a time-independent polarization distribution centered at the origin of the *xyz* coordinate system, as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{p_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}}{\Delta^3} \operatorname{Rect}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{x}}{\Delta}\right) \operatorname{Rect}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{y}}{\Delta}\right) \operatorname{Tri}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{z}}{\Delta}\right)$$

The dipole moment  $p_0 \hat{z}$  has units of [coulomb · meter], and the width parameter  $\Delta$  is in meters.



- 2 pts a) Find the bound electric charge-density  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r})$  corresponding to the polarization  $P(\mathbf{r})$ .
- 1 pt b) What is the total electric charge in the region above the *xy*-plane (i.e., in the region z > 0)?
- 1 pt c) What is the total electric charge in the region below the xy-plane (i.e., in the region z < 0)?
- 1 pt d) What is the separation distance between the center of charge above and the center of charge below the *xy*-plane?
- 1 pt e) Considering the results obtained in (b), (c), and (d), find the electric dipole moment of the charge distribution in the limit when  $\Delta$  is sufficiently small.
- 1 pt f) In the limit when  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ , the polarization P(r) approaches the density of an electric pointdipole located at the origin of the coordinates. Use the Dirac delta-function notation to express the polarization distribution in the limit of  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ .

**Hint**:  $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V_x(r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} V_y(r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} V_z(r).$ 

- 2 pts **Problem 2**) a) Write the complete set of Maxwell's partial differential equations. Substitute for **D** and **B** in terms of the **E** and **H** fields, so that the equations retain only the **E** and **H** fields—in addition, of course, to the relevant sources  $\rho_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ,  $J_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ,  $P(\mathbf{r}, t)$ , and  $M(\mathbf{r}, t)$ .
- 1 pt b) Transform the equations obtained in (a) to the Fourier domain. The resulting equations must contain only the Fourier-transformed fields  $E(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  and  $H(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  as well as the relevant (Fourier transformed) source fields.
- 3 pts c) Solve the equations obtained in (b) to find a complete expression for  $E(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  in terms of the Fourier transformed source fields.

- 1 pt d) Use the solution obtained for  $E(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  in conjunction with Maxwell's 3<sup>rd</sup> equation to arrive at an expression for  $H(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ .
- 1 pt e) Show that  $E(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  obtained in (c) satisfies Maxwell's 1<sup>st</sup> equation.
- 1 pt f) Show that  $H(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  obtained in (d) satisfies Maxwell's 4<sup>th</sup> equation.

Hint: The vector identity  $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$  will be helpful.

**Problem 3**) A uniformly-magnetized solid sphere of radius *R* sits at the origin of coordinates with magnetization  $M_0 \hat{z}$  along the *z*-axis; that is,  $M(r) = M_0 \hat{z}$  sphere(r/R).

- 3 pts a) Find the 3-dimensional (3D) Fourier transform of M(r), namely,  $M(k) = \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} M(r)e^{-ik \cdot r} dr$ .
- 2 pt b) Considering that the bound electric current-density is given by  $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})$ , find the current-density's 3D Fourier transform  $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{k})$ .
- 2 pts c) The bound electric charge-density  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  associated with any magnetization distribution  $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  is known to be zero. Thus, the charge-current continuity equation for our magnetized sphere becomes  $\nabla \cdot J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ . Write the Fourier domain version of this continuity equation, then confirm that  $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{k})$  obtained in (b) does in fact satisfy the equation.
- 2 pts d) Write down the Fourier domain expressions for the scalar and vector potentials in 3D k-sapce, namely,  $\psi(\mathbf{k})$  and  $A(\mathbf{k})$ , in the Lorenz gauge. (Note: You are *not* being asked here to *derive* these expressions, nor are you being asked to carry out an inverse Fourier transformation to find the potentials in the spacetime domain.)

**Hint**: 
$$\int_{r=0}^{R} r \sin(kr) dr = [\sin(kR) - kR \cos(kR)]/k^2$$
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Also, the vector identity  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$  could be helpful.