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PHYSICS 331

TEST 1: ELECTROSTATICS (150PTS+10PTS)

*Please work the problems in the white space provided and clearly box your solutions. You are allowed a page of notes, front and back is fine. Enjoy!*

**Problem 1** (20pts) A charge  $Q$  is at the point  $(L, 0, 0)$  above the  $yz$ -plane where an hugely huge conductor extends to ludicrous distances. Find the charge density the conducting plane.

**Problem 2** (20pts) You're given  $\rho(\vec{r}) = Q\delta^3(\vec{r} - (d/2)\hat{x}) - Q\delta^3(\vec{r} + (d/2)\hat{x})$  where  $Q, d > 0$ . Calculate the resulting electric field and potential and sketch the field lines.

**Problem 3** (20pts) Consider the infinite cylindrical charge of radius  $R$  with uniform density  $\rho_o$ ,

- (a.) Find the electric field as a function of distance  $s$  from the central axis of the charge,
- (b.) Find the potential for which  $V = 0$  when  $s = R$

**Problem 4** (20pts) Suppose the potential on a sphere is known to be  $V = V_o + V_1 \cos \theta$  for  $r = R$ .

- (a.) Find the potential inside the sphere,
- (b.) Find the potential outside the sphere.

**Problem 5** (20pts) Assume  $f$  and  $\vec{A}$  are smooth and  $S$  is a simply connected surface.

(a.) Derive  $\nabla \times (f\vec{A}) = (\nabla f) \times \vec{A} + f(\nabla \times \vec{A})$

(b.) Show that  $\int_S f(\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_S [\vec{A} \times (\nabla f)] \cdot d\vec{a} + \oint_{\partial S} f\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$

**Problem 6** (20pts) A spherical rubber shell has polarization  $\vec{P} = kr^2 \hat{r}$  for  $a \leq r \leq b$ . There is no free charge in the system.

- (a.) Find the bound charge inside the rubber and find the bound surface charge on the inner and outside edge of the rubber shell,
- (b.) Calculate the potential inside the sphere given that  $V(\infty) = 0$ . Surely much partial credit can be earned by calculating  $\vec{D}$  and hence  $\vec{E}$  in each region.

**Problem 7** (20pts) Coulomb's Law for the electric field due to a distribution  $\rho$  over volume  $\mathcal{V}$  is given by

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\hat{\mathbf{z}}}{r^2} d\tau'.$$

Show that Coulomb's Law implies Gauss' Law in both differential and integral forms.

**Problem 8** (20pts) Explain why  $\vec{E}_{\text{above}} - \vec{E}_{\text{below}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{n}$  where  $\hat{n}$  points in the above direction of a surface with surface charge density  $\sigma$ .