

**Physics 202 Midterm Exam 2**  
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**Instructions:**

1. Don't forget to write down your name and section number.
2. **Show your work! A reasonable amount of work is required to receive full credit.**
3. Be aware that intermediate steps earn points even if the final answer is incorrect.
4. Erase (or cross out) any mistakes or you will be marked down. Grading is based on everything you have written down.
5. Both the magnitude and direction of vector quantities need to be specified for full credit.

**Fundamental Constants:**

$$\epsilon_0 = (4\pi k_e)^{-1} = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{C}^2 / (\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{T} \cdot \text{m} / \text{A}$$

$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{kg}$$

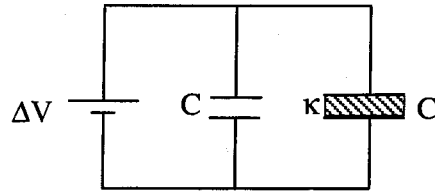
$$q_p = -q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$$

**Scores:**

Problem 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Problem 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Problem 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Problem 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Problem 5 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Two parallel-plate capacitors, each with capacitance  $C$ , are connected in parallel across a battery. Without disconnecting the battery, a slab with dielectric constant  $\kappa$  is inserted between the plates of one of the capacitors, completely filling the gap.



- (a) What is the new effective capacitance of the combination of capacitors after the dielectric is inserted? (5 points)

$$C_{\text{eq}} = C_1 + C_2 \quad C_1 = C \quad C_2 = \kappa C$$

$$\boxed{C_{\text{eq}} = C(1 + \kappa)}$$

- (b) Determine the charge on each capacitor both before and after the dielectric is inserted. (10 points)

$$\text{Before: } \boxed{Q_1 = Q_2 = C \Delta V}$$

$$\text{After: } \boxed{Q_1 = C \Delta V} \quad \boxed{Q_2 = \kappa C \Delta V}$$

- (c) What is the change in the total energy stored in the combination of capacitors after the dielectric is inserted? (5 points)

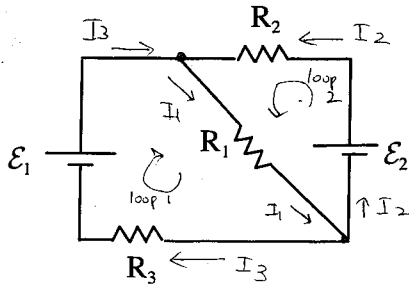
$$\text{Initial} \rightarrow U_i = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Final} \rightarrow U_f = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa C (\Delta V)^2 = \frac{1}{2} C (1 + \kappa) (\Delta V)^2$$

$$\Delta U = U_f - U_i = \left( \frac{1}{2} C (1 + \kappa) - C \right) (\Delta V)^2$$

$$\boxed{\Delta U = \frac{(\kappa - 1) C (\Delta V)^2}{2}}$$

2. In the circuit given below,  $\mathcal{E}_2 = 2\mathcal{E}_1 = 50 \text{ V}$ , and  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 100 \Omega$ .



- (a) Determine the current flowing through each branch of the circuit. (10 points)

I assigned currents as above, such that  $I_1$  is the current flowing through  $R_1$ ,  $I_2$  through  $R_2$ ,  $I_3$  through  $R_3$   
 Junction rule:  $I_1 = I_2 + I_3$

$$\text{loop 1: } \mathcal{E}_1 - I_1 R - I_3 R = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1 - 2I_1 R + I_2 R = 0$$

$$\text{loop 2: } \mathcal{E}_2 - I_2 R - I_1 R = 0$$

$$\text{Solve to find: } \boxed{I_1 = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{E}_2}{3R} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 + 2\mathcal{E}_1}{3R} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{R}}$$

$$\boxed{I_2 = \frac{2\mathcal{E}_2 - \mathcal{E}_1}{3R} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{R}}$$

$$\boxed{I_3 = I_1 - I_2 = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I_1 = 25 \text{ V} / 100 \Omega = 0.25 \text{ A} = I_2 \quad I_3 = 0}$$

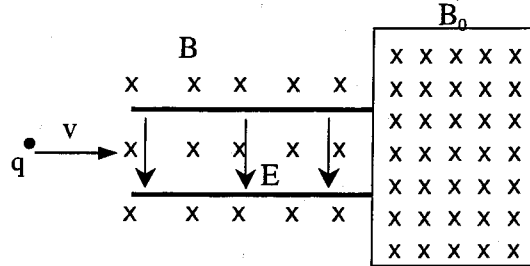
- (b) Compute the power delivered to  $R_1$ . (5 points)

$$\text{Power to } R_1: I_1^2 R = \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{R}\right)^2 R = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1^2}{R} = \frac{(25 \text{ V})^2}{100 \Omega} = \boxed{6.25 \text{ W}}$$

- (c) If each resistor consists of a length of Constantan wire (resistivity  $\rho = 4.9 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ ) of diameter  $d = 1 \text{ mm}$  wrapped around an insulating core, what is the length of the wire? Note: this problem can be solved independently of parts (a) and (b). (5 points)

$$R = \rho l / A \rightarrow l = \frac{AR}{\rho} = \frac{\pi (d/2)^2 R}{\rho} = \frac{\pi (\frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 (100 \Omega)}{4.9 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}} = \underline{\underline{160.3 \text{ m}}}$$

3. Before entering a mass spectrometer, positively charged ions pass through a velocity selector. The velocity selector consists of parallel plates separated by 3 mm with a potential difference of 180 V. The magnetic field strength in the region between the plates has the magnitude  $B = 0.4$  T. The magnetic field strength in the mass spectrometer is  $B_0 = 1.2$  T.



- (a) Indicate the directions of the forces on the ion in the velocity selector. (5 points)

$$q \xrightarrow{v} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \vec{F}_B \\ \downarrow \vec{F}_E \end{array} \quad \text{since } q > 0$$

- (b) Find the speed of the ions entering the mass spectrometer. (5 points)

$$qE = qvB \Rightarrow v = \frac{E}{B} = \frac{\left(\frac{180\text{V}}{3 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}}\right)}{0.4\text{T}} = \boxed{1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}}$$

units  $\rightarrow$  recall  $[E] = \text{N/C}$   
 $[B] = \text{N/(C m/s)} \rightarrow [E]/[B] \rightarrow \text{m/s}$

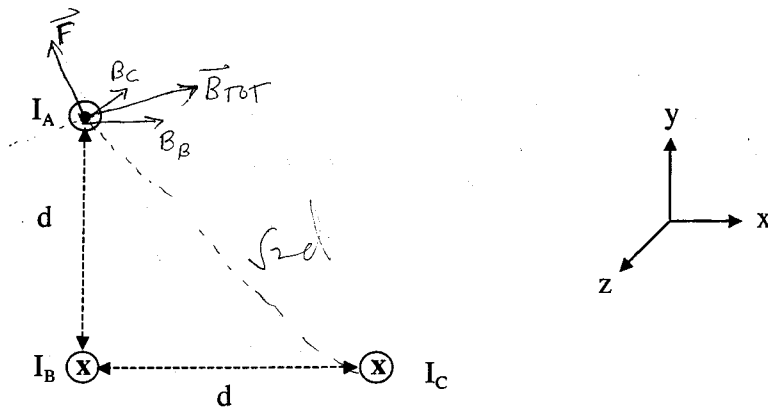
- (c) What is the radius of the orbit of a singly ionized  $^{235}\text{U}$  ion, which has a mass of  $3.903 \times 10^{-25}$  kg? (10 points)

$$qvB_0 = \frac{mv^2}{r} \Rightarrow r = \frac{mv}{qB_0} = \frac{m(E/B)}{qB_0} = \frac{(3.903 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg})(1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1.2 \text{ T})}$$

$$\boxed{r = .3 \text{ m}}$$

units  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{kg m/s}}{\text{C T}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{kg m/s}}{\text{C} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C m/s}}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{kg m/s}}{\text{N}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2}{\text{kg m/s}^2} \rightarrow \text{m}$

4. Three long, parallel straight wires pass through the three of the vertices of a square with sides  $d=12$  cm. The current flowing through each wire is 10 A. The directions of the current flow are either into the page or out of the page (the  $z$  direction), as indicated on the figure.



- (a) Give the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the magnetic field due to  $I_B$  at the location of  $I_A$ . (5 points)

$$\vec{B}_B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d} \hat{x} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A})(10 \text{ A})}{2\pi (12 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})} \hat{x} = 1.67 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T} \hat{x}$$

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RH rule

- (b) Give the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the magnetic field due to  $I_C$  at the location of  $I_A$ . What is the total magnetic field at the location of  $I_A$ ? Indicate its direction graphically in the figure. (8 points)

$$\vec{B}_C = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi(\sqrt{2}d)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{y} \right) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi d} (\hat{x} + \hat{y}) = 8.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T} (\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{B}_{TOT} = \vec{B}_B + \vec{B}_C = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi d} (3\hat{x} + \hat{y}) = (8.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}) (3\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

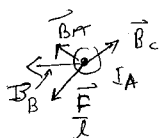
- (c) What is the magnitude and direction of the force per unit length on  $I_A$ ? (5 points)

$$\vec{F} = I \vec{l} \times \vec{B} \quad \vec{l} = l \hat{z} \quad \vec{B} = B_{TOT} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi d} (3\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

$$\frac{\vec{F}}{l} = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi d} (\hat{z} \times (3\hat{x} + \hat{y})) = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi d} (3\hat{y} - \hat{x})$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\vec{F}}{l} = 8.3 \times 10^{-5} (3\hat{y} - \hat{x}) \text{ N/m}}$$

- (d) How would the direction of the force per unit length on  $I_A$  change if the direction of  $I_B$  is reversed? (2 points)



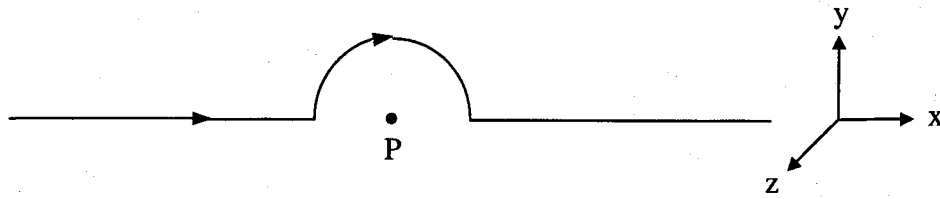
$$\vec{B}_B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d} (-\hat{x})$$

$$\vec{B}_C = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi d} (\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{B}_{TOT} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi d} (-\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

$$\frac{\vec{F}}{l} = I \frac{\vec{l}}{l} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi d} (\hat{z} \times (-\hat{x} + \hat{y})) = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi d} (-\hat{y} - \hat{x})$$

5. A long wire (shown below) carries a current  $I = 2 \text{ A}$  along its length. The semicircular arc has radius  $R = 50 \text{ cm}$ .



- (a) Find the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  at P. (10 points)

The B field at P due to the straight parts of the wire is zero  
( $d\vec{l} \parallel \vec{r}$ )

$\therefore$  the field at P arises solely from the semicircular arc  $\rightarrow$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I \theta}{4\pi R} = \frac{\mu_0 I \pi}{4\pi R} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R} \quad \text{Direction} \rightarrow -\hat{z} \text{ by RH rule}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R} (-\hat{z})} \rightarrow \vec{B} = -\frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7}) (2 \text{ A})}{4(0.5 \text{ m})} \hat{z} = -(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}) \hat{z}$$

- (b) A magnet with magnetic dipole moment  $\vec{\mu}$  ( $|\vec{\mu}| = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ) oriented along the z axis is placed at P. What is the torque  $\vec{\tau}$  on  $\vec{\mu}$ ? Note: the size of the magnet is sufficiently small such that the magnetic field can be assumed to be constant over the length of the dipole. (5 points)

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

but  $\vec{\mu} \parallel \vec{B}$  (actually antiparallel)  
since  $\vec{\mu} = |\vec{\mu}| \hat{z}$

$$\boxed{\vec{\tau} = 0}$$

- (c) If the magnet is given by a single loop of wire with a radius of 4 mm, what is the current in the loop? (5 points)

$$\mu = I A = I \pi r^2$$

$$I = \frac{\mu}{\pi r^2} = \frac{(1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A m}^2)}{\pi (4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2} = \underline{0.03 \text{ A}}$$