Electromagnetics and Calculation of Fields 2006 Questions and Answers

Question 1)

Given is the following symmetrical spherical arrangement: a metal sphere with radius r = a has the potential $\Phi = U$ and will be concentrically surrounded by a grounded $(\Phi = 0)$ hollow sphere with radius r = b. Between these two spheres exists a material with a dielectric constant ε and and the conductivity $\kappa = \kappa_0/r^2$.

a) Determine $\vec{j}(r)$ with the equation

$$\frac{\kappa}{\epsilon} \varrho + \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa} \vec{j} \cdot grad\left(\frac{\kappa}{\epsilon}\right) = 0$$

as a function of $\rho(r)$. (4 Points)

- b) Determine $\vec{E}(r)$ as a function of $\rho(r)$. (3 Points)
- c) Determine $\vec{E}(r)$ and $\rho(r)$ explicitly using div $\vec{D} = \rho$. (7 Points)



Hint: The div-operator in spherical coordinates is:

$$div \vec{A} = rac{1}{r^2} rac{d}{dr} (r^2 A_r) \ + rac{1}{r sin artheta} rac{d}{d artheta} (A_artheta sin artheta) \ + rac{1}{r sin artheta} rac{dA_arphi}{d arphi}$$

Solution 1)

a) While the arrangement is spherical-symetrical it is independent of ϑ and φ .

$$\vec{E} = E_r(r)\vec{e_r}$$
$$\vec{j} = j_r(r)\vec{e_r}$$
$$\kappa = \kappa(r)$$

The gradient of $\frac{\kappa}{\epsilon}$ has only a *r* -component. \vec{j} will be computed as a function of the charge density ρ

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\kappa}{\epsilon}\varrho + \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa}\vec{j} \cdot grad\left(\frac{\kappa}{\epsilon}\right) &= 0\\ \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{\epsilon r^2} + \frac{\epsilon r^2}{\kappa_0}j_r(r)\vec{e_r}\vec{e_r}\frac{\delta}{\delta r}\left(\frac{\kappa_0}{\epsilon r^2}\right) &= 0\\ \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{\epsilon r^2} + \frac{\epsilon r^2}{\kappa_0}j_r(r)\left(-\frac{2\kappa_0}{\epsilon r^3}\right) &= 0\\ \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{\epsilon r^2} - \frac{2}{r}j_r(r) &= 0\\ \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{\epsilon r} - 2j_r(r) &= 0\\ 2j_r(r) &= \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{\epsilon r}\\ \vec{j} &= \frac{\kappa_0\varrho}{2\epsilon r}\vec{e_r}\end{aligned}$$

b) Furthermore it is nessecary: $\kappa \cdot E_r(r) = j_r(r)$

In this equation the result from a) will be inserted:

$$\frac{\kappa_0}{r^2} E_r(r) = \frac{\kappa_0 \varrho}{2\epsilon r}$$
$$E_r(r) = \frac{\varrho r}{2\epsilon}$$
$$\varrho = \frac{2\epsilon E_r(r)}{r}$$

c) \vec{E} and ρ are still unknown. To define the \vec{E} field the following Maxwell equation is needed:

$$div(\epsilon \vec{E}) = \varrho$$

In spherical coordinates

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\delta}{\delta r} r^2 E_r(r) = \frac{\varrho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\delta}{\delta r} r^2 E_r(r) = \frac{2E_r(r)}{r}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta r} r^2 E_r(r) = 2r E_r(r)$$

$$2r E_r(r) + r^2 \frac{\delta E_r}{\delta r} = 2r E_r(r)$$

$$r^2 \frac{\delta E_r}{\delta r} = 0 \qquad r \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\delta E_r}{\delta r} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E_r = C \qquad \text{with } C = \text{const.}$$

Estimating C

$$\int_{a}^{b} C dr = U$$
$$C(b-a) = U$$
$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{U}{(b-a)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{U}{(b-a)}\vec{e_r}$$
$$\Rightarrow \varrho = \frac{2\epsilon \cdot U}{r(b-a)}$$

Question 2)

A plane cruise with a speed of v = 500 km/h right on top of the magnetic North Pole. The magnetic field is $B = 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ T.

- a) Which electrical field strength could be messured on board? (2 Points)
- b) Which voltage exist between the tip of the wings at a wingspan of d = 50 m? (1 Point)
- c) How large is the voltage if the plane is crossing the equator flying in the direction of the magnetic North Pole? (1 Point)

Solution 2)

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B} + \vec{E}) = 0,$$
 $\vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$
 $F = q \cdot v \cdot B + qE = 0$

a)

$$\Rightarrow E = -v \cdot B = -500 \cdot 10^3 m \cdot \frac{1}{3600s} \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{Vs}{m^2}$$
$$= -6, 9 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{V}{m}$$

b)

$$U = E \cdot d = 0,347V$$

c)

$$U = 0 \qquad \text{since} \quad \vec{v} \parallel \vec{B}$$

Question 3)

Consider a general vector field given by $\mathbf{A} = 2xy\vec{e}_x + 3\vec{e}_y + z^2y\vec{e}_z$. Suppose the surface is a cube with sides of unit area, as show in the figure. Verify the divergence theorem (Gauss' Law) for this vector field and surface. (10 Points)



Solution 3)

The divergenz of A is $\nabla \cdot A = 2y + 2zy = 2y(z+1)$, and a differential volume element is dx dy dz. Integrating over the volume v, we obtain

$$\int_{v} \nabla \cdot A \, dv = \int_{z=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{1} 2y(z+1) dx dy dz = \frac{3}{2}$$

The integral of the normal component of A over the surface of this volume is obtained by integrating those components of A that are normal to the surfaces of this cube. From the figure we obtain

$$\begin{split} \oint_{s} A \cdot ds &= \int_{x=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{1} A_{z} \Big|_{z=1} dx dy + \int_{x=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{1} (-A_{z}) \Big|_{z=0} dx dy \\ &+ \int_{z=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{1} A_{y} \Big|_{y=1} dx dz + \int_{z=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{1} (-A_{y}) \Big|_{y=0} dx dz \\ &+ \int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{z=0}^{1} A_{x} \Big|_{x=1} dy dz + \int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{z=0}^{1} (-A_{x}) \Big|_{x=0} dy dz \end{split}$$

In each integrant we substitute $A_x = 2xy$, $A_y = 3$ and $A_z = z^2y$ and evaluate them with the contraints, as shown, prior to evaluating the integrals. Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \oint_{s} A \cdot ds &= \int_{x=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{1} (y-0) \, dx dy + \int_{z=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{1} (3-3) \, dx dz + \int_{z=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{1} (2y-0) \, dz dy \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{split}$$

Question 4:

- a. What is the definition of the Poynting Vector (with the unit)? (2 Points)
- b. Describe the Poynting Vector in relation to *E*, *D*, *B*, *H*, *J* using the Gaussian theorem and explain the different parts. (3 Points)

Solution 4:

a)

 $\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$ Poynting Vector

unit
$$\vec{S} = \frac{\vec{V}}{m} \cdot \frac{\vec{A}}{m} = \frac{\vec{V}\vec{a}\vec{l}}{m^2} = \frac{\vec{J}\vec{o}\vec{u}\vec{e}}{m^2 \cdot s}$$

b)

$$\begin{split} \text{div}(\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) &= -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} - \vec{E} \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} - \vec{H} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \text{div}\vec{S} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big(w_j + w_e + w_m \Big) \\ \text{using Gaussian theorem} \\ \oint \vec{S} d\vec{a} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \Big(w_j + w_e + w_m \Big) \, dv \\ \text{with} \qquad w_e &= \frac{1}{2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} \quad \text{electrostatic energy density} \end{split}$$

$$w_{m} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{H} \cdot \vec{B} \text{ magnetic energy density}$$

$$w_{j} = \int_{0}^{1} \vec{J} \vec{E} dt \text{ energy density dissipated due to ohmic losses}$$

The integral power flux out of a volume is equal to the sum of

- ohmic loss
- change of electroststic field energy
- change of magnetic field energy

Question 5)

- a. Sketch the field lines of the electric and magnetic field of the TM11 mode inside a rectangular waveguide. Please mark the different lines clearly (especially if you choose one graph)! (2 Points)
- b. What are the general characteristics for TM and for TE waves in a waveguide? (2 Points)

Solution 5)

a)



b) For TE waves the electric field is completely transverse to the direction off propagation, $E_z = 0$. For TM waves the magnetic field is completely transverse to the direction of propagation, $H_z = 0$.

Question 6:

Using Euler's differential equations the Laplace equation can be translated to a variational problem.

- a. Which type of integral is minimized for the example of electric potential theory? (2 Points)
- b. What is the physical meaning of the integral? (1 Point)
- c. What type of boundary conditions are often implicitly incorporated? (1 Point)

Solution 6)

a) Find the function
to minimize
$$I = \int (gradu)^2 dv$$
with $u(\bar{r}) = b(\bar{r})$ on the boundary

- b) The integral that is minimized is proportional to the field energy.
- c) Neumann's boundary conditions with $\frac{du}{dn} = 0$ are incorporated if simply the field energy is minimized.

Question 7)

Look at the Finite Element Method FEM:

- a. Describe how the scalar function (like Φ(x)) can be approximated using the linear node shape functions. Give a sketch of the linear node shape functions. (4 Points)
- b. What is the main difference as compared to a Fourier expansion? (1 Point)
- c. What is a Residuum, e.g. in case of a Poisson equation? (3 Points)
- d. What was the idea of Galerkin? (2 Points)

Solution 7)



b) Node shape functions are local basis functions. Sine and cosine are global basis functions.

c)

$$\Delta \Phi + \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} = 0$$

$$\Delta \tilde{\Phi} + \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} = R \qquad \tilde{\Phi} = \sum \alpha_k (x, y, z) \cdot \phi_k \qquad R = \text{Residuum}$$

d) The best approximation means: $\int w R \, dv = 0$ with w: weighting function Galerkin's choice of w: $w_{\ell}(x,y,z) = \alpha_{\ell}(x,y,z)$ $\ell = 1.....p$ The weighting functions are equal to the node shape functions.

Question 8)

Describe the basic idea and equations of the Method of Moments MoM. Assume an arbitray linear integral operator L and a set of orthonormal basis functions α_n . (3 Points)

Solution 8)

$L \cdot u = g$	L: linear operator
$u^* = \sum c_n \cdot \alpha_n$	
$\mathbf{R} = \sum \mathbf{c}_n \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{\alpha}_n - \mathbf{g}$	Residuum
$\int \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{w} \cdot d\mathbf{v} = 0$	weighted residuals

Question 9:

Look at the Transmission Line Matrix Method TLM.

- a. Write down the lumped element circuit of a single element in 2D (lossless case) (1 Point)
- b. Find the scattered signals from the incident signals for one node inside a homogeneous region. (3 Points)
- c. How does the algorithm proceed? (2 Points)

Solution 9:

a)



b)



$${}_{k+1}V_{1}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-{}_{k}V_{1}^{i} + {}_{k}V_{2}^{i} + {}_{k}V_{3}^{i} + {}_{k}V_{4}^{i} \right)$$
$${}_{k+1}V_{2}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} (\dots) \qquad {}_{k+1}V_{3}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} (\dots) \qquad {}_{k+1}V_{4}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} (\dots)$$

$$\bigvee_{\substack{k+1 \ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \ \end{bmatrix}}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}_{k} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \end{bmatrix}^{i}$$

$$k+1 V_1^{i}(z, x + \Delta l) = k+1 V_3^{r}(z, x)$$

$$\vdots$$

c)

Question 10)

- a. Describe the 3 golden rules for good accuracy in time dependent numerical field calculation. Explain each rule with some words. (6 Points)
- b. Describe two methods to evaluate the accuracy of the solution. (4 Points)

Solution 10)

a)

- 1. Mesh must fit to the geometry of the problem
 - Small objects > fine mesh
 - Large objects > coarse mesh
- 2. Mesh must fit to the interpolation function, e.g. linear shape functions must be an accaptable approximation inside the elements
 - $\circ~$ fine mesh is required near to sources e.g. ρ, J
 - $\circ~$ fine mesh is required near to boundaries with large changes in $\epsilon, \, \mu, \, \kappa$
- 3. Time step must fit to the mesh
 - $\circ \quad \Delta t \leq \Delta x/c_{mat} \qquad c_{mat} = c_{vac} / \sqrt{\epsilon \mu} \qquad c: \text{ velocity of light} \\ (\text{if smallest } \Delta x = 1 \text{ mm and material} = vacuum, \text{ then } \Delta t = 3 \text{ ps})$

b)

- 1. Numerical accuracy e.g. if $A\vec{\Phi} = \vec{b}$ then test, if $|A\vec{\Phi} - \vec{b}| \le 10^{-12}$
- "Physical" accuracy
 e.g. test the equation of conservation of charge

$$\oint \vec{J} d\vec{f} + \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \oint \rho dv = 0$$

3. Large relative change e.g. of el. potential between neighbouring nodes is dangerous.