

## Solutions PHY 415 Final Exam

1) a) Take coordinates with the atom at the origin and the charge  $q$  at position  $\vec{r}_q = r\hat{z}$  on the  $z$ -axis. The electric field from  $q$  at an arbitrary position  $\vec{r}$  is then

$$\vec{E}_q(\vec{r}) = q \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_q)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_q|^3} = \frac{q(\vec{r} - r\hat{z})}{|\vec{r} - r\hat{z}|^3}$$

So the field at the atom is  $\vec{E}_q(0) = -\frac{q\hat{z}}{r^2}$  and this field polarizes the atom which then develops a dipole moment  $\vec{p} = \alpha \vec{E}_q(0) = -\frac{\alpha q \hat{z}}{r^2}$

The atomic dipole moment  $\vec{p}$  produces an electric field

$$\vec{E}_p(\vec{r}) = \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}}{r^3} = \frac{-\alpha q}{r^2} \frac{3(\hat{z} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \hat{z}}{r^5}$$

The force on the charge is due to  $\vec{E}_p$  and is

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}_q) = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{r^5} [3(\hat{z} \cdot \hat{z})\hat{z} - \hat{z}] \quad \text{since } \hat{r}_q = \hat{z}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{F} = -\frac{2\alpha q^2}{r^5} \hat{z}}$$

So force  $\sim \frac{1}{r^5}$  is attractive independent of the sign of  $q$ .

An alternative method would be to compute the force on the dipole due to the  $\vec{E}$  field of the charge  $q$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{dip}} = (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_q$$

let the charge  $q$  be at position  $\vec{r}_q = s\hat{z}$  and the dipole is at the origin

$$\text{then } \vec{p} = -\frac{\alpha q}{s^2} \hat{z} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{dip}} = -\frac{\alpha q}{s^2} (\hat{z} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_q = -\frac{\alpha q}{s^2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{E}_q \right)_{\vec{r}=0}$$

$$\text{New } \vec{E}_q(\vec{r}) = q \frac{\vec{r} - s\hat{z}}{|\vec{r} - s\hat{z}|^3} = q \frac{x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + (z-s)\hat{z}}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-s)^2]^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial \vec{E}_q}{\partial z} = q \frac{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-s)^2]^{-3/2} \hat{z} - (x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + (z-s)\hat{z}) \frac{3}{2} [x^2 + y^2 + (z-s)^2]^{-5/2} (-1)}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-s)^2]^3}$$

evaluate at  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z) = 0$  to get derivative at the dipole

$$\left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}_q}{\partial z} \right)_{\vec{r}=0} = q \frac{[s^2]^{-3/2} \hat{z} - (-s\hat{z}) \frac{3}{2} [s^2]^{-5/2} (-s)}{[s^2]^3}$$

$$= q \hat{z} \frac{s^3 - 3s^3}{s^6} = -\frac{2q}{s^3} \hat{z}$$

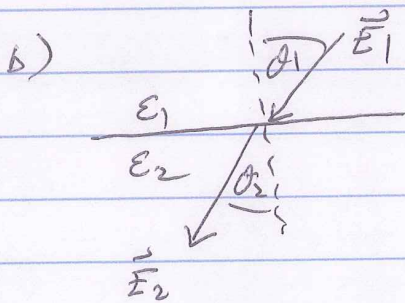
so

$$\vec{F}_{\text{dip}} = \left( -\frac{\alpha q}{s^2} \right) \left( -\frac{2q}{s^3} \right) \hat{z} = \frac{2\alpha q^2}{s^5} \hat{z}$$

force on dipole is in  $+\hat{z}$  so pulling it towards  $q$ , i.e. force is attractive. From Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law, force on  $q$  is

$$\vec{F}_q = -\vec{F}_{\text{dip}} = -\frac{2\alpha q^2}{s^5} \hat{z} \quad \text{as found before}$$





① At the interface the tangential component of  $\vec{E}$  is continuous

② Since there is no free charge at the interface, the normal component of  $\vec{D}$  is continuous

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow E_1 \sin \theta_1 = E_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow D_1 \cos \theta_1 = D_2 \cos \theta_2 \quad \text{use } \vec{D}_1 = \epsilon_1 \vec{E}_1, \vec{D}_2 = \epsilon_2 \vec{E}_2$$

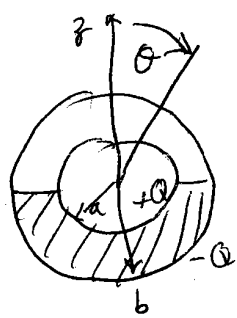
$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_1 E_1 \cos \theta_1 = \epsilon_2 E_2 \cos \theta_2$$

divide to get  $\epsilon_1 \cot \theta_1 = \epsilon_2 \cot \theta_2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cot \theta_1}{\cot \theta_2} = \frac{\tan \theta_2}{\tan \theta_1} = \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}$$

$$\theta_2 = \arctan \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \tan \theta_1 \right)$$

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Assume solution is a radial electric field

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E(r) \hat{r} \text{ same for all } \theta$$

→ total charge density  $\sigma_{tot}$  is uniform on the inner and outer spheres

$$\text{and } E(r) = \frac{4\pi a^2 \sigma_{tot}}{r^2} \quad a < r < b$$

$$\text{at } r=a \quad \sigma_{tot} = \begin{cases} \sigma_{free} & 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sigma'_{free} + \sigma_b & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi \end{cases}$$

where we know  $2\pi a^2 (\sigma_{free} + \sigma'_{free}) = Q$  total free charge

and for a linear dielectric, free charge is screened by  $\epsilon$ , so

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{\sigma'_{free}}{\epsilon}$$

So

$$2\pi a^2 (\sigma_{free} + \sigma'_{free}) = 2\pi a^2 (\sigma_{tot} + \epsilon \sigma_{tot}) = 2\pi a^2 (1+\epsilon) \sigma_{tot} = Q$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma_{tot} = \frac{Q}{2\pi a^2 (1+\epsilon)}}$$

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$$a) \quad \vec{E} = \frac{2Q}{(1+\epsilon)r^2} \hat{r} \quad a < r < b$$

$$b) \quad \sigma_{tot} = \frac{Q}{2\pi a^2(1+\epsilon)} \quad r = a$$

$$c) \quad \sigma_b = \sigma_{tot} - \sigma'_{free} = \sigma_{tot} - \epsilon \sigma_{tot} = (1-\epsilon) \sigma_{tot}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{(1-\epsilon)Q}{2\pi a^2(1+\epsilon)}$$

above gives a self consistent solution therefore it is the unique solution!

to prove that  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E(r)\hat{r} = \frac{Q_{tot}}{r^2} \hat{r}$

note that the total charge in the region  $a < r < b$  vanishes since there is no free charge there and  $\int_{tot} = \frac{\int_{free}}{\epsilon}$

~~$\vec{E}$~~   $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0$  in the region where  $\phi$  is the usual electrostatic potential,  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi$

Azimuthal symmetry  $\Rightarrow \phi(r, \theta) = \sum_l \left[ A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right] P_l(\cos \theta)$

At  $r=a$ ,  $\phi$  is a constant, since surface of sphere is equipotential

$$\Rightarrow \phi(a, \theta) = \sum_l \left[ A_l a^l + \frac{B_l}{a^{l+1}} \right] P_l(\cos \theta)$$

must be independent of  $\theta$ .

$\Rightarrow$  coefficients of  $P_l$  must vanish for  $l \neq 0$

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$$\Rightarrow A_l = -\frac{B_l}{a^{2l+1}}$$

but same argument holds at  $r = b$

$$\Rightarrow A_l = -\frac{B_l}{b^{2l+1}}$$

only way to solve both conditions is  $A_l = B_l = 0$  for  $l \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(r, \theta) = \left[ A_0 + \frac{B_0}{r} \right]$$

since  $P_0(\cos\theta) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi = \frac{B_0}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



3) a) transparent region:  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2$  with  $\epsilon_2 \ll \epsilon_1$   
 $k = k_1 + ik_2$  with  $k_2 \ll k_1$

resonant absorption:  $\epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1$   
 $k_1 \approx k_2$

total reflection  $\epsilon_2 \ll |\epsilon_1|$  and  $\epsilon_1 < 0$   
 $k_2 \gg k_1$

b) For a conductor the effective dielectric function is

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_b(\omega) + \frac{4\pi i \sigma(\omega)}{\omega} \quad \text{from free conduction electrons}$$

↑ from band electrons - like  $\epsilon$  of a dielectric

One key difference between waves in a dielectric and in a conductor is that a dielectric is transparent at low frequencies below the resonant frequency  $\omega \ll \omega_0$  while a conductor is strongly absorbing at low frequencies because  $\sigma(0)$  is real so the contribution to  $\epsilon$  from the conduction electrons is large and imaginary

$$c) \quad \vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \quad \text{wave propagates along } \hat{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{k} = k\hat{z} = (k_1 + ik_2)\hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-k_2 z} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)}$$

with  $\vec{E}_0 \perp \hat{z}$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{c|k|}{\omega\mu} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0 e^{-k_2 z} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t + \delta)}$$

where  $|k| = \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2}$  and  $\tan \delta = k_2/k_1$

To compute  $\vec{S}$  we need to first take the real parts of the above complex expressions for  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-k_2 z} \cos(k_1 z - \omega t)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{c|k|}{\omega\mu} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0 e^{-k_2 z} \cos(k_1 z - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{c^2 |k| E_0^2}{4\pi \omega \mu} e^{-2k_2 z} \cos(k_1 z - \omega t) \cos(k_1 z - \omega t + \delta)$$

Now in the region of total reflection  $k_2 \gg k_1$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \gg 1 \quad \Rightarrow \delta \approx \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos(\Phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \cos \Phi \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin \Phi \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = -\sin \Phi$$



So

$$\vec{S} = -\hat{z} \frac{c^2 |k| \epsilon_0^2}{4\pi \omega \mu} e^{-2k_2 z} \cos(k_3 z - \omega t) \sin(k_3 z - \omega t)$$

taking the time average  $\langle \vec{S} \rangle \sim \langle \cos(\Phi) \sin(\Phi) \rangle$

$$\langle \cos \Phi \sin \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi \cos \Phi \sin \Phi$$

$$\Phi = k_3 z - \omega t$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi \sin 2\Phi = 0$$

$$\text{So } \langle \vec{S} \rangle = 0$$

This is consistent with what we expect for a region of total reflection - no energy is transported into the material!

$$4) \quad I(\phi, t) = \text{Re} \left\{ I_0 \cos(n\phi) e^{-i\omega t} \right\}$$

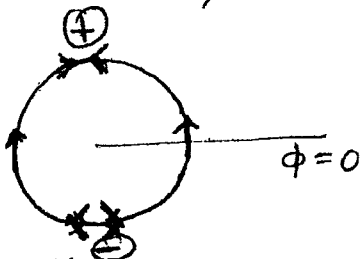
$$= I_0 \cos(n\phi) \cos \omega t$$

easy way to see the answer

a) when  $n=0$ ,  $I = I_0 \cos \omega t$  const oscillating current  
no charges are accumulated anywhere since  
 $I$  is indep of  $\phi$

$\Rightarrow$  magnetic dipole but no electric dipole

b) when  $n=1$ ,  $I = I_0 \cos(\phi) \cos \omega t$



Current pattern  
looks like

charges build up at  
top and bottom and  
oscillate in time

$\Rightarrow$  electric dipole

$$\text{but } \vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d\vec{l} \vec{r} \times \vec{I}(\phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2c} R \int R d\phi I_0 \cos \phi \hat{r} \times \hat{\phi}$$

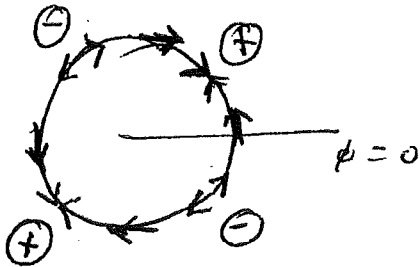
$$= \frac{I_0 R^2}{2c} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos \phi = 0$$

no magnetic moment

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c) when  $n=2$ ,  $I = I_0 \cos 2\phi \cos \omega t$

pattern of current looks like



charges build up as shown

$\Rightarrow$  oscillating

electric quadrupole

still magnetic dipole is

$$\vec{m} = \frac{I_0 R^2}{2c} \hat{z} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos 2\phi = 0$$

no electric or magnetic dipoles

radiation is emitted with freq  $\omega$ .

The above is all you needed to say for the exam. But we can do the explicit calculations:

More formally

as above magnetic dipole moment is

$$\vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{r} \times \vec{j} = \frac{1}{2c} \oint dl \vec{r} \times I(\phi)$$

$$= \frac{I_0 R^2}{2c} \hat{z} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos(n\phi) = 0$$

except for  $n=0$

$$\text{for } n=0, \boxed{\vec{m} = \frac{\pi R^2 I_0}{c} \hat{z}} = \text{current} \times \text{area}$$

$$\text{for } \boxed{n \neq 0, \vec{m} = 0}$$



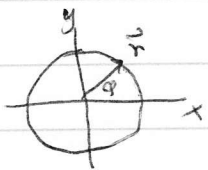
To compute the electric dipole moment

$$\vec{P}_w = \int d^3r \vec{r} \rho_w(\vec{r})$$

For an oscillating current  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \Rightarrow -i\omega \rho_w + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_w(\vec{r}) = 0$

$$\rho_w = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_w}{i\omega}$$

For a current in a circular loop in the  $xy$  plane the above becomes for the line charge  $\lambda_w$



$$\lambda_w = \frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial I w}{\partial \varphi} \quad \text{where we used } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \rightarrow \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \text{ in cylindrical coords for the loop}$$

$$\vec{P}_w = \oint dl \vec{r} \lambda_w = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi R [R \cos \varphi \hat{x} + R \sin \varphi \hat{y}] \lambda_w(\varphi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\omega R} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi R [R \cos \varphi \hat{x} + R \sin \varphi \hat{y}] \frac{\partial I w}{\partial \varphi}$$

$$= \frac{R I_0}{i\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [\cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin \varphi \hat{y}] (-n \sin n\varphi)$$

$$\vec{P}_w = -\frac{n R I_0}{i\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [\sin n\varphi \cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin n\varphi \sin \varphi \hat{y}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For } n=0, \boxed{\vec{P}_w = 0}$$

$$\text{For } n=1, \vec{P}_w = -\frac{R I_0}{i\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [\sin \varphi \cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin^2 \varphi \hat{y}]$$

$$\boxed{\vec{P}_w = -\frac{R I_0}{i\omega} \pi \hat{y}}$$

$$\text{since } \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin \varphi \cos \varphi = 0$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^2 \varphi = \pi$$

$$\underline{\text{Für } n=2, \vec{P}_w = -\frac{2RI_0}{c\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \left[ \sin 2\varphi \cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin 2\varphi \sin \varphi \hat{y} \right]}$$

$$\text{we } \sin 2\varphi = 2 \sin \varphi \cos \varphi$$

$$\vec{P}_w = -\frac{2RI_0}{c\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \left[ 2 \sin \varphi \cos^2 \varphi \hat{x} + 2 \sin^2 \varphi \cos \varphi \hat{y} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2RI_0}{c\omega} 2 \left[ -\frac{\cos^3 \varphi}{3} \hat{x} + \frac{\sin^3 \varphi}{3} \hat{y} \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\vec{P}_w = 0}$$

We can directly compute the amplitude of the electric quadrupole oscillation.

$$\vec{Q}_{ij} = \int d^3r' (3\vec{r}'_i \vec{r}'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) \rho(\vec{r}')$$

$$\vec{r}' = R(x, y, 0) = R(\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0)$$

as in calculation of  $\vec{P}$  we,

$$\text{use } \rho(\vec{r}') d^3r' = \frac{I_0 [-n \sin(n\varphi)] dl}{i\omega R} \quad dl = R d\varphi$$

$$Q_{xx} = \int_0^{2\pi} R d\varphi [3R^2 \cos^2 \varphi - R^2] \frac{I_0 (-n \sin n\varphi)}{i\omega R}$$

$$= \frac{-I_0 n R^2}{i\omega} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [3 \cos^2 \varphi \sin n\varphi - \sin n\varphi]$$

$$= \frac{-I_0 n R^2}{i\omega} 3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos^2 \varphi \sin n\varphi$$

↑  
this term always integrates to zero for any  $n$

$$Q_{yy} = \frac{-I_0 n R^2}{i\omega} 3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^2 \varphi \sin n\varphi$$

$$Q_{xy} = Q_{yx} = \frac{-I_0 n R^2}{i\omega} 3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin \varphi \cos \varphi \sin n\varphi$$

$$Q_{xz} = Q_{yz} = Q_{zx} = Q_{zy} = Q_{zz} = 0 \quad \text{because } z' = 0 \text{ and the contrib from } r'^2 \delta_{ij} \text{ always vanishes}$$

One can show that for  $n=0, 1$ , then  $\vec{Q} = 0$



For  $n=2$

$$Q_{xx} \propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos^2 \varphi \sin 2\varphi \quad \text{use } \cos^2 \varphi = \frac{1 + \cos 2\varphi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi (1 + \cos 2\varphi) \sin 2\varphi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin 2\varphi + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos 2\varphi \sin 2\varphi$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$

$$= 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin 4\varphi = 0$$

$$Q_{yy} \propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^2 \varphi \sin 2\varphi \quad \text{use } \sin^2 \varphi = \frac{1 - \cos 2\varphi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi (1 - \cos 2\varphi) \sin 2\varphi = 0$$

$$Q_{xy} \propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin \varphi \cos \varphi \sin 2\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin 2\varphi \sin 2\varphi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin^2 2\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$Q_{xy} = \frac{-I_0 2R^2}{i\omega} 3 \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{-3\pi I_0 R^2}{i\omega} = \frac{i 3\pi I_0 R^2}{\omega}$$

$$\vec{Q} = \frac{i 3\pi I_0 R^2}{\omega} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

so for  $n=2$  there is electric quadrupole radiation