## **Physics 208: Electricity and Magnetism**

Common Exam 3, November 14th 2016

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# IMPORTANT Read these directions carefully:

• You have 75 minutes to complete the exam.

• Formulae are provided on a separate colored sheet. You may NOT use any other formula sheet. *Please take the formula sheet with you. Do not turn it in.* 

- You may use only an SAT approved calculator.
- When calculating numerical values, be sure to keep track of units. Results must include proper units.
- Be alert to the number of significant figures in the information given. Results must have the correct number of significant figures.
- You do not need to show work for the Multiple Choice questions.
- Show your work for Problems 1 to 3. Without supporting work, the answer alone is worth nothing.
- Mark your answers clearly by drawing boxes around them.

• Please write clearly. Neatness counts! You may gain marks for a partially correct calculation if your work can be deciphered.

• If you need additional space to answer a problem, indicate/ mark on the main page of the problem that you are continuing on another page. Staple together all the extra sheets that contain your work to be graded.

# For grading only:

Problem	Score
Multiple Choice	
Problem 1	
Problem 2	
Problem 3	
TOTAL	

## **Multiple Choice Questions**

**MC1. (5 pts)** Two long, straight wires are oriented perpendicularly to the *xy*-plane. They carry currents of equal magnitude *I* in opposite directions as shown. At point *P*, the magnetic field due to these currents points in

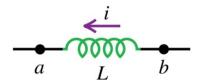
- A.) the positive *x*-direction.
- B.) the negative *x*-direction.
- C.) the positive *y*-direction.
- D.) the negative *y*-direction.
- E.) none of the above

**MC2. (5pts)** A long, straight, solid wire has radius *R*. A cross-sectional view is shown here. Current *I* is flowing down the wire, that is, into the page, and the current is distributed uniformly throughout the cross-section of the wire. At the point P shown, which is **half way** between the centerline of the wire and the top edge, the magnitude of the magnetic field is:

A.)  $3\mu_0 I/(4\pi R)$ . B.)  $\mu_0 I/(2\pi R)$ . C.)  $\mu_0 I/(4\pi R)$ . D.)  $\mu_0 I/(8\pi R)$ . E.) 0.

**MC3. (5 pts)** A current *i* flows through an inductor *L* in the direction from point *b* toward point *a* as shown in the figure. There is zero resistance in the wires of the inductor. **If the current is** *decreasing*,

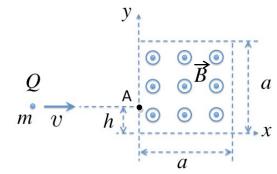
- A.) the electric potential is greater at point *a* than at point *b*.
- B.) the electric potential is less at point *a* than at point *b*.
- C.) the sign of the potential difference depends on the magnitude of *di/dt*.
- D.) the sign of the potential difference depends on the value of the inductance *L*.
- E.) both C) and D) are correct.



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## Problem 1 (25 points).

A negatively charged ionized particle of dust of mass m and charge Q (where Q is a negative number) is moving at constant velocity v parallel to the x-axis. The particle enters a rectangular shaped detector which contains a uniform magnetic field B pointing out of the page (that is, along the positive z-axis) and extends between  $0 \le x \le a$  and  $0 \le y \le a$  as shown. There is no detectable gravitational effect inside the detector.



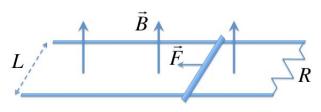
(a) Write an equation for the force acting on the charged particle at the moment when it reaches the point A (x=0, y=h) shown on the diagram. Express your answer in symbols, in terms of m, Q, B, and v. Remember that force is a vector, so give the components, or the magnitude and direction.

(b) Evaluate the coordinates of the point P where the charged particle leaves the magnetic field for the following set of values:  $m = 20 \ \mu\text{g}$ ,  $Q = -1.0 \ \text{mC}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \left(1.0 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}\right)\hat{i}$ ,  $\vec{B} = (1.0 \ \text{T})\hat{k}$ ,  $a = 10 \ \text{cm}$ ,  $h = 1.0 \ \text{cm}$ . *Note:* Be careful with units:  $1 \ \text{cm} = 10^{-2} \ \text{m}$  and  $1 \ \text{micro-gram} = 10^{-9} \ \text{kg}$ .

(c) Sketch the path of this particle inside the magnetic field, and also after it leaves the magnetic field. Justify in few sentences why the path has that shape.

## Problem 2 (30 pts)

A metal bar of length L is pulled to the left by a constant external force F. The bar rides on parallel metal rails connected through a resistance R as shown in the Figure. The bar and rails have practically no resistance and there is no friction between them. The circuit is in a uniform magnetic field B that is perpendicular to the plane formed by the rails and bar as shown. The external force causes the bar to move with a velocity v to the left that is not necessarily constant. The rails and the bar lie in a horizontal plane; this means gravity plays no role here.



(a) Evaluate the induced current through the resistor in terms of some or all given parameters *L*, *F*, *R*, *B*, and *v*. Make sure to indicate the direction of this current on the diagram.

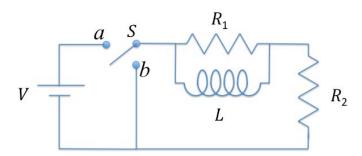
(b) Evaluate the *magnetic force* on the bar in terms of some or all given parameters *L*, *F*, *R*, *B*, and *v*. Make sure to indicate the direction of this force on the diagram.

(c) Evaluate the *net force* on the bar in terms of some or all given parameters *L*, *F*, *R*, *B*, and *v*. What is the direction of the *net force*?

(d) Now assume that the value of the external force is not given but that the bar has a known constant velocity **v**. Evaluate the rate at which work is done by the external force for this case. Express your answer in terms of the parameters **L**, **R**, **B**, and **v** (**F** is not given here).

#### Problem 3 (30 pts).

Consider the circuit shown:



a) Write expressions for the currents  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_L$  through the elements  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and L, respectively, at the following three moments in time. In your expression, label the current through resistor  $R_1$  as  $I_1$ , the current through resistor  $R_2$  as  $I_2$ , and the current through the inductor L as  $I_L$ , for each case below. Express all your answers in terms of V,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , L, and numerical factors.

- i. Immediately after the switch S is moved to position **a**. Note: The switch was in position **b** for a very long time before being moved to position **a**.
- ii. A very long time after the switch is moved to position **a**.
- iii. Just after the switch **S** is moved back to position **b**. *Note:* The switch was in position **a** for a very long time before being moved to position **b**.

b) What is the numerical value of the time constant of the circuit with the switch in position **b**? For this question, use the set of numerical values: V = 9 V,  $R_1 = 100 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \Omega$ , and L = 10.0 mH.