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**6.013 Electromagnetics and Applications**

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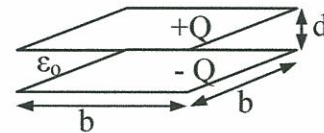
Final Exam

Closed book, no calculators

Please note the two pages of formulas provided at the back; the laser and acoustic expressions have been revised slightly. There are 10 problems; some are on the back sides of the sheets. For full credit, please **simplify all expressions**, present **numerical answers to the extent practical** without a calculator or tedious computation, and place your **final answers within the boxes provided**. You may leave natural constants and trigonometric functions in symbolic form ( $\pi$ ,  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $\mu_0$ ,  $\eta_0$ ,  $h$ ,  $e$ ,  $\sin(0.9)$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$ , etc.). To receive partial credit, provide all related work on the same sheet of paper and give brief explanations of your answer. Spare sheets are at the back.

**Problem 1.** (25/200 points)

Two square capacitor plates in air have separation  $d$ , sides of length  $b$ , and charge  $\pm Q$  as illustrated. Fringing fields can be neglected.



a) What is the capacitance  $C_a$  of this device?

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{Q\epsilon_0}{b^2}$$

$$V = E_0 d = \frac{Q\epsilon_0 d}{b^2}$$

$$C_a = \frac{\epsilon_0 b^2}{\epsilon d}$$

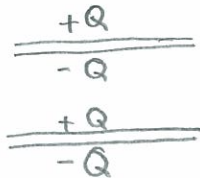
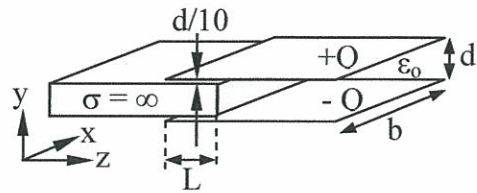
$$C = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q\epsilon_0 d}{b^2}} = \frac{b^2}{\epsilon_0 d}$$

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NOTE: I deducted half marks for flipping  $\epsilon_0$

Please turn sheet over to answer parts (b) and (c).

b) A perfectly conducting plate is introduced between the capacitor plates, leaving parallel gaps of width  $d/10$  above and below itself. What now is the device capacitance  $C_b$  when it is fully inserted?



$$C_b = \frac{5b^2}{\epsilon_0 d}$$

Since there cannot be charge within the interior of a perfect conductor the result is to maintain the same charge over a smaller distance

Here I deducted half marks for forgetting the  $1/2$  factor of series capacitors

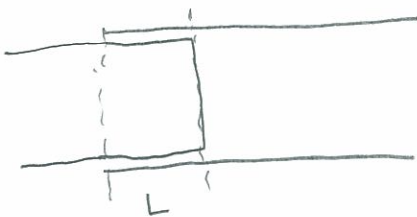
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c) What is the magnitude and direction of the force  $\bar{f}$  on the new plate of Part (b) as a function of the insertion distance  $L$ . Please express your answer as a function of the parameters given in the figure.

Using the energy method,

$$W_c = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

$$\bar{f} = -0.45 \frac{Q^2 \epsilon_0 d}{bL^2}$$



$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} C \left( \frac{Q}{C} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

$$F = \frac{W_e}{L}$$

$$\Delta W_e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C^2} = \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \left( C^{-1/2} - C^{-2} \right)$$

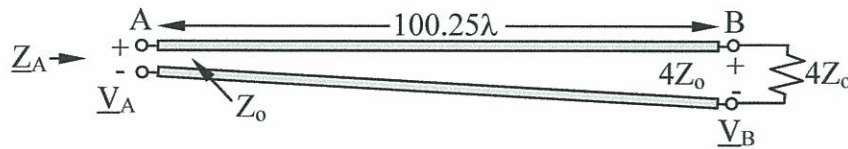
$$= \frac{1}{2} Q^2 \left( \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 d}{10bL} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 d}{bL} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} Q^2 (0.99) \frac{\epsilon_0 d}{bL^{5/16/09}}$$

$$= -\frac{0.99}{2} \frac{Q^2 \epsilon_0 d}{bL}$$

**Problem 2.** (20/200 points)

The plate separation of a lossless parallel-plate TEM line many wavelengths long (length  $D = 100.25\lambda$ ) very slowly increases from end A to end B, as illustrated. This increases the characteristic impedance of the line from  $Z_0$  at the input end A, to  $4Z_0$  at the output end B. This transition from A to B is so gradual that it produces no reflections. End B is terminated with a resistor of value  $4Z_0$ .



a) What is the input impedance  $Z_A$  seen at end A? Explain briefly.

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$Z_A = Z_0$

Explanation:  
 Because impedance is voltage/current the input voltage/current ratio is  $Z_0$  and there is no reflected wave to reduce the input voltage.

b) If the sinusoidal (complex) input input voltage is  $V_A$ , what is the output voltage  $V_B$ ?

Since impedances are the same there are no reflections at junction  $\therefore$  b/c  $Z_0(z) = Z_L$

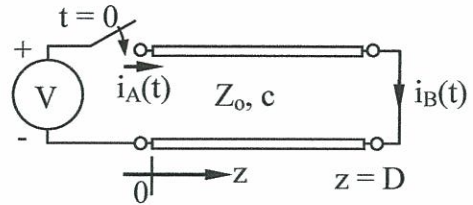
$V_B = V_A - 2j V_A$

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Please turn sheet over for Problem 3.

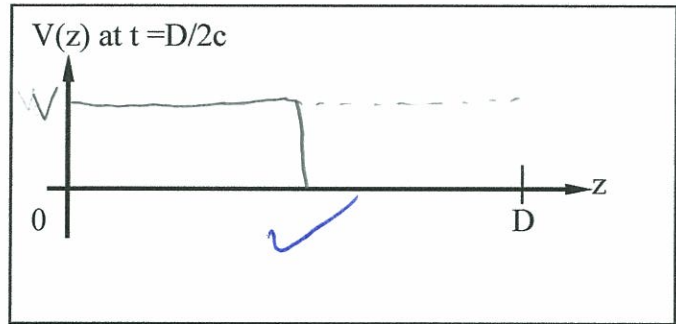
**Problem 3.** (25/200 points)

At  $t = 0$  a switch connects a voltage  $V$  to a passive air-filled short-circuited TEM line of length  $D$  and characteristic impedance  $Z_0$ , as illustrated. Please sketch and quantify dimension:



a) The line voltage  $v(z)$  at  $t = D/2c$ .

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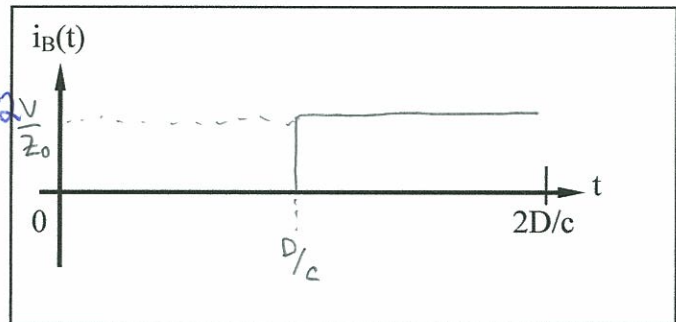


b) The current  $i_B(t)$  through the short circuit for  $0 < t < 2D/c$ .

$$\Gamma_L = -1$$

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The time axis is correct but I deducted half marks here for forgetting the factor of  $z$



c) The current  $i_A(t)$  from the voltage source ( $z = 0$ ) for  $0 < t < 3D/c$ .

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$$\frac{V}{Z_0}$$

~~But~~ This could have qualified as a carry fwd since it is intrinsically linked to (b), however, I deducted marks for omitting the same current jump as in (b) in the last 1/3rd of the time series

