

# Midterm Exam 02 (2017 Spring)

## PHYS 203B-002: College Physics

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### Instructions

1. Seating direction: Please be seated on seats with seat-numbers divisible by 3.
2. Total time = 75 minutes.
3. There are 8 questions in this exam.
4. Equation sheet is provided separately.
5. To be considered for partial credit you need to show your work in detail and organize it clearly.
6. A simple calculator (with trigonometric functions) is allowed.
7. Use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited. It should stay out of reach during the exam.

1. **(10 points.)** The resistance of a bagel toaster is  $20.0\ \Omega$ . To prepare a bagel, the toaster is operated for one minute from a  $120\ \text{V}$  outlet. How much energy is delivered to the toaster?

2. (10 points.) A potential difference  $V = 10.0\text{ V}$  is applied across a capacitor arrangement with two capacitances connected in parallel,  $C_1 = 10.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  and  $C_2 = 20.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ .

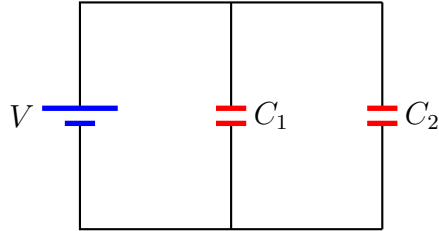


Figure 1: Problem 2

- (a) Find the equivalent capacitance.
- (b) Find the voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  across each of the capacitors.
- (c) Find the charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  on each of the capacitors.
- (d) Find the potential energies  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  stored inside each of the capacitors.

3. (10 points.) Figure 2 shows two resistors connected in parallel to a battery. The battery has a voltage of  $V = 10.0\text{ V}$ , and the resistors have resistances  $R_1 = 100.0\,\Omega$  and  $R_2 = 200.0\,\Omega$ .

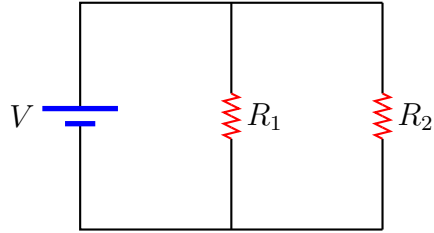


Figure 2: Problem 3

- (a) Find the ratio  $P_1/P_2$  of the powers of the resistors.
- (b) If the resistors represented electric bulbs, which bulb would glow brighter?

4. **(10 points.)** A cylindrical copper rod has resistance  $R$ . It is reformed to thrice its original length with no change of volume. What is its new resistance in terms of the original resistance  $R$ ?

5. (10 points.) Determine the equivalent resistance in the circuit in Figure 3. Given  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = 100.0 \, \Omega$ .

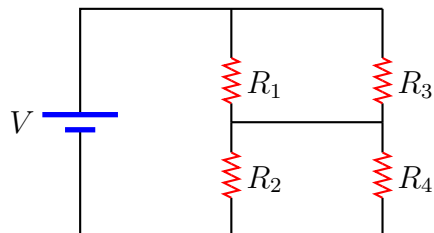


Figure 3: Problem 5

6. (10 points.) An alpha particle travels at a velocity  $\vec{v}$  of magnitude 770 m/s through a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  of magnitude 0.035 T. (An alpha particle has a charge of  $+3.2 \times 10^{-19}$  C and a mass of  $6.6 \times 10^{-27}$  kg.) The angle between  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is  $71^\circ$ .
- (a) What is the magnitude of the force  $\vec{F}_B$  acting on the alpha particle due to the magnetic field?
  - (b) What is the direction of  $\vec{F}_B$ ? (Draw the vectors and describe the direction.)
  - (c) What is the resultant (cyclotron) frequency of the rotation of the alpha particle?

7. (10 points.) A magnetic field has a magnitude of 1.50 mT and points in the  $-\hat{z}$  direction, and an electric field has a magnitude of 6.00 kN/C pointing in the  $\hat{x}$  direction. A positive  $1.0\ \mu\text{C}$  charge moves at a speed of  $2.00 \times 10^6\ \text{m/s}$  in the direction of  $\hat{x}$ . Determine the magnitude of the net force that acts on the charge.

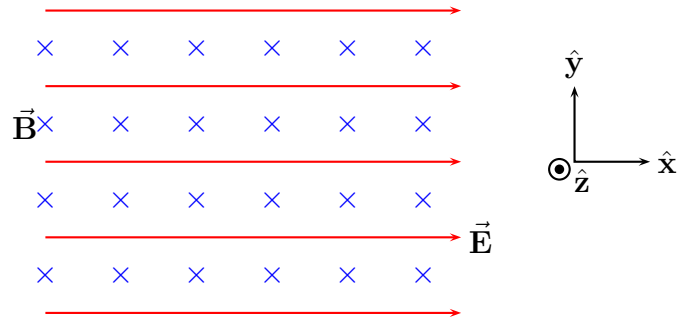


Figure 4: Problem 7.

8. (10 points.) A loop in the shape of a right triangle, carrying a current  $I = 20.0 \text{ mA}$ , is placed in a magnetic field  $B = 1.0 \text{ T}$ . (Choose  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  to be out of the page, and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  to be along side 1 of the triangle.) Let  $x = 3.0 \text{ cm}$ ,  $y = 2.0 \text{ cm}$ .

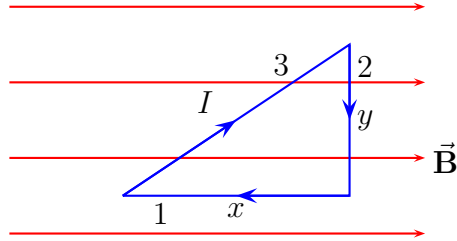


Figure 5: Problem 8.

- (a) Determine the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force on side 1 of the triangle.
- (b) Determine the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force on side 2 of the triangle.