
Fundamentals of Electromagnetic Fields and Waves: I

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Assignment 3

Due date: **Tuesday, September 19th.**

Please attach this sheet on top of your solutions.

1) Gauss's Law:

Iskander: Problem 1.37, Problem 1.38.

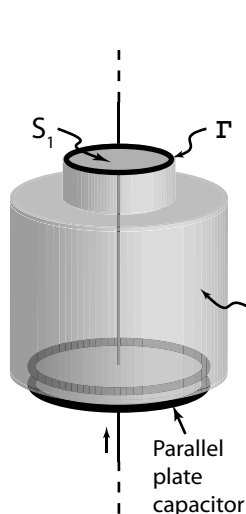
2) Faraday's and Lenz's Law:

Iskander: Problem 1.39, Problem 1.40, Problem 1.41, Problem 1.42, Problem 1.47.

3) Ampere's Law & Displacement Current:

Iskander: Problem 1.43, Problem 1.44, Problem 1.45, Problem 1.46.

4) Ampere's circuital law & Displacement Current¹:



Consider a long wire carrying a current $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$, as shown in Figure 1. Neglect the capacitor shown in the figure to begin with.

a) Find the magnetic field $\mathbf{B}(t)$ along the contour Γ shown, which is at a distance ρ from the wire. Use the surface S_1 and Ampere's law.

b) Now consider the situation when far away from the contour Γ , a large parallel-plate capacitor (area A) is introduced into the path of the wire. Say the capacitance is C . Find the charge $Q(t)$ stored in the capacitor as a function of time. Give an argument why the introduction of the capacitor would not change the magnetic field calculated in part (a).

c) If instead of the surface S_1 , I choose to use the surface S_2 which passes through the middle of the parallel plate capacitor, show that the "steady state" Ampere's law $\oint_c \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_s \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ gives an incorrect result for contour Γ .

d) Maxwell found that he *had* to introduce the displacement current component to make Ampere's law complete. By finding the electric field $\mathbf{E}(t)$ inside the plates of the capacitor, show that adding the displacement term

Figure 1: Problem 4.

$$d/dt \left(\int_s \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \right)$$

to the real current $\int_s \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ will give the correct result on surface S_2 .

¹Read section 1.9 from Iskander.