

2012

PHYSICS

( Major )

Paper : 3.1

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

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GROUP—A

( Mathematical Methods )

( Marks : 25 )

1. Choose the correct option/Answer the following : 1×3=3

(a) What is the modulus of the determinant of a unitary matrix?

(i) 1

(ii) 0

(iii) -1

(iv) None of these

(b) What is a Hermitian matrix?

(c) What is a skew-symmetric matrix?

2. Define conjugate transpose of a matrix.  
Show that

$$(AB)^+ = B^+ A^+ \quad 1+1=2$$

3. Answer any two questions out of (a), (b) and (c) :

- (a) (i) For three Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

prove that  $\sigma_i \sigma_j = i \sigma_k$ , where  $i, j, k$  are cyclic permutations of indices. 3

- (ii) Show that modulus of each eigenvalue of a unitary matrix is unity. 2

- (b) (i) Verify that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthogonal matrix. 2

- (ii) Show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad 3$$

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- (c) What is a frame reference frame  $a$  and another frame  $b$  with velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ . If the acceleration of a particle is represented by  $\vec{r}$  respectively, show that the

particle in frame  $b$  is

$$\vec{f}_b = \vec{f}_a + 2\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

4. Answer either (a) and (b) or either (c) and (d).

Either

- (a) State Cayley-Hamilton theorem and find the characteristic equation of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

- (b) Find the mutually orthogonal vectors of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Or

- (c) Show that the trace of a product of two matrices is independent of the order of multiplication. Also show that eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are all real and its eigenvectors corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

2+3=5

- (d) For the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

determine a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

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5. Choose the correct one following :

- (a) Electric field vector  $E$   
 (i) rotational  
 (ii) irrotational

- (b) What do you understand by octupole?

- (c) What is meant by electric susceptibility?

- (d) Define electrical susceptibility.

6. Answer the following questions:

- (a) The electric field of a dipole at a point distant  $r$  on its perpendicular bisector is  $1.5 \times 10^{-11}$  volt/m. Calculate the dipole moment.

- (b) Write down Poisson's equation.

- (c) What is a polar molecule? Define molecular polarizability.

7. Write down the integral as well as differential form of Gauss' law. Use this law to show that the expression for field strength at a distance  $r$  due to an infinite line charge is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\lambda}{r}$$

where  $\lambda$  is linear charge density and  $r$  is the distance of the external point from the line charge.

1+1+3=5

Or

Show that the interaction energy of two dipoles of moments  $\vec{p}_1$  and  $\vec{p}_2$  is given by

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\vec{p}_1 \cdot \vec{p}_2}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^5} (\vec{p}_1 \cdot \vec{r})(\vec{p}_2 \cdot \vec{r}) \right]$$

where  $\vec{r}$  is the radius vector joining the centres of the two dipoles. Hence derive the torque acting on any dipole due to the field of another dipole.

4+1=5

8. Answer any two questions out of (a), (b), (c) and (d) :

(a) (i) Show that the electric field due to an electric dipole is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{p}{r^3} \sqrt{1+3\cos^2\theta}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{p}$ .

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- (ii) Show that the electrostatic field is given by

$$U = \dots$$

where the symbol has its usual meaning

- (b) (i) State and prove the theorem regarding Laplace's equation.  
(ii) Use Laplace's equation to find the potential inside a sphere of radius  $a$  if the potential on the surface is  $V_0 \cos^2\theta$ .

- (c) A point charge is placed at a distance  $a$  from the centre of an infinite plane earthed conductor. Calculate the force on the charge.

- (i) surface charge density on the plane;  
(ii) the force between the charge and the plane.

An electron is at a distance  $a$  from the centre of an infinite plane earthed conductor. Calculate the force experienced by the electron and the work done in moving it to an infinite distance from the conductor.

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- (d) (i) A spherical cavity is cut in a dielectric medium. Show that

$$\vec{E}_{\text{eff}} = \vec{E} + \frac{\vec{P}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

where the symbols have got their usual meanings. 3

- (ii) Deduce Clausius-Mosotti relation. Point out its limitation. 6+1=7

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Paper : 3.2

( Current Electricity and Magnetostatics )

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1. Answer the following questions :  $1 \times 7 = 7$

- (a) What is the dimension of capacitance in terms of the fundamental quantities ( $M, L, T, I$ )?
- (b) Write down the differential form of Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.
- (c) What is the SI unit of thermoelectric power?
- (d) Show that when a voltage of sinusoidal waveform is applied across a capacitor, the current passing through it leads the voltage by  $90^\circ$ .

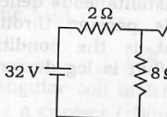
- (e) Can a charged particle at rest be accelerated by applying a magnetic field? Justify your answer.
- (f) Write down the Maxwell's equation of electromagnetism which shows that magnetic monopole does not exist.
- (g) If a sinusoidal voltage is applied to a series  $L-C-R$  circuit, under what condition the circuit becomes purely resistive?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) A d.c. voltage  $V$  is suddenly applied to a series  $R-C$  circuit. Calculate the time it takes in charging the capacitor to 0.993  $V$ . (Given  $R = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $C = 2 \mu\text{F}$ )
- (b) Draw the circuit diagram of Kelvin's double bridge for low resistance measurement.
- (c) An air-cored solenoid has a diameter of 2.5 cm and 500 turns wound over a length of 30 cm. Calculate the self-inductance of the solenoid. (Given permeability of air  $\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ )
- (d) Two parallel long straight wires at a distance 1 m apart placed in air carry equal currents  $i = 5 \text{ A}$  in the same direction. Find the magnitude of force per unit length of the wires. (Given permeability of air  $\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ )

3. Answer any three of the fo

- (a) In the circuit give current and voltage across resistor :



- (b) A d.c. voltage of 80 V is applied to a circuit containing a resistor of 10 Ω in series with an inductor of 0.1 H. Calculate the rate of growth of current at the instant when the current is (i) 10 A and (ii) 16 A.
- (c) The e.m.f. equation of a thermocouple ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) is  $E = at - bt^2$  where  $t$  is the temperature difference between hot and cold junctions in  $^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the thermoelectric power and Peltier coefficient at the hot junction if the Seebeck coefficient of the hot junction is  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (d) Starting from Ampere's law  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$  show that  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$  where  $\vec{J}$  is the current density.

- (e) Find the magnetic field at the centre of a circular coil carrying a steady current.
4. Establish the differential equation for a moving-coil ballistic galvanometer and find an expression for instantaneous deflection  $\theta$ , when no charge is passing through the galvanometer. What is the condition for critical damping? What is log decrement in a ballistic throw? 7+2+1=10

Or

What are meant by 'self' and 'mutual' inductances? Find an expression for self-inductance of an air-cored long solenoid of radius  $a$ , length  $l$  and having  $N$  number of turns in it. 3+7=10

5. A series combination of an inductance  $L$  and a resistance  $R$  is connected in parallel with a lossless capacitor of capacitance  $C$ . A sinusoidal e.m.f. of amplitude  $V_0$  and angular frequency  $\omega$  is applied across the circuit. Find the resonant frequency and the impedance at resonance. Why is such a circuit known as rejector circuit? 6+2+2=10

Or

A d.c. e.m.f.  $E$  is suddenly applied to a circuit consisting of a resistance  $R$ , an inductance  $L$  and a capacitance  $C$  in series. Investigate the growth of charge in the circuit. Discuss the conditions for non-oscillatory and oscillatory growth of charge. 6+4=10

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6. Differentiate between magnetic scalar potential and magnetic vector potential. Find the magnetic field of a very long thin straight wire carrying a current  $I$ . Hence find the magnetic field.

Or

A rectangular coil of length  $2a$  and width  $2b$  carrying a current  $i$ . Write down the expression for the potential energy of the coil in a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ . Where is the potential energy of the coil maximum? Write down the expression for the potential energy of the coil in a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  where  $\vec{m}$  is the dipole moment of the coil. Why can a current-carrying coil be considered as a magnetic dipole?

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