

**Electrodynamics A (PHY 5346) Fall 2016 Final December 14.**

**1. Electron-positron annihilation (40%).**

An electron and a positron, each (for  $c = 1$ ) with mass equal to  $0.511 [MeV]$ , annihilate at rest into two photons.

- (a) Working in the rest frame of the positronium, so that one of the photons moves in positive  $x = x^1$  direction, find the momentum four-vector for each photon.
- (b) Suppose that the annihilation took place in a galaxy that is receding from us at  $\beta = 3/5$ . What is the energy of the photon that we observe?

**2. Coaxial cable (30%).**

Consider a long, straight coaxial cable with a circular cross section. A constant current flows from a source to a target through the inner conductor ( $0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_1$ ) and back through the outer conductor ( $\rho_2 \leq \rho \leq \rho_3$ ). Assume vacuum in the in-between region ( $\rho_1 < \rho < \rho_2$ ) and use Ampère's law to calculate the magnetic field everywhere.

**3. Electric potential from distinct BCs on half-spheres (30%).**

- (a) Consider a constant potential  $\Phi_0$  on the surface of the upper half of a hollow sphere of radius  $R$  and  $\Phi = 0$  on the surface of the lower half of this sphere with no charges inside. Choose the center of the sphere at  $x = y = z = 0$ , its upper half above and its lower half below the  $x - y$  plane. Use the Green function of a sphere to calculate the potential on the  $z$  axis inside this sphere.
- (b) Take  $R = 1$  and  $\Phi_0 = 1$ . Evaluate  $\Phi(z)$  for the values  $z = R$ ,  $z = R/2$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $z = -R/2$  and  $z = -R$ . Sketch  $\Phi(z)$  in the range  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ .