

Electrodynamics B (PHY 5347): Spring 2017 Final, May 2.

1. Magnetic moment of a sphere (33%).

A sphere with radius R rotates with constant angular velocity ω about the z axis. A uniform charge distribution is fixed on the surface. The total charge is q . Calculate the magnetic moment $\vec{\mu}$.

2. Principal value integrals and Green functions of the wave equation (33%).

Green functions of the Klein-Gordon wave equation are defined by the equation

$$(\square + m^2) G(x, y) = \delta^{(4)}(x - y).$$

After Fourier transformation solutions are found in the form

$$G(x - y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p I_p, \quad I_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{du e^{-i u \tau}}{\omega_p^2 - u^2}$$

with

$$\omega_p = +\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}, \quad p^0 = u \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = x^0 - y^0.$$

Closing in the complex $w = u + iv$ plane, one obtains Feynman (F), Dyson (D), advanced (a) and retarded (r) Green functions, depending on the convention for the poles in the integrand of I_p . For instance,

$$G_a(x - y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p I_p^a \quad \text{and} \quad G_r(x - y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p I_p^r,$$

$$I_p^r = \begin{cases} -\frac{i}{2\omega_p} (e^{+i\omega_p\tau} - e^{-i\omega_p\tau}) & \text{for } \tau > 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } \tau < 0; \end{cases} \quad I_p^a = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \tau > 0; \\ \frac{i}{2\omega_p} (e^{+i\omega_p\tau} - e^{-i\omega_p\tau}) & \text{for } \tau < 0, \end{cases}$$

for the retarded and advanced choices.

Calculate the principal value integral

$$I_p^P = \frac{1}{2\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{du e^{-i u \tau}}{\omega_p^2 - u^2}$$

for $\tau > 0$ and $\tau < 0$. Relate the $\tau > 0$ result to I_p^r and the $\tau < 0$ result to I_p^a .

3. Far field approximation (34%).

Use the vector potential

$$\vec{A}_\phi(r, \theta) = A_\phi^0 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \frac{e^{ikr - i\omega t}}{r} \hat{\phi}.$$

to calculate the following quantities in the far field approximation:

- (a) The magnetic field.
- (b) The electric field.
- (c) The time-averaged Poynting vector.
- (d) The angular intensity distribution.
- (e) The maxima of the angular intensity distribution.
- (f) The maxima of the angular intensity distributions divided by the average of the angular intensity distribution over the surface of the sphere that contains the maxima.