

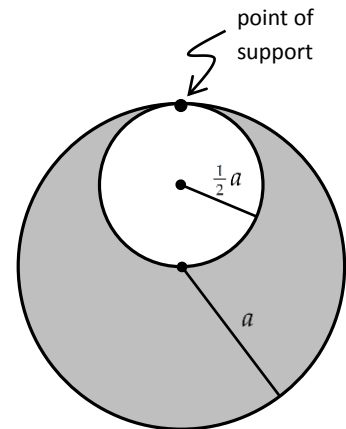
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**Preliminary Examination - Day 1**  
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This test covers the topics of *Mechanics* (Topic 1) and *Electrodynamics* (Topic 2). Each topic has 4 "A" questions and 4 "B" questions. Work two problems from each group. Thus, you will work on a total of 8 questions today, 4 from each topic.

**Mechanics Group A - Answer only two Group A questions**

**A1** (See adjacent figure.) The thin disk of radius  $a$  has a cavity of radius  $a/2$  centered at a point  $a/2$  from the center of the disk and hangs at a point at top of the disk. Find the period of the physical pendulum. The mass density of the disk is  $\sigma$  (mass/unit area).



**A2** A particle (mass  $m$ ) is falling vertically under the influence of gravity, and a frictional force  $|\mathbf{F}| = kv$  ( $v$  is speed,  $k$  is a positive constant) is present.

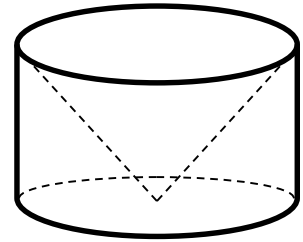
- Obtain the equation of motion (for the vertical coordinate only).
- Integrate the equation to obtain the velocity as a function of time; find the terminal velocity.

**A3** Certain neutron stars (extremely dense stars) are believed to be rotating at about 1 revolution per second. If such a star has a radius of 20 km, what must be its minimum mass so that material on its surface remains in place during the rapid rotation?

**A4** A railroad freight car of mass  $3.18 \times 10^4$  kg collides with a stationary car. They couple together, and 27.0% of the initial kinetic energy is transferred to thermal energy, sound, vibrations, and so on. Find the mass of the car that was initially stationary.

**Mechanics Group B - Answer only two Group B questions**

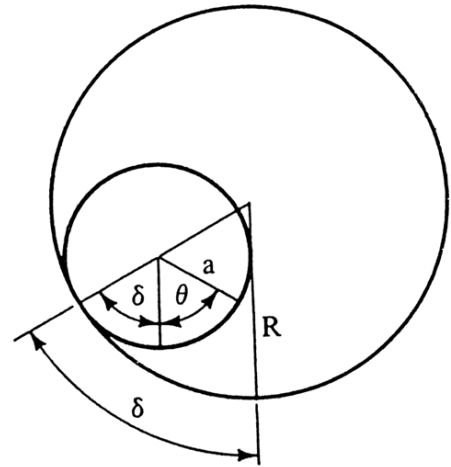
**B1** A solid cylinder of radius 4 m, height 5 m, and volume density  $2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$  has a conical section removed from its middle. The removed cone has a base radius of 4 m and a height of 5 m; its axis of symmetry is the same as that of the initial cylinder.



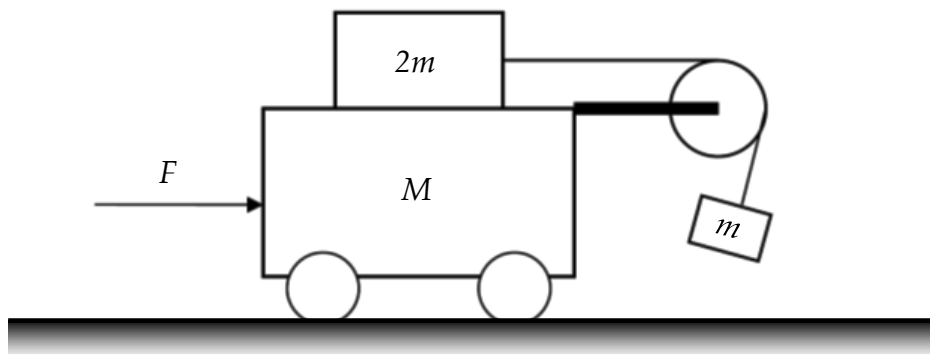
What is the moment of inertia of the remaining solid about its axis of cylindrical symmetry?

**B2** A solid homogeneous cylinder of radius  $a$  rolls without slipping on the inside of a stationary larger cylinder of radius  $R$ .

- Write down the Lagrangian function for this system.
- Find the equation of motion.
- Find the period of small oscillations about the stable equilibrium position.

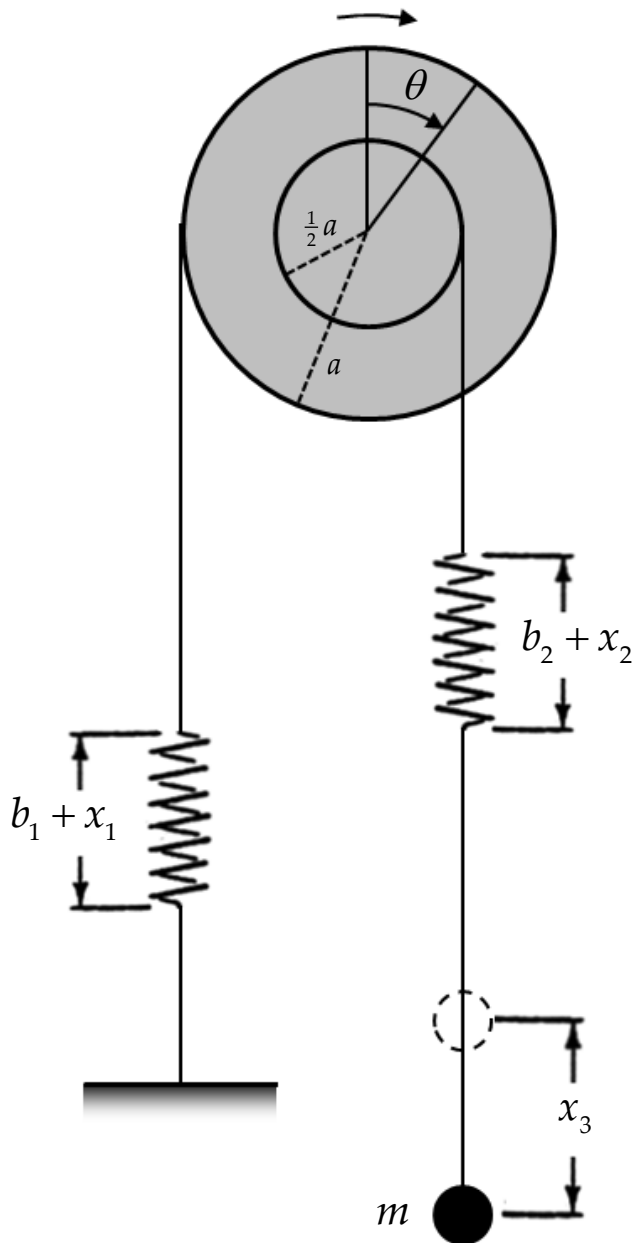


**B3** A cart of mass  $M$  rolls without friction on a flat surface under the action of a force  $F$ . The cart supports a massless, frictionless pulley over which passes a light cord attached at either end to masses  $m$  and  $2m$ . The coefficient of static friction between the top of the cart and the upper mass  $2m$  is 0.2. What is the minimum force  $F$  that must be applied to the cart in order that the upper mass  $2m$  not slip on the top of the cart?  $M = 10 \text{ kg}$ ;  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ .



**B4** A uniform disk of radius  $a$  and mass  $M$  rotates about a fixed axis. A massless cord is fixed to a point on the outside circumference and leads to a massless spring (spring constant  $k_1$ ) which is in turn fastened to a fixed point. At a radius  $a/2$ , another cord is fastened to a spring (spring constant  $k_2$ ) which connects to a mass  $m$ .

Set up Lagrange's equations for the disk and the weight. (Do not solve.)



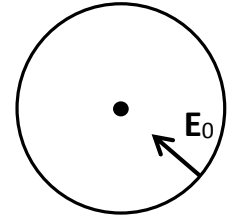
The quantities  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are the original lengths of the left and right springs when the whole system is at equilibrium and the disk is not rotating.

In this equilibrium state, the quantities  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ , and  $\theta$  all equal zero.

**Electrodynamics Group A - Answer only two Group A questions**

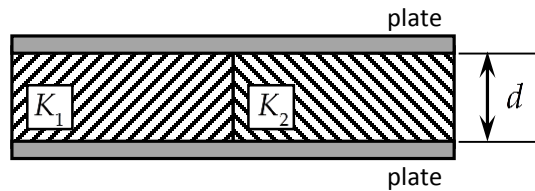
**A1** In a certain region of space, the free current density  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{free}}$  is given by  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} = J_0(y^2 + z^2)\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  where  $J_0 = 500 \text{ A/m}^4$ . What is the  $B$ -field vector at  $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1) \text{ m}$  ?

**A2** A capacitor comprises a long thin straight wire and a long thin, cylindrical shell of radius  $R$ . The electric field outside the shell is zero everywhere; the field immediately inside the cylinder has magnitude  $E_0$  and points toward the wire.



Calculate the line charge density,  $\lambda$ , on the wire.

**A3** An ideal parallel-plate capacitor (plate area  $A$ ) has the gap between its plates filled with two slabs of different dielectrics, with dielectric constants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  (see figure). The thickness of the slabs equals the plate separation  $d$ , and each slab fills half of the volume between the plates.

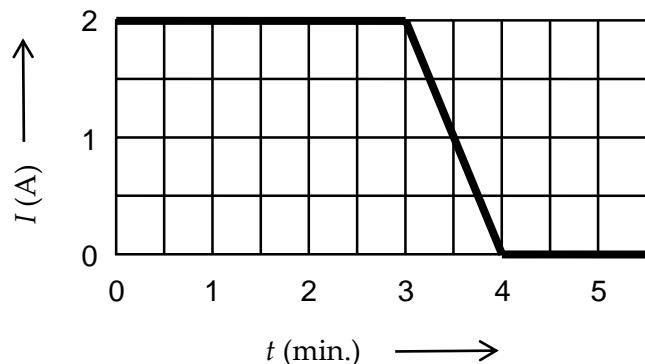


Calculate the capacitance of this capacitor.

**A4** An ohmic resistor is immersed in 200 g of water at room temperature ( $20^\circ\text{C}$ ). At time  $t = 0$  the resistor is connected to a DC battery with  $V_B = 120 \text{ V}$ . The graph shows the current as a function of time. Initially, the current is constant, but after 3 min. the battery starts to die, causing the current to gradually drop to zero. Assume the resistor's resistance is temperature-independent, and that the water is thermally insulated from the environment.

- Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the resistor.
- Find the final temperature of the water.

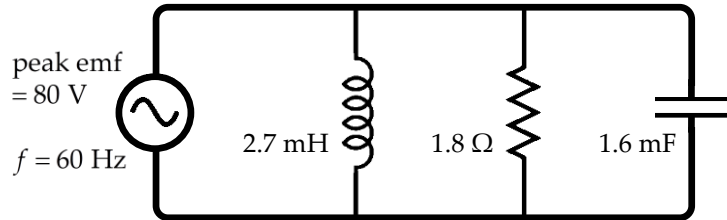
Info: the specific heat of water is  $c_w = 4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .



**Electrodynamics Group B - Answer only two Group B questions**

**B1** A solid cylinder of radius  $R$  and infinite length, with its axis of symmetry being the  $z$ -axis, has a polarization field  $\mathbf{P} = P_0(1 - r/R)\hat{z}$ . (Here  $r$  is the perpendicular distance from the  $z$ -axis.) In addition, it has a uniform surface charge density on its surface of  $+\sigma$ . What is the electric field everywhere?

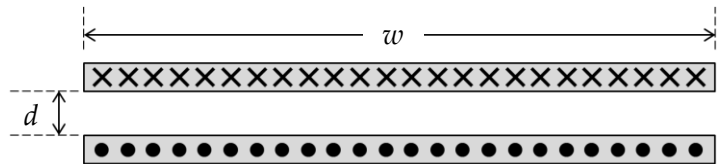
**B2** We consider the adjacent circuit. It is driven by a (sinusoidal) AC generator with 60 cycles/sec. ( $f = 60$  Hz) and peak voltage amplitude  $\mathcal{E} = 80$  V. We consider the circuit's *steady-state* behavior.



Calculate ...

- ... the current through the inductor as a function of time,  $I_L(t)$
- ... the current through the resistor as a function of time,  $I_R(t)$
- ... the current through the capacitor as a function of time,  $I_C(t)$
- ... the amplitude of total current through the generator,  $I$
- ... the circuit's impedance  $Z$
- ... the phase angle  $\phi$  by which the total current  $I(t)$  lags the generator's emf

**B3** Equal but opposite currents  $+I$  and  $-I$  flow in two long parallel strips as shown in the figure. The currents are uniformly distributed over the strips. The width of each strip is  $w$ , and the distance between them is  $d$  ( $w \gg d$ ).



- Find the magnetic field between the strips. (Neglect edge effects).
- Calculate the magnetic field energy per unit length.
- What is the self-inductance per unit length?

**B4** A solid sphere of radius  $R$ , centered at the origin, is uniformly charged with charge density  $\rho$ . Then a small sphere is removed, making a spherical cavity centered at a point  $\mathbf{a}$  within the bigger sphere. What is the electric field vector in the cavity?

## Physical Constants

speed of light .....  $c = 2.998 \times 10^8$  m/s

Planck's constant .....  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  J · s

Planck's constant /  $2\pi$ ....  $\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34}$  J · s

Boltzmann constant .....  $k_B = 1.381 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K

elementary charge .....  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C

electric permittivity .....  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$  F/m

magnetic permeability ...  $\mu_0 = 1.257 \times 10^{-6}$  H/m

molar gas constant.....  $R = 8.314$  J / mol · K

electrostatic constant ...  $k = (4\pi\epsilon_0)^{-1} = 8.988 \times 10^9$  m/F

electron mass .....  $m_{el} = 9.109 \times 10^{-31}$  kg

proton mass .....  $m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27}$  kg

1 bohr.....  $a_0 = 0.5292$  Å

1 hartree .....  $E_h = 27.21$  eV

Avogadro constant .....  $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  mol<sup>-1</sup>

gravitational constant..  $G = 6.674 \times 10^{-11}$  m<sup>3</sup> / kg s<sup>2</sup>

## EQUATIONS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL

### ELECTROSTATICS:

$$\oiint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$$

$$-\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = V(r_2) - V(r_1) \quad V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$\text{work done } W = -\int_a^b q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = q[V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a})]$$

Multipole expansion:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \int \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' + \frac{1}{r^2} \int r' \cos(\theta') \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' + \frac{1}{r^3} \int (r')^2 \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \cos(\theta') - \frac{1}{2} \right\} \rho(\vec{r}') d\tau' + \dots \right]$$

where the first term is the monopole term, the second is the dipole term, the third is the quadrupole term ... ;  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{r}'$  are field point and source point and  $\theta'$  is the angle between them.

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} \quad \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

The above are true for *all* dielectrics. Confining ourselves to linear, isotropic, and homogeneous (LIH) dielectrics, we also have:

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \quad \vec{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \quad \kappa_e = \epsilon / \epsilon_0 \quad \chi_e = \kappa_e - 1$$

$C(\text{dielectric}) = \kappa C(\text{vacuum})$

Boundary conditions:  $E_{2t} - E_{1t} = 0$ ,  $E_{2n} - E_{1n} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$

### MAGNETOSTATICS:

Lorentz Force:  $\vec{F} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) + q\vec{E}$       Current densities:  $I = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$ ,  $I = \int \vec{K} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$

Biot-Savart Law:  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{Id\vec{\ell} \times \hat{R}}{R^2}$  ( $\vec{R}$  is vector from source point to field point  $\vec{r}$ ).

For surface currents:  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{K} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} da$ .

For straight wire segment:  $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi s} [\sin \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1]$  where  $s$  is perpendicular distance from wire.

For circular loop of radius  $R$ , the  $B$ -field at a point on the axis is  $B = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 I \frac{R^2}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$ .

Infinitely long solenoid:  $B$ -field inside is  $B = \mu_0 n I$  ( $n$  is number of turns per unit length).

Ampere's law:  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enclosed}}$ .

### Magnetic vector potential A

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J} \Rightarrow \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}}{r-r'} d\tau'$$

$$\text{For line and surface currents } \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{I}{r-r'} d\vec{\ell} \quad \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{K}}{r-r'} da'$$

$$\text{From Stokes' theorem } \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\text{For a magnetic dipole } \vec{m}, \vec{A}_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

### Magnetic dipoles

Magnetic dipole moment of a current distribution is given by  $\vec{m} = I \int d\vec{a}$ .

$$\text{Force on magnetic dipole } \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\text{Torque on magnetic dipole } \vec{\tau} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\text{B-field of magnetic dipole } \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} [3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{m}]$$



Dipole-dipole interaction energy is  $U_{\text{DD}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi R^3} [(\vec{\mathbf{m}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{m}}_2) - 3(\vec{\mathbf{m}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})(\vec{\mathbf{m}}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})]$ , where  $\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \vec{\mathbf{r}}_1 - \vec{\mathbf{r}}_2$

### Material with magnetization $\mathbf{M}$

produces a magnetic field equivalent to that of (bound) volume and surface current densities

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}}_b = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{M}} \text{ and } \vec{\mathbf{K}}_b = \vec{\mathbf{M}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}.$$

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = I_{\text{free, enclosed}} \quad \vec{\mathbf{H}} = \vec{\mathbf{B}} / \mu_0 - \vec{\mathbf{M}}$$

For linear magnetic material  $\vec{\mathbf{M}} = \chi_m \vec{\mathbf{H}}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)\vec{\mathbf{H}}$  or  $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu\vec{\mathbf{H}}$

$$\text{Boundary conditions: } B_{2n} - B_{1n} = 0 \quad B_{2\parallel} - B_{1\parallel} = \mu_0 K$$

### Maxwell's Equations in vacuum:

1.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$  Gauss' Law
2.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0$
3.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$  Faraday's Law
4.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \vec{\mathbf{J}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$  Ampere's Law with Maxwell's correction

### Maxwell's Equations in linear, isotropic, and homogeneous (LIH) media:

1.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon}$  Gauss' Law
2.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0$
3.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$  Faraday's Law
4.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \vec{\mathbf{J}}_f + \epsilon \mu \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$  Ampere's Law with Maxwell's correction

Alternative way of writing Faraday's Law:  $\oint \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$

Mutual and self inductance:  $\Phi_2 = M_{21}I_1$ , and  $M_{21} = M_{12}$ ;  $\Phi = LI$

Energy stored in electric, magnetic field:

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \int_V E^2 d\tau = Q^2 / 2C$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^{-1} \int_V B^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{2} LI^2 = \frac{1}{2} \oint \bar{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{I}} d\ell$$

## VECTOR DERIVATIVES

**Cartesian.**  $d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z}$ ;  $d\tau = dx dy dz$

**Gradient :**  $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

**Divergence :**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

**Curl :**  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{x} + \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{y} + \left( \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{z}$

**Laplacian :**  $\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

**Spherical**  $d\mathbf{l} = dr \hat{r} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin\theta d\phi \hat{\phi}$ ;  $d\tau = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi$

**Gradient :**  $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi}$

**Divergence :**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin\theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi}$

**Curl :**  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin\theta v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{r}$   
 $+ \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\phi) \right] \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\theta) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\phi}$

**Laplacian :**  $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}$

**Cylindrical.**  $d\mathbf{l} = ds \hat{s} + s d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z}$ ;  $d\tau = s ds d\phi dz$

**Gradient :**  $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

**Divergence :**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

**Curl :**  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left[ \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z} \right] \hat{s} + \left[ \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s} \right] \hat{\phi} + \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{z}$

**Laplacian :**  $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( s \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

## VECTOR IDENTITIES

### Triple Products

- (1)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$
- (2)  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$

### Product Rules

- (3)  $\nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + g(\nabla f)$
- (4)  $\nabla(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}$
- (5)  $\nabla \cdot (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla f)$
- (6)  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$
- (7)  $\nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f)$
- (8)  $\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$

### Second Derivatives

- (9)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$
- (10)  $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$
- (11)  $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$

## FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

**Gradient Theorem :**  $\int_A^B (\nabla f) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a})$

**Divergence Theorem :**  $\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$

**Curl Theorem :**  $\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$