

Set 1– due 26 January

“The world of our imagination is narrower and more special in its logical structure than the world of physical things.” (Max Born)

1) [10 points] Jackson 9.3. In CGS, the discontinuity in  $E \cdot \hat{n}$  across a conductor is  $4\pi\sigma$  where  $\sigma$  is the surface charge density. Or, just do the problems in MKS and let us deal with the units...

2) [20 points] Consider an array of  $2N + 1$  dipoles. Each has a time-dependent dipole moment  $\vec{p}(t) = \hat{z}pe^{-i\omega t}$ , and they are spaced a distance  $D$  apart along the  $\hat{z}$  axis, centered on the origin. What is the resulting antenna pattern? Explicitly work out what happens at  $\theta$  (the polar angle measured with respect to the  $\hat{z}$  axis) near  $\pi/2$ .

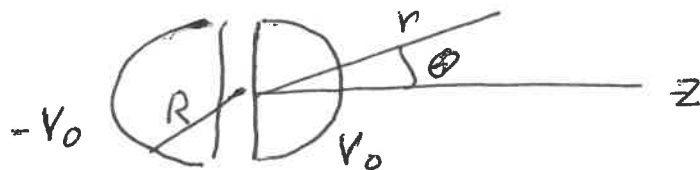
This is an iconic problem: many similar radiators distributed in space, so the antenna pattern tells you things about the spatial distribution of radiators.

3) (a) [15 points] The surface of a charge distribution of uniform density is almost a sphere: the radius as a function of the polar angle is  $R(\theta) = R_0(1 + \gamma \cos \theta)$ . The quantity  $\gamma$  oscillates in time with frequency  $\omega$ , so we are describing something like surface waves on a water balloon. Working to lowest nontrivial order in the small parameter  $\gamma$ , and in the long wavelength limit, find an expression for the antenna pattern of emitted radiation and the total power radiated. (b) [5 points] Part (a) is a variation of Jackson 9.12, except in that problem  $R(\theta) = R_0(1 + \beta P_2(\cos \theta))$ . What is the leading multipole behavior of the radiation in that case? Why?

9.3.1

Jackson 9.3. The potential between the hemispheres  
is  $V(t) = V_0 \cos \omega t = \text{Re } V_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

Since these are conductors, a charge is induced on them, and there is an induced time dependent dipole moment which radiates.



$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_l a_l \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l P_l(\cos \theta) \quad \text{if } r < R$$

$$= \sum_l b_l \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{l+1} P_l(\cos \theta) \quad \text{if } r > R$$

$V$  is continuous at  $r=R$  so  $a_l = b_l$ . In CGS

$$4\pi\sigma = -\left.\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}\right|_{r=R^+} + \left.\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}\right|_{r=R^-} \quad (1)$$

We only want the dipole term:

$$4\pi\sigma_D = \frac{a_1 + 2b_1}{R} \cos \theta = \frac{3a_1}{R} \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

$$\int V(R, \theta) P_l(\cos \theta) d\omega \cos \theta = \frac{2}{2l+1} a_l$$

$$V_0 \left[ \int_0^1 \cos \theta d\omega \cos \theta - \int_{-1}^0 \cos \theta d\omega \cos \theta \right] = \frac{2}{3} a_1$$

$$\text{or } V_0 = \frac{2}{3} a_1 \quad \text{or } a_1 = \frac{3}{2} V_0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\sigma_D = \frac{3}{4\pi R} \cdot \frac{3}{2} V_0 \cos \theta$$

The dipole moment  $\vec{p} = \hat{z} \int \sigma \cdot R \cos \theta \, dA$  9.3.2

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p} &= \hat{z} \frac{q}{8\pi} \frac{V_0 R^3}{R} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \cos^2\theta \cdot 2\pi \\ &= \hat{z} V_0 R^2 \cdot \frac{q}{8\pi} \cdot 2\pi \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3}{2} V_0 R^2 \hat{z} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

and we are done!  $\vec{B} = \frac{1}{r} k^2 (\hat{n} \times \vec{p}) e^{i k r}$   
 $\vec{E} = -\hat{n} \times \vec{B}$

power  $P = \frac{c k^4}{3} |\vec{p}|^2 = \frac{3}{4} c V_0^2 (kR)^4$

In MKS  $\sigma_D / \epsilon_0 = \frac{3 a_1}{R} \cos \theta$  (2')

$a_1 = \frac{3}{2} V_0$ , the same as for CGS;

$$\sigma_D = \frac{9}{2} \frac{V_0}{R} \epsilon_0 \cos \theta, \quad \vec{p} = \hat{z} \cdot \frac{9}{2} V_0 R^2 \epsilon_0 \cdot 2\pi \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\vec{p} = \frac{3}{2} V_0 R^2 (4\pi \epsilon_0) \hat{z} = 6\pi \epsilon_0 V_0 R^2 \hat{z}$$

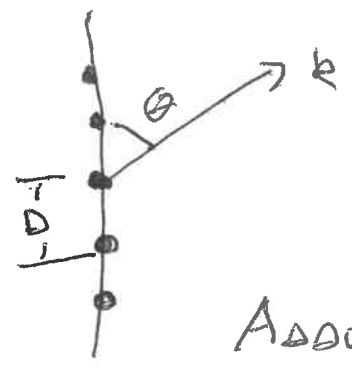
$$\text{Power radiated} = \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0 k^4}{12\pi} (6\pi \epsilon_0 V_0 R^2)^2$$

$$P = 3\pi V_0^2 (kR)^4 \epsilon^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0^2$$

$$\text{With } \epsilon_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \rightarrow c^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0^2 = \frac{\epsilon_0^2}{\mu_0^2 \epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0}$$

and  $P = \frac{V_0^2}{\epsilon_0} \cdot 3\pi (kR)^4$ ;  $\epsilon_0$  is a resistance, so the units are correct.

2) An array of dipoles, the  $j$ th source offset by  $\vec{r}_j = \hat{z} (jD)$  for  $j = -N$  to  $N$ .



The vector potential is

$$\vec{A} = \frac{e^{i k r}}{r} \int d^3 x \vec{J}(x) e^{i \vec{k} \cdot x}$$

Assume that  $\vec{J}$  peaks near  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_j$ . Write  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_j + \vec{y}$ . Assume the range of  $y$  is much less than  $x_j$  (or  $\Delta x_j$ ). Then

$$A_j \sim \int d^3 x \vec{J}(x) e^{i \vec{k}_j \cdot x} = e^{i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_j} \int d^3 y \vec{J}(y) e^{i \vec{k} \cdot y}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{A}_j = \left[ \frac{e^{i k r}}{r} \right] \vec{p} e^{i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_j}$$

Here  $\vec{p}$  is the individual dipole moment measured with respect to location  $\vec{x}_j$ , or to  $\vec{y} = 0$ .

For all the dipoles

$$\vec{A} = \left[ \frac{e^{i k r}}{r} \right] \hat{z} p \sum_{j=-N}^N e^{i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \equiv \frac{e^{i k r}}{r} \hat{z} p F(\hat{n})$$

The antenna pattern is

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{dP_0}{d\Omega} |F(\hat{n})|^2 \text{ where } \frac{dP_0}{d\Omega} \text{ is the}$$

antenna pattern for a single dipole,  $\frac{dP_0}{d\Omega} = \frac{c k^4 p^2 \sin^2 \theta}{8\pi}$

Note the factorization - this occurs again & again dealing with the physics of similar objects.

We need to compute the form factor:

$$F(\hat{n}) = \sum_{d=-N}^N \exp i \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{k} \hat{n} \cdot \hat{z} = \sum_{d=-N}^N \exp i \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cos \theta$$

Defining  $x = \exp i \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cos \theta$ ,

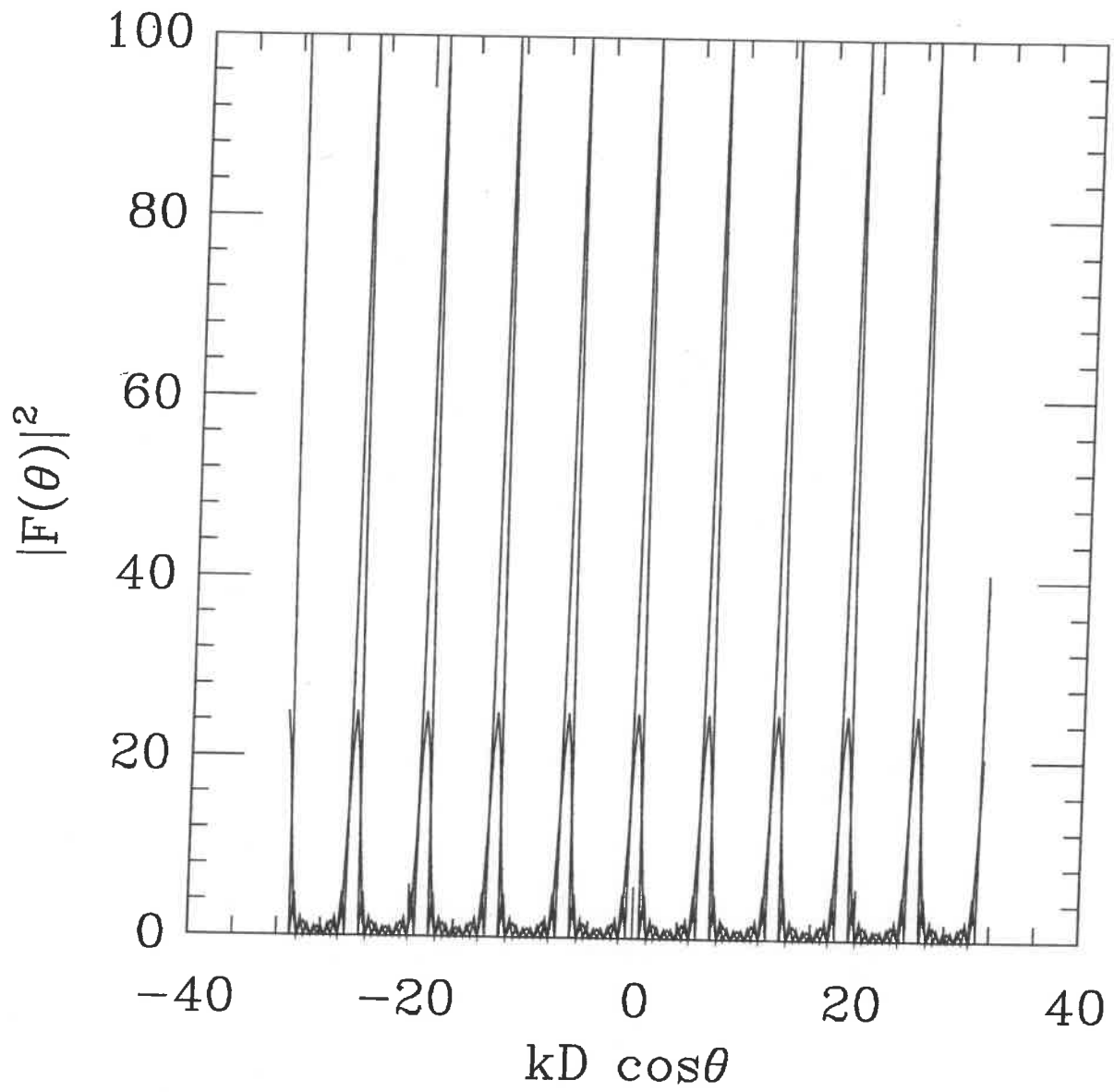
$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{n}) &= \sum_{d=-N}^N x^d = x^{-N} \sum_{k=0}^{2N} x^k \\ &= x^{-N} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k - x^{2N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \right) \\ &= x^{-N} \left[ \frac{1 - x^{2N+1}}{1 - x} \right] = \left( \frac{x^{-N} - x^{N+1}}{1 - x} \right) \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{x^{-N-\frac{1}{2}} - x^{N+\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{x}} = \frac{e^{-i(N+\frac{1}{2})kD \cos \theta} - e^{i(N+\frac{1}{2})kD \cos \theta}}{e^{-i\frac{kD}{2} \cos \theta} - e^{i\frac{kD}{2} \cos \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\sin \left[ \left( N + \frac{1}{2} \right) kD \cos \theta \right]}{\sin \left[ \frac{kD}{2} \cos \theta \right]} \end{aligned}$$

(see plot on next page!)

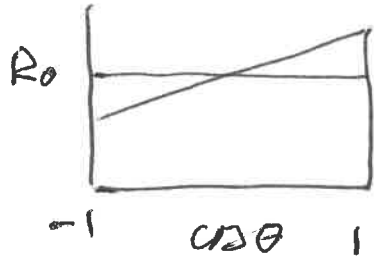
Near  $\theta = \pi/2$  this is roughly  $\frac{N+\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2N+1$

and  $\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = (2N+1)^2 \frac{dP_0}{d\Omega}$  - this is coherent radiation from the  $2N+1$  antennas.

$$2N+1 = 5 \times 10$$



$$3) \quad R(\theta) = R_0 [1 + \gamma \cos \theta] \text{ and } \gamma = \gamma_0 e^{-i\omega t} \quad R-1$$



The volume of the charge is

$$\int dV = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_0^{R(\theta)} r^2 dr.$$

For small  $\gamma$  the total charge is

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \epsilon_0 \int dV = \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{3} R_0^3 \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta [1 + \gamma \cos\theta]^3 \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} R_0^3 \epsilon_0 \left[ 2 + 3 \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta (\gamma \cos\theta + \gamma^2 \cos^2\theta + \dots) \right] \\ &= \frac{4\pi R_0^3}{3} \epsilon_0 + O(\gamma^2) \end{aligned}$$

The lowest multipole is the electric dipole. By symmetry,  $P_x = P_y = 0$  while

$$\begin{aligned} P_z &= 2\pi \epsilon_0 \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_0^{R(\theta)} r^2 dr \cdot r \cos\theta \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{4} \epsilon_0 R_0^4 \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta [1 + \gamma \cos\theta]^4 \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

To leading order in  $\gamma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_z &= \frac{2\pi}{4} R_0^4 \left[ \frac{3Q}{4\pi R_0^3} \right] \cdot 4\gamma \int_{-1}^1 \cos^2\theta d\cos\theta \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} Q R_0 \gamma \cdot \frac{2}{3} = Q R_0 \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This goes into the dipole formula

In CGS

R-2

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{ck^4}{8\pi} |P_z|^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$P = \frac{c}{3} k^4 |P_z|^2 = \frac{ck^4}{3} [Q_{20}]^2$$

In MKS

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0}{32\pi^2} k^4 |P_z|^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$P = \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0}{12\pi} k^4 |P_z|^2$$

either way,  $\frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{3}{8\pi} \sin^2\theta$ .

b) In Jackson 9.12,  $R(\theta) = 1 + \beta P_2(\cos\theta)$

$$\text{and } P_2(\cos\theta) = \frac{3\cos^2\theta - 1}{2}$$

The shape remains symmetric about the equator.

This will give rise to quadrupole radiation

