

1. (25pt.) Let a conducting but ungrounded sphere of radius  $R$ , be in the vicinity of a point charge  $q$ . If this sphere, in the charge-free space, has a total charge  $Q$  distributed uniformly over its surface.
  - (a) Find the potential in the exterior region of the sphere. (13 pt.)
  - (b) Find the force between the point charge  $q$  and the sphere. (12 pt.)
2. (25pt.) Suppose we have a uniform electric field over a region of space and we insert into this space a thin, but very large, conducting plate, as shown in Fig. 2.

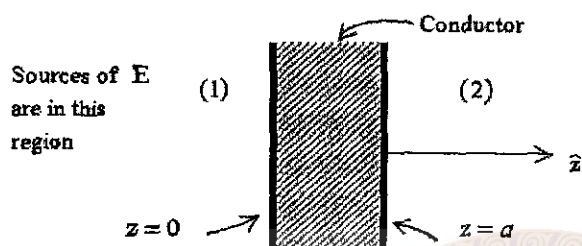


Fig. 2.

- (a) Determine the potential in the region  $z < 0$  and  $z > a$ . (6pt.)
  - (b) Take the potential of the conductor to be zero (not ground), determine the charge densities at  $z = 0$  and  $z = a$ . (6 pt.)
  - (c) Now the plate is grounded. Determine the charge densities at  $z = 0$  and  $z = a$ . Is there any shielding effect? (6 pt.)
  - (d) Determine the force per unit area on the plate before and after grounding. (7 pt.)
3. (25pt)

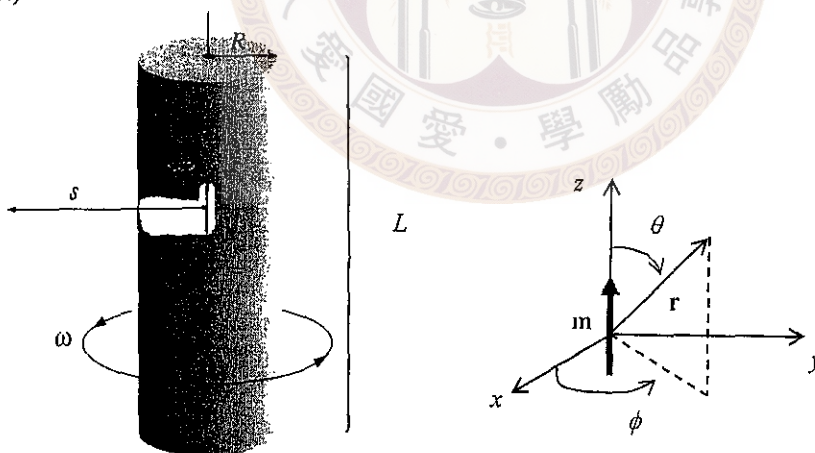


Fig. 3

A thin glass rod of radius  $R$  and length  $L$  carries a uniform surface charge  $\sigma$ . It is set spinning about its axis, at an angular velocity  $\omega$ . Find the magnetic field at a distance  $s \gg R$  from the center of the rod (Fig. 3). [Hint: Treat it as a stack of magnetic dipole.]

4. (25pt.) (a) Write down and Maxwell's equations in matter together with the constitutive relations. (15pt.)
- (b). Derive the wave equations for the electromagnetic waves in vacuum. (10pt.)