## Exam-02

- 1. A capacitor is formed by two open concentric metal cylinders with radius & charge of  $r_1 \& Q_1$ , and  $r_2 \& Q_2$ , respectively, where  $r_1 < r_2$ ,  $Q_1 = -Q$ , and  $Q_2 = Q$ . The metal cylinders are located in air, have a length  $\ell$ , and a negligibly small metal thickness.
  - (a) Draw the experimental setup and label all objects appropriately. What is the charge density,  $\rho^{2D}$  (units of C/m<sup>2</sup>), on each of the two open cylinders?
  - (b) Calculate the electric field for  $r < r_1$ ,  $r_1 < r < r_2$ , and  $r > r_2$ . Neglect any fringe fields.
  - (c) Derive a symbolic expression for the voltage drop between the two cylinders. Calculate the voltage drop for  $Q = 10^{-8}$  C,  $r_1 = 1$  cm,  $r_2 = 2$  cm, and  $\ell = 1.0$  m.
  - (d) Derive a symbolic expression for the capacitance of the capacitor. What is the numerical value of the capacitance?
  - (e) Give a symbolic expression for the capacitance for  $r_2 = r_1 + \Delta r$  where  $\Delta r \ll r_1$  (you may use ln  $(1 + x) \approx x$  which is valid for  $x \ll 1$ ). Is the obtained expression reminiscent of a parallel plate capacitor?
  - (f) Give a symbolic expression for the energy density stored in the electric field as a function of r for  $r_1 < r < r_2$ .
- 2. A split parallel-plate capacitor has two metal plates with area  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2$  and a distance between the plates of 2d = 2 mm. The gap between the plates is filled with two dielectrics,  $\varepsilon_{r1} = 1.0$ , on LHS<sup>1</sup>, and  $\varepsilon_{r2} = 20.0$ , on RHS, each dielectric having an area  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2$  and a thickness of d = 1 mm.
  - (a) Draw a diagram of the experimental configuration and label all objects appropriately. The capacitor is charged with a current pulse of 1 mA and pulse duration of 1 ms. What is the charge Q, and the charge per unit area,  $\rho^{2D}$ , of the capacitor?
  - (b) Assume that the LHS plate is "-" charged and the RHS plate is "+" charged. Neglect fringe fields. Starting with Maxwell's first equation, calculate the electric flux density  $\vec{D}$  and the electric field intensity  $\vec{E}$  inside the two dielectric materials (symbolic expressions & numerical values).
  - (c) What is the voltage drop (numerical value) across the capacitor?
  - (d) What is the energy stored (numerical value) in each of the two regions between the two metal plates?
  - (e) Which one of the two regions could be neglected? Justify your answer.
- 3. Determine if the following statements are (i) true, (ii) false, or (iii) impossible to determine due to lack of information. Explain each of your answers with a few words.
  - (a) Dielectric media contain only bound charge but no free charge.
  - (b) Metals contain free charge. Bound charge that is present in a metal is irrelevant in the context of the present course (ECSE-2100, Fields and Waves I).
  - (c) A grounded metal sheet screens an electric field better than a non-grounded metal sheet.
  - (d) The boundary condition  $E_{t1} = E_{t2}$  always applies, whereas the boundary condition  $D_{n1} = D_{n2}$  only applies in the absence of free interface charges (free boundary charges).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LHS = Left hand side; RHS = Right hand side