

P435 Course Summary

Selected Griffiths problems in parentheses.

1. **Electric field:**

Divergence \rightarrow charge density. Gauss' law.

Curl = 0 (static) \rightarrow Electric potential.

Electrostatic energy

You should know how to:

calculate the charge density. (2.9)

apply Gauss' law. (2.16)

calculate potential differences (*e.g.*, do line integrals). (2.44)

calculate fluxes (surface integrals). (2.10)

calculate the field energy. (2.34)

2. **Conductors:**

Equipotential surfaces.

Induced charge.

Capacitors

Method of images

You should know how to:

calculate capacitance. (2.39, 2.40)

use images to solve (simple) problems. (3.34)

3. **Laplace's equation:**

Separation of variables

Boundary conditions: V or E at a surface.

Multipole expansion

Cartesian, cylindrical, spherical coordinates

You should know how to:

solve in various coordinate systems (3.39)

apply boundary conditions (3.37)

solve problems with electric (and magnetic) dipoles (3.31)

4. **Electric fields in matter:**

Polarization

E , D , and P

Linear dielectrics

Boundary conditions

Field energy

You should know how to:

calculate bound charges (4.10)

calculate the force and torque on a dipole (4.6, 4.9)

apply the boundary conditions (4.16, 4.18 4.22)

calculate the field energy and forces (4.26, section 4.4.4)

5. **Magnetic fields:**

Lorentz force

Biot-Savart and Ampere's laws

Vector potential

You should know how to:

calculate forces on moving charges and current carrying wires (5.40-5.42)

calculate the field produced by a current (5.45)

calculate the vector potential, given the current (5.22, 5.23)

6. **Magnetic fields in matter:**

Magnetization

B , H , and M

Bound currents

Boundary conditions

You should know how to:

calculate forces on magnetic dipoles (and current loops) (6.1, 6.3)

calculate the bound currents and field of a magnetized object (6.7-6.9)

apply boundary conditions (6.17, 6.18)

4. **Time dependence:**

Ohm's law

Electromotive force, motional emf, Faraday's law

Inductance and magnetic energy

Maxwell's equations in vacuum and in matter

You should know how to:

solve RC, LC, and RLC circuits (7.2, 7.3, 7.29)

calculate inductance and field energy (7.26, 7.30)

calculate induced currents (7.12)