

## Homework Set No. 1

**Problem 1:** Prove the following vector-dyadic identities, where  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  are vectors and  $\bar{\bar{A}}$  and  $\bar{\bar{B}}$  are dyads.

- I.  $(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{\bar{A}} = \bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \times \bar{\bar{A}}) = -\bar{b} \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{\bar{A}})$
- II.  $(\bar{\bar{A}} \times \bar{a}) \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = -(\bar{\bar{A}} \times \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{a}$
- III.  $(\bar{a} \times \bar{\bar{A}}) \times \bar{b} = \bar{a} \times (\bar{\bar{A}} \times \bar{b})$
- IV.  $(\bar{a} \times \bar{\bar{A}}) \cdot \bar{\bar{B}} = \bar{a} \times (\bar{\bar{A}} \cdot \bar{\bar{B}})$
- V.  $(\bar{\bar{I}} \times \bar{a}) \cdot \bar{\bar{A}} = \bar{a} \times \bar{\bar{A}}$

**Problem 2:** Prove the following differential dyadic identities:

- I.  $\nabla(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = (\nabla \bar{a}) \times \bar{b} - \nabla \bar{b} \times \bar{a}$
- II.  $\nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{\bar{A}}) = (\nabla \times \bar{a}) \cdot \bar{\bar{A}} - \bar{a} \cdot \nabla \times \bar{\bar{A}}$
- III.  $\nabla \times (\bar{a} \bar{b}) = (\nabla \times \bar{a}) \bar{b} - \bar{a} \times \nabla \bar{b}$

**Problem 3:** Prove  $\bar{\bar{B}} = \bar{\bar{C}} \times \bar{\bar{I}}$  is anti-symmetric.

**Problem 4:** Momentum Conservation Theorem: Starting from the Lorentz force law show that

$$\frac{\partial \bar{G}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{T}} = -\bar{f}$$

where  $\bar{f}$  is the force field per unit volume, and

$$\bar{G} = \bar{D} \times \bar{B}$$

is the momentum density vector, and

$$\bar{\bar{T}} = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{D} \cdot \bar{E} + \bar{B} \cdot \bar{H}) \bar{\bar{I}} - \bar{D}\bar{E} - \bar{B}\bar{H}$$

is referred to as Maxwell stress tensor.

**Problem 5:** For each of the following constitutive relations, state whether the given medium is

- (1) Isotropic/anisotropic/bianisotropic,
  - (2) Linear/nonlinear,
  - (3) Homogeneous/inhomogeneous.
- (a) Cholesteric liquid crystals can be modeled by a spiral structure with constitutive relations given by

$$\overline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(1 + \delta \cos Kz) & \varepsilon\delta \sin Kz & 0 \\ \varepsilon\delta \sin Kz & \varepsilon(1 - \delta \cos Kz) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_z \end{pmatrix} \cdot \overline{E}$$

where the spiral direction is along the  $z$  axis.

- (b) In view of the optical activities in quartz crystals, the constitutive relations for a quartz crystal are phenomenologically described as

$$E_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 k_{ij} D_i + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \varepsilon} G_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} B_i$$

$$H_j = \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_j - \frac{1}{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^3 G_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} D_i$$

- (c) When a magnetic field  $\overline{B}_0$  is applied to a conductor carrying a current, an electric field  $\overline{E}$  is developed. This is called *Hall effect*. Assuming the conduction carrier drifts with a mean velocity  $\overline{v}$  proportional to  $R\sigma\overline{E}$ , the constitutive relation that takes care of the Hall effect is given by

$$\overline{J} = \sigma(\overline{E} + R\sigma\overline{E} \times \overline{B}_0)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the conductivity and  $R$  is the Hall coefficient. For copper,  $\sigma \approx 6.7 \times 10^7 \text{ mho/m}$  and  $R \approx 5.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{coul}$ .

- (d) The phenomenon of pyroelectricity in a crystal is observed when it is heated. The constitutive relation for a *pyroelectric material* can be written as

$$\overline{D} = \overline{D}_0 + \overline{\varepsilon} \cdot \overline{E}$$

where a spontaneous term  $\overline{D}_0$  exists even in the absence of an external field.

- (e) The phenomenon in which dipole moments are induced in a crystal by mechanical stress is called *piezoelectricity*. A piezoelectric material is characterized by a piezoelectric tensor  $\gamma_{i,kl} = \gamma_{lk}$  such that

$$D_i = D_{0i} + \varepsilon\delta_{ij}E_j - k + \gamma_{i,kl}s_{kl}$$

where  $s_{kl}$  is the stress tensor to the second order in electric fields. All pyroelectric media are also piezoelectric.

- (f) An isotropic dielectric can exhibit the *Kerr effect* when placed in an electric field. In this case the permittivity can be written as

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \varepsilon\delta_{ij} + \sigma E_i E_j$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the unperturbed permittivity. The principle axis of  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  coincides with the electric field.