Problem 1. A Nonlinear Circuit (15 Points)

Consider the following circuit:



N is a nonlinear component with impedance $Z_N = i\omega^2 N$. What is the phase difference: $\theta(V_R(t)) - \theta(V_N(t))$ (15 points)?

Problem 2. Light Mill (25 Points)

Consider the light mill pictured at right. Assume that the blades of the light mill are initially at rest and at t = 0 the apparatus is illuminated by uniform light with magnitude $\vec{E} = E_0 \sin(\omega t)\hat{y}$ and $\vec{B} = B_0 \sin(\omega t)\hat{z}$. Assume that the blades are square and have a sidelength of a and are connected to the spindle by rigid wires of length l, and the system has a moment of inertia I.

- (a) Light carries momentum and its transfer is captured by the Poynting vector $\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{B}/\mu_0$, which is related to the force: $\vec{F} = \vec{S}A/c$. What is the force, $d\vec{F}$, on a sliver with height *a* and width *dr* oriented perpendicular to the direction of light propagation if the surface is: perfectly absorbent (**3 points**), perfectly reflective (**2 points**)?
- (b) Find the average torques, $\langle d\vec{\tau} \rangle$, on the slivers (5 points). Hint: $\sin^2(\theta) = [1 \cos(2\theta)]/2$.
- (c) What is the average torque exerted about the spindle by the pressure of light on the blades? (10 points)? Hint: $\langle \vec{\tau} \rangle = \int_{r_0}^{r_1} \langle d\vec{\tau}(r) \rangle$.
- (d) Write Newton's law for the rotational motion (**3 points**), which direction does the system start moving as viewed from above (**2 points**). Hint: $\sum \vec{\tau} = I \ddot{\theta} \hat{z}$.

Aside: the motion of a light mill is *not* due to the pressure of light, but rather thermal transpiration.

Problem 3. Ampere's Law on an Ellipse (10 Points)



Consider the ellipse parameterized by $\vec{\alpha}(\theta) = (a\cos(\theta), b\sin(\theta))^{\top}$. The unit tangent to the ellipse is:

$$\hat{T}(\theta) = \frac{(-a\sin(\theta), b\cos(\theta))}{\sqrt{a^2\sin^2(\theta) + b^2\cos^2(\theta)}}$$

and $d\vec{\ell} = r(\theta)d\theta \hat{T}(\theta)$, write Ampere's Law (5 points), this is referred to as an elliptic integral.

If $B(\theta) = \text{constant}$, what is the value of this integral (5 points)? Hint: think physically or think about even and odd functions and note that $\int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$ is the same as $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$.

Problem 4. Faraday's Law and Credit Cards (10 Points)

Consider the optical microscope image of a credit card strip pictured at right. The top strip encodes data in binary and the bottom strip provides a uniform distance metric. The magnetic field generated by the dark regions is $B_d = 0.30$ [T] perpendicular to the card, and the magnetic field generated by the light regions is $B_l = 0.05$ [T] perpendicular to the card. If the card is moving right at a uniform velocity v, draw the voltage induced in a thin Faraday's law sensor with area A as a function time as the region in the red box passes under the sensor (**10 points**).





Problem 5. Geometric Optics (10 Points)

Consider the following configuration of thin lenses:



If a matchstick of length 4 cm is placed 7 cm to the left of the configuration of lenses, at what position (4 points), with what height (4 points), and at what magnification (2 point) does an observer on the right see the matchstick? Assume that the convex lens has a focal length of 5 [cm] and the concave lens has a focal length of 3 [cm].

Problem 6. Interference (10 Points)

Consider light with vacuum wavelength λ incident on a soap film of thickness 1 mm and index of refraction n = 4/3 covering a glass mirror with glass thickness 3 mm and index of refraction n = 3/2. Assuming that there is no phase shift or reflection at interfaces (except for reflection at the surface of the soap-air interface and on the silvered side of the mirror), at what free-space wavelengths will there be constructive interference (**5 points**)? At what free space wavelengths will there be destructive interference (**5 points**)?



Problem 7. Relativistic Laser Angle (10 Points)

Suppose an observer sees a spaceship go past at velocity v and on the spaceship an astronaut shines a laser at an angle θ with respect to the direction of motion in the spaceship frame, what is the angle in the observer's frame? (10 points)?

Problem 8. Velocity Distortion (10 Points)

Suppose that a rebel spacecraft is fleeing from the Empire and sees the Empire's ship receding at 0.2*c*. If the Empire shoots a missile at the rebel spacecraft at 0.5*c* in the Empire's frame, how fast is does the missile appear to be moving in the rebel's frame (**7 points**)? Is it approaching or receding (**3 points**)?