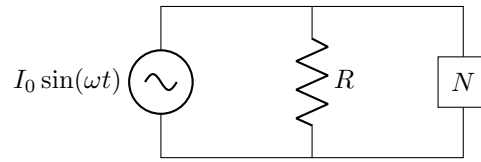


**Problem 1. A Nonlinear Circuit (15 Points)**

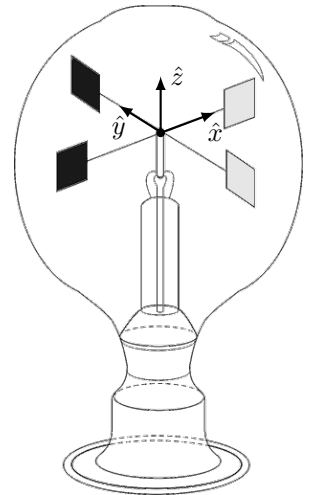
Consider the following circuit:



$N$  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)**

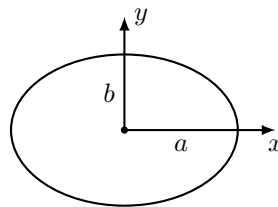
Consider the light mill pictured at right. Assume that the blades of the light mill are initially at rest and at  $t = 0$  the apparatus is illuminated by uniform light with magnitude  $\vec{E} = E_0 \sin(\omega t)\hat{y}$  and  $\vec{B} = B_0 \sin(\omega t)\hat{z}$ . Assume that the blades are square 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  $\vec{\alpha}(\theta) = (a \cos(\theta), b \sin(\theta))^T$ . The unit tangent to the ellipse is:

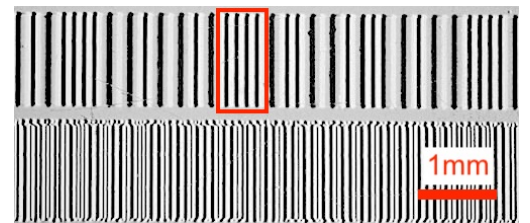
$$\hat{T}(\theta) = \frac{(-a \sin(\theta), b \cos(\theta))}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2(\theta) + b^2 \cos^2(\theta)}}$$

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  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta)d\theta$ .

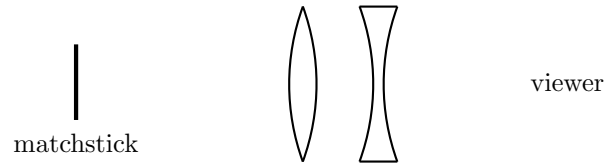
**Problem 4. Faraday's Law and Credit Cards (10 Points)**

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)

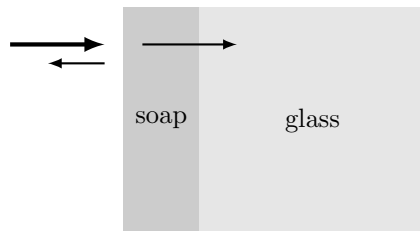
Consider the following configuration of thin lenses:



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  $\lambda$  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  $\theta$  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  $0.2c$ . If the Empire shoots a missile at the rebel spacecraft at  $0.5c$  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**)?