Assignment-1

- 1. Obtain an expression for $\nabla(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$ in terms of ' ∇ ' and ' ∇ ×' of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} .
- 2. Find $\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta}$, $\frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta}$, etc, and hence find the *divergence* of a vector field in spherical polar co-ordinates.
- 3. Prob. 2.36 in Griffiths. Give suitable explanation for your answers.
- 4. Four particles of charge q each are placed at the four corners of a square. At the center of the square a charge Q is placed such that the total force on each charge q is zero. Find Q. Is this system stable?
- 5. A spherical volume of radius a is filled with charge of uniform density ρ .
 - a) Find the work done in assembling the sphere.
 - b) Find the potential energy of the sphere.
 - c) Find the total energy contained in the Electric field of the sphere.
- 6. According to special relativity, a stationary particle of mass m has energy $E = mc^2$, where c is the speed of light. Suppose the electron is a particle of radius a and uniform charge density, and E is also the work done in *assembling* such a particle, find a.
- 7. A spherical shell of radius 10 cm, initially neutral, is charged to a potential of -1000 V. Find the number of electrons added (or removed) to the shell.
- 8. Two positive charges, q each, are placed at diagonally opposite corners of a square, and two negative charges, -q each, are placed at the other diagonal ends. Draw, as accurately as possible, equipotential lines on the plane of the square.