

**Homework #9 (100 points) - Show all work on the following problems:**

*(Grading rubric: Solid attempt = 50% credit, Correct approach but errors = 75% credit, Correct original solution = 100% credit, Copy of online solutions = 0% credit)*

**Problem 1 (25 points):** Calculate the electric and magnetic fields of an oscillating magnetic dipole without assuming  $r \gg c/\omega$ . In other words, use both terms of the magnetic vector potential in Eq. 11.33 to compute the fields. The results should look familiar if you compare to HW 5 Problem 3.

**Problem 2 (25 points):** Calculate the power radiated from an insulating circular ring of radius  $b$  that lies in the x-y plane, centered at the origin, assuming that it has a charge density  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \sin\phi$  and that it rotates with an angular velocity  $\omega$  about the z-axis

**Problem 3 (25 points):** Drop an electron from rest in normal earth's gravity. As it falls, it gains kinetic energy from the gravitational potential energy. However, it also loses a small amount of energy to radiation. What fraction of the electron's gravitational potential energy loss goes into radiation in the first centimeter of free-fall? *Hint: Not much.*

**Problem 4 (25 points):** In the Bohr model for hydrogen, the electron in its ground state follows a circular orbit with a radius  $a_0$  (the Bohr radius =  $5 \times 10^{-11}$  m) around the proton. Assuming a circular orbit with an initial radius  $a_0$ , use the Larmor formula to calculate the energy loss due to radiation as the electron's orbit spirals in toward the nucleus (you can assume each orbit is circular, but with a decreasing radius). Integrate to find the "classical" lifetime of the hydrogen atom under radiative losses. *Hint: It's pretty short!*

*Note: The resolution to this seeming paradox lies in quantum mechanics. Since the electron energy levels are quantized, the H atom can only radiate energy in discrete quanta, and it cannot radiate from the ground state at all.*