Physics 611

Homework #2

1. For an electric monopole (point electric charge) with charge e and a magnetic monopole of charge g separated from it by distance R, find the angular momentum stored in the fields. Requirement: use a method noticeably different from the one shown in Jackson.

2. For a plane wave moving in the \hat{z} direction, the electric field may be written as

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x},t) = \text{Re}\left[\left(E_1 \hat{x} + E_2 \hat{y} \right) e^{i \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t \right)} \right] \, . \label{eq:eq:electropy}$$

a) For z = 0, find the x and y components of the electric field for the case E_1 and E_2 are 90° out of phase and E_2 has one third the magnitude of E_1 . Sketch the evolution of \vec{E} with time over one cycle.

b) Again for z = 0, find the x and y components of the electric field for the case E_1 and E_2 are 45° out of phase and E_2 has the same magnitude as E_1 . Again, sketch the evolution of \vec{E} with time over one cycle.

(You may make the sketches by hand, or using Mathematica or equivalent.)

3. Jackson problem 7.27.