



PHYSICS

BOOKS - NCERT PHYSICS (ENGLISH)

ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

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1. One requires $11eV$ of energy to dissociate a carbon monoxide molecule into carbon and oxygen atoms. The minimum frequency of the appropriate electromagnetic radiation to achieve the dissociation lies in.

- A. visible region
- B. infrared region
- C. ultraviolet region
- D. microwave region

Answer: C



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2. A linearly polarised electromagnetic wave given as $E = E_0 \hat{i} \cos(kz - \omega t)$ is incident normally on a perfectly reflecting wall $z = a$. Assuming that the material of the wall is optically inactive, the reflected wave will be given as

A. $E_r = E_0 \hat{i} (kz - \omega t)$

B. $E_r = E_0 \hat{i} \cos(kz + \omega t)$

C. $E_r = -E_0 \hat{i} \cos(kz + \omega t)$

D. $E_r = E_0 \hat{i} \sin(kz - \omega t)$

Answer: B



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3. Light with an energy flux of $20\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ falls on a non-reflecting surface at normal incidence. If the surface has an area of 30 cm^2 , the total momentum delivered (for complete absorption) during 30 minutes is

A. $36 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg} - \text{m} / \text{s}$

B. $36 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg} - \text{m} / \text{s}$

C. $108 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} - \text{m} / \text{s}$

D. $1.08 \times 10^7 \text{ kg} - \text{m} / \text{s}$

Answer: B



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4. The electric field intensity produced by the radiations coming from 100W bulbs at a 3m distance is

E. The electric field intensity produced by the radiations coming from 50W bulb at the same distance is

A. $\frac{E}{2}$

B. $2E$

C. $\frac{E}{\sqrt{2}}$

D. $\sqrt{2E}$

Answer: C



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5. If E and B represent electric and magnetic field vectors of the electromagnetic wave, the direction of propagation of electromagnetic wave is along.

A. E

B. B

C. $B \times E$

D. $E \times B$

Answer: D



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6. The ratio of contributions made by the electric field and magnetic field components to the intensity of an EM wave is.

A. $C : 1$

B. $C^2 : 1$

C. 1:1

D. $\sqrt{C}:1$

Answer: C



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7. An EM wave radiates out wards from a dipole antenna with E_0 as the amplitude of its electric field vector. The electric field E_0 which transports significant energy from the source falls off as

A. $\frac{1}{r^3}$

B. $\frac{1}{r^2}$

C. $\frac{1}{r}$

D. remains constant

Answer: C



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8. An EM wave travels in vacuum along z direction:

$$\vec{E} = (E_1 \hat{i} + E_2 \hat{j}) \cos(kz - \omega t). \text{ Choose the correct}$$

option from the following :

A. The associated magnetic field is given as

$$B = \frac{1}{C} (E_1 \hat{i} - E_2 \hat{j}) \cos (kz - \omega t)$$

B. The associated magnetic field is given as

$$B = \frac{1}{c} (E_1 \hat{i} - E_2 \hat{j}) \cos (kz - \omega t)$$

C. The given electromagnetic field is circularly polarised

D. The given electromagnetic wave is plane polarised

Answer: D

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9. An electromagnetic wave travelling along z-axis is given as $E = E_0 \cos (kz - \omega t)$. Choose the correct

options from the following

A. The associated magnetic field is given as

$$B = \frac{1}{c} \hat{k} \times E = \frac{1}{\omega} (\hat{k} \times E)$$

B. The electromagnetic field can be written in terms

of the associated magnetic field as $E = c(Bx\hat{k})$

C. $\hat{k} \cdot E = 0, \hat{k} \cdot B = 0$

D. $\hat{k} \times E = 0, \hat{k} \times B = 0$

Answer: A::B::C



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1. A plane electromagnetic wave propagating along x-direction can have the following pairs of E and B .

A. E_x, B_y

B. E_y, B_z

C. b_x, E_y

D. E_z, B_y

Answer: B::D



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2. A charged particle oscillates about its mean equilibrium position with a frequency of 10^9 Hz . The electromagnetic waves produced.

- A. will have frequency of 10^9 Hz
- B. will have frequency of $2 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$
- C. will have wavelength of 0.3 m
- D. fall in the region of radiowaves

Answer: A::B::C



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3. The source of electromagnetic waves can be a charge.

A. moving with a constant velocity

B. moving in a circular orbit

C. at rest

D. falling in an electric field

Answer: B::D



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4. An electromagnetic wave of intensity I falls on a surface kept in vacuum and exerts radiation pressure p on it. Which of the following are true ?

A. Radiation pressure is $\frac{I}{C}$ if the wave is totally absorbed

B. Radiation pressure is $\frac{I}{C}$ if the wave is totally reflected

C. Radiation pressure is $\frac{2I}{C}$ if the wave is totally reflected

D. Radiation pressure is in the range $\frac{I}{C} < p < \frac{2I}{C}$ for real surfaces

Answer: A::C::D



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Very Short Answer

1. Why is the orientation of the portable radio with respect to broadcasting station important?



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2. Why does microwave oven heats up a food item containing water molecules most efficiently?



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3. The charge on a parallel plate capacitor varies as $= q_0 \cos 2\pi ft$. The plates are very large and close together (area= a , separation= d). Neglecting the edge effects, find the displacement current through the capacitor.

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4. A variable frequency AC source is connected to a capacitor. How will the displacement current change with decrease in frequency?

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5. The magnetic field of a beam emerging from a filter facing a floodlight is given by

$$B = 12 \times 10^{-8} \sin(1.20 \times 10^7 z - 3.60 \times 10^{14} t) T.$$

What is the average intensity of the beam?



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6. Poynting vectors \vec{S} is defined as a vector whose magnitude is equal to the wave intensity and whose direction is along the direction of wave propagation.

Mathematically, it is given by $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$. Show

the nature of S vs t graph

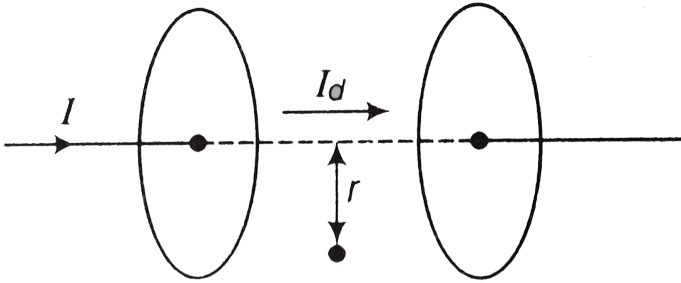
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7. Professor C.V Raman surprised his students by suspending freely a tiny light ball in a transparent vacuum chamber by shining a laser beam on it. Which property of EM waves was he exhibiting? Give one more example of this property.

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Short Answer

1. Show that the magnetic field B at a point in between the plates of a parallel plate capacitor during charging is $\frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 r}{2} \frac{dE}{dt}$ (symbols having usual meaning).



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2. Electromagnetic waves with wavelength

(i) λ_1 is used in satellite communication.

(ii) λ_2 used to kill germs in water purifier.

λ used to detect leakage of oil in underground

pipelines.

λ_4 used to improve visibility in runways during fog and mist conditions.

(a) Identify and name the part of e.m. spectrum to which these radiations belong.

(b) Arrange these wavelengths in ascending order of their magnitude.

(c) Write one more application of each.

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3. Show that average value of radiant flux density S

over a single period 'T' is given by $S = \frac{1}{2c\mu_0} E_0^2$.

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4. You are given a $2\mu F$ parallel plate capacitor. How would you establish an instantaneous displacement current fo 1mA in the space between its plates?



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5. Show that the radiation pressure exerted by an EM wave of intensity I on a surface kept in vacuum is I/c .



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6. What happens to the intensity of light from a bulb if the distance from the bulb is doubled ? As a laser beam travels across the length of room, its intensity essentially remain constant.

What geometrical characteristic of LASER beam is responsible for the constant intensity which is missing in the case of light from the bulb?

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7. Even though an electric field \vec{E} exerts a force $q\vec{E}$ on a charged particle yet the electric field of an EM wave

does not contribute to the radiation pressure (but transfer energy). Explain.

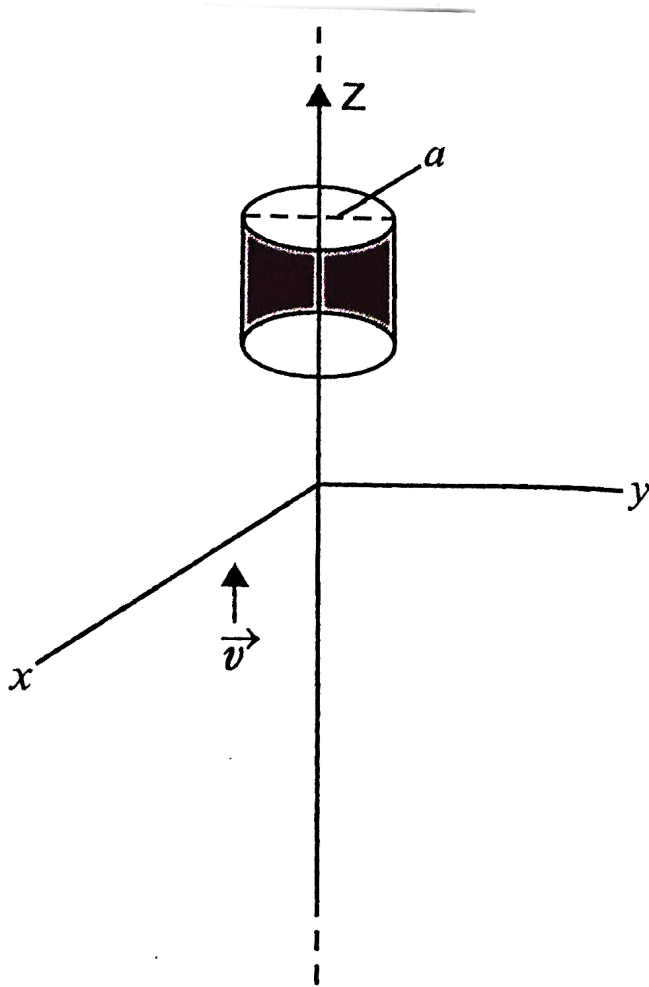


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Long Answer

1. An infinitely long thin wire carrying a uniform linear static charge density λ is placed along the z-axis Fig. The wire is set into motion along its length with a uniform velocity $\vec{v} = v\hat{k}$. Calculate the poynting

$$\text{vector } \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}).$$



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2. Sea water at frequency $\nu = 4 \times 10^8$ Hz has permittivity $\epsilon \approx 80\epsilon_0$ permeability $\mu = \mu_0$ and resistivity $\rho = 0.25\text{M}$. Imagine a parallel plate capacitor immersed in sea water and driven by an alternating voltage source $V(t) = V_0 \sin(2\pi\nu t)$. What fraction of the conduction current density is the displacement current density?



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3. A long straight cable of length l is placed symmetrically along z-axis and has radius a ($a \ll l$). The cable consists of a thin wire and a co-axial

conducting tube. An alternating current

$I(t) = I_0 \sin(2\pi vt)$. Flows down the central thin

wire and returns along the co-axial conducting tube.

the induced electric at a distance s from the wire

inside the cable is

$$E(s, t) = \mu_0 I_0 v \cos(2\pi vt) \ln\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \hat{k}.$$

(i) Calculate the displacement current density inside the cable.

(ii) Integrate the displacement current density across the cross-section of the cable to find the total displacement current I^d .

(iii) compare the conduction current I_0 with the displacement current I_0^d .



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4. A plane EM wave travelling in vacuum along z-direction is given by

$$E = E_0 \sin(kz - \omega t) \hat{i} \quad \text{and} \quad B = B_0 \sin(kz - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

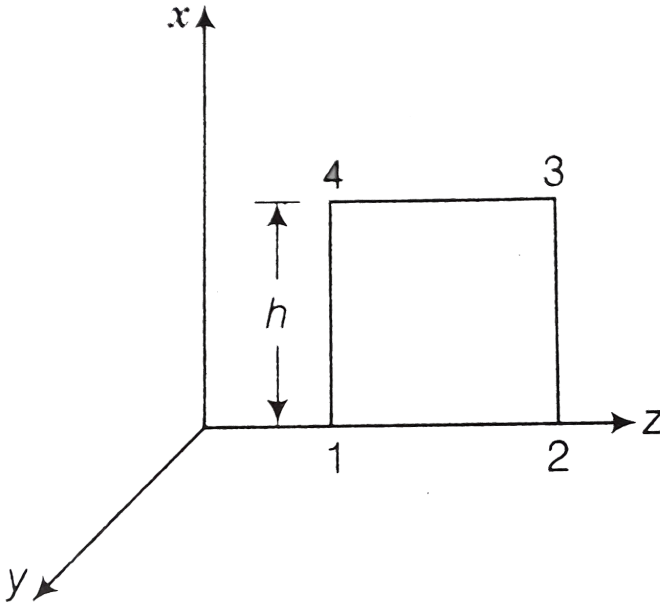
(i) Evaluate $\int E \cdot dl$ over the rectangular loop 1234 shown in figure.

(ii) Evaluate $\int B \cdot ds$ over the surface bounded by loop 1234.

(iii) Use equation $\int E \cdot dl = \frac{-d\phi_B}{dt}$ to prove $\frac{E_0}{B_0} = c$.

(iv) By using similar process and the equation

$$\int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I + \varepsilon_0 \frac{d\phi_E}{dt}, \text{ prove that } c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}}$$



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5. A plane EM wave travelling along z direction is described by

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 \sin(kz - \omega t) \hat{i} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = B_0 \sin(kz - \omega t) \hat{j}.$$

show that

(i) The average energy density of the wave is given by

$$u_{av} = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0}.$$

(ii) The time averaged intensity of the wave is given by

$$I_{av} = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2.$$



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