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INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER ALL PARTS OF QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B. SECTION A CARRIES 40 MARKS AND SECTION B CARRIES 60 MARKS.

Important Constants

Permittivity of Free Space	ϵ_0	$= 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
Permeability of Free space	μ_0	$= 4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$
Rest mass of an Electron	m	$= 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Charge on an Electron	e	$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Speed of light	c	$= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

SECTION A

1. a) A time-dependent electric field intensity is given as $\vec{E} = \hat{x}10\pi\cos(10^6t - 50z)V/m$. The field exists in a material with properties $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $\mu_r = 1$. Given that $\vec{J} = 0$ and $\rho = 0$, calculate the magnetic field intensity in the material. [4]
- b) Determine the electric potential and the electric field intensity for two infinite radial plates with an interior angle α and boundary conditions as shown in Figure 1. [5]

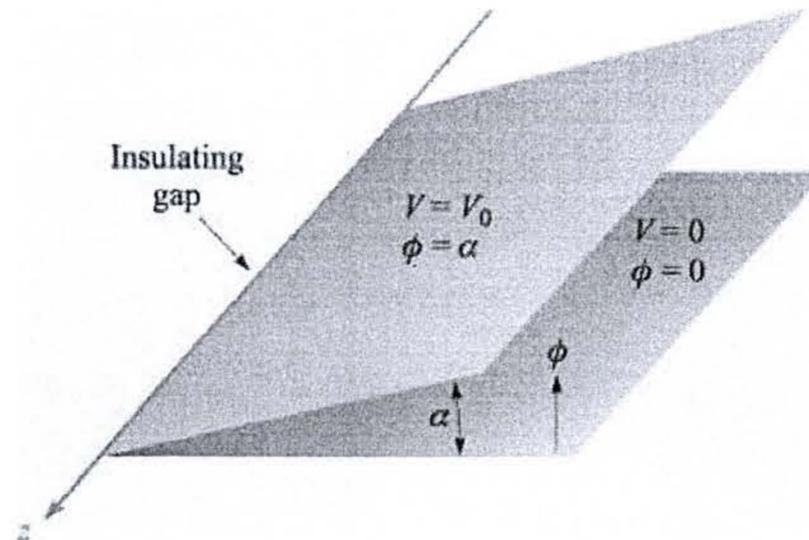


Figure 1

- c) Define the Poynting vector and justify its units. [4]
- d) A plane electromagnetic wave travels in free space with a peak electric field given by $E = 20 Vm^{-1}$. Determine
- i. the peak Poynting vector [3]
 - ii. the average Poynting vector and [3]
 - iii. the peak magnetic intensity. [3]
- e) Most microwave ovens operate at 2.45 GHz, assume that $\sigma = 1.2 \times 10^{-6} S/m$ and $\mu_r = 500$ for stainless steel interior. If $E_s = 50 \angle 0^\circ$ at the surface, find
- i. the penetration depth or skin depth δ_s and [3]
 - ii. amplitude of the electric field E_s as a function of the angle. [3]
 - iii. Plot this electric field as it propagates in the stainless steel. [4]
- f) i. Explain why **long distance radio broadcasts** use short-wave bands. [3]
- ii. At an operating frequency of 300 MHz, a lossless 50- Ω air-spaced transmission line 2.5 m in length is terminated with an impedance $Z_L = (40 + j20) \Omega$. Find the input impedance. [5]

SECTION B

2. a) Show that the ratio of the amplitudes of the conduction current density and the displacement current density is $\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}$ for the applied field $E = E_m \cos \omega t$. [6]

b) The magnetic vector of a plane electromagnetic wave is described as follows:

$$\vec{B} = \hat{k}B_0 \cos[(10 \text{ m}^{-1})y + (3 \times 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1})t]$$

where \hat{k} is a unit vector in the z -direction, y is in meters, and t is in seconds.

- i. What is the wavelength λ of the wave? [2]
- ii. What is the period T of the wave? [2]
- iii. In which direction does this wave propagate? *Briefly explain why you choose this direction.* [1, 2]
- iv. Find an expression for the electric vector \vec{E} of the wave in terms of the quantities given and the speed of light c . [3]
- v. What is the time-dependent Poynting vector associated with this wave? [4]

3. a) Two infinite length, concentric and conducting cylinders of radii a and b are located on the z axis. If the region between cylinders is charged free and $\epsilon = 3\epsilon_0$, $V = V_0$ at a , $V = 0$ at b and $b > a$. Find the capacitance per meter length. [10]

b) A time-dependent electric field intensity is given as $\vec{E} = \hat{x}10\pi \cos(10^6 t - 50z)$ V/m.

The field exists in a material with properties $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $\mu_r = 1$. Given that $\vec{J} = 0$ and $\rho = 0$, calculate

- i. the magnetic field intensity and [5]
 - ii. magnetic flux density in the material. [2]
 - iii. State 2 similarities and 2 differences between the propagation of plane waves in free space and conductive medium. [3]
4. a) Find the displacement current density associated with the magnetic field
- $$\vec{H} = A_1 \sin(4x) \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_x + A_2 \cos(4x) \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_z. \quad [5]$$
- b) Let $\mu = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ H/m}$, $\epsilon = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F/m}$, and $\sigma = 0$ everywhere. If $\vec{H} = 2 \cos(10^{10} t - \beta x) \hat{a}_z \text{ A/m}$, use Maxwell's equations to obtain expressions for \vec{B} , \vec{D} , \vec{E} and β . [1, 5, 1, 3]

- c) A lossless line whose Z_0 is 50Ω is connected to a load $Z_L = 50/25.99^\circ \Omega$. Find Z_{in} at $l = \lambda/8$. [5]
5. a) Two infinite and parallel conducting planes are separated by a distance of d meter, with one of the conductor in the $x = 0$ plane at $V = 0$ Volt and the other in the $x = d$ plane at $V = V_0$ Volt. Assume $\rho \neq 0$ and $\epsilon = 4\epsilon_0$ between the conductors. Find
- i. V in the range $0 < x < d$ and [7]
 - ii. \vec{E} between the conductors. [3]
- b) At a frequency of 4 MHz a parallel wire transmission line has the following parameters: $R = 0.025 \Omega /m$, $L = 2 \mu H/m$, $G = 0$, $C = 5.56 \text{ pF/m}$. The line is 100 meters long, terminated in a resistance of 300Ω . Find
- i. the standing wave ratio and [5]
 - ii. voltage reflection coefficient of the load. [3]
- c) Distinguish a lossless transmission line from a distortionless transmission line. [2]
6. a) A $50\text{-}\Omega$ lossless transmission line is terminated in a load with impedance $Z_L = (30 - j50) \Omega$. The wavelength is 8 cm. Find:
- i. the reflection coefficient at the load, [3]
 - ii. the standing-wave ratio on the line, [2]
 - iii. the position of the voltage maximum nearest the load, [5]
 - iv. the position of the current maximum nearest the load. [3]
- b) Discuss “gain” as applied to antennas. [4]
- c) Suggest the factors that influence the design structure of a waveguide. [3]

END OF EXAMINATION