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Problem 1)

a) In free space, Maxwell's first equation is $\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_0 E) = 0$. Application to the *E*-field of the plane-wave yields $i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = 0$. Consequently, $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$. This is the general relation between the *k*-vector and the magnitude \mathbf{E}_0 of the plane-wave's *E*-field.

b) In free space, Maxwell's fourth equation is $\nabla \cdot (\mu_0 H) = 0$. Application to the *H*-field of the plane-wave yields $i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = 0$. Consequently, $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0$. This is the general relation between the *k*-vector and the magnitude \mathbf{H}_0 of the plane-wave's *E*-field.

c) Maxwell's second equation in free space is $\nabla \times H = \varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t$. Substitution for *E* and *H* from the plane-wave expressions yields

$$\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H}_0 \exp[\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = -\mathbf{i}\omega\varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_0 \exp[\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H}_0 = -\varepsilon_0 \omega \mathbf{E}_0.$$

d) Maxwell's third equation in free space is $\nabla \times E = -\mu_0 \partial H / \partial t$. Substitution for *E* and *H* from the plane-wave expressions yields

$$\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_0 \exp[\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = \mathbf{i}\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_0 \exp[\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_0 = \mu_0 \omega \mathbf{H}_0.$$

e) From part (c) we know that $E_0 = -\mathbf{k} \times H_0/(\varepsilon_0 \omega)$. Substitution in the result obtained in part (d) then yields

$$-\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H}_0)/(\varepsilon_0 \omega) = \mu_0 \omega \mathbf{H}_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H}_0)\mathbf{k} - (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{H}_0 = -\mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \omega^2 \mathbf{H}_0.$$

Now, in part (b) we found that $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0$. Therefore, the first term on the left-hand side of the preceding equation disappears, and we are left with $(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{H}_0 = \mu_0\varepsilon_0\omega^2\mathbf{H}_0$. Dropping \mathbf{H}_0 from both sides of this equation yields

$$\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{k} = (\boldsymbol{k}' + \mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}'') \cdot (\boldsymbol{k}' + \mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}'') = ({k'}^2 - {k''}^2) + 2\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{k}'' = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \omega^2 = (\omega/c)^2.$$

This is the general relation between the wave-vector \boldsymbol{k} and the frequency ω of a plane-wave in free space.

Problem 2)

a) Symmetry dictates that the *E*-field be radial and independent of the azimuthal and vertical coordinates φ and *z*, that is, $\mathbf{E}(r, \varphi, z) = E_r(r)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$. Now, imagine a cylindrical surface of radius *r* and height *h* centered on the *z*-axis, as shown in figure (a) below. Application to this cylinder of the integral form of Maxwell's first equation $\oint_{\text{surface}} \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\text{volume}} \rho_{\text{free}} dv$ yields

$$2\pi r h \varepsilon_0 E_r(r) = \begin{cases} \pi r^2 h \rho_0; & r \le R \\ \pi R^2 h \rho_0; & r \ge R \end{cases} \rightarrow E_r(r) = \begin{cases} \rho_0 r / (2\varepsilon_0); & r \le R, \\ \rho_0 R^2 / (2\varepsilon_0 r); & r \ge R. \end{cases}$$

b) The current-density is the product of charge-density and velocity, that is, $\mathbf{J} = \rho_0 v_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$.

c) Symmetry dictates that the *H*-field be azimuthal and independent of the azimuthal and vertical coordinates φ and z, that is, $H(r, \varphi, z) = H_{\varphi}(r)\widehat{\varphi}$. Now, imagine a circular loop of radius r

centered on the *z*-axis, as shown in figure (b) below. Application to this loop of the integral form of Maxwell's second equation $\oint_{\text{loop}} H \cdot d\ell = \int_{\text{surface}} J \cdot ds$ yields



d) The Lorentz force-density is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{r},t) &= \rho(\boldsymbol{r},t) [\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) + \boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \times \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t)] = \rho_0 \Big(E_r \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} + \mu_0 v_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \times H_\varphi \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \Big) \\ &= \rho_0 \Big(E_r \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} - \mu_0 v_0 H_\varphi \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} \Big) = \rho_0 [\rho_0 r / (2\varepsilon_0) - (\mu_0 v_0) (\frac{1}{2}\rho_0 v_0 r)] \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 (c^2 - v_0^2) \rho_0^2 r \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}. \end{aligned}$$

It is readily observed that the radially outward push of the electric force is proportional to $c^2 = (\mu_0 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}$, whereas the radially inward pull of the magnetic force is proportional to v_0^2 . These two forces will cancel out only if $v_0 = c$.

Problem 3)

a) The polarization **P** has units of $coulomb/m^2$. Since the units of current are *ampere*, and since, by definition, electrical current I is the rate-of-flow of charge ΔQ during the time interval Δt , that is $I = \Delta Q/\Delta t$ in the limit when $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, the units of charge are $coulomb = ampere \cdot sec$. Therefore, the units of **P** are $ampere \cdot sec/m^2$.

b) The magnetization \boldsymbol{M} has units of weber/ m^2 . Since, by definition, $\boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0 \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{M}$, the units of \boldsymbol{M} must be the same as those of \boldsymbol{B} . The Lorentz force law states that $\boldsymbol{F} = \boldsymbol{q}(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{V} \times \boldsymbol{B})$, where \boldsymbol{F} is force (units: *newton*), \boldsymbol{q} is electrical charge (units: *coulomb*), \boldsymbol{E} is electric field (units: *volt/m*), \boldsymbol{V} is velocity (units: *m/sec*), and \boldsymbol{B} is magnetic induction (units: *weber/m²*). We may thus write: *newton=coulomb* \cdot (*m/sec*) \cdot (*weber/m²*). Now, from newton's law $\boldsymbol{F} = m\boldsymbol{a}$, we have *newton=kg* $\cdot m/sec^2$. Also, from $I = \Delta Q/\Delta t$, we have *coulomb=ampere* $\cdot sec$. Consequently,

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$$m^2 = (kg \cdot m/sec^2)/(ampere \cdot m) = kg/(ampere \cdot sec^2).$$

c) The electrical resistance R has units of *ohm*. According to Ohm's law, the voltage V and the current I of a resistor R are related via V = RI. Therefore, R has units of *volt/ampere*. From the

Lorentz force law cited in part (b), we know that $newton = coulomb \cdot (volt/m)$, that is, $volt = newton \cdot m/coulomb = kg \cdot m^2/(ampere \cdot sec^3)$. Consequently, $ohm = kg \cdot m^2/(ampere^2 \cdot sec^3)$.

d) The units of capacitance *C* are *farad*. The relation between electrical charge on the plates of a capacitor and the voltage difference between those plates is Q = CV. Consequently,

 $farad = coulomb/volt = ampere \cdot sec/(newton \cdot m/coulomb) = ampere^2 \cdot sec^4/(kg \cdot m^2).$

e) The units of inductance *L* are *henry*. The relation between the voltage *V* and the current *I* of a solenoid are V = L(dI/dt). Therefore, the units of *L* must be *volt*·*sec/ampere*. We know from the Lorentz force law that *volt* = *newton*·*m/coulomb*. Consequently,

 $henry = newton \cdot m \cdot sec/(coulomb \cdot ampere) = kg \cdot m^2/(ampere^2 \cdot sec^2).$

f) The electromagnetic momentum-density $\mathbf{p}_{EM} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}/c^2$ has units of the *E*-field times the units of the *H*-field divided by the units of velocity squared, i.e., $(volt/m) \cdot (ampere/m)/(m^2/sec^2)$. From the Lorentz force law we know that $volt/m = newton/coulomb = kg \cdot m/(sec^2 \cdot coulomb)$. Therefore, the units of \mathbf{p}_{EM} are $kg/(m^2 \cdot sec)$.

Problem 4)

a) The surface charge-density σ_s remains constant at all times as the cylinder spins up; in other words, the rotation of the cylinder does *not* affect the surface charge-density. Invoking the symmetry of the problem, one can argue that the *E*-field has only a radial component which does not vary with φ and z, that is, $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = E_r(r)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$. Application of Gauss's law (i.e., Maxwell's first equation) to a coaxial cylinder of radius r and height h, as shown in figure (a) below, then yields



b) The surface current-density is the product of the surface charge-density and the linear velocity of the cylinder, that is, $J_s(t) = \sigma_s R\omega(t)\hat{\varphi}$. Assuming the cylinder spins up slowly, the magnetic field outside the cylinder can be shown to be negligible. Inside the cylinder, the field is uniform

and aligned with the z-axis. Application of the integral form of Ampere's law (i.e., Maxwell's second equation $\oint_{\text{loop}} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{\ell} = \int_{\text{surface}} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$) to the rectangular loop shown in figure (b) reveals that $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sigma_s R\omega(t)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, when r < R.

c) The energy-density of the magnetic field is $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 H^2(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \sigma_s^2 R^2 \omega^2(t)$. Since the volume associated with a unit length of the cylinder is πR^2 , in the steady state when the cylinder reaches its constant angular velocity ω_0 , the stored energy per unit length will be $\frac{1}{2}\pi\mu_0\sigma_s^2 R^4\omega_0^2$.

d) Consider a perpendicular cross-section of the cylinder, namely, a circle of radius R centered on the cylinder axis. We apply Faraday's law (i.e., Maxwell's third equation) to this loop in order to determine the induced E-field that opposes the angular acceleration of the cylinder. The integral form of Faraday's law is written

$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \boldsymbol{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{surface}} \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) \cdot d\boldsymbol{s}$$

Application of the above equation to the circular loop of radius R yields

$$2\pi R E_{\varphi}(r=R,t) = -(\pi R^2)[\mu_0 \sigma_s R \omega'(t)] \quad \rightarrow \quad E_{\varphi}(r=R,t) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \sigma_s R^2 \omega'(t).$$

e) The work done per unit length of the cylinder during the spin-up process is evaluated by integrating (from t = 0 to ∞) the product of the electromagnetic force and velocity, namely,

$$(2\pi R)\boldsymbol{f}(r=R,t)\cdot\boldsymbol{v}(t)=(2\pi R)\sigma_{s}E_{\varphi}(r=R,t)\boldsymbol{\widehat{\varphi}}\cdot R\omega(t)\boldsymbol{\widehat{\varphi}}$$

The mechanical energy needed to spin the cylinder from $\omega(0) = 0$ to $\omega(\infty) = \omega_0$ is thus found to be

$$-\int_{0}^{\infty} (2\pi R) \mathbf{f}(r=R,t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) dt = \pi \mu_0 \sigma_s^2 R^4 \int_{0}^{\infty} \omega'(t) \omega(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \pi \mu_0 \sigma_s^2 R^4 \omega_0^2.$$

f) The total mechanical energy needed to bring up the cylinder from its initial (stationary) state to its final state — where it spins at the constant angular velocity ω_0 — is seen from parts (c) and (e) above to be exactly equal to the energy stored in the magnetic field within the cylinder.