Prelim Solutions

Day 1) a)

$$\nabla \cdot D(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t),$$

 $\nabla \times H(\mathbf{r}, t) = J_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \partial D(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t,$
 $\nabla \times E(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\partial B(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t,$
 $\nabla \cdot B(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0.$

In the above equations, $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ is an arbitrary point in space, while t is an arbitrary instant in time. **E** is the electric field, **H** is the magnetic field, **D** is the displacement, and **B** is the magnetic induction. The fields are related to each other, to the permittivity and permeability of free space, ε_0 and μ_0 , and to polarization **P** and magnetization **M** as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \varepsilon_{o}\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) + \boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{r},t),$$
$$\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_{o}\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t) + \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r},t).$$

The sources of the electromagnetic fields (namely, E and H) are the free charge density ρ_{free} , free current density J_{free} , polarization P (which is the density of electric dipole moments), and magnetization M (which is the density of magnetic dipole moments). The operator $\partial/\partial t$ represents partial differentiation with respect to time, $\nabla \cdot$ is the divergence operator, and $\nabla \times$ is the curl operator. The divergence of a vector field such as D(r,t), which turns out to be a scalar field, is defined as the integral of D(r,t) over a small closed surface, normalized by the enclosed volume. The curl of a vector field such as E(r,t), which turns out to be another vector field, when projected onto the surface normal of a small surface element, yields the line integral of E(r,t) around the boundary of the small surface element, normalized by the surface area of the element.

b) To derive the charge-current continuity equation from Maxwell's equations, apply the divergence operator to both sides of the second (Maxwell-Ampere) equation. The divergence of curl is always equal to zero and, therefore, the left-hand-side of the equation becomes $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times H) = 0$. The right-hand side, $\nabla \cdot J_{\text{free}} + \partial (\nabla \cdot D) / \partial t$, thus becomes zero. Maxwell's first equation (Gauss's law) now allows one to replace $\nabla \cdot D$ with ρ_{free} , yielding the continuity equation as $\nabla \cdot J_{\text{free}} + \partial \rho_{\text{free}} / \partial t = 0$. This equation informs that the integrated free current over any closed surface is precisely balanced by changes in the electrical charge contained within the closed surface. If there is a net outflow of the current, the charge within the closed surface must be decreasing, and if there is a net inflow of current, the charge within must be increasing.

c) In the first of Maxwell's equations, we substitute $D = \varepsilon_0 E + P$ and obtain

$$\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{o} E + P) = \rho_{\text{free}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_{o} \nabla \cdot E = \rho_{\text{free}} - \nabla \cdot P \quad \rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_{o} \nabla \cdot E = \rho_{\text{free}} + \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$$

The bound-charge density is thus seen to be $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r},t)$.

In the second Maxwell equation, we multiply both sides by μ_0 , then add $\nabla \times M$ to both sides, in order to replace H with B through the identity $B = \mu_0 H + M$. We also use $D = \varepsilon_0 E + P$ on the right-hand side of the equation to get rid of D. We will have

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$$\mu_{o}\nabla \times H + \nabla \times M = \mu_{o}J_{\text{free}} + \mu_{o}\frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{o}E + P)}{\partial t} + \nabla \times M$$

$$\rightarrow \qquad \nabla \times B = \mu_{o}(J_{\text{free}} + \partial P/\partial t + \mu_{o}^{-1}\nabla \times M) + \mu_{o}\varepsilon_{o}\partial E/\partial t$$

$$\rightarrow \qquad \nabla \times B = \mu_{o}(J_{\text{free}} + J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}) + \mu_{o}\varepsilon_{o}\partial E/\partial t.$$

The bound electric current density is thus found to be $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)} = \partial P / \partial t + \mu_o^{-1} \nabla \times M$. Since the remaining Maxwell equations do not contain **D** and **H**, they remain unchanged.

d) The divergence of $\boldsymbol{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$ is readily obtained as follows:

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)} = \partial (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{P}) / \partial t + \mu_{o}^{-1} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{M}).$$

On the right-hand side of the above equation, the divergence of curl is always zero. Also the divergence of $P(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is, by definition, $-\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$. Therefore, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)} + \partial \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)} / \partial t = 0$. This is the charge-current continuity equation for the bound electrical charge and current defined in part (c).

Day 2) a) At the mirror surface, we have z = 0 and the tangential *E*-field is along the *x*-axis. Adding the *x*-components of the incident and reflected *E*-fields, we find

 $E_x^{(\text{inc})} + E_x^{(\text{ref})} = E_0 \cos\theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\} - E_0 \cos\theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\} = 0.$

Since the fields inside the perfectly-conducting mirror are zero, the continuity of the tangential *E*-field requires $E_x^{(\text{total})}$ at the front facet of the mirror to vanish. This is indeed the case for the tangential component of the *E*-field at z = 0.

b) At the front facet, we have z = 0 and the tangential *H*-field is along the *y*-axis. Adding the *y*-components of the incident and reflected *H*-fields, we find

$$H_v^{(\text{inc})} + H_v^{(\text{ref})} = 2(E_o/Z_o) \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\}$$

Since the *H*-field within the perfectly-conducting mirror is zero, the discontinuity of H_y must be accounted for by the presence of a surface-current-density whose magnitude is equal to H_y at the mirror surface, and whose direction, while perpendicular to the *H*-field, follows the right-hand rule. We will have

$$J_{s}(x, y, z = 0, t) = 2(E_{o}/Z_{o})\hat{x} \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\}.$$

c) At the front facet, we have z = 0 and the perpendicular *E*-field is along the *z*-axis. Adding the *z*-components of the incident and reflected *E*-fields, we find

$$E_z^{(\text{inc})} + E_z^{(\text{ref})} = -2E_0 \sin\theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\}.$$

Since the *E*-field within the perfectly-conducting mirror is zero, the discontinuity of E_z must be accounted for by the presence of a surface-charge-density whose magnitude is equal to $\varepsilon_0 E_z$ at the mirror surface. We find

$$\sigma_s(x, y, z = 0, t) = 2\varepsilon_0 E_0 \sin\theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin\theta)x - ct]\}.$$

d) Charge-current continuity equation:

$$\nabla \cdot J_{s} + \partial \sigma_{s} / \partial t = \partial J_{sx} / \partial x + \partial \sigma_{s} / \partial t = 2i(\omega/c) \sin \theta (E_{o}/Z_{o}) \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} - 2i\omega \varepsilon_{o} E_{o} \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} = 2i\omega (\varepsilon_{o} - \varepsilon_{o}) E_{o} \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} = 0.$$