

PHYSICS

PHY : 201

CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hours

The figures in the margin indicates full marks for the questions :

1. Answer the following questions 1x5=5
 - (a) An electromagnetic wave is travelling in arbitrary direction \hat{r} with frequency ω . Write the equation of electric and magnetic field vector of the wave.
 - (b) Find the solution of Laplace's equation in one dimensions (in Cartesian coordinate).
 - (c) What do you mean by plasma?
 - (d) What are the three conditions to be satisfied by ionised gas to be called a plasma?
 - (e) Sketch the trajectory of charged particle in uniform electromagnetic field.

2. Answer the following questions 2x5=10
 - (a) How does the external electric field shielded in plasma?
 - (b) Explain why sky is blue?
 - (c) Show that when a free charge P_f is put on a conductor, it decays exponentially as $\frac{\sigma t}{\epsilon}$
where symbols have their usual meaning.

- (d) Find the fields, charge and current distribution corresponding to the potentials

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = 0, \quad \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

- (e) Establish a relation between refractive index and dielectric constant (assume $\mu \approx \mu_0$).
3. Answer the following questions (any five) 5x5=25
- (a) Find the expressions for retarded potentials for a moving point charge q , moving with velocity v
- (b) What is Debye shielding? Find an expression for Debye shielding length.
- (c) Derive Maxwell's equation in covariant form.
- (d) Find the expression for cut-off frequency in TE_{mn} mode in rectangular wave guide whose dimensions are a and b .

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$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2 \right] B_z = 0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2 \right] E_z = 0$$

- (e) Find the Gauge transformation equations for potentials and write the significance of Gauge transformation.
- (f) Show that Maxwell's first and fourth equations can be expressed in terms of electromagnetic field strength tensor $F_{\mu\nu}$ as

$$\frac{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\nu} = \mu_0 J_\mu$$

4. Answer the following questions (any four) 10x4=40
- (a) What is Rayleigh scattering? Find an expression for scattering cross section for Rayleigh scattering.
- (b) Five metal plates of a cubical box of sides of length a are welded together and grounded. The top metal plate is insulated from the

others, and held at a constant potential V_0 . Find the potential inside the box.

- (c) Assuming there is no charge on the surface, find the potential inside and outside the hollow sphere of radius R , whose surface is kept at potential $V_0(\theta) = k \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$.
- (d) Calculate the Poynting vector and total power radiated by an accelerated point charge q with acceleration \vec{a} .
- (e) A straight wire carries current

$$I(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } t \leq 0 \\ kt, & \text{for } t > 0 \end{cases}$$

Find electric and magnetic field at a distance s from the wire.
