

# ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

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- When an electromagnetic wave with poynting vector  $\vec{S}$  is incident on a perfectly absorbing surface, then radiation pressure on surface is
  - $P = \frac{S}{c}$
  - $P = \frac{S}{2c}$
  - $\frac{2S}{3c}$
  - $S/c$
- An electromagnetic wave passes through space and its equation is given by  $E = E_0 \sin(\omega t - kx)$  where  $E$  is electric field. Energy density of electromagnetic wave in space is
  - $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$
  - $\frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$
  - $\epsilon_0 E_0^2$
  - $2\epsilon_0 E_0^2$
- A plane electromagnetic wave is incident on a plane surface of area  $A$ , normally and is perfectly reflected. If energy  $E$  strikes the surface in time  $t$  then force exerted on the surface is ( $c$  = speed of light)
  - $\frac{2E}{Atc}$
  - $\frac{E}{2c}$
  - $\frac{2E}{ct}$
  - zero
- A plane electromagnetic wave is incident on a material surface. If the wave delivers momentum  $p$  and energy  $E$ , then
  - $p = 0, E = 0$
  - $p \neq 0, E \neq 0$
  - $p \neq 0, E = 0$
  - $p = 0, E \neq 0$
- The pressure exerted by an electromagnetic wave of intensity  $I$  (watts/m<sup>2</sup>) on a nonreflecting surface is [ $c$  is the velocity of light]
  - $Ic$
  - $Ic^2$
  - $I/c$
  - None
- The electric field of an electromagnetic wave travelling through vacuum is given by the equation  $E = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$ . The quantity that is independent of wavelength is
  - $k\omega$
  - $\frac{k}{\omega}$
  - $k^2\omega$
  - $\omega$
- The magnetic field in a travelling electromagnetic wave has a peak value of 20 nT. The peak value of electric field strength is
  - 3 V/m
  - 4 V/m
  - 6 V/m
  - 9 V/m
- In an electromagnetic wave, the amplitudes of magnetic field  $B_0$  and electric field  $E_0$  in free space are related as:
  - $B_0 = E_0$
  - $B = \frac{E_0}{c}$
  - $B_0 = E_0 \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$
  - $B_0 = E_0 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}}$

9. The magnetic field in a plane electromagnetic wave is given by  
 $B_y = 2 \times 10^{-7} \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 x + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t)$   
 The electromagnetic wave is  
 (a) A visible light  
 (b) An infrared wave  
 (c) A micro wave  
 (d) A radio wave
10. If microwaves, X rays, infrared, gamma rays, ultra-violet, radio waves and visible parts of the electromagnetic spectrum are denoted by M, X, I, G, U, R and V then which of the following is the arrangement in ascending order of wavelength ?  
 (a) R, M, I, V, U, X and G  
 (b) M, R, V, X, U, G and I  
 (c) G, X, U, V, I, M and R  
 (d) I, M, R, U, V, X and G
11. An electromagnetic wave going through vacuum is described by  $E = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$ ;  $B = B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$ . Which of the following equations is true  
 (a)  $E_0 k = B_0 \omega$  (b)  $E_0 \omega = B_0 k$   
 (c)  $E_0 B_0 = \omega k$  (d) None of these
12. A plane electromagnetic wave travels in free space along X-direction. If the value of  $\vec{B}$  (in tesla) at a particular point in space and time is  $1.2 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k}T$ . The value of  $\vec{E}$  (in  $Vm^{-1}$ ) at that point is  
 (a)  $2.2 \hat{j}$  (b)  $2.6 \hat{k}$   
 (c)  $3.2 \hat{k}$  (d)  $3.6 \hat{j}$
13. The magnetic field in the plane electromagnetic field is given by:  $B_y = 2 \times 10^{-7} \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) T$   
 The expression for the electric field may be given by  
 (a)  $E_y = 2 \times 10^{-7} \sin(2.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) V/m$   
 (b)  $E_x = 2 \times 10^{-7} \sin(2.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) V/m$   
 (c)  $E_y = 60 \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) V/m$   
 (d)  $E_x = 60 \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) V/m$
14. A plane electromagnetic wave propagating in the X-direction has wavelength of 6.0 mm. The electric field is in the Y-direction and its maximum magnitude is  $33 Vm^{-1}$ . The equation for the electric field as a function of x and t is  
 (a)  $11 \sin \pi \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right)$   
 (b)  $33 \sin \left[ \pi \times 10^{11} \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right) \right]$   
 (c)  $33 \sin \pi \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right)$   
 (d)  $11 \sin \left[ \pi \times 10^{11} \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right) \right]$
15. Given below is a list of electromagnetic spectrum and its mode of production. Which one does not match?  
 (a) Gamma rays – Radioactive decay of the nucleus  
 (b) Ultraviolet rays – Magnetron valve  
 (c) Radio wave – Rapid acceleration and deceleration of electrons in conducting wires  
 (d) X-rays – X-ray tubes or inner shell electrons
16. A lamp emits monochromatic green light uniformly in all directions. The lamp is 3% efficient in converting electrical power to electromagnetic waves and consumes 100 W of power. The amplitude of the electric field associated with the electromagnetic radiation at a distance of 5 m from the lamp will be nearly:  
 (a) 1.34 V/m (b) 2.68 V/m  
 (c) 4.02 V/m (d) 5.36 V/m
17. An electromagnetic wave of frequency  $1 \times 10^{14}$  hertz is propagating along z-axis. The amplitude of electric field is 4 V/m. If  $\epsilon_0 = 8.8 \times 10^{-12} C^2/N \cdot m^2$ , then average energy density of electric field will be:  
 (a)  $35.2 \times 10^{-8} J/m^3$  (b)  $35.2 \times 10^{-7} J/m^3$   
 (c)  $35.2 \times 10^{-12} J/m^3$  (d)  $35.2 \times 10^{-9} J/m^3$

18. A plane electromagnetic wave travels in free space along x-axis. At a particular point in space, the electric field along y-axis is  $9.3 \text{ V m}^{-1}$ . The magnetic induction (B) along z-axis is

(a)  $3.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ T}$  (b)  $3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}$   
(c)  $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$  (d)  $9.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$

19. The electric field associated with an e.m. wave in vacuum is given by  $\vec{E} = \hat{i} 40 \cos(kz - 6 \times 10^8 t)$ , where  $E$ ,  $z$  and  $t$  are in volt/m, meter and seconds respectively. The value of wave vector  $k$  is

(a)  $2 \text{ m}^{-1}$  (b)  $0.5 \text{ m}^{-1}$   
(c)  $6 \text{ m}^{-1}$  (d)  $3 \text{ m}^{-1}$

20. A 27 mW laser beam has a cross-sectional area of  $10 \text{ mm}^2$ . The magnitude of the maximum electric field in this electromagnetic wave is given by :

[Given permittivity of space  $\epsilon_0 = 9 \times 10^{-12} \text{ SI units}$ , Speed of light  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ]

(a) 2kV/m (c) 0.7kV/m  
(b) 1kV/m (d) 1.4kV/m

21. If the magnetic field of a plane electromagnetic wave is given by (The speed of light  $= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ )

$$B = 100 \times 10^{-6} \sin \left[ 2\pi \times 2 \times 10^{15} \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right) \right]$$

then the maximum electric field associated with it is:

(a)  $6 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$  (b)  $3 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$   
(c)  $4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$  (d)  $4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$

22. A plane electromagnetic wave of frequency 50 MHz travels in free space along the positive x-direction. At a particular point in space and time,

$\vec{E} = 6.3 \hat{j} \text{ V/m}$ . The corresponding magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ , at that point will be:

(a)  $18.9 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$  (b)  $2.1 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$

(c)  $6.3 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$  (d)  $18.9 \times 10^8 \hat{k} \text{ T}$

23. The mean intensity of radiation on the surface of the Sun is about  $10^8 \text{ W/m}^2$ . The rms value of the corresponding magnetic field is closest to :

(a) 1 T (b)  $10^2 \text{ T}$   
(c)  $10^{-2} \text{ T}$  (d)  $10^{-4} \text{ T}$

24. An electron is constrained to move along the y-axis with a speed of  $0.1 c$  ( $c$  is the speed of light) in the presence of electromagnetic wave, whose electric field is  $\vec{E} = 30 \hat{j} \sin(1.5 \times 10^7 t - 5 \times 10^{-2} x) \text{ V/m}$ . The maximum magnetic force experienced by the electron will be :

(given  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  & electron charge  $= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ )

(a)  $3.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ N}$  (b)  $2.4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ N}$   
(c)  $4.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ N}$  (d)  $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ N}$

25. A plane electromagnetic wave, has frequency of  $2.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz}$  and its energy density is  $1.02 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J/m}^3$  in vacuum. The amplitude of the magnetic field of the wave is close to

( $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{C}^2}$  and speed of light  $= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ):

(a) 150nT (b) 160nT  
(c) 180nT (d) 190nT

#### ANSWER KEY

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|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 1 | (a) | 4 | (b) | 7 | (c) | 10 | (c) | 13 | (d) | 16 | (b) | 19 | (a) | 22 | (b) | 25 | (b) |
| 2 | (a) | 5 | (c) | 8 | (c) | 11 | (a) | 14 | (b) | 17 | (c) | 20 | (d) | 23 | (d) |    |     |
| 3 | (c) | 6 | (b) | 9 | (c) | 12 | (d) | 15 | (b) | 18 | (a) | 21 | (b) | 24 | (c) |    |     |

## Electromagnetic Waves

1. (a) Electromagnetic waves carry momentum and hence can exert pressure (P) on surfaces, which is called **radiation pressure**. For an electromagnetic wave with poynting vector  $\vec{S}$ , incident on a perfectly absorbing surface then,

$$P = \frac{S}{c} \text{ and if incident on a perfectly reflecting surface then, } P = \frac{2S}{c}$$

2. (a) Energy density (EM waves)

$$= \epsilon_0 E_{\text{rms}}^2 = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

3. (c) Incident momentum,  $p = \frac{E}{c}$

For perfectly reflecting surface with normal incidence

$$\Delta p = 2p = \frac{2E}{c}; F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{2E}{ct}$$

4. (b) EM waves carry momentum and hence can exert pressure on surfaces. They also transfer energy to the surface so  $p \neq 0$  and  $E \neq 0$ .

5. (c)

6. (b) Here,  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ ,  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$

$$\therefore \frac{k}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi/\lambda}{2\pi\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda\nu} = \frac{1}{c} \quad (\because c = \nu\lambda)$$

where  $c$  is the speed of electromagnetic wave in vacuum. It is a constant whose value is  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

7. (c)  $E_0 = B_0 c = 20 \times 10^{-9} \times 3 \times 10^8 = 6 \text{ V/m}$

8. (c) Relation between  $E_0$  and  $B_0$

$$\frac{B_0}{E_0} = \frac{1}{c} = \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \text{ i.e. } B_0 = E_0 \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

9. (c)

10. (c) Gamma rays < X-rays < Ultra violet < Visible rays < Infrared rays < Microwaves < Radio waves.

11. (a)  $\frac{E_0}{B_0} = c$ , also  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  and  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$

These relation gives  $E_0 k = B_0 \omega$

12. (d) Given:  $\vec{B} = 1.2 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$

$$\vec{E} = ?$$

From formula,

$$E = Bc = (1.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ T})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}) = 3.6 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$$

$\vec{B}$  is along Z-direction and the wave propagates along X-direction. Therefore  $\vec{E}$  should be along Y-direction.

$$\text{Thus, } \vec{E} = 3.6 \hat{j} \text{ Vm}^{-1}$$

13. (d)  $B_y = 2 \times 10^{-7} \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) \text{ T}$   
The electric vector is perpendicular to  $B$  as well as direction of propagation of electromagnetic wave.

Therefore  $E_x$  has to be taken.

$$\text{Further, } E_0 = B_0 \times c = 2 \times 10^{-7} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ V/m}$$

$$E_0 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \times 3 \times 10^8 = 60 \text{ V/m}$$

$\therefore$  The corresponding value of the electric field is

$$E_x = 60 \sin(0.5 \times 10^3 z + 1.5 \times 10^{11} t) \text{ V/m}$$

14. (b)  $\omega = 2\pi\nu = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi \times 3 \times 10^8}{6 \times 10^{-3}} = \pi \times 10^{11}$

rad/sec

The equation for the electric field, along y-axis in the electromagnetic wave is

$$E_y = E_0 \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right)$$

$$= 33 \sin \left[ \pi \times 10^{11} \left( t - \frac{x}{c} \right) \right]$$

15. (b)

16. (b) Wavelength of monochromatic green light  
 $= 5.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$

$$\text{Intensity } I = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{100 \times (3/100)}{4\pi(5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{100\pi} \text{ Wm}^{-2}$$

Now, half of this intensity (I) belongs to electric field and half of that to magnetic field, therefore,

$$\frac{I}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 C \text{ or } E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2I}{\epsilon_0 C}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times \left( \frac{3}{100\pi} \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{4\pi \times 9 \times 10^9} \right) \times (3 \times 10^8)}} = \sqrt{\frac{6}{25} \times 30}$$

$$= \sqrt{7.2}$$

$$\therefore E_0 = 2.68 \text{ V/m}$$

17. (c) **Given:** Amplitude of electric field,

$$E_0 = 4 \text{ V/m}$$

Absolute permittivity,

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

Average energy density  $u_E = ?$

Applying formula,

$$\text{Average energy density } u_E = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow u_E = \frac{1}{4} \times 8.8 \times 10^{-12} \times (4)^2$$

$$= 35.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J/m}^3$$

18. (a) Velocity of light

$$c = \frac{E}{B} \Rightarrow B = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{9.3}{3 \times 10^8} = 3.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ T}$$

19. (a) On comparing the given equation to

$$\vec{E} = a_0 \hat{i} \cos(\omega t - kz), \quad \omega = 6 \times 10^8, \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{w}{c}$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{6 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8} = 2 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

20. (d) EM wave intensity

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 c$$

[where  $E_0$  = maximum electric field]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{27 \times 10^{-3}}{10 \times 10^{-6}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 10^{-12} \times E_0^2 \times 3 \times 10^8$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 = \sqrt{2} \times 10^3 \text{ kV/m} = 1.4 \text{ kV/m}$$

21. (b) Using formula  $E_0 = B_0 \times C$

$$= 100 \times 10^{-6} \times 3 \times 10^8$$

$$= 3 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$$

Here we assumed that

$B_0 = 100 \times 10^{-6}$  is in tesla (T) units

22. (b) As we know,

$$|\vec{B}| = \frac{|\vec{E}|}{C} = \frac{6.3}{3 \times 10^8} = 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ T}$$

and  $\hat{E} \times \hat{B} = \hat{C}$

$\hat{J} \times \hat{B} = \hat{i}$  [ $\because$  EM wave travels along +(ve) x-direction.]

$$\therefore \hat{B} = \hat{k} \text{ or } \vec{B} = 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$$

23. (d)  $I = \frac{B_0^2}{2\mu_0} \cdot C$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{B_0^2}{2} = \frac{I\mu_0}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{I\mu_0}{C}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{10^8 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{3 \times 10^8}}$$

$$\approx 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ T}$$

Which is closest to  $10^{-4}$ .

24. (c) In electromagnetic wave,  $\frac{E_0}{B_0} = C$

$\therefore$  Maximum value of magnetic field,  $B_0 = \frac{E_0}{C}$

$$F_{\text{max}} = qVB_{\text{max}} \sin 90^\circ = \frac{qV_0E_0}{C}$$

(Given  $V_0 = 0.1 \text{ C}$  and  $E_0 = 30$ )

$$= \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 0.1 \times 3 \times 10^8 \times 30}{3 \times 10^8} = 4.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ N}$$

25. (b) Energy density =  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$

$$\Rightarrow B = \sqrt{2 \times \mu_0 \times \text{Energy density}}$$

$$\mu_0 = \frac{1}{C^2 \epsilon_0} = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\therefore B = \sqrt{2 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 1.02 \times 10^{-8}} = 160 \times 10^{-9} \\ = 160 \text{ nT}$$