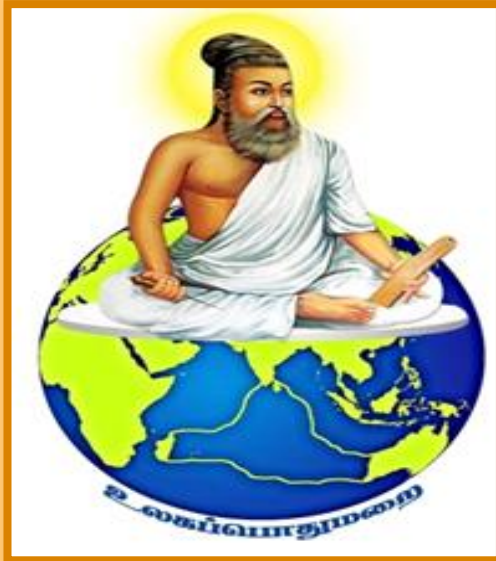


**HIGHER SECONDARY  
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**PHYSICS**

**UNIT -5  
ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES**

**PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**



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**EXAMPLE PROBLEMS**

1. Consider a parallel plate capacitor which is connected to an 230 V RMS value and 50 Hz frequency. If the separation distance between the plates of the capacitor and area of the plates are 1 mm and 20 cm<sup>2</sup> respectively. Calculate the displacement current at  $t = 1$  s.

**Solution :-**  $V_{RMS} = 230$  V ;  $d = 1$  mm =  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  m ;  $A = 20$  cm<sup>2</sup> =  $20 \times 10^{-4}$  m<sup>2</sup>  
 $f = 50$  Hz ;  $t = 1$  s ;  $I_d = ?$

- ❖ Potential difference between the plates ;

$$V = V_m \sin \omega t = V_{RMS} \sqrt{2} \sin 2\pi f t$$

$$V = 230 \times 1.414 \times \sin(2\pi \times 50 t)$$

$$V = 325 \sin(100 \pi t)$$

- ❖ Hence the displacement current,

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt}(EA)$$

$$[\because \Phi_E = EA]$$

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{V}{d} \right) A = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[ \frac{dV}{dt} \right]$$

$$I_d = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (325 \sin 100 \pi t) \right]$$

$$I_d = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} [325 \times 100 \pi \times \cos 100 \pi t]$$

$$I_d = \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 20 \times 10^{-4}}{1 \times 10^{-3}} \times 325 \times 100 \times 3.14 \times \cos 100 \pi (1)$$

$$I_d = 825 \times 20 \times 325 \times 314 \times 10^{-13} \times (1) \quad [\because \cos 100 \pi = 1]$$

$$I_d = 1.806 \times 10^7 \times 10^{-13} = 1.806 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = \mathbf{1.806 \mu A}$$

2. The relative magnetic permeability of the medium is 2.5 and the relative electrical permittivity of the medium is 2.25. Compute the refractive index of the medium.

**Solution :-**  $\mu_r = 2.5$  ;  $\epsilon_r = 2.25$  ;  $n = ?$

- ❖ The refractive index of the medium,

$$n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$$

$$n = \sqrt{2.5 \times 2.25} = \sqrt{5.625}$$

$$n = \mathbf{2.372 \text{ (no unit)}}$$

No	Log
$\sqrt{5.625}$	0.7501 $\times \frac{1}{2}$
ALog	0.3751 2.372 $\times 10^0$

3. Compute the speed of the electromagnetic wave in a medium if the amplitude of electric and magnetic fields are  $3 \times 10^4$  N C<sup>-1</sup> and  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  T, respectively.

**Solution :-**  $E_o = 3 \times 10^4$  N C<sup>-1</sup> ;  $B_o = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  T ;  $v = ?$

- ❖ The speed of the electromagnetic wave

$$v = \frac{E_o}{B_o} = \frac{3 \times 10^4}{2 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{3}{2} \times 10^8$$

$$v = \mathbf{1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

4. A magnetron in a microwave oven emits electromagnetic waves (em waves) with frequency  $f = 2450$  MHz. What magnetic field strength is required for electrons to move in circular paths with this frequency?

**Solution :-**  $f = 2450$  MHz =  $2450 \times 10^6$  Hz ;  $q = |e| = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C ;  
 $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg ;  $B = ?$

- ❖ Angular frequency of the circular motion,,

$$\omega = \frac{B q}{m}$$

$$(or) \quad 2\pi f = \frac{B q}{m}$$

- ❖ Therefore, the magnetic field required is,

$$B = \frac{2\pi f m}{q}$$

$$B = \frac{2 \times 3.14 \times 2450 \times 10^6 \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$B = \frac{2 \times 3.14 \times 2450 \times 9.11 \times 10^{-6}}{1.6}$$

$$B = 8.76 \times 10^4 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$B = \mathbf{8.76 \times 10^{-2} \text{ T} = 0.0876 \text{ T}}$$

No	Log
2	0.3010
3.14	0.4969
2450	3.3892
9.11	0.9595
(+)	5.1466
1.6	0.2041
(-)	4.9425
ALog	8.760 $\times 10^{-4}$

**EXERCISE PROBLEMS**

1. Consider a parallel plate capacitor whose plates are closely spaced. Let  $R$  be the radius of the plates and the current in the wire connected to the plates is 5 A, calculate the displacement current through the surface passing between the plates by directly calculating the rate of change of flux of electric field through the surface.

**Solution :-**  $I_C = 5 \text{ A}$  ;  $I_d = ?$

- ❖ Electric flux,

$$\Phi_E = \oint E \, dA \cos 0^\circ$$

$$\Phi_E = E A = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} A = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

- ❖ Hence displacement current,

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$I_d = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$I_d = I_C = 5 \text{ A}$$

2. A transmitter consists of LC circuit with an inductance of 1  $\mu\text{H}$  and a capacitance of 1  $\mu\text{F}$ . What is the wavelength of the electromagnetic waves it emits?

**Solution :-**  $L = 1 \mu\text{H} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H}$  ;  $C = 1 \mu\text{F} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$  ;  $\lambda = ?$

- ❖ Wavelength of electromagnetic waves,

$$\lambda = \frac{C}{f} = \frac{C}{\left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \right)}$$

$$\lambda = C (2\pi\sqrt{LC})$$

$$\lambda = 3 \times 10^8 (2 \times 3.14 \times \sqrt{1 \times 10^{-6} \times 1 \times 10^{-6}})$$

$$\lambda = 3 \times 10^8 \times 2 \times 3.14 \times 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\lambda = 18.84 \times 10^2 \text{ m} = 1884 \text{ m}$$

3. A pulse of light of duration  $10^{-6} \text{ s}$  is absorbed completely by a small object initially at rest. If the power of the pulse is  $60 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$ , calculate the final momentum of the object.

**Solution :-**  $t = 10^{-6} \text{ s}$  ;  $P = 60 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$  ;  $p = ?$

- ❖ Final momentum,

$$p = \frac{E}{C} \quad [E = m C^2 = p C]$$

$$p = \frac{P X t}{C} \quad [P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{E}{t}]$$

$$p = \frac{60 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-6}}{3 \times 10^8}$$

$$p = 20 \times 10^{-17} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$$

4. Let an electromagnetic wave propagate along the  $x$  - direction, the magnetic field oscillates at a frequency of  $10^{10} \text{ Hz}$  and has an amplitude of  $10^{-5} \text{ T}$ , acting along the  $y$  - direction. Then, compute the wavelength of the wave. Also write down the expression for electric field in this case.

**Solution :-**  $f = 10^{10} \text{ Hz}$  ;  $B_o = 10^{-5} \text{ T}$  ;  $\lambda = ?$  ;  $\vec{E}(x, t) = ?$

- ❖ Wavelength of electromagnetic waves,

$$\lambda = \frac{C}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^{10}} = 3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

- ❖ Expression for electric field,

$$E(x, t) = E_o \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

- ❖ We know that, the velocity of electromagnetic waves,

$$C = \frac{E_o}{B_o}$$

$$(or) \quad E_o = B_o C = 10^{-5} \times 3 \times 10^8 = 3 \times 10^3 \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

- ❖ Angular frequency,

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2 \times 3.14 \times 10^{10} = 6.28 \times 10^{10} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

- ❖ And wave number,

$$k = \frac{\omega}{C} = \frac{6.28 \times 10^{10}}{3 \times 10^8} = 2.093 \times 10^2 \text{ rad m}^{-1}$$

- ❖ Put this in equation (1),

$$E(x, t) = 3 \times 10^3 \sin(2.093 \times 10^2 x - 6.28 \times 10^{10} t) \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

- ❖ Since the electric field oscillates along  $z$  - axis,

$$\vec{E}(x, t) = 3 \times 10^3 \sin(2.093 \times 10^2 x - 6.28 \times 10^{10} t) \hat{k} \text{ N C}^{-1}$$

5. If the relative permeability and relative permittivity of a medium are 1.0 and 2.25 respectively, find the speed of the electromagnetic wave in this medium.

**Solution :-**  $\mu_r = 1.0$  ;  $\epsilon_r = 2.25$  ;  $v = ?$

- ❖ Refractive index of the medium,

$$\mu = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$$

$$(or) \quad \frac{C}{v} = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$$

$$\therefore v = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{1.0 \times 2.25}}$$

$$v = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.5}$$

$$v = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$