

Reading Quiz 3 for Electromagnetic Theory (PHYS330)

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Abstract

A summary of content covered in chapter 3 (so far) of Introduction to Electrodynamics.

1 Discussions about Vectors (Prelude to Fourier's Trick)

1. Let $\vec{v} = a\hat{x} + b\hat{y} + c\hat{z}$. Which of the following is equal to c ?

- A: $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{v}|$
- B: $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{z}$
- C: $\hat{x} \cdot \vec{v}$
- D: $\sqrt{\vec{v}^2}$



2. Let $\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \hat{x}_i$ be an n -dimensional vector and the set of \hat{x}_i represent orthonormal basis vectors. How do you obtain the coefficient c_7 ?

- A: $\hat{x}_1 \cdot \vec{x}$
- B: $n = 7$
- C: $\hat{x} \cdot \vec{x}$
- D: $\hat{x}_7 \cdot \vec{x}$

3. Suppose we are trying to develop the Fourier series for a function $f(x)$. Recall the definition of a Fourier series:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx) + b_n \cos(nx) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos(nx)$$

However, the function we are trying to model is $f(x) = \sin(3x)$. Write down all coefficients in the Fourier series from $n = 0$ to $n = \infty$.

$$a_0 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(3x) dx = \left[-\frac{\cos(3x)}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \left(-\frac{1}{3} - -\frac{1}{3} \right) = 0$$

$$a_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(3x) \sin(nx) dx = \left(\frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n-3} \right) \sin(n\pi) = 0$$

$a_0 = 0, a_n = 0, b_n = 0$ see work page

2 Fourier's Trick and Boundary Value Problems

1. If $V(x, y, z) \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$, which of the following cannot be part of the solution for $V(x, y, z)$?

- A: $Y(y) = e^{-ky}$ $\frac{1}{e^{ky}}$ $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} A = 0$
 - B: $Y(y) = \sinh(x)$ $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} B = 0$
 - C: $Y(y) = 1/y^2$ $\frac{1}{y^2}$ $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} C = 0$
 - D: $Y(y) = e^{-ky^2}$ $\frac{1}{e^{ky^2}}$ $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} D = 0$
- $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} B = \sinh(x) \neq 0$

2. Below is Eq. 3.50 from section 3.3 of the text, with $V_0(y, z) = V_0$:

$$C_{n,m} = \frac{4V_0}{ab} \int_0^a \int_0^b \sin(n\pi y/a) \sin(m\pi z/b) dy dz \quad (2)$$

Reproduce the result in Eq. 3.51 for $C_{n,m}$.

① $L = \pi$

③ $a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(3x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{\cos(3x)}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{-1}{3} - \frac{-1}{3} \right) = 0$

$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(3x) \sin(nx) dx = \left(\frac{-6 \sin(\pi n)}{n^2 - 9} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \pi$

$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(3x) \cos(nx) dx = 0$

$a_n = \left(\frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n-3} \right) \cdot \sin(n\pi)$

But n is always an integer, and since of an integer multiple of π is always zero, therefore the coefficients of $a_0 = 0$, $a_n = 0$, and $b_n = 0$.

2. (2) $C_{nm} = \frac{4V_0}{ab} \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx \cdot \int_0^b \sin\left(\frac{m\pi z}{b}\right) dz$

$$C_{nm} = \frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{-\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cdot a}{n\pi} \right]_0^a \cdot \left[\frac{-\cos\left(\frac{m\pi z}{b}\right) \cdot b}{m\pi} \right]_0^b$$

$$= \frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{a \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{a}\right) - (-\cos(0))}{n\pi} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{b \cos\left(\frac{m\pi b}{b}\right) - (-\cos(0))}{m\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n\pi} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{1}{m\pi} - \frac{\cos(m\pi)}{m\pi} \right]$$

if $n = 2$ or n is even int.

$$= \frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{1}{m\pi} - \frac{\cos(m\pi)}{m\pi} \right]$$

$$\frac{4V_0}{ab} [0] \cdot m = [0]$$

if m is even

$$\left[\frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{\cos(0)}{n\pi} \right] = 0, \quad \frac{4V_0}{ab} \cdot m \cdot 0 = [0]$$

if both are odd

$$\frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{-1}{n\pi} \right] \left[\frac{1}{m\pi} - \frac{-1}{m\pi} \right] = \frac{4V_0}{ab} \left[\frac{2}{n\pi} \right] \left[\frac{2}{m\pi} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{16V_0}{abnm\pi^2}}$$