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EEE345 Engineering Electromagnetics

Answer **THREE** questions. **No marks will be awarded for solutions to a fourth question.** Solutions will be considered in the order that they are presented in the answer book. Trial answers will be ignored if they are clearly crossed out. **The numbers given after each section of a question indicate the relative weighting of that section.**

1. a. State all four Maxwell's equations for electric and magnetic field vectors \underline{E} and \underline{H} in differential form and state what the parameters on the right hand sides mean. (5)
- b. Consider a damped electromagnetic wave propagating along z -direction of form

$$\underline{E}(z,t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \exp(-\alpha z) \underline{a}_x \quad (\text{equation 1}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\underline{H}(z,t) = H_0 \cos(\omega t - kz - \phi) \exp(-\alpha z) \underline{a}_y \quad (\text{equation 2})$$

where \underline{a}_x and \underline{a}_y are unit vectors along x - and y -directions, respectively.

- (i) Define the Poynting vector.
- (ii) Calculate its time averaged value.
- (iii) What physical meaning does the phase angle ϕ have? (5)
- c. Using Gauss' Law and the following relationship for any vectors \underline{A} , \underline{B}

$$\text{div}(\underline{A} \times \underline{B}) = \underline{B} \cdot \text{rot} \underline{A} - \underline{A} \cdot \text{rot} \underline{B} \quad (\text{equation 3})$$

integrate the Poynting vector \underline{P} over a closed surface S and interpret the physical meaning of all three terms obtained. This is called Poyntings' theorem. (10)

2. a. The voltage as a function of position, x , and time, t , along a transmission line can generally be written as a superposition of forward and backward travelling waves in the form:

$$V(x,t) = V_0^+ \exp[j(\omega t - k'x)] + V_0^- \exp[j(\omega t + k'x)] \quad (\text{equation 4})$$

where ω is the angular frequency and k' is a complex propagation constant. For a lossy transmission line with impedance Z^* per unit length and admittance Y^* per unit length it can be shown that

$$k'^2 = -Z^*Y^* \quad (\text{equation 5}).$$

- (i) Use the definitions of Z^* and Y^* in terms of the standard parameters R^* , G^* , L^* and C^* to derive an exact expression for k' in terms of these parameters.
 - (ii) Interpret the physical meaning of all three terms you get.
 - (iii) For the lossless case, calculate the characteristic impedance $Z_0 = Z^*/(jk')$.
 - (iv) For the lossless case, calculate the phase velocity of the signal on the line. (9)
- b. A 50MHz signal is fed into a computer's printed circuit board that can be described as a lossy transmission line with the characteristics of $L^* = 1\text{mH/m}$, $C^* = 1\text{nF/m}$, $R^* = 1\Omega/\text{m}$, $G^* = 0.001/(\Omega \text{ m})$. Use your above solution for k'^2 to calculate over what length the signal can be transferred so that at least 90% of the voltage of the input signal arrives. Compare this to what you would get for 50kHz. (6)
- c. For a lossless coaxial cable of outer diameter R and inner diameter r one has a capacitance per unit length of

$$C^* = 2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r / \ln(R/r) \quad (\text{equation 6})$$

and an inductance per unit length of

$$L^* = \mu_0\mu_r \ln(R/r) / (2\pi) \quad (\text{equation 7}).$$

- (i) Determine the phase velocity.
- (ii) Derive the refractive index n of a dielectric medium wherein the velocity of light is the same as the above and compare to the definition of optics. (5)

3. a. Consider a plate capacitor of width w , length l , distance d between the plates that is filled with a dielectric of relative permittivity ϵ_r .

- (i) Using Coulomb's Law and Gauss' Law, calculate the magnitude D of the dielectric flux between the plates as a function of the charge Q_{free} on the plates. Give a physical interpretation of your result.
- (ii) Perform the same calculation for the magnitude E of the electric field.
- (iii) From the above, calculate the magnitude of polarisation in the dielectric as

$$P = D - \epsilon_0 E \quad (\text{equation 8})$$

and give a physical interpretation of your result.

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- b. Consider a p-i-n diode where p- and n-doped regions are 100nm wide and the intrinsic region in-between is 500nm wide.

- (i) State Poisson's equations for the one-dimensional case along x -direction.
- (ii) Provide a sketch of the x -dependence of the free charge $\rho(x)$, the electric field strength $E(x)$ and the potential $V(x)$ for the above p-i-n diode. Plot the graphs under each other, with the p-region to the left, so the interfaces between the differently doped regions are vertically aligned to each other.
- (iii) Compare the built-in voltage qualitatively to that of a p-n diode without intrinsic layer and use the standard model of a plate capacitor to explain your result.

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4. a. Consider light transversing from a medium with refractive index n_1 to another, denser one with refractive index n_2 , as sketched in figure 1. Assume the speed of light in medium i is given by $v_i = c/n_i$ where c is the speed of light in vacuum. Derive Snell's Law of refraction under the assumption that the light travels from point A to point C along the fastest possible route.

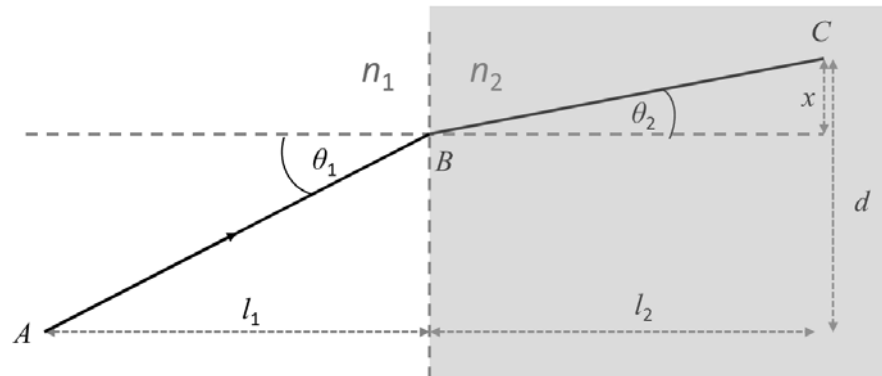


Figure 1

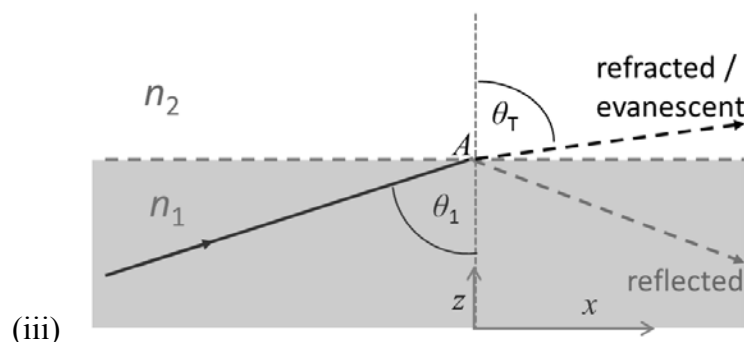
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- b. Consider the surface of a dielectric material with refractive index $n_1 > 1$, above which is air ($n_2 = 1$), as sketched in figure 2 below. Light shines at the interface under an angle θ_1 within the (x, z) plane where the x -direction points to the right and z upwards. Neglect the reflected wave. Assume another wave is generated in point A of the general form

$$\underline{E}_A = \underline{E}_0 \exp j(\omega t - \underline{K} \cdot \underline{r}) \quad (\text{equation 9})$$

where $\underline{K} = (K_x, K_y, K_z) = k_T(\sin\theta_T, 0, -\cos\theta_T)$, $\underline{r} = (x, y, z)$ and ω and t have their usual meaning where Snell's law determines the relationship between θ_1 and θ_T .

- Calculate \underline{E}_A for the case that $\sin\theta_1 = n_2/n_1$ and explain your result physically.
- Calculate \underline{E}_A for the case that $\sin\theta_1 > n_2/n_1$ and explain your result physically.



(iii)

(iv) Figure 2

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- c. Consider a coated optical fibre where the inner core material has a larger refractive index ($n_2=1.5$) than the outer cladding ($n_3=1.4$). Assume light falls onto the fibre cross-section from outside (air, $n_1=1$) under an angle θ_1 to the long axis of the fibre. Sketch what happens for sufficiently large θ_1 at the interface between core and cladding and calculate the so-called numerical aperture of the fibre which is defined as the maximal $\sin\theta_1$ value for which light that enters the fibre stays confined within it. (6)

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