



ENGINEERING PHYSICS

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Unit I : Review of concepts leading to Quantum Mechanics



Week #1

Cl#1 Review of Electric and magnetic fields

Cl#2 EM Wave equation

Cl#3 Energy transported by EM Waves

Cl#4 Max Planck's Black Body Radiation equation

Class #2

- *Maxwell's equation in differential form*
- *Maxwell's Equations in free space*
- *Ideas of Electric and Magnetic waves*
- *Wave equation*

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Electromagnetic wave equations



➤ *Suggested Reading*

1. *Fundamentals of Physics, Halliday, Resnik, Chapter 34*
2. *NCERT Physics Book I grade 12 – Chapter 8*

➤ *Reference Videos*

1. <https://nptel.ac.in/courses/108/106/108106073/>
2. *Engineering Physics week1 class1*

Electric fields

the divergence of the electric field is proportional to the charge density

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Magnetic Fields

the divergence of the magnetic flux is uniformly zero

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction

The curl of the induced electric field in a closed loop is proportional to the rate of change of magnetic flux linked with the loop

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

Ampere - Maxwell circuital law

The curl of the magnetic field in a closed loop is equal to the sum of the current density and the displacement current due to the time varying electric field

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

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Maxwell's equations in free space

Free space implies – charges and currents do not exist

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad 1.$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad 2.$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad 3$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = +\mu_o \epsilon_o \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad 4.$$

The curl of equation 3. $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

For free space $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Substituting for curl of B from equation 4.

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left(\mu_o \epsilon_o \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

With $\mu_o \epsilon_o = \frac{1}{c^2}$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \right) \dots\dots$$

A wave equation for electric wave propagating in free space !

- *The curl of Maxwell's equation 4.*

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(+\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \right) \rightarrow$$

a magnetic wave propagating in free space with speed of light

- *Both electric and magnetic waves propagate with the speed of light*
- *Maxwell's predication of light (radiation) as electromagnetic waves*

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Electromagnetic waves in free space



Light waves are transverse waves ---

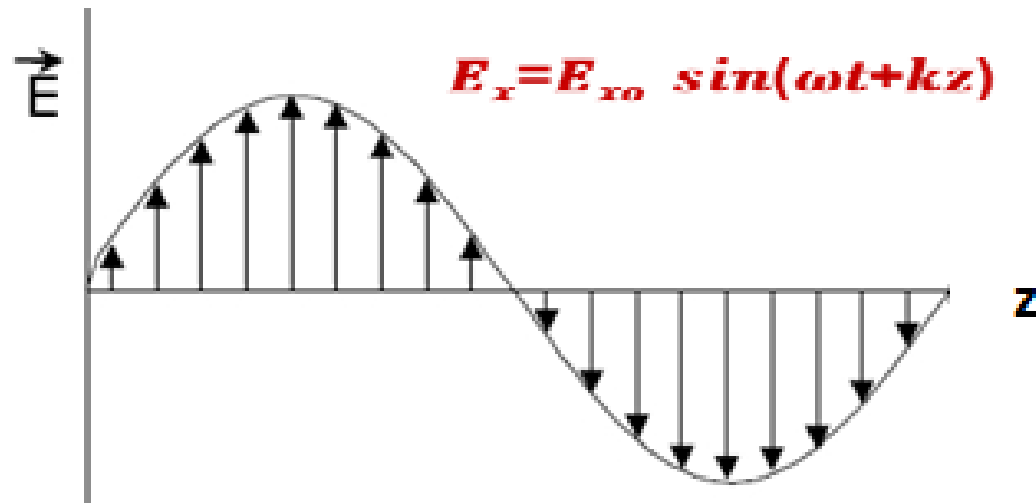
Electromagnetic waves are transverse waves !

The electric and magnetic fields are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the electromagnetic wave

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Electromagnetic waves in free space

- *Let a plane EM wave be propagating along the z direction ($E_z = 0$)*
- *Instantaneous electric field $E_x = E_{x0} \sin(\omega t + kz)$*



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Electromagnetic waves in free space



- *Plane wave implies $E_y = 0$*
- *From the third Maxwell's equation*

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}_x = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} = -\hat{j} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

- *$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ can be evaluated since E_x is known*

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- *Integrate $\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ with respect to time to obtain*
- *$B_y = \hat{j} \frac{E_{x0}}{\omega/k} \sin(\omega t + kz)$*
- *$\frac{\omega}{k} = \text{the velocity of the wave} = c$*
- *magnetic field is oriented in the **y** direction*
- *perpendicular to the Electric field (**x** direction)*
- *E and B are mutually perpendicular to each other*

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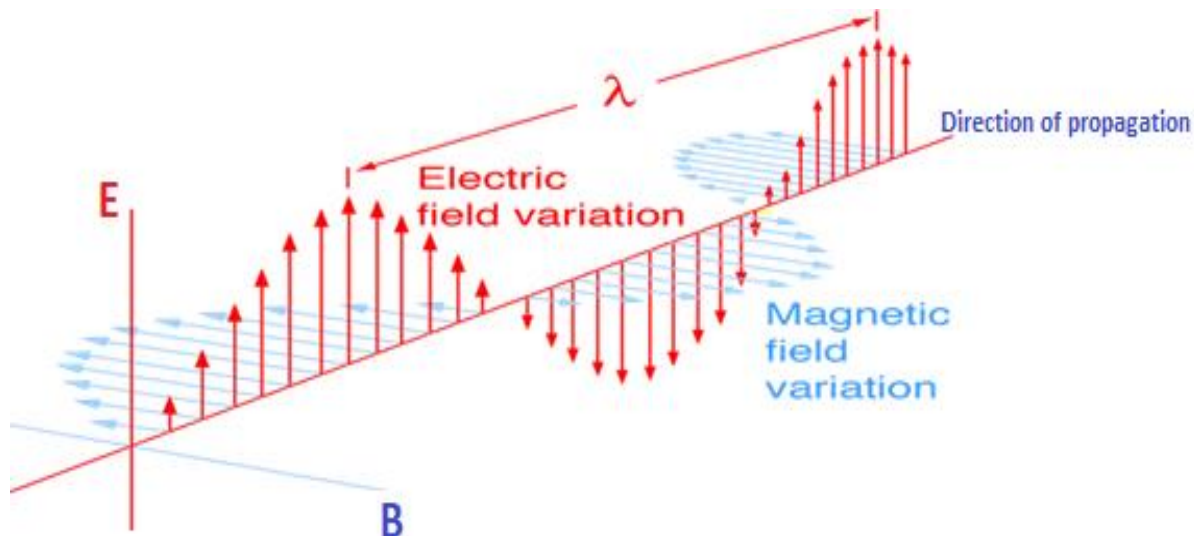


- $E_x = \hat{i} E_{x0} \sin(\omega t + kz)$
- $B_y = \hat{j} \frac{E_{x0} \sin(\omega t + kz)}{\omega/k}$
- *in phase with the electric field variations*
- $\omega/k = c$ *is the phase velocity of the wave*
- *Thus B_y is perpendicular to E and $|B_y| = \frac{|E_x|}{c}$*

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Electromagnetic waves in free space

- *Electromagnetic wave*
- *E and B are mutually perpendicular to each other and the direction of propagation*



The concepts which are not correct are....

1. Electric waves in free space are longitudinal
2. Magnetic waves in free space are transverse
3. The curl of a magnetic field is uniformly zero
4. The divergence of a magnetic field can be non zero
5. The curl of an electric field is always linked to an time varying magnetic field
6. The divergence of a vector field is a also a scalar



THANK YOU

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