

Formula Sheet for Midterm Examination

Maxwell Equations:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \qquad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \qquad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

Helmholtz Wave Equation: $(\nabla^2 + k^2) \vec{u} = 0$, where $\vec{u} = \vec{E}$ or \vec{B}

Plane Waves: $\vec{B} = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{k}$

Poynting vector: $\text{Re } \vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{E} \times \vec{H}^*$; For incident wave: $\text{Re } \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} |E_0|^2 \cos i$
(time-averaged)

Constants:

Electron charge = 1.602×10^{-19} C

$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$ in SI units (farad/m)

Electron mass = 9.11×10^{-31} kg

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ in SI units (N/A²)

Vector Formulas:

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \psi = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a}) - \nabla^2 \vec{a}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\psi \vec{a}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi + \psi \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\psi \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} \psi \times \vec{a} + \psi \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{b} + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{b}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}) - \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{a}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{b}) - \vec{b}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{b}$$
