



Engineering Physics

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Problems:

$$\text{curl } \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & 0 & E_z \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \hat{i} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \hat{j}$$

Now $E_z = E_0 \cos kx \sin \omega t$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = -E_0 \sin kx \sin \omega t (k)$$

So $\text{curl } \vec{E} = -(-E_0 k \sin kx \sin \omega t) \hat{j} = (k E_0 \sin kx \sin \omega t) \hat{j}$

$$\text{curl } \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = (E_0 k \sin kx \sin \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore d\vec{B} = -(E_0 k \sin kx \sin \omega t) \hat{j} \cdot dt$$

On integrating,

$$\vec{B} = \left(\frac{E_0 k}{\omega} \sin kx \sin \omega t \right) \hat{j}$$

Problems:

1 If $V(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$, find $\text{grad } V$ at $(2, 3)$.

Solution

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \hat{i} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

Given, $V(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 2x - 2y, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -2x + 2y, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \hat{i}(2x - 2y) + \hat{j}(-2x + 2y) + \hat{k}(0)$$

At the point, $(2, 3)$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \hat{i}(2 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 3) + \hat{j}(-2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3) + \hat{k}(0)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = -2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

Problems:

3 If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$, find $\text{div}\vec{r}$.

Solution

$$\text{div}\vec{r} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{r} = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z}$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{r} = 3$$

Problems:

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If $\vec{E} = E_x \hat{i} + E_y \hat{j} + E_z \hat{k}$, Prove that $\text{div}(\text{curl } \vec{E}) = 0$. i.e., $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = 0$.

Solution

$$\vec{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left[\hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right) \right]$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y}$$

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

Problems:

This shows that the velocity of electromagnetic waves in a conducting medium is less than that in a dielectric medium which is

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}} \quad (13.96)$$

It is dependent on frequency, and so dispersion takes place in conducting medium.