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### Question 1 i)

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### Question 2 i)

$$\nabla^2 V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad (1)$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} \right) - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu_0 \vec{J} \quad (2)$$

Letting  $\vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda$ ,  $V' = V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (1), \quad \nabla^2 V' + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}') &= \nabla^2 \left( V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda)] \\ &= \nabla^2 V - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \lambda + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \lambda \\ &= \nabla^2 V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for (2),

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \nabla^2 \vec{A}' - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}'}{\partial t^2} \right) - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V'}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \left[ \nabla^2 (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) \right] - \vec{\nabla} \left[ \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right) \right] \\ &= \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) + \nabla^2 \vec{\nabla} \lambda - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\nabla} \lambda}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla} \nabla^2 \lambda + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \frac{\partial^2 \lambda}{\partial t^2} \\ &= \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The gauge transformation of Maxwell's equations can be done by adding  $\vec{\nabla} \lambda$  to  $\vec{A}$  and subtracting  $\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t}$  from  $V$ .

For a point charge,

$$V' = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}, \quad \vec{A}' = 0$$

We let  $\lambda$  to be

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r}, \quad \vec{\nabla}\lambda = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \hat{r}, \quad \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

$$\therefore V = V' - \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r} = 0$$

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}' + \vec{\nabla}\lambda = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \hat{r}, \quad [\text{shown}]$$

### Question 2 ii)

Jefimenko's Equation,

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)}{r^2} \hat{r} + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', t_r)}{cr} \hat{r} - \frac{\dot{\vec{J}}(\vec{r}', t_r)}{c^2 r} d\tau'$$

When  $\vec{J} = \dot{\vec{J}}(\vec{r}), \dot{\vec{J}} = 0$ . The continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t_r} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}$$

$$\rho = (-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J})t_r + k$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}', t_r) = \dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)t_r + \rho(\vec{r}', 0) \Rightarrow \dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', t_r) = \dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', 0) + \dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)t_r}{r^2} + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)}{cr} d\tau' \hat{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', 0)}{r^2} + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)}{r^2} \left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right) + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)}{cr} d\tau' \hat{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', 0)}{r^2} + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', 0)t}{r^2} d\tau' \hat{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t)}{r^2} d\tau' \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

### Question 3 i)

$$E_z = 0, \quad B_z = B_0 \cos \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

$$E_x = 0, \quad B_x = -\frac{ik}{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2} \frac{\pi}{a} B_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

$$B_y = 0, \quad E_y = \frac{i\omega}{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2} \frac{\pi}{a} B_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

## Question 3 ii)

$$\vec{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ E_y e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B_x e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \\ 0 \\ B_z e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}^*)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & \frac{i\omega}{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2} \frac{\pi}{a} B_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(kz-\omega t)} & 0 \\ -\frac{ik}{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2} \frac{\pi}{a} B_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(kz-\omega t)} & 0 & B_0 \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(kz-\omega t)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\omega k \pi^2 B_0^2}{2\mu_0 \left[ \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2 \right]} \frac{1}{a^2} \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} \hat{z}$$

## Question 3 iii)

$$a = 2.28 \text{ cm}, \quad b = 1.01 \text{ cm}, \quad \omega = 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz}$$

The group velocity,

$$v_g = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_{mn}^2}{\omega^2}} = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2 \pi^2}{\omega^2} \left( \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)}$$

$$\therefore v_{g,10} = 2.83 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad v_{g,01} = 2.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad v_{g,11} = 1.75 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

## Question 4 i)

Skin depth,

$$d = \frac{1}{k_-} = \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1}}$$

In a poor conductor,  $\sigma \ll \epsilon\omega$ ,

$$d \approx \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2 - 1}} = \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon^2\omega^2}{\sigma^2}} = \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}$$

Which is independent of frequency.

In a good conductor,  $\sigma \gg \epsilon\omega$ ,

$$d \approx \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega} - 1}} \approx \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\omega}{\sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}} = \frac{1}{k_+} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

Question 4 ii)

$$\vec{E}_I(z, t) = \tilde{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{x}, \quad \vec{E}_R(z, t) = \tilde{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B}_I(z, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} \tilde{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{y}, \quad \vec{B}_R(z, t) = -\frac{1}{v_1} \tilde{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

Using the boundary conditions  $\vec{E}_1^{\parallel} - \vec{E}_2^{\parallel} = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{B}_1^{\parallel} - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \vec{B}_2^{\parallel} = 0$ ,

$$\tilde{E}_{0I} + \tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{E}_{0T} \tag{1}$$

$$\tilde{E}_{0I} - \tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{\beta} \tilde{E}_{0T} \tag{2}$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\beta} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 \omega} \tilde{k}_2.$$

Solving both equations, we get

$$\tilde{E}_{0R} = \left( \frac{1 - \tilde{\beta}}{1 + \tilde{\beta}} \right) \tilde{E}_{0I}$$

Question 4 iii)

$$\tilde{\beta} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 \omega} \tilde{k}_2 = \frac{c}{\omega} (k_+ + i k_-) \approx \frac{c}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma \omega \mu_0}{2}} (1 + i) = 26.05(1 + i)$$

$$R = \left( \frac{1 - \tilde{\beta}}{1 + \tilde{\beta}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \tilde{\beta}^*}{1 + \tilde{\beta}^*} \right) = 0.926$$

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