

Ch-8: Electromagnetic wave

1. Displacement Current (i_d) : It is current inside a capacitor plates when it is getting charged. In the expression, ϵ_0 is permittivity of free space, φ is the flux due to electric field.

$$i_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\varphi}{dt}$$

2. Modified Ampere-circuital law: In this expression, i_c is the conduction current in the wire to which a capacitor is connected.

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0(i_c + i_d)$$

3. Maxwell's four set of equations:

Gauss law of electrostatics-

This law tells that electric flux through a closed surface (or surface integral of electric field around a closed surface) is $1/\epsilon_0$ times charge enclosed by that surface.

$$\varphi = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Charge on an insulated conductor resides only on its outer surface.

Gauss law of magnetism-

This law tells that magnetic flux through any closed surface is zero.

$$\varphi = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

It explains that isolated magnetic poles do not exist.

Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction-

This law tells that a changing magnetic field induces an electric field. The induced emf set up in a closed circuit is equal to the rate of change of magnetic flux (φ) linked with that circuit.

$$e = -\frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Modified Ampere's law-

This law states that line integral of magnetic field around any closed circuit is equal to μ_0 times the total current (the sum of conduction and displacement current) threading the closed circuit.

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0(i_c + i_d) = \mu_0 \left(i_c + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \right)$$

4. Speed of electromagnetic wave in vacuum is:

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

5. Maxwell's prediction of electromagnetic wave:

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6. The expression of electromagnetic wave is given as:

$$E = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \text{ and } B = B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

In the above expression, the negative sign between kx and ωt shows that waves are travelling in positive x –direction. If it were positive, it means the wave is travelling in negative x -direction.

The x –, y –, z – direction shows by which one (x or y or z) is multiplied with k . Here k is wave number and ω is angular frequency.

7. Wave number k is $k = 2\pi/\lambda$, where λ is the wavelength.
8. Angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$, where f and T are frequency and time period respectively of the wave.
9. Speed of light in vacuum is $c = E_0/B_0$, where E_0 (in N/C) is maximum value of electric field intensity and B_0 (in Tesla) is maximum value of magnetic field induction.
10. If the wave is travelling in positive x – direction, then direction of electric field and magnetic field oscillations can be determined by the following expression as:

$$\vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \vec{v}$$

Suppose, EM wave is propagating with velocity($\vec{v}$) in $+x$ -direction, then, it is in unit vector $\hat{i}$, so, $\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}$, hence electric field oscillates in y - direction and magnetic field will oscillate in z -direction. Suppose, wave is propagating in $+z$ -direction and electric field is in y -direction, the then direction of magnetic field oscillation will be as:

$$\hat{j} \times (-\hat{i}) = \hat{k}$$

So, magnetic field will oscillate in negative x -direction.