

Advanced Principles of Electromagnetism

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1. Which of Maxwell's equations describes the absence of magnetic monopoles?

- A) Gauss's Law for magnetism
- B) Faraday's Law of induction
- C) Ampere's Circuital Law
- D) Gauss's Law for electricity

2. What is the physical significance of the Poynting vector in an electromagnetic field?

- A) The density of magnetic flux
- B) The rate of energy transfer per unit area
- C) The force exerted on a moving point charge
- D) The curvature of space-time

3. According to the Lorentz force law, what is the force on a charge q moving with velocity v in an electric field E and magnetic field B ?

- A) $F = q(E + B \times v)$
- B) $F = q(v \times B) + E$
- C) $F = q(E + v \times B)$
- D) $F = q(E + v \cdot B)$

4. In a vacuum, what is the relationship between the electric field E and magnetic field B of an electromagnetic wave?

- A) They are parallel and in phase
- B) They are anti-parallel and out of phase
- C) They are perpendicular to each other and to the direction of propagation
- D) They are parallel and perpendicular to the direction of propagation

5. Which term did James Clerk Maxwell add to Ampere's Law to account for time-varying electric fields?

- A) Magnetic susceptibility
- B) Displacement current
- C) Eddy current
- D) Electromotive force

6. What is the definition of magnetic permeability (μ) in a vacuum constant?

- A) $8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$
- B) $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$
- C) $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$
- D) $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

7. In the context of electromagnetic radiation, what is the skin effect?

- A) The phenomenon where high-frequency currents flow mostly on the surface of a conductor
- B) The process of electromagnetic shielding in lead containers
- C) The reflection of radio waves by the ionosphere
- D) The heating of tissue by non-ionizing radiation

8. Which principle states that an induced electromotive force always opposes the change in magnetic flux that produced it?

- A) Coulomb's Law
- B) Lenz's Law
- C) Biot-Savart Law
- D) Kirchhoff's Law

9. What is the value of the speed of light c in terms of vacuum permittivity (ϵ_0) and vacuum permeability (μ_0)?

- A) $c = \sqrt{\epsilon_0 / \mu_0}$
- B) $c = 1 / \sqrt{\epsilon_0 * \mu_0}$
- C) $c = \epsilon_0 * \mu_0$
- D) $c = \sqrt{\mu_0 / \epsilon_0}$

10. What is the unit of magnetic flux in the SI system?

- A) Tesla
- B) Weber
- C) Henry
- D) Gauss

11. What happens to the electric field inside a perfectly conducting shell in electrostatic equilibrium?

- A) It is equal to the surface charge density
- B) It is zero
- C) It is proportional to the distance from the center
- D) It is inversely proportional to the square of the radius

12. Which law describes the magnetic field generated by a steady electric current?

- A) Gauss's Law
- B) Biot-Savart Law
- C) Faraday's Law
- D) Coulomb's Law

13. What is the divergence of the magnetic field B according to Maxwell's equations?

- A) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$
- B) $\mu_0 \cdot \mathbf{J}$
- C) 0
- D) $-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} / \partial t$

14. What property of a material describes its ability to become magnetized in an applied magnetic field?

- A) Permittivity
- B) Magnetic susceptibility
- C) Conductivity
- D) Resistivity

15. In electrostatics, what is the relationship between the electric field E and the electric potential V ?

- A) $E = -\nabla V$
- B) $E = \nabla V$
- C) $V = -\nabla E$
- D) $V = \nabla \times E$

16. What is the primary factor that determines the characteristic impedance of free space?

- A) The frequency of the electromagnetic wave
- B) The ratio of the square root of permeability to permittivity
- C) The velocity of the source
- D) The gravitational constant

17. Which phenomenon involves the rotation of the plane of polarization of light when passing through a material in a magnetic field?

- A) Faraday effect
- B) Zeeman effect
- C) Compton effect
- D) Photoelectric effect

18. What is the SI unit for electric displacement field D ?

- A) Coulombs per square meter
- B) Volts per meter
- C) Amperes per meter
- D) Farads