

1. Units

Assuming conventional use of symbols, figure out the physical units (SI) of the following quantities:

$E, D, B, H, M, P, \rho, J, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \nabla \cdot D, \nabla \cdot B, \nabla \times E, \dot{B}, \nabla \times H, \dot{D}, \dot{\rho}, \nabla \cdot J, E \times H, E \cdot D, H \cdot B, \phi, \Delta\phi, A, \Delta A.$

2. Curl and divergence

Assume that the fields $E(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $B(\mathbf{r}, t)$ satisfy the equation $\nabla \times E = -\dot{B}$, and that $B(\mathbf{r}, t_0) = 0$ at an arbitrary time t_0 . Show that then $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ at all times t .

3. Identities from vector algebra & calculus

Given a scalar field $\phi(\mathbf{r})$ and vector fields $A(\mathbf{r}), B(\mathbf{r}), C(\mathbf{r})$,

- (a) evaluate $\nabla \times (\nabla\phi)$,
- (b) evaluate $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times A)$, and
- (c) verify $A \times (B \times C) = B(A \cdot C) - C(A \cdot B)$

explicitly in Cartesian coordinates.

4. Gradients

- (a) For integer α and constant \mathbf{r}_s , calculate $\nabla_r |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|^\alpha$. Use an abbreviation for $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s$.
- (b) Determine $\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_s} |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|^\alpha$.
- (c) Compute $\nabla_r \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|}$.

5. Laplace $1/r$

Verify the identity

$$\Delta_r \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = -4\pi\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'). \quad (1)$$

- (a) For $\mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{r}'$, calculate first $\nabla_r (1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)$, then $\nabla_r \cdot \nabla_r (1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)$.
- (b) Consider $\int_V \Delta_r (1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) dV$ once for $\mathbf{r}' \notin V$, then for $\mathbf{r}' \in V$. You might need to apply Gauss' theorem, and to employ spherical coordinates for the evaluation of a surface integral.

6. Taylor expansion of the Coulomb-potential

For constant \mathbf{r}_s , verify the second order expansion of $\phi(\mathbf{r}) = 1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|$ around $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{0}$:

$$\phi(\Delta\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{|\Delta\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_s|} + \frac{\mathbf{r}_s \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}_s|^3} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{3(\Delta\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}_s)^2 - \mathbf{r}_s^2 \Delta\mathbf{r}^2}{|\mathbf{r}_s|^5} \right\} \pm \dots \quad (2)$$

Try to use vector notation as far as possible. The identity $\nabla(fg) = g\nabla f + f\nabla g$ for two scalar fields f and g might turn out to be useful here.

7. Parseval identity

Show the identity

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{f}(k)|^2 dk \quad (3)$$

for an integrable function f and its Fourier-transform \tilde{f} . Start by replacing the factors of $(\tilde{f}(k))^* \tilde{f}(k)$ on the right-hand side by their integral representation, and employ the Fourier representation of δ .

Hand in your solutions until Wednesday, September 11, 10:45. Good luck!