

Chapter 18

Maxwell's Equations and Electromagnetic Waves

18.1 Maxwell's Equations/Electromagnetic Waves

Homework # 150

Maxwell's Equations

I

01. List Maxwell's four equations describing electric and magnetic fields.
02. Two square plates of a capacitor, 2.50 cm on a side, are charging causing the electric field between to increase at a rate of 3.0×10^6 V/m•s. Calculate the displacement current I_D of the capacitor.
03. A capacitor that has square parallel plates that are 1.75 cm on a side discharging via a wire connecting the two plates. If the current in the wire is 2.85 A, at what rate is the electric field changing between the plates?

II

04. A 4.35- μ F capacitor has two parallel circular plates that have a radius of 1.25 cm. The capacitor is being charged such that the plates are accumulating charge at the rate of 37.5 mC/s. What is the strength of the magnetic field at a location 9.00 cm radially away from the center of the plates?
05. Show that the displacement current through a parallel-plate capacitor can be described by $I_D = C(dV/dt)$, where V is the voltage on the capacitor at a given instant.

Electromagnetic Waves

I

06. An EM wave has a magnetic field peak of 1.35×10^{-11} T. What is the peak value of the electric field in the wave?
07. An EM wave is traveling south. Its E field oscillates horizontally (west and east) at 0.135 MHz with an rms strength of 4.25 V/m.
 - a.) What is the frequency of the magnetic field oscillations in this wave?
 - b.) What is the rms strength of the magnetic field oscillations in this wave?
 - c.) What is the peak strength of the magnetic field oscillations in this wave?
 - d.) What is the direction of the oscillations of magnetic field in this wave?

For problems involving calculations related to the EM spectrum see [Homework #161](#) in "Chapter 20-Light: Wave Nature"

ANSWERS: 02. 1.66×10^{-8} A **03.** -1.05×10^{15} V/m•s **04.** 8.33×10^{-8} T **06.** 4.05×10^{-3} V/m
07. a.) 0.135 MHz b.) 1.42×10^{-8} T c.) 2.00×10^{-8} T d.) vertically up and down