

Study Guide (for Test and Exam)

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| 1. Gauss, Faraday laws in integral form
Ampere's law plus displacement current
Maxwell's equations in integral form | revision
revision?
revision |
| 2. Electrostatic field conservative
Gauss law and Poisson eqn.
Multipole expansion of V | revision
understand significance
interpretation of terms only |
| 3. Polarization and bound charges
Polarization current density
Electric displacement
lin dielectrics
Boundary conditions for D , E
Electric field energy | know definition, derivation
know def., relationship
know def., derivation
know definitions
know derivations
know result; derivation not required |
| 4. Currents, continuity equation
Origin of magnetic field
Biot Savart law
Ampere's law in differential form
Magnetic vector potential
Multipole expansion of A | understand integral and diff forms
derivation definitely not required!
revision, but note generalised form
know result and derivation
understand significance
interpretation of terms only |
| 5. Magnetic materials
H field
Susceptibility, permeability
Boundary conditions for B , H
Magnetic field energy + pressure | know defs., understand equiv. currents
know def., derivation
know definitions
know derivation
know result for u ; know derivation |
| 6. Faraday's law in differential form
Scalar and vector potentials
Lorenz condition
Ampere's law revisited
Displacement current
Maxwell's equations
Helmholtz theorem
Gauge transformations | know result and derivation
derivation of eqn for E
derivation not required
understand Maxwell resolution
understand modified Ampere law
should become very familiar!
mathematical detail not required
understand arguments, Lorenz |
| 7. Retarded potentials
Energy and Poynting's theorem
Wave equations for E , B
Plane waves: relationship E to B
Energy in EM waves | understand significance (for future ref.)
know derivation, def. of S
know derivations
know derivation
understand; know def. of intensity (not pressure) |

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| <p>8. EM waves in (linear) materials</p> <p>Wave energy in materials</p> <p>Plane waves at material interfaces</p> <p>Laws of reflection & refraction</p> <p>Fresnel's equations</p> <p>EM waves in conductors</p> | <p>understand replacement of ϵ_0, μ_0 with ϵ, μ</p> <p>ditto, plus $c \rightarrow v$ and know def. of n</p> <p>treat general case of oblique incidence</p> <p>know derivations from boundary conditions</p> <p>know derivations (for E in plane of incidence)</p> <p>know derivation of wave eqns; not of k, kappa</p> |
| <p>9. Dispersion and group velocity</p> <p>Polarization of EM waves</p> <p>Linear, circular, elliptical polarization</p> <p>Linear polarizers, Malus's law</p> <p>Wave plates</p> <p>Polarization by reflection</p> <p>Polarization by scattering</p> <p>Partial polarization</p> <p>Stokes' parameters</p> <p>Optical activity & Faraday rotation</p> | <p>know definitions, show $v_g < v$ normally</p> <p>understand complex amplitudes, role of phase diff.;</p> <p>determine polarization state from eqn. & vice versa</p> <p>revision</p> <p>understand birefringence, origin of phase diff.</p> <p>qualitative (descriptive) only</p> <p>qualitative only</p> <p>know def. of degree of polarization</p> <p>details not required</p> <p>qualitative only</p> |
| <p>+ Work through Tutorial problems</p> <p>Follow Worked Examples where appropriate</p> | |