

PHYS 7312: Electromagnetic theory

General information

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Textbook, learning objectives, grading, policies

Text [Classical Electromagnetism in a nutshell](#), by Anupam Garg, 1st Edition

Recommended reading

1. *Classical Electrodynamics* by John D. Jackson (3rd edition)
2. *Introduction to Electrodynamics* by David J. Griffiths
3. [Electromagnetic Fields and Energy](#) by Herman A. Haus and James R. Melcher
4. *A student's guide to Maxwell's equations* by Daniel Fleisch
5. *Fundamentals of Electromagnetic Phenomena* by Lorrain and Corson

Grading

- Homework 50%
- Three midterm tests 30%
- Final test 20%

Homework assignments In the Assignments folder on the website. Due dates are strictly enforced. 50% if late; 0% once the solutions are posted.

Final test Thursday, 11 May 2017, 11:30am

Syllabus

Chapter 7. Electromagnetic waves

- 40. The wave equation for E and B
- 41. Plane electromagnetic waves
- 42. Monochromatic plane waves and polarization
- 43. Nonplane monochromatic waves; geometrical optics*
- 46. Oscillator representation of electromagnetic waves
- 47. Angular momentum of the free electromagnetic field*

Chapter 6 Symmetries and conservation laws

- 34. Discrete symmetries of the laws of electromagnetism
- 35. Energy flow and the Poynting vector
- 36. Momentum conservation
- 37. Angular momentum conservation*
- 38. Relativity at low speeds
- 39. Electromagnetic mass*

Chapter 9 The electromagnetic field of moving charges

- 54. Green's function for the wave equation
- 55. Fields of a uniformly moving charge
- 56. Potentials of an arbitrarily moving charge--the Lienard-Wiechert solutions
- 57. Electromagnetic fields of an arbitrarily moving charge
- 58. Radiation from accelerated charges: qualitative discussion

Chapter 10 Radiation from localized sources

- 59. General frequency-domain formulas for fields
- 60. Far-zone fields
- 61. Power radiated
- 62. The long-wavelength electric dipole approximation
- 63. Higher multipoles*
- 64. Antennas
- 65. Near-zone fields
- 66. Angular momentum radiated*
- 67. Radiation reaction

Chapter 13 Electromagnetic fields in material media

- 81. Macroscopic fields
- 82. The macroscopic charge density and the polarization
- 83. The macroscopic current density and the magnetization
- 84. Constitutive relations
- 85. Energy conservation

Chapter 16 Magnetostatics in matter

- 100. Magnetic permeability and susceptibility
- 101. Thermodynamic relations for magnetic materials

- 102. Diamagnetism
- 103. Paramagnetism
- 104. The exchange interaction; ferromagnetism
- 105. Free energy of ferromagnets
- 106. Ferromagnetic domain walls*
- 107. Hysteresis in ferromagnets
- 108. Demagnetization
- 109. Superconductors*

Chapter 18 Frequency-dependent response of materials

- 119. The frequency-dependent conductivity
- 120. The dielectric function and electric propensity
- 121. General properties of the ac conductivity*
- 122. Electromagnetic energy in material media*
- 123. Drude-Lorentz model of the dielectric response
- 124. Frequency dependence of the magnetic response*
- 19Q. Quasistatic phenomena in conductors
- 125. Quasistatic fields
- 126. Variable magnetic field: eddy currents and the skin effect in a planar geometry
- 127. Variable magnetic field: eddy currents and the skin effect in finite bodies*
- 128. Variable electric field, electrostatic regime
- 129. Variable electric field, skin-effect regime
- 130. Eddy currents in thin sheets, Maxwell's receding image construction, and maglev*
- 131. Motion of extended conductors in magnetic fields*
- 132. The dynamo*

Chapter 20 Electromagnetic waves in insulators

- 133. General properties of EM waves in media
- 134. Wave propagation velocities
- 135. Reflection and refraction at a flat interface (general case)
- 136. More reflection and refraction (both media transparent and nonmagnetic)
- 137. Reflection from a nonmagnetic opaque medium*

Chapter 21 Electromagnetic waves in and near conductors

- 138. Plasma oscillations
- 139. Dispersion of plasma waves*
- 140. Transverse EM waves in conductors
- 141. Reflection of light from a metal
- 142. Surface plasmons*
- 143. Waveguides
- 144. Resonant cavities

Chapter 23 Formalism of special relativity

- 152. Review of basic concepts
- 153. Four-vectors
- 154. Velocity, momentum, and acceleration four-vectors

- 155. Four-tensors
- 156. Vector fields and their derivatives in space--time
- 157. Integration of vector fields*
- 158. Accelerated observers*

Chapter 24 Special relativity and electromagnetism

- 159. Four-current and charge conservation
- 160. The four-potential
- 161. The electromagnetic field tensor
- 162. Covariant form of the laws of electromagnetism
- 163. The stress--energy tensor
- 164. Energy--momentum conservation in special relativity
- 165. Angular momentum and spin*
- 166. Observer-dependent properties of light
- 167. Motion of charge in an electromagnetic plane wave*
- 168. Thomas precession*

Chapter 12 Action formulation of electromagnetism

- 77. Charged particle in given field
- 78. The free field
- 79. The interacting system of fields and charges
- 80. Gauge invariance and charge conservation