

Physics 302/572: Electromagnetic Theory II

Read: Griffiths 9.5, 10.1

“G, PS” refer to Griffiths and Pollack & Stump books respectively. Problems with stars are not for credit and will NOT be graded.

Homework 6

Exercise 1 (G 9.29)

Confirm that the energy in the TE_{mn} mode travels at the group velocity.

Hint: Using E and B for the mode find the time averaged Poynting vector $\langle \vec{S} \rangle$ and the energy density $\langle u \rangle$. Integrate over the cross section of the wave guide to get the energy per unit time and per unit length carried by the wave, and take their ratio.

Exercise 2 (G 10.3)

Find the fields, and the charge and current distributions, corresponding to

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = 0, \quad \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \hat{r}.$$

Are these potentials in the Lorentz or/and in the Coulomb gauge?

Exercise 3 (G 10.5)

Use the gauge function $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r}$ to transform the potentials in Ex. 2, and comment on the result. Are resulting potentials in the Lorentz or/and in the Coulomb gauge?

Exercise 4 (G 10.4)

Suppose $V = 0$ and $\vec{A} = A_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{y}$, where A_0 , ω , and k are constants. Find \vec{E} and \vec{B} , and check that they satisfy Maxwell's equations in vacuum. What condition must you impose on ω and k ? Are these potentials in the Lorentz or/and in the Coulomb gauge?