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PHYS 132 – PHYSICS II

CHAPTER 33

ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

PROBLEM SET

- 1) *** If the magnetic field in a traveling EM wave has a peak magnitude of 12.5 nT, what is the peak magnitude of the electric field? **[Answer: 3.75 V/m]**
- 2) In an EM wave traveling west, the B field oscillates vertically and has a frequency of 80.0 kHz and an rms strength of $7.75 \times 10^{-9} T$. Determine the frequency and rms strength of the electric field. What is its direction?
[Answer: 80.0 kHz, 2.33 V/m, horizontal north-south line]
- 3) *** The electric field of a plane EM wave is given by $E_x = E_0 \cos(kz + \omega t)$, $E_y = E_z = 0$. Determine (a) the direction of propagation and (b) the magnitude and direction of \vec{B} .
[Answer: a) $-\hat{k}$, b) $E_0/c, -\hat{j}$]
- 4) Estimate the average power output of the Sun, given that about 1350 W/m^2 reaches the upper atmosphere of the Earth. **[Answer: $3.80 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$]**
- 5) *** A high-energy pulsed laser emits a 1.0-ns-long pulse of average power $1.8 \times 10^{11} \text{ W}$. The beam is $2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ in radius. Determine (a) the energy delivered in each pulse, and (b) the rms value of the electric field.
[Answer: a) 180 J, b) $2.1 \times 10^9 \text{ V/m}$]