

# Ready for Fields&Waves?

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The following questions cover a range of topics you should master (i.e. >75% correct answers) before starting the course Fields&Waves in the Electrical Systems Engineering program at Paderborn University:

1. Evaluate

(a)  $\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$

(b)  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$

(c)  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

(d)  $\exp(0) = 1$

(e)  $\exp(-\frac{\pi}{2}j) = -j$

2. Express  $e^{jx}$  in terms of sin and cos (Euler's identity):  $e^{jx} = \cos x + j \sin x$

3. Give the general real-valued solution of the ODEs

(a)  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) = -\omega^2 y(t)$  (with  $\omega \neq 0$ ):  $y(t) = a \cos(\omega t) + b \sin(\omega t)$  or  $a \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

(b)  $\frac{d}{dt} y(t) = -\gamma y(t)$  (with  $\gamma \neq 0$ ):  $y(t) = a e^{-\gamma t}$

4. Give the solution of the Fourier integral  $g(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$  for

(a)  $g(t) = \frac{d}{dt} f(t)$  (assume  $f(\omega)$  is known):  $\Rightarrow g(\omega) = -j\omega f(\omega)$

(b)  $g(t) = f(t) e^{j\omega_0 t}$  (assume  $f(\omega)$  is known)  $\Rightarrow g(\omega) = f(\omega - \omega_0)$

(c)  $g(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t) \Rightarrow g(\omega) = \pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \pi \delta(\omega + \omega_0)$

5. Vector products, Give

(a) the projection of a vector  $\vec{a}$  on a normalized vector  $\vec{n}$ :  $= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = a \cos \phi$

(b) the inner product  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  in cartesian coordinates:  $= a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$

(c) the length of a vector  $\vec{a}$  using the inner product:  $= \sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}$

(d) the vector product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  in cartesian coordinates:  $= \begin{pmatrix} a_y b_z - a_z b_y \\ a_z b_x - a_x b_z \\ a_x b_y - a_y b_x \end{pmatrix}$

6. Evaluate the following expressions (or mark if invalid):

(a)  $\text{grad } 5 = 0$

(b)  $\text{curl } 4 = \text{Invalid expression}$

(c)  $\text{grad}(x^2 + y^3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 3y^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(d)  $\text{curl grad } \vec{v}(\vec{r}) = 0$

(e)  $\operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3$

(f)  $\operatorname{curl} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

7. State Stokes' and Gauss' theorems:

(a)  $\int_V \operatorname{div} \vec{v}(\vec{r}) dV = \oint_{\partial V} \vec{v}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{a}$

(b)  $\int_A \operatorname{curl} \vec{v}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_{\partial A} \vec{v}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{s}$

8. Give the electrostatic potential of a point charge  $q$  located at the the position  $\vec{s}$ :  $\varphi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0|\vec{r}-\vec{s}|}$

9. Write down the four Maxwell equations (for material/medium, in differential form, SI units):

(a)  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{E} = -\frac{d}{dt} \vec{B}$

(b)  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{H} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{D} + \vec{J}$

(c)  $\operatorname{div} \vec{D} = \rho$

(d)  $\operatorname{div} \vec{B} = 0$

10. Which electric and magnetic field components are continuous at an interface? **B normal, E tangential**

11. For a perfect electric conductor, the electric field strength

(a) inside is: **0**

(b) at the surface is: **orthogonal on surface**

12. In a medium give (in terms of the real-valued e.m. fields) the definitions of

(a) the Poynting vector:  $\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$

(b) the electromagnetic energy (in a volume V):  $W = \frac{1}{2} \int_V (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} + \vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}) dV$

13. Give the units (in SI) of

(a) the electric field strength:  $[\vec{E}] = V/m$

(b) the magnetic flux density:  $[\vec{B}] = Vs/m^2 = T$

(c) the current density:  $[\vec{J}] = A/m^2$

(d) the charge density:  $[\rho] = C/m^3 = As/m^3$