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(a) (i)  $\nabla^2 V = 0$ . Harmonic functions.

(ii)  $\nabla^2 V = \nabla^2 (\alpha_1 V_1 + \alpha_2 V_2) = \alpha_1 \nabla^2 V_1 + \alpha_2 \nabla^2 V_2 = 0$  since  $\nabla^2 V_1 = \nabla^2 V_2 = 0$ . So  $\nabla^2 V = 0$  as required.

(b) (i)  $\underline{E} = -\underline{\nabla} V \quad \text{or} \quad E_i = -\nabla_i V = -\nabla_i (V_0 - E_{0j} \Gamma_j)$   
 $= E_{0j} \nabla_j \Gamma_i = E_{0j} \delta_{ij} = E_{0i} \quad \therefore \underline{E} = \underline{E}_0$

(ii)  $\underline{B} = \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A} \quad \text{or} \quad B_i = (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \nabla_j A_k$  where

$A_k = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell m} \epsilon_{k\ell m} M_\ell \Gamma_m r^{-3}$  so

$B_i = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} M_\ell \epsilon_{ijk} \sum_{\ell m} \epsilon_{k\ell m} \nabla_j (\Gamma_m r^{-3})$  ( $M_\ell$  independent of position)

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} M_\ell \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{k\ell m} [\Gamma_m^{-3} \nabla_j \Gamma_m + \Gamma_m \nabla_j \Gamma_m^{-3}]$  (cyclic props of  $\epsilon$  tensor product rule)

$= \frac{\mu_0 M_\ell}{4\pi} (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) [\Gamma_m^{-3} \delta_{jm} - 3 \Gamma_j \Gamma_m \Gamma^{-5}] \quad \dots (*)$

because  $\nabla_j \Gamma^{-3} = \frac{\partial \Gamma^{-3}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \Gamma^{-3}}{\partial \Gamma} = -3 \Gamma^{-4} \frac{\Gamma_j}{\Gamma}$

Expanding (\*) and contracting tensor subscripts give:

$B_i = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} M_\ell (3 \cancel{\Gamma^{-3} \delta_{il}} - 3 \Gamma^{-3} \delta_{il} - \Gamma^{-3} \delta_{il} + 3 \Gamma_i \Gamma_\ell \Gamma^{-5})$

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{[3 (M_\ell \Gamma_\ell) \Gamma_i - M_i \Gamma^2]}{\Gamma^5} \quad \dots (**)$

Now (\*\*) is true for  $i = x, y$  and  $z$ . So

$\underline{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{3 (M \cdot \underline{\hat{r}}) \underline{\hat{r}} - \Gamma^2 \underline{M}}{\Gamma^5} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{3 (M \cdot \underline{\hat{r}}) \underline{\hat{r}} - \underline{M}}{\Gamma^3}$

A2

$$(a) \oint_S \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$$

Applying the divergence th<sup>m</sup> gives  $\int_V \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} \, dV = 0$  (\*)

Since (\*) is true for arbitrary  $V$  we have  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$ .

(b)(i) Take  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot$  of both sides:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}) = \mu_0 \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{J} = 0 \quad (\text{div(curl) is zero})$$

which is not true since  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{J} = -\partial\rho/\partial t$  in general.

(ii) law of conservation of electric charge.

(iii) We need to construct a new vector which has the following properties:

- reduces to  $\underline{J}$  in the steady state,
  - does not violate charge conservation,
  - reduces to  $\underline{J}$  in the steady state.
- } ... (\*)

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{J} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{with } \rho = \epsilon_0 \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} \quad (\text{Gauss' law})$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E})}{\partial t} = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{J} + \underline{\nabla} \cdot \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \left( \underline{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} \right) = 0.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\underline{J}_{\text{new}}}$

$\underline{J}_{\text{new}}$  satisfies (\*) and is the vector we seek.

Replacing  $\underline{J}$  in Ampère's magnetostatic eq<sup>n</sup> gives

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 \left( \underline{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad \text{as required.}$$

A3

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} = -\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell's equations  
in a source-free  
vacuum

Suppose 
$$\underline{E} = E_0 e^{i(\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)} \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1$$
  
$$\underline{B} = B_0 e^{i(\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)} \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_2$$

Here  $E_0$  and  $B_0$  are constants, possibly complex and  $\hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1, \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_2$  are real constant unit vectors.

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = E_0 e^{-i\omega t} \underline{\nabla} \cdot (e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}} \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1) = 0$$

$$= E_0 e^{-i\omega t} \left[ \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \cdot \underline{\nabla} e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}} + e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}} \underline{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \right] = 0 \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$\underbrace{\hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \cdot \underline{\nabla} e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}}}_{\hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \cdot i\underline{k} e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}}}$        $\underbrace{e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}} \underline{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1}_{=0 \text{ since } \hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \text{ is constant}}$

So 
$$\hat{\underline{\Sigma}}_1 \cdot \underline{k} e^{i(\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r})} E_0 e^{i(\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)} = 0$$

or  $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{k} = 0$  which proves  $\underline{E}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\underline{k}$

Similarly

$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$  gives  $\underline{B} \cdot \underline{k} = 0$  which proves that  $\underline{B}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\underline{k}$

Since  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are both transverse to the direction of propagation the wave is transverse.

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A4 (i) From Faraday - Maxwell:

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -\partial \underline{B} / \partial t$$

Where  $\nabla \times \underline{E} = \hat{x} \left( \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{y} \left( \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{z} \left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right)$   
 $= \hat{x} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y}$

o since  $E_z$  does not depend on  $x$ .

Now  $\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = -k E_0 \sin(ky + \omega t)$

So  $\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} = k E_0 \sin(ky + \omega t)$  ;  $\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} = 0$

$B_x = k E_0 \int \sin(ky + \omega t) dt$   
 $= -\frac{k E_0}{\omega} \cos(ky + \omega t) + \text{constant of integration } C$   
*time-independent*

Clearly  $C$  is not the field of a wave and we set it equal to 0. So

$B_x = -\frac{E_0}{c} \cos(ky + \omega t)$  ( $c = \omega/k$ )

$\underline{B} = \left( -\frac{E_0}{c} \cos(ky + \omega t), 0, 0 \right)$

(ii)  $\langle \underline{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} |E_0|^2 \hat{y}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } \underline{E}' \cdot \underline{B}' &= E'_x B'_x + E'_y B'_y + E'_z B'_z \\
 &= E_x B_x + \gamma^2 (E_y - v B_z) (B_y + \frac{v}{c^2} E_z) + \gamma^2 (E_z + v B_y) (B_z - \frac{v}{c^2} E_y) \\
 &= E_x B_x + \gamma^2 \left[ E_y B_y + E_z B_z - \frac{v^2}{c^2} E_y B_y - \frac{v^2}{c^2} E_z B_z \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the remaining 4 terms cancel exactly.

$$\text{So } \underline{E}' \cdot \underline{B}' = E_x B_x + E_y B_y \gamma^2 (1 - v^2/c^2) + E_z B_z \gamma^2 (1 - v^2/c^2)$$

But  $\gamma^2 (1 - v^2/c^2) = 1$  by definition, and

$$\text{So } \underline{E}' \cdot \underline{B}' = E_x B_x + E_y B_y + E_z B_z = \underline{E} \cdot \underline{B} \text{ as reqd.}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \text{b) } E_x = 0 & B_x = 0 & \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 1/4}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\
 E_y = 0 & B_y = 0 & \\
 E_z = 6 \times 10^6 \text{ Vm}^{-1} & B_z = 0 & = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}
 \end{array}$$

$$E'_x = 0 \quad B'_x = 0$$

$$E'_y = 0 \quad B'_y = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \left( 0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3 \times 10^8} 6 \times 10^6 \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3} \times 10^{-2}}{3} \text{ T}$$

$$E'_z = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} (6 \times 10^6 + 0) \quad B'_z = 0$$

$$= \underline{4\sqrt{3} \times 10^6 \text{ Vm}^{-1}}$$

$$\text{So } \underline{E}' = 4\sqrt{3} \times 10^6 \hat{z} \text{ Vm}^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{B}' = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \times 10^{-2} \hat{y} \text{ T}$$