

Electromagnetism MC4 2002/3 – Multiple choice.

MC4) All of the following questions relate to an E field of general form $\underline{E} = \underline{E}_0 e^{i(\omega t - kz)}$ in a plasma with an electron concentration of $7 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$. [Take values of constants to be $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$, $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$.]

MC4.1) What is the magnitude of the plasma conductivity at a frequency of 3 MHz?

- a) $6.0 \times 10^7 \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ b) $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ c) $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$
d) $3.4 \times 10^{-5} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ e) None of the previous

MC4.2) What is the value of the plasma frequency?

- a) 4.5 MHz b) 2.4 MHz c) 0.3 MHz d) 1.7 MHz
e) None of the previous

MC4.3) What is the phase velocity of a 3.0 MHz wave propagating through the plasma?

- a) $2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ b) $3.8 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ c) $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ d) $4.9 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
e) None of the previous

MC4.4) What is the refractive index of the plasma at 2.6 MHz?

- a) 0.82 b) 1.4 c) 0.41 d) 1.0 e) None of the previous

MC4.5) By what factor is \underline{B} reduced in a distance of 150 m if the frequency is 1.8 MHz?

- a) 130 b) 0.02 c) 16 d) 37 e) None of the previous