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**1) Calculate the free space wavelength in meter for the following frequencies:**

- a) 2kHz**
- b) 200kHz**
- c) 20 MHz**
- d) 2 GHz**

$$a) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10^3} = 150 \text{ km}$$

$$b) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{200 \times 10^3} = 1.5 \text{ km}$$

$$c) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{20 \times 10^6} = 15 \text{ m}$$

$$d) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10^9} = 15 \text{ cm}$$

**2) Calculate the free space wavelength in meter for the following frequencies:**

- a) 80 kHz**
- b) 8 MHz**
- c) 800 MHz**
- d) 8 GHz**

$$a) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{80 \times 10^3} = 3750 \text{ m}$$

$$b) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{8 \times 10^6} = 37.5 \text{ m}$$

$$c) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{800 \times 10^6} = 0.375 \text{ m}$$

$$d) \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{8 \times 10^9} = 3.75 \text{ cm}$$

**3) Calculate the free space wavelength in miles for the frequency of 400 Hz.**

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{400} = 750 \text{ Km} = (750 \text{ km}) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1.609 \text{ km}} \right) = 466 \text{ miles}$$

**4) Calculate the free space wavelength in miles for the frequency of 1.5 kHz.**

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.5 \times 10^3} = 200 \text{ Km} = (200 \text{ km}) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1.609 \text{ km}} \right) = 124 \text{ miles}$$

5) A sinusoidal signal has a free-space wavelength of 80 m. calculate the frequency.

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{80} = 3.75 \text{ MHz}$$

6) A sinusoidal signal has a free-space wavelength of 6 m. calculate the frequency.

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{6} = 50 \text{ MHz}$$

7) A digital signal utilizes pulses whose minimum widths are about 3 ns. Assuming the speed of light, determine the longest lengths of wire-pair that can be allowed based on the 10% rule.

$$t_1 = (0.1)(3 \text{ ns}) = 0.3 \text{ ns}$$

$$d = ct_1 = (3 \times 10^8)(0.3 \times 10^{-9}) = 9 \text{ cm}$$

8) The longest connecting wires in a digital system are about 20 cm. assuming the speed of light, determine the shortest acceptable pulse width based on the 10% rule.

$$d = ct_1 \rightarrow t_1 = \frac{d}{c} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-2}}{3 \times 10^8} = 0.67 \text{ ns}$$

$$\text{Width} = \frac{0.67 \times 10^{-9}}{0.1} = 6.7 \text{ ns}$$

9) A communication system operates a frequency of 800 MHz. Assuming the speed of light, determine the length of connecting line that could be used without considering frequency- domain effects based on the 10% rule.

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{800 \times 10^6} = 0.375 \text{ m}$$

$$d = (0.1)(0.375) = 3.75 \text{ cm}$$

10) The length of a connecting cable between two points in a radio frequency system is 50 cm. Assuming the speed of light, determine the high operating frequency that should be used without considering frequency domain effects based on the 10% rule.

$$\lambda = \frac{d}{0.1} = \frac{50 \times 10^{-2}}{0.1} = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{5} = 60 \text{ MHz}$$

11) In a coil, a current of 100 mA results in magnetic flux of 50  $\mu\text{Wb}$ . Determine the inductance.

$$\text{Inductance} = \frac{\text{flux}}{\text{current}} = \frac{50 \mu\text{Wb}}{100 \text{ mA}} = 500 \mu\text{H}$$

12) A current of 4 mA is flowing in a 20  $\mu\text{H}$  coil. Determine the magnetic flux.

$$\text{Inductance} = \frac{\text{flux}}{\text{current}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{flux} = (\text{current})(\text{Inductance}) = (4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A})(20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H}) = 80 \text{ nWb}$$

13) In a capacitor, a voltage of 20V result in charge storage of 5  $\mu\text{C}$ . determine the capacitance.

$$C = \frac{\text{Charge}}{\text{voltage}} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{20 \text{ V}} = 0.25 \mu\text{F}$$

14) A capacitance of 40  $\mu\text{F}$  is charged to a voltage of 12 V. determine the electric charge.

$$C = \frac{\text{Charge}}{\text{voltage}} \rightarrow \text{charge} = (\text{Capacitance})(\text{voltage}) = (40 \times 10^{-6})(12 \text{ V}) \\ = 0.48 \text{ mC}$$

15) A lossless transmission line has an inductance of 320 nH/m and a capacitance of 57 pF/m. Determine the characteristic impedance.

$$R_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{320 \times 10^{-9} \text{ H/m}}{57 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}}} = 74.93 \Omega$$

16) A lossless transmission line has an inductance of 1.2  $\mu\text{H/m}$  and a capacitance of 15 pF/m. determine the characteristic impedance.

$$R_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m}}{15 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}}} = 282.8 \Omega$$

17) The dielectric constant of mica is 6. Determine the permittivity.

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_o = (6)(8.84 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}) = 5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F/m}$$

18) The permittivity of a material is  $14 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ . determine the dielectric constant.

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_o \rightarrow \epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{14 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}}{8.84 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}} = 1.6$$

19) The permeability of nickel is 800. Determine the actual permeability.

$$\mu = \mu_r \mu_o = (800)(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}) = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ F/m}$$

20) The permeability of a ferromagnetic material is  $10^{-4}$  H/m. Determine the relative permeability.

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} = \frac{10^{-4} \text{ H/m}}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}} = 79.5$$

21) Determine the velocity of propagation of the transmission line of problem 15.

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(320 \times 10^{-9} \text{ H/m})(57 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})}} = 2.34 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

22) Determine the velocity of propagation of the transmission line of problem 16.

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m})(15 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m})}} = 2.36 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

23) The dielectric constant in a transmission line is 4.7, and  $\mu = \mu_0$ . Determine the velocity of propagation.

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{(4.7)}} = 1.38 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

24) The dielectric constant in a certain transmission line is 3, and  $\mu = \mu_0$ . Determine the velocity of propagation.

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{(3)}} = 1.73 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

25) A coaxial cable has the following specification:  $R_o = 73 \Omega$ , and velocity of propagation =  $2.1 \times 10^8$  m/s. Determine L and C.

$$L = \frac{R_o}{v} = \frac{73}{2.1 \times 10^8} = 347.6 \text{ nH}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{R_o v} = \frac{1}{(73)(2.1 \times 10^8)} = 65.2 \text{ pF}$$

26) A transmission line has the following specification:  $R_o = 150 \Omega$ , and velocity factor of 0.8. Determine L and C.

$$L = \frac{R_o}{0.8c} = \frac{150}{0.8(3 \times 10^8)} = 0.625 \text{ } \mu\text{H}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{0.8cR_o} = \frac{1}{(0.8)(3 \times 10^8)(150)} = 27.78 \text{ pF}$$

- 27) The lower end of a commercial AM band is about 550 KHz. AM station use “quarter wave” vertical antenna whose length are  $0.25\lambda$ . Determine the length in meters of a vertical antenna operating at the lower end.

$$0.25\lambda = 0.25 \frac{C}{f} = 0.25 \frac{3 \times 10^8}{550 \times 10^3} = 1.36 \text{ m}$$

- 28) The upper end of a commercial AM band referred to problem 27 is about 1610 KHz. Determine the length in meters of a vertical antenna operating at the upper end.

$$0.25\lambda = 0.25 \frac{C}{f} = 0.25 \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1610 \times 10^3} = 46.6 \text{ m}$$

- 29) One popular single antenna is the “half wave” horizontal antenna whose theoretical length is  $0.5\lambda$  at the operating frequency. In practice, however, the antenna is usually shortened by about 5% due to the end effect. Determine the practical length in meters for a half wave antenna to provide optimum reception at the lower end of the commercial FM band, which is about 88 MHz.

$$0.5\lambda = 0.5 \frac{C}{f} = 0.5 \frac{3 \times 10^8}{88 \times 10^6} = 1.7 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Practical length} = 1.7(1 - 0.05) = 1.619 \text{ m}$$

- 30) Based on the discussion of problem 29, determine the practical length in meters for a half wave antenna to provide optimum reception at the upper end of the FM band, which is 108 MHz.

$$0.5\lambda = 0.5 \frac{C}{f} = 0.5 \frac{3 \times 10^8}{108 \times 10^6} = 1.39 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Practical length} = 1.39(1 - 0.05) = 1.319 \text{ m}$$

- 31) Show that the free space velocity of light in feet/second is very closed to  $982 \times 10^6$  ft/s.

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) (3.28 \text{ ft/m}) = 984 \times 10^6 \text{ ft/s}$$

- 32) Show that the free space wavelength in feet can be expressed as

$$\lambda(\text{ft}) = \frac{982}{f(\text{MHz})}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c(\text{m/s})}{f(\text{Hz})} = \frac{(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(3.28 \text{ ft/m})}{f(\text{Hz})} = \frac{984 \times 10^6 \text{ ft/s}}{f(\text{Hz})} = \frac{984}{f(\text{MHz})}$$