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Preface

This book is intended as a text for a first-year graduate sequence in engineering electromagnetics. Ideally such a sequence provides a transition period during which a student can solidify his or her understanding of fundamental concepts before proceeding to specialized areas of research.

The assumed background of the reader is limited to standard undergraduate topics in physics and mathematics. Worthy of explicit mention are complex arithmetic, vector analysis, ordinary differential equations, and certain topics normally covered in a “signals and systems” course (e.g., convolution and the Fourier transform). Further analytical tools, such as contour integration, dyadic analysis, and separation of variables, are covered in a self-contained mathematical appendix.

The organization of the book is in six chapters. In Chapter 1 we present essential background on the field concept, as well as information related specifically to the electromagnetic field and its sources. Chapter 2 is concerned with a presentation of Maxwell’s theory of electromagnetism. Here attention is given to several useful forms of Maxwell’s equations, the nature of the four field quantities and of the postulate in general, some fundamental theorems, and the wave nature of the time-varying field. The electrostatic and magnetostatic cases are treated in Chapter 3. In Chapter 4 we cover the representation of the field in the frequency domains: both temporal and spatial. Here the behavior of common engineering materials is also given some attention. The use of potential functions is discussed in Chapter 5, along with other field decompositions including the solenoidal–lamellar, transverse–longitudinal, and TE–TM types. Finally, in Chapter 6 we present the powerful integral solution to Maxwell’s equations by the method of Stratton and Chu. A main mathematical appendix near the end of the book contains brief but sufficient treatments of Fourier analysis, vector transport theorems, complex-plane integration, dyadic analysis, and boundary value problems. Several subsidiary appendices provide useful tables of identities, transforms, and so on.

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