

General Analysis of PLANE WAVES (propagating along \hat{n})

(in a simple, lossless, source-free medium)

(\hat{n} = unit vector in an arbitrary direction)

In such a medium, the homogeneous Helmholtz eqn. must be solved to get \bar{E} -phasor (or \bar{H} -phasor) =

$$\nabla^2 \bar{E} + k^2 \bar{E} = 0 \quad (\text{where } k = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon \mu})$$

$$\bar{E} = \hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z \quad (\text{in Cartesian})$$

$$(\text{where } E_x = E_x(x, y, z), E_y = E_y(x, y, z), E_z = E_z(x, y, z))$$

in general, in phasor domain.

yields

$$\nabla^2 (\hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z) + k^2 (\hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_x (\underbrace{\nabla^2 E_x + k^2 E_x}_0) + \hat{a}_y (\underbrace{\nabla^2 E_y + k^2 E_y}_0) + \hat{a}_z (\underbrace{\nabla^2 E_z + k^2 E_z}_0) = \underbrace{0}_{\text{zero vector!}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \nabla^2 E_x(x, y, z) + k^2 E_x(x, y, z) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 E_y(x, y, z) + k^2 E_y(x, y, z) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 E_z(x, y, z) + k^2 E_z(x, y, z) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

} Three scalar Helmholtz Eqn. to be solved (possible in Cartesian coordinates)

Consider the solution of $\nabla^2 E_x + k^2 E_x = 0$.
(solutions for E_y and E_z will be similar)

$$\nabla^2 E_x(x, y, z) + k^2 E_x(x, y, z) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{use the} \\ \text{"separation of} \\ \text{variables" technique!} \end{array} \right\}$$

Let $E_x(x, y, z) = f(x) g(y) h(z)$

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \quad (\text{in Cartesian coordinates only!})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \overbrace{E_x(x, y, z)}^{f(x)g(y)h(z)}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x(x, y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x(x, y, z)}{\partial z^2} + k^2 E_x(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g(y)h(z) \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} + f(x)h(z) \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} + f(x)g(y) \frac{d^2 h(z)}{dz^2} +$$

$$+ k^2 f(x)g(y)h(z) = 0$$

(Divide both sides by $f(x)g(y)h(z)$)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{h(z)} \frac{d^2 h(z)}{dz^2} + k^2 = 0} \quad (*)$$

function of x-only $-k_x^2$ function of y-only $-k_y^2$ function of z-only $-k_z^2$ a constant $k^2 = \omega^2 \epsilon \mu > 0$
(for a given frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$, ϵ and μ .)

Egn. (*) can be satisfied only if each of the terms on the left-hand side equals to some constants.

i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = -k_x^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{f'' + k_x^2 f = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{f(x) = \{ e^{\pm j k_x x} \}}$$

$$\frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} = -k_y^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{g'' + k_y^2 g = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{g(y) = \{ e^{\pm j k_y y} \}}$$

$$\frac{1}{h(z)} \frac{d^2 h(z)}{dz^2} = -k_z^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{h'' + k_z^2 h = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{h(z) = \{ e^{\pm j k_z z} \}}$$

where k_x , k_y and k_z are "Separation Constants" satisfying the "Separation Condition" for the Helmholtz equation

$$\boxed{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon}$$

(follows from egn. (*))

Remember, $E_x(x, y, z) = f(x) g(y) h(z)$

(choosing solutions with (-) signs) $E_x(x, y, z) = A e^{-j k_x x} e^{-j k_y y} e^{-j k_z z}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_x(x, y, z) = A e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)}} \quad (**)$$

where A is an arbitrary constant.

Let's express this solution for $E_x(x,y,z)$ phasor in a compact way by defining the following vector:

Define $\boxed{\bar{k} = k_x \hat{a}_x + k_y \hat{a}_y + k_z \hat{a}_z}$ Propagation vector

$$|\bar{k}| = \sqrt{\bar{k} \cdot \bar{k}} = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}} \right\} \boxed{|\bar{k}| = k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$

But $k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$ (from $*$)

Express \bar{k} as $\bar{k} = \underbrace{|\bar{k}|}_{k} \hat{n}$ (where $\hat{n} = \frac{\bar{k}}{|\bar{k}|}$)

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{k} = k \hat{n}}$ where \hat{n} : unit vector in the direction of propagation vector!

Also remember the definition of "position vector" \bar{r} in Cartesian Coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{r} &= x \hat{a}_x + y \hat{a}_y + z \hat{a}_z \\ \bar{k} &= k_x \hat{a}_x + k_y \hat{a}_y + k_z \hat{a}_z \end{aligned} \right\} \boxed{\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r} = k_x x + k_y y + k_z z}$$

which appears in the complex exponent of solution in $(**)$!

$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_x(x,y,z) = A e^{-j(\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r})}}$ (with $\bar{k} = \hat{n} k = \hat{n} \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$
 $= \hat{n} \frac{\omega}{v}$)

in phasor domain.

Solutions for $E_y(x,y,z)$ and $E_z(x,y,z)$ have the same functional form (they satisfy the same p.d.e.)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{|l} E_y(x,y,z) = B e^{-j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} \\ E_z(x,y,z) = C e^{-j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} \end{array}$$

where B and C are some arbitrary constants.

Now, combine the components E_x , E_y and E_z to form the vector phasor \vec{E} as

$$\vec{E}(x,y,z) = \hat{a}_x E_x(x,y,z) + \hat{a}_y E_y(x,y,z) + \hat{a}_z E_z(x,y,z)$$

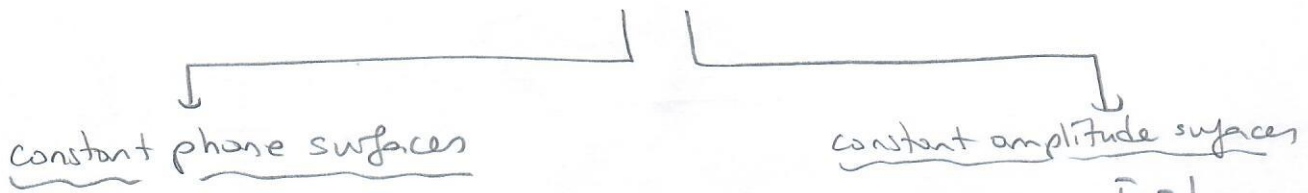
$$\underbrace{\phantom{\hat{a}_x E_x(x,y,z)}}_{A e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}} \quad \underbrace{\phantom{\hat{a}_y E_y(x,y,z)}}_{B e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}} \quad \underbrace{\phantom{\hat{a}_z E_z(x,y,z)}}_{C e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}$$

$$\vec{E}(x,y,z) = \underbrace{(\hat{a}_x A + \hat{a}_y B + \hat{a}_z C)}_{\text{call } \vec{E}_0 = \text{constant amplitude vector}} e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E}(x,y,z) = \vec{E}_0 e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}$$

Note that $\bar{E}(x,y,z) = \bar{E}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}$ phasor belongs

to a uniform plane wave (u.p.w) solution because



phase = $\angle \bar{E} = -\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r} = \text{constant}$
 $\Rightarrow S(x,y,z) = k_x x + k_y y + k_z z = \text{const.}$
equation of a plane!

\Rightarrow plane wave (p.w) solution!

(Also, $\bar{\nabla} S(x,y,z) = \hat{a}_x k_x + \hat{a}_y k_y + \hat{a}_z k_z \triangleq \bar{k} = k\hat{n}$
 \downarrow
 \perp to "const. phase planes")

constant amplitude surfaces
 $|\bar{E}| = |\bar{E}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}|$
 $= |\bar{E}_0| \underbrace{|e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}|}_{1 \text{ (complex exponential)}}$

$|\bar{E}| = |\bar{E}_0| = \text{constant}$

(as $\bar{E}_0 = A\hat{a}_x + B\hat{a}_y + C\hat{a}_z$)
 \downarrow
 const. vector

\Rightarrow Magnitude of \bar{E} -phasor is constant everywhere (independent of x,y,z) including the "constant phase planes". Therefore, the solution is a uniform plane wave (u.p.w.) indeed.

Fact: $\bar{E} \perp \hat{n}$ for this u.p.w. solution in a simple, lossless, source-free medium.

Proof: Start with $\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{D} = \rho_v$ where $\bar{D} = \epsilon \bar{E}$ with ϵ being a constant

$\Rightarrow \bar{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon \bar{E}) = \epsilon \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{E} = 0$ where $\bar{E} = \underbrace{\bar{E}_0}_{\text{a vector}} \underbrace{e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}}_{\text{a scalar}}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{E}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}) = 0$ [Using $\bar{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{A} a) = (\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{A}) a + \bar{A} \cdot (\bar{\nabla} a)$
 \downarrow vector \downarrow scalar function]

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{E}_0)}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}} + \bar{E}_0 \cdot [\bar{\nabla} (e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}})] = 0$
 as \bar{E}_0 is a constant vector

where $\nabla(e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}) = \nabla(e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)})$

$$= \left(\hat{a}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{a}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{a}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) e^{-j k_x x - j k_y y - j k_z z}$$

$$= -j e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} (\hat{a}_x k_x + \hat{a}_y k_y + \hat{a}_z k_z)$$

\vec{k} (by definition)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla(e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}) = -j\vec{k} e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{E}_0 \cdot \nabla(e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}) = \vec{E}_0 \cdot [-j\vec{k} e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}] = 0$$

(as $\vec{k} = k\hat{n}$)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{k} = 0} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\vec{E}_0 \cdot \hat{n} = 0}$$

That means $\boxed{\vec{E}_0 \perp \hat{n}}$ or $\boxed{\vec{E} \perp \hat{n}}$ (as $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$)

$\therefore \vec{E}$ -vector is perpendicular to the direction of propagation!

Let's now obtain the \vec{H} -phasor corresponding to $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$

Using $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}$ in phasor domain ($\vec{B} = \mu\vec{H}$ in this case)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times [\vec{E}_0 e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}]$$

$$\underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{E}_0) e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}_{\vec{0}} - \vec{E}_0 \times \underbrace{\nabla(e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}})}_{-j\vec{k} e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}$$

(using $\nabla \times (\vec{A}a) = (\nabla \times \vec{A})a - \vec{A} \times \nabla a$)

Then, we have

$$\bar{H} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \left[+j \bar{E}_0 \times \bar{k} e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}} \right] \quad \bar{k} = k\hat{n} \quad \text{and} \quad k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$

$$\bar{H} = -\frac{1}{\omega\mu} \underbrace{(\bar{E}_0 \times \hat{n})}_{-\hat{n} \times \bar{E}_0} \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}} \quad \left(\text{where } \frac{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}{\omega\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu}} \right)$$

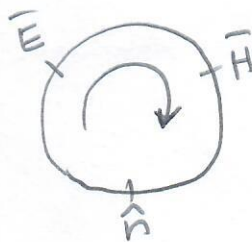
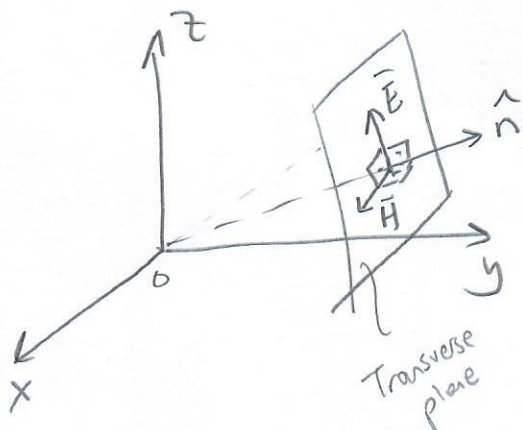
$$\bar{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu}} \hat{n} \times \underbrace{\bar{E}_0}_{\bar{E}} e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu}} = \frac{1}{\eta} \rightarrow \text{intrinsic impedance of the medium}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{n} \times \bar{E}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{H} \perp \hat{n}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\bar{H} \perp \bar{E}} \quad \left(\text{because of the cross product} \right)$$

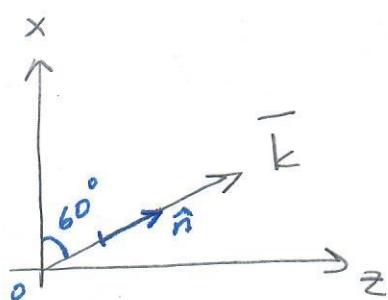
(with $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$)
(in ohms)

$$\boxed{\bar{H} \cdot \hat{n} = 0} \quad \boxed{\bar{E} \cdot \bar{H} = 0}$$

Conclusion: \bar{E} , \bar{H} and \hat{n} vectors are mutually perpendicular to each other obeying the right hand cyclic relation.



Example-1: A u.p.w. (uniform plane wave) is propagating in free space with $f = 3 \text{ GHz}$ and its propagation vector \vec{k} lies in the $(x-z)$ plane making an angle of 60° with the x -axis. Express the \vec{E} and \vec{H} phasors for the u.p.w. mathematically.



free space $\Rightarrow (\epsilon_0, \mu_0), \sigma=0$, source-free case

u.p.w $\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}$

where \vec{E}_0 is a constant vector (may be complex-valued)

and $\vec{k} = k \hat{n}$: propagation vector

$$\underline{k} = |\vec{k}| = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi f}{c} = \frac{2\pi \times 3 \times 10^9}{3 \times 10^8} = \underline{20\pi} \text{ (rad/m)}$$

$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} = \frac{\vec{k}}{k}$
unit vector in the dir. of propagation

Here \vec{k} and hence \hat{n} lies on the (x, z) plane

$$\Rightarrow \hat{n} = \underbrace{n_x}_{\cos 60^\circ} \hat{a}_x + \underbrace{n_z}_{\sin 60^\circ = \cos 30^\circ} \hat{a}_z$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{n} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{a}_z}$$

Check that $|\hat{n}| = 1 \checkmark$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k} = k \hat{n} = 20\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{a}_z \right) \text{ rad/m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = 20\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{a}_z \right) \cdot (x \hat{a}_x + y \hat{a}_y + z \hat{a}_z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = 10\pi (x + \sqrt{3} z) \text{ (radian)}}$$

So, we know $e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$ term now.

Next, we should try to determine \bar{E}_0 constant vector:

$$\bar{E}_0 = E_{0x} \hat{a}_x + E_{0y} \hat{a}_y + E_{0z} \hat{a}_z \quad \text{in general.}$$

For a u.p.w., we know that $\bar{E} \perp \bar{k}$

$$\text{As } \bar{k} = k \hat{n} \Rightarrow \bar{E} \perp \hat{n} \Rightarrow \bar{E} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{E}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}}) \cdot \hat{n} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{E}_0 \cdot \hat{n} = 0} \text{ must hold.}$$

$$\Rightarrow (E_{0x} \hat{a}_x + E_{0y} \hat{a}_y + E_{0z} \hat{a}_z) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{a}_z \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} E_{0x} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} E_{0z} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{E_{0x} = -\sqrt{3} E_{0z}}$$

must be satisfied

E_{0y} can be chosen arbitrarily.

$$\text{Let } \left. \begin{array}{l} E_{0z} = A \\ E_{0y} = B \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{E}_0 = -\sqrt{3} A \hat{a}_x + B \hat{a}_y + A \hat{a}_z}$$

(Constants A and B could be determined if additional information was provided.)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{E} = \bar{E}_0 e^{-j\bar{k} \cdot \bar{r}} = (-\sqrt{3} A \hat{a}_x + B \hat{a}_y + A \hat{a}_z) e^{-j10\pi(x + \sqrt{3}z)}} \quad (\text{V/m})$$

As we consider a u.p.w., \bar{H} phasor can be found

by using $\boxed{\bar{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{n} \times \bar{E}}$ where $\boxed{\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 120 \pi \text{ (ohms)}}$
in free space.

(55)

$$\bar{H} = \frac{1}{120\pi} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ n_x & n_y & n_z \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} = \frac{e^{-j10\pi(x+\sqrt{3}z)}}{120\pi} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\sqrt{3}A & B & A \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{H} = \frac{1}{120\pi} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} B \hat{a}_x - 2A \hat{a}_y + \frac{B}{2} \hat{a}_z \right) e^{-j10\pi(x+\sqrt{3}z)} \quad (A/m)$$

Note: \bar{H} may also be found from the Maxwell's

Law: $\nabla \times \bar{E} = -j\omega\mu_0 \bar{H}$ (Faraday's Law in phasor domain)

Do this as an exercise!

Example 2. If the given electromagnetic wave is a superposition of two or more uniform plane waves, you may proceed as follows: for example, let

$$\vec{E} = \hat{a}_x E_{01} e^{+jkz} + \hat{a}_y E_{02} e^{-jkx}$$

where $k = 2\pi f \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$, E_{01} and E_{02} are some real constants

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \underbrace{\hat{a}_x E_{01} e^{+jkz}}_{\vec{E}_1} + \underbrace{\hat{a}_y E_{02} e^{-jkx}}_{\vec{E}_2} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$$

First u.p.w. propagating
in $\hat{n}_1 = -\hat{a}_z$ direction

Second u.p.w. propagating
in $\hat{n}_2 = +\hat{a}_x$ direction

$$\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{r} = -kz$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k}_1 = -k\hat{a}_z}$$

$$\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{r} = kx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k}_2 = k\hat{a}_x}$$

(by fitting the exponential parts above to $e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$ form)

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \text{Real} \left\{ \vec{E}(\vec{r}) e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{a}_x E_{01} e^{j(\omega t + kz)} + \hat{a}_y E_{02} e^{j(\omega t - kx)} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \hat{a}_x E_{01} \cos(\omega t + kz) + \hat{a}_y E_{02} \cos(\omega t - kx)}$$

to keep $\omega t + kz = \text{constant}$
as t increases $\Rightarrow z$ must decrease
 \Rightarrow propagation in $-\hat{a}_z$ dir.

$\omega t - kx = \text{constant}$
as t increases $\Rightarrow x$ must also increase
 \Rightarrow propagation in $+\hat{a}_x$ dir.

To find $\bar{H}(\bar{r})$ corresponding to the given $\bar{E}(\bar{r})$,

(i) You may use $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{E} = -j\omega\mu\bar{H}$ (Maxwell Eqn. in phasor domain)

$$\Rightarrow \bar{H} = \frac{1}{-j\omega\mu} \bar{\nabla} \times [\hat{a}_x E_{01} e^{jkz} + \hat{a}_y E_{02} e^{-jkx}] \quad (*)$$

(ii) Or, you may apply the $\bar{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{n} \times \bar{E}$ rule to each individual u.p.w separately. Namely, compute

$$\bar{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{n}_1 \times \bar{E}_1$$

$$\bar{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\eta} (-\hat{a}_z) \times \hat{a}_x E_{01} e^{jkz}$$

$$\bar{H}_1 = -\hat{a}_y \frac{E_{01}}{\eta} e^{jkz}$$

$$\bar{H}_2 = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{n}_2 \times \bar{E}_2$$

$$\bar{H}_2 = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{a}_x \times \hat{a}_y E_{02} e^{-jkx}$$

$$\bar{H}_2 = \hat{a}_z \frac{E_{02}}{\eta} e^{-jkx}$$

Then superpose \bar{H}_1 and \bar{H}_2

$$\bar{H} = \bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_2$$

$$\bar{H} = -\hat{a}_y \frac{E_{01}}{\eta} e^{jkz} + \hat{a}_z \frac{E_{02}}{\eta} e^{-jkx}$$

Check that this result can be obtained from (*)

above after performing the curl operation and

using $k = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$.