

1. In this part, we shall first fill the derivation details of section 6.13 (Hertz vectors).

We start from the macroscopic relations

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} + \mu_0 \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \quad (1)$$

Since

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

we can write

$$\mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \Phi \quad (3)$$

Then

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\epsilon \nabla^2 \Phi - \epsilon \frac{\partial (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} && \Rightarrow \\ \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} - \mu_0 \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}}) &= \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}}) && \Rightarrow \\ \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} &= \mu \epsilon \left[-\nabla \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} \right] + \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}}}{\partial t} && \Rightarrow \\ \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + \nabla \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) &= \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

If we adopt the Lorenz gauge

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (6)$$

(4) and (5) take the standard wave equation form

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \quad (7)$$

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \quad (8)$$

Now introduce two vector polarization potentials $\mathbf{\Pi}_e, \mathbf{\Pi}_m$, such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{\Pi}_e}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{\Pi}_m \quad (9)$$

$$\Phi = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi}_e \quad (10)$$

Replacing (10) into (7) and (9) into (8), we have

$$\nabla \cdot \left[-\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e + \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \right] = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e - \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \right] = \mu_0 \nabla \times \left[-\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_m}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_m + \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \right] \quad (12)$$

We can identify the bracket of (11) as a curl, i.e.,

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{\Pi}_e = \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} - \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{V} \quad (13)$$

which turns (12) into

$$-\mu_0 \nabla \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \nabla \times \left[-\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_m}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \Pi_m + \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \right] \quad (14)$$

This means the bracket on the RHS of (14) differs $-\partial \mathbf{V} / \partial t$ by a gradient of a scalar field, i.e.,

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_m}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi_m - \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \nabla \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \quad (15)$$

In the next part (problem 6.23), we will prove \mathbf{V} and ξ are arbitrary up to a gauge transform, hence we can set them to zero, which will turn (13) and (15) into the standard wave function form

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_e}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi_e = \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \quad (16)$$

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_m}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi_m = \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \quad (17)$$

In combination with (3), (9), (10), we can write the fields

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla (\nabla \cdot \Pi_e) - \mu \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_e}{\partial t^2} - \mu_0 \nabla \times \frac{\partial \Pi_m}{\partial t} \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \nabla \times \frac{\partial \Pi_e}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times (\nabla \times \Pi_m) \quad (19)$$

In addition, in places where $\mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} = 0$, we can combine (16) and (18) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla (\nabla \cdot \Pi_e) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla^2 \Pi_e - \mu_0 \nabla \times \frac{\partial \Pi_m}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \Pi_e) - \mu_0 \nabla \times \frac{\partial \Pi_m}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

which has similar form as (19).

2. Prob 6.23

(a) With the transformation

$$\Pi'_e = \Pi_e + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{G} - \nabla g \quad (21)$$

$$\Pi'_m = \Pi_m - \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial t} \quad (22)$$

where \mathbf{G}, g satisfy

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{G}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{V} + \nabla \xi}{\mu} \quad (23)$$

$$\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 g = 0 \quad (24)$$

let's calculate the wave equation form (13), (15) for Π'_e and Π'_m .

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi'_e}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi'_e &= \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\Pi_e + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{G} - \nabla g) - \nabla^2 (\Pi_e + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{G} - \nabla g) \\ &= \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_e}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi_e + \mu_0 \nabla \times \left(\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{G}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{G} \right) - \nabla \left(\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 g \right) \\ &= \mathbf{P}_{\text{ext}} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi'_m}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi'_m &= \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left(\Pi_m - \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial t} \right) - \nabla^2 \left(\Pi_m - \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_m}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Pi_m - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{G}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{G} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{M}_{\text{ext}} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

I.e., the transformed Π_e, Π_m satisfy the wave equation with $\mathbf{V} = 0, \xi = 0$.

(b) With the transform $\Pi_e \rightarrow \Pi'_e, \Pi_m \rightarrow \Pi'_m$, by (9), the vector potential is going to transform from $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}'$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A}' &= \mu \frac{\partial \Pi'_e}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times \Pi'_m \\
 &= \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\Pi_e + \mu_0 \nabla \times \mathbf{G} - \nabla g) + \mu_0 \nabla \times \left(\Pi_m - \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial t} \right) \\
 &= \mu \frac{\partial \Pi_e}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \nabla \times \Pi_m - \nabla \left(\mu \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right) \\
 &= \mathbf{A} - \nabla \left(\mu \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right) = \mathbf{A} + \nabla \Lambda
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

which is a gauge transform with gauge $\Lambda = -\mu \partial g / \partial t$.