

B38EM Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism

Lecture 8

Electromagnetic Waves

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Outline & Outcomes

- Recap
- Displacement current and Potential functions
- Nonhomogeneous wave equations
- Homogeneous vector wave equations
- Non-homogenous Helmholtz equations
- Homogenous vector Helmholtz equations

Recap

- Electric charges at rest (electrostatics)
- Steady electric currents – electrons in motion
- Magnetostatic fields
- Electromagnetic induction

Recap

Gauss's Law: Electric Field

In summary:

$$\iint_S d\Psi = \iint_S D_n dS = \Psi = Q$$

To put Gauss's Theorem in words:

The electric flux emanating from a closed surface is equal to the charge within.

Recap

Gauss's Law: Magnetic Field

In summary:

$$\iint_S d\Phi = \iint_S B_n dS = \Phi = 0$$

Application of Gauss theorem for magnetic fields.
Since there is no free magnetic charge

The magnetic flux emanating from a closed surface is equal to zero.

Recap

Ampere's Law

The *line integral* of the magnetic field strength round a closed path is equal to the current flowing through the closed loop.

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I = \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Recap

Faraday's Law

The induced electromotive force (EMF) in any closed circuit is equal to the time rate of change of the magnetic flux through the circuit.

$$EMF = -\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

Recap

$$\iint_S d\mathcal{V} = \iint_S D_n dS = \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\iint_S d\Phi = \iint_S B_n dS = \Phi = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I = \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Displacement Current

$$\iint_S d\Psi = \iint_S D_n dS = \Psi = Q$$

$$\iint_S d\Phi = \iint_S B_n dS = \Phi = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I + \frac{\Delta\Psi}{\Delta t}$$

Displacement Current

Why is it important?

Assume free space (no free charge)

$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

A variation in the magnetic field, causes an electric field.

A variation in the electric field, causes a magnetic field.

An EM disturbance propagates: EM waves in free space.

Maxwell's Equations

Example:

An AC voltage source of amplitude V_0 and angular frequency ω , $v_c = V_0 \sin \omega t$, is connected across a parallel-plate capacitor C_1 .

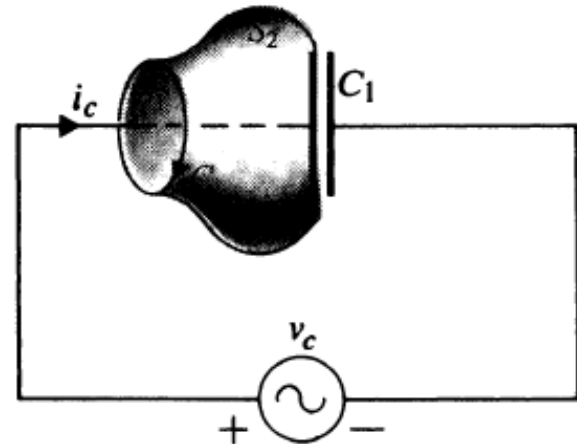
(a) Verify that the displacement current in the capacitor is the same as the conduction current in the wires.

(b) Determine the magnetic field intensity at a distance r from the wire.

Solutions:

(a) Conduction current:

Displacement current:



(b) Choose different surfaces lead to same result

Maxwell's Equations

Example:

Solution:

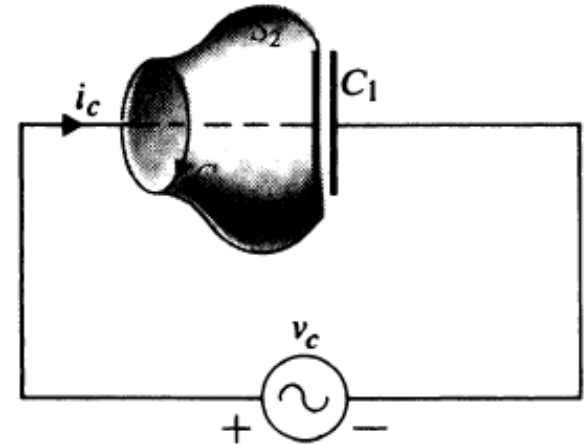
a) Conduction current:

$$i_c = C_1 \frac{dv_c}{dt} = C_1 V_0 \omega \cos \omega t \quad (\text{A})$$

Displacement current:

$$\begin{aligned} i_d &= \frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{d(\vec{D} \cdot \vec{A})}{dt} = \frac{d(\epsilon E A)}{dt} = \epsilon A \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \frac{dv_c}{dt} \\ &= C_1 V_0 \omega \cos \omega t \quad (\text{A}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Thus, if we want to calculate H_ϕ , it does not matter what surface we choose, using Ampere's Law, we always get the same result.



Maxwell's Equations

Name	Integral equations	Differential equations
Gauss's law	$\oiint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho dV$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$
Gauss's law for magnetism	$\oiint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$
Maxwell–Faraday equation (Faraday's law of induction)	$\oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$
Ampère's circuital law (with Maxwell's addition)	$\oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{J} + \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$

Charge conservation equation $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$

Lorentz equation $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$

Maxwell's Equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t},$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0.$$

Not all independent

12 unknowns

12 scalar equations

Constituent relations

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B} / \mu$$

Maxwell's Equations

Integral form

In a physical environment we must deal with finite objects of specified shape and boundaries.

Take the surface integral of both sides of the Curl equations over an open surface S with a contour C and apply Stokes' theorem.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \int_S \left(\mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{s}.$$

Maxwell's Equations

Integral form

Taking the volume integral of both sides of the divergence equations over a volume V with a closed surface S and using divergence theorem

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_V \rho \, dv$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

Maxwell's Equations

Potential functions

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (F_x, F_y, F_z)$$

You can prove: $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

A: vector magnetic potential

Substitute into Faradays' Law $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mathbf{B})$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$

$$\nabla \times \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = -\nabla V$$

Maxwell's Equations

Potential functions

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad (V/m)$$

In the static case, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$ and above equation reduces to $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$

For time-varying fields, \mathbf{E} depends on both V and \mathbf{A} .

\mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} are coupled.

Maxwell's Equations

Nonhomogeneous wave equations for vector potential \mathbf{A}

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

Nonhomogeneous wave equations for scalar potential V

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

Maxwell's Equations

Electromagnetic Boundary Conditions

It is necessary to know the boundary conditions for \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{D} , \mathbf{H} , and \mathbf{B} in order to solve the electromagnetic problems in contiguous regions.

For **curl equations**, apply the integral form to a flat closed path at a boundary with top and bottom sides in the two touching media yielding the boundary conditions for *the tangential components*

For **divergence equations**, apply the integral form to a shallow pillbox at an interface with top and bottom surface yielding the boundary conditions for *the normal components*

Maxwell's Equations

Electromagnetic Boundary Conditions

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad E_{1t} = E_{2t}$$

The tangential component of an E field is continuous across an interface.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I + \int_s \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{a}} \times (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) = \mathbf{J}_s$$

The tangential component of an H field is discontinuous across an interface if a surface current exists.

Maxwell's Equations

Electromagnetic Boundary Conditions

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \oint_s \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) = \rho_s$$

The normal component of a D field is discontinuous across an interface if a surface charge exists.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \oint_s \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad B_{1n} = B_{2n}$$

The normal component of a B field is continuous across an interface.

Maxwell's Equations

Electromagnetic Boundary Conditions

When $\rho_s = 0$ $J_s = 0$

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \rightarrow \frac{D_{1t}}{D_{2t}} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$

$$H_{1t} = H_{2t} \rightarrow \frac{B_{1t}}{B_{2t}} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}$$

$$D_{1n} = D_{2n} \rightarrow \epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}$$

$$B_{1n} = B_{2n} \rightarrow \mu_1 H_{1n} = \mu_2 H_{2n}$$

Maxwell's Equations

Wave equations

For given charge ρ and current distribution \mathbf{J} , first find A and V , then calculate \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} .

$$\nabla^2 A - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} = -\mu\mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Source of \mathbf{E} : (1) charges (static or varying); (2) varying magnetic field.

Source of \mathbf{B} : electric current (free electron or varying polarised charges).

Maxwell's Equations

Wave equations

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Delta f = \nabla^2 f = \nabla \cdot \nabla f$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta f &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (rf) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2}\end{aligned}$$

Assume a point charge at time t , $\rho(t)\Delta v$, at the origin of a spherical coordinate, and at a location rather than the origin we have

$$\frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \right) - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Introduce: $U(R, t) = R \cdot V(R, t)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial R^2} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

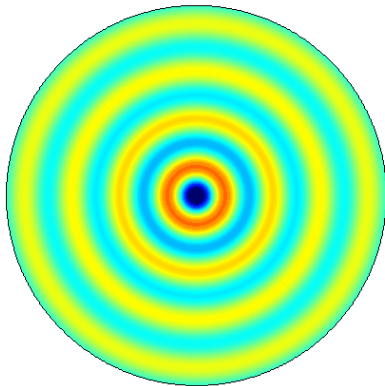
One-dimensional homogeneous wave equation

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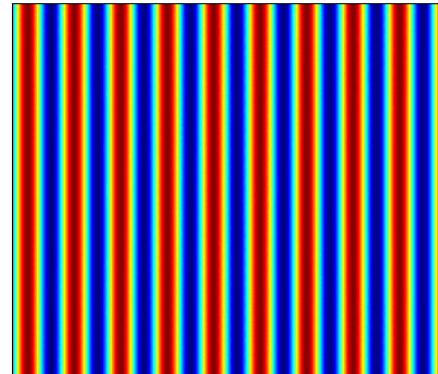
Wave equations

Variable transformation

$$V(R, t)$$



$$U(R, t)$$



$$V \cdot R = U$$

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Wave equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial R^2} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Any twice differentiable function of $(t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$ or $(t + R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$ is a solution of the wave equation.

We only select a function of $(t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$.

$$U(R, t) = f(t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$$

$$U(R + \Delta R, t + \Delta t) = f(t + \Delta t - (R + \Delta R)\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$$

If $\Delta t = \Delta R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ the function remains the same.

The wave propagates along positive R direction at a speed of $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$

$$V = \frac{1}{R} f(t - R/u)$$

Maxwell's Equations

Wave equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial R^2} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad U(R, t) = f(t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}) \quad V = \frac{1}{R} f(t - R/u)$$

Electric potential due to a charge distribution over a volume V'

$$V(R, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho(t - R/u)}{R} dv' \quad (V)$$

Retarded scalar potential.

Thus, we cannot take $f(t + R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon})$ solutions as they are physically impossible.

Maxwell's Equations

Wave equations

Similarly,

Magnetic vector potential due to a current distribution over a volume V'

$$\mathbf{A}(R, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\mathbf{J}(t - R/u)}{R} dv' \quad (\text{Wb/m})$$

Retarded vector potential.

It takes time for electromagnetic waves to travel and to be felt at a distance.

Maxwell's Equations

Source-free wave equations

$$\rho = 0, \text{ and } \mathbf{J} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}, & \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = -\mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}, & \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0, & \Downarrow \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0. & \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} &= 0;\end{aligned}$$

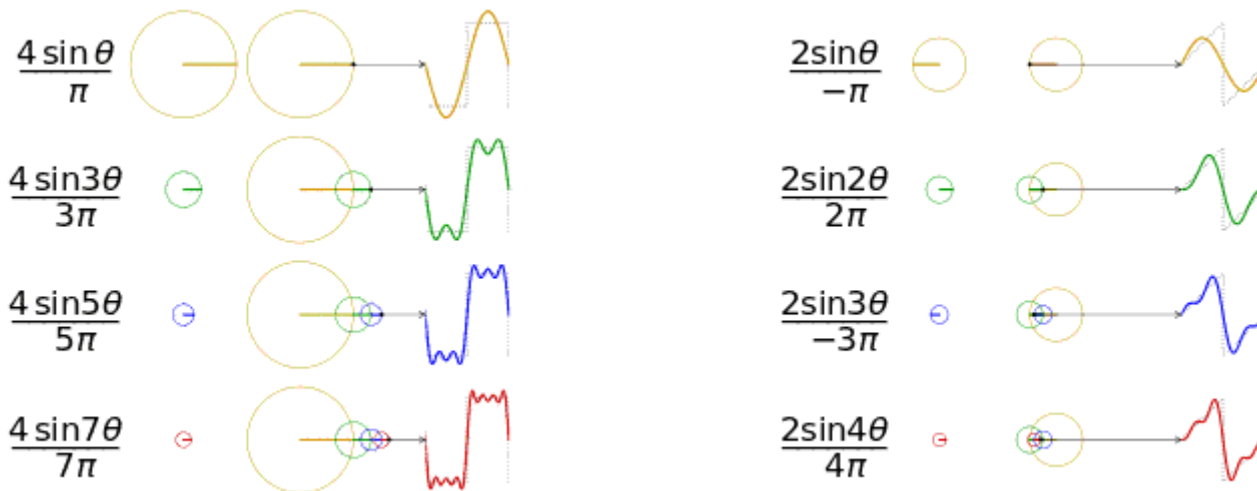
Homogeneous vector wave equations

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0. \quad \nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

Maxwell's Equations

Time-Harmonic Fields

- Arbitrary periodic time functions can be expanded into Fourier series of harmonic sinusoidal components
- Sinusoidal time variations of source functions will produce sinusoidal variations of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} with the same frequency



Maxwell's Equations

Phasors

$$i(t) = I \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

amplitude, frequency, and phase

Not convenient for differentiation or integration

Example:

A series RLC circuit with an applied voltage $v(t) = V \cos(\omega t)$

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + \frac{1}{C} \int i dt = v(t)$$

$$I \left[-\omega L \sin(\omega t + \phi) + R \cos(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{1}{\omega C} \sin(\omega t + \phi) \right] = V \cos(\omega t)$$

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Phasors

Now

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \text{Re}\left(j\omega I_s e^{j(\omega t + \phi)}\right)$$

$$\int i dt = \text{Re}\left(\frac{I_s}{j\omega} e^{j(\omega t + \phi)}\right)$$

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + \frac{1}{C} \int i dt = v(t)$$

\Downarrow

$$\left[R + j\left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right) \right] I_s \cdot e^{j\phi} = V_s$$

Phasor: $I_s \cdot e^{j\phi}$

Maxwell's Equations

Time-harmonic electromagnetics

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z, t) = \text{Re} \left[\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) e^{j\omega t} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{H}(x, y, z, t) = \text{Re} \left[\mathbf{H}(x, y, z) e^{j\omega t} \right]$$

Time-harmonic Maxwell's equations in simple medium

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \rho/\epsilon, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Maxwell's Equations

Time-harmonic electromagnetics

Non-homogenous wave equations

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\nabla^2 V + k^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

Non-homogenous Helmholtz equations

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

Wavenumber: $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{\omega}{u}$

Maxwell's Equations

Time-harmonic electromagnetics

Non-homogenous Helmholtz equations

$$\nabla^2 V + k^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

\Downarrow

$$V(R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho e^{-jkR}}{R} dv'$$

$$\mathbf{A}(R) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{v'} \frac{\mathbf{J} e^{-jkR}}{R} dv'$$

Formal procedure to determine \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} due harmonic charges and currents

1. Find phasors $V(R)$ and $\mathbf{A}(R)$
2. Find phasors $\mathbf{E}(R) = -\nabla V - j\omega \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}(R) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$.
3. Find instantaneous $\mathbf{E}(R, t) = \Re e[\mathbf{E}(R)e^{j\omega t}]$ and $\mathbf{B}(R, t) = \Re e[\mathbf{B}(R)e^{j\omega t}]$ for a cosine reference.

Maxwell's Equations

Time-harmonic electromagnetics (source-free)

$$\rho = 0, \text{ and } \mathbf{J} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H},$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0.$$

\Rightarrow

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H},$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0.$$

Homogenous vector wave equations

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

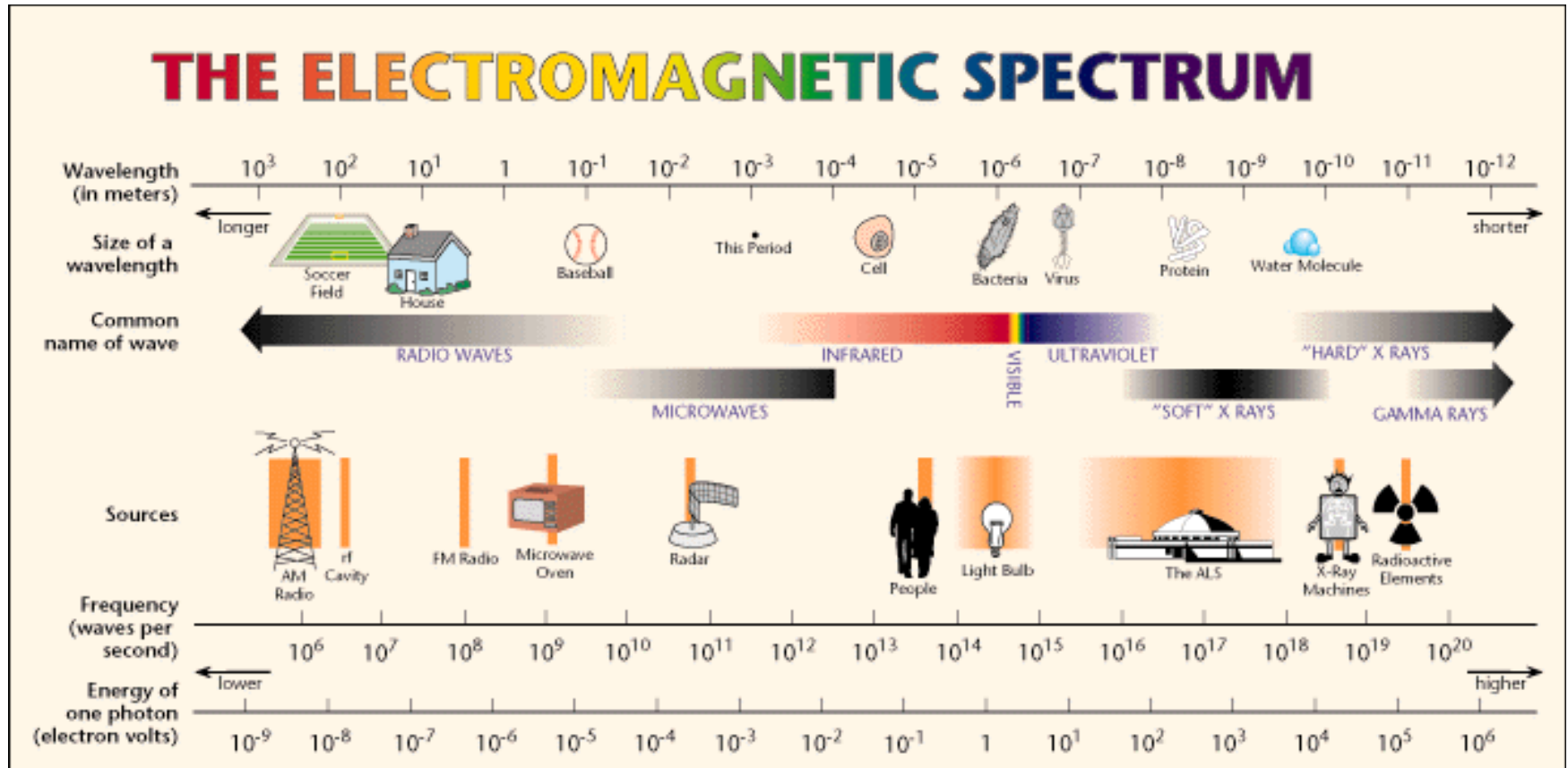
Homogenous vector Helmholtz equations

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + k^2 \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} + k^2 \mathbf{H} = 0,$$

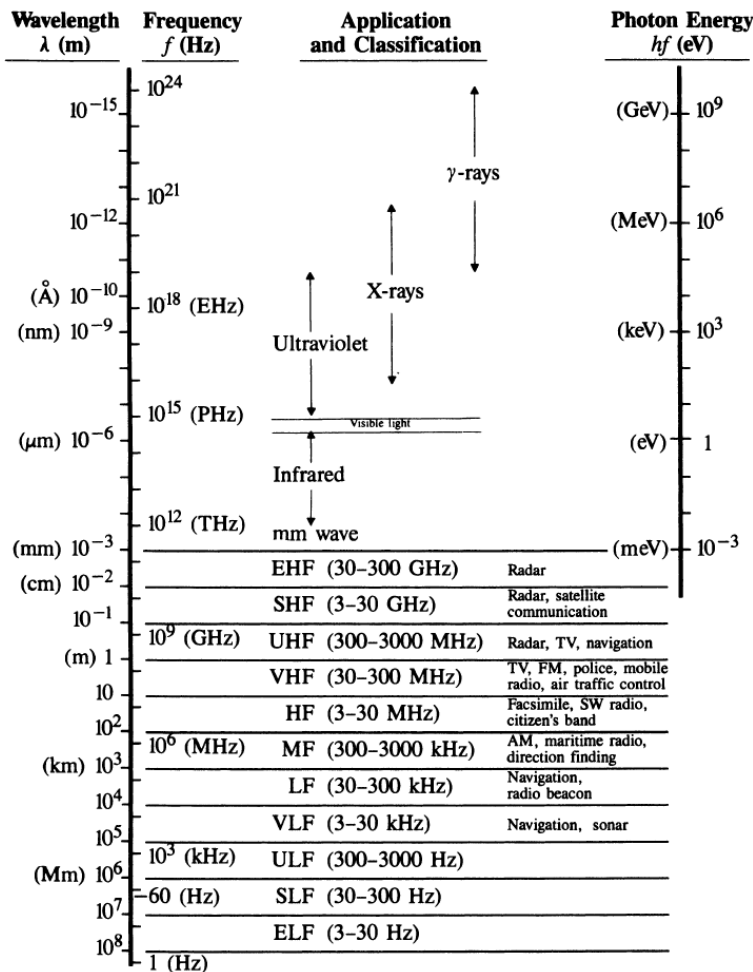
Maxwell's Equations

The electromagnetics spectrum



Maxwell's Equations

The electromagnetics spectrum



Band Designations for Microwave Frequency Ranges

Old†	New	Frequency Ranges (GHz)
Ka	K	26.5–40
K	K	20–26.5
K	J	18–20
Ku	J	12.4–18
X	J	10–12.4
X	I	8–10
C	H	6–8
C	G	4–6
S	F	3–4
S	E	2–3
L	D	1–2
UHF	C	0.5–1