

0.1 Full FDTD for the 3D Case

- again start with maxwells

- currents J_x, J_y, J_z were added as they are necessary for voltage and current sources
- also anisotropy is possible as permittivity, permeability and conductivity no can vary depending on direction

$$\partial_y E_z - \partial_z E_y = -\mu_x \partial_t H_x \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_z E_x - \partial_x E_z = -\mu_y \partial_t H_y \quad (2)$$

$$\partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x = -\mu_z \partial_t H_z \quad (3)$$

$$\partial_y H_z - \partial_z H_y = \varepsilon_x \partial_t E_x + \sigma_x E_x + J_x \quad (4)$$

$$\partial_z H_x - \partial_x H_z = \varepsilon_y \partial_t E_y + \sigma_y E_y + J_y \quad (5)$$

$$\partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x = \varepsilon_z \partial_t E_z + \sigma_z E_z + J_z \quad (6)$$

The operator ∂_x is a shorthand for the partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$.

- no terms are going to be dropped now
- since form of eqn 1-3 and 4-6 are similar, well only do 1 and 4 and then transfer those results
- the grid will look like this now (add grid and coordinate system indication = left-handed system here)
- node is indicated by a 3-tuple (i,j,k) where x..., y..., z...
- to make the following expressions shorter i,j,k (current node) are taken as default parameters, only the relevant differing parameters are written out, e.g. i+1, j+1, or k+1
- E(i,j,k) becomes E, E(i,j+1,k) would become E(j+1)
- now for equation 1, after discretization

$$\frac{E_z^{n+1/2}(j+1) - E_z^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{E_y^{n+1/2}(k+1) - E_y^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} = -\mu_x \frac{H_x^{n+1} - H_x^n}{\Delta t} \quad (7)$$

- rearranging to the desired ...

$$H_z^{n+1} = H_z^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_x \Delta y} \left(E_z^{n+1/2}(j+1) - E_z^{n+1/2} \right) + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_x \Delta z} \left(E_y^{n+1/2}(k+1) - E_y^{n+1/2} \right) \quad (8)$$

- in turn for equation 4, after discretization

$$\frac{H_z^n(j+1) - H_z^n}{\Delta y} - \frac{H_y^n(k+1) - H_y^n}{\Delta z} = \varepsilon_x \frac{E_x^{n+1/2} - E_x^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t} + \sigma_x \frac{E_x^{n+1/2} - E_x^{n-1/2}}{2} + J_x \quad (9)$$

- rearranging to ...

$$E_x^{n+1/2} = E_x^{n+1/2} + \frac{2\Delta t}{2\varepsilon_x + \Delta t \sigma_x} \left(\frac{H_z^n(j+1) - H_z^n}{\Delta y} - \frac{H_y^n(k+1) - H_y^n}{\Delta z} - J_x \right) \quad (10)$$

- write out the results for all 6 equations
- cfl condition

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{c \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{1}{(\Delta y)^2} + \frac{1}{(\Delta z)^2}}} \quad (11)$$

- cell size, depends on simulation wavelength (chosen frequency), as general high-frequency principle no dimension of cell size should be larger than one tenth of wavelength
- example 2.4ghz leads to 12.5cm wavelength
- therefore 1.25 cell size is ok

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{c \sqrt{\frac{3}{(1.25cm)^2}}} = \frac{1.25cm}{\sqrt{3}c} \approx 24ps \quad (12)$$

0.2 Simulations

- i won't write any matlab scripts for this one, would be a waste of effort
 - instead, head to next note on building the grid
 - from that point, focus should be spent on implementing a functioning toolchain
 - toolchain consists of: parametric modeller, grid builder, simulator, result visualizer
 - none of these need to be fancy, parametric modeller only needs to export some boxes for a start, grid builder needs problem configuration and putting in a source, e.g. voltage source, simulator should probably be in grid builder, result visualizer should provide a good way of judging vector fields (plane cuts and 3D view with many lines, thickness/color depends on magnitude or something)