

Problem Set 2: Phys 256 Fall 2012

Total marks:91

1) Do 3.7a), b) and c) The wave has a wavelength of 550nm. In part d), write $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$ and $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$. Assume that the fields are zero at $y=0$ and $t=0$.

a) $c = v\lambda$, so $v = c/\lambda = (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (550 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) = 5.45 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ 2 MARKS

b) $\omega = 2\pi v = 2\pi(5.45 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) = 3.43 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}$ 2 MARKS

$k = 2\pi/\lambda = 2\pi/(550 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) = 1.14 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$ 2 MARKS

c) $E_0 = cB_0$, $B_0 = E_0/c = (600 \text{ V/m}) / (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$ 2 MARKS NOTE $1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ Vs/m}^2$

d) $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E(y, t) = \vec{E}_0 \sin(ky - \omega t + \epsilon)$; $E(0, 0) = 0 = E_0 \sin(\epsilon)$; $\epsilon = 0$;

$E(y, t) = (600 \text{ V/m}) \hat{k} \sin((1.14 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1})y - (3.43 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s})t)$ 2 MARKS

$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = B(y, t) = \vec{B}_0 \sin(ky - \omega t + \epsilon)$; $B(0, 0) = 0 = B_0 \sin(\epsilon)$; $\epsilon = 0$;

$B(y, t) = (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}) \hat{i} \sin((1.14 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1})y - (3.43 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s})t)$; 2 MARKS

e) Flux density $I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2 \times (600 \text{ V/m})^2 = 4.78 \times 10^2 \text{ W/m}^2$ 2 MARKS

Energy density $= \frac{I}{c} = \frac{4.78 \times 10^2 \text{ W/m}^2}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 1.59 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J/m}^3$ 2 MARKS

2) Write an expression in Cartesian coordinates for a harmonic plane **E** wave with $E_x = 0$, with a frequency $\omega = 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k = 1 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$ for which \vec{k} is along a line from the origin through the point (1, -1, 2). 5 MARKS

$$k = \left(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 \right)^{1/2} = a \left((1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2 \right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{6} a = 1 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\vec{k} = k \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right) = 1 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \text{ where } \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{k}; \vec{E} \cdot \vec{k} = 0; \text{ let } E_z = 0; \text{ then by inspection } E_x = E_y = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{OR } k \frac{E_x}{\sqrt{6}} + k \frac{E_y}{\sqrt{6}} = 0; E_0 = (E_x + E_y)^{1/2} = (2E_x)^{1/2}; E_x = E_y = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = \vec{E}_0 \cos \left(k \left(\frac{k_x}{k} x + \frac{k_y}{k} y + \frac{k_z}{k} z \right) - 3 \times 10^{15} t + \epsilon \right) \text{ The minus sign in front of } t \text{ is because the wave is travelling with the vector defined}$$

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cos \left(k \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} x + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} y + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} z \right) - 3 \times 10^{15} t \right) \quad \epsilon \text{ is not necessary}$$

$$\text{OR } \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \sin(k/\sqrt{6} (x - y + 2z - 3 \times 10^{15} t + \epsilon)) \text{ Note that it is a plane wave so } \vec{r} \text{ is a vector.}$$

The minus sign in front of ωt is because the wave is travelling with the vector defined (not in the opposite direction).

3) For $\vec{E} = (0.866\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{j})(3 \times 10^3 \text{ V/m}) \exp[i[1.114 \times 10^7][z - 2 \times 10^8 t]]$. Assume SI units.

a) Find the direction along which the electric field oscillates;

The electric field oscillates along the direction $0.866\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{j}$, that is along a vector (0.866, 0.5, 0). If θ is the angle to the x axis, $\tan(\theta) = 0.5/0.866$. $\theta = 30^\circ$ to the x axis
2MARKS

b) the scalar value of the amplitude of the electric field;

$\vec{E}_0 = E_0 (0.866, 0.5, 0) = \sqrt{0.866^2 + 0.5^2} * 3 * 10^3$ OR Double check that (0.866, 0.5, 0) is a unit vector: $0.866^2 + 0.5^2 = 1$. Then $E_0 = 3 * 10^3$ V/m. 1MARK

c) the direction of propagation of the wave;

The wave propagates along the +ve z direction. 1 MARK

d) the propagation constant and wavelength;

$k = 1.114 * 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$ is the propagation constant. $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2(3.141)}{1.114 * 10^7} = 5.63 * 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 563 \text{ nm}$

1 MARK EACH

e) the speed and refractive index of the medium;

$v = 2 * 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ 1MARK

$n = 3 * 10^8 / 2 * 10^8 = 1.5$ 1 MARK

f) the frequency and angular frequency;

$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{2 * 10^8}{5.63 * 10^{-7}} = 3.55 * 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$; $\omega = 2\pi\nu = 2.23 * 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}$ 1 MARK EACH

g) the direction of oscillation of the magnetic field and its direction of propagation.

The direction of propagation of the B field is the same as the E field. The wave propagates along the +ve z direction. 1MARK

The direction of oscillation is perpendicular to the propagation (the z axis). It is therefore in the x-y plane perpendicular to the E field oscillation. It must be 90° to the E field at 120° to the x axis, in a direction (-0.5, 0.866, 0) OR $0.5\hat{i} + 0.866\hat{j}$. 1MARK

4) a) 3.19

$I = c\epsilon_0 E_0^2 / 2$; $E_0 = (2I / c\epsilon_0)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{2 * 10^{22}}{3 * 10^8 * 8.85 * 10^{-12}}} = (7.535 * 10^{22})^{1/2} = 2.7 * 10^{11} \text{ V/m}$

2MARKS

b) What is the energy density and pressure of the pulse?

energy density = pressure = $I/c = (10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2) / (3 * 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 3.3 * 10^{11} \text{ J/m}^3$ 2 MARKS

c) If the peak wavelength is 800nm (**this is not needed at this point**), what is the length of the pulse in space?

length of the pulse = $ct = (3 * 10^8 \text{ m/s}) * (10^{-12} \text{ s}) = 3 * 10^{-4} \text{ m}$ 2MARKS

d) What is the total energy of the pulse assuming a single wavelength (**this then uses the pulse length calculated above**) and a diameter of $2\mu\text{m}$?

$$\text{energy} = \text{energy density} \cdot A \cdot \Delta d = (3.3 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ J/m}^3) \cdot (\pi \cdot (10^{-6} \text{ m})^2) \cdot (3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}) = 3.14 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

OR $I \Delta t = 10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \pi \cdot (10^{-6})^2 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s} = 3.14 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ J}$ 2 MARKS

e) What is the force applied on a reflecting surface?

reflecting surface

$$F = \frac{2 \cdot \text{Power}}{c} = 2IA/c = 2 \cdot (10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2) \cdot (\pi \cdot (10^{-6} \text{ m})^2) / (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 2.09 \text{ N}$$
 2 MARKS

f) What momentum is carried per unit volume of the wave?

$$\text{momentum } p_v = I/(c^2) = (1 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2) / (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2 = 1.1 \cdot 10^3 \text{ W s}^2/\text{m}^3$$
 2 MARKS

g) What momentum is transferred by the pulse to a reflecting surface?

$$p = F \Delta t = (2.09 \text{ N}) \cdot 10^{-12} = 2.09 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ N s}$$

This could also be calculated from $p_v \cdot A \cdot \Delta d$ OR

$$p = \frac{2 \cdot \text{Energy}}{c} = \frac{2IA \Delta t}{c} = \frac{2 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \pi \cdot (10^{-6})^2 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s}}{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 2.09 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ N s}$$
 2 MARKS

h) Calculate the power of the pulse, the photon flux and the photon flux density.

$$\text{h) Power} = IA = (10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2) \cdot (\pi \cdot (10^{-6} \text{ m})^2) = 3.14 \cdot 10^8 \text{ W}$$
 2 MARKS

5) 3.38

a) $2\pi\nu = \pi(10^{15})$ thus $\nu = 5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ 2 MARKS NOTE FORM OF EQUATION BOTTOM PG 16

$$\text{b) } \lambda = c/\nu = 0.65c/\nu = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$
 2 MARKS

$$\text{c) } n = c/\nu = c/0.65c = 1.54$$
 2 MARKS

6) 3.39

$$\nu = c/n = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{2.42} = 1.24 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$
 2 MARKS

7) 3.40

$$\lambda = \lambda_0/n = 540 \text{ nm}/1.33 = 406 \text{ nm}$$
 2 MARKS

8) a) 3.44 4 MARKS

b) If a parallel, adjacent wave traverses the vacuum, what is the phase difference between them when the first one exits the glass? Will the two waves interfere constructively or destructively? 5 MARKS

$$\text{a) } \lambda = \lambda_0/n = 500 \text{ nm}/1.60 = 312.5 \text{ nm}$$
 2 MARKS

$$\text{in glass: } (1.00 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}) / (312.5 \text{ nm}) = 3.2 \cdot 10^4 \text{ waves}$$
 2 MARKS

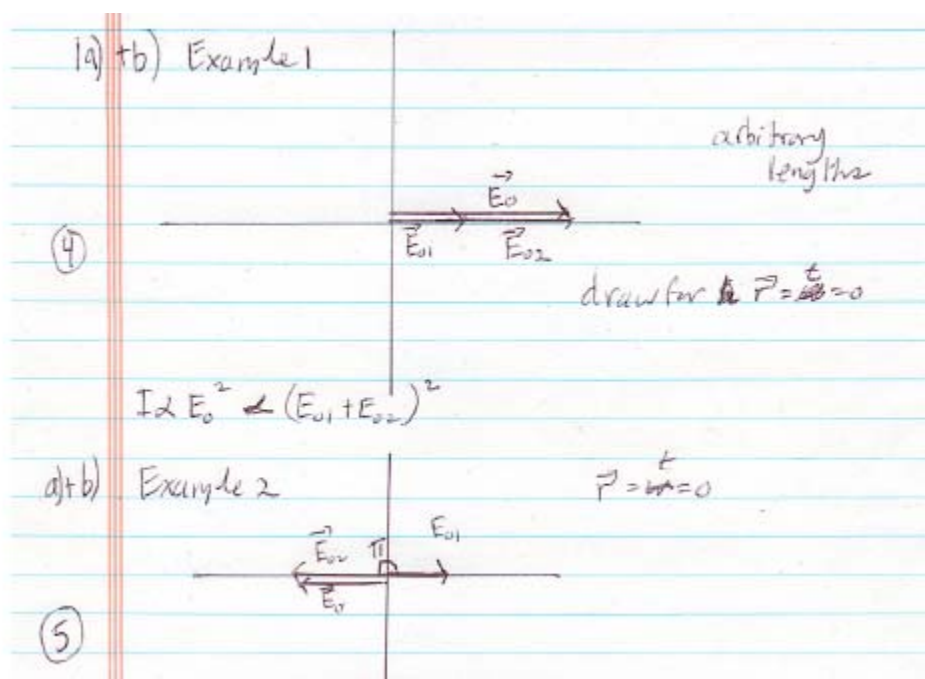
b) in vacuum: $(1.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{m}) / (500 \text{nm}) = 2 \times 10^4$ waves 2 MARKS

The waves were in phase at the beginning of the plate. At the other end of the glass plate, the two waves are out of phase by $(3.2 - 2) \times 10^4$ waves, a multiple of a wavelength (1 MARK) which means that they appear in phase, and will constructively interfere. 2 MARKS

9) a) Add these two fields together in a phasor diagrams for $\epsilon = 0$ (in phase) and $\epsilon = \pi$ (out of phase) in order to find $\vec{E}_T(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \epsilon)}$

$$\vec{E}_1(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{01} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{E}_2(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{02} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \epsilon)}$$



b) Given that irradiance, $I \propto E_0^2$, show that, in the first case, $I \propto (E_{01} + E_{02})^2$ and in the second case, $I \propto (E_{01} - E_{02})^2$ which does not give $I = I_1 + I_2$.

First case: $E_0 = E_1 + E_2$; $E_0^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2$ 2 marks

Second case

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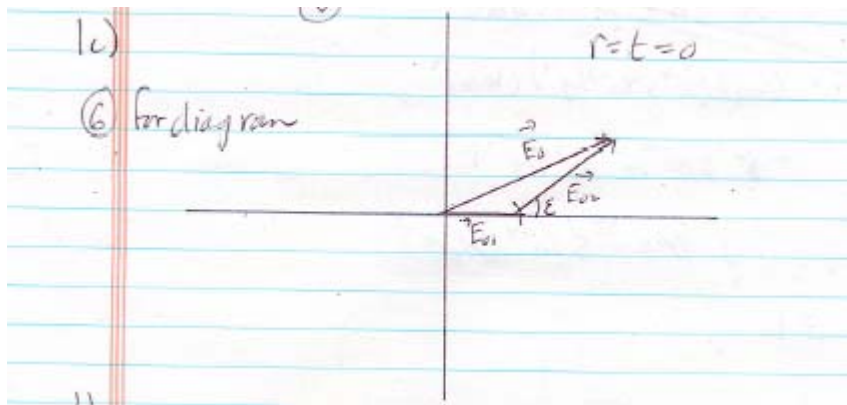
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$$I \propto (E_0)^2 \propto (\vec{E}_{01} + \vec{E}_{02}) \cdot (\vec{E}_{01} + \vec{E}_{02}) \propto E_{01}^2 + E_{02}^2 + 2\vec{E}_{01} \cdot \vec{E}_{02} \propto (E_{01} + E_{02})^2$$

$$\text{OR } I \propto E_0^2 \propto E_{01}^2 + E_{02}^2 + 2E_{01}E_{02}\cos(\pi) \propto E_{01}^2 + E_{02}^2 - 2E_{01}E_{02} \propto (E_{01} - E_{02})^2$$

$$\text{OR } I \propto E_0^2 \propto E_0^2 \text{ where } |\vec{E}_0| = |\vec{E}_{01}| - |\vec{E}_{02}| \text{ by inspection}$$

c) Draw the general phasor diagram for a phase difference of ϵ . In this case, $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_{12}$.



d) From the diagram, give a value of I_{12} in terms of E_{01} , E_{02} and ϵ , the phase difference.

d)

$$E_0^2 = E_{01}^2 + E_{02}^2 + 2E_{01}E_{02}\cos(\epsilon) \text{ from cosine law}$$

$$I \propto E_0^2 \propto (E_{01}^2 + E_{02}^2 + 2E_{01}E_{02}\cos(\epsilon))$$

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 ~~$I_1 \propto E_{01}^2$~~
 $I_1 \propto E_{01}^2 ; I_2 \propto E_{02}^2$

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_{12}$$

$$I_{12} \propto 2E_{01}E_{02}\cos(\epsilon) = 2AE_{01}E_{02}\cos(\epsilon)$$

$$I_1 \propto E_{01}^2 ; I_2 \propto E_{02}^2 ; I \propto E_0^2$$

$$I = I_1 + I_2 - 2AE_{01}E_{02} \neq I_1 + I_2 \text{ in case 2}$$

$$\text{In general } I = I_1 + I_2 + 2AE_{01}E_{02}\cos(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) = I_1 + I_2 + 2AE_{01}E_{02}\cos(\epsilon)$$