

For larger frequencies such that $\epsilon(\omega) > 0$, k is real again and waves can propagate. "ultraviolet transparency" of metals. Determined by ω_p , via the number density of free e^- .

Causality & Kramers-Kronig.

Recall that $\vec{D}_\omega(\vec{x}) = \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}_\omega(\vec{x})$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \epsilon = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e), \text{ to } \chi_e = P/E_{\text{int}} \text{ for linear media;} \\ \text{then } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}_\omega = \rho_\omega \text{ and } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}_\omega = -i\omega \vec{D}_\omega + \vec{J}_\omega \end{array} \right]$$

Let's Fourier transform back to the time domain.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{D}(t, \vec{x}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}_\omega(\vec{x}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} \epsilon(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' e^{i\omega t'} \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t') \end{aligned}$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\tau) \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t - \tau) d\tau$$

$$\text{with } G(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega\tau} \chi_e(\omega)$$

$\nwarrow \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} - 1$

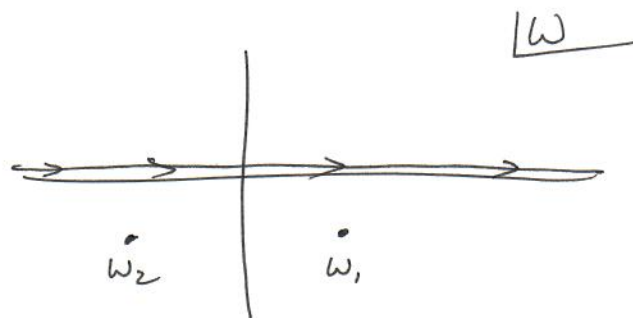
So $\vec{D}(t)$ depends on \vec{E} at other times!

(this is why, for time dep fields in media, it is convenient to work with \vec{E} ...)

Consider the one-resonance model,

$$\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0 - 1 = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}$$

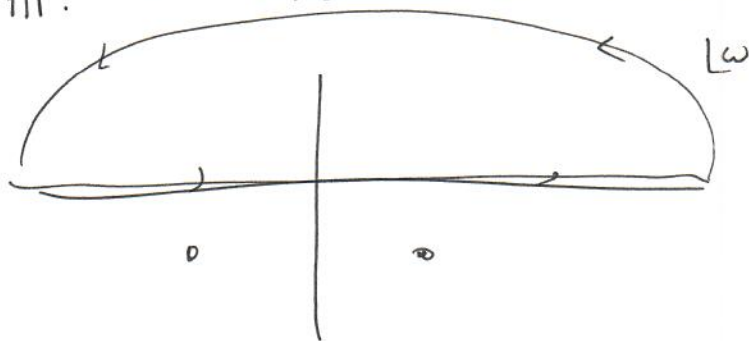
$$\text{Then } G(\tau) = \omega_p^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i\omega\tau}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}$$



poles in the complex ω -plane at $\omega = \omega_{1/2} = \frac{-i\gamma}{2} \pm \gamma_0$,

$$\gamma_0^2 = \omega_0^2 - \gamma^2/4$$

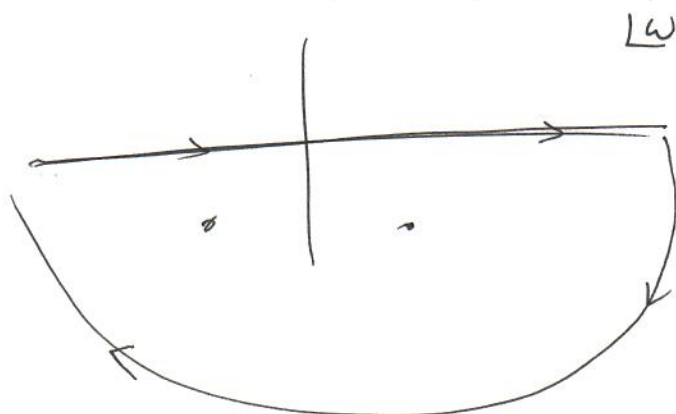
For $\tau < 0$, $e^{-i\omega\tau} \rightarrow 0$ exponentially fast with $\text{Im } \omega$ in the UHP. \Rightarrow close contour in the UHP



closed contour contains no poles & vanishes by the Cauchy theorem.

For $\tau > 0$, $e^{-i\omega\tau} \rightarrow 0$ exponentially fast in the LHP.

Close contour in LHP, pick up both poles!



Since the contour is clockwise we get $-2\pi i \times (\text{sum of residues})$

$$G(\tau) = \omega_p^2 \left(\frac{e^{-i\omega_1\tau}}{\omega - \omega_2} + \frac{e^{-i\omega_2\tau}}{\omega - \omega_1} \right)$$

$$= \omega_p^2 e^{-\gamma\tau/2} \frac{\sinh \nu_0\tau}{\nu_0} \Theta(\tau)$$

So $\vec{D}(\vec{x}, t)$ depends on $\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t')$ "averaged" over t'
 in a time window of order $1/\gamma$ $\left| \longleftrightarrow \right|$
 $t - 1/\gamma \quad t$

Because of $\Theta(\tau)$, \vec{D} does not depend on $\vec{E}(t' > t)$.

Causality. So

$$\vec{D}(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon_0 \left\{ \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) + \int_0^t G(\tau) \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t - \tau) d\tau \right\}$$

This is quite general and applies beyond the simple resonance model for G , since it is a basic causality property.

We can rearrange and write

$$\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0 = 1 + \int_0^\infty G(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

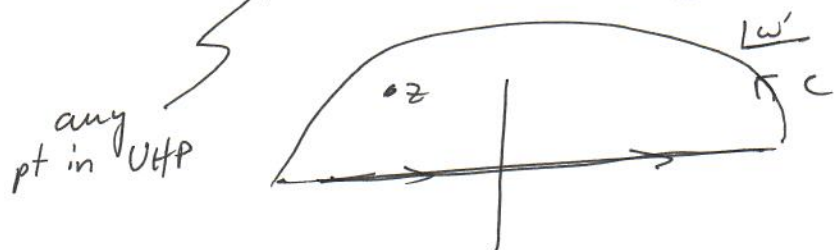
G is real because $\vec{E}(t)$ and $\vec{D}(t)$ are real. So

$$\text{for complex } \omega, \quad \epsilon(\omega^*)/\epsilon_0 = \epsilon(-\omega)/\epsilon_0.$$

If $G(\tau)$ is finite for all τ , then $\epsilon(\omega)$ is analytic in the UHP. On the real axis there might be a pole at $\omega=0$ (conductors) but otherwise ϵ is analytic.

$$\int_0^\infty \longleftrightarrow \text{causality} \longleftrightarrow e^{i\omega\tau} \longleftrightarrow \text{analyticity in UHP.}$$

Since $\epsilon(\omega)$ is analytic in the UHP,

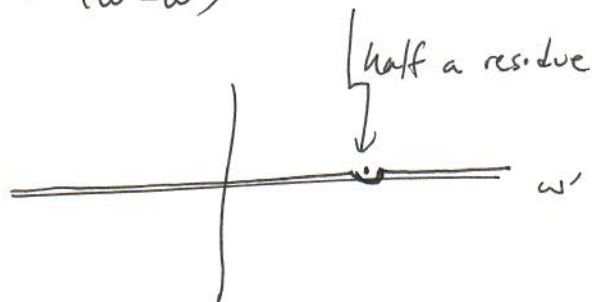
$$\epsilon(z)/\epsilon_0 - 1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0 - 1}{\omega' - z} d\omega'$$


The contour at ∞ does not contribute because $\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0 - 1$ falls sufficiently fast at infinity (see Jackson pg 333 for a proof.)

$$\text{so } \epsilon(z)/\epsilon_0 - 1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0 - 1}{\omega' - z}$$

Now let $z = \omega + i\delta$ with small δ and use Plemelj's:

$$\frac{1}{\omega' - \omega - i\delta} = P \left(\frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} \right) + i\pi \delta(\omega' - \omega)$$



We can rearrange this into

$$\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{i\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0 - 1}{\omega' - \omega}$$

or

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0) = 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im}(\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0)}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

$$\text{Im}(\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0) = -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Re}(\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0) - 1}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

Since $\epsilon^*(\omega^*) = \text{Re} \epsilon(\omega^*) - i \text{Im} \epsilon(\omega^*)$
 $= \text{Re} \epsilon(-\omega) + i \text{Im} \epsilon(-\omega)$

and ω is real \Rightarrow $\text{Re} \epsilon$ is symmetric in ω
 and $\text{Im} \epsilon$ is antisymmetric.

So we can rewrite the integrals as

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \text{Im}(\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0)}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$

$$\left[\frac{2\omega'}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} = \frac{1}{\omega' + \omega} + \frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} \right]$$

$$\text{Im}(\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0) = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\text{Re}(\epsilon(\omega')/\epsilon_0) - 1}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$

"Kramers-Kronig Relations"

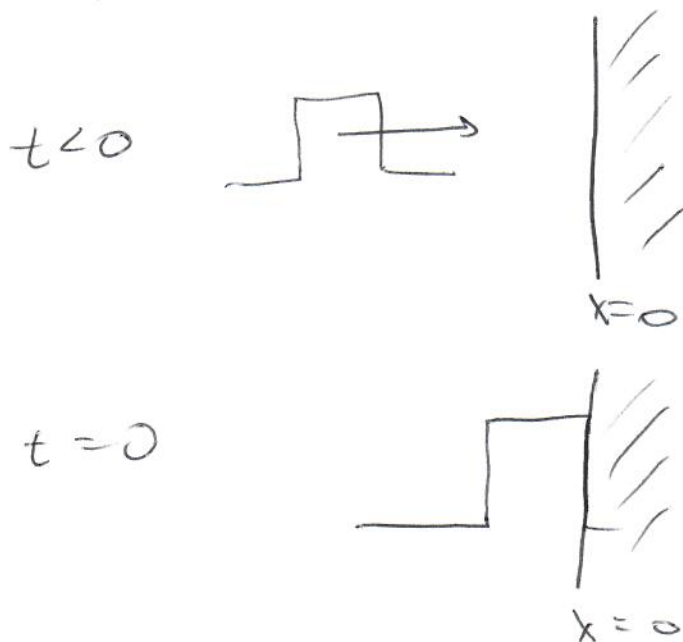
(small modification required
 for conductors & pole in ϵ
 at $\omega=0$.)

You can measure $\text{Im} \epsilon(\omega)$ with absorption studies
and then calculate $\text{Re} \epsilon(\omega)$ with the 1st eq.

"Dispersion Relations" - very little assumed in
their derivation.

More on causality

Suppose a wave pulse is incident on a medium
at $x=0$ at $t=0$



We investigate the electric field in the region $x > 0$.

Each Fourier component behaves as:

$$\underline{E}_\omega(x, t) = \left(A(\omega) \frac{2}{1+n(\omega)} \right) e^{i(k(\omega)x - \omega t)}$$

for $x > 0$, where $n(\omega) = c/\bar{c}(\omega)$, $\omega = \bar{c}(\omega)k \Rightarrow k(\omega) = \omega/\bar{c}(\omega)$,

The factor $\frac{2}{1+n}$ is a refraction coefficient, and

$$A(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt E(x=0^-, t) e^{i\omega t} \quad \text{is the amplit. just outside.}$$

- Since $E(x=0^-, t < 0) = 0$, $A(\omega)$ is analytic in the upper-half complex ω -plane. (The integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt E(x=0^-, t) e^{i\omega t}$ can be restricted to $\int_0^{\infty} dt E(x=0^-, t) e^{i\omega t}$ and assuming E is finite for all t the integral converges in the UHP. Since it is holomorphic in ω it is also analytic.)
- We already saw that $\epsilon(\omega)$ is analytic in the UHP. So $n \sim 1/\sqrt{\epsilon}$ can also be taken analytic in the UHP (it may have branch cuts in the LHP.)
- $n(\omega) \rightarrow 1$ as $|\omega| \rightarrow \infty$ ($\epsilon(\omega)/\epsilon_0 \sim 1 - \omega_p^2/\omega^2$ so $\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon_0$)

Therefore $i(k(\omega)x - \omega t) \rightarrow i\omega \frac{(x - ct)}{c}$ as $|\omega| \rightarrow \infty$

So $e^{-i(k(\omega)x - \omega t)} \rightarrow e^{i\omega(x - ct)/c}$ and

if $x - ct > 0$ we can close the contour in the UHP. Then Cauchy tells us that, since the whole integrand is analytic (A , n , $e^{-i(k(\omega)x - \omega t)}$ all analytic in the UHP), the integral vanishes.

- No signal propagates faster than the speed of light in vacuum, regardless of medium -