

# Electromagnetic waves in Lossless Dielectrics <sup>①</sup>

Maxwell's First equation,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{H} &= \sigma \vec{E} + j\omega \epsilon \vec{E} \\ &= \vec{J} + \sigma \frac{\vec{D}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

Dissipation Factor,  $D_f$  :- The ratio of Conduction Current density to displacement Current density in the medium is.,

$$\frac{\sigma \vec{E}}{\omega \epsilon \vec{E}} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = 1.$$

For Good Conductor,  $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \gg 1$ .

For Good Dielectric,  $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \ll 1$ .

power Factor in terms of dissipation factor is.,

$$\text{power Factor} = \sin(\tan^{-1}(D_f)).$$



In a lossless Dielectric medium;

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$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \sigma \ll \omega \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = 0; \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r; \quad \mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$$

General wave equation.,

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \&$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}.$$

Since,  $\sigma = 0$ ;

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}; \quad \nabla^2 \vec{H} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}.$$

w.k.t. Attenuation Constant,  $\alpha$  is

$$\alpha = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2}} - 1 \right]} \rightarrow (3).$$

Condition for Good dielectric is  $\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \ll 1 \rightarrow (1)$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2} \ll 1; \quad 1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2} \approx 1 \rightarrow (2)$$

w.K.t. phase Constant;  $\beta$  is

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$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon_e}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon_e^2}} + 1 \right)} \rightarrow (4)$$

Substituting (2) in (3) & (4) we get.,

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_e}$$

Velocity,

$$V = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

wave Length,

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi \text{ mts}}{\beta}$$

$$V = \frac{\omega}{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_e}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon_e}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} \Rightarrow c.$$

Characteristic Impedance ( $Z_0$ )

Intrinsic Impedance :-

It is the ratio of the square root of permeability to the dielectric Constant of the medium & it is denoted by  $\eta$ .

$$\eta = \frac{E}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_e}}$$



Intrinsic Impedance  $\rightarrow$  General Formula  $\Rightarrow$  (4)

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}}$$

w.k.t for a good dielectric,  $\sigma = 0$ .

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{0 + j\omega\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{j\omega\epsilon\left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}\left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}\right)^{-1}}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}\right)}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}\left(1 + \frac{j\omega\epsilon\sigma}{\omega^2\epsilon^2}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon} \times \frac{-j\omega\epsilon}{-j\omega\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{-j\omega\epsilon\sigma}{\omega^2\epsilon^2} \end{aligned}}$$

w.k.t.

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$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \left(1 + \frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}\right)^2 = 1 + (2)\left(\frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}\right) + \frac{2(2-1)}{2}\left(\frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{j\sigma}{\omega\epsilon_e} + \dots$$

$$\sqrt{1 + \frac{j\sigma}{\omega\epsilon_e}} = \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}\right)^2} \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}$$

$$\therefore \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_e} \left(1 + \frac{j\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon_e}\right)}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon_e} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\eta = \eta_0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\eta = 377 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\underline{\eta_0 = 377 \Omega}$$



## Electromagnetic Plane Wave in Good Conductor: <sup>(b)</sup>

For a Good Conductor, Conductivity is  $10^7 \text{ } \Omega^{-1}/\text{m}$   
(is in the order of)

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \gg 1.$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2} \gg 1 \quad ; \quad 1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2} \approx \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2}.$$

General wave equation ;

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

In phasor form ;

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left[ j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon) \right] \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \left[ j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon) \right] \vec{H}$$

w.k.t. propagation constant,  $\gamma^2 = j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)$  ⑦

$$\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon} \quad \gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)}$$

For a good Conductor,  $\sigma \gg \omega\epsilon$ .

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma)}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma} (\sqrt{j})$$

In general,  $j = \cos 90^\circ + j \sin 90^\circ$

$$(j)^{1/2} = (\cos 90^\circ + j \sin 90^\circ)^{1/2} \quad \boxed{(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta}$$

$$= [\cos (1/2)90^\circ + j \sin (1/2)90^\circ]$$

$$= \cos 45^\circ + j \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= \cos \pi/4 + j \sin \pi/4$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow 1 \angle 45^\circ}$$

$$\therefore \gamma = \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma}}{\sqrt{2}} + j \frac{\sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

w.k.t  $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$



Aliter:-

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$$\text{w.k.t. } \alpha = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2}} - 1 \right]}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2}} - 1 \right]}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} - 1 \right)} = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \right)}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \sigma}{2 \omega}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \sigma \omega^2}{2 \omega}} = \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2}} \Rightarrow \alpha}$$

$$\text{w.k.t. } \beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2 \epsilon^2}} + 1 \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2}}}$$

$$\text{Intrinsic Impedance, } \eta = \sqrt{\frac{j \omega \mu}{\sigma + j \omega \epsilon}}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j \omega \mu}{j \omega \epsilon \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma}{j \omega \epsilon} \right)}}$$

$$\text{w.k.t. } \frac{\sigma}{j \omega \epsilon} \gg 1 \\ \sigma \gg j \omega \epsilon$$



$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{j\omega\epsilon\left(\frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma}} \quad \textcircled{9}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{\sigma}} \cdot 45^\circ$$

Velocity :-

Velocity of the wave in the conductor,

$$v = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu\sigma}{2}}} = \omega \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\omega^2}{\omega\mu\sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\mu\sigma}} \Rightarrow v$$

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- ①. A 300 MHz Uniform plane wave propagates through fresh water for which,  $\sigma=0$ ,  $\mu_r=1$ , and  $\epsilon_r=78$ . Calculate: (i) Attenuation Constant, (ii) phase Constant, (iii) Wavelength, (iv) Intrinsic Impedance.

Solution :-

- (i). For the given medium, i.e., Fresh water, the Conductivity,  $\sigma=0$ . Assuming medium, to be a lossless medium, the attenuation Constant,  $\alpha=0$ .

- (ii) Phase Constant :-  $\beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ .

$$= [2\pi (300 \times 10^6)] \sqrt{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(1)(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(78)}$$

$$\beta = 55.529 \text{ rad/m.}$$

- (iii). Wavelength,  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{55.529} = 0.1131 \text{ m.}$

- (iv). Intrinsic Impedance,  $\eta = \sqrt{\mu / \epsilon} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(1)}{\sqrt{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})78}}$ .

$$\boxed{\eta = 42.636 \Omega}$$



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- ② A 9375 MHz uniform plane wave is propagating in polystyrene. If the amplitude of the E-Field intensity is 20 V/m & the material is assumed to be lossless, find: (i) Attenuation Constant, (ii) Phase Constant, (iii) Wavelength in Polystyrene (iv) Velocity of propagation, (v) Intrinsic Impedance (vi) propagation Constant, (vii) Amplitude of the magnetic field intensity.

For polystyrene,  $\mu_r = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 2.56$ ,

Solution :- For a lossless medium,  $\sigma = 0$ , then

(i) Attenuation Constant,  $\alpha = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) Phase Constant, } \beta &= \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \omega \sqrt{(\mu_0 \mu_r)(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r)} \\ &= 2\pi (9375 \times 10^6) \sqrt{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(1)(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(2.56)} \\ &= 314.37 \text{ rad/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii) Wavelength, } \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = 0.01998 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{(iv) Velocity of propagation, } v = f \cdot \lambda = 1.873 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{(v) Intrinsic Impedance, } \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} = 235.45 \Omega$$

$$\text{(vi) Propagation Constant, } \gamma = \alpha + j\beta = (0 + j 314.37) \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = j 314.37 \text{ m}^{-1}}$$



(vii) The amplitude of electric field intensity is given as  $20 \text{ V/m}$ .

$$E_x = 20 \text{ V/m}$$

$$\text{w.k.t, } \eta = \frac{E_x}{H_y} \Rightarrow 235.45 = \frac{20}{H_y}$$

The amplitude of Magnetic field Intensity,  $H_y = \frac{E_x}{\eta} = 0.08494 \text{ A/m}$

③. A plane wave propagation through a medium with  $\epsilon_r = 8, \mu_r = 2$  has  $E = 0.5 \sin(10^8 t - \beta z) \bar{a}_x$ .

Determine (i)  $\beta$  (ii) Wave Impedance,  $\text{V/m}$ .  
(iii) Wave Velocity (iv)  $\bar{H}$  field.

Solution :-

$$\bar{E} = 0.5 \sin(10^8 t - \beta z) \bar{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

$$E_m = 0.5 ; f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{10^8}{2\pi} = 15.9155 \text{ MHz}$$

$$(i) \text{ Velocity of propagation, } v = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$

$$v = 0.7495 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\omega}{v} = 1.3342 \text{ rad/m}$$



(ii) Intrinsic Impedance,  $\underline{\eta} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}}$  (13)  
 $= 188.36 \Omega$

(iv) The amplitude of  $\vec{H}$ -field is  $H_m = \frac{E_m}{\eta}$   
 $= \frac{0.5}{188.36} = 2.655 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A/m}$

$\therefore$  The Magnetic Field,  $\vec{H}$  is given by;

$$\vec{H} = H_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \vec{a}_y$$

$$\vec{H} = 2.655 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \sin(10^8 t - 1.3342) \vec{a}_y \text{ A/m}$$