

Problem 7: *Electromagnetic Plane Waves.* Suppose that in the absence of any charges (free space) an electric field exists in the form

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \sin(kz + \omega t) \hat{i} + E_0 \cos(kz + \omega t) \hat{j}.$$

Show that \vec{E} satisfies Maxwell's equations provided that a certain magnetic field $\vec{B}(x, y, z, t)$ also exists, and a relation between ω and k is satisfied.

- What is the relation between ω and k ?
- What is $\vec{B}(x, y, z, t)$?
- Describe what the electric and magnetic fields look like at the origin as a function of time.