

# 電磁學 (一) Electromagnetics (I)

## 18. 電磁波動現象

### Wave Dynamics of Time-varying Fields

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In this lecture, we will learn about the propagation of time-varying electromagnetic fields as a wave.

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### Time-varying Potential Fields

# Time-varying Potential Functions

From  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ , it is straightforward to have  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

From Faraday's law  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ , one can write

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \times \vec{A}) \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \times \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}\right) = 0$$

From the null identity  $\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$ , the following relationship is obtained

$$\vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\nabla V \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla V$$

If  $A$  and  $V$  are known,  $E$  and  $B$  can be derived.

# Vector-Potential Wave Equation

Substitute  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$  into Ampere's law  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu\vec{J}$  (\*)

Adopt the definition of vector Laplacian on the left hand side of (\*)

Use  $\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla V$  on the right hand side of (\*)

Equate both sides to have  $\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu\vec{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial V}{\partial t})$

Adopt the **Lorentz gauge**  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \equiv 0$  to define  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}$

We finally have the inhomogeneous wave equation for  $A$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu\vec{J}$$

# Scalar-Potential Wave Equation

The Gauss's law  $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$  can be written as  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\varepsilon$

Use  $\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla V$  to obtain  $-\nabla \cdot (\nabla V + \partial \vec{A}/\partial t) = \rho/\varepsilon$

Apply Lorentz gauge  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial t} \equiv 0$  (self-consistency) to write

$$-\nabla^2 V - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = -\mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial t}) = \rho/\varepsilon$$

or finally the inhomogeneous wave equation for electric scalar potential

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\rho/\varepsilon$$

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## Time-varying Potential Fields

- The time-varying electric and magnetic fields can be derived from known electric potential and magnetic vector potential via

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla V \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

- The electric potential satisfies the inhomogeneous wave equation:
- The magnetic vector potential satisfies the inhomogeneous equation:

$$\nabla^2 V - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\rho/\epsilon$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu \vec{J}$$

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## Propagation of Potential Fields



**Wave Equation**  $\nabla^2 \Psi - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dt^2} = 0$  (!)  $\Psi$  can be  $A$ ,  $V$ , ...

The general solutions to (!) is a wave function, having the form

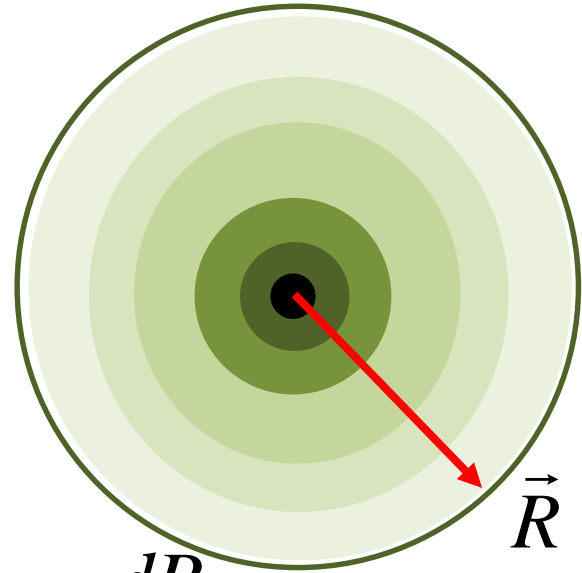
$$\Psi(t, R) \propto f(t \pm R/u)$$

Wavefront is defined through

$$t \pm R/u = \text{constant}$$

Speed of the wavefront (phase velocity) is  $\frac{dR}{dt} = \mp u$

$\Psi(t, R) \propto f(t \pm R/u)$  describes a propagating wave propagating along  $\mp \hat{a}_R$ .



# Retarded Potentials

For the static case  $\nabla^2 V = -\rho / \varepsilon$  and  $\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$

Recall the solutions in the static case, based on point-source integration,  $V$  and  $A$  are

$$V(R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(R)}{R} dv' \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{A}(R) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\vec{J}(R)}{R} dv'$$

However, we also expect a solution of the form  $f(t - R\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon})$

for  $\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu \vec{J}$ , and  $\nabla^2 V - \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = -\rho / \varepsilon$

Write the solution as the so-called **retarded potentials**

$$\vec{A}(R, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\vec{J}(t - \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} R)}{R} dv', \quad V(R, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(t - \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} R)}{R} dv'$$

# Time Retardation from Propagation

$$\vec{A}(R, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\vec{J}(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} R)}{R} dv', \quad V(R, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} R)}{R} dv'$$

$\vec{A}(t), V(t)$

The potentials are **retarded in time with respect to the source** by

$$t' = t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$

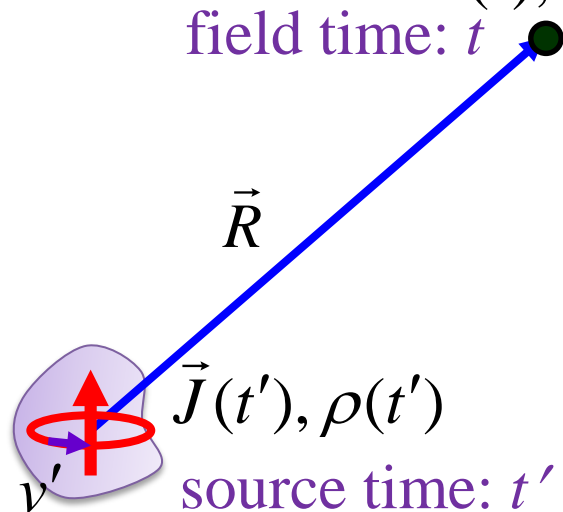
E.g. an excitation of  $J(t')$  or  $\rho(t')$  at  $t' = 0$  allows a field to be detected

at  $t' \Big|_{t'=0} = t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$

$$\Rightarrow t = R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{R}{u}$$

The speed of propagation is

$$u = 1 / \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$



## 18.2 位能場的傳播

### Propagation of Potential Fields

- Upon excitation by a source, a potential field is generated and propagates at the speed

$$u = 1 / \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$

in space, which has a value of  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s in vacuum.

- Specifically, the electric and magnetic vector potentials are

$$V(R, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}R)}{R} dv',$$

$$\vec{A}(R, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{v'} \frac{\vec{J}(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}R)}{R} dv',$$

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### 18.3 電磁場的波動方程式

## Wave Equations of Electromagnetic Fields

# Source-free Wave Equation for Electric Field

In a simple medium, the source-free Maxwell's equations are

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0$$

Use the 1<sup>st</sup> expression to write  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\nabla \times \vec{H}}{\partial t}$  (\*)

Left hand side becomes  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}$  for  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ .

Adopt  $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$  to the right of (\*) to write  $-\varepsilon\mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$ .

Equate both sides of (\*) to obtain the wave equation for  $E$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0,$$

where

$$u^2 = \frac{1}{\mu\varepsilon}$$

# Source-free Wave Equation for Magnetic Field

In a simple medium, the source-free Maxwell's equations are

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0$$

Use the 3<sup>rd</sup> expression to write  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{H} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial \nabla \times \vec{E}}{\partial t}$  (\*)

Left hand side becomes  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{H}) - \nabla^2 \vec{H} = -\nabla^2 \vec{H}$  for  $\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0$ .

Adopt  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$  to the right of (\*) to write  $-\varepsilon\mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$ .

Equate both sides of (\*) to obtain the wave equation for  $H$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad u^2 = \frac{1}{\mu\varepsilon}$$

# Propagating Electromagnetic Fields

The wave equation for the electric field intensity

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

The wave equation for the magnetic field intensity

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

The general solutions are

$$\vec{E}(t, R) = \vec{E}_0 \times f(t \pm R/u), \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{H}(t, R) = \vec{H}_0 \times f(t \pm R/u)$$

Both are propagating waves with a speed of  $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$



## 18.3 電磁場的波動方程式

# Wave Equations of Electromagnetic Fields

- A time-varying electric field propagates in space according to

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

- A time-varying magnetic field propagates in space according to

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

- The propagation speed of the fields is  $u = 1 / \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ , which has value of  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s in vacuum.

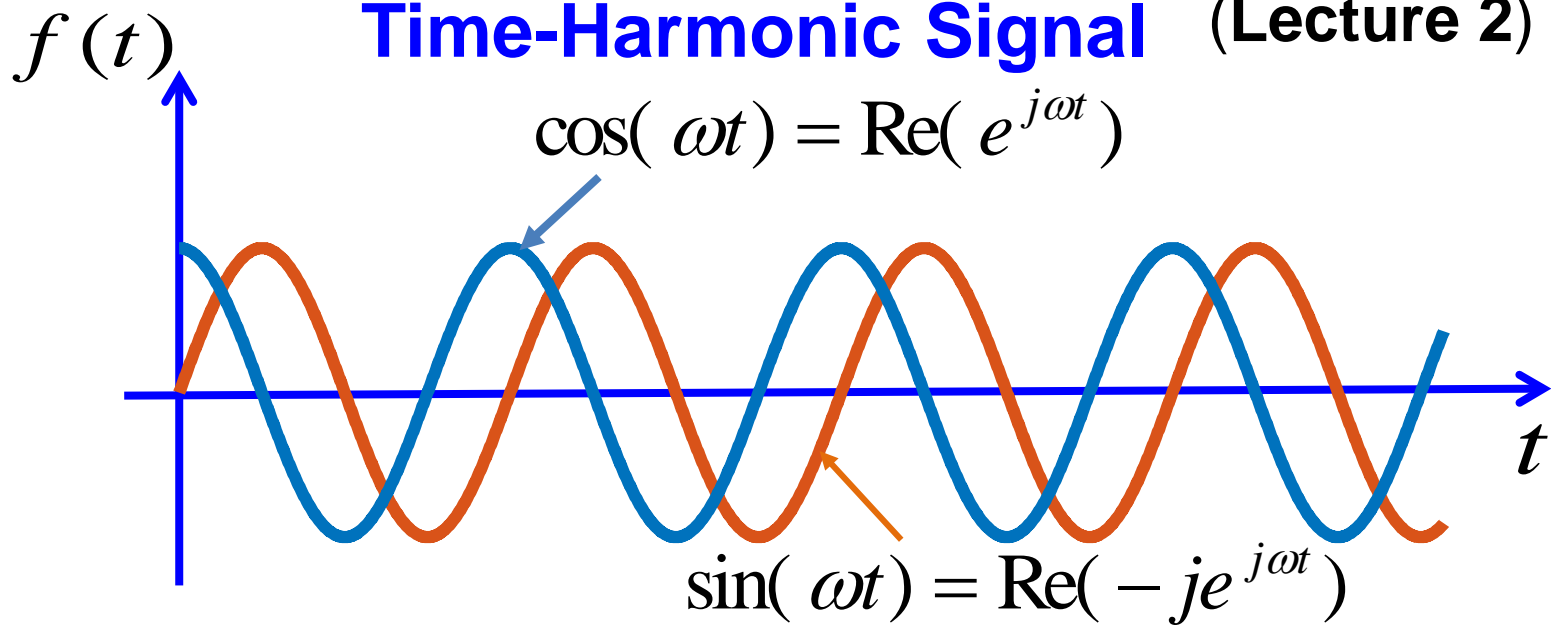
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## Wave Dynamics of Time-varying Fields

### 18.4 電磁弦波

## Time-harmonic Electromagnetic Wave

## Time-Harmonic Signal (Lecture 2)



$\omega = 2\pi f$  is the angular frequency with  $f$  being the frequency in Hertz.

For a general **time-harmonic signal**

$$\tilde{A} = \text{Re}(A_0 e^{j\psi + j\omega t}) = A_0 \cos(\omega t + \psi),$$

The **phasor** of  $A$  is  $\hat{A} = A_0 e^{j\psi}$ , so that  $\tilde{A} = \text{Re}(\hat{A} e^{j\omega t})$

# Potentials with Harmonic Source

Assume harmonic sources and adopt the phasor notations

$$\rho(t') = \text{Re}(\hat{\rho}e^{j\omega t'}) \quad \vec{J}(t') = \text{Re}(\vec{\hat{J}}e^{j\omega t'})$$

Accordingly, all the field variables are varying in time harmonics.

$$V(R, t) = \text{Re}(\hat{V}(R)e^{j\omega t}) \quad \vec{A}(R, t) = \text{Re}(\vec{\hat{A}}(R)e^{j\omega t})$$

Substitute  $\rho(t')$  and  $\vec{J}(t')$  into  $\vec{A}(R, t), V(R, t)$  with  $t' = t - R\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ ,

one obtains the phasors of the potential fields

$$\vec{\hat{A}}(R) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\vec{\hat{J}}e^{-jkR}}{R} dv' \quad \hat{V}(R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{V'} \frac{\hat{\rho}e^{-jkR}}{R} dv'$$

where  $k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \omega/u = 2\pi/\lambda$  is called the wave number with  $\lambda$  being the wavelength of the radiation wave.

# Helmholtz's Equations

Assume time-harmonic fields  $\vec{E}, \vec{H}(R, t) = \text{Re}(\vec{\hat{E}}, \vec{\hat{H}}(R)e^{j\omega t})$ , and apply the phasor notation to the wave equations:

## Electric field

(Lecture 2)

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{\hat{E}} - \frac{1}{u^2} (\underline{j\omega})^2 \vec{\hat{E}} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{\hat{E}} + k^2 \vec{\hat{E}} = 0,$$

where  $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \omega / u = 2\pi / \lambda$  is the **wave number**.

## Magnetic field

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{\hat{H}} - \frac{1}{u^2} (j\omega)^2 \vec{\hat{H}} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{\hat{H}} + k^2 \vec{\hat{H}} = 0$$

Equations of the form  $\nabla^2 \hat{\Psi} + k^2 \hat{\Psi} = 0$  are called the **Helmholtz's equation**.

# Solutions to Helmholtz's Equations

One possible solution to

$$\nabla^2 \Psi + k^2 \Psi = 0 \quad \text{is}$$

$$\hat{\Psi} = \hat{E}, \hat{H} = \Psi_0 e^{-jkz + j\phi_0}$$

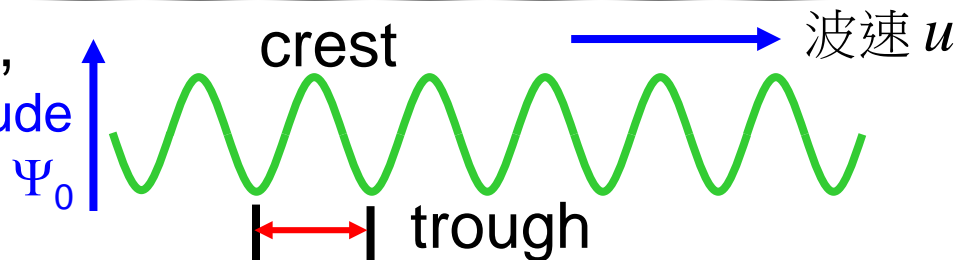
In the real domain (**Lecture 2**),

$$\Psi(t, z) = \text{Re}[\hat{\Psi} e^{j\omega t}] \quad \text{Amplitude } \Psi_0$$

$$= \Psi_0 \cos(\omega t - kz + \phi_0)$$

\* **A wavefront is a constant phase plane.** Set

$$\omega t - kz + \phi_0 = \text{constant}$$



Spatial period (Wavelength)  $\lambda$

Temporal period  $T = 1/\nu$

to obtain the **phase velocity**

$$dz / dt = \frac{\omega}{k} = u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$

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# Time-harmonic Electromagnetic Wave

- A time-harmonic signal is a sinusoidal signal with an angular frequency  $\omega$ , described by

$$\tilde{A} = \text{Re}(A_0 e^{j\psi + j\omega t}) = \text{Re}(\hat{A} e^{j\omega t}) = A_0 \cos(\omega t + \psi),$$

where  $\hat{A} = A_0 e^{j\psi}$  is the phasor of the signal.

- In phasor notations, a time-varying harmonic field satisfies the Helmholtz's equation  $\nabla^2 \hat{\Psi} + k^2 \hat{\Psi} = 0$ , which is often the starting equation to solve a sinusoidal electromagnetic wave.

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### 18.5 單元回顧 Review



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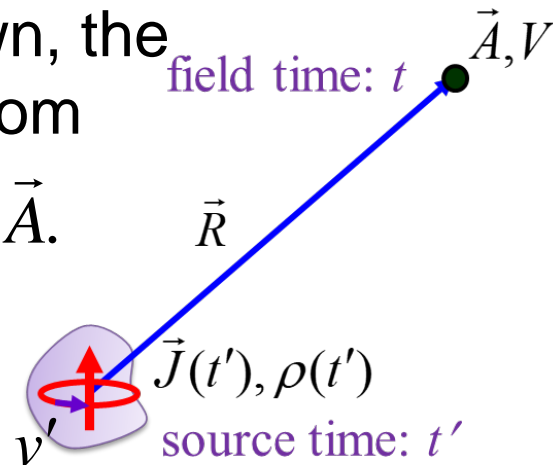
1. For time-varying fields, if  $V$  and  $A$  are known, the electric and magnetic fields can be derived from

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla V \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}.$$

2. Upon excitation by a source, the potential functions at  $R$  and  $t$  are governed by

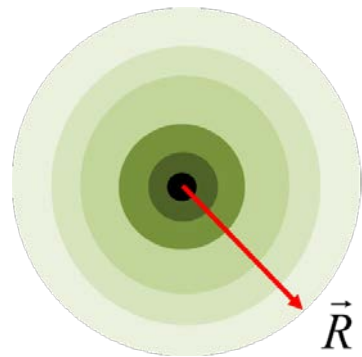
$$\vec{A}(R, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{\vec{J}(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}R)}{R} dv', \quad V(R, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(t - \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}R)}{R} dv'$$

The potentials are retarded in time by an amount equal to the propagation time or  $t = t' + \underline{R/u}$ , where  $u = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$  is the speed of the propagation.



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3.  $\nabla^2 \Psi - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dt^2} = 0$  is called the **wave equation**, which has a general solution of the form  $\Psi(t, R) \propto f(t \pm R/u)$  describing a wave propagating at a speed  $u$ .



4. Both time-varying electric and magnetic fields satisfy the wave equation, propagating as a wave in space at a speed of  $u = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ .

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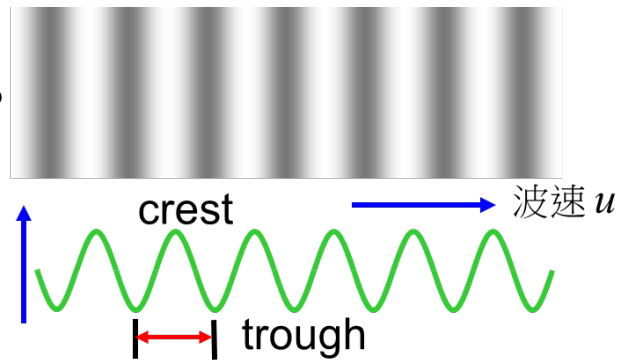
5. The phasors of the time-harmonic electromagnetic fields,

$$\vec{\hat{E}}, \vec{\hat{H}} \text{ of } \vec{E}, \vec{H}(R, t) = \text{Re}(\vec{\hat{E}}, \vec{\hat{H}}(R)e^{j\omega t}),$$

satisfy the Helmholtz's equation

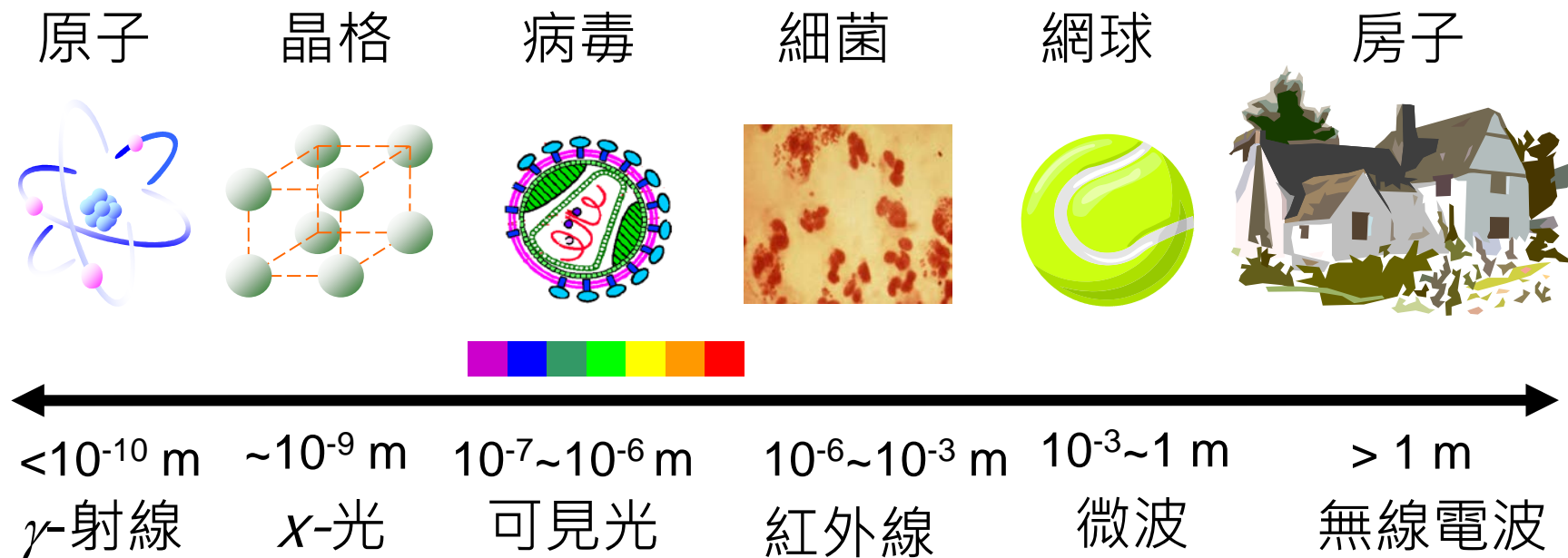
$$\nabla^2 \vec{\hat{E}} + k^2 \vec{\hat{E}} = 0, \text{ and } \nabla^2 \vec{\hat{H}} + k^2 \vec{\hat{H}} = 0$$

where  $k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} = \omega/u = 2\pi/\lambda$  is called the **wave number** with  $\lambda$  being the **wavelength** of the *electromagnetic* wave.



# 單元回顧

## Electromagnetic Spectrum



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