

5. Confined EM waves

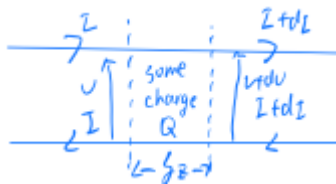
5.1 Transmission lines

An example of guided wave

Lets think in a super long circuit



If the time for signal to transverse the circuit is not $\ll \frac{1}{\omega}$, we need to consider the wave behavior of the signal.



We could have

Remember: we are defining capacitance as C per unit length, and inductance L per unit length

$$Q = (C\delta z)v$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = C\delta z \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

$$= I(z, t) - I(z + \delta z, t)$$

$$= \delta z \left(-\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -C \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$\Phi = (L\delta z)I$$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = L\delta z \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$= V(z, t) - V(z + \delta z, t)$$

$$= \delta z \left(-\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \quad \text{equation 2}$$

If we plug equation 1 into equation 2, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{LC} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

For wavelike situations, we have

$$V(z, t) = f(z - vt) + g(z + vt)$$

where f and g are arbitrary functions, and v is the wave velocity which is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$.

Note: the wave velocity is not the speed of light, but the speed of the wave in the circuit.

From equation 1, we could have

$$\frac{dV}{dI} = \frac{1}{C \frac{dz}{dt}} = \frac{1}{C \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}}$$

The impedance would be, then $Z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$ where the \pm is the direction of the wave.

Instantaneous power

$$= V \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} L I^2 + \frac{1}{2} C V^2 \right)}_{\text{energy stored/length}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} I^2 z + \frac{1}{2} \frac{V^2}{z} = I^2 z = \frac{LC}{z} = IV$$

Example

We have coaxial transmission line, which has

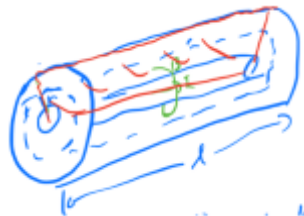
$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

Remember: C is per unit length



We would have

$$E \cdot 2\pi r l = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}$$



Hence, we have

$$V = - \int_b^a \frac{Q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} dr = \frac{Q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_r \epsilon_0}{\ln \frac{b}{a}}$$

$$B \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_r \mu_0 I$$

$$\Phi = \frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} I$$

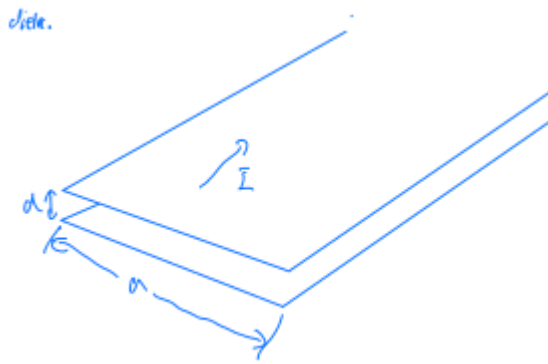
Where, remember, Φ is the flux per unit length

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\underbrace{\sqrt{\mu_r \mu_0 \epsilon_r \epsilon_0}}_{\text{Speed of light in dielectric}}}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \ln \frac{b}{a} \frac{1}{2\pi}}$$

Then, a common type of transmission line:

Example: Strip transmission line



$a \gg d$ so we could ignore edge effect

We have

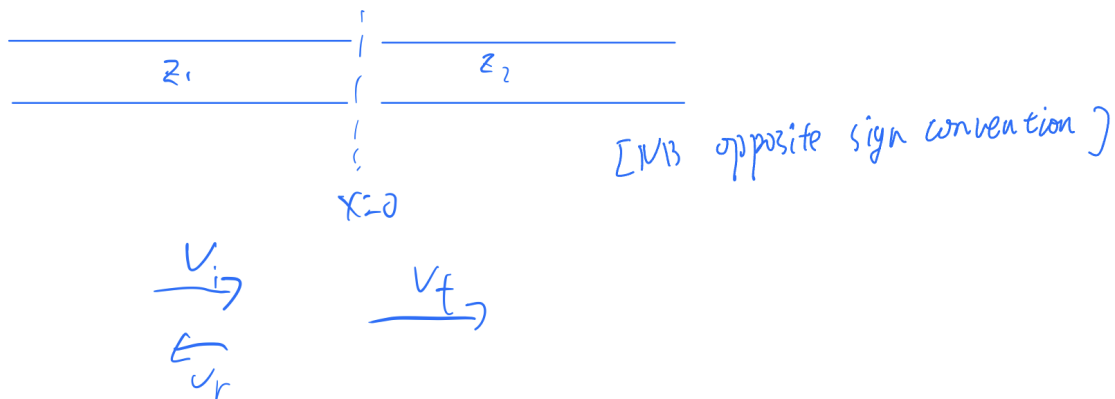
$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r a}{d}$$

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r d}{a}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} \quad \text{as before}$$

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \frac{d}{a}}$$

Boundary between two transmission lines



For $x < 0$, we have

$$V_1 = V_i e^{i(\omega t - kx)} + V_r e^{i(\omega t + kx)}$$

For $x > 0$, we have

$$V_2 = V_t e^{i(\omega t - k_2 x)}$$

At $x = 0$, we need to match voltages

$$\Rightarrow V_i + V_r = V_t \quad (1)$$

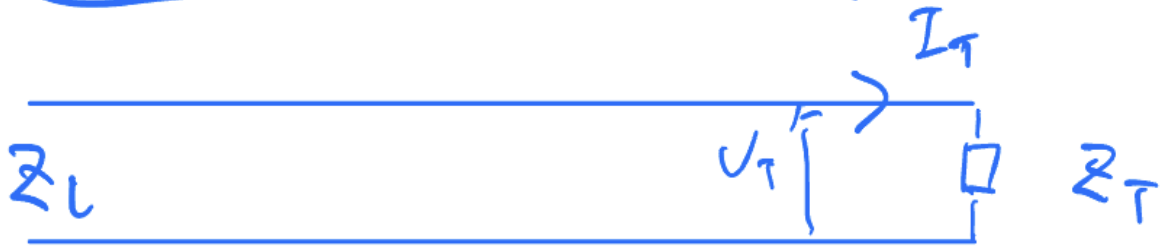
Match currents, we have

$$\frac{V_i - V_r}{Z_1} = \frac{V_t}{Z_2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2), we have } r = \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}, t = \frac{2Z_2}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

As for power, we would have $\frac{V_i^2}{Z_1} = \frac{V_t^2}{Z_2} + \frac{V_r^2}{Z_1}$ as expected.

Termination of load



$\frac{V_T}{I_T} = Z_T$ is the boundary condition

$$r = \frac{Z_T - Z_c}{Z_T + Z_c} \quad t = \frac{2Z_T}{Z_T + Z_c}$$

We would also like to consider special cases

	Z_T	r	t	V_T	I_T
Short circuit	0	-1	0	0	$2I_i$
Open circuit	∞	1	2	$2V_i$	0
Matched	Z_c	0	1	V_i	I_i

When $Z_T = Z_c$, we would get maximum power transfer

proof

$$\text{Incident power} = \frac{\langle V_i^2 \rangle}{Z_c} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_i^2}{Z_c}$$

$$\text{Power on the load} = \frac{\langle V_T^2 \rangle}{Z_T} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_T^2}{Z_T} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4Z_T V_i^2}{(Z_T + Z_c)^2} \quad (3)$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\text{Power transmitted}}{\text{incident power}} = \frac{(3)}{(4)} = \frac{4Z_c Z_T}{(Z_T + Z_c)^2}$$

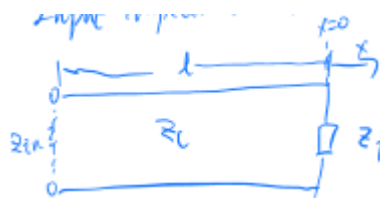
$$\frac{d}{dZ_T} \left[\frac{Z_T}{(Z_T + Z_c)^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{(Z_T + Z_c)^2 \cdot 1 - 2(Z_T + Z_c)Z_T}{(Z_T + Z_c)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (Z_T + Z_c) \cdot (Z_T + Z_c - 2Z_T) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_T = Z_c$$

Input impedance of short sections



Input impedance

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V(-l)}{I(-l)} = \frac{V_i e^{ikl} + V_r e^{-ikl}}{\frac{V_i}{Z_T} e^{ikl} - \frac{V_r}{Z_c} e^{-ikl}}$$

and $V_r = rV_i$ where $r = \frac{Z_T - Z_c}{Z_T + Z_c}$

$$\Rightarrow Z_{in} = \left(\frac{Z_T \cos(kl) + iZ_c \sin(kl)}{Z_c \cos(kl) + iZ_T \sin(kl)} \right) Z_c$$

For a $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ line ($kl = \pi$)

$$\Rightarrow Z_{in} = Z_T$$

For a $\frac{\lambda}{4}$ line ($kl = \frac{\pi}{2}$)

$$\Rightarrow Z_{in} = \frac{Z_c}{Z_T}$$

If $Z_T = 0 \Rightarrow Z_{in} = iZ_c \tan(kl)$

If $Z_T = \infty \Rightarrow Z_{in} = -iZ_c \cot(kl)$

For a $\frac{\lambda}{4}$ line, we have $Z_{in} = \frac{Z_c^2}{Z_T}$



Choose $\frac{Z_c^2}{Z_T} = Z_c$

i.e. $Z_c' = \sqrt{Z_c Z_T}$

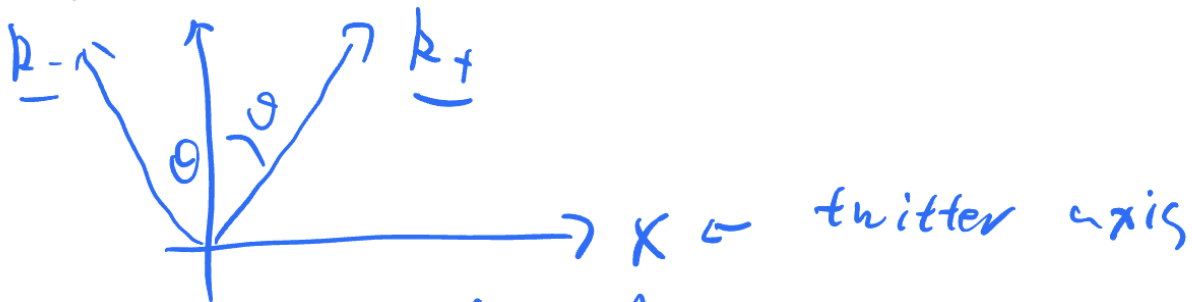
The transmission line has been perfectly terminated and there is no reflected wave

Waveguides

Example of interfering EM waves

Consider 2 EM waves with $E \parallel y$, travelling along $\mathbf{k}_{\pm} = k_0(\pm \sin \theta, 0 \cos \theta)$

And we add them up

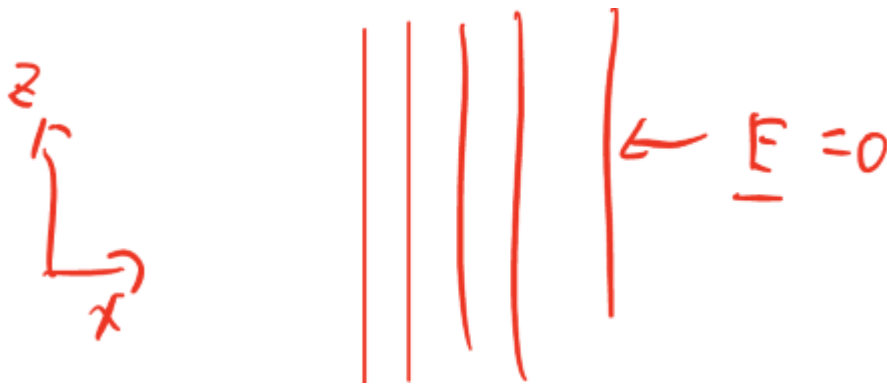


$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{2} \left(e^{i(\mathbf{k}_+ \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} - e^{i(\mathbf{k}_- \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{2} e^{i(k_0 z \cos \theta - \omega t)} \left(e^{ik_0 x \sin \theta} - e^{-ik_0 x \sin \theta} \right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= \mathbf{E}_0 i \hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i(k_0 z \cos \theta - \omega t)} \sin(k_0 x \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$

And so it is zero when $k_0 x \sin \theta = n\pi$

i.e. $x = na$ when $aa = \frac{\pi}{k_0 \sin \theta}$

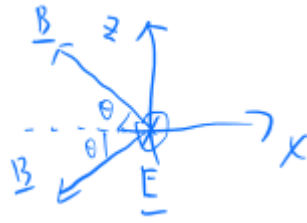
Nodal plane would be like



We could, therefore, insert conducting sheets at places where $\mathbf{E} = 0$

This demonstrates (at least in 1 dimension) that guided waves are possible

When confined

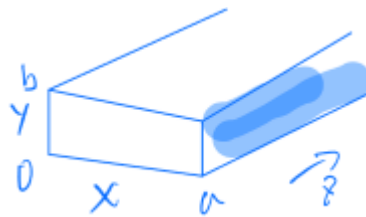


$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{2} e^{i(k_0 z \cos \theta - \omega t)} \left[e^{ik_0 \sin \theta} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \theta \\ 0 \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + e^{-ik_0 \sin \theta} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \theta \\ 0 \\ -\sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{2c} e^{i(k_0 z \cos \theta - \omega t)} \begin{pmatrix} -i \cos \theta \sin(k_0 x \sin \theta) \\ 0 \\ \sin \theta \cos(k_0 x \sin \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow only \mathbf{E} is transverse, \mathbf{B} is not

Rectangular waveguide



Rectangular cross section metal walls

$$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B} \propto e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} = 0 \text{ inside conductor walls}$$

\mathbf{B}_\perp and \mathbf{E}_\parallel are continuous

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}_\perp$ and \mathbf{E}_\parallel are zero at the walls

Consider Maxwell's equations inside waveguide

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = i\omega \mathbf{B}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \mathbf{E}$$

Hence, using our old method, we could have

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = i\omega \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E}$$

Where the LHS would be $\underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E})}_0 - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}$, so we can have a second order

differential equation

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Which is called the Helmholtz equation

One set of solution of this equation have \mathbf{E} transverse (called TE modes)

$$\Rightarrow E_z = 0$$

Since $\mathbf{E}_{\parallel} = 0$ at walls, we could get

$$\begin{cases} E_x = 0 & \text{at } y = 0, b \\ E_y = 0 & \text{at } x = 0, a \end{cases}$$

And since $E(\mathbf{r}, t) \propto e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$, we would like to put it in Helmholtz equation

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_g^2 \right) \right] \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Notice that $E_z = 0$

Boundary conditions

$$E_x \propto \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

$$E_y \propto \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a}$$

$$E_x = f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$$

$$E_y = g(y) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$$

From $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$, we have $\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z}}_0 = 0$, hence we could continue

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \Rightarrow f(x) = -\frac{a}{m\pi} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a}$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = -\sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \Rightarrow g(y) = -\frac{b}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

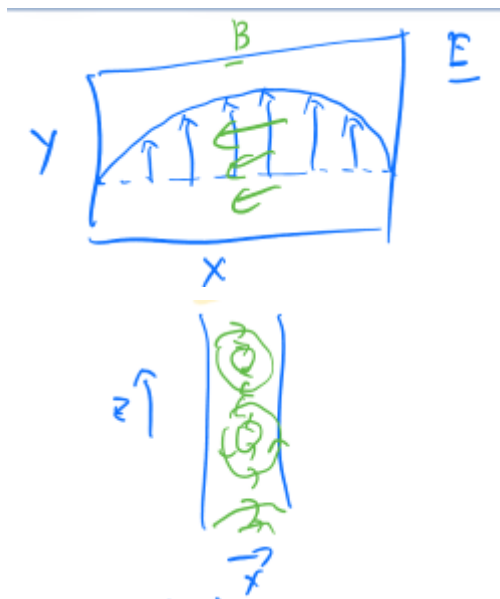
If $m = 1, n = 0$, we would call it TE₁₀ mode

$$E_x = E_z = 0$$

$$E_y = -A \frac{\pi}{a} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$$

$$B_x = A \frac{k_g}{\omega} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$$

$$B_z = i \frac{A}{\omega} \left(\frac{\pi}{a} \right)^2 \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{i(k_g z - \omega t)}$$

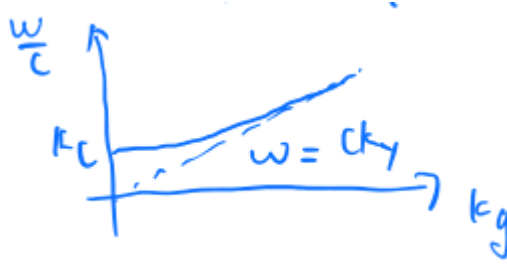


We could have Helmholtz equation for B_z as well

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_g^2 - \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} = k_g^2 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}_{k_c^2}$$

Where k_c is the cutoff wave vector



There is a minimum frequency allowed by the waveguide

$$\frac{2\omega d\omega}{c^2} = 2k_g dk_g$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{group}} = \frac{d\omega}{dk_g} = \frac{c^2 k_g}{\omega} = \frac{ck_g}{\sqrt{k_g^2 + k_c^2}}$$

$$v_{\text{phase}} = \frac{\omega}{k_g} = \frac{c\sqrt{k_g^2 + k_c^2}}{k_g}$$

And $v_{\text{group}} v_{\text{phase}} = c^2$

$$k_g = k_0 \cos \theta$$

$$k_c = k_0 \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\omega}{c} = k_0$$



We can, therefore, consider the TE_{10} mode as an EM wave bouncing off the walls at angle θ_0 with respect to the walls