# Fields & Waves II

# Project III - An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain

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### 1 Introduction

This assignment will stretch your ability to program in MATLAB, and to develop a basic simulation tool that demonstrates plane wave interactions. Develop a brief report with figures and captions to demonstrate your success. Provide a brief description of your responses to questions in the problem sets. Organize your report by section numbers corresponding to the problem set numbers.

All plots must have figure numbers and captions. In a paragraph below each plot provide a discussion of the plot highlighting important characteristics. You need to find three things to say about each plot you provide. Include as an appendix, your MATLAB code used to obtain your results. Remember - although I am encouraging you to work together to get the code working this is an individual assignment and you are responsible to provide a written discussion of the problem sets above. More importantly, you need to understand what the code is telling you about the interactions and explain why the results make sense.

### 2 Problem Set 1.1

#### 2.1 1.1.1

Get the program fdld\_1.1.c running.What happens when the pulse hits the end of the array? Why?

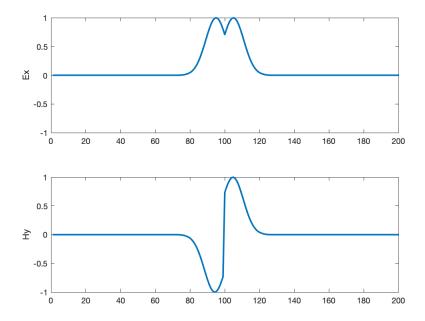


Figure 1: Gaussian Pulse Initial

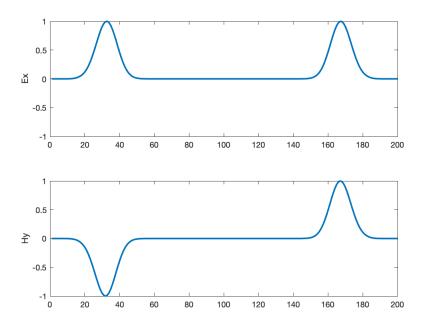


Figure 2: Gaussian Pulse After Some Time

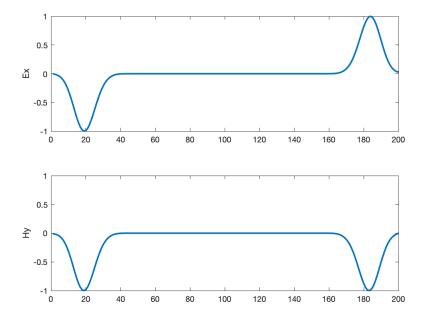


Figure 3: Gaussian Pulse After Hitting Array Boundaries

Following getting the program running, the wave of the Gaussian pulse for NSTEPS=500 demonstrates the wave beginning propagation at kc=100, traveling towards (0 & 200) array bounds, and reflecting. The wave acts as expected. The phase change after the array boundary/ reflection is caused by the equal and opposite force exerted by the medium on the wave.

## 2.2 1.1.2

Modify the program so it has two sources, one at kc-20 and one at kc+20 (Notice that kc is the center of the problem space). What happens when the pulses meet? Explain this from basic EM theory.

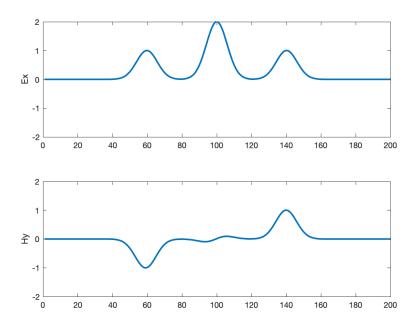


Figure 4: Gaussian Pulse Slightly After Initial

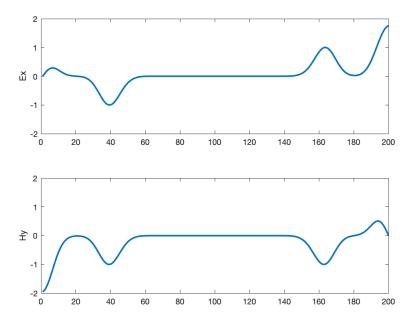


Figure 5: Gaussian Pulse After Some Time

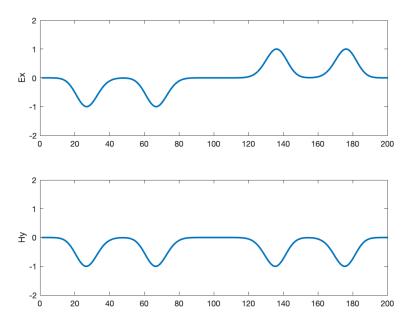


Figure 6: Gaussian Pulse After Hitting Array Boundaries

This demonstration showed two Gaussian Pulses with a width of 40 propagating. The increase in amplitude is expected because of constructive interference. Following the wave hitting the boundaries/ array limits, the wave(s) reflect, similar to problem 1.1.1.

# 3 Problem Set 1.3

### 3.1 1.3.1

The program fdld\_1.2.c has absorbing boundary conditions at both ends. Get this program running and test it to ensure the boundary conditions are completely absorbing the pulse.

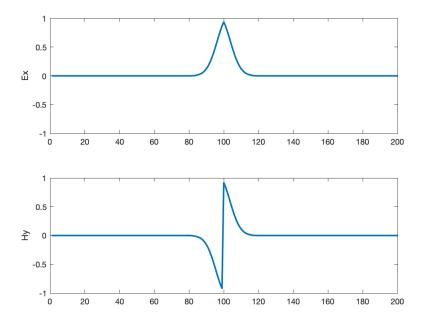


Figure 7: Gaussian Pulse Slightly After Initial

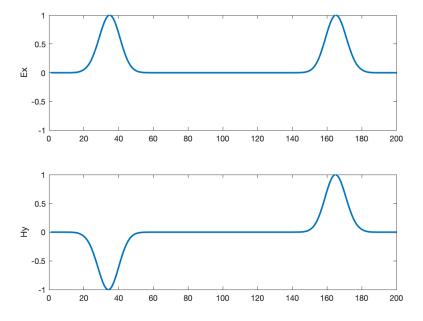


Figure 8: Gaussian Pulse After Some Time

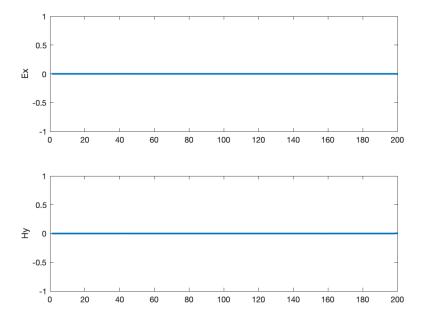


Figure 9: Gaussian Pulse After Hitting Array Boundaries

The program fd1d\_1.2 acts similarly to fd1d\_1.1; however, in this program the Gaussian wave is absorbed by during the boundary conditions/ array limits. This absorption is shown in Figure 9 where the pulse goes to zero and remains at zero. This confirms the program is working correctly.

## 4 Problem Set 1.4

### 4.1 1.4.1

The program fdld\_1.3.c simulates a problem partly containing free space and partly dielectric material. Run this program and duplicate the results of Fig. 1.4.

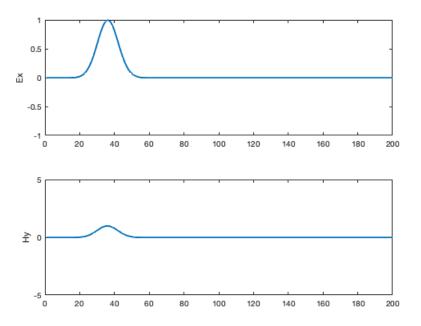


Figure 10: Gaussian Pulse @ T = 100

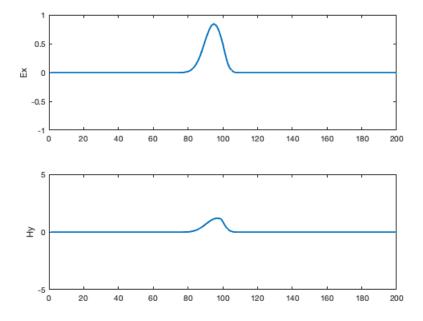


Figure 11: Gaussian Pulse @ T=220

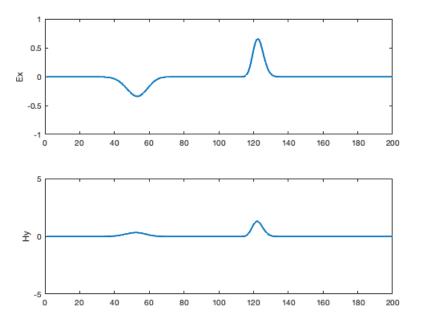


Figure 12: Gaussian Pulse @ T=320

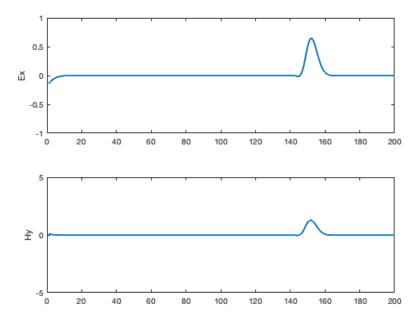


Figure 13: Gaussian Pulse @T = 440

The figures [Figure 10-13] are duplicates of the images provided in the Sullivan PDF. Given these photos are the same, the code was replicated properly.

### 4.2 1.4.2

Look at the relative amplitudes of the reflected and transmitted pulses. Are they correct? Check them by calculating the reflection and transmission coefficients. (See the appendix at the end of this chapter.)

Reflection Coefficient

$$\Gamma = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1}$$

Transmission Coefficient

$$\tau = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_2 + \eta_1}$$

Calculation for Eta

$$\eta = \frac{\eta_o}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{r1}}}$$

Observed Values

$$\eta_o=120\pi$$
,  $\epsilon_{r1}=1$ ,  $\epsilon_{r2}=4$ 

Calculations

$$\eta_1 = \frac{120\pi}{\sqrt{1}} = 120\pi$$

$$\eta_2 = \frac{120\pi}{\sqrt{4}} = 60\pi$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{120\pi - 60\pi}{120\pi + 60\pi} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{2(60)\pi}{120\pi + 60\pi} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Following calculating these values, the wave propagation observed is correct. After hitting the second medium, the wave reflects, reduces  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and changes phase demonstrating the negative portion of the calculation. The wave continues propagating at a reduction of  $\frac{2}{3}$  showing the transmission coefficient is also correct.

#### 4.3 1.4.3

A type of propagating wave function that is of great interest in areas such as optics is the "wave packet," which is a sinusoidal function in a Gaussian envelope. Modify your program to simulate a wave packet.

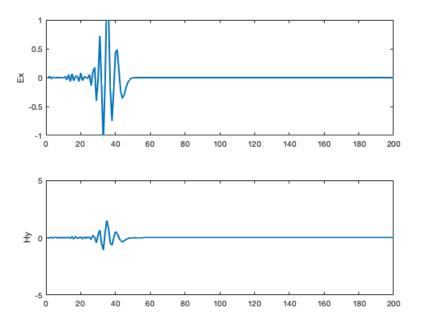


Figure 14: Wave Packet Propagation

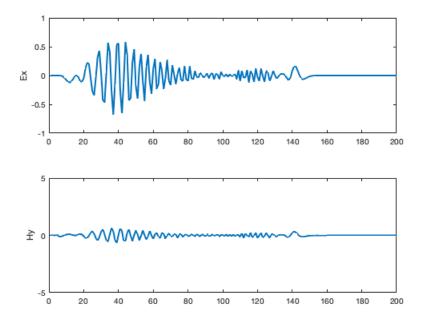


Figure 15: Wave Packet after Reflection/ Transmission off Second Medium

In Figure 14 & Figure 15 a wave packet is shown propagating. The wave packet interferes with the second medium, reflects back, and transmits. I expected more reduction in the reflection amplitude. This may be due to the wave packet having constructive interference with itself though. I also expected more transmission amplitude, but I am not sure of an explanation for this.

# 5 Appendix

### 5.1 1.1.1

```
clear all; close all; clc;
 %Aaron Rosen - Fields & Waves II
  %Project 3 - An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain
  %Rebuilding FD1D_1.1.c in MATLAB
  KE = 200;
  Ex = zeros(KE, 1);
  Hy = zeros(KE, 1);
  kc = KE/2; %Center of problem space
  t0 = 40; %Center of the incident pulse
  spread = 12; %Width of the incident pulse
  NSTEPS = 1; %Number of Steps
  T = 0;
16
17
  while (NSTEPS > 0)
         %Enter the Steps
20
          prompt = "NSTEPS-----> ";
21
          NSTEPS = input(prompt);
22
          disp(NSTEPS);
23
          n = 0;
25
26
          for n = 1:NSTEPS
27
         T = T+1;
         %Calculating the Ex Field
               for k = 2:KE
                   Ex(k) = Ex(k) + 0.5*(Hy(k-1) - Hy(k));
31
               end
32
         %Gaussian Pulse in the middle
33
               pulse = \exp(-0.5*((t0-T)./spread).^2);
               Ex(kc) = pulse;
35
               disp(t0-T);
36
               disp(Ex(kc));
37
         %Calculate the Hy field
```

```
for k = 1:KE-1
39
                    Hy(k) = Hy(k) + 0.5*(Ex(k) - Ex(k+1));
40
                end
41
42
43
                figure (1)
44
                subplot (2,1,1)
45
                plot(Ex, 'LineWidth', 2)
                ylim([-1 \ 1])
47
                ylabel('Ex')
48
49
                subplot (2,1,2)
50
                plot(Hy, 'LineWidth', 2)
                ylim([-1 \ 1])
52
                ylabel('Hy')
53
54
                for k = 1:KE
55
                    disp(Ex(k));
                    disp(Hy(k));
                end
58
59
60
         %
62
          end
  end
  5.2 1.1.2
  clear all; close all; clc;
3 %Aaron Rosen — Fields & Waves II
  % Project 3 - An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain
7 %Rebuilding FD1D_1.2.c in MATLAB
  KE = 200;
  Ex = zeros(KE, 1);
  Hy = zeros(KE, 1);
11
  kc = KE/2;
  k1 = kc - 20;
_{14} k2 = kc +20;
```

```
t0 = 40;
  spread = 12;
  T = 0;
  NSTEPS = 1;
19
  while (NSTEPS > 0)
21
       prompt = "NSTEPS ----> ";
       NSTEPS = input(prompt);
23
       disp(NSTEPS);
24
25
       for n = 1:NSTEPS
26
           T = T+1;
           %Calculate the Ex Field
            for k=2:KE
29
                Ex(k) = Ex(k) + 0.5*(Hy(k-1) - Hy(k));
30
           end
31
           %Guassian Pulse
33
            pulse = \exp(-0.5*((t0-T)/spread).^2);
34
           Ex(k1) = Ex(k1) + pulse;
35
           Ex(k2) = Ex(k2) + pulse;
            disp(t0-T);
            disp(Ex(k1));
            disp(Ex(k2));
39
40
           %Calculate the Hy Field
41
            for k=1:KE-1
                Hy(k) = Hy(k) + 0.5*(Ex(k)-Ex(k+1));
43
           end
45
          figure (1)
          subplot (2,1,1)
48
          plot(Ex, 'LineWidth', 2)
49
          ylim([-2 2])
50
          ylabel('Ex')
51
          subplot (2,1,2)
53
          plot(Hy, 'LineWidth', 2)
          ylim([-2 \ 2])
55
          ylabel('Hy')
```

```
for k = 1:KE
58
              disp(Ex(k));
              disp(Hy(k));
          end
61
              % writematrix (Ex, Ex);
62
63
               %writematrix(Hy, Hy);
65
66
          end
  end
  5.3 1.3.1
  clear all; close all; clc;
  %Aaron Rosen - Fields & Waves II
 %Project 3 — An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain
  %Rebuilding FD1D_1.2c in MATLAB
  KE = 200;
  Ex = zeros(KE, 1);
  Hy = zeros(KE, 1);
  kc = KE/2;
  t0 = 40;
  spread = 12;
  T = 0;
  NSTEPS = 1;
17
  ex_low_m1 = 0;
  ex_low_m2 = 0;
  ex_high_m1 = 0;
  ex_high_m2 = 0;
22
  while (NSTEPS > 0)
23
      n = 0;
       prompt = "NSTEPS--->";
      NSTEPS = input(prompt);
26
       disp(NSTEPS);
27
28
```

```
for n = 1:NSTEPS
           T = T+1;
30
31
           %Calculate the Ex Field
32
           for k = 2:KE
33
                Ex(k) = Ex(k) + 0.5*(Hy(k-1) - Hy(k));
34
           end
35
           %Put a Gaussian Pulse in the Middle
37
           pulse = \exp(-0.5*((t0-T)/spread)^2);
38
           Ex(kc) = Ex(kc) + pulse;
39
           disp(t0-T);
           disp(Ex(kc));
42
           %Define Boundary Conditions
43
           Ex(1) = ex_low_m2;
           ex_low_m2 = ex_low_m1;
45
           ex_low_m1 = Ex(2);
           Ex(KE-1) = ex_high_m2;
           ex_high_m2 = ex_high_m1;
48
           ex_high_m1 = Ex(KE-2);
49
50
           %Calculate the Hy Field
52
           for k = 1:KE-1
53
                Hy(k) = Hy(k) + 0.5*(Ex(k) - Ex(k+1));
           end
55
            figure (1);
           subplot (2,1,1)
58
           plot(Ex, 'LineWidth', 2)
59
           ylim([-1 \ 1])
60
           ylabel('Ex')
62
           subplot (2,1,2)
63
           plot(Hy, 'LineWidth', 2)
           ylim([-1 \ 1])
65
           ylabel('Hy')
           for k=1:KE
68
                disp(Ex(k));
69
                disp(Hy(k));
```

end

```
end
73 end
  5.4 1.4.1
1 clear all; close all; clc;
3 %Aaron Rosen — Fields & Waves II
_4 %Project 3 - An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain
  %Rebuilding FD1D_1.3c in MATLAB
 KE = 200;
  Ex = zeros(KE, 1);
  Hy = zeros(KE, 1);
  CB = zeros(KE, 1);
12
13
  kc = KE/2;
  t0 = 40;
  spread = 12;
  T = 0;
  NSTEPS = 1;
20
21
  ex_low_m1 = 0;
  ex_low_m2 = 0;
  ex_high_m1 = 0;
  ex_high_m2 = 0;
  for k = 2:KE
      CB(k) = 0.5;
  end
30
  die = "Dielectric starts @ \longrightarrow ";
  kstart = input(die);
  disp(kstart);
  eps = "Epsilon ---->";
  epsilon = input(eps);
  disp(epsilon);
```

```
for k = kstart:KE
       CB(k) = 0.5/epsilon;
  end
41
42
43
   while (NSTEPS > 0)
       n = 0;
       prompt = "NSTEPS--->";
46
       NSTEPS = input(prompt);
47
       disp(NSTEPS);
48
49
       for n = 1:NSTEPS
           T = T+1;
51
52
53
           %Calculate the Ex Field
            for k = 2:KE
                Ex(k) = Ex(k) + CB(k)*(Hy(k-1) - Hy(k));
57
            end
58
59
                %Define Boundary Conditions
61
            Ex(1) = ex_low_m2;
62
            ex_low_m2 = ex_low_m1;
63
            ex_low_m1 = Ex(2);
            Ex(KE-1) = ex_high_m2;
            ex_high_m2 = ex_high_m1;
66
            ex_high_m1 = Ex(KE-2);
68
70
           %Put a Gaussian Pulse in the Middle
71
            pulse = \exp(-0.5*((t0-T)/\text{spread})^2);
72
            Ex(6) = Ex(6) + pulse;
73
            disp(t0-T);
            disp(Ex(6));
75
76
77
78
```

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80
81
            %Calculate the Hy Field
            for k = 1:KE-1
                 Hy(k) = Hy(k) + 0.5*(Ex(k) - Ex(k+1));
            end
85
86
88
89
            figure (1);
90
            subplot (2,1,1)
91
            plot(Ex, 'LineWidth', 2)
            ylim([-1 \ 1])
            ylabel('Ex')
95
96
            subplot (2,1,2)
            plot(Hy, 'LineWidth', 2)
99
            ylim([-5 5])
100
            ylabel('Hy')
101
102
103
104
            for k=1:KE
105
                 disp(Ex(k));
106
107
            end
108
       end
109
  end
   5.5 1.4.3
   clear all; close all; clc;
  %Aaron Rosen - Fields & Waves II
  %Project 3 - An Introduction to the Finite Difference Time Domain
 7 %Rebuilding FD1D_1.3c in MATLAB
  KE = 200;
 _{9} Ex = zeros(KE, 1);
```

```
Hy = zeros(KE, 1);
  CB = zeros(KE, 1);
13
14
  kc = KE/2;
  t0 = 40;
  spread = 12;
  T = 0;
  NSTEPS = 1;
  ex_low_m1 = 0;
  ex_low_m2 = 0;
  ex_high_m1 = 0;
  ex_high_m2 = 0;
  for k = 2:KE
      CB(k) = 0.5;
  end
29
30
  die = "Dielectric starts @ ----> ";
  kstart = input(die);
  disp(kstart);
  eps = "Epsilon --->";
  epsilon = input(eps);
  disp(epsilon);
  for k = kstart:KE
      CB(k) = 0.5/epsilon;
  end
41
42
43
  while (NSTEPS > 0)
      n = 0;
45
       prompt = "NSTEPS--->";
      NSTEPS = input(prompt);
47
       disp(NSTEPS);
48
49
       for n = 1:NSTEPS
           T = T+1;
```

```
53
             %Calculate the Ex Field
55
             for k = 2:KE
56
                  Ex(k) = Ex(k) + CB(k)*(Hy(k-1) - Hy(k));
57
             end
58
60
61
62
             %Put a Gaussian Pulse in the Middle
63
             \text{%pulse} = \exp(-0.5*((t0-T)/\text{spread})^2);
             %Ex(6) = Ex(6) + pulse;
65
             %disp(t0-T);
66
             %disp(Ex(6));
67
68
             %wave packet
             if T<20
70
             pulse2 = (sin((T)*2*pi) - sin((T)*1.1*2*pi));
71
             \mathsf{Ex}(6) = (\mathsf{Ex}(6) + \mathsf{pulse2});
72
73
             else
75
             \mathsf{Ex}(6) = 0;
76
             \mathsf{Ex}(\mathsf{k}) = \mathsf{0};
77
78
             end
80
81
                  %Define Boundary Conditions
82
             Ex(1) = ex_low_m2;
83
             ex_low_m2 = ex_low_m1;
             ex_low_m1 = Ex(2);
85
             Ex(KE-1) = ex_high_m2;
86
             ex_high_m2 = ex_high_m1;
87
             ex_high_m1 = Ex(KE-2);
89
90
91
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94
95
              %Calculate the Hy Field
              \quad \text{for } k = 1\text{:}KE\!\!-\!\!1
                   Hy(k) = Hy(k) + 0.5*(Ex(k) - Ex(k+1));
98
              end
99
100
101
102
103
              figure(1);
104
              subplot(2,1,1)
105
              plot(Ex, 'LineWidth', 2)
              ylim([-1 \ 1])
107
              ylabel('Ex')
108
109
110
              subplot (2,1,2)
112
              plot(Hy, 'LineWidth', 2)
113
              ylim([-5 \ 5])
114
              ylabel('Hy')
115
117
118
              for k=1:KE
119
                    disp(Ex(k));
120
121
              end
122
         end
123
   end
```