



1. EM waves

1.1 Electromagnetic Wave

Waves

Classical wave equation can be represents as

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{V^2} \frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} \quad (1.1)$$

Where V is the velocity of propagation

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \text{ in the case of waves in a string}$$

T = Tension

μ = mass per unit length

Equation.1.1 has a general solution in the form.

$$f(z, t) = A \cos[k(z - vt) + \delta]$$

where $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ is called wave number

If T is the time period $T = \frac{1}{f}$

And ω is the angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$

$$f(z, t) = A \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

By using complex notation,

$$f(z, t) = A e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

$$f(z, t) = \text{Re}[f(z, t)]$$

$f(z, t)$ is the actual wave function

1.2 Electromagnetic Waves in Vacuum

The wave equation for \vec{E} and \vec{B} is obtained from Maxwell's equations. The four Maxwell's equations in vacuum where there is no charge or current ($\rho = 0$ and $\vec{J} = 0$), is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \text{(iii)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \text{(iv)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Applying curl to (iii) $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \left(-\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

Applying $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ and $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \vec{E}}{dt^2} = 0$$

Similarly applying curl to (iv) $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) &= \nabla \times \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} &= \nabla \times \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \\ \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \\ &= -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \\ \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \vec{B}}{dt^2} = 0$$

Thus both equations obey the general wave equation,

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

We can write the speed of electromagnetic wave propagation in free space is

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Which is speed of light in free space. This says that the light is an electromagnetic wave.

Plane Wave Solution

Let us look at "plane wave" solutions to these wave equations for \vec{E} and \vec{B} . A plane wave is one for which the surfaces of constant phases, are planes. Time harmonic solutions are of the form $\sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$ or $\cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$. However, mathematically it turns out to be simple to consider an exponential form and take, at the end of calculations, the real or the imaginary part.

We take the solutions to be of the form,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{B} &= \vec{B}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the surfaces of constant phase are given by,

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t = \text{constant}$$

\vec{E}_0, \vec{B}_0 are the complex amplitude, and \vec{k} is the wave vector. \vec{k} is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{k} &= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{2\pi\nu}{c} \hat{k} && \text{Since, } c = \nu\lambda \\ &= \frac{\omega}{c} \hat{k} && \text{Since, } 2\pi\nu = \omega\end{aligned}$$

(\hat{k} is unit vector along propagation direction.)

1.2.1 Directions of $\vec{E}, \vec{H}, \vec{k}$

We have solution of wave equation,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}(r, t) &= \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{H}(r, t) &= \vec{H}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}\end{aligned}$$

We have four Maxwell's equations as,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

When we substitute the solutions of the wave equations, in Maxwell's equations we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \Rightarrow i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \therefore \vec{k} \perp \vec{E} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \Rightarrow i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \therefore \vec{k} \perp \vec{B} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} & \Rightarrow i\vec{k} \times \vec{E} &= i\omega \vec{B} & \therefore \vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} & \Rightarrow i\vec{k} \times \vec{B} &= -i\omega \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{E} & \therefore \vec{k} \times \vec{B} = \omega \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

From these equations we can say $\vec{k}, \vec{E}, \vec{B}$ are mutually perpendicular to each other.

1.2.2 Poynting Vector in Electromagnetic waves

The Poynting's vector for the plane electromagnetic wave in free space. Energy per unit volume stored in em field is

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \quad \text{Since, } \vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0 \omega} \vec{E} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0 \omega} [\vec{k}(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}) - E(E \cdot \vec{k})] \\ \vec{S} &= \frac{E^2}{\mu_0 \omega} \vec{k} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Thus, the energy flow is in the direction of wave propagation.

We know that \vec{E} is normal to \vec{k} ,

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B} \quad (1.4)$$

We can write in terms of magnitude,

$$\begin{aligned} kE = \omega B &\Rightarrow \frac{k}{\omega} E = B \\ \frac{1}{c} E = B &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} E = B \\ \sqrt{\epsilon_0} E &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0}} B \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

Squaring both sides, and multiplying by $\frac{1}{2}$ we get,

$$\epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2 \quad (1.6)$$

This shows that in case of electromagnetic waves in free space electromagnetic energy is equally shared between electric and magnetic fields.

Then total energy density of an EM wave in free space can be written as,

$$u = u_{em} + u_m \quad (1.7)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2 \quad (1.8)$$

$$u = \epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (1.9)$$

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From equation.1.3 we know that ,

$$\vec{S} = \frac{E^2}{\mu_0 \omega} \vec{k} \quad (1.10)$$

substituting equation. 1.9 and taking only magnitude we get,

$$S = \frac{u}{\epsilon_0} \frac{k}{\omega \mu_0} \quad (1.11)$$

$$= \frac{u}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \frac{k}{\omega} \quad (1.12)$$

$$= uc^2 \frac{1}{c} \quad (1.13)$$

$$S = uc \quad (1.14)$$

In vector form,

$$\vec{S} = uc\hat{k} \quad \text{Where } \hat{k} \text{ is the propagation direction.} \quad (1.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \\ \vec{S} &= \frac{E^2}{\mu_0 \omega} \vec{k} \\ \vec{S} &= uc\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Momentum

The momentum density stored in the electromagnetic field is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{P} &= \frac{\vec{S}}{c^2} \quad \text{But, } \vec{S} = uc\hat{k} \\ \vec{P} &= \frac{u}{c} \hat{k} \\ \text{Or, } \vec{P} &= \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_0 E^2 \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Average Values

If we find the average values of electric field E and magnetic field B we get the values as,

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.16)$$

$$\text{And } \langle B \rangle = \frac{B_0}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (\text{Here, average value equals the rms value.}) \quad (1.17)$$

Where E_0 and B_0 are the amplitudes.

The average value of \vec{S} ,

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (E \times B) \hat{k} \quad (1.18)$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \langle (E \times B) \rangle \hat{k} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{B_0}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{k} \quad (1.19)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mu_0} E_0 B_0 \hat{k} \quad (1.20)$$

We know that, $E = cB$ and $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$

Then equation. 1.20 becomes,

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \hat{k} \quad (1.21)$$

Average energy density,

We know that, $u = \epsilon_0 E^2$. Then,

$$\langle u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

Average momentum density

We know that, $\vec{P} = \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_0 E^2 \hat{k}$, then

$$\langle \vec{P} \rangle = \frac{1}{2c} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \hat{k}$$

Intensity of Electromagnetic wave

The magnitude of the time average of the Poynting's vector is called the intensity of radiation (I). Thus, the intensity.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= |\langle \vec{S} \rangle| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E^2 \end{aligned}$$

But, we found that, $\langle u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$, Then,

$$I = \langle u \rangle c$$

Radiation Pressure

When light falls on a perfect absorber it delivers its momentum to the surface. In a time of the momentum transfer it

$$\Delta P = AC \Delta t \text{ so the}$$

$$\text{radiation pressure} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 = \frac{I}{C}$$

for perfect reflector pressure is twice as great because momentum switches direction, instead of simply being absorbed.

Exercise 1.1 Compute the intensity of the standing electromagnetic wave given by

$$E_y(x, t) = 2E_0 \cos kx \cos \omega t, \quad B_z(x, t) = 2B_0 \sin kx \sin \omega t$$

Solution: The Poynting vector for the standing wave is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S} &= \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (2E_0 \cos kx \cos \omega t \hat{j}) \times (2B_0 \sin kx \sin \omega t \hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{4E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} (\sin kx \cos kx \sin \omega t \cos \omega t) \hat{i} \\ &= \frac{E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} (\sin 2kx \sin 2\omega t) \hat{i} \end{aligned}$$

The time average of S is

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} \sin 2kx \langle \sin 2\omega t \rangle = 0$$

The result is to be expected since the standing wave does not propagate. Alternatively, we may say that the energy carried by the two waves traveling in the opposite directions to form the standing wave exactly cancel each other, with no net energy transfer.

1.3 Electromagnetic Waves in Matter

The Maxwell's equation inside matter where there is no free charge or free current are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= 0 & \text{(iii)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} &= \frac{-\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \text{(iv)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

If the medium is linear, $D = \epsilon E$, $H = \frac{B}{\mu}$

If the medium is homogeneous so that ϵ and μ do not vary point to point. The Maxwell's equations becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \text{(iii)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} &= \frac{-\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \text{(iv)} \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

The electromagnetic waves propagates through a linear homogeneous medium at a speed,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}} \\ &= \frac{c}{n} \quad \text{Where, } n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \Rightarrow \text{refractive index of the substance.} \end{aligned}$$

Since, for most materials μ is very close to μ_0

$$n \approx \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \Rightarrow \epsilon_r = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}}$$

ϵ_r is dielectric constant which almost always greater than 1. So speed of light in matter ($V = \frac{c}{n}$) should always be less than C .

1.3.1 Boundary condition

The boundary conditions at the interface can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \epsilon_1 E_1^\perp &= \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp & \text{(iii)} \quad E_1^\parallel &= E_2^\parallel \\ \text{(ii)} \quad B_1^\perp &= B_2^\perp & \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{B_1^\parallel}{\mu_1} &= \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2^\parallel \end{aligned}$$

1.3.2 Reflection and Transmission at Normal incidence

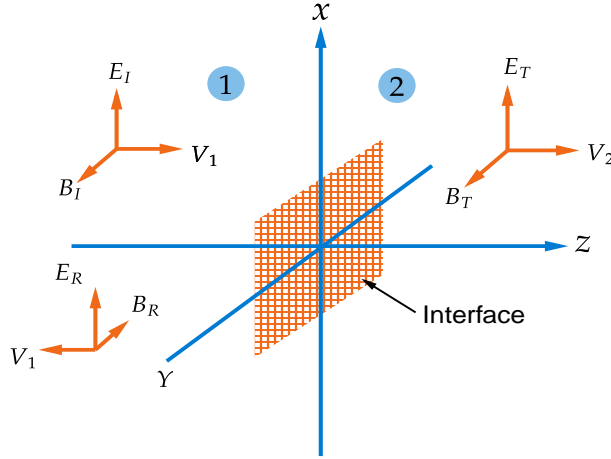


Figure 1.1: Reflection and Transmission at Normal incidence

Suppose the xy plane forms the boundary between two linear media. A plane wave of frequency(ω)travelling in the z direction and polarized in x direction approaches the interface from the left.

Incident wave :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_I(z,t) &= \vec{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{i} \\ \vec{B}_I(z,t) &= \frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.22)$$

$v_1 = \text{Velocity in first medium}$

Reflected wave :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_R(z,t) &= \vec{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{i} \\ \vec{B}_R(z,t) &= -\frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.23)$$

Transmitted wave :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_T(z,t) &= \vec{E}_{0T} e^{i(k_2 z - \omega t)} \hat{i} \\ \vec{B}_T(z,t) &= \frac{1}{v_2} \vec{E}_{0T} e^{i(k_2 z - \omega t)} \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.24)$$

$v_2 = \text{Velocity in second medium}$

At $z = 0$, the combined field on the left $\vec{E}_I + \vec{E}_R$ and $\vec{B}_I + \vec{B}_R$, must join the fields on the right \vec{E}_T & \vec{B}_T , in accordance with the boundary conditions in section 1.3.1.

There are no electric components in perpendicular direction, Then the third boundary condition $E_1^{\parallel} = E_2^{\parallel}$ gives,

$$\vec{E}_{0I} + \vec{E}_{0R} = \vec{E}_{0T} \quad (1.25)$$

Then the fourth boundary condition $\frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1^{\parallel} = \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2^{\parallel}$ gives,

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0I} - \frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0R} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \left(\frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0I} - \frac{1}{v_2} \vec{E}_{0T} \right) \quad (1.26)$$

$$\text{Since } \vec{B}_{0I} = \frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0I} \quad : \quad \vec{B}_{0R} = \frac{1}{v_1} \vec{E}_{0R} \quad : \quad \vec{B}_{0T} = \frac{1}{v_2} \vec{E}_{0T}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{c}{v_2} \quad \text{and} \quad n_1 = \frac{c}{v_1}$$

Then the equation.1.26 becomes,

$$\vec{E}_{0I} - \vec{E}_{0R} = \beta \vec{E}_{0T} \quad (1.27)$$

Where, $\beta \equiv \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1}$

By solving equation.1.25 and equation. 1.27 we will get,

$$\vec{E}_{0R} = \left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \vec{E}_{0I} \quad : \quad \vec{E}_{0T} = \left(\frac{2}{1+\beta} \right) \vec{E}_{0I}$$

If $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$ (For non-magnetic medium). Then,

$$\vec{E}_{0R} = \left(\frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_1 + v_2} \right) \vec{E}_{0I} \quad : \quad \vec{E}_{0T} = \left(\frac{2v_2}{v_1 + v_2} \right) \vec{E}_{0I} \quad (1.28)$$

The reflected wave \vec{E}_{0R} are in phase with incident wave if $v_2 > v_1$ and out of phase if $v_2 < v_1$

$$\therefore E_{0R} = \left| \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_1 + v_2} \right| E_{0I} \quad : \quad E_{0T} = \left(\frac{2v_2}{v_1 + v_2} \right) E_{0I} \quad (1.29)$$

In terms of reflective indices n_1 and n_2

$$E_{0R} = \left| \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right| E_{0I} \quad : \quad E_{0T} = \left(\frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2} \right) E_{0I} \quad (1.30)$$

Reflection coefficient, the function of incident is reflected can be find out,

$$R = \frac{I_R}{I_I} \quad (1.31)$$

The intensity in general can be written as

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon v E_0^2 \quad (1.32)$$

if $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0$ the **Reflection coefficient**,

$$R = \frac{(E_{0R})^2}{(E_{0I})^2} = \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)^2 \quad (1.33)$$

And **Transmission coefficient**,

$$T = \frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2 (E_{0I})^2}{\epsilon_1 v_1 (E_{0I})^2} = \frac{4n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2} \quad (1.34)$$

And from these equations we can show that $R + T = 1$ ie. energy is conserved.

$$R = \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{4n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2}$$

$$R + T = 1$$

Note When light passes from air ($n_1 = 1$) and to glass ($n_2 = 1.5$)

$$R = 0.04, \quad 4\%$$

$$T = 0.96, \quad 96\%$$

Most of the light are transmitted.

1.3.3 Reflection and transmission at oblique incidence

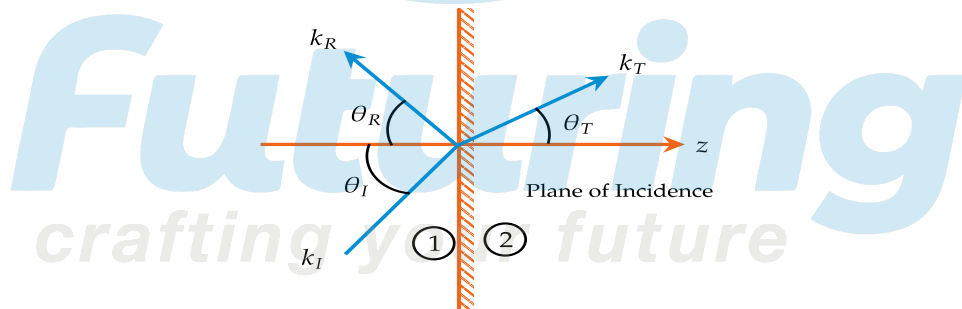


Figure 1.2

Suppose the light is travelling from $-z$ axis. There is a medium at xy plane. Light get reflected and transmitted from the plane. Suppose the incident light make an angle θ_I with the normal i.e. z axis. Let ω be the frequency of the travelling wave.

Incident wave:

$$E_I(r, t) = E_{0I} e^{(k_I \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

$$B_I(r, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (k_I \times E_I)$$

Reflected wave:

$$E_R(r, t) = E_{0R} e^{(k_R \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

$$B_R(r, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (k_R \times E_R)$$

Where v_1 be the velocity of first medium.

Transmitted wave

$$E_T(r, t) = E_{0T} e^{(k_T \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

$$B_T(r, t) = \frac{1}{v_2} (k_T \times E_T)$$

Where v_2 be the velocity of the second medium.

The frequency of all the waves are same.so we can relate,

$$\begin{aligned} k_I v_1 &= k_R v_1 = k_T v_2 \\ \implies k_I &= k_R \\ \implies k_I &= k_R = \frac{v_2}{v_1} k_T = \frac{n_1}{n_2} k_T \end{aligned}$$

Where n_1 and n_2 are the refractive index of the first and second medium.

At $z = 0$ the combined field of electric and magnetic components are equal
ie

$$E_I + E_R = E_T$$

and

$$B_I + B_R = B_T$$

Which give rise to

$$E_I(r, t) = E_{0I} e^{(k_I \cdot r - \omega t)} + E_R(r, t) = E_{0R} e^{(k_R \cdot r - \omega t)} = E_T(r, t) = E_{0T} e^{(k_T \cdot r - \omega t)}$$

Because the boundary conditions must hold at all points on the plane and for all time ,these exponential factors must be equal at $z=0$.Which implies

$$k_I \cdot r = k_R \cdot r = k_T \cdot r \quad \text{at } z = 0$$

after taking the dot product

$$x(k_I)_x + y(k_I)_y = x(k_R)_x + y(k_R)_y = x(k_T)_x + y(k_T)_y$$

if $x=0$

$$(k_I)_y = (k_R)_y = (k_T)_y$$

suppose the incident ray lies in the xz plane then $(k_I)_y = 0$

Then

$$(k_R)_y = (k_T)_y = 0$$

There will be no ray along y axis. Which means that all the rays lies in the same plane.

conclusion

First law: The incident ,reflected, and transmitted wavevectors form a plane.(called plane of incidence),which also include the normal to the surface(z axis)

Here the common plane is xz plane

if $y=0$

$$(k_I)_x = (k_R)_x = (k_T)_x$$

Which implies that

$$k_I \sin \theta_I = k_R \sin \theta_R = k_T \sin \theta_T$$

Where θ_I is the angle of incidence, θ_R is the angle of reflection, and θ_T is called angle of transmission also known as angle of refraction.

Second law

$$k_I \sin \theta_I = k_R \sin \theta_R$$

$$k_I = k_R$$

Then

$$\theta_I = \theta_R$$

The angle of incidence is the angle of reflection

$$k_I = k_R \neq k_T$$

Then

$$\frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T} = \frac{k_T}{k_R}$$

Third law

$$\frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

This is the **law of refraction or Snell's law**.

1.3.4 Polarization

Consider the boundary conditions at the surface

$$(i) \quad \epsilon_1 (E_{0I} + E_{0R})_z = \epsilon_2 (E_{0T})_z$$

$$(ii) \quad (B_{0I} + B_{0R})_z = (B_{0T})_z$$

$$(iii) \quad (E_{0I} + E_{0R})_{x,y} = (E_{0T})_{x,y}$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{1}{\mu_1} (B_{0I} + B_{0R})_{x,y} = \frac{1}{\mu_2} (B_{0T})_{x,y}$$

Suppose the polarization of the incident wave is parallel to the plane of incidence in the xz plane. Consider the first boundary condition

$$\epsilon_1 (-E_{0I} \sin \theta_I + E_{0R} \sin \theta_R) = \epsilon_2 (-E_{0T} \sin \theta_T)$$

Since magnetic field has no z components (ii) add nothing.

(iii) equation become

$$E_{0I} \cos \theta_I + E_{0R} \cos \theta_R = E_{0T} \cos \theta_T$$

(iv) Become

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} (E_{0I} - E_{0R}) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} E_{0T}$$

Combining with $\epsilon_1 (-E_{0I} \sin \theta_I + E_{0R} \sin \theta_R) = \epsilon_2 (-E_{0T} \sin \theta_T)$ and using laws of reflection and refraction, we will get

$$E_{0I} - E_{0R} = \beta E_{0T}$$

Where

$$\beta = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1}$$

Equation

$$E_{0I} \cos \theta_I + E_{0R} \cos \theta_R = E_{0T} \cos \theta_T$$

$$E_{0I} + E_{0R} = \alpha E_{0T}$$

Where

$$\alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I}$$

solving $E_{0I} + E_{0R} = \alpha E_{0T}$, $E_{0I} - E_{0R} = \beta E_{0T}$ this equation for reflected and transmitted amplitude we obtain Amplitude of reflected wave is

$$E_{0R} = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} E_{0I}$$

Amplitude of the transmitted wave is

$$E_{0T} = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \right) E_{0I}$$

These are known as **Fresnel's equations**

Note The transmitted wave is always in phase with the incident one; reflected wave is either in phase if $\alpha > \beta$ or 180 out of phase if $\alpha < \beta$

The amplitude of the transmitted and reflected wave depends on the angle of incidence because α is a function of θ_I

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta_T}}{\cos \theta_I} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - [(n_1/n_2) \sin \theta_I]^2}}{\cos \theta_I}$$

Brewster's angle

At normal incidence most of the light are transmitted. At $\theta_I = 90^\circ$ the wave is totally reflected. Between these two angle there is some angle called Brewster's angle at which the reflected ray is completely disappeared.

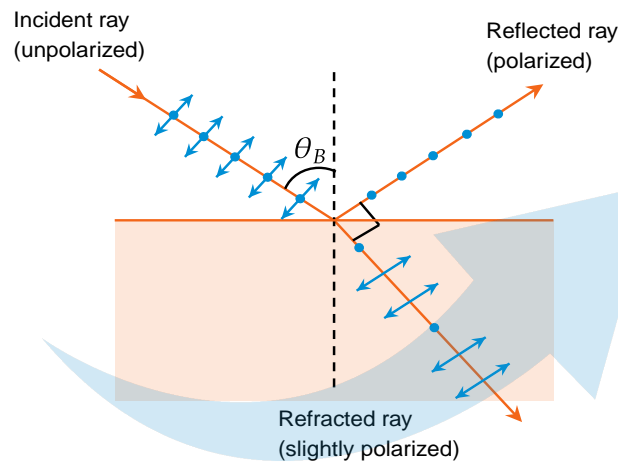


Figure 1.3

This occurs when $\alpha = \beta$

$$\sin^2 \theta_B = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{(n_1/n_2)^2 - \beta^2}$$

For the typical case $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2$ so $\beta \approx n_2$, $\sin^2 \theta_B \approx \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2}$ and hence

$$\tan \theta_B \approx \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Note If the incident light is unpolarized the reflected ray will be totally polarized parallel to the interface at Brewster's angle. In the above condition we use plane polarized light as incident light, that is why there is no reflected rays.

Malus law

The power per unit area

Note

1. Incident intensity

$$I_I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0I}^2 \cos \theta_I$$

2. Reflected intensity

$$I_R = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0R}^2 \cos \theta_R$$

3. Transmitted intensity

$$I_T = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_2 v_2 E_{0T}^2 \cos \theta_T$$

Reflection and transmission coefficient

$$R = \frac{I_R}{I_I} = \left(\frac{E_{0R}}{E_{0I}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} \left(\frac{E_{0T}}{E_{0I}} \right)^2 \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} = \alpha \beta \left(\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2$$

1.4 Electromagnetic waves in conductors

When we are talking about wave propagation through a vacuum or through a dielectric material we restricted our assumption that J_f and ρ_f are zeros. But in the case of conductors we do not independently control the flow of charge, and in general J_f is not certainly zero.

According to Ohm's law the current density in a conductor is proportional to the electric field.

$$J_f = \sigma E$$

Maxwell's equation for a linear media.

- (i) $\nabla \cdot E = \frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon}$
- (ii) $\nabla \cdot B = 0$
- (iii) $\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$
- (iv) $\nabla \times B = \mu \sigma E + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

Continuity equation ($\nabla \cdot J_f = \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t}$) with Ohm's law The Gauss's law becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} = -\sigma (\nabla \cdot E) = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \rho_f$$

$$\rho_f(t) = e^{-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} t} \rho_f(0)$$

which means that if you put some charges on a conductor, it will flow out of the edges. Do not mind this transient behaviour. Consider the time up to which the accumulated free charges disappear. From then $\rho_f = 0$

Now Maxwell's equations become

- (i) $\nabla \cdot E = 0$
- (ii) $\nabla \cdot B = 0$
- (iii) $\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$
- (iv) $\nabla \times B = \mu \sigma E + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

Applying curl to (iii) and (iv) we will get modified wave equation for E and B.

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

These equations still admit plane-wave solutions,

$$\tilde{E}(z, t) = \tilde{E}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}, \quad \tilde{B}(z, t) = \tilde{B}_0 e^{i(\tilde{k}z - \omega t)},$$

but this time the "wave number" \tilde{k} is complex:

$$\tilde{k}^2 = \mu \epsilon \omega^2 + i \mu \sigma \omega,$$

$$\tilde{k} = k_{real} + i k_{img}$$

where

$$k_{real} \equiv \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \mu}{2}} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega} \right)^2} + 1 \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$k_{img} \equiv \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1 \right]^{1/2}$$

Now

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_0 e^{-k_{real}z} e^{i(k_{img}z - \omega t)}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(z, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0 e^{-k_{real}z} e^{i(k_{img}z - \omega t)}$$

Skin depth

The distance it takes to reduce the amplitude by a factor of $1/e$ (about a third) is called the skin depth:

$$d \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

it is a measure of how far the wave penetrates into the conductor. Meanwhile, the real part of k determines the wavelength, the propagation speed, and the index of refraction, in the usual way:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}, \quad v = \frac{\omega}{k}, \quad n = \frac{ck}{\omega}.$$

1.4.1 Skin depth in a poor conductor:

For poor conductor

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\ll \omega\epsilon \\ \kappa &\equiv \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1 \right]^{1/2} \\ &\approx \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\kappa \approx \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

So

$$d = \frac{1}{\kappa} \approx \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}$$

1.4.2 Skin depth in a good conductor:

For good conductor

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\gg \omega\epsilon \\ \kappa &\equiv \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1 \right]^{1/2} \\ &\approx \omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{2}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^{1/2} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mu\sigma\omega}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

So for a good conductor

$$d \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu\sigma\omega}}$$

For good conductor as $\sigma \gg \omega\epsilon$ so, you can see

$$k \approx \kappa$$

or

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} = 2\pi d, \text{ or } d = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

Phase shift

Like any complex number, \tilde{k} can be expressed in terms of its modulus and phase:

$$\tilde{k} = K e^{i\phi},$$

$$K \equiv |\tilde{k}| = \sqrt{k_{real}^2 + k_{img}^2} = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon \mu} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}\right)^2}$$

$$\phi \equiv \tan^{-1}(k_{img}/k_{real})$$

The complex amplitudes $\tilde{E}_0 = E_0 e^{i\delta_E}$ and $\tilde{B}_0 = B_0 e^{i\delta_B}$ are related by

$$B_0 e^{i\delta_B} = \frac{K e^{i\phi}}{\omega} E_0 e^{i\delta_E}$$

Evidently the electric and magnetic fields are no longer in phase; in fact,

$$\delta_B - \delta_E = \phi$$

the magnetic field lags behind the electric field. Meanwhile, the (real) amplitudes of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} are related by

$$\frac{B_0}{E_0} = \frac{K}{\omega} = \sqrt{\epsilon \mu} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}\right)^2}.$$

The (real) electric and magnetic fields are, finally,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(z, t) &= E_0 e^{-\kappa z} \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta_E) \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \\ \mathbf{B}(z, t) &= B_0 e^{-\kappa z} \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta_E + \phi) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Exercise 1.2 (a) Find the skin depth of pure water. You are given that for pure water conductivity $\sigma = 1/(2.5 \times 10^5)$, dielectric constant $k = 80.1$ and $\mu \approx \mu_0$.
 (b) Find the skin depth (in nanometers) for a typical metal whose conductivity $\sigma \approx 10^7$, the frequency $\omega \approx 10^{15}$ with $\epsilon \approx \epsilon_0$ and $\mu \approx \mu_0$. ■

Solution: (a) Conductivity shows that the water is a poor conductor. Hence we will take approximation $d = \frac{1}{\kappa} \cong \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}$.

$$d = (2) (2.5 \times 10^5) \sqrt{\frac{(80.1) (8.85 \times 10^{-12})}{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}} = 1.19 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$$

(b) We have proved that for good conductor $d \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu \sigma \omega}}$. Put the values to get

$$d = \frac{1}{8 \times 10^7} = 1.3 \times 10^{-8} = 13 \text{ nm}$$

So the fields do not penetrate far into a metal

1.4.3 Reflection at a conducting surface

Boundary conditions used to solve em waves at the conductor involves ρ_f and K_f

$$(i) \epsilon_1 E_1^\perp - \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp = \sigma_f,$$

$$(iii) \mathbf{E}_1^\parallel - \mathbf{E}_2^\parallel = 0,$$

$$(ii) B_1^\perp - B_2^\perp = 0,$$

$$(iv) \frac{1}{\mu_1} \mathbf{B}_1^\parallel - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \mathbf{B}_2^\parallel = \mathbf{K}_f \times \hat{\mathbf{n}},$$

Suppose that xy plane forms a boundary between a non conducting non linear medium 1 and a conductor 2. A monochromatic plane wave travelling in the z direction and polarized in the x direction, approaches from the left

as shown in figure.

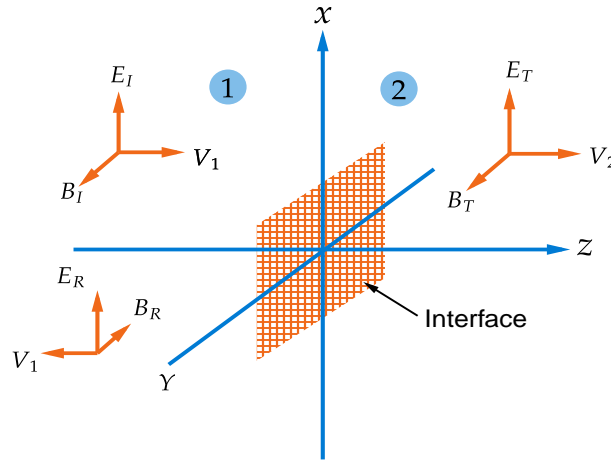


Figure 1.4: Reflection and Transmission at Normal incidence

Incident wave:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_I(z, t) = \tilde{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_I(z, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} \tilde{E}_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Reflected wave:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_R(z, t) = \tilde{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_R(z, t) = -\frac{1}{v_1} \tilde{E}_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Transmitted wave:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_T(z, t) = \tilde{E}_{0T} e^{i(\tilde{k}_2 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_T(z, t) = \frac{\tilde{k}_2}{\omega} \tilde{E}_{0T} e^{i(\tilde{k}_2 z - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Transmitted wave will get attenuated while entering the conducting material.

Now consider the boundary conditions one by one.

(i) Gives $\sigma_f = 0$ because there will be no perpendicular component of electric field in two media ($E^\perp = 0$)

(ii) yields $B^\perp = 0$

(iii) gives

$$\tilde{E}_{0I} + \tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{E}_{0T}$$

(iv) gives

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} (\tilde{E}_{0I} - \tilde{E}_{0R}) - \frac{\tilde{k}_2}{\mu_2 \omega} \tilde{E}_{0T} = 0,$$

$$\tilde{E}_{0I} - \tilde{E}_{0R} = \tilde{\beta} \tilde{E}_{0T},$$

$$\tilde{\beta} \equiv \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 \omega} \tilde{k}_2.$$

It follows that

$$\tilde{E}_{0R} = \left(\frac{1 - \tilde{\beta}}{1 + \tilde{\beta}} \right) \tilde{E}_{0I}, \quad \tilde{E}_{0T} = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \tilde{\beta}} \right) \tilde{E}_{0I}.$$

For a perfect conductor ($\sigma = \infty$), $k_2 = \infty$ so $\tilde{\beta}$ is finite and

$$E_{0R} = -E_{0I}, \quad E_{0T} = 0$$

In this case the wave is totally reflected with a 180° phase shift. That is why excellent conductors make good mirrors.

1.5 Guided waves

Untill now we have dealt with plane wave of infinite extent; Now we consider the em waves confines to the interior of a hollow pipe or wave guide. We will assume the wave guide is perfect conductor. so that $E=0$ and $B=0$ inside the material itself. Hence the boundary conditions at the boundary wall are

$$(i) \quad E_{\parallel} = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad B^{\perp} = 0$$

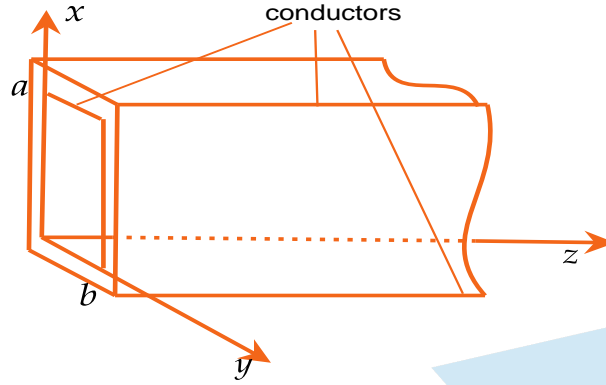


Figure 1.5

Let us take the medium is restricted by x and y and the wave is propagating along z direction. So E and B has the generic form.

$$(i) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{E}}(x, y, z, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_0(x, y) e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

$$(ii) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(x, y, z, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0(x, y) e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

The maxwell's equation in the interior of the waveguide

$$(i) \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$(iv) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

Boundary conditions and the Maxwell's equations gives

$$(i) \quad \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + (\omega/c)^2 - k^2 \right] E_z = 0$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + (\omega/c)^2 - k^2 \right] B_z = 0$$

If $E_z = 0$, we call these TE (transverse electric") waves; if $B_z = 0$, they are called TM ("transverse magnetic") waves; if both $E_z = 0$ and $B_z = 0$, we call them TEM waves. You can prove that TEM waves can't occur in hollow rectangular wave guide.

$$\text{TE, mode} \Rightarrow E_z = 0 \quad B_z = \text{exist}$$

$$\text{TM mode} \Rightarrow E_z = \text{exist} \quad B_z = 0$$

$$\text{TEM mode} \Rightarrow E_z = B_z = 0$$

1.5.1 TE Waves in a Rectangular Wave Guide

We need the solution of

$$(ii) \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + (\omega/c)^2 - k^2 \right] B_z = 0$$

Take

$$B_z(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$$

and do the separation of variable. You get the solution

$$B_z = B_0 \cos(m\pi x/a) \cos(n\pi y/b)$$

with the dispersion relation

$$k = \sqrt{(\omega/c)^2 - \pi^2 [(m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2]}$$

Define

$$\omega_{mn} = c\pi \sqrt{(m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2}$$

Now you see if

$$\omega < \omega_{mn}$$

the wave number is imaginary, and instead of a traveling wave we have exponentially attenuated wave which will rapidly absorbed in the medium. ω_{mn} is called the cut off frequency for a particular mode TE_{mn} . You should remember that ω is angular frequency, not frequency.

In terms of frequency

$$v_{mn} = \frac{c}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

The lowest mode is TE_{10} (usually among a and b the larger is taken to be a).

$$\omega_{10} = c\pi/a$$

Group and phase velocity

Phase velocity is greater than C .

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_{mn}/\omega)^2}}$$

The group velocity

$$v_g = \frac{1}{dk/d\omega} = c\sqrt{1 - (\omega_{mn}/\omega)^2} < c$$

1.5.2 TM Waves in a Rectangular Wave Guide

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + (\omega/c)^2 - k^2 \right] E_z = 0$$

Has the soltion of the form.

$$E_z = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

if either of the m and n is zero the solution itself is zero. So the lowest frequency mode is for TM wave in rectangular wave guide is TE_{11} .

1.6 Resonant cavity

Resonant cavity produced by closing off the two ends of a rectangular wave guide, at $z = 0$ and at $z = d$, making a perfectly conducting empty box.

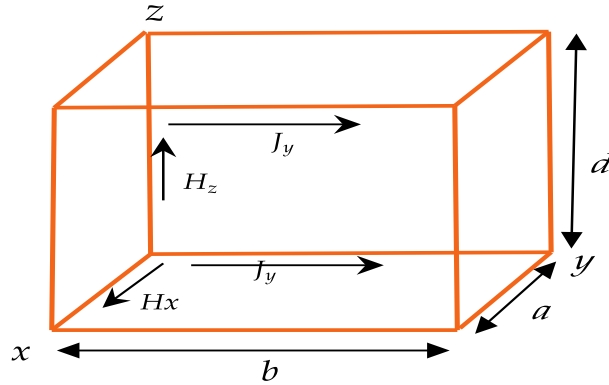


Figure 1.6

We can prove that the cut off frequencies for both TE and TM modes in a resonance cavity are given by

$$\omega_{lmn} = c\pi\sqrt{(l/d)^2 + (m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2}$$

$$v_{lmn} = \frac{c}{2}\sqrt{(l/d)^2 + (m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2}$$

Exercise 1.3 What should be the 3rd dimension of a cavity of cross section $1\text{ cm} \times 1\text{ cm}$ which operates at TE_{103} mode at 24GHz??

Solution: Solution: $l = 1, m = 0, n = 3$. use

$$v_{103} = 24 \times 10^9; \quad a = 0.01, b = 0.01, c = ?$$

use the formula of v_{lmn} to get

$$v_{lmn} = \frac{c}{2}\sqrt{(l/d)^2 + (m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{24 \times 10^9}{3 \times 10^8}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{0.01}\right)^2 + 0 + \left(\frac{3}{c}\right)^2$$

$$c = 0.02$$

1.7 Dielectric inserted into waveguide

When there is a dielectric / magnetic medium inside of a dielectric instead of vacuum, just replace c by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}}$

$$v_{mn} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}}\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

For most of the material $\mu \approx \mu_0$, so then

$$v_{mn} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r\epsilon_0\mu_0}}\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{c}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

Exercise 1.4 For a air filled wave guide. the cut off frequency $TE_0 = 1.8756\text{GHz}$. What will be the cut off frequency if one dielectric of relative permeability $\epsilon = 9\epsilon_0$ is inserted in the dielectric? ■

Solution: you have already derived the formula for cut off frequency for the dielectric inserted wave guide. The ans is

$$v_{mn}^{\text{dielectric}} = v_{mn}^{\text{vacuum}} / \sqrt{\epsilon_r} = 1.8756/3\text{GHz}$$



Practice set 1

1. A plane electromagnetic wave is propagating in a lossless dielectric. The electric field is given by

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = E_0(\hat{x} + A\hat{z}) \exp \left[ik_0 \{ -ct + (x + \sqrt{3}z) \} \right]$$

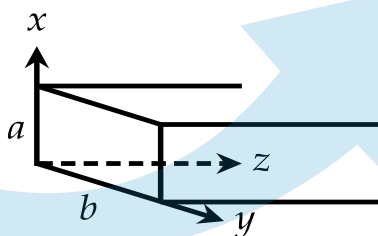
where c is the speed of light in vacuum, E_0, A and k_0 are constant and \hat{x} and \hat{z} are unit vectors along the x - and z -axes. The relative dielectric constant of the medium ϵ_r and the constant A are

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|---|---|
| A. $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $A = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | B. $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $A = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ |
| C. $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $A = \sqrt{3}$ | D. $\epsilon_r = 4$ and $A = -\sqrt{3}$ |

2. The magnetic field of the TE_{11} mode of a rectangular waveguide of dimensions $a \times b$ as shown in the figure is given by $H_z = H_0 \cos(0.3\pi x) \cos(0.4\pi y)$, where x and y are in cm

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- A. The dimensions of the waveguide are

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. $a = 3.33$ cm, $b = 2.50$ cm | B. $a = 0.40$ cm, $b = 0.30$ cm |
| C. $a = 0.80$ cm, $b = 0.60$ cm | D. $a = 1.66$ cm, $b = 1.25$ cm |

3. An electromagnetic wave is incident on a water-air interface. The phase of the perpendicular component of the electric field, E_{\perp} , of the reflected wave into the water is found to remain the same for all angles of incidence. The phase of the magnetic field H

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| A. does not change | B. changes by $3\pi/2$ |
| C. changes by $\pi/2$ | D. changes by π |

4. A current I is created by a narrow beam of protons moving in vacuum with constant velocity \vec{u} . The direction and magnitude, respectively of the Poynting vector \vec{S} outside the beam at a radial distance r (much larger than the width of the beam) from the axis, are

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| A. $\vec{S} \perp \vec{u}$ and $ \vec{S} = \frac{I^2}{4\pi^2\epsilon_0 \vec{u} r^2}$ | B. $\vec{S} \parallel (-\vec{u})$ and $ \vec{S} = \frac{I^2}{4\pi^2\epsilon_0 \vec{u} r^4}$ |
| C. $\vec{S} \parallel \vec{u}$ and $ \vec{S} = \frac{I^2}{4\pi^2\epsilon_0 \vec{u} r^2}$ | D. $\vec{S} \parallel \vec{u}$ and $ \vec{S} = \frac{I^2}{4\pi^2\epsilon_0 \vec{u} r^4}$ |

5. The electric field of an electromagnetic wave is given by

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \cos[\pi(0.3x + 0.4y - 1000t)]\hat{k}.$$

The associated magnetic field \vec{B} is

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|---|--|
| A. $10^{-3}E_0 \cos[\pi(0.3x + 0.4y - 1000t)]\hat{k}$ | B. $10^{-4}E_0 \cos^{\pi(0.3x+0.4y-1000t)}(4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j})$ |
| C. $E_0 \cos^{\pi(0.3x+0.4y-1000t)}(0.3\hat{i} + 0.4\hat{j})$ | D. $10^2E_0 \cos^{\pi(0.3x+0.4y-1000t)}(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j})$ |

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B. $\tan^{-1}(1/\rho)$

D. $\tan^{-1}(2\rho)$

- [NET JUNE 2014]

B. 2.30 mm

D. 0.46 mm

- [NET JUNE 2014]**

B. 2/3

D. $1/5$

- [NET JUNE 2015]**

B. 3.3×10^{-7} watts /m² and 3.3×10^{-8} tesla

D. 0.265 watts / m^2 and 3.3×10^{-8} tesla

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B. TE_{01} , TE_{11} and TE_{20}

D. TE_{01} , TE_{10} and TE_{22}

- $$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{E_0}{\omega} e^{-k_1 z} [k_1 \sin(k_2 x - \omega t) \hat{i} + k_2 \cos(k_2 x - \omega t) \hat{k}]$$

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$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{E_0^2 k_2}{\mu_0 \omega} e^{-2k_1 z}$$

D. $\frac{1}{2}c \in_0 E_0^2 e^{-2k_1 z}$

- $$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2 \right) \right] \psi(x, y) = 0$$

[NET JUNE 2016]

- A. $\omega^2 = c^2 \left(k^2 + \frac{4\pi^2}{a^2} \right)$
 B. $\omega^2 = c^2 \left(k^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} \right)$
 C. $\omega^2 = c^2 \left(k^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{2a^2} \right)$
 D. $\omega^2 = c^2 \left(k^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4a^2} \right)$

13. An electromagnetic wave (of wavelength λ_0 in free space) travels through an absorbing medium with dielectric permittivity given by $\epsilon = \epsilon_R + i\epsilon_I$ where $\frac{\epsilon_I}{\epsilon_R} = \sqrt{3}$. If the skin depth is $\frac{\lambda_0}{4\pi}$, the ratio of the amplitude of electric field E to that of the magnetic field B , in the medium (in ohms) is

[NET JUNE 2017]

- A. 120π B. 377
 C. $30\sqrt{2}\pi$ D. 30π

14. An electromagnetic wave is travelling in free space (of permittivity ϵ_0) with electric field

$$\vec{E} = \hat{k}E_0 \cos q(x - ct)$$

The average power (per unit area) crossing planes parallel to $4x + 3y = 0$ will be

[NET DEC 2017]

- A. $\frac{4}{5}\epsilon_0 c E_0^2$ B. $\epsilon_0 c E_0^2$
 C. $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 c E_0^2$ D. $\frac{16}{25}\epsilon_0 c E_0^2$

15. A plane electromagnetic wave from within a dielectric medium (with $\epsilon = 4\epsilon_0$ and $\mu = \mu_0$) is incident on its boundary with air, at $z = 0$. The magnetic field in the medium is $\vec{H} = \hat{j}H_0 \cos(\omega t - kx - k\sqrt{3}z)$, where ω and k are positive constants. The angles of reflection and refraction are, respectively,

[NET DEC 2017]

- A. 45° and 60° B. 30° and 90°
 C. 30° and 60° D. 60° and 90°

16. The electric field of a plane wave in a conducting medium is given by

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \hat{i}E_0 e^{-z/3a} \cos\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{3}a} - \omega t\right)$$

where ω is the angular frequency and $a > 0$ is a constant. The phase difference between the magnetic field \vec{B} and the electric field \vec{E} is

[NET JUNE 2018]

- A. 30° and \vec{B} lags behind \vec{E} B. 30° and \vec{B} lags behind \vec{E}
 C. 60° and \vec{E} lags behind \vec{B} D. 60° and \vec{B} lags behind \vec{E}

17. A hollow waveguide supports transverse electric (TE) modes with the dispersion relation $k = \frac{1}{c}\sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_{mn}^2}$, where ω_{mn} is the mode frequency. The speed of flow of electromagnetic energy at the mode frequency is

[NET JUNE 2018]

- A. c B. ω_{mn}/k
 C. 0 D. ∞

18. In the region far from a source, the time dependent electric field at a point (r, θ, ϕ) is

$$\vec{E}(r, \theta, \phi) = \hat{\phi} E_0 \omega^2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cos \left[\omega \left(t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right]$$

where ω is angular frequency of the source. The total power radiated (averaged over a cycle) is

[NET JUNE 2018]

- A. $\frac{2\pi}{3} \frac{E_0^2 \omega^4}{\mu_0 c}$ B. $\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{E_0^2 \omega^4}{\mu_0 c}$
 C. $\frac{4}{3\pi} \frac{E_0^2 \omega^4}{\mu_0 c}$ D. $\frac{2}{3} \frac{E_0^2 \omega^4}{\mu_0 c}$

19. An electromagnetic wave propagates in a nonmagnetic medium with relative permittivity $\epsilon = 4$. The magnetic field for this wave is

$$\vec{H}(x, y) = \hat{k} H_0 \cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha \sqrt{3} y)$$

where H_0 is a constant. The corresponding electric field $\vec{E}(x, y)$ is

[NET DEC 2018]

- A. $\frac{1}{4} \mu_0 H_0 c (-\sqrt{3} \hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha \sqrt{3} y)$ B. $\frac{1}{4} \mu_0 H_0 c (\sqrt{3} \hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha \sqrt{3} y)$
 C. $\frac{1}{4} \mu_0 H_0 c (\sqrt{3} \hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha \sqrt{3} y)$ D. $\frac{1}{4} \mu_0 H_0 c (-\sqrt{3} \hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha \sqrt{3} y)$

20. Electromagnetic wave of angular frequency ω is propagating in a medium in which, over a band of frequencies the refractive index is $n(\omega) \approx 1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \right)^2$, where ω_0 is a constant. The ratio $\frac{v_g}{v_p}$ of the group velocity to the phase velocity at $\omega = \frac{\omega_0}{2}$ is

[NET DEC 2018]

- A. 3 B. $\frac{1}{4}$
 C. $\frac{2}{3}$ D. 2

Answer key			
Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer
1	a	2	a
3	d	4	d
5	c	6	c
7	b	8	c
9	b	10	a
11	d	12	a
13	a	14	b
15	c	16	c
17	d	18	d
19	d	20	b
21	b	22	b
23	c	24	b
25	a	26	a

- A. $\vec{B}(x, z, t) = \frac{1}{c}(6\hat{k} - 8\hat{i})\exp[i(6x + 8z - 10ct)]$
 C. $\vec{B}(x, z, t) = \frac{1}{c}(6\hat{k} - 8\hat{i})\exp[i(6x + 8z - ct)]$
 D. $\vec{B}(x, z, t) = \frac{1}{c}(6\hat{k} + 8\hat{i})\exp[i(6x + 8z + ct)]$
 B. $\vec{B}(x, z, t) = \frac{1}{c}(6\hat{k} + 8\hat{i})\exp[i(6x + 8z - 10ct)]$

7. A monochromatic plane wave at oblique incidence undergoes reflection at a dielectric interface. If \hat{k}_i, \hat{k}_r and \hat{n} are the unit vectors in the directions of incident wave, reflected wave and the normal to the surface respectively, which one of the following expressions is correct?

[GATE 2013]

- A. $(\hat{k}_i - \hat{k}_r) \times \hat{n} \neq 0$
 B. $(\hat{k}_i - \hat{k}_r) \cdot \hat{n} = 0$
 C. $(\hat{k}_i \times \hat{n}) \cdot \hat{k}_r = 0$
 D. $(\hat{k}_i \times \hat{n}) \cdot \hat{k}_r \neq 0$

8. The electric field of a uniform plane wave propagating in a dielectric non-conducting medium is given by $\vec{E} = \hat{x}10\cos(6\pi \times 10^7 t - 0.4\pi z)$ V/m. The phase velocity of the wave is 10^8 m/s

[GATE 2014]

9. The intensity of a laser in free space is 150 m W/m^2 . The corresponding amplitude of the electric field of the laser is $\dots \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$ ($\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N.m}^2$)

[GATE 2014]

10. The electric field component of a plane electromagnetic wave travelling in vacuum is given by $\vec{E}(z, t) = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t)\hat{i}$. The Poynting vector for the wave is

[GATE 2016]

- A. $(\frac{c\epsilon_0}{2})E_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t)\hat{j}$
 B. $(\frac{c\epsilon_0}{2})E_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t)\hat{k}$
 C. $c\epsilon_0 E_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t)\hat{j}$
 D. $c\epsilon_0 E_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t)\hat{k}$

11. An electromagnetic plane wave is propagating with an intensity $I = 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ in a medium with $\epsilon = 3\epsilon_0$ and $\mu = \mu_0$. The amplitude of the electric field inside the medium is $\times 10^3 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$ (up to one decimal place). ($\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{N}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ NA}^{-2}$, $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)

[GATE 2018]

12. The electric field of an electromagnetic wave in vacuum is given by

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(3y + 4z - 1.5 \times 10^9 t)\hat{x}$$

The wave is reflected from the $z = 0$ surface. If the pressure exerted on the surface is $\alpha \in E_0^2$, the value of α (rounded off to one decimal place) is

[GATE 2019]

Answer key			
Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer
1	d	2	a
3		4	a
5	a	6	a
7	c	8	1.5
9	10.6	10	d
11	d	12	2.39
13	4	14	a
15	a	16	6.6
17	0.8		



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