



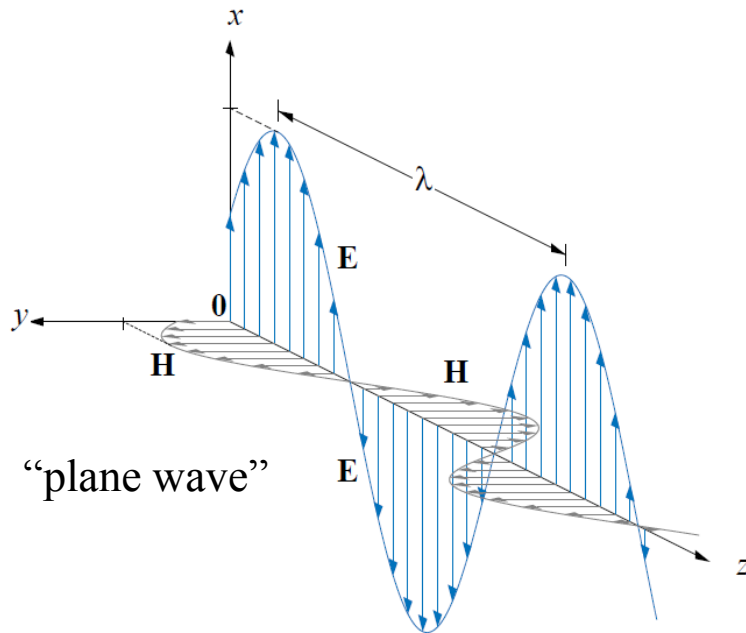
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ELEC 318 – *Electromagnetic Fields*

Lecture 7(b)

**Plane Waves Propagating
in Material Media**

Plane Waves



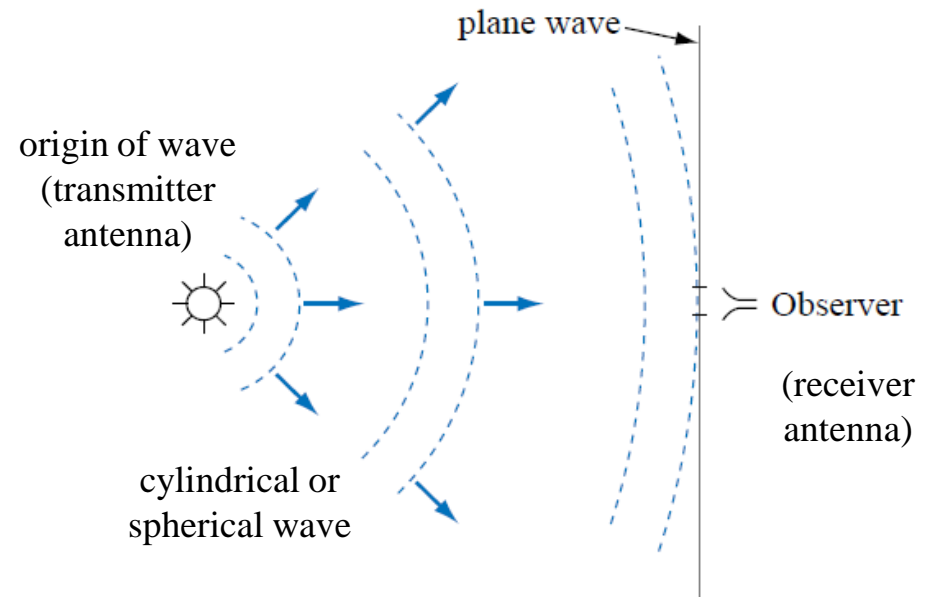
$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz + \phi_0) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$u = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda &= 2\pi/k \\ f &= \omega/2\pi \\ T &= 1/f \end{aligned}$$

wave = sinusoidal function of space & time

phase front = surface over which a wave has constant phase

plane wave = wave; phase fronts are planes



Example: Cylindrical Wave

In a medium characterized by $\sigma = 0$, $\mu = \mu_0$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$, and

$$\mathbf{E}(r, t) = \frac{2000}{r} \cos(10^6 t - k r) \hat{\phi} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

- Determine (a) the direction of wave propagation,
(b) the time required for the wave to travel $\lambda/2$, and
(c) sketch $\mathbf{E}(r, 0)$ vs. r near $r = 2 \text{ km}$.

$$\nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = -j\omega \tilde{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \tilde{\mathbf{J}} + j\omega \tilde{\mathbf{D}}$$

$$u = \frac{\omega}{k} = f \cdot \lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \varepsilon \tilde{\mathbf{E}}$$

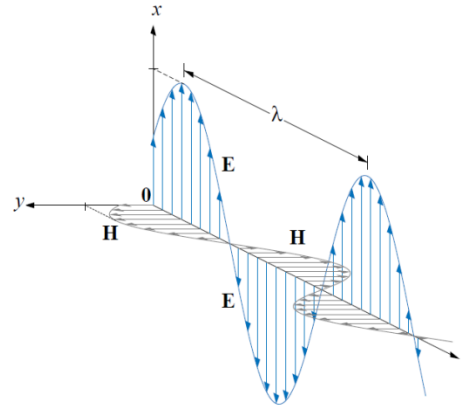
$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \tilde{\mathbf{H}}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{r}} & r \hat{\phi} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_r & r E_\phi & E_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Plane Waves in Material Media

Substituting Ampere's Law into Faraday's Law and considering a more *general* wave equation...

...the solution is a wave with an exponential loss term, α :



$$\nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{E}} - \gamma^2 \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = 0$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$$

$$\alpha = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2} - 1 \right]}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

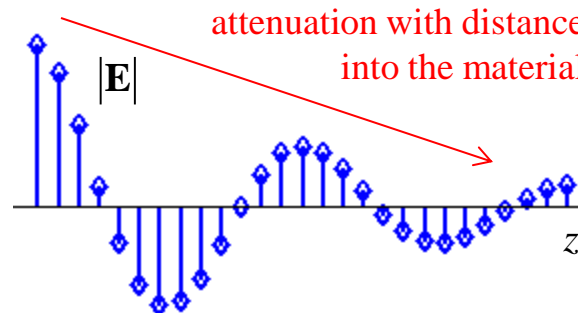
$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2} + 1 \right]}$$

β is the **phase constant** of the medium

$$\sigma > 0, \mu = \mu_0$$

$$\epsilon_c = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 - j(\sigma/\omega)$$

loss tangent: $\tan \theta = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}$



skin depth:
 $\delta = 1/\alpha$

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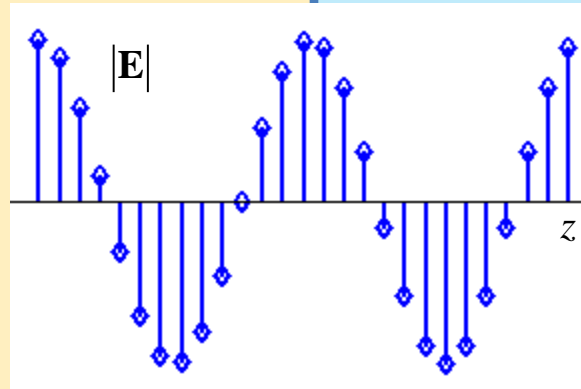
For waves propagating in **free space / air** ...

$$\sigma = 0, \mu = \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$$

$$\alpha = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \varepsilon}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon} \right)^2} - 1 \right]}$$



Inside a **lossless dielectric/magnetic**...

$$\sigma \approx 0, \mu = \mu_r \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0$$

$$\alpha \approx 0$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} \cdot \sqrt{\mu_r \varepsilon_r}$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu \varepsilon}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon} \right)^2} + 1 \right]}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Inside a **lossy dielectric**...

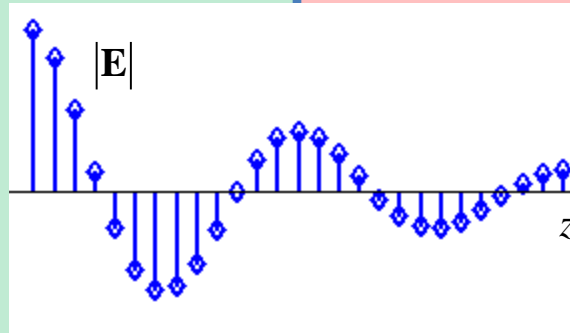
$$\sigma > 0, \mu = \mu_0$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 - j(\sigma/\omega)$$

$$\alpha > 0$$

$$\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon}$$



Inside a **good conductor**...

$$\sigma \gg 0, \mu = \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

$$\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2}}$$

$$\delta = 1/\alpha$$

Wave/Intrinsic Impedance

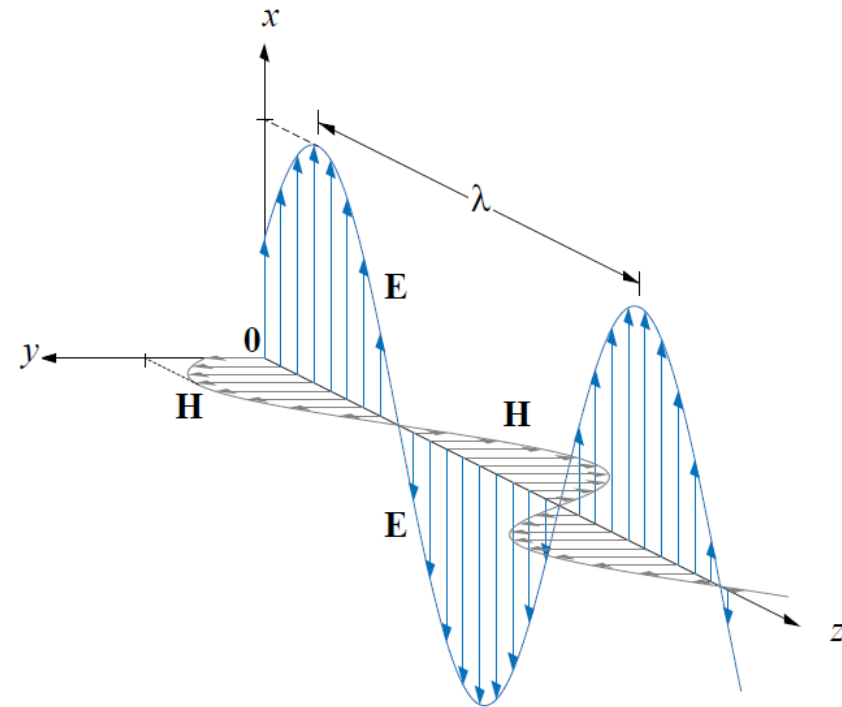
To solve for \mathbf{H} from \mathbf{E} , in general...

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}} = E_0 e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z + j\phi_0} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} &= \frac{j}{\omega\mu} \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{j}{\omega\mu} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_0 e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z + j\phi_0} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{-j}{\omega\mu} (\alpha + j\beta) E_0 e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z + j\phi_0} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta - j\alpha}{\omega\mu} \right) E_0 e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z + j\phi_0} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta = \frac{E_0}{H_0} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta - j\alpha}$$

= **intrinsic impedance** (in ohms, Ω):
indicates the amplitude & phase
relationship between \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H}



$$\nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = -j\omega\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \mu\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix}$$

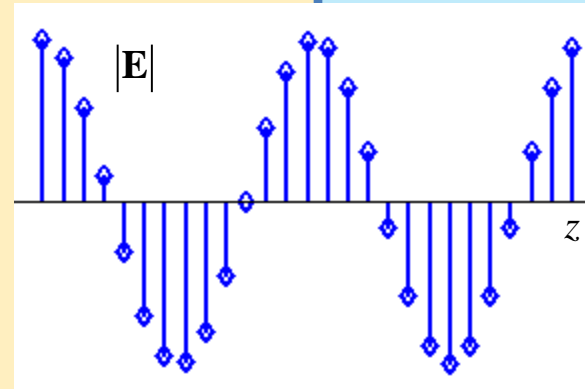
Wave/Intrinsic Impedance

For waves propagating in **free space / air** ...

$$\sigma = 0, \mu = \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

$$\eta = 377 \angle 0^\circ \Omega$$

$$\eta = \frac{E_0}{H_0} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta - j\alpha}$$



$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Inside a **lossless dielectric/magnetic**...

$$\sigma \approx 0, \mu = \mu_r \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0$$

$$\eta = (377 \Omega) \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\varepsilon_r}}$$

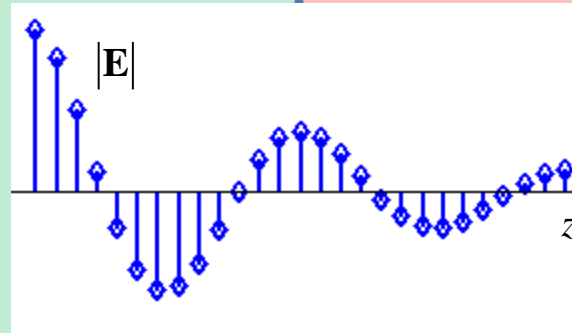
$$\alpha, \beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\varepsilon}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\varepsilon} \right)^2} \mp 1 \right]}$$

Inside a **lossy dielectric**...

$$\sigma > 0, \mu = \mu_0$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 - j(\sigma/\omega)$$

$$\eta = \text{complex}$$



Inside a **good conductor**...

$$\sigma \gg 0, \mu = \mu_0, \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

$$\alpha = \beta \Rightarrow \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{\sigma}} \angle 45^\circ$$

Example: Wave in Lossy Dielectric



A plane wave propagating through a medium with $\epsilon_r = 8$, $\mu_r = 2$ has an electric field intensity

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 0.5e^{-z/3} \sin(10^8 t - \beta z) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \text{ V/m}$$

Assuming that this medium is a lossy dielectric, determine (a) the phase constant, (b) the intrinsic impedance, (c) the wave velocity, and (d) the magnetic field intensity .

$$\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$$

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\omega \mu}{\beta - j\alpha} = \frac{E_0}{H_0}$$