

# Chapter 2 - Plane Waves + Index of Refraction

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plane wave:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \cdot \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \phi)$$

"wave vector"  $\rightarrow$   $\vec{k} = k \hat{u} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{vac}} \hat{u}$   
"k"  
direction of propagation

angular frequency  $\rightarrow \omega = \frac{2\pi \cdot c}{\lambda_{vac}} = 2\pi \cdot \nu$

$k + \omega$  are related just like  $\lambda + \nu$

$$c = \frac{\lambda_{vac}}{T} = \lambda_{vac} \cdot \nu = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

this relationship  
is known as the  
"dispersion relation"

"kappa"  
wave number  
 $\frac{1}{\lambda_{vac}} = K = [cm^{-1}]$   
 $c = v_{vac} \leftarrow$  velocity of light in vacuum

$\nu \rightarrow$  "nu"  
frequency

similarly for magnetic field:

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{B}_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \phi)$$

$\vec{B}_0 = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0}{\omega}$ , so  $\vec{B}_0$  is not independent, but is determined by other parameters.

$$\vec{B}_0 \perp \vec{k} \perp \vec{E}$$

also think about magnitude

$$B_0 = \frac{k E_0}{\omega} = \frac{E_0}{c} \leftarrow \text{since this is so large we will focus on the } \vec{E} \text{ field.}$$

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Complex plane waves:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \vec{\tilde{E}}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \right\}$$

$$\vec{\tilde{E}}_0 = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\phi} \leftarrow \text{phase shift}$$

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

Summarize some facts that we know now:

$\lambda \rightarrow$  wavelength

$T \rightarrow$  period

$\nu \rightarrow$  frequency ( $\frac{1}{T}$ )

$k \rightarrow$  wave vector ( $\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ )

$\omega \rightarrow$  angular frequency ( $\frac{2\pi}{T}$ )

$$V = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda \cdot \nu \leftarrow \text{any wave}$$

$$c = \lambda_{\text{vac}} \cdot \nu$$

$$\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$$

permittivity of free space  $\rightarrow \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$

permeability of free space  $\rightarrow \mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{T}{Am^2}$

Speed of Light in matter

$\hookrightarrow$  light slows down in materials

$$\frac{c}{v} = n \leftarrow \text{index of refraction}$$

$$n=1 \leftarrow \text{vacuum}$$

$$n=1.0003 \leftarrow \text{air}$$

$$n=1.33 \leftarrow \text{water}$$

$$n=1.5 \leftarrow \text{glass}$$

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$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{k^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

Q1: what is light? ✓

Q2: where does light come from? ✓

Q3: can the speed of light change? see Q6

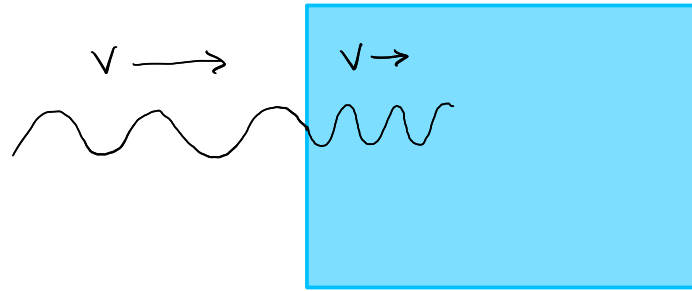
Q4: what affects the brightness of light?

Q5: how do human perceive light amount + color

Q6: why does light slow down in materials  
Q3

Q7: what is reflection

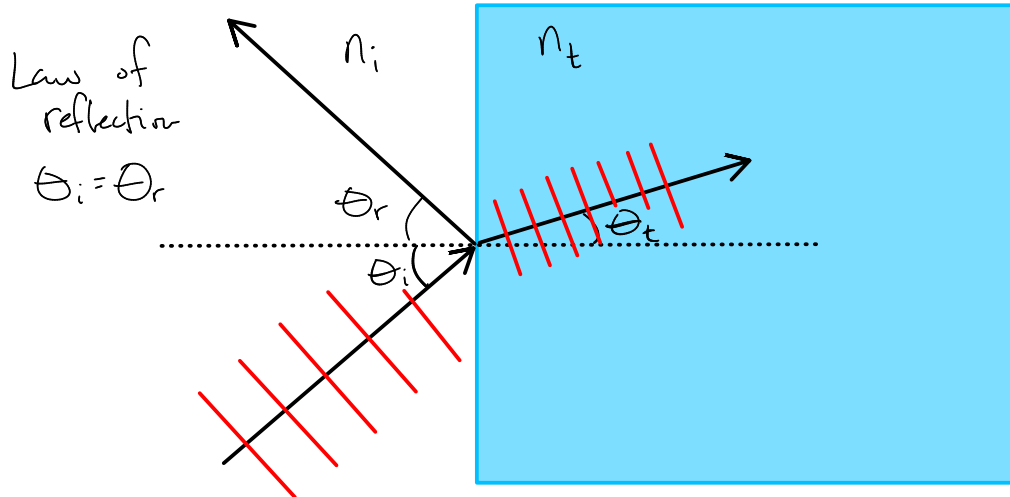
$\lambda \cdot \nu = v = \frac{c}{n}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 gets smaller as  $n$  increases



$\lambda_{vac} \nu = c \Leftrightarrow c = n \cdot \nu$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\lambda \cdot \nu$

$\lambda_{vac} \cancel{\nu} = n \cdot \lambda \cdot \cancel{\nu}$   
 $\leftarrow$  wavelength in material

$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_{vac}}{n}$  }  $\lambda$  will be smaller than  $\lambda_0$  since  $n > 1$



Snell's Law  
 $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_t \sin \theta_t$

**Table 23.1** Indices of Refraction for  $\lambda = 589.3 \text{ nm}$  in Vacuum (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  Unless Otherwise Noted)

Material	Index
<b>Solids</b>	
Ice (at $0^\circ\text{C}$ )	1.309
Fluorite	1.434
Fused quartz	1.458
Polystyrene	1.49
Lucite	1.5
Plexiglas	1.51
Crown glass	1.517
Plate glass	1.523
Sodium chloride	1.544
Light flint glass	1.58
Dense flint glass	1.655
Sapphire	1.77
Zircon	1.923
Diamond	2.419
Titanium dioxide	2.9
Gallium phosphide	3.5
<b>Liquids</b>	
Water	1.333
Acetone	1.36
Ethyl alcohol	1.361
Carbon tetrachloride	1.461
Glycerin	1.473
Sugar solution (80%)	1.49
Benzene	1.501
Carbon disulfide	1.628
Methylene iodide	1.74

static case

$$E(\vec{r}) = \frac{kq_0}{r^2}$$

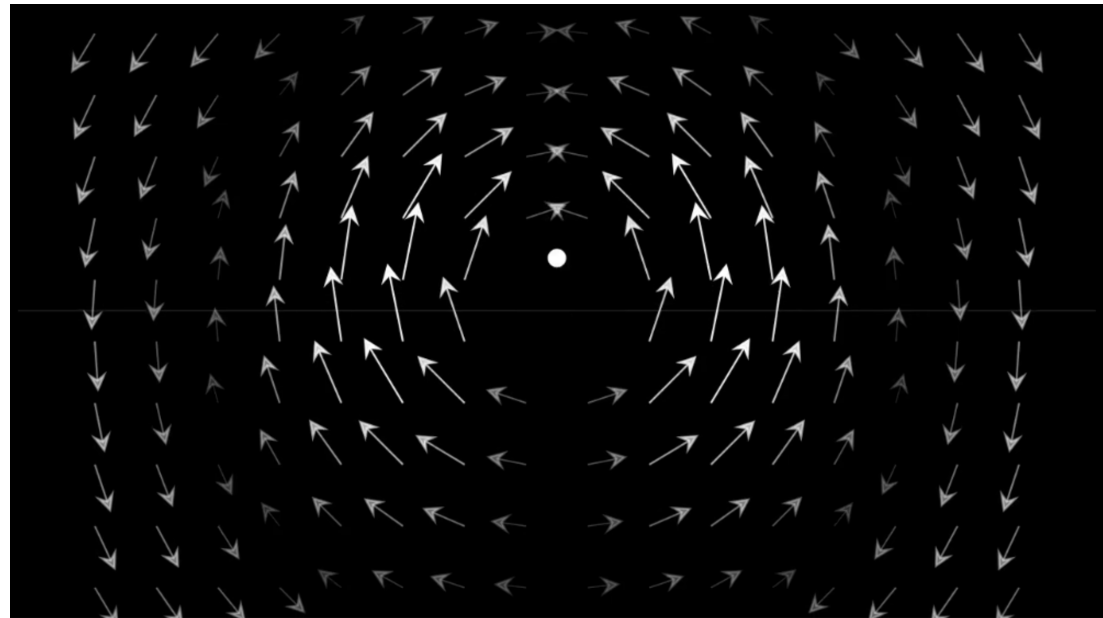
oscillating charge

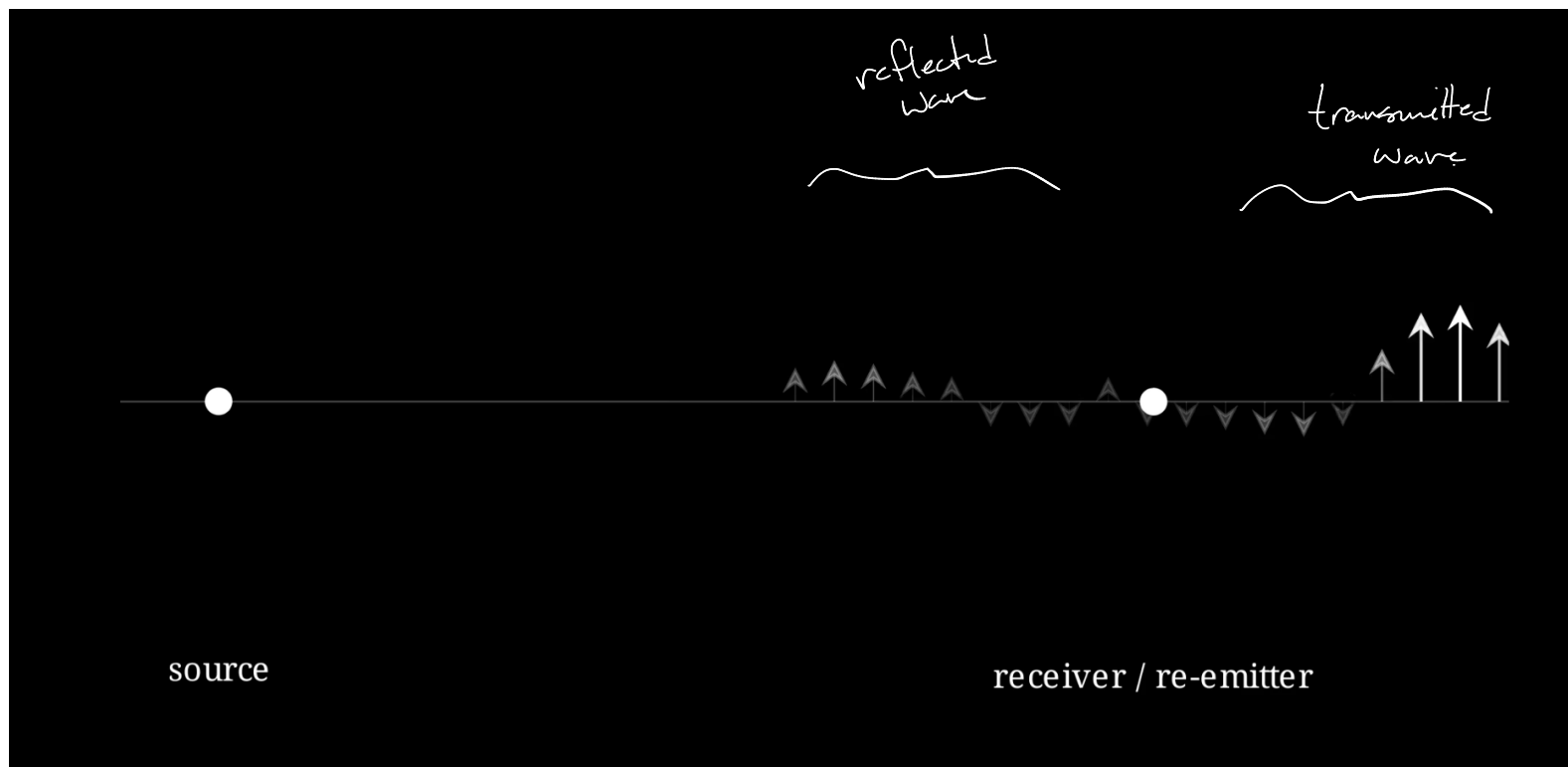
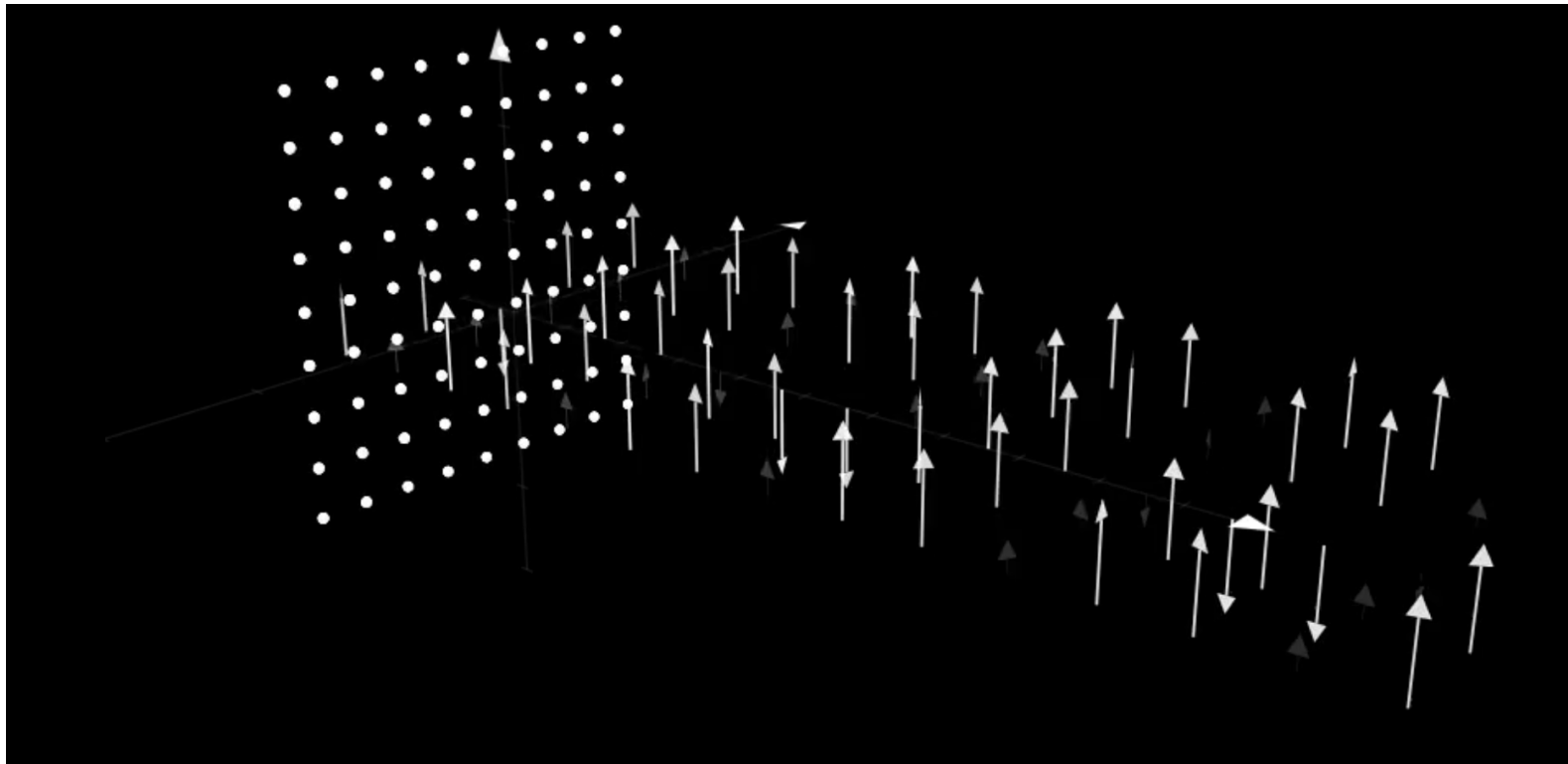
$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{\text{static}} + \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}$$

wave behavior

$$\vec{E}_{\text{rad}} \propto \frac{\vec{a}_{\perp}(t - r/c)}{r}$$

compare to  $\vec{r} - vt$





# Dielectric Media

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↳ insulator (like glass, water, air)

Assumptions: ① isotropic → same in all directions

② homogeneous → same over distance

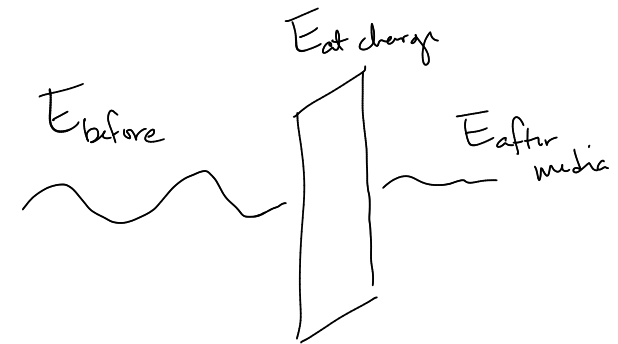
③ non-conducting (insulator/dielectric)  $\vec{J}_{\text{free}} = 0$

④ very thin material  
(air or some other thin gas)

} we will relax this later on

Light in a thin gas → Feynman, vol 1, Ch 31

Light in matter = incident field + field reradiated by driven charges



$$\vec{E}_{\text{after plate}} = \vec{E}_s + \sum_{\text{all other charges}} \vec{E}_{\text{each charge}}$$

$$\vec{E}_s = \vec{E}_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\vec{E}_s = \vec{E}_0 \cos\left(k\left(x - \frac{\omega}{k}t\right)\right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cos\left(\omega\left(\frac{k}{\omega}x - t\right)\right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cos\left(-\omega\left(t - \frac{k}{\omega}x\right)\right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cos\left(\omega\left(t - \frac{x}{c}\right)\right)$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\omega\left(t - \frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

So now what about the field from other charges?

plate thickness =  $\Delta x$

$$t_{\text{vac}} = \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

$$t_{\text{plate}} = \frac{n \Delta x}{c}$$

$$\Delta t = t_{\text{plate}} - t_{\text{vac}}$$

$$= (n-1) \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

$$E_{\text{after plate}} = E_0 e^{i\omega\left(t - \Delta t - \frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

$$= E_0 e^{i\omega\left(t - (n-1)\frac{\Delta x}{c} - \frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

$$= e^{-i\omega(n-1)\frac{\Delta x}{c}} E_0 e^{i\omega\left(t - \frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$  w/ a phase shift
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$  just like the original wave  
 But w/ a



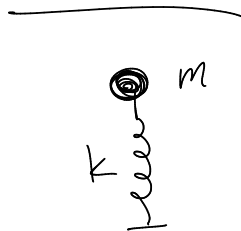
$$e^{-i\omega(n-1)\frac{\Delta x}{c}}, \Delta x \text{ is very small}$$

$$\underbrace{e^s \approx 1 + s, \text{ for small } s}$$

$$e^{-i\omega(n-1)\frac{\Delta x}{c}} \approx 1 - i\omega(n-1)\frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

$$E_{\text{after plate}} = \underbrace{E_0 e^{i\omega(t - \frac{x}{c})}}_{E_s} - \underbrace{\frac{i\omega(n-1)\Delta x}{c} \cdot E_0 e^{i\omega(t - \frac{x}{c})}}_{E_a}$$

$E_a \rightarrow$  new electric field that is the result of all moving charges



$$ma = \sum F = -kz$$

$$m \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = -kz$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} z}$$

$$\cancel{A \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi)} = \cancel{-\frac{k}{m} \cdot A \cos(\omega t + \phi)}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$\nwarrow$  one of our constants

one way

$$\rightarrow z = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

another way

$$z = A e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = A \omega e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = A \omega^2 e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$$A \omega^2 e^{i\omega t + \phi} = -\frac{k}{m} A e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$$\omega^2 = -\frac{k}{m}$$

$$z = A \cos(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \phi) \leftarrow \text{general solution to that DE}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  given by initial conditions

$$\text{at } t=0, z=1 \Rightarrow A=1 \quad \phi=0$$

( $A + \phi$  are determined by initial conditions)

Now we have a charge connected  
by a spring being driven by  $\vec{E}(t)$

$$z = 1 \cdot \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \cdot t\right)$$

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$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} z + \frac{q_e E_0}{m} e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

the frequency of the light

$\omega_0^2$

↳ natural frequency of the electrons

Guess:  $z = z_0 e^{i\omega t + \phi}$

$$\dot{z} = z_0 i\omega e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$$\ddot{z} = z_0 i^2 \omega^2 e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

$\omega$   
-1

So now we plug in:

$$-z_0 \omega^2 e^{i\omega t + \phi} = -\omega_0^2 z_0 e^{i\omega t + \phi} + \frac{q_e E_0}{m} e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

↳ solve for  $z_0$

$$z_0(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) = \frac{q_e E_0}{m}$$

$$z_0 = \frac{q_e E_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}$$

so... →

$$z(t) = \frac{q_e E_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} e^{i\omega t + \phi}$$

motion of charges → Electric field that results

$$E_a = \frac{-\eta q_e}{2\epsilon_0 c} i\omega z_0 e^{i\omega(t - \frac{x}{c})} \quad \leftarrow \text{from Griffiths or Feynman}$$

$$E_a = \frac{-\eta q_e}{2\epsilon_0 c} \cdot \frac{i\omega \cdot q_e E_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \cdot e^{i\omega(t - \frac{x}{c})} \quad \text{vs.} \quad E_a = \frac{-i\omega(n-1)\Delta x}{c} \cdot E_0 e^{i\omega(t - \frac{x}{c})}$$

from before

so putting what survives together

$$\frac{\eta q_e^2}{2\epsilon_0 m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} = (n-1)\Delta x$$

$\eta \rightarrow$  number of charges per unit of area

$N \rightarrow$  number of charges per unit of volume

$$\eta = N \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\frac{N \cdot \Delta x q_e^2}{2\epsilon_0 m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} = (n-1)\Delta x$$

$$n = 1 + \frac{N \cdot q_e^2}{2\epsilon_0 m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}$$

$\omega_0$  is often much larger than  $\omega$  for visible light

as  $\omega$  rises the denominator gets smaller, so the fraction gets larger!

$\vec{E}$  from a static sheet of charge

$$E = \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\eta q_e}{2\epsilon_0}$$

