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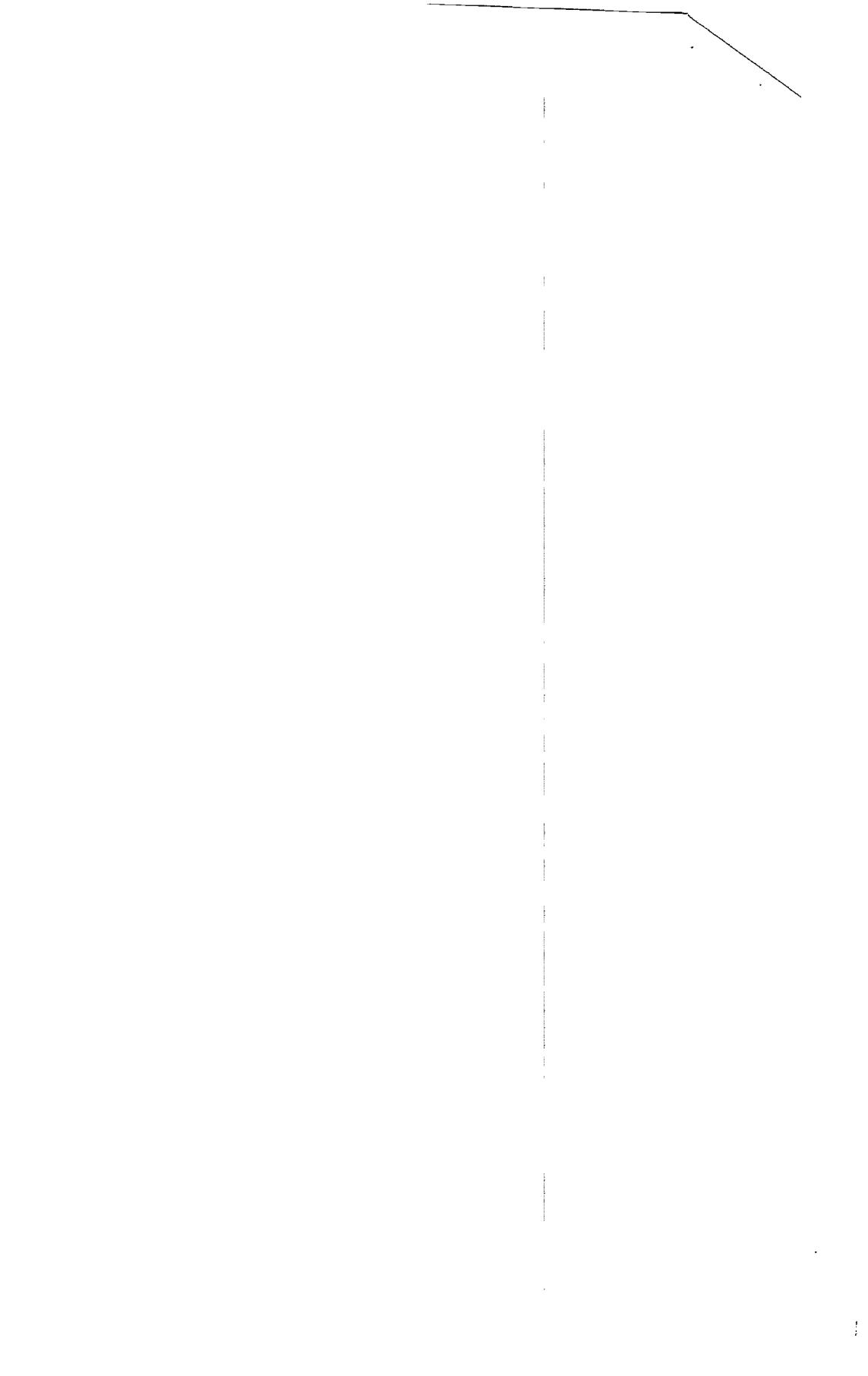
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# PREFACE

This book is an intermediate-level text on electromagnetic fields and waves. It represents a revision of the first two editions of the text, which in turn built upon an earlier volume by two of the authors.\* It assumes an introductory course in field concepts, which can be the lower-division physics course in many colleges or universities, and a background in calculus. Material on vectors, differential equations, Fourier analysis, and complex notation for sinusoids is included in a form suitable for review or a first introduction. We have given such introductions wherever the material is to be used and have related them to real problems in fields and waves. Throughout the book, the derivations and analyses are done in the most direct way possible. Emphasis is placed on physical understanding, enhanced by numerous examples in the early chapters.

The fundamentals of electromagnetics, based on Maxwell's brilliant theories, have not changed since the first version of the text, but emphases have changed and new applications continue to appear. The field of coherent optics for communications and information processing continues to grow. New materials of importance to electronic devices (for example, superconductors) have been developed. Integrated circuit approaches to guides, resonators, and antennas have grown in importance. All these evolutions are reflected in expanded text and problem material in this edition. Perhaps the most important change for persons who need to solve field problems is the growing power of computers. At the simplest level, computers greatly speed numerical evaluation of analytic expressions, easily giving answers over a wide range of parameters. But there is also a growing library of wholly numerical techniques for finding solutions to field and wave problems in which complex boundary shapes preclude analytic solutions. We can only give an introduction to this important subject but excellent texts and reviews are available to carry the interested student farther. It still remains important to understand the basic laws and to develop strong physical pictures and computer simulations can substantially add insight, especially in dynamic problems.

The basic order remains that of the second edition. The purpose of beginning with static fields is not only to develop familiarity with vector field concepts but also to recognize the fact that a large number of practical time-varying problems (especially with small devices) can be treated by static techniques (i.e., are *quasistatic*). The dynamic treatment of Maxwell, with wave examples, follows immediately so that even in a first term, the student will meet a mix of static, quasistatic, and wave problems. Once the reader has covered the material of the first three chapters, he or she will find con-

\* S. Ramo and J. R. Whinnery, *Fields and Waves in Modern Radio*, John Wiley & Sons (first edition 1944; second edition, 1953). The first edition was prepared with the assistance of the General Electric Company when the authors were employed in its laboratories.

siderable flexibility in using the text. Material on the electromagnetics of circuits (Chapter 4) or on special waveguides (Chapter 9) may be delayed or even omitted and the later chapters on microwave circuits, materials, and optics can be used in various orders. Selections from among the more advanced sections within a chapter are also possible without disrupting the basic flow.

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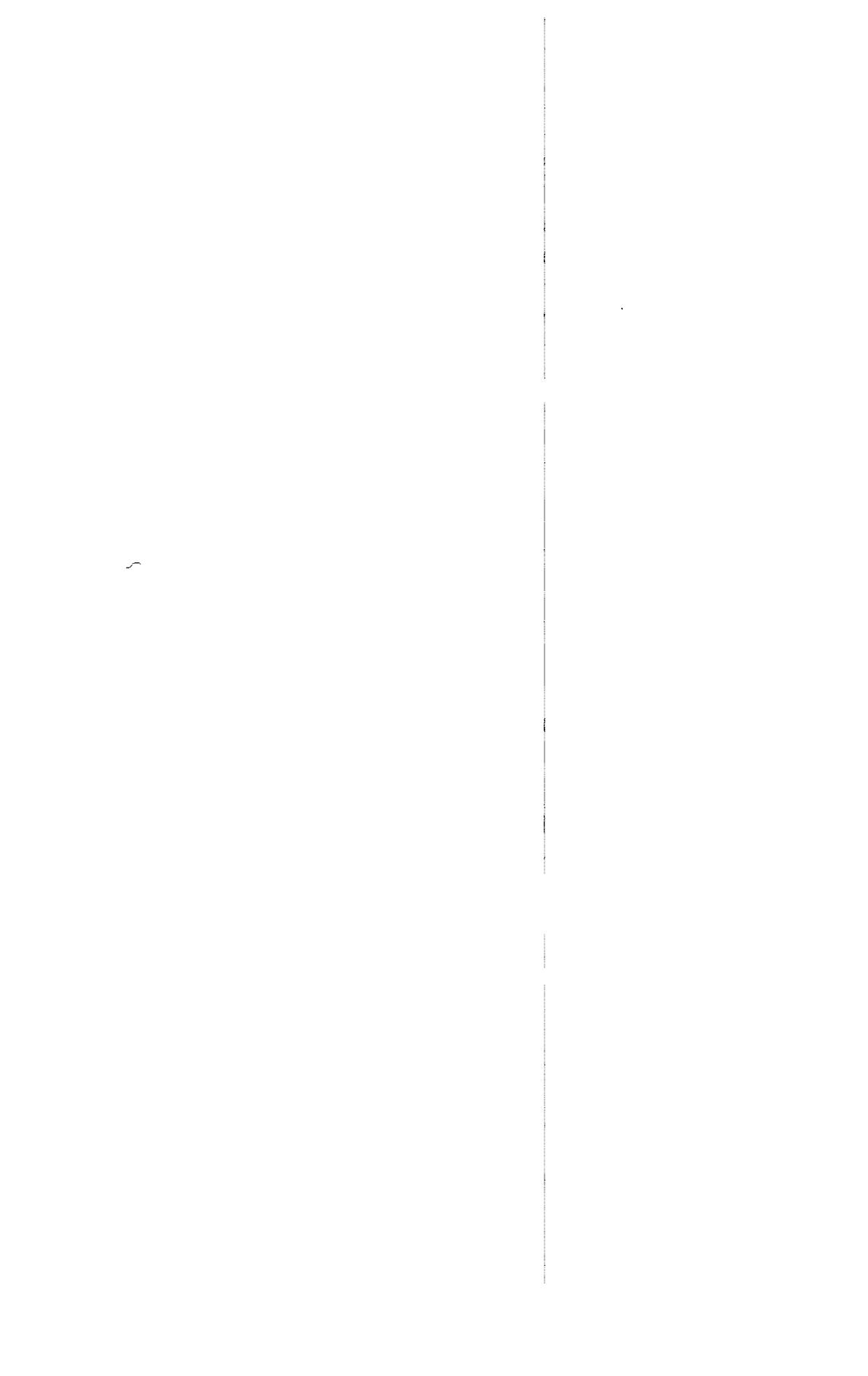
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# Stationary Electric Fields

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Electric fields have their sources in electric charges—electrons and ions. Nearly all real electric fields vary to some extent with time, but for many problems the time variation is slow and the field may be considered stationary in time (static) over the interval of interest. For still other important cases (called *quasistatic*) the spatial distribution is nearly the same as for static fields even though the actual fields may vary rapidly with time. Because of the number of important cases in each of these classes, and because static field concepts are simple and thus good for reviewing the vector operations needed to describe fields quantitatively, we start with static electric fields in this chapter and static magnetic fields in the next. The student approaching the problem in this way must remember that these are special cases, and that the interactions between time-varying fields can give rise to other phenomena, most notably the wave phenomena to be studied later in the text.

Before beginning the quantitative development of this chapter, let us comment briefly on a few applications to illustrate the kinds of problems that arise in electrostatics or quasistatics. Electron and ion guns are good examples of electrostatic problems where the distribution of fields is of great importance in the design. Electrode shapes are designed to accelerate particles from a source and focus them into a beam of desired size and velocity. Electron guns are used in cathode-ray oscilloscopes, in television tubes, in the microwave traveling wave tubes of radar and satellite communication systems, in electron microscopes, and for electron-beam lithography used for precision definition of integrated-circuit device features.

Many electronic circuit elements may have quite rapidly varying currents and voltages and yet at any instant have fields that are well represented by those calculated from static field equations. This is generally true when the elements are small in comparison with wavelength. The passive capacitive, inductive, and resistive elements are thus commonly analyzed by such *quasistatic* laws, up to very high frequencies; so also are the semiconductor diodes and transistors which constitute the active elements of electronic circuits.

Transmission lines, including the strip line used in microwave and millimeter-wave integrated circuits even for frequencies well above 10 GHz, have properties that can be calculated using the laws for static fields. This is far from being a static problem, but we will see later in the text that for systems having no structural variations along one axis (along the transmission line), the fields in the transverse plane satisfy, exactly or nearly exactly, static field laws.

There are many other examples of application of knowledge of static field laws. The electrostatic precipitators used to remove dust and other solid particles from air, xerography, and power switches and transmission systems (which must be designed to avoid dielectric breakdown) all use static field concepts. Electric fields generated by the human body are especially interesting examples. Thus the fields that are detected by electroencephalography (fields of the brain) and electrocardiography (fields of the heart) are of sufficiently low frequency to be distributed in the body in the same way that static fields would be.

In all the examples mentioned, the general problem is that of finding the distribution of fields produced by given sources in a specified medium with defined boundaries on the region of interest. Our approach will be to start with a simple experimental law (Coulomb's law) and then transform it into other forms which may be more general or more useful for certain classes of problems.

Most readers will have met this material before in physics courses or introductory electromagnetics courses, so the approach will be that of review with the purposes of deepening physical understanding and improving familiarity with the needed vector algebra before turning to the more difficult time-varying problems.

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## Basic Laws and Concepts of Electrostatics

### 1.2 FORCE BETWEEN ELECTRIC CHARGES: THE CONCEPT OF ELECTRIC FIELD

It was known from ancient times that electrified bodies exert forces upon one another. The effect was quantified by Charles A. Coulomb through brilliant experiments using a torsion balance.<sup>1</sup> His experiments showed that like charges repel one another whereas opposite charges attract; that force is proportional to the product of charge magnitudes;

<sup>1</sup> An excellent description of Coulomb's experiments and the groundwork of earlier researchers is given in R. S. Elliott, Electromagnetics, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1966. For a detailed account of the history of this and other aspects of electromagnetics, see E. T. Whittaker, A History of the Theories of Aether and Electricity, Am. Inst. Physics, New York, 1987, or P. F. Mottelay, Biographical History of Electricity and Magnetism, Ayer Co. Publishers, Salem, NH, 1975.

that force is inversely proportional to the square of the distance between charges; and that force acts along the line joining charges. Coulomb's experiments were done in air, but later generalizations show that force also depends upon the medium in which charges are placed. Thus force magnitude may be written

$$\mathbf{f} = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{\varepsilon r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (1)$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are charge strengths,  $r$  is the distance between charges,  $\varepsilon$  is a constant representing the effect of the medium, and  $K$  is a constant depending upon units. Direction information is included by writing force as a vector  $\mathbf{f}$  (denoted here as boldface) and defining a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  of unit length pointing from one charge directly away from the other:

$$\mathbf{f} = K \frac{q_1 q_2}{\varepsilon r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (2)$$

Various systems of units have been used, but that to be used in this text is the International System (SI for the equivalent in French) introduced by Giorgi in 1901. This is a meter-kilogram-second (mks) system, but the great advantage is that electric quantities are in the units actually measured: coulombs, volts, amperes, etc. Conversion factors to the classical systems still used in many references are given in Appendix 1. Thus in the SI system, force in (2) is in newtons ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}^2$ ),  $q$  in coulombs,  $r$  in meters, and  $\varepsilon$  in farads/meter. The constant  $K$  is chosen as  $1/4\pi$  and the value of  $\varepsilon$  for vacuum found from experiment is

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \approx \frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}} \quad (3)$$

For other materials,

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \quad (4)$$

where  $\varepsilon_r$  is the *relative permittivity* or *dielectric constant* of the material and is the value usually tabulated in handbooks. Here we are considering materials for which  $\varepsilon$  is a scalar independent of strength and direction of the force and of position. More general media are discussed in Sec. 1.3 and considered in more detail in Chapter 13. Thus in SI units Coulomb's law is written

$$\mathbf{f} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi \varepsilon r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (5)$$

Generalizing from the example of two charges, we deduce that a charge placed in the vicinity of a system of charges will also experience a force. This might be found by adding vectorially the component forces from the individual charges of the system, but it is convenient at this time to introduce the concept of an *electric field* as the force per unit charge for each point of the region influenced by charges. We may define this by introducing a test charge  $\Delta q$  at the point of definition small enough not to disturb

the charge distribution to be studied. Electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  is then

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{f}}{\Delta q} \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{f}$  is the force acting on the infinitesimal test charge  $\Delta q$ .

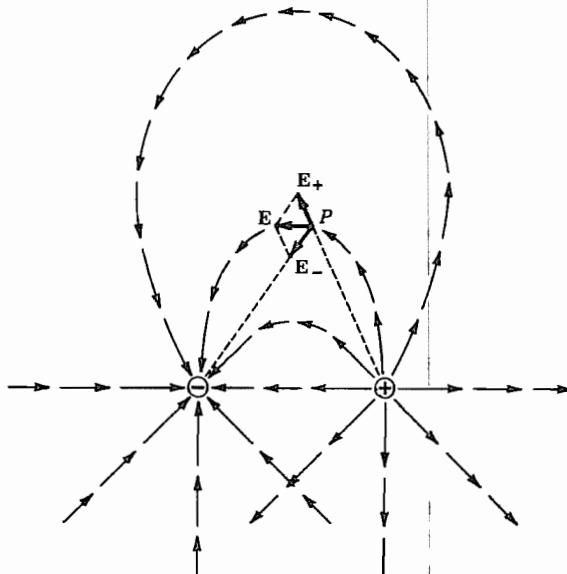
The electric field arising from a point charge  $q$  in a homogeneous dielectric is then given by the force law (5):

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (7)$$

Since  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  is the unit vector directed from the point in a direction away from the charge, the electric field vector is seen to point away from positive charges and toward negative charges as seen in the lower half of Fig. 1.2a. The units of electric field magnitude in the SI system are in volts per meter, as may be found by substituting units in (7):

$$E = \frac{\text{coulombs meter}}{\text{farads (meter)}^2} = \frac{\text{volts (V)}}{\text{meter (m)}}$$

We can see from the form of (7) that the total electric field for a system of point charges may be found by adding vectorially the fields from the individual charges, as is illustrated at point  $P$  of Fig. 1.2a for the charges  $q$  and  $-q$ . In this manner the electric field vector could be found for any point in the vicinity of the two charges. An *electric*



**FIG. 1.2a** Electric fields around two opposite charges. Lower half of figure shows the separate fields  $\mathbf{E}_+$  and  $\mathbf{E}_-$  of the two charges. Upper half shows the vector sum of  $\mathbf{E}_+$  and  $\mathbf{E}_-$ . Construction of  $\mathbf{E}$  is shown at one point  $P$ .

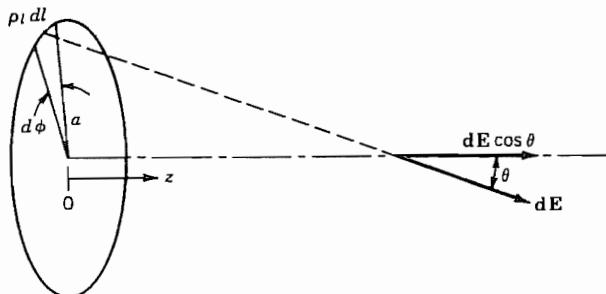
*field line* is defined as a line drawn tangent to the electric field vector at each point in space. If the vector is constructed for enough points of the region, the electric field lines can be drawn in roughly by following the direction of the vectors as illustrated in the top half of Fig. 1.2a. Easier methods of constructing the electric field will be studied in later sections, but the present method, although laborious, demonstrates clearly the meaning of the electric field lines.

For fields produced by continuous distributions of charges, the superposition is by integration of field contributions from the differential elements of charge. For volume distributions, the elemental charge  $dq$  is  $\rho dV$  where  $\rho$  is charge per unit volume ( $C/m^3$ ) and  $dV$  is the element of volume. For surface distributions, a surface density  $\rho_s$  ( $C/m^2$ ) is used with elemental surface  $dS$ . For filamentary distributions, a linear density  $\rho_l$  ( $C/m$ ) is used with elemental length  $dl$ . An example of a continuous distribution follows.

### Example 1.2 FIELD OF A RING OF CHARGE

Let us calculate the electric field at points on the  $z$  axis for a ring of positive charge of radius  $a$  located in free space concentric with and perpendicular to the  $z$  axis, as shown in Fig. 1.2b. The charge  $\rho_l$  along the ring is specified in units of coulombs per meter so the charge in a differential length is  $\rho_l dl$ . The electric field of  $\rho_l dl$  is designated by  $d\mathbf{E}$  in Fig. 1.2b and is given by (7) with  $r^2 = a^2 + z^2$ . The component along the  $z$  axis is  $dE \cos \theta$  where  $\cos \theta = z/(a^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$ . Note that, by symmetry, the component perpendicular to the axis is canceled by that of the charge element on the opposite side of the ring. The total field at points on the axis is thus directed along the axis and is the integral of the differential axial components. Taking  $dl = a d\phi$  we have

$$E = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\rho_l az d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\rho_l az}{2\epsilon(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 1.2b** Electric field of a ring of charge.

## 1.3 THE CONCEPT OF ELECTRIC FLUX AND FLUX DENSITY: GAUSS'S LAW

It is convenient in handling electric field problems to introduce another vector more directly related to charges than is electric field  $\mathbf{E}$ . If we define

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

we notice from Eq. 1.2(7) that  $\mathbf{D}$  about a point charge is radial and independent of the material. Moreover, if we multiply the radial component  $D_r$  by the area of a sphere of radius  $r$ , we obtain

$$4\pi r^2 D_r = q \quad (2)$$

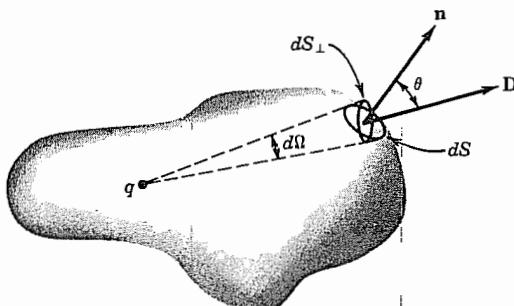
We thus have a quantity exactly equal to the charge (in coulombs) so that it may be thought of as the *flux* arising from that charge.  $\mathbf{D}$  may then be thought of as the *electric flux density* ( $C/m^2$ ). For historical reasons it is also known as the *displacement vector* or *electric induction*.

It is easy to show (Prob. 1.3b) that for an arbitrarily shaped closed surface as in Fig. 1.3a, the normal component of  $\mathbf{D}$  integrated over the surface surrounding a point charge also gives  $q$ . The analogy is that of fluid flow in which the fluid passing surface  $S$  of Fig. 1.3b in a given time is the same as that passing plane  $S_\perp$  perpendicular to the flow. So fluid flow rate out of a region does not depend upon the shape of the surface used to monitor it, so long as all surfaces enclose the same source. By superposition, the result can be extended to a system of point charges or a continuous distribution of charges, leading to the conclusion

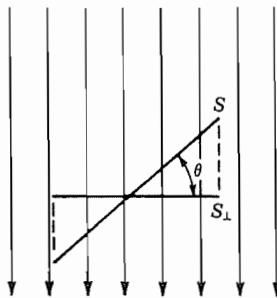
$$\text{electric flux flowing out of a closed surface} = \text{charge enclosed} \quad (3)$$

This is Gauss's law and, although argued here from Coulomb's law for simple media, is found to apply to more general media. It is thus a most general and important law. Before illustrating its usefulness, let us look more carefully at the role of the medium.

A simplified picture showing why the force between charges depends upon the presence of matter is illustrated in Fig. 1.3c. The electron clouds and the nuclei of the atoms experience oppositely directed forces as a result of the presence of the isolated charges.



**Fig. 1.3a** Charge  $q$  and arbitrary surrounding surface.

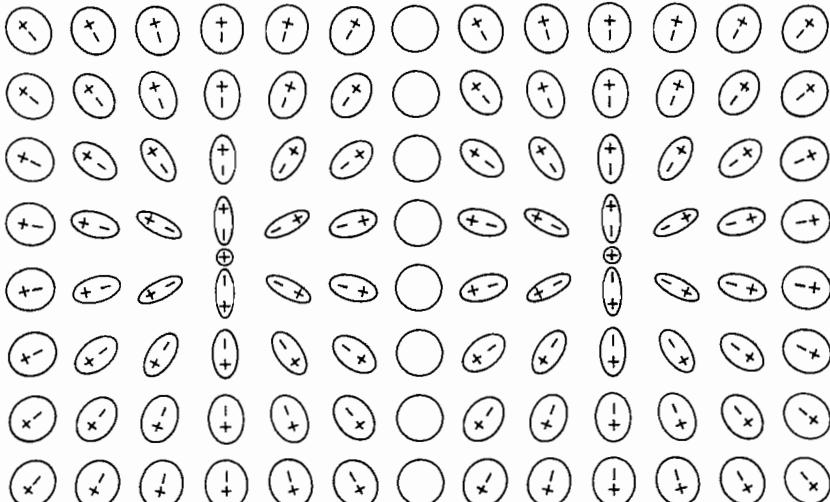


**FIG. 1.3b** Flow of a fluid through surfaces  $S$  and  $S_{\perp}$ .

Thus the atoms are distorted or *polarized*. There is a shift of the center of symmetry of the electron cloud with respect to the nucleus in each atom as indicated schematically in Fig. 1.3c. Similar distortions can occur in molecules, and an equivalent situation arises in some materials where naturally polarized molecules have a tendency to be aligned in the presence of free charges. The directions of the polarization are such for most materials that the equivalent charge pairs in the atoms or molecules tend to counteract the forces between the two isolated charges. The magnitude and the direction of the polarization depend upon the nature of the material.

The above qualitative picture of polarization introduced by a dielectric may be quantified by giving a more fundamental definition than (1) between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ :

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \quad (4)$$



**FIG. 1.3c** Polarization of the atoms of a dielectric by a pair of equal positive charges.

The first term gives the contribution that would exist if the electric field at that point were in free space and the second measures the effect of the polarization of the material (as in Fig. 1.3c) and is called the *electric polarization*.

The polarization produced by the electric field in a material depends upon material properties. If the properties do not depend upon position, the material is said to be *homogeneous*. Most field problems are solved assuming homogeneity; inhomogeneous media, exemplified by the earth's atmosphere, are more difficult to analyze. If the response of the material is the same for all directions of the electric field vector, it is called *isotropic*. Special techniques are required for handling a field problem in an anisotropic medium such as an ionized gas with an applied steady magnetic field. A material is called *linear* if the ratio of the response  $\mathbf{P}$  to the field  $\mathbf{E}$  is independent of amplitude. Nonlinearities are generally not present except for high-amplitude fields. It is also possible that the character of a material may be *time variable*, imposed, for example, by passing a sound wave through it. Throughout most of this text, the media will be considered to be homogeneous, isotropic, linear, and time invariant. Exceptions will be studied in the final chapters.

For isotropic, linear material the polarization is proportional to the field intensity and we can write the linear relation

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E} \quad (5)$$

where the constant  $\chi_e$  is called the *electric susceptibility*. Then (4) becomes the same as (1),

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)\mathbf{E} = \epsilon\mathbf{E} \quad (6)$$

and the relative permittivity, defined in Eq. 1.2(4) is  $\epsilon_r = \epsilon/\epsilon_0 = 1 + \chi_e$

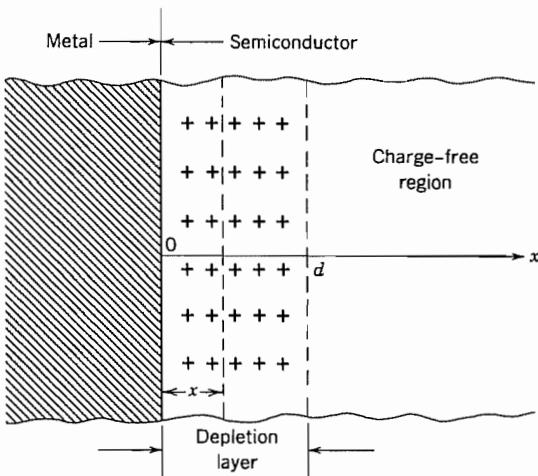
Although we will describe a dielectric material largely by its permittivity, the concepts of polarization and susceptibility are in a sense more fundamental and are considered in more detail in Chapter 13.

#### 1.4 EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF GAUSS'S LAW

The simple but important examples to be discussed in this section show that Gauss's law can be used to find field strength in a very easy way for problems with certain kinds of symmetry and given charges. The symmetry gives the direction of the electric field directly and ensures that the flux is uniformly distributed. Knowledge of the charge gives the total flux. Symmetry is then used to get flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  and hence  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$ .

##### Example 1.4a FIELD IN A PLANAR SEMICONDUCTOR DEPLETION LAYER

For the first example, we consider a one-dimensional situation where a metal is in intimate (atomic) contact with a semiconductor. We assume that some of the typically valence 4 (e.g., silicon) atoms have been replaced by "dopant" atoms of valence 5



**FIG. 1.4a** Model of a metal-semiconductor contact. The region to which Gauss's law is applied is the region between parallel planes shown dashed.

(e.g., phosphorus). The one extra electron in each atom is not needed for atomic bonding and becomes free to move about in the semiconductor. Upon making the metal contact, it is found that the free electrons are forced away from the surface for a distance  $d$ . The region  $0 \leq x \leq d$  is called a *depletion region* because it is depleted of the free electrons. Since the dopant atoms were neutral before losing their extra electrons, they are positively charged when the region is depleted. This can be modeled as in Fig. 1.4a. In the region  $x > d$  the donors are assumed to be completely compensated by free electrons and it is therefore charge-free. (The abrupt change from compensated to uncompensated behavior at  $x = d$  is a commonly used idealization.) By symmetry, the flux is  $-x$ -directed only. The surface used in application of Gauss's law consists of two infinite parallel planes, one at  $x < d$  and one at  $x = d$ . This approximation is made because the transverse dimensions of the contact are assumed to be much larger than  $d$ . With no applied fields, there is no average movement of the electrons in the compensated region  $x \geq d$  so  $\mathbf{E}$  must be zero there. Thus  $\mathbf{D}$  is also zero in that region and all the flux from the charged dopant atoms must terminate on negative charges at the metal contact. Therefore, Gauss's law gives, for a unit area,

$$-D_x(x) = N_D e(d - x) \quad (1)$$

where  $N_D$  and  $e$  are the volume density of donor ions and the charge per donor (magnitude of electronic charge), respectively. Then the  $x$  component of the electric field is

$$E_x = \frac{D_x}{\epsilon} = \frac{N_D e(x - d)}{\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

It should be clear that the simplicity of solution depended upon the symmetry of the system; that is, that there were no variations in  $y$  and  $z$ .

**Example 1.4b**

## FIELD ABOUT A LINE CHARGE OR BETWEEN COAXIAL CYLINDERS

We introduced the line charge in ring form in Ex. 1.2. Let us now find the field  $\mathbf{E}$  produced by a straight, infinitely long line of uniformly distributed charge. The radius of the line is negligibly small and can be thought of as the two-dimensional equivalent of a point charge. Practically, a long thin charged wire is a good approximation. The symmetry of this problem reveals that the force on a test charge, and hence the electric field, can only be radial. Moreover, this electric field will not vary with angle about the line charge, nor with distance along it. If the strength of the radial electric field is desired at distance  $r$  from the line charge, Gauss's law may be applied to an imaginary cylindrical surface of radius  $r$  and any length  $l$ . Since the electric field (and hence the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$ ) is radial, there is no normal component at the ends of the cylinder and hence no flux flow through them. However,  $\mathbf{D}$  is exactly normal to the cylindrical part of the surface, and does not vary with either angle or distance along the axis, so that the flux out is the surface area  $2\pi rl$  multiplied by the electric flux density  $D_r$ . The charge enclosed is the length  $l$  multiplied by the charge per unit length  $q_l$ . By Gauss's law, flux out equals the charge enclosed:

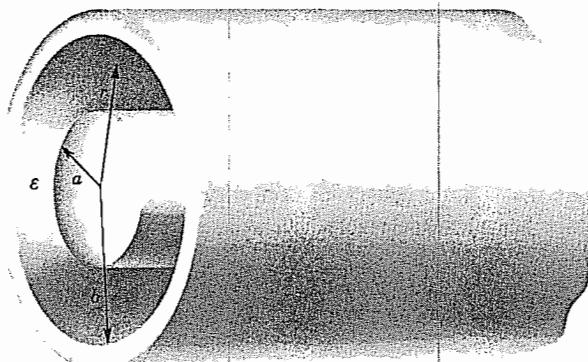
$$2\pi rl D_r = l q_l$$

If the dielectric surrounding the wire has constant  $\epsilon$ ,

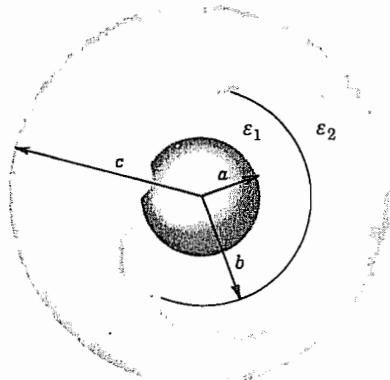
$$E_r = \frac{D_r}{\epsilon} = \frac{q_l}{2\pi r \epsilon} \quad (3)$$

Hence, the electric field about the line charge has been obtained by the use of Gauss's law and the special symmetry of the problem.

The same symmetry applies to the coaxial transmission line formed of two coaxial conducting cylinders of radii  $a$  and  $b$  with dielectric  $\epsilon$  between them (Fig. 1.4b). Hence the result (3) applies for radius  $r$  between  $a$  and  $b$ . We use this result to find the capacitance in Sec. 1.9.



**FIG. 1.4b** Coaxial line.



**FIG. 1.4c** Spherical electrodes separated by two layers of dielectric materials.

### Example 1.4c

#### FIELD BETWEEN CONCENTRIC SPHERICAL ELECTRODES WITH TWO DIELECTRICS

Figure 1.4c shows a structure formed of two conducting spheres of radii  $a$  and  $c$ , with one dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  extending from  $r = a$  to  $r = b$ , in spherical coordinates,<sup>2</sup> and a second,  $\epsilon_2$ , from  $r = b$  to  $r = c$ . This problem has spherical symmetry about the center, which implies that the electric field will be radial, and independent of the angular direction about the sphere. If the charge on the inner sphere is  $Q$  and that on the outer sphere is  $-Q$ , the charge enclosed by an imaginary spherical surface of radius  $r$  selected anywhere between the two conductors is only that charge  $Q$  on the inner sphere. The flux passing through it is the surface  $4\pi r^2$  multiplied by the radial component of the flux density  $D_r$ . Hence, using Gauss's law,

$$D_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \quad (4)$$

The equation for the flux density is the same for either dielectric, since the flux passes from the positive charge on the center conductor continuously to the negative charge on the outer conductor. The electric field has a different value in the two regions, however, since in each dielectric,  $D$  and  $E$  are related by the corresponding permittivity:

$$E_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_1 r^2} \quad a < r < b \quad (5)$$

$$E_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_2 r^2} \quad b < r < c \quad (6)$$

<sup>2</sup> Note that  $r$  is used both for radius from the axis in the circular cylindrical coordinate system and for radius from the origin in the spherical coordinate system.  $\rho$  is frequently used for the former but may be confused with charge density, and  $R$  is used for the latter, but is here reserved for distance between source and field points.

The radial flux density is continuous at the dielectric discontinuity at  $r = b$ , but the radial electric field is discontinuous there.

### Example 1.4d

#### FIELDS OF A SPHERICAL REGION OF UNIFORM CHARGE DENSITY

Consider a region of uniform charge density  $\rho$  extending from  $r = 0$  to  $r = a$ . As in the preceding example, Gauss's law can be written as (4) where, in this case,  $Q = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$  for  $r \leq a$  and  $Q = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \rho$  for  $r \geq a$ . Then the flux densities for the two regions are

$$D_r = \frac{r}{3} \rho \quad r \leq a \quad (7)$$

$$D_r = \frac{a^3}{3r^2} \rho \quad r \geq a \quad (8)$$

## 1.5 SURFACE AND VOLUME INTEGRALS: GAUSS'S LAW IN VECTOR FORM

Gauss's law, given in words by Eq. 1.3(3), may be written

$$\oint_S D \cos \theta dS = q \quad (1)$$

The symbol  $\oint_S$  denotes the integral over a surface and of course cannot be performed until the actual surface is specified. It is in general a double integral. The circle on the integral sign is used if the surface is closed.

The surface integral can also be written in a still more compact form if vector notation is employed. Define the unit vector normal to the surface under consideration, for any given point on the surface, as  $\hat{n}$ . Then replace  $D \cos \theta$  by  $\mathbf{D} \cdot \hat{n}$ . This particular product of the two vectors  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\hat{n}$  denoted by the dot between the two is known as the *dot product* of two vectors, or the *scalar product*, since it results by definition in a scalar quantity equal to the product of the two vector magnitudes and the cosine of the angle between them. Also, the combination  $\hat{n} dS$  is frequently abbreviated further by writing it  $d\mathbf{S}$ . Thus the elemental vector  $d\mathbf{S}$ , representing the element of surface in magnitude and orientation, has a magnitude equal to the magnitude of the element  $dS$  under consideration and the direction of the outward normal to the surface at that point. The surface integral in (1) may then be written in any of the equivalent forms:

$$\oint_S D \cos \theta dS = \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (2)$$

All of these say that the normal component of the vector  $\mathbf{D}$  is to be integrated over the general closed surface  $S$ .

If the charge inside the region is given as a density of charge per unit volume in coulombs per cubic meter for each point of the region, the total charge inside the region must be obtained by integrating this density over the volume of the region. This is analogous to the process of finding the total mass inside a region when the variable mass density is given for each point of a region. This process may also be denoted by a general integral. The symbol  $\int_V$  is used to denote this, and, as with the surface integral, the particular volume and the variation of density over that volume must be specified before the integration can be performed. In the general case, it is performed as a triple integral.

Gauss's law may then be written in this notation:

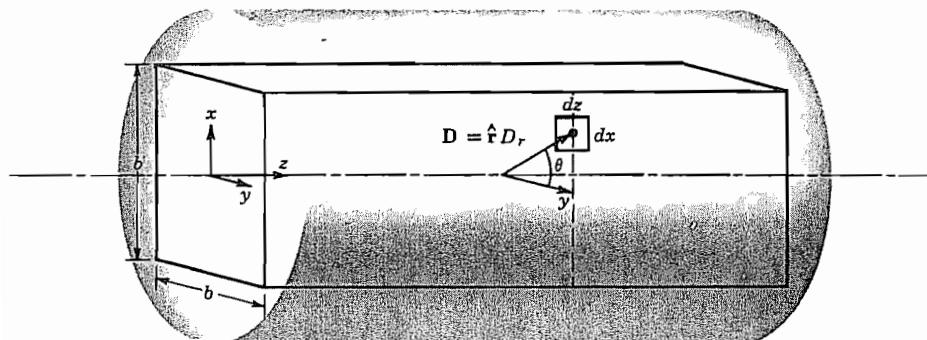
$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \rho \, dV \quad (3)$$

Although the above may at first appear cryptic, familiarity with the notation will immediately reveal that the left side is the net electric flux out of the region and the right side is the charge within the region.

### Example 1.5 ROUND BEAM OF UNIFORM CHARGE DENSITY

Consider the circular cylinder of uniform charge density  $\rho$  and infinite length shown in Fig. 1.5. A region of integration is taken in the form of a prism of square cross section. We will demonstrate the validity of (3), utilizing the fact that  $\mathbf{D}$  has only a radial component. The right side of (3) is

$$\int_V \rho \, dV = \int_0^l dz \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} dy \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \rho \, dx = lb^2\rho \quad (4)$$



**FIG. 1.5** Square cylindrical region of integration in a circular cylinder of free charge.

At any radius,  $D_r$ , can be found as in Sec. 1.4 to be

$$D_r = \frac{(\pi r^2)\rho}{2\pi r} = \frac{r\rho}{2} \quad (5)$$

To do the surface integration on the left side of (3), we note that  $\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = D_r dx dz \cos \theta$ , that  $\cos \theta = b/2r$ , and that the four sides make equal contributions to the integral. Thus

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 4 \int_0^l dz \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} D_r \cos \theta dx = lb^2\rho \quad (6)$$

and from (6) and (4) we see that (3) is satisfied. Problem 1.5b contains a similar situation, but is somewhat complicated by having the charge density dependent upon radius.

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## 1.6 TUBES OF FLUX: PLOTTING OF FIELD LINES

For isotropic media, the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  is in the same direction as flux density  $\mathbf{D}$ . A charge-free region bounded by  $\mathbf{E}$  or  $\mathbf{D}$  lines must then have the same flux flowing through it for all selected cross sections, since no flux can flow through the sides parallel with  $\mathbf{D}$ , and Gauss's law will show the conservation of flux for this source-free region. Such a region, called a *flux tube*, is illustrated in Fig. 1.6a. Surface  $S_3$  follows the direction of  $\mathbf{D}$ , so there is no flow through  $S_3$ . That flowing in  $S_1$  must then come out  $S_2$  if there are no internal charges. These tubes are analogous to the flow tubes in the fluid analogy used in Sec. 1.3.

The concept of flux tubes is especially useful in making maps of the fields, and will be utilized later (Sec. 1.19) in a useful graphical field-mapping technique. We show in the following example how it may be used to obtain field lines in the vicinity of parallel line charges.

### Example 1.6

#### FLUX TUBES AND FIELD LINES ABOUT PARALLEL LINES OF OPPOSITE CHARGE

To show how field lines may be found by constructing flux tubes, we use, as an example, two infinitely long, parallel lines of opposite charge. It is obvious from symmetry that the plane in which the two charge lines lie will contain  $\mathbf{D}$  lines and hence can be a boundary of a flux tube. We introduce the *flux function*

$$\psi = \int_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (1)$$

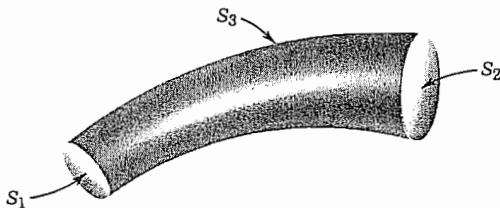


FIG. 1.6a Tube of flux.

which measures the flux crossing some chosen surface. For example, suppose  $S$  is the cross-hatched surface in Fig. 1.6b. First, let the angles  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  shrink to zero so  $S$  also vanishes. Then the flux function will be zero along the plane of the lines of charge. (The surface  $S$  also could be chosen in some other way, making the flux function different from zero on that plane. The resulting additive constant is arbitrary, so we take it to be zero.) We get other flux tube boundaries by taking nonzero values of the angles  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . First we derive an expression for the flux passing between the  $\psi = 0$  plane and line  $L$  in Fig. 1.6b. Then paths will be formed along which  $L$  may be moved while keeping the same flux between it and the  $\psi = 0$  surface. Moving  $L$  along such a path therefore generates a surface which is the boundary of a flux tube of infinite length parallel to  $L$ . The flux may be divided into the part from the positive line charge and the part from the negative line charge, since the effects are superposable. The flux from the positive line goes out radially so that the amount (per unit length) crossing  $S$  is  $q_l(\alpha_1/2\pi)$ . The flux passing radially inward toward the negative line charge through  $S$  adds directly to that of the positive line charge and has the magnitude  $q_l(\alpha_2/2\pi)$ . The total flux per unit length crossing  $S$  is

$$\psi = \frac{q_l}{2\pi} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \quad (2)$$

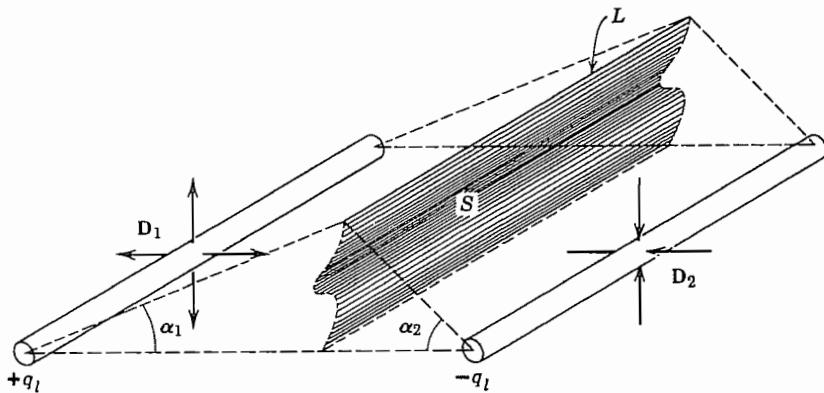
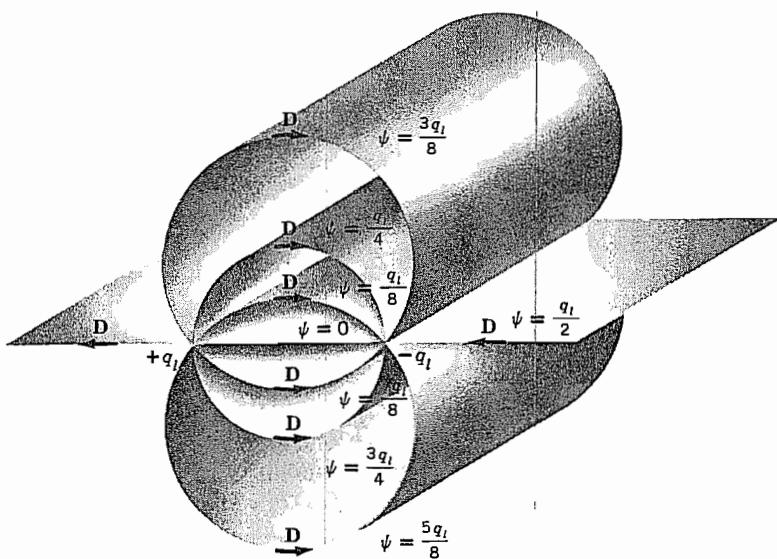


FIG. 1.6b Construction of flux tubes about line charges.



**FIG. 1.6c** Tubes of flux between line charges.

The surface generated by moving  $L$  in such a way as to keep  $\psi$  constant is a circular cylinder that passes through the charge lines with its axis in the plane normal to the  $\psi = 0$  line midway between the line charges. Figure 1.6c shows several flux tubes, with the values of  $\psi$  indicating the amount of flux between the  $\psi = 0$  surface and the one being considered, as  $\alpha_2$  is increased from zero to  $2\pi$ . Note that as a path is taken around one of the lines, the flux function goes from 0 to  $q_l$ ; the total flux per unit length coming from a line charge is  $q_l$ . It is clear from this example that the flux function  $\psi$  is not single-valued since it continues to increase as  $\alpha_1$  or  $\alpha_2$  increases; more flux lines are crossed as motion about the line charge continues. We must therefore limit  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  to the range 0 to  $2\pi$  to ensure unique values for  $\psi$ .

Since the boundaries of the flux tubes lie along  $\mathbf{D}$  vectors and  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ , they also lie along  $\mathbf{E}$  vectors. Thus, by plotting flux tubes, we find the directions of the electric field vectors surrounding the charges. There is a given amount of flux in each tube so the flux density  $\mathbf{D}$ , and therefore also  $\mathbf{E}$ , become large where the cross section of the tube becomes small.

## 1.7 ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS: CONSERVATIVE PROPERTY OF ELECTROSTATIC FIELDS

Since a charge placed in the vicinity of other charges experiences a force, movement of the charge represents energy exchange. Calculation of this requires integration of force components over the path (line integrals). It will be found that the electrostatic

system is conservative in that no net energy is exchanged if a test charge is moved about a closed path, returning to its initial position.

Consider the force on a small positive charge  $\Delta q$  moved from infinity to a point  $P$  in the vicinity of a system of positive charges:  $q_1$  at  $Q_1$ ,  $q_2$  at  $Q_2$ ,  $q_3$  at  $Q_3$ , and so on (Fig. 1.7a). The force at any point along its path would cause the particle to accelerate and move out of the region if unconstrained. A force equal to the negative of that from surrounding charges must then be applied to bring  $\Delta q$  from infinity to its final position. The differential work done on  $\Delta q$  from  $q_1$  in the system is the negative of the force component in the direction of the path, multiplied by differential path length:

$$dU_1 = -\mathbf{F}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

Or, using the definition of the scalar product, the angle  $\theta$  as defined in Fig. 1.7a, and the force as stated above, we write the line integral for total work related to  $q_1$  as

$$U_1 = - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_1} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_1} \frac{\Delta qq_1 \cos \theta \, dl}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $r$  is the distance from  $q_1$  to the differential path element  $d\mathbf{l}$  at each point in the integration. Since  $dl \cos \theta$  is  $dr$ , the integral is simply

$$U_1 = - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_1} \frac{\Delta qq_1 \, dr}{4\pi\epsilon r^2}$$

and similarly for contributions from other charges, so that the total work integral is

$$U = - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_1} \frac{\Delta qq_1}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \, dr - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_2} \frac{\Delta qq_2}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \, dr - \int_{\infty}^{PQ_3} \frac{\Delta qq_3}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \, dr - \dots$$

Note that there is no component of the work arising from the test charge acting upon itself. Integrating,

$$U = \frac{\Delta qq_1}{4\pi\epsilon PQ_1} + \frac{\Delta qq_2}{4\pi\epsilon PQ_2} + \frac{\Delta qq_3}{4\pi\epsilon PQ_3} + \dots \quad (2)$$

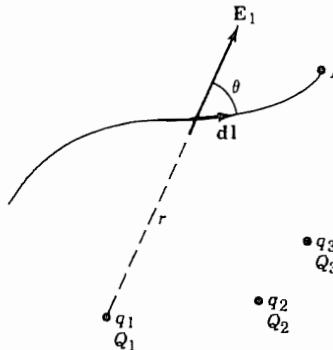


FIG. 1.7a Integration path for force on test charge.

Equation (2) shows that the work done is a function only of final positions and not of the path of the charge. This conclusion leads to another: if a charge is taken around any closed path, no net work is done. Mathematically this is written as the closed line integral

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \quad (3)$$

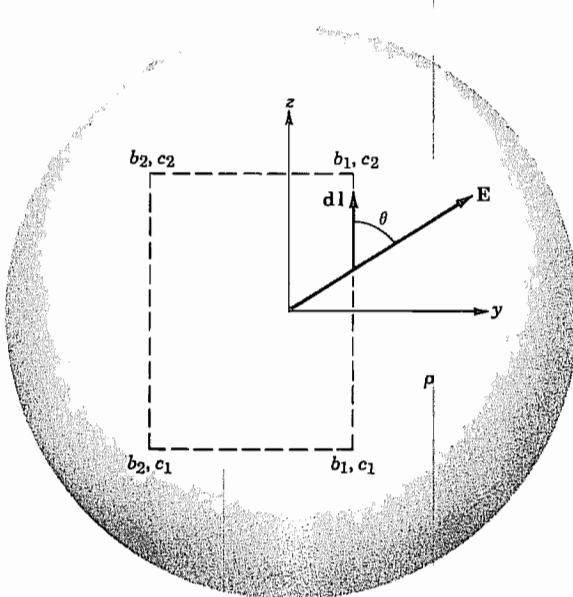
This general integral signifies that the component of electric field in the direction of the path is to be multiplied by the element of distance along the path and the sum taken by integration as one moves about the path. The circle through the integral sign signifies that a closed path is to be considered. As with the designation for a general surface or volume integral, the actual line integration cannot be performed until there is a specification of a particular path and the variation of  $\mathbf{E}$  about that path.

In the study of magnetic fields and time-varying electric fields, we shall find corresponding line integrals which are not zero.

### Example 1.7

#### DEMONSTRATION OF CONSERVATIVE PROPERTY

To illustrate the conservative property and the use of line integrals, let us take the line integral (3) around the somewhat arbitrary path through a uniform sphere of charge density  $\rho$  shown in Fig. 1.7b. The path is chosen, for simplicity, to lie in the  $x = 0$



**FIG. 1.7b** Path of integration (broken line) through electric field of sphere of uniform charge to show conservative property.

plane. The integrand  $\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  involves electric field components  $E_y$  and  $E_z$ . The radial electric field  $E_r = \rho r / 3\epsilon_0$  is found from Eq. 1.4(7). The components are  $E_y = E_r(y/r)$  and  $E_z = E_r(z/r)$  so  $E_y = \rho y / 3\epsilon_0$  and  $E_z = \rho z / 3\epsilon_0$ . The integral (3) becomes

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{c_1}^{c_2} E_z dz + \int_{b_1}^{b_2} E_y dy + \int_{c_2}^{c_1} E_z dz + \int_{b_2}^{b_1} E_y dy \\ = \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{z^2}{2} \Big|_{c_1}^{c_2} + \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_{b_1}^{b_2} + \frac{z^2}{2} \Big|_{c_2}^{c_1} + \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_{b_2}^{b_1} \right\} = 0$$

The general conservative property of electrostatic fields is thus illustrated in this example.

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### 1.8 ELECTROSTATIC POTENTIAL: EQUIPOTENTIALS

The energy considerations of the preceding section lead directly to an extremely useful concept for electrostatics—that of potential. The electrostatic potential function is defined as the work done per unit charge. Here we start generally and define a potential difference between points 1 and 2 as the work done on a unit test charge in moving from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ .

$$\Phi_{P_2} - \Phi_{P_1} = - \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (1)$$

The conclusion of the preceding section that the work in moving around any closed path is zero shows that this potential function is single-valued; that is, corresponding to each point of the field there is only one value of potential.

Only a difference of potential has been defined. The potential of any point can be arbitrarily fixed, and then the potentials of all other points in the field can be found by application of the definition to give potential differences between all points and the reference. This reference is quite arbitrary. For example, in certain cases it may be convenient to define the potential at infinity as zero and then find the corresponding potentials of all points in the field; for determination of the field between two conductors, it is more convenient to select the potential of one of these as zero.

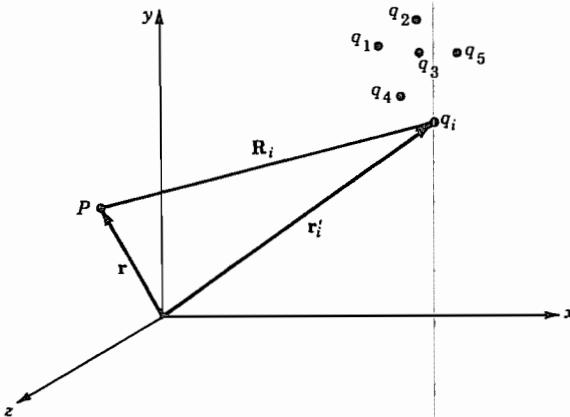
If the potential at infinity is taken as zero, it is evident that the potential at the point  $P$  in the system of charges is given by  $U$  of Eq. 1.7(2) divided by  $\Delta q$ , so

$$\Phi = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon P Q_1} + \frac{q_2}{4\pi\epsilon P Q_2} + \frac{q_3}{4\pi\epsilon P Q_3} + \dots \quad (2)$$

This may be written in a more versatile form as

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon R_i} \quad (3)$$

where  $R_i$  is the distance of the  $i$ th charge at  $\mathbf{r}'_i$  from the point of observation at  $\mathbf{r}$ , as seen in Fig. 1.8a.



**FIG. 1.8a** Potential of \$q\_1, q\_2, q\_3, \dots, q\_i\$ is found at point \$P\$.

$$R_i = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'_i| = [(x - x'_i)^2 + (y - y'_i)^2 + (z - z'_i)^2]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

Here \$x, y\$, and \$z\$ are the rectangular coordinates of the point of observation and \$x'\_i, y'\_i\$, and \$z'\_i\$ are the rectangular coordinates of the \$i\$th charge.<sup>3</sup> Generalizing to the case of continuously varying charge density,

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi\epsilon R} \quad (5)$$

The \$\rho(\mathbf{r}')\$ is charge density at point \$(x', y', z')\$, and the integral signifies that a summation should be made similar to that of (2) but continuous over all space. If the reference for potential zero is not at infinity, a constant must be added of such value that potential is zero at the desired reference position.

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi\epsilon R} + C \quad (6)$$

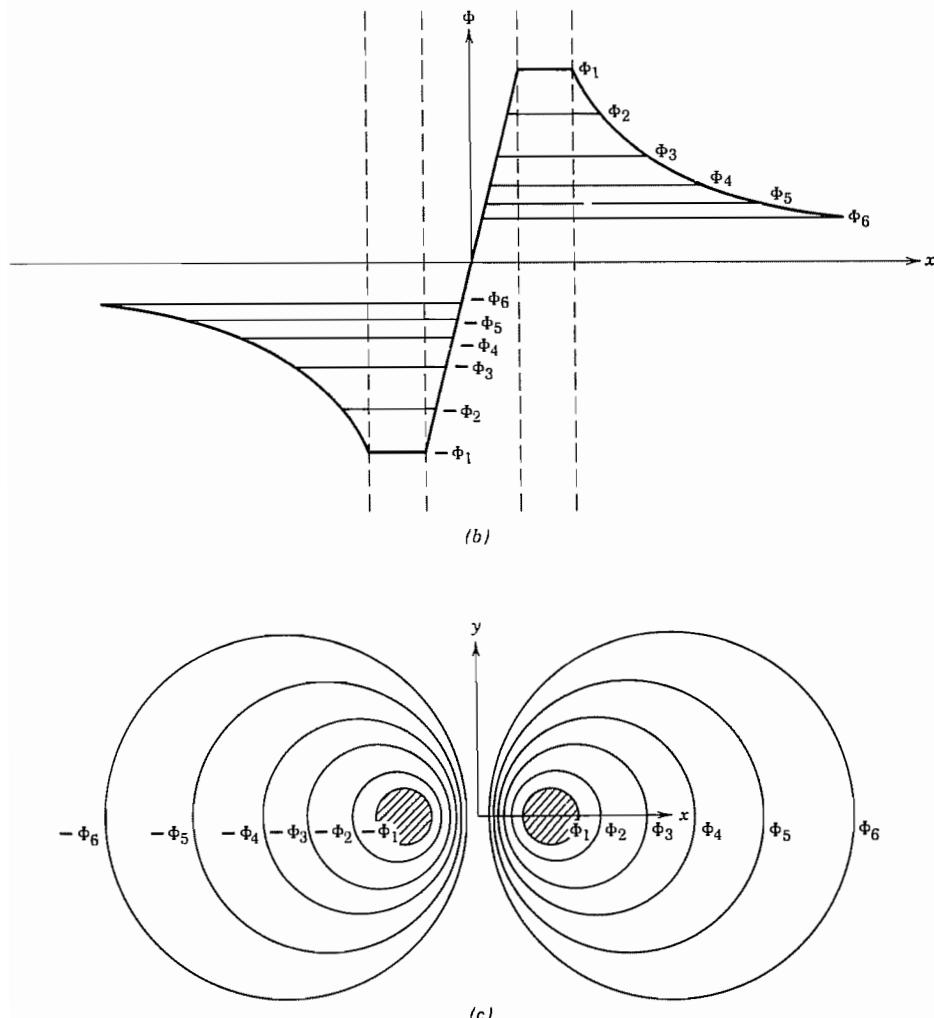
It should be kept in mind that (2)–(6) were derived assuming that the charges are located in an infinite, homogeneous, isotropic medium. If conductors or dielectric discontinuities are present, differential equations for the potential (to be given shortly) are used for each region.

We will see in Sec. 1.10 how the electric field \$\mathbf{E}\$ can be found simply from \$\Phi(\mathbf{r})\$. It is usually easier to find the potential by the scalar operations in (3) and (5) and, from it, the field \$\mathbf{E}\$ than to do the vector summations discussed in Sec. 1.2. Such convenience in electrostatic calculations is one reason for introducing this potential.

In any electrostatic field, there exist surfaces on which the potential is a constant, so-called equipotential surfaces. Since the potential is single-valued, surfaces for different

<sup>3</sup> Throughout the text we use primed coordinates to designate the location of sources and unprimed coordinates for the point at which their fields are to be calculated.

values of potential do not intersect. The pictorial representation of more than one such surface in a three-dimensional field distribution is quite difficult. For fields that have no variation in one dimension and are therefore called two-dimensional fields, the third dimension can be used to represent the potential. Figure 1.8b shows such a representation for the potential around a pair of infinitely long, parallel wires at potentials  $\Phi_1$  and  $-\Phi_1$ . The height of the surface at any point is the value of the potential. Note that lines of constant height or constant potential can be drawn. These equipotentials can be projected onto the  $x$ - $y$  plane as in Fig. 1.8c. In such a representation, the equipo-



**FIG. 1.8** (b) Plot of a two-dimensional potential distribution using the third dimension to show the potential. (c) Equipotentials for the same potential system as in (b) plotted onto the  $x$ - $y$  plane.

tentials look like the contour lines of a topographic map and, in fact, measure potential energy of a unit charge relative to a selected zero-potential point just as contours measure potential energy relative to some reference altitude, often sea level. It should be kept in mind that these lines are actually traces in the  $x$ - $y$  plane of three-dimensional cylindrical equipotential surfaces.

We will discuss the boundary conditions on conductors in some detail in Sec. 1.14. At this point it is sufficient to say that the electric fields inside of a metallic conductor can be considered to be zero in electrostatic systems. Therefore, (1) shows that the conductor is an equipotential region.

### Example 1.8a

#### POTENTIALS AROUND A LINE CHARGE AND BETWEEN COAXIAL CYLINDERS

As an example of the relations between potential and electric field, consider first the problem of the line charge used as an example in Sec. 1.4, with electric field given by Eq. 1.4(3). By (1) we integrate this from some radius  $r_0$  chosen as the reference of zero potential to radius  $r$ :

$$\Phi = - \int_{r_0}^r E_r dr = - \int_{r_0}^r \frac{q_l dr}{2\pi\epsilon r} = - \frac{q_l}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \quad (7)$$

Or this expression for potential about a line charge may be written

$$\Phi = - \frac{q_l}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln r + C \quad (8)$$

Note that it is not desirable to select infinity as the reference of zero potential for the line charge, for then by (7) the potential at any finite point would be infinite. As in (6) the constant is added to shift the position of the zero potential.

In a similar manner, the potential difference between the coaxial cylinders of Fig. 1.4b may be found:

$$\Phi_a - \Phi_b = - \int_b^a \frac{q_l dr}{2\pi\epsilon r} = \frac{q_l}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad (9)$$

### Example 1.8b

#### POTENTIAL OUTSIDE A SPHERICALLY SYMMETRIC CHARGE

We saw in Eq. 1.4(4) that the flux density outside a spherically symmetric charge  $Q$  is  $D_r = Q/4\pi r^2$ . Using  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon_0$  and taking the reference potential to be zero at infinity, we see that the potential outside the charge  $Q$  is the negative of the integral of

$\hat{r}E_r \cdot \hat{r} dr$  from infinity to radius  $r$ :

$$\Phi(r) = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1^2} dr_1 = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad (10)$$


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### Example 1.8c

#### POTENTIAL OF A UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF CHARGE HAVING SPHERICAL SYMMETRY

Consider a volume of charge density  $\rho$  that extends from  $r = 0$  to  $r = a$ . Taking  $\Phi = 0$  at  $r = \infty$ , the potential outside  $a$  is given by (10) with  $Q = \frac{4}{3}\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 \rho$ , so

$$\Phi(r) = \frac{a^3 \rho}{3\epsilon_0 r} \quad r \geq a \quad (11)$$

In particular, at  $r = a$

$$\Phi(a) = \frac{a^2 \rho}{3\epsilon_0} \quad (12)$$

Then to get the potential at a point where  $r \leq a$  we must add to (12) the integral of the electric field from  $a$  to  $r$ . The electric field is given as  $E_r = \rho r / 3\epsilon_0$  (Ex. 1.7) and the integral is

$$\Phi(r) - \Phi(a) = - \int_a^r \frac{\rho r_1}{3\epsilon_0} dr_1 = \frac{\rho}{6\epsilon_0} (a^2 - r^2) \quad (13)$$

So the potential at a radius  $r$  inside the charge region is

$$\Phi(r) = \frac{\rho}{6\epsilon_0} (3a^2 - r^2) \quad r \leq a \quad (14)$$


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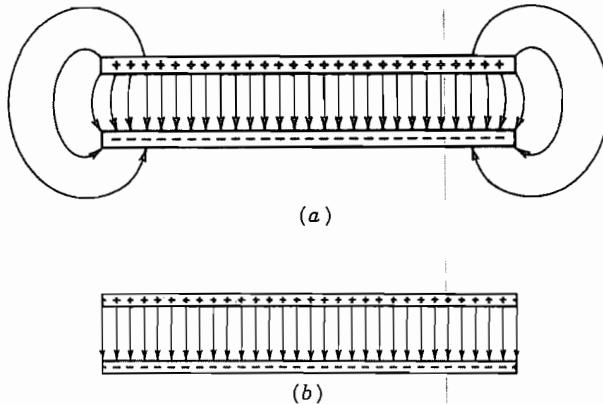
### Example 1.8d

#### ELECTRIC DIPOLE

A particularly important set of charges is that of two closely spaced point charges of opposite sign, called an *electric dipole*.

Assume two charges, having opposite signs to be spaced by a distance  $2\delta$  as shown in Fig. 1.8d. The potential at some point a distance  $r$  from the origin displaced by an angle  $\theta$  from the line passing from the negative to positive charge can be written as the sum of the potentials of the individual charges:

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{r_+} - \frac{1}{r_-} \right) \quad (15)$$



**FIG. 1.9** (a) Parallel-plane capacitor with fringing fields. (b) Idealization.

the surface charge density  $\rho_s$  on each plate. Since the field  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$  is assumed uniform, the potential difference  $\Phi_a - \Phi_b$  is, by Eq. 1.8(1),

$$\Phi_a - \Phi_b = \frac{\rho_s d}{\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

The total charge on each plate of area  $A$  is  $\rho_s A$  so (1) and (2) give the familiar expression

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \quad \text{F} \quad (3)$$

In practice, (3) is modified by the fringing fields, which are increasingly important as the ratio of plate spacing to area is increased.

Next consider a capacitor made of coaxial, circular cylindrical electrodes. We assume that fields are only radial and neglect any fringing at the ends if it is of finite length. The charge on each conductor is distributed uniformly in this idealization, as required by symmetry, with the total charge per unit length being  $q_l$ . The potential difference found from the field produced by this charge is given by Eq. 1.8(9). The capacitance per unit length is thus

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln(b/a)} \quad \text{F/m} \quad (4)$$

where  $b$  and  $a$  are the radii of larger and smaller conductors, respectively.

Finally, consider two concentric spherical conductors of radii  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $b > a$ , separated by a dielectric  $\epsilon$ . Using symmetry, Gauss's law, and  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$ , it is clear that at any radius

$$E_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \quad (5)$$

where  $Q$  is the charge on the inner conductor (equal in magnitude and opposite in sign

to the charge on the inside of the outer sphere). Integration of (5) between spheres gives  $\Phi_a - \Phi_b$  and this, substituted into (1), yields

$$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon}{(1/a) - (1/b)} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon ab}{b - a} \text{ F} \quad (6)$$

The flux tubes in these three highly symmetric structures are very simple, being bounded by parallel surfaces in the first example and by cylindrically or spherically radial surfaces in the last two. In Sec. 1.21 we will see a way of finding capacitance graphically for two-dimensional structures of arbitrary shape in which the flux tubes have more complex shapes.

Capacitance of an isolated electrode is sometimes calculated; in that case, the flux from the charge on the electrode terminates at infinity and the potential on the electrode is taken with respect to an assumed zero at infinity. More extensive considerations of capacitance are found in Sec. 4.9.

## Differential Forms of Electrostatic Laws

### 1.10 GRADIENT

We have looked at several laws of electrostatics in macroscopic forms. It is also useful to have their equivalents in differential forms. Let us start with the relation between electric field and potential. If the definition of potential difference is applied to two points a distance  $dl$  apart,

$$d\Phi = -\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (1)$$

where  $d\mathbf{l}$  may be written in terms of its components and the defined unit vectors:

$$d\mathbf{l} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} dx + \hat{\mathbf{y}} dy + \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz \quad (2)$$

We expand the dot product:

$$d\Phi = -(E_x dx + E_y dy + E_z dz)$$

Since  $\Phi$  is a function of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , the total differential may also be written

$$d\Phi = \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} dz$$

From a comparison of the two expressions,

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial x}, \quad E_y = -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial y}, \quad E_z = -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} \quad (3)$$

so

$$\mathbf{E} = - \left( \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \quad (4)$$

or

$$\mathbf{E} = - \operatorname{grad} \Phi \quad (5)$$

where  $\operatorname{grad} \Phi$ , an abbreviation of the *gradient* of  $\Phi$ , is a vector showing the direction and magnitude of the maximum spatial variation of the scalar function  $\Phi$ , at a point in space.

Substituting back in (1), we have

$$d\Phi = (\operatorname{grad} \Phi) \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (6)$$

Thus the change in  $\Phi$  is given by the scalar product of the gradient and the vector  $d\mathbf{l}$ , so that, for a given element of length  $d\mathbf{l}$ , the maximum value of  $d\Phi$  is obtained when that element is oriented to coincide with the direction of the gradient vector. From (6) it is also clear that  $\operatorname{grad} \Phi$  is perpendicular to the equipotentials because  $d\Phi = 0$  for  $d\mathbf{l}$  along an equipotential.

The analogy between electrostatic potential and gravitational potential energy discussed in Sec. 1.8 is useful for understanding the gradient. It is easy to see in Fig. 1.8b that the direction of maximum rate of change of potential is perpendicular to the equipotentials (which are at constant heights on the potential hill).

If we define a vector operator  $\nabla$  (pronounced del)

$$\nabla \triangleq \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (7)$$

then  $\operatorname{grad} \Phi$  may be written as  $\nabla \Phi$  if the operation is interpreted as

$$\nabla \Phi = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \quad (8)$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = - \operatorname{grad} \Phi \triangleq - \nabla \Phi \quad (9)$$

The gradient operator in circular cylindrical and spherical coordinates is given on the inside front cover.

### Example 1.10

#### ELECTRIC FIELD OF A DIPOLE

As an example of the use of the gradient operator, we will find an expression for the field around an electric dipole. The potential for a dipole is given in Sec. 1.8 in spherical coordinates so the spherical form of the gradient operator is selected from the inside

front cover.

$$\nabla\Phi = \hat{r} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\phi}$$

Substituting Eq. 1.8(16) and noting the independence of  $\phi$ , we get

$$\nabla\Phi = -\hat{r} \frac{\delta q \cos\theta}{\pi\epsilon r^3} - \hat{\theta} \frac{\delta q \sin\theta}{2\pi\epsilon r^3}$$

Then from (9) the electric field is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\delta q}{\pi\epsilon r^3} \left( \hat{r} \cos\theta + \hat{\theta} \frac{\sin\theta}{2} \right) \quad (10)$$


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### 1.11 THE DIVERGENCE OF AN ELECTROSTATIC FIELD

The second differential form we shall consider is that of Gauss's law. Equation 1.5(3) may be divided by the volume element  $\Delta V$  and the limit taken:

$$\lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_s \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta V} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_V \rho dV}{\Delta V} \quad (1)$$

The right side is, by inspection, merely  $\rho$ . The left side is the outward electric flux per unit volume. This will be defined as the *divergence of flux density*, abbreviated  $\text{div } \mathbf{D}$ . Then

$$\text{div } \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (2)$$

This is a good place to comment on the size scale implicit in our treatment of fields and their sources; the comments also apply to the central set of relations, Maxwell's equations, toward which we are building. In reality, charge is not infinitely divisible—the smallest unit is the electron. Thus, the limit of  $\Delta V$  in (1) must actually be some small volume which is still large enough to contain many electrons to average out the granularity. For our relations to be useful, the limit volume must also be much smaller than important dimensions in the system. For example, to neglect charge granularity, the thickness of the depletion layer in the semiconductor in Ex. 1.4a should be much greater than the linear dimensions of the limit volume, which, in turn, should be much greater than the average spacing of the dopant atoms. Similarly the permittivity  $\epsilon$  is an average representation of atomic or molecular polarization effects such as that shown in Fig. 1.3c. Therefore, when we refer to the field at a point, we mean that the field is an average over a volume small compared with the system being analyzed but large enough to contain many atoms. Analyses can also be made of the fields on a smaller scale, such as inside an atom, but in that case an average permittivity cannot be used. In this book, we concentrate on situations where  $\rho$ ,  $\epsilon_r$ , and other quantities are averages

over small volumes. There are thin films of current practical interest which are only a few atoms thick and semiconductor devices such as that of Ex. 1.4a where these conditions are not well satisfied, so that results from calculations using  $\rho$  and  $\epsilon$  as defined must be used with caution.

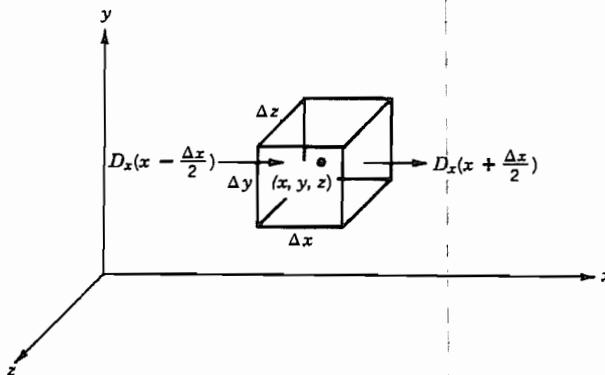
Now let us return to seeking an understanding of (2). Consider the infinitesimal volume as a rectangular parallelepiped of dimensions  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ ,  $\Delta z$  as shown in Fig. 1.11a. To compute the amount of flux leaving such a volume element as compared with that entering it, note that the flux passing through any face of the parallelepiped can differ from that which passes through the opposite face only if the flux density perpendicular to those faces varies from one face to the other. If the distance between the two faces is small, then to a first approximation the difference in any vector function on the two faces will simply be the rate of change of the function with distance times the distance between faces. According to the basis of calculus, this is exactly correct when we pass to the limit, since the higher-order differentials are then zero.

If the vector  $\mathbf{D}$  at the center  $x, y, z$  has a component  $D_x(x)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} D_x\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) &\cong D_x(x) + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial D_x(x)}{\partial x} \\ D_x\left(x - \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) &\cong D_x(x) - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial D_x(x)}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In this functional notation, the arguments in parentheses show the points for evaluating the function  $D_x$ . When not included, the point  $(x, y, z)$  will be understood. The flux flowing out the right face is  $\Delta y \Delta z D_x(x + \Delta x/2)$ , and that flowing in the left face is  $\Delta y \Delta z D_x(x - \Delta x/2)$ , leaving a net flow out of  $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z (\partial D_x / \partial x)$ , and similarly for the  $y$  and  $z$  directions. Thus the net flux flow out of the parallelepiped is

$$\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z}$$



**FIG. 1.11a** Volume element used in div  $\mathbf{D}$  derivation.

By Gauss's law, this must equal  $\rho \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$ . So, in the limit,

$$\frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} = \rho \quad (4)$$

An expression for  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{D}$  in rectangular coordinates is obtained by comparing (2) and (4):

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} \quad (5)$$

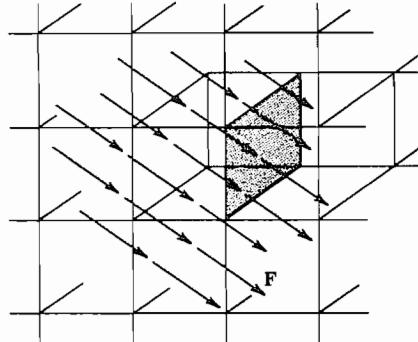
If we make use of the vector operator  $\nabla$  defined by Eq. 1.10(7) in (4), then (5) indicates that  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{D}$  can conveniently be written as  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}$ . It should be remembered that  $\nabla$  is not a true vector but rather a vector operator. It has meaning only when it is operating on another quantity in a defined manner. Summarizing,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \triangleq \operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} = \rho \quad (6)$$

The divergence is made up of spatial derivatives of the field, so (6) is a partial differential equation expressing Gauss's law for a region of infinitesimal size. The physical significance of the divergence must be clear. It is, as defined, a description of the manner in which a field varies at a point. It is the amount of flux per unit volume emerging from an infinitesimal volume at a point. With this picture in mind, (6) seems a logical extension of Gauss's law. In fact (6) can be converted back to the large-scale form of Gauss's law through the *divergence theorem*, which states that the volume integral of the divergence of any vector  $\mathbf{F}$  throughout a volume is equal to the surface integral of that vector flowing out of the surrounding surface,

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \oint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (7)$$

Although not a proof, this is made plausible by considering Fig. 1.11b. The divergence multiplied by volume element for each elemental cell is the net surface integral out of



**FIG. 1.11b** Solid divided into subvolumes to illustrate the divergence theorem.

that cell. When summed by integration, all internal contributions cancel since flow out of one cell goes into another, and only the external surface contribution remains. Applications of (7) to (6) with  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{D}$  gives

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} dV = \int_V \rho dV \quad (8)$$

which is the original Gauss's law.

It will be useful to have expressions for the divergence and other operations involving  $\nabla$  in other coordinate systems for simpler treatment of problems having corresponding symmetries. Let us, as an example, develop here the divergence of  $\mathbf{D}$  in spherical coordinates.<sup>4</sup> We use the left side of (1) as the definition of  $\text{div } \mathbf{D}$  and apply it to the differential volume shown in Fig. 1.11c. We will find first the net radial outward flux from the volume. Both the radial component  $D_r$  and the element of area  $r^2 d\theta \sin \theta d\phi$  change as we move from  $r$  to  $r + dr$ . Thus the net flux flow out the top over that in at the bottom is

$$d\psi_r = (r + dr)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \left( D_r + \frac{\partial D_r}{\partial r} dr \right) - r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi D_r$$

To first-order differentials, this leaves

$$\begin{aligned} d\psi_r &= r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \frac{\partial D_r}{\partial r} dr + 2r dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi D_r \\ &= \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 D_r) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for the  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  directions,

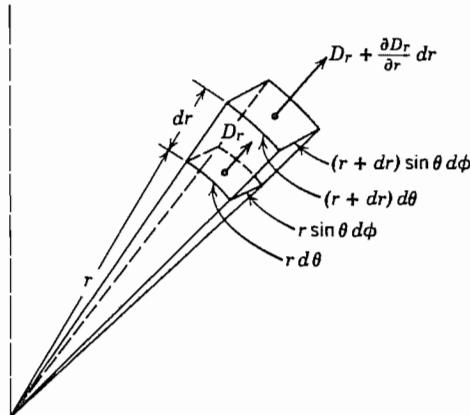
$$\begin{aligned} d\psi_\theta &= d\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (D_\theta r \sin \theta d\phi dr) = r dr d\theta d\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta D_\theta) \\ d\psi_\phi &= d\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (D_\phi r d\theta dr) = r dr d\theta d\phi \frac{\partial D_\phi}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned}$$

The divergence is then the total  $d\psi$  divided by the element of volume

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \frac{d\psi_r + d\psi_\theta + d\psi_\phi}{r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 D_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta D_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial D_\phi}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For the corresponding expression in circular cylindrical coordinates, see inside front cover and Prob. 1.11c.

<sup>4</sup> Note that here, as with other curvilinear coordinate systems, it is not the scalar product of the gradient operator and the vector in spherical coordinates, but must be obtained from the basic definition given by (1) and (2).



**FIG. 1.11c** Element of volume in spherical coordinates.

### Example 1.11 UNIFORM SPHERE OF CHARGE

We will show an example of the application of (6) using a sphere of charge of uniform density  $\rho$  having a radius  $a$  with divergence written in spherical coordinates. Since the spherical symmetry of the charge region leads to  $D_\theta = D_\phi = 0$ , the last two terms of (9) vanish. We use the value of  $D_r = r\rho/3$  from Eq. 1.4(7) for the region inside the charge sphere and obtain

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ (r^2) \left( \frac{\rho r}{3} \right) \right] = \rho \quad (10)$$

For the region outside the sphere we use  $D_r(r) = a^3 \rho / 3r^2$  from Eq. 1.4(8) to show that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ (r^2) \left( \frac{a^3 \rho}{3r^2} \right) \right] = 0 \quad (11)$$

This example shows that divergence is zero outside the charge region but equal to charge density within it. The same result is obtained if one uses divergence expressed in rectangular coordinates or other coordinates not so natural to the symmetry (Prob. 1.11d).

## 1.12 LAPLACE'S AND POISSON'S EQUATIONS

The differential relations of the two preceding sections allow us to derive an important differential equation for potential. Differential equations can be applied to problems more general than those solved by symmetry in the first part of the chapter and it is

often convenient to work with potential as the dependent variable. This is because potential is a scalar and because the specified boundary conditions are often given in terms of potentials.

If the permittivity  $\epsilon$  is constant throughout the region, the substitution of  $\mathbf{E}$  from Eq. 1.10(5) in Eq. 1.11(6) with  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon\mathbf{E}$  yields

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} \Phi) = \nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

But, from the equations for gradient and divergence in rectangular coordinates [Eqs. 1.10(7) and 1.11(6)],

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} \quad (1)$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

This is a differential equation relating potential variation at any point to the charge density at that point and is known as *Poisson's equation*. It is often written

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (3)$$

where  $\nabla^2 \Phi$  (del squared of  $\Phi$ ) is known as the *Laplacian* of  $\Phi$ .

$$\nabla^2 \Phi \triangleq \nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi = \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} \Phi) \quad (4)$$

In the special case of a charge-free region, Poisson's equation reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

or

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \quad (5)$$

which is known as *Laplace's equation*. Although illustrated in its rectangular coordinate form,  $\nabla^2$  can be expressed in cylindrical or spherical coordinates through the relations given on the inside front cover.

Any number of possible configurations of potential surfaces will satisfy the requirements of (3) and (5). All are called solutions to these equations. It is necessary to know the conditions existing around the boundary of the region to select the particular solution which applies to a given problem. We will see in Sec. 1.17 a proof of the uniqueness of a function that satisfies both the differential equation and the boundary conditions.

Quantities other than potential can also be shown to satisfy Laplace's and Poisson's equations, both in other branches of physics and in other parts of electromagnetic field theory. For example, the magnitudes of the rectangular components of  $\mathbf{E}$  and the component  $E_z$  in cylindrical coordinates also satisfy Laplace's equation.

A number of methods exist for solution of two- and three-dimensional problems with Laplace's or Poisson's equation. The separation of variables technique is a very general method for solving two- and three-dimensional problems for a large variety of partial differential equations including the two of interest here. Conformal transformations of complex variables yield many useful two-dimensional solutions of Laplace's equation. Increasingly important are numerical methods using digital computers. All these methods are elaborated in Chapter 7. Examples for this chapter, after discussion of boundary conditions, will be limited to one-dimensional examples for which the differential equations may be directly integrated. These show clearly the role of boundary and continuity conditions in the solutions.

### 1.13 STATIC FIELDS ARISING FROM STEADY CURRENTS

Stationary currents arising from dc potentials applied to conductors are not static because the charges producing the currents are in motion, but the resulting steady-state fields are independent of time. Quite apart from the question of designation, there is a close relationship to laws and techniques for the fields arising from purely static charges.

We consider ohmic conductors for which current density is proportional to electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  through conductivity<sup>5</sup>  $\sigma$  siemens per meter (S/m):

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

Such a relationship comes from internal "collisions" and is discussed more in Chapter 13. Since the electric field is independent of time, it is derivable from a scalar potential as in Sec. 1.10, so

$$\mathbf{J} = -\sigma \nabla \Phi \quad (2)$$

For a stationary current, continuity requires that the net flow out of any closed region be zero since there cannot be a buildup or decay of charge within the region in the steady state,

$$\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (3)$$

or in differential form,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Substitution of (2) in (4), with  $\sigma$  taken as constant, yields

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi \triangleq \nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \quad (5)$$

Thus potential satisfies Laplace's equation as in other static field problems (Sec. 1.12). In addition to the boundary condition corresponding to the applied potentials, there is

<sup>5</sup> The SI unit for conductivity is siemens per meter (S/m), but older literature sometimes uses mho as the conductivity unit.

a constraint at the boundaries between conductors and insulators since there can be no current flow across such boundaries. Referring to (2), this requires that for such boundaries, on the conductor side,

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} = 0 \quad (6)$$

where  $n$  denotes the normal to such boundaries. Continuity relations between different conductors are considered in the following section.

### 1.14 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS IN ELECTROSTATICS

Most practical field problems involve systems containing more than one kind of material. We have seen some examples of boundaries between various regions in the examples of earlier sections, but now we need to develop these systematically to utilize the differential equations of the preceding sections.

Let us consider the relations between normal flux density components across an arbitrary boundary by using the integral form of Gauss's law. Consider an imaginary pillbox bisected as shown in Fig. 1.14a by the interface between regions 1 and 2. The thickness of the pillbox is considered to be small enough that the net flux out the sides vanishes in comparison with that out the flat faces. If we assume the existence of net surface charge  $\rho_s$  on the boundary, the total flux out of the box must equal  $\rho_s \Delta S$ . By Gauss's law,

$$D_{n1} \Delta S - D_{n2} \Delta S = \rho_s \Delta S$$

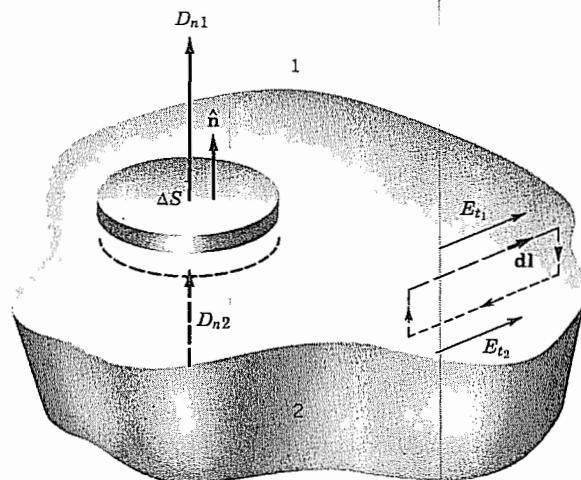


FIG. 1.14a Boundary between two different media.

or

$$D_{n1} - D_{n2} = \rho_s \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta S$  is small enough to consider  $D_n$  and  $\rho_s$  to be uniform.

A second relation may be found by taking a line integral about a closed path of length  $\Delta l$  on one side of the boundary and returning on the other side as indicated in Fig. 1.14a. The sides normal to the boundary are considered to be small enough that their net contributions to the integral vanish in comparison with those of the sides parallel to the surface. By Eq. 1.7(3) any closed line integral of electrostatic field must be zero:

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = E_{t1} \Delta l - E_{t2} \Delta l = 0$$

or

$$E_{t1} = E_{t2} \quad (2)$$

The subscript  $t$  denotes components tangential to the surface. The length of the tangential sides of the loop is small enough to take  $E_t$  as a constant over the length. Since the integral of  $\mathbf{E}$  across the boundary is negligibly small,

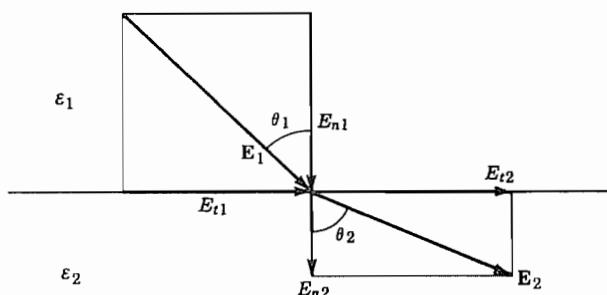
$$\Phi_1 = \Phi_2 \quad (3)$$

across the boundary. Equations (1) and (2), or (1) and (3), form a complete set of boundary conditions for the solution of electrostatic field problems.

Consider an interface between two dielectrics with no charge on the surface. From (1) and Eq. 1.3(1).

$$\epsilon_1 E_{n1} = \epsilon_2 E_{n2} \quad (4)$$

It is clear that the normal component of  $\mathbf{E}$  changes across the boundary, whereas the tangential component, according to (2), is unmodified. Therefore the direction of the resultant  $\mathbf{E}$  must change across such a boundary except where either  $E_n$  or  $E_t$  are zero. Suppose that at some point at a boundary between two dielectrics the electric field in region 1 makes an angle  $\theta_1$  with the normal to the boundary. Thus, as seen in Fig. 1.14b,



**Fig. 1.14b** Vector relations among electric field components at a point on a boundary between dielectrics ( $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$ ).

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_{n1}}{E_{\ell 1}} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_{n2}}{E_{\ell 2}} \quad (6)$$

Then using (2) and (4) we see that

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \tan \theta_1 \right) \quad (7)$$

Let us now consider the boundary properties of conductors, as exemplified by a piece of semiconductor with metallic contacts. The currents flowing in both the semiconductor and the metallic contacts are related to the fields by the respective conductivities so potential drops occur in them, as developed in Sec. 1.13.

At the interface of two contiguous conductors, the normal component of current density is continuous across the boundary, because otherwise there would be a continual buildup of charges there. The normal component of electric field is therefore discontinuous and given by

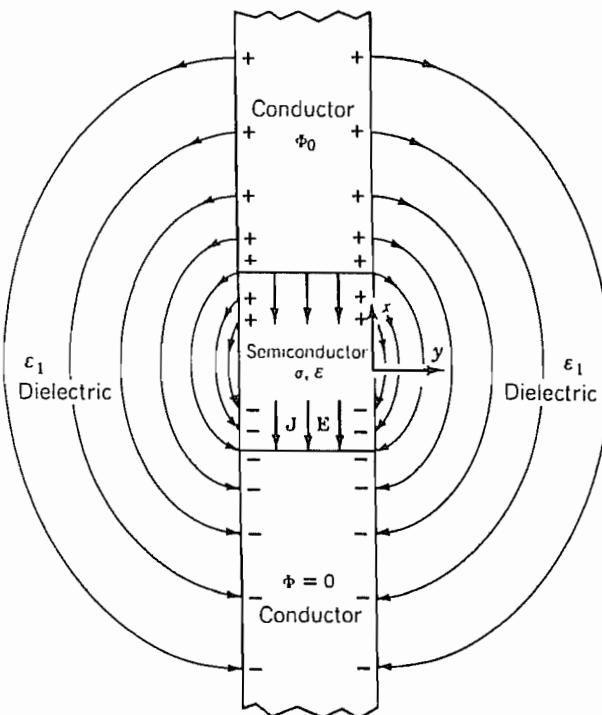
$$E_{n1} = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} E_{n2} \quad (8)$$

The argument used in dielectric problems for tangential components of electric field also applies in the case of a discontinuity of conductivity so that tangential electric field is continuous across the boundary.

In problems with metallic electrodes on a less conductive material such as a semiconductor, one normally assumes that the conductivity of the metallic electrode is so high compared with that of the other material that negligible potential drops occur in the metal. The electrodes are assumed to be perfect conductors with equipotential surfaces. In this text we normally assume for dc problems that the electrodes in either electrostatic or dc conduction problems are equipotentials and therefore the tangential electric fields at their surfaces are zero.

### Example 1.14 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS IN A DC CONDUCTION PROBLEM

The structure in Fig. 1.14c illustrates some of the points we have made about boundary conditions. We assume that a potential difference is provided between the two metallic electrodes by an outside source. The electrodes are considered to be perfect conductors and, therefore, equipotentials. The space directly between them is filled with a layer of conductive material having conductivity  $\sigma$  and permittivity  $\epsilon$ . The space surrounding the conductive system is filled with a dielectric having permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\sigma = 0$ .



**FIG. 1.14c** Structure involving both dc conduction and static fields in a dielectric to illustrate boundary conditions.

The normal component of the current density at the conductor–dielectric interface must be zero since the current in the dielectric is zero. This follows formally from (8) using zero conductivity for the dielectric. Therefore, since the electric field is  $J/\sigma$  the normal component of electric field inside the conductor must be zero. Then the electric fields inside the conductor at the boundaries with the dielectric are wholly tangential. Since the electrodes are assumed to be equipotentials, the tangential field there is zero and the field lines are perpendicular to the electrode surfaces.

It is clear that since there is an electric field in the conductive medium and it has a permittivity, there is also a flux density following the same paths as the current density. The flux must terminate on charges so there will be charges on the electrode-to-conductor boundary.

The electric field in the dielectric region terminates on charges both on the perfectly conducting electrodes and on the sides of the other conductive medium. On the boundary of the imperfect conductor there is a tangential component and also surface charges, so the field makes an oblique angle with the conductor surface.

### 1.15 DIRECT INTEGRATION OF LAPLACE'S EQUATION: FIELD BETWEEN COAXIAL CYLINDERS WITH TWO DIELECTRICS

The first simple example of Laplace's equation we will take is that of finding the potential distribution between two coaxial conducting cylinders of radii  $a$  and  $c$  (Fig. 1.15), with a dielectric of constant  $\epsilon_1$  filling the region between  $a$  and  $b$ , and a second dielectric of constant  $\epsilon_2$  filling the region between  $b$  and  $c$ . The inner conductor is at potential zero, and the outer at potential  $V_0$ . Because of the symmetry of the problem, the solution could be readily obtained by using Gauss's law as in Example 1.4b, but the primary purpose here is to demonstrate several processes in the solution by differential equations.

The geometrical form suggests that the Laplacian  $\nabla^2\Phi$  be expressed in cylindrical coordinates (see inside front cover), giving for Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2\Phi = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

It will be assumed that there is no variation in the axial ( $z$ ) direction, and the cylindrical symmetry eliminates variations with angle  $\phi$ . Equation (1) then reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Note that in (2) the derivative is written as a total derivative, since there is now only one independent variable in the problem. Equation (2) may be integrated directly:

$$r \frac{d\Phi}{dr} = C_1 \quad (3)$$

Integrating again, we have

$$\Phi_1 = C_1 \ln r + C_2 \quad (4)$$

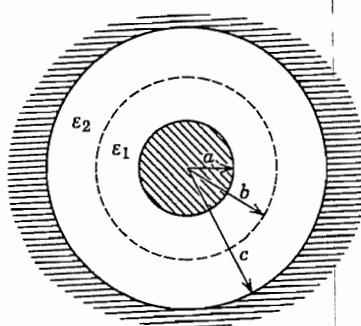


FIG. 1.15 Coaxial cylinders with two dielectrics.

This has been labeled  $\Phi_1$  because we will consider that the result of (4) is applicable to the first dielectric region ( $a < r < b$ ). The same differential equation with the same symmetry applies to the second dielectric region, so the same form of solution applies there also, but the arbitrary constants may be different. So, for the potential in region 2 ( $b < r < c$ ), let us write

$$\Phi_2 = C_3 \ln r + C_4 \quad (5)$$

The boundary conditions at the two conductors are:

- (a)  $\Phi_1 = 0$  at  $r = a$
- (b)  $\Phi_2 = V_0$  at  $r = c$

In addition, there are continuity conditions at the boundary between the two dielectric media. The potential and the normal component of electric flux density must be continuous across this charge-free boundary (Sec. 1.14):

- (c)  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$  at  $r = b$
- (d)  $D_{r1} = D_{r2}$  at  $r = b$ , or  $\varepsilon_1 (d\Phi_1/dr) = \varepsilon_2 (d\Phi_2/dr)$  there.

The application of condition (a) to (4) yields

$$C_2 = -C_1 \ln a \quad (6)$$

The application of (b) to (5) yields

$$C_4 = V_0 - C_3 \ln c \quad (7)$$

Condition (c) applied to (4) and (5) gives

$$C_1 \ln b + C_2 = C_3 \ln b + C_4 \quad (8)$$

And condition (d) applied to (4) and (5) gives

$$\varepsilon_1 C_1 = \varepsilon_2 C_3 \quad (9)$$

Any one of the constants, as  $C_1$ , may be obtained by eliminating between the four equations, (6) to (9):

$$C_1 = \frac{V_0}{\ln(b/a) - (\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2) \ln(b/c)} \quad (10)$$

The remaining constants,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ , and  $C_4$ , may be obtained from (6), (9), and (7), respectively. The results are substituted in (4) and (5) to give the potential distribution in the two dielectric regions:

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{V_0 \ln(r/a)}{\ln(b/a) + (\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2) \ln(c/b)} \quad a < r < b \quad (11)$$

$$\Phi_2 = V_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{(\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2) \ln(c/r)}{\ln(b/a) + (\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2) \ln(c/b)} \right] \quad b < r < c \quad (12)$$

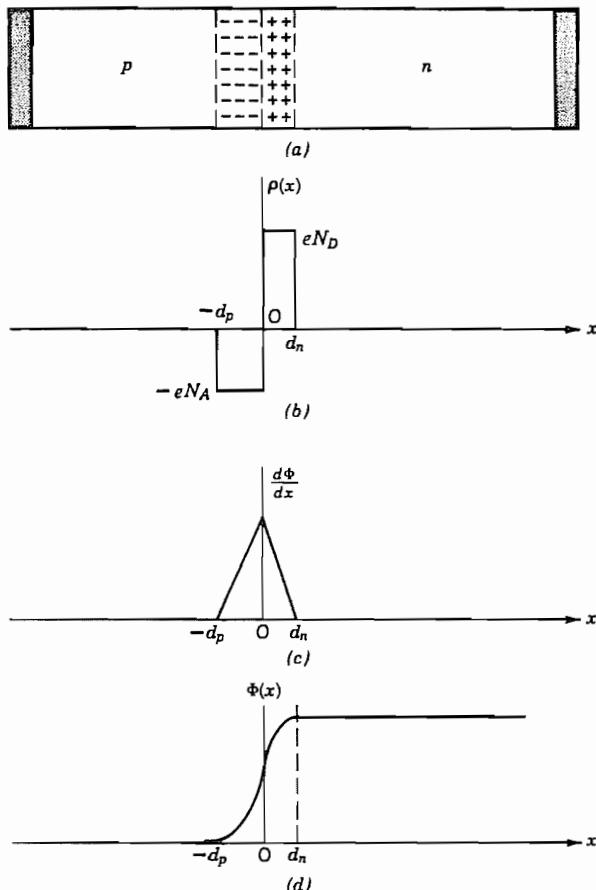
It can be checked that these distributions do satisfy Laplace's equation and the boundary and continuity conditions of the problem. Only in such simple problems as this will it be possible to obtain solutions of the differential equation by direct integration, but the method of applying boundary and continuity conditions to the solutions, however obtained, is well demonstrated by the example.

### 1.16 DIRECT INTEGRATION OF POISSON'S EQUATION: THE PN SEMICONDUCTOR JUNCTION

The *pn* semiconductor junction is an important practical example in which properties can be found by direct integration of Poisson's equation. Figure 1.16a shows a simplified *pn* junction. The basic semiconductor is typically a valence 4 material such as silicon (or a compound semiconductor such as gallium arsenide that behaves much the same). The *n* region of the figure has been "doped" with valence 5 impurity atoms such as phosphorus (donors), which although electrically neutral in themselves, have more electrons than needed for bonding with adjacent silicon atoms and so contribute electrons which can move relatively freely about the material. The *p* region of the figure has valence 3 impurities such as boron (acceptors) which have fewer electrons than needed for bonding with adjacent silicon atoms. These too are electrically neutral in themselves, but leave *holes* that move from atom to atom with electric fields or other forces much like small positive charges. Although the transition between *p* and *n* regions must be over some finite region, we assume an idealized model in which it is abrupt—a step discontinuity.

When the junction is formed, the excess electrons in the *n*-type region at first diffuse into the *p*-type side. The holes diffuse to the *n*-type side. The electrons flowing into the *p*-type side fill the vacancies in the acceptor bonds, causing them to become negatively charged. (Remember that they were originally electrically neutral). Likewise, the holes moving into the *n*-type side are filled by the excess electrons there. The result is a zone near the junction in which there is a net negative charge density in a region on the *p*-type side and a net positive charge density on the *n*-type side called a *depletion region*, as in the metal–semiconductor junction of Sec. 1.4. The density on the *n*-type side is  $eN_D$  since each of the donor atoms has been stripped of one electron. The density on the *p*-type side is  $-eN_A$  since each acceptor atom has one additional electron. The widths of the zones stabilize when the potential arising in the charge regions is sufficient to prevent further diffusion. Outside the charged regions, the semiconductors are neutral. No fields exist there in the equilibrium situation that we shall examine; if a field did exist it would cause motion of the charges and violate the assumption of equilibrium. The regions of charge are shown (not to scale) in Fig. 1.16b.

One can deduce the form of the gradient of potential  $d\Phi/dx = -E_x = -D_x/\epsilon$  from Gauss's law as was done in Ex. 1.4a for the metal–semiconductor contact. We have just argued that  $E_x$  is zero outside the charge regions ( $x < -d_p$  and  $x > d_n$ ). All the flux from the positive charges in  $0 < x < d_n$  must therefore end on the negative charges in  $-d_p < x < 0$ . This determines the relation between  $d_n$  and  $d_p$  in terms of



**FIG. 1.16** (a) *pn* diode showing regions of uncompensated charge. (b) Charge density in the diode. (c) Potential gradient. (d) Potential.

the given values of  $N_A$  and  $N_D$ . The flux density  $D_x$  is negative and its magnitude increases linearly from  $x = -d_p$  to  $x = 0$  since the charge density is taken to be constant. It then falls linearly to zero between  $x = 0$  and  $x = d_n$ . The gradient therefore takes the form shown in Fig. 1.16c. The potential is the integral of the linearly varying gradient so it has the square-law form in Fig. 1.16d.

Now let us directly integrate Poisson's equation to get the complete analytic forms. The boundary conditions on the integration are that the gradient is zero at  $x = -d_p$  and at  $d_n$ . The potential may be taken arbitrarily to have its zero at  $x = -d_p$ . Specializing Poisson's equation 1.12(3) to one dimension and substituting for charge density the value  $-eN_A$  for the region  $-d_p < x < 0$ , we have

$$\frac{d^2\Phi}{dx^2} = \frac{eN_A}{\varepsilon} \quad (1)$$

The permittivity  $\epsilon$  is not appreciably affected by the dopant, at least for low-frequency considerations. Integrating (1) from  $x = -d_p$  to an arbitrary  $x = 0$  making use of the zero boundary condition on the gradient at  $x = -d_p$  gives

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_x = \frac{eN_A}{\epsilon} (d_p + x) \quad (2)$$

Integrating a second time taking  $\Phi(-d_p) = 0$  gives the potential for  $-d_p \leq x \leq 0$  as

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{eN_A}{2\epsilon} (x + d_p)^2 \quad (3)$$

The gradient and potential evaluated at  $x = 0$  are

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_0 = \frac{eN_A}{\epsilon} d_p \quad (4)$$

$$\Phi(0) = \frac{eN_A}{2\epsilon} d_p^2 \quad (5)$$

These constitute the boundary conditions for the integration in the region  $0 \leq x \leq d_n$ . Poisson's equation for this region differs from (1) in the choice of charge density:

$$\frac{d^2\Phi}{dx^2} = -\frac{eN_D}{\epsilon} \quad (6)$$

Integrating (6) with the boundary condition (4) gives

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_x = -\frac{eN_D}{\epsilon} x + \frac{eN_A}{\epsilon} d_p \quad (7)$$

Then using the condition that the total positive charge must equal the total negative charge and therefore that  $N_D = N_A(d_p/d_n)$ , (7) can be put in the form

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_x = \frac{eN_A d_p}{\epsilon} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{d_n} \right) \quad (8)$$

which is seen to be zero at  $x = d_n$ , as expected from Gauss's law as discussed above. Integrating (8) with the boundary condition (5), we find

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{eN_A d_p^2}{2\epsilon} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{x}{d_p} - \frac{x^2}{d_n d_p} \right) \quad (9)$$

The maximum value of the potential is reached at  $x = d_n$ :

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi(d_n) = \frac{eN_A d_p^2}{2\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{N_A}{N_D} \right) \quad (10)$$

Note that distance  $d_p$  in (10) is not immediately known. Since the potential barrier arises

to stop the diffusion of the charge carriers, it is expected that diffusion must also be considered. Diffusion theory reveals that the height of the potential barrier (10) is

$$\Delta\Phi = \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln \left[ \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right] \quad (11)$$

where  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $N_A$  and  $N_D$  are acceptor and donor doping densities, respectively, and  $n_i$  is the electron density of intrinsic (undoped) silicon, which is about  $1.5 \times 10^{10}$  electrons/cm<sup>3</sup> at  $T = 300$  K. Once  $\Delta\Phi$  is calculated,  $d_p$  can be found from (10) and all quantities in the field and potential expressions are then known.

## 1.17 UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS

It can be shown that the potentials governed either by the Laplace or Poisson equation in regions with given potentials on the boundaries are unique. With normal derivatives of potential (or, equivalently, charges) specified on the boundaries, the potential is unique to within an additive constant. Here we will prove the theorem for a charge-free region with potential specified on the boundary. The proofs of the other parts of the theorem are left as problems.

The usual way to demonstrate uniqueness of a quantity is first to assume the contrary and then show this assumption to be false. Imagine two possible solutions,  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ . Since they must both reduce to the given potential along the boundary,

$$\Phi_1 - \Phi_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

along the boundary surface. Since they are both solutions to Laplace's equation,

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1 = 0 \text{ and } \nabla^2 \Phi_2 = 0$$

or

$$\nabla^2(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) = 0 \quad (2)$$

throughout the entire region.

In the divergence theorem, Eq. 1.11(7),  $\mathbf{F}$  may be any continuous vector quantity. In particular, let it be the quantity

$$(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)$$

Then

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot [(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)] dV = \oint_S [(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)] \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

From the vector identity

$$\operatorname{div}(\psi \mathbf{A}) = \psi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \psi$$

the equation may be expanded to

$$\int_V (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \nabla^2(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) dV + \int_V [\nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)]^2 dV = \oint_S (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The first integral must be zero by (2); the last integral must be zero, since (1) holds over the boundary surface. There remains

$$\int_V [\nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)]^2 dV = 0 \quad (3)$$

The gradient of a real scalar is real. Thus its square can only be positive or zero. If its integral is to be zero, the gradient itself must be zero:

$$\nabla(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) = 0 \quad (4)$$

or

$$(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) = \text{constant} \quad (5)$$

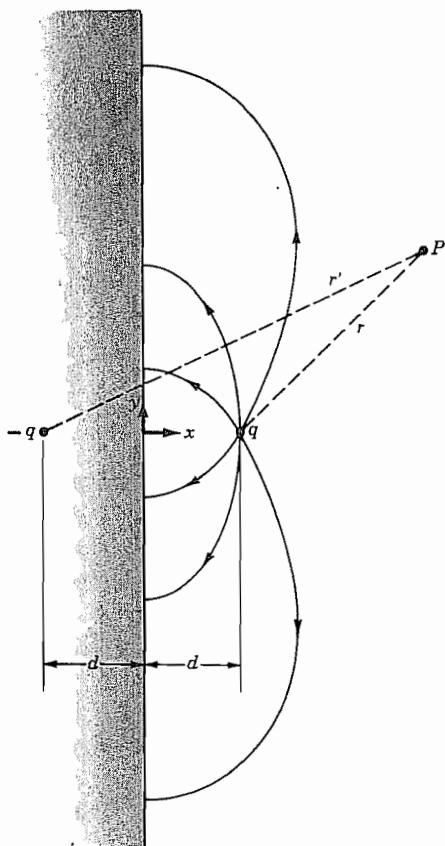
This constant must apply even to the boundary, where we know that (1) is true. The constant is then zero, and  $\Phi_1 - \Phi_2$  is everywhere zero, which means that  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are identical potential distributions. Hence the proof of uniqueness: Laplace's equation can have only one solution which satisfies the boundary conditions of the given region. If by any method we find a solution to a field problem that fits all boundary conditions and satisfies Laplace's equation, we may be sure it is the only one.

## Special Techniques for Electrostatic Problems

### 1.18 THE USE OF IMAGES

The so-called method of images is a way of finding the fields produced by charges in the presence of dielectric<sup>6</sup> or conducting boundaries with certain symmetries. Here we concentrate on the more common situations, those with conducting boundaries. (But see Prob. 1.18d.)

<sup>6</sup> W. R. Smythe, Static and Dynamic Electricity, Hemisphere Publishing Co., Washington, DC, 1989.



**FIG. 1.18a** Image of a point charge in a conducting plane. The field lines shown are for the charge  $q$  with the conductor.

### Example 1.18a POINT IMAGE IN A PLANE

The simplest case is that of a point charge near a grounded<sup>7</sup> conducting plane (Fig. 1.18a). Boundary conditions require that the potential along the plane be zero. The requirement is met if in place of the conducting plane an equal and opposite image charge is placed at  $x = -d$ . Potential at any point  $P$  is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \left( \frac{q}{r} - \frac{q}{r'} \right) \\ &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon} \{ [(x - d)^2 + y^2 + z^2]^{-1/2} - [(x + d)^2 + y^2 + z^2]^{-1/2} \}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

<sup>7</sup> Use of the term grounded implies a source for the charge that builds up on the plane.

This reduces to the required zero potential along the plane  $x = 0$ , so that (1) gives the potential for any point to the right of the plane. The expression of course does not apply for  $x < 0$ , for inside the conductor the potential must be everywhere zero.

If the plane is at a potential other than zero, the value of this constant potential is simply added to (1) to give the expression for potential at any point for  $x > 0$ .

The charge density on the surface of the conducting plane must equal the normal flux density at that point. This is easily found by using

$$\rho_s = D_x = \epsilon E_x = -\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} \quad (2)$$

Substituting (1) in (2) and performing the indicated differentiation gives

$$\rho_s = -\frac{qd}{2\pi} (d^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} \quad (3)$$

Analysis of (3) shows that the surface charge density has its peak value at  $y = z = 0$ , with circular contours of equal charge density centered about that point. The density decreases monotonically to zero as  $y$  and/or  $z$  go to infinity. One application of the image method is in studying the extraction of electrons from a metallic surface as in the metal-semiconductor surface shown in Fig. 1.4a.

### Example 1.18b

IMAGE OF A LINE CHARGE IN A PLANE

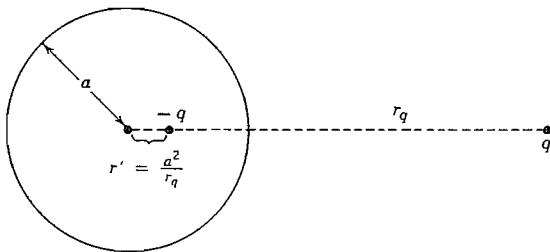
If there is a line charge of strength  $q_l$  C/m parallel to a conducting plane and distance  $d$  from it, we proceed as above, placing an image line charge of strength  $-q_l$  at  $x = -d$ . The potential at any point  $x > 0$  is then

$$\Phi = -\frac{q_l}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{r}{r'}\right) = \frac{q_l}{4\pi\epsilon} \ln\left[\frac{(x + d)^2 + y^2}{(x - d)^2 + y^2}\right] \quad (4)$$

### Example 1.18c

IMAGE OF A LINE CHARGE IN A CYLINDER

For a line charge of strength  $q_l$  parallel to the axis of a conducting circular cylinder, and at radius  $r_q$  from the axis, the image line charge of strength  $-q_l$  is placed at radius  $r' = a^2/r_q$ , where  $a$  is the radius of the cylinder (Fig. 1.18b). The combination of the two line charges can be shown to produce a constant potential along the given cylinder of radius  $a$ . Potential outside the cylinder may be computed from the original line charge and its image. (Add  $q_l$  on axis if cylinder is uncharged.) If the original line charge is within a hollow cylinder  $a$ , the rule for finding the image is the same, and potential inside may be computed from the line charges.



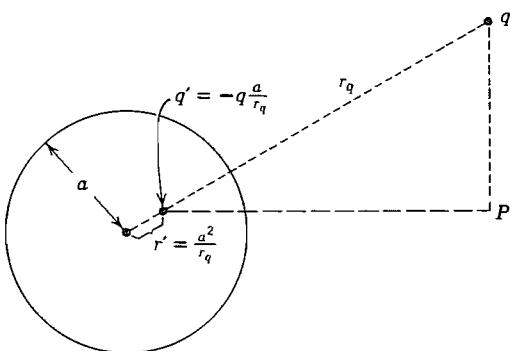
**FIG. 1.18b** Image of line charge  $q$ , in a parallel conducting cylinder.

**Example 1.18d**  
IMAGE OF A POINT CHARGE IN A SPHERE

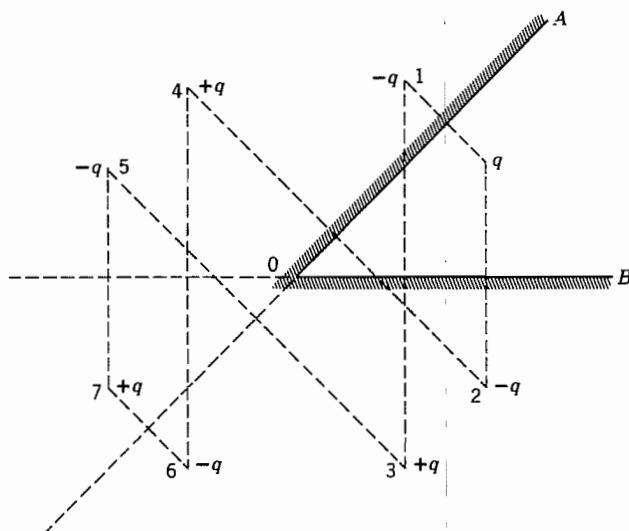
For a point charge  $q$  placed distance  $r$  from the center of a conducting sphere of radius  $a$ , the image is a point charge of value  $(-qa/r_q)$  placed at a distance  $(a^2/r_q)$  from the center (Fig. 1.18c). This combination is found to give zero potential along the spherical surface of radius  $a$ , and may be used to compute potential at any point  $P$  outside of radius  $a$ . (Or, if the original charge is inside, the image is outside, and the pair may be used to compute potential inside.)

**Example 1.18e**  
MULTIPLE IMAGININGS

For a charge in the vicinity of the intersection of two conducting planes, such as  $q$  in the region of  $AOB$  of Fig. 1.18d, there might be a temptation to use only one image in each plane, as 1 and 2 of Fig. 1.18d. Although  $+q$  at  $Q$  and  $-q$  at 1 alone would give constant potential as required along  $OA$ , and  $+q$  at  $Q$  and  $-q$  at 2 alone would give constant potential along  $OB$ , the three charges together would give constant potential



**FIG. 1.18c** Image of a point charge in a sphere.



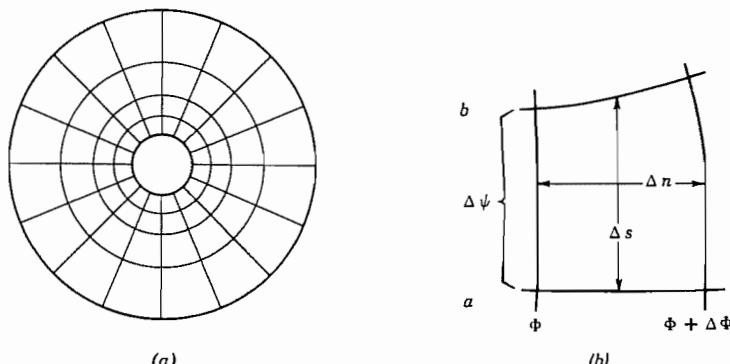
**FIG. 1.18d** Multiple images of a point or line charge between intersecting planes.

along neither  $OA$  nor  $OB$ . It is necessary to image these images in turn, repeating until further images coincide or until all further images are too far distant from the region to influence the potential. It is possible to satisfy exactly the required conditions with a finite number of images only if the angle  $AOB$  is an exact submultiple of 180 degrees, as in the 45-degree case illustrated by Fig. 1.18d.

### 1.19 PROPERTIES OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL FIELDS: GRAPHICAL FIELD MAPPING

Many important electrostatic problems may be considered as two-dimensional, as in the pair of parallel wires of Fig. 1.8b or the coaxial system of Fig. 1.15. In these the field distribution is the same in all cross-sectional planes, and although real systems are never infinitely long, the idealization is often a useful one. In the examples cited above, the field distributions could be found analytically, but for cylindrical systems with more complicated boundaries, numerical techniques may be called for and will be introduced in the next section. We wish to give first some properties of two-dimensional fields that can be used to judge the correctness of field maps and can even be used to make useful pictures of the fields and to obtain approximate values of such things as capacitance, conductance, and breakdown voltage. Perhaps the greatest value in making a few such maps is the feel they give for field behavior.

It has already been established that equipotentials and electric field lines intersect at right angles, as in the coaxial system of Fig. 1.19a, where field lines are radial and equipotentials are circles in any given cross-sectional plane. It has also been shown that the region between two field lines may be considered a flux tube, and if the amount of



**FIG. 1.19** (a) Map of field between coaxial conducting cylinders. (b) Curvilinear rectangle for graphical field mapping.

flux is properly chosen, the map is made up of small curvilinear figures with equal side ratios, that is, "curvilinear squares." This also is illustrated in Fig. 1.19a. To show this more generally, consider one of the curvilinear rectangles from a general plot, as in Fig. 1.19b. If  $\Delta n$  is the distance between two adjacent equipotentials, and  $\Delta s$  the distance between two adjacent field lines, the magnitude of electric field, assuming a small square, is approximately  $\Delta\Phi/\Delta n$ . The electric flux flowing along a flux tube bounded by the two adjacent field lines for a unit length perpendicular to the page is then

$$\Delta\psi = D \Delta s = \epsilon E \Delta s = \frac{\epsilon \Delta\Phi \Delta s}{\Delta n}$$

or

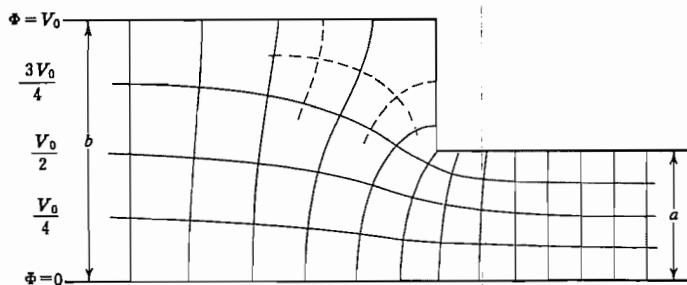
$$\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta n} = \frac{\Delta\psi}{\epsilon \Delta\Phi} \quad (1)$$

So, if the flux per tube  $\Delta\psi$ , the potential difference per division  $\Delta\Phi$ , and the permittivity  $\epsilon$  are constant throughout the plot, the side ratio  $\Delta s/\Delta n$  must also be constant, as stated above.

We saw in Sec. 1.14 that conducting surfaces are equipotentials in an electrostatic field. Thus, the electric field lines meet the electrodes at right angles.

In applying the principles to the sketching of fields, some schedule such as the following will be helpful.

1. Plan on making a number of rough sketches, taking only a minute or so apiece, before starting any plot to be made with care. The use of transparent paper over the basic boundary will speed up this preliminary sketching.
2. Divide the known potential difference between electrodes into an equal number of divisions, say four or eight to begin with.
3. Begin the sketch of equipotentials in the region where the field is known best, as for example in some region where it approaches a uniform field. Extend the equipotentials according to your best guess throughout the plot. Note that they should



**FIG. 1.19c** Map of fields between a plane and stepped conductor.

tend to hug acute angles of the conducting boundary, and be spread out in the vicinity of obtuse angles of the boundary.

4. Draw in the orthogonal set of field lines. As these are started, they should form curvilinear squares, but as they are extended, the condition of orthogonality should be kept paramount, even though this will result in some rectangles with ratios other than unity.
5. Look at the regions with poor side ratios and try to see what was wrong with the first guess of equipotentials. Correct them and repeat the procedure until reasonable curvilinear squares exist throughout the plot.
6. In regions of low field intensity, there will be large figures, often of five or six sides. To judge the correctness of the plot in this region, these large units should be subdivided. The subdivisions should be started back away from the region needing subdivision, and each time a flux tube is divided in half, the potential divisions in this region must be divided by the same factor. As an example, Fig. 1.19c shows a map made to describe the field between a plane conductor at potential zero and a stepped plane at potential  $V_0$  with a step ratio of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 1.20 NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF THE LAPLACE AND POISSON EQUATIONS

Numerical methods are becoming increasingly attractive as digital computer speed and memory capacity continue to increase. Among the powerful methods are those using finite differences,<sup>8</sup> finite elements,<sup>8</sup> Fourier transformations,<sup>9</sup> or method of moments (Sec. 7.3). Still others will undoubtedly be developed as computing capabilities continue to increase. Here we illustrate the idea through the elemental difference equation approach and some of its extensions.

<sup>8</sup> L. Collatz, *The Numerical Treatment of Differential Equations*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1966. D. Potter, *Computational Physics*, Wiley, New York, 1973. L. J. Segerlind, *Applied Finite Element Analysis*, 2nd ed., Wiley, New York, 1984. R. Sorrentino (Ed.), *Numerical Methods for Passive Microwave and Millimeter Wave Structures*, IEEE Press, New York, 1989.

<sup>9</sup> R. W. Hockney and J. W. Eastwood, *Computer Simulation Using Particles*, Am. Inst. Physics, New York, 1988.

We consider first the Poisson equation with potential specified on the boundary. For simplicity we take a two-dimensional problem (no variations in  $z$ ). The internal region is divided by a grid of mutually orthogonal lines with potential eventually to be determined at each of the grid points. Rectangular coordinates are used and potential at a point  $(x, y)$  is expanded in a Taylor series:

$$\Phi(x + h, y) \approx \Phi(x, y) + h \frac{\partial \Phi(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\Phi(x - h, y) \approx \Phi(x, y) - h \frac{\partial \Phi(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \quad (2)$$

By adding (1) and (2) and rearranging, we have the approximation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\Phi(x + h, y) - 2\Phi(x, y) + \Phi(x - h, y)}{h^2} \quad (3)$$

The second partial derivative with respect to  $y$  can be obtained in the same way. Then Poisson's equation in two dimensions

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

can be expressed in the approximate form

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x + h, y) + \Phi(x - h, y) + \Phi(x, y + h) \\ + \Phi(x, y - h) - 4\Phi(x, y) = -\frac{\rho h^2}{\epsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

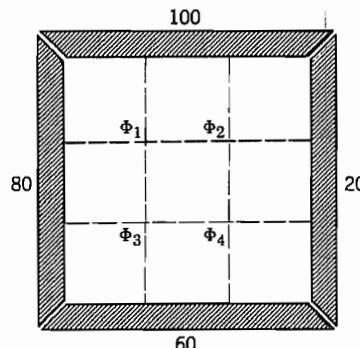
where the distance increment  $h$  is taken, for simplicity, to be equal in the two directions. It is of interest to note that, if space charge is zero, the potential at a given point is the average of the potentials at the surrounding points.

Note that potential is known on boundary points so that a straightforward approach is to solve a set of equations such as (4) for the unknown potentials at the grid points in terms of the known values on boundary points. This is sometimes done by a matrix inversion technique, but if memory capacity is a problem, it may be better to use a method for direct iterative adjustment of grid potentials. This starts from an initial guess and corrects by bringing in the given values on the boundary through successive passes through the grid. We illustrate this first by a simple averaging technique.

### Example 1.20

#### NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF LAPLACE EQUATION BY SIMPLE AVERAGING

As an illustration of iteration with simple averaging, let us find the potentials for the grid of points in the structure in Fig. 1.20a. This is an infinite cylinder of square cross section with the potentials specified on the entire boundary. The space charge will be assumed to be zero so we will be solving Laplace's equation. The broken lines represent



**FIG. 1.20a** Cylinder of square cross section and grid for difference equation solution.

the grid to be used to approximate the region for the finite-difference solution. The coarse grid was chosen to simplify the example; a finer grid would be used in most practical problems. The four unknown potentials designated  $\Phi_1$  to  $\Phi_4$  are assumed initially to be the average of the boundary potentials, 65 V. The first calculation is to find  $\Phi_1$  as the average of the four surrounding potentials (80, 100,  $\Phi_2 = 65$ ,  $\Phi_3 = 65$ ). Therefore, in the column labeled Step 1 in Table 1.20,  $\Phi_1$  is given the value 77.50. Then  $\Phi_2$  is found as the average of 100, 20, 77.50, and 65, and this value is put in the table in Step 1. The procedure is repeated for  $\Phi_3$  and  $\Phi_4$ . The Step 2 proceeds in the same way. It is seen that after several steps the potentials converge to definite values. Since (4) is approximate, the potentials have converged to approximate answers. They would differ less from the correct solution if the grid were made finer. The correct potentials for the four points are also listed in the table.

**Mesh Relaxation** The above method, in which successive averaging of the potentials leads to a final result not far from the correct potentials, is convenient for small problems and, in many cases, has a satisfactory rate of convergence. A more generally useful method of calculation is based on a defined *residual* for each grid point that measures the amount by which the potential there differs from the value dictated by

**Table 1.20**  
Iterative Calculation for Example 1.20

	Step					Correct Potentials
	1	2	3	4	5	
$\Phi_1$	77.50	79.07	77.89	77.60	77.51	75.2
$\Phi_2$	65.63	63.28	62.70	62.55	62.51	60.5
$\Phi_3$	70.63	68.28	67.70	67.52	67.52	65.4
$\Phi_4$	54.06	52.89	52.60	52.51	52.51	50.7

the potentials on the neighboring grid points. The residual for the  $k$ th pass through the grid is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(k)} = & \Phi^{(i)}(x, y + h) + \Phi^{(i)}(x, y - h) + \Phi^{(i)}(x + h, y) \\ & + \Phi^{(i)}(x - h, y) - 4\Phi^{(k-1)}(x, y) + \frac{h^2\rho}{\varepsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $i = k$  or  $k - 1$  since, at any grid point, the potentials at some of the neighboring points will generally have already been adjusted on that pass through the grid, as was seen in the above illustration. On each pass (corresponding to Steps 1–5 in Table 1.20) and at each grid intersection, one calculates the residual  $R^{(k)}$  and then the new potential according to

$$\Phi^{(k)} = \Phi^{(k-1)} + \Omega \frac{R^{(k)}}{4} \quad (6)$$

where  $\Omega$  is called the *relaxation factor* because it determines the rate at which the potentials relax toward the correct solution. It is taken in the range  $1 \leq \Omega \leq 2$ . Selection of  $\Omega = 1$ , called *simple relaxation*, corresponds to the method of averaging illustrated above. When  $\Omega > 1$ , the procedure is called the method of *successive overrelaxation* (SOR). If  $\Omega$  is fixed, it is usually taken near 2 for problems with many mesh points, but this can cause an initial increase in error, so it is often better to start with  $\Omega = 1$  and increase it gradually with each iteration step. One procedure that is found useful for large grids is the *cyclic Chebyshev method* in which the following program of varying  $\Omega$  is used:

$$\Omega^{(1)} = 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\Omega^{(2)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{it}} \quad (8)$$

where

$$\eta_{it} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{n} + \cos \frac{\pi}{m} \right)^2 \quad (9)$$

for a grid with  $n$  mesh points in one direction and  $m$  points in the other.

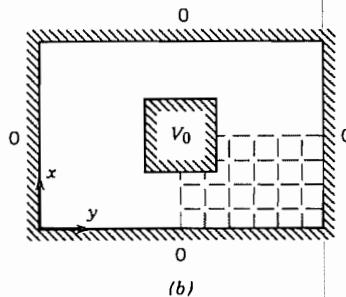
$$\Omega^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}\eta_{it}\Omega^{(k)}} \quad (10)$$

$$\Omega^{(\infty)} = \Omega_{opt} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \eta_{it}}} \quad (11)$$

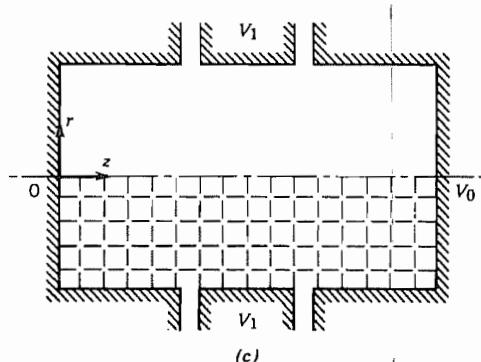
When this method is used, the mesh is swept like a checkerboard, with all the red squares being treated on the first pass with  $\Omega^{(1)}$ , all the black squares being treated on the second pass using  $\Omega^{(2)}$ , the reds on the third with  $\Omega^{(3)}$ , and so on. This method requires an additional memory cell in the computer for each mesh point but the speeded convergence usually makes it worthwhile. The convergence can be improved appreci-

ably by having a good initial guess for the potentials, say by using results from a similar problem.

**Boundary Conditions** In setting up the boundary conditions on a grid, the easiest situation occurs when potentials are specified on grid points. A more difficult problem is where the normal derivatives are specified. The derivatives are usually zero, as would be the case at an insulating surface in a conduction problem (Ex. 1.14) or along a line of symmetry used as an artificial boundary to reduce the required grid size. Examples of such boundaries are shown in Figs. 1.20b and 1.20c. In one case the structure has obvious symmetry in the  $x$ - $y$  plane so that a solution need be found for only one-fourth of the structure. In the other example, the boundary may be taken along the axis of a cylindrically symmetric system. In the latter case, the difference equations can include the symmetry (Prob. 1.20e). In the former case, to make the normal derivative of potential zero at a boundary, an imaginary grid point is set up outside the boundary and its potential is kept the same as at the point symmetrically located just inside the boundary. Sometimes the boundary points do not lie on mesh points; in such cases, linear interpolation is used to set the potentials at mesh points nearest to the boundary.



(b)



(c)

**FIG. 1.20b,c** Examples in rectangular and cylindrical coordinates where symmetry reduces the required size of the grid for finite-difference solutions.

## 1.21 EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FIELD MAPS

Field maps of the two-dimensional regions, made by either numerical or graphical techniques, may be used to find field strength within the dielectric region or integral properties of the systems, such as capacitance per unit length and conductance per unit length. Field strengths are simply  $\Delta\Phi/\Delta n$  in the notation of Sec. 1.19, provided the divisions are fine enough. Danger of breakdown is obviously greatest near acute angles where spacing of equipotentials is smallest, as in the right-angle corner of Fig. 1.19c.

For capacitance, we need to know electric flux density at the conductors, which corresponds to surface charge density. Values of potential, and not field, are typically obtained from numerical solutions, but the approximation to a normal derivative at the boundary is readily calculated. Equipotentials and field lines may be drawn in and then calculation of capacitance becomes particularly simple. By Gauss's law, the charge induced on a conductor is equal to the flux ending there. This is the number of flux tubes  $N_f$  multiplied by the flux per tube. The potential difference between conductors is the number of potential divisions  $N_p$  multiplied by the potential difference per division. So, for a two-conductor system, the capacitance per unit length is

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Phi_2 - \Phi_1} = \frac{N_f \Delta \psi}{N_p \Delta \Phi}$$

The ratio  $\Delta\psi/\Delta\Phi$  can be obtained from Eq. 1.19(1):

$$C = \frac{N_f}{N_p} \left( \frac{\epsilon \Delta s}{\Delta n} \right) \quad (1)$$

And, for a small-square plot with  $\Delta s/\Delta n$  equal to unity,

$$C = \epsilon \frac{N_f}{N_p} \text{ F/m} \quad (2)$$

For example, in the coaxial line plot of Fig. 1.19a, there are 4 potential divisions and 16 flux tubes, so the capacitance, assuming air dielectric, is

$$C \approx \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} \times \frac{16}{4} = 35.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \quad (3)$$

Calculation from Eq. 1.9(4), with  $b/a = 5.2$ , gives  $33.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ , indicating that the map is not perfect.

This same technique can be used to find the conductance between two electrodes placed in a homogeneous, isotropic, conductive material. The conductivity of the electrode materials must be much greater than that of the surrounding region to ensure that, when current flows, there is negligible voltage drop in the electrodes and they can be considered to be equipotential regions. The potential and electric field are related in the same way as for the case in which there is no conductivity (Sec. 1.13). There is a current density  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ , where  $\sigma$  is conductivity, and current tubes replace the flux tubes of the dielectric problem. The current in a tube is

$$\Delta I = J \Delta s = \sigma E \Delta s = \frac{\sigma \Delta \Phi \Delta s}{\Delta n} \quad (4)$$

The conductance per unit length between two electrodes is defined as

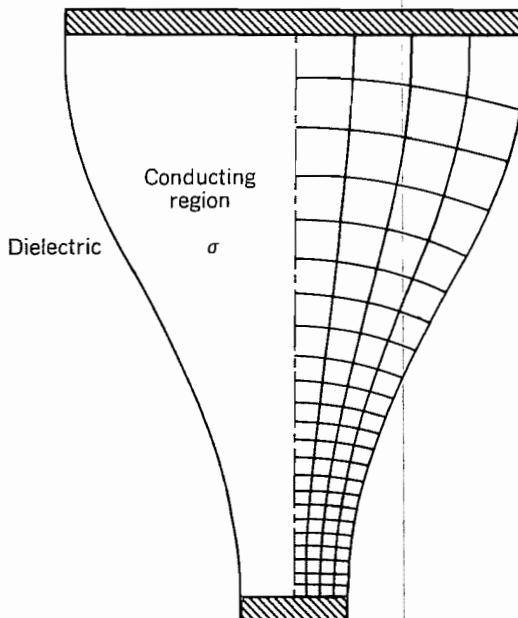
$$G = \frac{I}{\Phi_2 - \Phi_1} = \frac{N_f \Delta I}{N_p \Delta \Phi} \text{ S/m} \quad (5)$$

Using (4) and taking  $\Delta s/\Delta n = 1$ ,

$$G = \sigma \frac{N_f}{N_p} \text{ S/m} \quad (6)$$

From (2) and (6) we see the useful conclusion that the conductance per unit length of electrodes is related to the capacitance per unit length between the same electrodes by the ratio  $\sigma/\epsilon$ . This can be of use, for example, in transmission-line problems in giving the conductance per unit length between conductors when the capacitance is known.

Before digital computer methods for solving field problems became so readily available, the analogy seen above between the field distributions in conducting and dielectric media formed the basis for an important means of determining fields in dielectric systems. Electrodes corresponding to those of the dielectric problem are set up in an electrolytic tank or on conduction paper and equipotentials measured in the conducting system (see Prob. 1.21c).



**FIG. 1.21** Field map for a conductive medium partially filling the space between two highly conductive electrodes.

If a part of the boundary of the conducting region is a nonconducting dielectric, as in Fig. 1.21, current does not flow in the nonconductive region. As pointed out in Sec. 1.14, the normal component of  $\mathbf{E}$  inside the conductive region must then vanish at the boundary with the dielectric region. By use of this condition and the fact that  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular to the equipotential electrode surfaces, the field in the conductor can be mapped. Suppose, for example, the conductive material between the electrodes in Fig. 1.21 is silicon with the common value of conductivity  $\sigma = 100 \text{ S/m}$ . Then  $G = 100 \times (8/23) = 35 \text{ S/m}$ .

## Energy in Fields

### 1.22 ENERGY OF AN ELECTROSTATIC SYSTEM

The aim of this section is to derive an expression for electrostatic energy in terms of field quantities. The result we will obtain can be shown to be true in general; for simplicity, however, it is shown here for charges in an unbounded region.

The work required to move a charge in the vicinity of a system of charges was discussed in Sec. 1.7. The work done must appear as energy stored in the system, and consequently the potential energy of a system of charges may be computed from the magnitudes and positions of the charges. To do this, let us consider bringing the charges from infinity to their positions in space. No force is required to bring the first charge in since no electric field acts on the charge. When the second charge  $q_2$  is brought to a position separated from the location of  $q_1$  by a distance  $R_{12}$ , an energy

$$U_{12} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon R_{12}} \quad (1)$$

is expended, as was shown in Sec. 1.7. When the third charge is brought from infinity, it experiences the fields of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  and an energy of

$$U_{13} + U_{23} = \frac{q_1 q_3}{4\pi\epsilon R_{13}} + \frac{q_2 q_3}{4\pi\epsilon R_{23}} \quad (2)$$

is expended. The total energy expended to assemble these three charges is the sum of (1) and (2).

In summing over the three charges, we may write

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 q_i \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{q_j}{4\pi\epsilon R_{ij}} \quad i \neq j$$

With the factor  $\frac{1}{2}$ , this yields the sum of (1) and (2), since by convention  $i$  and  $j$  are summed over all the particles, and each contribution to energy enters twice. In physical terms, the factor of 2 would result from assuming all other charges in position when finding the energy of the  $i$ th charge. The term  $i = j$  has been excluded since the self-energy of the point charge (i.e., the electron, ion, etc.) does not affect the energy of the field. Its contribution to the total system energy does not depend upon the relative positions of the charges. For  $n$  charges, the direct extension gives

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j}{4\pi\epsilon R_{ij}} \quad i \neq j \quad (3)$$

where the subscript  $E$  indicates energy stored in electric charges and fields. By use of Eq. 1.8(3) for potential, this becomes

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \Phi_i \quad (4)$$

Extending (4) to a system with continuously varying charge density  $\rho$  per unit volume, we have

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \rho \Phi dV \quad (5)$$

The charge density  $\rho$  may be replaced by the divergence of  $\mathbf{D}$  by Eq. 1.11(2):

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) \Phi dV$$

Using the vector equivalence of Prob. 1.11a,

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \nabla \cdot (\Phi \mathbf{D}) dV - \frac{1}{2} \int_V \mathbf{D} \cdot (\nabla \Phi) dV$$

The first volume integral may be replaced by the surface integral of  $\Phi \mathbf{D}$  over the closed surface surrounding the region, by the divergence theorem [Eq. 1.11(7)]. But, if the region is to contain all fields, the surface should be taken at infinity. Since  $\Phi$  dies off at least as fast as  $1/r$  at infinity,  $D$  dies off at least as fast as  $1/r^2$ , and area only increases as  $r^2$ , this surface integral approaches zero as the surface approaches infinity.

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\Phi \mathbf{D}) dV = \oint_{S_\infty} \Phi \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

Then there remains

$$U_E = -\frac{1}{2} \int_V \mathbf{D} \cdot (\nabla \Phi) dV = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dV \quad (6)$$

This result seems to say that the energy is actually in the electric field, each element of volume  $dV$  appearing to contain the amount of energy

$$dU_E = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dV \quad (7)$$

The right answer is obtained if this *energy density* picture is used. Actually, we know only that the total energy stored in the system will be correctly computed by the total integral in (6).

The derivation of (6) was based on a system of charges in an unbounded, linear, homogeneous region. The same result can be shown if there are surface charges on conductors in the region. With both volume and surface charges present, (5) becomes

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \rho \Phi dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_S \rho_s \Phi dS \quad (8)$$

The proof that this leads to (6) is left to Prob. 1.22e. Note that in this equation, and the special case of (5),  $\Phi$  is defined with its reference at infinity, since the last term of (3) is identified as  $\Phi$ . The advantage of (6) is that it is independent of the reference for potential.

For a nonlinear medium, the incremental energy when fields are changed (Prob. 1.22f) is

$$dU_E = \int \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{dD} dV \quad (9)$$

### Example 1.22 ENERGY STORED IN A CAPACITOR

It is interesting to check these results against a familiar case. Consider a parallel-plate capacitor of capacitance  $C$  and a voltage  $V$  between the plates. The energy is known from circuit theory to be  $\frac{1}{2}CV^2$ , which is commonly obtained by integrating the product of instantaneous current and instantaneous voltage over the time of charging. The result may also be obtained by integrating the energy distribution in the field throughout the volume between plates according to (6). For plates of area  $A$  closely spaced so that the end effects may be neglected, the magnitude of field at every point in the dielectric is  $E = V/d$  ( $d$  = distance between plates) and  $D = \epsilon V/d$ . Stored energy  $U_E$  given by (6) becomes simply

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} (\text{volume})(DE) = \frac{1}{2} (Ad) \left( \frac{\epsilon V}{d} \right) \left( \frac{V}{d} \right)$$

This can be put in terms of capacitance using Eq. 1.9(3):

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \right) V^2 = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \quad (10)$$

## PROBLEMS

- 1.2a** (i) Compute the force between two charges of 1 C each, placed 1 m apart in vacuum.  
(ii) The esu unit of charge (statcoulomb) is defined as one that gives a force of 1 dyne when placed 1 cm from a like charge in vacuum. Use this fact to check the conversion between statcoulombs and coulombs given in Appendix 1.
- 1.2b** Calculate the ratio of the electrostatic force of repulsion between two electrons to the gravitational force of attraction, assuming that Newton's law of gravitation holds. The electron's charge is  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C, its mass is  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg, and the gravitational constant  $K$  is  $6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  N-m<sup>2</sup>/kg<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.2c** In his experiment performed in 1785, Coulomb suspended a horizontal rod from its center by a filament with which he could apply a torque to the rod. On one end of the rod was a charged pith ball. In the plane in which the rod could rotate was placed another, similarly charged, pith ball at the same radius. By turning the top of the filament he applied successively larger torques to the rod with the amount of torque proportional to the angle turned at the top. With the angle at the top set to 36 degrees, the angle between the two pith balls was also 36 degrees. Raising the angle at the top to 144 degrees decreased the angular separation of the pith balls to 18 degrees. A further increase of the angle at the top to 575.5 degrees decreased the angular separation of the balls to 8.5 degrees. Determine the maximum difference between his measurements and the inverse-square law. (For more details, see R. S. Elliott.<sup>1</sup>)
- 1.2d** Construct the electric field vector for several points in the  $x$ - $y$  plane for like charges  $q$  at  $(d/2, 0, 0)$  and  $(-d/2, 0, 0)$ , and draw in roughly a few electric field lines.
- 1.2e\*** Repeat Prob. 1.2d for charges of  $2q$  and  $-q$  at  $(d/2, 0, 0)$  and  $(-d/2, 0, 0)$ , respectively. Find a point where the field is zero.
- 1.2f** Calculate the electric field at points along the axis perpendicular to the center of a disk of charge of radius  $a$  located in free space. The charge on the disk is a *surface charge*  $\rho_s$  C/m<sup>2</sup> uniform over the disk.
- 1.3a** Show by symmetry arguments and the results of Sec. 1.3 that there is no electric field at any point inside a spherical shell of uniform surface charge.
- 1.3b** Show that the integral of normal flux density over a general closed surface as in Fig. 1.3a with charge  $q$  inside gives  $q$ . Hint: Relate surface element to element of solid angle.
- 1.3c** Calculate that electric flux emanating from a point charge  $q$  and passing through a mathematical plane disk of radius  $a$  located a distance  $d$  from the charge. The charge lies on the axis of the disk. Show that in the limit where  $a/d \rightarrow \infty$ , the flux through the disk becomes  $q/2$ .
- 1.4a** A coaxial transmission line has an inner conducting cylinder of radius  $a$  and an outer conducting cylinder of radius  $c$ . Charge  $q_l$  per unit length is uniformly distributed over the inner conductor and  $-q_l$  over the outer. If dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  extends from  $r = a$  to  $r = b$  and dielectric  $\epsilon_2$  from  $r = b$  to  $r = c$ , find the electric field for  $r < a$ , for  $a < r < b$ , for  $b < r < c$ , and for  $r > c$ . Take the conducting cylinders as infinitesimally thin. Sketch the variation of  $D$  and  $E$  with radius.
- 1.4b** A long cylindrical beam of electrons of radius  $a$  moving with velocity  $v_z = v_0[1 + \delta_1(r/a)^2]$  has a charge-density radial variation  $\rho = \rho_0[1 - \delta_2(r/a)^2]$ . Find the radial electric field in terms of the axial velocity  $v_0$  and the total beam current  $I_0$  and sketch its variation with radius.

- 1.4c** Derive the expression for the field about a line charge, Eq. 1.4(3), from the field of a point charge.
- 1.4d\*** A sphere of charge of radius  $a$  has uniform density  $\rho_0$  except for a spherical cavity of zero charge with radius  $b$ , centered at  $x = d, y = 0, z = 0$ , where  $d < a$  and  $b < a - d$ . Find electric field along the  $x$  axis from  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Hint: Use superposition.
- 1.4e\*** As in Prob. 1.4d, but now find an expression for electric field for a general point inside the cavity, showing that the field in the cavity is constant.
- 1.5a** A point charge  $q$  is located at the origin of coordinates. Express the electric field vector in its rectangular coordinate components, and evaluate the surface integral for  $S$  chosen as the face perpendicular to the  $x$  axis of a cube of side lengths  $2a$  centered on the charge. Use symmetry to show that Gauss's law is satisfied.
- 1.5b** Perform the integrations in Eq. 1.5(3) for an infinitely long circular cylindrical ion beam with  $\rho = \rho_0[1 + (r/a)^2]$  using the square prism shown in Fig. 1.5 and plane ends at  $z = 0$  and  $l$  orthogonal to the axis.
- 1.5c** If  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  are vectors, show that
- $$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$
- $$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}$$
- $$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}$$
- 1.5d** Vector  $\mathbf{A}$  makes angles  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1$  with the  $x, y$ , and  $z$  axes respectively, and  $\mathbf{B}$  makes angles  $\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2$  with the axes. If  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors, make use of the scalar product  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$  to show that
- $$\cos \theta = \cos \alpha_1 \cos \alpha_2 + \cos \beta_1 \cos \beta_2 + \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2$$
- 1.6a** Show how the flux function may be used to plot the field from *point* charges  $q$  and  $-q$  distance  $d$  apart. Hint: Make use of solid angles and relate these to angle  $\theta$  from the axis joining charges.
- 1.6b** Plot the field from like charges  $q$  distance  $d$  apart (Prob. 1.2d) by making use of the flux function.
- 1.6c** Plot the field of charges  $2q$  and  $-q$  distance  $d$  apart (Prob. 1.2e) by use of flux. Note that not all flux lines terminate at both ends on charges.
- 1.7a** Evaluate  $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  for vectors  $\mathbf{F} = \hat{x} zxy + \hat{y} x^2$  and  $\mathbf{F} = \hat{x} y - \hat{y} x$  about a rectangular path from  $(0, 1)$  to  $(1, 1)$  to  $(1, 2)$  to  $(0, 2)$  and back to  $(0, 1)$ . Repeat for a triangular path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$  to  $(1, 1)$  back to  $(0, 0)$ . Are either or both nonconservative?
- 1.7b** A point charge  $q$  is located at the origin of a system of rectangular coordinates. Evaluate  $\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane first along the  $x$  axis from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 2$ , and next along a rectangular path as follows: along a straight line from the point  $(1, 0)$  on the  $x$  axis to the point  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$ ; along a straight line from  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$  to  $(2, \frac{1}{2})$ ; along a straight line from  $(2, \frac{1}{2})$  to  $(2, 0)$ .
- 1.8a** A circular insulating disk of radius  $a$  is charged with a uniform surface density of charge  $\rho_s$  C/m<sup>2</sup>. Find an expression for electrostatic potential  $\Phi$  at a point on the axis distance  $z$  from the disk.
- 1.8b\*** A charge of surface density  $\rho_s$  is spread uniformly over a spherical surface of radius  $a$ . Find the potential for  $r < a$  and for  $r > a$  by integrating contributions from the different

ential elements of charge. Check the results by making use of Gauss's law and the symmetry of the problem.

- 1.8c Check the result Eq. 1.8(8) for the potential about a line charge by integrating contributions from the differential elements of charge. Note that the problem is one of handling properly the infinite limits.
- 1.8d A flat layer of charge of density  $\rho_0$  lies perpendicular to the  $z$  axis and is infinitely broad in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. Using Gauss's law and Eq. 1.8(1), find the dependence of the potential difference across the layer on its thickness  $d$ .
- 1.8e Consider two parallel sheets of charge having equal surface charge densities but with opposite sign. The sheets are both of infinite transverse dimension and are spaced by a distance  $d$ . Using Gauss's law and Eq. 1.8(1), find the electric fields between and outside the sheets and find the dependence of potential difference between the pair of sheets on the spacing. (This is called a *dipole layer*.)
- 1.8f In a system of infinite transverse dimension, a sheet of charge of  $\rho_s \text{ C/m}^2$  lies between, and parallel to, two conducting electrodes at zero potential spaced by distance  $d$ . Find the distribution of electric field and potential between the electrodes for arbitrary location of the charge sheet. Sketch the results for the cases where the sheet is (i) in the center and (ii) at position  $d/4$ .
- 1.8g Show that all the equipotential surfaces for two parallel line charges of opposite sign are cylinders whose traces in the perpendicular plane are circles as shown in Fig. 1.8c.
- 1.8h A linear quadrupole is formed by two pairs of equal and opposite charges located along a line such that  $+q$  lies at  $+\delta$ ,  $-2q$  at the origin, and  $+q$  at  $-\delta$ . Find an approximate expression for the potential at large distances from the origin. Plot an equipotential line.
- 1.8i Show that the magnitude of the torque on a dipole in an electric field is the product of the magnitude of the dipole moment and the magnitude of the field component perpendicular to the dipole.
- 1.9 Find the capacitance of the system of two concentric spherical electrodes containing two different dielectrics used as Ex. 1.4c.
- 1.10a Find the gradient of the scalar function  $M = e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta y \cosh \alpha z$ .
- 1.10b For two point charges  $q$  and  $-q$  at  $(d/2, 0, 0)$  and  $(-d/2, 0, 0)$ , respectively, find the potential for any point  $(x, y, z)$  and from this derive the electric field. Check the result by adding vectorially the electric field from the individual charges.
- 1.10c Three positive charges of equal magnitude  $q$  are located at the corners of an equilateral triangle. Find the potential at the center of the triangle and the force on one of the charges.
- 1.10d For two line charges  $q_l$  and  $-q_l$  at  $(d/2, 0)$  and  $(-d/2, 0)$ , respectively, find the potential for any point  $(x, y)$  and from this derive the electric field.
- 1.10e\* Find the expression for potential outside the large sphere of Prob. 1.4d. Also find the electric field for that region as well as for the region outside the small sphere but inside the large sphere.
- 1.10f Find  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  in the void in the sphere of charge in Prob. 1.4d by first finding the potential. The zeros for the potentials of both large and small spheres should be at infinity.

- 1.11a** Utilize the rectangular coordinate form to prove the vector equivalences

$$\nabla(\psi\Phi) = \psi\nabla\Phi + \Phi\nabla\psi$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\psi\mathbf{A}) = \psi\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla\psi$$

where  $\psi$  and  $\Phi$  are any scalar functions and  $\mathbf{A}$  is any vector function of space.

- 1.11b** Show that the vector identity  $\nabla \cdot \psi\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla\psi + \psi\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  (inside back cover) is satisfied for  $\psi = xyz$  and  $\mathbf{F} = \hat{x}x^3 + \hat{y}xyz + \hat{z}yz^2$ .

- 1.11c** Derive the expression for divergence in the circular cylindrical coordinate system.

- 1.11d** Evaluate the divergence of  $\mathbf{D}$  in Exs. 1.4a, 1.4b, and 1.4c and compare with the known charge densities. Evaluate  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}$  for Ex. 1.11 using rectangular coordinates.

- 1.11e** Given a vector  $\mathbf{F} = \hat{x}x^2$ , evaluate  $\oint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  for  $S$  taken as the surface of a cube of sides  $2a$  centered about the origin. Then evaluate the volume integral of  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$  for this cube and show that the two results are equivalent, as they should be by the divergence theorem.

- 1.11f** The width of the depletion region at a metal-semiconductor contact (Ex. 1.4a) can be calculated using the relation  $d^2 = (2\epsilon\Phi_B/eN)$ , where  $\Phi_B$  is the barrier potential,  $e$  is electron charge, and  $N$  is the density of dopant ions. Calculate  $d$  for ion densities of  $10^{16}$ ,  $10^{18}$ , and  $10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  assuming a barrier potential of 0.6 V. Comment on the applicability in this calculation of the concept of smoothed-out charge as assumed in using Poisson's equation. Take  $\epsilon_r = 11.7$ .

- 1.12a** Find the gradient and Laplacian of a scalar field varying as  $1/r$  in two dimensions and in three dimensions. Use the operators in rectangular form and also in a more appropriate coordinate system in each case.

- 1.12b** Find the electric field and charge density as functions of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  if potential is expressed as

$$\Phi = C \sin \alpha x \sin \beta y e^{\gamma z} \quad \text{where } \gamma = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

- 1.12c** Find the electric field and charge density as functions of  $x$  for a space-charge-limited, parallel-plane diode with potential variation given by  $\Phi = V_0(x/d)^{4/3}$ . Find the convection current density  $\mathbf{J} = \rho\mathbf{v}$  and note that it is independent of  $x$ .

- 1.12d** Argue from Laplace's equation that relative extrema of the electrostatic potential cannot exist and hence that a charge placed in an electrostatic field cannot be in stable equilibrium (Earnshaw's theorem).

- 1.12e** The potential around a perpendicular intersection of the straight edges of two large perfectly conducting planes, where the line of intersection is taken to be the axis of a cylindrical coordinate system, can be shown to be expressible as

$$\Phi = Ar^{2/3} \sin \frac{2}{3}\phi$$

Show that this function satisfies Laplace's equation in cylindrical coordinates and satisfies a zero-potential boundary condition on the planes. Find a generalization to an arbitrary angle  $\alpha$  between planes and verify that it satisfies Laplace's equation.

- 1.13a** Which of the following may represent steady currents:  $\mathbf{J} = \hat{x}x + \hat{y}y$  or  $\mathbf{J} = (\hat{x}x + \hat{y}y)(x^2 + y^2)^{-1}$ ? Sketch the form of the two vector fields.

- 1.13b** Conducting coaxial cylinders of radii  $a$  and  $b$  have a conducting dielectric with permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  and conductivity  $\sigma_1$  for the sector  $0 < \phi < \alpha$ , and loss-free dielectric  $\epsilon_2$  for

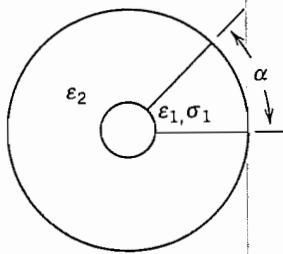


FIG. P1.13b

the remainder of the dielectric regions (Fig. P1.13b). Find capacitance and conductance per unit length.

- 1.14a** Sketch the field and current lines for a structure of the form in Fig. 1.14c but with the dielectric and perfect conductor regions exchanged and a potential difference applied between the two perfect conductors. Check all continuity conditions at boundaries.

- 1.14b** A solution to the problem of Fig. 1.14c can be shown to be

$$\Phi(x, y) = \frac{\Phi_0}{2} + \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{a} \right) \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x + a/2}{y} \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{a} \right) \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x - a/2}{y} \right) + \frac{y}{a} \ln \left[ \frac{y^2 + (x - a/2)^2}{y^2 + (x + a/2)^2} \right] \right\}$$

where  $a$  is the length of the conductive region. Show that this satisfies the boundary conditions on the surface  $y = 0$  and find induced surface charge density along this boundary.

- 1.15a** Obtain by means of Laplace's equation the potential distribution between two concentric spherical conductors separated by a single dielectric. The inner conductor of radius  $a$  is at potential  $V_0$ , and the outer conductor of radius  $b$  is at potential zero.

- 1.15b** Obtain by means of Laplace's equation the potential distribution between two concentric spherical conductors with two dielectrics as in Ex. 1.4c.

- 1.15c** Two coaxial cylindrical conductors of radii  $a$  and  $b$  are at potentials zero and  $V_0$ , respectively. There are two dielectrics between the conductors, with the plane through the axis being the dividing surface. That is, dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  extends from  $\phi = 0$  to  $\phi = \pi$ , and  $\epsilon_2$  extends from  $\phi = \pi$  to  $\phi = 2\pi$ . Obtain the potential distribution from Laplace's equation.

- 1.15d** Obtain the electrostatic capacitances for the two conductor systems described in Sec. 1.15 and in Probs. 1.15a, b, and c.

- 1.16a** Assume the charge-density profile shown in Fig. 1.16b with  $N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_D = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ , and  $\epsilon_r = 12$ . Find the height of the potential barrier and the width of the space-charge region  $d_n + d_p$ . Determine maximum value of electric field.

- 1.16b** Calculate  $\Phi(x)$  for the metal-semiconductor junction in Ex. 1.4a by integrating Poisson's equation. Call total barrier height  $\Phi_i$  in this case. Find the width of the space-charge region  $d$ , assuming  $N_D$  constant.

- 1.16c\*** To illustrate the effect of a continuous charge profile in the  $pn$  junction example of Sec. 1.16, consider a charge density in the depletion region of the form  $\rho =$

$(eN_c x/a)\exp[-|x/a|]$ . Find the electric field and potential as a function of  $x$ , and sketch  $\rho$ ,  $E$ , and  $\Phi$  versus  $x$ . Find the potential difference between  $x = -\infty$  and  $x = \infty$  and compare with Eq. 1.16(10), taking  $N_A = N_D$ .

- 1.17a** Prove that, if charge density  $\rho$  is given throughout a volume, any solution of Poisson's equation 1.12(3) must be the only possible solution provided potential is specified on a surface surrounding the region.
- 1.17b** Show that the potential in a charge-free region is uniquely determined, except for an arbitrary additive constant, by specification of the normal derivatives of potential on the bounding surfaces.
- 1.18a** Prove that the line charge and its image as described for a conducting cylinder in Ex. 1.18c will give constant potential along a cylindrical surface at radius  $a$  in the absence of the conducting cylinder.
- 1.18b** Prove that the point charge and its image as described for the spherical conductor in Ex. 1.18d gives zero potential along a spherical surface at radius  $a$  in the absence of the conducting sphere.
- 1.18c** A circularly cylindrical electron beam of radius  $a$  and uniform charge density  $\rho$  passes near a conducting plane that is parallel to the axis of the beam and distance  $s$  from the axis. Find the electric field acting to disperse the beam for the edge near the plane and for the edge farthest from the plane.
- 1.18d\*** For a point charge  $q$  lying in a dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  distance  $x = d$  from the plane boundary between  $\epsilon_1$  and a second dielectric  $\epsilon_2$ , the given charge plus an image charge  $q(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2)/(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)$  placed at  $x = -d$  with all space filled by a dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  may be used to compute the potential for any point  $x > 0$ . To find the potential for a point  $x < 0$ , a single charge of value  $2q\epsilon_2/(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)$  is placed at the position of  $q$  with all space filled by dielectric  $\epsilon_2$ . Show that these images satisfy the required continuity relations at a dielectric boundary.
- 1.18e** Find and plot the surface charge density induced on the conducting plane as a function of  $y$ , when a line charge  $q_l$  lying parallel to the  $z$  axis is at  $x = d$  above the plane.
- 1.18f** Discuss the applicability of the image concept for the case of a line charge parallel to and in the vicinity of the intersection of two conducting planes with an angle  $AOB = 270$  degrees. (See Fig. 1.18d.)
- 1.18g** Find the potential at all points outside a conducting sphere of radius  $a$  held at potential  $\Phi_0$  when a point charge  $q$  is located a distance  $d$  from the center of the sphere ( $a < d$ ).
- 1.19a** Map fields between an infinite plane conductor at potential zero and a second conductor at potential  $V_0$ , as in Fig. 1.19c, but for step ratios  $a/b$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .
- 1.19b** Map fields between an infinite flat plane and a cylindrical conductor parallel to the plane. The conductor has diameter  $d$ , and its axis is at height  $h$  above the plane. Take  $d/h = 1, \frac{1}{4}$ .
- 1.19c** The outer conductor of a two-conductor transmission line is a rectangular tube of sides  $3a$  and  $5a$ . The inner conductor is a circular cylinder of radius  $a$ , with axis coincident with the central axis of the rectangular cylinder. Sketch equipotentials and field lines for the region between conductors, assuming a potential difference  $V_0$  between conductors.
- 1.19d** Two infinite parallel conducting planes defined by  $y = a$  and  $y = -a$  are at potential zero. A semi-infinite conducting plane of negligible thickness at  $y = 0$  and extending

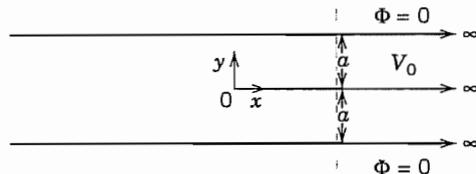


FIG. P1.19d

from  $x = 0$  to  $x = \infty$  is at potential  $V_0$ . (See Fig. P1.19d.) Sketch a graphical field map for the region between conductors.

- 1.19e** In Prob. 1.12e take  $A$  to be 35 and  $r$  to be measured in centimeters and make a plot of the 100-V equipotential. Construct a graphical field map between the zero and 100-V equipotentials showing the 25-, 50-, and 75-V equipotentials. Then sketch in the same equipotentials found from the formula given in Prob. 1.12e to evaluate your field map. Find the radial distance from the corner where the gradient exceeds the breakdown field in air, 30 kV/cm. What does this suggest about the shape the corner should have to avoid breakdown?
- 1.20a** Subdivide the region in Fig. 1.19c into a mesh of squares of sides  $a/2$ . Terminate the region on the right a distance  $a$  from the corner and on the left a distance  $3a/2$  from the corner. Take  $b = 2a$  and  $V_0 = 100$  V. Consider the potentials at the left and right edges of the above-defined grid to be fixed at the values found in linear variation from top to bottom. Start with all interior grid points at 50 V. Find the potentials at the mesh points assuming zero space charge and applying the simple averaging method.
- 1.20b** Repeat Prob. 1.20a using the cyclic Chebyshev method.
- 1.20c** Solve for the potentials at the grid points in the problem in Fig. 1.20a by direct inversion of the set of difference equations expressing Laplace's equation for all grid points. Compare the results with those in Table 1.20 and discuss differences. Does direct inversion give the exact values of potentials at the grid points? Explain your answer.
- 1.20d** Set up the difference equation for a three-dimensional potential distribution in rectangular coordinates. Consider a cubical box with the following potentials on the various sides: top, 80 V; right side, 60 V; bottom, 0 V; left side, 100 V; front, 40 V; back, 100 V. Define a grid of the same coarseness as in Fig. 1.20a and assume initial potentials for all interior grid points to be the average of the boundary potentials. Calculate the first set of corrected potentials by the three-dimensional equivalent of the simple scheme used for Table 1.20.
- 1.20e** Derive the difference equation for potential in cylindrical coordinates with axial symmetry assumed ( $\partial\Phi/\partial\phi = 0$ ).
- 1.20f\*** An electron beam accelerated from zero potential passes normally through a pair of parallel-wire grids. Model the beam as infinitely broad and without transverse variation. Set up a one-dimensional difference equation for the potential between the grids. Divide the 5-mm space between grids into five segments. Take both grid potentials to be 1000 V and the beam current to be  $10^4$  A/m<sup>2</sup>. Assume 1000 V as a first guess for all difference-equation grid points. Take three steps of potential adjustment with space charge based on the first guess. Recalculate space charge based on the new potentials and again iterate the potential three times. Repeat recalculations of space charge and

potentials until the latter differ by no more than 3% between recalculations of space charge. Use the simple iterative form with  $\Omega = 1$ .

- 1.21a** Assume that Fig. 1.19c is full scale, and that  $V_0$  is 1000 V. Find the approximate direction of the minimum and maximum electric fields in the figure. Plot a curve of electric field magnitude along the bottom plane as a function of distance along this plane, and a curve showing surface charge density induced on this plane as a function of distance.
- 1.21b** Calculate the capacitance per unit length from your plots for Probs. 1.19b and c.
- 1.21c** Describe the simplest way to use resistance paper to determine the capacitance per wire between a grid of parallel round wires and an electrode lying parallel to the grid. (See Fig. P1.21c.) Assume the grid to be infinitely long and wide. Defend all decisions made in the design of the analog.



FIG. P1.21c

- 1.22a** For a given potential difference  $V_0$  between conductors of a coaxial capacitor, evaluate the stored energy in the electrostatic field per unit length. By equating this to  $\frac{1}{2}CV^2$ , evaluate the capacitance per unit length.
- 1.22b** The energy required to increase the separation of a parallel-plate capacitor by a distance  $dx$  is equal to the increase of energy stored. Find the force acting between the plates per unit cross-sectional area assuming constant charge on the plates.
- 1.22c** Discuss in more detail the exclusion of the self-energy term in Eq. 1.22(3), and explain why the problem disappeared in going to continuous distributions, as in Eq. 1.22(5).
- 1.22d** Show the equality of the energies found using Eqs. 1.22(5) and (6) for a spherical volume of charge of radius  $a$  and charge density  $\rho \text{ C/m}^3$ .
- 1.22e** Consider an arbitrarily shaped, charged finite conductor embedded in a homogeneous-dielectric region of infinite extent that also contains a volume-charge density distribution. Starting from Eq. 1.22(8) show that (6) results. Make use of the identity in Prob. 1.11a and consider the dielectric to be bounded by the surface of the conductor and that at infinity.
- 1.22f** If an incremental charge distribution is brought into a field, the incremental energy may be written

$$\delta U_E = \int_V \Phi \delta \rho dV$$

Use this to develop Eq. 1.22(9) for an unbounded region with a medium which may be nonlinear.

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## Stationary Magnetic Fields

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

Magnetic effects have many similarities to electric effects, but there are also important differences. Magnetic forces were first observed through the attraction of iron to naturally occurring magnetic materials such as lodestone. The compass, apparently developed in China, was introduced into Europe around A.D. 1190, and had a profound effect upon navigation thereafter. In 1600 William Gilbert, physician to Queen Elizabeth I, published an important book, *De Magnete*, presenting a rational and thorough summary of the magnetic effects known to that date, with discussions of some of the similarities to and differences from the electric effects then known. Had discoveries stopped at that point, we could immediately adapt the development of the preceding chapter to magnetic fields, the two kinds of magnetic "charges" being called north and south *poles*. The important difference is that magnetic charges have so far been found only in pairs, not isolated, so that we would be concerned with fields from dipoles, as in Ex. 1.8d.

Discoveries did not stop, however. In 1820, Hans Christian Oersted, during a class demonstration of an electric battery, observed that the electric current in a wire caused a nearby compass needle to be deflected, thus establishing clearly the first of several important relationships between electric and magnetic effects. André-Marie Ampère very quickly extended the experiments and developed a quantitative law for the phenomenon. Others who contributed both to the understanding and to the practical use of electromagnets within a very short period were Jean-Baptiste Biot, Felix Savart, Joseph Henry, and Michael Faraday. The force produced by magnetic fields (either from permanent magnets or from electromagnets) on electric currents was also clearly established through these many experiments. These relationships between electric currents and magnetic fields will constitute the starting point for our development of magnetic fields in this chapter. The relationships are somewhat more complicated than those of the preceding chapter, primarily because both the current that acts as the source of field

and the current element acting as a probe to measure it are vectors whose directions must be introduced into the laws.

As with electric fields, the distributions studied in this chapter, although called “static,” are applicable to many time-varying phenomena. These “quasistatic” problems are among the most important uses of the laws and, in some cases, are valid for extremely rapid rates of change. Still we must remember that other phenomena enter—and are likely to be important—when the fields change with time. These are studied in the following chapter.

Before beginning the detailed development, let us look briefly at a few examples of important static or quasistatic magnetic field problems. There was the prompt application of Oersted’s observation to useful electromagnets. One of Henry’s early magnets supported more than a ton of iron, with the current driven only by a small battery. Electromagnets are now routinely used in loading or unloading scrap iron and many other applications. The development of practical superconductors in the 1960s has made possible magnets with high fields in large volumes with additional advantages of stability and light weight. Large currents can be made to flow in the magnet winding since there is no voltage drop and no heating. The need to refrigerate is compensated sufficiently for a number of special applications. Superconductors are used extensively in high-energy physics, where the need is for large volumes of strong field. Fusion research depends on massive superconductive magnets for containment of the ionized gases of a plasma. Motors and generators for special applications such as ship propulsion are being made lighter and smaller by using superconductors.<sup>1</sup>

Moving charges constitute currents and magnetic fields produce forces on them as they travel through a vacuum or a semiconductor. Thus magnetic field coils are used for deflection and focusing of beams of electrons in television picture tubes and electron microscopes. The magnetic deflection of flowing charge carriers in a semiconductor is known as the *Hall effect*; it is used for measurement of the semiconductor properties or, with a known semiconductor, may be used as a probe for measurement of magnetic field.

Coils are used to provide the inductance needed for high-frequency circuits and the magnetic fields can be found from the currents as in static calculations when the sizes involved are small compared with wavelength. (However, current distributions are complicated at high frequencies by distributed capacitance in the windings.) Just as we noted in Sec. 1.1 for electric fields, the distribution of magnetic field in the cross section of a transmission line is essentially the same as calculated using static field concepts, even though the fields can actually be varying at billions of times per second.

<sup>1</sup> More details on superconductors can be found in Sec. 13.4.

## Static Magnetic Field Laws and Concepts

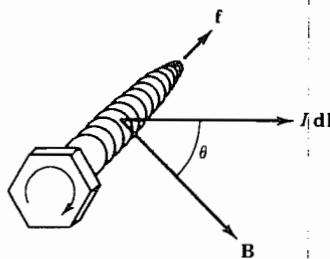
### 2.2 CONCEPT OF A MAGNETIC FIELD

As with the electrostatic fields of the preceding chapter, we use the measurable quantity, force, to define a magnetic field. We noted in Sec. 2.1 that magnetic forces may arise either from permanent magnets or from current flow. Since the approach from currents is more general—and on the whole more important—we start by consideration of the force between current elements. Permanent magnets may then be included, at least conceptually, by considering the effects of these as arising from atomic currents of the magnetic materials.

The force arising from the interaction of two current elements depends on the magnitude of the currents, the medium, and the distance between currents analogously to the force between electric charges. However, current has direction so the force law between the two currents will be more complicated than that for charges. Consequently, it is convenient to proceed by first defining the quantity we will call the magnetic field and then, in another section, give the law (Ampère's) that describes how currents contribute to that magnetic field. A vector field quantity  $\mathbf{B}$ , usually known as the *magnetic flux density*, is defined in terms of the force  $\mathbf{df}$  produced on a small current element of length  $\mathbf{dl}$  carrying current  $I$ , such that

$$df = I dl B \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{dl}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . The direction relations of the vectors are so defined that the vector force  $\mathbf{df}$  is along a perpendicular to the plane containing  $\mathbf{dl}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , and has the sense determined by the advance of a right-hand screw if  $\mathbf{dl}$  is rotated into  $\mathbf{B}$  through the smaller angle (Fig. 2.2). It is convenient to express this information more compactly through the use of the *vector product*. The vector product (also called *cross product*) of two vectors (denoted by a cross) is defined as a vector having a magnitude equal to the product of the magnitudes of the two vectors and the sine of the angle between them, a direction perpendicular to the plane containing the two vectors, and a sense given by the advance of a right-hand screw if the first is rotated



**FIG. 2.2** Right-hand screw rule for force on a current element in a magnetic field.

into the second through the smaller angle. Relation (1) may then be written

$$d\mathbf{f} = I d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (2)$$

The quantity known as the magnetic field vector or magnetic field intensity is denoted  $\mathbf{H}$  and is related to the vector  $\mathbf{B}$  defined by the force law (2) through a constant of the medium known as the *permeability*,  $\mu$ :

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} \quad (3)$$

Many technologically important materials such as iron and ferrite are nonlinear and/or anisotropic, in which case  $\mu$  is not a scalar constant, but to keep this introductory treatment simple, the medium will first be assumed to be homogeneous, isotropic, and linear. A somewhat more general form of (3) will be given in Sec. 2.3.

In SI units, force is in newtons (N). Current is in amperes (A), and magnetic flux density  $B$  is in tesla (T), which is a weber per square meter or volt second per square meter and is  $10^4$  times the common cgs unit, gauss. Magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  is in amperes per meter and  $\mu$  is in henrys (H) per meter. Conversion factors to other cgs units are in Appendix I. The value of  $\mu$  for free space is

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

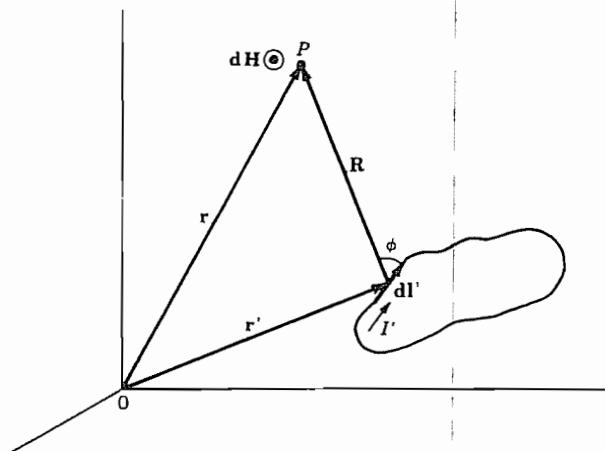
### 2.3 AMPÈRE'S LAW

Ampère's law, deduced experimentally from a series of ingenious experiments,<sup>2</sup> describes how the magnetic field vector defined in Sec. 2.2 is calculated from a system of direct currents. Consider an unbounded, homogeneous, isotropic medium with a small line element of length  $dl'$  carrying a current  $I'$  located at a point in space defined by a vector  $\mathbf{r}'$  from an arbitrary origin as in Fig. 2.3a. The magnitude of the magnetic field at some other point  $P$  in space defined by the vector  $\mathbf{r}$  from the origin is

$$dH(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}') dl' \sin \phi}{4\pi R^2}$$

where  $R = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$ , the distance from the current element to the point of observation. The angle  $\phi$  is that between the direction of the current defined by  $d\mathbf{l}'$  and the vector

<sup>2</sup> For a description, see J. C. Maxwell, *A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism*, 3rd ed., Part IV, Chap. 2, Oxford Univ. Press, Oxford, 1892. The law is now more frequently named after Biot and Savart, but the assignment remains somewhat arbitrary. Following Oersted's announcement of the effect of currents on permanent magnets in 1820, Ampère immediately announced similar forces of currents on each other. Biot and Savart presented the first quantitative statement for the special case of a straight wire; Ampère later followed with his formulation for more general current paths. The form given here is a derived form borrowing from all that work. For more of the history see E. T. Whittaker, *A History of the Theories of the Aether and Electricity*, Am. Inst. Physics, New York, 1987, or P. F. Mottelay, *Bibliographical History of Electricity and Magnetism*, Ayer Co. Publishers, Salem, NH, 1975.



**FIG. 2.3a** Coordinates for calculation of magnetic field from current element.

$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'$  from the current element to the point of observation. The direction of  $\mathbf{dH(r)}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing  $d\mathbf{l}'$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ , and the sense is determined by the advance of a right-hand screw if  $d\mathbf{l}'$  is rotated through the smaller angle into the vector  $\mathbf{R}$ . Thus, with the current direction shown in Fig. 2.3a,  $d\mathbf{H}$  at  $P$  is outward from the page. We see then that the cross product can be used to write the vector form of Ampère's law:

$$\mathbf{dH(r)} = \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}') \mathbf{dl}' \times \mathbf{R}}{4\pi R^3} \quad (1)$$

To obtain the total magnetic field of the current elements along a current path, (1) is integrated over the path

$$\mathbf{H(r)} = \int \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}') \mathbf{dl}' \times \mathbf{R}}{4\pi R^3} \quad (2)$$

It is of interest to examine further the relation between  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ . We see that the field  $\mathbf{H}$  is directly related to the currents, without regard for the nature of the medium as long as it fills all space homogeneously. The force on a current element was seen in Sec. 2.2 to depend upon magnetic flux density. The influence of the medium in relating  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  comes about in the following way. The electronic orbital and spin motions in the atoms can be thought of as circulating currents on which a force is exerted by  $\mathbf{B}$  and which produce a field  $\mathbf{M}$  (called *magnetization*) that adds to  $\mathbf{H}$ . This is analogous to the response of a dielectric medium shown in Fig. 1.3c. Then  $\mathbf{B}$  is related to  $\mathbf{H}$  as though there were only free space but with the added field of the atomic currents

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) \quad (3)$$

Magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$  may have a permanent contribution (to be considered in Sec. 2.15), but here we neglect this and assume the material isotropic so that  $\mathbf{M}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{H}$ .

We can then write

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)\mathbf{H} = \mu\mathbf{H} = \mu_r\mu_0\mathbf{H}$$

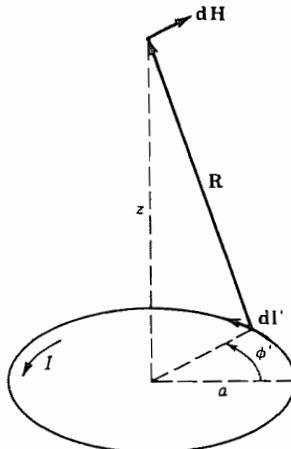
where  $\chi_m$  is called the *magnetic susceptibility*,  $\mu$  is the permeability introduced in Sec. 2.2, and  $\mu_r$  is the relative permeability. Many materials have nonlinear behavior so  $\chi_m$  and  $\mu$  are, in general, functions of the field strength. For diamagnetic materials  $\chi_m < 0$ , and for paramagnetic, ferromagnetic, and ferrimagnetic materials  $\chi_m > 0$ . Most materials commonly considered to be dielectrics or metals have either diamagnetic or paramagnetic behavior and typically  $|\chi_m| < 10^{-5}$  so we treat them as free space, taking  $\mu = \mu_0$ . Ferromagnetic and ferrimagnetic materials usually have  $\chi_m$  and  $\mu/\mu_0$  much greater than unity and in some cases are anisotropic, that is, dependent upon direction of the field. All of these aspects are considered in more detail in Chapter 13.

### Example 2.3a FIELD ON AXIS OF CIRCULAR LOOP

As an example of the application of the law, the magnetic field is computed for a point on the axis of a circular loop of wire carrying dc current  $I$  (Fig. 2.3b). The element  $d\mathbf{l}'$  has magnitude  $a d\phi'$  and is always perpendicular to  $\mathbf{R}$ . Hence the contribution  $dH$  from an element is

$$dH = \frac{Ia d\phi'}{4\pi(a^2 + z^2)} \quad (4)$$

As one integrates about the loop, the direction of  $\mathbf{R}$  changes, and so the direction of



**FIG. 2.3b** Magnetic field from element of a circular current loop (Ex. 2.3a).

$d\mathbf{H}$  changes, generating a conical surface as  $\phi$  goes through  $2\pi$  radians (rad). The radial components of the various contributions cancel, and the axial components add. Using (4)

$$dH_z = dH \sin \theta = \frac{a \, dH}{(a^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}$$

Integrating in  $\phi$  amounts to multiplying by  $2\pi$ ; thus

$$H_z = \frac{Ia^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad (5)$$

Note that for a point at the center of the loop,  $z = 0$ ,

$$H_z \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{I}{2a} \quad (6)$$


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### Example 2.3b FIELD OF A FINITE STRAIGHT LINE OF CURRENT

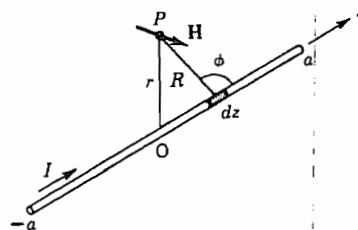
Let us find the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  at a point  $P$  a perpendicular distance  $r$  from the center of a finite length of current  $I$ , as shown in Fig. 2.3c. It is easy to see from the right-hand rule that there is only an  $H_\phi$  component. Its magnitude is given by the integral of (1) over the length  $2a$

$$H_\phi = \int_{-a}^a \frac{I \sin \phi \, dz}{4\pi R^2}$$

We can see from Fig. 2.3c that  $\sin \phi = r/R$  and  $R = (r^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$ . Thus,

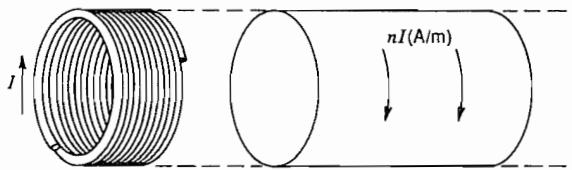
$$H_\phi = \frac{Ir}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{dz}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \frac{1}{[(r/a)^2 + 1]^{1/2}} \quad (7)$$

which becomes  $I/2\pi r$  if  $|a| \rightarrow \infty$ . This same result is found in Ex. 2.4a by a different method.



**FIG. 2.3c** Calculation of magnetic field of straight section of current (Ex. 2.3b).

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**FIG. 2.3d** Tightly wound solenoid of  $n$  turns per meter and its representation by a current sheet of  $nI$  A/m (Ex. 2.3c).

### Example 2.3c FIELD IN AN INFINITE SOLENOID

Let us here model the long, tightly wound solenoid shown in Fig. 2.3d by an equivalent current sheet to facilitate calculation of the magnetic field inside. We assume that though the wire makes a small helical angle with a cross-sectional plane, we can adequately model it with a circumferential current. The current flowing around the solenoid per meter is  $nI$ , where  $n$  is the number of turns per meter and  $I$  is the current in each turn. Then, in a differential length of the sheet model, there is a current  $nIdz$ . We will calculate, for simplicity, the field on the axis. But one can show, by means that will come later (see Ex. 2.4d) that the field for an infinitely long solenoid is uniform throughout the inside of the solenoid. We can adapt (4) for the present calculation by taking  $I$  in (4) to be  $nIdz$ . Then the total field on the axis for the infinitely long solenoid is given by

$$H_z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{nla^2 dz}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad (8)$$

In evaluating the integral in (8), one first takes symmetrical finite limits as in (7) and then lets the limits go to infinity with the result

$$H_z = nI \quad (9)$$

For a solenoid of finite length, it is easy to modify (8) to obtain on-axis fields (Prob. 2.3c) but difficult to perform the integrals for fields not on the axis.

## 2.4 THE LINE INTEGRAL OF MAGNETIC FIELD

Although Ampère's law describes how magnetic field may be computed from a given system of currents, other derived forms of the law may be more easily applied to certain types of problems. In this and the following sections, some of these forms are presented, with examples of their application. The sketch of the derivations of these forms, because they are more complex than for the corresponding electrostatic forms, will be left to Appendix 3.

One of the most useful forms of the magnetic field laws derived from Ampère's law is that which states that a line integral of static magnetic field taken about any given closed path must equal the current enclosed by that path. In the vector notation,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = I \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) is often referred to as *Ampère's circuital law*. The sign convention for current on the right side of (1) is taken so that it is positive if it has the sense of advance of a right-hand screw rotated in the direction of circulation chosen for the line integration. This is simply a statement of the well-known right-hand rule relating directions of current and magnetic field.

Equation (1) is rather analogous to Gauss's law in electrostatics in the sense that it is an important general relation and is also useful for problem solving if there is sufficient symmetry in the problem. If the product  $\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is constant along some path,  $\mathbf{H}$  can be found simply by dividing  $I$  by the path length.

### Example 2.4a MAGNETIC FIELD ABOUT A LINE CURRENT

An important example is that of a long, straight, round conductor carrying current  $I$ . If an integration is made about a circular path of radius  $r$  centered on the axis of the wire, the symmetry reveals that magnetic field is circumferential and does not vary with angle as one moves about the path. Hence the line integral is just the product of circumference and the value of  $H_\phi$ . This must equal the current enclosed

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2\pi r H_\phi = I$$

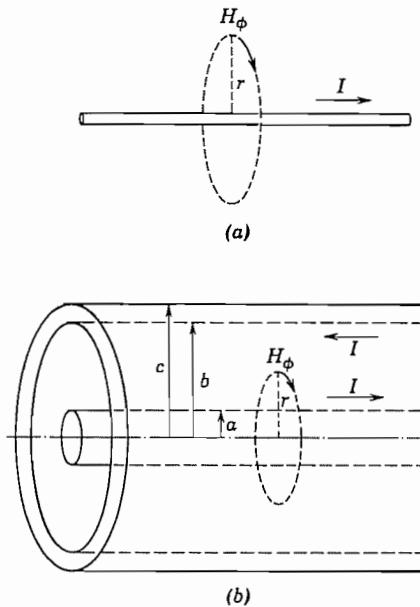
or

$$H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \text{ A/m} \quad (2)$$

as was found by a different method in Ex. 2.3b. The sense relations are given in Fig. 2.4a.

### Example 2.4b MAGNETIC FIELD BETWEEN COAXIAL CYLINDERS

A coaxial line (Fig. 2.4b) carrying current  $I$  on the inner conductor and  $-I$  on the outer (the return current) has the same type of symmetry as the isolated wire, and a circular path between the two conductors encloses current  $I$ , so that the result (1) applies directly for the region between conductors:



**FIG. 2.4** (a) and (b) Magnetic field about line current and between coaxial cylinders (Exs. 2.4a and b).

$$H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \quad a < r < b \quad (3)$$

Outside the outer conductor, a circular path encloses both the going and return currents, or a net current of zero. Hence the magnetic field outside is zero.

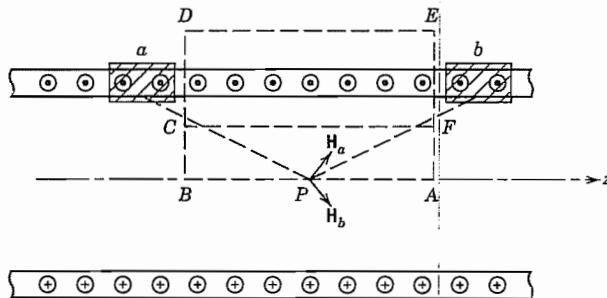
### Example 2.4c MAGNETIC FIELD INSIDE A UNIFORM CURRENT

Let us find the magnetic field inside the round inner conductor in Fig. 2.4b assuming a uniform distribution of current. We will apply (2) but with  $I$  replaced by  $I(r)$ , the current enclosed by a circle at radius  $r$ . The total current in the wire is  $I(a) = I$  and the current density is  $I/\pi a^2$ . The current  $I(r)$  is

$$I(r) = \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 I \quad (4)$$

and using (2),

$$H_\phi(r) = \frac{I(r)}{2\pi r} = \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 2.4c** Section through axis of infinite solenoid for Ex. 2.4d showing contributions to  $\mathbf{H}$  on axis from two symmetrically spaced elements.

### Example 2.4d MAGNETIC FIELD OF A SOLENOID

In Ex. 2.3c we showed that the magnetic field  $H_z$  on the axis of an infinitely long solenoid of  $n$  turns per meter carrying a current  $I$  A is  $nI$ . Now let us use the integral relation (1) to show that the field outside is zero and that inside is uniformly  $nI$ . Figure 2.4c shows the section through the solenoid in a plane containing the axis. Let us consider the integration paths shown by broken lines to be 1 m long in the  $z$  direction for simplicity of notation. Any radial component of  $\mathbf{H}$  produced by a current element is canceled by that of a symmetrically located element. This is illustrated in Fig. 2.4c for the fields  $\mathbf{H}_a$  and  $\mathbf{H}_b$  from elements  $a$  and  $b$  located equal distances from the point  $P$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is zero along the sides  $BD$  and  $AE$ .

Taking the line integral around path  $ABDEA$  and setting it equal to the enclosed current gives

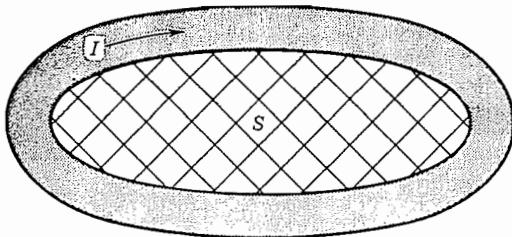
$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = nI + \int_D^E \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = nI \quad (6)$$

since  $H$  on the axis is  $nI$ . From (6) the integral from  $D$  to  $E$  is zero. Since the placement of the outside path  $DE$  is arbitrary, external  $H$  must be zero.

The line integral around path  $ABCFA$  encloses no current so the integral along the arbitrarily positioned path  $CF$  must be equal in magnitude to, and of opposite sign from, that along  $AB$ . Thus, the internal field is everywhere  $z$ -directed and has the value

$$H_z = nI \quad (7)$$

Note that these symmetry arguments cannot be made for a solenoid of finite length, but the results given here are reasonably accurate for a solenoid having a length much greater than its diameter, except near the ends.



**FIG. 2.5a** Loop of wire. Cross-hatching shows surface used for calculation of external inductance.

## 2.5 INDUCTANCE FROM FLUX LINKAGES: EXTERNAL INDUCTANCE

The important circuit element which describes the effect of magnetic energy storage for an electric circuit is the inductor. It is of primary concern for dynamic, that is, time-varying, problems, but the inductance calculated from static concepts is often useful up to very high frequencies. This is the quasistatic use discussed in the introduction to this chapter. In a manner similar to the capacitance definition of Sec. 1.9, inductance can be defined in terms of flux linkage by

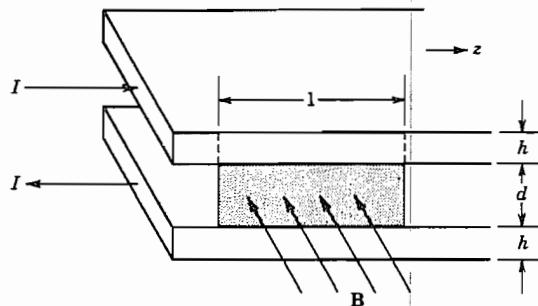
$$L = \frac{1}{I} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (1)$$

where the surface  $S$  must be specified. Consider, for example, the loop of wire shown in Fig. 2.5a. The current  $I$  produces magnetic flux in the cross-hatched area  $S$  bounded by the loop. Also, some of the flux produced by the current is inside the wire itself. It is convenient to separate the inductances related to these two components of flux and call them, respectively, *external inductance* and *internal inductance*. Examples of calculations of external inductance for simple structures are given below and an example of an internal inductance calculation is presented in Sec. 2.17.

### Example 2.5a

#### EXTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF A PARALLEL-PLANE TRANSMISSION LINE

Here we find the external inductance for a unit length of a parallel-plane structure (Fig. 2.5b) which is wide enough compared with the conductor spacing that the fields between the conductors are, to a reasonable degree of accuracy, those of infinite parallel planes, as suggested in Fig. 2.5c. Note that the flux tubes (bounded by the field lines) spread out greatly outside the edges of the conductors. Thus, there is a strong reduction of flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  and, therefore, also  $\mathbf{H}$ . The line integral of  $\mathbf{H}$  around one of the conductors



**FIG. 2.5b** Surface for calculation of external inductance of a parallel-plane transmission line.

has its predominant contribution from the field  $H_0$  between the conductors,

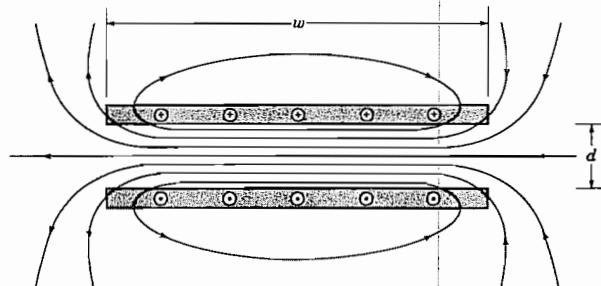
$$I = \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \cong H_0 w \quad (2)$$

where  $I$  is the total current in one conductor and  $w$  is the conductor width. This result applies to any path in the cross-sectional plane (Fig. 2.5c) between and parallel to the conductors, so  $H_0$  can be considered approximately uniform.

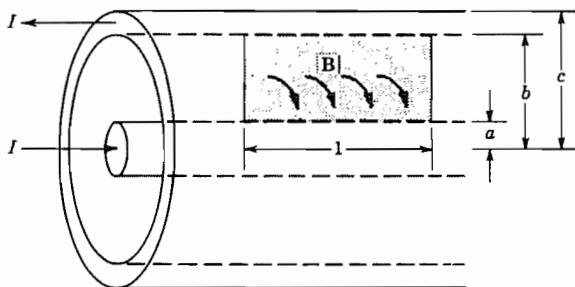
The external inductance for a unit length is found by applying (1) to the surface between the conductors which is shown shaded in Fig. 2.5b. Since  $I$  is independent of  $z$  and  $H_0$  is nearly constant through the space between the conductors and is perpendicular to the shaded surface, (1) becomes

$$L = \frac{1}{I} \mu_0 \left( \frac{I}{w} \right) d = \mu_0 \frac{d}{w} \text{ H/m} \quad (3)$$

This relation is based on the neglect of fringing fields and is most accurate for small  $d/w$ .



**FIG. 2.5c** Cross-section of parallel-plane transmission line of finite width showing general character of magnetic field lines.



**FIG. 2.5d** Surface for calculation of external inductance of a coaxial transmission line.

### Example 2.5b EXTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF A COAXIAL TRANSMISSION LINE

For a coaxial line as pictured in Fig. 2.5d with axial current  $I$  flowing in the inner conductor and returning in the outer, the magnetic field is circumferential and, for  $a < r < b$ , is (Ex. 2.4b)

$$H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \quad (4)$$

For a unit length the magnetic flux between radii  $a$  and  $b$  is, by integration over the shaded area in Fig. 2.5d,

$$\int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_a^b \mu \left( \frac{I}{2\pi r} \right) dr = \frac{\mu I}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} \quad (5)$$

So, from (1), the inductance per unit length is

$$L = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} \quad \text{H/m} \quad (6)$$

For high frequencies, there is not much penetration of fields into conductors as will be seen in Chapter 3, so this is then the main contribution to inductance. The internal inductance for low frequencies will be considered in Sec. 2.17.

## Differential Forms for Magnetostatics and the Use of Potential

### 2.6 THE CURL OF A VECTOR FIELD

To write differential equation forms for laws having to do with line integrals, it will be necessary to make use of the vector operation called *curl*. This is defined in terms of a line integral taken around an infinitesimal path, divided by the area enclosed by that path. It is seen to have some similarities to the operation of divergence of Sec. 1.11, which was defined as the surface integral taken about an infinitesimal surface divided by the volume enclosed by that surface. Unlike the divergence, however, the curl operation results in a vector because the orientation of the surface element about which the integral is taken must be defined. This additional complication seems to be enough to make curl a more difficult concept for a beginning student. The student should attempt to obtain as much physical significance as possible from the definitions to be given, but at the same time should recognize that full appreciation of the operation will come only with practice in its use.

The curl of a vector field is defined as a vector function whose component at a point in a particular direction is found by orienting a small area normal to the desired direction at that point, and finding the limit of the line integral divided by the area:

$$[\text{curl } \mathbf{F}]_i \triangleq \lim_{\Delta S_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\Delta S_i} \quad (1)$$

where  $i$  denotes a particular direction,  $\Delta S_i$  is normal to that direction, and the line integral is taken in the right-hand sense with respect to the positive  $i$  direction. In rectangular coordinates, for example, to compute the  $z$  component of the curl, the small area  $\Delta S = \Delta x \Delta y$  is selected in the  $x-y$  plane to be normal to the  $z$  direction (Fig. 2.6a). The right-hand sense of integration about the path with respect to the positive  $z$  direction is as shown by the arrows of the figure. The line integral is then

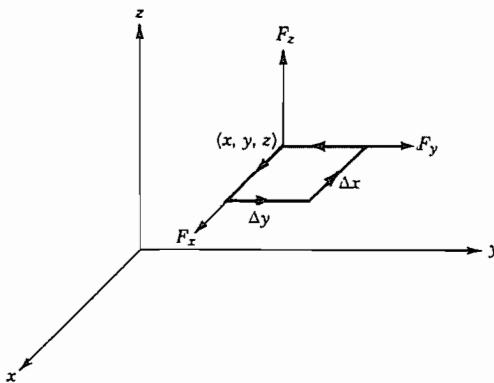
$$\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \Delta y F_y \Big|_{x+\Delta x} - \Delta x F_x \Big|_{y+\Delta y} - \Delta y F_y \Big|_x + \Delta x F_x \Big|_y$$

We find  $F_y$  at  $x + \Delta x$  and  $F_x$  at  $y + \Delta y$  by truncated Taylor series expansions

$$F_x \Big|_{y+\Delta y} \cong F_x \Big|_y + \Delta y \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \Big|_y; \quad F_y \Big|_{x+\Delta x} \cong F_y \Big|_x + \Delta x \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} \Big|_x \quad (2)$$

So

$$\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \cong \left( \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y$$



**FIG. 2.6a** Path for line integral in definition of curl.

Then using the definition (1), we get

$$[\text{curl } \mathbf{F}]_z = \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \quad (3)$$

because the expansions (2) become exact in the limit. Similarly, by taking the elements of area in the  $y-z$  plane and  $x-z$  plane, respectively, we find

$$[\text{curl } \mathbf{F}]_x = \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z} \quad (4)$$

$$[\text{curl } \mathbf{F}]_y = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} \quad (5)$$

These components may be multiplied by the corresponding unit vectors and added to form the vector representing the curl:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z} \right] + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left[ \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} \right] + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[ \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right] \quad (6)$$

If this form is compared with the form of the cross product and the definition of the vector operator  $\nabla$ , Eq. 1.10(7), the above can logically be written as

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} \quad (7)$$

In deriving curl for other coordinate systems, the variation of line elements with coordinates must be considered, just as the variation of surface elements with coordinates

in spherical coordinates was considered in Sec. 1.11. (See Appendix 2.) Results for circular cylindrical and spherical coordinates are given on the inside front cover.<sup>3</sup>

The name *curl* (or *rotation* as it is sometimes called) has some physical significance in the sense that a finite value for the line integral taken in the vicinity of a point is obtained if the curl is finite. The name should not be associated with the curvature of the field lines, however, for a field consisting of closed circles may have zero curl nearly everywhere, and a straight-line field varying in certain ways may have a finite curl. The following examples illustrate these points.

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### Example 2.6a CURL-FREE FIELD WITH CIRCULAR FIELD LINES

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The magnetic field in the region surrounding a current in a long straight round wire was seen in Eq. 2.4(2) to be  $H_\phi = I/2\pi r$ . If we write this in rectangular coordinates using  $\sin \phi = y/r$ ,  $\cos \phi = x/r$ , and  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , we get

$$H_x = -H_\phi \sin \phi = -\frac{I}{2\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad (8)$$

$$H_y = H_\phi \cos \phi = \frac{I}{2\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad (9)$$

$$H_z = 0 \quad (10)$$

as can be seen from Fig. 2.6b. Since there is no  $z$  component and no dependence on  $z$ , (6) shows immediately that the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the curl are zero. Substituting (8) and (9) into (6) with  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}$  we obtain

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left( \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \quad (11)$$

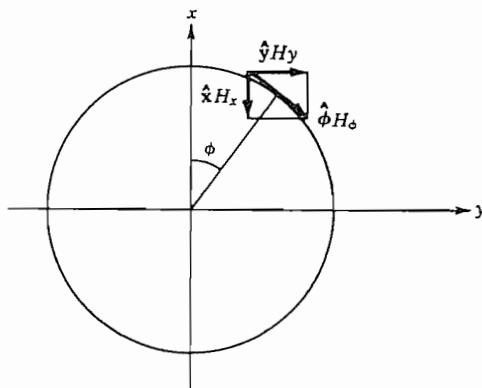
This result is found more naturally and directly for this problem using the expression for the curl in cylindrical coordinates found inside the front cover:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial H_\phi}{\partial z} \right] + \hat{\phi} \left[ \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial z} \right] + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r H_\phi)}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial \phi} \right] \quad (12)$$

Since there is only an  $H_\phi$  and no  $z$  dependence, the first two components vanish. The  $r$  and  $\phi$  components are the transverse ones corresponding to  $x$  and  $y$  components. Since there is no  $H_r$  and  $rH_\phi$  does not depend upon  $r$ , we see that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0$  as shown above.

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<sup>3</sup> As with the divergence (footnote 4 of Chapter 1), one cannot take the cross product of  $\nabla$  and the vector to obtain the curl in a curvilinear coordinate system, but must use the basic definition (1).



**FIG. 2.6b** Resolution of  $H_\phi$  of a line current into rectangular components (Ex. 2.6a).

### Example 2.6b FIELD WITH NONVANISHING CURL

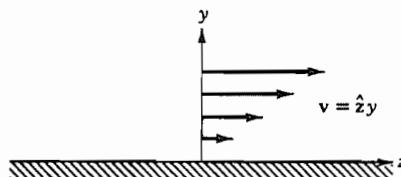
The magnetic field inside a uniform current with circular symmetry was seen in Ex. 2.4c to be  $H_\phi(r) = Ir/2\pi a^2$ . As in the preceding example, we see that the symmetries indicate the presence of only the  $z$  component of the curl in (12). Also, the second term in the  $z$  component is zero. Thus

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rH_\phi)}{\partial r} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{I}{\pi a^2} \quad (13)$$


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### Example 2.6c NONVANISHING CURL IN FIELD OF STRAIGHT PARALLEL VECTORS

A theoretically stable electron flow in a type of microwave electron tube called a planar magnetron has an electron velocity distribution described by  $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}y$  and is shown in Fig. 2.6c. We see there a vector function with all vectors straight and parallel. It is immediately evident by substitution of  $\mathbf{v}$  in (6) that



**FIG. 2.6c** Electron flow in planar magnetron (Ex. 2.6c).

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}[\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v}]_x = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \neq 0 \quad (14)$$

It is instructive to see, by using the line-integral definition of the curl (1) why this result obtains. All vectors and their spatial variations are in the  $y-z$  plane, and (6) shows there can be only an  $x$  component of the curl. Then we can write for a small area  $\Delta S = \Delta y \Delta z$

$$[\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v}]_x = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{[v_z(y + \Delta y) - v_z(y)]\Delta z}{\Delta y \Delta z} \quad (15)$$

We see that the curl is nonzero because the velocity is larger on one side of the loop than on the other.

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### Example 2.6d CURL OF THE GRADIENT OF A SCALAR

Here we show the useful fact that the curl of the gradient of a scalar is zero. If we write

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla \xi = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z}$$

and substitute it in (6), we get

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial z \partial y} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \quad (16)$$

Since the order of the partial derivative operations is arbitrary  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$ . A particularly important example is the electrostatic field. The fact that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$  follows immediately from either  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi$  or  $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ . We shall see in Chapter 3 that these properties of  $\mathbf{E}$  do not apply for time-varying fields.

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## 2.7 CURL OF MAGNETIC FIELD

Now let us use the formulations of the last two sections to derive a new relation for magnetic field. The line integral of  $\mathbf{H}$  around an area  $\Delta S_i$  is substituted in the definition of the curl, Eq. 2.6(1), to get

$$[\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H}]_i = \lim_{\Delta S_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_{\Delta S_i} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\Delta S_i}$$

But  $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is the current through the area  $\Delta S_i$  by Eq. 2.4(1) so

$$[\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H}]_i = \lim_{\Delta S_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_{\Delta S_i} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta S_i} = J_i \quad (1)$$


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This relation holds for all three orthogonal components. If these are multiplied by the corresponding unit vectors and added, we get the vector relation

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} \triangleq \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \quad (2)$$

This can be thought of as the equivalent of Eq. 2.4(1) for a differential path taken around a point. Note that the curl  $\mathbf{H}$  found in Eq. 2.6(13) is the current density, as required by (2).

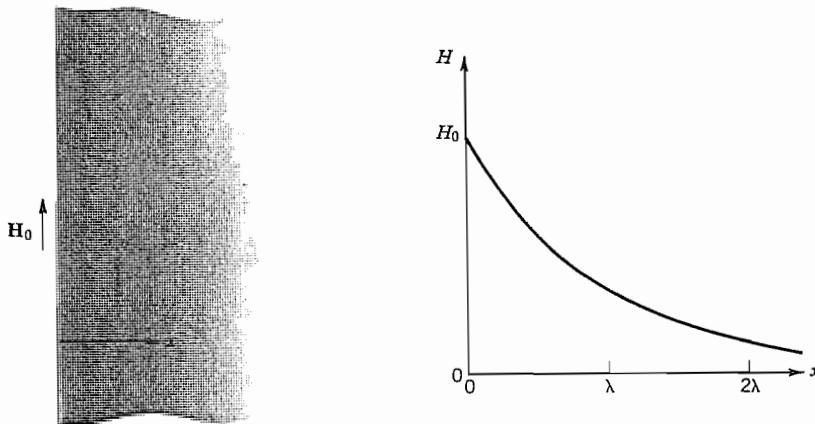
### Example 2.7

#### CURRENT DENSITY AT SUPERCONDUCTOR SURFACE

If a sheet of superconductive material<sup>4</sup> is in a magnetic field  $\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}H_z$  parallel to its surface, there is a penetration of  $\mathbf{H}$  only a very short distance into the superconductor as shown in Fig. 2.7. The decay of  $H_z$  with distance is given by

$$H_z = H_0 e^{-x/\lambda_s} \quad (3)$$

where  $H_0$  is the value at the surface and  $\lambda_s$ , called the *penetration depth*, is a property of the material. We can find the corresponding current density using (2) and the



**FIG. 2.7** Penetration of magnetic field into a thick sheet of superconducting material.

<sup>4</sup> Superconductors include lead, tin, niobium, and numerous other elements, alloys, and compounds. They have zero dc resistance and other special properties below their critical temperatures. See, for example, V. Z. Kresin and S. A. Wolf, *Fundamentals of Superconductivity*, Plenum Press, New York, 1990.

expansion in Eq. 2.6(6):

$$J_y = [\text{curl } \mathbf{H}]_y = -\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} = \frac{H_0}{\lambda_s} e^{-x/\lambda_s}$$

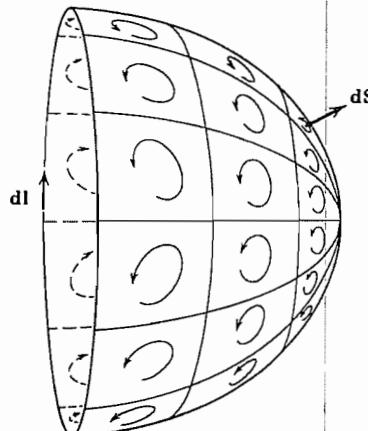
Thus, the current also is found only near the surface.

## 2.8 RELATION BETWEEN DIFFERENTIAL AND INTEGRAL FORMS OF THE FIELD EQUATIONS

The differential form relating magnetic field to current density was derived from the integral form through the definition of curl. One can proceed in reverse by using Stokes's theorem, which states that for a vector function  $\mathbf{F}$ ,

$$\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S (\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (1)$$

This theorem is made plausible by looking at a general surface as in Fig. 2.8a, breaking it into elemental areas. For each differential area, the contribution  $(\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  gives the line integral about that area by the definition of curl. If contributions from infinitesimal areas are summed over the surface, the line integral must disappear for all internal areas, since a boundary is first traversed in one direction and then later in the opposite direction in determining the contribution from an adjacent area. The only places where these contributions do not disappear are along the outer boundary, so that



**FIG. 2.8a** Subdivision of arbitrary surface for proof of Stokes's theorem.

the result of the summation is then the line integral of the vector around the boundary as stated in (1). It is recognized that the process is similar to the transformation from the differential to the integral form of Gauss's law through the divergence theorem in Sec. 1.11. Then writing Stokes's theorem for magnetic field, we have

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (2)$$

But, by Eq. 2.7(2), the curl may be replaced by the current density:

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (3)$$

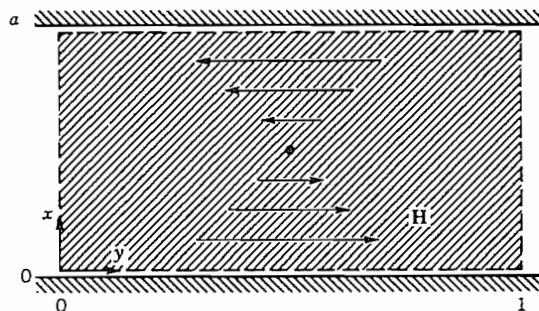
The right side represents the current flow through the surface of which the path for the line integration on the left is a boundary. Hence (3) is exactly equivalent to Eq. 2.4(1).

### Example 2.8a DEMONSTRATION OF STOKES'S THEOREM

Let us demonstrate Stokes's theorem for a magnetic field that is part of an electromagnetic wave in a certain kind of transmission structure. The field at a particular instant of time is described by

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} A \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (4)$$

We will apply (2) to the area shown in Fig. 2.8b where the field distribution (4) is illustrated. The line integral of (4) along the broken path is



**FIG. 2.8b** Area for integration of field  $\mathbf{H}$  to demonstrate the validity of Stokes's theorem (Ex. 2.8a).

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^a H_x dx + \int_0^1 H_y dy + \int_a^0 H_x dx + \int_1^0 H_y dy \\ = 0 + A \cos \pi + 0 - A \cos 0 = -2A \quad (5)$$

where the facts that  $H_x = 0$  and  $H_y \neq f(y)$  are used.

The curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  in rectangular coordinates is

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} = -\hat{\mathbf{z}} A \frac{\pi}{a} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (6)$$

The integral of (6) over the surface bounded by the broken line in Fig. 2.8b is

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_0^a -A \frac{\pi}{a} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} dx = A \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \Big|_0^a \\ = -2A \quad (7)$$

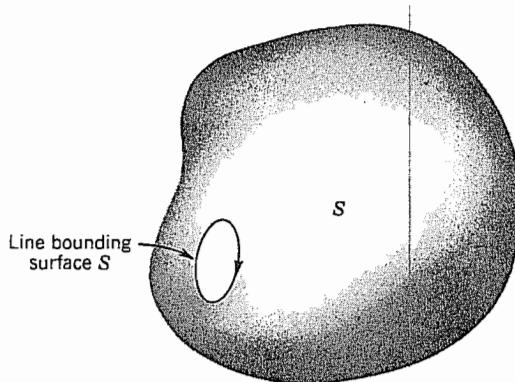
Since (5) and (7) give the same results, Stokes's theorem (1) is illustrated.

### Example 2.8b

PROOF THAT  $\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$

That  $\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$  can be proved by using the expressions in rectangular coordinates as was done for  $\nabla \times \nabla \psi$  in Ex. 2.6d. Here we take a different approach that uses Stokes's theorem. Since Stokes's theorem applies to any surface, we may treat the surface shown in Fig. 2.8c and let the bounding line shrink to zero so the surface becomes a closed one. Then the line integral on the left side of (2) vanishes and we have

$$\oint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 2.8c** Surface used in Ex. 2.8b.

We may then apply the divergence theorem (Sec. 1.11) to the vector  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ :

$$\oint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{F} dV \quad (9)$$

Since we saw in (8) that the left side is zero with an arbitrary choice of surface, the integrand on the right side must vanish,

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0 \quad (10)$$

which was to be shown. This is a useful relation in the study of electromagnetic fields.

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## 2.9 VECTOR MAGNETIC POTENTIAL

We introduce here another potential, which is often used as a conveniently calculated quantity from which the magnetic field can be found. An integral expression for the flux density can be obtained from Eq. 2.3(2) by multiplying by  $\mu$  for homogeneous media:

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{\mu I'(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{l}' \times \mathbf{R}}{4\pi R^3} \quad (1)$$

It is shown in Appendix 3 that this can be broken into two steps by making use of certain vector equivalences. The result gives

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{\mu I'(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{l}'}{4\pi R} \quad (3)$$

The current may be given as a vector density  $\mathbf{J}$  in current per unit area spread over a volume  $V'$ . Then, since  $I = J dS$ , where  $dS$  is the differential area element perpendicular to  $\mathbf{J}$ , and  $d\mathbf{l}$  is in the direction of  $\mathbf{J}$ ,  $dS dl$  forms a volume element  $dV$  and the equivalent to (3) is

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_V \frac{\mu \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi R} \quad (4)$$

In both (3) and (4),  $R$  is the distance from a current element of the integration to the point at which  $\mathbf{A}$  is to be computed. The function  $\mathbf{A}$ , introduced as an intermediate step, is computed as an integral over the given currents from (3) or (4) and then differentiated in the manner defined by (2) to yield the magnetic field. Function  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *magnetic vector potential*. Note that each element of  $\mathbf{A}$  has the direction of the current element producing it. It is analogous to the potential function of electrostatics, which is found in terms of an integral over charges and then differentiated in a certain way to yield the electric field. The magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$  is different, however, because it is a

vector, and does not have the simple physical significance of work done in moving through the field that electrostatic potential has. Some physical pictures can be formed but the student should not worry about these until more familiarity with the function has been developed through certain examples.

### Example 2.9a

#### VECTOR POTENTIAL AND MAGNETIC FIELD OF A CURRENT ELEMENT

Here we show that the magnetic flux density of a current element found using (3) and (2), in that order, is the same as the integrand of (1), which expresses Ampère's law. The magnetic vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  exists throughout the region surrounding the given current element, as shown in Fig. 2.9a. From (3) we find

$$\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} A_z = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\mu I dz}{4\pi r} \quad (5)$$

since the origin of coordinates is positioned at the current element. As noted earlier  $d\mathbf{A}$  is parallel to the current element producing it. It is most convenient to use spherical coordinates in this example. From the figure we see that  $A_r = A_z \cos \theta$  and  $A_\theta = -A_z \sin \theta$ . The curl in spherical coordinates (from inside the front cover) reduces to

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \hat{\Phi} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \quad (6)$$

since  $A_\phi = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial\phi = 0$ , by symmetry. Substituting  $A_r$  and  $A_\phi$  using (5), we find

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \hat{\Phi} \left( \frac{\mu I dz}{4\pi} \right) \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \quad (7)$$

Note that  $d\mathbf{l}' \times \mathbf{R}$  is  $\hat{\Phi} dz r \sin \theta$ , so (7) is equivalent to the integrand in (1).

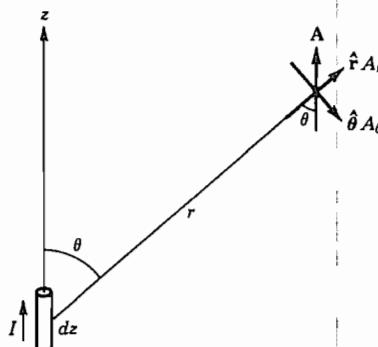


FIG. 2.9a Vector potential in region surrounding a current element.

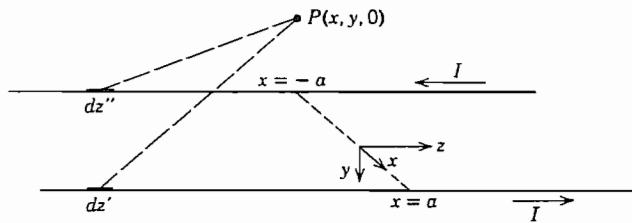


FIG. 2.9b Parallel-wire transmission line.

**Example 2.9b**

## VECTOR POTENTIAL AND FIELD OF A PARALLEL-WIRE TRANSMISSION LINE

Let us consider a parallel-wire transmission line of infinite length carrying current  $I$  in one conductor and its return in the other distance  $2a$  away. The coordinate system is set up as in Fig. 2.9b. Since the field quantities do not vary with  $z$ , it is convenient to calculate them in the plane  $z = 0$ . The conductors will first be taken as extending from  $z = -L$  to  $z = L$  to avoid indeterminacies in the integrals. Since current is only in the  $z$  direction,  $A$  by (3) will be in the  $z$  direction also. The contribution to  $A_z$  from both wires is

$$\begin{aligned} A_z &= \int_{-L}^L \frac{\mu I \, dz'}{4\pi\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + y^2 + z'^2}} - \int_{-L}^L \frac{\mu I \, dz''}{4\pi\sqrt{(x+a)^2 + y^2 + z''^2}} \\ &= \frac{2\mu}{4\pi} \left[ \int_0^L \frac{I \, dz'}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + y^2 + z'^2}} - \int_0^L \frac{I \, dz''}{\sqrt{(x+a)^2 + y^2 + z''^2}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

The integrals may be evaluated<sup>5</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} A_z &= \frac{I\mu}{2\pi} \left[ \ln[z' + \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + y^2 + z'^2}] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \ln[z'' + \sqrt{(x+a)^2 + y^2 + z''^2}] \right]_0^L \end{aligned}$$

Now, as  $L$  is allowed to approach infinity, the upper limits of the two terms cancel. Hence

$$A_z = \frac{I\mu}{4\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{(x+a)^2 + y^2}{(x-a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (8)$$

<sup>5</sup> Most integrals of this text can be found in standard handbooks such as the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics (any recent edition); M. R. Spiegel, Mathematical Handbook, Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill, 1968; or M. Abramowitz and I. A. Stegun (Eds.), Handbook of Mathematical Functions, National Bureau of Standards Applied Mathematics, Dover, New York, 1964. One of the most complete listings is I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik, Table of Integrals, Series, and Products (A. Jeffrey, Trans.), Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1980.

If (2) is then applied, using the expression for curl in rectangular coordinates, we find

$$H_x = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = \frac{I}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{y}{(x+a)^2 + y^2} - \frac{y}{(x-a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (9)$$

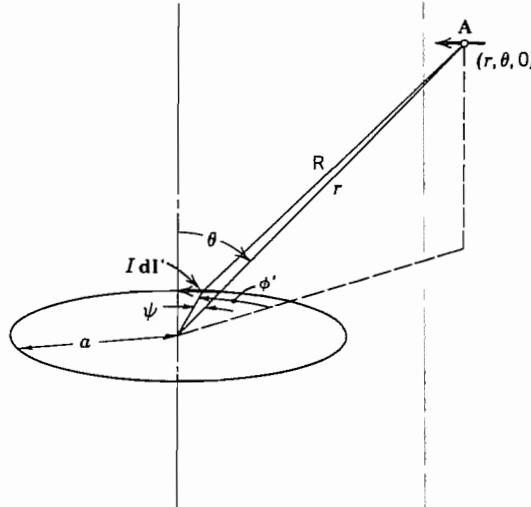
$$H_y = -\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = \frac{I}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{(x-a)}{(x-a)^2 + y^2} - \frac{(x+a)}{(x+a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (10)$$


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## 2.10 DISTANT FIELD OF CURRENT LOOP: MAGNETIC DIPOLE

The magnetic field on the axis of a loop of current was derived in Ex. 2.3a. Here we will find the magnetic vector potential and field at locations not restricted to the axis but distant from the loop. The arrangement to be analyzed is shown in Fig. 2.10. For any point  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  at which  $\mathbf{A}$  is to be found, some current elements  $I dl'$  are oriented such that they produce components of  $\mathbf{A}$  in directions other than the  $\phi$  direction. However, by the symmetry of the loop, equal and opposite amounts of such components exist. As a result  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\phi$  directed and is independent of the value of  $\phi$  at which it is to be found. For convenience, we choose to calculate  $\mathbf{A}$  at the point  $(r, \theta, 0)$ . The  $\phi$ -directed contribution of a differential element of current is

$$dA_\phi = \frac{\mu I dl' \cos \phi'}{4\pi R} \quad (1)$$



**FIG. 2.10** Coordinates for calculation of magnetic-dipole fields.

where  $R$  is the distance from the element  $dl'$  to  $(r, \theta, 0)$ . The total is found as the integral around the loop

$$A_\phi = \frac{\mu I}{4\pi} \oint \frac{dl' \cos \phi'}{R} = \frac{\mu I a}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos \phi' d\phi'}{R} \quad (2)$$

where  $a$  is the radius of the loop. The distance  $R$  can be expressed in terms of the radius from the origin to  $(r, \theta, 0)$  as

$$R^2 = r^2 + a^2 - 2ra \cos \psi \quad (3)$$

To get  $ra \cos \psi$  we note that  $r \cos \psi$  is the projection of  $r$  onto the extension of the radius line to  $dl'$ . Therefore

$$ra \cos \psi = ra \sin \theta \cos \phi' \quad (4)$$

Substituting (4) into (3) and assuming  $r \gg a$ , we find

$$R \approx r \left( 1 - 2 \frac{a}{r} \sin \theta \cos \phi' \right)^{1/2}$$

or

$$R^{-1} \approx r^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{a}{r} \sin \theta \cos \phi' \right) \quad (5)$$

Utilizing this expression in (2), we find

$$\begin{aligned} A_\phi &= \frac{\mu I a}{4\pi r} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \cos \phi' + \frac{a}{r} \sin \theta \cos^2 \phi' \right) d\phi' \\ &= \frac{\mu I a \pi \sin \theta}{4\pi r} = \frac{\mu (I \pi a^2) \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

As was noted at the outset the result applies to any value of  $\phi$ . The components of  $\mathbf{B}$ , found by substituting (6) in Eq. 2.9(2), are

$$B_r = \frac{\mu I \pi a^2}{2\pi r^3} \cos \theta \quad (7)$$

$$B_\theta = \frac{\mu I \pi a^2}{4\pi r^3} \sin \theta \quad (8)$$

$$B_\phi = 0 \quad (9)$$

The group of terms  $I \pi a^2$  can be given a special significance by comparison of (7)–(9) with the fields of an electric dipole, Eq. 1.10(10). The identity of the functional form of the fields has led to defining the magnitude of the *magnetic dipole moment* as

$$m = I \pi a^2 \quad (10)$$

The dipole direction is along the  $\theta = 0$  axis in Fig. 2.10 for the direction of  $I$  shown.

The vector potential can be written in terms of the magnetic dipole moment  $\mathbf{m}$  as

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{-\mu_0}{4\pi} \mathbf{m} \times \nabla \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \quad (11)$$

where the partial derivatives in the gradient operation are with respect to the point of observation of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

### 2.11 DIVERGENCE OF MAGNETIC FLUX DENSITY

As given by Eq. 2.9(2) (derived in Appendix 3), the magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  can be expressed as the curl of another vector  $\mathbf{A}$  when the sources of  $\mathbf{B}$  are currents. We have shown in Ex. 2.8b that the divergence of the curl of any vector is zero. Thus,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (1)$$

A major difference between electric and magnetic fields is now apparent. The magnetic field must have zero divergence everywhere. That is, when the magnetic field is due to currents, there are no sources of magnetic flux which correspond to the electric charges as sources of electric flux. Fields with zero divergence such as these are consequently often called *source-free fields*.

Magnetic field concepts are often developed from an exact parallel with electric fields by considering the concept of isolated magnetic poles as sources of magnetic flux, corresponding to the charges of electrostatics. The result of zero divergence then follows because such poles have so far been found in nature only as equal and opposite pairs. Physicists continue to search for isolated magnetic poles; if they are found, a magnetic charge density  $\rho_m$  will simply be added to the equations giving a finite  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$ .

### 2.12 DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION FOR VECTOR MAGNETIC POTENTIAL

The differential equation for magnetic field in terms of current density was developed in Sec. 2.7:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

If the relation for  $\mathbf{B}$  as the curl of vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  is substituted,

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{J} \quad (1)$$

This may be considered a differential equation relating  $\mathbf{A}$  to current density. It is more common to write it in a different form utilizing the Laplacian of a vector function defined in rectangular coordinates as the vector sum of the Laplacians of the three scalar components:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \nabla^2 A_x + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \nabla^2 A_y + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \nabla^2 A_z \quad (2)$$

It may then be verified that, for rectangular coordinates

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \quad (3)$$

For other than rectangular coordinate systems, separation in the form (2) cannot be done so simply and (3) may be taken as the definition of  $\nabla^2$  of a vector.

With  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$ , as shown in Appendix 3 for statics, (3) and (1) give

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} \quad (4)$$

This is a vector equivalent of the Poisson equation first met in Sec. 1.12. It includes three component scalar equations which are exactly of the Poisson form.

### Example 2.12

#### VECTOR POTENTIAL AND FIELD OF UNIFORM CURRENT DENSITY FLOWING AXIALLY

Let us show that the appropriate form for the vector potential in a uniform flow of  $z$ -directed current in a circularly cylindrical system is

$$A_z = -\frac{\mu J_0}{4} (x^2 + y^2) \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (2),

$$J_z = -\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla^2 A_z = -\frac{1}{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y^2} \right) = J_0 \quad (6)$$

From this we see that (5) is the appropriate form for vector potential in a cylindrical conductor carrying a current of constant density  $J_0$ . The magnetic field found from (5) is

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \frac{-J_0}{2} (\hat{x}y - \hat{y}x) \quad (7)$$

In cylindrical coordinates, this is

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{J_0 r}{2} \quad (8)$$

which is the value of Eq. 2.4(5).

### 2.13 SCALAR MAGNETIC POTENTIAL FOR CURRENT-FREE REGIONS

In many problems concerned with the finding of magnetic fields, at least a part of the region is current-free. The curl of the magnetic field vector  $\mathbf{H}$  is then zero for such current-free regions [Eq. 2.7(2)]. Any vector with zero curl may be represented as the

gradient of a scalar (see Ex. 2.6d). Thus the magnetic field can be expressed for such points as

$$\mathbf{H} = -\nabla\Phi_m \quad (1)$$

where the minus sign is conventionally taken only to complete the analogy with electrostatic fields. The vector potential applies to both current-carrying and current-free regions, but it is usually more convenient for the latter to use this scalar potential.

Since the divergence of the magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  is everywhere zero,

$$\nabla \cdot \mu \nabla \Phi_m = 0 \quad (2)$$

Thus, for a homogeneous medium,  $\Phi_m$  satisfies Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_m = 0 \quad (3)$$

It will be observed from (1) that

$$\Phi_{m2} - \Phi_{m1} = - \int_1^2 \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (4)$$

Thus, if the path of integration encircles a current,  $\Phi_m$  does not have a unique value. For if 1 and 2 are the same point in space and the path of integration encloses a current  $I$ , two values of  $\Phi_m$ , differing by  $I$ , will be assigned to the point. To make the scalar magnetic potential unique, we must restrict attention to regions which do not entirely encircle currents. Suitable regions are called "simply connected" because any two paths connecting a pair of points in the region form a loop which does not enclose any exterior points. An example of a simply connected region between coaxial conductors is shown in Fig. 2.13. The restriction to a simply connected region is not a serious limitation once it is understood.

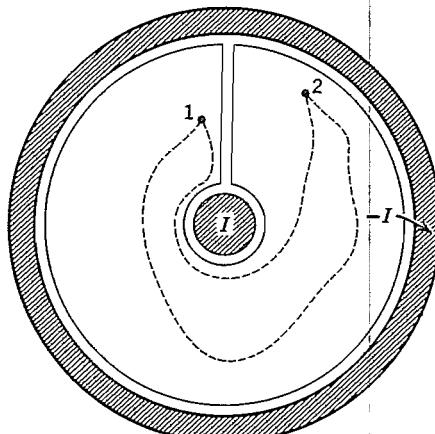


FIG. 2.13 Simply connected region between coaxial cylinders.

The importance of the scalar potential for current-free regions is that it satisfies Laplace's equation, for which exist numerous methods of solution. The graphical and numerical methods given in Chapter 1 for electrostatic fields are directly applicable, as are the more powerful numerical methods, conformal transformations, and method of separation of variables to be studied in Chapter 7.

## 2.14 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR STATIC MAGNETIC FIELDS

The boundary conditions at an interface between two regions with different permeabilities can be found in the same way as was done for static electric fields in Sec. 1.14. Consider a volume in the shape of a pillbox enclosing the boundary between the two media as shown in Fig. 2.14. The surfaces  $\Delta S$  of the volume are considered to be arbitrarily small so that the normal flux density  $B_n$  does not vary across the surface. Also, the thickness of the pillbox is vanishingly small so that there is negligible flux flowing through the side wall. The net outward flux from the box is

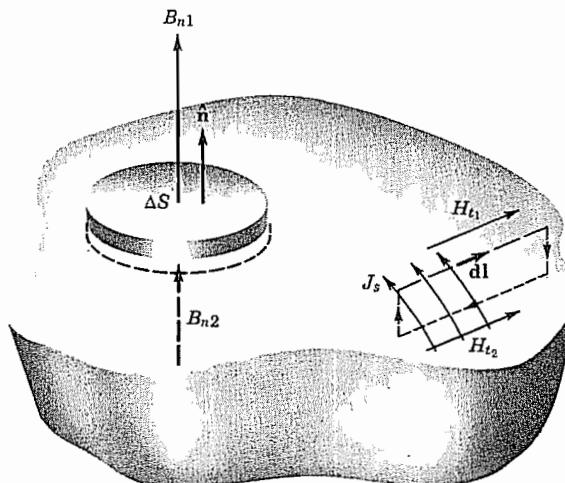
$$B_{n1} \Delta S = B_{n2} \Delta S \quad \text{or} \quad B_{n1} = B_{n2} \quad (1)$$

where the sense of  $B_n$  is as shown in the figure.

The relation between transverse magnetic fields may be found by integrating the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  along a line enclosing the interface plane as shown in Fig. 2.14,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = H_{t1} \Delta l - H_{t2} \Delta l = J_s \Delta l \quad (2)$$

where  $J_s$  is a surface current in amperes per meter width flowing in the direction shown.



**FIG. 2.14** Magnetic fields at boundary between two different media.

The lengths  $\Delta l$  of the sides are arbitrarily small so  $H_t$  may be considered uniform. The other legs of the integration path are effectively reduced to zero length. From (2)

$$H_{t1} - H_{t2} = J_s \quad (3)$$

There is a discontinuity of the tangential field at the boundary between two regions equal to any surface current which may exist on the boundary. With direction information included, where  $\hat{n}$  is the unit vector normal to the surface,

$$\hat{n} \times (H_1 - H_2) = J_s \quad (4)$$

Although the concept of a surface current is an idealization, it is useful when the depth of current penetration into a conductor is small, as in the skin effect to be studied later. In problems involving the scalar magnetic potential, continuity of  $H_t$  where  $J_s = 0$  is ensured by taking  $\Phi_m$  to be continuous across the boundary. Where surface currents exist, (4) leads to

$$\hat{n} \times (\nabla \Phi_{m2} - \nabla \Phi_{m1}) = J_s \quad (5)$$

as may be seen by combining (3) with the definition of  $\Phi_m$ , Eq. 2.13(1).

## 2.15 MATERIALS WITH PERMANENT MAGNETIZATION

Permanent magnets have a remnant value of magnetization [defined in Eq. 2.3(3)] when all applied fields are removed. Magnetic materials are discussed in more detail in Chapter 13, but here we consider some examples with permanent magnetization  $M_0$  and no true current flow. There are two ways of analyzing such problems: through the scalar magnetic potential and through the vector potential.

**Use of Scalar Magnetic Potential** Since current density  $\mathbf{J}$  is zero, we may derive  $\mathbf{H}$  from a scalar potential as in Sec. 2.13:

$$\mathbf{H} = -\nabla \Phi_m \quad (1)$$

Now using the definition of magnetization from Eq. 2.3(3),

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{M} \quad (2)$$

If the divergence of (2) is taken, with  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  utilized, we can write

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_m = -\frac{\rho_m}{\mu_0} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\rho_m = -\mu_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M} \quad (4)$$

In this formulation we see that we have a Poisson equation for potential  $\Phi_m$ , with an equivalent magnetic charge density in the region proportional to the divergence of

magnetization. For a uniform magnetization, the divergence is zero and  $\Phi_m$  satisfies Laplace's equation. At the boundaries of the magnet, however, integration of (3) would show that there is an equivalent magnetic surface charge density  $\rho_{sm}$  given by

$$\rho_{sm} = \mu_0 \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{M} \quad (5)$$

The arguments for this are similar to those for surface charge density  $\rho_s$  when there is a discontinuity in  $\mathbf{D}$ , as explained in Sec. 1.14. We will illustrate this through an example after giving a formulation using the vector potential.

**Use of Vector Magnetic Potential** If we write  $\mathbf{B}$  as curl of vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  as in Eq. 2.9(2) and use the definition of magnetization,

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (6)$$

we can take the curl of this equation, using  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0$  since  $\mathbf{J} = 0$ , to write

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_{eq} \quad (7)$$

where

$$\mathbf{J}_{eq} = \nabla \times \mathbf{M} \quad (8)$$

So by comparison with Eq. 2.12(1), the problem is equivalent to one with internal currents in free space proportional to the curl of magnetization. Inside a region of uniform magnetization, the curl is zero and there are no internal currents. At the boundary of the magnetic material, a surface integral of (8) over the area enclosed by the path used to get Eq. 2.14(2) and application of Stokes's theorem give

$$\oint \mathbf{M} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J}_{eq} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

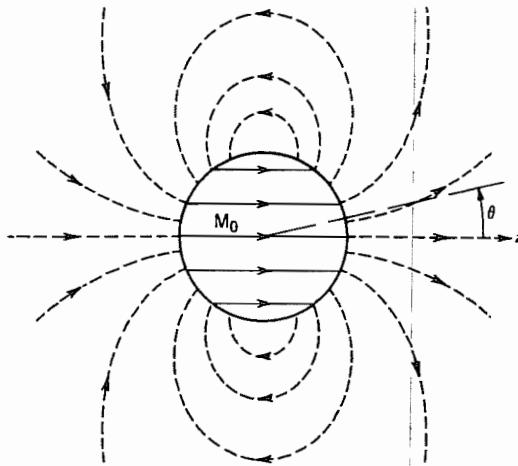
In the same way as for Eq. 2.14(4), this gives an equivalent surface current

$$(\mathbf{J}_{eq})_S = \mathbf{M} \times \hat{n} \quad (9)$$

since  $\mathbf{M} = 0$  outside the magnetic material. So in this formulation the magnet is replaced by a system of volume and surface currents from which magnetic field may be found through use of the vector potential, or directly by using Ampère's law. Example 2.15b illustrates this procedure.

### Example 2.15a UNIFORMLY MAGNETIZED SPHERE

Consider first a sphere of magnetic material with uniform magnetization  $M_0$  in the  $z$  direction as in Fig. 2.15a using the method with scalar magnetic potential. Since  $M$  is uniform, there is no volume charge by (4), but if space surrounds the sphere, there is



**FIG. 2.15a** Sphere of radius  $a$  with uniform magnetization  $\hat{z}M_0$ . Field lines ( $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{B}$ ) outside the sphere shown dashed.

a surface magnetic charge density at  $r = a$  given by

$$\rho_{sm} = \mu_0 M_0 \cos \theta \quad (10)$$

Solutions of (3), in spherical coordinates with a variation corresponding to (10) and  $\rho_m = 0$ , are

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{m1} &= \frac{Cr}{a} \cos \theta \quad r < a \\ \Phi_{m2} &= \frac{Ca^2}{r^2} \cos \theta \quad r > a \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

as can be verified by substitution in the expression for  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$  in spherical coordinates on the inside front cover. The surface magnetic charge given by (10) gives a discontinuity in derivative,

$$\mu_0 \left[ \frac{\partial \Phi_{m2}}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \Phi_{m1}}{\partial r} \right]_{r=a} = -\mu_0 M_0 \cos \theta \quad (12)$$

from which

$$C = \frac{M_0 a}{3} \quad (13)$$

Thus for  $r < a$ , using (1) in spherical coordinates

$$\mathbf{H} = -\frac{M_0}{3} [\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta] = -\hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{M_0}{3} \quad (14)$$

which is a uniform field within the sphere. For  $r > a$ ,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{M_0 a^3}{3r^3} [2\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cos \theta + \hat{\theta} \sin \theta] \quad (15)$$

which are curves (shown dashed in Fig. 2.15a) similar to those outside a magnetic dipole (Sec. 2.10).

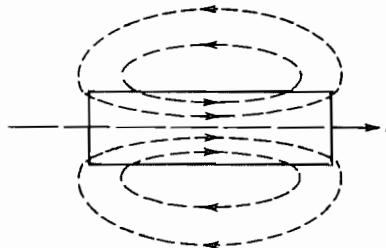
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### Example 2.15b ROUND ROD WITH UNIFORM MAGNETIZATION

A circular cylindrical bar magnet of length  $l$  having uniform magnetization in the axial direction is shown in Fig. 2.15b. Using the second formulation given above, we see from (8) that there are no equivalent volume currents since  $\nabla \times \mathbf{M} = 0$ , but there is a surface current at the discontinuous boundary  $r = a$ :

$$\mathbf{J}_s = \hat{\phi} M_0 \quad (16)$$

We see that this problem is then identical to that of the solenoid of length  $l$  with current per unit length given by (16) insofar as the calculation of  $\mathbf{A}$  (and hence  $\mathbf{B}$ ) is concerned. As noted in Ex. 2.3c, it is difficult to calculate field lines for an off-axis point, but  $\mathbf{B}$  lines will appear somewhat as shown dashed in Fig. 2.15b. Lines of magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  will be of the same form outside the magnet, but will be of different form inside through the vector addition  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}/\mu_0 - \mathbf{M}$ .



**FIG. 2.15b** Cylinder of radius  $a$  and length  $l$  with magnetization  $\hat{z}M_0$ . Flux density lines  $\mathbf{B}$  shown dashed. ( $\mathbf{H}$  lines are of the same form outside the magnet.)

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## Magnetic Field Energy

### 2.16 ENERGY OF A STATIC MAGNETIC FIELD

In considering the energy of a magnetic field, it would appear by analogy with Sec. 1.22 that we should consider the work done in bringing a group of current elements together from infinity. This point of view is correct in principle, but not only is it more difficult to carry out than for charges because of the vector nature of currents, but it also requires consideration of time-varying effects as shown in references deriving the relation from this point of view.<sup>6</sup> We will consequently set down the result at this point, waiting for further discussion until we derive a most important general energy relationship in Chapter 3. The general relation for nonlinear materials, corresponding to 1.22(9) for electric fields, is

$$dU_H = \int_V \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{B} \, dV \quad (1)$$

where  $dU_H$  is the energy added to the system when  $\mathbf{B}$  is changed by a differential amount (possibly different amounts for different positions within the volume). For linear materials,  $\mathbf{H}$  is proportional to  $\mathbf{B}$  so (1) may be integrated over  $\mathbf{B}$  to give

$$U_H = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} \, dV = \int_V \frac{\mu}{2} H^2 \, dV \quad (2)$$

The analogy to Eq. 1.22(6) is apparent, and here also we interpret the energy of a system of sources as actually stored in the fields produced by those sources. The result is consistent with the inductive circuit energy term,  $\frac{1}{2}LI^2$ , when circuit concepts hold and will be utilized in the following section.

#### Example 2.16a ENERGY STORAGE IN SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID

It has been proposed that energy stored in large superconducting coils be used to meet peaks in electric power demand. Superconducting coils are chosen because their zero dc resistance allows very large currents to be carried with zero power loss (though, of course, refrigeration power must be supplied). To be useful such a storage system must be capable of providing about 50 MW for 6 hours, that is, storing an energy of about  $10^6$  MJ. Let us assume the coil is a solenoid and that the field is uniform, and we wish to find the required coil properties and current. The field from Eq. 2.4(7) is  $H_z = nI$  so

<sup>6</sup> J. A. Stratton, Electromagnetic Theory, pp. 118–124, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

$B_z = \mu nI$ . The energy from (2), for volume  $V$ , is

$$U_H = \frac{1}{2}\mu(nl)^2V$$

For a realistic current of 1000 A and flux density of 15 T, a coil of 27-m diameter and 20-m length with  $1.2 \times 10^4$  turns/m would give the required energy. The most promising coil shape is actually a toroid but it would have dimensions and currents of the same magnitude as calculated in this example.

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### Example 2.16b

#### ENERGY DISSIPATION IN HYSTERETIC MATERIALS

We will see here how energy loss in hysteretic materials can be explained in terms of their nonlinear  $B$ - $H$  relations. A typical hysteretic relation is shown in Fig. 2.16. We will assume an isotropic material so that  $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} = BH$ . The energy required for one traversal of the loop by varying  $H$  from a large negative value to a large positive value and back again can be found from (1). The differential energy is shown as a shaded bar on the hysteresis loop in Fig. 2.16. When the field is decreased, a portion of the energy indicated by the part of the bar outside the loop is returned to the field. The result of integrating around the loop is that total expended energy per unit volume is equal to the area of the loop.

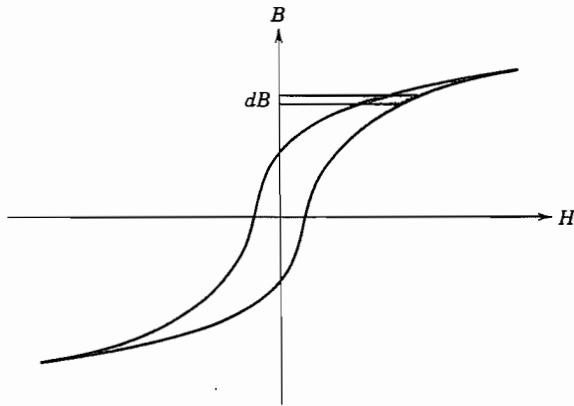


FIG. 2.16 Hysteretic, nonlinear  $B$ - $H$  relation.

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## 2.17 INDUCTANCE FROM ENERGY STORAGE/ INTERNAL INDUCTANCE

It was shown in Sec. 2.16 that the magnetic energy may be found by integrating an energy density of  $\frac{1}{2}\mu H^2$  throughout the volume of significant fields. From a circuit point of view, this is known to be  $\frac{1}{2}LI^2$ , where  $I$  is the instantaneous current flow through the inductance. Equating these two forms gives

$$\frac{1}{2}LI^2 = \int_V \frac{\mu}{2} H^2 dV \quad (1)$$

The form of (1) is useful as an alternate to the flux linkage method of calculating inductance given in Sec. 2.5. It is especially convenient for problems that would require consideration of partial linkages if done by the method of flux linkages. Problems of calculating internal inductance, defined in Sec. 2.5, are of this nature.

**Example 2.17**

## INTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF CONDUCTORS WITH UNIFORM CURRENT DISTRIBUTION IN A COAXIAL TRANSMISSION LINE

As an example of the use of the energy method of inductance calculation, we will find the internal inductances for the two conductors of a coaxial transmission line under the assumption that the current is distributed uniformly in the conductors. The result for the inner conductor applies more generally to any straight, round wire with a uniform current distribution. The magnetic field in the inner conductor of Fig. 2.4b (Ex. 2.4c) is

$$H_\phi = \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \quad r < a \quad (2)$$

For a unit length, utilizing (1),

$$\frac{1}{2}LI^2 = \int_0^a \frac{\mu}{2} \left( \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \right)^2 2\pi r dr = \frac{\mu I^2}{4\pi a^4} \cdot \frac{a^4}{4} \quad (3)$$

or

$$L = \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi} \text{ H/m} \quad (4)$$

The magnetic field in the outer conductor (Prob. 2.4a) is

$$H(r) = \frac{I}{2\pi(c^2 - b^2)} \left( \frac{c^2}{r} - r \right) \quad (5)$$

Substituting (5) in (1) we find

$$L = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{c^4 \ln c/b}{(c^2 - b^2)^2} + \frac{b^2 - 3c^2}{4(c^2 - b^2)} \right] \text{ H/m} \quad (6)$$

For frequencies low enough to assume uniform current distribution in the conductors, the total inductance per unit length for the coaxial line is the sum of (4), (6), and Eq. 2.5(6).

## PROBLEMS

- 2.2a** Assuming that each electron constituting the current in a differential length of conductor is acted on by a force  $-ev \times B$ , show that the total force is equal to that given by Eq. 2.2(1). How is the force on the electrons transferred to the structure of the wire?
- 2.2b** The Hall effect uses motion of charges in crossed fields within a semiconductor as shown in Fig. P2.2b to measure important properties of a semiconductor. Consider a p-type material so that the charge carriers are holes of charge  $+e$ . Electric field  $E_0$  applied in the  $x$  direction causes a current  $I_x = wd\sigma E_0$  to flow. The magnetic field causes a buildup of positive charge on the plate at  $y = 0$  and an equal negative charge on the top plate because of the velocity  $\mu_H E_0$  of the holes. The field produced by these charges on the bottom and top plates  $E_H$  is exactly of the magnitude to counteract the  $ev \times B_0$  force on the holes so that, in steady state, the flow is only in the  $x$  direction. Show how the Hall mobility  $\mu_H$  can be determined from measurement of  $I_x$  and  $V_H$ .

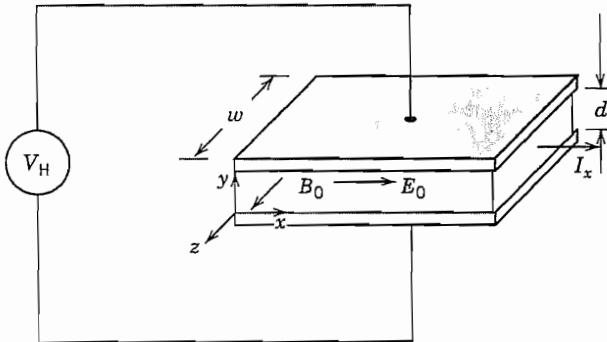


FIG. P2.2b

- 2.2c** Show the following:

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$$

- 2.2d\*** Cycloidal motion can occur when a particle of charge  $q$  and mass  $m$  is placed in crossed electric and magnetic fields. To demonstrate this, take a uniform electric field  $E_0$  in the  $y$  direction and uniform magnetic flux density  $B_0$  in the  $x$  direction. The charge starts at the coordinate origin at time  $t = 0$  with zero velocity. Show that the trajectory can be written in the form  $(z - R\omega_0 t)^2 + (y - R)^2 = R^2$ , where  $R = E_0/\omega_0 B_0$  and  $\omega_0 = qB_0/m$ . Explain the motion.

- 2.3a** A loop of wire is formed by two semicircles, the inner of radius  $a$  and the outer of radius  $b$ , joined by radial line segments at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \pi$  (Fig. P2.3a). Find the magnetic field at the origin.

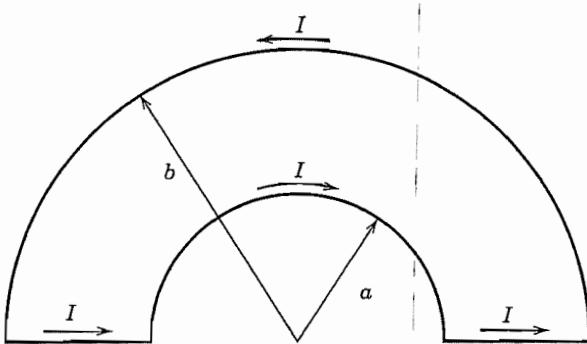


FIG. P2.3a

- 2.3b** Direct current  $I_0$  flows in a square loop of wire having sides of length  $2a$ . Find the magnetic field on the axis at a point  $z$  from the plane of the loop.
- 2.3c** Represent a solenoid of finite length  $L$  and radius  $a$  having  $n$  turns per meter by a continuous sheet of circumferential current. Find the axial magnetic field at the center of the solenoid and determine the length for which the field is one-half that of the infinite solenoid.
- 2.3d** Show that the magnetic field on axis of a long solenoid at the ends is half the value for an infinite solenoid.
- 2.3e** An arrangement that can provide a region of relatively uniform fields consists of a pair of parallel, coaxial loops; the uniform-field region is on the axis midway between the loops. Show that the axial magnetic field, expressed as a Taylor series expansion along the axis about the point midway between the coils, will have zero first, second, and third derivatives if the loop radii  $a$  are equal to the spacing  $d$  of the loops. This is the so-called Helmholtz configuration.
- 2.4a** For the coaxial line of Fig. 2.4b, find the magnetic field for  $b < r < c$ , assuming that current is distributed uniformly over the conductor cross section.
- 2.4b** A certain kind of electron beam of circular cross section contains a current density  $J_z = J_0[1 - (r/a)^4]$ . Find  $H_\phi(r)$  inside the beam.
- 2.4c** Express the magnetic field about a long line current in rectangular coordinate components, taking the wire axis as the  $z$  axis, and evaluate  $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  about a square path in the  $x$ - $y$  plane from  $(-1, -1)$  to  $(1, -1)$  to  $(1, 1)$  to  $(-1, 1)$  back to  $(-1, -1)$ . Also evaluate the integral about the path from  $(-1, 1)$  to  $(1, 1)$  to  $(1, 2)$  to  $(-1, 2)$  back to  $(-1, 1)$ . Comment on the two results.
- 2.4d** A long thin wire carries a current  $I_1$  in the positive  $z$  direction along the axis of a cylindrical coordinate system as shown in Fig. P2.4d. A thin rectangular loop of wire lies in a plane containing the axis. The loop contains the region  $0 \leq z \leq b$ ,  $R - a/2 \leq r \leq R + a/2$  and carries a current  $I_2$  which has the direction of  $I_1$  on the side nearest the

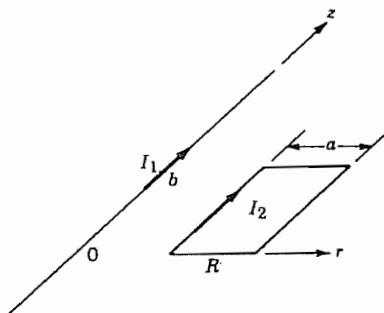


FIG. P2.4d

axis. Find the vector force on each side of the loop and the resulting force on the entire loop.

- 2.4e\*** Consider a round straight wire carrying a uniform current density  $J$  throughout, except for a round cylindrical void parallel with the wire axis so that the cross section is constant. Call the radius of the wire  $c$ , the radius of the hole  $b$ , and the distance of the center of the hole from the center of the wire  $a$ . Take  $b < a < c$  and  $b < c - a$ . Use superposition to find the field  $H$  as a function of position along a radial line through the center of the hole for all values of radius from the center of the wire.
- 2.4f** A demonstration can be given that a thin metal tube can be crushed by magnetic forces by passing current through it. Take the radius of the tube to be 2 cm and the magnetic field at which failure of the metal occurs as  $9 \text{ Wb/m}^2$ . (i) What is the maximum current that could flow axially along the tube before it would be crushed by the magnetic forces arising from this current? (ii) What is the force per unit area on the surface of the tubing under this condition?
- 2.4g** For an infinitely long cylindrical hollow pipe of any cross section carrying current along the pipe, magnetic field within the hollow portion is zero. Show why.
- 2.5** A coaxial transmission line with inner conductor of radius  $a$  and outer conductor of radius  $b$  has a coaxial cylindrical ferrite of permeability  $\mu_1$  extending from  $r = a$  to  $r = d$  (with  $d < b$ ), and air from radius  $d$  to  $b$ . Find the external inductance per unit length.
- 2.6a** Find the curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{F} = \hat{x}x^2z^2 + \hat{y}y^2z^2 + \hat{z}x^2y^2$ .
- 2.6b** By using the rectangular coordinate forms show that
- $$\nabla \times (\psi \mathbf{F}) = \psi \nabla \times \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F} \times \nabla \psi$$
- where  $\mathbf{F}$  is any vector function and  $\psi$  any scalar function.
- 2.6c** Derive the expression for curl in the spherical coordinate system.
- 2.7** For the coaxial line of Fig. 2.4b, express the magnetic field found in Ex. 2.4b and Prob. 2.4a in rectangular coordinates and find the curl in the four regions,  $r < a$ ,  $a < r < b$ ,  $b < r < c$ ,  $r > c$ . Comment on the results.
- 2.8** Show that  $\nabla \times \nabla \psi \equiv 0$  by integrating over an arbitrary surface and applying Stokes's theorem.

- 2.9a** Check the results Eqs. 2.9(9) and (10) by adding vectorially the magnetic field from the individual wires, using the result of Ex. 2.4a.
- 2.9b\*** A square loop of thin wire lies in the  $x-y$  plane extending from  $(-a, -a)$  to  $(a, -a)$  to  $(a, a)$  back to  $(-a, a)$  and carries current  $I$  in that sense of circulation. Find  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $H_x$  for any point  $(x, y, z)$ .
- 2.9c\*** A circular loop of thin wire carries current  $I$ . Find  $\mathbf{A}$  for a point distance  $z$  from the plane of the loop, and radius  $r$  from the axis, for  $r/z \ll 1$ . Use this to find the expression for magnetic field on the axis.
- 2.9d** Show that the line integral of vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  about a closed path is equal to the magnetic flux enclosed,

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Apply this to find the form of  $\mathbf{A}$  inside the long solenoid of Ex. 2.4d.

- 2.9e** For an infinite single-wire line of current, show that  $A_z$  as calculated in Ex. 2.9b is infinite. Then show that if vector potential is calculated for a finite length  $-L < z < L$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  calculated from this before letting  $L$  approach infinity, the correct value of  $\mathbf{B}$  is obtained.
- 2.9f** As an exercise in using the vector potential, consider a very long thin conducting sheet having a width  $b$  carrying a uniformly distributed direct current  $I$  in the direction of its length. Show that if the sheet is assumed to lie in the  $x-z$  plane with the  $z$  axis along its centerline, the magnetic field about the strip will be given by

$$H_x = -\frac{I}{2\pi b} \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{b/2 + x}{y} + \tan^{-1} \frac{b/2 - x}{y} \right)$$

$$H_y = \frac{I}{4\pi b} \ln \left[ \frac{(b/2 + x)^2 + y^2}{(b/2 - x)^2 + y^2} \right]$$

- 2.10** Show that the torque on a small loop of current can be expressed as  $\tau = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}$ .
- 2.12a** Show that  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = 0$  for the vector potential around a pair of currents, Eq. 2.9(8).
- 2.12b** Use the rectangular coordinate forms to prove Eq. 2.12(3).

- 2.12c** A certain current density is said to produce within itself a vector potential having the form  $\mathbf{A} = \hat{z}Cr^{-2}$  in circular cylindrical coordinates where  $C$  is a constant. Find the divergence of  $\mathbf{A}$ , current density, and magnetic field, assuming the medium to be free space.
- 2.12d** We saw in Ex. 2.7 that magnetic field in a superconductor decays from the surface as

$$H_z = H_0 e^{-x/\lambda}$$

where  $z$  is parallel to the plane of the surface and  $x$  is perpendicular to the surface. Find the corresponding vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$ , and from it the current density comparing with the result of Ex. 2.7.

- 2.13a** Show whether either of the following vector fields can be obtained from a scalar potential, and give the potential function if applicable:

$$\mathbf{F} = \hat{x}3y^2z + \hat{y}6xyz + \hat{z}3y^2x$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \hat{x}3y + \hat{y}2x + \hat{z}4$$

- 2.13b** Find the form of scalar magnetic potential for the region between conductors as shown in Fig. 2.13, defined for the region  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$ ; similarly for the region outside the outer conductor. Current  $I$  flows in the inner conductor and the return current in the outer one.
- 2.14\*** Consider the boundary between free space and a plane superconductor with nearby parallel line current  $I$  at  $x = d$ . It is the nature of a superconductor that when placed in a weak magnetic field, currents flow in such a way as to eliminate flux inside the superconductor so that  $B_n$  at the surface is zero, as is the tangential  $H$  inside the superconductor. Show that fields in the free-space region  $x > 0$  can be found by replacing the superconductor with an image current at  $x = -d$  carrying current  $-I$ . Find the magnetic field at  $x = 0+$  and from this the surface current density  $J_s$ .
- 2.15** For the problem of Fig. 2.15b, what magnetic charge distribution would be obtained for the formulation in terms of equivalent magnetic charges? How would this be modified if magnetization is inhomogeneous as defined below?
- $$\mathbf{M} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}M_0(1 + kz)$$
- 2.16a** Show that Eq. 2.16(1) leads to (2) for linear, isotropic materials.
- 2.16b** Assume that the material having the  $B-H$  relation shown in Fig. 2.16 saturates at  $B = 1000$  G and estimate graphically the energy per unit volume for one complete traversal of the hysteresis loop.
- 2.17a** Find the external inductance per unit length for the arrangement of Prob. 2.5 from energy considerations.
- 2.17b** Find the internal inductance per unit length for the parallel-plane transmission line of Fig. 2.5c if current is assumed of uniform density in each of the conductors.

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## Maxwell's Equations

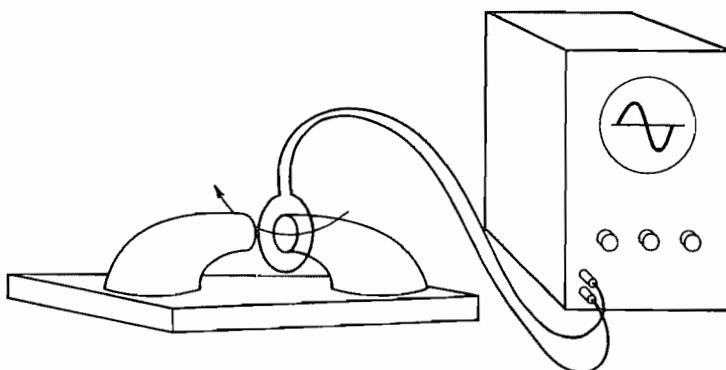
### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

The laws of static electric and magnetic fields have been studied in Chapters 1 and 2. It has been noted that these are useful in predicting effects for many time-varying problems, but there are important dynamic effects not described by the static relations, so other time-varying problems require a more complete formulation. One important dynamic effect is the generation of electric fields by time-varying magnetic fields as expressed through Faraday's law. A second is the complementary effect whereby time-varying electric fields produce magnetic fields. This latter effect is expressed through the concept of *displacement current*, introduced by Maxwell.

Faraday's law is well known to us through its importance in transformers, motors, generators, induction heaters, and similar devices. The effect can be simply demonstrated by moving a coil of wire through the field of a strong permanent magnet and noting the trace on an oscilloscope connected to the coil (Fig. 3.1a). With readily available magnets and practical numbers of turns in the coil, movement by hand will generate millivolts, and such voltages are readily observed on the oscilloscope. An alternative demonstration utilizes an electromagnet with its flux threading a fixed coil. A switch to turn on and off the current in the electromagnet causes buildup and decay of the magnetic field and generates the voltage to be observed.

The above-described demonstrations and useful devices utilize induced effects in conductors. An interesting example showing that changing magnetic fields induce electric fields in space is that of the betatron. This useful particle accelerator, illustrated in Fig. 3.1b, accelerates electrons or other charged particles by means of a circumferential electric field induced by a changing magnetic field between poles N and S of an electromagnet. The charges are in an evacuated chamber, clearly illustrating that Faraday's law applies in space as well as along conductors.

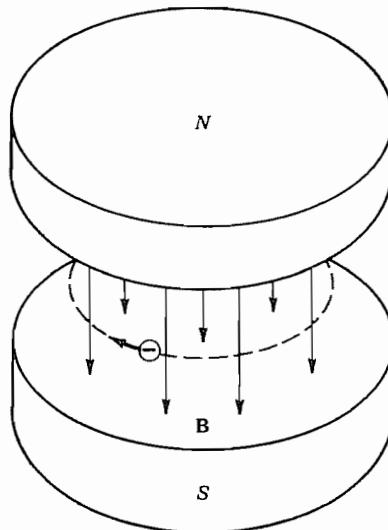
The second dynamic effect, referred to above as a displacement current effect, is probably best known to us through the concept of a capacitance current. We may, however, think of this only as current in the conductors to capacitor terminals, supplying the time rate of change of charge on capacitor plates. We shall see that the changing electric flux in the dielectric between plates contributes to magnetic fields, just as does conduction current, and acts to complete the current path. Displacement currents also



**FIG. 3.1a** Experimental arrangement to demonstrate the induced voltage predicted by Faraday's law. Coil can be moved with sufficient speed by hand to display the induced voltage on a simple oscilloscope.

exist in the vicinity of moving charges, and so are important in vacuum tubes or solid-state electron devices. For example, time-varying effects in the Schottky barrier of Ex. 1.4a or the *pn* junction of Sec. 1.16 produce displacement currents in the respective depletion regions. Effects of these displacement currents must be understood in the analysis of devices using such junctions.

There is a far-reaching consequence of the fact that changing magnetic flux density produces a change in electric field and vice versa: it leads to propagation of electro-



**FIG. 3.1b** Schematic illustration of a betatron, which is used to accelerate electrons by means of an electric field induced by a changing magnetic field.

magnetic waves. In general, wave phenomena result when there are two forms of energy, and the presence of a time rate of change of one leads to a change of the other. In a sound wave, for example, an initial pressure variation in air (potential energy) in one location causes a motion of the air molecules (kinetic energy) that varies both in time and in space. This builds up excess pressure at another position, and the effect continues. Similarly, changing the magnetic field (or flux density) at one position generates a change of electric field in both time and space, by Faraday's law. The subsequent change of electric field produces a change of magnetic field through the displacement current, and so on. In energy terms, the energy interchanges between electric and magnetic types as the wave progresses.

Electromagnetic waves exist in nature in the radiation that takes place when atoms or molecules change from one energy state to a lower one, with frequencies from the microwave through visible into x-ray regions of the spectrum. (Still lower frequencies are generated by lightning and other natural fluctuations.) These natural radiations are utilized in astronomy and radio astronomy. Telecommunications, navigational guidance, radar, and power transmission depend upon our ability to generate, guide, store, radiate, receive, and detect electromagnetic waves. This involves many kinds of structures whose properties the designer must be able to predict. The complete set of laws for time-varying electromagnetic phenomena is known as Maxwell's equations and is central to such predictions.

## Large-Scale and Differential Forms of Maxwell's Equations

### 3.2 VOLTAGES INDUCED BY CHANGING MAGNETIC FIELDS

Faraday discovered experimentally that a voltage is induced in a conducting circuit when the magnetic field linking that circuit is altered. The voltage is proportional to the time rate of change of magnetic flux linking the circuit. For a circuit of  $n$  turns, the induced voltage  $V$  can be written

$$V = n \frac{d\psi_m}{dt} \quad (1)$$

where  $\psi_m$  is the magnetic flux linking each turn of the coil. This equation may be used directly to find the voltage induced in the secondary coil of a transformer, for example, or to find the voltage induced in a single circuit because of a time-varying current interacting with the self-inductance of that circuit. For an electric machine, such as a generator or a motor, the change in flux linkages to be used in (1) may be found from the movement of the coil of the machine through a spatially variable magnetic field.

Faraday's experiments included both stationary and moving systems. The question of moving systems may be approached in several ways and will be discussed more in the following section.

One very important generalization of (1) is to a path in space or other nonconducting medium. Such an extension is plausible since the resistance of the path does not appear in the equation. Nevertheless the extension should have experimental verification and it does. Much of the experimental support comes from the wave behavior to be studied in the remainder of the book. As described in Sec. 3.1, the betatron<sup>1</sup> accelerates charged particles in a vacuum by means of an electric field induced by a changing magnetic field, as predicted by Faraday's law. (See Prob. 3.2c.)

Before defining Faraday's law more precisely, we should be clear about several definitions. By *voltage* between two points along a specified path, we mean the negative line integral of electric field between the points along that path. For static fields, we saw that the line integral is independent of the path and equal to the *potential difference* between the two points, but this is not true when there are contributions from Faraday's law. When there is a contribution from changing magnetic flux, the voltage about a closed path is frequently called the *electromotive force (emf)* of that path.

$$\text{emf} \equiv \text{voltage about closed path} \equiv -\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (2)$$

It is equal, by Faraday's law, to the time rate of change of magnetic flux through the path. For a circuit which is not moving,

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\partial \psi_m}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (3)$$

where the flux  $\psi_m$  is found by evaluating the normal component of flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  over any surface which has the desired path as its boundary, as indicated by the last term in (3). The negative sign is introduced in the law to agree with the sense relations revealed by experiment, using the usual right-hand convention in the integrals of (3). Thus, as in Fig. 3.2a, if the *rate of change* of flux is positive in the directions shown by the vertical arrow, the line integral will be positive in the direction shown—opposite to the conventional right-hand positive direction. If there are several turns, the line integral of (3) is taken about all of them, and if flux through each is the same, we have the form first stated in (1).

<sup>1</sup> D. W. Kerst and R. Serber, Phys. Rev. **60**, 53 (1941).

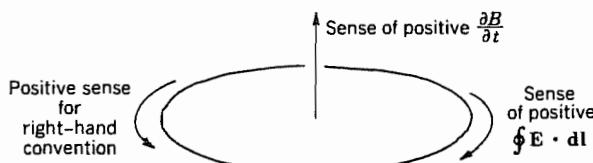


FIG. 3.2a Sense relations for Faraday's law.

To transform (3) to differential equation form, we can apply Stokes's theorem (Sec. 2.8) to the left side of (3) and move the time differentiation inside the integral:

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = - \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (4)$$

For this equation to be valid for an arbitrary surface, the integrands must be equal so that

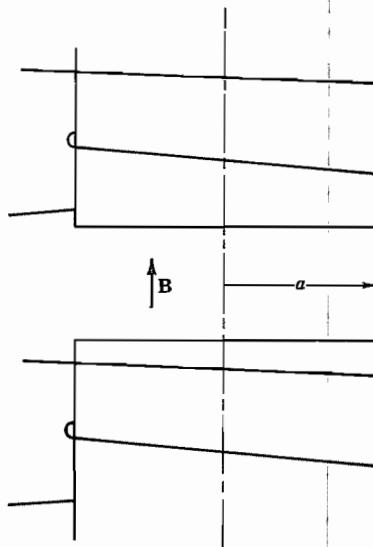
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

Faraday's law (4) of course reduces to the static case when time derivatives are zero and, as we saw in Sec. 1.7, the line integral of electric field about a closed path is then zero. For the time-varying field it is not in general zero, showing that work can be done in taking a charge about a closed path in such a field. This work comes from the changing stored energy of the magnetic field.

### Example 3.2

#### AIR BREAKDOWN FROM INDUCED ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE

Consider the possibility of an ionizing breakdown in air because of electric fields generated by changing magnetic fields. An axially symmetric electromagnet (Fig. 3.2b) has



**FIG. 3.2b** Electromagnet with time-varying current producing a time-varying magnetic field.

radius 0.20 m and has essentially uniform field up to this radius and negligible field beyond it. Suppose that it is desired to raise magnetic field from zero to 10 T (tesla) linearly with time in as short a time  $\tau$  as possible without such breakdown. Because of the axial symmetry we can write Faraday's law for a loop of radius  $r$  as

$$2\pi r|E_\phi| = \pi r^2 \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} = \pi r^2 \frac{B_{\max}}{\tau} \quad (6)$$

Electric field is thus maximum at the outer radius of 0.20 m. If we take breakdown strength of air as  $3 \times 10^6$  V/m, then

$$\tau = \frac{rB_{\max}}{2|E_\phi|} = \frac{0.2 \times 10}{2 \times 3 \times 10^6} = \frac{1}{3} \mu\text{s} \quad (7)$$

### 3.3 FARADAY'S LAW FOR A MOVING SYSTEM

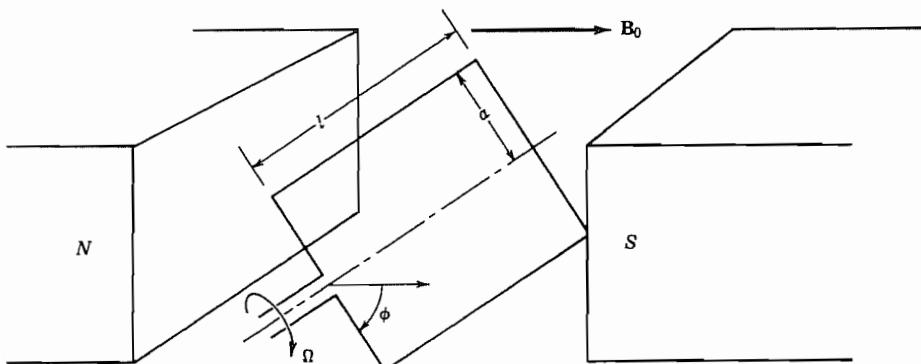
For the use of Eq. 3.2(1) for a moving system, one must find the change of magnetic flux threading a circuit as it moves through the field. A simple and classical example is that of an elemental ac generator as pictured in Fig. 3.3a. This indicates a single rectangular loop rotating at constant angular frequency  $\Omega$  in the uniform field  $B_0$  between the two pole pieces. When the plane of the loop is at angle  $\phi$  with respect to the horizontal axis, the magnetic flux passing through it is

$$\psi_m = 2B_0al \sin \phi \quad (1)$$

But angle  $\phi$  changes with time and may be written  $\Omega t$ . Thus

$$\psi_m = 2B_0al \sin \Omega t \quad (2)$$

And if voltage is the rate of change of this flux (neglecting signs),



**FIG. 3.3a** Elemental generator with rotating loop between permanent magnets.

$$V = \frac{d\psi_m}{dt} = 2\Omega B_0 a l \cos \Omega t \quad (3)$$

Thus we see the sinusoidal ac voltage produced by this basic generator. Now let us introduce a slightly different point of view to get the same answer. A point of view used effectively by Faraday is that the electric field of the moving conductor is generated by its motion through, and hence "cutting" of, the lines of force. Faraday gave much physical significance to the flux tubes and lines of force. This point of view can be developed rigorously by writing the time derivative on the right side of Eq. 3.2(3) as a total derivative instead of a partial derivative:

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (4)$$

For a closed path moving in space with velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ , this may be transformed by a vector transformation developed by Helmholtz,<sup>2</sup> which, with  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ , is

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_S \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \right] \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (5)$$

The first term on the right is the one we have seen before. The second term gives an added contribution to emf and, by use of Stokes's theorem, may be written as the line integral of  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  about the closed path. The result may be interpreted as a *motional electric field* given at each point of the circuit path by

$$\mathbf{E}_m = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (6)$$

In the example of Fig. 3.3a, the motional field in the upper conductor, by (6), is

$$E_{mz} = (a\Omega)B_0 \cos \phi \quad (7)$$

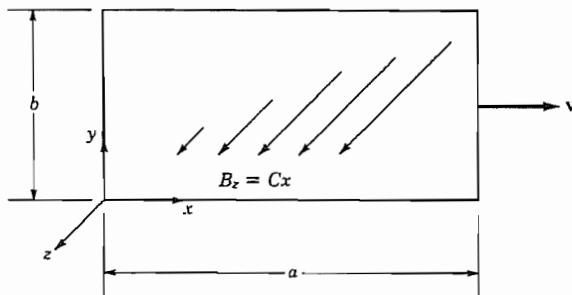
That in the lower conductor is the negative of this. There is no motional field along the side elements since  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  gives a contribution normal to the wires for these sides. Thus the line integral about the loop yields

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = la\Omega B_0 \cos \Omega t - (-la\Omega B_0 \cos \Omega t) = 2la\Omega B_0 \cos \Omega t \quad (8)$$

which is identical to (3).

The differential form of Faraday's law, Eq. 3.2(5), may be transformed to a set of moving coordinates with the same result. This may be done by a Galilean transformation for low velocities and by a Lorentz transformation for relativistic velocities.<sup>2</sup> Although relativity is beyond the scope of this text, it is important to know that Maxwell's equations are consistent with the theory of relativity, although Einstein developed that theory later. Their invariance to Lorentz transformations, in fact, had much to do with the development of the theory of special relativity.

<sup>2</sup> See, for example, C. T. Tai, Proc. IEEE **60**, 936 (1972).



**FIG. 3.3b** Rectangular loop of wire moving through magnetic field which varies with distance.

### Example 3.3

#### RECTANGULAR LOOP MOVING THROUGH INHOMOGENEOUS FIELD

If a loop of wire is moved through a region of static magnetic field which is a function of position, the flux threading the loop changes as the loop moves and an emf is generated. Consider the rectangular loop of wire (Fig. 3.3b) translated in the  $x$  direction with velocity  $v$  through a  $z$ -directed static magnetic field which varies linearly with  $x$ ,  $B_z = Cx$ . If the left-hand edge is at  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$ , it is at  $x = vt$  at time  $t$ , and the magnetic flux threading the loop is

$$\int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = b \int_{vt}^{vt+a} Cx \, dx = bC \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{vt}^{vt+a} = \frac{baC}{2} (2vt + a) \quad (9)$$

The induced emf is then the time rate of change of this flux,

$$-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = baCu \quad (10)$$

This result can be checked by finding the motional field in the four sides using (6). The field  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  is normal to the wires along the top and bottom. On the left it is  $-vCx$  and on the right side,  $-vC(x + a)$ . Thus the integral is

$$-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = vCb(x + a) - vCbx = baCu \quad (11)$$

agreeing with the result (10).

### 3.4 CONSERVATION OF CHARGE AND THE CONCEPT OF DISPLACEMENT CURRENT

Faraday's law is but one of the fundamental laws for changing fields. Let us assume for the moment that certain of the laws derived for static fields in Chapters 1 and 2 can

be extended simply to time-varying fields. We will write the divergence of electric and magnetic fields in exactly the same form as in statics, with the understanding that all field and source quantities are functions of time as well as of space. For the curl of electric field we take the result of Faraday's law, Eq. 3.2(5). For the curl of magnetic field, we take for the time being the form from statics, Eq. 2.7(2).

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \quad (4)$$

An elimination among these equations can be made to give an equation relating charge and current. We would expect this to show that however  $\rho$  varies with space or time, total charge is conserved. If current flows out of any volume, the amount of charge inside must decrease, and if current flows in, charge inside increases. Considering a smaller and smaller volume, in the limit the outward flow of current per unit time and per unit volume (which is recognized as the divergence of current density) must give the negative of the time rate of change of charge per unit volume at that point:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

If, however, we take the divergence of  $\mathbf{J}$  from (4),

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = 0$$

which does not agree with the continuity argument and (5). Maxwell, by reasoning similar to this, recognized that (4), borrowed from statics, is not complete for time-varying fields. He postulated an added term  $\partial \mathbf{D} / \partial t$ :

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad (6)$$

Continuity is now satisfied, as may be shown by taking the divergence of (6) and substituting from (1):

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

The term added to form (6) contributes to the curl of magnetic field in the same way as an actual conduction current density (motion of charges in conductors) or convection current density (motion of charges in space). Because it arises from the displacement vector  $\mathbf{D}$ , it has been named the *displacement current* term. There is an actual time-varying displacement of bound charges in a material dielectric, but note that displacement current can be nonzero even in a vacuum. Thus (6) could be written

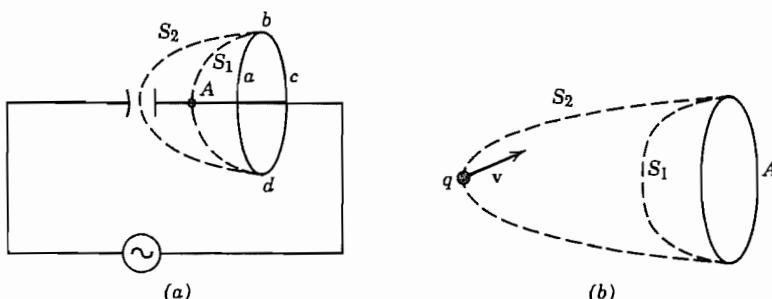
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_c + \mathbf{J}_d \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_c$  = conduction or convection current density in amperes per square meter and  $\mathbf{J}_d$  = displacement current density =  $\partial\mathbf{D}/\partial t$  amperes per square meter.

The displacement current term is important within the dielectric of a capacitor whenever the capacitive voltage changes with time. It also always plays a role when moving charges induce currents in nearby electrodes. Both of these phenomena will be explored in the following section. Displacement current is negligible for many other low-frequency problems. For example, it is negligible in comparison with conduction currents in good conductors up to optical frequencies. (This point will be explored more in Sec. 3.16.) But displacement current becomes important in more and more situations as the frequency of time-varying phenomena is increased. It is essential, along with the Faraday law terms for electric field, to the understanding of all electromagnetic wave phenomena.

### 3.5 PHYSICAL PICTURES OF DISPLACEMENT CURRENT

The displacement current term enables one to explain certain things that would have proved inconsistent had only conduction or convection current been included in the magnetic field laws. Consider, for example, the circuit including the ac generator and the capacitor of Fig. 3.5a. Suppose that it is required to evaluate the line integral of magnetic field around the loop  $a-b-c-d-a$ . The law from statics states that the result obtained should be the current enclosed, that is, the current through any surface of which the loop is a boundary. If we take as the arbitrary surface through which current is to be evaluated one which cuts the wire  $A$ , as does  $S_1$ , a finite value is clearly obtained for the line integral. But suppose that the surface selected is one which does not cut the wire, but instead passes between the plates of the capacitor, as does  $S_2$ . If conduction current alone were included, the computation would have indicated no current passing through this surface and the result would be zero. The path around which the integral is evaluated is the same in each case, and it would be quite annoying to possess two different results. It is the displacement current term which appears at this point to



**FIG. 3.5** Illustrations of how displacement current completes the circuit: (a) in a circuit with capacitor; (b) near a moving charge.

preserve the continuity of current between the plates of the capacitor, giving the same answer in either case.

To show how this continuity is preserved, consider an ideal parallel-plate capacitor of capacitance  $C$ , spacing  $d$ , area of each plate  $A$ , and applied voltage  $V_0 \sin \omega t$ . From circuit theory the charging current is

$$I_c = C \frac{dV}{dt} = \omega C V_0 \cos \omega t \quad (1)$$

The field inside the capacitor has a magnitude  $E = V/d$ , so the displacement current density is

$$J_d = \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \omega \epsilon \frac{V_0}{d} \cos \omega t \quad (2)$$

Total displacement current flowing between the plates is the area of the plate multiplied by the density of displacement current:

$$I_d = AJ_d = \omega \left( \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \right) V_0 \cos \omega t \quad (3)$$

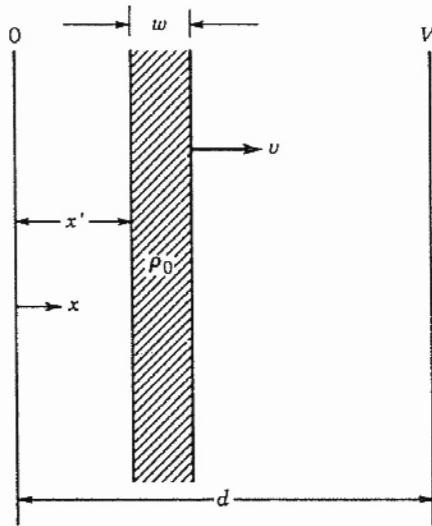
The factor in parentheses is recognized as the electrostatic capacitance for the ideal parallel-plate capacitor, so (1) and (3) are equal. This value for total displacement current flowing between the capacitor plates is then exactly the same as the value of charging current flowing in the leads, calculated by the usual circuit methods above, so the displacement current does act to complete the circuit, and the same result would be obtained by the use of either  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  of Fig. 3.5a, as required.

Inclusion of displacement current is necessary for a valid discussion of another example in which a charge region  $q$  (Fig. 3.5b) moves with velocity  $v$ . If the line integral of magnetic field is to be evaluated about some loop  $A$  at a given instant, it should be possible to set it equal to the current flow for that instant through any surface of which  $A$  is a boundary. If the displacement current term were ignored, we could use any one of the infinite number of possible surfaces, as  $S_1$ , having no charge passing through, and obtain the result zero. If one of the surfaces is selected, as  $S_2$ , through which charge is passing at that instant, however, there is a contribution from convection current and a nonzero result. The apparent inconsistency is resolved when one notes that the electric field arising from the moving charge must vary with time, and thus will actually give rise to a displacement current term through both of the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . The sum of displacement and convection currents for the two surfaces is the same at the given instant.

### Example 3.5

#### CURRENTS INDUCED BY A SLAB OF CHARGE MOVING IN A PLANAR DIODE

In a planar vacuum diode, as sketched in Fig. 3.5c, the cathode has been pulsed to produce a slab of charge moving from cathode to anode. The density of charge is taken



**FIG. 3.5c** Slab of charge moving between parallel plates.

as a uniform  $\rho_0$ . Width is  $w$  and at time  $t$  the left-hand edge is at  $x = x'$  moving with velocity  $v$ . We note that the electric field  $E_{x1}$  is independent of  $x$  for  $x < x'$ , varies linearly for  $x' < x < x' + w$ , and is again independent of  $x$  for  $x > x' + w$ . Its integral is

$$-V_0 = E_{x1}d + \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} w(d - x') - \frac{\rho_0 w^2}{2\epsilon}$$

Then the electric fields for the three regions  $0 < x < x'$ ,  $x' < x < x' + w$ , and  $x' + w < x < d$  are, respectively (Prob. 3.5b),

$$E_{x1} = -\frac{V_0}{d} + \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \left[ \frac{x'w}{d} + w \left( \frac{w}{2d} - 1 \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

$$E_{x2} = -\frac{V_0}{d} + \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon} \left[ x' \left( \frac{w}{d} - 1 \right) + w \left( \frac{w}{2d} - 1 \right) + x \right] \quad (5)$$

$$E_{x3} = -\frac{V_0}{d} + \frac{\rho_0 w}{\epsilon d} \left( x' + \frac{w}{2} \right) \quad (6)$$

But  $x'$  is a function of time and differentiation with respect to time gives velocity  $v$ . Thus displacement current density for the three regions is

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial E_{x1}}{\partial t} = \rho_0 \frac{w}{d} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_0 w v}{d} \quad (7)$$

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial E_{x2}}{\partial t} = \rho_0 v \left( \frac{w}{d} - 1 \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial E_{x3}}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_0 w}{d} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_0 w v}{d} \quad (9)$$

To the displacement current density of the region within the charge, given by (8), we add the convection current density  $\rho_0 v$  so that the sum of convection and displacement currents is the same for each region, and this will also be the current per unit area induced in the plane electrodes.

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### 3.6 MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION FORM

Rewriting the group of equations of Sec. 3.4 with the displacement current term added, we have

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

This set of equations, together with certain auxiliary relations and definitions, is the basic set of equations of classical electricity and magnetism, governing all electromagnetic phenomena in the range of frequencies from zero through the highest-frequency radio waves (and many phenomena at light frequencies) and in the range of sizes above atomic size. The equations were first written (not in the above notation) by Maxwell in 1863 and are known as Maxwell's equations. The material in the sections preceding this should not be considered a derivation of the laws, for they cannot in any real sense be derived from less fundamental laws. Their ultimate justification comes, as with all experimental laws, in that they have predicted correctly, and continue to predict, all electromagnetic phenomena over a wide range of physical experience.

The foregoing set of equations is a set of differential equations, relating the time and space rates of change of the various field quantities at a point in space and time. The use of these will be demonstrated in the following chapters. Equivalent large-scale equations will be given in the following section.

The major definitions and auxiliary relations that must be added to complete the information are as follows:

1. *Force Law* This is, from one point of view, merely the definition of the electric and magnetic fields. For a charge  $q$  moving with velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  through an electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  and a magnetic field of flux density  $\mathbf{B}$ , the force is

$$\mathbf{f} = q[\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}] \quad \mathbf{N} \quad (5)$$

2. *Definition of Conduction Current (Ohm's Law)* For a conductor,

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad \text{A/m}^2 \quad (6)$$

where  $\sigma$  is conductivity in siemens/meter.

3. *Definition of Convection Current* For a charge density  $\rho$  moving with velocity  $\mathbf{v}_\rho$ , the current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho \mathbf{v}_\rho \text{ A/m}^2 \quad (7)$$

4. *Definition of Permittivity (Dielectric Constant)* The electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  is related to the electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  by the relation

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \quad (8)$$

where  $\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of space  $\approx 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$  and  $\epsilon_r$  characterizes the effect of the atomic and molecular dipoles in the material.

As with static fields (Sec. 1.3)  $\epsilon$ , or  $\epsilon_r$ , is, in the most general case, anisotropic and a function of space, time, and the strength of the applied field. But for many materials it is a scalar constant, and unless specifically noted otherwise, the text will be concerned with homogeneous, isotropic, linear, and time-invariant materials for which  $\epsilon$  is a scalar constant.

5. *Definition of Permeability* The magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  is related to the magnetic intensity  $\mathbf{H}$  by

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} = \mu_r \mu_0 \mathbf{H} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu_0$  is the permeability of space  $= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$  and  $\mu_r$  measures the effect of the magnetic dipole moments of the atoms constituting the medium (Sec. 2.3). In general  $\mu$  and  $\mu_r$  are anisotropic and functions of space, time, and magnetic field strength, but unless otherwise noted they will be considered scalar constants, representing homogeneous, isotropic, linear, and time-invariant materials.

### Example 3.6

#### NONARBITRARINESS OF FORMS WHICH SATISFY MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

Much of the work for the remainder of the text will be in finding forms that are solutions of Maxwell's equations. The interrelationship among electric and magnetic field components defined by Maxwell's equations means that we cannot select arbitrary functions for any one component. To illustrate the point, let us consider a capacitor formed by concentric spherical conductors with an ideal dielectric between. As in Ex. 1.4c, Gauss's law and symmetry give the electrostatic solution for the dielectric region as

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \quad (10)$$

where  $Q$  is the charge on the inner sphere. For a sinusoidally time-varying charge, one might expect the solution

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{Q_0}{4\pi \epsilon r^2} \sin \omega t \quad (11)$$

A check of  $\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \mathbf{E})$  in spherical coordinates shows that it is zero, as expected for the charge-free dielectric. But consider the Maxwell equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \quad (12)$$

The curl of an electric field of the form (11) is zero, so  $\mathbf{H}$  can only be a function independent of time. But then the other curl equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \quad (13)$$

cannot be satisfied since  $\mathbf{J}$  is zero for the ideal dielectric,  $\partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t$  by (11) is time-varying but  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}$  is independent of time. Thus (11), though it may be a useful quasistatic approximation, is not a true solution of Maxwell's equations. Proper solutions in spherical form are discussed in Chapter 10.

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### 3.7 MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN LARGE-SCALE FORM

It is also convenient to have the information of Maxwell's equations in large-scale or integral form applicable to overall regions of space and paths of finite size. This is of course the type of relation that we started with in the discussion of Faraday's law (Sec. 3.2) when we derived the differential expression from it. The large-scale equivalents for Eqs. 3.6(1)–3.6(4) are

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \rho \, dV \quad (1)$$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (3)$$

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (4)$$

Equations (1) and (2) are obtained by integrating respectively Eqs. 3.6(1) and 3.6(2) over a volume and applying the divergence theorem. Equations (3) and (4) are obtained by integrating, respectively, Eqs. 3.6(3) and 3.6(4) over a surface and applying Stokes's theorem. For example, integrating Eq. 3.6(1),

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \, dV = \int_V \rho \, dV$$

and applying the divergence theorem to the left-hand side, (1) follows. Equation (1) is

seen to be the familiar form of Gauss's law utilized so much in Chapter 1. Now that we are concerned with fields that are a function of time, the interpretation is that the electric flux flowing out of any closed surface at a given instant is equal to the charge enclosed by the surface at that instant.

Equation (2) states that the surface integral of magnetic field or total magnetic flux flowing out of a closed surface is zero for all values of time, expressing the fact that magnetic charges have not been found in nature. Of course, the law does not prove that such charges will never be found; if they are, a term on the right similar to the electric charge term in (1) will simply be added, and a corresponding magnetic current term will be added to (3). We will later find situations in which fictitious magnetic charges and currents will be helpful and may be added to the equations.

Equation (3) is Faraday's law of induction, stating that the line integral of electric field about a closed path (electromotive force) is the negative of the time rate of change of magnetic flux flowing through the path. The law was discussed in some detail in Sec. 3.2.

Equation (4) is the generalized Ampère's law including Maxwell's displacement current term, and it states that the line integral of magnetic field about a closed path (magnetomotive force) is equal to the total current (conduction, convection, and displacement) flowing through the path. The physical significance of this complete law has been discussed in Secs. 3.4–3.5.

### 3.8 MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS FOR THE TIME-PERIODIC CASE

By far the most important time-varying case is that involving steady-state ac fields varying sinusoidally in time. Many engineering applications use sinusoidal fields. Other functions of time, such as the pulses utilized in a digitally coded system, may be considered a superposition of steady-state sinusoids of different frequencies. Fourier analysis (Fourier series for periodic functions and the Fourier integral for aperiodic functions) provides the mathematical basis for this superposition. Rather than using real sinusoidal functions directly, it is found convenient to introduce the complex exponential  $e^{j\omega t}$ . Electrical engineers are familiar with the advantages of this approach in the analysis of ac circuits, and physicists use the complex exponential in a variety of physical problems with sinusoidal behavior. The advantage, which comes from the fact that derivatives and integrals of  $e^{j\omega t}$  are proportional to  $e^{j\omega t}$  so that the function can be canceled from all equations, is even more important for the vector field problems than for scalar problems such as the circuit example. It is assumed that the reader has used this technique before in circuit analysis or other physical problems, but if review is needed, the use in analysis of a simple electrical circuit may be found in Appendix 4. Formally, the set of equations 3.6(1)–3.6(4) is easily changed to the complex form by replacing  $\partial/\partial t$  by  $j\omega$ :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{B} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega \mathbf{D} \quad (4)$$

And the auxiliary relations, Eqs. 3.6(6)–3.6(9), remain

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad \text{for conductors} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} = \mu_r \mu_0 \mathbf{H} \quad (7)$$

Equations 3.6(5) and 3.6(7) should be used with instantaneous values because of the nonlinear terms in the equations. The constitutive parameters,  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$ , are in general functions of frequency. Materials for which frequency dependence is important are called *dispersive*.

It must be recognized that the symbols in the equations of this article have a different meaning from the same symbols used in Sec. 3.6. There they represented the instantaneous values of the indicated vector and scalar quantities. Here they represent the complex multipliers of  $e^{j\omega t}$ , giving the in-phase and out-of-phase parts with respect to the chosen reference. The complex scalar quantities are commonly referred to as phasors, and by analogy the complex vector multipliers of  $e^{j\omega t}$  may be called vector phasors. It would seem less confusing to use a different notation for the two kinds of quantities, but one quickly runs out of symbols. The difference is normally clear from the context, and when there is danger of confusion, we will use functional notation to denote the time-varying quantities.

If we wish to obtain the instantaneous values of a given quantity from the complex value, we insert the  $e^{j\omega t}$  and take the real part. For example, for the scalar  $\rho$  suppose that the complex value of  $\rho$  is

$$\rho = \rho_r + j\rho_i \quad (8)$$

where  $\rho_r$  and  $\rho_i$  are real scalars. The instantaneous value of  $\rho$  is then

$$\rho(t) = \operatorname{Re}[(\rho_r + j\rho_i)e^{j\omega t}] = \rho_r \cos \omega t - \rho_i \sin \omega t \quad (9)$$

Or, alternatively, if  $\rho$  is given in magnitude and phase,

$$\rho = |\rho| e^{j\theta_\rho} \quad (10)$$

where

$$|\rho| = \sqrt{\rho_r^2 + \rho_i^2}$$

$$\theta_\rho = \tan^{-1} \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_r}$$

The true time-varying form is

$$\rho(t) = \operatorname{Re}[|\rho| e^{j(\omega t + \theta_\rho)}] = |\rho| \cos(\omega t + \theta_\rho) \quad (11)$$

For a vector quantity, such as  $\mathbf{E}$ , the complex value may be written

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_r + j\mathbf{E}_i \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}_r$  and  $\mathbf{E}_i$  are real vectors. Then

$$\mathbf{E}(t) = \operatorname{Re}[(\mathbf{E}_r + j\mathbf{E}_i)e^{j\omega t}] = \mathbf{E}_r \cos \omega t - \mathbf{E}_i \sin \omega t \quad (13)$$

Note that  $\mathbf{E}_r$  and  $\mathbf{E}_i$  have the same directions in space only for certain special cases. When they are in the same direction, the vector phasor (12) can be expressed as a vector "magnitude" and a scalar phase angle, but in the general case, when they are in different directions, the six scalar quantities defining the two vectors must be specified (Prob. 3.8a).

### Example 3.8

#### A PHASOR SOLUTION OF MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

As an example of phasor solutions, let us consider the following fields, which we will later find to be important as standing waves:

$$B_z = -jD_0 \sin(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) \quad (14)$$

$$E_y = \frac{D_0}{\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}} \cos(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) \quad (15)$$

Let us show that these do satisfy the phasor forms of Maxwell's equations. The needed rectangular coordinate components of (3) and (4), with  $J = 0$ , are

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = -j\omega B_z \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = -j\omega\epsilon_0 E_y \quad (17)$$

Substitution of (14) and (15) gives

$$-\frac{\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}{\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}} D_0 \sin(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) = (-j)^2 \omega D_0 \sin(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) \quad (18)$$

$$-\frac{jD_0\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}{\mu_0} \cos(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon_0 D_0}{\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}} \cos(\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}x) \quad (19)$$

The divergences of (14) and (15) are also found to be zero:

$$\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \equiv 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} \equiv 0 \quad (20)$$

So the forms (14) and (15) are solutions of the phasor Maxwell equations for this source-

free region. If we wish the time-varying forms, we insert  $e^{j\omega t}$  and take the real part:

$$B_z(x, t) = \operatorname{Re}[B_z e^{j\omega t}] = D_0 \sin(\omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} x) \sin \omega t \quad (21)$$

$$E_y(x, t) = \operatorname{Re}[E_y e^{j\omega t}] = \frac{D_0}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \cos(\omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} x) \cos \omega t \quad (22)$$


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### Examples of Use of Maxwell's Equations

#### 3.9 MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS AND PLANE WAVES

To make the information of Maxwell's equations still more concrete, let us show how the equations predict the propagation of uniform plane electromagnetic waves. Such waves illustrate the interplay of electric and magnetic effects and are also of great fundamental and practical importance. Let us begin from the time-varying forms of Sec. 3.6. We postulate a simple medium with constant, scalar permittivity and permeability and with no free charges and currents ( $\rho = 0, \mathbf{J} = 0$ ). Maxwell's equations are then

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

For uniform plane waves, we assume variation in only one direction. Take this as the  $z$  direction of a rectangular coordinate system. Then  $\partial/\partial x = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial y = 0$ . Let us start with the two curl equations (3) and (4) in rectangular coordinates. With the specialization defined above,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \text{ leads to}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad (5)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = -\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad (6)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \\ 0 = -\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad (7)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \text{ leads to } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} = \epsilon \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} = \epsilon \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \\ 0 = \epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

$$(10)$$

Equations (7) and (10) show that the time-varying parts of  $H_z$  and  $E_z$  are zero. Thus the fields of the wave are entirely transverse to the direction of propagation. The remaining equations break into two independent sets, with (5) and (9) relating  $E_y$  and  $H_x$ , and (6) and (8) relating  $E_x$  and  $H_y$ .

The propagation behavior is illustrated by either set. Choose the set with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$ , differentiating (6) partially with respect to  $z$  and (8) with respect to  $t$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = -\mu \frac{\partial^2 H_y}{\partial z \partial t}, \quad -\frac{\partial^2 H_y}{\partial t \partial z} = \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2}$$

Substitution of the second equation into the first yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \quad (11)$$

The important partial differential equation (11) is a classical form known as the *one-dimensional wave equation*, having solutions that demonstrate propagation of a function (a "wave") in the  $z$  direction with velocity

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \quad (12)$$

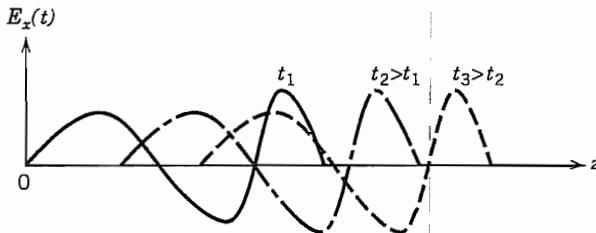
To show this, test a solution of the form

$$E_x(z, t) = f_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) + f_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \quad (13)$$

Differentiating,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} &= f'_1 + f'_2 & \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} &= -\frac{1}{v} f'_1 + \frac{1}{v} f'_2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} &= f''_1 + f''_2 & \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{1}{v^2} f''_1 + \frac{1}{v^2} f''_2 \end{aligned}$$

where the prime denotes differentiation of the function with respect to the entire argument, and the double prime denotes the corresponding second derivative. Comparison of the two second derivatives shows that (11) is satisfied by such a solution with  $v$  given by (12). The first term of the solution in (13) represents a function  $f_1$  moving in the  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ . To show this consider the function  $f_1(z)$  at various times as illustrated in Fig. 3.9. To keep on a constant reference of this wave, we must maintain



**FIG. 3.9** A general wave of electric field versus distance for three different times.

the argument  $t - z/v$  equal to a constant. This implies a velocity  $dz/dt = v$ . Similarly, to keep on a constant reference of the second term in (12) we must keep  $t + z/v$  a constant, implying a velocity  $dz/dt = -v$ . Thus the second term represents the function  $f_2$  traveling in the negative  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ . These moving functions may be thought of as "waves," so that the name "wave equation" is explained.

The velocity  $v$  defined by (12) is found to be the velocity of light for the medium. In particular, for free space

$$\begin{aligned} v = c &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = (4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 8.85419 \times 10^{-12})^{-1/2} \\ &= 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

(Note that to three significant figures, this is the conveniently remembered value  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s, corresponding to  $\epsilon_0$  taken as  $1/36\pi \times 10^{-9}$  F/m.) This equivalence between the velocity of light and the predicted velocity of electromagnetic waves helped Maxwell to establish light as an electromagnetic phenomenon.

For a medium with relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$  and relative permeability  $\mu_r$ , the velocity of the plane wave is then

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} \quad (15)$$

### Example 3.9 SINUSOIDAL WAVE

The most common and useful wave solution is one varying sinusoidally in space and time. Consider the function

$$E_x(z, t) = A \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (16)$$

which is a special case of (13). To show that it satisfies (11), perform the differentiations:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} A \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} = -\mu\epsilon\omega^2 A \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (18)$$

But since  $v^2 = (\mu\epsilon)^{-1}$ , this is a solution. To show that it is a "wave," we see that we can stay on a maximum or crest of the function if we set

$$\omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) = (4n + 1) \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

or

$$z = vt - \frac{(4n + 1)\pi v}{2\omega} \quad (19)$$

so that the crest does move in the  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$  as time progresses.

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### 3.10 UNIFORM PLANE WAVES WITH STEADY-STATE SINUSOIDS

To show the usefulness of the complex phasor approach for steady-state sinusoids, let us continue with this important special case. Replacement of Eqs. 3.9(6) and 3.9(8) with the complex phasor equivalents, obtained by replacing time derivatives with  $j\omega$ , yields

$$\frac{dE_x}{dz} = -j\omega\mu H_y \quad (1)$$

$$-\frac{dH_y}{dz} = j\omega\epsilon E_x \quad (2)$$

Here we have utilized the total derivative with respect to  $z$  since that is now the only variable. Differentiation of (1) with respect to  $z$  and substitution of (2) yield

$$\frac{d^2 E_x}{dz^2} = -\omega^2 \mu\epsilon E_x \quad (3)$$

This is the equivalent of the wave equation, Eq. 3.9(11), but now written in phasor form. It is called a *one-dimensional Helmholtz equation*. It could also be obtained by replacing  $\partial^2/\partial t^2$  with  $-\omega^2$  in Eq. 3.9(11). Solution is in terms of exponentials, as can be verified by substituting in (3)

$$E_x = c_1 e^{-jkz} + c_2 e^{jkz} \quad (4)$$

where

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \quad (5)$$

The constant  $k$  will be met frequently in wave problems. It is a constant of the medium for a particular angular frequency  $\omega$  and is frequently called the *wave number*. It may also be written in terms of the velocity  $v$  defined by Eq. 3.9(12):

$$k = \frac{\omega}{v} \quad (6)$$

The first term of (4) is one that changes its phase linearly with  $z$ , becoming increasingly negative or lagging as one moves in the positive  $z$  direction. This behavior is consistent with the interpretation that the sinusoid is traveling in the positive  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ , resulting in a *phase constant*  $k$  rad/m. The second term of (4) is delayed (becomes more negative) in phase as one moves in the *negative*  $z$  direction and so represents a negatively traveling wave with the same phase constant.

To show the exact correspondence of this approach with that of Sec. 3.9, let us convert the phasor form to a time-varying form by the rules given in Sec. 3.8. We multiply the phasor by the exponential  $e^{j\omega t}$  and take the real part of the product:

$$E_x(z, t) = \text{Re}[E_x e^{j\omega t}] = \text{Re}[c_1 e^{-jkz} e^{j\omega t} + c_2 e^{jkz} e^{j\omega t}] \quad (7)$$

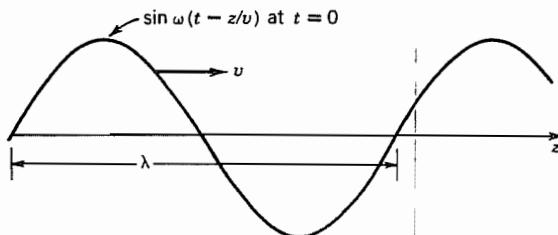
For simplicity, take  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to be real. Then

$$E_x(z, t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t - kz) + c_2 \cos(\omega t + kz) \quad (8a)$$

$$= c_1 \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) + c_2 \cos \omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (8b)$$

Following the interpretation of Sec. 3.9, we see two real sinusoids, the first traveling in the positive  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$  and the second traveling in the negative  $z$  direction with the same velocity. The result is then exactly as in Sec. 3.9.

Figure 3.10a shows the sinusoidal variation of  $E_x$  with  $z$  at a particular instant (say  $t = 0$ ). This pattern moves to the right with velocity  $v$  if it is a positively traveling wave and to the left if it is negatively traveling. The distance between two planes with the same magnitude and direction of  $E_x$  is called *wavelength*  $\lambda$  and is found by the distance for which phase changes by  $2\pi$ .



**Fig. 3.10a** Sinusoidal function plotted versus distance for one instant of time. For a positively traveling wave, the function progresses in the positive  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ .

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi v}{\omega} = \frac{v}{f} \quad (9)$$

where  $f$  is frequency. Figure 3.10b shows electric field vectors of a sinusoidal wave.

Let us also look at the magnetic fields. Returning to the complex forms, we use the solution (4) in the differential equation (1):

$$H_y = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \frac{dE_x}{dz} = \frac{k}{\omega\mu} [c_1 e^{-jkz} - c_2 e^{jkz}] \quad (10)$$

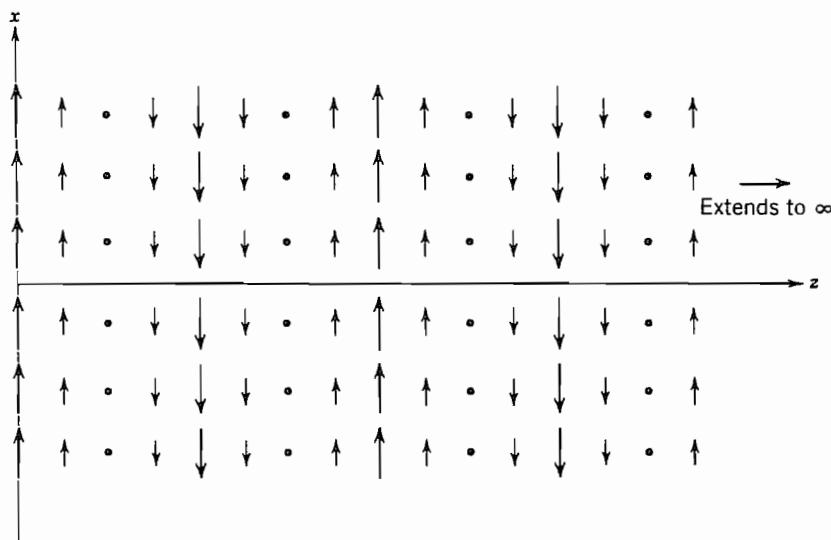
Using the definition of  $k$  from (5),

$$H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} [c_1 e^{-jkz} - c_2 e^{jkz}] \quad (11)$$

The instantaneous equivalent of this is

$$H_y(z, t) = \operatorname{Re}[H_y(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} [c_1 \cos(\omega t - kz) - c_2 \cos(\omega t + kz)] \quad (12)$$

So  $E_x/H_y$  is  $\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$  for the positively traveling wave and is  $-\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$  for the negatively traveling wave. The consequences of these relationships for problems of wave transmission and reflection are discussed in Chapter 6.



**Fig. 3.10b** Vectors showing magnitude and direction of electric field in a sinusoidal, uniform plane wave filling the half-space  $0 \leq z$  for one instant of time. For a positively traveling wave, pattern moves to right with velocity  $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ .

## 3.11 THE WAVE EQUATION IN THREE DIMENSIONS

The one-dimensional example studied in the preceding two sections is important because it illustrates wave behavior simply, and also because it is a useful model for many important practical problems. Nevertheless we have to be concerned with wave behavior in two or three dimensions also. To derive the equation governing such phenomena, let us still specialize to simple media in which  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$  are scalar constants and assume no free charges or convection currents within the region of concern. We may then return to the special form of Maxwell's equations given as Eqs. 3.9(1) to 3.9(4). Take the curl of Eq. 3.9(3), interchanging time and space partial derivatives:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \quad (1)$$

The left side is expanded by a vector identity. (See inside back cover.) The curl of magnetic field on the right side utilizes Eq. 3.9(4).

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad (2)$$

For a source-free dielectric,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0$  and, if  $\epsilon$  is not a function of space coordinates,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$  also. Then

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad (3)$$

This is the three-dimensional wave equation to be derived. It will be found useful in a variety of problems to be considered later, as in the analysis of propagating modes of a waveguide, resonant modes of a cavity resonator, or radiating waves from an antenna. Note that the vector equation breaks into three scalar equations, and for rectangular coordinates it separates into three scalar wave equations of the same form:

$$\nabla^2 E_x = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \quad (4)$$

and similarly for  $E_y$  and  $E_z$ . Note that if  $\partial/\partial x = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial y = 0$ ,  $\nabla^2$  is just  $\partial^2/\partial z^2$  and we have the one-dimensional wave equation studied in Sec. 3.9:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \quad (5)$$

The wave equation applies also to magnetic field for the simple medium considered here, as can be shown by taking the curl of Eq. 3.9(4) and substituting Eq. 3.9(3) to obtain

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} \quad (6)$$

In complex or phasor notation these reduce to three-dimensional Helmholtz equa-

tions, obtained by replacing  $\partial^2/\partial t^2$  with  $-\omega^2$  in (3) and (6):

$$\text{phasor forms } \begin{cases} \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -k^2 \mathbf{E} \\ \nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = -k^2 \mathbf{H} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

### Example 3.11

#### RESONANT WAVE SOLUTION FOR A RECTANGULAR BOX

We have seen that the wave equation has traveling-wave solutions. It also has standing-wave solutions under proper boundary conditions. Consider

$$E_x = C \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \sin k_z z \quad (10)$$

We use the  $x$  component of (7), expressed in rectangular coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = -k^2 E_x \quad (11)$$

Carrying out the differentiations,

$$-k_x^2 E_x - k_y^2 E_x - k_z^2 E_x = -k^2 E_x$$

or

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k^2 \quad (12)$$

So the phase constants in the three directions must be related by the condition (12). We shall see in Chapter 10 that this relation, combined with boundary conditions at the conducting walls, gives the conditions for resonance of waves in a rectangular cavity resonator.

### 3.12 POWER FLOW IN ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS: POYNTING'S THEOREM

The preceding sections have shown how electromagnetic waves may propagate through space or a dielectric. We know from experience that such waves can carry energy. The sun's rays, which are now known to be electromagnetic waves, warm us. The radio waves from a distant antenna bring power, admittedly small, to drive the first amplifier stage of a receiver. For lumped electrical circuits we express power through voltage and current. For electromagnetic fields, we can find a similar but more general relationship giving power and energy relationships in terms of the fields. The resulting theorem, Poynting's theorem, is one of the most fundamental and useful relationships of electromagnetic theory.

We start with the time-varying forms (Sec. 3.6) and write the two curl equations of Maxwell:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

An equivalence of vector operations (inside back cover) shows that

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \quad (3)$$

If products involving (1) and (2) are taken as indicated, (3) becomes

$$-\mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \quad (4)$$

This may now be integrated over the volume of concern:

$$\int_V \left( \mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} \right) dV = - \int_V \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) dV$$

From the divergence theorem (Sec. 1.11), the volume integral of  $\text{div}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H})$  equals the surface integral of  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  over the boundary.

$$\int_V \left( \mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} \right) dV = - \oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (5)$$

This is the important *Poynting's theorem* and in this form is valid for general media since we have so far made no specializations with respect to the medium. For linear, time-invariant media (5) can be recast into the form

$$\int_V \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H}}{2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}}{2} \right) + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} \right] dV = - \oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (6)$$

Problem 3.12f shows that (6) is consistent with (5) for isotropic media. Equation (6) is also valid for anisotropic media (Prob. 13.8c). The term  $\epsilon E^2/2$  was shown (Sec. 1.22) to represent the energy storage per unit volume for an electrostatic field. If this interpretation is extended by definition to any electric field,<sup>3</sup> the second term of (6) represents the time rate of increase of the stored energy in the electric fields of the region. Similarly, if  $\mu H^2/2$  is defined as the density of energy storage for a magnetic field, the first term represents the time rate of increase of the stored energy in the magnetic fields of the region. The third term represents either the ohmic power loss if  $\mathbf{J}$  is a conduction current density or the power required to accelerate charges if  $\mathbf{J}$  is a convection current arising from moving charges. Both of these cases will be illustrated in the examples at the end of this section. Also, if there is an energy source,  $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$  is negative for that source and

<sup>3</sup> For an excellent discussion of the arbitrariness of these definitions, refer to J. A. Stratton, Electromagnetic Theory, p. 133, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

represents energy flow out of the region. All the net energy change must be supplied externally. Thus the term on the right represents the energy flow into the volume per unit time. Changing sign, the rate of energy flow out through the enclosing surface is

$$W = \oint_S \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (7)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (8)$$

and is called the Poynting vector.

Although it is known from the proof only that total energy flow out of a region per unit time is given by the total surface integral (6), it is often convenient to think of the vector  $\mathbf{P}$  defined by (8) as the vector giving direction and magnitude of energy flow density at any point in space. Though this step does not follow strictly, it is a most useful interpretation and one which is justified for the majority of applications. (But see Prob. 3.12a.)

It should be noted that there are cases for which there will be no power flow through the electromagnetic field. Accepting the foregoing interpretation of the Poynting vector, we see that it will be zero when either  $\mathbf{E}$  or  $\mathbf{H}$  is zero or when the two vectors are mutually parallel. Thus, for example, there is no power flow in the vicinity of a system of static charges that has electric field but no magnetic field. Another very important case is that of a perfect conductor, which by definition must have a zero tangential component of electric field at its surface. Then  $\mathbf{P}$  can have no component normal to the conductor and there can be no power flow into the perfect conductor.

### Example 3.12a OHMIC LOSS

To demonstrate the interpretation of the theorem, let us take the simple example of a round wire carrying direct current  $I_z$  (Fig. 3.12). If  $R$  is the resistance per unit length, the electric field in the wire is known from Ohm's law to be

$$E_z = I_z R$$

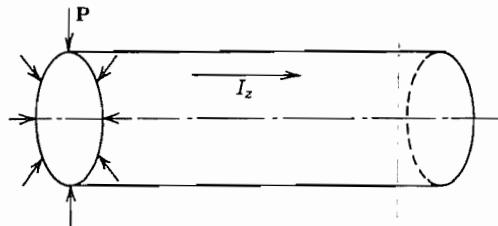
The magnetic field at the surface, or at any radius  $r$  outside the wire, is

$$H_\phi = \frac{I_z}{2\pi r} \quad (9)$$

The Poynting vector  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  is everywhere radial, directed toward the axis:

$$P_r = -E_z H_\phi = -\frac{RI_z^2}{2\pi r} \quad (10)$$

We then make an integration over a cylindrical surface of unit length and radius equal



**FIG. 3.12** Round wire with Poynting vector directed radially inward to supply power for ohmic losses.

to that of the wire (there is no flow through the ends of the cylinder since  $\mathbf{P}$  has no component normal to the ends). All the flow is through the cylindrical surface, giving a power flow inward of amount

$$W = 2\pi r(-P_r) = I_z^2 R \quad (11)$$

We know that this result does represent the correct power flow into the conductor, being dissipated in heat. If we accept the Poynting vector as giving the correct *density* of power flow at each point, we must then picture the battery or other source of energy as setting up the electric and magnetic fields, so that the energy flows through the field and into the wire through its surface. The Poynting theorem cannot be considered a proof of the correctness of this interpretation, for it says only that the *total* power balance for a given region will be computed correctly in this manner, but the interpretation is nevertheless a useful one.

### Example 3.12b MOVING CHARGES

Let us next consider the example in which  $\mathbf{J}$  is a convection current. For simplicity take a region containing particles of charge value  $q$ , mass  $m$ , and velocity  $\mathbf{v}_\rho$ . The convection current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho \mathbf{v}_\rho = n q \mathbf{v}_\rho \quad (12)$$

where  $n$  is the density of particles. From the force law the acceleration of charges is

$$\mathbf{F} = q \mathbf{E} = m \frac{d\mathbf{v}_\rho}{dt} \quad (13)$$

and the third term in the Poynting theorem (6) is

$$\int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} dV = \int_V \frac{m}{q} \frac{d\mathbf{v}_\rho}{dt} \cdot (n q \mathbf{v}_\rho) dV = \int_V \frac{mn}{2} \frac{d(v_\rho^2)}{dt} dV \quad (14)$$

which we recognize to be the rate of change of the total kinetic energy of the charge group. In this example we will not try to work out the right side of (6), but the  $\mathbf{E}$  in that term is related to the accelerating field, the  $\mathbf{H}$  is that from the convection current, and the Poynting theorem will always be satisfied.<sup>4</sup>

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### Example 3.12c POYNTING FLOW IN A PLANE WAVE

Finally we look at the Poynting theorem applied to the plane electromagnetic wave studied in preceding sections. The form of a sinusoidally varying wave with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  propagating in the positive  $z$  direction was shown to be

$$E_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \quad (15)$$

$$H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \quad (16)$$

The Poynting vector is then in the  $z$  direction, which is consistent with our interpretation that power is flowing in that direction:

$$P_z = E_x H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz) \quad (17)$$

By the use of a trigonometric identity this is also

$$P_z = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_0^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2(\omega t - kz) \right] \quad (18)$$

Note that there is a constant term showing that the wave carries an average power, as expected. There is also a time-varying portion representing the redistribution of stored energy in space as maxima and minima of fields pass through a given region.

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### 3.13 POYNTING'S THEOREM FOR PHASORS

Because of the importance of phasors for sinusoidal electromagnetic fields, we need the Poynting theorem in phasor form also. It might seem that we could simply substitute in the time-varying theorem, Eq. 3.12(5), replacing  $\partial/\partial t$  by  $j\omega$ , but this does not work since the expression is nonlinear, involving products of the fields. We start with Maxwell's equations in complex form and derive the complex Poynting theorem by steps

<sup>4</sup> If the charges move through the surface surrounding the region, the net kinetic energy transport by the charge stream through the surface is also included. This is actually contained in the third term on the left as shown by L. Tonks, Phys. Rev. **54** 863 (1938).

parallel to those used for the theorem in time-varying field quantities. The two curl equations in complex phasor form are (Sec. 3.8)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{B} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega \mathbf{D} \quad (2)$$

Consider the vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) = \mathbf{H}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}^*) \quad (3)$$

where the asterisk denotes the complex conjugate. Equations (1) and (2) may now be substituted in this identity:

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) = \mathbf{H}^* \cdot (-j\omega \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\mathbf{J}^* - j\omega \mathbf{D}^*) \quad (4)$$

This expression is integrated through volume  $V$  and the divergence theorem utilized:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) dV &= \oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= - \int_V [\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}^* + j\omega(\mathbf{H}^* \cdot \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D}^*)] dV \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Equation (5) is the general Poynting theorem as it applies to complex phasors. To interpret, consider an isotropic medium in which all losses occur through conduction currents  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$  so that  $\sigma$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\epsilon$  are real scalars. Then (5) becomes

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = - \int_V \sigma \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^* dV - j\omega \int_V [\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^* - \epsilon \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*] dV \quad (6)$$

The first volume integral on the right side represents power loss in the conduction currents and is just twice the average power loss. (See Appendix 4.) Thus the real part of the complex Poynting flow on the left side can be related to this power loss. Or, interpreting the Poynting vector itself as a density of power flow as in Sec. 3.12,

$$\mathbf{P}_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \text{ W/m}^2 \quad (7)$$

The second volume integral on the right of (6) is proportional to the difference between average stored magnetic energy in the volume and average stored electric energy. Taking into account a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the energy expressions and another  $\frac{1}{2}$  for averaging of squares of sinusoids, we can then interpret the imaginary part of (6) as

$$\operatorname{Im} \oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 4\omega(U_{Eav} - U_{Hav}) \quad (8)$$

where  $U_{Eav}$  is average stored energy in electric fields and  $U_{Hav}$  that in magnetic fields. So the imaginary part of the Poynting flow through the surface can be thought of as *reactive power* flowing back and forth to supply the instantaneous changes in net stored energy in the volume.

**Example 3.13**  
AVERAGE POWER IN UNIFORM PLANE WAVES

To illustrate the average Poynting vector for the plane-wave case, let us take the field expressions for plane waves derived in complex form in Sec. 3.10:

$$E_x = c_1 e^{-jkz} + c_2 e^{jkz} \quad (9)$$

$$H_y = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} [c_1 e^{-jkz} - c_2 e^{jkz}] \quad (10)$$

The complex Poynting vector is then

$$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^* = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} [c_1 e^{-jkz} + c_2 e^{jkz}] [c_1^* e^{jkz} - c_2^* e^{-jkz}] \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (11)$$

and the average power density, by (7), is in the  $z$  direction and equal to

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} [c_1 c_1^* - c_2 c_2^*] \text{ W/m}^2 \quad (12)$$

This equation states that the average power is simply the average power of the positively traveling wave minus that of the negatively traveling wave. The cross-product terms of (11) contribute only to reactive power, that is, to the interchange of stored energy within the wave.

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### 3.14 CONTINUITY CONDITIONS FOR AC FIELDS AT A BOUNDARY: UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS

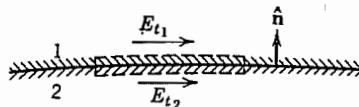
In the study of static fields, certain boundary and continuity conditions were stated for such fields and were found essential in the solution of the field problems by the use of the differential equations. Similarly, for the use of Maxwell's equations in differential equation form, we need corresponding boundary and continuity conditions.

Consider first Faraday's law in large-scale form, Eq. 3.2(3), applied to a path formed by moving distance  $\Delta l$  along one side of the boundary between any two materials and returning on the other side, an infinitesimal distance into the second medium (Fig. 3.14a). The line integral of electric field is

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (E_{t1} - E_{t2}) \Delta l \quad (1)$$

Since the path is an infinitesimal distance on either side of the boundary, it encloses zero area; therefore the contribution from changing magnetic flux is zero so long as rate of change of magnetic flux density is finite. Consequently,

$$(E_{t1} - E_{t2}) \Delta l = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad E_{t1} = E_{t2} \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 3.14a** Continuity of tangential electric field components at a dielectric boundary.

Similarly, the generalized Ampère law in large-scale form, Eq. 3.7(4), may be applied to a like path with its two sides on the two sides of the boundary. Again zero area is enclosed by the path, and, so long as current density and rate of change of electric flux density are finite, the integral is zero. Thus, as in (2),

$$H_{t1} = H_{t2} \quad (3)$$

Or in vector form, by use of the unit vector  $\hat{n}$  normal to the boundary as shown in Fig. 3.14a, (2) and (3) can be written as

$$\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Thus tangential components of electric and magnetic field must be equal on the two sides of any boundary between physically real media. The condition (3) may be modified for an idealized case such as the perfect conductor where the current densities are allowed to become infinite. This case is discussed separately in Sec. 3.15.

The integral form of Gauss's law is Eq. 3.7(1). If two very small elements of area  $\Delta S$  are considered (Fig. 3.14b), one on either side of the boundary between any two materials, with a surface charge density  $\rho_s$  existing on the boundary, the application of Gauss's law to this elemental volume gives

$$\Delta S(D_{n1} - D_{n2}) = \rho_s \Delta S$$

or

$$D_{n1} - D_{n2} = \rho_s \quad (6)$$

For a charge-free boundary,

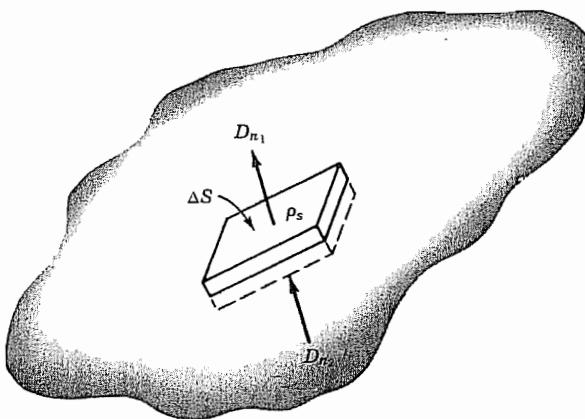
$$D_{n1} = D_{n2} \quad \text{or} \quad \epsilon_1 E_{n1} = \epsilon_2 E_{n2} \quad (7)$$

That is, for a charge-free boundary, normal components of electric flux density are continuous; for a boundary with charges, they are discontinuous by the amount of the surface charge density.

Since there is no magnetic charge term on the right of Eq. 3.7(2), a development corresponding to the above shows that always the magnetic flux density is continuous:

$$B_{n1} = B_{n2} \quad \text{or} \quad \mu_1 H_{n1} = \mu_2 H_{n2} \quad (8)$$

For the time-varying case, which is of greatest importance to our study, the conditions on normal components are not independent of those given for the tangential components. The reason is that the former are derived from the divergence equations (or their equivalent in large-scale form), and these may be obtained from the two curl equations



**FIG. 3.14b** Diagram showing how discontinuity in normal components of electric flux density at a boundary is related to surface charge density.

in the time-varying case (Prob. 3.6b). The conditions on tangential components were derived from the large-scale equivalents of the curl equations. Hence, for the ac solutions, it is necessary only to apply the continuity conditions on tangential components of electric and magnetic fields at a boundary between two media, and the conditions on normal components may be used as a check; if the normal components of  $\mathbf{D}$  turn out to be discontinuous, (6) tells the amount of surface charge that is induced on the boundary.

**Uniqueness** The procedure to prove the uniqueness of solutions of Maxwell's equations follows the philosophy in Sec. 1.17. One assumes two possible solutions with the same given tangential fields on the boundary of the region of interest. The difference field is formed, and found to satisfy Poynting's theorem in the form of Eq. 3.12(5). Stratton<sup>5</sup> shows that for linear, isotropic (but possibly inhomogeneous) media, specification of tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  on the boundary and of initial values of all fields at time zero is sufficient to specify fields uniquely within the region at all later times. The argument can be extended to anisotropic materials and certain classes of nonlinear materials, but not to materials that have multivalued relations between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  (or  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ ) or to "active" materials that produce oscillations. In steady-state problems we are not generally concerned with the specifications of initial conditions.

Although the discussion has been given for a region with closed boundaries, uniqueness arguments also apply to open regions extending to infinity, provided certain radiation conditions are satisfied by the fields. These require that the products  $r\mathbf{E}$  and  $r\mathbf{H}$  remain finite as  $r$  approaches infinity<sup>6</sup> and are satisfied by fields arising from real charge and current sources contained within a finite region. The extension to open regions is important to the potential formulation of the last part of this chapter.

<sup>5</sup> J. A. Stratton, *Electromagnetic Theory*, pp. 486–488, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

<sup>6</sup> S. Silver, *Microwave Antenna Theory and Design*, p. 85, IEEE Press, New York, 1984.

## 3.15 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AT A PERFECT CONDUCTOR FOR AC FIELDS

It is a good approximation in many practical problems to treat good conductors (such as copper and other metals) as though of infinite conductivity when finding the form of fields outside the conductor. We will study the effect of large but finite conductivity on fields *within* the conductor in Sec. 3.16. When we do, we will find that all fields and currents concentrate in a thin region or "skin" near the surface for time-varying fields, and this region approaches zero thickness as the conductivity approaches infinity. Thus, for the perfect conductor (infinite conductivity), we find that all fields are zero inside the conductor and any current flow must be only on the surface. The physical properties of perfect conductors are discussed in Sec. 13.4. Since the electric field is zero within the perfect conductor, continuity of tangential electric field at a boundary requires that the surface tangential electric field be zero just outside the boundary also,

$$E_t = 0 \quad (1)$$

and Eq. 3.14(6) gives the normal electric flux density as

$$D_n = \rho_s \quad (2)$$

Furthermore, since magnetic fields also vanish inside the conductor, the statement of continuity of magnetic flux lines, Eq. 3.14(8), indicates that

$$B_n = 0 \quad (3)$$

at the conductor surface. As was pointed out in the last section, however, the continuity condition on normal  $\mathbf{B}$  is not independent of the condition on tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  in the time-varying case. Thus, in the ac solution, (3) follows from (1), but may sometimes be useful as a check or as an alternative boundary condition.

The tangential component of magnetic field is likewise zero inside the perfect conductor but is not in general zero just outside. This discontinuity would appear to violate the condition of Eq. 3.14(3), but it will be recalled that a condition for that proof was that current density remain finite. For the perfect conductor, the finite current  $\mathbf{J}$  per unit width is assumed to flow on the surface as a current sheet of zero thickness, so that current density is infinite. The discontinuity in tangential magnetic field is found by a construction similar to that of Fig. 3.14a. The current enclosed by the path is the current per unit width  $J_s$  flowing on the surface of the conductor perpendicular to the direction of the tangential magnetic field at the surface. Then

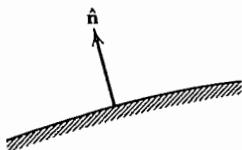
$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = H_t dl = J_s dl$$

or

$$J_s = H_t \text{ A/m} \quad (4)$$

where  $J_s$  is current per unit width, called a surface current density. The direction and sense relations for (4) are given most conveniently by the vector form of the law below.

To write the relations of (1)–(4) in vector notation, a unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , normal to the



**FIG. 3.15** Conducting boundary with the normal unit vector.

conductor at any given point and pointing from the conductor into the region where fields exist, is defined (Fig. 3.15). Then conditions (1)–(4) become:

$$\hat{n} \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\rho_s = \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{D} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_s = \hat{n} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (8)$$

For an ac problem, (5) represents the only required boundary condition at a perfect conductor. Equation (6) serves as a check or sometimes as an alternative to (5). Equations (7) and (8) are used to give the charge and current induced on the conductor by the presence of the electromagnetic fields.

### 3.16 PENETRATION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS INTO A GOOD CONDUCTOR

Maxwell's equations have been illustrated by showing the wave behavior of electromagnetic fields in good dielectrics. A second extremely important class of materials used in many electromagnetic problems is that of "good conductors." Let us examine the basic behavior of electromagnetic fields in such conductors. The development in this and the following section will be for steady-state sinusoids using phasor notation, with the usual understanding that more general time variations may be broken up into a series or continuous distribution of such sinusoids. The conductors of concern are those satisfying Ohm's law,

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

The constant  $\sigma$  is the conductivity of the conductor. At optical frequencies metals are not well represented by a real constant  $\sigma$ , but the approximation is valid for microwaves and millimeter waves (Sec. 13.3). Substitution of (1) into the Maxwell equation 3.8(4) gives

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = (\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\mathbf{E} \quad (2)$$

It is easy to show that the assumption of Ohm's law implies the absence of charge density. Since the divergence of the curl of any vector is zero,

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = (\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$$

where we have assumed homogeneity of  $\sigma$  and  $\epsilon$ . Thus

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho = 0 \quad (3)$$

The simple picture of the situation in a conductor is that mobile electrons drift through a lattice of positive ions, encountering frequent collisions. On the average, over a volume large compared with the atomic dimensions but small compared with dimensions of interest in the system under study, the net charge is zero even though some of the charges are moving through the element and causing current flow. The net movement or "drift" in such cases is found proportional to the electric field.

For metals and other good conductors, it is found that displacement current is negligible in comparison with conduction current for microwave and millimeter-wave frequencies, and in fact is not measurable until frequencies are well into the infrared. For the present we concentrate on the important cases for which  $\omega\epsilon$  in (2) is negligible in comparison with  $\sigma$ .

Thus, to summarize, the following specializations are appropriate to Maxwell's equations applied to good conductors, and may in fact be taken as a definition of a good conductor.

1. Conduction current is given by Ohm's law,  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$ .
2. Displacement current is negligible in comparison with current,  $\omega\epsilon \ll \sigma$ .
3. As a consequence of (1), the net charge density is zero for homogeneous conductors.

To derive the differential equation which determines the penetration of the fields into the conductor, we first take the curl of the Maxwell curl equation for electric field, Eq. 3.8(3), and make use of a vector identity (see inside back cover) and the definition of permeability to obtain

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad (4)$$

Then using (3) and substituting (2) in (4) with displacement current neglected, we find

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = j\omega\mu\sigma\mathbf{E} \quad (5)$$

Equations with forms identical to (5) can be found in a similar way for magnetic field and current density:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = j\omega\mu\sigma\mathbf{H} \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{J} = j\omega\mu\sigma\mathbf{J} \quad (7)$$

We first consider the differential equations (5)–(7) for the simple but useful example of a plane conductor of infinite depth, with no field variations along the width or length dimension. This case is frequently taken as that of a conductor filling the half-space  $x > 0$  in a rectangular coordinate system with the  $y$ - $z$  plane coinciding with the conductor surface, and is then spoken of as a "semi-infinite solid." In spite of the infinite depth requirement, the analysis of this case is of importance to many conductors of finite extent, and with curved surfaces, because at high frequencies the depth over which

significant fields are concentrated is very small. Radii of curvature and conductor depth may then be taken as infinite in comparison. Moreover, any field variations along the surface due to curvature, edge effects, or variations along a wavelength are ordinarily so small compared with the variations into the conductor that they may be neglected.

For the uniform field situation shown in Fig. 3.16a with the electric field vector in the  $z$  direction, we assume no variations with  $y$  or  $z$  and (5) becomes

$$\frac{d^2E_z}{dx^2} = j\omega\mu\sigma E_z = \tau^2 E_z \quad (8)$$

where

$$\tau^2 \triangleq j\omega\mu\sigma \quad (9)$$

Since  $\sqrt{j} = (1 + j)/\sqrt{2}$  (taking the root with the positive sign),

$$\tau = (1 + j)\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} = \frac{1 + j}{\delta} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \text{ m} \quad (11)$$

A complete solution of (8) is in terms of exponentials:

$$E_z = C_1 e^{-\pi x} + C_2 e^{\pi x} \quad (12)$$

The field will increase to the impossible value of infinity at  $x = \infty$  unless  $C_2$  is zero. The coefficient  $C_1$  may be written as the field at the surface if we let  $E_z = E_0$  when  $x = 0$ . Then

$$E_z = E_0 e^{-\pi x} \quad (13)$$

Or, in terms of the quantity  $\delta$  defined by (10) and (11),

$$E_z = E_0 e^{-x/\delta} e^{-jx/\delta} \quad (14)$$

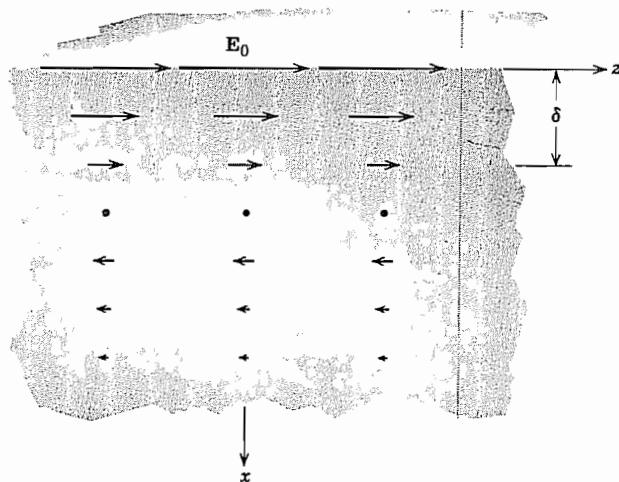
Since the magnetic field and the current density are governed by the same differential equation as the electric field, forms identical to (14) apply; that is,

$$H_y = H_0 e^{-x/\delta} e^{-jx/\delta} \quad (15)$$

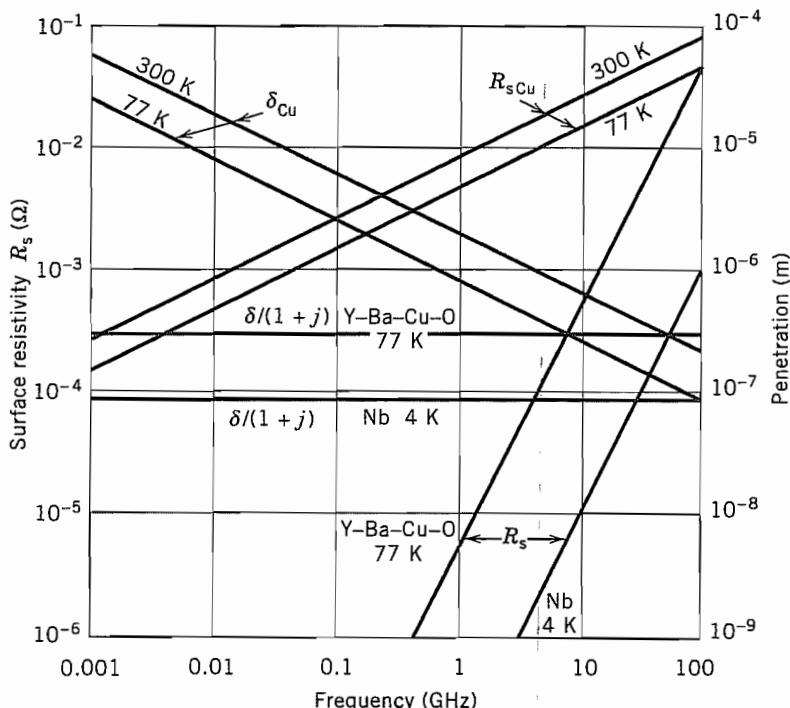
$$J_z = J_0 e^{-x/\delta} e^{-jx/\delta} \quad (16)$$

where  $H_0$  and  $J_0$  are the magnitudes of the magnetic field and current density at the surface.

It is evident from the forms of (14)–(16) that the magnitudes of the fields and current decrease exponentially with penetration into the conductor, and  $\delta$  has the significance of the depth at which they have decreased to  $1/e$  (about 36.9%) of their values at the surface, as indicated in Fig. 3.16a. The quantity  $\delta$  is accordingly called the *depth of*



**FIG. 3.16a** Plane solid illustrating decay of current into conductor.



**FIG. 3.16b** Skin depth and surface resistance for copper at two temperatures and for two superconductors. Note that the skin depth for superconductors is  $(1 + j)$  times a real number, so penetration of fields and current density in Eqs. 3.16(14–16) have only the real exponential decay.

*penetration*, or *skin depth*. The phases of the current and fields lag behind their surface values by  $x/\delta$  radians at depth  $x$  into the conductor. The penetration depths for copper at room temperature (300 K) and 77 K are shown in Fig. 3.16b. Except for ferromagnetic and ferrite materials,  $\mu \approx \mu_0$ .

### Example 3.16

#### SKIN DEPTH IN AUDIO TRANSFORMER WITH IRON CORE

An audio frequency transformer has a core made of iron with  $\sigma = 0.5 \times 10^7$  and  $\mu = 1000\mu_0$ . It is designed to work up to 15 kHz. Let us find the skin depth at this highest design frequency. From (11)

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= (\pi \times 15 \times 10^3 \times 10^3 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 0.5 \times 10^7)^{-1/2} \\ &= (30\pi^2 \times 10^6)^{-1/2} = 0.058 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 0.058 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

Note that this is more than 30 times smaller than for a material of the same conductivity but with a relative permeability of unity.

Advantageous electromagnetic behavior can be obtained in circumstances where cooling to cryogenic temperatures is possible if superconductors are used.<sup>7</sup> For reasons to be explained in Sec. 13.4, the conductivity is complex and frequency dependent, and  $\delta$  is constant up to about 100 GHz at  $(1 + j)$  times the value of the dc *penetration depth*  $\lambda_s$ . Values of  $\delta$  found experimentally for niobium at 4 K and for the oxide superconductor  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ , or simply Y–Ba–Cu–O, are shown in Fig. 3.16b for comparison with the frequency-dependent values for copper. The oxide superconductor Y–Ba–Cu–O has an anisotropic crystal structure; it is assumed here that the highly conducting Cu–O planes are parallel to the surface. The behavior is otherwise more complicated.

### 3.17 INTERNAL IMPEDANCE OF A PLANE CONDUCTOR

The decay of fields into a good conductor or superconductor may be looked at as the attenuation of a plane wave as it propagates into the conductor or from the point of view that induced fields from the time-varying currents tend to counter the applied fields. The latter point of view is especially applicable to circuits, in which case we think of the field at the surface as the applied field. Currents (resulting from  $\sigma E$ ) concentrate near this surface and the ratio of surface electric field to current flow gives an *internal impedance* for use in circuit problems. By *internal*, we mean the contribution

<sup>7</sup> T. Van Duzer and C. W. Turner, *Principles of Superconductive Devices and Circuits*, Sec. 3.14, Elsevier, New York, 1981. (To be reissued by Prentice Hall.)

to impedance from the fields penetrating the conductor. This gives, in general, a resistance term and an internal inductance, the latter to be added to any external inductance contribution arising from the fields outside the conductor.

The total current flowing past a unit width on the surface of the plane conductor is found by integrating the current density, Eq. 3.16(16), from the surface to the infinite depth:

$$J_{sz} = \int_0^{\infty} J_z dx = \int_0^{\infty} J_0 e^{-(1+j)(x/\delta)} dx = \frac{J_0 \delta}{(1+j)} \quad (1)$$

The electric field at the surface is related to the current density at the surface by

$$E_{z0} = \frac{J_0}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$

Internal impedance for a unit length and unit width is defined as

$$Z_s \triangleq \frac{E_{z0}}{J_{sz}} = \frac{1+j}{\sigma \delta} \quad (3)$$

With the further definition

$$Z_s \triangleq R_s + j\omega L_i \quad (4)$$

We then have

$$R_s = \frac{1}{\sigma \delta} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu}{\sigma}} \quad (5)$$

$$\omega L_i = \frac{1}{\sigma \delta} = R_s \quad (6)$$

With  $\sigma$  real, the resistance and internal reactance of such a plane conductor are equal at any frequency. The internal impedance  $Z_s$  thus has a phase angle of 45 degrees. Equation (5) gives another interpretation of depth of penetration  $\delta$ , for this equation shows that the skin-effect resistance of the semi-infinite plane conductor is the same as the dc resistance of a plane conductor of depth  $\delta$ . That is, resistance of this conductor

**Table 3.17a**  
**Skin Effect Properties of Typical Metals**

	Conductivity $\sigma$ (S/m)	Depth of Penetration $\delta$ (m)	Surface Resistivity $R_s$ ( $\Omega$ )
Silver (300 K)	$6.17 \times 10^7$	$0.0642f^{-1/2}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-7}f^{1/2}$
Aluminum (300 K)	$3.72 \times 10^7$	$0.0826f^{-1/2}$	$3.26 \times 10^{-7}f^{1/2}$
Brass (300 K)	$1.57 \times 10^7$	$0.127f^{-1/2}$	$5.01 \times 10^{-7}f^{1/2}$
Copper (300 K)	$5.80 \times 10^7$	$0.066f^{-1/2}$	$2.61 \times 10^{-7}f^{1/2}$
Copper (77 K)	$18 \times 10^7$	$0.037f^{-1/2}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}f^{1/2}$

**Table 3.17b**  
**Skin Effect Properties of Typical Superconductors**

	Complex Conductivity $\sigma = \sigma_1 - j\sigma_2$ (S/m)	Penetration Depth $\lambda_s = \delta/(1 + j)$ (m)	Surface Resistivity $R_s$ ( $\Omega$ )
YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-x</sub> (77 K)	$8.2 \times 10^6 - j20 \times 10^{17}f^{-1}$	$250 \times 10^{-9}$	$40 \times 10^{-25}f^2$
Niobium (4 K)	$5.2 \times 10^6 - j175 \times 10^{17}f^{-1}$	$85 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-25}f^2$

with exponential decrease in current density is the same as though current were uniformly distributed over a depth  $\delta$ .

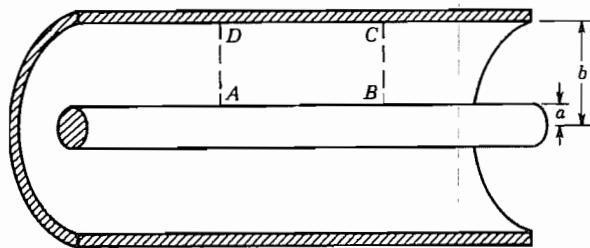
The resistance  $R_s$  of the plane conductor for a unit length and unit width is called the *surface resistivity*. For a finite area of conductor, the resistance is obtained by multiplying  $R_s$  by length, and dividing by width since the width elements are essentially in parallel. Thus the dimension of  $R_s$  is ohms or, as it is sometimes called, ohms per square. Like the depth of penetration  $\delta$ ,  $R_s$  as defined by (5) is also a useful parameter in the analyses of conductors of other than plane shape, and may be thought of as a constant of the material at frequency  $f$ .

Superconductors are somewhat different from the good conductor discussed above in having a complex conductivity with the result that the surface resistance and reactance terms are not equal. But the definitions in (3) and (4) still apply. Again,  $\mu \approx \mu_0$ . They differ also in that  $R_s$  increases as  $f^2$  rather than as  $f^{1/2}$ , as in the case of a good conductor. Values of depth of penetration (skin depth) and surface resistivity are tabulated for several metals in Table 3.17a and are plotted in Fig. 3.16b as functions of frequency. Table 3.17b gives experimentally derived data for the complex conductivity, penetration depth, and surface resistance for two prominent superconductors; the penetration depth and surface resistance are also plotted in Fig. 3.16b as functions of frequency.

### Example 3.17

#### APPROXIMATE INTERNAL IMPEDANCE OF A COAXIAL LINE

The usefulness of this concept for practical problems may now be illustrated by considering the coaxial transmission line of Fig. 3.17. We select as a circuit path one which follows the outer surface of the inner conductor,  $AB$ , traversing radially across to  $C$  and then following the inner surface of the outer conductor  $CD$ , returning back radially to  $A$ . The difference between voltages  $V_{DA}$  and  $V_{CB}$  will arise in part because of the inductance calculated from flux within the path  $ABCDA$ , that is, the inductance external to the conductors. We consequently call this the *external inductance* and recognize it as that found for a coaxial line in Chapter 2. But there is also a voltage contribution along the path  $AB$  due to the internal impedance of the inner conductor and one along  $CD$  arising from internal impedance of the outer conductor.



**FIG. 3.17** Section of coaxial transmission line. Line integral of electric field about path ABCD relates to magnetic flux associated with external inductance.

If radii of curvatures  $a$  and  $b$  are large in comparison with skin depth  $\delta$ , and if thickness of the outer tubular conductor is large compared with  $\delta$ , both conductors may be treated to a good degree of approximation by the planar analysis of this and the preceding section. Current concentrates on the outer surface of the inner conductor and the inner surface of the outer conductor, adjacent to the region of the fields. The inner conductor, if curvature is negligible, then appears as a plane of width equal to its circumference,  $2\pi a$ . Internal impedance per unit length is then

$$Z_{i1} = \frac{Z_{s1}}{2\pi a} \quad \Omega/m$$

The outer conductor, with these approximations, appears as a plane of width equal to its inner circumference,  $2\pi b$ . Its thickness does not enter since it is presumed much larger than  $\delta$ , so that fields have died to a negligible value at the outer surface. Internal impedance per unit length from this part is then

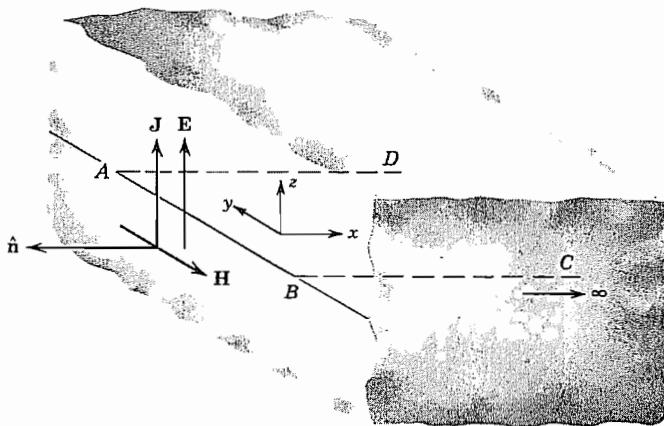
$$Z_{i2} = \frac{Z_{s2}}{2\pi b} \quad \Omega/m$$

The sum of these two gives the total contribution to impedance from fields within the conductors and can be used in the transmission-line analysis of Chapter 5.

### 3.18 POWER LOSS IN A PLANE CONDUCTOR

To find average power loss per unit area of the plane conductor, we may apply the Poynting theorem of Sec. 3.13. The field components  $E_z$  and  $H_y$  produce a power flow in the  $x$  direction, or into the conductor. Utilization of the field values at the surface gives the total power flowing from the field into the conductor. In complex phasor form, using Eq. 3.13(7),

$$\mathbf{P}_L = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{E}_0 \times \mathbf{H}_0^*] = -\hat{x}\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(E_{z0} H_{y0}^*) \quad (1)$$



**FIG. 3.18** Surface of plane conductor illustrating how magnetic field at surface relates to current flow per unit width.

The surface value of magnetic field can readily be related to the surface current, as can be seen by taking the line integral of magnetic field about some path  $ABCD$  of Fig. 3.18 ( $C$  and  $D$  at infinity). Since magnetic field is in the  $-y$  direction for this simple case, there is no contribution to  $\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  along the sides  $BC$  and  $DA$ ; there is no contribution along  $CD$  since field is zero at infinity. Hence, for a width  $w$ ,

$$\oint_{ABCD} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_A^B \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -wH_{y0} \quad (2)$$

This line integral of magnetic field must be equal to the conduction current enclosed, since displacement current has been shown to be negligible in a good conductor. The current is just the width  $w$  times the current per unit width  $J_z$ . Then, utilizing (2),

$$-wH_{y0} = wJ_{sz} \quad \text{or} \quad J_{sz} = -H_{y0} \quad (3)$$

This may be written in a vector form which includes the magnitude and sense information of (3) and the fact that  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are mutually perpendicular,

$$\mathbf{J}_s = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (4)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to the conductor surface, pointing into the adjoining dielectric region and  $\mathbf{H}$  is the magnetic field at the surface. Note that (4) is of the same form as for perfect conductors, Eq. 3.15(8). Then using (1), (3), and Eq. 3.17(3), we obtain for power loss  $W_L = |\mathbf{P}_L|$

$$W_L = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[Z_s J_s J_s^*] = \frac{1}{2} R_s |J_s|^2 \quad \text{W/m}^2 \quad (5)$$

This is a form that might have been expected in that it gives loss in terms of resistance multiplied by square of current magnitude. An alternate derivation (Prob. 3.18a) is by

the integration of power loss at each point of the solid from the known conductivity and current density function.

Equation (5) will be found of the greatest usefulness throughout this text for the computation of power loss in the walls of waveguides, cavity resonators, and other electromagnetic structures. Although the walls of these structures are not plane solids of infinite depth, the results of this section may be applied for all practical purposes whenever the conductor thickness and radii of curvature are much greater than  $\delta$ , depth of penetration. This includes most important cases at high frequencies. In these cases the quantities that are ordinarily known are the fields at the surface of the conductor.

## Potentials for Time-Varying Fields

### 3.19 A POSSIBLE SET OF POTENTIALS FOR TIME-VARYING FIELDS

As we have seen, time-varying electromagnetic fields are related to each other and to the charge and current sources through the set of differential equations known as Maxwell's equations. It is sometimes convenient to introduce some intermediate functions, known as *potential functions*, which are directly related to the sources, and from which the electric and magnetic fields may be derived. Such functions were found useful for static fields, and in the case of the electrostatic potential, the potential itself had useful physical significance. The physical interpretation was less clear in the case of the magnetic vector potential, but it does provide a useful simplification in the analysis of some problems. In this and following sections we look for similar potential functions for the time-varying fields. It turns out that there are many possible sets. We select a commonly used set known as *retarded potentials*, which reduce to the potentials used for statics in the limit of no time variations.

We might try at first to use the forms found for statics,  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ , with all quantities functions of time. We are faced with this problem: the electric field for time-varying conditions cannot be derived only as the gradient of scalar potential since this would require that it have zero curl, and it may actually have a nonzero curl of value  $-\partial\mathbf{B}/\partial t$ ; it cannot be derived alone as the curl of a vector potential since this would require that it have zero divergence, and it may have a finite divergence of value  $\rho/\epsilon_0$ .

Since the divergence of magnetic field is zero in the general case as it was in the static, it seems that  $\mathbf{B}$  may still be set equal to the curl of some magnetic vector potential,  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (1)$$

This relation may now be substituted in the Maxwell equation 3.6(3) and the result written

$$\nabla \times \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

This equation states that the curl of a certain vector quantity is zero. But this is the condition that permits a vector to be derived as the gradient of a scalar, say  $\Phi$ . That is,

$$\mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = -\nabla\Phi$$

or

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

Equations (1) and (3) are then valid relationships between fields and potential functions  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$ . Note that no specializations on the medium have been made to this point. It is found that the potential functions are most useful, though, for linear, isotropic, homogeneous media, so in the remaining part of this discussion, we take  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  as scalar constants appropriate to such media. With this specialization we substitute (3) in Gauss's law, Eq. 3.6(1), to obtain

$$-\nabla^2\Phi - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (4)$$

Then, substituting  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  and (3) in Eq. 3.6(4), we find

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu\mathbf{J} + \mu\epsilon \left[ -\nabla \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} \right]$$

Using the vector identity

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2\mathbf{A}$$

this becomes

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2\mathbf{A} = \mu\mathbf{J} - \mu\epsilon \nabla \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} \quad (5)$$

Equations (4) and (5) can be simplified by further specification of  $\mathbf{A}$ . That is, there are any number of vector functions whose curl is the same. One may specify also the divergence of  $\mathbf{A}$  according to convenience.<sup>8</sup> If the divergence of  $\mathbf{A}$  is chosen as<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Specification of divergence and curl of a vector, with appropriate boundary conditions, determines the vector uniquely through the Helmholtz theorem. See, for example, R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Appendix A1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

<sup>9</sup> This choice is known as the Lorentz condition or Lorentz gauge and leads to the symmetry of (7) and (8). Other useful gauges are the Coulomb and London gauges. See, for example, A. M. Portis, Electromagnetic Fields: Sources and Media, Wiley, New York, 1978. See also Prob. 3.19c.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -\mu\epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \quad (6)$$

(4) and (5) then simplify to

$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (7)$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu \mathbf{J} \quad (8)$$

Thus the potentials  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$ , defined in terms of the sources  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\rho$  by the differential equations (7) and (8), may be used to derive the electric and magnetic fields by (1) and (3). It is easy to see that they do reduce to the corresponding expressions of statics, for if time derivatives are allowed to go to zero, the set of equations (1), (3), (7), and (8) becomes

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi \quad (9)$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (10)$$

which are recognized as the appropriate expressions from Chapters 1 and 2.

### 3.20 THE RETARDED POTENTIALS AS INTEGRALS OVER CHARGES AND CURRENTS

The potential functions  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$  for time-varying fields are defined in terms of the currents and charges by the differential equations 3.19(7) and 3.19(8). General solutions of the equation give the potentials as integrals over the charges and currents, as in the static case. The following discussion applies to the very important case of a region extending to infinity with a linear, isotropic, and homogeneous medium.

From Chapters 1 and 2 the integrals for the static potentials, which may be considered the solutions of Eqs. 3.19(9) and 3.19(10), are

$$\Phi = \int_V \frac{\rho dV}{4\pi\epsilon r} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \int_V \frac{\mathbf{J} dV}{4\pi r} \quad (2)$$

A mathematical development to yield the corresponding integral solutions of the inhomogeneous wave equations 3.19(7) and 3.19(8) is given in Appendix 5. A plausibility argument is given here. The solutions are

$$\Phi(x, y, z, t) = \int_V \frac{\rho(x', y', z', t - R/v) dV'}{4\pi\epsilon R} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(x, y, z, t) = \mu \int_V \frac{\mathbf{J}(x', y', z', t - R/v) dV'}{4\pi R} \quad (4)$$

where

$$v = (\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2} \quad (5)$$

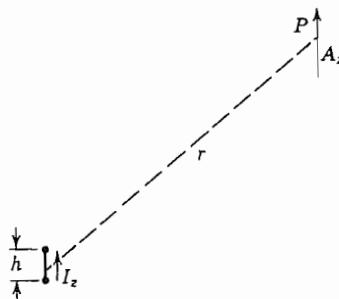
(for free space,  $v = c = 2.9987 \times 10^8$  m/s) and  $R$  is the distance between source point  $(x', y', z')$  and field point  $(x, y, z)$ ,

$$R = [(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2]^{1/2} \quad (6)$$

In the above,  $t - R/v$  denotes that, for an evaluation of  $\Phi$  at time  $t$ , the value of charge density  $\rho$  at time  $t - R/v$  should be used. That is, for each element of charge  $\rho dV$ , the equation says that the contribution to potential is of the same form as in statics, (1), except that we must recognize a finite time of propagating the effect from the charge element to the point  $P$  at which potential is being computed, distance  $R$  away. The effect travels with velocity  $v = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ , which, as we have seen, is just the velocity of a simple plane wave through the medium as predicted from the homogeneous wave equation. Thus, in computing the total contribution to potential  $\Phi$  at a point  $P$  at a given instant  $t$ , we must use the values of charge density from points distance  $R$  away at an earlier time,  $t - R/v$ , since for a given element it is that effect which just reaches  $P$  at time  $t$ . A similar interpretation applies to the computation of  $\mathbf{A}$  from currents in (4). Because of this "retardation" effect, the potentials  $\Phi$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  are called the *retarded potentials*. Once the phenomenon of wave propagation predicted from Maxwell's equations is known, this is about the simplest revision of the static formulas (1) and (2) that could be expected.

### Example 3.20 FIELD FROM AN AC CURRENT ELEMENT

One of the simplest examples illustrating the meaning of this retardation, and one that will be met again in the study of radiating systems, is that of a very short wire carrying an ac current varying sinusoidally in time between two small spheres on which charges accumulate (Fig. 3.20). For a filamentary current in a small wire, the differences in



**FIG. 3.20** Retarded potential from small current element.

distance from  $P$  to various points of a given cross section of the wire are unimportant, so that two parts of the volume integral in (4) may be done by integrating current density over the cross section to yield the total current in the wire. Thus, for any filamentary current,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \int \frac{I(t - r/v) \, d\mathbf{l}}{4\pi r} \quad (7)$$

For the particular case of Fig. 3.20, current is in the  $z$  direction only; so, by the above,  $\mathbf{A}$  is also. If  $h$  is so small compared with  $r$  and wavelength, the remaining integration of (7) is performed by multiplying the current by  $h$ :

$$A_z = \frac{\mu h}{4\pi r} I_z \left( t - \frac{r}{v} \right) \quad (8)$$

Finally, if the current in the small element has the form

$$I_z = I_0 \cos \omega t \quad (9)$$

substitution in (8) gives  $A_z$  as

$$A_z = \frac{\mu h I_0}{4\pi r} \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{v} \right) \quad (10)$$

From this value of  $\mathbf{A}$ , the magnetic and electric fields may be derived. This will be done when we return to radiation in Chapter 12.

### 3.21 THE RETARDED POTENTIALS FOR THE TIME-PERIODIC CASE

If all electromagnetic quantities of interest are varying sinusoidally in time, in the complex notation with  $e^{j\omega t}$  understood, the set of equations 3.19(1), 3.19(3), 3.20(3), 3.20(4), and 3.19(6) becomes

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - j\omega\mathbf{A} \quad (2)$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \int_V \frac{\rho(x', y', z') e^{-jkR} dV'}{4\pi\epsilon R} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) = \mu \int_V \frac{\mathbf{J}(x', y', z') e^{-jkR} dV'}{4\pi R} \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\Phi \quad (5)$$

where  $k = \omega/v = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ , and  $R$  is the distance between source and field points. Note that the retardation in this case is taken care of by the factor  $e^{-jkR}$  and amounts to a shift in phase of each contribution to potential according to the distance  $R$  from the contributing element to the point  $P$  at which potential is to be computed. (From here

on we will frequently leave out the functional notation of coordinates, with the understanding that potentials are computed for the field point, and the integration is over all source points.)

For these steady-state sinusoids the relation between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$  in (5) fixes  $\Phi$  uniquely once  $\mathbf{A}$  is determined. Thus, it is not necessary to compute the scalar potential  $\Phi$  separately. Both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  may be written in terms of  $\mathbf{A}$  alone:

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{j\omega}{k^2} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - j\omega \mathbf{A} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \int_V \frac{\mathbf{J} e^{-jkR} dV'}{4\pi R} \quad (8)$$

It is then necessary only to specify the current distribution over the system, to compute the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  from it by (8), and then find the electric and magnetic fields by (6) and (7). It may appear that the effects of the charges of the system are being left out, but of course the continuity equation

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -j\omega\rho \quad (9)$$

relates the charges to the currents and, in fact, in this steady-state sinusoidal case, fixes  $\rho$  uniquely once the distribution of  $\mathbf{J}$  is given. So an equivalent but lengthier procedure would be that of computing the charge distribution from the specified current distribution by means of the continuity equation (9), then using the complete set of equations (1) to (4).

## PROBLEMS

- 3.2a** A magnetic field of the approximate form  $\mathbf{B} = \hat{z}C_0x \sin \omega t$  passes through a rectangular loop in the  $x$ - $y$  plane following the path  $(0, 0)$  to  $(a, 0)$  to  $(a, b)$  to  $(0, b)$  to  $(0, 0)$ . Show that if Faraday's law in microscopic form is used to give  $\mathbf{E}$ , the macroscopic form of Faraday's law is satisfied.

- 3.2b** Find the emf around a circular loop in the  $z = 0$  plane if the loop is threaded by an axial magnetic field varying with  $r$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $t$  approximately as

$$B_z = C_0r \sin \phi \sin \omega t$$

Now find the emf for a circuit consisting of a half-circle of radius  $a$  and a straight wire from  $r = a$ ,  $\phi = 0$  to  $r = a$ ,  $\phi = \pi$ .

- 3.2c\*** The betatron makes use of the electric field produced by a time-varying magnetic field in space to accelerate charged particles. Suppose that the magnetic field of a betatron has an axial component in circular cylindrical coordinates of the following form:

$$B_z(r, t) = Ctr^n \quad (t \geq 0)$$

\* The asterisk on problems denotes ones longer or harder than the average; two asterisks denote unusually difficult or lengthy problems.

Find the induced electric field in magnitude and direction at a particular radius  $a$ . From this find velocity  $v$  on a charge  $q$  after a time  $t$ , assuming that the charge stays in a path of constant radius  $a$ , and calculate the magnetic force on the charge. For what value(s) of  $n$  will this magnetic force just balance the centrifugal force  $(mv^2/a)$ , where  $m$  is mass of the particle, so that it can remain in the path of constant radius as assumed?

- 3.2d** Current  $I$  in a long, round wire varies sinusoidally with time. Assume no variation with  $z$  (coordinate along the wire) or  $\phi$  (angular coordinate around the wire). Find magnetic field outside the wire, assuming it related to current flow at any instant as in the statics form. (This is called the "quasistatic" approximation.) From the differential equation form of Faraday's law find the electric field in the space outside the wire generated by the changing magnetic field of the form found. Use phasor forms and take the electric field at the surface of the wire ( $r = a$ ) as the product of current and internal impedance  $Z_i$  per unit length. Note behavior at infinity. What is unrealistic about this model?
- 3.3a** To demonstrate Faraday's law in class, we often move a coil by hand through the poles of a permanent magnet and observe the generated voltage on an oscilloscope. One magnet used has a flux density of 0.1 T and pole pieces about 2 cm in diameter. Estimate the velocity you can conveniently obtain by hand motion and find how many turns you need to produce peak voltages around 10 mV. Sketch the waveform expected as the coil is moved through the region between poles.
- 3.3b** In the generator of Fig. 3.3a, the poles are reshaped so that magnetic flux density is inhomogeneous. Take the magnetic field direction as the  $z$  direction and the vertical direction of the figure as the  $x$  direction. Assume the inhomogeneous field to have a quadratic variation with  $x$ ,

$$B_z = B_m \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$$

Find emf generated in the rotating loop by considering rate of change of flux, and also by use of the motional electric field in the wires. Plot the waveform of this wave in time.

- 3.3c** In Prob. 3.3b, it may seem surprising that motional field depends only on the value of  $B$  at the instantaneous position of the conductors, whereas flux enclosed depends upon integration of field throughout the region of inhomogeneous variation, yet both give identical answers. Explain why this is so for any arbitrary variation with  $x$ .
- 3.3d** In the generator of Fig. 3.3a, the rectangular loop is replaced by a circular loop of radius  $a$ , rotated about a line in the plane of the loop and passing through the center. This axis is normal to  $\mathbf{B}$  as in Fig. 3.3a. Take  $B_0$  as uniform and find emf generated in this loop as it is rotated with angular velocity  $\Omega$  about the defined axis.
- 3.3e** The rectangular loop of Ex. 3.3 is moved with constant velocity  $v$  in the  $x$  direction through an inhomogeneous magnetic field which varies sinusoidally with  $x$ ,

$$B_z = C \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Find the induced emf, both from rate of change of flux and by use of the motional electric field. Find values for the special cases  $a/L = \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$ .

- 3.3f** A wire in the form of a rectangular loop with one arm at  $x = 0$  extending from  $y = 0$  to  $y = b$  and two parallel arms at  $y = 0$  and  $y = b$  extending from  $x = 0$  in the  $+x$  direction as in Fig. P3.3f has static flux density  $B_0$  in the  $z$  direction. A sliding short at

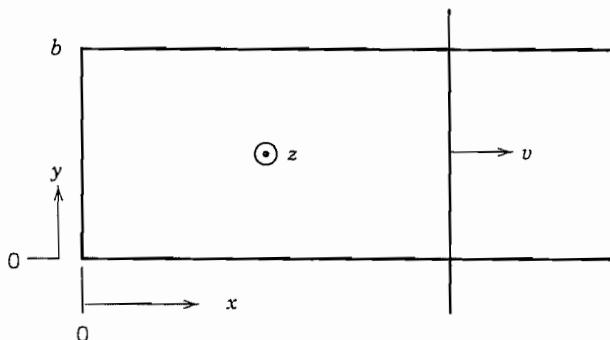


FIG. P3.3f

$x$  moves with velocity  $v$ . Find the emf induced in the loop by rate of change of flux and by the motional method.

- 3.3g A long, straight wire carries a time-varying current  $I$ . A rectangular circuit of length  $\ell$  lies in the  $r, z$  plane, with one leg distance  $r_1$  from the axis and the other at  $r_2$  as in Fig. P3.3g. Find the emf induced in the loop.

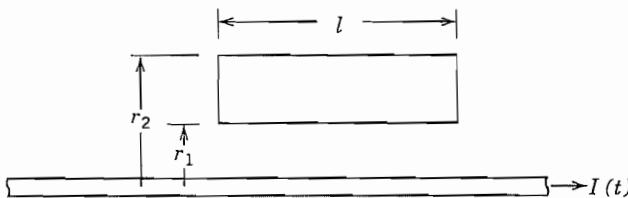


FIG. P3.3g

- 3.4 Conduction current density for copper with a field of  $0.1 \text{ V/m}$  ( $1 \text{ mV/cm}$ ) applied is  $5.8 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$ . What number density of electrons is required to produce the same value of *convection* current density if the electrons have been accelerated in vacuum through a potential of  $1 \text{ kV}$ ? What electric field magnitude would be required to produce the same magnitude of *displacement* current density in space for sinusoidally varying waves as follows: (1) a power wave of frequency  $60 \text{ Hz}$ ; (2) a microwave beam of frequency  $3 \text{ GHz}$ ; (3) a laser beam of wavelength  $1.06 \mu\text{m}$ ?

- 3.5a Starting from Eq. 3.4(7), prove that for a closed surface

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{J}_c + \mathbf{J}_d) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

From this, show that the sum of convection and displacement currents is the same for both of the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  in Fig. 3.5b. For a spherical capacitor with concentric conductors of radii  $a$  and  $b$ , with sinusoidal voltage applied between conductors, find displacement current for  $a < r < b$  and show that it is equal to the charging current in the leads to the capacitor.

- 3.5b Obtain the expressions for electric field, Eqs. 3.5(4)–(6), from the divergence equation.

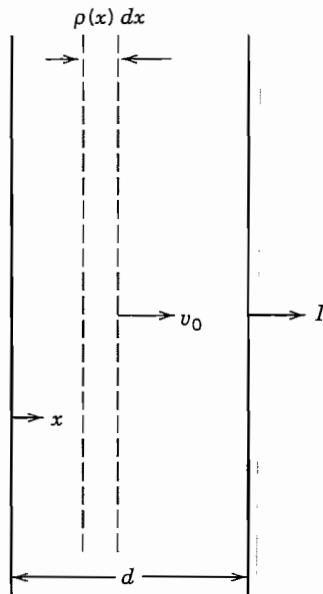


FIG. P3.5c

- 3.5c** In a large class of electron devices, of which the klystron is a good example, current in the output circuit is induced because of the time-varying conduction current crossing the output gap. The ac current is superposed on the dc beam and moves across the gap approximately at the dc velocity  $v_0$  of the electrons so that convection current density in phasor form may be written

$$J_c(x) = J_0 + J_1 e^{-j\alpha x/v_0}$$

Suppose the output gap may be represented by parallel-plane electrodes as in Fig. P3.5c. The results of Ex. 3.5 may then be used for the induced current for each elemental slice of length  $dx$ , and total induced current for the gap may be obtained by integrating contributions over the total length  $d$  of the gap. Carry out the integration to find the induced current in the output gap and notice how it depends upon transit angle,  $\omega d/v_0$ .

- 3.6a** Check the dimensional consistency of Eqs. (1) through (9) of Sec. 3.6.
- 3.6b** Show that, if the equation for continuity of charge is assumed, the two divergence equations, 3.6(1) and (2), may be derived from the curl equations, (3) and (4), so far as ac components of the field are concerned, for regions with finite  $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{J}$ . This fact has made it quite common to refer to the two curl equations alone as Maxwell's equations.
- 3.6c** Check to see which of the following could be a field consistent with Maxwell's equations. If a special condition for  $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  is needed, discuss its physical reasonableness.
- (i)  $\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}xt$  (rectangular coordinates)
  - (ii)  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}C/r$  (circular cylindrical coordinates)
  - (iii)  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}(C/r) \cos(\omega t - \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}z)$  (circular cylindrical coordinates)

- 3.7a** A conducting spherical balloon is charged with a constant charge  $Q$ , and its radius made to vary sinusoidally in time in some manner from a minimum value,  $r_{\min}$ , to a maximum value,  $r_{\max}$ . It might be supposed that this would produce a spherically symmetric, radially outward propagating electromagnetic wave. Show that this does not happen by finding the electric field at some radius  $r > r_{\max}$ .
- 3.7b** A capacitor formed by two circular parallel plates has an essentially uniform axial electric field produced by a voltage  $V_0 \sin \omega t$  across the plates. Utilize the symmetry to find the magnetic field at radius  $r$  between the plates. Show that the axial electric field could not be exactly uniform under this time-varying condition.
- 3.7c** Suppose that there were free magnetic charges of density  $\rho_m$ , and that a continuity relation similar to Eq. 3.4(5) applied to such charges. Find the magnetic current term that would have to be added to Maxwell's equations in such a case. Give the units of  $\rho_m$  and of magnetic current density.
- 3.8a** Under what conditions can a complex vector quantity  $\mathbf{E}$  be represented by a vector magnitude and phase angle,

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{j\theta_E}$$

where  $\mathbf{E}_0$  is a real vector and  $\theta_E$  a real scalar?

- 3.8b\*\*** Consider a case in which the complex field vectors can be represented by single values of magnitude and phase:

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0(x, y, z) e^{j\theta_1(x, y, z)}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0(x, y, z) e^{j\theta_2(x, y, z)}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_0(x, y, z) e^{j\theta_3(x, y, z)}$$

$$\rho = \rho_0(x, y, z) e^{j\theta_4(x, y, z)}$$

Substitute in Maxwell's equations in the complex form, and separate real and imaginary parts to obtain the set of differential equations relating  $\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0, \dots, \theta_4$ . Check the result by using the corresponding instantaneous expressions,

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{inst.}} = \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}_0 e^{j\theta_i} e^{j\omega t}] = \mathbf{E}_0(x, y, z) \cos[\omega t + \theta_i(x, y, z)], \text{ etc.}$$

substituting in Maxwell's equations for general time variations, eliminating the time variations, and again getting the set of equations relating  $\mathbf{E}_0, \dots, \theta_4$ .

- 3.8c** Check to see which, if any, of the following could be phasor representations of fields consistent with Maxwell's equations, in a charge-free region:

(i)  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} C e^{-j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}z}$  (rectangular coordinates)

(ii)  $\mathbf{H} = \hat{\phi}(C/r) e^{-j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}z}$  (circular cylindrical coordinates)

(iii)  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\theta}(C/r) e^{-j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}r \cos\theta}$  (spherical coordinates)

- 3.9a** Plot the sinusoidal solution 3.9(16) versus  $\omega z/v$  for various times,  $\omega t = 0, \pi/4, \pi/2, 3\pi/4, \pi$ , and  $2\pi$ , and interpret as a traveling wave.

- 3.9b** A uniform plane wave is excited by a waveshape  $E_x$  rectangular in time. That is,  $E_x = C$  for  $mT < t < (m + \frac{1}{2})T$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , and zero otherwise. Plot  $E_x$  versus distance  $z$  for  $t = T/4, 3T/4, 5T/4, 7T/4$ .

- 3.9c** A uniform plane wave has electric field at  $z = 0$  given as  $E_x(0, t) = \cos \omega t + \frac{1}{2} \cos 3\omega t$ . Sketch  $E_x$  versus distance for a few periods in an ideal dielectric with no dispersion. Repeat for a dielectric in which wave velocity at frequency  $3\omega$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$  that at frequency  $\omega$ .

- 3.10a** In Sec. 3.10 a wave with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  is analyzed. The other set of fields (or the other polarization as it will be called in Chapter 6) relates  $E_y$  and  $H_x$ . With the same assumptions as to uniformity in the  $x$ - $y$  planes, find the wave solutions for this set in phasor form.
- 3.10b** A radio wave that may be considered a uniform plane wave propagates through the ionosphere and interacts with some charged particles which are moving with a velocity a tenth the velocity of light in the direction normal to the magnetic field of the wave. Find the ratio of the magnetic force of the wave on the charges to the electric force.
- 3.10c** Show that Faraday's law is satisfied in the forward-traveling plane wave with sinusoidal variations by taking a line integral of electric field from  $z = 0, x = 0$  to  $z = 0, x = a$  to  $z = d, x = a$  to  $z = d, x = 0$  back to  $(0, 0)$  and relating it to the magnetic flux through that path.
- 3.10d** Show that the generalized Ampère's law is satisfied for the forward-traveling plane wave with sinusoidal variations by taking a line integral of magnetic field from  $z = 0, y = 0$  to  $z = 0, y = b$  to  $z = d, y = b$  to  $z = d, y = 0$  back to  $(0, 0)$  and relating it to displacement current through that path.

- 3.11a** What are the relations among the constants required for each of the following to be a solution of the three-dimensional Helmholtz equation?

- (i)  $E_x = C \sin k_x x \sin k_y y \sin k_z z$
- (ii)  $E_x = C \sinh K_x x \sin k_y y \sin k_z z$
- (iii)  $E_x = C \sinh K_x x \sinh K_y y \sinh K_z z$

- 3.11b** Show that the wave equation may be written directly in terms of any of the components of  $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{E}$  in rectangular coordinates, or for the axial components of  $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{E}$  in any coordinate system, but not for other components, such as radial and tangential components in cylindrical coordinates, or any component in spherical coordinates. That is,

$$\nabla^2 E_x = \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2}, \nabla^2 H_z = \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial t^2}, \text{ etc}$$

but

$$\nabla^2 E_r \neq \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_r}{\partial t^2}, \nabla^2 H_\phi \neq \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 H_\phi}{\partial t^2}, \text{ etc.}$$

- 3.11c** Check to see under what conditions the following is a solution of the Helmholtz equation in circular cylindrical coordinates:

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{r} \left( \frac{C}{r} \right) e^{-jk_z z}$$

(Note that the vector form of  $\nabla^2$  must be used; see Prob. 3.11b.)

- 3.12a** Describe the Poynting vector and discuss its interpretation for the case of a static point charge  $Q$  located at the center of a small loop of wire carrying direct current  $I$ .
- 3.12b** Assuming current density constant over the conductor cross section in the Ex. 3.12a, find the Poynting vector within the wire and interpret this in terms of the distribution of dissipation.
- 3.12c** Interpret the Poynting vector about a parallel-plate capacitor charged from zero to some final charge  $Q$ . Repeat for an inductor in which current builds up from zero to some final value. Repeat for each of these cases as charge and current is made to de-

cay from a given value to zero. For the inductor, use a straight section of wire as example.

- 3.12d** Show that the power flow in the uniform plane wave of Ex. 3.12c equals the product of the average energy density and the velocity  $v$  of the wave.
- 3.12e** In each of the following, use a plane-wave model to estimate the quantities for various laser systems:
- A small helium-neon laser ( $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$ ) typically produces 1 mW in a beam 1 mm in diameter. Estimate strengths of electric and magnetic fields in the laser beam.
  - It is fairly easy to focus the power for a medium-power CO<sub>2</sub> laser ( $\lambda = 10.6 \mu\text{m}$ ) so that there is breakdown in air. Taking breakdown strength as at lower frequencies, about  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ , estimate the power density in such a laser beam.
  - Very high power Nd-glass lasers ( $\lambda = 1.06 \mu\text{m}$ ) have been used in laser-fusion experiments. Estimate electric field strength at the target for one producing 10.2 kJ in 0.9 ns, focused to a target about 0.5 mm in diameter.
- 3.12f** Show that Eq. 3.12(6) follows from Eq. 3.12(5) for linear, isotropic, time-invariant media.
- 3.13a** Find the imaginary part of Eq. 3.13(11) and simplify by letting  $C_1 = A_1 e^{j\phi_1}$  and  $C_2 = A_2 e^{j\phi_2}$  where  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $\phi_1$ , and  $\phi_2$  are real. Show that the variation with  $z$  agrees with that on the right side of Eq. 3.13(8) using time-dependent  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ .
- 3.13b** The field a large distance from a dipole radiator has the form, in spherical coordinates,
- $$E_\theta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} H_\phi = \left(\frac{A}{r}\right) e^{-jkr} \sin \theta$$
- Find the average power radiated through a large sphere of radius  $r$ .
- 3.14** Space is filled by two dielectrics,  $\epsilon_1$  filling the half-space  $x > 0$  and  $\epsilon_2$  filling the half-space  $x < 0$ . Determine whether or not there can exist a uniform plane wave with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  only and no variations with  $x$  or  $y$ , propagating in the  $z$  direction in this composite dielectric. The propagation factor may be  $e^{-jkz}$  with any value of  $k$ . Note that the wave, if it exists, must satisfy the wave equation in each region and the continuity conditions at the plane between the two regions.
- 3.16a** Find the variation of an average Poynting vector for a plane wave within a good conductor and interpret.
- 3.16b** Repeat Prob. 3.16a for an instantaneous Poynting vector.
- 3.17a** Iron and tin have the same order of conductivity  $\sigma$ , around  $10^7 \text{ S/m}$ . For slab conductors of each of these used at 60 Hz, 1 kHz, and 1 MHz, find the surface resistance of the two materials if the relative permeability of the iron is 500.
- 3.17b** Find the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  for any point  $x$  in the plane conductor in terms of  $J_0$  by first finding the electric field, and then utilizing the appropriate one of Maxwell's equations to give  $\mathbf{H}$ . Show that  $J_{sz}$  of Eq. 3.17(1) is equal to  $-H_y$  at the surface.
- 3.18a** The average power loss per unit volume at any point in the conductor is  $|J_z|^2/2\sigma$ . Show that Eq. 3.18(5) may be obtained by integrating over the conductor depth to obtain the total power loss per unit area.
- 3.18b** A uniform plane wave of frequency 1 GHz has a power density of  $1 \text{ MW/m}^2$  and falls upon an aluminum sheet. It can be shown that upon reflection from a good conductor,

magnetic field at the surface of the conductor is essentially double that in the incident wave. Estimate the power absorbed in the aluminum per unit area and note it as a fraction of the incident power.

- 3.19a** Show that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  satisfy the following differential equations in a homogeneous medium containing charges and currents:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \rho + \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{J}$$

- 3.19b** A potential function commonly used in electromagnetic theory is the Hertz vector potential  $\Pi$ , so defined that electric and magnetic fields are derived from it as follows, for a homogeneous medium:

$$\mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \times \Pi$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \Pi) - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial t^2}$$

where

$$\nabla^2 \Pi - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\epsilon}$$

and  $\mathbf{P}$ , the *polarization vector* associated with sources, is so defined that

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t}, \quad \rho = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

Show that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  derived in this manner are consistent with Maxwell's equations.

- 3.19c** An alternative to the *Lorentz gauge*, which defines  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  by Eq. 3.19(6), is the *Coulomb gauge* which selects it to give  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$ . Give the differential equations relating  $\Phi$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  to sources  $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  in this case. Discuss problems in use of this apparently simpler gauge. Note that the equations for Lorentz and Coulomb gauges become identical in the static limit and for charge-free time-varying systems.

- 3.19d** The retarded potentials are generally used only for homogeneous media. Show the complications in attempting to extend the development to media with  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  functions of position.

- 3.20a** By analogy with the integral solutions for  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$ , write the integral for the Hertz vector  $\Pi$  in terms of the polarization  $\mathbf{P}$ . (See Prob. 3.19b.) Note the relation between  $\Pi$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  when time variations are as  $e^{j\omega t}$ .

- 3.20b\*** From continuity of charge, find the values of the charges that must exist at the ends of the small current element of Ex. 3.20. Find scalar potential  $\Phi$  from these charges, using Eq. 3.20(3). Show that  $\Phi$  and the  $\mathbf{A}$  of Eq. 3.20(8) are related by the Lorentz condition 3.19(6).

- 3.20c** Using  $\mathbf{A}$  from Sec 3.20 and  $\Phi$  from Prob 3.20b, find electric and magnetic fields in spherical coordinates for the small current element of Ex. 3.20, with sinusoidal current variation given by Eq. 3.20(9).

# The Electromagnetics of Circuits

## 4.1 INTRODUCTION

Much of the engineering design and analysis of electromagnetic interactions are done through the mechanism of lumped-element circuits. In these, the energy-storage elements (inductors and capacitors) and the dissipative elements (resistors) are connected to each other and to sources or active elements within the circuit by conducting paths of negligible impedance. There may be mutual couplings, either electrical or magnetic, but in the ideal circuit these couplings are planned and optimized. The advantage of this approach is that functions are well separated and cause-and-effect relationships readily understandable. Powerful methods of synthesis, analysis, and computer optimization of such circuits have consequently been developed.

Most of the individual elements in an electrical circuit are small compared with wavelength so that fields of the elements are *quasistatic*; that is, although varying with time, the electric or magnetic fields have the spatial forms of static field distributions. There are important distributed effects in many real circuits, but often they can be represented by a few properly chosen lumped coupling elements. But in some circuits, of which the transmission lines are primary examples, the distributed effects are the major ones and must be considered from the beginning. In some cases in which the lumped idealizations described above do not strictly apply, lumped-element *models* can nevertheless be deduced and are useful for analysis because of the powerful circuit methods that have been developed.

We have introduced the lumped-circuit concepts, inductance and capacitance, in our studies of static fields. We have also seen how the skin effect phenomenon in conductors changes both resistance and inductance at high frequencies. We now wish to examine circuits and circuit elements more carefully from the point of view of electromagnetics. It is easy to see the idealizations required to derive Kirchhoff's laws from Maxwell's equations. It is also possible to make certain extensions of the concepts when the simplest idealizations do not apply. In particular, introduction of the retardation concepts shows that circuits may radiate energy when comparable in size with wavelength. The amount of radiated power may be estimated from these extended circuit ideas for some

configurations. But for certain classes of circuits it becomes impossible to make the extensions without a true field analysis. We shall look at both types of circuits in this chapter.

## The Idealizations in Classical Circuit Theory

### 4.2 KIRCHHOFF'S VOLTAGE LAW

Kirchhoff's two laws provide the basis for classical circuit theory. We begin with the voltage law as a way of reviewing the basic element values of lumped-circuit theory. The law states that for any closed loop of a circuit, the algebraic sum of the voltages for the individual branches of the loop is zero:

$$\sum_i V_i = 0 \quad (1)$$

The basis for this law is Faraday's law for a closed path, written as

$$-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \quad (2)$$

and the definition of voltages between two reference points of the loop,

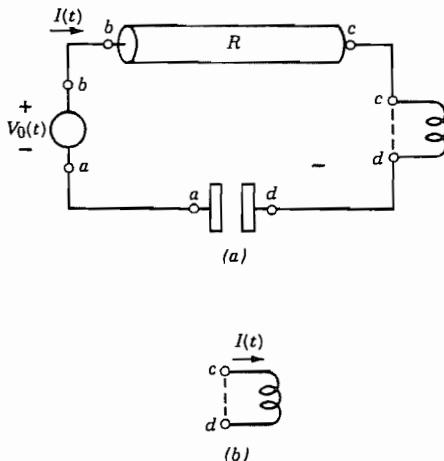
$$V_{ba} = - \int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (3)$$

To illustrate the relation between the circuit expression (1) and the field expressions (2) and (3), consider first a single loop with applied voltage  $V_0(t)$  and passive resistance, inductance, and capacitance elements in series (Fig. 4.2a). A convention for positive voltage at the source is selected as shown by the plus and minus signs on the voltage generator, which means by (3) that field of the source is directed from  $b$  to  $a$  when  $V_0$  is positive. A convention for positive current is also chosen, as shown by the arrow on  $I(t)$ . The interpretation of (1) by circuit theory for this basic circuit is then known to be

$$V_0(t) - RI(t) - L \frac{dI(t)}{dt} - \frac{1}{C} \int I(t) dt = 0 \quad (4)$$

To compare, we break the closed line integral of (2) into its contributions over the several elements:

$$-\int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int_b^c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int_c^d \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int_d^a \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 4.2** (a) Series circuit with resistor, inductor, and capacitor. (b) Detail of inductor.

or

$$V_0(t) + V_{cb} + V_{dc} + V_{ad} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (6)$$

The right side of (6) is not zero as is the right side of (4), but we recognize it as the contribution to emf generated by any rate of change of magnetic flux within the path defined as the circuit. If not entirely negligible, it can be considered as arising from an inductance of the loop which can be added to the lumped element  $L$ , or a mutually induced coupling if the flux is from an external source. Thus we will from here on consider it as negligible or included in  $L$  so that the right side of (6) is zero. (Mutual effects are added later.) We now examine separately the three voltage terms related to the passive components  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$ .

**Resistance Element** The field expression to be applied to the resistive material is the differential form of Ohm's law,

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad (7)$$

so that the voltage  $V_{cb}$  is

$$V_{cb} = - \int_b^c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_b^c \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (8)$$

where the path is taken along some current flow path of the conductor. Conductivity  $\sigma$  may vary along this path. At dc or low frequencies, current  $I$  is uniformly distributed over the cross section  $A$  of the conductor, which can also vary with position. Thus

$$V_{cb} = - \int_b^c \frac{I dl}{\sigma A} = - IR \quad (9)$$

where

$$R = \int_b^c \frac{dl}{\sigma A} \quad (10)$$

This last is the usual dc or low-frequency resistance. The situation is more complicated at higher frequencies because of the effect of the changing magnetic fields on currents within the conductor. Current distribution over the cross section is then nonuniform, and the particular path along the conductor must be specified. In the plane skin effect analysis of Chapter 3, current was related to electric field at the surface to define a surface impedance. We shall return to this concept later in the chapter for conductors of circular cross section.

**Inductance Element** The voltage across the terminals of the inductive element comes from the time rate of change of magnetic flux within the inductor, shown in the figure as a coil. Assuming first that resistance of the conductor of the coil is negligible, let us take a closed line integral of electric field along the conductor of the coil, returning by the path across the terminals (Fig. 4.2b). Since the contribution along the part of the path which follows the conductor is zero, all the voltage appears across the terminals:

$$-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{c(\text{cond.})}^d \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int_{d(\text{term.})}^c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{d(\text{term.})}^c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (11)$$

By Faraday's law, this is the time rate of change of magnetic flux enclosed:

$$-\int_{d(\text{term.})}^c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -V_{dc} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (12)$$

Inductance  $L$  is defined as the magnetic flux linkage per unit of current (Sec. 2.5)

$$L = \left[ \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \right] / I \quad (13)$$

so the voltage contributed by this term, assuming  $L$  independent of time, is

$$V_{cd} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (LI) = L \frac{dI}{dt} \quad (14)$$

Note that in computing flux enclosed by the path, we add a contribution each time we follow another turn around the flux. Thus for  $N$  turns, the contribution to induced voltage is just  $N$  times that of one turn, provided the same flux links each turn. This enters into the calculation of  $L$  and will be seen specifically when we find inductance of a coil.

If there is finite resistance in the turns of the coil, the second term of (11) is not zero but is the resistance of the coil,  $R_L$ , multiplied by current; therefore (11) becomes

$$-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -R_L I - V_{dc} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

or

$$V_{cd} = R_L I + L \frac{dI}{dt} \quad (15)$$

Thus, as expected, we simply add another series resistance to take care of finite conductivity in the conductors of the coil.

**Capacitive Element** The ideal capacitor is one in which we store only electric energy; magnetic fields are negligible so there is no contribution to voltage from changing magnetic fields but only from the charges on plates of the capacitor. The problem is then quasistatic and voltage is synonymous with potential difference between capacitor plates. So, in contrast to the inductor, we can take any path between the terminals of the capacitor for evaluation of voltage  $V_{da}$ , provided it does not stray into regions influenced by magnetic fields from other elements. We also take the definition of capacitance from electrostatics (Sec. 1.9) as the charge on one plate divided by the potential difference:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad (16)$$

Thus, from continuity,

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(CV_{da}) = C \frac{dV_{da}}{dt} \quad (17)$$

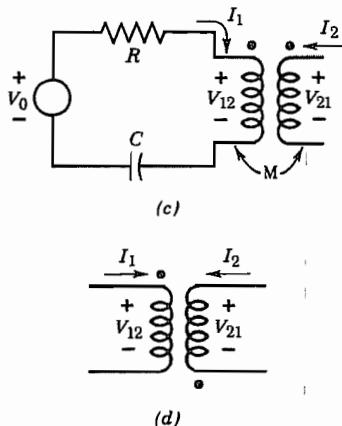
The last term in (17) implies a capacitance which is not changing with time. Integration of (17) with time leads to

$$V_{da} = \frac{1}{C} \int I \, dt \quad (18)$$

If the dielectric of the capacitor is lossy, there are conduction currents to add to (17), which are represented in the circuit as a conductance  $G_C = 1/R_C$  in parallel with  $C$ ; the value of  $R_C$  may be calculated from (10) by using conductivity of the dielectric and area of the capacitor plates.

**Induced Voltages from Other Parts of the Circuit** In addition to voltages induced by charges and currents of the circuit path being considered, there may be induced voltages from other portions of the circuit. In particular, if the magnetic field from one part of the circuit links another part, an induced voltage is produced through Faraday's law when this magnetic field changes with time. This coupling is represented in the circuit by means of a mutual inductor  $M$ , as shown in Fig. 4.2c. The value of  $M$  is defined as the magnetic flux  $\psi_{12}$  linking path 1, divided by the current  $I_2$ :

$$M = M_{12} = \frac{\psi_{12}}{I_2} \quad (19)$$



**FIG. 4.2** (c) Circuit with a mutual inductor. (d) Designation of mutual coupling with negative  $M$ .

The voltage induced in the first path is then

$$V_{12} = \frac{d\psi_{12}}{dt} = M \frac{dI_2}{dt} \quad (20)$$

and the circuit equation (4) is modified to be

$$V_0 - RI_1 - L \frac{dI_1}{dt} - M \frac{dI_2}{dt} - \frac{1}{C} \int I_1 dt = 0 \quad (21)$$

The mutual inductance  $M$  may be either positive or negative depending upon the sense of flux with respect to the defined positive reference for  $I_2$ . The sign of  $M$  is designated on a circuit diagram by the placing of dots and with sign conventions for currents and voltages as shown; those on Fig. 4.2c denote positive  $M$ ; negative  $M$  would be designated as in Fig. 4.2d.

Except for certain materials (to be considered in Chapter 13) there is a reciprocal relation showing that the same  $M$  gives the voltage induced in circuit 2 by time-varying current in circuit 1:

$$V_{21} = \frac{d\psi_{21}}{dt} = M \frac{dI_1}{dt} \quad (22)$$

All mutual effects to be considered in this chapter have this reciprocal relationship.

In summary, we find that if losses in inductor and capacitor are ignored, the field approach, with understandable approximations, leads to the definitions for the three induced voltage terms for the passive elements used in the circuit approach, Eq. (4). Moreover, the definitions (10), (13), and (16) are the usual quasistatic definitions for these elements. If losses are present, a series resistance is added to  $L$  and a shunt conductance to  $C$ , again as is commonly done in the circuit approach. Coupling between circuit paths by magnetic flux adds mutual inductance elements. We next examine the Kirchhoff current law and the extension through this to multimesh circuits.

## 4.3 KIRCHHOFF'S CURRENT LAW AND MULTIMESH CIRCUITS

The current law of Kirchhoff states that the algebraic sum of currents flowing out of a junction is zero. Thus, referring to Fig. 4.3a,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N I_n(t) = 0 \quad (1)$$

It is evident that the idea behind this law is that of continuity of current, so we refer to the continuity equation implicit in Maxwell's equations, Eq. 3.4(5), or its large-scale equivalent:

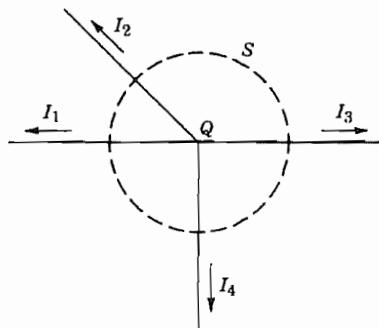
$$\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho \, dV \quad (2)$$

If we apply this to a surface  $S$  surrounding the junction, the only conduction current flowing out of the surface is that in the wires, so the left side of (2) becomes just the algebraic sum of the currents flowing out of the wires, as in (1). The right side is the negative time rate of change of charge  $Q$ , if any, accumulating at the junction. So (2) may be written

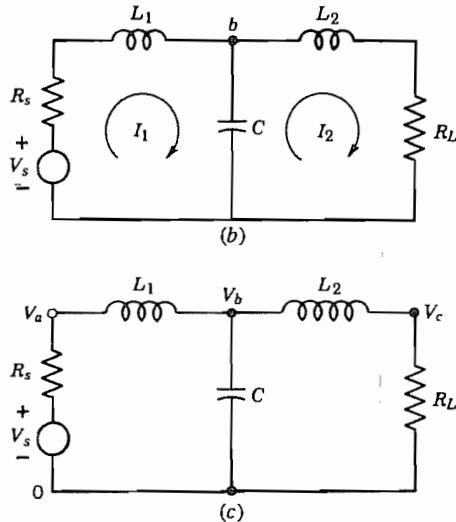
$$\sum_{n=1}^N I_n(t) = -\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} \quad (3)$$

A comparison of (1) and (3) shows an apparent difference, but it is only one of interpretation. If  $Q$  is nonzero, we know that we take care of this in a circuit problem by adding one or more capacitive branches to yield the capacitive current  $dQ/dt$  at the junction. That is, in interpreting (3), the current terms on the left are taken only as convection or conduction currents, whereas in (1) displacement or capacitance currents are included. With this understanding, (1) and (3) are equivalent.

With the two laws, the circuit analysis illustrated in the preceding section can be extended to circuits with several meshes. As a simple example, consider the low-pass filter of Fig. 4.3b or 4.3c. Although currents and voltages are taken as time-varying,



**FIG. 4.3a** Current flow from a junction.



**FIG. 4.3** Low-pass filter: (b) loop current analysis; (c) node voltage analysis.

we drop the functional notation for simplicity. Figure 4.3b illustrates the standard method utilizing mesh currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Note that the net current through  $C$  is  $(I_1 - I_2)$ , which automatically satisfies the current law at node  $b$ . The voltage law is then written about each loop as follows:

$$V_s - R_s I_1 - L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} - \frac{1}{C} \int (I_1 - I_2) dt = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$-\frac{1}{C} \int (I_2 - I_1) dt - L_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} - R_L I_2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

The two equations are then solved by appropriate means to give  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  for a given  $V_s$ .

A second standard method of circuit analysis uses node voltages  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$ , and  $V_c$  as shown in Fig. 4.3c. These are defined with respect to some reference, here taken as the lower terminal of the voltage generator, denoted 0. Then Kirchhoff's voltage law is automatically satisfied, for if we add voltages around the first loop we have

$$V_s + (V_a - V_s) + (V_b - V_a) + (0 - V_b) \equiv 0 \quad (6)$$

Kirchhoff's current law is then applied at each of the three nodes as follows:

$$\text{Node } a: \frac{V_a - V_s}{R_s} + \frac{1}{L_1} \int (V_a - V_b) dt = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Node } b: \frac{1}{L_1} \int (V_b - V_a) dt + \frac{1}{L_2} \int (V_b - V_c) dt + C \frac{dV_b}{dt} = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Node } c: \frac{1}{L_2} \int (V_c - V_b) dt + \frac{V_c}{R_L} = 0 \quad (9)$$

Solution of these by appropriate means yields the three node voltages in terms of the given voltage  $V_s$ . Note that no equation for the reference node need be written as it is contained in the above.

In the above we seem to be treating voltage as a potential difference when we take voltage of a node with respect to the chosen reference, but note that this is only after the circuit is defined and we are only breaking up  $\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  into its contributions over the various branches. As illustrated in the preceding section, we do have to define the path carefully whenever there are inductances or other elements with contributions to voltage from Faraday's law.

Finally, a word about sources. The voltage generator most often met in lumped-element circuit theory is a highly localized one. For example, the electrons and holes of a semiconductor diode or transistor may induce electric fields between the conducting electrodes fabricated on the device. The entire device is typically small compared with wavelength so that the electric field, although time-varying, may be written as the gradient of a time-varying scalar potential. The integral of electric field at any instant thus yields an instantaneous potential difference  $V_s$  between the electrodes, which is the source voltage (or  $V_s - IZ_s$  if current flows). The induced effects from a modulated electron stream passing across a klystron gap are similar, as are those from many other practical devices. There are interesting field problems in the analysis of induced effects from such devices, but from the point of view of the circuit designer, they are simply point sources representable by the  $V_s$  used in the circuits.

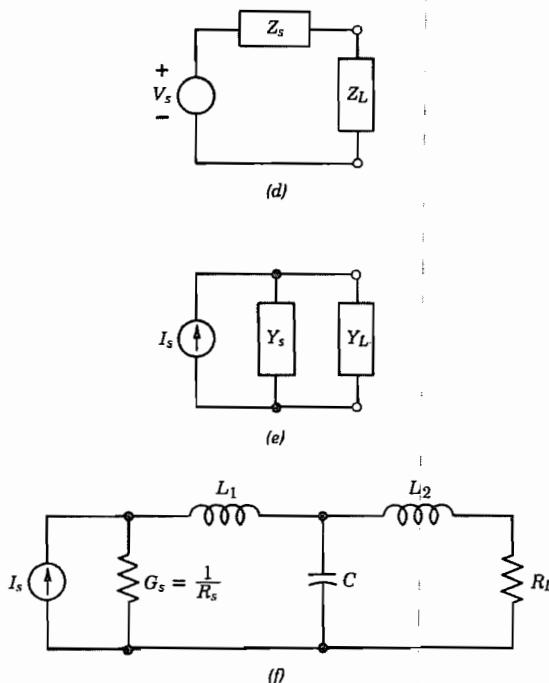
A quite different limiting case is that in which the fields driving the circuit are not localized but are distributed. An important example is that of a receiving antenna with the fields set down by a distant transmitting antenna. If voltage is taken as the line integral of electric field along the antenna, applied voltage clearly depends upon the circuit configuration and orientation with respect to the applied field. Although quite different from the case with a localized source, it is found that circuit theory is useful here also. A formulation in terms of the retarded potentials will be applied to this case in Sec. 4.11.

Current generators are natural to use as sources in place of voltage generators if emphasis is on the current induced between electrodes of the point source or small-gap device. Similarly for the distributed source, if applied magnetic field at the circuit conductor is given, induced current can be calculated and a current representation is natural. One, however, has a choice in any case since the Thévenin and Norton theorems<sup>1</sup> show that the two representations of Figs. 4.3d and 4.3e are equivalent with the relations

$$Y_s = Z_s^{-1}, \quad I_s = V_s Y_s \quad (10)$$

Thus an equivalent to Fig. 4.3c is that of Fig. 4.3f, utilizing a current generator.

<sup>1</sup> S. E. Schwarz and W. G. Oldham, Electrical Engineering: An Introduction, 2nd ed., Saunders, Fort Worth, TX, 1993.



**FIG. 4.3** (d) Thévenin circuit configuration. (e) Norton circuit form. (f) Equivalent of circuit in (c) using Norton source.

### Skin Effect in Practical Conductors

#### 4.4 DISTRIBUTION OF TIME-VARYING CURRENTS IN CONDUCTORS OF CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION

To study the resistive term at frequencies high enough so that current distribution is not uniform, we need to first find the current distribution. This was done in Sec. 3.16 for plane conductors. We now wish to do this for the useful case of round conductors. Recall that a good conductor is defined as one for which displacement current is negligible in comparison with conduction current so that

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

Faraday's law equation is (in phasor form)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

From these two we derived the differential equation for current density, Eq. 3.16(7):

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{J} = j\omega\mu\sigma \mathbf{J} \quad (3)$$

We now take current in the  $z$  direction and no variations with  $z$  or angle  $\phi$ . Equation (3), expressed in circular cylindrical coordinates (inside front cover), is then

$$\frac{d^2 J_z}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dJ_z}{dr} + T^2 J_z = 0 \quad (4)$$

where

$$T^2 = -j\omega\mu\sigma$$

or

$$T = j^{-1/2} \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma} = j^{-1/2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\delta} \quad (5)$$

where  $\delta$  is the useful parameter called "depth of penetration" or "skin depth." The differential equation (4) is a Bessel equation. Equations of this type will be studied in detail in Chapter 7, but for the present we write the two independent solutions as

$$J_z = AJ_0(Tr) + BH_0^{(1)}(Tr) \quad (6)$$

For a solid wire,  $r = 0$  is included in the solution, and then it is necessary that  $B = 0$  since a study of  $H_0^{(1)}(Tr)$  shows that this is infinite at  $r = 0$ . Therefore,

$$J_z = AJ_0(Tr) \quad (7)$$

The arbitrary constant  $A$  may be evaluated in terms of current density at the surface, which is  $\sigma E_0$ , with  $E_0$  the surface electric field.

$$J_z = \sigma E_0 \quad \text{at } r_0$$

Then (7) becomes

$$J_z = \frac{\sigma E_0}{J_0(Tr_0)} J_0(Tr) \quad (8)$$

A study of the series definitions of the Bessel functions with complex argument shows that  $J_0$  is complex. It is convenient to break the complex Bessel function into real and imaginary parts, using the definitions

$$\text{Ber}(v) \triangleq \text{real part of } J_0(j^{-1/2}v)$$

$$\text{Bei}(v) \triangleq \text{imaginary part of } J_0(j^{-1/2}v)$$

That is,

$$J_0(j^{-1/2}v) \equiv \text{Ber}(v) + j \text{Bei}(v) \quad (9)$$

$\text{Ber}(v)$  and  $\text{Bei}(v)$  are tabulated in many references.<sup>2</sup> Using these definitions and (5), (8) may be written

$$J_z = \sigma E_0 \frac{\text{Ber}(\sqrt{2r}/\delta) + j \text{Bei}(\sqrt{2r}/\delta)}{\text{Ber}(\sqrt{2r_0}/\delta) + j \text{Bei}(\sqrt{2r_0}/\delta)} \quad (10)$$

In Fig. 4.4a the magnitude of the ratio of current density to that at the outside of the wire is plotted as a function of the ratio of radius to outer radius of wire, for different values of the parameter  $(r_0/\delta)$ . Also, for purposes of the physical picture, these are interpreted in terms of current distribution for a 1-mm-diameter copper wire at different frequencies by the figures in parentheses.

As an example of the applicability of the plane analysis for curved conductors at high frequencies where  $\delta$  is small compared with radii, we can take the present case of the round wire. If we are to neglect the curvature and apply the plane analysis, the coordinate  $x$ , distance below the surface, is  $(r_0 - r)$  for a round wire. Then Eq. 3.16(16) gives

$$\left| \frac{J_z}{\sigma E_0} \right| \approx e^{-(r_0 - r)/\delta} \quad (11)$$

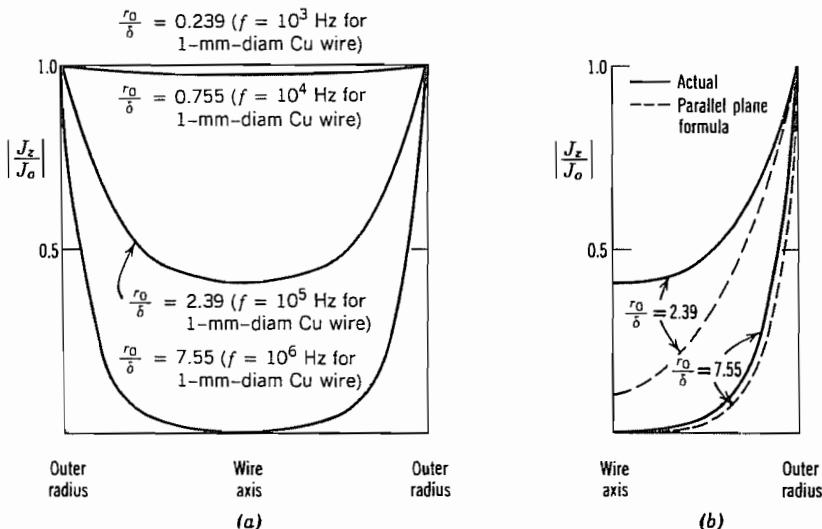
In Fig. 4.4b are plotted curves of  $|J_z/\sigma E_0|$  by using this formula, and comparisons are made with curves obtained from the exact formula (10). This is done for two cases,  $r_0/\delta = 2.39$  and  $r_0/\delta = 7.55$ . In the latter, the approximate distribution agrees well with the exact; in the former it does not. Thus, if ratio of wire radius to  $\delta$  is large, it seems that there should be little error in analyzing the wire from the results developed for plane solids. This point will be pursued in impedance calculations to follow.

#### 4.5 IMPEDANCE OF ROUND WIRES

The internal impedance (resistance and contribution to reactance from magnetic flux inside the wire) of the round wire is found from total current in the wire and the electric intensity at the surface, according to the ideas of Sec. 4.2. Total current may be obtained from an integration of current density, as for the plane conductor in Sec. 3.17; however, it may also be found from the magnetic field at the surface, since the line integral of magnetic field around the outside of the wire must be equal to the total current in the wire:

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I$$

<sup>2</sup> H. B. Dwight, *Tables of Integrals*, 3rd ed., MacMillan, New York, 1961. N. W. McLachlan, *Bessel Functions for Engineers*, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press (Clarendon), New York, 1955. M. R. Spiegel, *Mathematical Handbook of Formulas and Tables*, Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1968.



**FIG. 4.4** (a) Current distribution in cylindrical wire for several frequencies. (b) Actual and approximate (parallel-plane formula) distribution in cylindrical wire.  $J_0 = \sigma E_0$ .

or

$$2\pi r_0 H_\phi|_{r=r_0} = I \quad (1)$$

Magnetic field is obtained from the electric field by Maxwell's equations:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

For the round wire with no variations in  $z$  or  $\phi$ , the fields  $E_z$  and  $H_\phi$  alone are present, and only  $r$  derivatives remain, so (2) is simply

$$H_\phi = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \frac{dE_z}{dr} \quad (3)$$

An expression for current density has already been obtained in Eq. 4.4(8). Electric field is related to this through the conductivity  $\sigma$ :

$$E_z = \frac{J_z}{\sigma} = E_0 \frac{J_0(Tr)}{J_0(Tr_0)} \quad (4)$$

By substituting in (3) and recalling that  $T^2 = -j\omega\mu\sigma$ ,

$$H_\phi = \frac{E_0 T}{j\omega\mu} \frac{J'_0(Tr)}{J_0(Tr_0)} = -\frac{\sigma E_0}{T} \frac{J'_0(Tr)}{J_0(Tr_0)}$$

where  $J'_0(Tr)$  denotes  $[d/d(Tr)]J_0(Tr)$ . From (1),

$$I = -\frac{2\pi r_0 \sigma E_0}{T} \frac{J'_0(Tr_0)}{J_0(Tr_0)} \quad (5)$$

The internal impedance per unit length is defined as  $Z_i \triangleq E_z(r_0)/I$ . Then

$$Z_i = -\frac{TJ_0(Tr_0)}{2\pi r_0 \sigma J'_0(Tr_0)} \quad (6)$$

Note the similarity to internal impedance per square in Eq. 3.17(3).

**Low-Frequency Expressions** For low frequencies,  $Tr_0$  is small and series expansions of the Bessel functions show that (6) may be expanded as

$$Z_i \approx \frac{1}{\pi r_0^2 \sigma} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{48} \left( \frac{r_0}{\delta} \right)^2 \right] + j \frac{\omega \mu}{8\pi} \quad (7)$$

The real or resistive part is

$$R_{lf} \approx \frac{1}{\pi r_0^2 \sigma} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{48} \left( \frac{r_0}{\delta} \right)^2 \right] \quad (8)$$

The first term of this expression is the dc resistance, and the second is a correction useful for  $r_0/\delta$  as large as unity, that is, for radius equal to skin depth  $\delta$ . The imaginary term of (7) corresponds to a low-frequency internal inductance:

$$(L_i)_{lf} \approx \frac{\mu}{8\pi} \text{ H/m} \quad (9)$$

The low-frequency internal inductance is the same as that found by energy methods in Sec. 2.17.

**High-Frequency Expressions** For high frequencies, the complex argument  $Tr_0$  is large. It may be shown that  $J_0(Tr_0)/J'_0(Tr_0)$  approaches  $-j$  and the high-frequency approximation to (6) is

$$(Z_i)_{hf} = \frac{j(j)^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi r_0 \sigma \delta}} = \frac{(1 + j)R_s}{2\pi r_0} \text{ } \Omega/\text{m} \quad (10)$$

or

$$(R)_{hf} = (\omega L_i)_{hf} = \frac{R_s}{2\pi r_0} \text{ } \Omega/\text{m} \quad (11)$$

So resistance and internal reactance are equal at high frequencies, and both are equal to the values for a plane solid of width  $2\pi r_0$  just as assumed on physical grounds in Sec. 3.17 where  $R_s = (\sigma \delta)^{-1}$ .

**Expression for Arbitrary Frequency** To interpret (6) for arbitrary frequencies, it is useful to break into real and imaginary parts using the Ber and Bei functions, defined in Eq. 4.4(9), and their derivatives. That is,

$$\text{Ber } v + j \text{Bei } v = J_0(j^{-1/2}v)$$

Also let

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ber}' v + j \text{Bei}' v &= \frac{d}{dv} (\text{Ber } v + j \text{Bei } v) \\ &= j^{-1/2} J'_0(j^{-1/2}v)\end{aligned}$$

Then (6) may be written

$$Z_i = R + j\omega L_i = \frac{jR_s}{\sqrt{2}\pi r_0} \left[ \frac{\text{Ber } q + j \text{Bei } q}{\text{Ber}' q + j \text{Bei}' q} \right]$$

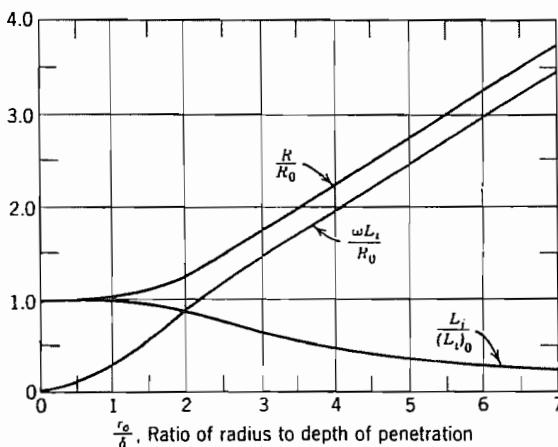
where

$$R_s = \frac{1}{\sigma\delta} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu}{\sigma}} \quad q = \frac{\sqrt{2}r_0}{\delta}$$

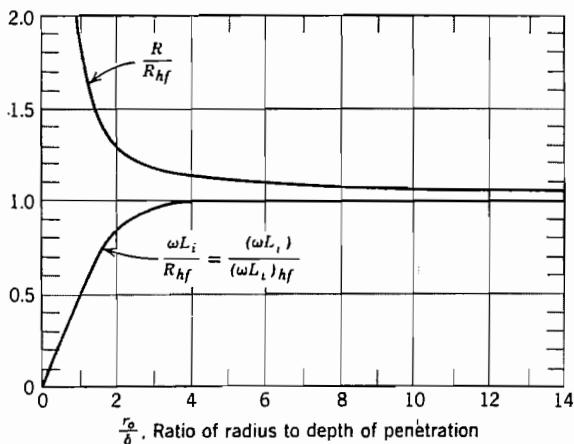
or

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \frac{R_s}{\sqrt{2}\pi r_0} \left[ \frac{\text{Ber } q \text{Bei}' q - \text{Bei } q \text{Ber}' q}{(\text{Ber}' q)^2 + (\text{Bei}' q)^2} \right] \Omega/m \\ \omega L_i &= \frac{R_s}{\sqrt{2}\pi r_0} \left[ \frac{\text{Ber } q \text{Ber}' q + \text{Bei } q \text{Bei}' q}{(\text{Ber}' q)^2 + (\text{Bei}' q)^2} \right] \Omega/m\end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

These are the expressions for resistance and internal reactance of a round wire at any frequency in terms of the parameter  $q$ , which is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the ratio of wire radius to depth of penetration. Curves giving the ratios of these quantities to the dc and to the high-frequency values as functions of  $r_0/\delta$  are plotted in Figs. 4.5a and 4.5b. A careful study of these will reveal the ranges of  $r_0/\delta$  over which it is permissible to use the approximate formulas for resistance and reactance.



**FIG. 4.5a** Solid-wire skin effect quantities compared with dc values.



**FIG. 4.5b** Solid-wire skin effect quantities compared with values from high frequency formulas.

## Calculation of Circuit Elements

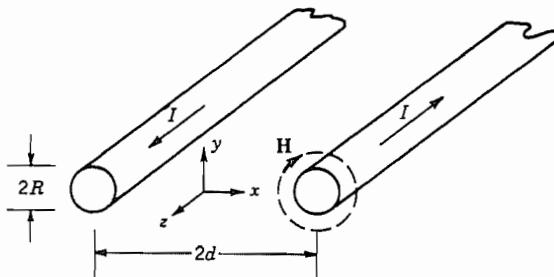
### 4.6 SELF-INDUCTANCE CALCULATIONS

Self-inductance, as defined in Chapter 2, was related to field concepts in the first part of this chapter. We have shown examples of inductance calculations for simple configurations by the method of flux linkages (Sec. 2.5) and from an energy point of view (Sec. 2.17). We now give additional examples of each method.

#### Example 4.6a

##### EXTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF PARALLEL-WIRE TRANSMISSION LINE (APPROXIMATE)

Figure 4.6 shows two parallel conductors of radius  $R$  with their axes separated by distance  $2d$ . Current  $I$  flows in the  $z$  direction in the right-hand conductor and returns in the other. Magnetic field at any point  $(x, y)$  is the superposition of that from the two conductors. If conductors are far enough apart, the current distribution in either conductor is not much affected by the presence of the other, so that magnetic field from each conductor may be taken as circumferential about its axis and equal to the current divided by  $2\pi$  times radius from the axis. For the  $y = 0$  plane passing through the axes

**FIG. 4.6** Parallel-wire transmission line.

of the two wires, the contribution from both wires is vertical so that field, to the approximation described above, is

$$H_y(x, 0) \approx \frac{I}{2\pi(d + x)} + \frac{I}{2\pi(d - x)} \quad (1)$$

The magnetic flux between the two conductors (used in finding external inductance) is then found by integrating over this central plane. For a unit length in the  $z$  direction,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_m &\approx \frac{\mu I}{2\pi} \int_{-(d-R)}^{(d-R)} \left[ \frac{1}{d+x} + \frac{1}{d-x} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{\mu I}{2\pi} [\ln(d+x) - \ln(d-x)]_{-(d-R)}^{(d-R)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Inductance per unit length is then

$$L = \frac{\psi_m}{I} \approx \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{2d-R}{R}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{R}{2d-R}\right) \right] = \frac{\mu}{\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2d}{R} - 1\right) \quad (3)$$

### Example 4.6b

#### EXTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF PARALLEL-WIRE TRANSMISSION LINE (EXACT)

When spacing between conductors is comparable with wire radii, current distribution in the wires is affected and the result obtained above is modified. It can be shown either by a method of images or by conformal transformations to be described in Chapter 7 that the exact magnetic flux function  $\psi_m$  [analogous to electric flux function in Eq. 1.6(1)] and scalar magnetic potential  $\Phi_m$  for this problem are

$$\psi_m = -\frac{\mu I}{4\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{(x-a)^2 + y^2}{(x+a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$\Phi_m = -\frac{I}{2\pi} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x-a)} - \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x+a)} \right] \quad (5)$$

where

$$a = \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}$$

Taking the flux difference at  $x = d - R$  and  $x = -d + R$  (both at  $y = 0$ ),

$$\Delta\psi_m = \psi_m(d - R, 0) - \psi_m(-d + R, 0) \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{\mu I}{4\pi} \left\{ \ln \left[ \frac{d - R - a}{d - R + a} \right]^2 - \ln \left[ \frac{-d + R - a}{-d + R + a} \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= -\frac{\mu I}{\pi} \ln \left| \frac{d - R - a}{d - R + a} \right| = -\frac{\mu I}{\pi} \ln \left| \frac{d - R - \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}}{d - R + \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By multiplying numerator and denominator by  $[(d - R) - \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}]$ , this reduces to

$$\Delta\psi_m = -\frac{\mu I}{\pi} \ln \left\{ \frac{d}{R} - \sqrt{\left( \frac{d}{R} \right)^2 - 1} \right\} = \frac{\mu I}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{R} \right) \quad (8)$$

so

$$L = \frac{\Delta\psi_m}{I} = \frac{\mu}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{R} \right) \quad (9)$$


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### Example 4.6c

#### INTERNAL INDUCTANCE OF PLANE CONDUCTOR WITH SKIN EFFECT

As a third example, we utilize the energy method and calculate internal inductance. This example differs from that of Ex. 2.17, for which uniform current distribution was assumed. Moreover, we utilize the phasor forms of the skin effect formulation. The basis, as in Sec. 2.17, is the equation of the circuit form of energy storage to the field form:

$$\frac{1}{2} LI^2 = \int_V \frac{\mu}{2} H^2 dV \quad (10)$$

The magnetic field distribution for a semi-infinite conductor with sinusoidally varying currents was found to be [Eq. 3.16(15)]

$$H_y = -\frac{\sigma \delta E_0}{(1 + j)} e^{-(1+j)x/\delta} \quad (11)$$

where the coordinate system of Fig. 3.16a is used. The current per unit width,  $J_{sz}$ , is just the value of  $H_y$  at the surface:

$$J_{sz} = -H_y(0) = \frac{\sigma \delta E_0}{(1 + j)} \quad (12)$$

We may now apply (10) to the calculation of  $L$ . But first we recognize (10), as written, is for instantaneous  $I$  and  $H$ . To use with phasors, we must either convert to instantaneous forms or write the equivalent of (10) for time-average stored energies. The latter procedure is simpler and we find

$$\frac{1}{4} L|I|^2 = \int_V \frac{\mu}{4} |H|^2 dV \quad (13)$$

where the factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  rather than  $\frac{1}{2}$  on each side comes from the time average of squares of sinusoids. Taking a width  $w$ , so that current is  $wJ_{sz}$ , and a length  $l$ , and substituting (11) and (12) in (13), we obtain

$$\frac{L}{4} \frac{\sigma^2 \delta^2 E_0^2}{2} w^2 = wl \int_0^\infty \frac{\mu}{4} \frac{\sigma^2 \delta^2 E_0^2}{2} e^{-2x/\delta} dx$$

or

$$L = \frac{\mu l}{w} \int_0^\infty e^{-2x/\delta} dx = \frac{\mu l \delta}{2w} [-e^{-2x/\delta}]_0^\infty = \frac{\mu l \delta}{2w}$$

so

$$\omega L = \frac{l}{w} \cdot \frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2\sigma} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma}} = \frac{l}{w \sigma \delta} = \frac{R_s l}{w} \quad (14)$$

where relations for skin depth and surface resistivity have been substituted from Secs. 3.16 and 3.17. As found there, the internal reactance per square is equal to surface resistivity,  $R_s$ . This is multiplied by length  $l$  and divided by width  $w$  to give the internal reactance of the overall unit.

#### 4.7 MUTUAL INDUCTANCE

The mutual inductance was defined in Sec. 4.2 as that arising from the induced voltage in one circuit due to current flowing in another circuit. We now discuss several approaches to its calculation, some of which may also be applied to calculation of self-inductance.

**Flux Linkages** The most direct approach is that from Faraday's law, finding the magnetic flux linking one circuit related to current in the other circuit, as in Eq. 4.2(19). Thus for two circuits 1 and 2 we write

$$M_{12} = \frac{\int_{S_1} \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{S}_1}{I_2} \quad (1)$$

where  $B_2$  is the magnetic flux arising from current  $I_2$  and integration is over the surface of circuit 1. By reciprocity  $M_{21} = M_{12}$  (for isotropic magnetic materials), so the cal-

culation may be made with the inducing current in either circuit. Consider, for example, the two parallel, coaxial conducting loops pictured in Fig. 4.7a. The magnetic field from a current in one loop has been found for a point on the axis in Ex. 2.3a:

$$B_z(0, d) = \frac{\mu I_2 a^2}{2(a^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} \quad (2)$$

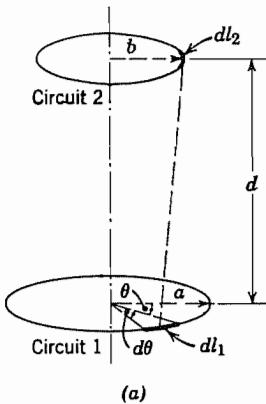
If loop 2 is small enough compared with spacing  $d$ , this will be relatively constant over the second loop and the relation (1) gives

$$M = \frac{\pi b^2 B_z(0, d)}{I_2} = \frac{\mu \pi a^2 b^2}{2(a^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} \quad (3)$$

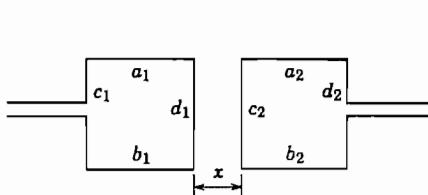
The exact formula is found by integrating the field over the cross section, but we will approach the exact calculation by another method.

**Use of Magnetic Vector Potential** Since  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ , application of Stokes's theorem to (1) yields an equivalent expression in terms of the magnetic vector potential:

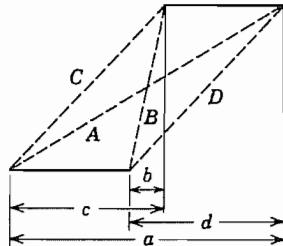
$$M = \frac{\int_{S1} (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}_2) \cdot d\mathbf{S}_1}{I_2} = \frac{\oint \mathbf{A}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1}{I_2} \quad (4)$$



(a)



(b)



(c)

FIG. 4.7 (a) Two circular loops. (b) Two rectangular coupling loops. (c) Parallel current elements displaced from one another.

This form is useful in any problem for which the vector potential is more easily found than the magnetic field directly. It is especially useful for problems in which the circuit has straight-line segments or can be approximated by such segments, as in the problem of the coupling of square loops pictured in Fig. 4.7b. Vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  is in the direction of the current element contributing to it by Eq. 2.9(5), so the contribution to  $\mathbf{A}$  from horizontal sides  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  is only horizontal. These sides thus contribute to mutual inductance only through integration by (4) over the horizontal parts of circuit 2,  $a_2$  and  $b_2$ . Similarly, vertical currents in  $c_1$  and  $d_1$  contribute to mutual inductance only by integration over the two parallel (vertical) sides  $c_2$  and  $d_2$ . The basic coupling element in such a configuration is then that of two parallel but displaced current elements as pictured in Fig. 4.7c. The contribution to mutual inductance from such elements (Prob. 4.7d) can be shown to be

$$M = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \left\{ c \ln \left[ \frac{a + A}{c + C} \right] + d \ln \left[ \frac{a + A}{d + D} \right] + b \ln \left[ \frac{b + B}{a + A} \right] + (C + D) - (A + B) \right\} \quad (5)$$

This point of view is quite useful for qualitative thinking about couplings in a circuit as well as for quantitative analysis.

**Neumann's Form** Another standard form for calculation of mutual coupling of two filamentary circuits follows directly from the above. We write the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  arising from current in circuit 2, assuming that current to be in line filaments and neglecting retardation.

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \oint \frac{\mu I_2 \, d\mathbf{l}}{4\pi R} \quad (6)$$

where  $R$  is the distance between current element  $d\mathbf{l}_2$  and the field point. Substitution in (4) yields

$$M = \frac{1}{I_2} \iint \frac{\mu I_2 \, d\mathbf{l}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1}{4\pi R} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iint \frac{d\mathbf{l}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2}{R} \quad (7)$$

This standard form is due to Neumann. Note in particular its illustration of the reciprocity relation  $M_{12} = M_{21}$ , since integrations about circuits 1 and 2 may be taken in either order.

### Example 4.7a

#### MUTUAL INDUCTANCE OF COAXIAL LOOPS BY NEUMANN'S FORM

For the coaxial loops of Fig. 4.7a, let  $d\mathbf{l}_1$  be any element of circuit 1 and  $d\mathbf{l}_2$  be any element of circuit 2. Then

$$d\mathbf{l}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2 = dl_2 a \, d\theta \cos \theta \quad (8)$$

$$R = \sqrt{d^2 + (a \sin \theta)^2 + (a \cos \theta - b)^2} \quad (9)$$

By substituting  $\theta = \pi - 2\phi$  and

$$k^2 = \frac{4ab}{d^2 + (a + b)^2} \quad (10)$$

the integral (7) will then be found to become

$$M = \mu \sqrt{abk} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(2 \sin^2 \phi - 1) d\phi}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \phi}} \quad (11)$$

which can be written as

$$M = \mu \sqrt{ab} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{k} - k \right) K(k) - \frac{2}{k} E(k) \right] \quad (12)$$

where

$$E(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \phi}}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \phi}} d\phi \quad (13)$$

$$K(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \phi}} \quad (14)$$

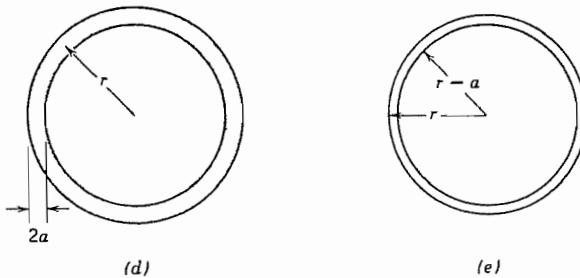
The definite integrals (13) and (14) are given in tables<sup>3</sup> as functions of  $k$  and are called *complete elliptic integrals* of the first and second kinds, respectively.

### Example 4.7b

SELF-INDUCTANCE OF CIRCULAR LOOP THROUGH  
MUTUAL INDUCTANCE CONCEPTS

Neumann's form does not appear useful for the calculation of self-inductances of filamentary current paths, since radius  $R$  in (6) becomes zero at some point in the integration for such filaments. For a conductor of finite area, however, as in the round loop of wire pictured in Fig. 4.7d, one obtains the external contribution to self-inductance by calculating induced field at the surface of the conductor, say through the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$  as in (6). If wire radius  $a$  is small compared with loop radius  $r$ , this field is nearly the same as though current were concentrated along the center of the wire. Thus we conclude that the external inductance of the loop is well approximated by the mutual

<sup>3</sup> For example, H. B. Dwight, Tables of Integrals, 3rd ed., Macmillan, New York, 1961; or M. R. Spiegel, Mathematical Handbook of Formulas and Tables, Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1968.



**FIG. 4.7** (d) Conducting loop for which external self-inductance is to be found. (e) Filamentary loops, one through center of wire and other along inside edge, for which mutual inductance may be calculated.

inductance between the two filaments of Fig. 4.7e. Utilizing (12) for the mutual inductance between two concentric circles of radii  $r$  and  $(r - a)$  we then have

$$L_0 = \mu(2r - a) \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{k^2}{2} \right) K(k) - E(k) \right] \quad (15)$$

$$k^2 = \frac{4r(r - a)}{(2r - a)^2}$$

where  $E(k)$  and  $K(k)$  are as defined by (13) and (14). If  $a/r$  is very small,  $k$  is nearly unity, and  $K$  and  $E$  may be approximated by

$$K(k) \approx \ln\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}}\right)$$

$$E(k) \approx 1$$

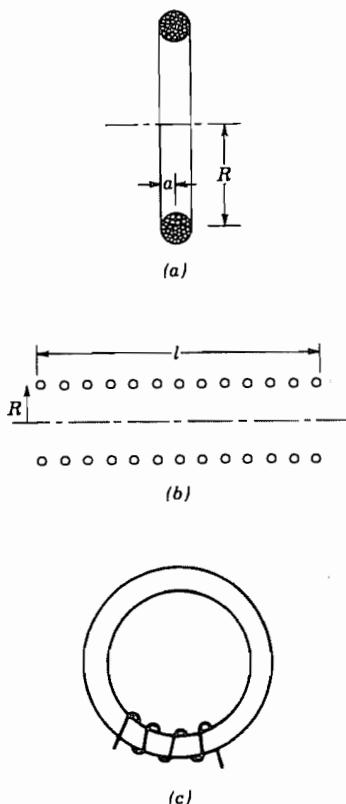
so

$$L_0 \approx r\mu \left[ \ln\left(\frac{8r}{a}\right) - 2 \right] \quad (16)$$

To find total  $L$ , values of internal inductance, as found in Sec. 4.5, must be added.

#### 4.8 INDUCTANCE OF PRACTICAL COILS

A study of the inductance of coils at low frequencies involves no new concepts but only new troubles because of the complications in geometry. Certain special cases are simple enough for calculation by a straightforward application of previously outlined methods. For example, for a circular coil of  $N$  turns formed into a circular cross section (Fig. 4.8a) we may modify the formula for a circular loop of one turn, Eq. 4.7(16),



**FIG. 4.8** (a) Coil of large radius-to-length ratio. (b) Solenoidal coil. (c) Solenoidal coil on high-permeability core.

provided the cross section is small compared with the coil radius. Magnetic field must be computed on the basis of a current  $NI$ ; in addition, to compute the total induced voltage about the coil,  $N$  integrations must be made about the loop. Equation 4.7(16) is thus modified by a factor  $N^2$ . The external inductance for this coil is then

$$L_0 = N^2 R \mu \left[ \ln\left(\frac{8R}{a}\right) - 2 \right] \quad (1)$$

For the other extreme, the inductance of a very long solenoid (Fig. 4.8b) may be computed. If the solenoid is long enough, the magnetic field on the inside is essentially constant, as for the infinite solenoid,

$$H_z = \frac{NI}{l} \quad (2)$$

where  $N$  is the total number of turns and  $l$  the length. The flux linkage for  $N$  turns is then  $N\pi R^2 \mu H_z$ , and the inductance is

$$L_0 = \frac{\pi \mu R^2 N^2}{l} \quad (3)$$

For coils of intermediate length-to-radius ratio, empirical or semiempirical formulas frequently have to be used. The famous Nagaoka formula applies a correction factor  $F$  to the formula (3) for the long solenoid.<sup>4</sup> A simple approximate form<sup>5</sup> very close to this for  $R/l$  up to 2 or 3 is

$$L_0 = \frac{\pi \mu R^2 N^2}{l + 0.9R} \quad (4)$$

If a coil is wound on a toroidal core of high permeability as shown in Fig. 4.8c, the flux essentially is restricted to the core region, independent of the length of the winding. The magnetic field intensity is again given by (2) and the inductance by (3) with  $l = 2\pi r_0$ , where  $r_0$  is the mean radius of the toroid.

At higher frequencies the problem becomes more complicated. When turns are relatively close together, the assumption made previously in calculating internal impedance (other portions of the circuit so far away that circular symmetry of current in the wire is not disturbed) certainly does not apply. Current elements in neighboring turns will be near enough to produce nearly as much effect upon current distribution in a given turn as the current in that turn itself. Values of skin effect resistance and internal inductance are then not as previously calculated. External inductance may also be different since changes in external fields result when current loses its symmetrical distribution with respect to the wire axis. In fact, the strict separation of internal and external inductance may not be possible for these coils, for a given field line may be sometimes inside and sometimes outside of the conductor. Finally, distributed capacitances may be important and further complicate matters (see following section).

Coils utilizing superconductors, which are materials giving zero resistance below some critical temperature near absolute zero, have become important because one can obtain with proper design very high values of uniform magnetic fields with them, without the use of iron. They may also be very efficient devices for storage of large energies. The electromagnetic principles of design are the same as given for other coils, and in fact, the approximations may be better satisfied by the thin wires typically used in superconducting magnets. The mechanical forces of the large currents must be considered in the design, and the transient behavior of a superconductor is very different from that of an ordinary conductor. Wilson<sup>6</sup> gives examples of various coil configurations, with reference to the background literature.

<sup>4</sup> E. C. Jordan (Ed.), Reference Data for Engineers: Radio, Electronics, Computer, and Communications, 7th ed., Howard W. Sams, Indianapolis, IN, 1985.

<sup>5</sup> H. A. Wheeler, Proc. IRE 16, 1398 (1928).

<sup>6</sup> M. N. Wilson, Superconducting Magnets, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1983.

## 4.9 SELF AND MUTUAL CAPACITANCE

The concept of electrostatic capacitance between two conductors was introduced in Chapter 1 as the charge on one of the conductors divided by the potential difference between conductors. In the circuit analysis of Sec. 4.2 this definition was carried over as a quasistatic concept to give the usual capacitance term utilized in the analysis of circuits with time-varying excitation. Little more need be said about the simple two-conductor capacitor, but it is useful to collect expressions we have developed for some of the common capacitive elements.

1. Parallel planes with negligible fringing,  $A$  = area,  $d$  = spacing:

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \quad (1)$$

2. Concentric spheres of radii  $a$  and  $b$  ( $b > a$ ):

$$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon ab}{(b - a)} \quad (2)$$

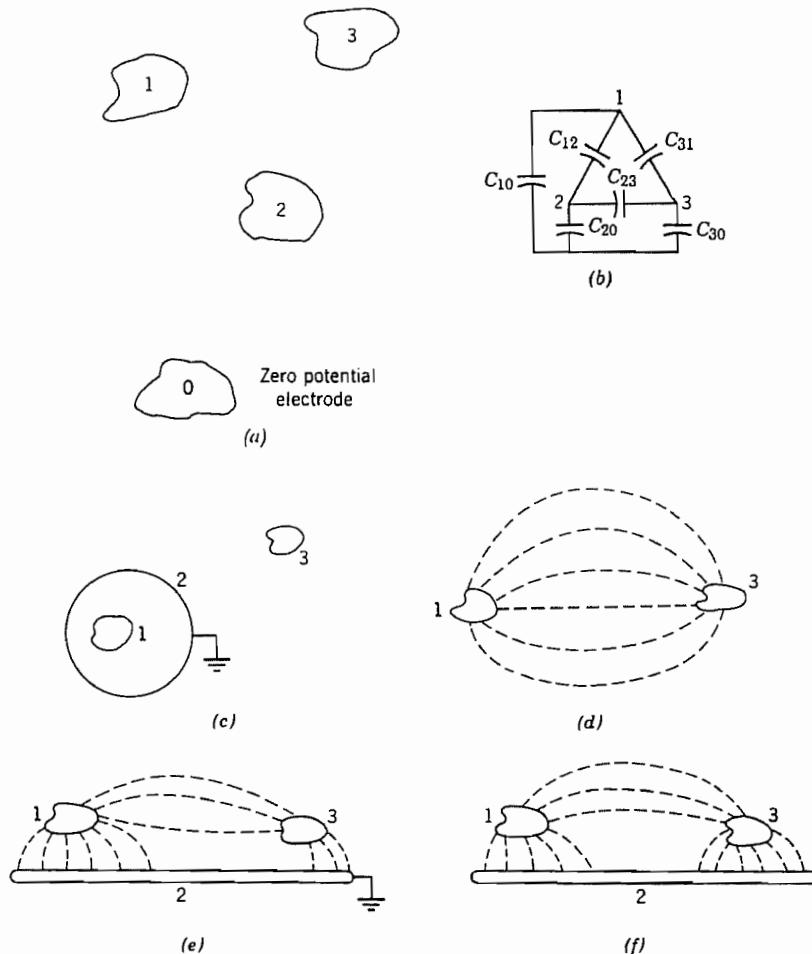
3. Coaxial cylinders of radii  $a$  and  $b$  ( $b > a$ ):

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln(b/a)} \text{ F/m} \quad (3)$$

4. Parallel cylinders with wires of radius  $a$ , with axes separated by  $d$  (to be derived in Chapter 7):

$$C = \frac{\pi\epsilon}{\cosh^{-1}(d/2a)} \text{ F/m} \quad (4)$$

If there are several conductors, the electric flux from one conductor may end on several of the others and induce charge on each of those. Consider, for example, the multiconductor problem diagrammed in Fig. 4.9a. Suppose conductor 1 is raised to a positive potential with the other three bodies, 0, 2, and 3, grounded. The electric flux from 1 will divide among the other three bodies and induce negative charges on each of these. The amounts of the separate charges may be used to define capacitances  $C_{10}$ ,  $C_{12}$ , and  $C_{13}$  in the circuit representation of Fig. 4.9b. Similarly, raising conductor 2 to a nonzero potential and finding induced charges on grounded conductors 0, 1, and 3 determines  $C_{20}$  and  $C_{23}$  and provides a check on  $C_{12}$ . Repetition of the process with conductor 3 at a nonzero potential gives the remaining element  $C_{30}$  and provides a check on  $C_{13}$  and  $C_{23}$ . However, it is usually not possible to measure the individual charges on the conductors which are tied together. Usually a capacitance current,  $dQ/dt$ , is measured by applying a time-varying voltage, and  $Q$  is the sum of the charges on electrodes connected together. Thus the three measurements described would yield  $(C_{10} + C_{12} + C_{13})$ ,  $(C_{20} + C_{12} + C_{23})$ , and  $(C_{30} + C_{13} + C_{23})$ . Three additional measurements with linearly independent combinations of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ , and  $V_3$  are required to determine the six elements of the circuit.



**FIG. 4.9** (a) Four conducting bodies, one of which is chosen to have zero potential. (b) The equivalent circuit for (a). (c) Electrostatic shielding by a grounded sphere. (d) Flux lines between a pair of conductors without shielding. (e) Partial shielding by a grounded conducting plane. (f) Ungrounded nearby conductor increases coupling.

A common problem is that of decreasing the capacitive coupling between two bodies, that is, of electrostatically shielding them from one another. Consider, for example, the conductors 1 and 3 of Fig. 4.9c. If a grounded conductor 2 is introduced and made to surround either body 1 or 3 completely, as in Fig. 4.9c, it is evident that a change in potential of 3 can in no way influence the charge on 1 so that mutual capacitance  $C_{13} = 0$ .

More often the added conductor may not completely enclose any body, so that the capacitive coupling may not be made zero, but may only be reduced from its original value. Any finite conductor, as 2, introduced into the field acts to decrease the mutual

capacitance  $C_{12}$  from its value prior to the introduction of 2, and hence provides some decrease in the capacitive coupling between 1 and 3. The reason is that fewer of the flux lines of the charge on 1 will terminate on 3 with a grounded conductor, as shown by comparing Figs. 4.9d and 4.9e. However, if 2 is not connected to the ground (the infinite supply of charge), the effect of the added electrode will be to shorten the flux lines as seen in Fig. 4.9f. In terms of the equivalent circuit, the effective capacitance between 1 and 3 is seen from the equivalent circuit of Fig. 4.9b to be given by  $C_{13}$  in parallel with  $C_{12}$  and  $C_{23}$  in series:

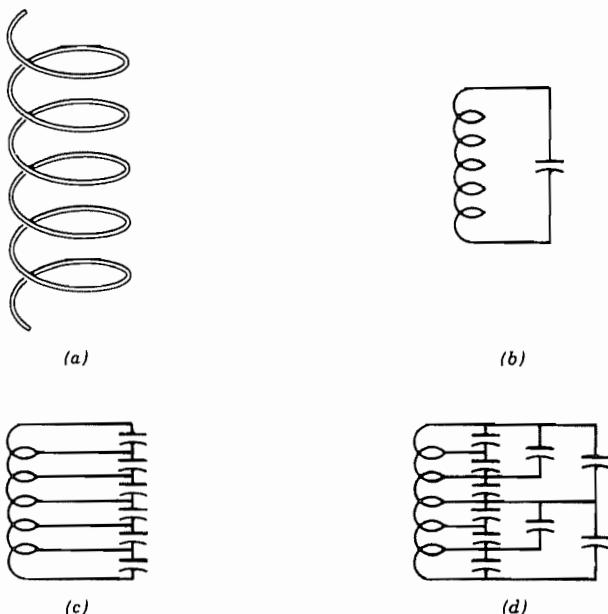
$$(C_{13})_{\text{eff}} = C_{13} + \frac{C_{12}C_{23}}{C_{12} + C_{23}}$$

This value is generally greater than the value of  $C_{13}$  prior to the introduction of 2 (though it need not be if 2 lies along an equipotential surface of the original field); so, if insulated from ground, the additional conductor may act to increase the effective capacitive coupling between 1 and 3. It often happens that electrodes, although grounded for direct current, may be effectively insulated or floating at high frequencies because of impedance in the grounding leads. In such cases the new electrodes do not accomplish their shielding purposes but may in fact increase capacitive coupling.

## Circuits Which are Not Small Compared With Wavelength

### 4.10 DISTRIBUTED EFFECTS AND RETARDATION

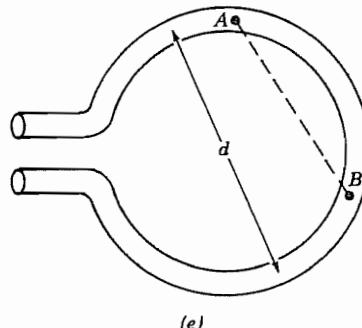
We now consider the generalizations to circuit theory when effects are distributed rather than lumped, and also when circuits become comparable in size with wavelength so that retardation from one part of the circuit to another must be considered. Considering first the distributed effects, we recognize that the fields contributing to circuit elements are always distributed in space and the representation by a lumped element is valid only when the region is small in comparison with wavelength and when only one type of energy storage (electric or magnetic) is important for that region. If the electric energy storage in parts of a primarily inductive element, or magnetic energy in a primarily capacitive element, becomes important, the approach through classic circuit theory is to divide into subelements that can be treated as one or the other. For example, suppose there is electric field (capacitive) coupling between the turns of the inductor of Fig. 4.10a. A first approximation is that of adding a capacitive element across the terminals of  $L$  to represent all the electric energy storage of the element as shown in Fig. 4.10b. A still better approximation is that of adding a capacitive element between each pair



**FIG. 4.10** (a) Coil. (b) Circuit with single capacitance representing electric-field coupling among turns. (c) Circuit representation with capacitive coupling shown between each adjacent turn. (d) Representation with capacitances added between nonadjacent turns.

of adjacent turns, as in Fig. 4.10c. But there may be coupling between nonadjacent turns and still other capacitances can be added as in Fig. 4.10d. The effect of these at high frequencies is to bypass some of the turns so that not all turns have the same current. This last effect would not be at all included in the simpler representation of Fig. 4.10b. Finally one might go to the limit and consider differential elements of the coil, attempting to find couplings to all other differential elements, to write and solve a differential equation for current distribution. This process could be carried out only for simple configurations, and even the approach through a finite number of lumped elements as in *c* or *d* becomes complicated if there are many turns.

Consider next the retardation effect arising from the finite time of propagation of electromagnetic effects across the circuit. To simplify this discussion, we consider only sinusoidal excitation so that we can define a wavelength and discuss phase relationships. More general excitations can of course be broken into a series of sinusoids through Fourier analysis. Consider, for example, the simple single-loop antenna of Fig. 4.10e. At low frequencies, with diameter *d* small in comparison with wavelength, the time of propagation of effects from one part of the loop to another is negligible. Thus, magnetic field produced by a current element at a point such as *A* travels to another point such as *B* in a negligible part of a cycle and so has negligible phase delay. The induced field from the time rate of change of the field is then 90 degrees out of phase with current in *B* and contributes to the inductive effect we expect for the loop at low frequencies.



**FIG. 4.10 (e)** Loop antenna showing phase retardation between sources at  $A$  and induced fields at  $B$  when  $d$  is comparable with wavelength.

At higher frequencies, with  $d$  comparable with wavelength, the finite time of propagation about the circuit must be considered. Current at  $B$  may then not be in phase with current at  $A$ , and the magnetic field at  $B$  arising from the element at  $A$  may not be in phase with either. The time rate of change of magnetic field induces an electric field which may then be not exactly 90 degrees out of phase with  $I_B$ . If there is an in-phase component, it represents energy transfer, which turns out to be a contribution to the energy radiated by this antenna. If current distribution is known, fields throughout the circuit can be calculated and the contribution to radiated power represented in the circuit by a so-called *radiation resistance*. But to find the actual current distribution, one really needs to solve the boundary-value problem represented by the conducting loop. For some antennas or other circuits comparable in size with wavelength, it is possible to make reasonable assumptions about current distribution and extend circuit theory in this way, but the extension must be done carefully. Additional discussion of this point will be given in the next section utilizing a retarded potential formulation for circuit theory.

One important circuit having both distributed and propagation effects is the uniform transmission line. It turns out that circuit theory can be extended to this case. Agreement with field solutions is exact for perfectly conducting transmission lines and very good for lines with losses, as will be seen in Chapter 8. The circuit theory of transmission lines, to be developed in Chapter 5, is thus of very special importance.

#### 4.11 CIRCUIT FORMULATION THROUGH THE RETARDED POTENTIALS

The cause-and-effect relationships embodied in the retarded potentials of Sec. 3.19 can provide additional insights into the circuit formulation for electromagnetic problems, especially for circuits large in comparison with wavelength. This approach was first

used by Carson.<sup>7</sup> A typical circuit follows a conductor for all or part of its path, so we start with Ohm's law in field form for a point along this path,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the conductivity for the point under consideration and may vary as one moves about the circuit path. We next break up the field into an applied portion,  $\mathbf{E}_0$ , and an induced portion,  $\mathbf{E}'$ , the latter arising from the charges and the currents of the circuit itself. We also write  $\mathbf{E}'$  in terms of the retarded potentials of Sec. 3.19

$$\mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{E}' = \mathbf{E}_0 - \nabla\Phi - \frac{\partial\mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Phi$  are given as integrals over the charges and currents of the circuit, as defined in Eqs. 3.20(3) and 3.20(4).

The term  $\mathbf{J}/\sigma$  in (2) is indeterminate over nonconducting portions of the path since both  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\sigma$  are zero for insulating portions and  $\sigma$  is generally undefined within any localized source. We consequently integrate (2) over conducting portions of the path, obtaining a cause-and-effect relationship which can be considered the general circuit equation:

$$\int \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int \frac{\partial\mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{l} - \int \nabla\Phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \quad (3)$$

In a conventional circuit, the first term is applied voltage, the second a resistive term, the third an inductive term, and the fourth a capacitive term. The terms are discussed separately.

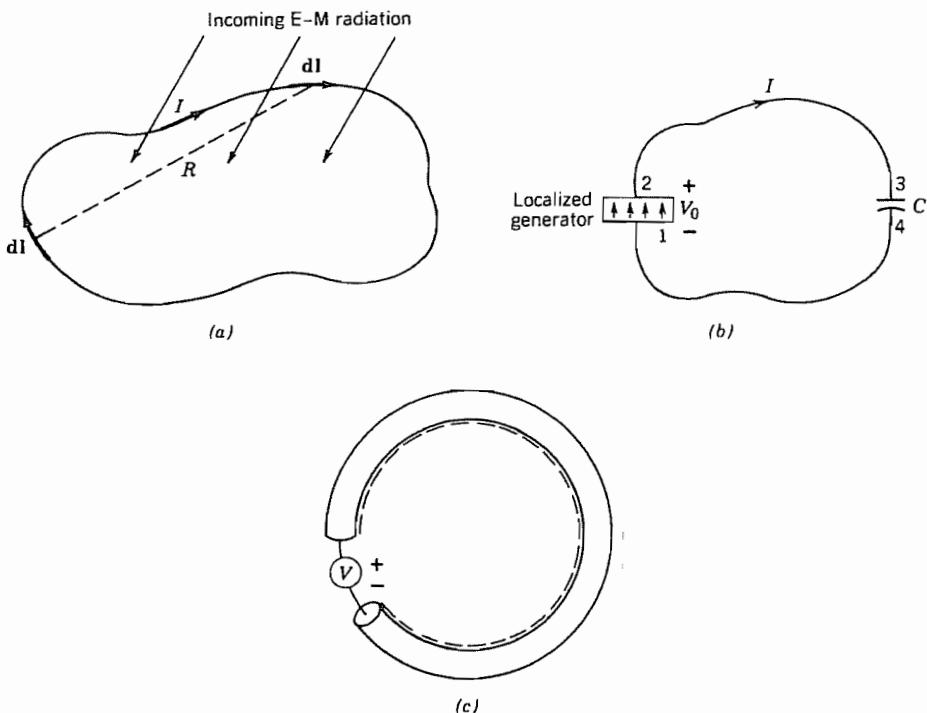
**Applied Voltage** The first term of (3) can be identified as the applied voltage of circuit theory and is just the integral of applied electric field over the circuit path. In a circuit such as a receiving antenna (Fig. 4.11a), the applied field is clearly distributed over the circuit through the mechanism of the incoming electromagnetic wave and the integration of  $\mathbf{E}_0$  is about the complete path:

$$V_0 = \oint \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (4)$$

For the localized sources, discussed in Sec. 4.3, for which electric field can be considered the gradient of a scalar potential, the integration of  $\mathbf{E}_0$  from 2 to 1 about the circuit of Fig. 4.11b is the negative of that from 1 to 2 of the source since the closed line integral of the gradient is zero. The gap in the capacitor can be ignored in this step since the localized source produces negligible field there. Thus the source voltage is

$$V_0 = \int_{2(\text{circuit})}^1 \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{1(\text{source})}^2 \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (5)$$

<sup>7</sup> J. R. Carson, Bell System Tech. J. 6, 1 (1927).



**FIG. 4.11** (a) Closed filamentary loop excited by incoming electromagnetic wave. (b) Filamentary circuit with capacitor excited by a localized generator (point source). (c) Circular loop of round wire with circuit path along inner boundary.

In this class of problem,  $V_0$  is independent of the circuit path, whereas in the receiving antenna class of problem discussed above,  $V_0$  depends very much upon the circuit configuration and orientation with respect to the fields.

**Internal Impedance Term** The second term in (3) is of exactly the same form as the ohmic term for the resistor in the circuit example of Sec. 4.2. There we showed that in the limit of dc this corresponds to the expected resistance term. Here it is understood that  $\sigma$  may vary over different parts of the circuit path and the integration brings in the total resistance of the circuit path. For ac circuits it turns out that this term may also include a contribution from the inductance internal to the conductor along which the circuit path is taken, as was seen for the round wire in Sec. 4.5. Thus for the important sinusoidal case with phasor representations for currents and voltages, this term gives a complex contribution resulting from internal reactance in addition to the resistance. That is, if internal impedance per unit length is defined as the ratio of surface electric

field to the total current in the conductor,

$$Z'_i = \frac{E_s}{I} \quad (6)$$

the term under consideration becomes the total internal impedance  $Z_i$  multiplied by current  $I$ :

$$\int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int \mathbf{E}_s \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I \int Z'_i dl = IZ_i \quad (7)$$

where the integrals are taken over the conducting portions of the circuit from 2 to 3 and 4 to 1 in Fig. 4.11b.

**External Inductance Term** The third term in (3) is the inductance term and, if the circuit path is properly selected, represents only the contribution from magnetic flux external to the conductor. Consider, for example, the loop of wire in Fig. 4.11c, and take the circuit path along the inner surface of the conductor. We will assume that the integral in the third term of (3) taken over the conducting portions of the circuit differs negligibly from an integral which would include the small gaps at the source and in any capacitors included in the circuit. This allows evaluation of that term with closed integrals. We take the path as stationary so that

$$\oint \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{d}{dt} \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (8)$$

From Stokes's theorem,

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (9)$$

But

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \quad (10)$$

so

$$\oint \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (11)$$

The surface integral of (11) is the magnetic flux linking the chosen circuit, exactly as in the approach through Faraday's law in Sec. 3.2. Thus the term may be defined as an inductance term, as before, recognizing that it is the contribution from flux threading the chosen circuit path (i.e., the external inductance):

$$\oint \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = L \frac{dI}{dt} \quad (12)$$

Thus this provides an alternate way of calculating inductance:

$$L = \frac{1}{I} \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (13)$$

The above assumes the circuit small compared with wavelength so that retardation is neglected. The extensions when this assumption is not valid are discussed shortly.

**Capacitive Term** As with the other terms in (3) we must integrate the  $\nabla\Phi$  over the conducting portions of the circuit, that is, from 2 to 3 and 4 to 1 in Fig. 4.11b. Here we assume that the fields arising from charges on the capacitor are negligible at the source, so we may use, as the range of integration, 4 to 3 through the source. Then, since the integral of the gradient of a scalar completely around a closed path (here including the capacitor gap) is zero, we may write

$$\int_{4(\text{circuit})}^3 \nabla\Phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{3(\text{gap})}^4 \nabla\Phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \Phi_3 - \Phi_4 \quad (14)$$

In a lumped capacitor this potential difference is related to charge  $Q$  through the capacitance  $C$ ,

$$\Phi_3 - \Phi_4 = \frac{Q}{C} \quad (15)$$

so that this term is the capacitance term of circuit theory,

$$\int_{4(\text{circuit})}^3 \nabla\Phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{1}{C} \int I dt \quad (16)$$

**Circuits Comparable in Size with Wavelength** The formulation in terms of retarded potentials has been shown to reduce to the usual low-frequency circuit concepts as obtained in the earlier formulation using only fields, under the same assumptions. The present formulation is attractive in that it appears more readily extendible to large-dimension circuits, such as an antenna, when retardation effects are important. To illustrate, consider the circuit of Fig. 4.11a, for which current is assumed concentrated in a thin wire. Let us assume that ohmic resistance is negligible and that there is no capacitor so that there is only an applied voltage and a term from the potential  $A$ . We also take steady-state sinusoids and phasor notation for this discussion. Thus, (3) becomes

$$\oint \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} - j\omega \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \quad (17)$$

and  $A$ , for the filamentary current, by Eq. 3.21(4), is

$$\mathbf{A} = \oint \frac{\mu I e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R} d\mathbf{l}' \quad (18)$$

Substituting (18) in (17) and breaking up the exponential into its sinusoidal components, we obtain

$$\oint \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot d\mathbf{l} - j\omega \oint \oint \frac{\mu I (\cos kR - j \sin kR)}{4\pi R} d\mathbf{l} \cdot d\mathbf{l}' = 0 \quad (19)$$

We see that even if current  $I$  were assumed entirely in phase about the circuit, finite values of  $kR$  would lead to both real and imaginary parts of the contribution from this term. The imaginary part is the inductive reactance, as found before for this term, except now modified by the integration of the retardation term. But there is a new term in phase with  $I$  which corresponds to the energy radiated from the circuit, and can be expressed as current times a radiation resistance.

Although the general modifications for large-dimension circuits are shown by this approach, it is difficult to carry much further since we really do not know the distribution of  $I$  about the circuit, and cannot find it without a field solution of the problem. In some antennas it is possible to make reasonable guesses about the current and proceed, but it is clear that these guesses must eventually be checked through either experiment or a field analysis. Also, as we have seen, the integration is to be only over conducting surfaces to avoid the indeterminacy of the second term of (3). For many antennas, the "gaps" are larger than the conductors, and fields definitely not quasistatic in the open regions, so this further limits the applicability of this approach. A specific example will be carried further in the following section.

#### 4.12 CIRCUITS WITH RADIATION

To conclude this discussion of the relationship between field theory and circuit theory, let us look at two specific circuits with radiation. As we saw in Sec. 4.11, a circuit that is not small in comparison with wavelength has retardation of induced fields from one part of the circuit to the other. The resulting phase changes produce components of induced field which are in phase with the currents, and an average power flow results. This power can be shown to be the radiation from the circuit. The phase shifts also produce some changes in the reactive impedance of the circuit, but this is usually a higher-order effect. The term we are concerned with is the integration of induced effects, the second term of Eq. 4.11(19):

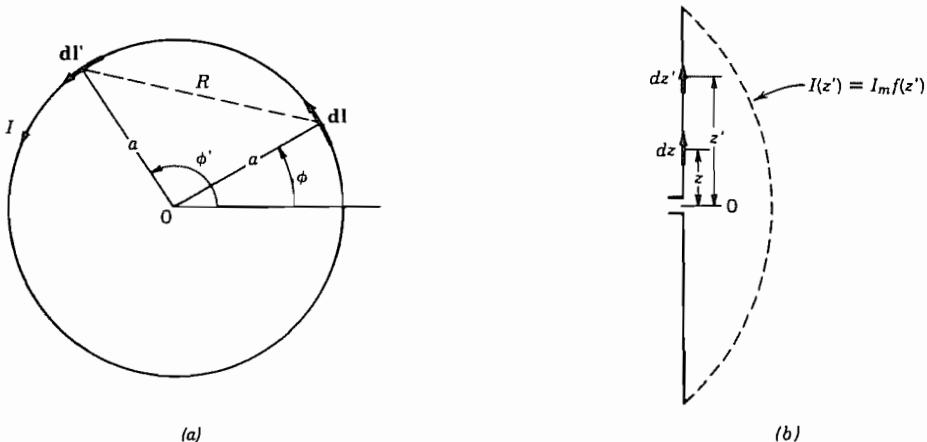
$$V_{\text{induced}} = j\omega \oint \oint \frac{\mu I(\cos kR - j \sin kR)}{4\pi R} \mathbf{dl} \cdot \mathbf{dl}' \quad (1)$$

We illustrate this with two examples.

##### Example 4.12a SMALL CIRCULAR LOOP ANTENNA OR CIRCUIT

The first example is that of a circular loop, as in Fig. 4.12a, small enough so that current may be considered constant about the loop. If  $I$  is independent of position, it may be taken outside the integral (1) so that the induced term may be written

$$V_{\text{induced}} = (R_r + j\omega L)I \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 4.12** (a) Circular loop with constant current  $I$  with coordinates for calculation of retardation effects. (b) Straight antenna of finite length with current distribution.

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_r &= \oint \oint \frac{\omega \mu \sin kR}{4\pi R} d\mathbf{l} \cdot d\mathbf{l}' \\ L &= \oint \oint \frac{\mu \cos kR}{4\pi R} d\mathbf{l} \cdot d\mathbf{l}' \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The value of  $d\mathbf{l}$  is  $\hat{\phi}a d\phi$ , and that of  $d\mathbf{l}'$  is  $\hat{\phi}'a d\phi'$ . The angle between  $d\mathbf{l}$  and  $d\mathbf{l}'$  is  $(\phi - \phi')$  and the distance  $R$  is  $2a \sin[(\phi - \phi')/2]$ . If the circuit is small in comparison with wavelength,  $kR \ll 1$  and the sine term in (1) may be replaced by the first two terms of its Taylor series:

$$R_r \approx \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\omega \mu}{4\pi R} \left\{ kR - \left[ \frac{k^3 R^3}{3!} \right] \right\} a^2 \cos(\phi - \phi') d\phi d\phi' \quad (4)$$

The first term of (4) integrates to zero, so we see why it is necessary to retain at least two terms of the series. The second term gives

$$R_r \approx \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{-4\omega \mu k^3 a^4}{24\pi} \sin^2\left(\frac{\phi - \phi'}{2}\right) \cos(\phi - \phi') d\phi d\phi' \quad (5)$$

The integrals are readily evaluated to give

$$R_r = \frac{-\omega \mu k^3 a^4}{6\pi} (-\pi^2) = \frac{\pi}{6} \left( \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} \right) (ka)^4 \quad (6)$$

Thus radiation resistance increases as the fourth power of the ratio of radius to wavelength (but with the understanding that this ratio is always small). For  $a = 0.05\lambda$ , the

value is

$$R_r = \frac{120\pi^2}{6} (2\pi \times 0.05)^4 = 1.923 \Omega \quad (7)$$

If  $\cos kR$  in the expression for  $L$  is likewise expanded as a series,

$$L \approx \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\mu}{4\pi R} \left[ 1 - \frac{k^2 R^2}{2!} + \frac{k^4 R^4}{4!} + \dots \right] a^2 \cos(\phi - \phi') d\phi d\phi' \quad (8)$$

The first term is recognized as the Neumann form for inductance of this loop (Sec. 4.7), and the remaining terms represent corrections to the inductance because of retardation. It is seldom necessary to calculate these last-mentioned corrections for circuits properly considered as lumped-element circuits.

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### Example 4.12b

#### RADIATION RESISTANCE OF A STRAIGHT ANTENNA BY CIRCUIT METHODS

As a second example, consider a straight dipole antenna as shown in Fig. 4.12b with current distribution

$$I(z) = I_m f(z) \quad (9)$$

where  $f(z)$  is real. But here the conductor does not form a closed circuit, and as explained earlier, the Carson formulation (Sec. 4.11) only applies unambiguously over the surface of conductors. Thus we first find retarded potential  $A$ , which has only a  $z$  component:

$$A_z = \int_{-l}^l \frac{\mu I_z e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R} dz' = \mu I_m \int_{-l}^l \frac{f(z') e^{-jk|z-z'|}}{4\pi |z-z'|} dz' \quad (10)$$

Electric field is given in terms of  $A$  by Eq. 3.21(7):

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega \left[ \mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{k^2} \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \right] = -j\omega \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[ A_z + \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial z^2} \right] \quad (11)$$

The portion of  $\mathbf{E}$  in phase with current causes the radiated power in this picture, and that clearly comes from the imaginary part of  $A_z$ . The integration of  $I(z)E_{\text{in-phase}}$  over the antenna gives the total power transferred, or radiated, and this may be expressed in terms of a *radiation resistance*:

$$W = \int_{-l}^l I(z) (E_z)_{\text{in-phase}} dz = \frac{I_m^2 R_r}{2} \quad (12)$$

Thus, substituting (10) and (11), we obtain

$$R_r = \frac{2\omega\mu}{4\pi} \int_{-l}^l dz f(z) \int_{-l}^l f(z') \left\{ \left[ \frac{\sin k|z-z'|}{|z-z'|} \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left[ \frac{\sin k|z-z'|}{|z-z'|} \right] \right\} dz' \quad (13)$$

In evaluating these integrals, series expansions of the  $\sin k|z - z'|$  terms are often made. When carried out for the half-wave dipole [ $l = \lambda/4$  and  $f(z) = \cos kz$ ],  $R$ , is found to be about  $73.1 \Omega$  in agreement with the value found by a Poynting integration to be utilized in Sec. 12.7. This method of finding radiation resistances of antennas is called the *induced emf method*. It is seldom easier than the Poynting integration but does show the relationship to circuit theory.

Note that for both examples, we had to assume a form for current distribution to proceed: This is a clear limitation as it can be done with reasonable confidence only in specific cases. When that is not possible, field theory must be invoked for the whole problem.

Note also that until this example, we have neglected any distributed charges along the interconnecting conductors of the circuit. Here, with current varying as  $f(z)$ , the continuity equation requires distributed charges, but these are taken care of by the  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$  term in (11), as shown in Sec. 3.21.

## PROBLEMS

- 4.2a** Many circuits contain nonlinear elements, that is, ones for which  $\mu$ ,  $\epsilon$ , or  $\sigma$ , or some combination is a function of the field for at least a part of the circuit. Review the formulation of Sec. 4.2 to show this behavior explicitly. Is the general form Eq. 4.2(1) changed in such cases?
- 4.2b** Some circuits contain time-varying elements, for which  $\mu$ ,  $\epsilon$ , or  $\sigma$ , or a combination is a function of time for at least a part of the circuit. Discuss these cases as in Prob. 4.2a.
- 4.2c** The sign of mutual inductance coupling is designated on a circuit diagram by the placing of black dots. With the sign convention for positive voltage and current shown in Figs. 4.2c and d, the dot location in the former denotes positive  $M$  and in the latter, negative  $M$ . Show that either can be represented by a "T-network" as in Fig. P4.2c, where the upper signs denote Fig. 4.2c and the lower, Fig. 4.2d.

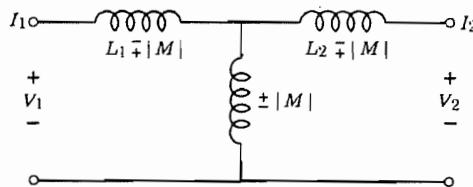


FIG. P4.2c

- 4.3a** It has been pointed out that the mesh analysis utilizes Kirchhoff's voltage law explicitly but the current law only implicitly. Show that the current law is satisfied for each node of the circuit with mesh currents defined by Fig. 4.3b. Similarly show that the voltage law is satisfied by each mesh of Fig. 4.3c, with node voltages as shown.
- 4.3b** The generator in the example of Figs. 4.3b and c is taken as a voltage generator in series with a source resistance. It can alternatively be taken as a current generator  $I_0$  in parallel with a source conductance  $G_s$ . Make this substitution and write the new loop and node equations for the filter.
- 4.3c** With a complex load impedance (admittance) connected to the source terminals as in

Figs. 4.3d and e, show that the two source representations are equivalent in producing current in and voltage across this impedance, when the conditions of Eq. 4.3(10) are satisfied.

- 4.3d** Show that for fixed  $V_s$  and  $Z_s$ , the maximum possible power is delivered to the load when it is a “conjugate match” to  $Z_s$ , that is,  $Z_L = Z_s^*$  (or  $Y_L = Y_s^*$ ).
- 4.4a** Make a power series expansion of Eq. 4.4(8), retaining up to quadratic terms, to show the variation of magnitude and phase with  $r$  to this approximation. Up to about what  $r_0/\delta$  will this be a reasonable approximation? (See Sec. 7.14.)
- 4.4b** Utilize the asymptotic expansions of Bessel functions to derive the approximate expression Eq. 4.4(11). What phase variation is found in this approximation? (See Sec. 7.15 or Ref. 2.)
- 4.4c** Obtain tables of the Ber and Bei functions and plot phase of current density versus  $r/r_0$  for  $r_0/\delta = 2.39$ .
- 4.5a** Show that the ratio of very high frequency resistance to dc resistance of a round conductor of radius  $r_0$  and material with depth of penetration  $\delta$  can be written

$$\frac{R_{\text{hf}}}{R_0} = \frac{r_0}{2\delta}$$

- 4.5b** Using the approximate formula 4.5(8), find the value of  $r_0/\delta$  below which  $R$  differs from dc resistance  $R_0$  by less than 2%. To what size wire does this correspond for copper at 10 kHz? For copper at 1 MHz? For brass at 1 MHz?
- 4.5c\*** For two  $z$ -invariant systems having the same shape of cross section and of good conductors of the same material, show that current distributions will be similar, and current densities equal in magnitude at similar points, if the applied voltage to the small system is  $1/K$  in magnitude and  $K^2$  in frequency that of the large system. Also show that the characteristic impedance of the small system will be  $K$  times that of the large system under these conditions. Check these conclusions for the case of two round wires of different radii.  $K$  is the ratio of linear dimensions ( $K > 1$ ).
- 4.6a** For the symmetric parallel-wire line, plot normalized external inductance,  $\pi L/\mu$  versus  $R/d$  from both the approximate and exact expressions and note the range over which the approximate formula gives good results.
- 4.6b** Derive the formula for external inductance of the coaxial line in Fig. 2.4b by the energy method assuming the usual situation of a material with permeability  $\mu_0$  between the electrodes.
- 4.6c** For a parallel-plane transmission line as in Fig. 2.5c, find the dielectric thickness, in terms of the conductor thickness, for which the low-frequency internal inductance equals the external inductance. Take both conductor thicknesses to be the same.
- 4.6d** A coaxial transmission line has a solid copper inner conductor of radius 0.20 cm and a tubular copper outer conductor of inner radius 1 cm, wall thickness 0.1 cm. Find the total impedance per unit length of line for a frequency of 3 GHz, including the internal impedance of both conductors.
- 4.6e** Equivalent circuit for a differential length of coaxial transmission line. Take the lines  $C-B$  and  $D-A$  in Fig. 3.17 to be separated by a differential distance  $dz$  with  $z$  positive to the right. Write Faraday's law for the loop  $ABCDA$  and use the capacitance expression given in Eq. 1.9(4) to show that the equivalent circuit shown in Fig. P4.6e is correct for high frequencies. ( $L_i$  is internal inductance per square and  $L_e$  is external inductance per unit length.)

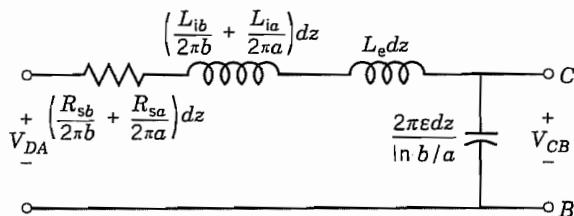


FIG. P4.6e

- 4.6f** A frequently encountered problem in microwave circuits is the wire bonding of one part of a circuit to another as suggested in Fig. P4.6f. The configuration is usually too complex to fit any simple models, but some useful approximate formulas exist. F. E. Terman, *Radio Engineers Handbook*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1943, gives, for round wires at high frequencies,  $L = 0.20\ell[\ln(4\ell/d) - 1 + d/2\ell]$ , where  $\ell$  and  $d$  are length and diameter in millimeters, and  $L$  is in nanohenries. Estimate the inductance of the 0.5-mm-diameter wire bond in Fig. P4.6f and calculate its reactance at 1.0 GHz. Note its magnitude compared with a typical characteristic impedance of  $50 \Omega$ .

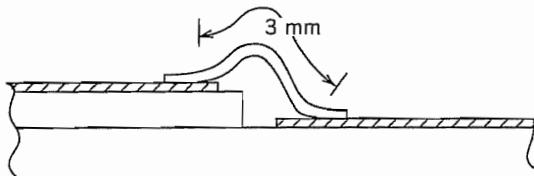


FIG. P4.6f

- 4.7a** A coaxial line, shorted at  $z = 0$ , has a rectangular loop introduced for coupling, lying in a longitudinal plane with dimensions as shown in Fig. P4.7a. Find the mutual inductance between loop and transmission line assuming  $d \ll \lambda$  so that field is essentially independent of  $z$ .

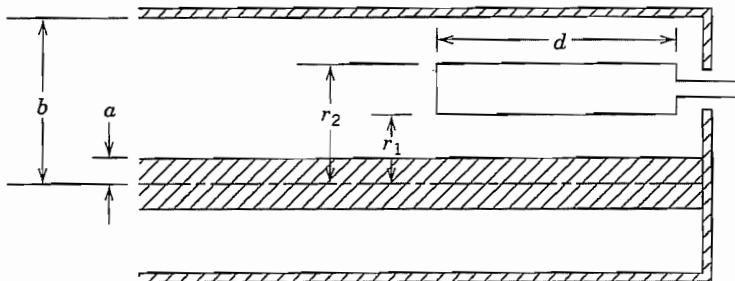
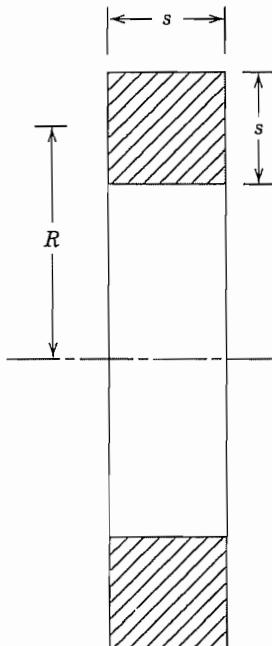


FIG. P4.7a

- 4.7b** From tables of the complete elliptic integrals given in the references, plot the form of mutual inductance in Eq. 4.7(12) against  $d/a$  for  $b/a = 1$  and for  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- 4.7c** Investigate the properties of the complete elliptic integrals for  $k \ll 1$  and for  $k \approx 1$ , and obtain approximate expressions for mutual inductance for these two cases. Interpret physical meaning of these limits and compare with approximate Eq. 4.7(3).
- 4.7d** By integration of Eq. 4.7(4), show that the contribution to mutual inductance from two parallel line segments displaced as shown in Fig. 4.7c is as given by (5).

- 4.7e** Apply Eq. 4.7(5) to the calculation of mutual inductance between two square loops used for coupling between open-wire transmission lines as shown in Fig. 4.7b. The length of each side is 0.03 m; the separation  $x$  is 0.01 m. Assume that the gaps at which the lines enter are small enough to be ignored.
- 4.7f** Plot  $L_0/a\mu$  for the circular loop of round wire versus  $a/r$  from approximate and “exact” expressions and note the range of usefulness of the former. Comment on the validity of the selected mutual approach for  $a/r$  approaching unity. (Note that tables of elliptic functions are required for this comparison.)
- 4.7g** Suppose 1-mm-diameter copper wire is formed into a single circular loop having a radius of 10 cm. A voltage generator of 1 V rms and 10 MHz is connected to an infinitesimal gap in the loop. Find the current flowing in the loop, taking into account internal impedance as well as external inductance. Justify all approximations used.
- 4.7h\*** Check Eq. 4.7(3) by taking the magnetic field of the small loop as that of a magnetic dipole and integrating flux from this over the area of the larger loop.
- 4.8a** Plot  $L_0/\mu R$  versus  $R/l$  from the expression for a long solenoid and the empirical expression 4.8(4) and compare. (If you have access to tables for the Nagaoka formula, add this curve also.)
- 4.8b** For an ideal infinite solenoid, magnetic flux is uniform everywhere inside the solenoid. For a finite coil, as pictured in Fig. 4.8b, there may be more flux through the central turns of the coil than those near the ends. Explain how you make a circuit model of the coil in view of these “partial flux linkages.”
- 4.8c\*** For a circular coil of square cross section, Fig. P4.8c, it has been shown that the largest possible inductance results when  $R/s = 1.5$  for a fixed length of wire of chosen size. The value of this inductance for  $N$  turns is  $L = 1.7 \times 10^{-6} RN^2$ .

**FIG. P4.8c**

(i) Given 1 m of wire with cross section  $1 \text{ mm}^2$ , find the values of  $R$ ,  $s$ ,  $N$ , and inductance for its maximum according to this rule.

(ii) Repeat for 2 m of the same wire.

**4.8d** Compare the formula of Prob. 4.8c with that of Eq. 4.8(1), taking for the latter  $(\text{area})^{1/2} = R/1.5$ .

**4.9a** Discuss qualitatively the case of Fig. 4.9e in which two bodies, 1 and 3, which are relatively far apart have a grounded conducting plane brought in their vicinity. Give an energy argument to show that  $C_{13}$  is decreased when the plane is added.

**4.9b\*** Suppose that the bodies 1 and 3 of Figs. 4.9e and f are spheres of radii  $a$  separated by a distance  $d$  with  $a/d \ll 1$ . If the added plane is parallel to the line joining their centers and distance  $b$  from it ( $a/b \ll 1$ ), find  $C_{13}$  before and after introduction of the plane when grounded, and the effective  $C_{13}$  with the plane present and insulated from ground.

**4.9c** Two cylindrical conductors of radius 1 cm have their axes 4 cm apart and each axis is 4 cm above a parallel ground plane. Make rough graphical field maps and estimate the capacitances (per unit length) for this three-conductor problem. (Think about how many plots you need and the best choice of potentials for each.)

**4.10a** Make an order-of-magnitude estimate of the capacitance between adjacent turns of a coil as pictured in Fig. 4.10a if the diameter of the coil is 2 cm, the diameter of the wire 1 mm, and the spacing between turns 1 mm. Clearly state your model for the calculation.

**4.10b** For a coil as in Fig. 4.10a, in the form of a fairly open helix, it is found that the phase delay of current along the coil is well estimated by assuming propagation *along the wire* at the velocity of light in the surrounding dielectric material. For a helix of 100 turns in air, each turn 1 cm in diameter and spaced 1 mm apart on centers (wire diameter being appreciably smaller than this),

(i) Find the phase difference between current at the end and that at the beginning of the helix for such a traveling wave at  $f = 150 \text{ MHz}$ .

(ii) Compare this with the phase difference in the retardation term, calculated along a direct path between the two ends.

**4.11** We will find waves on an infinite ideal transmission line that do not radiate even though there is clearly retardation to different points along the line. Explain how this is possible.

**4.12a** What radius do you need to give a radiation resistance of  $50 \Omega$  from the expression derived from the small-loop circuit? Do you think the approximations reasonably satisfied for this size?

**4.12b** Using the method of Sec. 4.12 derive radiation resistance for a small square loop with sides  $d$  and uniform current assumed about the loop.

**4.12c\*** As indicated in Ex. 4.12b, make a series expansion for the sine terms within the integral (retain three terms), assume  $f(z') = \cos kz'$ , and estimate  $R_r$  for the half-wave dipole,  $l = \lambda/4$ .

# Transmission Lines

## 5.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 3, we saw that the interchange of electric and magnetic energy gives rise to the propagation of electromagnetic waves in space. More specifically, the magnetic fields that change with time induce electric fields as explained by Faraday's law, and the time-varying electric fields induce magnetic fields, as explained by the generalized Ampère's law. This interrelationship also occurs along conducting or dielectric boundaries, and can give rise to waves that are guided by such boundaries. These waves are of paramount importance in guiding electromagnetic energy from a source to a device or system in which it is to be used. Dielectric guides, hollow-pipe waveguides, and surface guides are all important for such purposes, but one of the simplest systems to understand—and one very important in its own right—is the two-conductor transmission line. This system may be considered a distributed circuit and so is useful in establishing a relation between circuit theory and the more general electromagnetic theory expressed in Maxwell's equations. The concepts of energy propagation, reflections at discontinuities, standing versus traveling waves and the resonance properties of standing waves, phase and group velocity, and the effects of losses upon wave properties are easily extended from these transmission-line results to the more general classes of guiding structures.

A parallel two-wire system is a typical and important example of the transmission lines to be studied in this chapter. In any transverse plane, electric field lines pass from one conductor to the other, defining a voltage between conductors for that plane. Magnetic field lines surround the conductors, corresponding to current flow in one conductor and an equal but oppositely directed current flow in the other. Both voltage and current (and, of course, the fields from which they are derived) are functions of distance along the line. In the two following sections we set down the transmission-line equations from distributed-circuit theory, but then discuss its relation to field theory.

Transmission-line effects are not always desirable ones. A cable interconnecting two high-speed computers may be intended as a direct connection, but will at the very least introduce a time delay (around 5 ns/m in typical dielectric-filled cable). Moreover, if the interconnections are not impedance matched at the two ends there will be reflections of the waves (as we shall see later in the chapter). These "echoes" of pulses representing

the digits could introduce serious errors. A still further complication is *dispersion*. In a real transmission line the velocity of propagation varies to some degree with frequency, so the frequency components which represent the pulse (by Fourier analysis) travel at different velocities and the pulse distorts as it travels. If dispersion is excessive, the pulses may be blurred enough so that individual digits cannot be clearly distinguished. All of these effects occur also in the interconnections of elements in printed circuits and even in semiconductor integrated circuits, but the close spacings in the last case limit performance only for extremely short pulses.

Transmission-line analysis is useful, by analogy, in studying a variety of wave phenomena, such as the propagation of acoustic waves and their reflection from materials with different acoustic properties. An especially interesting analog is that of the propagation of signals along a nerve of the human body.

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### Time and Space Dependence of Signals on Ideal Transmission Lines

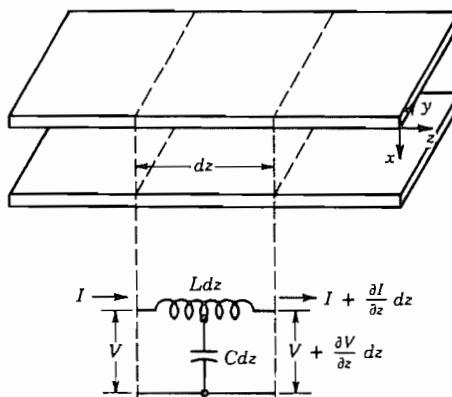
#### 5.2 VOLTAGE AND CURRENT VARIATIONS ALONG AN IDEAL TRANSMISSION LINE

We begin by considering the transmission line as a distributed circuit. In Sec. 2.5 we identified an inductance per unit length associated with the flux produced by the oppositely directed currents in a pair of parallel conductors. When the currents vary with time, there is a voltage change along the line. Likewise, the distributed capacitance produces displacement current between the conductors when the voltage is time-varying and leads to change in the current flowing along the conductors. The interrelationship leads to the wave equation for voltage and current along an ideal lossless transmission line.

Figure 5.2 shows a representative two-conductor line and the circuit model for a differential length. It should be kept in mind that the external inductance per unit length of a parallel-conductor line is not associated with one conductor or the other. Also, the circuit model is simply a representation of a differential length of line; there is not a one-for-one identification of the two sides of the circuit with the two conductors of the modeled line.

Consider a differential length of line  $dz$ , having the distributed inductance,  $L$  per unit length, and the distributed capacitance,  $C$  per unit length.<sup>1</sup> The length  $dz$  then has

<sup>1</sup> Note that, as in Chapter 4, the same symbols are used here for inductance and capacitance per unit length as for total inductance and capacitance. Some texts use  $l$  and  $c$  for the distributed quantities, but there is then confusion with length and light velocity, respectively.



**FIG. 5.2** Section of a representative transmission line and the equivalent circuit for a differential length.

inductance  $L \, dz$  and capacitance  $C \, dz$ . The change in voltage across this length is then equal to the product of this inductance and the time rate of change of current. For such a differential length, the voltage change along it at any instant may be written as the length multiplied by the rate of change of voltage with respect to length. Then

$$\text{voltage change} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} dz = -(L \, dz) \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

Note that time and space derivatives are written as partial derivatives, since the reference point may be changed in space or time in independent fashion.

Similarly, the change in current along the line at any instant is merely the current that is shunted across the distributed capacitance. The rate of decrease of current with distance is given by the capacitance multiplied by time rate of change of voltage. Partial derivatives are again called for:

$$\text{current change} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} dz = -(C \, dz) \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

The length  $dz$  may be canceled in (1) and (2):

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

Equations (3) and (4) are the fundamental differential equations for the analysis of the ideal transmission line. Note that they are identical in form with the pairs, Eqs. 3.9(5) and 3.9(9) or Eqs. 3.9(6) and 3.9(8), found from Maxwell's equations for plane electromagnetic waves. As was done there, (3) and (4) can be combined to form a wave

equation for either of the variables. For example, one can differentiate (3) partially with respect to distance and (4) with respect to time:

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = -L \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z \partial t} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t \partial z} = -C \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} \quad (6)$$

Partial derivatives are the same taken in either order (assuming continuous functions) so (6) may be substituted directly in (5):

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} \quad (7)$$

where

$$v = (LC)^{-1/2} \quad (8)$$

All real signals are continuous functions, as required for (7) to apply. The discontinuous step waves used later as examples are to be understood as approximations to real signals. Equations (3) and (4) are known as the *telegraphist's equations*, and the differential equation (7) is the one-dimensional wave equation. A similar equation may be obtained in terms of current by differentiating (4) with respect to  $z$  and (3) with respect to  $t$ , and combining the results:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} \quad (9)$$

We saw in Sec. 3.9 that an equation of the form (7) has a solution

$$V(z, t) = F_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) + F_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \quad (10)$$

where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are arbitrary functions. A constant value of  $F_1(t - z/v)$  would be seen by an observer moving in the  $+z$  direction with a velocity  $v$ , so  $F_1(t - z/v)$  represents a wave traveling in the  $+z$  direction with velocity  $v$ . Similarly,  $F_2(t + z/v)$  represents a wave moving in the  $-z$  direction with velocity  $v$ .

To find the current on the line in terms of the functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , substitute the expression for voltage given by (10) in the transmission-line equation (3):

$$-L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{v} F'_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) + \frac{1}{v} F'_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \quad (11)$$

This expression may be integrated partially with respect to  $t$ :

$$I = \frac{1}{Lv} \left[ F_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) - F_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \right] + f(z) \quad (12)$$

If this result were substituted in the other transmission-line equation (4), it would be

found that the function of integration,  $f(z)$ , could only be a constant. This is a possible superposed dc solution not of interest in studying the wave solution, so the constant will be ignored. Equation (12) may then be written

$$I = \frac{1}{Z_0} \left[ F_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) - F_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \right] \quad (13)$$

where

$$Z_0 = Lv = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \Omega \quad (14)$$

The constant  $Z_0$  as defined by (14) is called the *characteristic impedance* of the line, and is seen from (10) and (12) to be the ratio of voltage to current for a single one of the traveling waves at any given point and given instant. The negative sign for the negatively traveling wave is expected since the wave propagates to the left, and by our convention current is positive if flowing to the right.<sup>2</sup>

### Example 5.2

#### CHARACTERISTIC IMPEDANCE AND WAVE VELOCITY FOR A COAXIAL LINE

Let us find expressions for the characteristic impedance and wave velocity for an ideal coaxial line and examine some typical values. We will assume the conductor spacing is large enough to neglect internal inductance. Using  $C$  from Eq. 1.9(4) and  $L$  from Eq. 2.5(6) in (14) we find

$$Z_0 = \frac{\ln b/a}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad (15)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the radii of the inner and outer conductors at the dielectric surfaces, respectively. A common commercial coaxial cable is designated RG58/U. It has a dielectric of relative permittivity 2.26 and the radii are  $a = 0.406$  mm and  $b = 1.48$  mm. Substituting these values in (15) and taking  $\mu \cong \mu_0$  one finds that  $Z_0 = 51.6 \Omega$ . This is slightly below the published normal value  $Z_0 = 53.5 \Omega$  in part because of the neglect of the frequency-dependent internal inductance of the conductors. There is not much variation of the relative permittivity among the various materials used as the dielectrics in coaxial lines and since the radius ratio comes in only in a logarithm, one finds that most commercial coaxial lines have characteristic impedance in a limited

<sup>2</sup> Since  $Z_0$  as defined here is real, it is more logical to call it a "characteristic resistance," especially since the concept of impedance implies use with the phasor forms appropriate to steady-state sinusoidal excitation. That is an important special case to be considered later, but even for transmission lines used with pulses or other general signals, it is common to refer to the defined  $Z_0$  as characteristic impedance.

range, usually  $50 \Omega \leq Z_0 \leq 80 \Omega$ . The wave velocity (8) becomes

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad (16)$$

which is the same as the velocity of plane waves in the same dielectric (Sec. 3.9). This result obtains for all two-conductor transmission lines when the internal inductance and losses can be neglected.<sup>3</sup> The wave velocity is usually between about 0.5 and 0.7 of the velocity of light in vacuo,  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s, for lines with plastic dielectrics.

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### 5.3 RELATION OF FIELD AND CIRCUIT ANALYSIS FOR TRANSMISSION LINES

Although we largely utilize the distributed-circuit model for transmission-line analysis in this chapter, let us relate the equations obtained in Sec. 5.2 to field concepts of Chapter 3. First, let us take the special case of a parallel-plane transmission line, as indicated in Fig. 5.2, with the conducting planes assumed wide enough in the  $y$  direction so that fringing at the edges is not important. If the planes are also assumed perfectly conducting, it is clear that a portion of a uniform plane wave with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$ , as studied in Chapter 3, can be placed in the dielectric region between the planes and will satisfy the boundary condition that electric field enter normally to the perfectly conducting planes. The Maxwell equations for such a wave [Eqs. 3.9(6) and 3.9(8)] are

$$\frac{\partial E_x(z, t)}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_y(z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_y(z, t)}{\partial z} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial E_x(z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

If we define voltage as the line integral of  $-\mathbf{E}$  between planes at a given  $z$ ,

$$V(z, t) = - \int_1^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_0^a E_x dx = -aE_x(z, t) \quad (3)$$

Current for a width  $b$ , with positive sense defined for the upper plane, is related to the tangential magnetic field by

$$I(z, t) = -bH_y(z, t) \quad (4)$$

With these substituted in Eqs. 5.2(3) and 5.2(4), we find the result identical to (1) and (2) if

$$C = \frac{\epsilon b}{a} \text{ F/m}, \quad L = \frac{\mu a}{b} \text{ H/m} \quad (5)$$

These are, respectively, the capacitance per unit length and inductance per unit length

<sup>3</sup> It follows that knowledge of either  $L$  or  $C$  for such ideal lines determines the other.

for such a system of parallel-plane conductors, calculated from static concepts. The field and circuit concepts are thus identical in this simple case.

We would also find field and distributed-circuit approaches identical if we applied them to the coaxial transmission line with ideal conductors or to two-conductor systems of other shape so long as conductors are perfect. This is because such systems can be shown to propagate *transverse electromagnetic* (TEM) waves, for which both electric and magnetic fields have only transverse components. The absence of an axial magnetic field means that there are no induced transverse electric fields and no corresponding contributions to the line integral  $\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  taken between the two conductors, so long as the integration paths remain in the transverse plane; thus the voltage between conductors can be taken as *uniquely defined for that plane*. Similarly the absence of an axial electric field means that there is no displacement current contribution to  $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  for paths in a given transverse plane, and if such a closed path surrounds one conductor, the integral will be just the conduction current flow in that conductor for that plane at that instant of time. Moreover, the transverse  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields can be shown to satisfy Laplace's equation *in the transverse plane* (Prob. 5.3), thus explaining the appropriateness of using Laplace solutions for the calculation of the  $L$  and  $C$  of the transmission line.

When the finite resistances of conductors are taken into account, the identity of circuit and field analysis is no longer an exact one, but has been shown to be a good approximation, for practical transmission lines. This field basis for TEM waves will be developed more in Chapter 8.

#### 5.4 REFLECTION AND TRANSMISSION AT A RESISTIVE DISCONTINUITY

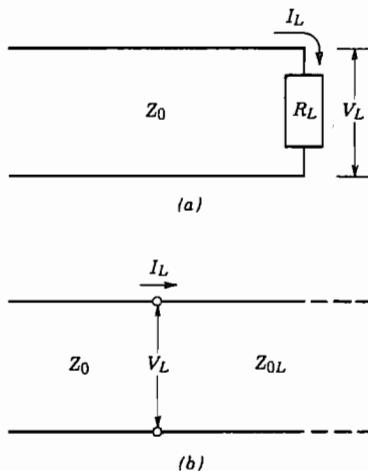
Most transmission-line problems are concerned with junctions between a given line and another of different characteristic impedance, a load resistance, or some other element that introduces a discontinuity. By Kirchhoff's laws, total voltage and current must be continuous across the discontinuity. The total voltage in the line may be regarded as the sum of voltage in a positively traveling wave, equal to  $V_+$  at the point of discontinuity, and voltage in a reflected or negatively traveling wave, equal to  $V_-$  at the discontinuity. The sum of  $V_+$  and  $V_-$  must be  $V_L$ , the voltage appearing across the junction:

$$V_+ + V_- = V_L \quad (1)$$

Similarly, the sum of current in the positively and negatively traveling waves of the line, at the point of discontinuity, must be equal to the current flowing into the junction or load:

$$I_+ + I_- = I_L \quad (2)$$

The simplest form of discontinuity is one in which a load resistance  $R_L$  is connected to the transmission line at the junction, as shown in Fig. 5.4a. Another case that is equivalent is that of Fig. 5.4b in which the first ideal line is connected to a second ideal line of infinite length and characteristic impedance  $Z_{0L}$ ; here  $R_L = Z_{0L}$ . Still other forms



**FIG. 5.4** (a) Ideal transmission line with a resistive load. (b) Ideal transmission line of characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  with a second ideal line of infinite length and characteristic impedance  $Z_{0L}$  as a load.

of load circuits can produce an effective resistance  $R_L$  at the junction. In all these cases  $V_L = R_L I_L$ . By utilizing the relations between voltage and current for the two traveling waves as found in Sec. 5.2, Eq. (2) becomes

$$\frac{V_+}{Z_0} - \frac{V_-}{Z_0} = \frac{V_L}{R_L} \quad (3)$$

By eliminating between (1) and (3), the ratio of voltage in the reflected wave to that in the incident wave (*reflection coefficient*) and the ratio of the voltage on the load to that in the incident wave (*transmission coefficient*) may be found:

$$\rho \triangleq \frac{V_-}{V_+} = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0} \quad (4)$$

$$\tau \triangleq \frac{V_L}{V_+} = \frac{2R_L}{R_L + Z_0} \quad (5)$$

The most interesting, and perhaps the most obvious, conclusion from the foregoing relations is this: there is no reflected wave if the terminating resistance is exactly equal to the characteristic impedance of the line. All energy of the incident wave is then transferred to the load and  $\tau$  of (5) is unity.

In Sec. 5.7 the definitions of reflection and transmission coefficients will be given for the case of sinusoidal signals and will include other than purely resistive loads.

The instantaneous incident power at the load is  $W_T^+ = I_+ V_+ = V_+^2 / Z_0$ . The frac-

tional power reflected is, therefore, the constant

$$\frac{W_T^-}{W_T^+} = \rho^2 \quad (6)$$

The remainder of the power goes into the load resistor or the second line, so

$$\frac{W_{TL}}{W_T^+} = 1 - \rho^2 \quad (7)$$

## 5.5 PULSE EXCITATION ON TRANSMISSION LINES

Transmission lines are increasingly used for digital or pulse-coded information. We consider some simple examples utilizing the boundary and continuity conditions given above.

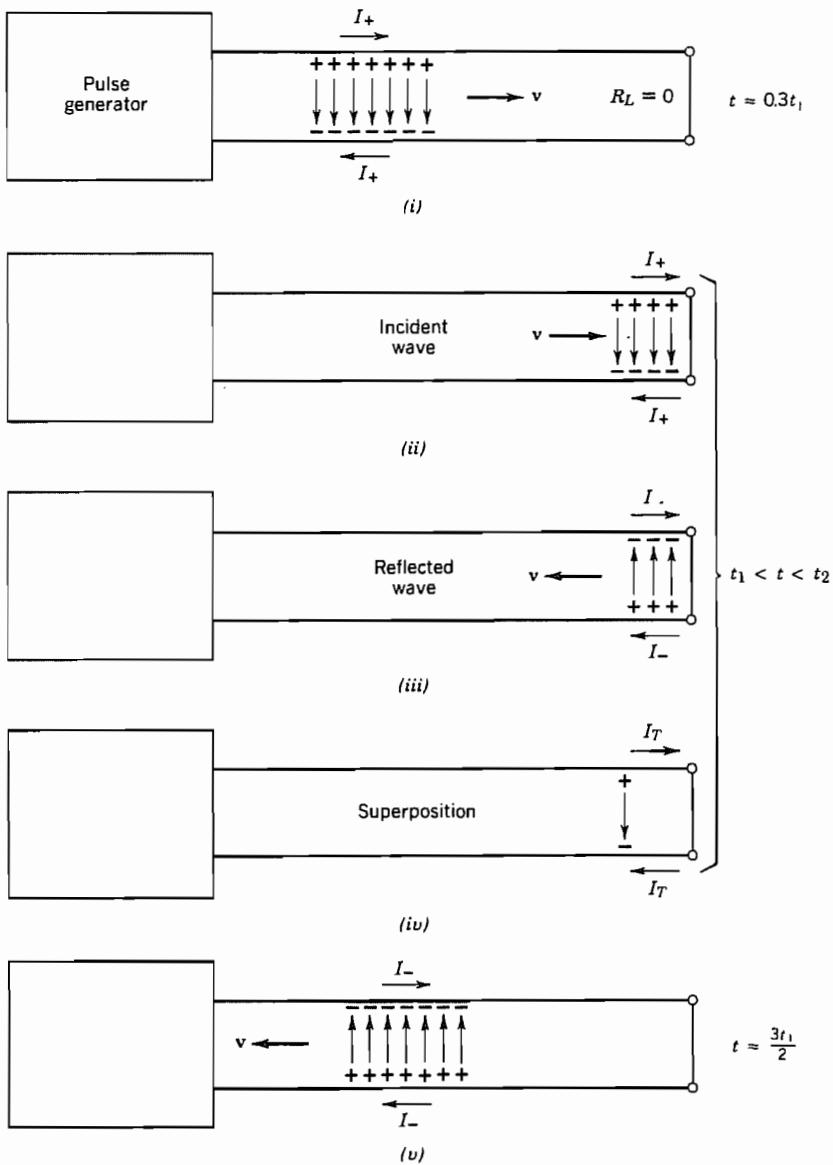
### Example 5.5a

#### PULSE ON SHORT-CIRCUITED LINE

Let us consider a signal in the form of a pulse having a constant value  $V_0$  between  $t = 0$  and  $t = t_1/5$  and zero otherwise. The pulse is fed into an ideal transmission line of length  $l$  such that  $l = vt_1$ . We will analyze what happens when the pulse reaches the end of the line, which will be taken as short-circuited.

Drawing (i) in Fig. 5.5a shows the pulse moving along the line at  $t \approx 0.3t_1$ . The arrows connecting the charges on the conductors are electric field vectors. The integral of the electric field is the voltage between conductors. The current flows in the conductors only where there is voltage, and current continuity is accounted for by displacement currents  $\epsilon \partial\mathbf{E}/\partial t$  at the leading and trailing edges of the pulse.

At time  $t_1$  the leading edge of the pulse reaches the end of the line. Drawing (ii) in Fig. 5.5a shows the pulse shortly after  $t = t_1$ . The short circuit requires that the voltage be zero. To maintain the voltage at zero during the time that the incident pulse is at the termination  $t_1 < t < t_2$ , a negative- $z$ -traveling (reflected) wave having opposite voltage polarity and equal amplitude is generated as shown in drawing (iii). Note that this result is predicted by (4) for  $R_L = 0$ . Also, the zero voltage on the load agrees in (5) with  $R_L = 0$ . Note that the polarity of the current in the reflected wave is the same as in the incident wave, as could be argued from Eqs. 5.2(10) and 5.2(12) with the fact that  $V_- = -V_+$ . The total voltage on the line at the time used for drawings (ii) and (iii) is their superposition; this is shown in drawing (iv), where it is seen that the voltages are almost completely canceled. At a still later time, the reflected pulse is seen on its way to the generator [drawing (v)]. At  $t = 2t_1$ , the pulse will reach the pulse generator. What happens there depends on the impedance seen looking into the generator. Typically, the characteristic impedance of the transmission line equals the output impedance



**FIG. 5.5a** Reflection of a pulse at the end of a shorted line. The times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are those for which the leading edges and trailing edges, respectively, reach the end of the line. Drawings (ii), (iii), and (iv) are for various instants during the period in which the reflected wave is generated to maintain the voltage at zero across the short circuit.

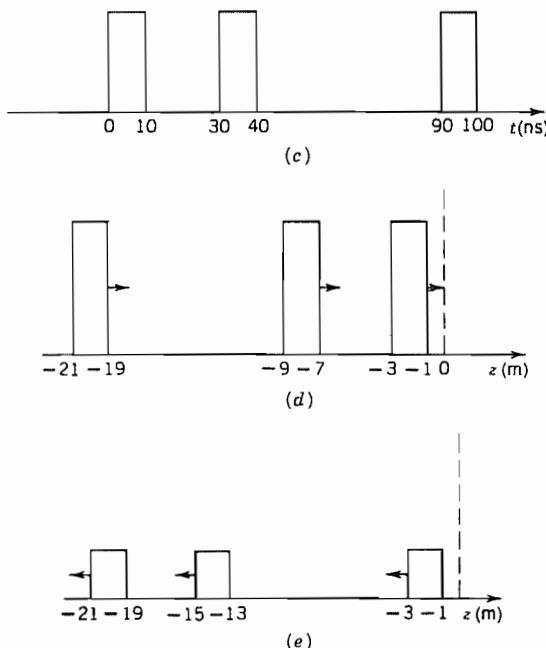
of the generator (it is *matched*). In that case, the reflected pulse is absorbed in the generator. Otherwise, another reflection takes place.



**FIG. 5.5b** Transmission line cable for transmitting digital signals between two computers.

**Example 5.5b**  
PULSE REFLECTIONS ON A TRANSMISSION LINE  
INTERCONNECTING TWO COMPUTERS

The aim of this example is to show the importance of transmission-line matching in controlling reflections for a transmission line used to interconnect two computers. Consider the two computers shown in Fig. 5.5b interconnected by a coaxial cable 100 m long and with a velocity of propagation  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s, so that there is a time delay of 500 ns for a pulse to propagate from input of the cable to its output. Consider a portion of the digitally coded signal, made up of 10-ns pulses with basic spacing 20 ns as sketched in Fig. 5.5c. This is sketched versus distance in Fig. 5.5d at 5 ns before the



**FIG. 5.5** (c) A portion of a pulse-coded signal versus time for the computer interconnection of Fig. 5.5b. (d) Voltage versus distance for a time 5 ns before leading edge of first pulse reaches input of computer No. 2 (defined as  $z = 0$ ). (e) Voltage versus distance for reflected signal 110 ns after instant of sketch (d).

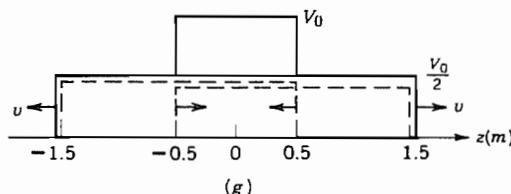
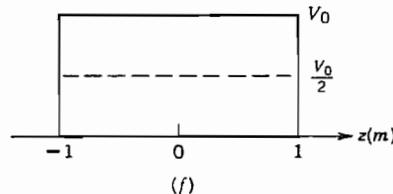
first pulse edge reaches computer No. 2. If input impedance of the second computer matches the characteristic impedance of the line, there is no reflection and the entire signal is accepted. But suppose its input impedance is  $100 \Omega$  and the characteristic impedance of the cable is  $50 \Omega$ . By (4), the reflection coefficient is

$$\rho = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0} = \frac{100 - 50}{100 + 50} = \frac{1}{3}$$

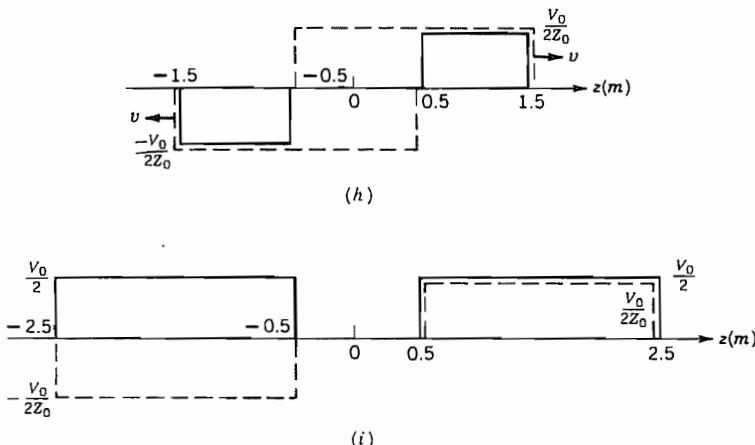
So the train of pulses is reflected, at  $\frac{1}{3}$  amplitude, toward computer No. 1 as sketched versus distance in Fig. 5.5e at 110 ns after time of Fig. 5.5d. If there is impedance mismatch at the terminals of computer No. 1 additional reflection will take place when the signal returns there and a spurious signal will be superposed on whatever desired code is being sent between the computers at that time. Since the reflected "echo" is of lower amplitude than the original signal, differentiation is possible on the basis of amplitude level, but there is an obvious advantage in matching impedances well enough that reflected signals are small.

### Example 5.5c SQUARE WAVE IN Z APPLIED TO INFINITE LINE

As a third example, consider an infinite line suddenly charged at  $t = 0$  with a square wave in distance from  $z = -1$  m to  $z = +1$  m. Voltage distribution at  $t = 0$  is then as in Fig. 5.5f. This may be considered a superposition of two such square waves, each of amplitude  $V_0/2$ . One of these moves to the right and the other to the left, each with velocity  $v$ . Thus at  $t = 1.667$  ns (taking  $v = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s) the two partial waves and



**FIG. 5.5** Voltage and current distributions for Ex. 5.5c. (f) Voltage distribution at  $t = 0$ . (g) Traveling waves (dashed) and total voltage versus  $z$  (solid) at  $t = 1.667$  ns.



**FIG. 5.5** (h) Traveling waves of current (dashed) and total current (solid) versus  $z$  at  $t = 1.667$  ns. (i) Voltage (solid) and current (dashed) versus  $z$  at  $t = 5$  ns.

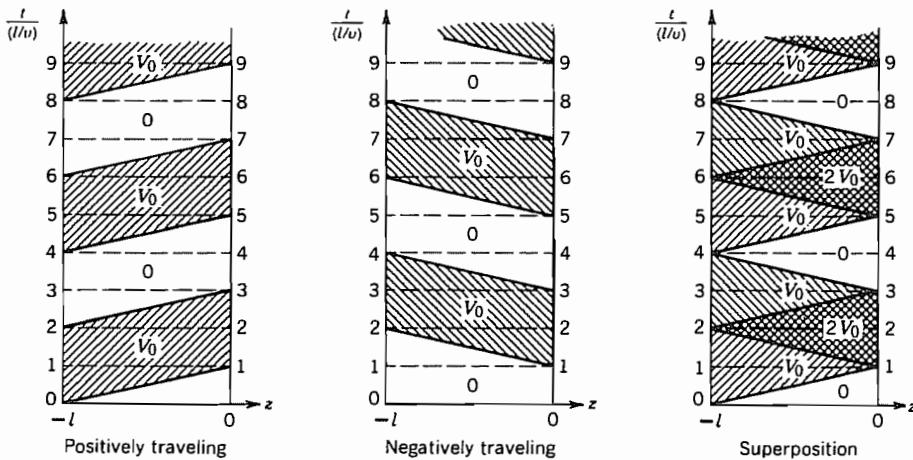
their sum are shown in Fig. 5.5g. Figure 5.5h shows the corresponding current distribution, taking into account the different sign relations between current and voltage for positively and negatively traveling waves. Figure 5.5i shows voltage and current distributions at  $t = 5$  ns.

#### Example 5.5d

##### PULSE REFLECTIONS WHEN PULSE IS LONGER THAN TRAVEL TIME DOWN THE LINE

Example 5.5b considered reflections for pulses much shorter than the travel time down the transmission line. For many interconnections, especially those within integrated circuits, the delay time is shorter than pulse width. Reflections because of mismatch may still cause a problem, causing structure within the pulse. To illustrate the point, consider the first part of the pulse as a step function of voltage  $V_0$  applied to an ideal transmission line at  $z = -l$ , with terminating impedances at end  $z = 0$  so high that it may be considered an open circuit. The front of the wave travels along the line in the positive  $z$  direction and reaches the end at  $t = t_1$ . Since current must be zero at the open-circuited end  $z = 0$ , a reflected step wave must be generated with current opposite to that of the positively traveling wave, starting at the instant of arrival of the latter at  $z = 0$ . From Eq. 5.2(13), we know that current in the negatively traveling wave is  $-V/Z_0$ , so it follows that  $V_- = V_+$ .

As time goes on, the conditions to be met are that the total voltage at the input of the line ( $z = -l$ ) must be the value  $V_0$  of the pulse applied there and the current at the open end must be zero. These conditions can be satisfied by the sum of two square waves, one traveling in the positive  $z$  direction and one in the negative  $z$  direction. Figure 5.5j shows the voltages of the two individual waves and the superposed, or total,



**FIG. 5.5j** Positively and negatively traveling wave components and their superposition to match boundary conditions on a transmission line with a pulse of voltage  $V_0$  applied to the line at  $z = -l$  and the line open-circuited at  $z = 0$ . The applied pulse length is much longer than the travel time along the line.

voltage. Note that the total voltage is always equal to  $V_0$  at  $z = -l$ , as required by the boundary condition. As discussed in the preceding paragraph, the condition where the negatively traveling wave has the same polarity of voltage as the positively traveling wave gives a zero total current. Thus, for either the situation with both waves having zero value or both with  $V_0$ , the boundary condition at the open end is satisfied. It is seen in Fig. 5.5j that the sum of the two waves meets that requirement. Since the two waves satisfy the transmission-line equations and their sum satisfies the boundary conditions, they constitute the unique solution.

Note that a square wave of voltage is produced at  $z = 0$  with voltage zero for intervals of  $2L/v$ , interspersed with intervals of the same value with  $V = 2V_0$ .

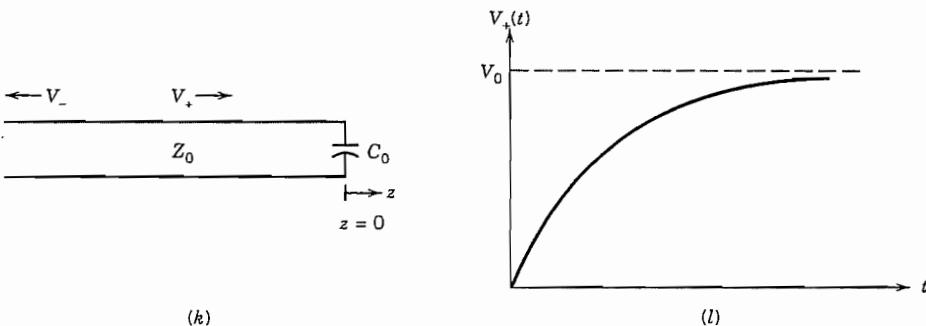
### Example 5.5e TRANSMISSION LINE WITH CAPACITIVE TERMINATION

As a somewhat different example, consider the ideal transmission line of Fig. 5.5k terminated in an uncharged capacitor. We take the incident wave as the exponential buildup of Fig. 5.5l,

$$V_+(t) = V_0[1 - e^{-t/\tau_0}] \quad (1)$$

where, for convenience, time zero is taken as the instant the forward wave arrives at the capacitor. By continuity of voltage and current,

$$V_+(t) + V_-(t) = V_c(t) \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 5.5** (k) Ideal transmission line terminated with a capacitor; (l) form of forward-traveling voltage incident on  $C_0$ .

$$\frac{V_+(t)}{Z_0} - \frac{V_-(t)}{Z_0} = I_c(t) = C_0 \frac{dV_c(t)}{dt} \quad (3)$$

By combining these equations and using (1) we obtain

$$\frac{dV_-(t)}{dt} + \frac{V_-(t)}{\tau_1} = \frac{V_0}{\tau_1} (1 - e^{-t/\tau_0}) - \frac{V_0}{\tau_0} e^{-t/\tau_0} \quad (4)$$

where  $\tau_1 = C_0 Z_0$  is a time constant set by the capacitor and transmission-line impedance. A solution of this first-order differential equation is

$$V_-(t) = V_0 \left[ 1 + A_1 e^{-t/\tau_1} - \left( \frac{\tau_0 + \tau_1}{\tau_0 - \tau_1} \right) e^{-t/\tau_0} \right] \quad (5)$$

The arriving wave has zero voltage at the instant of arrival and the capacitor is uncharted, so  $V_-(0) = 0$  and

$$A_1 = \frac{2\tau_1}{\tau_0 - \tau_1} \quad (6)$$

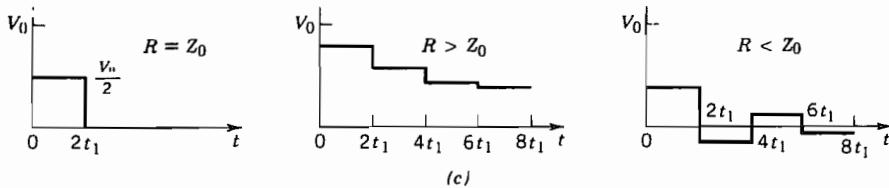
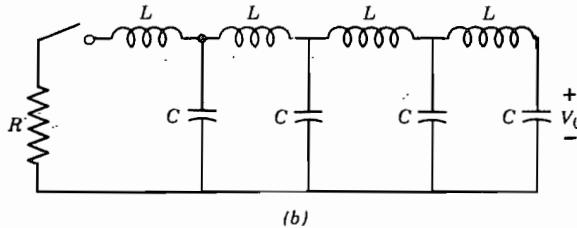
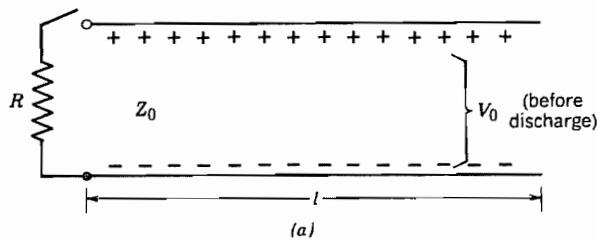
Using (2), the voltage is found to build up in the capacitor as

$$V_c(t) = V_0 \left[ 2 + \frac{2\tau_1}{\tau_0 - \tau_1} e^{-t/\tau_1} - \frac{2\tau_0}{\tau_0 - \tau_1} e^{-t/\tau_0} \right] \quad (7)$$

It can be checked that (3) is satisfied. The  $z$  variation of the reflected wave is obtained by substituting  $t + z/v$  for  $t$  in (5).

## 5.6 PULSE FORMING LINE

One way of forming pulses of a desired length is by charging a transmission line of length  $l$  to a dc voltage  $V_0$  and then connecting to a resistor as shown in Fig. 5.6a. (In



**FIG. 5.6** (a) Transmission line of length  $l$  (time delay one way  $= t_1$ ) charged to potential  $V_0$  and connected to resistance  $R$  at  $t = 0$ . (b) Lumped element approximation to (a). (c) Wave shapes of resistor voltage for different relations of  $R$  to  $Z_0$ .

practice, the line is often approximated by lumped elements, so the lumped-circuit approximation is shown in Fig. 5.6b.) If the resistance  $R$  is matched to the characteristic impedance, a pulse of height  $V_0/2$  is formed across  $R$  for a time  $2t_1$ , where  $t_1$  is one-way propagation time down the line and the line completely discharged. It may then be recharged and the process repeated. It may at first seem puzzling that voltage across the resistor is not just  $V_0$  when the switch is closed, but this is because a traveling wave to the right is excited by the connection. Voltage across the resistor just after closing the switch is then the sum of dc voltage and the voltage of the positive wave,  $V_+$ :

$$V_R = V_0 + V_+ \quad (1)$$

The current flowing in the resistor is just the negative of current in the positively traveling wave.

$$I_R = -I_+ = -\frac{V_+}{Z_0} \quad (2)$$

Since  $V_R = RI_R$ , combination of (1) and (2) gives

$$V_R = \left( \frac{R}{R + Z_0} \right) V_0 = -\frac{R}{Z_0} V_+ \quad (3)$$

Thus if  $R = Z_0$ ,  $V_R = V_0/2$  and  $V_+ = -V_0/2$ . Current in the wave started to the right;  $I_+ = -V_0/2Z_0$  by (2). When this current reaches the open end,  $z = l$ , there must then be a reflected wave with current  $I_- = V_0/2Z_0$  so that the net current is zero at the open end as required. This requires a voltage in the reflected wave  $V_- = -Z_0 I_- = -V_0/2$ , which travels to the left, canceling the remaining voltage on the line and bringing zero voltage and current to the resistance at  $t = 2t_1$ . From then on all is still. Thus in the case of  $R = Z_0$ , the wave to the right discharges half the voltage initially on the line, and the wave to the left the other half, yielding a rectangular pulse as shown in Fig. 5.6c.

If  $R \neq Z_0$ , the wave started to the right upon closing of the switch is other than  $V_0/2$ , so cancellation of the voltage on the charged line in one round trip does not occur, and there are further reflections when the wave returns to the input. Figure 5.6c sketches the form of resistor current for  $R > Z_0$  and for  $R < Z_0$ . (See also Prob. 5.6b.)

## Sinusoidal Waves on Ideal Transmission Lines

### 5.7 REFLECTION AND TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENTS AND IMPEDANCE AND ADMITTANCE TRANSFORMATIONS FOR SINUSOIDAL VOLTAGES

The preceding discussion has involved little restriction on the type of variation with time of the voltages applied to the transmission lines. Many practical problems are concerned with sinusoidal time variations. If a sinusoidal voltage is supplied to a line, it can be represented at  $z = 0$  by

$$V(0, t) = V \cos \omega t \quad (1)$$

The corresponding wave traveling in the positive  $z$  direction is

$$V_+(z, t) = |V_+| \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v_p} \right)$$

and that traveling in the negative  $z$  direction is

$$V_-(z, t) = |V_-| \cos \left[ \omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v_p} \right) + \theta_p \right]$$

The total voltage is the sum of the two traveling waves:

$$V(z, t) = |V_+| \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v_p} \right) + |V_-| \cos \left[ \omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v_p} \right) + \theta_p \right] \quad (2)$$

The corresponding current, from Eq. 5.2(13), is

$$I(z, t) = \frac{|V_+|}{Z_0} \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{z}{v_p} \right) - \frac{|V_-|}{Z_0} \cos \left[ \omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v_p} \right) + \theta_p \right] \quad (3)$$

In Sec. 5.2 we saw that a constant point on a wave described by  $F(t - z/v)$  is seen by an observer moving with a velocity  $v$  in the positive  $z$  direction. The argument of a sinusoid is called its *phase*, so the velocity for which phase is constant is called the *phase velocity*  $v_p$ .

For sinusoidal time variations, it is useful to rewrite (2) and (3) in phasor form:

$$V = V_+ e^{-j\beta z} + V_- e^{j\beta z} \quad (4)$$

$$I = \frac{1}{Z_0} [V_+ e^{-j\beta z} - V_- e^{j\beta z}] \quad (5)$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{\omega}{v_p} = \omega \sqrt{LC} \quad (6)$$

We may take  $V_+$  as the reference for zero phase so that it is real. Then  $V_-$  is in general complex and equal to  $|V_-|e^{j\theta_p}$ , with  $\theta_p$  being the phase angle between reflected and incident waves at  $z = 0$  as in the instantaneous form (2).

The quantity  $\beta$  is called the *phase constant* of the line since  $\beta z$  measures the instantaneous phase at a point  $z$  with respect to  $z = 0$ . Moreover, voltage (or current) is observed to be the same at any two points along the line that are separated in  $z$  such that  $\beta z$  differs by multiples of  $2\pi$ . The shortest distance between points of like current or voltage is called a *wavelength*  $\lambda$ . By the foregoing reasoning,

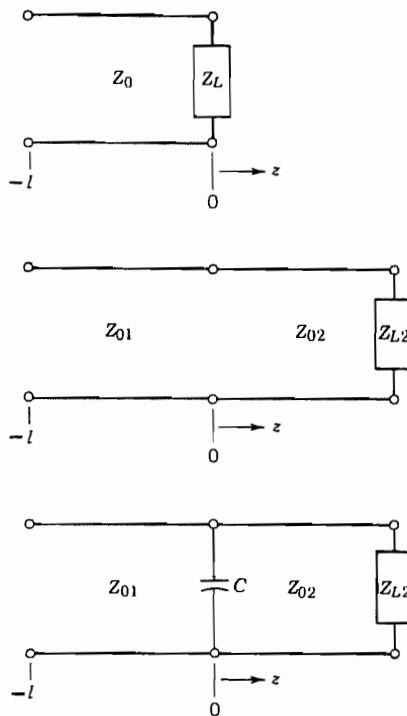
$$\beta\lambda = 2\pi$$

or

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \omega \sqrt{LC} \quad (7)$$

The expressions for reflection and transmission coefficients in Eqs. 5.4(4) and 5.4(5) can now be written in a special form for sinusoidal waves. It is convenient to choose the origin of the  $z$  coordinate at the discontinuity to be analyzed, as shown in Fig. 5.7 for three representative discontinuities. It is assumed that a previous analysis gave the equivalent value of impedance looking in the  $+z$  direction at  $z = 0$  in the two lower lines. We will see below how this is done. The ratio of total phasor voltage to total phasor current at any point is the definition of impedance. We set the impedance at  $z = 0$ , the load impedance  $Z_L$ , equal to the ratio (4) to (5). Solving for the ratio  $V_-/V_+$ , the reflection coefficient for sinusoidal waves is obtained:

$$\rho = \frac{V_-}{V_+} = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 5.7** Representative situations where a line of length  $l$  with a discontinuity at  $z = 0$  is the subject of the analysis.

Also, (4) and (5) can be combined to give the transmission coefficient:

$$\tau = \frac{V_L}{V_+} = \frac{2Z_L}{Z_L + Z_0} \quad (9)$$

The load voltage  $V_L$  is the total voltage at  $z = 0$ .

The expressions for power reflected and transmitted at a discontinuity, given for real functions of time in Eqs. 5.4(6) and 5.4(7), can be adapted to sinusoidal signals of the complex exponential type. Since power in this case is  $VV^*/2$ , and for a single wave in a loss-free line this is  $VV^*/2Z_0 = |V|^2/2Z_0$ , the fractional reflected power is

$$\frac{W_T^-}{W_T^+} = \frac{|V_-|^2}{|V_+|^2} = |\rho|^2 \quad (10)$$

and the remainder goes into the load:

$$\frac{W_{TL}}{W_T^+} = 1 - |\rho|^2 \quad (11)$$

Now let us find expressions for the input impedance and admittance at  $-l$ . We find impedance by dividing (4) by (5) for  $z = -l$ :

$$Z_i = Z_0 \left[ \frac{e^{j\beta l} + \rho e^{-j\beta l}}{e^{j\beta l} - \rho e^{-j\beta l}} \right] \quad (12)$$

Or, substituting (8),

$$Z_i = Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_L \cos \beta l + jZ_0 \sin \beta l}{Z_0 \cos \beta l + jZ_L \sin \beta l} \right] \quad (13)$$

By defining admittances  $Y_i = 1/Z_i$ ,  $Y_L = 1/Z_L$ , and  $Y_0 = 1/Z_0$ , we can find an expression of the same form for  $Y_i$ :

$$Y_i = Y_0 \left[ \frac{Y_L \cos \beta l + jY_0 \sin \beta l}{Y_0 \cos \beta l + jY_L \sin \beta l} \right] \quad (14)$$

### Example 5.7 CASCADeD THIN-FILM LINES

Suppose the second diagram of Fig. 5.7 represents two thin-film transmission lines in a microwave integrated circuit. The load  $Z_{L2}$  represents a device having a real impedance of  $20 \Omega$  at the signal frequency, 18 GHz. Line 2, of characteristic impedance  $Z_{02} = 30 \Omega$ , has a length  $l_2 = 2$  mm. Line 1, of characteristic impedance  $Z_{01} = 20 \Omega$ , has a length  $l_1 = 1.5$  mm. The phase velocities for both lines are the same,  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s. Let us find the impedance at the input to line 1.

First we must solve for the way the load impedance  $Z_{L2}$  transforms along the line attached to it. To do this we apply formula (13) to that section of line. For both lines (6) gives

$$\beta = \frac{\omega}{v_p} = \frac{(2\pi)(18 \times 10^9) \text{ rad/s}}{2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 566 \text{ rad/m}$$

For variety we will take angles in degrees here, as both degrees and radians are commonly used in transmission-line calculations. Thus  $\beta l_2 = 64.9$  degrees and  $\beta l_1 = 48.6$  degrees:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{i2} &= 30 \left[ \frac{20 \cos 64.9^\circ + j30 \sin 64.9^\circ}{30 \cos 64.9^\circ + j20 \sin 64.9^\circ} \right] \\ &= 36.7 + j11.8 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

Now we can find  $Z_{i1}$  at the input to line 1 using  $Z_{i2}$  as the load  $Z_{L1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{i1} &= 20 \left[ \frac{(36.7 + j11.8) \cos 48.6^\circ + j20 \sin 48.6^\circ}{20 \cos 48.6^\circ + j(36.7 + j11.8) \sin 48.6^\circ} \right] \\ &= 18.9 - j14.6 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

Systems with several lines of different characteristic impedances in cascade can be analyzed as we have in this example. In each case the analysis starts with the point farthest from the signal source, transforming the impedance back successively to the next discontinuity until the input is reached. In general,  $Z_0$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $l$  will be different for each section.

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## 5.8 STANDING WAVE RATIO

Let us examine the phases of the voltages in Eq. 5.7(4). One coefficient, say  $V_+$ , can be chosen to be real by choice of origin of time. The reflection coefficient, Eq. 5.7(8), which is a complex number, can be written in the form  $|\rho|e^{j\theta_\rho}$  so  $V_-$  in Eq. 5.7(4) can be replaced with  $V_+|\rho|e^{j\theta_\rho}$ , giving

$$V = V_+ e^{-j\beta z} + V_+ |\rho| e^{j(\theta_\rho + \beta z)} \quad (1)$$

Let us write this as a real function of time with  $-z$  replaced by  $l$ , the distance from the end of the line:

$$V(t, -l) = V_+ \cos(\omega t + \beta l) + V_+ |\rho| \cos(\omega t - \beta l + \theta_\rho)$$

Considering any particular instant, say  $t = 0$ , we can readily see that the argument of the cosine in the incident wave (first term), which is its phase, increases with distance from  $z = 0$  and that the phase of the reflected wave (second term) decreases. These phases are shown in the top drawings of Fig. 5.8 where it is clear that at some distance  $z_0$ , the phases are the same. At  $z_\pi$  they differ by  $\pi$  rad, one having decreased by  $\pi/2$  and the other having increased by  $\pi/2$ . At  $z_{2\pi}$  they differ by  $2\pi$  rad, and so on. So there are a series of locations where the two sinusoids are in phase and another series of locations where they are  $\pi$  rad out of phase. Where they are in phase, they add directly at each instant, and where  $\pi$  rad out of phase, they subtract. At the former locations the total voltage has its maximum amplitude, and at the latter, its minimum. Analysis of the sum of the incident and reflected waves given in (1) (see Prob. 5.8f) shows that the total voltage can also be represented as the sum of a standing wave and a traveling wave. The total voltage is shown in the lower drawing of Fig. 5.8 for several particular times in a cycle selected to show the voltage when it has its maximum and minimum peak values. The broken line shows the voltage *amplitude* along the transmission line.

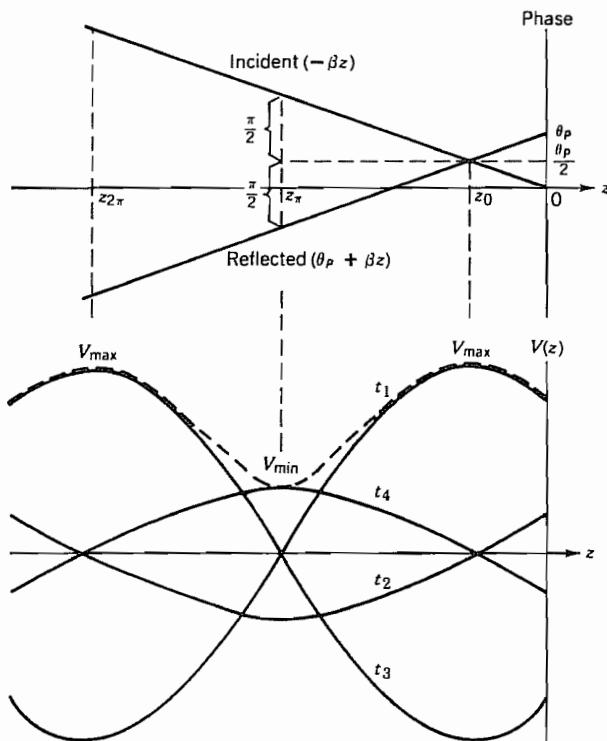
The maximum voltage is

$$V_{\max} = |V_+| + |V_-| \quad (2)$$

and the minimum, found a quarter-wavelength from the maximum, is

$$V_{\min} = |V_+| - |V_-| \quad (3)$$

The standing wave ratio is then defined as the ratio of the maximum voltage amplitude



**FIG. 5.8** The upper graph shows the phases of the incident and reflected waves at  $t = 0$  on a line with a reflection coefficient  $\rho = |\rho|e^{j\theta_\rho}$ . The total voltage  $V(z)$  is shown for selected times in the lower graph,  $\omega t_1 = -\theta_\rho/2$ ,  $\omega t_2 = -\theta_\rho/2 + \pi/2$ ,  $\omega t_3 = -\theta_\rho/2 + \pi$ ,  $\omega t_4 = -\theta_\rho/2 + 3\pi/2$ . The broken line gives the voltage amplitude along the line.

to the minimum voltage amplitude:

$$S = \frac{V_{\max}}{V_{\min}} \quad (4)$$

By substituting (2) and (3) and the definition of reflection coefficient, Eq. 5.7(8), we find

$$S = \frac{|V_+| + |V_-|}{|V_+| - |V_-|} = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} \quad (5)$$

It is seen that standing wave ratio is directly related to the magnitude of reflection coefficient  $\rho$ , giving the same information as this quantity. The inverse relation is

$$|\rho| = \frac{S - 1}{S + 1} \quad (6)$$

Figure 5.8 is plotted for  $S = 3$ , corresponding to  $|\rho| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Because of the negative sign appearing in the current equation, Eq. 5.7(5), it is evident

that at the position where the two traveling wave terms add in the voltage relations, they subtract in the current relation, and vice versa. The maximum voltage position is then a minimum current position. The value of the minimum current is

$$I_{\min} = \frac{|V_+| - |V_-|}{Z_0} \quad (7)$$

At this position impedance is purely resistive and has the maximum value it will have at any point along the line:

$$Z_{\max} = Z_0 \left[ \frac{|V_+| + |V_-|}{|V_+| - |V_-|} \right] = Z_0 S \quad (8)$$

At the position of the voltage minimum, current is a maximum, and impedance is a minimum and real:

$$I_{\max} = \frac{|V_+| + |V_-|}{Z_0} \quad (9)$$

$$Z_{\min} = Z_0 \left[ \frac{|V_+| - |V_-|}{|V_+| + |V_-|} \right] = \frac{Z_0}{S} \quad (10)$$

### Example 5.8

#### SLOTTED-LINE IMPEDANCE MEASUREMENT

A *slotted line* is an instrument that can be used to measure impedances. It is a transmission line containing a movable probe with which the standing wave ratio and the position of a voltage minimum or maximum can be found. The unknown impedance is connected to the end of the slotted line.

Suppose a measurement on a slotted line of characteristic impedance  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$  reveals a standing wave ratio  $S = 3$  and the closest voltage minimum is  $0.33\lambda$  from the unknown load impedance. Let us see how  $Z_L$  is deduced. In Fig. 5.8, we see that at  $z_\pi$  where the minimum is found, the phase of the incident wave,  $-\beta z$  attains the value  $(\theta_\rho + \pi)/2$ , so

$$I_{\min} = -z_{\min} = \frac{\theta_\rho + \pi}{2\beta}$$

and

$$\theta_\rho = 2\beta(0.33\lambda) - \pi = 2\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right)(0.33\lambda) - \pi = 1.0 \text{ rad}$$

where we have used Eq. 5.7(7). Using the given  $S$  and (6) we find  $|\rho|$  to be 0.5. Then

$$\rho = 0.5e^{j1.0}$$

From Eq. 5.7(8) we can get  $Z_L$  in term of  $\rho$  and  $Z_0$ . Thus

$$Z_L = Z_0 \left[ \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho} \right] = 50 \left[ \frac{1 + 0.5e^{j1.0}}{1 - 0.5e^{j1.0}} \right] = 52.8 + j59.3 \Omega$$


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### 5.9 THE SMITH TRANSMISSION-LINE CHART

Many graphical aids for transmission-line computations have been devised. Of these, the most generally useful has been one presented by Smith,<sup>4</sup> which consists of loci of constant resistance and reactance plotted on a polar diagram in which radius corresponds to magnitude of reflection coefficient. The chart enables one to find simply how impedances are transformed along the line or to relate impedance to reflection coefficient or to standing wave ratio and position of a voltage minimum. By combinations of operations, it enables one to understand the behavior of complex impedance-matching techniques and to devise new ones. It is much used in displaying the locus of impedance of many useful devices as frequency is varied. Although computer programs are available for transmission-line calculations, its role in displaying and understanding matching mechanisms remains useful. This chart utilizes the reflection coefficient plane. Impedance for any point along a transmission line with a passive load then lies within the unit circle. Loci of constant resistance are circles and loci of constant reactance are circles orthogonal to those of constant resistance. We will first show the basis for this, and in the following section give some examples of the chart's use.

The discussion of the chart will begin with Eq. 5.7(12), which gives impedance in terms of reflection coefficient. We define a normalized impedance

$$\zeta(l) = (r + jx) \triangleq \frac{Z_l}{Z_0} \quad (1)$$

and a complex variable  $w$  equal to the reflection coefficient at the end of the line, shifted in phase to correspond to the input position  $l$ :

$$w = u + jv \triangleq \rho e^{-2j\beta l} \quad (2)$$

Equation 5.7(12) may then be written

$$\zeta(l) = \frac{1 + w}{1 - w} \quad (3)$$

or

$$r + jx = \frac{1 + (u + jv)}{1 - (u + jv)} \quad (4)$$

<sup>4</sup> P. H. Smith, Electronics **12**, 29–31 (1939); **17**, 130 (1944).

This equation may be separated into real and imaginary parts as follows:

$$r = \frac{1 - (u^2 + v^2)}{(1 - u)^2 + v^2} \quad (5)$$

$$x = \frac{2v}{(1 - u)^2 + v^2} \quad (6)$$

or

$$\left(u - \frac{r}{1+r}\right)^2 + v^2 = \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} \quad (7)$$

$$(u - 1)^2 + \left(v - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad (8)$$

If we then wish to plot the loci of constant resistance  $r$  on the  $w$  plane ( $u$  and  $v$  serving as rectangular coordinates), (7) shows that they are circles with centers on the  $u$  axis at  $[r/(1+r), 0]$  and with radii  $1/(1+r)$ . The curves for  $r = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, \infty$  are sketched in Fig. 5.9a. From (8), the curves of constant  $x$  plotted on the  $w$  plane are also circles, with centers at  $(1, 1/x)$  and with radii  $1/|x|$ . Circles for  $x = 0, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm 2, \infty$  are sketched in Fig. 5.9a. Any point on a given transmission line will have some impedance with positive resistance part, and so will correspond to a particular point on the inside of the unit circle of the  $w$  plane. Several uses of the chart will follow. Many

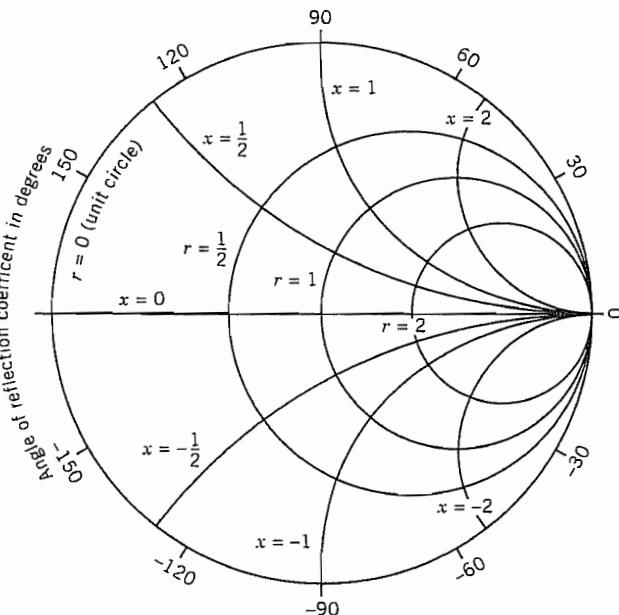


FIG. 5.9a Basic features of the Smith Chart.

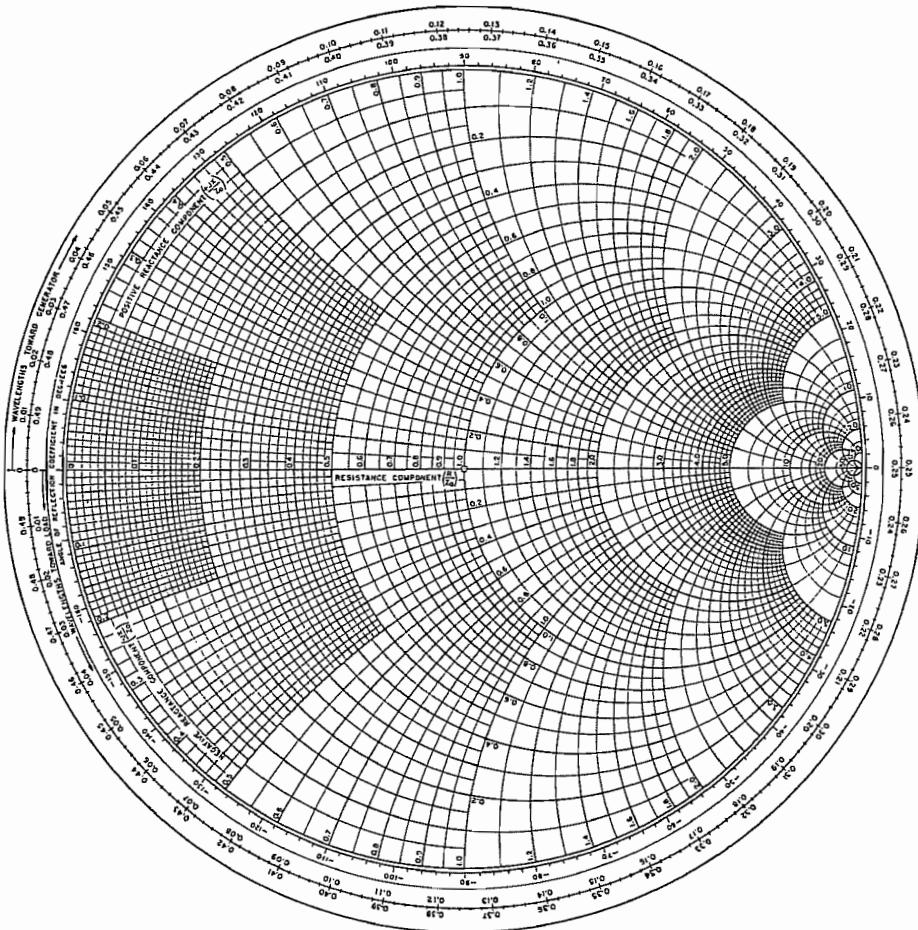


FIG. 5.9b Smith Chart.

extensions and combinations of the ones to be cited will be obvious to the reader. A chart with more divisions is given in Fig. 5.9b.

### 5.10 SOME USES OF THE SMITH CHART

In this section we show the use of the Smith chart in displaying the relation between impedance and reflection coefficient, in transferring impedances or admittances along the line, and in impedance matching. Other uses are illustrated by the problems and still other extensions or combinations will be evident to the reader.

**To Find Reflection Coefficient Given Load Impedance, and Conversely**

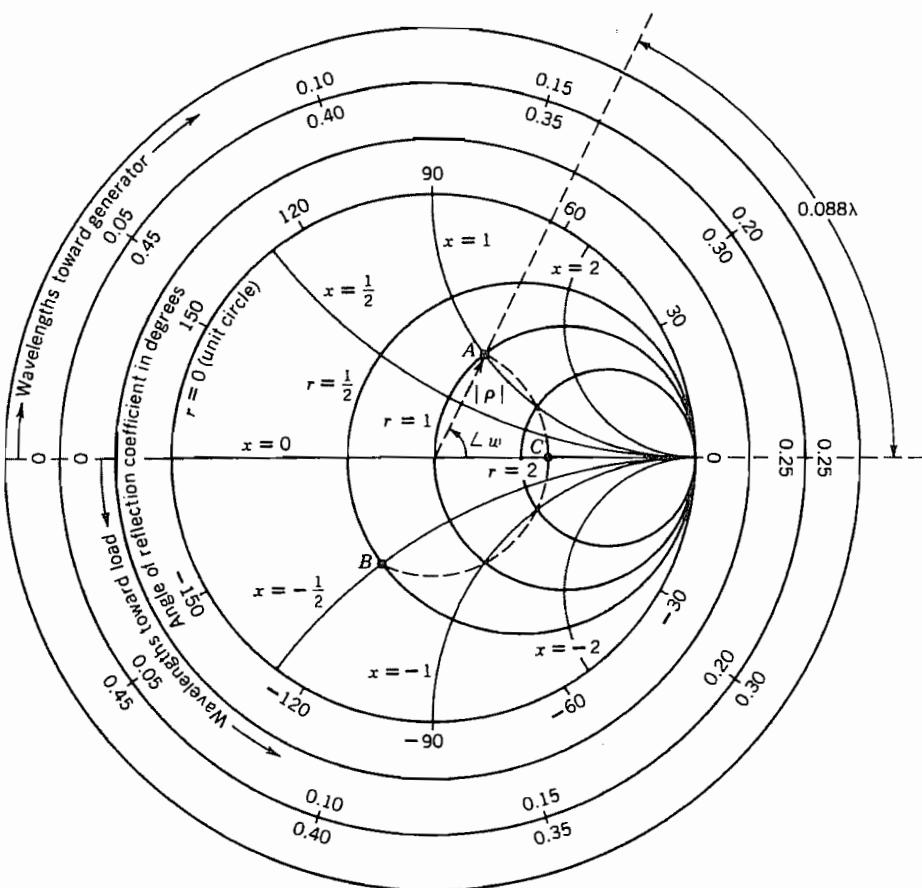
The point within the unit circle of the Smith chart corresponding to a particular position on a transmission line may of course be located at once if the normalized impedance corresponding to that position is known. This is done with a reasonable degree of accuracy by utilizing the orthogonal families of circles giving resistance and reactance as described above. Thus, point  $A$  of Fig. 5.10a is the intersection of the circles  $r = 1$  and  $x = 1$  and corresponds to a position with normalized impedance  $1 + j1$ . It is clear from Eq. 5.9(2) that  $|w| = |\rho|$  and from Eq. 5.9(7) that  $|w| = (u^2 + v^2)^{1/2} = 1$  on the  $r = 0$  circle, which is the outer edge of the graph. A measure of the radius to some point on the graph as a fraction of the radius to the  $r = 0$  circle thus gives  $|\rho|$  directly. If the point on the Smith chart is the normalized load impedance,  $l = 0$ , and  $\angle w = \angle \rho$ , so the phase angle of the reflection coefficient can be read directly. One can, of course, reverse the process to find  $Z_L$  if  $\rho$  is given.

**Example 5.10a**

## REFLECTION COEFFICIENT FROM LOAD IMPEDANCE

Suppose a transmission line of characteristic impedance  $Z_0 = 70 \Omega$  is terminated with a load  $Z_L = 70 + j70 \Omega$ . The normalized load impedance is  $\zeta(0) = 1 + j1$ , shown as point  $A$  in Fig. 5.10a. The magnitude of  $\rho$  is 0.45 and  $\angle \rho = \angle w = 1.11 \text{ rad}$  so  $\rho = 0.45e^{j1.11}$ . The angle may be found by reading the outside wavelength scales, recognizing that a quarter-wave is  $\pi$  radians on the chart.

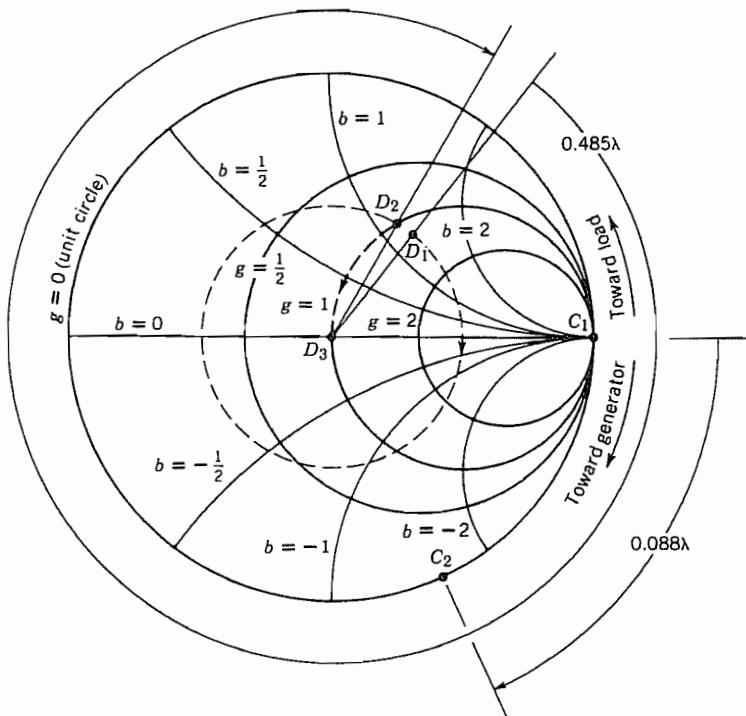
**To Transform Impedance Along the Line** As position  $l$  along a loss-free line, measured relative to the load, is changed, only the phase angle of  $w$  changes, as can be seen from Eq. 5.9(2) wherein  $\rho$  is a complex number, the reflection coefficient at the load. Thus, change of position along an ideal line is represented on the chart by movement along circles centered at the origin of the  $w$  plane. The angle through which  $w$  changes is proportional to the length of the line and, by Eq. 5.9(2), is just twice the electrical length of line  $\beta l$ . (Most charts have a scale around the outside calibrated in fractions of a wavelength, so that the angle need not be computed explicitly. See Fig. 5.10a.) Finally, the direction in which one moves is also defined by Eq. 5.9(2). If one moves toward the generator (increasing  $l$ ), the angle of  $w$  becomes increasingly negative, which corresponds to clockwise motion about the chart. Motion toward the load corresponds to decreasing  $l$  and thus corresponds to counterclockwise motion about the chart.



**FIG. 5.10a** Smith chart for impedances. Points A, B, and C and associated broken lines relate to Exs. 5.10a, 5.10b, and 5.10c.

### Example 5.10b IMPEDANCE TRANSFORMATION

Consider the line and load of Ex. 5.10a for which the normalized load impedance is  $1 + j1$  and is shown at point A in Fig. 5.10a. If the line is a quarter-wave long (90 electrical degrees), we move through an angle of 180 degrees at constant radius on the chart toward the generator (clockwise) to point B. The normalized input impedance is then read as  $0.5 - j0.5$  for point B. If input impedance is given and load impedance desired, the reverse of this procedure can obviously be used.



**FIG. 5.10b** Polar transmission-line chart for admittances. The constructions involving points  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $D_1-D_3$  relate to Ex. 5.10d.

**To Find Standing Wave Ratio and Position of Voltage Maximum from a Given Impedance, and Conversely** If we wish the standing wave ratio of an ideal transmission line terminated in a known load impedance, we make use of the information found in the preceding section. Equation 5.8(8) shows that the location of maximum impedance is also the location of maximum voltage and the impedance there is real. We see that

$$S = \frac{Z_{\max}}{Z_0} = \zeta_{\max} \quad (1)$$

and can see from Fig. 5.10a that the point where impedance is real and maximum along any ideal transmission line (represented by a  $|p| = \text{constant}$  circle) lies on the right side along the horizontal axis ( $u$  axis). Thus, in following about the circle on the chart determined by the given load impedance, we note its crossing of the right-hand  $u$  axis of the  $w$  plane. The value of the normalized resistance of this point is then the standing wave ratio; the angle moved through to this position from the load impedance fixes the position of the voltage maximum.

The reversal of this procedure to determine the load impedance, if standing wave ratio and position of a voltage maximum are given, is straightforward, as is the extension to finding position of voltage minimum or finding input impedance in place of load impedance.

### Example 5.10c

#### DETERMINATION OF STANDING WAVE RATIO AND LOCATION OF VOLTAGE MAXIMUM

Let us continue our analysis of the ideal transmission line and load discussed in Exs. 5.10a and 5.10b. The normalized load impedance is  $1 + j1$  plotted at point *A* in Fig. 5.10a Moving along the line away from the load (clockwise), one arrives at the pure-resistance point *C* by going 0.088 wavelength. The value of maximum normalized resistance, which equals the standing wave ratio *S*, by (1) is read as 2.6.

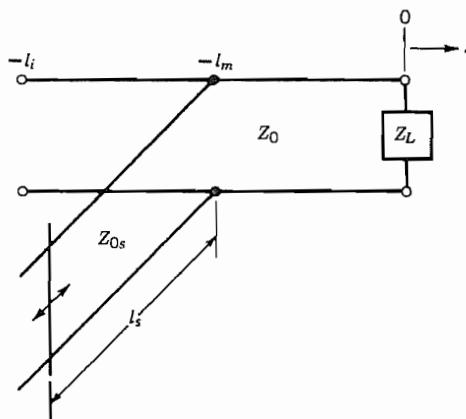
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**Use as an Admittance Diagram** Since admittance transforms along the ideal line in exactly the same manner as impedance, Eq. 5.7(14), it is evident that exactly the same chart may be used for transformation of admittances with the same procedure as for impedances described in the above. Admittance is read for impedance, conductance for resistance, and susceptance for reactance as seen in Fig. 5.10b. There are differences to remember: the right-hand *u* axis now represents an admittance maximum and, therefore, a current maximum instead of a voltage maximum; the phase of the reflection coefficient read as described above and corresponding to a given normalized load admittance is that for current in the reflected wave compared with current in the incident wave and is therefore different by  $\pi$  from that based on voltages. (See Prob. 5.7d.)

### Example 5.10d

#### ADMITTANCE ANALYSIS OF VARIABLE SHORTED-STUB TUNER

In this example we will use the Smith chart for admittances to analyze a mismatched line that employs a variable shorted-stub tuner to produce a unity standing wave ratio in the line leading up to the stub. Figure 5.10c shows the arrangement. Suppose  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$  in the main line and  $Z_{0s} = 70 \Omega$  in the stub. Assume  $Z_L = 20 - j20 \Omega$ . We will find the appropriate stub location  $z = -l_m$  and the stub length  $l_s$ . The admittance chart rather than the impedance form is used because of the convenience in handling shunt circuits in the admittance formulation.



**FIG. 5.10c** Variable shorted-stub tuner connected in shunt to provide matching at  $-l_m$  and therefore  $S = 1$  for  $z < -l_m$ .

The load admittance is  $Y_L = 1/Z_L = 0.025 + j0.025 \text{ S}$  and the characteristic admittance is  $Y_0 = 1/Z_0 = 0.020 \text{ S}$ . The normalized load admittance is  $1.25 + j1.25$ ; this is at point  $D_1$  in Fig. 5.10b.

The input admittance of the shorted stub is seen from Eq. 5.7(14) to be purely imaginary since  $Y_i = -jY_0 \cot \beta l$ . This suggests that it should be placed at a point along the main line  $-z = l_m$ , where the admittance has a normalized real part  $g = 1$  and an imaginary part  $b$  that can be canceled by  $Y_{is}$ . Following a path of constant  $|\rho| = |w|$  toward the generator, we come to the  $g = 1$  curve where  $b = 1.13$  (point  $D_2$ ) corresponding to an unnormalized susceptance of  $B = (0.020)(1.13) = 0.0226 \text{ S}$ . That is seen to be  $0.485\lambda$  from the load. A stub with an input susceptance of  $-0.0226 \text{ S}$  is connected in shunt to cancel out the imaginary part of the admittance. This moves us on the admittance chart from  $D_2$  to  $D_3$  where  $g = 1$  and the line is perfectly matched for waves approaching the stub location from the generator.

Now let us find the length  $l_s$  of the stub. Since  $Z_{0s} = 70 \Omega$ ,  $Y_{0s} = 0.014 \text{ S}$ . The normalized input susceptance of the stub must be  $b_{is} = -0.0226/0.014 = -1.61$ . The shorted end of the stub has an infinite admittance. That is at  $C_1$  on the Smith admittance chart in Fig. 5.10b at the right end of the real axis. To transform this admittance to the normalized susceptance  $-1.61$  we move clockwise as shown to point  $C_2$ . The length of the stub must be  $0.088\lambda$ .

The line to the right of the stub appears as a conductance in parallel with a capacitance; addition of the shunt stub provides an inductance which makes the combination appear as a parallel tuned circuit. It should be clear that this matching technique leaves a standing wave in the line between the load and the stub as well as in the stub and provides exact matching only at the one frequency.

**To Transform Impedance Along Cascaded Lines** It is often useful to find the input impedance of cascaded lines of differing characteristics as in Ex. 5.7. The Smith chart involves impedances normalized to the characteristic impedance, so a study of impedance transformation in a cascade of lines requires renormalization for each line. One starts at the load and transforms, line by line, back toward the generator.

### Example 5.10e

#### IMPEDANCE TRANSFORMATION ALONG CASCADED LINES

For the cascaded ideal lines in Fig. 5.10d, let us find the fraction of the power incident in line 1 in a 10-GHz signal that is absorbed in the load. This is given by a knowledge of  $|\rho_1|$  in line 1 using Eq. 5.7(11) and recognizing that the power passing the junction at the end of line 1 must be absorbed in the load since we are assuming ideal lossless lines.

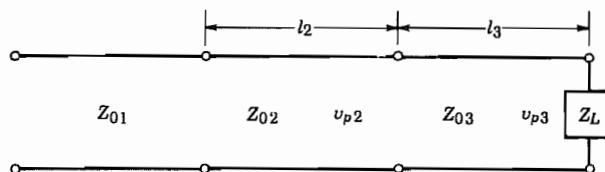
Using the parameters for line 3 given in Fig. 5.10d we find the normalized load impedance  $\zeta_{L3} = Z_L/Z_{03} = 2$ . The wavelength  $\lambda_3 = v_3/f = 2 \text{ cm}$ , so  $l_3 = 0.1\lambda_3$ . The load impedance  $\zeta_{L3}$  is marked as point  $E_1$  on the Smith chart in Fig. 5.10e. We move along the constant  $|w|$  circle toward the generator by  $0.1\lambda$ . The point  $E_2$  is at the normalized input impedance  $\zeta_{i3} = 0.98 - j0.70$ .

To transform the impedance along line 2, we must first denormalize  $\zeta_{i3}$  and then normalize it to line 2 to get the load impedance  $\zeta_{L2}$ ; thus,  $\zeta_{L2} = Z_{03}\zeta_{i3}/Z_{02} = 0.70 - j0.50$ . This point is marked  $E_3$ . The wavelength in line 2 is  $\lambda_2 = v_2/f = 1.5 \text{ cm}$ , so  $l_2 = 0.2\lambda_2$ . We move along a constant  $|w|$  circle clockwise from  $E_3$  by  $0.2\lambda$  to the input of line 2 (marked  $E_4$ ) where  $\zeta_{i2} = 0.65 + j0.46$ .

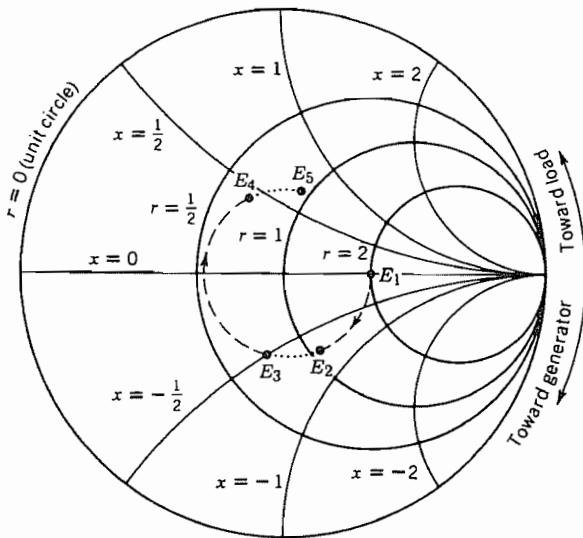
To find the reflection coefficient at the load point for line 1, we renormalize  $\zeta_{i2}$ , so  $\zeta_{L1} = Z_{02}\zeta_{i2}/Z_{01} = 0.91 + j0.64$ . This is the point  $E_5$ . Measuring the distance from  $E_5$  to the origin and dividing by the radius of the  $r = 0$  line, we obtain  $|\rho_1| = 0.32$ . Then

$$\frac{W_{TL}}{W_{T1}^+} = 1 - |\rho_1|^2 = 0.90$$

is the fraction of the incident power in line 1 that is dissipated in the load.



**Fig 5.10d** Cascaded transmission lines with parameters for Ex. 5.10e.  $Z_{01} = 50 \Omega$ ,  $Z_{02} = 70 \Omega$ ,  $Z_{03} = 50 \Omega$ ,  $Z_L = 100 \Omega$ ,  $l_2 = 3 \text{ mm}$ ,  $l_3 = 2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $v_{p2} = 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $v_{p3} = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

FIG. 5.10e Determination of  $|\rho|$  for Ex. 5.10e.

## Nonideal Transmission Lines

### 5.11 TRANSMISSION LINES WITH GENERAL FORMS OF DISTRIBUTED IMPEDANCES: LOSSY LINES

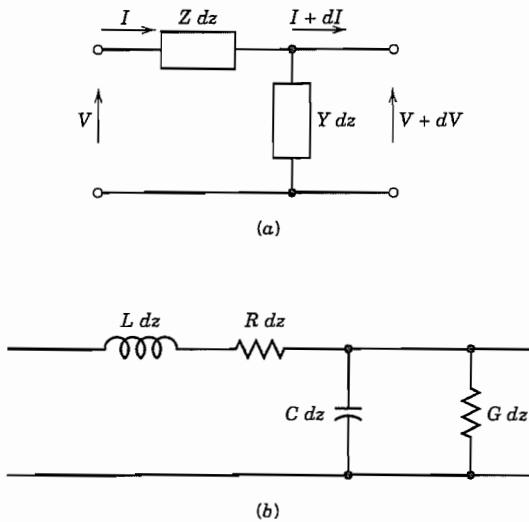
For lines with losses or for filter-type transmission circuits, we may generalize the distributed series element in the circuit model to an impedance  $Z$  per unit length, and the distributed shunt element to a general admittance  $Y$  per unit length, as shown in Fig. 5.11a. For steady-state sinusoids, using complex notation, the differential equations for voltage and current variations with distance are then

$$\frac{dV}{dz} = -ZI \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = -YV \quad (2)$$

Differentiation of (1) and substitution in (2) then yield

$$\frac{d^2V}{dz^2} = \gamma^2 V \quad (3)$$



**FIG. 5.11** (a) Differential length of general transmission line. (b) Lossy line with series resistance and shunt conductance.

where

$$\gamma = \sqrt{ZY} \quad (4)$$

The solution to (3) may be written in terms of exponentials, as can be verified by substitution of the expression

$$V = V_+ e^{-\gamma z} + V_- e^{\gamma z} \quad (5)$$

From (1), the corresponding solution for current is

$$I = \frac{1}{Z_0} [V_+ e^{-\gamma z} - V_- e^{\gamma z}] \quad (6)$$

where

$$Z_0 = \frac{Z}{\gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{Z}{Y}} \quad (7)$$

The characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  is in general complex, indicating that the voltage and current for a single traveling wave are not in phase. The quantity  $\gamma$  is called the *propagation constant* and is also generally complex,

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{ZY} \quad (8)$$

so that if (5) is written in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

$$V = V_+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} + V_- e^{\alpha z} e^{j\beta z} \quad (9)$$

Thus  $\alpha$  tells the rate of exponential attenuation of each wave and is correspondingly called the attenuation constant. The constant  $\beta$  tells the amount of phase shift per unit length for each wave and is called the phase constant, as in the loss-free case.

The formula for reflection coefficient derived in Eq. 5.7(8) applies to this case also, remembering that  $Z_0$  is complex. To find the input impedance at  $z = -l$  in terms of a given reflection coefficient  $\rho = V_-/V_+$  at  $z = 0$ , division of (5) by (6) yields

$$Z_i = Z_0 \left[ \frac{V_+ e^{\gamma l} + V_- e^{-\gamma l}}{V_+ e^{\gamma l} - V_- e^{-\gamma l}} \right] = Z_0 \left[ \frac{1 + \rho e^{-2\gamma l}}{1 - \rho e^{-2\gamma l}} \right] \quad (10)$$

This may be put in terms of load impedance by substituting Eq. 5.7(8):

$$Z_i = Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_L \cosh \gamma l + Z_0 \sinh \gamma l}{Z_0 \cosh \gamma l + Z_L \sinh \gamma l} \right] \quad (11)$$

**Transmission Line with Series and Shunt Losses** A very important case in practice is one in which losses must be considered in the transmission line. In general there may be distributed series resistance in the conductors of the line, and distributed shunt conductance because of leakage through the dielectric of the line. Distributed impedance and admittance are then (Fig. 5.11b)

$$Z = R + j\omega L, \quad Y = G + j\omega C \quad (12)$$

where  $L$  includes both external and internal inductance. These may be used as the values of  $Z$  and  $Y$  in (4) and (7) to determine propagation constant and characteristic impedance. The formula (10) applies to impedance transformations, and the Smith transmission-line chart may be utilized with a modification which recognizes that  $\gamma$  is complex. The procedure is as in Sec. 5.10 except that, in moving along the line toward the generator, one moves not along a circle but along a spiral of radius decreasing according to the exponential  $e^{-2\alpha l}$ .

For many important problems, losses are finite but relatively small. If  $R/\omega L \ll 1$  and  $G/\omega C \ll 1$ , the following approximations are obtained by retaining up to second-order terms in the binomial expansions of (4) and (7), with (12) substituted.

$$\alpha \approx \frac{R}{2\sqrt{L/C}} + \frac{G\sqrt{L/C}}{2} \quad (13)$$

$$\beta \approx \omega\sqrt{LC} \left[ 1 - \frac{RG}{4\omega^2 LC} + \frac{G^2}{8\omega^2 C^2} + \frac{R^2}{8\omega^2 L^2} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$Z_0 \approx \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{8\omega^2 L^2} - \frac{3G^2}{8\omega^2 C^2} + \frac{RG}{4\omega^2 LC} \right) + j \left( \frac{G}{2\omega C} - \frac{R}{2\omega L} \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

In using the foregoing approximate formulas, it is often sufficient to retain only first-order correction terms, in which case  $\beta$  reduces to its ideal value of  $2\pi/\lambda$ ,  $\alpha$  is computed

**Table 5.11a**  
**General Formulas for Transmission Lines**

Quantity	General Line	Ideal Line	Approximate Results for Low-Loss Lines (See $\alpha$ and $\beta$ below)
Propagation constant $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$	$\sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$	$j\omega\sqrt{LC}$	
Phase constant $\beta$	$\text{Im}(\gamma) = \frac{\omega}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$	$\omega\sqrt{LC} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$	$\omega\sqrt{LC} \left[ 1 - \frac{RG}{4\omega^2 LC} + \frac{G^2}{8\omega^2 C^2} + \frac{R^2}{8\omega^2 L^2} \right]$
Attenuation constant $\alpha$	$\text{Re}(\gamma) = -$	0	$\frac{R}{2Z_0} + \frac{GZ_0}{2}$
Characteristic impedance $Z_0$	$\sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \left[ 1 + j\left(\frac{G}{2\omega C} - \frac{R}{2\omega L}\right) \right]$
Input impedance $Z_i$	$Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_L \cosh \gamma l + Z_0 \sinh \gamma l}{Z_0 \cosh \gamma l + Z_L \sinh \gamma l} \right]$	$Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_L \cos \beta l + jZ_0 \sin \beta l}{Z_0 \cos \beta l + jZ_L \sin \beta l} \right]$	$Z_0 \left[ \frac{\alpha l \cos \beta l + j \sin \beta l}{\cos \beta l + j \alpha l \sin \beta l} \right]$
Impedance of shorted line	$Z_0 \tanh \gamma l$	$jZ_0 \tan \beta l$	$Z_0 \left[ \frac{\alpha l \cos \beta l + j \sin \beta l}{\cos \beta l + j \alpha l \sin \beta l} \right]$
Impedance of open line	$Z_0 \coth \gamma l$	$-jZ_0 \cot \beta l$	$Z_0 \left[ \frac{\cos \beta l + j \sin \beta l}{\alpha l \cos \beta l + j \sin \beta l} \right]$

$$\text{Impedance of quarter-wave line} \quad Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_0 + Z_L \alpha l}{Z_L + Z_0 \alpha l} \right]$$

$$\text{Impedance of half-wave line} \quad Z_0 \left[ \frac{Z_L \cosh \alpha l + Z_0 \sinh \alpha l}{Z_0 \cosh \alpha l + Z_L \sinh \alpha l} \right]$$

$$\text{Voltage along line } V(z) \quad V_i \cosh \gamma z - I_i Z_0 \sinh \gamma z$$

$$\text{Current along line } I(z) \quad I_i \cosh \gamma z - \frac{V_i}{Z_0} \sinh \gamma z$$

$$\text{Reflection coefficient } \rho \quad \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

$$\text{Standing-wave ratio} \quad \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|}$$

$R, L, G, C$  Distributed resistance, inductance, conductance per unit length

$l$  Length of line

$i$  Subscript  $i$   
Subscript  $L$  Denotes input end quantities  
Denotes load end quantities

$\alpha$  Distance along line from input end

$\beta$  Wavelength measured along line

$v$  Phase velocity of line; equals velocity of light in dielectric of line for an ideal line

**Table 5.11b**  
**Formulas for Specific Transmission Line Configurations**

Capacitance $C$ , farads/meter	$\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)}$	$\frac{\pi\epsilon}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right)}$	---	$\frac{\epsilon b}{a}$
External inductance $L$ , henrys/meter	$\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)$	$\frac{\mu}{\pi} \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right)$	---	$\mu \frac{a}{b}$
Conductance $G$ , siemens/meter	$\frac{2\sigma}{\ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon''}{\ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)}$	$\frac{\pi\sigma}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right)} = \frac{\pi\epsilon''}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right)}$	---	$\frac{\sigma b}{a} = \frac{\omega\epsilon'' b}{a}$
Resistance $R$ , ohms/meter	$\frac{R_s}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r_o} + \frac{1}{r_i} \right)$	$\frac{2R_s}{\pi d} \left[ \frac{s/d}{\sqrt{(s/d)^2 - 1}} \right]$	$\frac{2R_s}{\pi d} \left[ 1 + \frac{1 + 2p^2}{4p^4} (1 - 4q^2) \right] + \frac{8R_s}{\pi D} q^2 \left[ 1 + q^2 - \frac{1 + 4p^2}{8p^4} \right]$	$\frac{2R_s}{b}$
Internal inductance $L_0$ , henrys/meter (for high frequency)	←	→	$\frac{R}{\omega}$	
Characteristic impedance high frequency $Z_0$ , ohms	$\frac{\eta}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)$	$\frac{\eta}{\pi} \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right)$	$\frac{\eta}{\pi} \left[ \ln \left[ 2p \left( \frac{1 - q^2}{1 + q^2} \right) \right] - \frac{1 + 4p^2}{16p^4} (1 - 4q^2) \right]$	$\frac{\eta}{b}$
$Z_0$ for air dielectric	$60 \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)$	$120 \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{d}\right) \cong 120 \ln\left(\frac{2s}{d}\right)$ if $s/d \gg 1$	$120 \left[ \ln \left[ 2p \left( \frac{1 - q^2}{1 + q^2} \right) \right] - \frac{1 + 4p^2}{16p^4} (1 - 4q^2) \right]$	$120\pi \frac{a}{b}$
Attenuation due to conductor $\alpha_c$	←	→	$\frac{R}{2Z_0}$	
Attenuation due to dielectric $\alpha_d$	←	$\frac{GZ_0}{2} = \frac{\sigma \eta}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon} \right)$	→	
Total attenuation dB/meter	←	→	$8.686(\alpha_c + \alpha_d)$	
Phase constant for low-loss lines $\beta$	←	→	$\omega\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$	

All units above are mks.

$\epsilon = \epsilon' - j\epsilon'' =$  permittivity, farads/meter  
 $\mu =$  permeability, henrys/meter  
 $\eta = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$  ohms

} for the dielectric

$\epsilon'' =$  loss factor of dielectric =  $\sigma/\omega$   
 $R_s =$  skin effect surface resistivity of conductor, ohms  
 $\lambda =$  wavelength in dielectric

Formulas for shielded pair obtained from Green, Leibe, and Curtiss, *Bell System Tech. Journ.*, 15, pp. 248-284 (April 1936).

from (13), and  $Z_0$  includes a first-order reactive part, given by the last part of (15). Note that the first-order effects of the two loss factors tend to cancel in  $Z_0$  whereas they add in  $\alpha$ .

Several of the important formulas for loss-free, low-loss, and general lines are summarized in Table 5.11a. Formulas for properties of lines of several different cross-sectional forms are listed in Table 5.11b.

**Physical Approximations for Low-Loss Lines** The approximate form (13) for attenuation in transmission lines with small losses may be derived from physical ideas. This approach will be especially useful in estimating attenuation of more general guiding systems to be considered later in the text. Let us consider the positively traveling

voltage wave of (9) and its corresponding current:

$$V = V_+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \quad (16)$$

$$I = I_+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \quad (17)$$

The average power transfer at any position is then given by  $W_T = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(VI^*)$ :

$$W_T = \frac{1}{2} V_+ I_+ e^{-2\alpha z} \quad (18)$$

It is assumed here that the imaginary part of  $Z_0$  is negligible so that  $I_+$  is in phase with  $V_+$ .

The rate of decrease of the average power (18) with distance along the line must equal the average power loss  $w_L$  in the line, per unit length:

$$\frac{\partial W_T}{\partial z} = -w_L = -2\alpha \left( \frac{1}{2} V_+ I_+ e^{-2\alpha z} \right) = -2\alpha W_T$$

or

$$\alpha = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} \quad (19)$$

This is an important formula relating attenuation constant to power loss per unit length and average power transfer. By the nature of the development, it applies to the attenuation of a traveling wave along any uniform system.

To apply (19) to a transmission line with series resistance  $R$  and shunt conductance  $G$ , we first calculate the average power loss per unit length, part of which comes from the current flow through the resistance and another part from voltage appearing across the shunt conductance. For convenience we calculate  $w_L$  and  $W_T$  at  $z = 0$ :

$$w_L = \frac{I_+^2 R}{2} + \frac{V_+^2 G}{2} = \frac{V_+^2}{2} \left[ G + \frac{R}{Z_0^2} \right] \quad (20)$$

The average power transferred by the wave at  $z = 0$  is

$$W_T = \frac{1}{2} V_+ I_+ = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_+^2}{Z_0} \quad (21)$$

So (19) gives attenuation in agreement with (13):

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left[ GZ_0 + \frac{R}{Z_0} \right] \text{ Np/m} \quad (22)$$

The *neper* (Np) is a unit-free name for attenuation that measures the decay of voltage amplitude. One neper per meter indicates that the *amplitude* has decayed to  $1/e$  of its incoming value in 1 m. The *decibel* (dB) is an alternative measure describing the rate of *power* decrease by the formula  $10 \log_{10} W_{T2}/W_{T1}$ .<sup>5</sup> Attenuation in decibels per meter is 8.686 times the attenuation in nepers per meter.

<sup>5</sup> Decibels are often used for ratios of voltage amplitudes using the formula  $20 \log_{10} V_2/V_1$ . This is only correct if the voltages are across identical impedances, as in the case of voltages at points along a transmission line.

**Example 5.11**  
ATTENUATION IN A THIN-FILM TRANSMISSION LINE

Let us find the attenuation in an aluminum thin-film parallel-plane transmission line for a signal of 18 GHz. The structure has the form in Fig. 2.5c and fringing fields will be neglected. The metal thickness  $h$  is 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  with a dielectric thickness  $d$  also of 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The width of the conductors is typical of photolithographically defined lines,  $w = 10 \mu\text{m}$ . The relative permittivity of the dielectric is 3.8 and it is assumed to be lossless. From Eq. 1.9(3) the capacitance per unit length is  $C = \epsilon w/d = 1.67 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F/m}$ . From Eq. 2.5(3) the external inductance per unit length is  $L = \mu_0 d/w = 2.51 \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ . To see how to treat the internal inductance and resistance of the conductors, the depth of penetration must be compared with the film thickness. From Table 3.17 the depth of penetration for aluminum is  $\delta = 0.0826/\sqrt{f}$ , so for 18 GHz,  $\delta = 0.616 \mu\text{m}$ . Thus the aluminum films are 3.2 times the depth of penetration so they are well approximated by arbitrarily thick layers. Then the internal inductance and resistance are given by the surface impedance. From Table 3.17 the surface resistivity is  $R_s = 3.26 \times 10^{-7}\sqrt{f}$ , so from Eqs. 3.17(4) and 3.17(6) the surface impedance is

$$Z_s = 3.26 \times 10^{-7}\sqrt{f}(1 + j) \quad (23)$$

and the internal impedance per unit length for both electrodes is

$$Z_i = \frac{2Z_s}{w} = 8.75 \times 10^3(1 + j) \quad \Omega \quad (24)$$

The characteristic impedance is found from  $Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C}$ , where  $L$  includes both external and internal inductances. The latter is found from (24) by dividing by  $\omega$  so  $L_i = 7.74 \times 10^{-8} \text{ H}$ . Adding this to the external inductance and substituting the sum and the capacitance into  $Z_0$ , we find  $Z_0 = 44.3 \Omega$ . Note that if we had neglected internal inductance,  $Z_0$  would have been calculated as 38.4  $\Omega$ . The resistance per unit length  $R$  is the real part of (24). Substituting  $Z_0$  and  $R$  in (22) we get the attenuation constant:

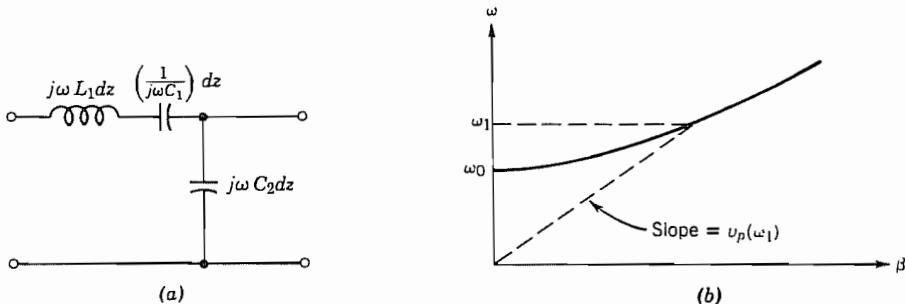
$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2Z_0} = 0.988 \text{ Np/cm} \quad (25)$$

From this we see that the wave attenuates by about a factor of  $e$  in a distance of 1 cm.

### 5.12 FILTER-TYPE DISTRIBUTED CIRCUITS: THE $\omega-\beta$ DIAGRAM

Suppose the distributed series impedance of the general transmission line is formed by inductance and capacitance in series, as shown in Fig. 5.12a. The propagation constant  $\gamma$  is then

$$\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega C_2 \left( j\omega L_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \right)} = j\omega \sqrt{L_1 C_2 \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \right)} \quad (1)$$



**FIG. 5.12** (a) Filter-type distributed circuit. (b) Its  $\omega$ - $\beta$  diagram, showing phase velocity.

where

$$\omega_c = (L_1 C_1)^{-1/2} \quad (2)$$

The interesting characteristic of this system is that for the lower range of frequencies,  $\omega < \omega_c$ ,  $\gamma$  is purely real, representing an attenuation without losses in the system

$$\gamma = \alpha = \omega \sqrt{L_1 C_2 \left( \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right)}, \quad \omega < \omega_c \quad (3)$$

The attenuation in this circuit occurs below the cutoff frequency defined by (2), so that the system is a distributed high-pass filter. The reactive attenuation which occurs arises essentially because of continuous reflections in the system, and is of the same nature as the attenuation in a loss-free, lumped-element filter in the attenuating band.

For frequencies above  $\omega_c$ , the propagation constant  $\gamma$  is purely imaginary so  $\gamma = j\beta$  and is given by (1). It is found useful to plot relations between  $\beta$  and  $\omega$  with  $\beta$  on the abscissa and  $\omega$  on the ordinate. These are called  $\omega$ - $\beta$  diagrams. Figure 5.12b shows the  $\omega$ - $\beta$  relation (1) for the line discussed here. Note that  $\beta$  goes to zero for  $\omega = \omega_c$  and does not exist for  $\omega < \omega_c$ . We saw in (3) that, for this line, there is only attenuation for  $\omega < \omega_c$ . An important reason for choosing the coordinates of the  $\omega$ - $\beta$  diagram as done is that the phase velocity at any frequency, which from Eq. 5.7(6) is  $v_p = \omega/\beta$ , can be seen immediately as the slope of a line to the origin from the curve, as illustrated in Fig. 5.12b. We see that the phase velocity for the line under consideration is

$$v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_2}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \right]^{-1/2} \quad (4)$$

which is seen to vary strongly for frequencies just above cutoff. Signals with several frequency components propagating in this range will thus have large *dispersion*, as will be discussed more in Sec. 5.15.

## Resonant Transmission Lines

### 5.13 PURELY STANDING WAVE ON AN IDEAL LINE

An important special case of standing waves on a transmission line, introduced in general in Sec. 5.8, is one in which all the incident energy is reflected. The reflected wave has the same amplitude as the incident wave so  $S = \infty$ . It is clear from Eq. 5.7(8) that  $|\rho| = 1$  so that  $|V_-| = |V_+|$  if any of the following conditions exist: (1) short-circuit load,  $Z_L = 0$ ; (2) open-circuit load,  $Z_L = \infty$ ; (3) purely reactive load. The last is less obvious than the others but is easily shown (Prob. 5.13b). In each case  $|V_-| = |V_+|$  because the load cannot dissipate power and it must, therefore, be fully reflected.

Suppose that a transmission line, shorted at one end, is excited by a sinusoidal voltage at the other. Let us select the position of the short as the reference,  $z = 0$ . The short imposes the condition that, at  $z = 0$ , voltage must always be zero. From Eq. 5.7(4),

$$V(0) = V_+ + V_- = 0$$

If  $V_- = -V_+$  is substituted in Eqs. 5.7(4) and 5.7(5),

$$V = V_+ [e^{-j\beta z} - e^{j\beta z}] = -2jV_+ \sin \beta z \quad (1)$$

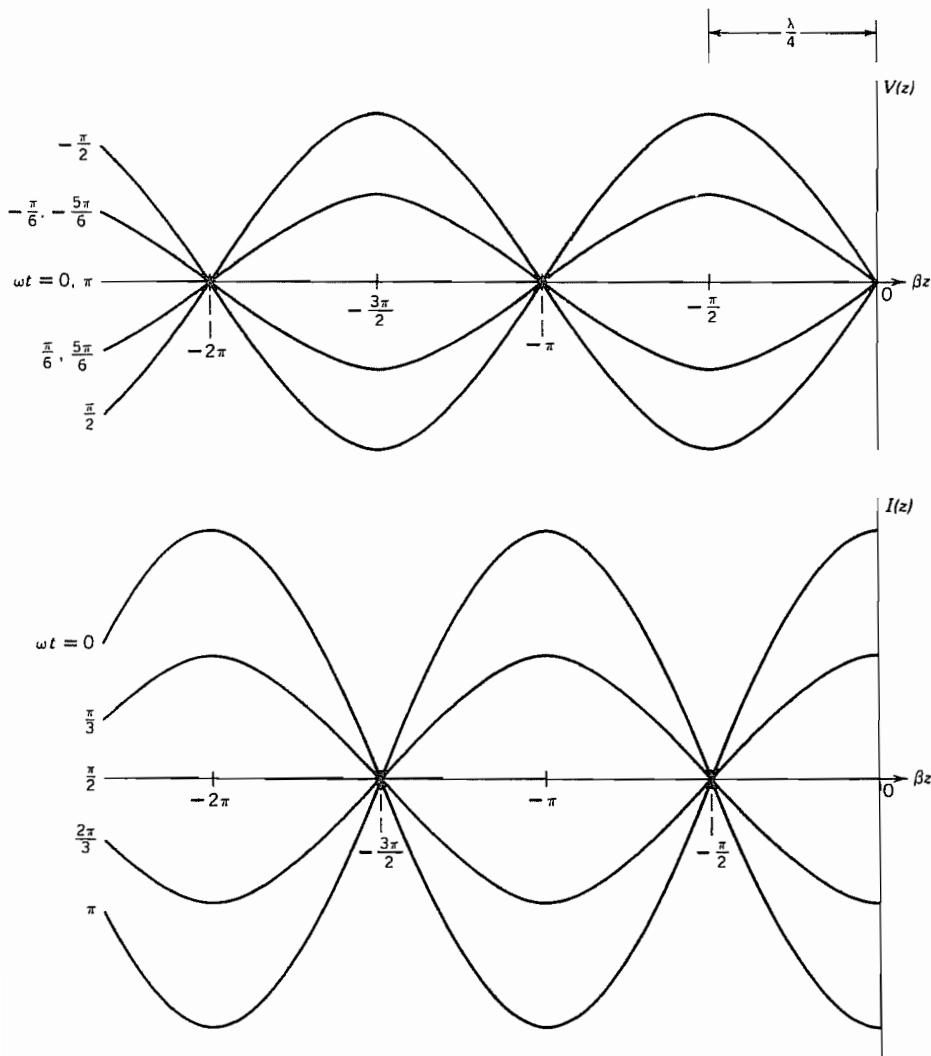
$$I = \frac{V_+}{Z_0} [e^{-j\beta z} + e^{j\beta z}] = 2 \frac{V_+}{Z_0} \cos \beta z \quad (2)$$

These results, typical for standing waves, show the following.

1. Voltage is always zero not only at the short, but also at multiples of  $\lambda/2$  to the left; that is,

$$V = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad -\beta z = n\pi \quad \text{or} \quad z = -n \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

2. Voltage is a maximum at all points for which  $\beta z$  is an odd multiple of  $\pi/2$ . These are at distances odd multiples of a quarter-wavelength from the short circuit. Figure 5.13 shows this and also the time evolution of the voltage found by multiplying (1) and (2) by  $e^{j\omega t}$  and taking the real part. Time origin is chosen so that  $V_+$  is real.
3. Current is a maximum at the short circuit and at all points where voltage is zero; it is zero at all points where voltage is a maximum. Figure 5.13 shows the time variation of current along the line.
4. Current and voltage are not only displaced in their space patterns, but also are 90 degrees out of time phase, as indicated by the  $j$  appearing in (1) and as seen in Fig. 5.13.
5. The ratio between the maximum current on the line and the maximum voltage is  $Z_0$ , the characteristic impedance of the line.
6. The total energy in any length of line a multiple of a quarter-wavelength long is



**FIG. 5.13** Time evolution of voltage and current on a shorted transmission line. The zeros and extrema remain at the same locations.

constant, merely interchanging between energy in the electric field of the voltages and energy in the magnetic field of the currents.

To check the energy relation just stated, let us calculate the magnetic energy of the currents at a time when the current pattern is a maximum and voltage is zero everywhere along the line. Current is given by (2). The energy is calculated for a quarter-wavelength of the line, assuming  $V_+$  to be real.

$$\begin{aligned} U_M &= \frac{L}{2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^0 |I|^2 dz = \frac{L}{2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^0 \frac{4V_+^2}{Z_0^2} \cos^2 \beta z dz \\ &= \frac{2V_+^2 L}{Z_0^2} \left[ \frac{z}{2} + \frac{1}{4\beta} \sin 2\beta z \right]_{-\lambda/4}^0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\beta = 2\pi/\lambda$  by Eq. 5.7(7), the foregoing is

$$U_M = \frac{V_+^2 L \lambda}{4 Z_0^2} \quad (3)$$

The maximum energy stored in the distributed capacitance effect of the line is calculated for the quarter-wavelength when the voltage pattern is a maximum and current is everywhere zero. Voltage is given by (1).

$$\begin{aligned} U_E &= \frac{C}{2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^0 |V|^2 dz = \frac{C}{2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^0 4V_+^2 \sin^2 \beta z dz \\ &= 2CV_+^2 \left[ \frac{z}{2} - \frac{1}{4\beta} \sin 2\beta z \right]_{-\lambda/4}^0 = \frac{CV_+^2 \lambda}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By the definition of  $Z_0$ , (3) may also be written

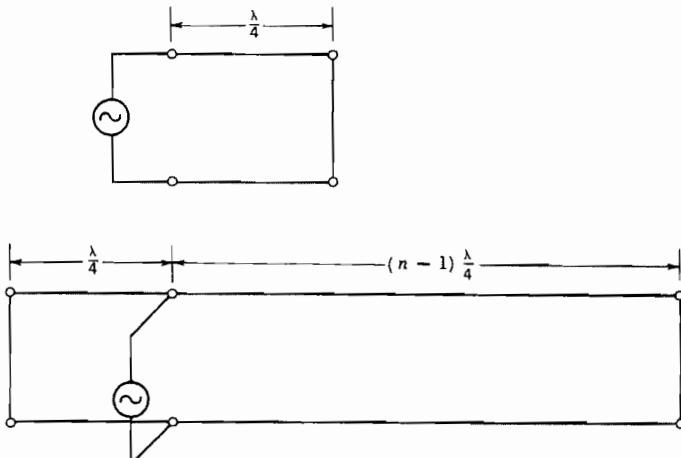
$$U_M = \frac{V_+^2 L \lambda}{4L/C} = \frac{V_+^2 C \lambda}{4} = U_E \quad (5)$$

Thus, the maximum energy stored in magnetic fields is exactly equal to that stored in electric fields 90 degrees later in phase. It can also be shown that the sum of electric and magnetic energy at any other part of the cycle is equal to this same value.

Expressions (1) and (2) are also valid for a transmission line with short circuits both at  $z = 0$  and another point where  $z = n(-\pi/\beta)$ , for any integer  $n$ . With some way to couple energy into a section of line short-circuited at both ends, at a frequency such that the above criterion on  $z$  is satisfied (recall that  $\beta = \omega/v$ ), there will be voltages and currents satisfying (1) and (2). At each such frequency, the line is said to have a *resonance*. This idea will be developed further in Sec. 5.14.

#### 5.14 INPUT IMPEDANCE AND QUALITY FACTOR FOR RESONANT TRANSMISSION LINES

Resonant systems play a very significant role in communication systems for impedance matching and filtering and we have already seen some aspects of this in Ex. 5.10d, where resonant sections of lines were used for matching impedances. In Sec. 5.13 we analyzed standing waves on short-circuited ideal lines. In the present section we consider a low-loss line shorted at either one or both ends so that standing waves similar to those discussed in Sec. 5.13 occur. The line is supplied by a voltage source connected



**FIG. 5.14a** Resonant transmission lines driven by voltage sources at positions of maximum voltage.

at a voltage maximum in either of the ways shown in Fig. 5.14a. We will find approximate expressions for the resistance seen by the source and for the quality factor  $Q$  of the line, considered as a resonant circuit.

For an ideal line, there are points of voltage maximum and zero current at odd multiples of a quarter-wavelength from the short-circuited ends so the impedance is infinite there. When losses are present, however, the impedance at these positions is high but finite, representing the energy dissipated in the losses of the line. Let us find these losses approximately for a line of  $n$  quarter-wavelengths using the expressions for voltage and current derived for an ideal line, Eqs. 5.13(1) and 5.13(2), assuming that they are not greatly changed by the small losses. The average power dissipated in the shunt conductance is then

$$W_G = \int_0^{n\lambda/4} (2V_+ \sin \beta z)^2 \frac{G}{2} dz = \left( \frac{4V_+^2 G}{4} \right) \left( \frac{n\lambda}{4} \right) \quad (1)$$

and the average power dissipated in the series resistance is

$$W_R = \int_0^{n\lambda/4} \left( \frac{2V_+ \cos \beta z}{Z_0} \right)^2 \frac{R}{2} dz = \left( \frac{4V_+^2 R}{4Z_0^2} \right) \left( \frac{n\lambda}{4} \right) \quad (2)$$

The input resistance (at a voltage maximum) must be such that the voltage appearing across this resistance will produce losses equal to the sum of (1) and (2). The magnitude of voltage there is  $2V_+$ . Thus

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{(2V_+)^2}{R_i} = \frac{nV_+^2 \lambda}{4} \left( G + \frac{R}{Z_0^2} \right)$$

or

$$R_i = \frac{8Z_0}{n\lambda[GZ_0 + (R/Z_0)]} \quad (3)$$

A general expression for the quality factor  $Q$  of any resonant system is

$$Q \triangleq \frac{\omega_0 \text{ (energy stored)}}{\text{average power loss}} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{W_L} \quad (4)$$

For a resonant transmission line of  $n$  quarter-wavelengths, the stored energy for each quarter-wavelength is taken as that for the ideal line, Eq. 5.13(5), and the power loss is given by the sum of (1) and (2). The result is

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0 U}{W_L} = \frac{4\omega_0 C V_{+}^2 n\lambda}{4V_{+}^2 n\lambda [G + (R/Z_0^2)]} = \frac{\omega_0 C Z_0}{G Z_0 + (R/Z_0)} \quad (5)$$

We see that  $Q$  is independent of  $n$ ; this results from the fact that both the stored energy and the power dissipated are proportional to the length. Thus,  $Q$  is a property of the line, independent of the number of resonant quarter-wavelengths.

The input resistance for a shorted quarter-wavelength section or at the maximum voltage point of a line  $n\lambda/4$  ( $n$  even) long shorted at both ends can be rewritten using (3) and (5) with Eqs. 5.2(8) and 5.2(14) and 5.7(6) and 5.7(7):

$$R_i = \frac{8Q}{n\lambda\omega_0 C} = \frac{4QZ_0}{n\pi} \quad (6)$$

The input resistance measures the power supplied to maintain a given voltage level;  $Q$  increases as the losses decrease, leading to a higher input resistance.

If the frequency and, therefore,  $\lambda$  are changed so the distance from the input point to the short circuit differs from  $\lambda/4$ , the input impedance acquires a reactive component of first-order importance. With the same amount of frequency change, the voltage and current patterns do not change much, so the resistive part (6) does not change much.

It will be convenient to complete the analysis in terms of admittance. The susceptance that arises is in parallel with the conductance equivalent of (6). Let us calculate it for the lower circuit in Fig. 5.14a. It consists of two susceptances in parallel, that for the  $\lambda/4$  section on the left and that of the remaining  $(n - 1)\lambda/4$  portion on the right. For each section, the load admittance is infinite so Eq. 5.7(14) gives, in the lossless approximation,

$$jB_i = -jY_0(\cot \beta l_L + \cot \beta l_R) \quad (7)$$

where  $Y_0 = 1/Z_0$  and  $l_L$  and  $l_R$  are the lengths of the left and right sides of the line. Letting  $\beta = \omega/v_p = \omega_0(1 + \delta)/v_p = \beta_0 + \beta_0\delta$  and taking  $\beta_0 l_L = \pi/2$  and  $\beta_0 l_R = (n - 1)\pi/2$ , the cotangents in (7) can be approximated for small  $\delta$  to give

$$B_i = Y_0 \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \delta + \frac{(n - 1)\pi}{2} \delta \right] = \frac{n\pi}{2} \delta Y_0 \quad (8)$$

Then using (6) and (8), we have the admittance at the feed point in the  $n\lambda/4$  line in the lower circuit of Fig. 5.14a:

$$Y_i = \frac{n\pi}{2} Y_0 \left( \frac{1}{2Q} + j\delta \right) \quad (9)$$

For the upper circuit in Fig. 5.14a the  $\cot \beta l_R$  terms in (7) and (8) are missing so (9) describes that circuit with  $n = 1$ . From this we see that the fractional frequency shift for which the susceptance becomes equal to the conductance, a common measure of circuit sharpness, is

$$\delta_1 = \frac{1}{2Q} \quad (10)$$

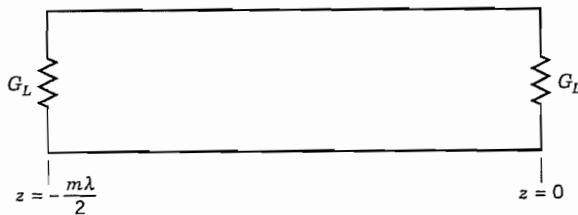
or

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2 \Delta\omega_1} = \frac{f_0}{2 \Delta f_1} \quad (11)$$

where  $2 \Delta f_1$  is the frequency width between points where the admittance magnitude reaches  $\sqrt{2}$  times its value at resonance ( $\omega = \omega_0$ ). Thus  $Q$ , as defined by (4), is useful as a measure of sharpness of frequency response, as it is for lumped-element circuits. Resonant low-loss transmission lines can have  $Q$ 's of thousands in the UHF range of frequencies.

### Example 5.14 OPEN-ENDED PARALLEL-PLANE TRANSMISSION LINE

Consider standing waves in an open-circuited section of transmission line and the contribution to  $Q$  from radiation at the ends. Radiation loss may be expressed in terms of load conductances  $G_L$  at each end, as pictured in Fig. 5.14b, and when radiation is



**FIG. 5.14b** Model for open-ended transmission line.

small,  $G_L \ll 1/Z_0$ , fields in the line are essentially those of a completely open-circuited line,

$$V = 2V_+ \cos \beta z \quad (12)$$

$$I = -j \frac{2V_+}{Z_0} \sin \beta z \quad (13)$$

Power loss from the two end conductances is then

$$W_L = 2 \frac{(2V_+)^2}{2} G_L \quad (14)$$

Energy storage for a length some multiple of a half-wavelength is

$$U = \int_{-m\lambda/2}^0 \frac{C}{2} (2V_+)^2 \cos^2 \beta z \, dz = \frac{CV_+^2 m\lambda}{2} \quad (15)$$

Using (4), the  $Q$  from the radiation component is found to be

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0 C m \lambda}{8G_L} = \frac{m\pi}{4Z_0 G_L} \quad (16)$$

There may also be contributions to  $Q$  from conductor and dielectric losses, as in (5). Losses, when small, add, so reciprocals of  $Q$ 's add also:

$$\frac{1}{Q_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{Q_1} + \frac{1}{Q_2} + \dots \quad (17)$$


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## Special Topics

### 5.15 GROUP AND ENERGY VELOCITIES

A function of time with arbitrary wave shape may be expressed as a sum of sinusoidal waves by Fourier analysis. If it happens that  $v_p$  is the same for each frequency component and there is no attenuation, the component waves will add in proper phase at each point along the line to reproduce the original wave shape exactly, but delayed by the time of propagation  $z/v_p$ . The velocity  $v_p$  in this case describes the rate at which the wave moves down the line and could be said to be the velocity of propagation. This case occurs, for example, in the ideal loss-free transmission line already studied for which  $v_p$  is a constant equal to  $(LC)^{-1/2}$ . If  $v_p$  changes with frequency, there is said

to be *dispersion* and a signal may change shape as it travels. This causes distortion of analog signals and limits data rates because of the spreading of pulses in digital signals.

In the nondispersive situation described above, a wave of a given shape propagates along a line without distortion. The velocity of the group of frequency components is the same as the phase velocity of any one. In many transmission systems the velocity of the envelope of the wave such as that in Fig. 5.15a can be different from the phase velocities of the frequency components, and it is useful to introduce a so-called *group velocity* to describe the motion of the group, or envelope of the wave. This is the typical case when a high-frequency carrier is modulated by a digital or analog signal.

Let us consider the simplest possible group, a wave having two equal-amplitude sinusoidal components of slightly different frequency. The voltage at  $z = 0$  with unity-amplitude components is

$$V(t) = \sin(\omega_0 - d\omega)t + \sin(\omega_0 + d\omega)t \quad (1)$$

Then for a lossless line, the voltage at any point is

$$V(t, z) = \sin[(\omega_0 - d\omega)t - (\beta_0 - d\beta)z] + \sin[(\omega_0 + d\omega)t - (\beta_0 + d\beta)z] \quad (2)$$

in which  $\beta$  is to be regarded as a function of  $\omega$ ;  $d\beta$  corresponds to  $d\omega$ . Expression (2) can be put in the form

$$V(t, z) = 2 \cos[(d\omega)t - (d\beta)z] \sin(\omega_0 t - \beta_0 z) \quad (3)$$

From (3) we see that the voltage in this wave group has the form shown in Fig. 5.15b for one instant of time. The sinusoid of center frequency moves at the phase velocity  $v_p = \omega_0/\beta_0$  whereas the envelope, described by  $\cos[(d\omega)t - (d\beta)z]$ , has the form of a wave but it moves at a different velocity. This is found by keeping the argument of the cosine term a constant:

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta} \quad (4)$$

Velocity  $v_g$  is called the group velocity and is shown in Fig. 5.15b. Note that  $v_g$  is the slope of  $\omega-\beta$  curve at the center frequency of the group. Forming the derivative  $dv_p/d\omega$  using  $v_p = \omega/\beta$ , another useful form for group velocity can be derived:

$$v_g = \frac{v_p}{1 - (\omega/v_p)(dv_p/d\omega)} \quad (5)$$

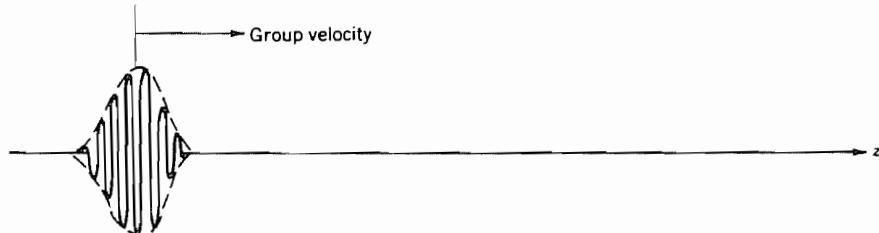
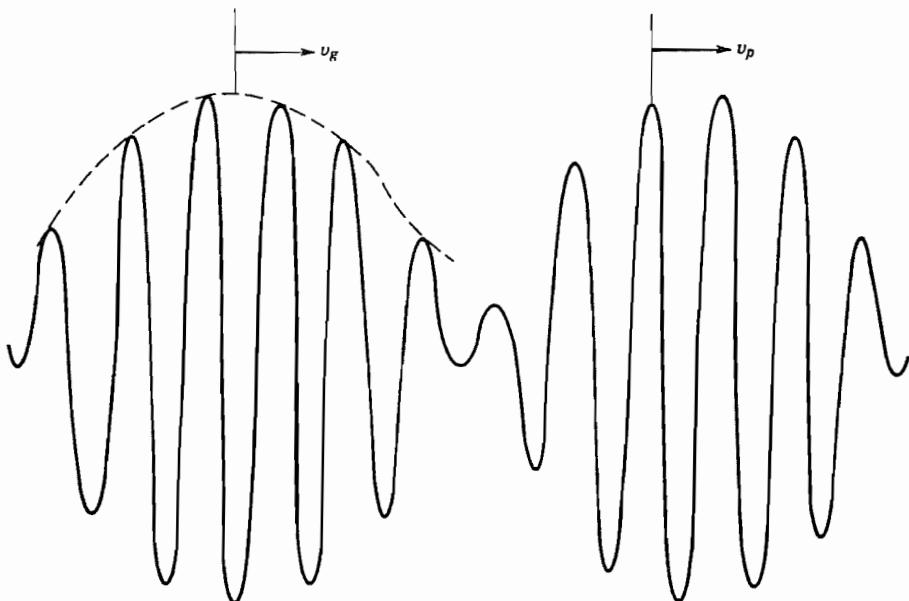


FIG. 5.15a Envelope or group velocity.



**FIG. 5.15b** Phase and group velocities for a group of two sinusoids of slightly different frequencies.

For groups more complicated than the two-frequency one considered above, we will show later by Fourier analysis that the envelope of a modulated wave retains its shape so long as  $v_g$  is constant (i.e., the  $\omega-\beta$  curve is linear) over the range of frequencies required to represent the wave. In that case, a pulse such as that illustrated in Fig. 5.15a would retain its *envelope* shape and propagate with delay time  $\tau_d$  over distance  $l$ :

$$\tau_d = \frac{l}{v_g} = l \frac{d\beta}{d\omega} \quad (6)$$

If  $d\beta/d\omega$  is not constant over the frequency band of the signal, there is a broadening or distortion of the envelope. This is known as *group dispersion* and will be seen in several later examples.

Group velocity is often referred to as the “velocity of energy travel.” This concept has validity for many important cases, but is not universally true.<sup>6,7</sup> To illustrate the basis for the concept, let us define here a separate velocity  $v_E$  based on energy flow so that power transfer is stored energy multiplied by this velocity. That is,

$$v_E = \frac{W_T}{u_{av}} \quad (7)$$

<sup>6</sup> J. A. Stratton, *Electromagnetic Theory*, pp. 330–340, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

<sup>7</sup> L. Brillouin, *Wave Propagation and Group Velocity*, Academic Press, New York, 1960.

where  $W_T$  is average power flow in a single wave and  $u_{av}$  is average energy storage per unit length. If this definition is applied to the ideal transmission line of Sec. 5.7, we find that  $v_E = v_g = v_p$ . More interesting is the case of the filter-type circuit of Fig. 5.12a, which is a case of *normal dispersion* ( $dv_p/d\omega < 0$ ). Here

$$\begin{aligned} W_T &= \frac{1}{2} Z_0 II^* = \frac{II^*}{2} \left[ \frac{L_1}{C_2} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \right) \right]^{1/2} \\ u_{av} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_2 VV^*}{2} + \frac{L_1 II^*}{2} + \frac{C_1}{2} \frac{II^*}{\omega^2 C_1^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{L_1}{4} \left( \frac{C_2 Z_0^2}{L_1} + 1 + \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \right) II^* = \frac{L_1 II^*}{2} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$v_E = (L_1 C_2)^{-1/2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

This is equal to group velocity  $d\omega/d\beta$ , as can be found by differentiating Eq. 5.12(1), and is different from phase velocity.

The identity of group velocity and energy velocity can also be shown to be true for simple waveguides, and it also applies to many other cases of normal dispersion. It does not usually apply to systems with *anomalous dispersion* ( $dv_p/d\omega > 0$ ), including the simple transmission line with losses. In any event the concept of an energy velocity is useful only when there is limited dispersion so that the input signal can be recognized at the output.

## 5.16 BACKWARD WAVES

A wave in which phase velocity and group velocity have opposite signs is known as a *backward wave*. Conditions for these may seem unexpected or rare, but they are not. Consider for instance the distributed system of Fig. 5.16a in which there are series capacitances and shunt inductances—the dual of the simple transmission line of Sec. 5.2. From Sec. 5.11,

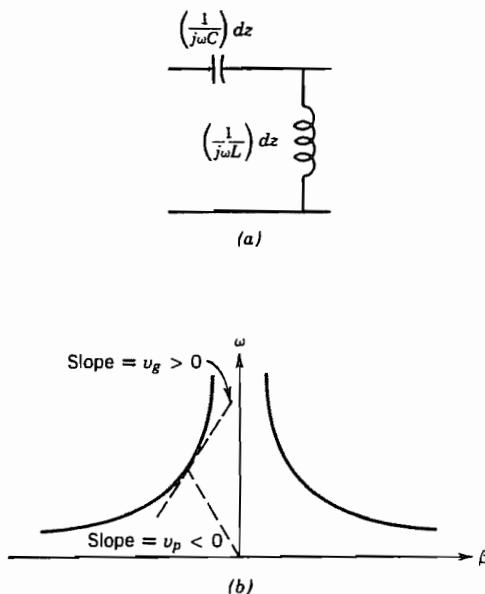
$$\gamma = j\beta = \sqrt{ZY} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)\left(\frac{1}{j\omega L}\right)} = -\frac{j}{\omega\sqrt{LC}} \quad (1)$$

This  $\omega-\beta$  relation is shown in Fig. 5.16b. The phase and group velocities are

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = -\omega^2\sqrt{LC} \quad (2)$$

and

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta} = \omega^2\sqrt{LC} \quad (3)$$



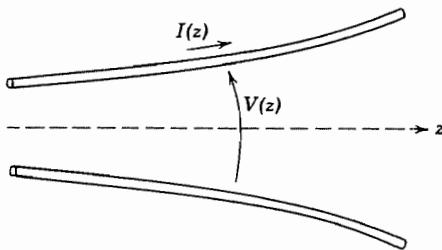
**FIG. 5.16** (a) Equivalent circuit for a transmission line which propagates backward waves. (b)  $\omega$ - $\beta$  relation for line of (a) showing phase and group velocity directions discussed in the text.

So it is seen that this very simple transmission system satisfies the conditions for backward waves. If energy is made to flow in the positive  $z$  direction, group velocity will be in this direction, as this is a case where  $v_g$  does represent energy flow (see Prob. 5.16c). However, the phase becomes increasingly negative or "lagging" in the direction of propagation because of the  $C-L$  configuration. Thus there is a negative phase velocity.

There are many other filter-type circuits having other combinations of series and shunt inductances and capacitances on which can exist waves with increasingly lagging phase in the direction of energy propagation. Also, all periodic circuits (Sec. 9.10) have equal numbers of forward and backward "space harmonics."

### 5.17 NONUNIFORM TRANSMISSION LINES

For a transmission line with varying spacing or size of conductors, as illustrated in Fig. 5.17, a natural extension of the transmission-line analysis would lead one to consider impedance and admittance as varying with distance in the transmission-line equations. Actually, fields may be distorted so that the formulation is not this simple, but it is a good approximation in a number of important cases, and the methods discussed apply



**FIG. 5.17** Nonuniform transmission line.

to some wave problems with spatial variations of the medium (i.e., inhomogeneous materials). The remainder of this section will consider cases where such nonuniform transmission-line theory yields a good approximation.

If impedance and admittance per unit length vary with distance, the transmission-line equations corresponding to Eqs. 5.11(1) and 5.11(2) are

$$\frac{dV(z)}{dz} = -Z(z)I(z) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dI(z)}{dz} = -Y(z)V(z) \quad (2)$$

Differentiate (1) with respect to  $z$ , denoting  $z$  differentiation by primes:

$$V'' = -[ZI' + Z'I] \quad (3)$$

To obtain a differential equation in voltage alone,  $I$  may be substituted from (1) and  $I'$  from (2). The result is

$$V'' - \left(\frac{Z'}{Z}\right)V' - (ZY)V = 0 \quad (4)$$

A similar procedure, starting with differentiation of (2), yields a second-order differential equation in  $I$ :

$$I'' - \left(\frac{Y'}{Y}\right)I' - (ZY)I = 0 \quad (5)$$

If  $Z'$  and  $Y'$  are zero, (4) and (5) reduce, as they should, to the equations for a uniform line (Sec. 5.11). When these derivatives are nonzero, representing the nonuniform line discussed, the equations may be solved numerically for arbitrary variations of  $Z$  and  $Y$  with distance. A few forms of the variation permit analytic solutions, including the “radial transmission line,” where either  $Z$  or  $Y$  is proportional to  $z$ , and their product is constant. Another important case is the “exponential line,” which is taken as the example for this article.

**Example 5.17**  
LINE WITH EXPONENTIALLY VARYING PROPERTIES

Let us consider a loss-free exponential line with  $Z$  and  $Y$  varying as follows:

$$Z = j\omega L_0 e^{qz}, \quad Y = j\omega C_0 e^{-qz} \quad (6)$$

These variations yield constant values of  $ZY$ ,  $Z'/Z$ , and  $Y'/Y$  so that (4) and (5) become equations with constant coefficients,

$$V'' - qV' + \omega^2 L_0 C_0 V = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$I'' + qI' + \omega^2 L_0 C_0 I = 0 \quad (8)$$

These have solutions of the exponential propagating form,

$$V = V_0 e^{-\gamma_1 z}, \quad I = I_0 e^{-\gamma_2 z} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\gamma_1 = -\frac{q}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 - \omega^2 L_0 C_0} \quad (10)$$

$$\gamma_2 = +\frac{q}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 - \omega^2 L_0 C_0} \quad (11)$$

We see the interesting property of "cutoff" again, for  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are purely real for low frequencies  $\omega < \omega_c$  where

$$\omega_c^2 L_0 C_0 = \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 \quad (12)$$

The attenuation represented by these real values, like that for the loss-free filter-type lines, is reactive. This represents no power dissipation but only a continuous reflection of the wave. For  $\omega > \omega_c$ , however, the values of  $\gamma$  have both real and imaginary parts, which is a behavior different from that of the loss-free filters. Again the real parts represent no power dissipation (see Prob. 5.17b). The values of  $\gamma$  approach purely imaginary values representing phase change only for  $\omega \gg \omega_c$ .

The greatest use of this type of line is in matching between lines of different characteristic impedance. Unlike the resonant matching sections (Prob. 5.7c), this type of matching is insensitive to frequency. Note the variation of characteristic impedance:

$$Z(z) = \frac{V(z)}{I(z)} = \frac{V_0 e^{-\gamma_1 z}}{I_0 e^{-\gamma_2 z}} = \frac{V_0}{I_0} e^{-(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)z} = Z_0(0) e^{qz} \quad (13)$$

Thus  $Z_0$  can be changed by an appreciable factor if  $qz$  is large enough. The transmission-

line approximation will become poor, however, if there is too large a change of  $Z$  and  $Y$  in a wavelength or in a distance comparable to conductor spacing.

The design of nonuniform matching sections is explored in detail by Elliott.<sup>8</sup>

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## PROBLEMS

- 5.2a** Sketch the function

$$V(z, t) = \cos \omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\omega \left( t + \frac{z}{v} \right)$$

versus  $\omega z/v$  for values of  $\omega t = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2$  and explain how this shows traveling-wave behavior.

- 5.2b** (i) Derive an expression for the characteristic impedance of the parallel-plate line in Fig. 5.2 having a width  $w$  and spacing  $a$  neglecting the internal inductance of the conductors. Thin-film transmission lines in some computer circuits can be modeled approximately by the parallel-plane line. The line width is usually about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and the spacing is by means of dielectric of 1- $\mu\text{m}$  thickness and relative permittivity 2.5 (as is usually true for dielectrics, the relative permeability can be taken as  $\approx 1.0$ ).

- (ii) Calculate the characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  and wave velocity  $v$ .  
 (iii) Suppose the dielectric thickness is halved and find the new values of  $Z_0$  and  $v$ .

A better model for such lines is given in Chapter 8.

- 5.2c** The capacitance per unit length of a parallel-wire line having radii  $R$  with distance  $2d$  between axes is  $C = \pi\epsilon/\cosh^{-1}(d/R)$ . Find characteristic impedance of a line with air dielectric and spacing between axes 1 cm if (i) wire radius is 2 mm and (ii) wire radius is 0.5 mm.

- 5.2d** Calculate propagation time along the following transmission lines interconnecting computer elements:

- (i) A thin-film line on GaAs ( $\epsilon_r = 11$ ) between circuit elements 100  $\mu\text{m}$  apart  
 (ii) Transmission line interconnecting two devices on a silicon computer chip 1 mm apart,  $\epsilon_r = 12$   
 (iii) Coaxial cable 100 m long with  $\epsilon_r = 2.4$ , used to interconnect computer terminal and central processor

- 5.2e** A second type of solution to the wave equation, to be studied later in the chapter, is the *standing wave* solution. Find under what conditions the following such solution satisfies Eq. 5.2(7):

$$V(z, t) = V_m \cos \omega t \sin \beta z$$

Find the current  $I(z, t)$  corresponding to this voltage distribution.

- 5.2f** Expand the cosine and sine in the expression of Prob. 5.2e in terms of complex exponentials,  $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{jx} + e^{-jx})$ , and so on, and after multiplying out, show that the products can be interpreted as traveling waves of the form of Eq. 5.2(10).
- 5.2g** Examine the expression for characteristic impedance of a coaxial transmission line, Eq. 5.2(15), and explain why it is difficult to obtain high characteristic impedances for such a line without having unreasonable dimensions or very high losses. Plot dc resistance per unit length for such a line versus  $Z_0$  if the outer conductor is a tubular copper conductor of inner radius 1 cm and wall thickness 1 mm, and the inner conductor a solid copper cylinder.
- 5.2h** Repeat Prob. 5.2g but plot ac resistance at 100 MHz using the approximation of Ex. 3.17.
- 5.2i** Use Eqs. 5.2(3) and (4) to show that the spatial rate of change of power flow on an ideal line is equal to the negative of the time rate of change of the stored energy per unit length.
- 5.3** To show some simple properties of transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waves, utilize Maxwell's equations in rectangular coordinates (though the boundaries need not be rectangular). Take the dielectric as source-free and without losses. Show that if  $H_z = 0$  and  $E_z = 0$ ,
- (i) Propagation must be at the velocity of light in the dielectric.
  - (ii) Both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  (which are transverse) satisfy the Laplace equation in  $x$  and  $y$ .
- 5.4a** Derive Eq. 5.4(7) directly from voltage and current for the load.
- 5.4b** Plot  $\rho^2$  and  $1 - \rho^2$  as functions of  $R_L/Z_0$  and note region of reasonable power transfer to the load.
- 5.5a** Analyze, as in Ex. 5.5a and with drawings like those in Fig. 5.5a, the case of a pulse of length  $t_1/5$  reaching a termination at  $l = vt_1$  with  $R_L = 2Z_0$ . Find an expression for the energy dissipated in the load in terms of the voltage of the incident pulse.
- 5.5b** A transmission line of characteristic impedance  $Z_{01} = 50 \Omega$  and length  $l = 200$  m is connected to a second line of characteristic impedance  $Z_{02} = 100 \Omega$  and infinite length. Velocity of propagation in both lines is  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s. Voltage  $V_0 = 100$  V is suddenly applied at the input to line 1 at  $t = 0$ . Sketch current versus distance  $z$  at  $t = 1.3 \mu\text{s}$ . Calculate power in the incident wave, the reflected wave, and the wave transmitted into line 2, showing that there is a power balance.
- 5.5c** Plot the reflected wave from the terminal of computer No. 2, as in Fig. 5.4g, if  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$  and  $R_L = 10 \Omega$ .
- 5.5d** At  $t = 0$  a charge distribution is suddenly placed in the central portion of an infinite line as in Ex. 5.5c except that the voltage distribution in  $z$  is triangular, with maximum voltage  $V_0$  at  $z = 0$ , falling to zero at  $z = \pm 1$  m. Find voltage and current distributions at  $t = 1.667$  ns and at  $t = 5$  ns, as in Ex. 5.5c.
- 5.5e** Repeat Ex. 5.5e but with the transmission line terminated with inductor  $L$ .
- 5.5f** The problem is as in Ex. 5.5e except that the transmission line continues beyond the capacitor, where it is terminated by its characteristic impedance. Find  $V_-(t)$ ,  $V_c(t)$ , and  $V_2(t)$  in this case, where  $V_2(t)$  is the voltage at the input to the continuation transmission line.
- 5.6a** An ideal open ended line of length  $l$  is charged to dc voltage  $V$  and shorted at its input at time  $t = 0$ . Sketch the current wave shape through the short as a function of time.

- 5.6b** A charged cable is connected suddenly to a load resistor equal to its  $50\text{-}\Omega$  characteristic impedance. If its length is 3 m and its phase velocity is one-half the velocity of light, how long is the pulse in the load? Sketch the waveform at the midpoint of the line assuming the cable is initially charged to 100 V and the load is  $25\text{ }\Omega$  instead of  $50\text{ }\Omega$ .

- 5.6c** The circuit shown in Fig. P5.6c is a so-called Blumlein pulse generator (A. T. Starr, *Radio and Radar Technique*, Pitman & Sons, London, 1953) and has the property that it produces a voltage pulse equal to the voltage to which the lines are initially charged by the source  $V_c$ . The resistor  $R_c$  can be considered essentially infinite. At a time  $\tau$  after the switch is closed, a voltage  $V_c$  appears across the output line terminals  $0-0'$  and that voltage remains across the terminals  $0-0'$  for a time  $2\tau$ . The initially charged lines are of equal length. Analyze the behavior of the circuit to show the above-described behavior, treating the output line as a lumped resistor  $R_L = 2Z_0$ .

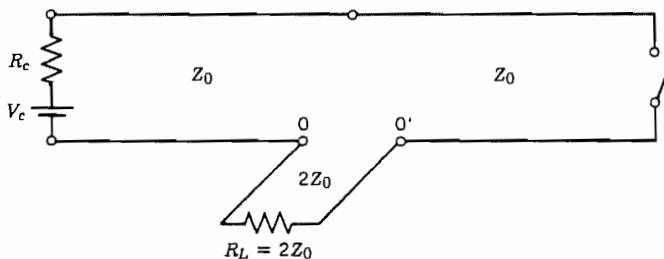


FIG. P5.6c

- 5.7a** The alternative approach to derivation of the phasor forms for voltage and current along a transmission line is to replace  $\partial/\partial t$  by  $j\omega$  in Eqs. 5.2(3) and (4). Write such equations and show that Eqs. 5.7(4) and (5) satisfy them.
- 5.7b** Find the special cases of Eq. 5.7(13) for a shorted line, an open line, a half-wave line with load impedance  $Z_L$ , and a quarter-wave line with load impedance  $Z_L$ .
- 5.7c** When two transmission lines are to be connected in cascade, a reflection of the wave to be transmitted from one to the other will occur if they do not have the same characteristic impedances. Show that a quarter-wavelength line inserted between the cascaded lines will cause the first line to see its characteristic impedance  $Z_{01}$  as a termination and thus eliminate reflection in transfer if  $\beta_2 l_2 = \pi/2$  and  $Z_{02} = \sqrt{Z_{01}Z_{03}}$ , where  $Z_{02}$  and  $Z_{03}$  are the characteristic impedances of the quarter-wave section and the final line, respectively.
- 5.7d** Derive an expression for a reflection coefficient for current  $\rho_i = I_-/I_+$  and show that it differs in phase from the voltage reflection coefficient by  $\pi$  rad.
- 5.7e** A television receiving line of negligible loss is one-third of a wavelength long and has characteristic impedance of  $100\text{ }\Omega$ . The detuned receiver acts as a load of  $100 + j100\text{ }\Omega$ . Find the input impedance. Sketch a phasor diagram showing the values of  $V_+$ ,  $V_-$ ,  $I_+$ , and  $I_-$  at both the load and input, and check the calculated results for impedance from this diagram.
- 5.7f** A strip transmission line of characteristic impedance  $20\text{ }\Omega$  is used at a frequency of 10 GHz with a load that is a microwave diode with conductance  $0.05\text{ S}$  in parallel with a  $1\text{-pF}$  capacitor. The line is one-eighth wavelength long at the design frequency. Find reflection coefficient at the load and the input admittance.

- 5.7g** If  $Z_L \ll Z_0$  and the line not near a multiple of quarter-wavelength in length, show that the first-order terms of a binomial expansion for Eq. 5.7(13) give the following approximate expression for input impedance:

$$Z_i \approx jZ_0 \tan \beta l + Z_L \sec^2 \beta l$$

- 5.7h** If  $Z_L \gg Z_0$  and the line not near a multiple of quarter-wavelength in length, show that the first-order terms of a binomial expansion for Eq. 5.7(13) give the following approximate expression for input impedance:

$$Z_i \approx -jZ_0 \cot \beta l + \frac{Z_0^2}{Z_L} \csc^2 \beta l$$

- 5.8a** An impedance of  $100 + j100 \Omega$  is placed as a load on a transmission line of characteristic impedance  $50 \Omega$ . Find the reflection coefficient in magnitude and phase and the standing wave ratio of the line.
- 5.8b** Suppose that reflection coefficient is given in magnitude and phase as  $|\rho|e^{j\phi}$  at the load at  $z = 0$ . Find the value of (negative)  $z$  for which voltage is a maximum. Show that current is in phase with voltage at this position, so that impedance there is real, as stated. Calculate the position of maximum voltage for the numerical values of Prob. 5.8a.
- 5.8c** A slotted line measurement shows a standing wave ratio of 1.5 with voltage minimum  $0.1\lambda$  in front of the load. Find magnitude and phase of reflection coefficient at the load and the input impedance for a length  $0.2\lambda$  of the line.
- 5.8d** An ideal transmission line is terminated by a resistance with value half the characteristic impedance,  $R_L = Z_0/2$ . What resistance can you put in parallel with the line  $\lambda/4$  in front of the load to eliminate reflections on the generator side of that resistance? Can you find a value for such a parallel resistance if the load resistance is  $2Z_0$ ?
- 5.8e\*** Give two designs for a power splitter consisting of one  $50-\Omega$  input line T-connected to two  $50-\Omega$  lines with matched terminations, using quarter-wave transformers (see Prob. 5.7c) as necessary to ensure unity standing wave ratio at the input at the design frequency and an equal power split. Plot power reflected in the input line as a function of frequency.
- 5.8f** Show that Eq. 5.8(1) can be written in phasor notation in the form of a standing wave plus a traveling wave. Rewrite as a real function of time and, for the example in Fig. 5.8, calculate  $V(z)$  at a value of  $\omega t$  shifted in phase by  $\pi/4$  rad from  $\omega t_1$ .
- 5.9** The Smith chart uses loci of constant resistance and reactance on the reflection coefficient plane. Other charts have used loci of reflection coefficient magnitude and phase plotted on the impedance plane. Show that curves of constant  $|\rho|^2$  are circles on the impedance plane, and give radii and position of the centers as functions of  $|\rho|^2$ . Similarly define the circles corresponding to constant phase of  $\rho$ . Explain the advantages of the Smith chart.
- 5.10a** A  $50-\Omega$  line is terminated in a load impedance of  $75 - j69 \Omega$ . The line is 3.5 m long and is excited by a source of energy at 50 MHz. Velocity of propagation along the line is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s. Find the input impedance, the reflection coefficient in magnitude and phase, the value of the standing wave ratio, and the position of a voltage minimum, using the Smith chart.
- 5.10b** The standing wave ratio on an ideal  $70-\Omega$  line is measured as 3.2, and a voltage minimum is observed 0.23 wavelength in front of the load. Find the load impedance using the Smith chart.

**5.10c** Show that the Smith chart for admittance has the form in Fig. 5.10b, developing equations corresponding to Eqs. 5.9(1)–(8).

**5.10d** Repeat Prob. 5.10b using the chart to determine load admittance. Check to see if the result is consistent with the impedance found in Prob. 5.10b.

**5.10e** A  $70\Omega$  line is terminated in an impedance of  $50 + j10 \Omega$ . Find the position and value of a reactance that might be added in series with the line at some point to eliminate reflections of waves incident from the source end. Use the Smith chart.

**5.10f** Repeat Prob. 5.10e to determine the position and value of shunt susceptance to be placed on the line for matching.

**5.10g\*** A  $50\Omega$  transmission line is terminated with a load of  $Z_L = 20 + j30$ . A *double-stub tuner* consisting of a pair of shorted  $50\Omega$  transmission lines connected in shunt to the main line at points spaced by  $0.25\lambda$  is located with one stub at  $0.2\lambda$  from the load. (See Fig. P5.10g.) Find the lengths of the stubs to give unity standing wave ratio for  $-z < 0.45\lambda$ .

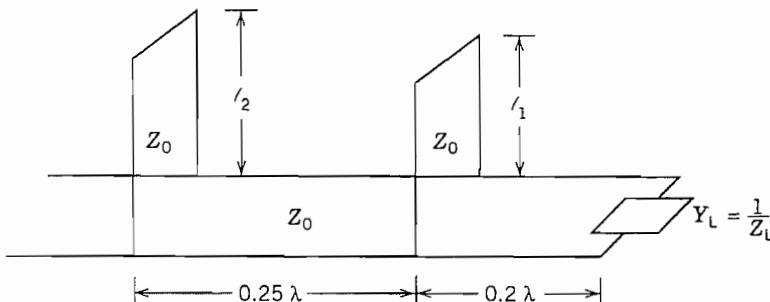


FIG. P5.10g

**5.10h\*** Two antennas have impedances of  $100 + j100 \Omega$  for a particular frequency and are fed by transmission lines of characteristic impedance  $300 \Omega$ . By inspection of the Smith chart, show that it is possible to choose different lengths for the two feed lines so that when combined in series at the input, the series combination perfectly matches the  $300\Omega$  line to which they are connected. Give the lengths of the two lines in fractions of a wavelength. By study of the procedure you have used, state whether or not this compensation approach will work if the two antennas have arbitrary but equal impedances.

**5.10i\*** The problem is as in Prob. 5.10h except that the two transmission lines are connected in parallel.

**5.10j** A certain coaxial line has an alternating dielectric of vacuum and a material with  $\epsilon = 4\epsilon_0$  and  $\mu = \mu_0$  and is terminated at the end of a vacuum section by an impedance equal to the characteristic impedance of the vacuum regions. At frequency  $f_0$  the dielectric and vacuum regions are each  $\lambda/2$  long ( $\lambda$  appropriate to each region). Show on a Smith chart the path of impedance variation along the line for operating frequencies  $f_0$  and  $f_0/2$ . Also plot the standing wave ratio as a function of distance from the load.

**5.10k\*** Show on the Smith chart regions of admittance which cannot be matched by the double-stub arrangement of Prob. 5.10g. Repeat for a spacing of  $\lambda/8$  between stubs. Repeat for a three-stub arrangement with spacing  $\lambda/8$  between stubs.

**5.11a** Use the formula for input impedance of a transmission line with losses to check Eq. 5.11(22), making approximations consistent with  $R/\omega L \ll 1$  and  $G/\omega C \ll 1$ .

- 5.11b** Defining  $\alpha_c$  from conductor losses and  $\alpha_d$  from dielectric losses by identifying the appropriate parts of Eq. 5.11(13), write the approximate expressions, Eqs. 5.11(14) and (15) for  $\beta$  and  $Z_0$  in terms of  $\alpha_c$  and  $\alpha_d$ .
- 5.11c** If the transmission line of Ex. 5.11 is made with thinner films, the currents in the metal films can be almost uniform. With that approximation for films 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, calculate the characteristic impedance and attenuation. Comment on the effects of using thinner films.
- 5.11d\*** Show that the variation of complex power along a lossy transmission line carrying sinusoidal waves can be written as  $(d/dz)(\frac{1}{2}VI^*) + \frac{1}{2}(RII^* + GVV^*) + (j/2)(XII^* - BVV^*) = 0$ , where  $X$  and  $B$  are the imaginary parts of  $Z$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Also, show that a direct term-by-term identification with the complex Poynting theorem can be made by multiplying the above expression by  $dz$  and considering the volume for Eq. 3.13(6) to be of  $dz$  thickness and infinite width.
- 5.11e** Calculate for frequencies 1 MHz and 1 GHz the attenuation in decibels per meter for an air-filled coaxial transmission line with copper conductors using the skin-effect approximations for high-frequency resistance of Ex. 3.17. The inner conductor is a solid cylinder of radius 2 mm and the outer conductor is a thick tubular cylinder of inner radius 1 cm.
- 5.11f** Repeat Prob. 5.11e if the transmission line is now filled with a polystyrene dielectric. The equivalent conductances of polystyrene at 1 MHz and 1 GHz are, respectively,  $\sigma_d = 10^{-8} \text{ S/m}$  and  $2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S/m}$ .
- 5.12a** For the filter-type circuit studied in Sec. 5.12, find expressions for characteristic impedance  $Z_0$ . Show that this is real in the propagating region and imaginary in the attenuating region. What does this signify with respect to power flow in a single traveling wave?
- 5.12b** A certain continuous transmission line has an equivalent circuit consisting of series inductance  $L_1 \text{ H/m}$  and a shunt element consisting of capacitance  $C \text{ F/m}$  and inductance  $L_2 \text{ H} \cdot \text{m}$  in parallel. Let  $\omega_1^2 = 1/L_2C$  and
- Obtain expressions for  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  in terms of  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $\omega_1$ , and  $\omega$ .
  - Plot  $\gamma^2$  versus  $\omega$ .
  - Replot with  $\omega$  versus  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is real, and versus  $\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is real.
- 5.13a** Write the instantaneous expressions for voltage and current represented by the complex values in Eqs. 5.13(1) and (2). Make an integration of total energy, electric plus magnetic, for a quarter-wavelength of the line and show that it is independent of time.
- 5.13b** Show that  $|\rho| = 1$  for a purely reactive load on an ideal transmission line. Find and sketch as in Fig. 5.13 suitably normalized  $V(z, t)$  and  $I(z, t)$  for a line terminated in a pure inductive reactance equal in magnitude to the characteristic impedance.
- 5.13c** Calculate the instantaneous power flow for a short-circuited line  $W_T(t, z) = V(t, z)I(t, z)$  and plot the results in a diagram like Fig. 5.13. Discuss this  $W_T(t, z)$  in connection with conclusion 6 reached from (1) and (2) in Sec. 5.13.
- 5.13d** One of the limitations of energy-storage systems for large energies is the breakdown of air, unless the system can be evacuated. For air with breakdown strength  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ , estimate the maximum energy storage in a resonant air-filled half-wave parallel-plate line. Spacing between plates is 2 cm and characteristic impedance is 50  $\Omega$ . Is there any advantage with respect to breakdown over the use of a parallel-plate capacitor? Discuss an inductor as an energy-storage system from the same point of view.

- 5.14a** Plot Eq. 5.14(7) normalized to  $Y_0$  as a function of frequency near where  $n = 1$  and see over what range (8) is a reasonable approximation.
- 5.14b** A half-wavelength coaxial transmission line with air dielectric has copper conductors with the dimensions of Prob. 5.11e, and is designed for resonance at 6 GHz. Find the bandwidth  $2\Delta f_1$ .
- 5.15a** Is phase or group velocity the larger for normal dispersion ( $dv_p/d\omega < 0$ )? For anomalous dispersion ( $dv_p/d\omega > 0$ )?
- 5.15b** Find the phase and group velocities for a transmission line with small losses.
- 5.15c** Consider a transmission line with very high leakage conductance  $G$  per unit length so that series resistance  $R$  and shunt capacitance  $C$  are negligible. Find phase and group velocities.
- 5.15d** For Probs. 5.15b and 5.15c, show that an energy velocity as defined by Eq. 5.15(7) is not equal to group velocity.
- 5.15e** Certain water waves of large amplitude have phase velocities given by  $v_p = g/\omega$ , where  $g$  is acceleration due to gravity and  $\omega$  is angular frequency. Determine the ratio of group velocity to phase velocity for such a wave.
- 5.15f** For Prob. 5.12b, plot  $v_p$  and  $v_g$  versus  $\omega$  and show that  $v_p v_g = 1/L_1 C$  for all frequencies.
- 5.16a** Plot the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram for a distributed transmission system with series inductance  $L_1$  per unit length, and a shunt admittance made up of  $L_2$  in parallel with  $C_2$ , for a unit length of the system. Is this a backward or forward wave system? Show cutoff frequency and illustrate phase and group velocity on the plot.
- 5.16b** Repeat Prob. 5.16a for a system made up of a series impedance per unit length of  $L_1$  and  $C_1$  in parallel and the shunt admittance resulting from inductance  $L_2$ .
- 5.16c** Calculate the velocity of energy propagation, as defined in Sec. 5.15 for the backward wave line of Fig. 5.16a. Show that it does correspond to group velocity for this line and discuss the concepts of normal and anomalous dispersion for backward waves.
- 5.17a** Show that Eqs. 5.17(9) with definitions (10) and (11) do give the solutions of (7) and (8) with the variations (6). Describe ways in which the exponential variation of  $L$  and  $C$  might be achieved, at least approximately, (i) for a parallel-plane transmission line and (ii) for a coaxial line.
- 5.17b** Show that average power transfer is independent of  $z$  in the loss-free exponential line considered here for frequencies above cutoff,  $\omega > \omega_c$ .
- 5.17c** There are two values of Eqs. 5.17(10) and 5.17(11) representing positively and negatively traveling waves, as expected. Write the complete solutions for  $V(z)$  and  $I(z)$ , showing both waves, using as constants the voltage amplitudes in positively and negatively traveling waves at  $z = 0$ . Note the interchange of behavior of positive and negative waves if the sign of  $q$  is changed, and explain physically.
- 5.17d** Modify the analysis for the exponential line to include losses, retaining constancy of  $ZY$ ,  $Z'/Z$ , and  $Y'/Y$ , and interpret the effect of attenuation constant. Assume  $R_0/X_0$  and  $G_0/B_0$  small.

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## **Plane-Wave Propagation and Reflection**

### **6.1 INTRODUCTION**

The first example of the application of Maxwell's equations in Chapter 3 was that of electromagnetic wave propagation in a simple dielectric medium. We now return to the plane wave example and extend it in this chapter, before considering the more general guided, resonant, and radiating waves.

Plane waves are good approximations to real waves in many practical situations. Radio waves at large distances from the transmitter, or from diffracting objects, have negligible curvature and are well represented by plane waves. Much of optics utilizes the plane-wave approximation. More complicated electromagnetic wave patterns can be considered as a superposition of plane waves, so in this sense the plane waves are basic building blocks for all wave problems. Even when that approach is not followed, the basic ideas of propagation, reflection, and refraction, which are met simply here, help the understanding of other wave problems. The methods developed in the preceding chapter on transmission lines will be very valuable for such problems. A large part of this chapter is concerned with the reflection and refraction phenomena when waves pass from one medium to another, with examples for both radio waves and light.

## Plane-Wave Propagation

### 6.2 UNIFORM PLANE WAVES IN A PERFECT DIELECTRIC

The uniform plane wave was given in Chapter 3 as the first example of the use of Maxwell's equations. We now discuss its properties in more detail, restricting attention to media for which  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  are constants. For a uniform plane wave, variations in two directions, say  $x$  and  $y$ , are assumed to be zero, with the remaining ( $z$ ) direction taken as the direction of propagation. As in Sec. 3.9, Maxwell's equations in rectangular coordinates then reduce to

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

In component form these are

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = \mu \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} \quad (1) \qquad \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \quad (2) \qquad \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} = \epsilon \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

$$0 = \mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} \quad (3) \qquad 0 = \epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} \quad (6)$$

As noted in Sec. 3.9, the above equations (3) and (6) show that both  $E_z$  and  $H_z$  are zero, except possibly for constant (static) parts which are not of interest in the wave solution. That is, electric and magnetic fields of this simple wave are transverse to the direction of propagation.

In Sec. 3.9 we showed that combination of the above equations (2) and (4) leads to the one-dimensional wave equation in  $E_x$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \quad (7)$$

which has a general solution

$$E_x = f_1 \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) + f_2 \left( t + \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (8)$$

where

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \quad (9)$$

which is the velocity of light for the medium. The first term of (8) can be interpreted as a wave propagating with velocity  $v$  in the positive  $z$  direction, and the second as a

wave propagating with the same velocity in the negative  $z$  direction. That is,

$$E_{x+} = f_1\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right), \quad E_{x-} = f_2\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) \quad (10)$$

By use of either (2) or (4), magnetic field  $H_y$  was found to be

$$H_y = H_{y+} + H_{y-} = \frac{E_{x+}}{\eta} - \frac{E_{x-}}{\eta} \quad (11)$$

where

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad (12)$$

The quantity  $\eta$  is thus seen to be the ratio of  $E_x$  to  $H_y$  in a single traveling wave of this simple type, and as defined by (12) it may also be considered a constant of the medium, and will be a useful parameter in the analysis of more complicated waves. It has dimensions of ohms and is known as the *intrinsic impedance* of the medium. For free space

$$\eta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 376.73 \approx 120\pi\Omega \quad (13)$$

Now looking at the remaining two components,  $E_y$  and  $H_x$ , combination of (1) and (5) leads to the wave equation in  $E_y$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial z^2} = \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} \quad (14)$$

which also has solutions in the form of positively and negatively traveling waves as in (8). We write this

$$E_y = f_3\left(t - \frac{z}{v}\right) + f_4\left(t + \frac{z}{v}\right) = E_{y+} + E_{y-} \quad (15)$$

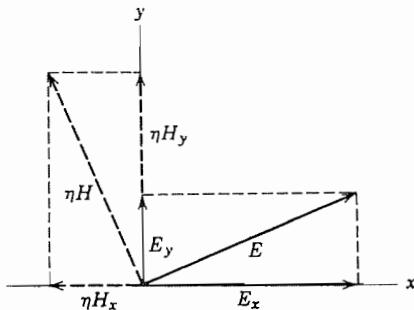
Either (1) or (5) then shows that magnetic field is

$$H_x = -\frac{E_{y+}}{\eta} + \frac{E_{y-}}{\eta} \quad (16)$$

To stress the relationship of electric and magnetic fields for the waves we write the results of (11) and (16) as

$$\frac{E_{x+}}{H_{y+}} = -\frac{E_{y+}}{H_{x+}} = \eta, \quad \frac{E_{x-}}{H_{y-}} = -\frac{E_{y-}}{H_{x-}} = -\eta \quad (17)$$

These results show a number of things. First, relations (17) are sufficient to require that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  shall be perpendicular to one another in each of the traveling waves. They also require that the value of  $E$  at any instant must be  $\eta$  times the value of  $H$  at that instant, for each wave. Finally we note that, if  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  is formed, it points in the positive



**FIG. 6.2a** Relations between  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  for a wave propagating in positive  $z$  direction (out of page).

$z$  direction for the positively traveling parts of (17) and in the negative  $z$  direction for the negatively traveling part, as expected. These relations are indicated for a positively traveling wave in Fig. 6.2a.

The energy relations are also of interest. The stored energy in electric fields per unit volume is

$$u_E = \frac{\epsilon E^2}{2} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} (E_x^2 + E_y^2) \quad (18)$$

and that in magnetic fields is

$$u_H = \frac{\mu H^2}{2} = \frac{\mu}{2} (H_x^2 + H_y^2) \quad (19)$$

By (17),  $u_E$  and  $u_H$  are equal for a single propagating wave, so the energy density at each point at each instant is equally divided between electric and magnetic energy. The Poynting vector for the positive traveling wave is

$$P_{z+} = E_{x+} H_{y+} - E_{y+} H_{x+} = \frac{1}{\eta} (E_{x+}^2 + E_{y+}^2) \quad (20)$$

and is always in the positive  $z$  direction except at particular planes where it may be zero for a given instant. Similarly, the Poynting vector for the negatively traveling wave is always in the negative  $z$  direction except where it is zero. The time-average value of the Poynting vector must be the same for all planes along the wave since no energy can be dissipated in the perfect dielectric, but the instantaneous values may be different at two different planes, depending on whether there is a net instantaneous rate of increase or decrease of stored energy between those planes.

In Sec. 3.10 we also studied the important phasor forms for a plane wave with  $E_x$  and  $H_y$ . Extending that analysis to include the remaining components, we have

$$E_x(z) = E_1 e^{-jkz} + E_2 e^{jkz} \quad (21)$$

$$\eta H_y(z) = E_1 e^{-jkz} - E_2 e^{jkz} \quad (22)$$

$$E_y(z) = E_3 e^{-jkz} + E_4 e^{jkz} \quad (23)$$

$$\eta H_x(z) = -E_3 e^{-jkz} + E_4 e^{jkz} \quad (24)$$

where

$$k = \frac{\omega}{v} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \text{ m}^{-1} \quad (25)$$

This constant is the phase constant for the uniform plane wave, since it gives the change in phase per unit length for each wave component. It may also be considered a constant of the medium at a particular frequency defined by (25), known as the *wave number*, and will be found useful in the analysis of all waves, as will be seen.

The *wavelength* is defined as the distance the wave propagates in one period. It is then the value of  $z$  which causes the phase factor to change by  $2\pi$ :

$$k\lambda = 2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad (26)$$

or

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{v}{f} \quad (27)$$

This is the common relation between wavelength, phase velocity, and frequency. The *free-space wavelength* is obtained by using the velocity of light in free space in (27) and is frequently used at the higher frequencies as an alternative to giving the frequency. It is also common in the optical range of frequencies to utilize a *refractive index*  $n$  given by

$$n = \frac{c}{v} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}} \quad (28)$$

For most materials in the optical range  $\mu = \mu_0$ , so that  $n$  is just the square root of the relative permittivity for that frequency.

To summarize the properties for a single wave of this simple type, which may be described as a *uniform plane wave*:

1. Velocity of propagation is  $v = 1/\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ .
2. There is no electric or magnetic field in direction of propagation.
3. The electric field is normal to the magnetic field.
4. The value of the electric field is  $\eta$  times that of the magnetic field at each instant.
5. The direction of propagation is given by the direction of  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$ .
6. Energy stored in the electric field per unit volume at any instant and any point is equal to energy stored in the magnetic field.
7. The instantaneous value of the Poynting vector is given by  $E^2/\eta = \eta H^2$ , where  $E$  and  $H$  are the instantaneous values of total electric and magnetic field strengths.

**Example 6.2**

## PROPAGATION OF A MODULATED WAVE IN A NONDISPERSIVE MEDIUM

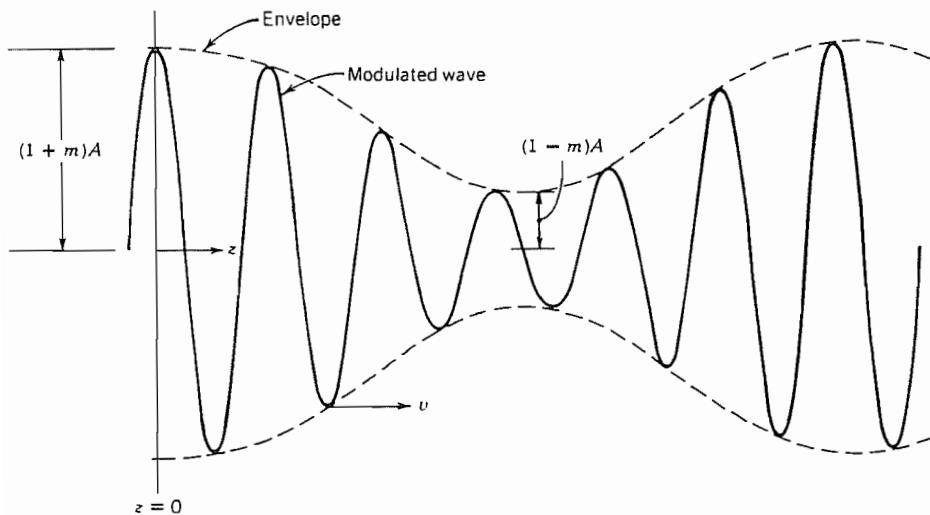
If a radio wave of angular frequency  $\omega_0$  is amplitude modulated by a sine wave of angular frequency  $\omega_m$ , the resulting function may be written

$$E(t) = A[1 + m \cos \omega_m t] \cos \omega_0 t \quad (29)$$

Suppose this function at  $z = 0$  excites a uniform plane wave propagating in the positive  $z$  direction. To obtain the form of the propagating wave it is straightforward to replace  $t$  by  $t - z/v$  to obtain

$$E(z, t) = A \left[ 1 + m \cos \omega_m \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) \right] \cos \omega_0 \left( t - \frac{z}{v} \right) \quad (30)$$

The interpretation of this expression is that the entire function propagates in the  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$  as illustrated in Fig. 6.2b. All this is correct provided that the medium is nondispersive (i.e., that  $v$  is independent of frequency). If there is dispersion, an expansion of (29) shows that different frequency components are present and that each component then propagates at its appropriate  $v$ . The result then is that the envelope moves with a different velocity than the modulated wave as shown in the discussion of group velocity (Sec. 5.15).



**Fig. 6.2b** Simple modulated wave having form of Eq. (30). The wave is plotted versus  $z$  at time  $t = 0$ . In a nondispersive medium, envelope and modulated portion move with velocity  $v$  in  $z$  direction.

## 6.3 POLARIZATION OF PLANE WAVES

If several plane waves have the same direction of propagation, it is straightforward to superpose these for a linear medium. The orientations of the field vectors in the individual waves and the resultant are described by the *polarization*<sup>1</sup> of the waves. In this discussion we are concerned primarily with sinusoidal waves of the same frequency.

Let us take a positively traveling wave only, use phasor representation, and assume there are both  $x$  and  $y$  components of electric field. The general expression for such a wave is then

$$\mathbf{E} = (\hat{x}E_1 + \hat{y}E_2 e^{j\psi})e^{-jkz} \quad (1)$$

where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are taken as real and  $\psi$  is the phase angle between  $x$  and  $y$  components. The corresponding magnetic field is

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} (-\hat{x}E_2 e^{j\psi} + \hat{y}E_1)e^{-jkz} \quad (2)$$

The several classes of polarization then depend upon the phase and relative amplitudes  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ .

**Linear or Plane Polarization** If the two components are in phase,  $\psi = 0$ , they add at every plane  $z$  to give an electric vector in some fixed direction defined by angle  $\alpha$  with respect to the  $x$  axis, as pictured in Fig. 6.3a:

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_y}{E_x} = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_2}{E_1} \quad (3)$$

This angle is real and hence the same for all values of  $z$  and  $t$ . Since  $\mathbf{E}$  maintains its direction in space, this polarization is called *linear*. It is also called *plane polarization* since the electric vector defines a plane as it propagates in the  $z$  direction. In commu-

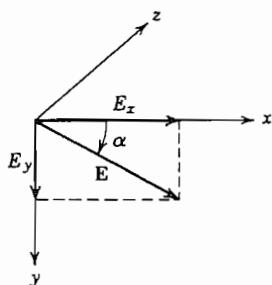


FIG. 6.3a Components of a linearly (plane) polarized wave.

<sup>1</sup> The term polarization is used in electromagnetics both for this purpose and for the unrelated concept of the contribution of atoms and molecules to dielectric properties as described in Secs. 1.3 and 13.2. Usually, the intended usage is clear from the context.

nifications engineering it is common to describe polarization by the plane of the electric vector, so that the term *vertical polarization* implies that  $\mathbf{E}$  is vertical. In older optics texts the magnetic field defined the plane of polarization, but it is now also common in optics to use electric field.<sup>2</sup> To avoid ambiguity in either case it is best to specify explicitly, "polarized with electric field in the vertical plane."

**Circular Polarization** A second important special case arises when amplitudes  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are equal and phase angle is  $\psi = \pm \pi/2$ . Equation (1) then becomes

$$\mathbf{E} = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} \pm j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E_1 e^{-jkz} \quad (4)$$

The magnitude of  $\mathbf{E}$  is seen to be  $\sqrt{2}E_1$  from the above, and it may be inferred that it rotates in circular manner, but to see this clearly let us go to the instantaneous forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(z, t) &= \operatorname{Re}[(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \pm j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E_1 e^{j\omega t} e^{-jkz}] \\ &= E_1[\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(\omega t - kz) \mp \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin(\omega t - kz)] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The sum of the squares of instantaneous  $E_x$  and  $E_y$ ,

$$E_x^2(z, t) + E_y^2(z, t) = E_1^2[\cos^2(\omega t - kz) + \sin^2(\omega t - kz)] = E_1^2 \quad (6)$$

does define the equation of a circle. The instantaneous angle  $\alpha$  with respect to the  $x$  axis is

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_y(z, t)}{E_x(z, t)} = \tan^{-1} \left( \mp \frac{\sin(\omega t - kz)}{\cos(\omega t - kz)} \right) = \mp(\omega t - kz) \quad (7)$$

In a given  $z$  plane, the vector thus rotates with constant angular velocity with  $\alpha = \mp\omega t$ . For a fixed time, the vector traces out a spiral in  $z$  as pictured in Fig. 6.3b. The propagation may be pictured as the movement of this "corkscrew" in the  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ .

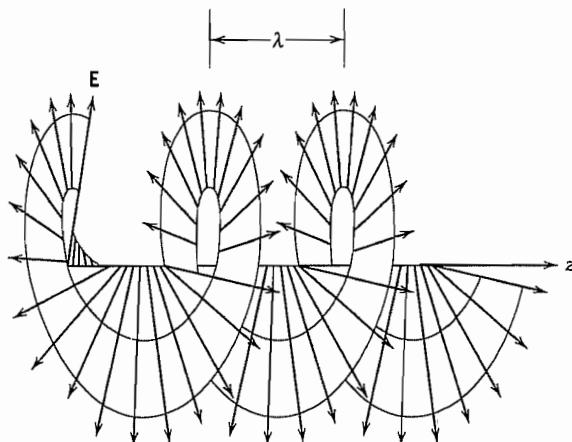
Note that  $\psi = +\pi/2$  leads to  $\alpha = -\omega t$  (for  $z = 0$ ) and  $\psi = -\pi/2$  leads to rotation in the opposite direction. The first case is called the left-hand or counterclockwise sense of circular polarization (looking in the direction of propagation) and the latter, the right-hand or clockwise. The magnetic field for the circularly polarized wave, using  $E_1 = E_2$  and  $\psi = \pm\pi/2$ , is

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{E_1}{\eta} (-j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}})e^{-jkz} \quad (8)$$

**Elliptic Polarization** For the general case, with  $E_1 \neq E_2$ , or  $E_1 = E_2$  but  $\psi$  other than 0 or  $\pm\pi/2$ , the terminus of the electric field traces out an ellipse in a given  $z$  plane so that the condition of polarization is called *elliptical*. To see this, again let us take instantaneous forms of (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(z, t) &= \operatorname{Re}[(\hat{\mathbf{x}}E_1 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}E_2 e^{j\psi})e^{j\omega t} e^{-jkz}] \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}E_1 \cos(\omega t - kz) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}E_2 \cos(\omega t - kz + \psi) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

<sup>2</sup> M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics, 6th ed., p. 28, Macmillan, New York, 1980.

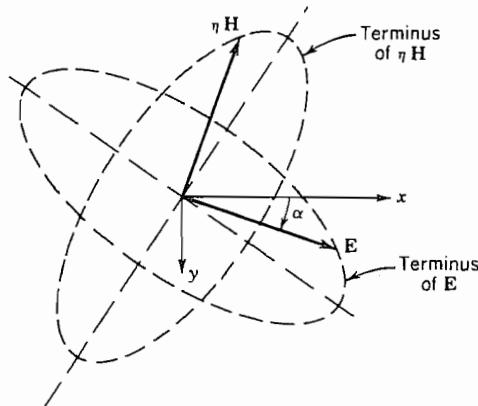


**FIG. 6.3b** Circularly polarized wave. Terminus of the electric field vectors forms a spiral of period equal to the wavelength at any instant of time. This spiral moves in the  $z$  direction with velocity  $v$ , so that the vector in a given  $z$  plane traces out a circle as time progresses.

or in a given  $z$  plane, say  $z = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_x(z, t) &= E_1 \cos \omega t \\ E_y(z, t) &= E_2 \cos(\omega t + \psi) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

These are the parametric equations of an ellipse. If  $\psi = \pm \pi/2$  the major and minor axes of the ellipse are aligned with the  $x$  and  $y$  axes, but for general  $\psi$  the ellipse is tilted as illustrated in Fig. 6.3c.



**FIG. 6.3c** Elliptically polarized wave. The locus of the terminus of electric and magnetic field vectors is in each case an ellipse for a given  $z$  plane as time progresses.

**Unpolarized Wave** We sometimes also speak of an unpolarized wave in which there is a component in any arbitrary direction for each instant of time. Note that this concept applies only to the superposition of waves of different frequency, or of random phases, since superposition of any number of components of the same frequency and defined phase reduces to one of the three cases described above. We may meet unpolarized waves when we have a frequency spectrum (as in sunlight) or a random variation of phase between components, as in the propagation of a radio wave through the ionosphere.

### Example 6.3

#### LINEARLY POLARIZED WAVE AS SUPERPOSITION OF TWO CIRCULARLY POLARIZED WAVES

Just as the circularly polarized wave may be looked at as the superposition of two linearly polarized waves, so may a linearly polarized wave be considered a superposition of two oppositely circulating circular polarized waves. To show this, let us add right-hand and left-hand circularly polarized waves of the same amplitude. Using (4),

$$\mathbf{E} = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E_1 e^{-jkz} + (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E_1 e^{-jkz} = 2\hat{\mathbf{x}}E_1 e^{-jkz}$$

and magnetic field, using (8), is

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{E_1}{\eta}(-j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}})e^{-jkz} + \frac{E_1}{\eta}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}})e^{-jkz} = \frac{2E_1}{\eta}\hat{\mathbf{y}}e^{-jkz}$$

The results are the expressions for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  in a wave polarized with electric field in the  $x$  direction. To obtain  $\mathbf{E}$  in the  $y$  direction, we have only to subtract the two circularly polarized parts.

## 6.4 WAVES IN IMPERFECT DIELECTRICS AND CONDUCTORS

Materials properties and their effect on wave propagation will be dealt with extensively in Chapter 13. Here we consider only isotropic, linear materials and bring in the effect of losses on the response of applied fields. The effect of losses can enter through a response to either the electric or magnetic field, or both. An example of a material in which the response to the magnetic field leads to losses is the so-called *ferrite* (or *ferrimagnetic* materials), and in this case the permeability must be a complex quantity  $\mu = \mu' - j\mu''$ . For most materials of interest in wave studies, magnetic response is very weak and the permeability is a real constant that differs very little from the permeability of free space; this will be assumed throughout this text unless otherwise specified.

A study of the response of bound electrons in atoms and ions in molecules (Sec. 13.2) shows that the total current density resulting from their motion is

$$\mathbf{J} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} = j\omega(\epsilon' - j\epsilon_b'')\mathbf{E}$$

If, in addition, the material contains free electrons or holes, there is a conduction current density

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$$

At sufficiently high frequencies,  $\sigma$  can be complex (Sec. 13.3), but we will assume that frequency is low enough to consider it real (satisfactory through the microwave range). Then the total current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = j\omega\left(\epsilon' - j\epsilon_b'' - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega}\right)\mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

In materials called *dielectrics*, there are usually few free electrons and any free-electron current component is included in  $\epsilon''$  and  $\sigma$  is taken as zero. On the other hand, in materials considered conductors such as normal metals and semiconductors, the conduction current dominates and the effect of the bound electrons  $\epsilon_b''$  is subsumed in the conductivity. Although different physically, the two loss terms enter into equations in the same way through the relation  $\sigma = \omega\epsilon''$ .

For dielectric materials with real permeability and complex permittivity,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} = j\omega(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')\mathbf{E} \quad (2)$$

where conduction currents are included in the loss factor  $\epsilon''$ .

The wave number, Eq. 6.2(25), is complex in this case and is

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')} \quad (3)$$

The wave number  $k$  may be separated into real and imaginary parts:

$$jk = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'\left[1 - j\left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)\right]} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\alpha = \omega\sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2}\right)\left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2} - 1\right]} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2}\right)\left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2} + 1\right]} \quad (6)$$

According to Sec. 6.2, the exponential propagation factor for phasor waves is  $e^{-jkz}$  which becomes, when  $k$  is complex,

$$e^{-jkz} = e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z}$$

Thus the wave attenuates as it propagates through the material and the attenuation depends upon the dielectric losses and the conduction losses, as would be expected.

The intrinsic impedance, or ratio of electric to magnetic field for a uniform plane wave, becomes

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'[1 - j(\epsilon''/\epsilon')]}} \quad (7)$$

An important parameter appearing in (4) through (7) is the ratio  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$ : For low-loss materials such as the examples given in Table 6.4a, this ratio is much less than unity. We may refer to such a material as an *imperfect dielectric*. Under these conditions, the attenuation constant (5) and the phase constant (6) may be approximated by expanding both as binomial series:

$$\alpha \approx \frac{k\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} \quad (8)$$

$$\beta \approx k \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right] \quad (9)$$

where  $k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'}$ . Dielectric losses are usually described by the "loss tangent"  $\tan \delta = \epsilon''/\epsilon'$ . It is seen that there is a small increase of the phase constant and,

**Table 6.4a**  
**Properties of Common Dielectrics at 25°C**

Material <sup>b</sup>	$\epsilon'/\epsilon_0$			$10^4 \tan \delta^a$		
	$f = 10^6$	$f = 10^8$	$f = 10^{10}$	$f = 10^6$	$f = 10^8$	$f = 10^{10}$
Fused quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )	3.8	3.8	3.8	1	2	2
Alumina (96%)	8.8	8.8	8.8	3.3	3.0	14
Alsimag ceramic	5.7	5.6	5.2	30	16	20
MgO	9.6	9.6	—	<3	<3	—
$\text{SrTiO}_3$	230	230	—	2	1	—
Polyethylene	2.3	2.3	2.3	<2	2	5
Polystyrene	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.7	<1	10
Teflon	2.1	2.1	2.1	<2	<2	5

<sup>a</sup> $\tan \delta = \epsilon''/\epsilon'$ .

<sup>b</sup>A microwave-absorbing material, Eccosorb, is available with  $1.5 < (\epsilon'/\epsilon_0) < 50$  and  $0.08 < (\epsilon''/\epsilon_0) < 1$ .

therefore, decrease of the phase velocity when losses are present in a dielectric. The intrinsic impedance in this case is, from (7),

$$\eta \approx \eta' \left\{ \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right] + j \frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} \right\} \quad (10)$$

where  $\eta' = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon'}$ .

In a material such as a semiconductor where the losses are predominantly conductive,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = (j\omega\epsilon' + \sigma)\mathbf{E} = j\omega\epsilon' \left[ 1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon'} \right] \mathbf{E} \quad (11)$$

For radian frequencies much larger than  $\sigma/\epsilon'$  the loss term is small and the approximations (8) to (10) may be used with  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$  replaced by  $\sigma/\omega\epsilon'$ . For frequencies much below  $\sigma/\epsilon'$  the material may be considered a *good conductor*. If we make use of the fact that

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon'} \gg 1$$

in (4), we find

$$jk = j\omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\sigma}{j\omega}} = (1 + j)\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} = \frac{1 + j}{\delta} \quad (12)$$

where  $\delta$  is the depth of penetration defined by Eq. 3.16(11) and used extensively in Chapter 3. The propagation factor for the wave shows that the wave decreases in magnitude exponentially, and has decreased to  $1/e$  of its original value after propagating a distance equal to depth of penetration of the material. The phase factor corresponds to a very small phase velocity

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \omega\delta = c \frac{2\pi\delta}{\lambda_0} \quad (13)$$

where  $c$  is the velocity of light in free space and  $\lambda_0$  is free-space wavelength. Since  $\delta/\lambda_0$  is usually very small, this phase velocity is usually much less than the velocity of light.

Equation (7) gives, for a good conductor,

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma}} = (1 + j)\sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu}{\sigma}} = (1 + j)R_s \quad (14)$$

where  $R_s$  is the surface resistivity or high-frequency skin effect resistance per square of a plane conductor of great depth. Equation (14) shows that electric and magnetic fields are 45 degrees out of time phase for the wave propagating in a good conductor. Also, since  $R_s$  is very small (0.014 Ω for copper at 3 GHz), the ratio of electric field to magnetic field in the wave is small.

**Table 6.4b**  
**Material Parameters for Microwave Frequencies and Below**

Material	Conductivity (S/m)	$\frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon_0}$	Frequency at which $\sigma = \omega\epsilon'$ (Hz)
Copper	$5.80 \times 10^7$	—	(Optical)
Platinum	$0.94 \times 10^7$	—	(Optical)
Germanium (lightly doped)	$10^2$	16	$1.1 \times 10^{11}$
Seawater	4	81	$8.9 \times 10^8$
Fresh water	$10^{-3}$	81	$2.2 \times 10^5$
Silicon (lightly doped)	10	12	$1.5 \times 10^{10}$
Representative wet earth	$10^{-2}$	30	$6.0 \times 10^6$
Representative dry earth	$10^{-3}$	7	$2.6 \times 10^6$

The above-mentioned results for the good conductor agree with those found in Chapter 3 by using what appeared to be a different analysis. In Sec. 3.16 the assumption that the conduction current greatly exceeds the displacement current is made at the outset, with the result that the differential equation is not the wave equation but the so-called *diffusion equation*. The assumptions in both approaches are identical, however, so it is to be expected that the results would be the same.

Table 6.4b lists several materials for which the dominant losses are those resulting from finite conductivity. The values listed for conductivity and real part of permittivity are those applicable up through the microwave frequency range. The frequencies at which displacement currents equal conduction currents are listed and serve to indicate the range of frequencies in which the two above-mentioned approximations are valid.

## Plane Waves Normally Incident on Discontinuities

### 6.5 REFLECTION OF NORMALLY INCIDENT PLANE WAVES FROM PERFECT CONDUCTORS

If a uniform plane wave is normally incident on a plane perfect conductor located at  $z = 0$ , we know that there must be some reflected wave in addition to the incident wave. The boundary conditions cannot be satisfied by a single one of the traveling wave solutions, but will require just enough of the two so that the resultant electric field at the conductor surface is zero for all time. From another point of view, we know from the Poynting theorem that energy cannot pass the perfect conductor, so all energy brought by the incident wave must be returned in a reflected wave. In this simple case

the incident and reflected waves are of equal amplitudes and together form a standing wave pattern whose properties will now be studied.

Let us consider a single-frequency, uniform plane wave and select the orientation of axes so that total electric field lies in the  $x$  direction. The phasor electric field, including waves traveling in both the positive and negative  $z$  directions (Fig. 6.5), is

$$E_x = E_+ e^{-jkz} + E_- e^{jkz}$$

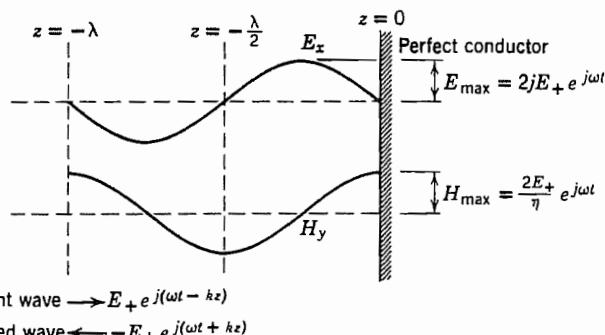
If  $E_x = 0$  at  $z = 0$  as required by the perfect conductor,  $E_- = -E_+$ :

$$E_x = E_+ (e^{-jkz} - e^{jkz}) = -2jE_+ \sin kz \quad (1)$$

The relation of the magnetic field to the electric field for the incident and reflected waves is given by Eq. 6.2(11). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H_y &= \left( \frac{E_+}{\eta} e^{-jkz} - \frac{E_-}{\eta} e^{jkz} \right) \\ &= \frac{E_+}{\eta} (e^{-jkz} + e^{jkz}) = \frac{2E_+}{\eta} \cos kz \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Equations (1) and (2) state that, although total electric and magnetic fields for the combination of incident and reflected waves are still mutually perpendicular in space and related in magnitude by  $\eta$ , they are now in time quadrature. The pattern is a standing wave since a zero of electric field is always at the conductor surface, and also always at  $kz = -n\pi$  or  $z = -n\lambda/2$ . Magnetic field has a maximum at the conductor surface, and there are other maxima each time there are zeros of electric field. Similarly, zeros of magnetic field and maxima of electric field are at  $kz = -(2n + 1)\pi/2$ , or  $z = -(2n + 1)\lambda/4$ . This situation is sketched in Fig. 6.5, which shows a typical standing wave pattern such as was found for the shorted transmission line in Sec. 5.13. At an instant in time, occurring twice each cycle, all the energy of the line is in the magnetic field; 90 degrees later the energy is stored entirely in the electric field. The *average*



**FIG. 6.5** Standing wave patterns of electric and magnetic fields when a plane wave is reflected from a perfect conductor, each shown at instants of time differing by one-quarter of a cycle.

value of the Poynting vector is zero at every cross-sectional plane; this emphasizes the fact that on the average as much energy is carried away by the reflected wave as is brought by the incident wave.

These points are also shown by the instantaneous forms for fields:

$$E_x(z, t) = \operatorname{Re}[-2jE_+ \sin kz e^{j\omega t}] = 2E_+ \sin kz \sin \omega t \quad (3)$$

$$H_y(z, t) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{2E_+}{\eta} \cos kz e^{j\omega t}\right] = \frac{2E_+}{\eta} \cos kz \cos \omega t \quad (4)$$

## 6.6 TRANSMISSION-LINE ANALOGY OF WAVE PROPAGATION: THE IMPEDANCE CONCEPT

In the problem of wave reflections from a perfect conductor, we found all the properties previously studied for standing waves on an ideal transmission line. The analogy between the plane-wave solutions and the waves along an ideal line is in fact an exact and complete one. It is desirable to make use of this whether we start with a study of classical transmission-line theory and then undertake the solution of wave problems or proceed in the reverse order. In either case the algebraic steps worked out for the solution of one system need not be repeated in analyzing the other; any aids (such as the Smith chart or computer programs) developed for one may be used for the other; any experimental techniques applicable to one system will in general have their counterparts in the other system. We now show the basis for this analogy.

Let us write side by side the equations for the field components in positively and negatively traveling uniform plane waves and the corresponding expressions found in Chapter 5 for an ideal transmission line. For simplicity we orient the axes so that the wave has  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  components only:

$$E_x(z) = E_+ e^{-jkz} + E_- e^{jkz} \quad (1) \quad V(z) = V_+ e^{-j\beta z} + V_- e^{j\beta z} \quad (5)$$

$$H_y(z) = \frac{1}{\eta} [E_+ e^{-jkz} - E_- e^{jkz}] \quad (2) \quad I(z) = \frac{1}{Z_0} [V_+ e^{-j\beta z} - V_- e^{j\beta z}] \quad (6)$$

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \quad (3) \quad \beta = \omega \sqrt{LC} \quad (7)$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad (4) \quad Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad (8)$$

We see that if in the field equations we replace  $E_x$  by voltage  $V$ ,  $H_y$  by current  $I$ , permeability  $\mu$  by inductance per unit length  $L$ , and dielectric constant  $\epsilon$  by capacitance per unit length  $C$ , we get exactly the transmission-line equations (5) to (8). To complete the analogy, we must consider the continuity conditions at a discontinuity between two regions. For the boundary between two dielectrics, we know that total tangential electric and magnetic field components must be continuous across this boundary. For the case of normal incidence (other cases will be considered separately later),  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  are the

tangential components, so these continuity conditions are in direct correspondence to those of transmission lines which require that total voltage and current be continuous at the junction between two transmission lines.

To exploit this analogy fully, it is desirable to consider the ratio of electric to magnetic fields in the wave analysis, analogous to the ratio of voltage to current which is called impedance and used so extensively in the transmission-line analysis. It is a good idea to use such ratios in the analysis, quite apart from the transmission-line analogy or the name given these ratios, but in this case it will be especially useful to make the identification with impedance because of the large body of technique existing under the heading of "impedance matching" in transmission lines, most of which may be applied to problems in plane-wave reflections. Credit for properly evaluating the importance of the wave impedance concept to engineers and making its use clear belongs to Schelkunoff.<sup>3</sup>

At any plane  $z$ , we shall define the field or wave impedance as the ratio of total electric field to total magnetic field at that plane:

$$Z(z) = \frac{E_x(z)}{H_y(z)} \quad (9)$$

For a single positively traveling wave this ratio is  $\eta$  at all planes, so that  $\eta$ , which has been called the intrinsic impedance of the medium, might also be thought of as a *characteristic wave impedance* for uniform plane waves. For a single negatively traveling wave the ratio (9) is  $-\eta$  for all  $z$ . For combinations of positively and negatively traveling waves, it varies with  $z$ . The input value  $Z_i$  distance  $l$  in front of a plane at which the "load" value of this ratio is given as  $Z_L$  may be found from the corresponding transmission-line formula, Eq. 5.7(13), taking advantage of the exact analogy. The intervening dielectric has intrinsic impedance  $\eta$ :

$$Z_i = \eta \left[ \frac{Z_L \cos kl + j\eta \sin kl}{\eta \cos kl + jZ_L \sin kl} \right] \quad (10)$$

It may be argued that in wave problems the primary concern is with reflections and not with impedances directly. This is true, but as in the transmission-line case there is a one-to-one correspondence between reflection coefficient and impedance mismatch ratio. The analogy may again be invoked to adapt Eqs. 5.7(8) and 5.7(9) to give the reflection and transmission coefficients for a dielectric medium of intrinsic impedance  $\eta$  when it is terminated with some known load value of field impedance  $Z_L$ :

$$\rho = \frac{E_-}{E_+} = \frac{Z_L - \eta}{Z_L + \eta} \quad (11)$$

$$\tau = \frac{E_2}{E_{1+}} = \frac{2Z_L}{Z_L + \eta} \quad (12)$$

<sup>3</sup> S. A. Schelkunoff, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **17**, 17 (1938).

We see from this that there is no reflection when  $Z_L = \eta$  (i.e., when impedances are matched). There is complete reflection  $|\rho| = 1$  when  $Z_L$  is zero, infinity, or purely imaginary (reactive). Other important uses of formulas (10) to (12) will follow in succeeding sections.

### Example 6.6a

#### FIELD IMPEDANCE IN FRONT OF CONDUCTING PLANE

If we calculate  $Z(z)$  for the plane wave normally incident on a plane conductor, as studied in Sec. 6.5, we recognize that the plane acts as a short circuit since it constrains  $E_x$  to be zero there, corresponding to zero voltage in the transmission-line analogy. If we take  $Z_L = 0$  in (10), we obtain

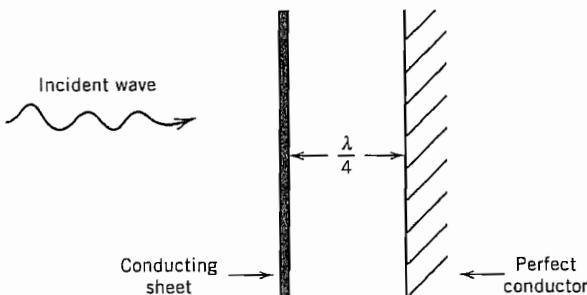
$$Z_i = j\eta \tan kl \quad (13)$$

The same result is obtained by taking the ratio of phasor electric and magnetic fields at  $z = -l$  from Eqs. 6.5(1) and 6.5(2). Like the impedance of a shorted transmission line, this is always imaginary (reactive). It is zero at  $kl = n\pi$  and infinite at  $kl = (2n + 1)\pi/2$ .

### Example 6.6b

#### ELIMINATION OF WAVE REFLECTIONS FROM CONDUCTING SURFACES

To eliminate wave reflections from a plane perfectly conducting surface, it is clear that coating the conductor with a thin film having conductivity  $\sigma$  does not help since the perfect conductor merely shorts this out. As in Fig. 6.6, one can place a sheet with resistivity  $\eta \Omega/\text{square}$  a quarter-wavelength in front of the conductor surface. As seen from (13), this is at a point of infinite impedance because of wave reflections so that there is no shunting effect. The wave impinging on the front (if the sheet is thin com-



**FIG. 6.6** Elimination of reflection from perfect conductor by placing a conducting sheet  $\lambda/4$  in front of it.

pared with its depth of penetration) then sees wave impedance  $\eta$  and is perfectly matched. The needed conductivity of the sheet is then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma d} = \eta, \quad d \ll \delta \quad (14)$$

The arrangement just described is not very convenient to make, and is sensitive to frequency of operation and to angle of incidence. For this reason coatings of "anechoic chambers" more often use a nonuniform-line approach to matching, with a porous, lossy material, with pyramidal taperings on the surface facing the incident wave.

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### 6.7 NORMAL INCIDENCE ON A DIELECTRIC

If a uniform plane wave is normally incident on a single dielectric boundary from a medium with  $\sqrt{\mu_1/\epsilon_1} = \eta_1$  to one with  $\sqrt{\mu_2/\epsilon_2} = \eta_2$ , the wave reflection and transmission may be found from the concepts and equations of Sec. 6.6. Select the direction of the electric field as the  $x$  direction, and the direction of propagation of the incident wave as the positive  $z$  direction, with the boundary at  $z = 0$  (Fig. 6.7a). The medium to the right is assumed to be effectively infinite in extent, so that there is no reflected wave in that region. The field impedance there is then just the intrinsic impedance  $\eta_2$  for all planes, and in particular this becomes the known load impedance at the plane  $z = 0$ . Applying Eq. 6.6(11) to give the reflection coefficient for medium 1 referred to  $z = 0$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{E_{1-}}{E_{1+}} = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} \quad (1)$$

The transmission coefficient giving the amplitude of electric field transmitted into the second dielectric, from Eq. 6.6(12), is

$$\tau = \frac{E_2}{E_{1+}} = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} \quad (2)$$

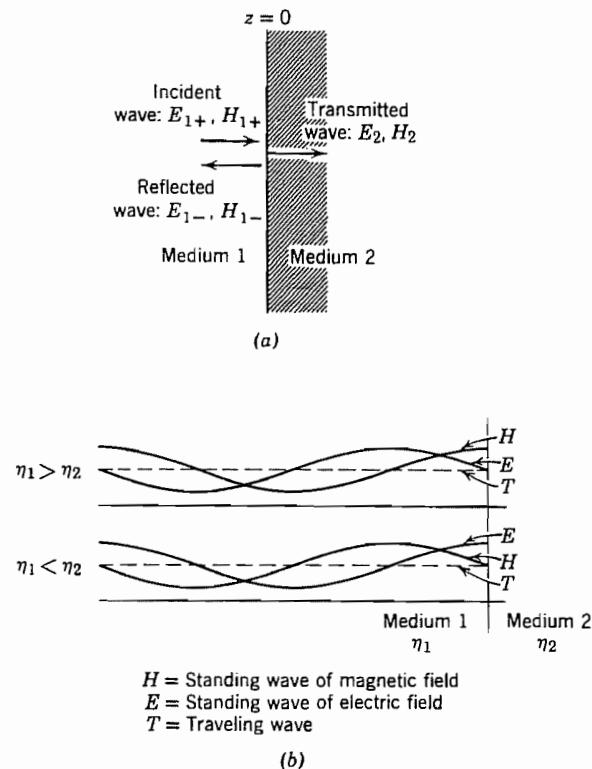
The fraction of incident power density reflected is

$$\frac{P_{1-}}{P_{1+}} = \left( \frac{E_{1-}^2}{2\eta_1} \right) \left( \frac{E_{1+}^2}{2\eta_1} \right)^{-1} = |\rho|^2 \quad (3)$$

And the fraction of the incident power density transmitted into the second medium is

$$\frac{P_2}{P_{1+}} = 1 - |\rho|^2 \quad (4)$$

From (1), we see that there is no reflection if there is a match of impedances,  $\eta_1 = \eta_2$ . This would of course occur for the trivial case of identical dielectrics, but also for the



**FIG. 6.7** Reflection and transmission of a plane wave from a plane boundary between two dielectric media.

case of different dielectrics if they could be made with the same *ratio* of  $\mu$  to  $\epsilon$ . This latter case is not usually of importance since we do not commonly find high-frequency dielectric materials with permeability different from that of free space, but it is interesting since we might not intuitively expect a reflectionless transmission in going from free space to a dielectric with both permittivity and permeability increased by, say, 10 times.

In the general case there will be a finite value of reflection in the first region, and from (1) we can show that the magnitude of  $\rho$  is always less than unity. (It approaches unity as  $\eta_2/\eta_1$  approaches zero or infinity.) The reflected wave can then be combined with a part of the incident wave of equal amplitude to form a standing wave pattern as in the case of complete reflection studied in Sec. 6.5. The remaining part of the incident wave can be thought of as a traveling wave carrying the energy that passes on into the second medium. The combination of the traveling and standing wave parts then produces a space pattern with maxima and minima, but with the minima not zero in general. As for corresponding transmission lines, it is convenient to express the ratio of ac

amplitude at the electric field maximum to the minimum ac amplitude (occurring a quarter-wavelength away) as a standing wave ratio  $S$ :

$$S = \frac{|E_x(z)|_{\max}}{|E_x(z)|_{\min}} = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} \quad (5)$$

By utilizing (1), it may be shown for real  $\eta$  that

$$S = \begin{cases} \eta_2/\eta_1 & \text{if } \eta_2 > \eta_1 \\ \eta_1/\eta_2 & \text{if } \eta_1 > \eta_2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Since  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are both real for perfect dielectrics,  $\rho$  is real and the plane  $z = 0$  must be a position of a maximum or minimum. It is a maximum of electric field if  $\rho$  is positive, since reflected and incident waves then add, so it is a maximum of electric field and minimum of magnetic field if  $\eta_2 > \eta_1$ . The plane  $z = 0$  is a minimum of electric field and a maximum of magnetic field if  $\eta_1 > \eta_2$ . These two cases are sketched in Fig. 6.7b.

### Example 6.7a

#### REFLECTION FROM QUARTZ AND GERMANIUM AT INFRARED WAVELENGTHS

Let us find reflection of plane waves normally incident from air onto quartz, and also onto germanium, at a wavelength of  $2 \mu\text{m}$ , neglecting losses. Equation (1) may be written in terms of refractive indices, Eq. 6.2(28). Since  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  and  $n_1 = \sqrt{\epsilon_1/\epsilon_0}$ ,  $n_2 = \sqrt{\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0}$ , (1) becomes

$$\rho = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \quad (7)$$

Using data in Fig. 13.2b,  $n_2$  for quartz is about 1.5 at  $2 \mu\text{m}$  and  $n_1$  may be taken as unity. Reflection coefficient  $\rho$  is then  $-0.2$  and fraction of incident power reflected  $\rho^2$  is 0.04 or 4%. For germanium,  $n_2$  is 4 and  $\rho$  is found to be  $-0.6$ , so that  $\rho^2$  is 0.36 or 36%.

### Example 6.7b

#### REFLECTION FROM A GOOD CONDUCTOR

From Eq. 6.4(14) the characteristic wave impedance of a conductor is seen to be  $(1 + j)R_s$ , with  $R_s$  the surface resistivity defined in Sec. 3.17. Thus for a plane wave normally incident from a dielectric of intrinsic impedance  $\eta$  onto such a conductor, (1) yields

$$\rho = \frac{(1 + j)R_s - \eta}{(1 + j)R_s + \eta} = -\frac{1 - (1 + j)R_s/\eta}{1 + (1 + j)R_s/\eta} \quad (8)$$

Examination of values for typical conductors from Table 3.17a shows that  $R_s/\eta$  is normally very small. Thus a binomial expansion of (8) with first-order terms only retained gives

$$\rho \approx -1 + \frac{2(1+j)R_s}{\eta} \quad (9)$$

Then to first order,

$$|\rho|^2 \approx 1 - \frac{4R_s}{\eta} \quad (10)$$

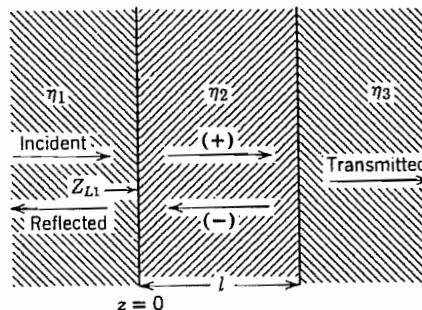
so the fraction of power transmitted into the conductor is approximately  $4R_s/\eta$ . For air into copper at 100 MHz, this is  $4 \times (2.61 \times 10^{-3})/377 = 2.76 \times 10^{-5}$ , or only 0.0028%.

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## 6.8 REFLECTION PROBLEMS WITH SEVERAL DIELECTRICS

We are next interested in considering the case of several parallel dielectric discontinuities with a uniform wave incident in some material to the left, as pictured in the case for three dielectric materials in Fig. 6.8a. We might at first be tempted to treat the problem by considering a series of wave reflections, the incident wave breaking into one part reflected and one part transmitted at the first plane; of the part transmitted into region 2 some is transmitted at the second plane and some is reflected back toward the first plane; of the latter part some is transmitted and some reflected; and so on through an infinite series of wave reflections. This lengthy procedure can be avoided by considering total quantities at each stage of the discussion, and again the impedance formulation is useful in the solution.

If the region to the right has only a single outwardly propagating wave, the wave or field impedance at any plane in this medium is  $\eta_3$ , which then becomes the load imped-



**FIG. 6.8a** Wave reflections from a system with a dielectric medium interfaced between two other media.

ance to place at  $z = l$ . The input impedance for region 2 is then given at once by Eq. 6.6(10), and since this is the impedance at  $z = 0$ , it may also be considered the load impedance for region 1:

$$Z_{L1} = Z_{i2} = \eta_2 \left( \frac{\eta_3 \cos k_2 l + j\eta_2 \sin k_2 l}{\eta_2 \cos k_2 l + j\eta_3 \sin k_2 l} \right) \quad (1)$$

The reflection coefficient in region 1, referred to  $z = 0$ , is given by Eq. 6.6(11):

$$\rho = \frac{Z_{L1} - \eta_1}{Z_{L1} + \eta_1} \quad (2)$$

The fraction of power reflected and transmitted is given by Eqs. 6.7(3) and 6.7(4), respectively.

If there are more than the two parallel dielectric boundaries, the process is simply repeated, the input impedance for one region becoming the load value for the next, until one arrives at the region in which reflection is to be computed. It is of course desirable in many cases to utilize the Smith chart described in Sec. 5.9 in place of (1) to transform load to input impedances and to compute reflection coefficient or standing wave ratio once the impedance mismatch ratio is known, just as the chart is used in transmission-line calculations.

We now wish to consider several special cases which are of importance.

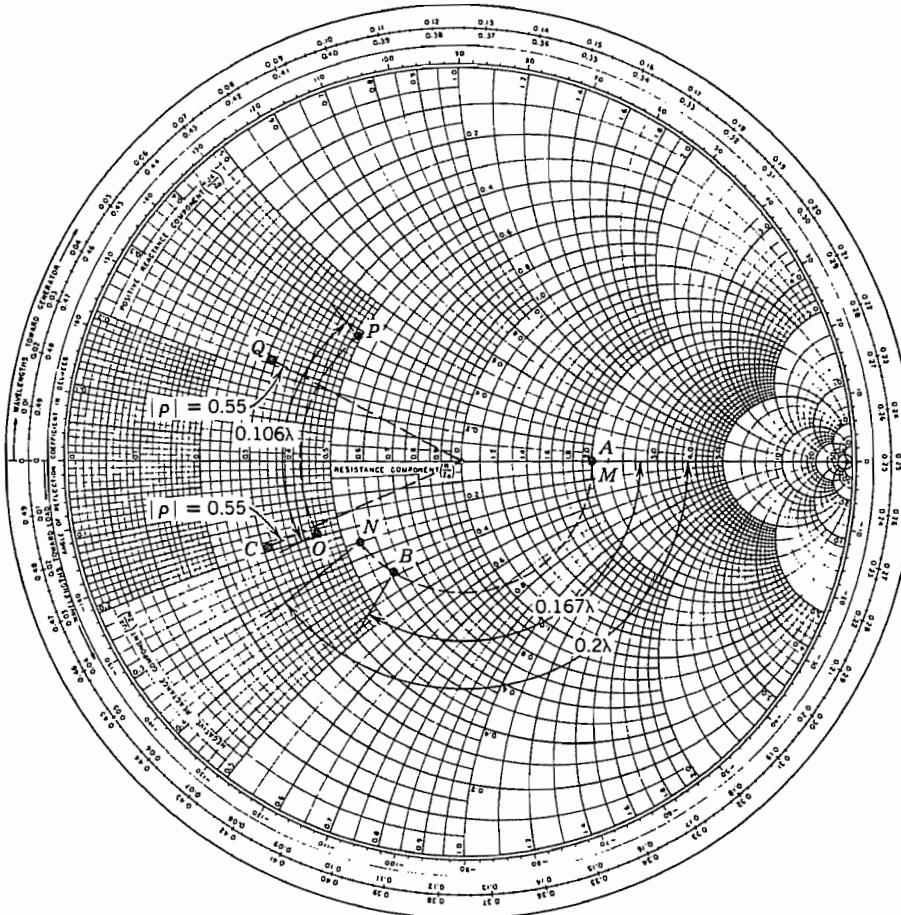
### Example 6.8a HALF-WAVE DIELECTRIC WINDOW

If the input and output dielectrics are the same in Fig. 6.8a ( $\eta_1 = \eta_3$ ), and the intervening dielectric window is some multiple of a half-wavelength referred to medium 2 so that  $k_2 l = m\pi$ , then (1) gives

$$Z_{L1} = \eta_3 = \eta_1 \quad (3)$$

so that by (2) reflection at the input face is zero.

A window such as the above will of course give reflections for frequencies other than that for which its thickness is a multiple of a half-wavelength. For example, a Corning 707 glass window with  $\epsilon_r = 4$  and thickness 0.025 m corresponds to  $k_2 l = \pi$  at a frequency of 3 GHz. Let us calculate the reflection at 4 GHz using the Smith chart. Normalized load impedance for region 2 is  $377/188.5 = 2$ , so we enter the chart at point A of Fig. 6.8b. We then move on a circle of constant radius  $4/3 \times \lambda/2$  or  $0.667\lambda$  toward the generator. This is one complete circuit of the chart plus  $0.167\lambda$ , ending at point B where we read normalized input impedance  $Z_{i2}/Z_{02} = 0.62 - j0.38$ . Renormalizing to the characteristic impedance of the input region, we multiply by  $188.5/377$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  and find  $0.31 - j0.19$ . This is entered at point C, for which we read



**FIG. 6.8b** Smith Chart constructions for Exs. 6.8a and 6.8d.

from the radial scale a reflection coefficient  $|\rho| = 0.55$ , so that  $|\rho|^2$  is 0.30 or 30%. This value can be checked by numerical calculation using (1) and (2).

### Example 6.8b ELECTRICALLY THIN WINDOW

If  $\eta_1 = \eta_3$  and  $k_2 l$  is so small compared with unity that  $\tan k_2 l \approx k_2 l$ , (1) becomes

$$Z_{L1} \approx \eta_2 \left( \frac{\eta_1 + j\eta_2 k_2 l}{\eta_2 + j\eta_1 k_2 l} \right) \approx \eta_1 \left[ 1 + jk_2 l \left( \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} - \frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

Substituting in (2), we see that

$$\rho \approx j \frac{k_2 l}{2} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} - \frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} \right) \quad (5)$$

The magnitude of reflection coefficient is thus proportional to the electrical length of the dielectric window for small values of  $k_2 l$ ; and the fraction of incident power reflected is proportional to the square of this length.

For example, a polystyrene window ( $\epsilon_r \approx 2.54$ ) 3 mm thick, with a normally incident plane wave at 3 GHz from air, would give  $\rho = -j0.145$  so that 2% of incident power is reflected.

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### Example 6.8c

#### QUARTER-WAVE COATING FOR ELIMINATING REFLECTIONS

Another important case is that of a quarter-wave coating placed between two different dielectrics. If its intrinsic impedance is the geometric mean of those on the two sides, it will eliminate all wave reflections for energy passing from the first medium into the third. To show this, let

$$k_2 l = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \eta_2 = \sqrt{\eta_1 \eta_3} \quad (6)$$

From (1),

$$Z_{L1} = \frac{\eta_2^2}{\eta_3} = \frac{\eta_1 \eta_3}{\eta_3} = \eta_1$$

This is a perfect match to dielectric 1, so that  $\rho = 0$ .

This technique is used, for example, in coating optical lenses to decrease the amount of reflected light, and is exactly analogous to the technique of matching transmission lines of different characteristic impedances by introducing a quarter-wave section having characteristic impedance the geometric mean of those on the two sides. In all cases the matching is perfect only at specific frequencies for which the length is an odd multiple of a quarter-wavelength, but is approximately correct for bands of frequencies about these values. Multiple coatings are used to increase the frequency band obtainable with a specified permissible reflection.<sup>4</sup>

As a numerical example of this technique, consider the coating needed to eliminate reflections from a 488-nm-wavelength argon laser beam (taken as a plane wave) in going from air to fused silica with refractive index 1.46. It follows from (6) that refractive index of the coating should be the geometric mean of that of the air and window, or about 1.21. Note from Fig. 13.2b that there are few materials with this low index, but if one is found its thickness should be a quarter-wavelength measured in the coating, which is about 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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<sup>4</sup> C. A. Balanis, Advanced Engineering Electromagnetics, Sec. 5.5, Wiley, New York, 1989.

**Example 6.8d**  
REFLECTION FROM A TWO-PLY DIELECTRIC

Now take the two-ply dielectric of Fig. 6.8c in which  $d_2 = 2$  mm,  $\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0 = 2.54$  (polystyrene) and  $d_3 = 3.0$  mm,  $\epsilon_3/\epsilon_0 = 4$  (Corning 707 glass). The normally incident wave is at frequency 10 GHz ( $\lambda_0 = 3$  cm). We will do this just on the Smith chart and enter points on Fig. 6.8b. The steps are clear extensions of the above.

Starting at the 3–4 interface,

$$\frac{Z_{L3}}{Z_{03}} = \frac{377}{188.5} = 2.00 \quad (\text{point } M)$$

Moving toward generator,

$$\frac{d_3}{\lambda_3} = \frac{0.30}{3.0/\sqrt{4}} = 0.2 \text{ wavelength} \quad (\text{point } N)$$

We read  $Z_{i3}/Z_{03} = 0.55 - j0.235$  and renormalize to get load on region 2:

$$\frac{Z_{L2}}{Z_{02}} = (0.55 - j0.235) \sqrt{\frac{2.54}{4}} = 0.438 - j0.187 \quad (\text{point } O)$$

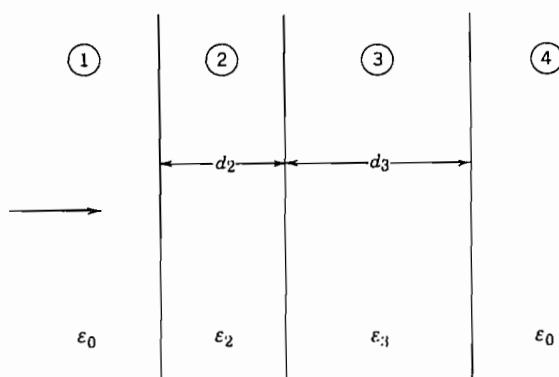
Moving toward generator,

$$\frac{d_2}{\lambda_2} = \frac{0.20}{3.0/\sqrt{2.54}} = 0.106 \text{ wavelength} \quad (\text{point } P)$$

Finally we read  $Z_{i2}/Z_{02} = 0.49 + j0.38$  and renormalize to air to get load on region 1:

$$\frac{Z_{L1}}{Z_{01}} = (0.49 + j0.38) \sqrt{\frac{1}{2.54}} = 0.31 + j0.24 \quad (\text{point } Q)$$

Radius to  $Q$  (as fraction of radius of chart) gives  $|\rho| = 0.55$  so that over 30% of incident power is reflected.



**FIG. 6.8c** A composite window with two slab dielectrics and free space on either side.

## Plane Waves Obliquely Incident on Discontinuities

### 6.9 INCIDENCE AT ANY ANGLE ON PERFECT CONDUCTORS

We next remove the restriction to normal incidence which has been assumed in all the preceding examples. It is possible and desirable to extend the impedance concept to apply to this case also, but before doing this we shall consider the reflection of uniform plane waves incident at an arbitrary angle on a perfect conductor to develop certain ideas of the behavior at oblique incidence. It is also convenient to separate the discussion into two cases, polarization with electric field in the plane of incidence and normal to the plane of incidence. Other cases may be considered a superposition of these two. The plane of incidence is defined by a normal to the surface on which the wave impinges and a ray following the direction of propagation of the incident wave. That is, it is the plane of the paper as we have drawn sketches in this chapter. We consider here loss-free media.<sup>5</sup> Polarization with  $\mathbf{E}$  in the plane of incidence may also be referred to as *transverse magnetic* (TM) since magnetic field is then transverse. When  $\mathbf{E}$  is normal to the plane of incidence it may be called *transverse electric* (TE).<sup>6</sup>

**Polarization with Electric Field in the Plane of Incidence (TM)** In Fig. 6.9a the ray drawn normal to the incident wavefront makes an angle  $\theta$  with the normal to the conductor. We know that since energy cannot pass into the perfect conductor, there must be a reflected wave, and we draw its direction of propagation at some unknown angle  $\theta'$ . The electric and magnetic fields of both incident and reflected waves must lie perpendicular to their respective directions of propagation by the properties of uniform plane waves (Sec. 6.2), so the electric fields may be drawn as shown by  $\mathbf{E}_+$  and  $\mathbf{E}_-$ . The corresponding magnetic fields  $\mathbf{H}_+$  and  $\mathbf{H}_-$  are then both normally out of the paper, so that  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  gives the direction of propagation for each wave. Moreover, with the senses as shown,

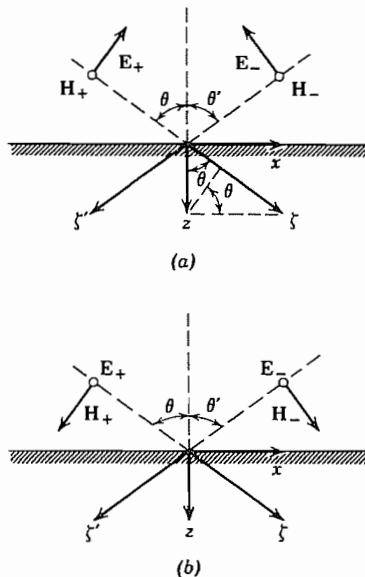
$$\frac{E_+}{H_+} = \frac{E_-}{H_-} = \eta \quad (1)$$

If we draw a  $\zeta$  direction in the actual direction of propagation for the incident wave as shown, and a  $\zeta'$  direction so that the reflected wave is traveling in the negative  $\zeta'$  direction, we know that the phase factors for the two waves may be written as  $e^{-jk\zeta}$  and  $e^{jk\zeta'}$ , respectively. The sum of incident and reflected waves at any point  $x, z$  ( $z < 0$ ) can be written

$$\mathbf{E}(x, z) = \mathbf{E}_+ e^{-jk\zeta} + \mathbf{E}_- e^{jk\zeta'} \quad (2)$$

<sup>5</sup> For a treatment of waves in free space obliquely incident on the plane surface of a lossy medium, see C. A. Balanis, Advanced Engineering Electromagnetics, Sec. 5.4, Wiley, New York, 1989.

<sup>6</sup> An alternate designation, common in the scientific literature, employs P (for German "parallel") and S (for German "senkrecht," i.e., perpendicular), respectively, for the orientations of  $\mathbf{E}$  in the two cases.



**FIG. 6.9** Wave incident at an angle on a dielectric interface. (a) Polarization with electric field in plane of incidence. (b) Polarization with electric field perpendicular to plane of incidence.

where  $E_+$  and  $E_-$  are reference values at the origin. We now express all coordinates in terms of the rectangular system aligned with the conductor surface. The conversion of  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta'$  from the diagram is

$$\zeta = x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

$$\zeta' = -x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta' \quad (4)$$

so that, if these are substituted in the phase factors of (2), and the two waves broken into their  $x$  and  $z$  components, we have

$$E_x(x, z) = E_+ \cos \theta e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} - E_- \cos \theta' e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (5)$$

$$E_z(x, z) = -E_+ \sin \theta e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} - E_- \sin \theta' e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (6)$$

The magnetic field in the two waves is

$$H_y(x, z) = H_+ e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} + H_- e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (7)$$

The next step is the application of the boundary condition of the perfect conductor, which is that, at  $z = 0$ ,  $E_x$  must be zero for all  $x$ . From (5),

$$E_x(x, 0) = E_+ \cos \theta e^{-jkx \sin \theta} - E_- \cos \theta' e^{-jkx \sin \theta'} = 0 \quad (8)$$

This equation can be satisfied for all  $x$  only if the phase factors in the two terms are equal, and this in turn requires that

$$\theta = \theta' \quad (9)$$

That is, *the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence*. With this result in (8), it follows that the two amplitudes must be equal:

$$E_+ = E_- \quad (10)$$

If the results (9) and (10) are substituted in (5), (6), and (7), we have the final expressions for field components at any point  $z < 0$ :

$$E_x(x, z) = -2jE_+ \cos \theta \sin(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (11)$$

$$E_z(x, z) = -2E_+ \sin \theta \cos(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (12)$$

$$\eta H_y(x, z) = 2E_+ \cos(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (13)$$

The foregoing field has the character of a traveling wave with respect to the  $x$  direction, but that of a standing wave with respect to the  $z$  direction. That is,  $E_x$  is zero for all time at the conducting plane, and also in parallel planes distance  $nd$  in front of the conductor, where

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2 \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{2f\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \cos \theta} \quad (14)$$

The ac amplitude of  $E_x$  is a maximum in planes an odd multiple of  $d/2$  in front of the conductor.  $H_y$  and  $E_z$  are maximum where  $E_x$  is zero, are zero where  $E_x$  is maximum, and are everywhere 90 degrees out of time phase with respect to  $E_x$ . Perhaps the most interesting result from this analysis is that the distance between successive maxima and minima, measured normal to the plane, becomes *greater* as the incidence becomes more oblique. A superficial survey of the situation might lead one to believe that they would be at projections of the wavelength in this direction, which would become smaller with increasing  $\theta$ . This point will be pursued more in the following section.

**Polarization with Electric Field Normal to the Plane of Incidence (TE)** In this polarization (Fig. 6.9b),  $E_+$  and  $E_-$  are normal to the plane of the paper, and  $H_+$  and  $H_-$  are then as shown. Proceeding exactly as before, we can write the components of the two waves in the  $x, z$  system of coordinates as

$$E_y(x, z) = E_+ e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} + E_- e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (15)$$

$$\eta H_x(x, z) = -E_+ \cos \theta e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} + E_- \cos \theta' e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (16)$$

$$\eta H_z(x, z) = E_+ \sin \theta e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} + E_- \sin \theta' e^{jk(-x \sin \theta' + z \cos \theta')} \quad (17)$$

The boundary condition at the perfectly conducting plane is that  $E_y$  is zero at  $z = 0$  for all  $x$ , which by the same reasoning as before leads to the conclusion that  $\theta = \theta'$  and  $E_+ = -E_-$ . The field components, (15) to (17), then become

$$E_y = -2jE_+ \sin(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (18)$$

$$\eta H_x = -2E_+ \cos \theta \cos(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (19)$$

$$\eta H_z = -2jE_+ \sin \theta \sin(kz \cos \theta) e^{-jkx \sin \theta} \quad (20)$$

This set again shows the behavior of a traveling wave in the  $x$  direction and a standing wave pattern in the  $z$  direction, with zeros of  $E_y$  and  $H_z$  and maxima of  $H_x$  at the conducting plane and at parallel planes distance  $nd$  away, with  $d$  given by (14).

## 6.10 PHASE VELOCITY AND IMPEDANCE FOR WAVES AT OBLIQUE INCIDENCE

**Phase Velocity** Let us consider an incident wave, such as that of Sec. 6.9, traveling with velocity  $v = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$  in a positive direction, which makes angle  $\theta$  with a desired  $z$  direction aligned normally to some reflecting surface. We saw that it is possible to express the phase factor in terms of the  $x$  and  $z$  coordinates:

$$\mathbf{E}(x, z) = \mathbf{E}_+ e^{-jk\zeta} = \mathbf{E}_+ e^{-jk(x\sin\theta + z\cos\theta)} \quad (1)$$

For many purposes it is desirable to concentrate on the change in phase as one moves in the  $x$  direction, or in the  $z$  direction. We may then define the two phase constants for these directions:

$$\beta_x = k \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

$$\beta_z = k \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

Wave (1) in instantaneous form is then

$$\mathbf{E}(x, z, t) = \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}_+ e^{j(\omega t - \beta_x x - \beta_z z)}] \quad (4)$$

If we wish to keep the instantaneous phase constant as we move in the  $x$  direction, we keep  $\omega t - \beta_x x$  constant (the last term does not change if we move only in the  $x$  direction), and the velocity required for this is defined as the phase velocity referred to the  $x$  direction:

$$v_{px} = \left. \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|_{(\omega t - \beta_x x) = \text{const}} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_x}$$

or

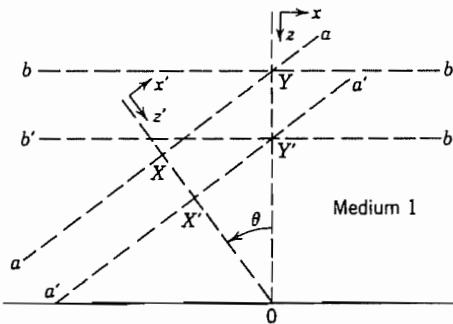
$$v_{px} = \frac{\omega}{k \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \sin \theta} = \frac{v}{\sin \theta} \quad (5)$$

Similarly for the  $z$  direction,

$$v_{pz} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_z} = \frac{v}{\cos \theta} \quad (6)$$

where  $v$  is the velocity normal to its wave front,  $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ .

We see that in both cases the phase velocity is *greater* than the velocity measured normal to the wavefront and will in fact be so for any oblique direction. There is no violation of relativistic principles by this result, since no material object moves at this velocity. It is the velocity of a fictitious point of intersection of the wavefront and a



**FIG. 6.10a** Uniform plane wave moving at angle  $\theta$  toward a plane.

line drawn in the selected direction. Thus in Fig. 6.10a, if a plane of constant phase  $aa'$  moves to  $a'a'$  in a given interval of time, the distance moved normal to the wavefront is  $XX'$ , but the distance moved by this constant phase reference along the  $z$  direction is the greater distance  $YY'$ . Since

$$YY' = XX' \sec \theta$$

this picture would again lead to the result (6) for phase velocity in the  $z$  direction.

Thus it is the phase constant  $\beta$  in a particular direction that is reduced by cosine or sine of the angle between normal to the boundary and normal to the wavefront, whereas phase velocity is increased by the same factor. The concept of a phase velocity, and the understanding of why it may be greater than the velocity of light, is essential to the discussion of guided waves in later chapters, as well as to the remainder of this chapter.

**Wave Impedance** In the problems of oblique incidence on a plane boundary between different media, it is also useful to define the wave or field impedance as the ratio of electric to magnetic field components in planes parallel to the boundary. The reason for this is the continuity of the *tangential* components of electric and magnetic fields at a boundary and the consequent equality of the above-defined ratio on the two sides of the boundary. That is, if the value of this ratio is computed as an input impedance for a region to the right in some manner, it is also the value of load impedance at that plane for the region to the left, just as in the examples of normal incidence.

Thus, for incident and reflected waves making angle  $\theta$  with the normal as in Sec. 6.9, we may define a characteristic wave impedance referred to the  $z$  direction in terms of the components in planes transverse to that direction. From Eqs. 6.9(5) and 6.9(7) for waves polarized with electric field in the plane of incidence,

$$(Z_z)_{TM} = \frac{E_{x+}}{H_{y+}} = -\frac{E_{x-}}{H_{y-}} = \eta \cos \theta \quad (7)$$

+ and - refer, respectively, to incident and reflected wave; the sign of the ratio is

chosen for each wave to yield a positive impedance. From Eqs. 6.9(15) and 6.9(16) for waves polarized with electric field normal to the plane of incidence,

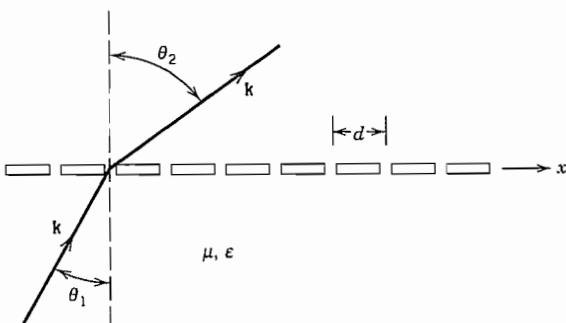
$$(Z_s)_{TE} = -\frac{E_{y+}}{H_{x+}} = \frac{E_{y-}}{H_{x-}} = \eta \sec \theta \quad (8)$$

we see that, for the first type of polarization, the characteristic wave impedance is always less than  $\eta$ , as we would expect, since only a component of total electric field lies in the transverse  $x-y$  plane, whereas the total magnetic field lies in that plane. In the latter polarization, the reverse is true and  $Z_z$  is always greater than  $\eta$ .

The interpretation of the example of the last section from the foregoing point of view is then that the perfect conductor amounts to a zero impedance or short to the transverse field component  $E_x$ . We would then expect a standing wave pattern in the  $z$  direction with other zeros at multiples of a half-wavelength away, this wavelength being computed from phase velocity in the  $z$  direction. This is consistent with the interpretation of Eq. 6.9(14).

### Example 6.10 DIFFRACTION ORDERS FROM A BRAGG GRATING

It is known that a periodic grating of wires, slots, or similar perturbations reradiates, or diffracts, a plane wave incident upon it into various directions described as the *diffraction orders* for the grating. The directions are defined as those for which phase constants along the grating match on the two sides, except that multiples of  $2\pi$  difference may exist between grating elements and the contributions still add constructively. Consider a grating as in Fig. 6.10b, with a plane wave incident from the bottom at angle  $\theta_1$  from the normal. Phase constant in the  $x$  direction is  $k \sin \theta_1$  so that the phase difference between induced effects in adjacent grating elements is  $kd \sin \theta_1$ . For the reradiated



**FIG. 6.10b** Diffraction grating with plane wave incident at an angle.

wave in the top, at angle  $\theta_2$  from the normal, there will then be constructive interference if

$$kd \sin \theta_1 = kd \sin \theta_2 \pm 2m\pi, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

or

$$\sin \theta_2 = \sin \theta_1 \pm \frac{m\lambda}{d}$$

Angle  $\theta_2 = \theta_1$  for  $m = 0$  (the *principal order*) but there can be other diffraction orders or *lobes* provided that  $|\sin \theta_1 \pm m\lambda/d| \leq 1$ , which requires  $d > \lambda/2$ .

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### 6.11 INCIDENCE AT ANY ANGLE ON DIELECTRICS

**Law of Reflection** For a uniform plane wave incident at angle  $\theta_1$  from the normal to the plane boundary between two dielectrics  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  (Fig. 6.11), there is a reflected wave at some angle  $\theta'_1$  with the normal and a transmitted (refracted) wave into the second medium at some angle  $\theta_2$  with the normal. For either type of polarization, the continuity condition on tangential components of electric and magnetic field at the boundary  $z = 0$  must be satisfied for all values of  $x$ . As in the argument applied to the problem of reflection from the perfect conductor, this is possible for all  $x$  only if inci-

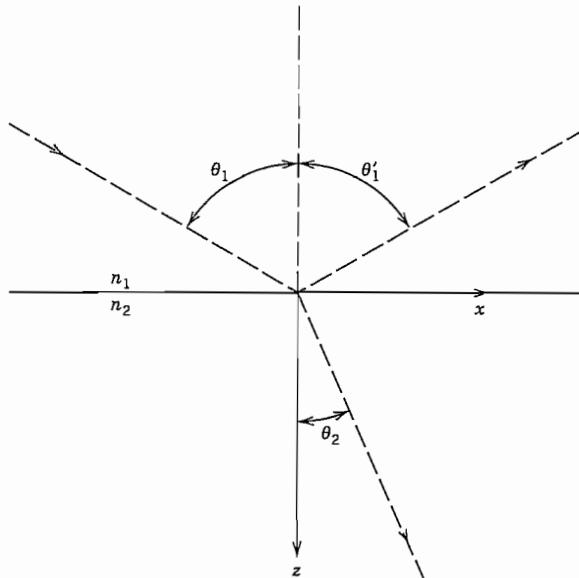


FIG. 6.11 Oblique incidence on boundary between two isotropic dielectrics.

dent, reflected, and refracted waves all have the same phase factor with respect to the  $x$  direction:

$$k_1 \sin \theta_1 = k_1 \sin \theta'_1 = k_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad (1)$$

The first pair in (1) gives the result

$$\theta'_1 = \theta_1 \quad (2)$$

or the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence.

**Snell's Law of Refraction** From the last pair of (1) we find a relation between the angle of refraction  $\theta_2$  and the angle of incidence  $\theta_1$ :

$$\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \quad (3)$$

This relation is a familiar one in optics and is known as Snell's law. The *refractive index*  $n$  is defined to be unity for free space so its value for any other dielectric is a measure of the phase velocity of electromagnetic waves in the medium, relative to free space. It is common to use the refractive index to characterize properties of dielectrics in the infrared and optical frequency ranges as explained in Sec. 6.2. At microwave and lower frequencies it is more common to express the velocities in (3) in terms of permittivity and permeability. For most dielectrics  $n_1/n_2$  may be replaced by  $(\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2)^{1/2}$  since  $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_0$ .

**Reflection and Transmission for Polarization with  $E$  in Plane of Incidence** To compute the amount of the wave reflected and the amount transmitted, we may use the impedance concept as extended for oblique incidence in the last section. To show the validity of this procedure, we write the continuity conditions for total  $E_x$  and  $H_y$ , including both incident and reflected components in region 1:

$$E_{x+} + E_{x-} = E_{x2} \quad (4)$$

$$H_{y+} + H_{y-} = H_{y2} \quad (5)$$

Following Sec. 6.10, if we define wave impedances in terms of the tangential components for this TM polarization,

$$Z_{z1} = \frac{E_{x+}}{H_{y+}} = -\frac{E_{x-}}{H_{y-}} \quad (6)$$

$$Z_L = \frac{E_{x2}}{H_{y2}} \quad (7)$$

Equation (5) may be written

$$\frac{E_{x+}}{Z_{z1}} - \frac{E_{x-}}{Z_{z1}} = \frac{E_{x2}}{Z_L} \quad (8)$$

An elimination between (4) and (8) results in equations for reflection and transmission coefficients defined in terms of tangential electric field:

$$\rho = \frac{E_{x-}}{E_{x+}} = \frac{Z_L - Z_{z1}}{Z_L + Z_{z1}} \quad (9)$$

$$\tau = \frac{E_{x2}}{E_{x+}} = \frac{2Z_L}{Z_L + Z_{z1}} \quad (10)$$

For the present case, in which we assume there is no returning wave in medium 2, the load impedance  $Z_L$  is just the characteristic wave impedance for the refracted wave referred to the  $z$  direction, obtainable from (3) and Eq. 6.10(7):

$$Z_L = \eta_2 \cos \theta_2 = \eta_2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_1} \quad (11)$$

And the characteristic wave impedance for medium 1 referred to the  $z$  direction is

$$Z_{z1} = \eta_1 \cos \theta_1 \quad (12)$$

The second form of (11) is applicable even when the result for  $Z_L$  is complex. Note that, for dielectrics with  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ ,

$$\frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \quad (13)$$

The total fields in region 1 may then be written as the sum of incident and reflected waves, utilizing (9) and the basic properties of uniform plane waves. We shall use  $H_{y+}$  (denoted  $H_+$ ) of the incident wave as the reference component since it is parallel to the boundary:

$$E_x = \eta_1 H_+ \cos \theta_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} [e^{-j\beta_z z} + \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (14)$$

$$H_y = H_+ e^{-j\beta_x x} [e^{-j\beta_z z} - \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (15)$$

$$E_z = \eta_1 H_+ \sin \theta_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} [-e^{-j\beta_z z} + \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (16)$$

$$\beta_x = k_1 \sin \theta_1 \quad \beta_z = k_1 \cos \theta_1 \quad (17)$$

This field again has the character of a traveling wave field in the  $x$  direction and a standing wave field in the  $z$  direction, but here the minima in the  $z$  direction do not in general reach zero. The ratio of maxima to minima could be expressed as a standing wave ratio and would be related to the magnitude of reflection coefficient by the usual expression, Eq. 6.7(5).

**Reflection and Transmission for Polarization with  $E$  Normal to Plane of Incidence** For this (TE) polarization, the basic relations (9) and (10) between impedances and reflection or transmission may also be shown to apply. Note that they were first introduced in connection with transmission-line waves in Chapter 5 but have now

found usefulness for many wave problems through the impedance concept applied to wave phenomena. Again we define in terms of tangential electric field:

$$\rho = \frac{E_{y-}}{E_{y+}} = \frac{Z_L - Z_{z1}}{Z_L + Z_{z1}} \quad (18)$$

$$\tau = \frac{E_{y2}}{E_{y+}} = \frac{2Z_L}{Z_L + Z_{z1}} \quad (19)$$

For this polarization, the proper wave impedances are obtained from Eq. 6.10(8):

$$Z_L = \eta_2 \sec \theta_2 = \eta_2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{v_2}{v_1} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (20)$$

$$Z_{z1} = \eta_1 \sec \theta_1 \quad (21)$$

The total fields in region 1 are ( $E_+$  denotes the value of  $E_{y+}$  in the incident wave)

$$E_y = E_+ e^{-j\beta_x x} [e^{-j\beta_z z} + \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (22)$$

$$\eta_1 H_x = -E_+ \cos \theta_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} [e^{-j\beta_z z} - \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (23)$$

$$\eta_1 H_z = E_+ \sin \theta_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} [e^{-j\beta_z z} + \rho e^{j\beta_z z}] \quad (24)$$

$$\beta_x = k_1 \sin \theta_1, \quad \beta_z = k_1 \cos \theta_1 \quad (25)$$

### Example 6.11

#### REFLECTION AND TRANSMISSION OF A CIRCULARLY POLARIZED WAVE AT OBLIQUE INCIDENCE

A circularly polarized wave, incident at an angle on a dielectric discontinuity as in Fig. 6.11, can be resolved into the two linearly polarized parts (Sec. 6.3) and relations of this section used. To be specific, let us assume such a wave incident at angle  $\theta_1 = 60^\circ$  degrees from air onto fused quartz with  $\epsilon_r = 3.78$ . By Snell's law,

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}} \sin \theta_1 \right] = \sin^{-1} \frac{0.866}{\sqrt{3.78}} = \sin^{-1}(0.445) = 26.4^\circ$$

For the TM component, wave impedances are

$$Z_{z1} = \eta_1 \cos \theta_1 = 377 \cos 60^\circ = 188.5 \Omega$$

$$Z_{z2} = \eta_2 \cos \theta_2 = \frac{377}{\sqrt{3.78}} \cos 26.4^\circ = 174 \Omega$$

from which we calculate  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  from (9) and (10) as

$$\rho = \frac{174 - 188.5}{174 + 188.5} = -0.04$$

$$\tau = \frac{2 \times 174}{174 + 188.5} = 0.96$$

For the TE component,

$$Z_{z1} = \eta_1 \sec \theta_1 = 756 \Omega$$

$$Z_{z2} = \eta_2 \sec \theta_2 = 217 \Omega$$

$$\rho = -0.554$$

$$\tau = 0.446$$

So the second component is highly reflected, the first part is weakly reflected, and both reflected and transmitted waves will be elliptically polarized.

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## 6.12 TOTAL REFLECTION

A study of the general results from Sec. 6.11 shows that there are several particular conditions of incidence of special interest. The first is one that leads to a condition of total reflection. From the basic formula for reflection coefficient, Eq. 6.11(9) or 6.11(18), we know that there is complete reflection ( $|\rho| = 1$ ) if the load impedance  $Z_L$  is zero, infinity, or purely imaginary. To show the last condition, let  $Z_L = jX_L$  and note that  $Z_{z1}$  is real:

$$|\rho| = \left| \frac{jX_L - Z_{z1}}{jX_L + Z_{z1}} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{X_L^2 + Z_{z1}^2}}{\sqrt{X_L^2 + Z_{z1}^2}} = 1 \quad (1)$$

The value of  $Z_L$  for TM polarization, given by Eq. 6.11(11), is seen to become zero for some critical angle  $\theta = \theta_c$  such that

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{v_1}{v_2} \quad (2)$$

The value of  $Z_L$  for TE polarization, given by Eq. 6.11(20), becomes infinite for this same condition. For both polarizations,  $Z_L$  is imaginary for angles of incidence greater than  $\theta_c$ , so there is total reflection for such angles of incidence.

For loss-free dielectrics having  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ , (2) reduces to

$$\sin \theta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}} \quad (3)$$

It is seen that there are real solutions for the critical angle in this case only when  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_2$ , or when the wave passes from an optically dense to an optically rarer medium. From Snell's law, Eq. 6.11(3), we find that the angle of refraction is  $\pi/2$  for  $\theta = \theta_c$  and is imaginary for greater angles of incidence. So from this point of view also we expect no transfer of energy into the second medium. Although there is no energy transfer, there are finite values of field in the second region as required by the continuity conditions at the boundary. Fields die off exponentially with distance from the boundary as the phase constant  $\beta_z$  becomes imaginary.

Although the reflected wave has the same amplitude as the incident wave for angles of incidence greater than the critical, it does not in general have the same phase. The phase relation between  $E_{x-}$  and  $E_{x+}$  for the first type of polarization is also different from that between  $E_{y-}$  and  $E_{y+}$  for the second type of polarization incident at the same angle. Thus, if the incident wave has both types of polarization components, the reflected wave under these conditions is elliptically polarized (Sec. 6.3).

The phenomenon of total reflection is very important at optical frequencies, as it provides reflection with less loss than from conducting mirrors. The use in total reflecting prisms is a well-known example, and its importance to dielectric waveguides will be shown in later chapters.

### Example 6.12 EVANESCENT DECAY IN SECOND MEDIUM

It was noted above that fields are nonzero in the second medium under conditions of total reflection, but die off exponentially from the boundary (i.e., are evanescent). Let us show this more specifically using expressions already developed. We have so far considered the propagation factor in the  $z$  direction as

$$e^{-j\beta_z z} \quad (4)$$

where, for medium 2,

$$\beta_z = k_2 \cos \theta_2 \quad (5)$$

and using Snell's law,

$$\beta_z = k_2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_1} \quad (6)$$

This becomes imaginary, which by (4) represents an attenuation factor  $e^{-\alpha z}$ , for  $(v_2/v_1) \sin \theta_1 > 1$ , with

$$\alpha = k_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 - 1} \quad \text{Np/m} \quad (7)$$

Since  $k_2 = 2\pi\sqrt{\epsilon_{2r}}/\lambda_0$ ,  $\alpha$  will be of order of magnitude  $2\pi N_p$  (or 54.5 dB) per wavelength for angles well beyond the critical.

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### 6.13 POLARIZING OR BREWSTER ANGLE

Let us next ask under what conditions there might be no reflected wave when the uniform plane wave is incident at angle  $\theta$  on the dielectric boundary. We know that this occurs for a matching of impedances between the two media,  $Z_L = Z_{z1}$ . For the wave with TM polarization and for a medium with  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ , Eqs. 6.11(11) and 6.11(12) become

$$Z_L = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \sin^2 \theta_1} \quad (1)$$

$$Z_{z1} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}} \cos \theta_1 \quad (2)$$

These two quantities may be made equal for a particular angle  $\theta_1 = \theta_p$  such that

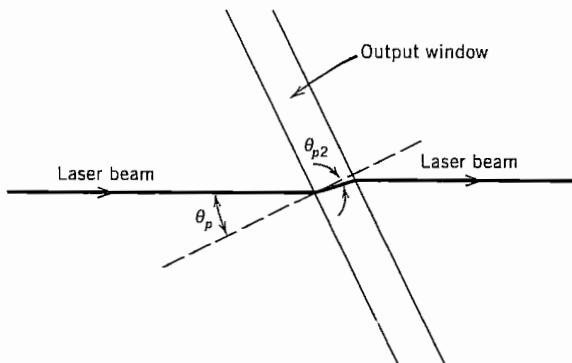
$$\cos \theta_p = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \sin^2 \theta_p} \quad (3)$$

This equation has a solution

$$\theta_p = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2}} = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right) \quad (4)$$

Note that (4) yields real values of  $\theta_p$  for either  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_2$  or  $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$ , and so for TM polarization there is always some angle for which there is no reflection; all energy incident at this angle passes into the second medium.

For TE polarization a study of Eqs. 6.11(20) and 6.11(21) shows that there is no angle yielding an equality of impedances for materials with different dielectric constants but like permeabilities. Hence, a wave incident at angle  $\theta_p$  with both polarization components present has some of the second polarization component but none of the first reflected. The reflected wave at this angle is thus plane polarized with electric field normal to the plane of incidence, and the angle  $\theta_p$  is correspondingly known as the *polarizing angle*. It is also alternatively known as the *Brewster angle*. Early gas lasers made use of end windows placed at the Brewster angle to provide for oscillation for only one of the two polarizations. For the TM polarization, there is no reflection from the ends of the tube, so an external optical resonator governs the oscillation behavior.



**FIG. 6.13** Window set at the Brewster angle to eliminate reflection for a laser beam with TM polarization.

### Example 6.13

#### LASER LIGHT THROUGH A WINDOW SET AT THE BREWSTER ANGLE

Let us calculate the angle needed to pass without reflection TM polarized light from a helium-neon laser ( $\lambda = 0.633 \mu\text{m}$ ) using fused quartz with refractive index  $n_2 = 1.46$ . From (4),

$$\theta_p = \tan^{-1} \frac{1.46}{1} = 55.6^\circ$$

Note that this is the angle between the beam axis and the normal to the window (Fig. 6.13). We find the angle in the glass by Snell's law,

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{1.46} \sin 55.6^\circ \right] = 34.4^\circ$$

Note that this is the proper Brewster angle for going from glass to air:

$$\theta_{p2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1.46} = 34.4^\circ$$

So the exit from the window is without reflection also.

## 6.14 MULTIPLE DIELECTRIC BOUNDARIES WITH OBLIQUE INCIDENCE

If there are several dielectric regions with parallel boundaries, the problem may be solved by successively transforming impedances through the several regions, using the standard transmission-line formula, Eq. 6.6(10), or a graphical aid such as the Smith

chart. For each region the phase constant and characteristic wave impedance must include the function of angle from the normal as well as the properties of the dielectric material. Thus for the  $i$ th region, from the concepts of Sec. 6.11, the phase constant is

$$\beta_{zi} = k_i \cos \theta_i \quad (1)$$

and the characteristic wave impedance is

$$Z_{zi} = \eta_i \cos \theta_i \quad \text{for TM polarization} \quad (2)$$

$$Z_{zi} = \eta_i \sec \theta_i \quad \text{for TE polarization} \quad (3)$$

When the impedance is finally transformed to the surface at which it is desired to find reflection, the reflection coefficient is calculated from the basic reflection formula, Eq. 6.11(9), and the fraction of the incident power reflected is just the square of its magnitude. The angles in the several regions are found by successively applying Snell's law, starting from the first given angle of incidence.

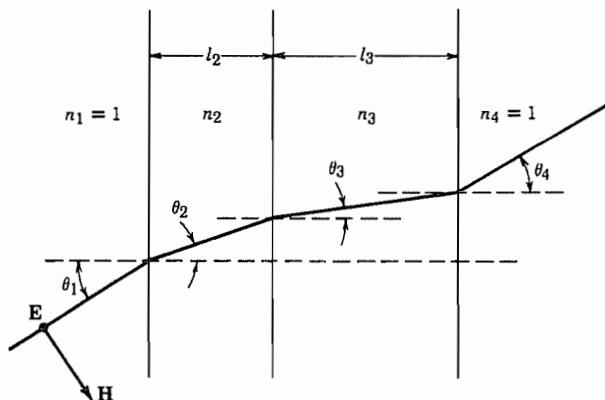
### Example 6.14

#### OBlique INCIDENCE ON A TWO-PLY DIELECTRIC WINDOW

We return to the two-ply dielectric of Ex. 6.8d with  $n_2 = 2.54$ ,  $n_3 = 4.0$  and consider incidence of a plane wave at angle  $\theta_1 = 40^\circ$  from the normal (Fig. 6.14). From Snell's law, angles in the dielectric are  $\theta_2 = 23.8^\circ$ ,  $\theta_3 = 18.7^\circ$ , and  $\theta_4 = 40.0^\circ$ . Note that the exit angle is equal to the entrance angle as expected (Prob. 6.14d).

Wave impedance for the  $i$ th region using TE polarization is given by

$$Z_{zi} = \eta_i / \cos \theta_i$$



**FIG. 6.14** Composite window with wave incident at an angle.

yielding  $Z_{z1} = Z_{z4} = 492 \Omega$ ,  $Z_{z2} = 258.5 \Omega$ , and  $Z_{z3} = 199 \Omega$ . The length in wavelengths for each region is given by

$$\ell_i/\lambda_i = \ell_i \cos \theta_i \sqrt{\epsilon_{ri}}/\lambda_0$$

yielding  $\ell_2/\lambda_2 = 0.097$  and  $\ell_3/\lambda_3 = 0.189$ . Use of the above values on a Smith chart leads to the normalized impedances

$$Z_{L3}/Z_{03} = 2.47, \quad Z_{i3}/Z_{03} = 0.48 - j0.325$$

$$Z_{L2}/Z_{02} = 0.37 - j0.25, \quad Z_{i2}/Z_{02} = 0.38 + j0.30$$

$$Z_{L1}/Z_{01} = 0.20 + j0.158$$

This last value corresponds to  $|\rho| = 0.66$  or  $|\rho|^2 = 0.435$ . This is somewhat greater than the value for normal incidence in Ex. 6.8d.

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## PROBLEMS

- 6.2a** For an inhomogeneous dielectric, find the differential equation for  $E_x$  (replacing Eq. 6.2(7)) if  $\epsilon$  is a function of  $z$  only. Repeat for  $\epsilon$  a function of  $x$  only ( $\mu = \mu_0$  in both cases).
- 6.2b** A step-function uniform plane wave is generated by suddenly impressing a constant electric field  $E_x = C$  at  $z = 0$  at time  $t = 0$  and maintaining it thereafter. A perfectly conducting plane is placed normal to the  $z$  direction at  $z = 600$  m. Sketch total  $E_x$  and  $\eta H_y$  versus  $z$  at  $t = 1 \mu\text{s}$  and at  $t = 3 \mu\text{s}$ .
- 6.2c** Write the instantaneous forms corresponding to phasor fields given by Eqs. 6.02(21)–(24). Find the instantaneous Poynting vector and show that the average part is equal to the average Poynting vector of the positively traveling wave minus that for the negatively traveling wave.
- 6.2d** For the modulated wave of Ex. 6.2, suppose that the medium is dispersive with wave number  $k$  varying linearly with frequency over the frequency band of interest:
- $$k \approx \frac{\omega}{v_0} + \frac{\Delta k(\omega - \omega_0)}{\omega_0}$$
- Describe propagation of the modulated wave in this case.
- 6.3a** Check to show that Eqs. 6.3(1) and (2) satisfy Maxwell's equations under the specializations appropriate to plane waves.
- 6.3b** Sketch the locus of  $\mathbf{E}$  for the following special cases of Eq. 6.3(1), identifying the type of polarization for each: (i)  $E_1 = 1, E_2 = 2, \psi = 0$ ; (ii)  $E_1 = 1, E_2 = 2, \psi = \pi$ ; (iii)  $E_1 = 1, E_2 = 1, \psi = \pi/2$ ; (iv)  $E_1 = 1, E_2 = 2, \psi = \pi/2$ ; (v)  $E_1 = 1, E_2 = 1, \psi = \pi/4$ .

- 6.3c** A circularly polarized wave of strength  $E_1$  travels in the positive  $z$  direction with the reflected circularly polarized wave of strength  $E'_1$  returning:

$$\mathbf{E} = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E_1 e^{-jkz} + (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E'_1 e^{jkz}$$

Find the average Poynting vector. Repeat for reflected wave  $(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}})E'_1 e^{jkz}$  and discuss types of terminations at  $z = 0$  to give the two forms of reflected waves.

- 6.3d** Show that any arbitrary elliptically polarized wave may be broken up into two oppositely rotating circularly polarized components instead of the two plane-polarized components.

- 6.4a** For a uniform plane wave of frequency 10 GHz propagating in polystyrene, calculate the attenuation constant, phase velocity, and intrinsic impedance. What are the most important differences over air dielectric?

- 6.4b** Plot a curve showing attenuation constant in sea water from  $10^4$  to  $10^9$  Hz, assuming that the constants given do not vary over this range. Comment on the implications of the results to the problem of communicating by radio waves through seawater.

- 6.4c** A horn antenna excited at 1 GHz is buried in dry earth. How thick could the earth covering be if half the power is to reach the surface? Neglect reflections at the surface in your first calculation and then estimate additional fraction lost by the reflection.

- 6.4d** Plot attenuation in nepers per micrometer versus wavelength for nickel and silver over the wavelength range of Fig. 13.3b, using data of that figure.

- 6.4e** Derive the expression for group velocity of a uniform plane wave propagating in a good conductor and compare with phase velocity in the conductor.

- 6.4f** Determine the group velocity for uniform plane waves in a lossy dielectric, assuming (i)  $\sigma$  and  $\epsilon'$  independent of frequency and (ii) assuming  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$  independent of frequency. Use the approximate form for  $\beta$  assuming  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$  small and compare in each case with phase velocity.

- 6.4g\*** For a plane wave in loss-free dielectric  $\epsilon_1$ , impinging upon a second loss-free dielectric  $\epsilon_2$  at normal incidence, the average Poynting vector in region 2 is just the difference between the average Poynting vectors of incident and reflected waves in region 1. Show that this is not so if  $\epsilon_1$  is lossy (even if  $\epsilon_2$  is taken to be loss free). Explain.

- 6.5a** Find the instantaneous Poynting vector for plane  $z$  for the standing wave of Sec. 6.5. Note the planes for which it is zero for all values of  $t$  and comment on the significance of these planes. Show that the average Poynting vector is zero as stated in Sec. 6.5.

- 6.5b** Evaluate instantaneous values of stored energy in electric field and in magnetic field between the conductor and plane  $z$  in the standing wave of Sec. 6.5. Note planes for which the two forms of energy have the same maximum values (occurring at different times) and verify the statements concerning stored energy made in Sec. 6.5.

- 6.6a** Write the formulas for a uniform plane wave with  $E_y$  and  $H_x$  only, and give the correspondence to voltage and current in the transmission-line equations.

- 6.6b** Consider a lossy ferrite with both  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  complex,  $\mu' - j\mu''$  and  $\epsilon' - j\epsilon''$ , respectively. Show that the transmission-line analogy for a plane wave in this material has both series resistance and shunt conductance. Determine expressions for these elements.

- 6.6c** Reflection and transmission coefficients are given in Eqs. 6.6(11) and (12) in terms of electric field. Give corresponding expressions in terms of magnetic field and in terms of power ratios.

- 6.6d** A conducting film of impedance  $377 \Omega/\text{square}$  is placed a quarter-wave in air from a plane conductor to eliminate wave reflections at 9 GHz. Assume negligible displacement currents in the film. Plot a curve showing the fraction of incident power reflected versus frequency for frequencies from 6 to 18 GHz.
- 6.7a** A 10-GHz radar produces a substantially plane wave which is normally incident upon a still ocean. Find the magnitude and phase of reflection coefficient and percent of incident energy reflected and percent transmitted into the body of the sea.
- 6.7b** For a certain dielectric material of effectively infinite depth, reflections of an incident plane wave from free space are observed to produce a standing wave ratio of 2.7 in the free space. The face is an electric field minimum. Find the dielectric constant.
- 6.7c** Check the expression for power transmitted into a good conductor, given at the end of Ex. 6.7b, by assuming that magnetic field at the surface is the same as for reflection from a perfect conductor and computing the conductor losses due to the currents associated with this magnetic field.
- 6.8a** Calculate the reflection coefficient and percent of incident energy reflected when a uniform plane wave is normally incident on a plexiglas radome (dielectric window) of thickness  $\frac{3}{8}$  in., relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 2.8$ , with free space on both sides. Frequency corresponds to free-space wavelength of 20 cm. Repeat for  $\lambda_0 = 10 \text{ cm}$  and 3 cm.
- 6.8b\*** For a sandwich-type radome consisting of two identical thin sheets (thickness 1.5 mm, relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 4$ ) on either side of a thicker foam-type dielectric (thickness 1.81 cm, relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 1.1$ ), calculate the reflection coefficient for waves striking at normal incidence. Take frequency  $3 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$ ; repeat for  $6 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$ .  
*Suggestion:* Use the Smith chart.
- 6.8c** What refractive index and what thickness do you need to make a quarter-wave anti-reflection coating between air and silicon at 10 GHz? At  $\lambda_0 = 10 \mu\text{m}$ ? Assume undoped silicon with losses negligible.
- 6.8d** For the  $10\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  design of Prob. 6.8c, plot fraction of incident energy reflected versus wavelength from  $\lambda_0 = 15 \mu\text{m}$  to  $\lambda_0 = 5 \mu\text{m}$ .
- 6.8e\*** Imagine two quarter-wave layers of intrinsic impedance  $\eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  between dielectrics of intrinsic impedances  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_4$ . Show that perfect matching occurs if  $\eta_2/\eta_3 = (\eta_1/\eta_4)^{1/2}$ . For  $\eta_4 = 4$ ,  $\eta_3 = 3$ ,  $\eta_2 = 1.5$ ,  $\eta_1 = 1$ , calculate reflection coefficient at a frequency 10% below that for perfect matching. Compare with the result for a single quarter-wave matching coating with  $\eta = 2$ .
- 6.8f\*\*** A dielectric window of polystyrene (see Table 6.4a) is made a half-wavelength thick (referred to the dielectric) at  $10^8 \text{ Hz}$ , so that there would be no reflections for normally incident uniform plane waves from space, neglecting losses in the dielectric. Considering the finite losses, compute the reflection coefficient and fraction of incident energy reflected from the front face. Also determine the fraction of the incident energy lost in the dielectric window.
- 6.8g** A slab of dielectric of length  $l$ , constants  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$ , is backed by a conducting plane at  $z = l$  which may be considered perfect. Determine the expression for field impedance at the front face,  $z = 0$ . Find value for  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\epsilon''/\epsilon' = 0.01$ ,  $f = 3 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $l = 1.25 \text{ cm}$ . Compare with the value obtained with losses neglected.
- 6.9a** Write instantaneous forms for the field components of Eqs. 6.9(5)–(7) for TM polarization. Find the average and instantaneous components of the Poynting vector for both the  $x$  and  $z$  directions.
- 6.9b** Repeat Prob. 6.9a for the TE polarization, defined by Eqs. 6.9(18)–(20).

- 6.9c** For the TM polarization with  $E_x$ ,  $E_z$ , and  $H_y$ , find stored energy in electric fields and in magnetic fields, for unit area, between planes  $z = 0$  and  $z = \pi/(k \cos \theta)$  and interpret.
- 6.10a** Show that a generalization of Eq. 6.10(1) for a wave oblique to all three axes can be written in the convenient form
- $$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_+ e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$
- where
- $$\mathbf{k} = \hat{x}k_x + \hat{y}k_y + \hat{z}k_z$$
- $$\mathbf{r} = \hat{x}x + \hat{y}y + \hat{z}z$$
- 6.10b** A diffraction grating as in Ex. 6.10 has grating spacing  $2 \mu\text{m}$ . Find the number and angle of the diffracted orders for an argon laser beam with  $\lambda_0 = 0.488 \mu\text{m}$  at (i) normal incidence,  $\theta_i = 0$ , and (ii) incidence with  $\theta_i = 60$  degrees.
- 6.10c** Find the modified relation for diffracted angle in Ex. 6.10 if there is dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  on the incident side of the grating and a different  $\epsilon_2$  on the exit side ( $\mu = \mu_0$  for both).
- 6.11a** Plot versus incident angle the phase and magnitude of  $\rho$  for a wave incident from air onto a ceramic with  $\epsilon_r = 4.95$  for both TM and TE polarizations.
- 6.11b** Repeat Prob. 6.11a with the wave passing from the ceramic into air. (Note that reflection is total beyond some angle, as will be explained in Sec. 6.12.)
- 6.11c** Obtain the special forms of  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  for grazing incidence ( $\theta = \pi/2 - \delta$  with  $\delta \ll 1$ ) for both polarizations and  $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$ .
- 6.11d** For both polarizations, give the conditions for which the standing wave pattern in  $z$  shows a minimum of tangential electric field at the boundary surface; repeat for a maximum of tangential  $E$  at the surface.
- 6.11e** Write expressions for  $E_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $E_z$  in region 2 as functions of  $x$  and  $z$  for polarization with  $\mathbf{E}$  in the plane of incidence. Obtain the Poynting vector for each region and demonstrate the power balance. (Take  $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$  to avoid the special case to be treated in Sec. 6.12.)
- 6.11f** A wave passes from air to a medium with  $\epsilon_r = 10$ ,  $\mu_r = 10$ . For normal incidence there is no reflection since  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_0$ . There is a nonzero reflection for incident angles other than zero. Plot reflection coefficient versus incident angle for both TM and TE polarizations.
- 6.12a** A microwave transmitter is placed below the surface of a freshwater lake. Neglecting absorption, find the cone over which you could expect radiation to pass into the air.
- 6.12b** Using data of Fig. 13.2b, find the critical angle for a wave of wavelength  $3 \mu\text{m}$  passing from silica into air and also for silicon into air. For both cases plot phase of reflection coefficient versus incident angle over the range  $\theta_c \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$  for a wave polarized with  $\mathbf{E}$  in the plane of incidence.
- 6.12c** In a GaAs laser, the generated radiation ( $\lambda_0 = 0.85 \mu\text{m}$ ) is “trapped” or guided along the thin junction region by total reflection from the adjacent layers. (The mechanism of dielectric guiding will be explored more in Chapters 8 and 14.) If the junction layer has refractive index  $n = 3.60$ , the upper layer  $n = 3.45$ , and the lower layer  $n = 3.50$ , find critical angle at upper and lower surfaces.
- 6.12d\*** Defining  $\psi$  as the phase  $E_{x-}/E_{x+}$  and  $\psi'$  as the phase of  $E_{y-}/E_{y+}$ , find expressions

for  $\psi$  and  $\psi'$  under conditions of total reflection. Show that the phase difference between these two polarization components,  $\delta = \psi - \psi'$ , is given by

$$\tan\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) = \frac{(\eta_2/\eta_1)[(v_2/v_1)^2 - 1] \sin^2 \theta}{[(\eta_2/\eta_1)^2 - 1] \cos \theta \sqrt{(v_2/v_1)^2 \sin^2 \theta - 1}}$$

- 6.12e** Optical fibers, now of importance in optical communications, guide light by the phenomenon of total reflection (as will be discussed more in Chapter 14). The evanescent fields outside of the guiding core could cause coupling or “crosstalk” between adjacent fibers. To estimate the size of this coupling, take a plane model with silica core having refractive index  $n = 1.535$  and external cladding of a borosilicate glass having  $n = 1.525$ . The optical signal has free-space wavelength of  $0.85 \mu\text{m}$ . How far away can the next core be placed if field is to be  $10^{-3}$  the surface value at that plane, if (i) incident angle of waves within the core is 85 degrees, and (ii) if incident angle is 89 degrees.
- 6.12f** For several applications of total reflection (note Probs. 6.12c and e), refractive indices on the two sides of the boundary are not very different. If  $n_2 = n_1(1 - \delta)$  where  $\delta \ll 1$ , show that  $\theta_c \approx \pi/2 - \Delta$  where  $\Delta = \sqrt{2\delta}$ .
- 6.13a** In Ex. 6.13, it was found that polarizing angle for entrance to the window is also correct for exit from the window. Prove this for general ratios of  $n_2/n_1$ .
- 6.13b** Examine Fig. 13.2b to determine materials which might be suitable as Brewster windows for a  $\text{CO}_2$  laser operating at  $10.6 \mu\text{m}$ . Calculate the appropriate window angle for each such material.
- 6.13c** A green ion laser beam, operating at  $\lambda_0 = 0.545 \mu\text{m}$ , is generated in vacuum, and then passes through a glass window of refractive index 1.5 into water with  $n = 1.34$ . Design a window to give zero reflection at the two surfaces for a wave polarized with  $\mathbf{E}$  in the plane of incidence.
- 6.13d** For  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  but  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ , show that the TE polarization will have an incident angle with zero reflection like the Brewster angle for TM polarization. Also, what conditions must be satisfied for such an angle for TE polarization if both  $\epsilon_1 \neq \epsilon_2$  and  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ ?
- 6.14a** An incident wave in medium 1 of permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  makes angle  $\theta_1$  with the normal. Find the proper length and permittivity of a medium 2 to form a “quarter-wave matching section” to a medium of permittivity  $\epsilon_3$ . Consider both polarizations.
- 6.14b\*** A uniform plane wave of free-space wavelength 3 cm is incident from space on a window of permittivity 3 and thickness equal to a half-wavelength referred to the dielectric material so that it gives no reflections for normal incidence. For general angles of incidence, plot the fraction of incident energy reflected versus  $\theta$  for polarization with  $\mathbf{E}$  in the plane of incidence and also for polarization normal to the plane of incidence.
- 6.14c** By use of the transmission-line analogies, determine the spacing between a thin film and a parallel perfect conductor, and the conductivity properties of that film if reflections are to be perfectly eliminated for a wave incident at an angle  $\theta$  from the normal for the two types of polarization. (See Ex. 6.6b.)
- 6.14d** For a series of parallel boundaries between different dielectrics, as in Fig. 6.14, show that the relation between exit angle and angle of incidence upon the first boundary is given by Snell's law utilizing indices of refraction of entrance and exit materials only, provided there is no intermediate surface at which total reflection occurs.
- 6.14e** An optical instrument called an *ellipsometer* employs a beam of monochromatic light with elliptical polarization incident at an oblique angle on a surface whose properties

are to be determined. Measurements on the incident and reflected beams yield a value of the complex ratio of reflection coefficients for components in the plane of incidence and normal to it. Find the expression for the ratio of reflection coefficients that will be measured by the ellipsometer in terms of incident angle, refractive index of the substrate supporting the film, and the unknown film thickness and refractive index. Assuming angle and substrate index known, and neglecting losses, explain how the two unknowns could be determined.

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# Two- and Three-Dimensional Boundary Value Problems

## 7.1 INTRODUCTION

In the preceding chapters, numerous special techniques have been presented for solving static and dynamic field problems. Before continuing with the important problems of wave guiding, resonance, and interaction of fields with materials and radiation, it is necessary to develop some more general and somewhat more powerful techniques of problem solution. The methods developed in this chapter will usually be illustrated first through static examples before extending to dynamic problems, and in some cases are most useful for static or quasistatic problems. Even then such solutions are of use in certain time-varying problems, as we have seen in the case of circuits and transmission lines in the preceding chapter.

The approach in this chapter is mostly through the solution of differential equations subject to boundary conditions. In certain cases the field distributions themselves are desired, but in other cases (as we saw in the calculation of circuit elements) these distributions are only steps along the way to other useful parameters.

The most general analytical method to be considered in this chapter is that of separation of variables, leading to orthogonal functions which may be superposed to represent very general field distributions. In developing this method we will spend some time on the special functions needed for circular cylindrical coordinates (Bessel functions) and for spherical coordinates (Legendre functions). A second powerful analytical method is that of conformal transformation. Although restricted to two-dimensional problems and useful primarily (but not exclusively) for solutions of Laplace's equation, it is the most convenient way of solving many problems of importance in circuits and transmission lines.

Numerical solution of field problems becomes increasingly important with the continuing advances in computing power. This is a special field in itself and a rapidly changing one, but we will give some idea of its basis and some elementary approaches to its use.

## The Basic Differential Equations and Numerical Methods

### 7.2 ROLES OF HELMHOLTZ, LAPLACE, AND POISSON EQUATIONS

We have seen how specific differential equations—the wave equation, the Helmholtz equation, and the diffusion equation—result from Maxwell's equations with certain specializations. We shall generally be concerned with such special cases, but let us look first at somewhat more general forms. We use the phasor forms, and limit ourselves to homogeneous, isotropic, and linear media. Starting with the Maxwell equation for curl  $\mathbf{E}$  [Eq. 3.8(3)],

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (1)$$

The curl of this is taken and expanded (inside front cover)

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\nabla^2\mathbf{E} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) = -j\omega\mu\nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

The divergence of  $\mathbf{E}$  and curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  are substituted from the Maxwell equations Eqs. 3.8(1) and 3.8(4):

$$-\nabla^2\mathbf{E} + \nabla\left(\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}\right) = -j\omega\mu[\mathbf{J} + j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E}]$$

or

$$\nabla^2\mathbf{E} + k^2\mathbf{E} = j\omega\mu\mathbf{J} + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\nabla\rho \quad (3)$$

where  $k^2 = \omega^2\mu\epsilon$ . By similar operations on the curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation, we obtain

$$\nabla^2\mathbf{H} + k^2\mathbf{H} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{J} \quad (4)$$

Equations (3) and (4) may be considered inhomogeneous Helmholtz equations. General solutions of these are difficult, but usually start from solutions of the corresponding homogeneous equations<sup>1</sup>

$$\nabla^2\mathbf{E} + k^2\mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla^2\mathbf{H} + k^2\mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (6)$$

<sup>1</sup> J. D. Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics, 2nd ed., Wiley, New York, 1975.

Many of the problems we are concerned with have no sources except on the boundaries, so the Helmholtz equations considered in this chapter are the homogeneous ones, (5) and (6).

Note that the vector equations separate simply in rectangular coordinates,

$$\nabla^2 E_x + k^2 E_x = 0 \quad (7)$$

and similarly for  $E_y$ ,  $E_z$ ,  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$ . They do not separate so simply for curvilinear coordinates, as one can see by examining the expansion for  $\nabla^2$  of a vector in cylindrical and spherical coordinates (inside front cover). But for any cylindrical coordinate system, the axial component of (5) or (6) satisfies a simple Helmholtz equation,

$$\nabla^2 E_z + k^2 E_z = 0 \quad (8)$$

and similarly for  $H_z$ .

For quasistatic problems, the term in  $k^2$  is negligible so that (5) and (6) reduce to Laplace equations:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (10)$$

These separate into coordinate components as discussed above. However, for quasistatic or purely static problems it is often more convenient to use the scalar potential functions defined by

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi, \quad \mathbf{H} = -\nabla \Phi_m \quad (11)$$

with  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi_m$  satisfying Laplace equations,

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0, \quad \nabla^2 \Phi_m = 0 \quad (12)$$

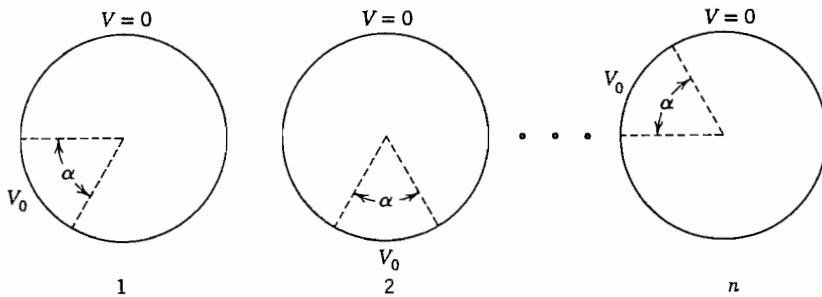
In certain cases we are concerned with static or quasistatic solutions for regions containing charges, in which case the Poisson equation applies to  $\Phi$  (Sec. 1.12):

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad (13)$$

Thus the Laplace, Helmholtz, and Poisson equations govern a large number of important problems and will be the ones used for illustration of solution methods in this chapter.

**Boundary Conditions** As noted in Sec. 1.17, unique solutions of the Laplace or Poisson equation resulted if the function is specified on a boundary surrounding the region of interest. Specification of the normal derivative on such a boundary determines the solution within a constant. Section 3.14 pointed out that unique solutions of the Helmholtz equation (5) or (6) are obtained by specifying the tangential component of  $\mathbf{E}$  or  $\mathbf{H}$  on the closed boundary, or tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  on a part of the boundary and tangential  $\mathbf{H}$  on the remainder.

**Superposition** Since  $\nabla^2$  is a linear operator (as are the other operators in Maxwell's equations), any two solutions are superposable and the sum is a solution provided that the medium itself is linear. We have made use of this fact previously, as in the super-



**FIG. 7.2** Series of circular cylinders with sectors of angle  $\alpha$  at the potential  $V_0$  oriented at multiples of  $\alpha$  with respect to each other.

position of linearly polarized waves to form a circularly polarized one. We will use the principle in many future examples. Here we give an example of its use in reasoning to a simple result.

### Example 7.2

#### SOLUTION BY INVERSE APPLICATION OF SUPERPOSITION

An interesting example of the use of superposition is the solution for the potential at the center of a symmetrical structure. For example, consider a homogeneous dielectric surrounded by the circular cylinder shown in Fig. 7.2, with a potential  $V_0$  applied over a portion of the boundary subtending the angle  $\alpha$  and zero potential on the remainder. Suppose that  $\alpha = 2\pi/n$ . If the potential at the center were found for  $n$  different sets of boundary conditions as shown in Fig. 7.2, where the only difference between these is that the section of the boundary to be at potential  $V_0$  is rotated by the angle  $k\alpha$ , with  $k$  an integer, the sum of the  $n$  solutions would be the potential at the center of a cylinder with  $V_0$  over the entire boundary; this is just  $V_0$ . Since every problem is identical except for a rotation by  $\alpha$ , which would not affect the potential at the center, the potential at the center for the original problem must be  $V_0/n$ . This same technique could be applied to find the potential at the center point of a square, cube, equilateral polygon, sphere, and so on, with one portion at a given potential.

### 7.3 NUMERICAL METHODS: METHOD OF MOMENTS

Easy accessibility to powerful computers has greatly expanded our ability to obtain accurate solutions for electromagnetic field problems. The range of use extends from convenient evaluation of analytic expressions, including ones for which no closed-form

solutions exist, to wholly numerical solutions. Whenever it is possible to find even an approximate analytic solution, it is useful for seeing parametric dependences to gain physical insight, but more precise solutions can be obtained numerically.

We consider here only some basic methods. There are other, more specialized techniques, several of which find use in analyzing transmission structures of the kind to be studied in the following chapters.<sup>2,3</sup> The choice of method should be based on a trade-off among accuracy, speed, versatility, and computer memory requirements.

The *finite-difference* method was introduced in Sec. 1.20; though simple, it has considerable range of application. A method with similar use, called the *finite-element* method, is somewhat more difficult to understand and the programming is more complex, but it has the advantage of adapting well to complex boundary shapes and also to spatially varying properties of the medium (i.e., permittivity or permeability). In both of these methods the typical calculation involves a large *banded* matrix (nonzero elements only along and near the diagonal). There are well-developed methods for inverting such a *sparse* matrix, and we saw in Sec. 1.20 an iterative method.

One may use a more computationally efficient approach, called the *method of moments*, for some problems, especially when integral quantities such as capacitance are required.<sup>4</sup> It is based on an integral equation rather than the differential equation on which the finite-difference and finite-element methods are based.

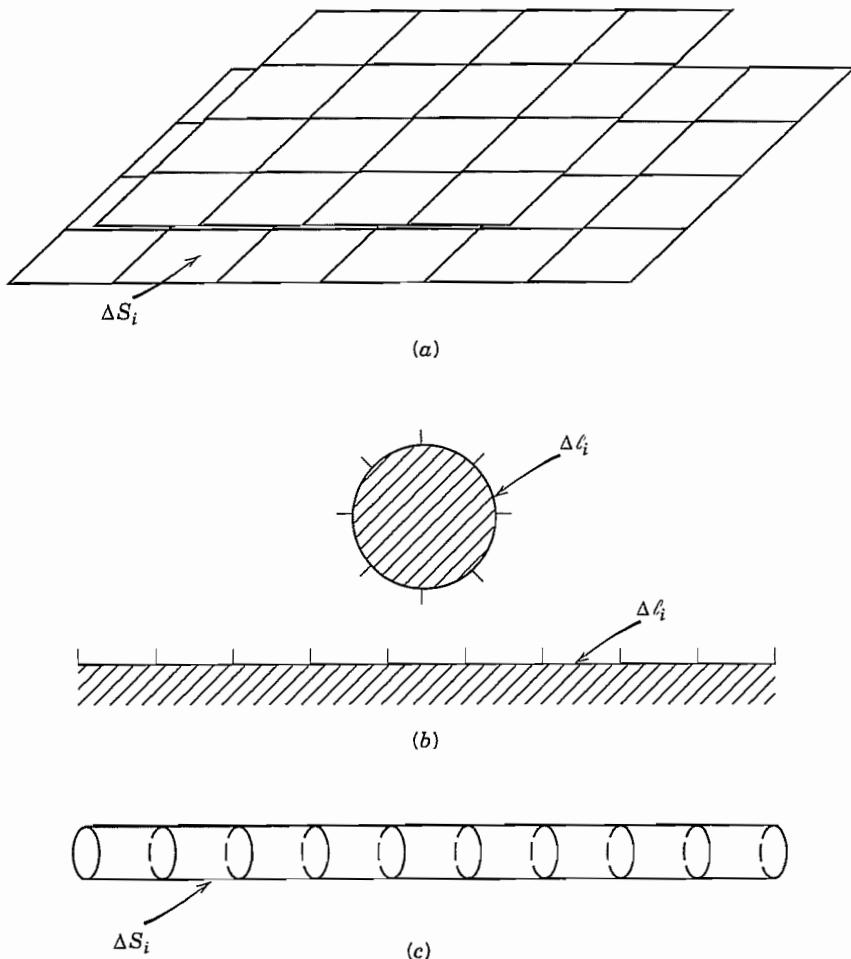
If charge is transferred between two conducting bodies in otherwise free space, a potential difference will exist between them and the charges will become distributed over the surfaces in such a way that the tangential electric field at the conductor surfaces is zero. This is analogous to the situation seen in the study of images in Sec. 1.18, where a point or line charge placed near a conducting surface induces surface charge on the conducting body and this cancels the tangential electric field of the source charge. Likewise, if charge is placed on an isolated conducting body, the charges will distribute themselves on the surface to eliminate the tangential electric field. The method of moments results in knowledge of the charge distribution on the surfaces and the total charge for a given potential, and hence the capacitance.

We introduce here a simple way of applying the method of moments to find static charge distributions and capacitances for two- and three-dimensional electrode systems. Some structural forms that can be treated are shown in Figs. 7.3a–c. They are shown with their surfaces subdivided into small elements to prepare for discrete numerical calculations. The surface charge density  $\rho_{si}$  is assumed to be uniform over each element. The total charge ascribed to the  $i$ th element on a 3D structure is  $\rho_{si}\Delta S_i$ , where  $\Delta S_i$  is the area. We will treat it as a point charge at the center of the element in making the potential calculations. The 2D structures have no variations in the axial direction and the surfaces are divided into strips of width  $\Delta l_i$ . The charge density  $\rho_{si}$  in this case is

<sup>2</sup> R. C. Boonton, Jr., Computational Methods for Electromagnetics and Microwaves, Wiley, New York, 1992.

<sup>3</sup> R. Sorrentino (Ed.), Numerical Methods for Passive Microwave and Millimeter Wave Structures, IEEE Press, New York, 1989.

<sup>4</sup> R. F. Harrington, Field Computation by Moment Methods, R. E. Krieger, Malabar, FL, 1987; orig. ed., 1968.



**FIG. 7.3** Examples of structures suited for evaluation by methods of moments. (a) Three-dimensional parallel-plate capacitor. (b) Round two-dimensional cylinder over a ground plane. (c) Isolated rod of finite length.

multiplied by  $\Delta l_i$  to give the charge per unit length along the axial direction, which is represented by a line charge  $q_i$  in the center of the element for the purposes of calculating potential. These point and line charges are used to calculate the potentials also at the centers of the elements.

**Three-Dimensional Structures** Potentials are calculated using the formulas for charges in free space since the conductors are accounted for by including all charges

on their surfaces. The potential at the center of the  $i$ th element in the 3D case is written using Eq. 1.8(3) as

$$\Phi_i = \Phi_{ii} + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\rho_{sj} \Delta S_j}{4\pi\epsilon |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \quad (1)$$

The term  $\Phi_{ii}$  is the potential at the center of the  $i$ th element resulting from the charge on the  $i$ th element itself; it must be handled separately since the terms in the remainder of (1) are clearly singular when  $i = j$ . We find  $\Phi_{ii}$  by integrating over the element. For convenience, we neglect the exact shape of the element, often a square, and replace it with a disk having the area of the element. Thus, with  $r_0 = (\Delta S_i / \pi)^{1/2}$

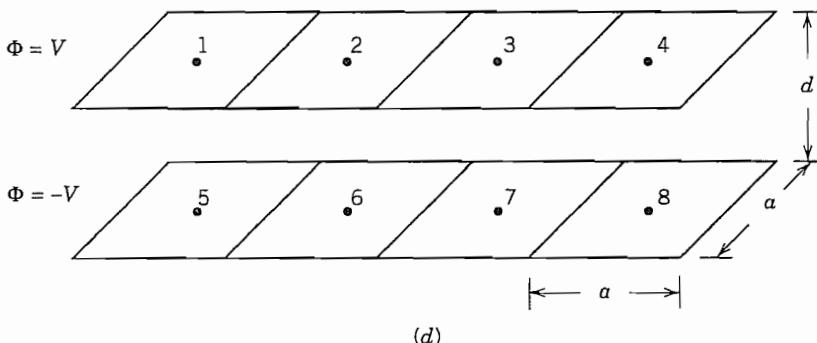
$$\Phi_{ii} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{r_0} \frac{\rho_{si} r dr}{4\pi\epsilon r} = 0.282 \frac{\rho_{si}}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\Delta S_i} \quad (2)$$

One equation of the form (1) is written for each element, thus giving a set of  $N$  equations in the  $N$  unknown charges in terms of the given potentials on the electrodes.

### Example 7.3a THREE-DIMENSIONAL CAPACITOR

Let us calculate the charge distribution and capacitance of the structure in Fig. 7.3d. To achieve high accuracy, it is necessary to have many subdivisions of the surfaces, but here we take a very coarse grid to illustrate the procedures. It is assumed that there is negligible charge on the outer surfaces of the conductors. The potentials on the top and bottom electrodes are taken as  $+V$  and  $-V$ , respectively. Multiplying (1), with (2) substituted, by  $4\pi\epsilon/a$ , the equation for element 1 can be written as

$$4\pi(0.282)\rho_{s1} + \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \rho_{s2} + \cdots + \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_8|} \rho_{s8} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon}{a} V \quad (3)$$



**FIG. 7.3d** Coarse subdivisions of parallel-plate capacitor for Ex. 7.3a.

Writing similar equations for the other seven subdivisions and casting in matrix form, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.54 & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3|} & \cdots & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_8|} \\ \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|} & 3.54 & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_3|} & \cdots & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_8|} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_8 - \mathbf{r}_1|} & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_8 - \mathbf{r}_2|} & \frac{a}{|\mathbf{r}_8 - \mathbf{r}_3|} & \cdots & 3.54 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{s1} \\ \rho_{s2} \\ \vdots \\ \rho_{s8} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon}{a} \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V \\ V \\ V \\ -V \\ -V \\ -V \\ -V \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The coefficients include  $|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$  and must be evaluated geometrically from Fig. 7.3d. The matrix could be entered into an inversion program in a computer and the charge densities found directly in terms of the potentials on the electrodes. The total charge  $Q$  on one electrode is found and the capacitance is just  $C = Q/2V$ .

For the purpose of illustration, we will solve the problem by hand, making use of its symmetry to reduce the computational work. Symmetry dictates that the assumed uniform charge densities satisfy:  $\rho_{s1} = \rho_{s4} = -\rho_{s5} = -\rho_{s8}$  and  $\rho_{s2} = \rho_{s3} = -\rho_{s6} = -\rho_{s7}$ . Since there are just two unknown variables, it is necessary to use only the first two rows of (4). Substituting values of  $|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_j|$  and  $|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_j|$  and using dimensions in Fig. 7.3d, we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left[ 3.87 - \frac{1}{(d/a)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + (d/a)^2}} \right] \\ \left[ 1.50 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (d/a)^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + (d/a)^2}} \right] \\ \left[ 1.50 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (d/a)^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + (d/a)^2}} \right] \\ \left[ 4.54 - \frac{1}{(d/a)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (d/a)^2}} \right] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{s1} \\ \rho_{s2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon}{a} \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

or taking  $d/a = 0.5$ , for example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.54 & 0.121 \\ 0.121 & 1.65 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{s1} \\ \rho_{s2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon V}{a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Inverting (6), we find

$$\rho_{s1} = 1.07\rho_{s2} = 0.605 \frac{4\pi\epsilon V}{a} \quad (7)$$

The total charge on the top electrode is  $Q = 2a^2(\rho_{s1} + \rho_{s2}) = 29.3\epsilon aV$  and the capacitance is therefore  $C = Q/2V = 14.7\epsilon a$ . Application of the method of moments with a fine grid would lead to a more accurate value for capacitance, which would be larger than the fringing-free idealization  $C = \epsilon A/d = 4\epsilon a^2/(a/2) = 8\epsilon a$ .

**Two-Dimensional Structures** For the 2D case, we write, using Eq. 1.8(8),

$$\Phi_i = \Phi_{ii} - \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\rho_{sj} \Delta l_j \ln |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}{2\pi\epsilon} + C_T \quad (8)$$

The distribution of charge is unaffected by the constant  $C_T$  and it can be neglected (see Prob. 7.3c).

As in the 3D case, it is necessary to handle  $\Phi_{ii}$  separately. The approach is to integrate the effect of the surface charge density over an assumed flat strip of width  $\Delta l_i$ . Thus,

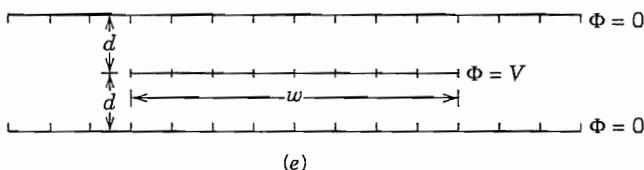
$$\Phi_{ii} = -\frac{2\rho_{si}}{2\pi\epsilon} \int_0^{\Delta l_i/2} \ln x \, dx = -\frac{\rho_{si}}{\pi\epsilon} [x \ln x - x]_0^{\Delta l_i/2} \quad (9)$$

so that

$$\Phi_{ii} = -\frac{\rho_{si} \Delta l_i}{2\pi\epsilon} \left[ \ln \frac{\Delta l_i}{2} - 1 \right] \quad (10)$$

### Example 7.3b STRIPLINE CAPACITANCE

Let us calculate the charge distribution and capacitance per unit length of a two-dimensional system of conductors, the so-called *stripline* configuration, which will be discussed in Sec. 8.6 and is shown in Fig. 7.3e. Here there are three conductors, with the outer ones extending to  $y = \pm\infty$ . The two outer ones are at the same (zero) potential and the center conductor carries a voltage  $V$ . Although the outer conductors extend to infinity, the surface charge decreases rapidly with  $y$  beyond the edge of the center conductor. Therefore, we will cut off the outer conductor at some appropriate point



**FIG. 7.3e** Stripline structure with discretization for method of moments calculation in Ex. 7.3b.

$y_{\max}$ , the suitability of which could be tested by doing the problem twice with different values of  $y_{\max}$ . We will simplify the notation by taking the widths  $\Delta l$  of all segments to be the same.

The chosen segmenting is shown in Fig. 7.3e, where it is seen that there are 36 equal subdivisions. This is sufficiently fine for illustration, but in practice more divisions might be chosen. For this example we have 36 equations of the form (8); 8 have  $\Phi = V$  and 28 have  $\Phi = 0$ . The equation for element 1 (on center conductor) is obtained by multiplying (8), with (10) substituted for  $\Phi_{11}$ , by  $-2\pi\epsilon/\Delta l$ :

$$\left( \ln \frac{\Delta l}{2} - 1 \right) \rho_{s1} + \ln |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2| \rho_{s2} + \dots + \ln |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_{36}| \rho_{s36} = -\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\Delta l} V \quad (11)$$

Or, subtracting  $\rho_{si} \ln \Delta l$  from each term and summing the subtracted terms separately,

$$\begin{aligned} & -(\ln 2 + 1)\rho_{s1} + \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}{\Delta l} \rho_{s2} + \dots + \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_{36}|}{\Delta l} \rho_{s36} \\ & + \ln \Delta l [\rho_{s1} + \rho_{s2} + \dots + \rho_{s36}] = -\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\Delta l} V \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

But the total charge on the plates is zero so the term in brackets vanishes. We can write the set of equations in the form of (12) for the  $N$  elements as a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.693 & \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}{\Delta l} & \dots & \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_{36}|}{\Delta l} \\ \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|}{\Delta l} & -1.693 & \dots & \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_{36}|}{\Delta l} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_{11} - \mathbf{r}_1|}{\Delta l} & \ln \frac{|\mathbf{r}_{11} - \mathbf{r}_2|}{\Delta l} & \dots & -1.693 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{s1} \\ \rho_{s2} \\ \vdots \\ \rho_{s36} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\Delta l} \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \vdots \\ V \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

To obtain a numerical result, we take  $w = 4d$  and  $\epsilon_r = 4$ . Inversion of this matrix equation gives the charge on each element. The capacitance for the complete structure in Fig. 7.3e is the sum of the charges on the center conductor, found from (13), divided by  $V$ . Its value is  $344\mu$  F/m. The value calculated analytically for an infinitely thin center conductor is found (Sec. 8.6) to be  $346\mu$  F/m.

In the method of moments, the order of the matrix to be inverted is much smaller than in the finite-difference or finite-element method, but the matrix is full so that sparse matrix techniques cannot be used. An application to a time-varying radiation problem will be shown in Chapter 12.

## Method of Conformal Transformation

### 7.4 METHOD OF CONFORMAL TRANSFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION TO COMPLEX-FUNCTION THEORY

A very general mathematical attack for the two-dimensional field distribution problem utilizes the theory of functions of a complex variable. The method is in principle the most general for two-dimensional problems, and the work can be carried out to yield actual solutions for a wide variety of practical problems. For these reasons, the general method with some examples will be presented in this and the following sections.

In the theory of complex variables, we use the complex variable  $Z = x + jy$ , where both  $x$  and  $y$  are real variables. It is convenient to associate any given value of  $Z$  with a point in the  $x$ - $y$  plane (Fig. 7.4a), and to call this plane the complex  $Z$  plane. Of course the coordinates may also be expressed in polar form in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$ :

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Then

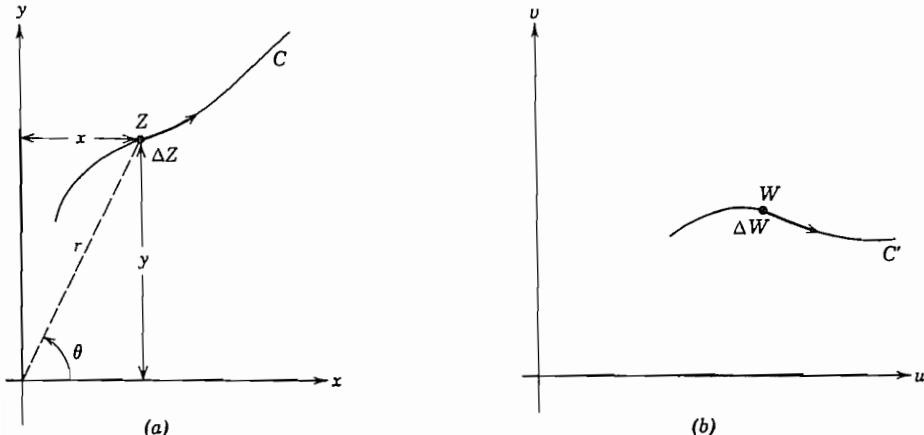
$$Z = x + jy = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta) = re^{j\theta} \quad (1)$$

Suppose that there is now a different complex variable  $W$ , where

$$W = u + jv = \rho e^{j\phi}$$

such that  $W$  is some function of  $Z$ . This means that, for each assigned value of  $Z$ , there is a rule specifying a corresponding value of  $W$ . The functional relationship is written

$$W = f(Z) \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 7.4** (a)  $Z$  plane. (b)  $W$  plane.

If  $Z$  is made to vary continuously, the corresponding point in the complex  $Z$  plane moves about, tracing out some curve  $C$ . The values of  $W$  vary correspondingly, tracing out a curve  $C'$ . To avoid confusion, the values of  $W$  are usually shown on a separate graph, called the complex  $W$  plane (Fig. 7.4b).

Next consider a small change  $\Delta Z$  in  $Z$  and the corresponding change  $\Delta W$  in  $W$ . The derivative of the function will be defined as the usual limit of the ratio  $\Delta W/\Delta Z$  as the element  $\Delta Z$  becomes infinitesimal:

$$\frac{dW}{dZ} = \lim_{\Delta Z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta Z} = \lim_{\Delta Z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(Z + \Delta Z) - f(Z)}{\Delta Z} \quad (3)$$

A complex function is said to be *analytic* or *regular* whenever the derivative defined above exists and is unique. The derivative may fail to exist at certain isolated (*singular*) points where it may be infinite or undetermined, somewhat as in real function theory. But it would appear that there is another ambiguity with respect to complex variables, since  $\Delta Z$  may be taken in any arbitrary direction in the  $Z$  plane from the original point. For the derivative to be unique, the ratio  $\Delta W/\Delta Z$  should turn out to be independent of this direction.

If this independence of direction is to result, a necessary condition is that we obtain the same result if  $Z$  is changed in the  $x$  direction alone or in the  $y$  direction alone. For  $\Delta Z = \Delta x$ ,

$$\frac{dW}{dZ} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u + jv) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (4)$$

For a change in the  $y$  direction,  $\Delta Z = j \Delta y$ ,

$$\frac{dW}{dZ} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial(jy)} = \frac{1}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u + jv) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - j \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (5)$$

Two complex quantities are equal if and only if their real and imaginary parts are separately equal. Hence, (4) and (5) yield the same result if

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (7)$$

These conditions, known as the *Cauchy-Riemann equations*, are then necessary conditions for  $dW/dZ$  to be unique at a point and the function  $f(Z)$  analytic there. It can be shown that, if they are satisfied, the same result for  $dW/dZ$  is obtained for any arbitrary direction of the change  $\Delta Z$ , so they are also sufficient conditions.

**Example 7.4**  
ANALYTICITY OF POWER FUNCTIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= Z^2 \\
 u + jv &= (x + jy)^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + j2xy \\
 u &= x^2 - y^2 \\
 v &= 2xy
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

A check of the Cauchy-Riemann equations yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2x \\
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -2y
 \end{aligned}$$

So they are satisfied everywhere in the finite  $Z$  plane, and the function is analytic everywhere there.

Actually, it is not necessary to apply the check when the functional relation is expressed explicitly between  $Z$  and  $W$  in terms of functions which possess a power-series expansion about the origin, as  $e^z$ ,  $\sin Z$ , and so on. The reason is that each term in the series  $C_n Z^n$  can be shown to satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann conditions, and consequently a series of such terms also satisfies them.

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## 7.5 PROPERTIES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX VARIABLES

If Eq. 7.4(6) is differentiated with respect to  $x$ , Eq. 7.4(7) differentiated with respect to  $y$ , and the resulting equations added, there results

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \tag{1}$$

Similarly, if the order of differentiation is reversed, there results

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0 \tag{2}$$

These are recognized as Laplace equations in two dimensions. Thus, both the real and the imaginary parts of an analytic function of a complex variable satisfy Laplace's equation, and would be suitable for use as the potential functions for two-dimensional electrostatic problems. The manner in which these are used in specific problems and the limitations on this usefulness are demonstrated by examples in this and the next section.

For a problem in which one of the two parts,  $u$  or  $v$ , is chosen as the potential function, the other becomes proportional to the flux function (Sec. 1.6). To show this, let us suppose that  $u$  is the potential function in volts for a particular problem. The electric field, obtained as the negative gradient of  $u$ , yields

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \quad E_y = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (3)$$

By the equation for the total differential, the change in  $v$  corresponding to changes in the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of  $dx$  and  $dy$  is

$$dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

But, from Cauchy–Riemann conditions, Eqs. 7.4(6) and 7.4(7),

$$-dv = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy = -E_y dx + E_x dy$$

or

$$-\varepsilon dv = -D_y dx + D_x dy \quad (4)$$

By inspection of Fig. 7.5a, this is recognized to be just the electric flux  $d\psi$  between the curves  $v$  and  $v + dv$ , with the positive direction as shown by the arrow. Then

$$-d\psi = \varepsilon dv \quad (5)$$

And, except for a constant that can be set equal to zero by choosing the reference for flux at  $v = 0$ ,

$$-\psi = \varepsilon v \quad \text{C/m} \quad (6)$$

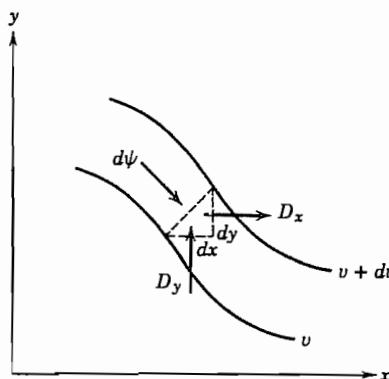


FIG. 7.5a Coordinates for the flux function.

Similarly, if  $v$  is chosen as the potential function in volts for some problem,  $\epsilon v$  is the flux function in coulombs per meter, with proper choice of the direction for positive flux.

We have seen that either  $u$  or  $v$  may be used as a potential function, and then the other may be used as the flux function, since both satisfy Laplace's equation. The utility of the concept, however, hinges on being able to find the analytic function  $W = f(Z)$  such that  $u$  and  $v$  also satisfy the boundary conditions for the problem being considered.

### Example 7.5 ELECTRODES IN PARALLEL-PLANE DIODE

As an example, suppose we desire the distribution of potentials in the  $Z$  plane where the given boundary condition is

$$V = x^{4/3}, \quad y = 0 \quad (7)$$

If we let

$$W = Z^{4/3} \quad (8)$$

it is clear that for  $y = 0$ , the real part of  $W$  is  $u = x^{4/3}$ . Furthermore, we see that  $dW/dZ$  exists and is unique except at  $Z = 0$  (Prob. 7.4e). Thus  $u$  is a suitable potential function for this problem; the real part of (8) gives the potential distribution. It is most convenient for this particular function to express  $Z$  in polar coordinates

$$W = u + jv = r^{4/3} e^{j4\theta/3} \quad (9)$$

Thus

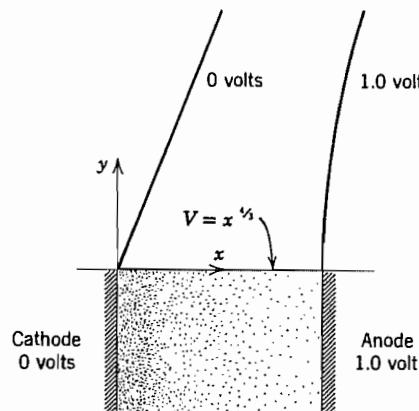
$$\begin{aligned} u &= r^{4/3} \cos \frac{4}{3}\theta \\ v &= r^{4/3} \sin \frac{4}{3}\theta \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Equipotentials, found by setting  $u$  equal to a constant, are shown in Fig. 7.5b for  $u = 0$  and 1. It is of interest that the boundary function (7) has the same form as the potential in a plane diode with the cathode at  $x = 0$  and the anode potential unity at  $x = 1.0$ :

$$\Phi = x^{4/3}$$

Using these ideas, a plane diode can be truncated and the correct potentials produced on the free edge by placing electrodes along the equipotential lines as shown in Fig. 7.5b. This procedure is most important in designing electron guns with regular flow and the result is known as the Pierce gun.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> J. R. Pierce, J. Appl. Phys. 11, 548 (1940).



**FIG. 7.5b** Focusing for electron flow in a plane diode. The upper portion of the figure shows the electrodes outside the electron flow region.

## 7.6 CONFORMAL MAPPING FOR LAPLACE'S EQUATION

A somewhat different point of view toward the method in Sec. 7.5 follows if we refer to the  $Z$  and  $W$  planes introduced in Sec. 7.4. Since the functional relationship fixes a value of  $W$  corresponding to a given value of  $Z$  for a given function

$$W = f(Z)$$

any point  $(x, y)$  in the  $Z$  plane yields some point  $(u, v)$  in the  $W$  plane. As this point moves along some curve  $x = F(y)$  in the  $Z$  plane, the corresponding point in the  $W$  plane traces out a curve  $u = F_1(v)$ . If it should move throughout a region in the  $Z$  plane, the corresponding point would move throughout some region in the  $W$  plane. Thus, in general, a point in the  $Z$  plane transforms to a point in the  $W$  plane, a curve transforms to a curve, and a region to a region, and the function that accomplishes this is frequently spoken of as a particular *transformation* between the  $Z$  and  $W$  planes.

When the function  $f(Z)$  is analytic, as we have seen, the derivative  $dW/dZ$  at a point is independent of the direction of the change  $dZ$  from the point. The derivative may be written in terms of magnitude and phase:

$$\frac{dW}{dZ} = M e^{j\alpha} \quad (1)$$

or

$$dW = M e^{j\alpha} dZ \quad (2)$$

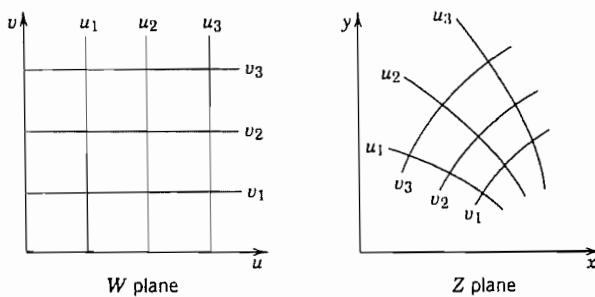
By the rule for the product of complex quantities, the magnitude of  $dW$  is  $M$  times the magnitude of  $dZ$ , and the angle of  $dW$  is  $\alpha$  plus the angle of  $dZ$ . So the entire infini-

tesimal region in the vicinity of the point  $W$  is similar to the infinitesimal region in the vicinity of the point  $Z$ . It is magnified by a scale factor  $M$  and rotated by an angle  $\alpha$ . It is then evident that, if two curves intersect at a given angle in the  $Z$  plane, their transformed curves in the  $W$  plane intersect at the same angle, since both are rotated through the angle  $\alpha$ . A transformation with these properties is called a *conformal transformation*.

In particular, the lines  $u = \text{constant}$  and the lines  $v = \text{constant}$  in the  $W$  plane intersect at right angles, so their transformed curves in the  $Z$  plane must also be orthogonal (Fig. 7.6a). We already know that this should be so, since the constant  $v$  lines have been shown to represent flux lines when the constant  $u$  lines are equipotentials, and vice versa. From this point of view, the conformal transformation may be thought of as one that takes a uniform field in the  $W$  plane (represented by the equispaced constant  $u$  and constant  $v$  lines) and transforms it so that it fits the given boundary conditions in the  $Z$  plane, always keeping the required properties of an electrostatic field.

Frequently the transformation is done in steps. That is, the uniform field is transformed first into some intermediate complex plane by  $Z_1 = f(W)$ , then perhaps into a second intermediate complex plane  $Z_2 = g(Z_1)$ , and then finally into a plane  $Z_3 = h(Z_2)$  in which the boundary conditions are satisfied. In general, there can be any number of steps. Of course, these functions can be combined into a single transformation, the inverse of which can then be understood on the basis of finding a function with real or imaginary part satisfying the given boundary conditions as discussed in Sec. 7.5.

There are few circumstances in which knowledge of the required boundary conditions will lead directly to the transformation that gives the solution. For help in finding the required form there are tables of conformal transformations<sup>6</sup> which show how one field maps into another. The mapping functions given in the tables may be used individually



**FIG. 7.6a** A mapping of coordinate lines of the  $W$  plane in the  $Z$  plane.

<sup>6</sup> For example, see H. Kober, Dictionary of Conformal Representations, Dover, New York, 1952. Also see R. Shinzinger and P. A. A. Laura, Conformal Mapping: Methods and Applications, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1991.

or combined in a series of steps to transform the uniform field into a field that fits the given problem. Some examples of the simpler transformations will be given to illustrate the method.

### Example 7.6a

#### THE POWER FUNCTION: FIELD NEAR A CONDUCTING CORNER

As a basic example, consider  $W$  expressed as  $Z$  raised to some power:

$$W = Z^p \quad (3)$$

It is convenient to use the polar form for  $Z$  [Eq. 7.4(1)]:

$$W = (re^{j\theta})^p = r^p e^{jp\theta}$$

or

$$u = r^p \cos p\theta \quad (4)$$

$$v = r^p \sin p\theta \quad (5)$$

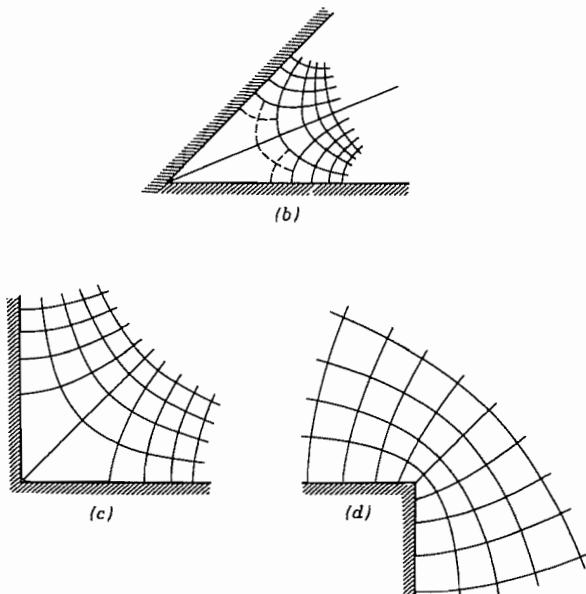
From the conformal-mapping point of view, the field in the  $W$  plane is uniform. The parallel lines of equal potential (say,  $v$  equals constant) in the  $W$  plane can be mapped into the  $Z$  plane by setting  $v$  equal to constant in (5). From the viewpoint of Sec. 7.5 one does not take explicit consideration of the existence of the  $W$  plane but simply recognizes that  $v$  is a solution of Laplace's equation and tries to adjust constants such that constant  $v$  lines fit the equipotentials of the given problem. When only one step of transformation is required, the viewpoints are wholly equivalent.

If  $v$  is chosen as the potential function, the form of one curve of constant  $v$  (equipotential) is evident by inspection, for  $v$  is zero at  $\theta = 0$  and also at  $\theta = \pi/p$ . Thus, if two semi-infinite conducting planes at zero potential intersect at angle  $\alpha$ , where

$$p = \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \quad (6)$$

they coincide with this equipotential, and boundary conditions are satisfied. The form of the curves of constant  $u$  and of constant  $v$  within the angle then give the field configuration near a conducting corner. The field is assumed to result from the presence of an electrode with nonzero potential that either fits one of the constant  $v$  lines or is far enough away that its shape causes no significant deviation of the  $u$  and  $v$  lines in the region of interest.

The equipotentials in the vicinity of the corner can be plotted by choosing given values of  $v$ , and plotting the polar equation of  $r$  versus  $\theta$  from (5) with  $p$  given by (6). Similarly, the flux or field lines can be plotted by selecting several values of  $u$  and plotting the curves from (4). The forms of the field, plotted in this manner, for corners with  $\alpha = \pi/4$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $3\pi/2$  are shown in Figs. 7.6b, 7.6c, and 7.6d, respectively.



**FIG. 7.6b-d** Field near conducting corners of 45, 90, and 270 degrees.

These plots are of considerable help in judging the correct form of the field in a graphical field map having one or more conducting boundaries.

### Example 7.6b

#### THE LOGARITHMIC TRANSFORMATION: CIRCULAR CONDUCTING BOUNDARIES

Consider next the logarithmic function

$$W = C_1 \ln Z + C_2 \quad (7)$$

The logarithm of a complex number is readily found if the number is in the polar form:

$$\ln Z = \ln(re^{j\theta}) = \ln r + j\theta \quad (8)$$

so

$$W = C_1(\ln r + j\theta) + C_2$$

Take the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  as real. Then

$$u = C_1 \ln r + C_2 \quad (9)$$

$$v = C_1\theta \quad (10)$$

If  $u$  is to be chosen as the potential function, we recognize the logarithmic potential forms found previously for potential about a line charge or a charged cylinder or be-

tween coaxial cylinders. The flux function,  $\psi = -\varepsilon v$ , is then proportional to angle  $\theta$ , as it should be for a problem with radial electric field lines.

To evaluate the constants for a particular problem, take a coaxial line with an inner conductor of radius  $a$  at potential zero and an outer conductor of radius  $b$  at potential  $V_0$ . Substituting in (9), we have

$$0 = C_1 \ln a + C_2$$

$$V_0 = C_1 \ln b + C_2$$

Solving, we have

$$C_1 = \frac{V_0}{\ln(b/a)} \quad C_2 = -\frac{V_0 \ln a}{\ln(b/a)}$$

so (7) can be written

$$W = V_0 \left[ \frac{\ln(Z/a)}{\ln(b/a)} \right] \quad (11)$$

or

$$\Phi = u = V_0 \left[ \frac{\ln(r/a)}{\ln(b/a)} \right] \quad V \quad (12)$$

$$\psi = -\varepsilon v = \frac{-\varepsilon V_0 \theta}{\ln(b/a)} \quad \text{C/m} \quad (13)$$

In the foregoing, the reference for the flux function came out automatically at  $\theta = 0$ . If it is desired to use some other reference, the constant  $C_2$  is taken as complex, and its imaginary part serves to fix the reference  $\psi = 0$ .

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### Example 7.6c

#### THE INVERSE-COSINE TRANSFORMATION: HYPERBOLIC AND ELLIPTIC CONDUCTING BOUNDARIES

Consider the function

$$W = \cos^{-1} Z \quad (14)$$

or

$$x + jy = \cos(u + jv) = \cos u \cosh v - j \sin u \sinh v$$

$$x = \cos u \cosh v$$

$$y = -\sin u \sinh v$$

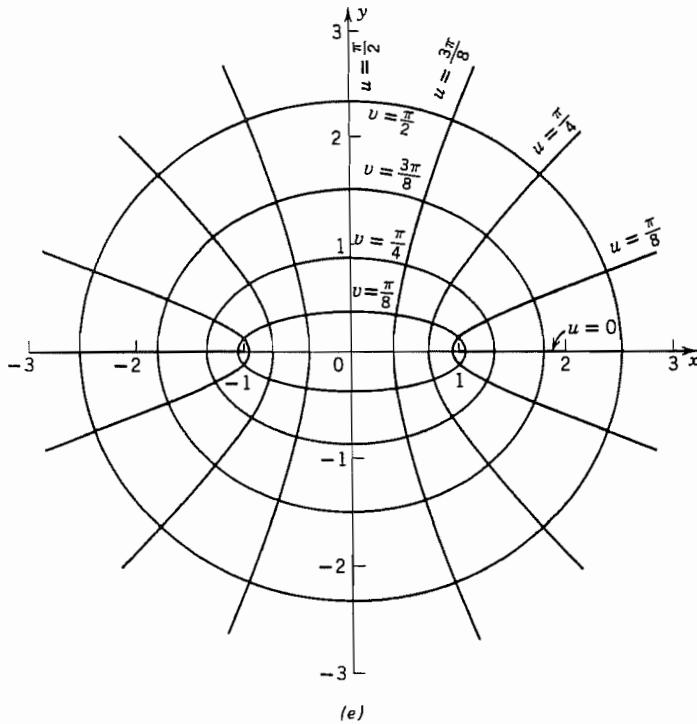
It then follows that

$$\frac{x^2}{\cosh^2 v} + \frac{y^2}{\sinh^2 v} = 1 \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{x^2}{\cos^2 u} - \frac{y^2}{\sin^2 u} = 1 \quad (16)$$

Equation (15) for constant  $v$  represents a set of confocal ellipses with foci at  $\pm 1$ , and (16) for constant  $u$  represents a set of confocal hyperbolas orthogonal to the ellipses. These are plotted in Fig. 7.6e. With a proper choice of the region and the function (either  $u$  or  $v$ ) to serve as the potential function, the foregoing transformation could be made to give the solution to the following problems:

1. Field around a charged elliptic cylinder, including the limiting case of a flat strip
2. Field between two confocal elliptic cylinders or between an elliptic cylinder and a flat strip conductor extending between the foci
3. Field between two confocal hyperbolic cylinders or between a hyperbolic cylinder and a plane conductor extending from the focus to infinity



**FIG. 7.6e** Plot of the transformation  $u + jv = \cos^{-1}(x + jy)$ .

4. Field between two semi-infinite conducting plates, coplanar and with a gap separating them (This is a limiting case of 3.)
5. Field between an infinite conducting plane and a perpendicular semi-infinite plane separated from it by a gap

To demonstrate how the result is obtained for a particular problem, consider problem 5, illustrated by Fig. 7.6f. The infinite plane is taken at potential zero, and the perpendicular semi-infinite plane is taken at potential  $V_0$ . In using the results of the foregoing general transformation, we must now put in scale factors. To avoid confusion with the preceding, let us denote the variables for this specific problem by primes:

$$W' = C_1 \cos^{-1} kZ' + C_2 \quad (17)$$

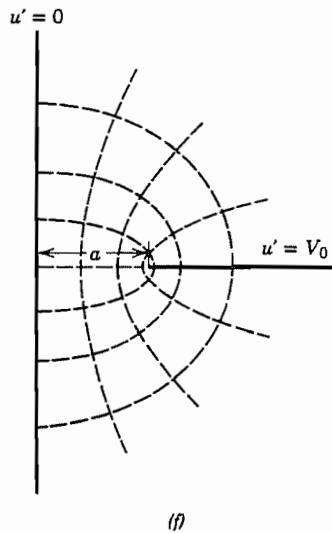
The constant  $C_1$  is inserted to fix the proper scale of potential, the constant  $k$  to fix the scale of size, and the additive constant  $C_2$  to fix the reference for the potential. By comparing with (14),

$$Z = kZ'$$

$$W' = C_1 W + C_2$$

The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  may be taken as real for this problem. Then

$$u' = C_1 u + C_2 \quad (18)$$



**FIG. 7.6f** Field between perpendicular planes with a finite gap.

By comparing Figs. 7.6e and 7.6f, we want  $Z'$  to be  $a$  when  $Z$  is unity, so  $k = 1/a$ . Also, when  $u = 0$ , we want  $u' = V_0$ ; and when  $u = \pi/2$ ,  $u' = 0$ . Substitution of these values in (18) yields

$$C_1 = -\frac{2V_0}{\pi}, \quad C_2 = V_0$$

So the transformation with proper scale factors for this problem is

$$W' = u' + jv' = V_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{Z'}{a} \right) \right] \quad (19)$$

where  $u'$  is the proportional function in volts, and  $\epsilon v'$  is the flux function in coulombs per meter. A few of the equipotential and flux lines with these scale factors applied are shown on Fig. 7.6f.

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### Example 7.6d

#### PARALLEL CONDUCTING CYLINDERS

Consider next the function

$$W = K_1 \ln \left( \frac{Z - a}{Z + a} \right) \quad (20)$$

This may be written in the form

$$W = K_1 [\ln(Z - a) - \ln(Z + a)]$$

By comparing with the logarithmic transformation of Ex. 7.6b which, among other things, could represent the field about a single line charge, it follows that this expression can represent the field about two line charges, one at  $Z = a$  and the other of equal strength but opposite sign at  $Z = -a$ . However, it is more interesting to show that this form can also yield the field about parallel cylinders of any radius.

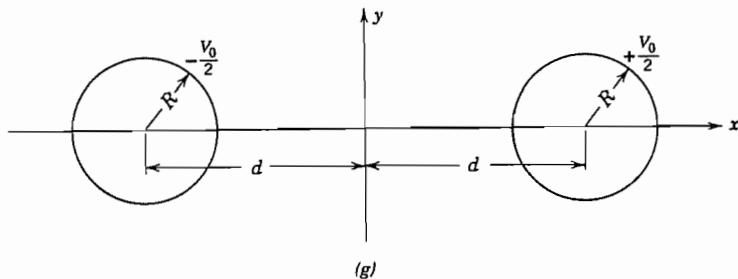
Taking  $K_1$  as real,

$$u = \frac{K_1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{(x - a)^2 + y^2}{(x + a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (21)$$

$$v = K_1 \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x - a)} - \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x + a)} \right] \quad (22)$$

Thus, lines of constant  $u$  can be obtained from (21) by setting the argument of the logarithm equal to a constant:

$$\frac{(x - a)^2 + y^2}{(x + a)^2 + y^2} = K_2$$



**FIG. 7.6g** Two parallel conducting cylinders.

As this may be put in the form

$$\left[ x - \frac{a(1 + K_2)}{1 - K_2} \right]^2 + y^2 = \frac{4a^2 K_2}{(1 - K_2)^2} \quad (23)$$

the curves of constant  $u$  are circles with centers at

$$x = \frac{a(1 + K_2)}{1 - K_2}$$

and radii  $(2a\sqrt{K_2})/(1 - K_2)$ . If  $u$  is taken as the potential function, any one of the circles of constant  $u$  may be replaced by an equipotential conducting cylinder. Thus, if  $R$  is the radius of such a conductor with center at  $x = d$  (Fig. 7.6g), the values of  $a$  and the particular value of  $K_2$  (denoted  $K_0$ ) may be obtained by setting

$$\frac{a(1 + K_0)}{1 - K_0} = d, \quad \frac{2a\sqrt{K_0}}{1 - K_0} = R$$

Solving,

$$a = \pm \sqrt{d^2 - R^2} \quad (24)$$

$$\sqrt{K_0} = \frac{d}{R} + \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{R^2} - 1} \quad (25)$$

The constant  $K_1$  in the transformation depends on the potential of the conducting cylinder. Let this be  $V_0/2$ . Then, by the definition of  $K_2$  ( $= K_0$  on conducting cylinder) and (25),

$$\frac{V_0}{2} = K_1 \ln \sqrt{K_0} = K_1 \ln \left( \frac{d}{R} + \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{R^2} - 1} \right)$$

or

$$K_1 = \frac{V_0}{2 \ln[(d/R) + \sqrt{(d^2/R^2) - 1}]} = \frac{V_0}{2 \cosh^{-1}(d/R)} \quad (26)$$

Substituting in (21), the potential at any point  $(x, y)$  is

$$\Phi = u = \frac{V_0}{4 \cosh^{-1}(d/R)} \ln \left[ \frac{(x - a)^2 + y^2}{(x + a)^2 + y^2} \right] \quad (27)$$

For  $\Phi > 0$  with  $x > 0$ ,  $a < 0$  if  $K_1$  is positive so the negative sign must be chosen in (24). The flux function  $\psi = -\varepsilon v$  is

$$\psi = -\varepsilon v = \frac{\varepsilon V_0}{2 \cosh^{-1}(d/R)} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x + a)} - \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{(x - a)} \right] \quad (28)$$

Although we have not put in the left-hand conducting cylinder explicitly, the odd symmetry of the potential from (27) will cause this boundary condition to be satisfied also if the left-hand cylinder of radius  $R$  with center at  $x = -d$  is at potential  $-V_0/2$ .

If we wish to use the result to obtain the capacitance per unit length of a parallel-wire line, we obtain the charge on the right-hand conductor from Gauss's law by finding the total flux ending on it. In passing once around the conductor, the first term of (28) changes by  $2\pi$ , and the second by zero. So

$$q = 2\pi \frac{\varepsilon V_0}{2 \cosh^{-1}(d/R)} \text{ C/m}$$

or

$$C = \frac{q}{V_0} = \frac{\pi \varepsilon}{\cosh^{-1}(d/R)} \text{ F/m} \quad (29)$$

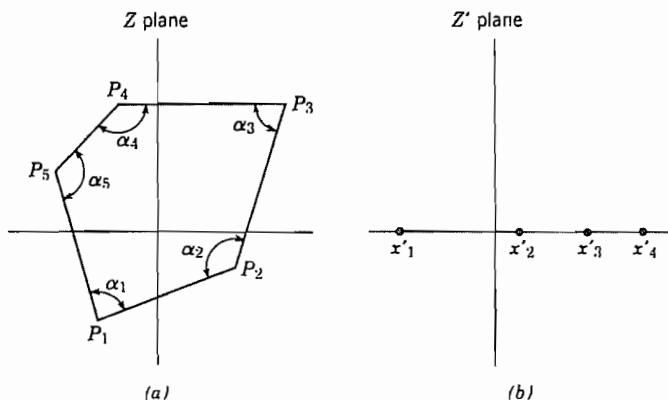
A similar procedure can be used to find the external inductance of the parallel-wire line. In that case the roles of  $u$  and  $v$  are opposite from the above electric field problem, with  $v$  being proportional to the magnetic scalar potential. The result given in Eq. 4.6(9) for inductance is

$$L = \frac{\mu}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{R} \right) \text{ H/m} \quad (30)$$

From (29) and (30) we see that  $LC = \mu\varepsilon$  as was shown to be the case for other two-conductor lines in Chapter 5. That this is a general result is shown in Sec. 8.12.

## 7.7 THE SCHWARZ TRANSFORMATION FOR GENERAL POLYGONS

In the examples in Sec. 7.6 specific functions have been set down, and the electrostatic problems solvable by these deduced from a study of their properties. In a practical problem, the reverse procedure is usually required, for the specific equipotential conducting boundaries will be given and it will be desired to find the complex function useful in solving the problem. The greatest limitation on the method of conformal transformations is that, for general shaped boundaries, there is no straightforward



**FIG. 7.7** (a) General polygon in  $Z$  plane. (b) Polygon of figure transformed into straight line in  $Z'$  plane. Vertex  $x'_5$  is at infinity.

procedure by which one can always arrive at the desired transformation if the two-dimensional physical problem is given. There is such a procedure, however, when the boundaries consist of straight-line sides with angle intersections.

The *Schwarz transformation* takes an arbitrary polygon in the  $Z$  plane into a series of segments along the real axis in a  $Z'$  plane as shown in Figs. 7.7a and 7.7b. The segments correspond to the sides of the polygon.<sup>7</sup> The transformation may be found by integrating the derivative:

$$\frac{dZ}{dZ'} = K(Z' - x'_1)^{(\alpha_1/\pi)-1}(Z' - x'_2)^{(\alpha_2/\pi)-1} \cdots (Z' - x'_n)^{(\alpha_n/\pi)-1} \quad (1)$$

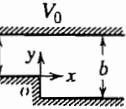
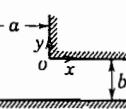
Each factor in (1) may be thought of as straightening out the boundary at one of the vertices as the transform of Ex. 7.6a did for the single corner. The setting down of (1) for a specific problem is usually easy, but the difficulties come in its integration.

Although we have spoken of the figure to be transformed as a polygon, in the practical application of the method, one or more of the vertices may be at infinity, and part of the boundary may be at a different potential from the remaining part. Then the real axis in the  $Z'$  plane consists of two parts at different potentials. This latter electrostatic problem may be solved by a transformation from the  $Z'$  to the  $W$  plane, and thus the transformation from the  $Z$  to the  $W$  plane is given with the  $Z'$  plane only as an intermediate step. Another sort of problem in which the method is useful is that in which a thin charged wire lies on the interior of a conducting polygon, parallel to the elements of the polygon. By the Schwarz transformation, the polygon boundary is transformed to the real axis and the wire corresponds to some point in the upper half of the  $Z'$  plane. This electrostatic problem can be solved by the method of images, and so the original problem can be solved in this case also.

<sup>7</sup> For more details see R. V. Churchill and J. W. Brown, Complex Variables and Applications, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.

**Table 7.7**

$Z = x + jy$ ;  $W = u + jv$ , where  $u$  = Flux Function,  $v$  = Potential

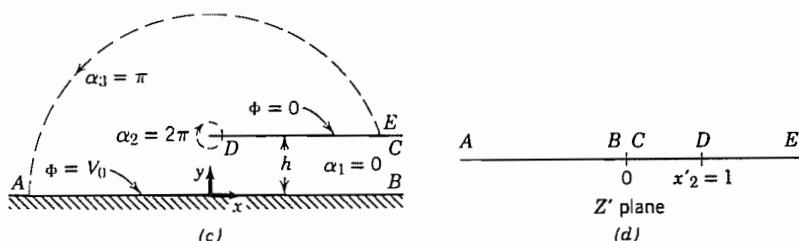
 $\alpha = \frac{a}{b}$ , $k = \frac{\pi}{V_0}$	$Z = \frac{b}{\pi} \left[ \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + 1 - 2\alpha^2 e^{kW}}{1 - \alpha^2} \right) - \alpha \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{2e^{-kW} - (\alpha^2 + 1)}{1 - \alpha^2} \right) \right]$
 $\alpha = \frac{a}{b}$ , $S = \sqrt{\frac{e^{kW} + \alpha}{e^{kW} - 1}}$	$Z = \frac{b}{\pi} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{1 + S}{1 - S} \right) - 2\alpha \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{S}{\alpha} \right) \right]$

Results for some important problems that have been solved by the Schwarz technique are given in Table 7.7.

### Example 7.7

#### FRINGING FIELD IN PARALLEL-PLATE CAPACITOR

To illustrate how the concept of a polygon can be applied, consider the parallel-plate capacitor structure in Fig. 7.7c with  $\Phi = V_0$  on the infinite bottom plane and  $\Phi = 0$  on the plane  $D-C$ . For the purposes of the Schwarz transformation, the structure may be considered a polygon with interior angles  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  and sides of infinite length. Application of the transformation puts all the boundaries along the real axis as in Fig. 7.7d where  $\Phi = V_0$  for  $x'_2 < 0$  and  $\Phi = 0$  for  $x'_2 > 0$ . As was shown in Ex. 7.6b, a subsequent logarithmic transformation converts such a set of boundary potentials into a parallel-plane uniform field in the  $W$  plane. Combining the two transformations, one



**FIG. 7.7** (c) Edge of parallel-plate capacitor with one plane of infinite extent (equivalent to one-half of a symmetric parallel-plate capacitor). (d) Transformation of the capacitor of (c) into a single plane.

finds that the flux lines and potential lines,  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively, are implicitly defined in terms of position  $x$ ,  $y$  in the  $Z$  plane by the relation

$$Z = \frac{h}{\pi} \left( e^{\pi W/V_0} - 1 - \frac{\pi W}{V_0} + j\pi \right) \quad (2)$$

One can select values of  $u$  and  $v$  and calculate the corresponding points  $x$  and  $y$ , thus plotting out the field sketched in Fig. 1.9a.

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## 7.8 CONFORMAL MAPPING FOR WAVE PROBLEMS

We have seen that in conformal transformations for statics complicated boundaries are transformed to simple ones. Conformal transformations of wave problems can similarly simplify complicated boundaries.<sup>8</sup> The transformations can be made only in two dimensions so the fields must be independent of the third dimension. The simplification of the boundaries is also normally accompanied by increased complexity of the dielectric so this trade-off only occasionally helps.

Let us assume that there exists an analytic function  $W = u + jv = f(Z) = f(x + jy)$  which transforms the given boundary shapes in the  $Z$  plane to lines of constant  $u$  and  $v$  in the  $W$  plane. We will first determine the relation between  $\nabla_{xy}^2 \psi$  and  $\nabla_{uv}^2 \psi$  in order to transform the scalar Helmholtz equation, Eq. 7.2(8),

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + k^2 \psi = 0 \quad (1)$$

from the  $Z$  plane to the  $W$  plane. To transform the derivatives, we apply the chain rule. First,

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (2)$$

Applying the chain rule a second time leads to

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial v^2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u \partial v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (3)$$

and similarly for  $\partial^2 \psi / \partial y^2$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial v^2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u \partial v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (4)$$

<sup>8</sup> F. E. Borgnis and C. H. Papas, in Handbuch der Physik (S. Flügge, Ed.), Vol. 16, p. 358, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1958.

Making use of the Cauchy–Riemann conditions in Eqs. 7.4(6) and 7.4(7) in the second terms of the right sides of (3) and (4) and in the last term of (4), and adding (3) and (4),

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial v^2} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \quad (5)$$

Note from Eq. 7.4(4) and 7.4(7) that

$$\left| \frac{dW}{dZ} \right|^2 = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (6)$$

Thus

$$\nabla_{xy}^2 \psi = \left| \frac{dW}{dZ} \right|^2 \nabla_{uv}^2 \psi \quad (7)$$

The quantity  $|dZ/dW|$  is a scale factor which relates a differential length  $|dW|$  in the  $W$  plane to the corresponding length  $|dZ|$  in the  $Z$  plane, as we discussed in Sec. 7.6. The Helmholtz equation (1) is thus transformed to the  $W$  plane giving

$$\nabla_{uv}^2 \psi + \left| \frac{dZ}{dW} \right|^2 k^2 \psi = 0 \quad (8)$$

Note that, in general,  $|dZ/dW|$  is a function of the coordinates so that (8) is equivalent to the Helmholtz equation in an inhomogeneous medium.

Boundary conditions in the  $Z$  plane consisting of zero values of  $\psi$  or its normal derivatives carry over unchanged to the corresponding boundaries in the  $W$  plane since the orthogonality of coordinates is conserved. If a nonzero normal derivative is specified on a boundary, the scale factor  $|dW/dZ|$  enters the conversion of the boundary condition through the relation between gradients in the two planes:

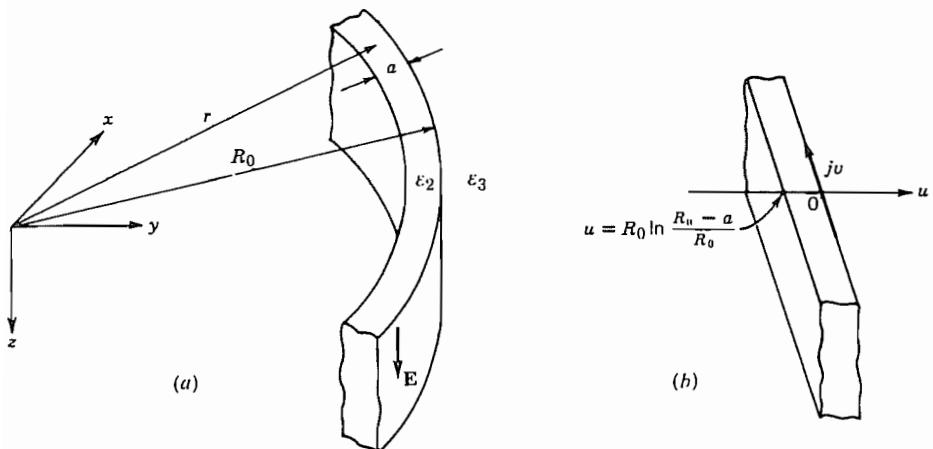
$$|\nabla_{uv} \psi| = \left| \frac{dZ}{dW} \right| |\nabla_{xy} \psi| \quad (9)$$

### Example 7.8 CURVED DIELECTRIC WAVEGUIDE

A layer of a dielectric material embedded in materials of lower permittivity can serve to guide electromagnetic waves, as will be studied in more detail in Chapter 14. The phenomenon of total internal reflection analyzed in Sec. 6.12 supplies a qualitative understanding of dielectric waveguides. Here we see how wave propagation in a curved layer, as in Fig. 7.8a, can be treated using conformal mapping.

The wave is assumed to be polarized with its electric field in the  $z$  direction and  $E_z$  is independent of  $z$ . Then identifying  $E_z$  with  $\psi$ , we can write from Eq. 7.2(8), with  $\partial/\partial z = 0$ ,

$$\nabla_{xy}^2 E_z(x, y) + k^2 E_z(x, y) = 0 \quad (10)$$



**FIG. 7.8** (a) Curved dielectric waveguide in  $Z$  plane. (b) Curved dielectric guide transformed into  $W$  plane.

Using the transformation of Ex. 7.6b in slightly different form,

$$W = R_0 \ln \frac{Z}{R_0} \quad (11)$$

for which

$$\left| \frac{dZ}{dW} \right| = e^{u/R_0} \quad (12)$$

(8) becomes

$$\nabla_{uv}^2 E_z(u, v) + k^2 e^{2u/R_0} E_z(u, v) = 0 \quad (13)$$

From (11) it is easily seen that

$$u = R_0 \ln \frac{r}{R_0} \quad (14)$$

and

$$v = R_0 \theta \quad (15)$$

Therefore, the edge of the guiding layer at  $r = R_0$  is the  $u = 0$  line in the  $W$  plane and the other edge of the guide at  $r = R_0 - a$  is at  $u = R_0 \ln(R_0 - a)/R_0$ . The result is that the curved layer in the  $Z$  plane becomes the planar region shown in Fig. 7.8b. Note that this layer in the  $W$  plane is inhomogeneous. Equation (13) has the usual form of the Helmholtz equation only if we identify a new wave number  $k'$  by

$$k' = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon \exp \frac{2u}{R_0}} \quad (16)$$

Since  $k'$  is a function of  $u$ , one cannot substitute it directly for  $k$  in the usual wave solution. However, the problem is solvable and has been used to study the leakage of energy from bends in dielectric waveguides.<sup>9</sup>

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### Separation of Variables Method

#### 7.9 LAPLACE'S EQUATION IN RECTANGULAR COORDINATES

One of the most powerful techniques for solution of linear partial differential equations is that of separation of variables. This leads to solutions which are products of three functions (for three-dimensional problems), each function depending upon one coordinate variable only. Such solutions might not seem very general, but they may be added to form a series which can represent very general functions. Moreover, single-product solutions of the wave equation represent modes which can propagate individually. These are of great practical importance in waveguides and resonant systems and are studied extensively in following chapters.

As the simplest example of the method of separation of variables, let us first consider two-dimensional problems in the rectangular coordinates  $x$  and  $y$ , as we have in the transformation method of the past section. Laplace's equation in these coordinates is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

We wish to study product solutions of the form

$$\Phi(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) \quad (2)$$

where we see that we have a function of  $x$  alone times a function of  $y$  alone. From this point on  $X(x)$  will be replaced by  $X$  and  $Y(y)$  by  $Y$ . Substituting in (1), we have

$$X''Y + XY'' = 0 \quad (3)$$

The double prime denotes the second derivative with respect to the independent variable in the function. Now to separate into the sum of functions of one variable only, divide (3) by (2):

$$\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = 0 \quad (4)$$

<sup>9</sup> M. Heiblum and J. H. Harris, IEEE J. Quantum Electronics **QE-11**, 75 (1975).

Next follows the key argument for this method. Equation (4) is to hold for all values of the variables  $x$  and  $y$ . Since the second term does not contain  $x$ , and so cannot vary with  $x$ , the first term cannot vary with  $x$  either. A function of  $x$  alone which does not vary with  $x$  is a constant. Similarly, the second term must be a constant. Let us denote the first as  $K_x^2$  and the second as  $K_y^2$ . Then

$$K_x^2 + K_y^2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} X'' - K_x^2 X &= 0 \\ Y'' - K_y^2 Y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We recognize that these are in the standard form having real exponentials or hyperbolic functions as solutions. Let us write them in hyperbolic form and substitute in (2):

$$\Phi(x, y) = (A \cosh K_x x + B \sinh K_x x)(C \cosh K_y y + D \sinh K_y y) \quad (7)$$

It is clear from (5) that either  $K_x^2$  or  $K_y^2$  must be negative and therefore either  $K_x$  or  $K_y$  must be imaginary while the other is real. Furthermore, their magnitudes must be the same. Thus (7) can have either of two forms,

$$\Phi(x, y) = (A \cosh Kx + B \sinh Kx)(C \cos Ky + D' \sin Ky) \quad (8)$$

or

$$\Phi(x, y) = (A \cos Kx + B' \sin Kx)(C \cosh Ky + D \sinh Ky) \quad (9)$$

where, since  $|K_x| = |K_y|$ , we have used the single symbol  $K$ . The primes are used to indicate that the constants have changed. The choice between (8) and (9) is dictated by the nature of the boundary conditions. If the potential is required to have repeated zeros as a function of  $y$ , then (8) is used; if repeated zeros are specified for the  $x$  variation, (9) is chosen. If the boundaries extend to infinity in one direction, real exponentials are used in place of hyperbolic functions. It may be noted from (6) that for  $K_x = jK_y = 0$ , the general solution has the form

$$\Phi(x, y) = (A_1 x + B_1)(C_1 y + D_1) \quad (10)$$

It is typical for product solutions that when the separation constants go to zero the functional forms of the solutions change. We will see in subsequent sections how the constants are evaluated using the boundary conditions.

For the three-dimensional case in rectangular coordinates, the procedure is simply extended. Laplace's equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (11)$$

Consider solutions of the form

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z) \quad (12)$$

where each term on the right side is a function of just one of the independent space variables. Substituting (12) in (11), we have

$$X''YZ + XY''Z + XYZ'' = 0$$

and dividing by  $\Phi$ , we see that

$$\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0 \quad (13)$$

We use the same argument as was used in the two-dimensional case. If the second two terms do not vary with  $x$ , neither can the first. Since it is a function of  $x$  alone and does not vary with  $x$ , it must be a constant. Similar arguments apply for the second and third terms. If we let the first term be  $K_x^2$ , the second  $K_y^2$ , and the third  $K_z^2$ , (13) becomes

$$K_x^2 + K_y^2 + K_z^2 = 0 \quad (14)$$

and differential equations of the form (6) apply for  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ . So the general solution, written as the product of  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ , and sometimes called a *rectangular harmonic*, is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, y, z) = & [A \cosh K_x x + B \sinh K_x x][C \cosh K_y y + D \sinh K_y y] \\ & \times [E \cosh K_z z + F \sinh K_z z] \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

It is clear that at least one of  $K_x^2$ ,  $K_y^2$ , and  $K_z^2$  must be negative for (14) to hold, so at least one of  $K_x$ ,  $K_y$ , and  $K_z$  must be imaginary. If repeated potential zeros are required in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, the functions of  $x$  and  $y$  must be trigonometric functions so  $K_x$  and  $K_y$  are imaginary. There are various other combinations which may be useful. In some cases it is advantageous to replace the hyperbolic functions by real exponentials as mentioned earlier for the two-dimensional solutions.

In (15) there appear to be nine constants, to be evaluated using the six possible boundary conditions, two for each of the three coordinate directions. If, however, one divides the first bracket by  $B$ , the second by  $D$ , and the third by  $F$  and multiplies the entire by  $BDF$ , it becomes clear that there are just four independent multiplicative constants. From (14) we see that there are only two independent separation constants so the total number of unknowns equals the number of boundary conditions.

## 7.10 STATIC FIELD DESCRIBED BY A SINGLE RECTANGULAR HARMONIC

Let us see what boundaries would be required to have one of the forms of Sec. 7.9 as a solution. Take the special case of Eq. 7.9(9) with  $A = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ . The product of remaining constants,  $B'D$ , may be denoted as a single constant  $C_1$ :

$$\Phi = C_1 \sin Kx \sinh Ky \quad (1)$$

It is evident from (1) that potential is zero at  $y = 0$  for all  $x$ . Hence one boundary can be a zero-potential conducting plane at  $y = 0$ . Similarly, potential is zero along the plane  $x = 0$  and also at other parallel planes defined by  $Kx = n\pi$ . Let us confine attention to the region  $0 < Kx < \pi$  and  $0 < y < \infty$ . The intersecting zero-potential planes of interest then form a rectangular conducting trough. Let its depth in the  $x$  direction be  $a$ . Then  $Ka = \pi$  or

$$K = \frac{\pi}{a} \quad (2)$$

If there is to be a finite field in the region, there must be some electrode at a potential other than zero. Without knowing its shape for the moment, let us take the value of  $y$  at which it crosses the midplane  $x = a/2$  as  $y = b$ , and the potential of the electrode as  $V_0$ . Then, from (1),

$$V_0 = C_1 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \sinh \frac{\pi b}{a} = C_1 \sinh \frac{\pi b}{a}$$

or, substituting in (1), we have

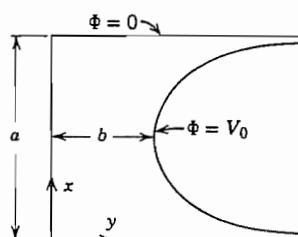
$$\Phi = \frac{V_0 \sinh(\pi y/a)}{\sinh(\pi b/a)} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (3)$$

The potential at any point  $x, y$  may be computed from (3). In particular, the form that the electrode at potential  $V_0$  must take can be found from (3) by setting  $\Phi = V_0$ , yielding

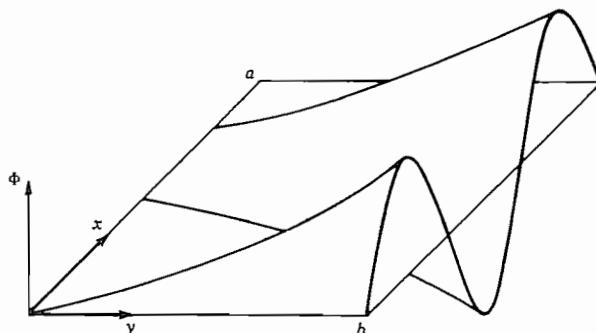
$$\sinh \frac{\pi y}{a} = \frac{\sinh(\pi b/a)}{\sin(\pi x/a)} \quad (4)$$

Equation (4) can be plotted to show the form of the electrode. This is done for a value  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$  in Fig. 7.10a. Actually, the electrodes should extend to infinity, but if they are extended a large but finite distance, the solution studied here will represent the potential very well everywhere except near edges.

Alternatively, a straight boundary at  $y = b$  could be supplied with a sinusoidal



**FIG. 7.10a** Electrodes and potentials for which a single harmonic is the complete solution.



**FIG. 7.10b** Potential in a two-dimensional box with a sinusoidal distribution of potential on one side.

distribution of potential and a single harmonic would describe the potential at all points in the box. Thus, for example, if  $Ka = 3\pi$  and the boundary potential were

$$\Phi(x, b) = V_0 \sin \frac{3\pi}{a} x \quad (5)$$

then the harmonic

$$\Phi = \frac{V_0 \sinh(3\pi/a)y}{\sinh(3\pi b/a)} \sin \frac{3\pi}{a} x \quad (6)$$

shown in Fig. 7.10b satisfies the boundary conditions and describes the potential at all points.

## 7.11 FOURIER SERIES AND INTEGRAL

In the preceding section, we saw that a single-product solution could satisfy only very special forms of boundary conditions. For more general boundaries a sum of such solutions must be used. This is one example of situations where Fourier series or integrals are useful in forming solutions for field problems. We provide here a review of the Fourier tools with the assumption that the reader has already a measure of familiarity with them.

**Fourier Series** Fourier series are used to represent periodic functions. For the independent variable  $x$ , the required periodicity is expressed by

$$f(x) = f(x + L) \quad (1)$$

where  $L$  is the *period* of the function. We assume that the function can be represented by a constant plus the sum of infinite series of sine and cosine functions of harmonics of a fundamental spatial frequency  $k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = & a_0 + a_1 \cos kx + a_2 \cos 2kx + a_3 \cos 3kx + \dots \\ & + b_1 \sin kx + b_2 \sin 2kx + b_3 \sin 3kx + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where the phase factor  $k$  is related to the period  $L$  in the usual way:

$$kL = 2\pi \quad (3)$$

To evaluate the unknown constants in (2) for a given function  $f(x)$ , we make use of so-called *orthogonality* properties of sinusoids. These are

$$\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \cos nkx \cos mkx dx = 0 \quad m \neq n \quad (4)$$

$$\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \sin nkx \sin mkx dx = 0 \quad m \neq n \quad (5)$$

and

$$\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \sin mkx \cos nkx dx = 0 \quad \begin{cases} m \neq n \\ m = n \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

However,

$$\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \cos^2 mkx dx = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \sin^2 mkx dx = \frac{L}{2} \quad (7)$$

To make use of these properties, we multiply each term in (2) by  $\cos nkx$  and integrate over one period. Every term on the right vanishes because of the properties in (4)–(6) except the one containing  $\cos nkx$ ; that term gives  $a_n L/2$  according to (7). Thus,

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x) \cos nkx dx \quad (8)$$

Similarly, multiplication of (2) by  $\sin nkx$  with integration from  $-L/2$  to  $L/2$  leaves only the term involving  $\sin nkx$  on the right-hand side, and its coefficient, by (7), is

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x) \sin nkx dx \quad (9)$$

Finally, to obtain the constant term  $a_0$ , every term is integrated directly over a period and all the terms on the right side disappear except that containing  $a_0$  so that

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x) dx \quad (10)$$

This merely states that  $a_0$  is the average of the function  $f(x)$ .

For a general function, an infinite number of terms is required in the Fourier series representation. But often a sufficient degree of approximation to the desired wave shape is obtained when only a finite number of terms is used. For functions with sharp discontinuities, however, many terms may be required near the sharp corners, and the theory of Fourier series shows that the series does not converge to the function in the neighborhood of the discontinuity (Gibbs phenomenon). The derivative of the series also does not converge to the derivative of the function, but the integral of the series always converges to that of the function.

### Example 7.11a

#### FOURIER SERIES REPRESENTATION OF A FUNCTION OVER A FINITE INTERVAL

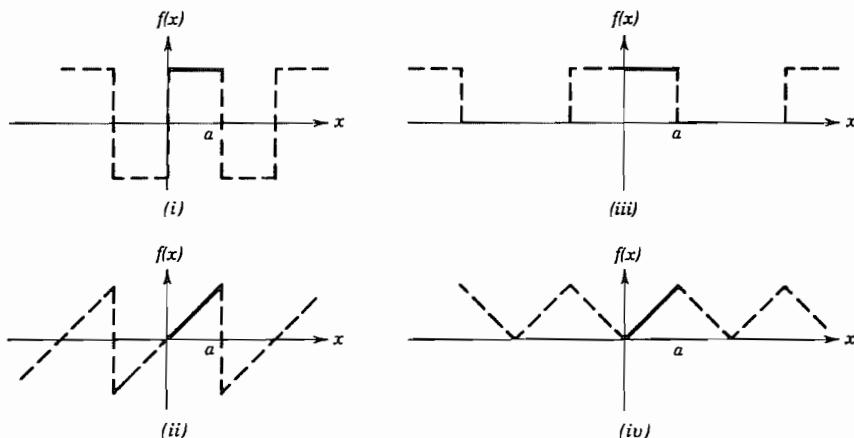
In static field problems, one commonly has the boundary potential specified over a finite interval, such as along a straight boundary at a constant value of one coordinate. For the purposes of matching the given boundary potential, it is desirable to express it in a Fourier series. This can be done even though the function is not periodic, having been specified only over a finite interval. The point of view is that the interval of length  $a$  may be considered a period or an integral fraction of a period, and a periodic function defined to agree with the given function over the given interval, repeating itself outside that interval. A Fourier series may then be written for this periodic function which will give desired values in the interval, and although it also gives values outside the interval, that is of no consequence since the original function is not defined there.

The interval is commonly selected as a half-period since the function extended outside the interval may then be made either even or odd, and the corresponding Fourier series will then have respectively either cosine terms alone or sine terms alone. Figure 7.11a shows by solid lines some possible examples of functions specified over the interval  $0 < x < a$ . Their extensions outside that interval as either odd or even functions are shown by the broken lines. Note that in one case the interval is  $L/4$ . The choice of whether to consider the function continued as an odd or an even function depends upon the form used to represent the potential in the problem. Thus, for example, in Eq. 7.10(3) the potential is expressed in terms of  $\sin \pi x/a$  and the appropriate series for the representation of the boundary potential will be in sines,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \quad (11)$$

where we have made use of the fact that  $a = L/2$ , one half-period. The coefficients are found from (9) noting that the contributions to the integral from the negative and positive intervals are equal. Thus, with  $a = L/2$ ,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \quad (12)$$



**FIG. 7.11a** Examples of functions specified over a finite interval (solid line) and odd and even continuations (broken lines).

Suppose, for example, that the specified function is  $f(x) = C$  over the interval  $0 < x < a$  and it is desired to expand it in a sine series. Then, (12) yields

$$b_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{2C}{n\pi} \left[ -\cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right]_0^a \quad (13)$$

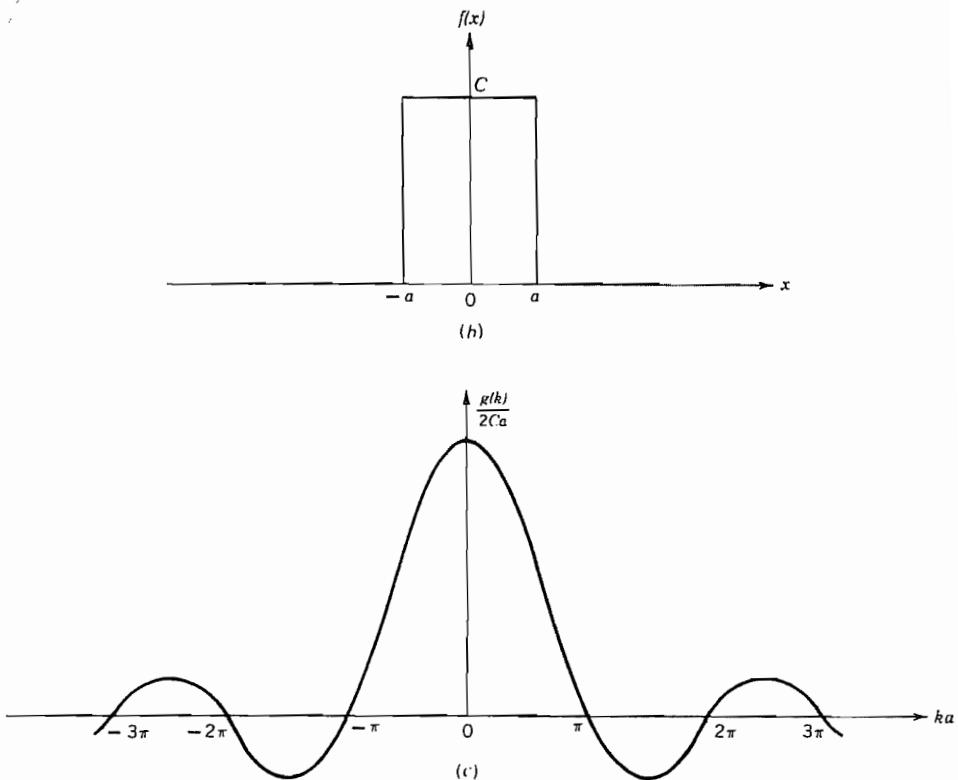
and the series is

$$f(x) = \frac{2C}{\pi} \left[ 2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} + \frac{2}{3} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{a} + \frac{2}{5} \sin \frac{5\pi x}{a} + \dots \right] \quad (14)$$

The series (14) has the required value  $f(x) = C$  over the interval  $0 < x < a$  but also represents the dashed portion of waveform (i) in Fig. 7.11a outside that interval.

**Fourier Integral** In some problems the function of interest is defined over the entire range and is aperiodic. An example is a square function that is constant in some range  $-a \leq x \leq a$  and zero elsewhere, as shown in Fig. 7.11b. This could be considered the limiting case of a periodic series of square pulses where the period  $L$  goes to infinity. The spacing of the components  $(n+1)k - nk = 2\pi/L$  from (3) becomes vanishingly small as the period  $L$  approaches infinity, and in the limit the spectrum of component sinusoidal waves becomes a continuum.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> R. Bracewell, The Fourier Transform and its Applications, 2nd rev. ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1986.



**FIG. 7.11** (b) Inverse Fourier transform of function in (c). (c) Fourier transform of rectangular function in (b). Value of  $g(0)/2Ca$  is unity.

In the limiting, aperiodic case the series (2) is replaced by an integral

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(k) e^{j k x} dk \quad (15)$$

and the function  $g(k)$  which takes the place of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  of (8)–(10) is given by<sup>11</sup>

$$g(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j k x} dx \quad (16)$$

The theory of Fourier integrals shows that for (15) to give the same  $f(x)$  that appears in (16) the function must be continuous or have only a finite number of finite discontinuities in any finite interval and must be absolutely integrable, that is,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx < \infty \quad (17)$$

<sup>11</sup> The placement of  $2\pi$  in the pair (15) and (16) is arbitrary and is done in various ways in the literature.

These conditions do not place strong limitations on the utility of the transform pair (15) and (16).

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### Example 7.11b FOURIER TRANSFORM OF A RECTANGULAR PULSE

Using (16) we find the spectrum of spatial frequency components for the rectangular function in Fig. 7.11b:

$$g(k) = \int_{-a}^a Ce^{-j k x} dx = C \left[ \frac{e^{-jkx}}{-jk} \right]_{-a}^a = 2Ca \left( \frac{\sin ka}{ka} \right) \quad (18)$$

This very important function occurs frequently in practice and is shown in Fig. 7.11c. The function  $f(x)$  in Fig. 7.11b is called the *inverse Fourier transform* of that in Fig. 7.11c. The two are called a *transform pair*.

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### 7.12 SERIES OF RECTANGULAR HARMONICS FOR TWO- AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL STATIC FIELDS

We saw in Sec. 7.10 that product solutions (harmonics) satisfying zero boundary conditions on three of the four boundaries in a two-dimensional rectangular structure can be found. However, the use of a single harmonic as the expression for the potential requires either a fourth boundary of complicated shape or a simple flat one with a sinusoidal variation of potential along it. To solve problems with an arbitrary variation of potential along a flat boundary on a coordinate line, one may use a sum of harmonics, each of which satisfies the zero conditions on three boundaries and has a weighting in the sum such that it equals the given potential at the fourth boundary. Then the given potential is expanded in a Fourier series of either sines or cosines, chosen to match the functions in the sum of harmonics. The harmonic series is evaluated at the fourth boundary and compared, term by term, with the Fourier series to evaluate the weighting coefficients in the former. These procedures are sometimes slightly modified by use of symmetries and superposition, as seen in the following examples and problems.

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### Example 7.12a TWO-DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM WITH SPECIFIED BOUNDARY POTENTIALS

As an example of a problem which cannot be solved by using a single one of the solutions of Sec. 7.9, but can be by means of a series of these solutions, consider the two-dimensional region of Fig. 7.12a bounded by a zero-potential plane at  $y = 0$ , a

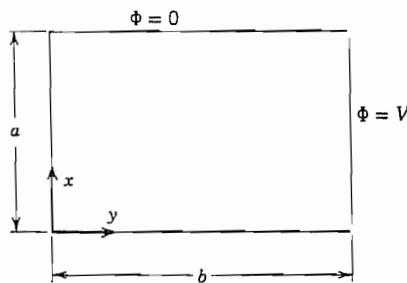


FIG. 7.12a Two-dimensional box for Ex. 7.12a.

zero-potential plane at  $x = 0$ , a parallel zero-potential plane at  $x = a$ , and a plane conducting lid of potential  $V_0$  at  $y = b$ . In the ideal problem, the lid is separated from the remainder of the rectangular box by infinitesimal gaps. In a practical problem, it would only be expected that these gaps should be small compared with the rest of the box.

In selecting the proper forms from Sec. 7.9, we will choose the form having sinusoidal solutions in  $x$  since potential is zero at  $x = 0$  and also at  $x = a$ , and sinusoids have repeated zeros. So the form of Eq. 7.9(9) is suitable. Moreover,  $\Phi = 0$  at  $y = 0$  for all  $x$  of interest, so the function of  $y$  must go to zero at  $y = 0$ , showing that  $C = 0$ . Similarly, since  $\Phi = 0$  at  $x = 0$  for all  $y$  of interest,  $A = 0$ . Then  $\Phi$  is again zero at  $x = a$ , so  $Ka = m\pi$ , or

$$K = \frac{m\pi}{a}$$

Denoting the product of the remaining constants  $B'D$  as  $C_m$ , we have

$$\Phi = C_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{m\pi y}{a}$$

This form satisfies the Laplace equation and the boundary conditions at  $y = 0$ , at  $x = 0$ , and at  $x = a$ , but a single term of this form cannot satisfy the boundary condition along the plane lid at  $y = b$ , as the study in Sec. 7.10 has shown. A series of such solutions also satisfies Laplace's equation and the boundary conditions at  $y = 0$ , at  $x = 0$ , and at  $x = a$ :

$$\Phi = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{m\pi y}{a} \quad (1)$$

For the sum (1) to give the required constant potential  $V_0$  along the plane  $y = b$  over the interval  $0 < x < a$ , we require

$$V_0 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{m\pi b}{a}, \quad 0 < x < a \quad (2)$$

But this is recognized as a Fourier expansion in sines of the constant function  $V_0$  over the interval  $0 < x < a$ . This expansion was carried out in Ex. 7.11a to yield

$$f(x) = V_0 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a}, \quad 0 < x < a \quad (3)$$

with

$$a_m = \begin{cases} \frac{4V_0}{m\pi}, & m \text{ odd} \\ 0, & m \text{ even} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Comparison of (3) with (2) shows that

$$C_m \sinh \frac{m\pi b}{a} = a_m \quad (5)$$

Substitution of the results of (5) and (4) in (1) gives

$$\Phi = \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{m\pi} \frac{\sinh(m\pi y/a)}{\sinh(m\pi b/a)} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (6)$$

This series is rapidly convergent except at corners of  $x \rightarrow 0, a$ , and  $y \rightarrow b$ , so it can be used for reasonably convenient calculation of potential elsewhere.

We note that the evaluation of the constants in the general solution depended upon the fact that the boundary potentials were specified on surfaces in the coordinate system. Furthermore, nonzero conditions, potential or normal derivative of potential, must exist on some part of the boundary to yield a nonzero solution. As will be clarified in the next example, superposition may be used to solve problems where the boundary conditions involve several sides.

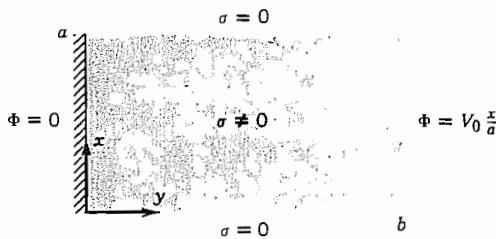
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### Example 7.12b

#### TWO-DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM REQUIRING SUPERPOSITION

In this example, we see a boundary potential having a Fourier series expansion which includes both trigonometric functions and a constant. Matching such a boundary condition requires the superposition of two solutions, one to match the constant and one for the trigonometric functions. Consider the problem of finding the potentials in the *conducting* rectangular solid of infinite extent in the  $z$  direction shown in Fig. 7.12b. The surrounding region contains free space, the potential at  $y = 0$  is zero, and that along the edge  $y = b$  is given by  $\Phi = V_0x/a$ .

This problem requires a solution with repetition in the  $x$  direction since the boundary conditions at the sides  $x = 0, a$  are the same; the appropriate general form is that in Eq. 7.9(9). At  $x = 0, a$  the  $x$  component of current density must be zero since no current



**FIG. 7.12b** Two-dimensional conductive solid embedded in a nonconductive medium.

can flow in the free space outside the conductor. Since  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$ , then  $E_x$  must also be zero at  $x = 0, a$ . Therefore,  $\partial\Phi/\partial x$ , given by

$$\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial x} = K(-A \sin Kx + B' \cos Kx)(C \cosh Ky + D \sinh Ky) \quad (7)$$

must be zero at  $x = 0, a$  for all  $y$ . Since  $\cos Kx = 1$  at  $x = 0$ ,  $B' = 0$ . Also,  $\sin Ka = 0$  if  $Ka = m\pi$  so  $K = m\pi/a$ . To match the boundary condition  $\Phi = 0$  at  $y = 0$  requires  $C = 0$ . Thus the potential in the  $m$ th harmonic is

$$\Phi_m = C_m \cos \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sinh \frac{m\pi}{a} y \quad (8)$$

The potential on the boundary at  $y = b$  should be expanded in a series of cosines so that term-by-term matching with a series of terms like (8) can be done. The appropriate periodic continuation of the given boundary potential is shown in Fig. 7.11a(iv). It is seen to have an average value of  $V_0/2$  which will be present in the series expansion. Applying Eqs. 7.11(8)–(10),

$$\Phi(x, b) = \frac{V_0}{2} - \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{(m\pi)^2} \cos \frac{m\pi}{a} x \quad (9)$$

Matching the boundary potential (9) requires both a series of harmonics of the form in (8) and a separate solution having a constant value at  $y = b$ . A solution of the latter form is found from Eq. 7.9(10). The function

$$\Phi_1 = A_1 y \quad (10)$$

satisfies the boundary conditions at  $x = 0, a$  and at  $y = 0$ . Evaluation of the constant as  $V_0/2b$  gives

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{V_0 y}{2b} \quad (11)$$

The solution involving harmonic terms is found by equating a series of terms like that in (8), evaluated at the boundary  $y = b$ , with the series in (9):

$$\sum_m C_m \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{m\pi b}{a} = - \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{(m\pi)^2} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (12)$$

The result for the second potential is

$$\Phi_2 = - \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{(m\pi)^2} \frac{\sinh(m\pi y/a)}{\sinh(m\pi b/a)} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (13)$$

The complete solution is the superposition of (11) and (13),  $\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2$ .

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### Example 7.12c

#### THREE-DIMENSIONAL RECTANGULAR BOX WITH POTENTIAL SPECIFIED ON ONE FACE

The method discussed above can be extended to three dimensions. As an example, we consider a box with zero potential on all faces except on the side  $z = c$ , where it is  $V_0$ . The box extends from the origin of coordinates to  $x = a$ ,  $y = b$ , and  $z = c$ . The appropriate general form of the space harmonic is Eq. 7.9(15) with  $K_x$  and  $K_y$  imaginary and  $K_z$  real. To meet the zero-potential boundary conditions at  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $z = 0$ , the constants  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $E$  must be zero. Also, to satisfy the zero-potential condition at  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ , the corresponding separation constants must be  $m\pi/a$  and  $n\pi/b$ , respectively. Then from Eq. 7.9(14) we get  $K_z = [(m\pi/a)^2 + (n\pi/b)^2]^{1/2}$ . The general form of the potential must be a doubly infinite sum of the resulting functions:

$$\Phi = \sum_n \sum_m C_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{b} y \sinh \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2} z \quad (14)$$

If (14) is evaluated at the boundary  $z = c$ , the series becomes

$$V(x, y) = \sum_n \sum_m D_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{b} y \quad (15)$$

where

$$D_{mn} = C_{mn} \sinh \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2} c \quad (16)$$

The coefficients  $D_{mn}$  can be evaluated by multiplying (15) by  $\sin(p\pi x/a) \sin(q\pi y/b)$  and integrating over  $x$  from 0 to  $a$  and over  $y$  from 0 to  $b$ . Application of the orthogonality conditions Eqs. 7.11(5) and 7.11(7) yields

$$D_{mn} = \frac{4}{ab} \int_0^b \int_0^a V(x, y) \sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{b} y dx dy \quad (17)$$

For the special case of  $V(x, y) = V_0$ , (14), (16), and (17) give

$$\Phi = \sum_n \sum_m \frac{16V_0}{nm\pi^2} \frac{\sin(m\pi/a)x \sin(n\pi/b)y \sinh \sqrt{(m\pi/a)^2 + (n\pi/b)^2} z}{\sinh \sqrt{(m\pi/a)^2 + (n\pi/b)^2} c} \quad (18)$$

where  $m$  and  $n$  are odd in the summation.

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### 7.13 CYLINDRICAL HARMONICS FOR STATIC FIELDS

In a large class of problems of major interest, the field distribution is desired for regions with boundaries lying along the surfaces of a cylindrical coordinate system. Examples are the familiar electrostatic electron lenses found in many cathode-ray tubes or certain coaxial transmission line problems for which static solutions are useful. As has been pointed out in Sec. 7.12, the ability to evaluate the constants in product solutions depends upon having boundaries on coordinate surfaces. Therefore, the fields for this type of problem are found by separating variables in cylindrical coordinates.

A variety of types of solution are found, depending upon symmetries assumed. In general, Laplace's equation in cylindrical coordinates has the form

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

**Axial Symmetry with Longitudinal Invariance** In Ex. 1.8a we saw that for zero variations with  $\phi$  and  $z$ ,

$$\Phi(r) = C_1 \ln r + C_2 \quad (2)$$

**Longitudinal Invariance** It was shown in Prob. 7.9a that the solutions for zero  $z$  variation, called circular harmonics, are given by

$$\Phi(r, \phi) = (C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-n})(C_3 \cos n\phi + C_4 \sin n\phi) \quad (3)$$

Note that, for  $n = 0$ , axial symmetry exists but (3) breaks down and the solution is given by (2).

**Axial Symmetry** Since it is assumed that there are no variations with  $\phi$ , Laplace's equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

To solve this equation, let us try to find solutions of the product form

$$\Phi(r, z) = R(r)Z(z) \quad (5)$$

Substituting in the differential equation (4), we have

$$R''Z + \frac{1}{r} R'Z + RZ'' = 0$$

where  $R''$  denotes  $d^2R/dr^2$ ,  $Z''$  denotes  $d^2Z/dz^2$ , and so on. The variables are separated by dividing by  $RZ$ :

$$\frac{Z''}{Z} = - \left[ \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} \right]$$

By the standard argument for the method of separation of variables, the left side, which

is a function of  $z$  alone, and the right side, which is a function of  $r$  alone, must be equal to each other for all values of the variables  $r$  and  $z$ . Both sides must then be equal to a constant. Let this constant be  $T^2$ . Two ordinary differential equations then result as follows:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{rR} \frac{dR}{dr} = -T^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = T^2 \quad (7)$$

Equation (6) can be written as

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + T^2 R = 0 \quad (8)$$

Equation (8) is the simplest form of the so-called *Bessel equation*. A sketch of the solution will be given. One method of finding a solution is to substitute a series and find the conditions on the terms of the series for it to be a valid solution of the differential equation. Thus to solve (8), the function  $R$  must be assumed to be a power series in  $r$ :

$$R = a_0 + a_1 r + a_2 r^2 + a_3 r^3 + \dots$$

or

$$R = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} a_p r^p \quad (9)$$

Substitution of this function in (8) shows that it is a solution if the constants are as follows:

$$a_p = a_{2m} = C_1 (-1)^m \frac{(Tr/2)^{2m}}{(m!)^2}$$

( $C_1$  is any arbitrary constant). That is,

$$R = C_1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (Tr/2)^{2m}}{(m!)^2} = C_1 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Tr}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{(Tr/2)^4}{(2!)^2} - \dots \right] \quad (10)$$

is a solution to the differential equation (8). It is easy to show that (10) is convergent so that values may be calculated for any value of the argument ( $Tr$ ). Such calculations have been made over a wide range of the values of the argument and the results are tabulated.

If  $T^2$  is positive, the function defined by the series is denoted by  $J_0(Tr)$  and called a Bessel function of the first kind and of zero order. This function is defined by

$$J_0(v) \triangleq 1 - \left( \frac{v}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{(v/2)^4}{(2!)^2} - \dots = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (v/2)^{2m}}{(m!)^2} \quad (11)$$

The particular solution (10) may then be written simply as

$$R = C_1 J_0(Tr)$$

The differential equation (8) is of second order and so must have a second solution with a second arbitrary constant. (The sine and cosine constitute the two solutions for the simple harmonic motion equation.) This solution cannot be obtained by the power-series method outlined above, since a general study of differential equations would show that at least one of the two independent solutions of (8) must have a singularity at  $r = 0$ . Once one solution is found there is a technique for obtaining a linearly independent solution for this class of equations<sup>12</sup> and several different forms are possible. One form for the second solution (any of which may be called Bessel functions of second kind, order zero) easily found in tables is

$$\begin{aligned} N_0(v) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\gamma v}{2}\right) J_0(v) \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (v/2)^{2m}}{(m!)^2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The constant  $\ln \gamma = 0.5772 \dots$  is Euler's constant. In general, then,

$$R = C_1 J_0(Tr) + C_2 N_0(Tr) \quad (13)$$

is the solution to (8), and the corresponding solution to (7) is

$$Z(z) = C_3 \sinh Tz + C_4 \cosh Tz \quad (14)$$

It should be noted from (12) that  $N_0(Tr)$ , the second solution to  $R$ , becomes infinite at  $r = 0$ , so it cannot be present in any problem for which  $r = 0$  is included in the region over which the solution applies.

If  $T^2$  is negative, we let  $T^2 = -\tau^2$  or  $T = j\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is real. The series (10) is still a solution and  $T$  in (10) may be replaced by  $j\tau$ . Since all powers of the series are even, imaginaries disappear, and a new series is obtained which is also real and convergent. That is,

$$J_0(jv) = 1 + \left(\frac{v}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(v/2)^4}{(2!)^2} + \frac{(v/2)^6}{(3!)^2} + \dots \quad (15)$$

Values of  $J_0(jv)$  may be calculated for various values of  $v$  from such a series; these are also tabulated in the references and are usually denoted  $I_0(v)$ . Thus, one solution to (8) with  $T = j\tau$  is

$$R = C'_1 J_0(j\pi r) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} C'_1 I_0(\pi r) \quad (16)$$

There must also be a second solution which is commonly denoted  $K_0(\tau r)$ , so that the general solution to (8) with  $T^2 = -\tau^2$  may be written

$$R = C'_1 I_0(\tau r) + C'_2 K_0(\tau r) \quad (17)$$

The second solution  $K_0$  becomes infinite at  $r = 0$  just as does  $N_0$ , and so is not required

<sup>12</sup> See, for example, E. T. Whittaker and G. N. Watson, *A Course in Modern Analysis*, p. 369, 4th ed., University Press, Cambridge, 1927.

in problems which include the axis  $r = 0$  in the range over which the solution is to apply. The solution to the  $z$  equation (7) when  $T^2 = -\tau^2$  is

$$Z = C'_3 \sin \tau z + C'_4 \cos \tau z \quad (18)$$

Summarizing, either of the following forms satisfies Laplace's equation in the two cylindrical coordinates  $r$  and  $z$ :

$$\Phi(r, z) = [C_1 J_0(Tr) + C_2 N_0(Tr)][C_3 \sinh Tz + C_4 \cosh Tz] \quad (19)$$

$$\Phi(r, z) = [C'_1 I_0(\tau r) + C'_2 K_0(\tau r)][C'_3 \sin \tau z + C'_4 \cos \tau z] \quad (20)$$

As was the case with the rectangular harmonics, the two forms are not really different since (19) includes (20) if  $T$  is allowed to become imaginary, but the two separate ways of writing the solution are useful, as will be demonstrated in later examples. The case with no assumed symmetries is discussed in the following section.

## 7.14 BESSEL FUNCTIONS

In Sec. 7.13 an example of a Bessel function was shown as a solution of the differential equation 7.13(8) which describes the radial variations in Laplace's equation for axially symmetric fields where a product solution is assumed. This is just one of a whole family of functions which are solutions of the general Bessel differential equation.

**Bessel Functions with Real Arguments** For certain problems, as, for example, the solution for field between the two halves of a longitudinally split cylinder, it may be necessary to retain the  $\phi$  variations in the equation. The solution may be assumed in product form again,  $RF_\phi Z$ , where  $R$  is a function of  $r$  alone,  $F_\phi$  of  $\phi$  alone, and  $Z$  of  $z$  alone,  $Z$  has solutions in hyperbolic functions as before, and  $F_\phi$  may also be satisfied by sinusoids:

$$Z = C \cosh Tz + D \sinh Tz \quad (1)$$

$$F_\phi = E \cos \nu\phi + F \sin \nu\phi \quad (2)$$

The differential equation for  $R$  is then slightly different from the zero-order Bessel equation obtained previously:

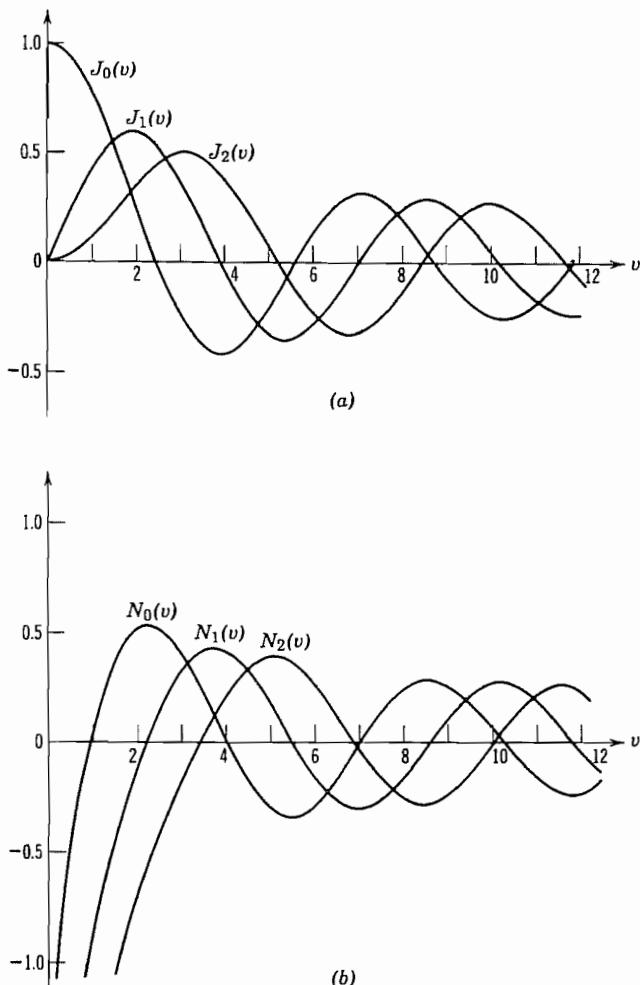
$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \left( T^2 - \frac{\nu^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0 \quad (3)$$

It is apparent at once that Eq. 7.13(8) is a special case of this more general equation, that is,  $\nu = 0$ . A series solution to the general equation carried through as in Sec. 7.13 shows that the function defined by the series

$$J_\nu(Tr) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (Tr/2)^{\nu+2m}}{m! \Gamma(\nu+m+1)} \quad (4)$$

is a solution to the equation.

$\Gamma(\nu+m+1)$  is the gamma function of  $(\nu+m+1)$  and, for  $\nu$  integral, is equivalent to the factorial of  $(\nu+m)$ . Also for  $\nu$  nonintegral, values of this gamma function are



**FIG. 7.14** (a) Bessel functions of the first kind. (b) Bessel functions of the second kind.

tabulated. If  $v$  is an integer  $n$ ,

$$J_n(Tr) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (Tr/2)^{n+2m}}{m!(n+m)!} \quad (5)$$

It can be shown that  $J_{-n} = (-1)^n J_n$ . A few of these functions are plotted in Fig. 7.14a. Similarly, a second independent solution<sup>13</sup> to the equation is

$$N_v(Tr) = \frac{\cos v\pi J_v(Tr) - J_{-v}(Tr)}{\sin v\pi} \quad (6)$$

<sup>13</sup> If  $v$  is nonintegral,  $J_{-v}$  is not linearly related to  $J_v$ , and it is then proper to use either  $J_{-v}$  or  $N_v$  as the second solution; for  $v$  integral,  $N_v$  must be used. Equation (6) is indeterminate for  $v$  integral but is subject to evaluation by usual methods.

and  $N_{-n} = (-1)^n N_n$ . As may be noted in Fig. 7.14b these are infinite at the origin. A complete solution to (3) may be written

$$R = AJ_\nu(Tr) + BN_\nu(Tr) \quad (7)$$

The constant  $\nu$  is known as the order of the equation.  $J_\nu$  is then called a Bessel function of first kind, order  $\nu$ ;  $N_\nu$  is a Bessel function of second kind, order  $\nu$ . Of most interest for this chapter are cases in which  $\nu = n$ , an integer.

It is useful to keep in mind that, in the physical problem considered here,  $\nu$  is the number of radians of the sinusoidal variation of the potential per radian of angle about the axis.

The functions  $J_\nu(\nu)$  and  $N_\nu(\nu)$  are tabulated in the references.<sup>14,15</sup> Some care should be observed in using these references, for there is a wide variation in notation for the second solution, and not all the functions used are equivalent, since they differ in the values of arbitrary constants selected for the series. The  $N_\nu(\nu)$  is chosen here because it is the form most common in current mathematical physics and also the form most commonly tabulated. Of course, it is quite proper to use any one of the second solutions throughout a given problem, since all the differences will be absorbed in the arbitrary constants of the problem, and the same final numerical result will be obtained; but it is necessary to be consistent in the use of only one of these throughout any given analysis.

It is of interest to observe the similarity between (3) and the simple harmonic equation, the solutions of which are sinusoids. The difference between these two differential equations lies in the term  $(1/r)(dR/dr)$  which produces its major effect as  $r \rightarrow 0$ . Note that for regions far removed from the axis as, for example, near the outer edge of Fig. 1.19a, the region bounded by surfaces of a cylindrical coordinate system approximates a cube. For these reasons, it may be expected that, away from the origin, the Bessel functions are similar to sinusoids. That this is true may be seen in Figs. 7.14a and b. For large values of the arguments, the Bessel functions approach sinusoids with magnitude decreasing as the square root of radius, as will be seen in the asymptotic forms, Eqs. 7.15(1) and 7.15(2).

**Hankel Functions** It is sometimes convenient to take solutions to the simple harmonic equation in the form of complex exponentials rather than sinusoids. That is, the solution of

$$\frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} + K^2Z = 0 \quad (8)$$

can be written as

$$Z = Ae^{+jKz} + Be^{-jKz} \quad (9)$$

<sup>14</sup> E. Jahnke, F. Emde, and F. Lösch, Tables of Higher Functions, 6th ed. revised by F. Lösch, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1960.

<sup>15</sup> M. Abramowitz and I. A. Stegun (Eds.), Handbook of Mathematical Functions, Dover, New York, 1964.

where

$$e^{\pm jKz} = \cos Kz \pm j \sin Kz \quad (10)$$

Since the complex exponentials are linear combinations of cosine and sine functions, we may also write the general solution of (8) as

$$Z = A'e^{jKz} + B' \sin Kz$$

or other combinations.

Similarly, it is convenient to define new Bessel functions which are linear combinations of the  $J_\nu(Tr)$  and  $N_\nu(Tr)$  functions. By direct analogy with the definition (10) of the complex exponential, we write

$$H_\nu^{(1)}(Tr) = J_\nu(Tr) + jN_\nu(Tr) \quad (11)$$

$$H_\nu^{(2)}(Tr) = J_\nu(Tr) - jN_\nu(Tr) \quad (12)$$

These are called Hankel functions of the first and second kinds, respectively. Since they both contain the function  $N_\nu(Tr)$ , they are both singular at  $r = 0$ . Negative and positive orders are related by

$$H_{-\nu}^{(1)}(Tr) = e^{j\pi\nu} H_\nu^{(1)}(Tr)$$

$$H_{-\nu}^{(2)}(Tr) = e^{-j\pi\nu} H_\nu^{(2)}(Tr)$$

For large values of the argument, these can be approximated by complex exponentials, with magnitude decreasing as square root of radius. For example,

$$H_\nu^{(1)}(Tr) \underset{Tr \rightarrow \infty}{=} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi Tr}} e^{j(Tr - \pi/4 - \nu\pi/2)}$$

This asymptotic form suggests that Hankel functions may be useful in wave propagation problems as the complex exponential is in plane-wave propagation. It is also sometimes convenient to use Hankel functions as alternate independent solutions in static problems. Complete solutions of (3) may be written in a variety of ways using combinations of Bessel and Hankel functions.

**Bessel and Hankel Functions of Imaginary Arguments** If  $T$  is imaginary,  $T = j\tau$ , and (3) becomes

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} - \left( \tau^2 + \frac{\nu^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0 \quad (13)$$

The solution to (3) is valid here if  $T$  is replaced by  $j\tau$  in the definitions of  $J_\nu(Tr)$  and  $N_\nu(Tr)$ . In this case  $N_\nu(j\pi\tau)$  is complex and so requires two numbers for each value of the argument, whereas  $j^{-\nu}J_\nu(j\pi\tau)$  is always a purely real number. It is convenient to replace  $N_\nu(j\pi\tau)$  by a Hankel function. The quantity  $j^{\nu-1}H_\nu^{(1)}(j\pi\tau)$  is also purely real and so requires tabulation of only one value for each value of the argument. If  $\nu$  is not an integer,  $j^\nu J_{-\nu}(j\pi\tau)$  is independent of  $j^{-\nu}J_\nu(j\pi\tau)$  and may be used as a second solution.

Thus, for nonintegral  $\nu$  two possible complete solutions are

$$R = A_2 J_\nu(j\pi r) + B_2 J_{-\nu}(j\pi r) \quad (14)$$

and

$$R = A_3 J_\nu(j\pi r) + B_3 H_\nu^{(1)}(j\pi r) \quad (15)$$

where powers of  $j$  are included in the constants. For  $\nu = n$ , an integer, the two solutions in (14) are not independent but (15) is still a valid solution.

It is common practice to denote these solutions as

$$I_{\pm\nu}(v) = j^{\mp\nu} J_{\pm\nu}(jv) \quad (16)$$

$$K_\nu(v) = \frac{\pi}{2} j^{\nu+1} H_\nu^{(1)}(jv) \quad (17)$$

where  $v = \pi r$ .

As is noted in Sec. 7.15 some of the formulas relating Bessel functions and Hankel functions must be changed for these modified Bessel functions. Special cases of these functions were seen as  $I_0(\pi r)$  and  $K_0(\pi r)$  in Sec. 7.13 for the axially symmetric field. The forms of  $I_\nu(\pi r)$  and  $K_\nu(\pi r)$  for  $\nu = 0, 1$  are shown in Fig. 7.14c. As is suggested by these curves, the asymptotic forms of the modified Bessel functions are related to growing and decaying real exponentials, as will be seen in Eqs. 7.15(5) and 7.15(6). It is also clear from the figure that  $K_\nu(\pi r)$  is singular at the origin.

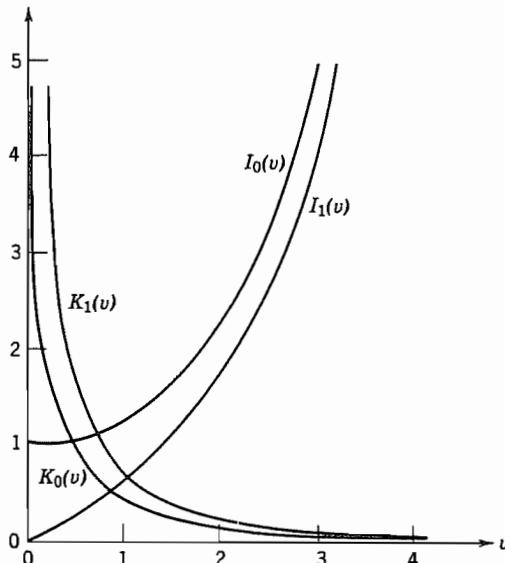


FIG. 7.14c Modified Bessel functions.

7.15 BESEL FUNCTION ZEROS AND FORMULAS<sup>16</sup>

The first several zeros of the low-order Bessel functions and of the derivatives of Bessel functions are given in Tables 7.15a and 7.15b, respectively.

**Table 7.15a**  
**Zeros of Bessel Functions**

$J_0$	$J_1$	$J_2$	$N_0$	$N_1$	$N_2$
2.405	3.832	5.136	0.894	2.197	3.384
5.520	7.016	8.417	3.958	5.430	6.794
8.654	10.173	11.620	7.086	8.596	10.023

**Table 7.15b**  
**Zeros of Derivatives of Bessel Functions**

$J'_0$	$J'_1$	$J'_2$	$N'_0$	$N'_1$	$N'_2$
0.000	1.841	3.054	2.197	3.683	5.003
3.832	5.331	6.706	5.430	6.942	8.351
10.173	8.536	9.969	8.596	10.123	11.574

### Asymptotic Forms

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} J_v(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi v}} \cos\left(v - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{v\pi}{2}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} N_v(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi v}} \sin\left(v - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{v\pi}{2}\right) \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} H_v^{(1)}(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi v}} e^{j[v - (\pi/4) - (v\pi/2)]} \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} H_v^{(2)}(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi v}} e^{-j[v - (\pi/4) - (v\pi/2)]} \quad (4)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} j^{-v} J_v(jv) = I_v(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi v}} e^v \quad (5)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} j^{v+1} H_v^{(1)}(jv) = \frac{2}{\pi} K_v(v) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi v}} e^{-v} \quad (6)$$

<sup>16</sup> More extensive tabulations are found in the sources given in footnotes 14 and 15.

**Derivatives** The following formulas which may be found by differentiating the appropriate series, term by term, are valid for any of the functions  $J_\nu(v)$ ,  $N_\nu(v)$ ,  $H_\nu^{(1)}(v)$ , and  $H_\nu^{(2)}(v)$ . Let  $R_\nu(v)$  denote any one of these, and  $R'_\nu$  denote  $(d/dv)[R_\nu(v)]$ .

$$R'_0 = -R_1(v) \quad (7)$$

$$R'_1(v) = R_0(v) - \frac{1}{v} R_1(v) \quad (8)$$

$$vR'_\nu(v) = \nu R_\nu(v) - vR_{\nu+1}(v) \quad (9)$$

$$vR'_\nu(v) = -\nu R_\nu(v) + vR_{\nu-1}(v) \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d}{dv} [v^{-\nu} R_\nu(v)] = -v^{-\nu} R_{\nu+1}(v) \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d}{dv} [v^\nu R_\nu(v)] = v^\nu R_{\nu-1}(v) \quad (12)$$

Note that

$$R'_\nu(Tr) = \frac{d}{d(Tr)} [R_\nu(Tr)] = \frac{1}{T} \frac{d}{dr} [R_\nu(Tr)] \quad (13)$$

For the  $I$  and  $K$  functions, different forms for the foregoing derivatives must be used. They may be obtained from these formulas by substituting Eqs. 7.14(16) and 7.14(17) in the preceding expressions. Some of these are

$$vI'_\nu(v) = \nu I_\nu(v) + vI_{\nu+1}(v) \quad (14)$$

$$vI'_\nu(v) = -\nu I_\nu(v) + vI_{\nu-1}(v)$$

$$vK'_\nu(v) = \nu K_\nu(v) - vK_{\nu+1}(v) \quad (15)$$

$$vK'_\nu(v) = -\nu K_\nu(v) - vK_{\nu-1}(v)$$

**Recurrence Formulas** By recurrence formulas, it is possible to obtain the values for Bessel functions of any order, when the values of functions for any two other orders, differing from the first by integers, are known. For example, subtract (10) from (9). The result may be written

$$\frac{2\nu}{v} R_\nu(v) = R_{\nu+1}(v) + R_{\nu-1}(v) \quad (16)$$

As before,  $R_\nu$  may denote  $J_\nu$ ,  $N_\nu$ ,  $H_\nu^{(1)}$ , or  $H_\nu^{(2)}$ , but not  $I_\nu$  or  $K_\nu$ . For these, the recurrence formulas are

$$\frac{2\nu}{v} I_\nu(v) = I_{\nu-1}(v) - I_{\nu+1}(v) \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{2\nu}{v} K_\nu(v) = K_{\nu+1}(v) - K_{\nu-1}(v) \quad (18)$$

**Integrals** Integrals that will be useful in solving later problems are given below.  $R_\nu$  denotes  $J_\nu$ ,  $N_\nu$ ,  $H_\nu^{(1)}$ , or  $H_\nu^{(2)}$ :

$$\int v^{-\nu} R_{\nu+1}(v) \, dv = -v^{-\nu} R_\nu(v) \quad (19)$$

$$\int v^\nu R_{\nu-1}(v) \, dv = v^\nu R_\nu(v) \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int v R_\nu(\alpha v) R_\nu(\beta v) \, dv &= \frac{v}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \\ &\times [\beta R_\nu(\alpha v) R_{\nu-1}(\beta v) - \alpha R_{\nu-1}(\alpha v) R_\nu(\beta v)], \quad \alpha \neq \beta \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int v R_\nu^2(\alpha v) \, dv &= \frac{v^2}{2} [R_\nu^2(\alpha v) - R_{\nu-1}(\alpha v) R_{\nu+1}(\alpha v)] \\ &= \frac{v^2}{2} \left[ R_\nu'^2(\alpha v) + \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{\alpha^2 v^2} \right) R_\nu^2(\alpha v) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

## 7.16 EXPANSION OF A FUNCTION AS A SERIES OF BESSEL FUNCTIONS

In Sec. 7.11 a study was made of the method of Fourier series by which a function may be expressed over a given region as a series of sines or cosines. It is possible to evaluate the coefficients in such a case because of the orthogonality property of sinusoids. A study of the integrals, Eqs. 7.15(21) and 7.15(22), shows that there are similar orthogonality expressions for Bessel functions. For example, these integrals may be written for zero-order Bessel functions, and if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are taken as  $p_m/a$  and  $p_q/a$ , where  $p_m$  and  $p_q$  are the  $m$ th and  $q$ th roots of  $J_0(v) = 0$ , that is,  $J_0(p_m) = 0$  and  $J_0(p_q) = 0$ ,  $p_m \neq p_q$ , then Eq. 7.15(21) gives

$$\int_0^a r J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) J_0\left(\frac{p_q r}{a}\right) \, dr = 0 \quad (1)$$

So, a function  $f(r)$  may be expressed as an infinite sum of zero-order Bessel functions

$$f(r) = b_1 J_0\left(p_1 \frac{r}{a}\right) + b_2 J_0\left(p_2 \frac{r}{a}\right) + b_3 J_0\left(p_3 \frac{r}{a}\right) + \dots$$

or

$$f(r) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \quad (2)$$

The coefficients  $b_m$  may be evaluated in a manner similar to that used for Fourier coefficients by multiplying each term of (2) by  $r J_0(p_m r/a)$  and integrating from 0 to

a. Then by (1) all terms on the right disappear except the  $m$ th term:

$$\int_0^a r f(r) J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) dr = \int_0^a b_m r \left[J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right)\right]^2 dr$$

From Eq. 7.15(22),

$$\int_0^a b_m r J_0^2\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) dr = \frac{a^2}{2} b_m J_1^2(p_m) \quad (3)$$

or

$$b_m = \frac{2}{a^2 J_1^2(p_m)} \int_0^a r f(r) J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) dr \quad (4)$$

In the above, as in the Fourier series, the orthogonality relations enabled us to obtain coefficients of the series under the assumption that the series is a proper representation of the function to be expanded, but two additional points are required to show that the representation is valid. The series must of course converge, and the set of orthogonal functions must be *complete*, that is, sufficient to represent an arbitrary function over the interval of concern. These points have been shown for the Bessel series of (2) and for other orthogonal sets of functions to be used in this text.<sup>17</sup>

Expansions similar to (2) can be made with Bessel functions of other orders and types (Prob. 7.16a).

### Example 7.16

#### BESSEL FUNCTION EXPANSION FOR CONSTANT IN RANGE $0 < r < a$

If the function  $f(r)$  in (4) is a constant  $V_0$  in the range  $0 < r < a$ , we have

$$b_m = \frac{2V_0}{a^2 J_1^2(p_m)} \int_0^a r J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) dr \quad (5)$$

Using Eq. 7.15(20) with  $R = J$ ,  $\nu = 1$ , and  $v = p_m r/a$ , the integral in (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a}{p_m}\right)^2 \int_0^a \left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) d\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) &= \left[ \left(\frac{a}{p_m}\right)^2 \left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) J_1\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \right]_0^a \\ &= \frac{a^2}{p_m} J_1(p_m) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

<sup>17</sup> See, for example, E. T. Whittaker and G. N. Watson, A Course in Modern Analysis, 4th ed., pp. 374–378, University Press, Cambridge, 1927.

and the series expansion (2) for the constant  $V_0$  is

$$f(r) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2V_0}{p_m J_1(p_m)} J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \quad (7)$$

or, using the values of the zeros of  $J_0$  in Table 7.15a,

$$\begin{aligned} f(r) &= \frac{0.832V_0}{J_1(2.405)} J_0\left(\frac{2.405r}{a}\right) + \frac{0.362V_0}{J_1(5.520)} J_0\left(\frac{5.520r}{a}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{0.231V_0}{J_1(8.654)} J_0\left(\frac{8.654r}{a}\right) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Further evaluation of (8) requires reference to tables in the sources given in footnotes 14 and 15 or numerical evaluation of Eq. 7.13(11).

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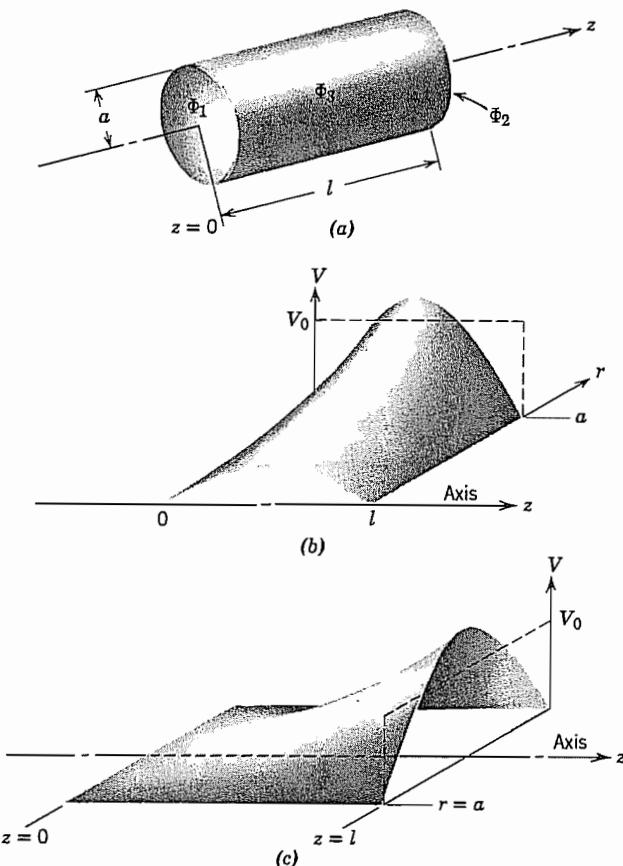
## 7.17 FIELDS DESCRIBED BY CYLINDRICAL HARMONICS

We will consider here the two basic types of boundary value problems which exist in axially symmetric cylindrical systems. These can be understood by reference to Fig. 7.17a. In one type both  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , the potentials on the ends, are zero and a nonzero potential  $\Phi_3$  is applied to the cylindrical surface. In the second type  $\Phi_3 = 0$  and either (or both)  $\Phi_1$  or  $\Phi_2$  are nonzero. The gaps between ends and side are considered negligibly small. For simplicity, the nonzero potentials will be taken to be independent of the coordinate along the surface. In the first type, a Fourier series of sinusoids is used to expand the boundary potentials as was done in the rectangular problems. In the second situation, a series of Bessel functions is used to expand the boundary potential along the radial coordinate.

**Nonzero Potential on Cylindrical Surface** Since the boundary potentials are axially symmetric, zero-order Bessel functions should be used. The repeated zeros along the  $z$  coordinate dictate the use of sinusoidal functions of  $z$ . The potential in Eq. 7.13(20) is the appropriate form. Certain of the constants can be evaluated immediately. Since  $K_0(\tau r)$  is singular on the axis,  $C'_2$  must be identically zero to give a finite potential there. The  $\cos \tau z$  equals unity at  $z = 0$  but the potential must be zero there so  $C'_4 = 0$ . As in the problem discussed in Sec. 7.10 the repeated zeros at  $z = l$  require that  $\tau = m\pi/l$ . Therefore the general harmonic which fits all boundary conditions except  $\Phi = V_0$  at  $r = a$  is

$$\Phi_m = A_m I_0\left(\frac{m\pi r}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi z}{l}\right) \quad (1)$$

Figure 7.17b shows a sketch of this harmonic for  $m = 1$  and with the nonzero boundary potential on the cylinder. It is clear that we have here the problem of expanding the



**FIG. 7.17** (a) Cylinder with conducting boundaries. (b) One harmonic component for matching boundary conditions when nonzero potential is applied to cylindrical surface in (a). (c) One harmonic component for matching boundary conditions when nonzero potential is applied to end surface in (a).

boundary potential in sinusoids just as in the rectangular problem of Sec. 7.12. Following the procedure used there we obtain

$$\Phi(r, z) = \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{m\pi} \frac{I_0(m\pi r/l)}{I_0(m\pi a/l)} \sin \frac{m\pi z}{l} \quad (2)$$

**Nonzero Potential on End** In this situation if we refer to Fig. 7.17a, we see that  $\Phi_1 = \Phi_3 = 0$  and  $\Phi_0 = V_0$ . In selecting the proper form for the solution from Sec. 7.13, the boundary condition that  $\Phi = 0$  at  $r = a$  for all values of  $z$  indicates that the  $R$  function must become zero at  $r = a$ . Thus, we select the  $J_0$  functions since the  $I_0$ 's do not ever become zero. (The corresponding second solution,  $N_0$ , does not appear since

potential must remain finite on the axis.) The value of  $T$  in Eq. 7.13(19) is determined from the condition that  $\Phi = 0$  at  $r = a$  for all values of  $z$ . Thus, if  $p_m$  is the  $m$ th root of  $J_0(v) = 0$ ,  $T$  must be  $p_m/a$ . The corresponding solution for  $Z$  is in hyperbolic functions. The coefficient of the hyperbolic cosine term must be zero since  $\Phi$  is zero at  $z = 0$  for all values of  $r$ . Thus, a sum of all cylindrical harmonics with arbitrary amplitudes which satisfy the symmetry of the problem and the boundary conditions so far imposed may be written

$$\Phi(r, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{p_m z}{a}\right) \quad (3)$$

One of the harmonics and the required boundary potentials are shown in Fig. 7.17c.

The remaining condition is that, at  $z = l$ ,  $\Phi = 0$  at  $r = a$  and  $\Phi = V_0$  at  $r < a$ . Here we can use the general technique of expanding the boundary potential in a series of the same form as that used for the potentials inside the region, as regards the dependence on the coordinate along the boundary. In Ex. 7.16 we expanded a constant over the range  $0 < r < a$  in  $J_0$  functions so that result can be used here to evaluate the constants in (3). Evaluating (3) at the boundary  $z = l$ , we have

$$\Phi(r, l) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m \sinh\left(\frac{p_m l}{a}\right) J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \quad (4)$$

Equations (4) and 7.16(7) must be equivalent for all values of  $r$ . Consequently, coefficients of corresponding terms of  $J_0(p_m r/a)$  must be equal. The constant  $B_m$  is now completely determined, and the potential at any point inside the region is

$$\Phi(r, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2V_0}{p_m J_1(p_m) \sinh(p_m l/a)} \sinh\left(\frac{p_m z}{a}\right) J_0\left(\frac{p_m r}{a}\right) \quad (5)$$

## 7.18 SPHERICAL HARMONICS

Consider next Laplace's equation in spherical coordinates for regions with symmetry about the axis so that variations with azimuthal angle  $\phi$  may be neglected. Laplace's equation in the two remaining spherical coordinates  $r$  and  $\theta$  then becomes (obtainable from form of inside front cover)

$$\frac{\partial^2(r\Phi)}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

or

$$r \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + 2 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r \tan \theta} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (2)$$

Assume a product solution

$$\Phi = R\Theta$$

where  $R$  is a function of  $r$  alone, and  $\Theta$  of  $\theta$  alone:

$$rR''\Theta + 2R'\Theta + \frac{1}{r}R\Theta'' + \frac{1}{r\tan\theta}R\Theta' = 0$$

and

$$\frac{r^2R''}{R} + \frac{2rR'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} - \frac{\Theta'}{\Theta\tan\theta} \quad (3)$$

From the previous logic, if the two sides of the equations are to be equal to each other for all values of  $r$  and  $\theta$ , both sides can be equal only to a constant. Since the constant may be expressed in any nonrestrictive way, let it be  $m(m + 1)$ . The two resulting ordinary differential equations are then

$$r^2 \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - m(m + 1)R = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} + \frac{1}{\tan\theta} \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} + m(m + 1)\Theta = 0 \quad (5)$$

Equation (4) has a solution which is easily verified to be

$$R = C_1 r^m + C_2 r^{-(m+1)} \quad (6)$$

A solution to (5) in terms of simple functions is not obvious, so, as with the Bessel equation, a series solution may be assumed. The coefficients of this series must be determined so that the differential equation (5) is satisfied and the resulting series made to define a new function. There is one departure here from an exact analog with the Bessel functions, for it turns out that a proper selection of the arbitrary constants will make the series for the new function terminate in a finite number of terms if  $m$  is an integer. Thus, for any integer  $m$ , the polynomial defined by

$$P_m(\cos\theta) = \frac{1}{2^m m!} \left[ \frac{d}{d(\cos\theta)} \right]^m (\cos^2\theta - 1)^m \quad (7)$$

is a solution to the differential equation (5). The equation is known as Legendre's equation; the solutions are called Legendre polynomials of order  $m$ . Their forms for the first few values of  $m$  are tabulated below and are shown in Fig. 7.18a. Since they are polynomials and not infinite series, their values can be calculated easily if desired, but values of the polynomials are also tabulated in many references.

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(\cos\theta) &= 1 \\ P_1(\cos\theta) &= \cos\theta \\ P_2(\cos\theta) &= \frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 1) \\ P_3(\cos\theta) &= \frac{1}{2}(5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta) \\ P_4(\cos\theta) &= \frac{1}{8}(35\cos^4\theta - 30\cos^2\theta + 3) \\ P_5(\cos\theta) &= \frac{1}{8}(63\cos^5\theta - 70\cos^3\theta + 15\cos\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

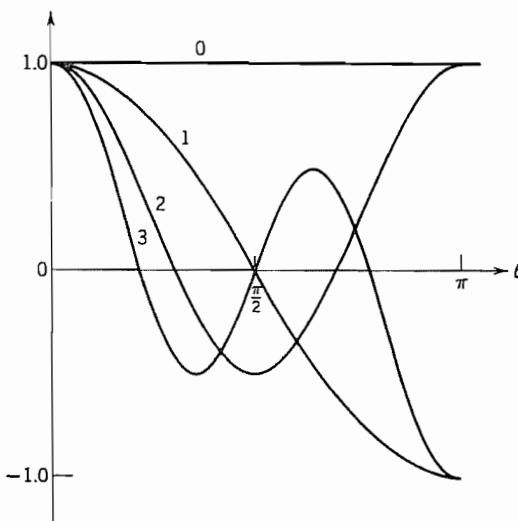


FIG. 7.18a Legendre polynomials.

It is recognized that  $\Theta = C_1 P_m(\cos \theta)$  is only one solution to the second-order differential equation (5). There must be a second independent solution, which may be obtained from the first in the same manner as for Bessel functions, but it turns out that this solution becomes infinite for  $\theta = 0$ . Consequently it is not needed when the axis of spherical coordinates is included in the region over which the solution applies. When the axis is excluded, the second solution must be included. It is typically denoted  $Q_n(\cos \theta)$  and tabulated in the references.<sup>18</sup>

An orthogonality relation for Legendre polynomials is quite similar to those for sinusoids and Bessel functions which led to the Fourier series and expansion in Bessel functions, respectively.

$$\int_0^\pi P_m(\cos \theta) P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = 0, \quad m \neq n \quad (9)$$

$$\int_0^\pi [P_m(\cos \theta)]^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2}{2m + 1} \quad (10)$$

It follows that, if a function  $f(\theta)$  defined between the limits of 0 to  $\pi$  is written as a series of Legendre polynomials,

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \alpha_m P_m(\cos \theta), \quad 0 < \theta < \pi \quad (11)$$

<sup>18</sup> W. R. Smythe, *Static and Dynamic Electricity*, 3rd ed., Hemisphere Publishing Co., Washington, DC, 1989.

the coefficients must be given by the formula

$$\alpha_m = \frac{2m + 1}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\theta) P_m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \quad (12)$$

### Example 7.18a

#### HIGH-PERMEABILITY SPHERE IN UNIFORM FIELD

We will examine the field distribution in and around a sphere of permeability  $\mu \neq \mu_0$  when it is placed in an otherwise uniform magnetic field in free space. The uniform field is disturbed by the sphere as indicated in Fig. 7.18b. The reason for choosing this example is threefold. It shows, first, an application of spherical harmonics. Second, it is an example of a situation in which the constants in series solutions for two regions are evaluated by matching across a boundary. Finally, it is an example of a magnetic boundary-value problem.

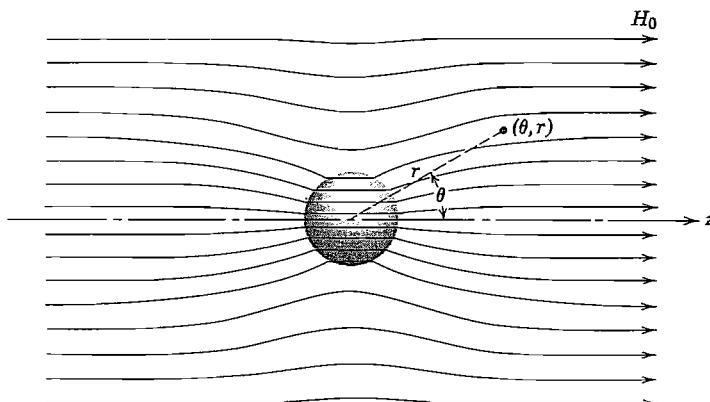
Since there are no currents in the region to be studied, we may use the scalar magnetic potential introduced in Sec. 2.13. The magnetic intensity is given by

$$\mathbf{H} = -\nabla\Phi_m \quad (13)$$

As the problem is axially symmetric and the axis is included in the region of interest, the solutions  $P_m(\cos \theta)$  are applicable. The series solutions with these restrictions are

$$\Phi_m(r, \theta) = \sum_m P_m(\cos \theta) [C_{1m}r^m + C_{2m}r^{-(m+1)}] \quad (14)$$

The procedure is to write general forms for the potential inside and outside the sphere and match these across the boundary. Since the potential must remain finite at  $r = 0$ ,



**FIG. 7.18b** Sphere of magnetic material in an otherwise uniform magnetic field.

the coefficients of the negative powers of  $r$  must vanish for the interior. The series becomes, for the inside region,

$$\Phi_m = \sum_m A_m r^m P_m(\cos \theta) \quad (15)$$

Outside, the potential must be such that it gives a uniform magnetic field  $H_0$  at infinity. The potential form which satisfies this condition is

$$\Phi_m = -H_0 r \cos \theta \quad (16)$$

That this gives a uniform field may be seen by noting that  $dz = dr \cos \theta$  so

$$H_z = -\frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial r} = H_0 \quad (17)$$

Terms of the series (14) having negative powers of  $r$  may be added to (16), since they all vanish at infinity. Then the form of the solution outside the sphere is

$$\Phi_m = -H_0 r \cos \theta + \sum_m B_m P_m(\cos \theta) r^{-(m+1)} \quad (18)$$

It was pointed out in Sec. 2.14 that  $\Phi_m$  is continuous across boundaries without surface currents. Therefore, the terms in (15) and (18) having the same form of  $\theta$  dependence are equated, giving

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= B_0 a^{-1} & m &= 0 \\ A_1 a &= B_1 a^{-2} - H_0 a & m &= 1 \\ &\vdots && \\ A_m a^m &= B_m a^{-(m+1)} & m &> 1 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Furthermore, the normal flux density is continuous at the boundary so

$$\mu_0 \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial r} \right|_{r=a+} = \mu \left. \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial r} \right|_{r=a-} \quad (20)$$

Substituting (15) and (18) in (20) and equating terms with the same  $\theta$  dependence, we find

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= 0 & m &= 0 \\ \mu A_1 &= -2\mu_0 B_1 a^{-3} - \mu_0 H_0 & m &= 1 \\ &\vdots && \\ \mu m A_m a^{m-1} &= -\mu_0 (m+1) B_m a^{-(m+2)} & m &> 1 \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

From (19) and (21) we see that  $A_0 = B_0 = 0$ , and that for  $m > 1$ , all coefficients must be zero to satisfy the two sets of conditions. The only remaining terms are those with

$m = 1$ . These two equations may be solved to give  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  in terms of  $H_0$ . Substituting the results in (18) gives, for  $r > a$ ,

$$\Phi_m = \left[ \left( \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{2\mu_0 + \mu} \right) \frac{a^3}{r^3} - 1 \right] H_0 r \cos \theta \quad (22)$$

from which  $H$  can be found by using (13) for  $r > a$ . Substitution of  $A_1$  into (15) gives, for  $r < a$ ,

$$\Phi_m = - \left( \frac{3\mu_0}{2\mu_0 + \mu} \right) H_0 r \cos \theta \quad (23)$$

Applying (13), we find the field inside to be

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{z} \left( \frac{3\mu_0}{2\mu_0 + \mu} \right) H_0 \quad (24)$$

It is of interest to observe that the field inside the homogeneous sphere is uniform. Finally, multiplication of (24) by  $\mu$  gives the flux density

$$\mathbf{B} = \hat{z} \left( \frac{3\mu_0}{2(\mu_0/\mu) + 1} \right) H_0 \quad (25)$$

From (25) we see that for  $\mu \gg \mu_0$  the maximum possible value of the flux density is

$$\mathbf{B} = \hat{z} 3\mu_0 H_0 \quad (26)$$


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### Example 7.18b

#### EXPANSION IN SPHERICAL HARMONICS WHEN FIELD IS GIVEN ALONG AN AXIS

It is often relatively simple to obtain the field or potential along an axis of symmetry by direct application of fundamental laws, yet difficult to obtain it at any point off this axis by the same technique. Once the field is found along an axis of symmetry, expansions in spherical harmonics give its value at any other point. Suppose potential, or any component of field which satisfies Laplace's equation, is given for every point along an axis in such a form that it may be expanded in a power series in  $z$ , the distance along this axis:

$$\Phi \Big|_{\text{axis}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m z^m, \quad 0 < z < a \quad (27)$$

If this axis is taken as the axis of spherical coordinates,  $\theta = 0$ , the potential off the axis may be written for  $r < a$

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m r^m P_m(\cos \theta) \quad (28)$$

This is true since it is a solution of Laplace's equation and does reduce to the given potential (27) for  $\theta = 0$  where all  $P_m(\cos \theta)$  are unity.

If potential is desired outside of this region, the potential along the axis must be expanded in a power series good for  $a < z < \infty$ :

$$\Phi \Big|_{\theta=0} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m z^{-(m+1)}, \quad z > a \quad (29)$$

Then  $\Phi$  at any point outside is given by comparison with the second series of (14):

$$\Phi = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m P_m(\cos \theta) r^{-(m+1)}, \quad r > a \quad (30)$$

For example, the magnetic field  $H_z$  was found along the axis of a circular loop of wire carrying current  $I$  in Sec. 2.3 as

$$H_z = \frac{a^2 I}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{I}{2a[1 + (z^2/a^2)]^{3/2}} \quad (31)$$

The binomial expansion

$$(1 + u)^{-3/2} = 1 - \frac{3}{2} u + \frac{15}{8} u^2 - \frac{105}{48} u^3 + \dots$$

is good for  $0 < |u| < 1$ . Applied to (31), this gives for  $z < a$

$$H_z \Big|_{\text{axis}} = \frac{I}{2a} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{z^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{15}{8} \left( \frac{z^2}{a^2} \right)^2 - \frac{105}{48} \left( \frac{z^2}{a^2} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

Since  $H_z$ , axial component of magnetic field, satisfies Laplace's equation (Sec. 7.2),  $H_z$  at any point  $r, \theta$  with  $r < a$  is given by

$$H_z(r, \theta) = \frac{I}{2a} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) P_2(\cos \theta) + \frac{15}{8} \left( \frac{r^4}{a^4} \right) P_4(\cos \theta) + \dots \right] \quad (32)$$


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## 7.19 PRODUCT SOLUTIONS FOR THE HELMHOLTZ EQUATION IN RECTANGULAR COORDINATES

The technique used in the preceding sections for finding product solutions to Laplace's equation will be applied here to the scalar Helmholtz equation. Whereas the single-product solution for static problems was seen in Sec. 7.10 to be of little value, such solutions will be seen in the next chapter to be of great importance as waveguide propagation modes and will be analyzed extensively there.

Let us consider the scalar Helmholtz equation. Here we make the assumption that the dependent variable depends on  $z$  in the manner of a wave, as  $e^{-\gamma z}$ . The variable  $\psi$

remaining in the equation is, therefore, the coefficient of  $e^{(j\omega t - \gamma z)}$ . Written with the Laplacian explicitly in rectangular coordinates, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -k_c^2 \psi \quad (1)$$

where  $k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$ . Let us assume that the solution can be written as the product solution  $\psi = X(x)Y(y)$ . Substituting this form in (1),

$$X''Y + XY'' = -k_c^2 XY$$

or

$$\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = -k_c^2 \quad (2)$$

The primes indicate derivatives. If this equation is to hold for all values of  $x$  and  $y$ , since  $x$  and  $y$  may be changed independently of each other, each of the ratios  $X''/X$  and  $Y''/Y$  can be only a constant. There are then several forms for the solutions, depending upon whether these ratios are taken as negative constants, positive constants, or one negative constant and one positive constant. If both are taken as negative,

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -k_x^2$$

$$\frac{Y''}{Y} = -k_y^2$$

The solutions to these ordinary differential equations are sinusoids, and by (2) the sum of  $k_x^2$  and  $k_y^2$  is  $k_c^2$ . Thus

$$\psi = XY \quad (3)$$

where

$$X = A \cos k_x x + B \sin k_x x$$

$$Y = C \cos k_y y + D \sin k_y y \quad (4)$$

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k_c^2$$

Either or both of  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  may be imaginary in which case the corresponding sinusoid becomes a hyperbolic function. Values of the constants  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  are determined by conditions on  $\psi$  at the boundaries in the  $x-y$  plane. Examples of the application of these general forms will be seen extensively in the following chapter where the dependent variable  $\psi$  is identified as  $E_z$  or  $H_z$ .

## 7.20 PRODUCT SOLUTIONS FOR THE HELMHOLTZ EQUATION IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

In cylindrical structures, such as coaxial lines or waveguides of circular cross section, the wave components are most conveniently expressed in terms of cylindrical coordi-

nates. Assuming that the  $z$  dependence is in the waveform  $e^{-\gamma z}$ , the scalar Helmholtz equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} = -k_c^2 \psi \quad (1)$$

where  $k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$ . For this partial differential equation, we shall again substitute an assumed product solution and separate variables to obtain two ordinary differential equations.

Assume

$$\psi = RF_\phi$$

where  $R$  is a function of  $r$  alone and  $F_\phi$  is a function of  $\phi$  alone:

$$R''F_\phi + \frac{R'F_\phi'}{r} + \frac{F_\phi''R}{r^2} = -k_c^2RF_\phi$$

Separating variables, we have

$$r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{rR'}{R} + k_c^2 r^2 = \frac{-F_\phi''}{F_\phi}$$

The left side of the equation is a function of  $r$  alone; the right of  $\phi$  alone. If both sides are to be equal for all values of  $r$  and  $\phi$ , both sides must equal a constant. Let this constant be  $\nu^2$ . There are then the two ordinary differential equations:

$$\frac{-F''}{F} = \nu^2 \quad (2)$$

and

$$r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{rR'}{R} + k_c^2 r^2 = \nu^2$$

or

$$R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + \left( k_c^2 - \frac{\nu^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0 \quad (3)$$

The solution to (2) is in sinusoids. By comparing with Eq. 7.14(3) we see that solutions to (3) may be written in terms of Bessel functions of order  $\nu$ :

$$\psi = RF_\phi \quad (4)$$

where

$$R = AJ_\nu(k_c r) + BN_\nu(k_c r) \quad (5)$$

$$F_\phi = C \cos \nu \phi + D \sin \nu \phi$$

Either or both of the Bessel functions may be replaced by Hankel functions [Eqs. 7.14(11) and (12)] when one desires to look at waves as though propagation were in

the radial direction. Thus, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} R &= A_1 H_\nu^{(1)}(k_c r) + B_1 H_\nu^{(2)}(k_c r) \\ F_\phi &= C \cos \nu\phi + D \sin \nu\phi \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

If  $k_c$  is imaginary, the ordinary Bessel functions can be replaced by the modified Bessel functions, Eqs. 7.14(16) and (17). In the examples in the following chapter, the variable  $\psi$  will be identified with  $E_z$  or  $H_z$ .

## PROBLEMS

- 7.2a** Find the form of differential equation satisfied by  $E_r$  in cylindrical coordinates for a charge-free, homogeneous dielectric region. Repeat for  $E_\phi$ . Note that these are not Laplace equations.
- 7.2b** Show that none of the spherical components of electric field satisfy Laplace's equation for quasistatic problems in which  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = 0$ .
- 7.2c\*** Show that the rectangular component  $E_z$  of electrostatic field satisfies Laplace's equation expressed in spherical coordinates.
- 7.2d** Derive Laplace's equation for  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ , and  $\Phi_m$  in a current-free region with static fields and for  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  in a homogeneous conductor with dc currents.
- 7.2e** Use superposition to find the potential on the axis of an infinite cylinder with a potential specified as  $\Phi(\phi) = V_0 \sin \phi/2$ , for  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$  on the boundary.
- 7.2f** A spherical surface is at zero potential except for a sector in the region  $0 < \phi < \pi/3$ ,  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ . Find the potential at the center of the sphere.
- 7.3a** Calculate the capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor with square plates having edge length  $a$  and spacing  $d = a/2$  situated in free space using the method of moments. If you do the calculations by hand, divide each plate into four equal squares. If a computer program is written, run it for several subdivisions of the plates and plot the effect on capacitance.
- 7.3b** Find a better approximation to the capacitance of the structure in Ex. 7.3a by subdividing each of the squares shown in Fig. 7.3d into four equal parts and repeating the method of moments calculation.
- 7.3c** In applying the method of moments calculation to two-dimensional problems, the  $\ln r_0$  term in Eq. 1.8(7) is neglected. As an illustration of the validity of this procedure, find the potential of two parallel line charges located as follows:  $+q_1$  at  $\phi = 0$ ,  $r = \delta$  and  $-q_1$  at  $\phi = 0$ ,  $r = 2\delta$ ; take the zero potential point to be  $r = R$  on the  $\phi = 0$  axis. Apply Eq. 1.8(7) and show that the  $\ln r_0$  terms cancel to arbitrary accuracy as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . How does this explain that the  $\ln r_0$  terms can be neglected in the two-electrode two-dimensional method of moment problems in which the line charges have a variety of values?
- 7.3d\*** Write a computer program to find the stripline capacitance as in Ex. 7.3b. Extend the range included on the larger electrodes by one unit of the division in Fig. 7.3e and evaluate the effect on capacitance. Then use a subdivision of the electrodes one-half as fine as in the example. Compare the results to evaluate the importance of the grid size.

- 7.4a** Check by the Cauchy–Riemann equations the analyticity of the general power term  $W = C_n Z^n$  and a series of such terms,

$$W = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n Z^n$$

- 7.4b** Check the following functions by the Cauchy–Riemann equations to determine if they are analytic:

$$W = \sin Z$$

$$W = e^Z$$

$$W = Z^* = x - jy$$

$$W = ZZ^*$$

- 7.4c** Check the analyticity of the following, noting isolated points where the derivatives may not remain finite:

$$W = \ln Z$$

$$W = \tan Z$$

- 7.4d** Take the change  $\Delta Z$  in any general direction  $\Delta x + j\Delta y$ . Show that, if the Cauchy–Riemann conditions are satisfied, Eq. 7.4(3) yields the same result for the derivative as when the change is in the  $x$  direction or the  $y$  direction alone.

- 7.4e** If by following a path around some point in the  $Z$  plane, the variable  $W$  takes on different values when the same  $Z$  is reached, the point around which the path is taken is called a *branch point*. Evaluate  $W = Z^{1/2}$  and  $W = Z^{4/3}$  along a path of constant radius around the origin to show that  $Z = 0$  is a branch point for these functions. Discuss the analyticity of these functions at the branch point.

- 7.5a** Plot the shape of the  $u = \pm 0.5$  equipotentials for the  $V = x^{4/3}, y = 0$  boundary condition used in Ex. 7.5.

- 7.5b** A thin cylindrical shell of radius  $a$  has a potential described by  $\Phi(a, \theta) = V_0 \cos 2\theta$ . Use a method similar to that in Ex. 7.5 to find  $\Phi(r, \theta)$ .

- 7.5c** Show that if  $u$  is the potential function, the field intensity  $E_y$  is equal to the imaginary part of  $dW/dZ$  and  $E_x$  equals the negative of the real part.

- 7.5d** Use the results of Prob. 7.5c to find an expression for the slope of equipotential lines in terms of  $dW/dZ$ . Show that all equipotential lines except  $u = 0$  are normal to the beam edge in the electron flow in Fig. 7.5b. ( $W = Z^{4/3}$  is not analytic at  $Z = 0$ , as was shown in Prob. 7.4e, and the  $W = 0$  line at  $y = 0$  is a special case.) Hint: Write an expression for  $du$  in terms of partial derivatives and set  $du = 0$  to get relations existing along an equipotential.

- 7.6a** Plot a few equipotentials and flux lines in the vicinity of conducting corners of angles  $\alpha = \pi/3$  and  $3\pi/4$ .

- 7.6b** Evaluate the constant  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in the logarithmic transformation so that  $u$  represents the potential function in volts about a line charge of strength  $q_1$  C/m. Let potential be zero at  $r = a$ .

- 7.6c** Show that if  $v$  is taken as the potential function in the logarithmic transformation, it is applicable to the region between two semi-infinite conducting planes intersecting at an angle  $\alpha$ , but separated by an infinitesimal gap at the origin so that the plane at  $\theta = 0$  may be placed at potential zero and the plane at  $\theta = \alpha$  at potential  $V_0$ . Evaluate the

constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , taking the reference for zero flux at  $r = a$ . Write the flux function in coulombs per meter.

- 7.6d** Find the form of the curves of constant  $u$  and constant  $v$  for the functions  $\sin^{-1} Z$ ,  $\cosh^{-1} Z$ , and  $\sinh^{-1} Z$ . Do these permit one to solve problems in addition to those from the function  $\cos^{-1} Z$ ?
- 7.6e** Apply the results of the  $\cos^{-1}$  transformation to item 4 in Ex. 7.6c. Take the right-hand semi-infinite plane extending from  $x = a$  to  $x = \infty$  at potential  $V_0$ . Take the left-hand semi-infinite plane extending from  $x = -a$  to  $x = -\infty$  at potential zero. Evaluate the scale factors and additive constant.
- 7.6f\*** Apply the results of the transformation to item 2 of Ex. 7.6c. Take the elliptic cylindrical conductor of semimajor axis  $a$  and semiminor axis  $b$  at potential  $V_0$ . The inner conductor is a strip conductor extending between the foci,  $x = \pm c$ , where

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$$

Evaluate all required scale factors and constants. Find the total charge per unit length induced upon the outer cylinder and the electrostatic capacitance of this two-conductor system.

- 7.6g\*** Modify the derivation in Ex. 7.6d to apply to the problem of parallel cylinders of unequal radius. Take the left-hand cylinder of radius  $R_1$  with center at  $x = -d_1$ , the right-hand cylinder of radius  $R_2$  with center at  $x = d_2$ , and a total difference of potential  $V_0$  between cylinders. Find the electrostatic capacitance per unit length in terms of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $(d_1 + d_2)$ .
- 7.6h** The important bilinear transformation is of the form

$$Z = \frac{aZ' + b}{cZ' + d}$$

Take  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  as real constants, and show that any circle in the  $Z'$  plane is transformed to a circle in the  $Z$  plane by this transformation. (Straight lines are considered circles of infinite radius.)

- 7.6i** Consider the special case of Prob. 7.6h with  $a = R$ ,  $b = -R$ ,  $c = 1$ , and  $d = 1$ . Show that the imaginary axis of the  $Z'$  plane transforms to a circle of radius  $R$ , center at the origin, in the  $Z$  plane. Show that a line charge at  $x' = d$  and its image at  $x' = -d$  in the  $Z'$  plane transform to points in the  $Z$  plane at radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  with  $r_1 r_2 = R^2$ . Compare with the result for imaging line charges in a cylinder (Sec. 1.18).
- 7.7a** Explain why a factor in the Schwarz transformation may be left out when it corresponds to a point transformed to infinity in the  $Z'$  plane.
- 7.7b** In Eq. 7.7(2), separate  $Z$  into real and imaginary parts. Show that the boundary condition for potential is satisfied along the two conductors. Obtain the asymptotic equations for large positive  $u$  and for large negative  $u$ , and interpret the results in terms of the type of field approached in these limits.
- 7.7c\*** Work the example of Prob. 7.6e by the Schwarz technique and show that the same result is obtained. This is the problem of two coplanar semi-infinite plane conductors separated by a gap  $2a$ , with the left-hand conductor at potential zero and the right-hand conductor at potential  $V_0$ .
- 7.7d\*** For the first example of Table 7.7, find the electrostatic capacitance in excess of what would be obtained if a uniform field existed in both of the parallel-plane regions.
- 7.7e** Plot the  $V_0/2$  equipotential for Ex. 7.7.

- 7.8** Suppose that the wave-guiding structure in Fig. 7.8a is bounded on the outside by a dielectric  $\epsilon_3(r)$  which has the value  $\epsilon_2$  at  $R_0$  and then decreases to an appreciably lower value as  $r$  is increased. As was seen in Sec. 6.12, waves incident on a plane boundary between two dielectrics from the higher  $\epsilon$  side can be totally reflected. Find the limiting rate of decrease of  $\epsilon_3$  at  $R_0$  which can permit total reflection of rays approaching the boundary, by studying the variation of the equivalent dielectric constant in the  $W$  plane.
- 7.9a** The so-called circular harmonics are the product solutions to Laplace's equation in the two circular cylindrical coordinates  $r$  and  $\phi$ . Apply the basic separation of variables technique to Laplace's equation in these coordinates to yield two ordinary differential equations. Show that the  $r$  and  $\phi$  equations are satisfied respectively by the functions  $R$  and  $F_\phi$ , where

$$R = C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-n}$$

$$F_\phi = C_3 \cos n\phi + C_4 \sin n\phi$$

- 7.9b** An infinite rod of a magnetic material of relative permeability  $\mu_r$  lies with its axis perpendicular to the direction of a uniform magnetic field in which it is immersed. Take the rod to be of circular cross section with radius  $a$  and use the expressions in Prob. 7.9a to find the fields inside and outside the rod. Note the uniformity of the field inside.
- 7.10a** Plot the form of equipotentials for  $\Phi = V_0/4, V_0/2$ , and  $3V_0/4$  for Fig. 7.10a.
- 7.10b** Describe the electrode structure for which the single rectangular harmonic  $C_1 \cosh kx \sin ky$  is a solution for potential. Take electrodes at potential  $V_0$  passing through  $|x| = a$  when  $y = a/2$ .
- 7.10c** Describe the electrode structure and exciting potentials for which the single circular harmonic (Prob. 7.9a)  $Cr^2 \cos 2\phi$  is a solution.

- 7.11a** Obtain Fourier series in sines and cosines for the following periodic functions:

- (i) A triangular wave defined by  $f(x) = V_0(1 - 2x/L)$  from 0 to  $L/2$  and  $f(x) = V_0[(2x/L) - 1]$  from  $L/2$  to  $L$
- (ii) A sawtooth wave defined by  $f(x) = V_0x/L$  for  $0 < x < L$
- (iii) A sinusoidal pulse given by  $f(x) = (V_m \cos kx - V_0)$  for  $-\alpha < kx < \alpha$ ,  $f(x) = 0$ , for  $-\pi < kx < -\alpha$  and also for  $\alpha < kx < \pi$ .

- 7.11b** Suppose that a function is given over the interval 0 to  $a$  as  $f(x) = \sin \pi x/a$ . What do the cosine and sine representations yield? Explain how this single sine term can be represented in terms of cosines.
- 7.11c** Find sine and cosine representations for the function  $e^{kx}$  defined over the interval  $0 < x < a$ .
- 7.11d** Plot  $f(x)$  given by Eq. 7.11(14) in the neighborhood of the discontinuities using (i) five sine terms and (ii) ten sine terms and discuss differences from the rectangular function being represented.
- 7.11e** A complex form of the Fourier series for a function  $f(x)$  defined over the interval  $0 < x < a$  is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j2\pi n x/a}$$

Show that if this is valid,  $c_n$  must be given by

$$c_n = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a f(x) e^{-j2\pi n x/a} dx$$

- 7.11f** Find representations for the constant  $C$  over the interval  $0 < x < a$  in the complex form of Prob. 7.11e, and compare the result with Eq. 7.11(14).
- 7.11g** Find the Fourier integral representation for a decaying exponential,  $f(x) = 0$ , for  $x < 0$  and  $f(x) = ce^{-\alpha x}$  for  $x > 0$ .
- 7.12a** Obtain a series solution for the two-dimensional box problem in which sides at  $y = 0$  and  $y = b$  are at potential zero, and end planes at  $x = a$  and  $x = -a$  are at potential  $V_0$ .
- 7.12b** Find the potential distribution for the box of Prob. 7.12a with the same boundary conditions except that the potential on the side at  $y = 0$  should be  $V_1$  and that at  $y = b$  should be  $-V_1$ .
- 7.12c** In a two-dimensional problem, parallel planes at  $y = 0$  and  $y = b$  extend from  $x = 0$  to  $x = \infty$  and are at zero potential. The one end plane at  $x = 0$  is at potential  $V_0$ . Obtain a series solution.
- 7.12d** The fringing that occurs at the open ends of a pair of parallel plates as seen in Fig. 1.9a leads to a modification of the fields between the plates from the ideal uniform distribution. Consider  $x = 0$  to be the ends of the plates, which are at  $y = 0, b$ . The analysis of Ex. 7.7 can show that the potential between the ends of the plates may be expressed approximately as  $\Phi(0, y) = V_0[(y/b) + 0.06 \sin 2\pi y/b]$ . Find the distance  $x$  at which the potential distribution between the plates is linear to within 1%, using the analysis of Prob. 7.12c.
- 7.12e** A two-dimensional conducting rectangular solid is bounded on three sides by perfect conductors: at  $y = 0$ ,  $\Phi = 0$ ; at  $x = 0$ ,  $\Phi = 0$ ; at  $y = b$ ,  $\Phi = V_0$ . It is bounded at  $x = a$  by a dielectric with zero conductivity. Find an expression for the potential distribution inside the conducting solid.
- 7.12f** Two concentric cylinders are located at  $r = a$  and  $r = b$ . The inner ( $r = a$ ) cylinder is split along its length into two halves which are at different potentials. Potential is  $-V_0$  for  $-\pi < \phi < 0$  and  $V_0$  for  $0 < \phi < \pi$ . The cylinder at  $r = b$  is at zero potential. Find the potential between the two cylinders.
- 7.12g** The potential along the plane boundary of a half-space is in strips of width  $a$  and alternates between  $-V_0$  and  $V_0$ . Take the boundary to be at  $y = 0$  and the strips to be invariant in the  $z$  direction. The origin of the  $x$  coordinate lies in the gap between strips so that the potential is  $-V_0$  for  $-a < x < 0$  and  $V_0$  for  $0 < x < a$ . Find the potential distribution for  $y \geq 0$  and determine the surface charge density along the  $y = 0$  plane. Put the result in closed form (see Collin, footnote 3 of Chap. 8, p. 813) and plot for  $-a < x < a$ .
- 7.12h\*** Infinite parallel conducting plates are located at  $y = 0$  and  $y = a$ . A conducting strip at  $x = 0$ ,  $a/2 \leq y \leq a$ ,  $-\infty < z < \infty$ , is connected to the plate at  $y = a$ , thus

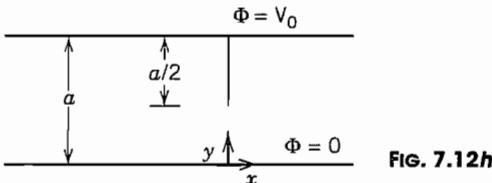


FIG. 7.12h

introducing additional capacitance between the plates. (See Fig. P7.12h.) Assume a linear potential variation for  $0 \leq y \leq a/2$  at  $x = 0$ , and use superposition of boundary conditions to find an expression for the capacitance per meter in the  $z$  direction added by the strip at  $x = 0$ .

- 7.12i** Consider a rectangular prism of width  $a$  in the  $x$  direction and  $b$  in the  $y$  direction with all four sides at zero potential extending from  $z = 0$  to  $z = \infty$ . At  $z = 0$  the prism has a cap with the following potential distribution:

$$V(x, y, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 < x < a/2, \text{ all } y \\ V_0 & \text{for } a/2 < x < a, \text{ all } y \end{cases}$$

Find the potentials within the prism.

- 7.12j\*** For a box as in Ex. 7.12c, find the potential distribution if the box is filled with a homogeneous, isotropic dielectric with permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  in the bottom half of the box  $0 \leq z \leq c/2$  and free space in the remainder.

- 7.13** Demonstrate that the series Eq. 7.13(10) does satisfy the differential equation 7.13(8).

- 7.16a** Write a function  $f(r)$  in terms of  $n$ th-order Bessel functions over the range 0 to  $a$  and determine the coefficients.

- 7.16b** Determine coefficients for a function  $f(r)$  expressed over the range 0 to  $a$  as a series of zero-order Bessel functions as follows:

$$f(r) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m J_0\left(\frac{p_m' r}{a}\right)$$

where  $p_m'$  denotes the  $m$ th root of  $J_0'(v) = 0$  [i.e.,  $J_1(v) = 0$ ].

- 7.17a** A cylinder divided into a set of rings with appropriately applied voltages may be used to set up a nearly uniform electric field along the axis with advantageous focusing properties for electron beams. Suppose the field at the radius  $a$  of the cylinder is given approximately by  $E_z(a, z) = E_0(1 + \cos \alpha z)$ , where  $\alpha = 2\pi/p$  and  $p$  is the period of the rings. Find the potential variation along the rings ( $r = a$ ) and for  $r < a$ . Determine the field on the axis and the period required to have the periodic part of the field 1% of  $E_0$ .

- 7.17b** Show that the function

$$\Phi(r, z) = AI_0(\tau r) \cos \tau z$$

satisfies the requirement of solutions of Laplace's equation that there should be no relative maxima or minima.

- 7.17c** Find the series for potential inside the cylindrical region with end plates  $z = 0$  and  $z = l$  at potential zero and the cylinder of radius  $a$  in two parts. From  $z = 0$  to  $z = l/2$ , it is at potential  $V_0$ ; from  $z = l/2$  to  $z = l$ , it is at potential  $-V_0$ .

- 7.17d** The problem is as in Prob. 7.17c except that the cylinder is divided in three parts with potential zero from  $z = 0$  to  $z = b$  and also from  $z = l - b$  to  $z = l$ . Potential is  $V_0$  from  $z = b$  to  $z = l - b$ .

- 7.17e** Write the general formula for obtaining potential inside a cylindrical region of radius  $a$ , with zero-potential end plates at  $z = 0$  and  $z = l$ , provided potential is given as  $\Phi = f(z)$  at  $r = a$ .

- 7.17f** Write the general formula for obtaining potential inside a cylinder of radius  $a$  which, with its plane base at  $z = 0$ , is at potential zero, provided that the potential is given

across the plane surface at  $z = l$ , as

$$\Phi(r, l) = f(r)$$

- 7.17g** Find the potential distribution inside a cylinder with zero potential on the cylindrical surface at  $r = a$ , on the end plate at  $z = 0$  and where  $a/2 < r < a$  on the end plate at  $z = l$ . It also has  $\Phi(r, l) = V_0$  for  $0 \leq r < a/2$ .
- 7.18a** Apply the separation of variables technique to Laplace's equation in the three spherical coordinates,  $r$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\phi$ , obtaining the three resulting ordinary differential equations. Write solutions to the  $r$  equation and the  $\phi$  equation.
- 7.18b** Assume a spherical surface split into two thin hemispherical shells with a small gap between them. Assume a potential  $V_0$  on one hemisphere and zero on the other and find the potential distribution in the surrounding space.
- 7.18c** Write the general formulas for obtaining potential for  $r < a$  and for  $r > a$ , when potential is given as a general function  $f(\theta)$  over a thin spherical shell at  $r = a$ .
- 7.18d** For Ex. 7.18b, write the series for  $H_z$  at any point  $r, \theta$  with  $r > a$ .
- 7.18e** A Helmholtz coil is used to obtain very nearly uniform magnetic field over a region through the use of coils of large radius compared with coil cross sections. Consider two such coaxial coils, each of radius  $a$ , one lying in the plane  $z = d$  and the other in the plane  $z = -d$ . Take the current for each coil (considered as a single turn) as  $I$ . Obtain the series for  $H_z$  applicable to a region containing the origin, writing specific forms for the first three coefficients. Show that if  $a = 2d$ , the first nonzero coefficient (other than the constant term) is the coefficient of  $r^4$ .
- 7.19** In Eqs. 7.19(3) and (4), let  $\psi$  be the axial electric field component  $E_z$ , and simplify by taking  $A$  and  $C$  zero in (4). Discuss the forms of solutions and the question of finding physical boundary conditions for (i) both  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  real, (ii)  $k_x$  real but  $k_y$  imaginary, and (iii) both  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  imaginary. For (ii) and (iii) would physical applicability of solutions be changed if either or both of  $A$  and  $C$  were nonzero?

# Waveguides with Cylindrical Conducting Boundaries

## 8.1 INTRODUCTION

A waveguide is a structure, or part of a structure, that causes a wave to propagate in a chosen direction with some measure of confinement in the planes transverse to the direction of propagation. If the waveguide boundaries change direction, within reasonable limits, the wave is constrained to follow it. For example, in a transmission line used to transfer energy from a transmitter to an antenna, the energy follows the path of the line, at least for paths with only small discontinuities. The guiding of the waves in all such systems is accomplished by an intimate connection between the fields of the wave and the currents and charges on the boundaries or by some condition of reflection at the boundary.

In this chapter we concentrate on cylindrical structures with conducting boundaries. Multiconductor lines can be used for frequencies from dc up to the millimeter-wave range. At the highest frequencies, they are often in the form of metallic films on insulating substrates. Hollow conducting cylinders of various cross-sectional shapes are used in the microwave and millimeter-wave frequency ranges (approximately 1–100 GHz).

Generally, in waveguide analyses we are interested in the distribution of the electromagnetic fields; but of greatest importance is the dependence of the propagation constant upon frequency. From the propagation constant one finds wave velocities, phase variation, and attenuation along the guide and the pulse dispersion properties of the guide.

Several different types of guides are analyzed in this chapter, including the simple parallel-plate structure (and some more practical, related forms) and hollow-tube guides of rectangular and circular cross section. An introduction to means for exciting waves in waveguides is presented. The chapter concludes with a study of the general properties of waves in cylindrical waveguides with conducting boundaries.

## General Formulation for Guided Waves

### 8.2 BASIC EQUATIONS AND WAVE TYPES FOR UNIFORM SYSTEMS

We consider here cylindrical systems with axes taken along the  $z$  axis. We also consider time-harmonic waves with time and distance variations described by  $e^{(j\omega t - \gamma z)}$ , as in the study of transmission-line waves. The character of the propagation constant  $\gamma$  tells much about the properties of the wave, such as the degree of attenuation and the phase and group velocities. The fields in the wave must satisfy the wave equation and the boundary conditions. We will assume that there is no net charge density in the dielectric and that any conduction currents are included by allowing permittivity and therefore  $k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$  to be complex. The wave equations, which reduce to the Helmholtz equations for phasor fields (Sec. 3.11), are

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -k^2 \mathbf{E}, \quad \nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = -k^2 \mathbf{H}$$

The three-dimensional  $\nabla^2$  may be broken into two parts:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \nabla_t^2 \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial z^2}$$

The last term is the contribution to  $\nabla^2$  from derivatives in the axial direction. The first term is the two-dimensional Laplacian in the transverse plane, representing contributions to  $\nabla^2$  from derivatives in this plane. With the assumed propagation function  $e^{-\gamma z}$  in the axial direction,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial z^2} = \gamma^2 \mathbf{E}$$

The foregoing wave equations may then be written

$$\nabla_t^2 \mathbf{E} = -(\gamma^2 + k^2) \mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla_t^2 \mathbf{H} = -(\gamma^2 + k^2) \mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

Equations (1) and (2) are the differential equations that must be satisfied in the dielectric regions of the transmission lines or guides. The boundary conditions imposed on fields follow from the configuration and the electrical properties of the boundaries.

The usual procedure is to find two components of the fields, usually the  $z$  components of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ , that satisfy the wave equations (1) and (2) and the boundary conditions; then the other field components can be found from these by using Maxwell's equations. To facilitate finding the other components, it usually is most convenient to have them explicitly in terms of the  $z$  components of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ .

The curl equations with the assumed functions  $e^{(j\omega t - \gamma z)}$  are written below for fields

in the dielectric system, assumed here to be linear, homogeneous, and isotropic:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + \gamma E_y = -j\omega\mu H_x \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} + \gamma H_y = j\omega\epsilon E_x \quad (6)$$

$$-\gamma E_x - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = -j\omega\mu H_y \quad (4)$$

$$-\gamma H_x - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} = j\omega\epsilon E_y \quad (7)$$

$$-\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = -j\omega\mu H_z \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} = j\omega\epsilon E_z \quad (8)$$

It must be remembered in all analysis to follow that these coefficients,  $E_x$ ,  $H_x$ ,  $E_y$ , and so on, are functions of  $x$  and  $y$  only, by our agreement to take care of the  $z$  and time functions in the assumed  $e^{(j\omega t - \gamma z)}$ .

From the foregoing equations, it is possible to solve for  $E_x$ ,  $E_y$ ,  $H_x$ , or  $H_y$  in terms of  $E_z$  and  $H_z$ . For example,  $H_x$  is found by eliminating  $E_y$  from (3) and (7), and a similar procedure gives the other components.

$$E_x = -\frac{1}{\gamma^2 + k^2} \left( \gamma \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + j\omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$E_y = \frac{1}{\gamma^2 + k^2} \left( -\gamma \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + j\omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$H_x = \frac{1}{\gamma^2 + k^2} \left( j\omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \gamma \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{1}{\gamma^2 + k^2} \left( j\omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \gamma \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (12)$$

For propagating waves, it is convenient to use the substitution  $\gamma = j\beta$  where  $\beta$  is real if there is no attenuation. Rewriting the above with this substitution,

$$E_x = -\frac{j}{k_c^2} \left( \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$E_y = \frac{j}{k_c^2} \left( -\beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + \omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (14)$$

$$H_x = \frac{j}{k_c^2} \left( \omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (15)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j}{k_c^2} \left( \omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\nabla_t^2 E_z = -k_c^2 E_z \quad (17)$$

$$\nabla_t^2 H_z = -k_c^2 H_z \quad (18)$$

where

$$k_c^2 \triangleq \gamma^2 + k^2 = k^2 - \beta^2 \quad (19)$$

In studying guided waves along uniform systems, it is common to classify the wave solutions into the following types:

1. Waves that contain neither electric nor magnetic field in the direction of propagation. Since electric and magnetic field lines both lie entirely in the transverse plane, these may be called *transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waves*. They are the usual *transmission-line waves* along a multiconductor guide.
2. Waves that contain electric field but no magnetic field in the direction of propagation. Since the magnetic field lies entirely in transverse planes, they are known as *transverse magnetic (TM) waves*. They have also been referred to in the literature as *E waves*, or waves of electric type.
3. Waves that contain magnetic field but no electric field in the direction of propagation. These are known as *transverse electric (TE) waves*, and have also been referred to as *H waves*, or waves of magnetic type.
4. *Hybrid waves* for which boundary conditions require all field components. These may often be considered as a coupling of TE and TM modes by the boundary.

The preceding is not the only way in which the possible wave solutions may be divided, but is a useful way in that any general field distribution excited in an ideal guide may be divided into a number (possibly an infinite number) of the above types with suitable amplitudes and phases. The propagation constants of these tell how the individual waves change phase and amplitude as they travel down the guide, so that they may be superposed at any later position and time to give the total resultant field there. Since it is disadvantageous to have a signal carried by several waves traveling at different velocities because of the resultant distortion, waveguides are normally designed so that only one wave can propagate even if many are excited at the entrance to the guide. As we shall see in Chapter 14, multimode guides are sometimes used in optical communications; they have also been used in “overmoded” millimeter-wave systems, but the single-mode guide is the norm.

## Cylindrical Waveguides of Various Cross Sections

### 8.3 WAVES GUIDED BY PERFECTLY CONDUCTING PARALLEL PLATES

One of the simplest wave-guiding systems for analysis is that formed by a slab of dielectric with parallel-plane conductors on top and bottom. The fields are assumed to be the same as if the plates were of infinite width, which means that any edge effects

or other variations along one transverse coordinate are neglected for a first-order analysis of this model. We saw in Chapter 5 that such a system may be considered a two-conductor transmission line, with upper and lower plates acting as the two conductors of the line. But we shall see that the system also guides waves of other types. Analysis of this system helps in the understanding of all the wave types before going on to more complicated boundaries for the guiding system. We consider the three classes of waves defined in the preceding section.

**TEM Waves** The transverse electromagnetic waves have neither  $E_z$  nor  $H_z$ . From Eqs. 8.2(9)–(12) we see that all transverse components must be zero also *unless*  $\gamma^2 + k^2 = 0$ . The propagation constant for a TEM wave must then be

$$\gamma_{\text{TEM}} = \pm jk \quad (1)$$

That is, propagation is with the velocity of light in the dielectric medium. Since this argument does not make use of the specific configuration of parallel planes, it applies to TEM waves in any shape of guide, as will be discussed more later. Moreover, if  $\gamma^2 + k^2$  is zero, we see from Eqs. 8.2(1) and 8.2(2) that both electric and magnetic fields satisfy Laplace's equation so that both have the spatial distribution of two-dimensional *static* fields. It is known that the static electric field between parallel-plane conductors is uniform and normal to the planes so that we may write

$$E_x = E_0 \quad (2)$$

and magnetic field, from Eq. 8.2(4) with  $E_z = 0$ , is

$$H_y = \frac{\gamma}{j\omega\mu} E_x = \pm \frac{j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}{j\omega\mu} E_x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_x \quad (3)$$

where the upper sign is for positively traveling waves and the lower sign for negatively traveling waves. When interpreted in terms of voltage and current, we find the same results as those obtained from the transmission-line analysis.

**TM Waves** Transverse magnetic waves have finite  $E_z$  but no  $H_z$  so we may use Eq. 8.2(17). The transverse Laplacian is taken as  $d^2/dx^2$  because of the neglect of the  $y$  derivatives:

$$\frac{d^2 E_z}{dx^2} = -k_c^2 E_z \quad (4)$$

$$k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + k^2 \quad (5)$$

Solution of (4) is in sinusoids:

$$E_z = A \sin k_c x + B \cos k_c x \quad (6)$$

Boundary conditions are next applied at the conducting planes at  $x = 0$  and  $a$ . Since these are taken as perfectly conducting,  $E_z = 0$  there. Placing  $E_z = 0$  at  $x = 0$  in (6) requires  $B = 0$ . The condition  $E_z = 0$  at  $x = a$  then requires either  $A = 0$ , in which

case we have nothing left, or  $\sin k_c a = 0$ , which is satisfied by

$$k_c a = m\pi, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (7)$$

So a solution for  $E_z$  which satisfies boundary conditions is

$$E_z = A \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (8)$$

The transverse field components are now obtained from  $E_z$  by means of Eqs. 8.2(9) to 8.2(12), letting  $H_z = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial y = 0$ :

$$E_x = -\frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \frac{dE_z}{dx} = -\frac{\gamma a}{m\pi} A \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (9)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{dE_z}{dx} = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon a}{m\pi} A \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \quad (10)$$

$$H_x = 0, \quad E_y = 0 \quad (11)$$

It is seen that there is an infinite number of solutions for the various integral values of  $m$ , each with a different field distribution. These solutions are called the *modes* of the guide (in this case, TM modes).

Let us now examine the properties of the propagation constant. Solving (5) for  $\gamma$  we have

$$\gamma = \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \omega^2\mu\epsilon} \quad (12)$$

At sufficiently high frequencies, the second term in the radicand is larger than the first and we can rewrite (12) as

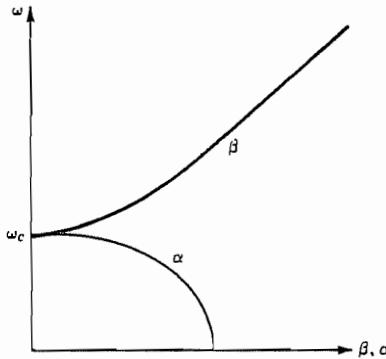
$$\gamma = j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \sqrt{1 - \frac{(m\pi/a)^2}{\omega^2\mu\epsilon}} \quad (13)$$

We see that the phase constant approaches that for a plane wave as frequency approaches infinity. Lowering the frequency reduces  $\beta$  and it goes to zero at the frequency

$$\omega_c = \frac{m\pi}{a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{m\pi v}{a} \quad (14)$$

where  $v$  is the velocity of light  $(\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2}$  in the given material. We call  $\omega_c$  the cutoff frequency since propagation takes place only where  $\beta$  is real. The variation of  $\beta$  with  $\omega$  is often plotted as in Fig. 8.3a for the reasons discussed in Sec. 5.12. It is conveniently expressed in terms of the cutoff frequency

$$\gamma = j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2}, \quad \omega \geq \omega_c \quad (15)$$



**FIG. 8.3a** Phase constant and attenuation as functions of frequency for a TM or TE waveguide mode.

The cutoff point may usefully be expressed in terms of the wavelength at the cutoff frequency

$$\lambda_c = \frac{2\pi v}{\omega_c} = \frac{2a}{m} \quad (16)$$

That is, cutoff occurs when the spacing between plates is  $m$  half-wavelengths, measured at the velocity of light for the dielectric material. We see the important feature that TM waves can propagate above a cutoff frequency (or, equivalently, at wavelengths shorter than the cutoff wavelength); at lower frequencies  $\gamma$  is real and is given by

$$\gamma = \alpha = \frac{m\pi}{a} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2}, \quad \omega \leq \omega_c \quad (17)$$

As seen in Fig. 8.3a there is attenuation without phase shift for frequencies below the cutoff frequency of a given mode, phase shift without attenuation for frequencies above cutoff, and neither attenuation nor phase shift exactly at cutoff. Each of these modes then acts as a high-pass filter; the attenuation below cutoff, like that for a loss-free filter, is a reactive attenuation representing reflection but no dissipation for this nondissipative system.

For the propagating regime,  $\omega > \omega_c$ , we can define a phase velocity in the usual way:

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (18)$$

Group velocity can be derived from this as in Sec. 5.15:

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta} = v \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2} \quad (19)$$

Phase velocity is always greater than the velocity of light in the medium and group velocity is always less, both approaching each other and  $v$  at frequencies far above cutoff. A wavelength along the guide,  $\lambda_g$ , may also be defined as the distance for which phase shift increases by  $2\pi$ ,

$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (20)$$

where  $\lambda$  is wavelength of a plane wave in the dielectric medium,

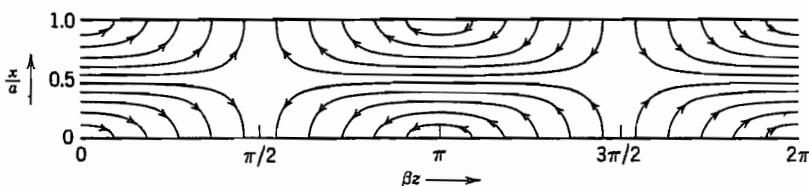
$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi v}{\omega} \quad (21)$$

The ratio of transverse electric field to transverse magnetic field of a single propagating wave may be defined as a characteristic wave impedance and is useful for certain types of reflection problems, much as the field impedance for plane waves was found to be in Chapter 6. For the TM wave, this impedance, from (9) and (10) with  $\eta = (\mu/\epsilon)^{1/2}$ , is

$$Z_{TM} = \frac{E_x}{H_y} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} = \eta \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2} \quad (22)$$

Note that this ratio is not a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . It is imaginary for frequencies below cutoff, so that a Poynting calculation will show no average power flow in that regime. It is real for frequencies above cutoff so that a Poynting calculation in that regime shows finite average power carried by the wave.

A plot of electric field lines in a  $TM_1$  mode from the equations for  $E_x$  and  $E_z$  is shown in Fig. 8.3b (Prob. 8.3c). Note that induced charges on top and bottom plates are of the same sign in a given  $z$  plane for this wave, in contrast to the sign relations found for the TEM wave. Electric field lines starting on these charges turn and go axially down the guide, ending on charges of opposite sign a distance a half guide wavelength down the guide. The entire pattern translates along the guide at the phase velocity for a traveling wave in one direction.



**FIG. 8.3b** Electric field lines of  $TM_1$  wave between plane conductors.

**TE Waves** The transverse electric class of waves has nonzero  $H_z$  but no  $E_z$ . Equation 8.2(18) is then utilized:

$$\nabla_t^2 H_z = \frac{d^2 H_z}{dx^2} = -k_c^2 H_z \quad (23)$$

$$k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + k^2 = k^2 - \beta^2 \quad (24)$$

The solution will again be written in terms of sinusoids, but this time only the cosine term is retained since  $E_y$ , proportional to the derivative of  $H_z$  with  $x$ , must become zero at the perfectly conducting plane  $x = 0$ :

$$H_z = B \cos k_c x \quad (25)$$

From Eqs. 8.2(13) to 8.2(16), remembering that  $E_z$  is zero,

$$H_x = -\frac{j\beta}{k_c^2} \frac{dH_z}{dx} = \frac{j\beta}{k_c} B \sin k_c x \quad (26)$$

$$E_y = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{dH_z}{dx} = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} B \sin k_c x \quad (27)$$

$$E_x = 0, \quad H_y = 0 \quad (28)$$

Also,  $E_y$  must be zero at the conducting plane  $x = a$ , so  $k_c$  is determined from (27) as some multiple of  $\pi/a$ . As with the TM wave, this is identified from (24) as the value of  $k$  at cutoff:

$$k_c = 2\pi f_c \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{m\pi}{a}, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (29)$$

The propagation constant from (24) may then be written

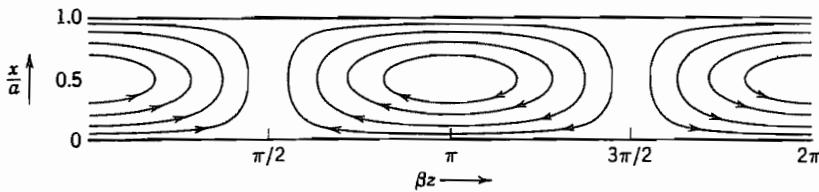
$$\gamma = \alpha = \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2}, \quad \omega < \omega_c \quad (30)$$

$$\gamma = j\beta = jk \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2}, \quad \omega > \omega_c \quad (31)$$

The forms for attenuation constant in the cutoff range and phase constant in the propagation range are thus exactly the same as for the TM waves (Fig. 8.3a), and by (14) and (29) the conditions for cutoff are the same for TE modes as for TM modes of the same order. The expressions for phase velocity, group velocity, and guide wavelength in the propagation range follow from (31) and are exactly the same as (18) to (20). Wave or field impedance for the TE wave is

$$Z_{TE} = -\frac{E_y}{H_x} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (32)$$

For frequencies below cutoff this wave impedance is imaginary, but for frequencies



**FIG. 8.3c** Magnetic field lines of  $TE_1$  wave between plane conductors.

above cutoff it is real and always greater than  $\eta$ , as contrasted with the wave impedance for TM waves, which is always less than  $\eta$ .

The form of the field lines for the first-order TE mode is indicated in Fig. 8.3c. Here the magnetic field lines form closed curves surrounding the  $y$ -direction displacement current. There is no charge induced on the conducting plates and only a  $y$  component of current corresponding to the finite  $H_z$  tangential to the plates.

### Example 8.3

#### INTERPRETATION OF GROUP VELOCITY AS AN ENERGY VELOCITY

Let us define a velocity of energy flow in terms of energy stored per unit length and average power flow:

$$v_E = \frac{W_T}{u} \quad (33)$$

Take the TM wave as example. Average power flow is found from the complex Poynting theorem for a width  $w$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W_T &= w \int_0^a \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(E_x H_y^*) dx \\ &= \frac{w}{2} A^2 \beta \omega \epsilon \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} \right)^2 \int_0^a \cos^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{waA^2}{4} \frac{a^2}{m^2\pi^2} \beta \omega \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Time-average energy storage per unit length, including both electric and magnetic parts, is

$$u = w \int_0^a \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{4} [ |E_x|^2 + |E_z|^2 ] + \frac{\mu}{4} |H_y|^2 \right\} dx \quad (35)$$

Using the fields from (8)–(10) this is

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{A^2 w}{4} \int_0^a \left\{ \epsilon \left[ \sin^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} + \frac{\beta^2 a^2}{m^2 \pi^2} \cos^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} \right] + \frac{\mu \omega^2 \epsilon^2 a^2}{m^2 \pi^2} \cos^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} \right\} dx \\ &= \frac{A^2 w a \epsilon}{8} \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta^2 a^2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{k^2 a^2}{m^2 \pi^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

But from (13),  $m^2\pi^2/a^2 + \beta^2$  is just  $k^2$ , so this reduces to

$$u = \frac{A^2 w a \epsilon k^2 a^2}{4 m^2 \pi^2} \quad (36)$$

and energy velocity from (33) is

$$v_E = \frac{\beta \omega}{k^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2} \quad (37)$$

which is exactly the same as expression (19) for group velocity. The same equivalence is found for TE waves. We will say more about the use of these velocities for signal propagation at the end of the chapter.

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#### 8.4 GUIDED WAVES BETWEEN PARALLEL PLANES AS SUPERPOSITION OF PLANE WAVES

The modes of the parallel-plane guide, studied in the preceding section from the wave equation, can also be found to be superpositions of plane waves propagating at various angles. This picture is very helpful in developing a physical feeling for the different types of modes. The TEM wave is clearly just a portion of a uniform plane wave polarized with electric field in the  $x$  direction and propagating in the  $z$  direction:

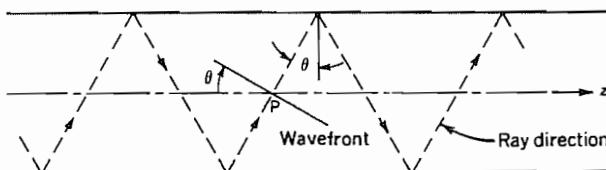
$$E_x(x, z) = E_0 e^{-jkz} \quad (1)$$

The magnetic field for such a wave, from Sec. 6.2, is

$$H_y(x, z) = \frac{E_0}{\eta} e^{-jkz} \quad (2)$$

where  $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ . These are of the same form as Eqs. 8.3(2) and 8.3(3).

For TM and TE waves, we superpose uniform plane waves propagating at an angle  $\theta$  from the normal, as pictured in Fig. 8.4a. It was found in Sec. 6.9 that when plane waves strike a conducting plane at an angle, tangential electric field must be zero not only at that plane, but also at other planes which are multiples of a half-wavelength



**FIG. 8.4a** Diagram showing ray directions and wavefront direction of a uniform plane-wave component of TM or TE waves between parallel planes.

measured at phase velocity in the direction normal to the plane. That is, boundary conditions are satisfied if spacing  $a$  between plates is

$$a = \frac{m\lambda}{2 \cos \theta} \quad (3)$$

or

$$\cos \theta = \frac{m\lambda}{2a} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c} = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\lambda_c = \frac{2\pi v}{\omega_c} = 2a/m \quad (5)$$

The phase constant in the  $z$  direction is

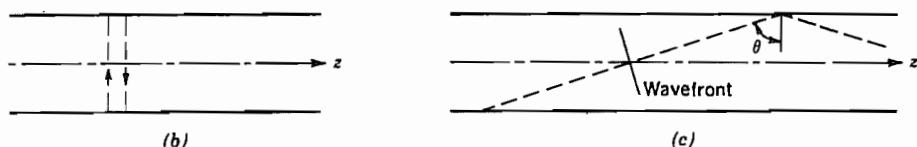
$$\beta = k \sin \theta = k \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \quad (6)$$

or, using (4),

$$\beta = k \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}\right)^2} \quad (7)$$

This is exactly the same as found from the detailed analysis in Sec. 8.3. Since  $\beta$  is the same, phase and group velocity will be also. We see from Fig. 8.4a that phase velocity is the velocity of the imaginary point  $P$  of intersection of the plane-wave fronts with the  $z$  axis, and is greater than velocity  $v$  of the plane wave in the medium, as found in Sec. 8.3. Group velocity is the component of  $v$  in the  $z$  direction and is always less than  $v$ . At cutoff (Fig. 8.4b), the waves simply bounce laterally back and forth between planes without any forward progression so that group velocity is zero and phase velocity infinite. For frequencies much above cutoff, the angle is very flat (Fig. 8.4c) and the wavefronts are nearly normal to  $z$ , so that both  $v_p$  and  $v_g$  approach  $v$ .

Both TM and TE wave types show the behavior described above. TM waves correspond to the plane waves polarized with electric field in the plane of incidence, and TE waves, to those polarized with magnetic field in the plane of incidence.



**FIG. 8.4** (b) Special case of (a) when wave is at cutoff. (c) Special case for frequency far above cutoff so that  $\theta \rightarrow \pi/2$  and wavefront is nearly normal to guide axis.

**Example 8.4**

DETAILED FIELD EXPRESSIONS FOR TM<sub>*m*</sub> WAVE FROM PLANE-WAVE COMPONENTS

To show that this point of view is exactly equivalent to that of Sec. 8.3, consider the field expressions given by Eqs. 6.9(11)–(13) for a wave polarized with electric field in the plane of incidence striking a conductor at an angle. We rewrite these with the coordinates *x* and *z* primed, since we take different coordinate systems from those in Sec. 6.9:

$$E_x'(x', z') = -2jE_+ \cos \theta \sin(kz' \cos \theta) e^{-jkx' \sin \theta} \quad (8)$$

$$E_z'(x', z') = -2E_+ \sin \theta \cos(kz' \cos \theta) e^{-jkx' \sin \theta} \quad (9)$$

$$\eta H_y(x', z') = 2E_+ \cos(kz' \cos \theta) e^{-jkx' \sin \theta} \quad (10)$$

To change to our present coordinate system, let *x'* = *z* and *z'* = −*x*. Also let *k sin θ* = *β* by (6), and *k cos θ* = *mπ/a* from (3). Equations (8)–(10) then become

$$E_z(z, x) = +\frac{2jE_+ m\pi}{ka} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-j\beta z} \quad (11)$$

$$E_x(z, x) = \frac{2E_+ \beta}{k} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-j\beta z} \quad (12)$$

$$\eta H_y(z, x) = 2E_+ \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-j\beta z} \quad (13)$$

If we next set the multiplier  $(2jE_+ m\pi/ka)$  equal to a constant *A* and remember that the propagation factor  $e^{-j\beta z}$  has been suppressed in Eqs. 8.3(8)–(10), we find that (11)–(13) are identical to Eqs. 8.3(8)–(10).

## 8.5 PARALLEL-PLANE GUIDING SYSTEM WITH LOSSES

When the dielectric filling the region between conductors of the parallel-plane guide is imperfect, we may replace permittivity by its complex forms  $\epsilon' - j\epsilon''$  (Sec. 6.4) in the expressions of Sec. 8.3. Here we are concerned primarily with the effect on the propagation constant. For the TEM wave we have

$$\gamma_{\text{TEM}} = j\omega\sqrt{\mu(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')} \quad (1)$$

If  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$  is small in comparison with unity, a binomial expansion shows that the real part of this, which is the attenuation constant, is to first order

$$(\alpha_d)_{\text{TEM}} \cong \frac{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'}}{2} \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \quad (2)$$

For TM and TE waves from Eq. 8.3(12)

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\text{TM,TE}} &= \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 - \omega^2 \mu(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'') \right]^{1/2} \\ &\approx \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon' \right]^{1/2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{j\omega^2 \mu \epsilon''}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon' \right]^{-1} \right\}\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

The second expression is obtained by making a binomial expansion of the first. The attenuation constant (real part) for  $\omega > \omega_c$  is then

$$(\alpha_d)_{\text{TM,TE}} = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} (\epsilon''/\epsilon')}{2 \sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (4)$$

Retention of second-order terms gives a correction to phase constant, which may be important in considering the dispersive properties of the guided wave.

An exact solution is considerably more difficult to obtain when the finite conductivity of the conducting boundaries must be considered. The approach is to obtain field solutions in both dielectric and conductor regions, with proper continuity conditions applied at the boundary between them. This approach cannot even be carried out for some geometrical configurations, although it can for this simple system and shows that the approximations to be used in the following analysis are justified so long as the plane boundaries are made of much better conducting material than the intervening dielectric region.<sup>1</sup> The expression to be used is that giving attenuation in terms of power loss per unit length and average power transferred by the mode, Eq. 5.11(19). This is an exact expression, but the approximation comes in by calculating power transfer as that of the ideal guide, and loss per unit length as that from currents of the ideal guide flowing in the real conductors. For the TEM wave, the power transfer for a width  $w$  is

$$(W_T)_{\text{TEM}} = \frac{awE_0^2}{2\eta} \quad (5)$$

The average power loss per unit area in the plates, if plates are thick compared with skin depth, is  $\frac{1}{2}R_s|J_{sz}|^2$ , so for a unit length and width  $w$ , counting both plates,

$$(w_L)_{\text{TEM}} = 2 \frac{wR_s}{2} |H_y|^2 = wR_s \left( \frac{E_0}{\eta} \right)^2 \quad (6)$$

Attenuation constant is then calculated as

$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TEM}} = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} = \frac{R_s}{\eta a} \quad (7)$$

This is the same as that which would be obtained from the transmission-line formula, Eq. 5.11(22).

<sup>1</sup> More precisely, it is required that displacement current in the conductor be negligible in comparison with displacement current in the dielectric, and conduction current in the dielectric be small in comparison with conduction current in the conductor.

For the TM wave of order  $m$ , average power transfer from the Poynting theorem and the results of Sec. 8.3 for  $\omega > \omega_c$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (W_T)_{\text{TM}} &= w \int_0^a \frac{1}{2} (E_x H_y^*) dx \\ &= \frac{w}{2} \int_0^a \left( -\frac{j\beta a A}{m\pi} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z} \right) \left( \frac{j\omega \epsilon a}{m\pi} A \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} e^{j\beta z} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{w}{2} \frac{\omega \epsilon \beta a^2 A^2}{m^2 \pi^2} \int_0^a \cos^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} dx = \left( \frac{w \omega \epsilon \beta a^2 A^2}{2m^2 \pi^2} \right) \frac{a}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The current flow in both upper and lower plates is

$$|J_{sz}| = |H_y|_{x=0} = |H_y|_{x=a} = \frac{\omega \epsilon a A}{m\pi} \quad (9)$$

So average power loss per unit length for a width  $w$  is

$$(w_L)_{\text{TM}} = \frac{2wR_s}{2} |J_{sz}|^2 = wR_s \left( \frac{\omega \epsilon a A}{m\pi} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

The attenuation constant from conductor losses is then approximately

$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TM}} = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} = \frac{2R_s \omega \epsilon}{\beta a} = \frac{2R_s}{\eta a \sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (11)$$

By a similar calculation we find attenuation for a TE mode to be

$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TE}} = \frac{2R_s (\omega_c/\omega)^2}{\eta a \sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (12)$$

Curves of normalized attenuation versus frequency are shown in Fig. 8.5. There are several interesting features of these curves. Note first that expressions (11) and (12)

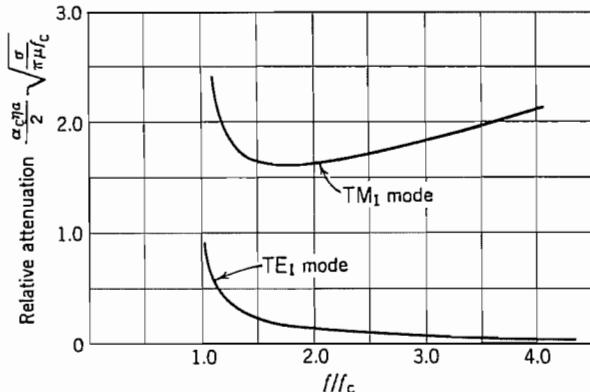


FIG. 8.5 Attenuation curves of waves between imperfectly conducting planes.

approach infinity as  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_c$ , but the approximations break down at cutoff so that attenuation is actually finite although high there. The curve for the TM wave starts to decrease with increasing frequency above cutoff, but reaches a minimum (at  $\omega = \sqrt{3}\omega_c$ ) and thereafter increases with increasing frequency because of the increase of  $R_s$  with frequency. The curve for the TE wave is always lower than that for the TM and, moreover, continues to decrease with increasing frequency. This behavior arises because the currents in the conductors are the  $y$ -directed currents related to  $H_z$ , and this component of field approaches zero at high frequencies as the wavefront becomes substantially normal to the axis, as explained in Sec. 8.4.

## 8.6 PLANAR TRANSMISSION LINES

Several different forms of wave-guiding structures made from parallel metal strips on a dielectric substrate have found use in microwave and millimeter-wave circuits as well as in high-speed digital circuits.<sup>2</sup> In this section we will examine in some detail three types, called *stripline*, *microstrip*, and *coplanar waveguide*. Emphasis will be on the lowest-order mode, which is a TEM wave in the stripline and a quasi-TEM wave in microstrip and coplanar waveguide.

**Stripline** The stripline consists of a conducting strip lying between, and parallel to, two wide conducting planes, as shown in Fig. 8.6a. The region between the strip and the planes is filled with a uniform dielectric. Such a structure, with a uniform dielectric and more than one conductor, can support a TEM wave. If the strip width  $w$  is much greater than the spacing  $d$  and the two planes are at a common potential, the structure is roughly approximated by two parallel-plane lines connected in parallel. More precise results are found from the capacitance per unit length. For a TEM wave, the phase velocity is  $v_p = (\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2}$ , and from the transmission-line formalism it is also given by  $v_p = (LC)^{-1/2}$ . Then the characteristic impedance is

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \frac{\sqrt{LC}}{C} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}{C} \quad (1)$$

Thus, for systems with uniform  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$  the characteristic impedance can be found from the capacitance, which can be determined in a number of ways, as we saw in Chapters 1 and 7. An approximate expression for the characteristic impedance of the stripline, assuming a zero-thickness strip, has been found by conformal transformation<sup>3</sup> to be

$$Z_0 \approx \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{K(k)}{K(\sqrt{1 - k^2})} \quad (2)$$

<sup>2</sup> T. Itoh (Ed.), Planar Transmission Line Structures, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1987.

<sup>3</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Sec. 4.3, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.



FIG. 8.6 (a) Stripline. (b) Microstrip.

where  $\eta = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$ ,  $k$  is given by

$$k = \left[ \cosh\left(\frac{\pi w}{4d}\right) \right]^{-1} \quad (3)$$

and  $K(k)$  is the complete elliptic integral of the first kind (see Ex. 4.7a). A convenient approximate expression for  $Z_0$ , accurate over the range  $w/2d > 0.56$ , is<sup>4</sup>

$$Z_0 \approx \frac{\eta\pi}{8 \ln[2 \exp(\pi w/4d)]} \quad (4)$$

Approximate techniques used to obtain corrections to  $Z_0$  for  $t > 0$  are discussed by Hoffmann.<sup>4</sup> The velocity of propagation does not depend on thickness and is  $(\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2}$  as for all TEM waves. Both velocity of propagation and characteristic impedance, neglecting loss, are independent of frequency and may be used up to the cutoff frequency of modes between the ground plates, Eq. 8.3(14).

An approximate expression for attenuation resulting from conductor surface resistivity  $R_s$  is<sup>3</sup>

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{2\eta d} \left[ \frac{\pi w/2d + \ln(8d/\pi t)}{\ln 2 + \pi w/4d} \right] \text{nepers/m} \quad (5)$$

which is valid if  $w > 4d$  and  $t < d/5$ . Approximations for other dimensions are given in footnote 4. Attenuation from lossy dielectrics is exactly as in Eq. 8.5(2).

**Microstrip** Probably the most widely used thin-strip line is one formed with the strip lying on top of an insulator with a conductive backing. A different dielectric (usually air) is above the insulator and strip (Fig. 8.6b). In such an arrangement, there cannot be a true TEM wave. The reason is that such a wave, as shown in connection with Eq. 8.3(1), requires that  $\gamma^2 + k^2 = 0$ . The propagation constant  $\gamma$  is a single quantity for the wave, so  $\gamma^2 + k_1^2$  and  $\gamma^2 + k_2^2$  cannot both be zero if  $k_1 \neq k_2$ . Exact solution of this problem is complicated by the finite width of the strip and the two different dielectrics. As mentioned above for the stripline, the lowest-order approximation for the microstrip is a section of parallel-plane guide neglecting fringing. A much better, though

<sup>4</sup> R. K. Hoffmann, Handbook of Microwave Integrated Circuits, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1987.

still approximate, approach is to consider that the lowest-order wave is approximately a TEM wave so the distribution of fields in the transverse plane is nearly the same as that for static fields. This so-called *quasistatic* approach employs calculations made with static fields to determine the transmission-line parameters for propagation of the lowest-order mode, even though it is not a pure TEM wave. The approximation is very useful in practical applications but has some limitations that we will mention below.

A common approach to obtaining simple, accurate expressions is to first find the characteristic impedance  $Z_{00}$  of an electrode structure identical to the one of interest but with the strip electrode having zero thickness and the dielectric being free space everywhere. This problem can be solved exactly by the method of conformal mapping, but the expressions are very complex and more useful results are the various approximations to the exact expressions. A particularly useful expression is<sup>4</sup>

$$Z_{00} = 377 \left[ \frac{w}{d} + 1.98 \left( \frac{w}{d} \right)^{0.172} \right]^{-1} \quad (6)$$

which is accurate to  $<0.3\%$  for all  $(w/d) > 0.06$ . Then to get the characteristic impedance of the actual line, it is corrected by the so-called *effective dielectric constant*  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$ , which, if filling the entire space, would give the same capacitance as that of the actual structure. Since the inductance is unaffected by the presence of a dielectric, correction for the capacitance gives the correction for the characteristic impedance.

The static approximation to the effective relative dielectric constant is also found by conformal mapping methods; one of several useful approximations is<sup>5</sup>

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = 1 + \frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 10d/w}} \right] \quad (7)$$

which is always between unity and  $\epsilon_r$ . Applying (6) and (7) in

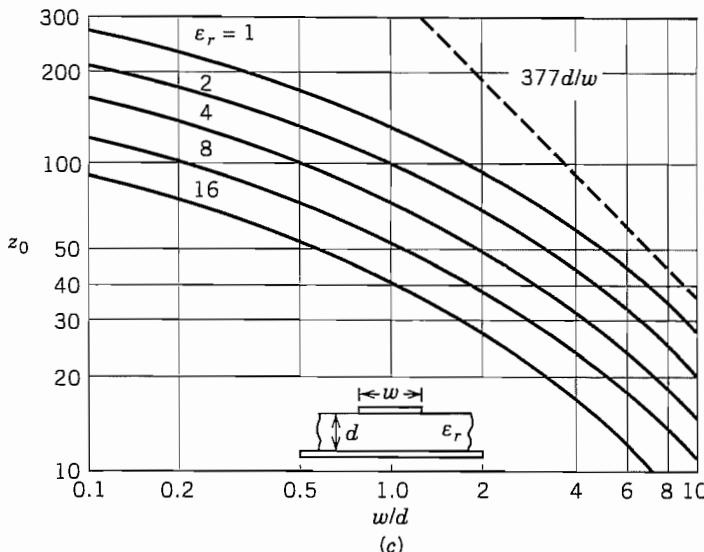
$$Z_0 = Z_{00}/\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}} \quad (8)$$

we obtain the static approximation for the actual characteristic impedance. The results for a variety of insulator dielectric constants are shown in Fig. 8.6c. Corrections for nonzero strip thickness have been published.<sup>4</sup>

Since the phase velocity in a TEM wave is  $v_p = (\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2}$ , the ratio  $c/v_p = \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}$  in the quasistatic case. As frequency increases, the longitudinal field components become increasingly important; this can be represented by a frequency-dependent effective dielectric constant  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(f)$  to express the variation of phase velocity or phase constant. Approximate expressions for  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(f)$  and for attenuation from conductor and dielectric losses have been obtained from numerical calculations or empirically.<sup>4</sup> Some results follow:

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(f)} = \frac{\beta}{k_0} = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} - \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)}}{1 + 4F^{-1.5}} + \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)} \quad (9)$$

<sup>5</sup> H. A. Wheeler, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech. **MTT-25**, 631 (1977).



**FIG. 8.6c** Approximate characteristic impedance of stripline. The dashed line is the parallel-plane approximation for air dielectric. Adapted from H. A. Wheeler, *IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.*, MTT-25, 631 (1977). © 1977 IEEE.

where  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)$  is given by (7) and

$$F = \frac{4fd\sqrt{\epsilon_r - 1}}{c} \left\{ 0.5 + \left[ 1 + 2 \ln \left( 1 + \frac{w}{d} \right) \right]^2 \right\} \quad (10)$$

The frequency above which the frequency-dependent effective dielectric constant in (9) and (10) is needed is given empirically by<sup>4</sup>

$$f_{\max} = \frac{21 \times 10^6}{(w + 2d)\sqrt{\epsilon_r + 1}} \quad (11)$$

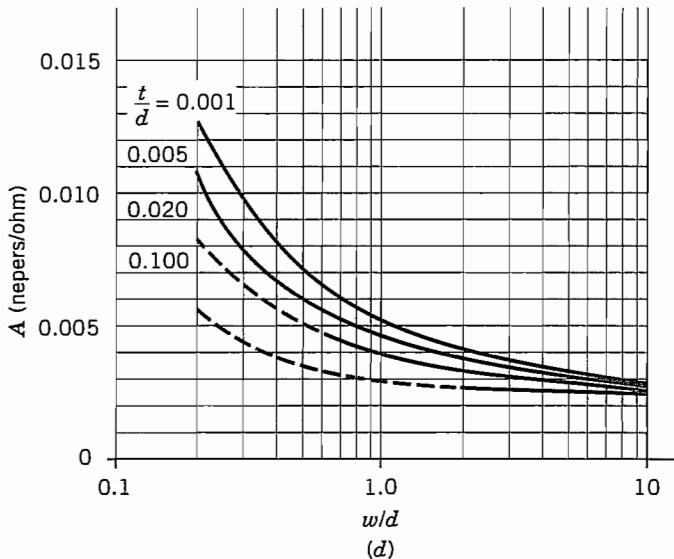
The quasi-TEM mode can be used up to near the frequency where a higher-order mode can propagate, which is  $(f_c)_{\text{HE1}} = cZ_0/2\eta_0 d$ . The relationship of the higher-order modes to the quasi-TEM mode is analogous to the relationship of the TM and TE modes to the TEM mode in the parallel-plate guide (Sec. 8.3), but here the higher-order modes are hybrids of TE and TM components.

Attenuation from losses in conductors with surface resistance  $R_s$  is

$$\alpha_c = R_s \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)} A / d \quad (12)$$

where the parameter  $A$  is given for various strip widths and thicknesses in Fig. 8.6d. Attenuation from a dielectric having a loss tangent  $\tan \delta_e$  is

$$\alpha_e = \frac{\pi f \tan \delta_e}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r(1 + F_1)}{2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1 - F_1}{\epsilon_r(1 + F_1)} \right]^{-1} \text{ nepers/m} \quad (13)$$



**FIG. 8.6d** Factor for calculation of conductor losses in microstrip using the loss formula, Eq. 8.6(12). Both conductors are assumed to have the same  $R_s$  and thicknesses satisfying  $t > 3\delta$ . Broken parts of the curves may require adjustment of  $w$  to account for nonzero electrode thickness  $t$ . See footnote 4 from which these data are taken.

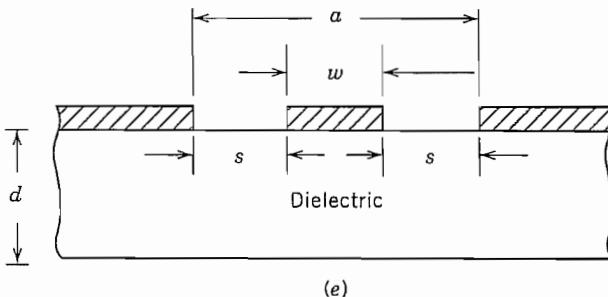
where  $F_1 = [1 + (10d/w)]^{-1/2}$ . The total attenuation can be taken to be the sum of (12) and (13), although there are also radiation and scattering losses.

**Coplanar Waveguide** Of the several different forms of stripline wave-guiding systems in which all conductors are on one surface of a dielectric substrate, the most widely used is the *coplanar waveguide* shown in Fig. 8.6e, in which the signal voltage is applied between the center strip and the grounded outer strips.

As with the microstrip, the fundamental mode of propagation in the coplanar waveguide is a quasi-TEM mode. Because the dielectric is not homogeneous in the transverse plane, the wave cannot be a pure TEM mode. The distribution of electric fields in the space above the line is the same as in the substrate (assuming negligible thickness of the strips and infinite substrate thickness). We assume here that air is above the strips so  $\epsilon_r = 1$ . If the capacitance per unit length for a line with the same conductors but  $\epsilon_r = 1$  everywhere is  $C_0$ , in the actual line the capacitance contributions above and below the substrate surface will be  $C_0/2$  and  $C_0\epsilon_r/2$ . Then an effective dielectric constant can be defined for the quasistatic limit as

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} \quad (14)$$

and the phase velocity is  $v_p = (\mu\epsilon_0\epsilon_{\text{eff}})^{-1/2}$ .

**FIG. 8.6e** Coplanar waveguide.

The characteristic impedance for zero-thickness conductors, infinitely wide ground conductors, and infinite-thickness substrate can be expressed in terms of complete elliptic integrals of first-order  $K(k)$  and  $K(k')$ :

$$Z_0 = \frac{Z_{00}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}} = \eta_0 \frac{K(k')}{4\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}} K(k)} \quad (15)$$

where  $k = w/a$  (see Fig. 8.6e) and  $k' = (1 - k^2)^{1/2}$ . Very good approximations to (15) (<0.24% error) that are much more convenient in practice are

$$Z_0 = \frac{\eta_0}{\pi\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}} \ln\left(2\sqrt{\frac{a}{w}}\right) \quad \text{for } 0 < w/a < 0.173 \quad (16)$$

and

$$Z_0 = \frac{\pi\eta_0}{4\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}} \left[ \ln\left(2 \frac{1 + \sqrt{w/a}}{1 - \sqrt{w/a}}\right) \right]^{-1} \quad \text{for } 0.173 < w/a < 1 \quad (17)$$

These expressions for effective dielectric constant and characteristic impedance are also accurate to within several percent if the substrate thickness  $d$  is finite but greater than the total gap width  $a$ . More complex relations are required for thinner substrates.<sup>4</sup>

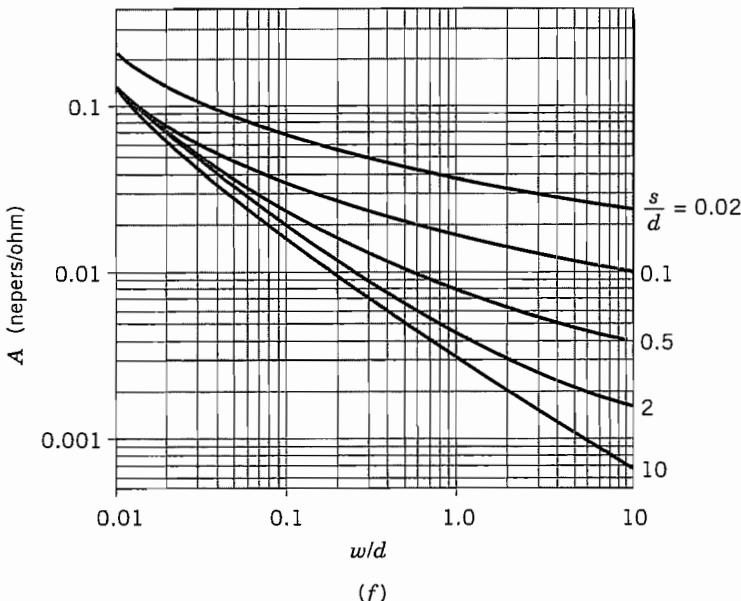
One reason for interest in the coplanar waveguide is that dispersion is typically less than in the microstrip for microwave and lower frequencies. A form nearly identical to (9) has been shown to give a good fit to numerical calculations of the dispersion in the coplanar waveguide over a very wide range of parameters.<sup>6</sup> Thus,

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(f)} = \frac{\beta}{k_0} = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} - \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)}}{1 + bF_2^{-1.8}} + \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)} \quad (18)$$

where  $F_2 = 2fd\sqrt{\epsilon_r - 1}/c$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)$  is the value in (14). Also,

$$b = \exp[u \ln(w/s) + r] \quad (19)$$

<sup>6</sup> G. Hasnian, A. Dienes, and J. R. Whinnery, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech. **MTT-34**, 738 (1986).



**FIG. 8.6f** Factor for calculation of conductor losses in coplanar waveguide using the general loss formula, Eq. 8.6(12). Conductors all have the same  $R_s$  and have thicknesses satisfying  $t > 3\delta$ . Data taken from footnote 4.

where parameters  $u$  and  $r$  depend on substrate thickness according to

$$u = 0.54 - 0.64q + 0.015q^2$$

and

$$r = 0.43 - 0.86q + 0.54q^2$$

in which  $q = \ln(w/d)$ .

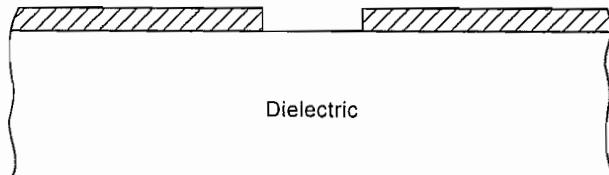
Attenuation from conductor losses in the coplanar waveguide can be found using the general form (12) with parameter  $A$  given by the data in Fig. 8.6f.

Attenuation resulting from losses in the dielectric is found using<sup>4</sup>

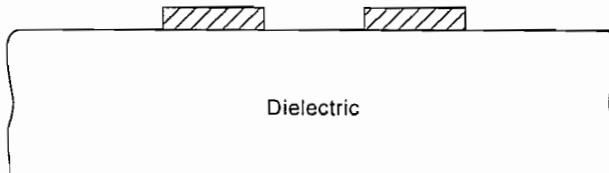
$$\alpha_d = \frac{\pi f \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)}}{c} \left[ \frac{1 - 1/\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)}{1 - 1/\epsilon_r} \right] \tan \delta_\epsilon \quad \text{nepers/m} \quad (20)$$

with  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)$  given by (14), which is accurate only if  $d/a > 1$ . More accurate expressions exist for thinner substrates.<sup>4</sup> The quasi-TEM solution used here applies up to  $F_2 = 1$ .

There are several other varieties of strip-type lines. Two prominent types are the *slot-line waveguide* and *coplanar strips* shown, respectively, in Figs. 8.6g and h. These are both versions of two-conductor transmission lines. As with the microstrip and coplanar waveguide, the lowest mode is not TEM but rather quasi-TEM, because of the different dielectrics above and below the conductors.



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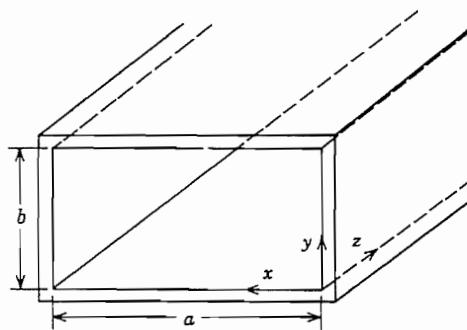


(h)

**FIG. 8.6** (g) Slot-line waveguide. (h) Coplanar-strip waveguide.

## 8.7 RECTANGULAR WAVEGUIDES

The most important of the hollow-pipe guides is that of rectangular cross section. As in Fig. 8.7a, a dielectric region of width  $a$  and height  $b$  extends indefinitely in the axial ( $z$ ) direction and is closed by conducting boundaries on the four sides. In the ideal guide, both conductor and dielectric are loss-free. There can be no transverse electromagnetic (TEM) wave inside the hollow pipe since, as was shown in Sec. 8.3, TEM waves have transverse variations like static fields, and no static fields can exist inside a region bounded by a single conductor. Transverse magnetic (TM) and transverse electric (TE) waves can exist and will be analyzed below.

**FIG. 8.7a** Coordinate system for rectangular guide.

**TM Waves** Transverse magnetic waves have zero  $H_z$  but nonzero  $E_z$ . The differential equation governing  $E_z$  is Eq. 8.2(17), here expressed in rectangular coordinates:

$$\nabla_t^2 E_z = \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial y^2} = -k_c^2 E_z \quad (1)$$

This equation was solved in Sec. 7.19 by separation of variables procedures and found to have solutions of the form

$$E_z = (A' \sin k_x x + B' \cos k_x x)(C' \sin k_y y + D' \cos k_y y) \quad (2)$$

where

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k_c^2 \quad (3)$$

The perfectly conducting boundary at  $x = 0$  requires  $B' = 0$  to produce  $E_z = 0$  there. Similarly the ideal boundary at  $y = 0$  requires  $D' = 0$ . We let  $A'C'$  be a new constant  $A$  and have

$$E_z = A \sin k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (4)$$

Axial electric field  $E_z$  must also be zero at  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ . This can only be so (except for the trivial solution  $A = 0$ ) if  $k_x a$  is an integral multiple of  $\pi$ :

$$k_x a = m\pi, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (5)$$

Similarly, to make  $E_z$  zero at  $y = b$ ,  $k_y b$  must also be a multiple of  $\pi$ :

$$k_y b = n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6)$$

So the cutoff condition of the transverse magnetic wave with  $m$  variations in  $x$  and  $n$  in  $y$  (designated  $\text{TM}_{mn}$ ) is found from (3):

$$\omega_{c_{m,n}} = \frac{k_{c_{m,n}}}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

Since  $k_c^2$  is  $k^2 - \beta^2$  as in Eq. 8.2(19), attenuation for frequencies below the cutoff frequency of a given mode and phase constant for frequencies above the cutoff frequency have the same forms as for the parallel-plane guiding system:

$$\alpha = k_{c_{m,n}} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_{c_{m,n}}} \right)^2}, \quad \omega < \omega_{c_{m,n}} \quad (8)$$

$$\beta = k \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\omega_{c_{m,n}}}{\omega} \right)^2}, \quad \omega > \omega_{c_{m,n}} \quad (9)$$

Phase and group velocities then also have the same forms as before [Eqs. 8.3(18) and 8.3(19)].

The remaining field components of the  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  wave are found from Eqs. 8.2(13)–(16) with  $H_z = 0$  and  $E_z$  from (4):

$$E_x = -\frac{j\beta k_x}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} A \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (10)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{j\beta k_y}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} A \sin k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (11)$$

$$H_x = \frac{j\omega\epsilon k_y}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} A \sin k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (12)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon k_x}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} A \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (13)$$

where  $k_x$ ,  $k_y$ ,  $k_{c_{m,n}}$  and  $\beta$  are defined by (5), (6), (7), and (9), respectively, and all fields are multiplied by the propagation terms,  $e^{-j\beta z}$ . Plots of electric and magnetic field lines in the  $\text{TM}_{11}$  and  $\text{TM}_{21}$  modes are shown in Table 8.7. Note that electric field lines (shown solid) begin on charges on the guide walls at some fixed  $z$  plane, turn and go axially down the guide, and end on charges of opposite sign a half-guide wavelength down the guide. Magnetic field lines (shown dashed) surround the displacement currents represented by the changing electric fields as the pattern moves down the guide with velocity  $v_p$ . The pattern for the  $\text{TM}_{21}$  mode is that of two  $\text{TM}_{11}$  modes side by side and of opposite sense.

The attenuation resulting from losses in the conducting walls can be calculated for the  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  wave following the procedure used to find Eq. 8.5(11):

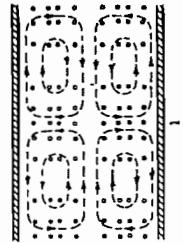
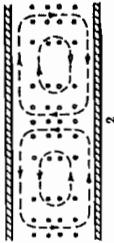
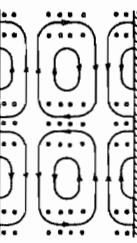
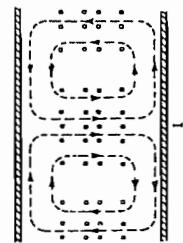
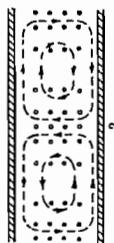
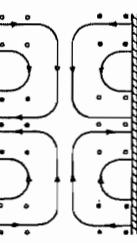
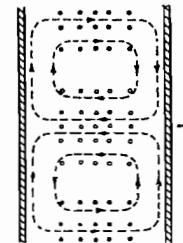
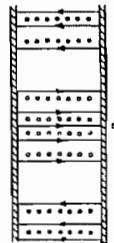
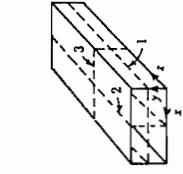
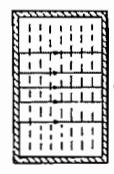
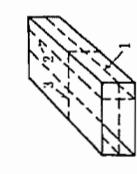
$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TM}_{mn}} = \frac{2R_s}{b\eta\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} \frac{[m^2(b/a)^3 + n^2]}{[m^2(b/a)^2 + n^2]} \quad (14)$$

We make two points before leaving this class of waves. Note from (4) and the definitions of  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  given by (5) and (6) that neither  $m$  nor  $n$  can be zero for the TM wave without its disappearing entirely. The second point is that we have required as boundary condition that  $E_z$  be zero along the perfectly conducting boundary, but should also be sure that other tangential components of electric field are zero there. From (10) and the definitions (5) and (6) we can see that  $E_x$  is zero as required at  $y = 0$  and  $y = b$ ; from (11) we see that  $E_y$  is zero at  $x = 0$  and  $x = a$ . Thus all tangential components do satisfy the boundary conditions at the conductors. It can be shown (Prob. 8.7h) that imposition of the boundary condition on  $E_z$  necessarily causes the other tangential components of  $\mathbf{E}$  to be zero on the boundaries because of the form of the relations 8.2(13)–(16).

**TE Waves** Transverse electric waves have zero  $E_z$  and nonzero  $H_z$  so that the start is from Eq. 8.2(18), again expressed in rectangular coordinates:

$$\nabla_z^2 H_z = \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial y^2} = -k_c^2 H_z \quad (15)$$

**Table 8.7**  
**Summary of Wave Types for Rectangular Guides<sup>a</sup>**

$TE_{10}$	$TE_{11}$	$TE_{21}$
		
$TE_{01}$	$TM_{11}$	$TM_{21}$
		
$TE_{10}$	$TM_{11}$	$TM_{21}$
		
$TE_{10}$	$TE_{11}$	$TM_{11}$
		

<sup>a</sup> Electric field lines are shown solid and magnetic field lines are dashed.

Solution by the separation of variables techniques of Sec. 7.19 gives

$$H_z = (A'' \sin k_x x + B'' \cos k_x x)(C'' \sin k_y y + D'' \cos k_y y) \quad (16)$$

where

$$k_c^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 \quad (17)$$

Imposition of boundary conditions in this case is a little less direct, but from Eqs. 8.2(13) and 8.2(14) we find electric field components as

$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= -\frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \\ &= -\frac{j\omega\mu k_y}{k_c^2} (A'' \sin k_x x + B'' \cos k_x x)(C'' \cos k_y y - D'' \sin k_y y) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_y &= \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{j\omega\mu k_x}{k_c^2} (A'' \cos k_x x - B'' \sin k_x x)(C'' \sin k_y y + D'' \cos k_y y) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

For  $E_x$  to be zero at  $y = 0$  for all  $x$ ,  $C'' = 0$ , and for  $E_y = 0$  at  $x = 0$  for all  $y$ ,  $A'' = 0$ . Defining  $B''D'' = B$ , we have then

$$H_z = B \cos k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (20)$$

We also require  $E_x$  to be zero at  $y = b$  so that  $k_y b$  must be a multiple of  $\pi$ .  $E_y$  is zero at  $x = a$  so that  $k_x a$  is also a multiple of  $\pi$ :

$$k_x a = m\pi, \quad k_y b = n\pi \quad (21)$$

In contrast to the TM waves, one but not both of  $m$  and  $n$  may be zero without the wave's vanishing. Although we found the boundary conditions by first calculating electric field, we can see from the way in which  $\mathbf{E}$  is related to  $H_z$  that the derivative of  $H_z$  normal to the conducting boundary must be zero for the tangential electric field to be zero there, so boundary conditions can be imposed directly on the form (16) without requiring the explicit forms for  $E_x$  and  $E_y$ .

The forms of transverse electric field with the derived simplifications to (18) and (19) are

$$E_x = \frac{j\omega\mu k_y}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} B \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (22)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{j\omega\mu k_x}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} B \sin k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (23)$$

Corresponding transverse magnetic field components from Eqs. 8.2(15) and 8.2(16) are

$$H_x = \frac{j\beta k_x}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} B \sin k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (24)$$

$$H_y = \frac{j\beta k_y}{k_{c_{m,n}}^2} B \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (25)$$

Since comparison of (21) with (5) and (6) shows that  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  have the same forms for TM and TE waves, cutoff frequency and propagation characteristics for a  $\text{TE}_{mn}$  mode found from (17) are exactly the same as for the same order  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  mode. That is, the expressions (7), (8), and (9) apply here without change. Modes that have different field distributions but the same cutoff frequencies are said to be *degenerate modes*.

Table 8.7 gives the field distribution for several different TE modes. Since electric field is confined to the transverse plane, we find that for each one of the TE modes shown, electric fields begin on charges for a portion of the boundary and end on charges of opposite sign on another portion, in the same  $x-y$  plane. Magnetic field lines surround the displacement currents represented by the changing transverse electric fields. For the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode having no variations in the vertical direction, electric fields go between top and bottom of the guide in straight lines, and magnetic fields lie entirely in planes parallel to top and bottom. The  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode is so important that it will be discussed separately in the following section.

Figure 8.7b shows a line diagram indicating the cutoff frequencies of several of the lowest-order modes referred to that of the so-called *dominant*  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode for a guide with a side ratio  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ , which is close to the value used in most practical guides. Normally, such a guide is designed so that its cutoff frequency for the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode is somewhat (say, 30%) below the operating frequency. In this way only one mode can propagate so signal distortion caused by multimode propagation is avoided. Also, by not being too close to the cutoff frequency, dispersion caused by having different group velocities for different frequency components of the signal is minimized for the one propagating mode. Higher-order modes may be excited at the entrance to the guide but they are below their cutoff frequencies and die away in a short distance from the source.

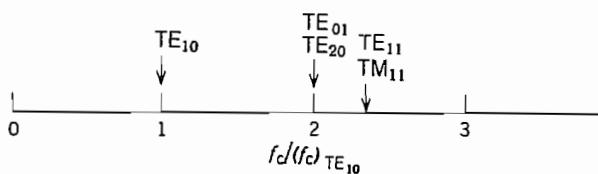


FIG. 8.7b Relative cutoff frequencies of waves in a rectangular guide ( $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ ).

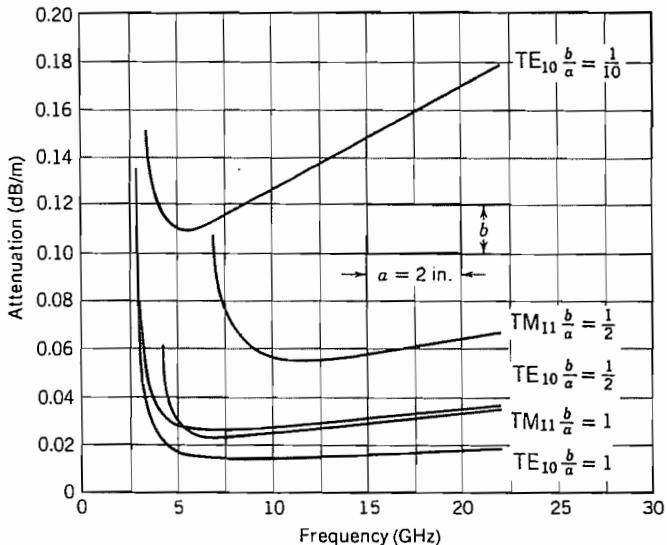


FIG. 8.7c Attenuation due to copper losses in rectangular waveguides of fixed width.

The attenuation constant for  $\text{TE}_{mn}$  ( $n \neq 0$ ) modes is found using power transfer and power loss per unit length as in Eq. 8.5(11).

$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TE}_{mn}} = \frac{2R_s}{b\eta\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right) \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 \right] \left[ \frac{(b/a)((b/a)m^2 + n^2)}{(b^2m^2/a^2) + n^2} \right] \right\} \quad (26)$$

And for  $\text{TE}_{m0}$  modes

$$(\alpha_c)_{\text{TE}_{m0}} = \frac{R_s}{b\eta\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{2b}{a} \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 \right] \quad (27)$$

Figure 8.7c shows attenuation versus frequency for  $\text{TM}_{11}$  and  $\text{TE}_{10}$  modes in rectangular copper waveguides with various side ratios  $b/a$  found using (14) and (27), respectively. It is seen that small  $b/a$  ratios give large attenuations because of the high ratio of surface to cross-sectional area.

## 8.8 THE TE<sub>10</sub> WAVE IN A RECTANGULAR GUIDE

One of the simplest of all the waves which may exist inside hollow-pipe waveguides is the dominant  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave in the rectangular guide, which is one of the TE modes

studied in the preceding section. This mode is of great engineering importance, partly for the following reasons:

1. Cutoff frequency is independent of one of the dimensions of the cross section. Consequently, for a given frequency this dimension may be made small enough so that the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave is the only wave which will propagate, and there is no difficulty with higher-order waves that end effects or discontinuities may cause to be excited.
2. The polarization of the field is definitely fixed, electric field passing from top to bottom of the guide. This fixed polarization may be required for certain applications.
3. For a given frequency the attenuation due to copper losses is not excessive compared with other wave types in guides of comparable size.

Let us now rewrite the expressions from the previous section for general TE waves in rectangular guides, Eqs. 8.7(20)–(24), setting  $m = 1, n = 0$ , in which case  $k_y = 0$  and  $k_c = k_x = \pi/a$ .

$$H_z = B \cos k_x x \quad (1)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{j\omega\mu B}{k_x} \sin k_x x \quad (2)$$

$$H_x = \frac{j\beta B}{k_x} \sin k_x x \quad (3)$$

All other components are zero. This set may be rewritten in a useful alternate form,

$$E_y = -Z_{\text{TE}} H_x = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \quad (4)$$

$$H_z = \frac{jE_0}{\eta} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \quad (5)$$

where

$$E_0 = -\frac{j\omega\mu B}{k_x} = -\frac{j2\eta a B}{\lambda} \quad (6)$$

$$Z_{\text{TE}} = \eta \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} = \eta \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (7)$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}, \quad \lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad (8)$$

Cutoff frequency, wavelength, and wavenumber are

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}, \quad \lambda_c = 2a, \quad k_c = \frac{\pi}{a} \quad (9)$$

Phase and group velocities and wavelength measured along the guide are

$$v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}}, \quad v_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2} \quad (10)$$

$$\lambda_g = \frac{v_p}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}} \quad (11)$$

The attenuation arising from an imperfect dielectric is obtained by replacing  $\varepsilon$  with  $\varepsilon' - j\varepsilon''$  in the equation for  $\gamma$ . Since  $k_c$  in the TE<sub>m0</sub> modes is of the same form as in the parallel-plane modes, Eq. 8.5(3) applies here and leads to a result equivalent to Eq. 8.5(4):

$$\alpha_d = \frac{k\varepsilon''/\varepsilon'}{2\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}} \quad (12)$$

To find attenuation if the conductor is imperfect, we first calculate the power transferred by the wave from the Poynting theorem:

$$W_T = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^a \int_0^b (-E_y H_x^*) dx dy \quad (13)$$

Utilizing the forms (4), we have

$$W_T = \frac{E_0^2 b}{2Z_{TE}} \int_0^a \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{E_0^2 b a}{4Z_{TE}} \quad (14)$$

Next we find approximate losses in the walls by using currents of the ideal mode in material of surface resistivity  $R_s$ . Current in a conductor is related to the tangential magnetic field  $H_z$  at the side walls  $x = 0$  and  $x = a$  so there is current per unit width  $|J_{sy}| = |H_z|$  there. Both components  $H_x$  and  $H_z$  are tangential at top and bottom surfaces giving rise to surface current densities  $|J_{sz}| = |H_x|$  and  $|J_{sx}| = |H_z|$ . Thus, power loss per unit length is

$$(w_L)_{\text{SIDES}} = 2 \left( \frac{bR_s}{2} |H_z|_{x=0}^2 \right) = \frac{bR_s E_0^2 \lambda^2}{4\eta^2 a^2} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (w_L)_{\text{TOP AND BOTTOM}} &= 2 \frac{R_s}{2} \int_0^a (|H_x|^2 + |H_z|^2) dx \\ &= R_s \int_0^a \left[ \frac{E_0^2}{Z_{TE}^2} \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} + \frac{E_0^2 \lambda^2}{4\eta^2 a^2} \cos^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{a}{2} R_s \left( \frac{E_0^2}{Z_{TE}^2} + \frac{E_0^2 \lambda^2}{4\eta^2 a^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Adding the two contributions (15) and (16) and substituting  $Z_{TE}$  from (7),

$$w_L = \frac{R_s E_0^2}{\eta^2} \left[ \frac{b\lambda^2}{4a^2} + \frac{a}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4a^2} + \frac{\lambda^2}{4a^2} \right) \right] = \frac{R_s E_0^2}{2\eta^2} \left( a + \frac{b\lambda^2}{2a^2} \right)$$

The attenuation from conductor losses, Eq. 5.9(4), is then

$$\alpha_c = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} = \frac{R_s Z_{TE}}{\eta^2 ba} \left( a + \frac{b\lambda^2}{2a^2} \right) \quad (17)$$

or

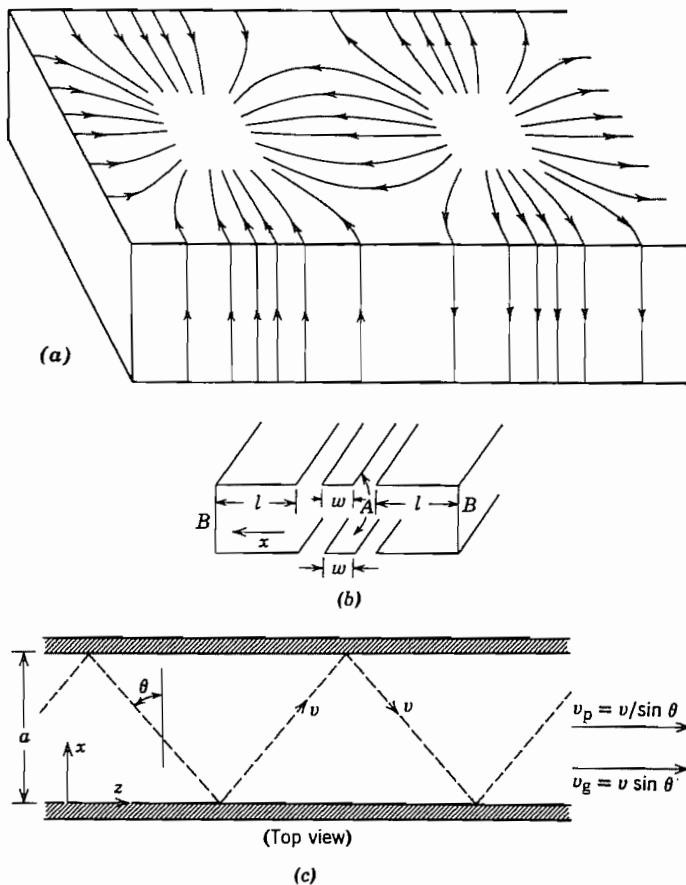
$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{b\eta\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{2b}{a} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right)^2 \right] \quad (18)$$

A study of the field distributions (1) to (3) or (4) and (5) shows the field patterns for this wave sketched in Table 8.7. First it is noted that no field components vary in the vertical or  $y$  direction. The only electric field component is the vertical one  $E_y$  passing between top and bottom of the guide. This is a maximum at the center and zero at the conducting walls, varying as a half-sine curve. The corresponding charges induced by the electric field lines ending on conductors are (1) charges zero on side walls and (2) a charge distribution on top and bottom with  $\rho_s = \epsilon E_y$  on the bottom and  $-\epsilon E_y$  on the top. The magnetic field forms closed paths surrounding the vertical electric displacement currents arising from  $E_y$ , so that there are components  $H_x$  and  $H_z$ . Component  $H_x$  is zero at the two side walls and a maximum in the center, following the distribution of  $E_y$ . Component  $H_z$  is a maximum at the side walls and zero at the center. Component  $H_x$  corresponds to a longitudinal current flow down the guide in the top, and opposite in the bottom;  $H_z$  corresponds to transverse currents in the top and bottom and vertical currents on the side walls. These current distributions are sketched in Fig. 8.8a.

This simple wave type is a convenient one to study to strengthen some of our physical pictures of wave propagation. Electric field is confined to the transverse plane and so passes between opposite charges of equal density on the top and bottom. The electric field  $E_y$  and the transverse magnetic field  $H_x$  are maximum at planes a half guide wavelength apart. Halfway between those planes is the maximum rate of change of  $E_y$  for the traveling wave and therefore the location of maximum displacement current. The conduction currents in the metal walls, related to the tangential magnetic field, vary with position. Displacement currents provide the continuity of total current. The magnetic fields surround the electric displacement currents inside the guide and so must have an axial as well as a transverse component.

As a fairly crude way of looking at the problem, one might also think of this mode being formed by starting with a parallel-plate transmission line  $A$  of width  $w$  to carry the longitudinal current in the center of the guide, and then adding shorted troughs  $B$  of depth  $l$  on the two sides to close the region, as pictured in Fig. 8.8b. Since one would expect the lengths  $l$  to be around a quarter-wavelength to provide a high impedance at the center, the overall width should be something over a half-wavelength, which we know to be true for propagation. The picture is only a rough one because the fields in the two regions are not separated, and propagation is not purely longitudinal in the center portion or transverse in the side portions.

A third viewpoint follows from that used in studying the higher-order waves between parallel planes. There it was pointed out that one could visualize the TM and TE waves



**FIG. 8.8** (a) Current flow in walls of rectangular guide with TE<sub>10</sub> mode. (b) Guide roughly divided into axial- and transverse-current regions. (c) Path of uniform plane-wave component of TE<sub>10</sub> wave in rectangular guide.

in terms of plane waves bouncing between the two planes at such an angle that the interference pattern maintains a zero of electric field tangential to the two planes. Similarly, the TE<sub>10</sub> wave in the rectangular guide may be thought of as arising from the interference between incident and reflected plane waves, polarized so that the electric vector is vertical, and bouncing between the two sides of the guide at such an angle with the sides that the zero electric field is maintained at the two sides. One such component uniform plane wave is indicated in Fig. 8.8c. As in the result of Sec. 8.4, when the width  $a$  is exactly  $\lambda/2$ , the waves travel exactly back and forth across the guide with no component of propagation in the axial direction. At slightly higher frequencies there is a small angle  $\theta$  such that  $a = \lambda/2 \cos \theta$ , and there is a small propagation in the axial direction, a very small group velocity in the axial direction  $v \sin \theta$ ,

and a very large phase velocity  $v/\sin \theta$ . At frequencies approaching infinity,  $\theta$  approaches 90 degrees, so that the wave travels down the guide practically as a plane wave in space propagating in the axial direction.

All the foregoing points of view explain why the dimension  $b$  should not enter into the determination of cutoff frequency. Since the electric field is always normal to top and bottom, the placing of these planes plays no part in the boundary condition. However, the dimension  $b$  does affect other characteristics of the guide. Small  $b$  gives a larger separation between cutoff frequencies of the  $TE_{10}$  and  $TE_{01}$  modes. But it increases attenuation as shown in Fig. 8.7c and limits power-handling capabilities because of breakdown-field limits.

## 8.9 CIRCULAR WAVEGUIDES

Hollow-pipe waveguides of circular cross section are used in a number of instances, for example, when circular polarization is to be transmitted to certain classes of antennas. Also, as will be shown, the class of  $TE_{0n}$  modes (called *circular electric*) is interesting because of the low attenuation in this class at high frequencies. As before, we start with ideal dielectric and conducting boundary and make approximate modifications to these solutions when the materials have small losses. Before treating separately the TM and TE classes of waves, it is desirable to have the set of equations 8.2(13)–(16) transformed to circular cylindrical coordinates. A straightforward transformation gives

$$E_r = -\frac{j}{k_c^2} \left[ \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\omega\mu}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial\phi} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$E_\phi = \frac{j}{k_c^2} \left[ -\frac{\beta}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial\phi} + \omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \right] \quad (2)$$

$$H_r = \frac{j}{k_c^2} \left[ \frac{\omega\epsilon}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial\phi} - \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \right] \quad (3)$$

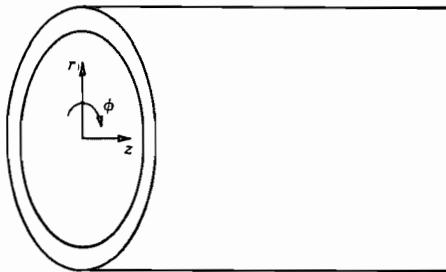
$$H_\phi = -\frac{j}{k_c^2} \left[ \omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\beta}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial\phi} \right] \quad (4)$$

where

$$k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + k^2 = k^2 - \beta^2 \quad (5)$$

**TM Waves** The transverse part of the Laplacian in Eq. 8.2(17) for  $E_z$  is expressed in circular cylindrical coordinates for this configuration, with the coordinate system as shown in Fig. 8.9a.

$$\nabla_t^2 E_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial\phi^2} = -k_c^2 E_z \quad (6)$$



**FIG. 8.9a** Hollow-pipe circular cylindrical guide showing coordinate system.

Separation of variables techniques in Sec. 7.20 led to the solution

$$E_z(r, \phi) = [A'J_n(k_c r) + B'N_n(k_c r)][C' \cos n\phi + D' \sin n\phi] \quad (7)$$

where  $J_n$  and  $N_n$  are  $n$ th-order Bessel functions of first and second kind, respectively. The second kind,  $N_n(k_c r)$ , is infinite at  $r = 0$  for any  $n$  and so cannot be included in the interior solution which includes the axis. Also, for simplicity, we choose the origin of  $\phi$  so that we have just the  $\cos n\phi$  variation. Letting  $A'C' = A$ ,

$$E_z = AJ_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (8)$$

From (1) to (4) with  $H_z = 0$ , the remaining field components are

$$E_r = Z_{TM}H_\phi = -\frac{j\beta}{k_c} AJ'_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (9)$$

$$E_\phi = -Z_{TM}H_r = \frac{j\beta n}{k_c^2 r} AJ_n(k_c r) \sin n\phi \quad (10)$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to the argument and

$$Z_{TM} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} \quad (11)$$

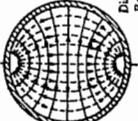
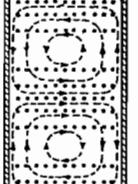
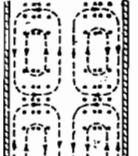
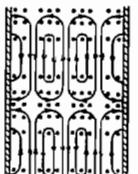
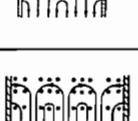
The boundary condition imposed by the perfect conductor at  $r = a$  requires  $E_z$  and  $E_\phi$  to be zero there. We see from (8) that  $E_z$  is zero at the boundary if  $k_c a$  is one of the zeros of the Bessel function,

$$k_c a = \omega_c \sqrt{\mu\epsilon a} = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda_c} = p_{nl} \quad (12)$$

where  $J_n(p_{nl}) = 0$ . We see from (10) that this makes  $E_\phi$  zero there also.

Equation (12) allows one to calculate cutoff frequency or wavelength for any mode order. For any  $n$  there is an infinite number of zeros of  $J_n(k_c r)$  so there is a doubly infinite set of modes, denoted  $TM_{nl}$ . Note that the first subscript denotes angular variations and the second radial variations, differing from the usual cyclic order of coordinates. Field distributions of the  $TM_{01}$ ,  $TM_{02}$ , and  $TM_{11}$  modes are given in Table 8.9

**Table 8.9**  
**Summary of Wave Types for Circular Guides<sup>a</sup>**

Wave Type	$TM_{01}$	$TM_{02}$	$TM_{11}$	$TE_{01}$
Field distributions in cross-sectional plane, at plane of maximum transverse fields				
Field distributions along guide				
Field components present	$E_n, E_r, H_\phi$	$E_n, E_r, H_r, H_\phi$	$E_n, E_r, E_\phi, H_r, H_\phi$	$H_n, H_r, H_\phi, E_n, E_\phi$
$p_{n1}$ or $p'_{n1}$	2.405	5.52	3.83	3.83
$(k_0)_n1$	$\frac{2.405}{a}$	$\frac{5.52}{a}$	$\frac{3.83}{a}$	$\frac{1.84}{a}$
$(\rho_0)_n1$	2.61a	1.14a	1.64a	3.41a
$(j_0)_n1$	$\frac{0.383}{a\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}}$	$\frac{0.877}{a\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}}$	$\frac{0.609}{a\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}}$	$\frac{0.293}{a\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}}$
Attenuation due to imperfect conductors	$\frac{R_s}{a\eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (j_0/J)^2}}$	$\frac{R_s}{a\eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (j_0/J)^2}}$	$\frac{R_s}{a\eta} \frac{(j_0/J)^2}{\sqrt{1 - (j_0/J)^2}}$	$\frac{R_s}{a\eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (j_0/J)^2}} \left[ \left( \frac{j_0}{J} \right)^2 + 0.420 \right]$

<sup>a</sup> Electric field lines are shown solid and magnetic field lines are dashed.

together with expressions for cutoff frequency and wavelength, and approximate attenuation from conductor losses if the cylindrical wall has surface resistivity  $R_s$ . Phase velocity, group velocity, guide wavelength, and attenuation for frequencies below cutoff are of the same forms in terms of cutoff frequency as we have seen for the parallel-plane and rectangular guides. Wave impedance, when  $\beta$  in terms of cutoff frequency is substituted in (11), also has the form found for TM modes in the guides studied earlier.

**TE Waves** The differential equation for the nonzero  $H_z$  of TE waves, Eq. 8.2(18), expressed in cylindrical coordinates, is

$$\nabla_r^2 H_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial \phi^2} = -k_c^2 H_z \quad (13)$$

The solution for this from Sec. 7.20 is

$$H_z(r, \phi) = BJ_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (14)$$

Here we have left out the second solution and chosen the cosine variation with  $\phi$  with the same justification as for the TM waves. The remaining field components, from (1) to (4) with  $E_z = 0$ , are

$$E_r = Z_{\text{TE}} H_\phi = \frac{j\omega\mu n}{k_c^2 r} BJ_n(k_c r) \sin n\phi \quad (15)$$

$$E_\phi = -Z_{\text{TE}} H_r = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} BJ'_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (16)$$

where

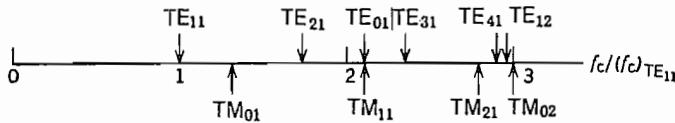
$$Z_{\text{TE}} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta} \quad (17)$$

In this case the boundary condition imposed by the perfect conductor at  $r = a$  requires that  $E_\phi = 0$  there, or

$$k_c a = \omega_c \sqrt{\mu\epsilon a} = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda_c} = p'_{nl} \quad (18)$$

where  $J'_n(p'_{nl}) = 0$ . Again, expressions for phase and group velocity and wavelength along the guide are as before.

The field distributions of the  $\text{TE}_{01}$  and  $\text{TE}_{11}$  modes and some data for these are given in Table 8.9. Note that the field distribution of the  $\text{TE}_{11}$  mode is quite a bit like that of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode in the rectangular guide, with electric field going from top to bottom of the guide, so this is the one that would be primarily excited if a  $\text{TE}_{10}$ -mode rectangular guide were properly tapered and connected to the circular guide. It also has the lowest cutoff frequency of any mode in a given size circular pipe, as shown by Fig. 8.9b. In the  $\text{TE}_{01}$  mode, the electric field lines do not end on the guide walls, but form closed



**FIG. 8.9b** Relative cutoff frequencies of waves in a circular guide.

circles surrounding the axial time-varying magnetic field. This latter wave is especially interesting as a potential low-loss transmission system at high frequencies and will be considered more in the example.

**Example 8.9**  
CIRCULAR ELECTRIC  $TE_{01}$  MODE IN OVERSIZE GUIDE

The field expressions for the  $TE_{01}$  mode from the general forms (14)–(16) are

$$H_z = BJ_0(k_c r) \quad (19)$$

and

$$E_\phi = -Z_{TE}H_r = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} BJ_1(k_c r) \quad (20)$$

$$k_c a = p'_{01} = p_{11} = 3.83 \dots \quad (21)$$

The average power transfer by the mode, from the Poynting theorem is

$$W_T = \int_0^a \frac{2\pi r}{2} (-E_\phi H_r^*) dr = \frac{\omega^2 \mu^2 B^2 \pi}{k_c^2 Z_{TE}} \int_0^a r J_1^2(k_c r) dr \quad (22)$$

The Bessel integral is evaluated by Eq. 7.15(22):

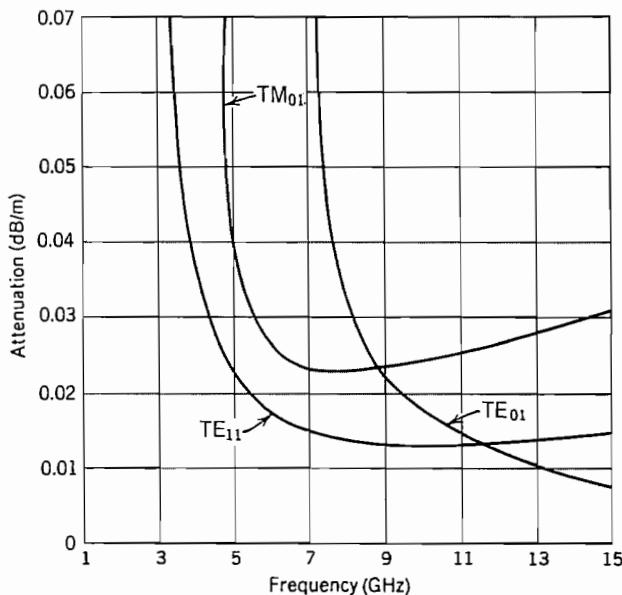
$$W_T = \frac{\omega^2 \mu^2 B^2 \pi}{k_c^2 Z_{TE}} \left[ \frac{a^2}{2} J_0^2(p_{11}) \right] \quad (23)$$

Conduction current in the guide walls is purely circumferential, related to the tangential  $H_z$ , so that wall losses per unit length are

$$w_L = 2\pi a \frac{R_s}{2} |H_z|_{r=a}^2 = \pi a R_s B^2 J_0^2(p_{11}) \quad (24)$$

Attenuation per unit length, in terms of power transfer and loss, is then

$$\alpha_c = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} = \frac{k_c^2 Z_{TE} R_s}{\omega^2 \mu^2 a} \quad (25)$$



**FIG. 8.9c** Attenuation due to copper losses in circular waveguides; diameter = 2 in.

When  $Z_{TE}$  is substituted from (17), this may be put in the form

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s(\omega_c/\omega)^2}{a\eta\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \quad (26)$$

$R_s$  is proportional to the square root of frequency, but the overall expression decreases with frequency. Thus we have the unusual result that attenuation in this mode, for a given size guide, decreases with increasing frequency, as shown in Fig. 8.9c which gives a comparison with  $TE_{11}$  and  $TM_{01}$  modes for a 2-in.-diameter guide. The low attenuation is because the mode fields are very little coupled to the guide walls at high frequencies. However, other modes may propagate, as shown by Fig. 8.9b, so that there are problems with mode conversion when such guides bend to go around corners. Practical ways of solving such problems were developed,<sup>7</sup> and this system was demonstrated as a low-loss guiding system for millimeter waves, but has been replaced by optical fiber.

## 8.10 HIGHER ORDER MODES ON COAXIAL LINES

The lowest-order mode on a coaxial line is a TEM wave; this was assumed implicitly in the transmission-line treatment of Ex. 5.2 where we used the capacitance and in-

<sup>7</sup> See, for example, S. E. Miller, Bell System Tech. J. **33**, 1209 (1954).

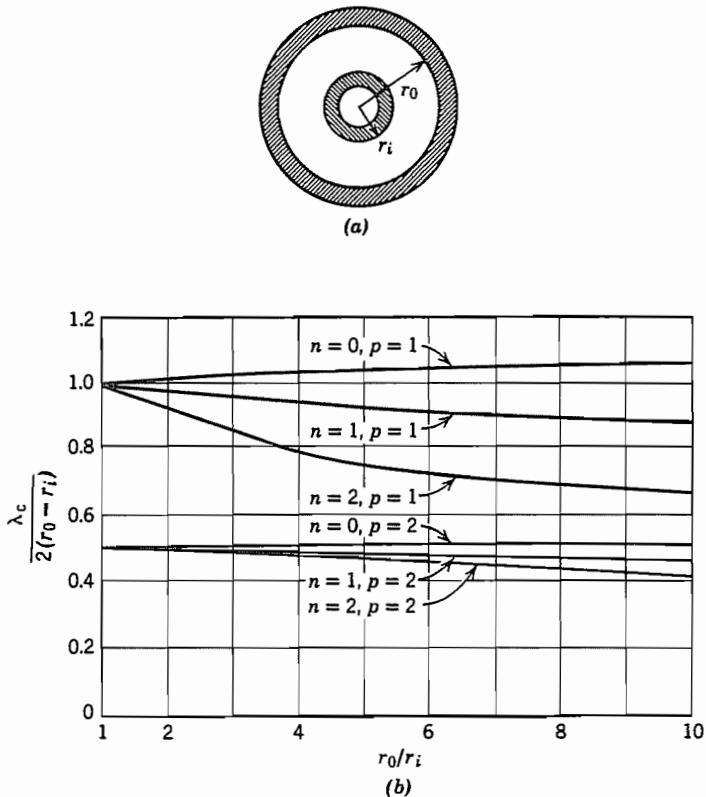


FIG. 8.10 (a) Cross section of a coaxial line. (b) Cutoff wavelength for some higher-order TM waves in coaxial lines.

ductance found from static fields. As in the parallel-plane guide, higher-order (TM and TE) modes can also exist. Normally, the line is designed in such a way that the cutoff frequencies of the higher-order modes are well above the operating frequency. Even in that case, these modes can be of importance near discontinuities.

The general forms useful for the TM and TE modes in circular cylindrical coordinates are listed in Sec. 7.20. The boundary conditions require that  $E_z$  for TM waves be zero at  $r_0$  and  $r_i$  (Fig. 8.10a).

For TM waves,

$$\begin{aligned} A_n J_n(k_c r_i) + B_n N_n(k_c r_i) &= 0 \\ A_n J_n(k_c r_0) + B_n N_n(k_c r_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\frac{N_n(k_c r_i)}{J_n(k_c r_i)} = \frac{N_n(k_c r_0)}{J_n(k_c r_0)} \quad (1)$$

For TE waves, the derivative of  $H_z$  normal to the two conductors must be zero at the inner and outer radii. [See discussion following Eq. 8.7(21).] Then, in place of (1),

$$\frac{N'_n(k_c r_i)}{J'_n(k_c r_i)} = \frac{N'_n(k_c r_0)}{J'_n(k_c r_0)} \quad (2)$$

Solutions to the transcendental equations (1) and (2) determine the values of  $k_c$  and hence cutoff frequency for any wave type and any particular values of  $r_i$  and  $r_0$ . By analogy with the parallel-plane guide, we would expect to find certain modes with a cutoff such that the spacing between conductors is of the order of  $p$  half-wavelengths.

$$\lambda_c \approx \frac{2}{p} (r_0 - r_i), \quad p = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3)$$

This is verified by Fig. 8.10b for values of  $r_0/r_i$  near unity.

Probably more important is the lowest-order TE wave with circumferential variations. This is analogous to the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave of a rectangular waveguide, and physical reasoning from the analogy leads one to expect cutoff for this wave type when the average circumference is about equal to wavelength. The field picture of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode given in Sec. 8.8 should make this reasonable. Solution of (2) reveals this simple rule to be within about 4% accuracy for  $r_0/r_i$  up to 5. In general, for the  $n$ th-order TE wave with circumferential variations,

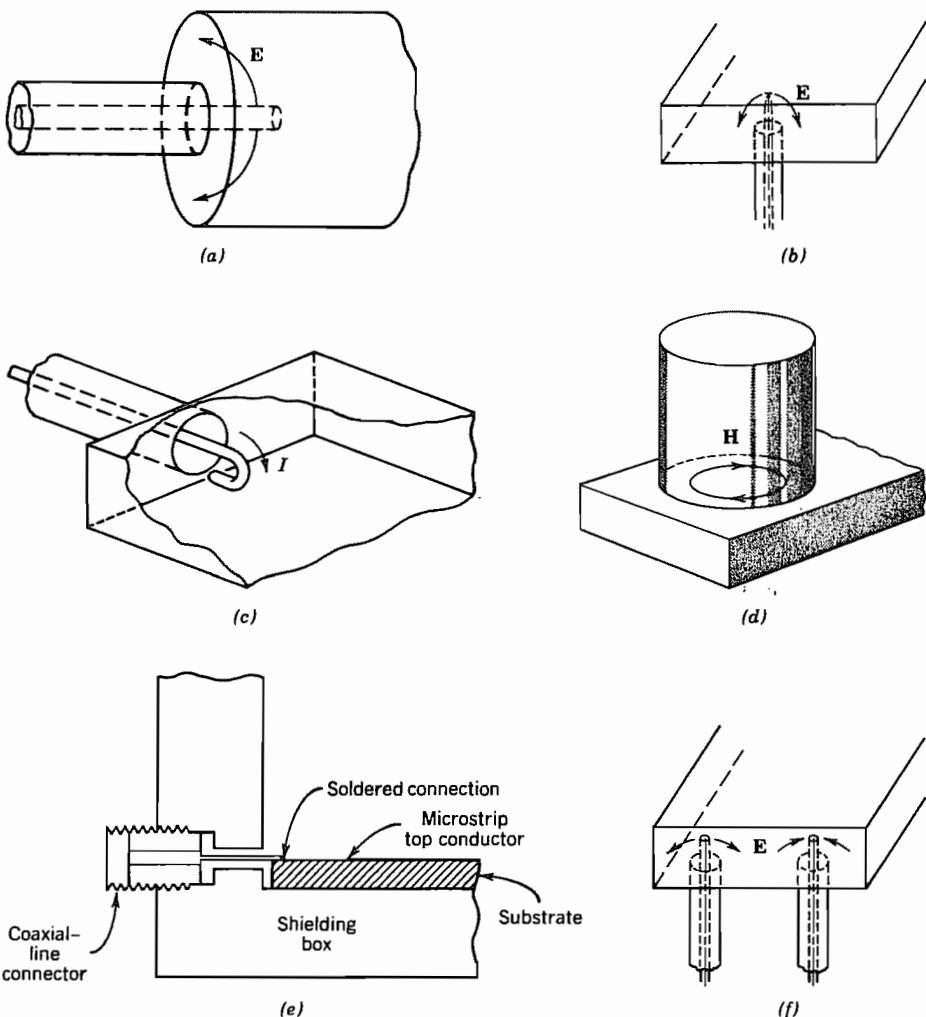
$$\lambda_c \approx \frac{2\pi}{n} \left( \frac{r_0 + r_i}{2} \right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4)$$

There are, of course, other TE waves with further radial variations, and the lowest order of these has a cutoff about the same as the lowest-order TM wave.

## 8.11 EXCITATION AND RECEPTION OF WAVES IN GUIDES

The problems of exciting or receiving waves in a waveguide are not simple field problems. In this section we give only a qualitative introduction to the manners of excitation of fields in various kinds of guides. Approaches to analysis and measurement of these junctions are given in Chapter 11. Reception of the energy of a wave uses the same kind of structure as excitation and is just the reverse process. To excite any particular desired wave, one should study the field pattern and use one of the following concepts.

1. Introduce the excitation in a probe or antenna oriented in the direction of electric field. The probe is most often placed near a maximum of the electric field of the mode pattern, but exact placing is a matter of impedance matching. Examples are shown in Figs. 8.11a and b.
2. Introduce the excitation through a loop oriented in a plane normal to the magnetic field of the mode pattern (Fig. 8.11c).
3. Couple to the desired mode from another guiding system, by means of a hole or iris, the two guiding systems having some common field component over the



**FIG. 8.11** (a) Antenna in end of circular guide for excitation of  $\text{TM}_{01}$  wave. (b) Antenna in bottom of rectangular guide for excitation of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave. (c) Loop in end of rectangular guide for excitation of  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave. (d) Junction between circular guide ( $\text{TM}_{01}$  wave) and rectangular guide ( $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave); large-aperture coupling. (e) Coaxial line coupling to microstrip. (f) Excitation of the  $\text{TE}_{20}$  wave in rectangular guide by two oppositely phased antennas.

extent of the hole. An example of coupling between waveguides using a large iris is shown in Fig. 8.11d. The coupling is sometimes done with a small hole as for coupling to resonant cavities (Sec. 10.10).

4. Introduce currents from one kind of transmission line into another, as in coupling from a coaxial line to microstrip shown in Fig. 8.11e.
5. For higher-order waves combine as many of the exciting sources as are required, with proper phasings (Fig. 8.11f).

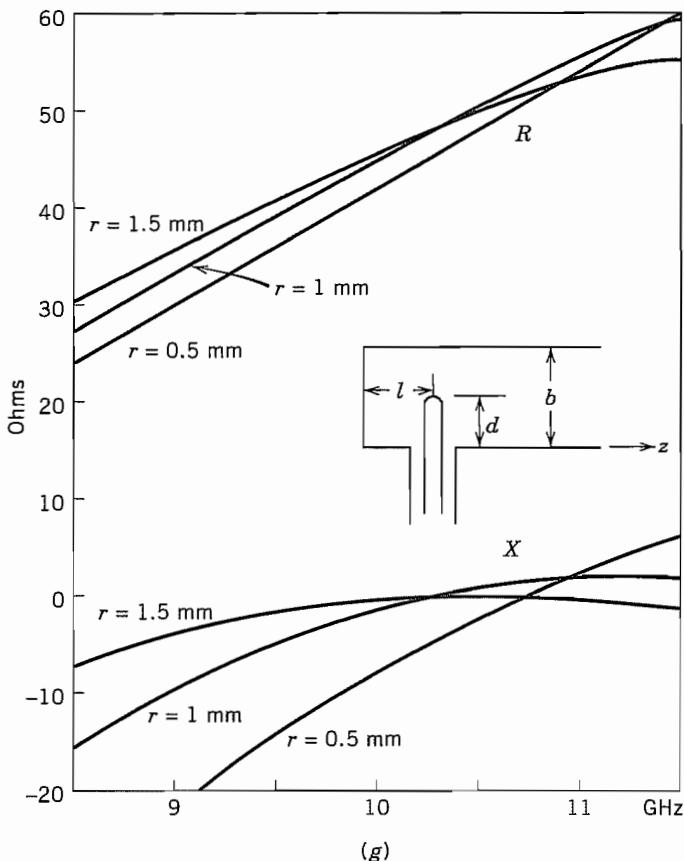
6. Gradually taper a transition between two types of guides, as for a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave in a rectangular guide to a  $\text{TE}_{11}$  in a circular guide.

Since most of these exciting methods are in the nature of concentrated sources, they will not in general excite purely one wave, but all waves that have field components in a favorable direction for the particular exciting source. That is, we see that one wave alone will not suffice to satisfy the boundary conditions of the guide complicated by the exciting source, so that many higher-order waves must be added for this purpose. If the guide is large enough, several of these waves will then proceed to propagate. Most often, however, only one of the excited waves is above cutoff. This will propagate down the guide and (if absorbed somewhere) will represent a resistive load on the source, comparable to the radiation resistance of antennas which we shall encounter further in Chapter 12. The higher-order waves that are excited, if all below cutoff, will be localized in the neighborhood of the source and will represent purely reactive loads on the source. For practical application, it is then necessary to add, in the line that feeds the probe or loop or other exciting means, an arrangement for matching to the load that has a real part representing the propagating wave and an imaginary part representing the localized reactive waves. In a practical design, it is important to be concerned that the match is good over the frequency band of interest.

### Example 8.11 EXCITATION OF A WAVEGUIDE BY A COAXIAL LINE

Let us look in more depth at the structure in Fig. 8.11b where a coaxial line is inserted in the center of the broad side of a waveguide of rectangular cross section to excite a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode. The waveguide is short-circuited at a distance  $l$  from the probe to aid in matching the coaxial line to the waveguide. The fields associated with the probe excite both the desired  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode and other higher-order modes. The latter are cutoff and do not propagate, but they store reactive energy and therefore constitute a reactive component of the load on the coaxial line. Proper choice of the size and location of the probe for a given frequency and guide dimensions makes the standing wave between the probe and the shorted end contain reactive energy of opposite sign and equal magnitude so that the net reactive component of the input impedance is zero. These adjustments are used to make the real part of the load impedance on the coaxial line equal to its characteristic impedance so that perfect matching is achieved and all the power is coupled into the guide. Figure 8.11g shows the calculated results for probes of various radii in a guide of dimensions appropriate for use at about 10 GHz (X band).<sup>8</sup> Similar graphs can be calculated using the methods in the reference of footnote 8 for other guide sizes and probe radii.

<sup>8</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Sec. 7.1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.



**FIG. 8.11g** Probe input resistance and reactance as a function of frequency for  $d = 0.62 \text{ cm}$ ,  $l = 0.495 \text{ cm}$ , guide width  $a = 2.286 \text{ cm}$ , guide height  $b = 1.016 \text{ cm}$ . For the thin probe of radius  $r = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $l = 0.505 \text{ cm}$ . Reproduced by permission from R. E. Collin, *Field Theory of Guided Waves*, 2nd ed., Sec. 7.1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

### General Properties of Guided Waves

#### 8.12 GENERAL PROPERTIES OF TEM WAVES ON MULTICONDUCTOR LINES

The classical two-conductor transmission system was studied extensively in Chapter 5, starting from a distributed circuits point of view. We used wave solutions to verify the results for the special case of TEM waves between parallel planes in Sec. 8.3. At this point we can show that TEM waves in any two-conductor cylindrical system with

isotropic, homogeneous dielectric, and loss-free conductors are exactly those predicted by the transmission-line equations.

The general relations between wave components as expressed by Eqs. 8.2(9)–(12) show that, with  $E_z$  and  $H_z$  zero, all other components must of necessity also be zero, unless  $\gamma^2 + k^2$  is at the same time zero. Thus, a transverse electromagnetic wave must satisfy the condition

$$\gamma = \pm jk = \pm \frac{j\omega}{v} = \pm j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \quad (1)$$

For a perfect dielectric, the propagation constant  $\gamma$  is thus a purely imaginary quantity, signifying that any completely transverse electromagnetic wave must propagate unattenuated and with velocity  $v$ , the velocity of light in the dielectric bounded by the guide.

With (1) satisfied, the wave equations, as written in the form of Eqs. 8.2(1) and 8.2(2), reduce to

$$\nabla_{xy}^2 \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \nabla_{xy}^2 \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (2)$$

These are exactly the form of the two-dimensional Laplace equation written for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  in the transverse plane. Since  $E_z$  and  $H_z$  are zero,  $E$  and  $H$  lie entirely in the transverse plane. Since electric and magnetic fields both satisfy Laplace's equation under static conditions, the field distribution in the transverse plane is exactly a static distribution if boundary conditions to be applied to the fields in (2) are the same as those for a static field distribution. The boundary condition for the TEM wave on a perfect conducting guide is that electric field at the surface of the conductor can have a normal component only, which is the same as the condition at a conducting boundary in statics. The line integral of the electric field between conductors is the same for all paths lying in a given transverse plane, and may be thought of as corresponding to a potential difference between the conductors for that value of  $z$ .

To study the character of the magnetic field, note Eqs. 8.2(3) and 8.2(6) with zero  $E_z$  and  $H_z$ :

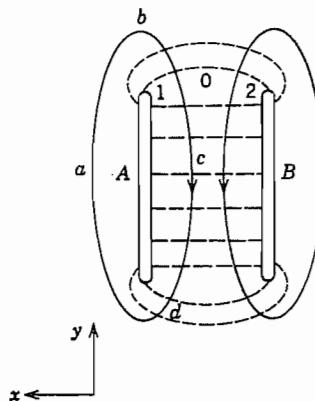
$$H_y = \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\gamma} E_x = \frac{E_x}{\eta} \quad (3)$$

and

$$H_x = -\frac{\gamma}{j\omega\mu} E_y = -\frac{E_y}{\eta} \quad (4)$$

[The signs of (3) and (4) are for a positively traveling wave; for a negatively traveling wave they are opposite.] Study shows that (3) and (4) are conditions that require that electric and magnetic fields be everywhere normal to each other. In particular, magnetic field must be tangential to the conducting surfaces since electric field is normal to them. The magnetic field pattern in the transverse plane then corresponds exactly to that arising from dc currents flowing entirely on the surfaces of the perfect conductors.

These characteristics show that a transverse electromagnetic wave may be guided by two or more conductors, or outside a single conductor, but not inside a closed con-



**FIG. 8.12** Two-conductor transmission line with integration paths.

ducting region, since it can have only the distribution of the corresponding two-dimensional static problem, and no electrostatic field can exist inside a source-free region completely closed by a conductor (see Prob. 8.12d).

We next may show an exact identity with the ordinary transmission-line equations for TEM waves on the systems that support them. Consider a transmission line consisting of two conductors  $A$  and  $B$  of any general shape (Fig. 8.12). The voltage between the two conductors may be found by integrating electric field over any path between conductors, such as 1–0–2 of the figure. It will have the same value no matter which path is chosen, since  $\mathbf{E}$  satisfies Laplace's equation in the transverse plane and so may be considered the gradient of a scalar potential insofar as variations in the transverse plane are concerned.

$$V = - \int_1^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_1^2 (E_x dx + E_y dy) \quad (5)$$

Differentiating this equation with respect to  $z$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = - \int_1^2 \left( \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} dx + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} dy \right) \quad (6)$$

But the curl relation,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

shows that, if  $E_z$  is zero,

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} \quad (7)$$

By substituting (7) in (6), we have

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_1^2 (-B_y dx + B_x dy) \quad (8)$$

A study of Fig. 8.12 reveals that the quantity inside the integral is the magnetic flux flowing across the path 1–0–2 per unit length in the  $z$  direction. According to the usual definition of inductance, this may be written as the product of inductance  $L$  per unit length and current  $I$ , so (8) becomes

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (LI) = -L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \quad (9)$$

Equation (9) is one of the differential equations used as a starting point for conventional transmission-line analysis [Eq. 5.2(3)]. The other may be developed by starting with current in line  $A$  as the integral of magnetic field about a path  $a-b-c-d-a$ . (There is no contribution from displacement current since there is no  $E_z$ .)

$$I = \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint (H_x dx + H_y dy) \quad (10)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $z$ ,

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = \oint \left( \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} dx + \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} dy \right) \quad (11)$$

From the curl equation,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

it follows that, if  $H_z = 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial D_x}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial t} \quad (12)$$

Substituting (12) in (11), we have

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \oint (D_x dy - D_y dx) \quad (13)$$

Inspection of Fig. 8.12 shows that this must be the electric displacement flux per unit length of line crossing from one conductor to the other. Since it corresponds to the charge per unit length on the conductors, it may be written as the product of capacitance per unit length and the voltage between lines and (13) becomes

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (14)$$

Equations (9) and (14) are exactly the equations used as a beginning for transmission-line analysis, if losses are neglected (Sec. 5.2). It is seen that these equations may be

derived exactly from Maxwell's equations provided the conductors are perfect, and since fields in the transverse plane satisfy Laplace's equation, the inductance and capacitance appearing in the equations are the same as those calculated in statics. This is of course not the case for the TM and TE waves met in the preceding sections. Waves on the ideal transmission line have been shown to be TEM waves with phase velocity  $(\mu\epsilon)^{-1/2}$ . Transmission-line phase velocity is  $(LC)^{-1/2}$  so it follows that inductance and capacitance per unit length of an ideal transmission line are related by  $LC = \mu\epsilon$ .

**Transmission Lines with Losses** If the conductor of the transmission line has finite losses, the above argument does not apply exactly. There must be finite  $E_z$  at the conductor to force the axial currents through the imperfect conductors. In that case  $\gamma^2 + k^2$  of Eqs. 8.2(9)–(12) cannot be zero, and Eqs. 8.2(1) and 8.2(2) do not reduce to Laplace's equation. But so long as the conductors are reasonably good, the axial component of electric field is small compared with the transverse component and corrections are small. The usual way of handling the losses through a series resistance in the transmission-line equations can then be shown by perturbation arguments to be an excellent approximation.<sup>9</sup> Losses in the dielectric, however, do not in themselves disturb the TEM nature of the wave since these cause conduction currents to flow only in transverse directions. In this case treatment by inclusion of shunt conductance computed from static concepts and by the wave method with  $\epsilon$  replaced by  $\epsilon' - j\epsilon''$  can be shown to be the same (Prob. 8.12c).

In addition to the principal TEM or *transmission-line* mode on the two-conductor system, there may propagate higher-order modes as well. The higher-order modes may be excited at discontinuities in the transmission line and may cause dispersion effects or radiation. It is difficult to work out the forms of the higher-order modes in open structures such as the two-wire line, but is straightforward to derive them for the coaxial line as was done in Sec. 8.10.

### 8.13 GENERAL PROPERTIES OF TM WAVES IN CYLINDRICAL CONDUCTING GUIDES OF ARBITRARY CROSS SECTION

In the earlier sections we have seen several specific examples of TM waves; it is the purpose of the present section to generalize the formulation for any cylindrical structure. The analysis can be done in a generalized coordinate system<sup>10</sup> and might appear more general, but for simplicity we will use rectangular coordinates with the understanding that boundaries may be of arbitrary shape.

**The Differential Equation** With the assumed propagation constant  $e^{(j\omega t - \gamma z)}$ , the finite axial component of electric field for the TM waves must satisfy the wave equation

<sup>9</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Sec. 4.1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

<sup>10</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Sec. 5.1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

in the form of Eq. 8.2(17):

$$\nabla_{xy}^2 E_z = -k_c^2 E_z \quad (1)$$

$$k_c^2 = (\gamma^2 + k^2) = \gamma^2 + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \quad (2)$$

The value of  $k_c$ , which is a constant for a particular mode, is determined by the boundary condition to be applied to (1).

**Boundary Condition for a Perfectly Conducting Guide** As in the examples, the first step in the solution of a practical waveguide problem is to assume that the waveguide boundaries are perfectly conducting. The appropriate boundary condition is  $E_z = 0$ . It is easily shown from the general relations for the transverse field components in Sec. 8.2 that

$$E_x = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad E_y = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad (3)$$

$$H_x = \frac{j\omega \epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad H_y = -\frac{j\omega \epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad (4)$$

Relations (3) may be written in the vector form

$$\mathbf{E}_t = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \nabla_t E_z \quad (5)$$

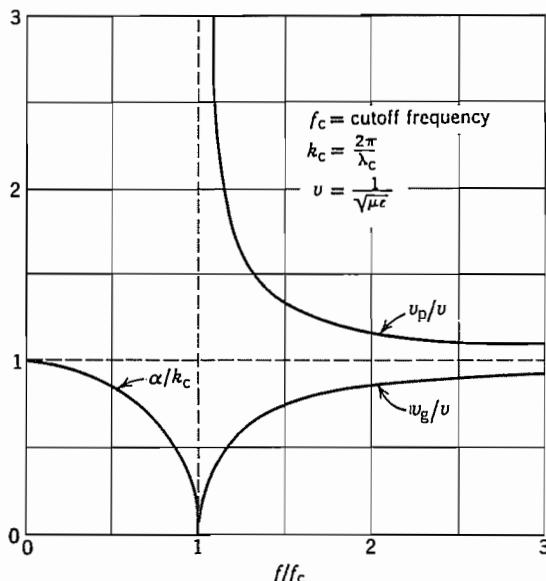
where  $\mathbf{E}_t$  is the transverse part of the electric field vector, and  $\nabla_t$  represents the transverse part of the gradient. By the nature of the gradient, the transverse electric vector  $\mathbf{E}_t$  is normal to any line of constant  $E_z$ . It is then normal to the conducting boundary, as required, once the boundary is made a curve of constant  $E_z = 0$ . Thus  $E_z = 0$  is the only required boundary condition for solutions of (1).

**Cutoff Properties of TM Waves** Solution of the homogeneous differential equation (1) subject to the given boundary condition is possible only for discrete values of the constant  $k_c$ . These are the *characteristic values*, *allowed values*, or *eigenvalues* of the problem, any one of which determines a particular TM mode for the given guide. It can be shown (Prob. 8.13e) that, for any lossless dielectric region which is completely closed by perfect conductors, the allowed values of  $k_c$  must be real. Hence the propagation constant from (2),

$$\gamma = \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2} \quad (6)$$

always exhibits cutoff properties. That is, for a particular mode in a perfect dielectric,  $\gamma$  is real for the range of frequencies such that  $k < k_c$ ,  $\gamma$  is zero for  $k = k_c$ , and  $\gamma$  is imaginary for  $k > k_c$ . The cutoff frequency of a given mode is then given by

$$2\pi f_c \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} = k_c \quad (7)$$



**FIG. 8.13** Frequency characteristics of all TE and TM wave types.

and (6) may be written in terms of frequency  $f$  and cutoff frequency  $f_c$ :

$$\gamma = \alpha = k_c \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2}, \quad f < f_c \quad (8)$$

$$\gamma = j\beta = jk \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_c}{f}\right)^2}, \quad f > f_c \quad (9)$$

The phase velocity for all TM modes in an ideal guide then has the form

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = v \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (10)$$

The group velocity is

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta} = v \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

Universal curves for attenuation constant, phase velocity, and group velocity as functions of  $f/f_c$  are shown in Fig. 8.13. Phase velocity is infinite at cutoff frequency and is always greater than the velocity of light in the dielectric; group velocity is zero at cutoff and is always less than the velocity of light in the dielectric. As the frequency increases far beyond cutoff, phase and group velocities both approach the velocity of light in the dielectric.

**Magnetic Fields of the Waves** Once the distribution of  $E_z$  is found by solution of the differential equation (1) subject to the boundary condition  $E_z = 0$ , the transverse electric field of a given mode may be found from relation (3) or (5). The transverse magnetic field may be found from relations (4). By comparing (3) and (4), we see that

$$\frac{E_x}{H_y} = -\frac{E_y}{H_x} = \pm \frac{\gamma}{j\omega\epsilon} \quad (12)$$

These relations show that transverse electric and magnetic fields are at right angles and that their magnitudes are related by the quantity  $\gamma/j\omega\epsilon$ , which may be thought of as the wave impedance or field impedance of the mode:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{TM} &= \frac{\gamma}{j\omega\epsilon} = \eta \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_c}{f}\right)^2} \\ \eta &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The wave impedance is imaginary (reactive) for frequencies less than the cutoff frequency and purely real for frequencies above cutoff, approaching the intrinsic impedance of the dielectric at infinite frequency. This type of behavior is also found in the study of lumped-element filters, and it emphasizes that the wave can produce no average power transfer for frequencies below cutoff, where the impedance is imaginary.

The relations between electric and magnetic fields may also be given in the following vector form, which expresses the properties described above:

$$\mathbf{H} = \pm \frac{\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{E}_t}{Z_{TM}} \quad (14)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  is the unit vector in the  $z$  direction. The upper sign is for positively traveling waves, the lower sign for negatively traveling waves.

**Power Transfer in the Waves** The power transfer down the guide is zero below cutoff if the conductor of the guide is perfect. Above cutoff it may be obtained in terms of the field components by integrating the axial component of the Poynting vector over the cross-sectional area. Since it has been shown that transverse components of electric and magnetic fields are in phase and normal to each other, the axial component of the average Poynting vector is one-half the product of the transverse field magnitudes. For a positively traveling wave,

$$W_T = \int_{cs} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*]_z \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{cs} |E_t| |H_t| dS = \frac{Z_{TM}}{2} \int_{cs} |H_t|^2 dS \quad (15)$$

By use of (4), this may be written

$$W_T = \frac{Z_{TM} \omega^2 \epsilon^2}{2k_c^4} \int_{cs} |\nabla_t E_z|^2 dS \quad (16)$$

Making use of the relation

$$\int_{cs} |\nabla_t E_z|^2 dS = k_c^2 \int_{cs} E_z^2 dS \quad (17)$$

(Prob. 8.13e), we obtain

$$W_T = \frac{Z_{TM}\omega^2\epsilon^2}{2k_c^2} \int_{cs} E_z^2 dS = \frac{Z_{TM}}{2\eta^2} \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2 \int_{cs} E_z^2 dS \quad (18)$$

**Attenuation Due to Imperfectly Conducting Boundaries** When the conducting boundaries are imperfect, an exact solution would require solution of Maxwell's equations in both the dielectric and conducting regions. Because this procedure is impractical for most geometrical configurations, we take advantage of the fact that most practical conductors are good enough to cause only a slight modification of the ideal solution, and the expression  $w_L/2W_T$  in formula 5.11(19) may be used. To compute the average power loss per unit length, we require the current flow in the guide walls, which is taken to be the same as that in the ideal guide. By the  $\hat{n} \times \mathbf{H}$  rule, the current per unit width in the boundary is equal to the transverse magnetic field at the boundary and flows in the axial direction since magnetic field is entirely transverse:

$$w_L = \oint_{bound} \frac{R_s}{2} |J_{sz}|^2 dl = \frac{R_s}{2} \oint_{bound} |H_t|^2 dl \quad (19)$$

The attenuation constant is then approximately

$$\alpha_c = \frac{w_L}{2W_T} = \frac{R_s \phi_{bound} |H_t|^2 dl}{2Z_{TM} \int_{cs} |H_t|^2 dS} \text{ nepers/m} \quad (20)$$

If desired, the power loss and hence the attenuation constant may be written in terms of the distribution of  $E_z$  only. By use of (4)

$$W_L = \frac{R_s}{2} \frac{\omega^2\epsilon^2}{k_c^4} \oint_{bound} |\nabla E_z|^2 dl \quad (21)$$

Since  $E_z$  is zero at all points along the boundary, there is no tangential derivative of  $E_z$  there;  $E_z$  has only the derivative normal to the conductor:

$$W_L = \frac{R_s \omega^2 \epsilon^2}{2k_c^4} \oint_{bound} \left[ \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial n} \right]^2 dl = \frac{R_s}{2\eta^2 k_c^2} \left( \frac{f}{f_c} \right)^2 \oint \left[ \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial n} \right]^2 dl \quad (22)$$

An alternative form for the attenuation constant is then

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{2k_c^2 Z_{TM}} \left[ \oint \left( \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial n} \right)^2 dl \Big/ \int_{cs} E_z^2 dS \right] \quad (23)$$

**Attenuation Due to Imperfect Dielectric** It is noted that the general form for propagation constant (9) is exactly the same as that for the special case of the parallel-

plane guide, Eq. 8.3(15). Hence, the modification caused by an imperfect dielectric, taken into account by replacing  $j\omega\epsilon$  by  $j\omega(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')$  or  $\sigma + j\omega\epsilon$ , yields the same form for attenuation as Eq. 8.5(4):

$$\alpha_d = \frac{k\epsilon''/\epsilon'}{2\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} = \frac{\sigma\eta}{2\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} \text{ nepers/m} \quad (24)$$

It is especially interesting to note that the form of the attenuation produced by an imperfect dielectric is the same for all modes and all shapes of guides, though of course the amount of attenuation is a function of the cutoff frequency, which does depend on the guide and the mode.

### 8.14 GENERAL PROPERTIES OF TE WAVES IN CYLINDRICAL CONDUCTING GUIDES OF ARBITRARY CROSS SECTION

Finally, we consider waves that have magnetic field but no electric field in the axial direction. Because of the treatment is similar to that of TM waves in the preceding section, it will be given more briefly.

**The Differential Equation** The finite  $H_z$  of the waves must satisfy the wave equation in the form of Eq. 8.2(18):

$$\nabla_t^2 H_z = -k_c^2 H_z \quad (1)$$

$$k_c^2 = \gamma^2 + k^2 \quad (2)$$

**Boundary Conditions for a Perfectly Conducting Guide** Allowable solutions to (1) are determined by the single boundary condition that at perfect conductors the normal derivative of  $H_z$  must be zero:

$$\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{at boundary} \quad (3)$$

To show that (3) is the required boundary condition, the transverse fields of the wave from Eqs. 8.2(9)–(12) are written:

$$E_x = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \quad E_y = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \quad (4)$$

$$H_x = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \quad H_y = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \quad (5)$$

Relation (5) may be written in the vector form

$$\mathbf{H}_t = \mp \frac{\gamma}{k_c^2} \nabla_t H_z \quad (6)$$

If  $H_z$  has no normal derivative at the boundary, its transverse gradient has only a component tangential to the boundary, so by (6),  $\mathbf{H}_t$  does also. Comparison of (4) and (5) shows that transverse electric and magnetic field components are normal to one another, so electric field is normal to the conducting boundary as required.

**Cutoff Properties of TE Waves** It was mentioned in the preceding section on TM waves that  $k_c$  is always real for dielectric regions completely closed by perfect conductors; the same can be shown for TE waves. By (2),  $\gamma$  then shows cutoff properties exactly the same as for TM waves:

$$\gamma = \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2} \quad (7)$$

Formulas for attenuation constant below cutoff, phase constant, and phase and group velocities above cutoff then follow exactly as in Eqs. 8.13(8)–(11) and the universal curves of Fig. 8.13 apply.

**Electric Field of the Wave** The electric field is everywhere transverse and everywhere normal to the transverse magnetic field components. Transverse components of electric and magnetic field may again be related through a field or wave impedance

$$\frac{E_x}{H_y} = -\frac{E_y}{H_x} = Z_{TE} \quad (8)$$

where, from (4) and (5),

$$Z_{TE} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \eta \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{f_c}{f} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (9)$$

This impedance is imaginary for frequencies below cutoff, infinite at cutoff, and purely real for frequencies above cutoff, approaching the intrinsic impedance  $\eta$  as  $f/f_c$  becomes large.

Electric field may also be written in the vector form

$$\mathbf{E} = \mp Z_{TE} (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{H}_t) \quad (10)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  is the unit vector in the  $z$  direction, and the upper and lower signs apply respectively to positively and negatively traveling waves.

**Power Transfer in TE Waves** Average power transfer in the propagating range is, as usual, obtained from the Poynting vector:

$$\begin{aligned} W_T &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{cs} \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*] \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{cs} |E_t||H_t| dS \\ &= \frac{Z_{TE}}{2} \int_{cs} |H_t|^2 dS \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Or, using (6) and

$$\int_{cs} |\nabla_t H_z|^2 dS = k_c^2 \int_{cs} H_z^2 dS \quad (12)$$

(see Prob. 8.13e), we obtain

$$W_T = \frac{\eta^2(f/f_c)^2}{2Z_{TE}} \int_{cs} H_z^2 dS \quad (13)$$

**Attenuation Due to Imperfectly Conducting Boundaries** As with the TEM mode, there cannot be a true transverse electric wave in most guides with imperfect conductors, since most (but not all) of the TE modes have axial currents that require a certain finite axial electric field when conductivity is finite. This axial field is very small compared with the transverse field, however, so the waves are not renamed.

The axial component of current arises from the transverse component of magnetic field at the boundary:

$$|J_{sz}| = |H_t| = \frac{\beta}{k_c^2} |\nabla_t H_z| = \frac{\beta}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial l} \quad (14)$$

The last form follows since it has been shown that the transverse gradient of  $H_z$  has only a tangential component  $\partial/\partial l$  at the boundary. There is in addition a transverse current arising from the axial magnetic field:

$$|J_{st}| = |H_z| \quad (15)$$

The power loss per unit length is then

$$w_L = \frac{R_s}{2} \oint [ |H_z|^2 + |H_t|^2 ] dl \quad (16)$$

The attenuation caused by the conductor losses is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s \delta [ |H_z|^2 + |H_t|^2 ] dl}{2Z_{TE} \int |H_t|^2 dS} \text{ nepers/m} \quad (17)$$

**Attenuation Due to Imperfect Dielectric** Since the propagation constant of the TE waves has the same form as for the TM waves, it follows that the form for attenuation due to an imperfect dielectric does also. For a reasonably good dielectric, the approximate form, Eq. 8.13(24), may be used.

## 8.15 WAVES BELOW AND NEAR CUTOFF

The higher-order waves that may exist in transmission lines and all waves that may exist in hollow-pipe waveguides are characterized by cutoff frequencies. If the waves are to be used for propagating energy, we are of course interested only in the behavior

above cutoff. However, the behavior of these reactive or evanescent waves below cutoff is important in at least two practical cases:

1. Application to waveguide attenuators
2. Effects of discontinuities in transmission systems

The attenuation properties of these waves below cutoff have been developed in the previous analyses. It has been found that below the cutoff frequency there is an attenuation only and no phase shift in an ideal guide. The characteristic wave impedance is a purely imaginary quantity, reemphasizing the fact that no energy can propagate down the guide. This is not a dissipative attenuation, as is that due to resistance and conductance in transmission systems with propagating waves. It is a purely reactive attenuation, analogous to that in a filter section made of reactive elements, when this is in the cutoff region. The energy is not lost but is reflected back to the source so that the guide acts as a pure reactance to the source.

The expression for attenuation below cutoff in an ideal guide, Eq. 8.13(8), may be written as

$$\gamma = \alpha = k_c \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2} \quad (1)$$

As  $f$  is decreased below  $f_c$ ,  $\alpha$  increases from zero toward the constant value

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} \quad (2)$$

when  $(f/f_c)^2 \ll 1$ . This is an important point in the use of waveguide attenuators, since it shows that the amount of this attenuation is substantially independent of frequency if the operating frequency is far below the cutoff frequency.

Now let us look for a moment at the relations among the fields of both transverse magnetic and transverse electric waves below cutoff. If  $\gamma = \alpha$  as given by (1) is substituted in the expressions for field components of transverse magnetic waves, Eqs. 8.13(3) and 8.13(4),

$$\begin{aligned} H_x &= \frac{j}{\eta} \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right) \frac{1}{k_c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} & E_x &= - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2} \frac{1}{k_c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \\ H_y &= - \frac{j}{\eta} \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right) \frac{1}{k_c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} & E_y &= - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2} \frac{1}{k_c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

For a given distribution of  $E_z$  across the guide section, which is determined once the guide shape and size and the wave type are specified, it is evident from relations (3) that, as frequency decreases,  $f/f_c \rightarrow 0$ , the components of magnetic field approach zero whereas the transverse components of electric field approach a constant value. We draw the conclusion that electric fields are dominant in transverse magnetic or  $E$  waves far below cutoff. Similarly, magnetic fields are dominant in transverse electric or  $H$  waves far below cutoff. If the waves are far below cutoff, the dimensions of the guide

are small compared with wavelength. For any such region small compared with wavelength, the wave equation will reduce to Laplace's equation so that low-frequency analyses neglecting any tendency toward wave propagation are applicable.

The presence of losses in the guide below cutoff causes the phase constant to change from the zero value for an ideal guide to a small but finite value, and modifies slightly the formula for attenuation. These modifications are most important in the immediate vicinity of cutoff, for with losses there is no longer a sharp transition but a more gradual change from one region to another. It should be emphasized again that the approximate formulas developed in previous sections may become extremely inaccurate in this region. For example, the approximate formulas for attenuation caused by conductor or dielectric losses would yield an infinite value at  $f = f_c$ . The actual value is large compared with the minimum attenuation in the pass range since it is approaching the relatively larger magnitude of attenuation in the cutoff regime, but it is nevertheless finite. Previous formulas have also shown an infinite value of phase velocity at cutoff, and with losses it too will be finite.

## 8.16 DISPERSION OF SIGNALS ALONG TRANSMISSION LINES AND WAVEGUIDES

We have in several instances noted the dispersive properties of transmission systems when phase velocity, group velocity, or both vary with frequency. In Chapter 5 we considered a simple two-frequency group in a dispersive system, but we now wish to be more general, using the Fourier integral of Sec. 7.11. There are two classes of problems of concern. One is that of a *base-band* signal, in which the detailed signal is of concern. Examples are audio or video signals, or electrical pulses from a computer, before being placed on other *carrier* frequencies. The other is that of modulated signals in which the base-band signal is placed on a high-frequency carrier. For the latter case we shall consider amplitude modulation and examine the distortion of the envelope.

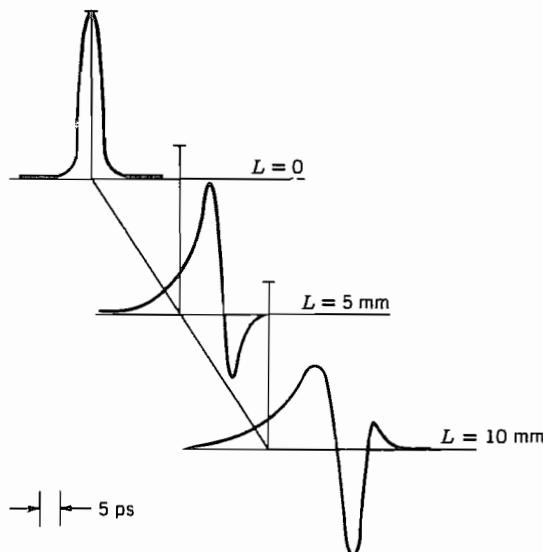
**Base-Band Signals** Given an audio signal, series of pulses, or similar electrical waveform, we can express it as a Fourier integral as in Eq. 7.11(15). For a time function  $f(t)$ , the transform pair may be written

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (1)$$

$$g(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (2)$$

If each frequency component is delayed in phase by  $\beta z$  in propagating distance  $z$  along the transmission system, (1) gives the delayed function at  $z$  as

$$f(t, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} d\omega \quad (3)$$



**FIG. 8.16a** Propagation of a 5-ps gaussian pulse along a microstrip line. Strip width = 0.32 mm, dielectric thickness = 0.4 mm, and  $\epsilon_r = 6.9$ . Reproduced by permission from K. K. Li, G. Arjavalingam, A. Dienes, and J. R. Whinnery, *IEEE Trans. MTT-30*, 1270 (1982). © 1982 IEEE.

Now if

$$\beta = \frac{\omega}{v_p} \quad (4)$$

with  $v_p$  independent of  $\omega$ , (3) is

$$f(t, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{j\omega(t-z/v_p)} d\omega = f\left(t - \frac{z}{v_p}\right) \quad (5)$$

Thus the original function maintains its shape and propagates at the phase velocity, as we have assumed in many wave problems. But any dispersion in  $v_p$  modifies the function, at least to some degree.

Transmission lines are often used for base-band signals and have some dispersion through loss terms and internal inductance as affected by skin effect. Some lines, as the microstrip line of Sec. 8.6, have additional dispersion from the presence of multiple dielectrics. Figure 8.16a shows the result of a numerical calculation from (3), using the dispersion relation of Eq. 8.6(18), for the change in shape of a 5-ps gaussian pulse in propagating along a typical microstrip used with short electrical pulses.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> K. K. Li, G. Arjavalingam, A. Dienes, and J. R. Whinnery, *IEEE Trans. MTT-30*, 1270 (1982).

**Modulated Signals** If the signal (1) is used to amplitude modulate a carrier of amplitude  $V_c$  and angular frequency  $\omega_c$ , the resulting modulated wave may be written

$$v_m(t) = \operatorname{Re}\{V_c e^{j\omega_c t} [1 + mf(t)]\} \quad (6)$$

where  $m$  is a modulation coefficient. In substituting (1) in (6), we use  $\omega_m$  for the frequency of the modulating (base-band) signal, and assume that its significant frequency components extend only over a band  $-\omega_B \leq \omega \leq \omega_B$ :

$$v_m(t, 0) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{ V_c e^{j\omega_c t} \left[ 1 + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} g(\omega_m) e^{j\omega_m t} d\omega_m \right] \right\} \quad (7)$$

Or letting  $\omega = \omega_c + \omega_m$ ,

$$v_m(t, 0) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{ V_c e^{j\omega_c t} + \frac{mV_c}{2\pi} \int_{\omega_c - \omega_B}^{\omega_c + \omega_B} g(\omega - \omega_c) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \right\} \quad (8)$$

Frequencies above  $\omega_c$  in the integral in (8) correspond to upper sideband terms and those below  $\omega_c$  to lower sideband terms. Each frequency component propagates according to its appropriate phase constant  $\beta$ . Let us expand  $\beta$  as a Taylor series about  $\omega_c$ :

$$\beta(\omega) = \beta(\omega_c) + (\omega - \omega_c) \frac{d\beta}{d\omega} \Big|_{\omega_c} + \frac{(\omega - \omega_c)^2}{2} \frac{d^2\beta}{d\omega^2} \Big|_{\omega_c} + \dots \quad (9)$$

So the modulated signal, after propagating a distance  $z$ , is

$$v_m(t, z) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{ V_c e^{j[\omega_c t - \beta(\omega_c)z]} \times \left[ 1 + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} g(\omega_m) e^{j[\omega_m(t-z/v_g) - (\omega_m^2/2)z(d^2\beta/d\omega^2) + \dots]} d\omega_m \right] \right\} \quad (10)$$

where

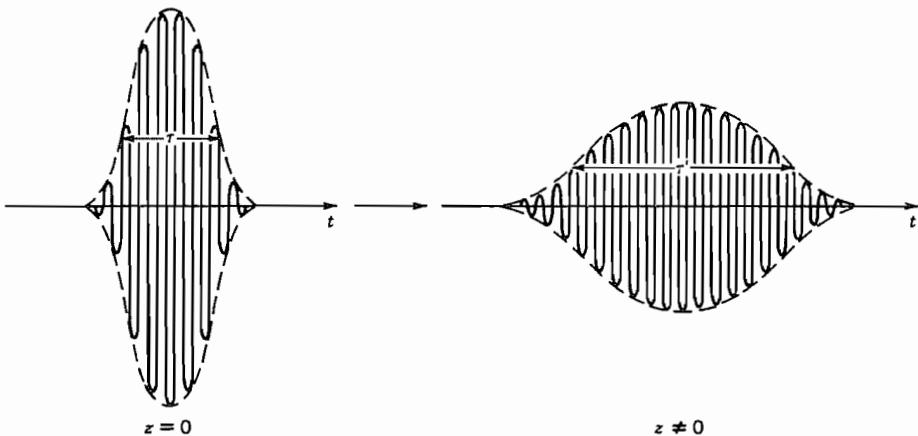
$$\frac{1}{v_g} = \frac{d\beta}{d\omega} \Big|_{\omega_c} \quad (11)$$

Now if  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$  and higher terms are negligible, (10) is interpreted as

$$v_m(t, z) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{ V_c e^{j[\omega_c t - \beta(\omega_c)z]} \left[ 1 + mf\left(t - \frac{z}{v_g}\right) \right] \right\} \quad (12)$$

so the envelope propagates without distortion at group velocity  $v_g$  (though the carrier inside moves at a generally different phase velocity). But if the higher-order terms are not negligible, the envelope is distorted and there is said to be *group dispersion*. For a gaussian envelope,

$$f(t) = C e^{-(2t/\tau)^2} \quad (13)$$



**FIG. 8.16b** Illustration of the spread of the modulated envelope of a pulse as it travels down a system with group dispersion.

It can be shown (Prob. 8.16c) that the term  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$  causes the envelope to spread to a width  $\tau'$  after propagating distance  $z$ , with  $\tau'$  given by

$$\tau' = \tau \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{8z}{\tau^2} \frac{d^2\beta}{d\omega^2} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

The spread of a gaussian envelope, illustrated in Fig. 8.16b, clearly limits data rates as pulses begin to overlap their neighbors. Although a factor in some waveguide problems (Prob. 8.16a) the limitation is most important for optical fibers and will be met again in Chapter 14.

## PROBLEMS

- 8.2a** As we will see later, one mode of a rectangular waveguide is a TM wave with  $H_z = 0$  and  $E_z = A \sin(\pi x/a) \sin(\pi y/b)$  with  $z$  and  $t$  dependence assumed to be  $e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)}$ . Find expressions for the transverse field components. At a given plane what are the phase relations among the transverse components and between them and  $E_z$ .
- 8.2b** The division into TM and TE classes is not the only way of classifying guided waves, as noted in Sec. 8.2. Another frequently useful division employs longitudinal-section electric (LSE) with  $E_x = 0$  but all other components present and longitudinal-section magnetic (LSM) with  $H_x = 0$  but all other components present. Find the relations between  $E_z$  and  $H_z$  for each of these classes.
- 8.3a** Add induced charges and current flows, with attention to sign, to the pictures of Figs. 8.3b and c for the positively traveling  $TM_1$  and  $TE_1$  waves. Repeat for negatively traveling waves.

- 8.3b** Calculate cutoff frequency for  $\text{TE}_1$ ,  $\text{TE}_2$ ,  $\text{TE}_3$ ,  $\text{TM}_1$ ,  $\text{TM}_2$ ,  $\text{TM}_3$  waves between planes 1.5 cm apart with air dielectric. Repeat for a glass dielectric with  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0 = 4$ . Suppose excitation at 8 GHz is provided at a cross section of the air-filled line and all waves are excited. Which wave(s) will propagate without attenuation? At what distance from the excitation plane will each of the nonpropagating waves be attenuated to  $1/e$  of its value at the excitation plane?

- 8.3c** The slope of an electric field line in the  $x-z$  plane is  $dx/dz = E_x/E_z$ . Show that the curve for an electric field line of a  $\text{TM}_1$  wave, obtained from the expressions for  $E_x$  and  $E_z$  of the wave, is defined by

$$\cos \beta z = [\cos \pi x_0/a][\cos(\pi x/a)]^{-1}$$

where  $x_0$  is the value of  $x$  for a given curve at  $z = 0$ . Plot one or two lines to verify the form shown in Fig. 8.3b. [Hint: First express fields as real functions of  $z$ .)

- 8.3d** Similarly to Prob. 8.3c, derive the expression defining magnetic field lines for a  $\text{TE}_1$  wave and plot one or two lines to verify the form shown in Fig. 8.3c.

- 8.3e\*** Find the expression for electric field lines for a  $\text{TM}_2$  wave, plot one or two lines, and sketch the remainder to give a plot similar to Fig. 8.3b. Similarly, plot and sketch magnetic field lines for a  $\text{TE}_2$  wave.

- 8.3f** Show that the expression for energy velocity as derived for  $\text{TM}_m$  waves [Eq. 8.3(37)] also applies to  $\text{TE}_m$  waves.

- 8.4a** Calculate the angle  $\theta$  as defined in Fig. 8.4a for ray directions of a  $\text{TM}_1$  mode between planes 1.5 cm apart with glass dielectric,  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0 = 4$ , for frequencies of 5, 6, 10, and 30 GHz.

- 8.4b** Obtain the expressions for wave impedance of TM and TE waves, using the picture of uniform plane waves reflecting at an angle.

- 8.4c\*** By suitably changing coordinates as in Ex. 8.4, show that the expressions 6.09(18)–(20) for a wave polarized with electric field normal to the plane of incidence striking a conductor at an angle correspond exactly to the field expressions for a  $\text{TE}_m$  wave.

- 8.5a** Find average power transfer and conductor loss for a TE mode between parallel planes to verify the expression for attenuation, Eq. 8.5(12).

- 8.5b** Calculate attenuation in decibels per meter for a  $\text{TM}_1$  wave between copper planes 1.5 cm apart with air dielectric. Frequency is 12 GHz. For the same frequency and spacing, a glass dielectric with  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\epsilon''/\epsilon' = 2 \times 10^{-3}$  is introduced. Calculate attenuation from both dielectric and conductor losses.

- 8.5c** Prove that the frequency of minimum attenuation for a  $\text{TM}_m$  mode, from conductor losses, is  $\sqrt{3}f_c$ , where  $f_c$  is cutoff frequency. Give the expression for the minimum attenuation and calculate for silver conductors 2 cm apart and air dielectric for the  $m = 1, 2$ , and 3 modes.

- 8.5d** Show that the transmission-line formula for attenuation constant, Eq. 5.9(7), gives precisely the same result as the approximate wave analysis of Sec. 8.5 for the TEM wave.

- 8.5e** Derive the approximate formula for attenuation constant due to dielectric losses by using  $\alpha = w_L/2W_T$ .

- 8.5f\*** Since  $E_z$  is equal and opposite at top and bottom conductors for TEM wave in the

parallel-plane line, it is reasonable to assume a linear variation between the two values:

$$E_z = (1 + j) \frac{R_s E_0}{\eta} \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{a} \right)$$

Find the modification in the distribution for  $E_x$  to satisfy the divergence equation for  $\mathbf{E}$ . Find the corresponding modification in  $H_y$  from Maxwell's equations. Describe qualitatively the average Poynting vector as a function of position in the guide.

- 8.6a** For a symmetric stripline as in Fig. 8.6a with  $w = 1$  mm,  $d = 2$  mm,  $\epsilon_r = 2.7$ , and thickness  $t$  negligible (but larger than several penetration depths), calculate  $Z_0$  and phase velocity of the TEM mode and the cutoff frequency of the next higher mode. [Note that tables of elliptic integrals are required.]
- 8.6b** For  $\epsilon_r = 1$ , the lossless microstrip of Fig. 8.6b can propagate a true TEM wave at the velocity of light. Find inductance and capacitance per unit length for a  $50-\Omega$  line with such a dielectric and the required  $w/d$  for this from Fig. 8.6c. Calculate the difference due to fringing fields between the capacitance per unit length found above and that given by the parallel-plane approximation, and express this as an equivalent extra width,  $\Delta w/d$ . Now maintaining  $w/d$  constant, assuming inductance is independent of  $\epsilon_r$ , and transmission-line equations applicable, repeat for other values of  $\epsilon_r$  and plot the extra equivalent  $\Delta w/d$  due to fringing as a function of  $\epsilon_r$ .
- 8.6c** Calculate the characteristic impedance for a copper microstrip line with an alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ceramic) dielectric and air above the line. The dimensions should be  $w/d = 8$  and  $d = 0.2$  mm. Compare the results obtained using the formulas with the graphical data in Sec. 8.6. Find the fractional change of  $Z_0$  between  $f = 0$  and  $f = 3$  GHz. Calculate the maximum frequency at which the static approximation should be used.
- 8.6d** Design a stripline with the same materials and substrate thickness  $d$  and having the characteristic impedance found in Prob. 8.6c for the microstrip line. Calculate and compare the attenuations in the microstrip and stripline at 3 GHz assuming conductor thicknesses of 0.01 mm. Neglect dielectric losses.
- 8.6e** It is desired to make a  $15-\Omega$  stripline with the maximum possible delay achievable with no more than 3 dB attenuation at 10 GHz. Consider two possible lines. One is to be made with copper conductors with  $w = 100 \mu\text{m}$  and alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ceramic) dielectric and is to be used at room temperature. The other is made with superconducting niobium conductors with  $w = 100 \mu\text{m}$  and undoped silicon dielectric, having  $\epsilon_r = 11.7$  and loss tangent  $\tan \delta_e = 10^{-5}$  at 4.2 K, at which temperature the line is to be used. Take  $R_s = 10^{-5} \Omega$  for niobium at 4.2 K and the strip thickness to be 5  $\mu\text{m}$  for copper and 1  $\mu\text{m}$  for niobium. Find the maximum delay achievable with each of the lines.
- 8.6f** Consider the coplanar waveguide strip transmission line shown in Fig. 8.6f. Assuming the line is on an infinitely thick dielectric substrate, the electric fields are distributed symmetrically above and below the line.

- (i) Argue that this leads to an effective dielectric constant  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = (\epsilon_r + 1)/2$ .
- (ii) Find the dimensions to give a line with  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$  using  $\epsilon_r = 3.78$  and the following design formula<sup>4</sup>

$$\frac{w}{a} = \tanh^2 \left( \frac{\pi \eta_0}{8Z_{00}} - \frac{\ln 2}{2} \right)$$

where  $Z_{00}$  is the characteristic impedance when the dielectric constant is  $\epsilon_r = 1$

everywhere, and  $w$  is the width of the strip located in the center of a gap of width  $a$ .

- 8.6g** The various frequency components in a signal (e.g., a pulse) propagate at phase velocities determined by the effective dielectric constants at those frequencies. As will be discussed in Sec. 8.16, this variation of velocity leads to dispersion of signals. The fractional variation of phase velocity with frequency in a coplanar waveguide is lower at low frequencies than it is in microstrip. Consider the following 50- $\Omega$  lines with copper conductors and 0.635-mm-thick alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ceramic) substrates. The coplanar line has a strip width  $w$  of 0.266 mm and gaps  $s$  of 0.117 mm each. The strip width in the microstrip line is 0.598 mm.

- (i) Plot the fractional change of phase velocity of the quasi-TEM mode as a function of frequency in the range  $0 < f < 50$  GHz for the coplanar guide and  $0 < f < 35$  GHz for the microstrip. For the microstrip, mark  $f_{\max}$ , the limit of applicability of the static formulation, and also the cutoff frequency of the next higher mode,  $(f_c)_{\text{HEI}} = cZ_0/2\eta_0 d$ . Also mark the cutoff frequency  $f_{\text{TE}} = c/4d\sqrt{\epsilon_r - 1}$  of the next higher mode for the coplanar waveguide.
- (ii) Find the fractional change of the phase velocity at the cutoff frequency of the next higher mode for the coplanar waveguide.

- 8.6h** Compare the total attenuation at 3 GHz in nepers/meter for the two lines described in Prob. 8.6g and explain the physical reason why the higher one is higher.
- 8.7a** For a rectangular waveguide with inner dimensions  $3 \times 1.5$  cm and air dielectric, calculate the cutoff frequencies of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{20}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{11}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{12}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{21}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{22}$ ,  $\text{TM}_{11}$ ,  $\text{TM}_{22}$  modes. Repeat for a glass dielectric with  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0 = 4$ . Find lengths to the  $1/e$  distances for the nonpropagating modes excited at 10 GHz.
- 8.7b** Derive the expression for magnetic lines in the transverse plane of a  $\text{TM}_{11}$  wave and plot one or two such lines, comparing with Table 8.7. (See approach in Prob. 8.3c.)
- 8.7c** Derive the expression for electric field lines in the transverse plane of a  $\text{TE}_{11}$  wave and plot one or two such lines, comparing with Table 8.7. (See approach in Prob. 8.3c.)
- 8.7d** Show that the expression for attenuation because of conductor loss for a  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  mode in the rectangular guide is as given by Eq. 8.7(14).
- 8.7e** Show that the expression for attenuation because of conductor loss for a  $\text{TE}_{mnn}$  mode (neither  $m$  nor  $n$  zero) in the rectangular guide is as given by Eq. 8.7(26). Explain why this does not apply to  $m = 0$  or  $n = 0$  case.
- 8.7f** Recalling that surface resistivity  $R_s$  is a function of frequency, find the frequency of minimum attenuation for a  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  mode. Show that the expression for attenuation of a  $\text{TE}_{mnn}$  mode must also have a minimum.
- 8.7g\*** Of the wave types studied so far, those transverse magnetic to the axial direction were obtained by setting  $H_z = 0$ ; those transverse electric to the axial direction were obtained by setting  $E_z = 0$ . For the rectangular waveguide, obtain the lowest-order mode with  $H_x = 0$  but all other components present. This may be called a wave transverse magnetic to the  $x$  direction. Show that it may also be obtained by superposing the TM and TE waves given previously of just sufficient amounts so that  $H_x$  from the two waves exactly cancel. This is a longitudinal-section wave as discussed in Prob. 8.2.
- 8.7h\*** Repeat Prob. 8.7g for a wave transverse electric to the  $x$  direction.

- 8.7i** From the form of Eqs. 8.2(9)–(12), show that for a TM wave, imposition of the condition  $E_z = 0$  on a perfectly conducting boundary of a cylindrical guide causes the other tangential component of  $\mathbf{E}$  also to be zero along that boundary.

- 8.8a** For  $f = 3$  GHz, design a rectangular waveguide with copper conductor and air dielectric so that the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave will propagate with a 30% safety factor ( $f = 1.30f_c$ ) but also so that the wave type with next higher cutoff will be 20% below its cutoff frequency. Calculate the attenuation due to copper losses in decibels per meter.
- 8.8b** For Prob. 8.8a, calculate the attenuation in decibels per meter of the three modes with cutoff frequencies closest to that of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode, neglecting losses.
- 8.8c** Design a guide for use at 3 GHz with the same requirements as in Prob. 8.8a except that the guide is to be filled with a dielectric having a permittivity four times that of air. Calculate the increase in attenuation due to copper losses alone, assuming that the dielectric is perfect. Calculate the additional attenuation due to the dielectric, if  $\epsilon''/\epsilon' = 0.01$ .
- 8.8d** Find the maximum power that can be carried by a 6-GHz  $\text{TE}_{10}$  wave in an air-filled guide 4 cm wide and 2 cm high, taking the breakdown field in air at that frequency as  $2 \times 10^6$  V/m.
- 8.8e** The transmission-line analogy can be applied to the transverse field components, the ratios of which are constants over guide cross sections and are given by wave impedances, just as in the case of plane waves in Chapter 6. A rectangular waveguide of inside dimensions  $4 \times 2$  cm is to propagate a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode of frequency 5 GHz. A dielectric of constant  $\epsilon_r = 3$  fills the guide for  $z > 0$ , with an air dielectric for  $z < 0$ . Assuming the dielectric-filled part to be matched, find the reflection coefficient at  $z = 0$  and the standing wave ratio in the air-filled part.
- 8.8f** Find the length and dielectric constant of a quarter-wave matching section to be placed between the air and given dielectric of Prob. 8.8e.
- 8.9a** Derive the set of Eqs. 8.9(1)–(4) by utilizing Maxwell's equations in circular cylindrical coordinates and assuming propagation as  $e^{-j\beta z}$ .
- 8.9b** What inner radius do you need for an air-filled round pipe to propagate the  $\text{TE}_{11}$  wave at 6 GHz with operating frequency 20% above the cutoff frequency? What is the guide wavelength for this mode? Find the attenuation in decibels per meter of the  $\text{TM}_{01}$  mode at this frequency, neglecting losses for that calculation.
- 8.9c** Show that the expression for attenuation from conductor losses of a  $\text{TM}_{nl}$  mode is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{a\eta\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}}$$

At what value of  $\omega/\omega_c$  is this a minimum?

- 8.9d\*** Show that the expression for attenuation from conductor losses of a  $\text{TE}_{nl}$  mode is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{a\eta\sqrt{1 - (\omega_c/\omega)^2}} \left[ \left( \frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \right)^2 + \frac{n^2}{p_{nl}^{'2} - n^2} \right]$$

- 8.9e** For a circular air-filled guide with copper conductor, select a radius so that the  $\text{TE}_{01}$  mode has attenuation of 0.3 dB/km for a frequency of 4 GHz. Estimate the number of modes (counting only the symmetric ones with  $n = 0$ ) that have cutoff frequencies below the operating frequency.
- 8.10** Use the asymptotic forms of Bessel functions in Eqs. 8.10(1) and (2) for TM and TE waves, respectively, to show that for large  $k_c r_i$  and  $r_0/r_i$  near unity, the cutoff wavelength of the  $n = 0, p = 1$  modes is approximately twice the spacing between conductors.

- 8.11a** Sketch examples of mode couplings by each of the six methods described in Sec. 8.11 using for each a system different from the one utilized in Fig. 8.11 to illustrate it.
- 8.11b** Plot fraction of power coupled from a coaxial line into a waveguide (Fig. 8.11g) as a function of frequency from 10 to 11 GHz if probe radius is 1.5 mm and other dimensions are as stated in the figure caption.
- 8.12a** Demonstrate that, although in a TEM wave  $\mathbf{E}$  does satisfy Laplace's equation in the transverse plane and so may be considered a gradient of a scalar insofar as variations in the transverse plane are concerned,  $\mathbf{E}$  is not the gradient of a scalar when variations in all directions ( $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ ) are included.
- 8.12b** Two perfectly conducting cylinders of arbitrary cross-sectional shapes are parallel and separated by a dielectric of conductivity  $\sigma$  and permittivity  $\epsilon$ . Show that the ratio of electrostatic capacitance per unit length to dc conductance per unit length is  $\epsilon/\sigma$ .
- 8.12c** If the conductors are perfect but the dielectric has conductivity  $\sigma$  as well as permittivity  $\epsilon$ , show that  $\gamma$  must have the following value for a TEM wave to exist ( $E_z = 0$ ,  $H_z = 0$ ):

$$\gamma = \pm [j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)]^{1/2}$$

Explain why the distribution of fields may be a static distribution as in the loss-free line, unlike the case for a lossy conducting boundary.

- 8.12d** How many linearly independent TEM waves may exist on a three-conductor transmission line? Describe current relations for a basic set. Complete the proof that there can be no static field, and hence no TEM wave, inside a single infinite cylindrical conductor.
- 8.13a** Show that the circuit of Fig. P8.13a may be used to represent the propagation characteristics of the transverse magnetic wave, if the characteristic wave impedance and propagation constant are written by analogy with transmission-line results in terms of an impedance  $Z_1$  and an admittance  $Y_1$  per unit length, and the medium is  $\mu_1, \epsilon_1$ .

$$Z_{TM} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_1}{Y_1}}, \quad \gamma = \sqrt{Z_1 Y_1}$$

Note the similarity between this and the circuits of conventional filter sections, remembering of course that all constants in this circuit are in reality distributed constants.

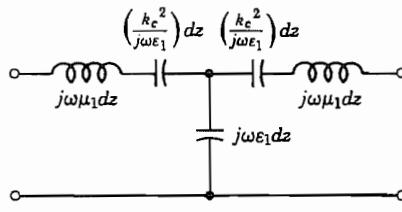


FIG. P8.13a

- 8.13b** Show that all field components for a TM wave may be derived from the axial component of the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$ . Obtain the expressions relating  $E_x$ ,  $H_x$ , and so on to  $A_z$ , the differential equation for  $A_z$ , and the boundary conditions to be applied at a perfect conductor. Repeat using the axial component of the Hertz potential defined in Prob. 3.19b.

- 8.13c** Show for a TM wave that the magnetic field distribution in the transverse plane can be derived from a scalar flux function, and relate this to  $E_z$ . With transverse electric field derivable from a scalar potential function and transverse magnetic field derivable from a scalar flux function, does it follow that both are static-type distributions as in the TEM wave? Explain.
- 8.13d** Show that energy velocity equals group velocity for the TM modes in a lossless waveguide of general cross section.
- 8.13e\*** Show that  $E_z(x, y)$  for a general TM wave in a perfectly conducting guide satisfies the equation

$$k_c^2 = \left[ \int_S (\nabla_t E_z)^2 dS \right] \left[ \int_S E_z^2 dS \right]^{-1}$$

where  $\nabla_t$  represents the transverse gradient and the integral is over the cross section of the guide. From this argue that  $k_c^2$  is real and positive for waves in which phase is constant over the transverse plane.

- 8.13f\*** Numerical methods can be used to find the propagation constants for waveguides of arbitrary cross section. Following the procedures used in solving the Laplace or Poisson equations in Sec. 1.21 to get a difference equation solution for the scalar Helmholtz equation  $\nabla^2\psi + k_c^2\psi = 0$ , one finds the residual at the  $k$ th step to be  $R^{(k)}(x, y) = \psi^{(k)}(x, y + h) + \psi^{(k)}(x, y - h) + \psi^{(k)}(x + h, y) + \psi^{(k)}(x - h, y) - (4 - k_c^2 h^2)/\psi^{(k-1)}(x, y)$ . The change of variable from one iteration step to the next in the successive overrelaxation method is governed by  $\psi^{(k)} = \psi^{(k-1)} + \Omega R^{(k)} / (4 - k_c^2 h^2)$ . Apply the equations with  $\Omega$  set to 1.0 for convenience to make a numerical evaluation of  $k_c^2$  for a  $TM_{11}$  mode in a rectangular waveguide. Assume a rectangular guide with side ratio 1:2. The Helmholtz equation to be solved is Eq. 8.13(1). Divide the waveguide into a grid of 18 squares and number the interior points 1–10 left to right, top to bottom. A reasonable initial guess for the product  $k_c^2 h^2 = u^2 h^2$  can be formed assuming a one-dimensional variation in the smallest dimension; here take  $k_c^2 h^2 = 1.1$ . Start with  $E_z$  having the following values at the grid points as a first guess: for points 1, 5, 6, and 10,  $E_z = 30$ ; for points 2, 4, 7, and 9,  $E_z = 50$ ; for points 3 and 8,  $E_z = 70$ . Use simple relaxation twice to improve the values of  $E_z$  for the given  $k_c^2 h^2$ . Then calculate an improved value of  $k_c^2 h^2$  using the relation

$$k_c^2 h^2 = \frac{\sum E_z(x, y)[E_{zN} + E_{zE} + E_{zS} + E_{zW} - 4E_z(x, y)]}{\sum E_z^2(x, y)}$$

where  $N, E, S, W$  indicate the points surrounding the grid point at  $(x, y)$  and the summations are over all grid points. Next make two more steps of relaxation to adjust the fields to the new  $k_c^2 h^2$ . Then use the above formula to get a second correction to  $k_c^2 h^2$ . Compare the result with the value of  $k_c^2 h^2$  found using differential equations in Sec. 8.7.

- 8.14a** Derive the equivalent circuit for a TE wave analogous to that of a TM wave given in Prob. 8.13a.
- 8.14b** Show that fields satisfying Maxwell's equations in a homogeneous charge-free, cur-

rent-free dielectric may be derived from a vector potential  $\mathbf{F}$ :

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H} &= \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - j\omega\mathbf{F} \\ (\nabla^2 + k^2)\mathbf{F} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Obtain expressions for all field components of a TE wave from the axial component  $F_z$  of the above potential function, and give the differential equation and boundary conditions for  $F_z$ .

- 8.14c** Show that if one utilizes the potential function  $\mathbf{A}$  instead of the  $\mathbf{F}$  of Prob. 8.14b for derivation of a TE wave, more than one component is required.
- 8.14d** Show for a TE mode that transverse distribution of electric field can be derived from a scalar flux function. How is this related to  $H_z$ ?
- 8.14e** Show that the energy velocity equals the group velocity for the TE modes in a lossless waveguide of general cross section.
- 8.14f** Show for a TM wave in any shape of guide passing from one dielectric material to another, that at one frequency the change in cutoff factor may cancel the change in  $\eta$ , and the wave may pass between the two media without reflection. Identify this condition with the case of incidence at polarizing angle in Sec. 6.13. Determine the requirement for a similar situation with TE waves, and show why it is not practical to obtain this.
- 8.15** A particular waveguide attenuator is circular in cross section with radius 1 cm. Plot attenuation in decibels per meter for the  $TE_{11}$  mode over the frequency range 1–4 GHz. Also plot attenuation of the mode with next nearest cutoff frequency.
- 8.16a** For a hollow-pipe waveguide, with  $\beta$  given by Eq. 8.13(9), find the group dispersion term  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$ . Find the length of waveguide for which the width of a gaussian pulse with  $\tau = 1$  ns is doubled if frequency is 10 GHz and  $\omega_c/\omega = 0.85$ .
- 8.16b** Find  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$  for a transmission line with series resistance  $R$  and shunt conductance  $G$  independent of frequency, where  $R/\omega L$  and  $G/\omega C$  are small compared with unity. Repeat for a coaxial line with  $G = 0$  and  $R$  governed by skin effect. Is the resulting group dispersion likely to be significant in usual applications?
- 8.16c\*** Start with a gaussian function  $f(t)$  given by Eq. 8.16(13) and find its  $g(\omega)$ . Using this in Eq. 8.16(10), show that the envelope broadens with  $z$  as given by Eq. 8.16(14).
- 8.16d\*** From the solution of Prob. 8.16c find phase  $\phi$  at  $z$  for the high-frequency pulse with gaussian envelope and find the frequency “chirp,” defined as  $d\phi/dt$ .

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## Special Waveguide Types

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

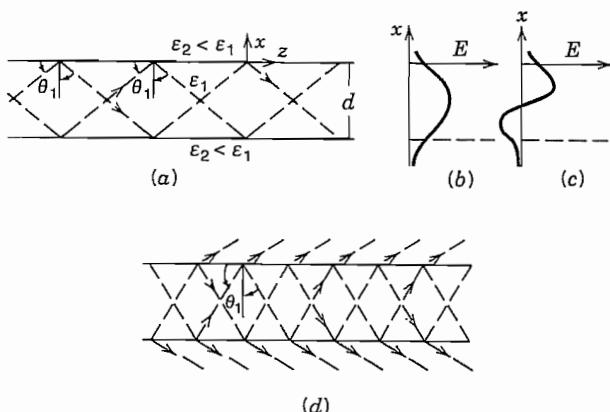
The preceding chapter dealt with the important special case of waveguides with cylindrical conducting boundaries. In this chapter, we examine several examples of waveguiding systems of different shapes and properties.

We start with dielectric guides which demonstrate that boundaries other than metal-dielectric boundaries can guide waves in cylindrical systems. Dielectric guides are now important for optical communication uses and are explored more in Chapter 14. There follows an examination of radial guiding, both in cylindrical coordinates and in spherical coordinates. The former is important in certain classes of resonant systems and the latter in antenna theory. Waveguides of special cross section, used either for impedance matching or to lower the cutoff frequency for a given transverse dimension, are analyzed. Finally, classes of waves with phase velocity much slower than the velocity of light are studied both in uniform systems and in periodic systems. These are important for such purposes as the interaction with electron beams in traveling-wave tubes and for confining electromagnetic energy near a surface.

The examples selected are not only important in themselves but illustrate a number of important principles. The principle of duality shows how the solution of one problem may sometimes be used for another by interchange of electric and magnetic fields. Cutoff in a waveguide is shown to correspond to a condition of transverse resonance, which leads to a variety of approximate and exact techniques for analyzing guides of irregular shape. Periodic systems show the importance of spatial harmonics for interpreting the behavior of such systems.

### 9.2 DIELECTRIC WAVEGUIDES

Dielectric rods, slabs, or films can guide electromagnetic energy if surrounded by a dielectric of lower permittivity. Guides of this type were analyzed by Hondros and



**FIG. 9.2** (a) Rays totally reflected from dielectric boundaries when  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_2$  and  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$ . (b) Form of electric field distribution versus  $x$  in lowest-order mode. (c) Form of field versus  $x$  in next higher-order mode. (d) Leaky wave when  $\theta_1 < \theta_c$ .

Debye<sup>1</sup> in 1910 and demonstrated by Zahn<sup>2</sup> in 1916. They have become very important as guides for light in optical communication systems, and so will be treated in detail in Chapter 14. Because of the importance of the principle and some use in other frequency ranges, we introduce the subject here with some physical pictures and comparisons with metal-clad guiding systems.

To illustrate dielectric guiding, consider the slab guide of Fig. 9.2a with dielectric  $\epsilon_1$  surrounded by  $\epsilon_2 < \epsilon_1$ . In this picture we consider the mode as made up of plane waves reflecting at an angle from the boundaries between dielectrics, interfering within the slab to produce a particular mode pattern when conditions are correct.<sup>3</sup> From the concept of total reflection (Sec. 6.12), we know that all energy is reflected from the interface if angle  $\theta_1$  of the rays (normals to the wavefronts) is greater than critical angle  $\theta_c$ ,

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

where we assume  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ . The interference within the slab to produce a mode pattern is analogous to that described for the TE<sub>10</sub> mode of rectangular guide (Sec. 8.8). The differences are in the phases of reflections at the boundaries and in the evanescent fields extending into the dielectric regions above and below the dielectric guide.

The exponential decay of fields in the dielectric of region 2, when  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$ , is given

<sup>1</sup> D. Hondros and P. Debye, Ann. Phys. **32**, 466 (1910).

<sup>2</sup> H. Zahn, Ann. Phys. **49**, 907 (1916).

<sup>3</sup> H. Kogelnik, in *Guided Wave Optoelectronics*, (T. Tamir, Ed.), 2nd ed., Springer-Verlag, New York, 1990.

by Eq. 6.12(7), which for  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ , gives the decay coefficient in the  $x$  direction as

$$\alpha_x = \frac{\omega}{c} \varepsilon_{r2}^{1/2} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \sin^2 \theta_1 - 1 \right]^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

The transverse field distribution in the lowest-order mode is sketched in Fig. 9.2b, and that for the next higher mode in Fig. 9.2c. The phase constant along the guide is

$$\beta = k_{1z} = k_1 \sin \theta_1 \quad (3)$$

Cutoff for the dielectric guide is considered the condition for which  $\theta_1 = \theta_c$  at which point  $\beta = k_2$ . For steeper angles,  $\theta_1 < \theta_c$ , there is some energy transmission into the outer medium on each reflection, leading to leaky waves, as indicated in Fig. 9.2d.

For the interfering zigzag plane waves to form a mode, the phase lag after reflection from top and bottom and return to the top must be a multiple of  $2\pi$ :

$$-2k_1 d \cos \theta_1 + 2\phi = m2\pi \quad (4)$$

where  $m$  is an integer and  $\phi$  is the phase at reflection from medium 2. Using Sec. 6.11 we can find phase at reflection from  $\rho$  for TE and TM<sup>4</sup> waves, respectively, taking  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ :

$$\phi_{\text{TE}} = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_1 - \varepsilon_2/\varepsilon_1} / \cos \theta_1 \right] \quad (5)$$

$$\phi_{\text{TM}} = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\left( \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \sin \theta_1 \right)^2 - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2}} / \cos \theta_1 \right] \quad (6)$$

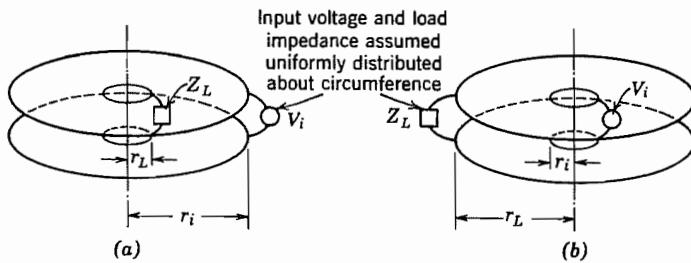
The mode with  $m = 0$  in (4) exists for arbitrarily small  $k_1 d$  for both TE and TM modes, but for other values of  $m$  there is a minimum  $k_1 d$  for cutoff (Prob. 9.2d). For the  $m = 0$  mode with  $k_1 d$  small,  $\alpha_x$  is also small so that fields extend well into the external region: i.e., the mode is only weakly guided (Prob. 9.2e).

The same physical principle of wave reflection at the interface applies to fibers and other dielectric guides of circular cross section, but the detailed development is more complicated. These will consequently be treated in Chapter 14 by a field analysis, together with a more detailed treatment of the planar guides.

### 9.3 PARALLEL-PLANE RADIAL TRANSMISSION LINES

Linearly propagating waves between parallel planes were studied in Secs. 8.3–8.5 and a connection was made between the TEM wave and a transmission-line wave, where the two plates are the conductors of the line. Here we analyze radially propagating TEM waves between parallel conducting planes and introduce a transmission-line type of

<sup>4</sup> For TM reflection coefficient defined in terms of an electric field component parallel to the interface, as in Sec. 6.11, there is an extra  $\pi$  in the phase at reflection. But this is a result of a reversal in spatial direction, compensated for on the next reflection.



**FIG. 9.3** (a) Radial transmission line with input at outer radius. (b) Radial transmission line with input at inner radius.

formalism to facilitate impedance-matching calculations (Figs. 9.3a and b). Higher-order modes are introduced in the following section. The wave under consideration has no field variations either circumferentially or axially. There are then field components  $E_z$  and  $H_\phi$  only. The component  $E_z$ , having no variations in the  $z$  direction, corresponds to a total voltage  $E_z d$  between plates. The component  $H_\phi$  corresponds to a total radial current  $2\pi r H_\phi$ , outward in one plate and inward in the other. This wave is then analogous to an ordinary transmission-line wave and thus derives its name, radial transmission line.

For the simple wave described there are no radial field components, and analysis may be made by the nonuniform transmission-line theory of Sec. 5.17, allowing  $L$  and  $C$  to vary with radius. However, the wave solution for fields may also be obtained directly from the results of Sec. 7.20. Since there are no  $\phi$  or  $z$  variations,  $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  may be set equal to zero. Special linear combinations of Bessel functions have been defined particularly for this problem,<sup>5</sup> but for occasional solution of radial line problems, known forms of the Bessel functions are satisfactory. The form of Eq. 7.20(6) in the Hankel functions is particularly suitable since these can be shown to have the character of waves traveling radially inward or outward. Since  $k_c = (\gamma^2 + k^2)^{1/2}$  by Eq. 8.2(19) and  $\gamma = 0$  has been assumed, then  $k_c = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ .

$$E_z = AH_0^{(1)}(kr) + BH_0^{(2)}(kr) \quad (1)$$

With  $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  zero, the only remaining field component in Eqs. 8.9(1)–(4) is  $H_\phi$ :

$$H_\phi = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} = \frac{j}{\eta} [AH_1^{(1)}(kr) + BH_1^{(2)}(kr)] \quad (2)$$

The  $H_n^{(1)}$  terms are identified as the negatively traveling wave and the  $H_n^{(2)}$  terms as the positively traveling wave because of the asymptotic forms that approach complex

<sup>5</sup> N. Marcuvitz, in *Principles of Microwave Circuits* (C. G. Montgomery, R. H. Dicke, and E. M. Purcell, Eds.), Chap. 8, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1947.

exponentials (Sec. 7.15). It is convenient to utilize the magnitudes and phases of these functions,

$$H_0^{(1)}(v) = J_0(v) + jN_0(v) = G_0(v)e^{j\theta(v)} \quad (3)$$

$$H_0^{(2)}(v) = J_0(v) - jN_0(v) = G_0(v)e^{-j\theta(v)} \quad (4)$$

$$jH_1^{(1)}(v) = -N_1(v) + jJ_1(v) = G_1(v)e^{j\psi(v)} \quad (5)$$

$$jH_1^{(2)}(v) = N_1(v) + jJ_1(v) = -G_1(v)e^{-j\psi(v)} \quad (6)$$

where

$$G_0(v) = [J_0^2(v) + N_0^2(v)]^{1/2}, \quad \theta(v) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{N_0(v)}{J_0(v)} \right] \quad (7)$$

$$G_1(v) = [J_1^2(v) + N_1^2(v)]^{1/2}, \quad \psi(v) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{J_1(v)}{-N_1(v)} \right] \quad (8)$$

Expressions (1) and (2) then become

$$E_z = G_0(kr)[Ae^{j\theta(kr)} + Be^{-j\theta(kr)}] \quad (9)$$

$$H_\phi = \frac{G_0(kr)}{Z_0(kr)} [Ae^{j\psi(kr)} - Be^{-j\psi(kr)}] \quad (10)$$

where

$$Z_0(kr) = \eta \frac{G_0(kr)}{G_1(kr)} \quad (11)$$

is a radially dependent characteristic wave impedance.

Evaluation of the constants  $A$  and  $B$  follows from specification of two field values at given radii. For example, given  $E_a$  at  $r_a$  and  $H_b$  at  $r_b$ , the fields at any radius  $r$  are

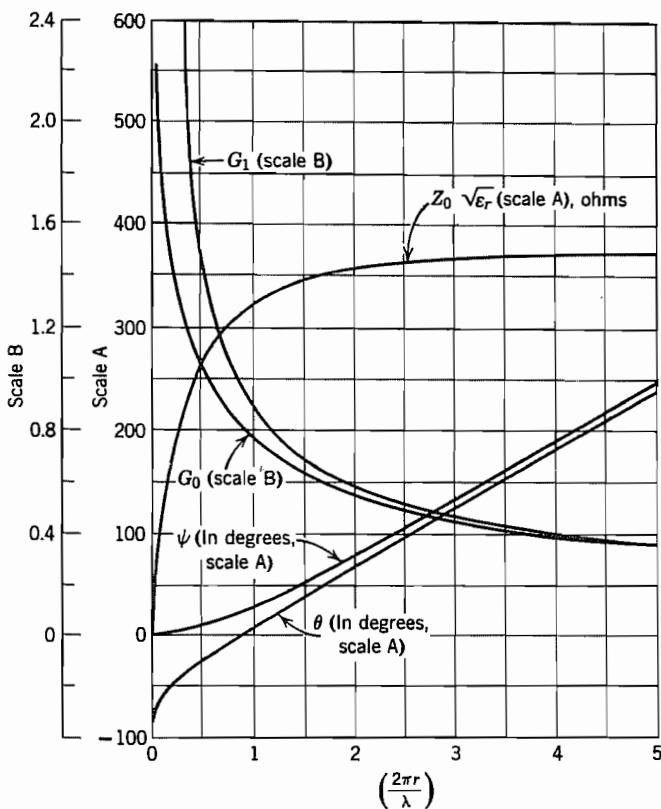
$$E_z = E_a \frac{G_0 \cos(\theta - \psi_b)}{G_{0a} \cos(\theta_a - \psi_b)} + jZ_{0b} H_b \frac{G_0 \sin(\theta - \theta_a)}{G_{0b} \cos(\theta_a - \psi_b)} \quad (12)$$

$$H_\phi = H_b \frac{G_1 \cos(\psi - \theta_a)}{G_{1b} \cos(\theta_a - \psi_b)} + j \frac{E_a G_1 \sin(\psi - \psi_b)}{Z_{0a} G_{1a} \cos(\theta_a - \psi_b)} \quad (13)$$

These are similar in form to the ordinary transmission-line equations except for the use of the special magnitudes and phases. A plot of these special radial line quantities versus  $kr$  is given in Fig. 9.3c. This is not very accurate for small values of  $kr$ , so the following approximations are then preferred:

$$G_0(v) \approx \frac{2}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\gamma v}{2} \right) \quad \theta(v) \approx \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\gamma v}{2} \right) \right] \quad (14)$$

$$G_1(v) \approx \frac{2}{\pi v} \quad \psi(v) \approx \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\pi v^2} \right) \quad (15)$$



**FIG. 9.3c** Radial transmission-line quantities.

where  $\gamma = 0.5772\ldots$ . More accurate values can be calculated from the definitions (7) and (8) utilizing tables of  $J$  and  $N$ , although some tables give magnitude and phase of  $H_n^{(1)}$  and  $H_n^{(2)}$  directly.

Forms similar to (12) and (13) can be derived for two values of  $E_z$  specified at different radii or two values of  $H_\phi$ . The most useful form, however, is that defining an input wave impedance  $Z_i = E_{zi}/H_{\phi i}$  when load impedance  $Z_L = E_{zL}/H_{\phi L}$  is given. This is

$$Z_i = Z_{0i} \left[ \frac{Z_L \cos(\theta_i - \psi_L) + jZ_{0L} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_L)}{Z_{0L} \cos(\psi_i - \theta_L) + jZ_L \sin(\psi_i - \psi_L)} \right] \quad (16)$$

Special forms of this for output shorted ( $Z_L = 0$ ) and open ( $Z_L = \infty$ ) are especially simple and are analogous to the corresponding forms for uniform transmission lines.

All of the foregoing relationships are given in terms of fields or wave impedances.

Usually current, voltage, and total impedance are desired. The relations are

$$V = -E_z d, \quad I = 2\pi r H_\phi \quad (17)$$

$$Z_{\text{total}} = \mp \frac{d}{2\pi r} \left( \frac{E_z}{H_\phi} \right) \quad (18)$$

The sign convention defines higher voltage in the upper plate and outward current in the upper plate as positive. The upper sign in (18) is for input radius less than that of the load,  $r_i < r_L$ , and the lower sign for the reverse,  $r_i > r_L$ , since in this case the convention for positive current would be the opposite of (17).

#### 9.4 CIRCUMFERENTIAL MODES IN RADIAL LINES: SECTORAL HORNS

Many higher-order modes can exist in the radial transmission lines studied in the last section. All those with  $z$  variations require a spacing between plates greater than a half-wavelength for radial propagation of energy. For smaller spacing, modes are possible with circumferential variations but no  $z$  variations. The field components may be written

$$E_z = A_\nu Z_\nu(kr) \sin \nu\phi \quad (1)$$

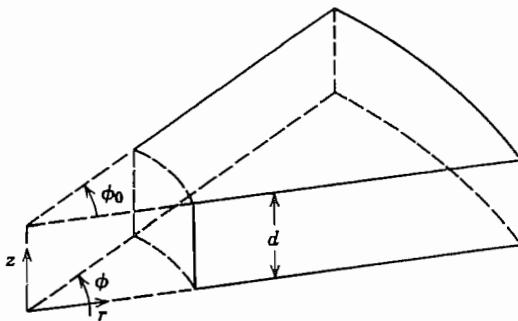
$$H_\phi = -\frac{j}{\eta} A_\nu Z'_\nu(kr) \sin \nu\phi \quad (2)$$

$$H_r = \frac{j\nu A_\nu}{k\eta r} Z_\nu(kr) \cos \nu\phi \quad (3)$$

In the foregoing equations,  $Z_\nu$  denotes any solution of the ordinary  $\nu$ th order Bessel equation. For example, to stress the concept of radially propagating waves it may again be convenient to utilize Hankel functions:

$$Z_\nu(kr) = H_\nu^{(1)}(kr) + c_\nu H_\nu^{(2)}(kr) \quad (4)$$

These circumferential modes may be important as disturbing effects excited by asymmetries in radial lines intended for use with the symmetrical modes studied in the preceding section. In this case  $\nu$  must be an integer since the wave must have the same value at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = 2\pi$ . Waves of the form (1) to (3) may also be supported in a wedge-shaped guide with conducting planes at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \phi_0$  as well as at  $z =$



**FIG. 9.4a** Wedge-shaped guide or sectoral horn.

0,  $d$  (Fig. 9.4a). The latter case is important as a sectoral electromagnetic horn<sup>6</sup> used for radiation. In this case, since  $E_z$  must be zero at  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\phi_0$ ,

$$\nu = \frac{m\pi}{\phi_0} \quad (5)$$

The waves discussed here are interesting in one respect especially. If we think of the lowest-order mode ( $m = 1$ ) propagating radially inward in the pie-shaped guide for Fig. 9.4a, it would be quite similar to the TE<sub>10</sub> mode of the rectangular guide, although modified by the convergence of the sides. We would consequently expect a cutoff phenomenon at such a radius  $r_c$  that the width  $r_c\phi_0$  becomes a half-wavelength. Similarly, for the lowest-order circumferential mode in the radial line of Figs. 9.3a and b, we would expect a cutoff at such a radius that circumference is one wavelength:

$$2\pi r_c = \lambda \text{ for radial line,} \quad \phi_0 r_c = \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{ for sectoral horn} \quad (6)$$

A casual inspection of (1) to (3) would not reveal this cutoff since there is no sudden change of mathematical form as there was in the rectangular guide at cutoff. However, a more detailed study would reveal that there is a very effective cutoff phenomenon at about the radius predicted by (6) in that the reactive energy for given power transfer becomes very great for radii less than this. The radial field impedance for an inward traveling wave is

$$\left( \frac{E_z}{H_\phi} \right)_- = j\eta \frac{H_\nu^{(1)}(kr)}{H_\nu^{(1)'}(kr)} = R_\nu - jX_\nu \quad (7)$$

This impedance becomes predominantly reactive at a value  $kr \approx \nu$ , which is compatible with (6). Figure 9.4b shows real and imaginary parts of the wave impedances versus  $kr$  for  $\nu = 9$ .

<sup>6</sup> W. L. Barrow and L. J. Chu, Proc. IRE 27, 51 (1939).

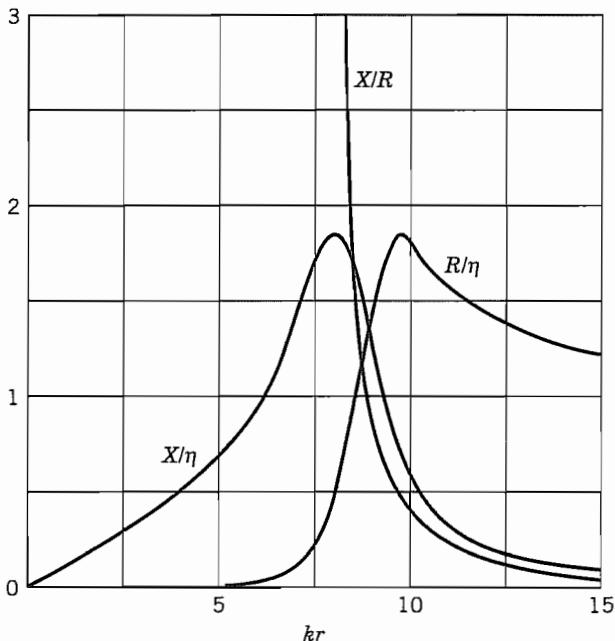


FIG. 9.4b Wave resistance and reactance for circumferential mode in radial line for  $\nu = 9$ .

## 9.5 DUALITY: PROPAGATION BETWEEN INCLINED PLANES

Given certain solutions of Maxwell's equations, we may obtain other useful ones by making use of the simple but important principle of duality. This principle follows from the symmetry of the field equations for charge-free regions:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} \quad (2)$$

It is evident that if  $\mathbf{E}$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  by  $-\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mu$  by  $\epsilon$ , and  $\epsilon$  by  $\mu$ , the original equations are again obtained. It follows that if we are given any solution for such a dielectric, another may be obtained by interchanging components as stated. It may be difficult to supply appropriate boundary conditions for the new solution since the magnetic equivalent of the perfect conductor is not known at high frequencies, so the new solution is not always of practical importance.

One example in which the principle of duality may be utilized to save work in a practical problem is that of the principal mode in the wedge-shaped dielectric region between inclined plane conductors (Fig. 9.5). This mode has electric field  $E_\phi$  and magnetic field  $H_z$ . If there are no variations with  $\phi$  or  $z$ , it is evident that the field distri-

butions can be obtained from those of the radial transmission-line mode (Sec. 9.3) through the foregoing principle of duality. Replacing  $\mathbf{E}$  by  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  by  $-\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mu$  by  $\epsilon$ , and  $\epsilon$  by  $\mu$  in Eqs. 9.3(1) and 9.3(2),

$$H_z = AH_0^{(1)}(kr) + BH_0^{(2)}(kr) \quad (3)$$

$$E_\phi = -j\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} [AH_1^{(1)}(kr) + BH_1^{(2)}(kr)] \quad (4)$$

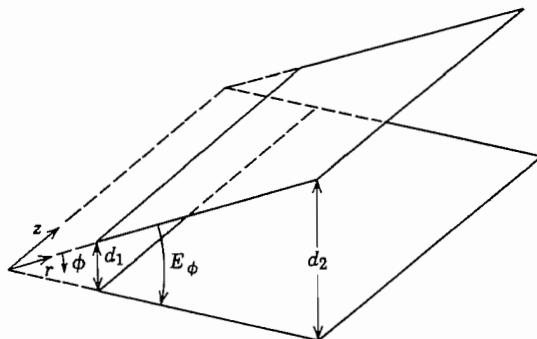
The real advantage is that all the derived expressions 9.3(9)–(16) may be used without rederivation, as may the curves of Fig. 9.3c, with the interchange of quantities as above. Admittance should be read in place of impedance, and the numerical scale of  $Z_0\sqrt{\epsilon_r}$  in ohms (Fig. 9.3c) should be divided by  $(377)^2$  to give the characteristic admittance  $Y_0/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}$  in siemens. Total admittance is obtained from the field admittance by

$$Y_{\text{total}} = \mp \frac{l}{r\phi_0} \left[ \frac{H_z}{E_\phi} \right] \quad (5)$$

where the upper sign is for  $r_i < r_L$ , and the lower for  $r_i > r_L$ .

### Example 9.5 USE OF INCLINED PLANES FOR IMPEDANCE MATCHING

One application of the inclined-plane transmission line might be in impedance matching between parallel-plate transmission lines of different spacings,  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  (Fig. 9.5). It is known from practical experience that such transitions, if gradual enough, supply a good impedance match over a wide band of frequencies (unlike schemes studied in Prob. 5.7c, which depend upon quarter-wavelengths of line). It is seen from Fig. 9.3c that for both  $kr_i$  and  $kr_L$  large (say, greater than 5) the characteristic admittance  $Y_0$  is nearly  $1/\eta$  and  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  are nearly equal (i.e.,  $\theta_i \approx \psi_i$ ,  $\theta_L \approx \psi_L$ ). If the parallel-plane



**FIG. 9.5** Inclined-plane guide.

line to the right is matched, its characteristic wave admittance is that of a plane wave,  $1/\eta$ . Equation 9.3(16) then shows that with the above approximations the input wave admittance is also approximately  $1/\eta$ , so that the parallel-plane line to the left is also nearly matched. This gives some quantitative support to the matching phenomenon mentioned.

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## 9.6 WAVES GUIDED BY CONICAL SYSTEMS

The problem of waves guided by conical systems (Fig. 9.6) is important to a basic understanding of waves along dipole antennas and in certain classes of cavity resonators. In particular, one very important wave propagates along the cones with the velocity of light, has no field components in the radial direction, and so is analogous to the transmission-line wave on cylindrical systems. This basic wave is symmetric about the axis of the guiding cones, so that if the two curl relations of Maxwell's equations are written in spherical coordinates with all  $\phi$  variation eliminated, it is seen that there is one independent set containing  $E_\theta$ ,  $H_\phi$ , and  $E_r$  only:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rE_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_r}{\partial \theta} + j\omega\mu H_\phi = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta H_\phi) \right] - j\omega\epsilon E_r = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rH_\phi)}{\partial r} - j\omega\epsilon E_\theta = 0 \quad (3)$$

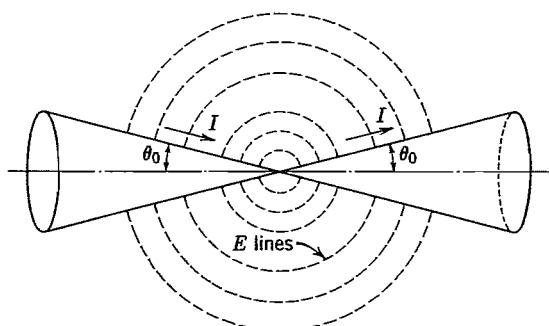


FIG. 9.6 Biconical guide.

It can be checked by substitution that the following solution does satisfy the three equations:

$$E_r = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$rE_\theta = \frac{\eta}{\sin \theta} [Ae^{-jkr} + Be^{jkr}] \quad (5)$$

$$rH_\phi = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} [Ae^{-jkr} - Be^{jkr}] \quad (6)$$

These equations show the now-familiar propagation behavior, the first term representing a wave traveling radially outward with the velocity of light in the dielectric material surrounding the cones, the second term representing a radially inward traveling wave of the same velocity. The ratio of electric to magnetic field  $E_\theta/H_\phi$  is given by  $\eta$  for the positively traveling wave and by  $-\eta$  for the negatively traveling wave. There is no field component in the radial direction, which is the direction of propagation.

The above wave looks much like the ordinary transmission-line waves of uniform cylindrical systems. This resemblance is stressed if we note that the  $E_\theta$  corresponds to a voltage difference between the two cones,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= - \int_{\theta_0}^{\pi - \theta_0} E_\theta r d\theta = -\eta \int_{\theta_0}^{\pi - \theta_0} \frac{d\theta}{\sin \theta} [Ae^{-jkr} + Be^{jkr}] \\ &= 2\eta \ln \cot \frac{\theta_0}{2} [Ae^{-jkr} + Be^{jkr}] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where the case treated is that of equal-angle cones (Fig. 9.6). This is a voltage which is independent of  $r$ , except through the propagation term,  $e^{\pm jkr}$ . Similarly the azimuthal magnetic field corresponds to a current flow in the cones at  $\theta = \theta_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} I &= 2\pi r H_\phi \sin \theta_0 \\ &= 2\pi [Ae^{-jkr} - Be^{jkr}] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

This current is also independent of radius, except through the propagation term. A study of the sign relations shows that it is in opposite radial directions in the two cones at any given radius.

The ratio of voltage to current in a single outward-traveling wave, a quantity which we call characteristic impedance in an ordinary transmission line, is obtained from (7) and (8) with  $B = 0$ :

$$Z_0 = \frac{\eta \ln \cot \theta_0 / 2}{\pi} \quad (9)$$

For a negatively traveling wave, the ratio of voltage to current is the negative of this quantity. This value of impedance is a constant, independent of radius, unlike those ratios defined for a parallel-plane radial transmission line in Sec. 9.3. We can also see this starting from the familiar concept of  $Z_0$  as  $\sqrt{L/C}$ , since inductance and capacitance

between cones per unit radial length are independent of radius. This comes about since surface area increases proportionally to radius, and distance separating the cones along the path of the electric field also increases proportionally to radius.

So far as this wave is concerned, the system arising from two ideal coaxial conical conductors can be considered a uniform transmission line. All the familiar formulas for input impedances and voltage and current along the line hold directly, with  $Z_0$  given by (9) and phase constant corresponding to velocity of light in the dielectric:

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \quad (10)$$

If the conducting cones have resistance, there is a departure from uniformity due to this resistance term, but this is usually not serious in any practical cases where such conical systems are used.

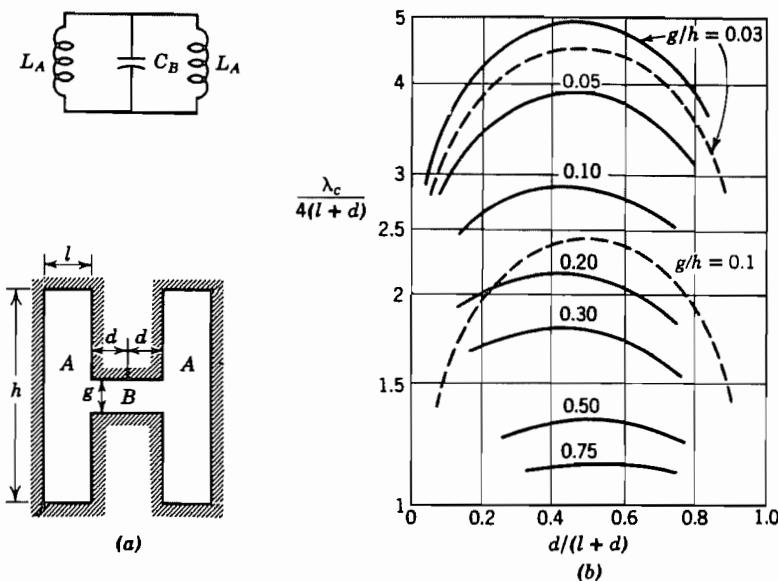
Of course, a large number of higher-order waves may exist in this conical system and in similar systems. These will in general have field components in the radial direction and will not propagate at the velocity of light. We shall consider such general wave types for spherical coordinates in Sec. 10.7.

## 9.7 RIDGE WAVEGUIDE

Of the miscellaneous shapes of cylindrical guides that have been utilized, one rather important one is the ridge waveguide, which has a central ridge added to either the top or bottom, or both, of a rectangular section as in Fig. 9.7a. It is interesting from an electromagnetic point of view since the cutoff frequency is lowered because of the capacitive effect at the center, and could in principle be made as low as desired by decreasing the gap width  $g$  sufficiently. Of course, the effective impedance of the guide also decreases as  $g$  is made smaller. One of the important applications is as a nonuniform transmission system for matching purposes obtained by varying the depth of ridge along the guide, similar to the approach described in Sec. 9.5.

The calculation of cutoff frequency, which is a very important parameter for any shape of guide, also illustrates an interesting approach that may be applied to many guide shapes which cannot be solved exactly. At cutoff, there is no variation in the  $z$  direction ( $\gamma = 0$ ), so one may think of this as a resonant condition for waves propagating only transversely in the given cross section, according to the desired mode. For example, the  $TE_{10}$  wave in a rectangular guide has a cutoff frequency equal to the resonant frequency for a plane wave propagating only in the  $x$  direction across the guide, thus corresponding to a half-wavelength in the  $x$  direction. A very approximate calculation of cutoff frequency for the ridge guide might then be made as in Fig. 9.7a by considering the gap a capacitance and the side sections one-turn solenoidal inductances, and writing the condition for resonance:

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( C_B \frac{L_A}{2} \right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{2d\epsilon}{g} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\mu l h}{2} \right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{g}{\mu \epsilon l h d} \right)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$



**FIG. 9.7** (a) Cross section of ridge waveguide and approximate equivalent circuit for cutoff calculation. (b) Curves giving cutoff wavelength for a ridge waveguide as in (a). Solid curves: data from Cohn.<sup>7</sup> Dashed curves from Eq. (1).

A better equivalent circuit for calculation of the transverse resonance is one in which the two sections  $A$  and  $B$  are considered parallel-plane transmission lines with a discontinuity capacitance  $C_d$  placed at the junction between them. (This junction effect will be discussed in Chapter 11.) Curves of cutoff frequency and a total impedance for the guide have been calculated in this manner by Cohn.<sup>7</sup> Some results are shown in Fig. 9.7b with comparisons of results from the lumped element approximation (1). As might be expected, agreement is better for the smaller gaps. The technique of finding cutoff by calculating transverse resonance frequencies—often by numerical means<sup>8</sup>—is valuable for a variety of irregularly shaped guides.

The ridge guide illustrates that guides other than two-conductor transmission lines can be appreciably smaller than the half-wavelength measure found for the rectangular and circular guides if the boundaries concentrate energy appropriately. However, the boundary irregularities generally decrease power-handling capacity.

<sup>7</sup> S. B. Cohn, Proc. IRE **35**, 783–788 (1947).

<sup>8</sup> See, for example, R. Bulley, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Techniques **MTT-18**, 1022 (1970).

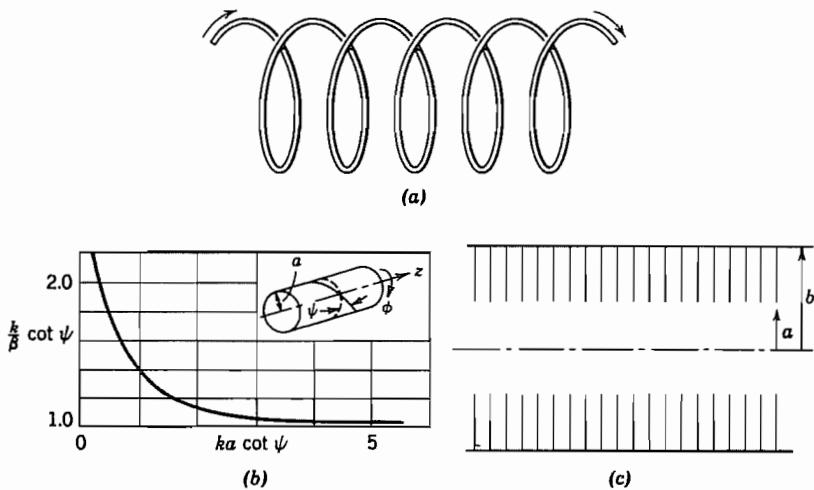
## 9.8 THE IDEALIZED HELIX AND OTHER SLOW-WAVE STRUCTURES

A wire wound in the form of a helix (Fig. 9.8a) makes a type of guide that has been found useful for antennas<sup>9</sup> and as slow-wave structures in traveling-wave tubes.<sup>10</sup> It is interesting as an example of a general class of structures that possess waves with a phase velocity along the axis much less than the velocity of light, as contrasted with most of the waves so far studied, which have phase velocities greater than the velocity of light. A rough picture suggests that the wave might follow the wire with about the velocity of light, so that its rate of progress along the axis would correspond to a phase velocity

$$v_p \approx c \sin \psi \quad (1)$$

where  $\psi$  is the pitch angle. It is rather surprising that this represents a good approximation over a wide range of parameters. It is also interesting to find that a useful analysis can be made by considering an idealization of the actual helix.

The idealization commonly analyzed,<sup>10</sup> referred to as the helical sheet, is a cylindrical surface in which the component of electric field along the direction of  $\psi$  is assumed to be zero at all points of the sheet (Fig. 9.8b). Moreover, the component of electric field lying in the cylindrical surface normal to the direction of  $\psi$  is assumed to be continuous through the surface, as is the component of magnetic field along  $\psi$  (the latter because there is to be no current flow normal to the direction of  $\psi$ ). Since the idealization takes



**FIG. 9.8** (a) Wire helix. (b) Idealized conducting sheet and curve giving propagation constant.<sup>10</sup> (c) Section of disk-loaded waveguide.

<sup>9</sup> J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., Chap. 7, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1988.

<sup>10</sup> J. R. Pierce, *Traveling-Wave Tubes*, Chap. III and Appendix II, Van Nostrand, Princeton, NJ, 1950.

these conditions to be the same over all the sheet, it would be expected to give best results for fine-wire helices of small pitch angle or for multifilar helices with fine wires close together.

To find the propagation constant, we set up the general solutions inside and outside the helical sheet and match them at the boundary according to continuity conditions stated above. The wave that satisfies the boundary conditions is a hybrid mode containing both TE and TM components. We assume an unattenuated wave so that  $\gamma = j\beta$ . Then the separation constant in the general solutions [Eqs. 7.20(5)] is  $k_c^2 = k^2 + \gamma^2 = k^2 - \beta^2$ . Since  $k = \omega/c$  and  $\beta = \omega/v_p$ ,  $\beta > k$  for waves with phase velocities below the speed of light. Therefore,  $k_c^2 < 0$  and  $k_c = j\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is a real quantity. Assuming axial symmetry and that the fields must be finite on the axis and zero at infinite radius, the general solutions can be expressed in terms of modified Bessel functions [Eqs. 7.14(16) and (17)]. The  $z$  variation  $e^{-j\beta z}$  is understood in all of the following:

$$r < a$$

$$r > a$$

$$E_{z1} = A_1 I_0(\tau r) \quad E_{z2} = A_2 K_0(\tau r) \quad (2)$$

$$E_{r1} = \frac{j\beta}{\tau} A_1 I_1(\tau r) \quad E_{r2} = -\frac{j\beta}{\tau} A_2 K_1(\tau r) \quad (3)$$

$$H_{\phi 1} = \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\tau} A_1 I_1(\tau r) \quad H_{\phi 2} = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\tau} A_2 K_1(\tau r) \quad (4)$$

$$H_{z1} = B_1 I_0(\tau r) \quad H_{z2} = B_2 K_0(\tau r) \quad (5)$$

$$H_{r1} = \frac{j\beta}{\tau} B_1 I_1(\tau r) \quad H_{r2} = -\frac{j\beta}{\tau} B_2 K_1(\tau r) \quad (6)$$

$$E_{\phi 1} = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{\tau} B_1 I_1(\tau r) \quad E_{\phi 2} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\tau} B_2 K_1(\tau r) \quad (7)$$

The idealized boundary conditions first described are

$$E_{z1} \sin \psi + E_{\phi 1} \cos \psi = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$E_{z2} \sin \psi + E_{\phi 2} \cos \psi = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$E_{z1} \cos \psi - E_{\phi 1} \sin \psi = E_{z2} \cos \psi - E_{\phi 2} \sin \psi \quad (10)$$

$$H_{z1} \sin \psi + H_{\phi 1} \cos \psi = H_{z2} \sin \psi + H_{\phi 2} \cos \psi \quad (11)$$

The fields (2)–(7) are substituted in (8)–(11). A nonvanishing solution for the field amplitude requires that the determinant of the coefficients be zero, which leads to

$$\frac{(\pi a)^2 I_0(\tau a)K_0(\tau a)}{I_1(\tau a)K_1(\tau a)} = (ka \cot \psi)^2 \quad (12)$$

A solution of this taken from Pierce<sup>10</sup> is shown in Fig. 9.8b. It is seen that for  $ka \cot \psi > 4$ , the approximation (1) gives good results.

Some general comments about slow-wave structures are in order. If it is desired to produce a wave with an electric field along the axis, propagating with a phase velocity less than that of light (as in a traveling-wave tube where the phase velocity should be approximately equal to the beam velocity for efficient interaction with the electrons), then, as discussed above,  $k_c^2 < 0$ :

$$\tau^2 = -k_c^2 = \beta^2 - k^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\tau = \beta \left( 1 - \frac{v_p^2}{c^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

It is consequently necessary in a cylindrically symmetric system that the Bessel function solutions (Sec. 7.20) have imaginary arguments, and they may therefore be written as modified Bessel functions. For a TM wave,

$$E_z = AI_0(\tau r) \quad (15)$$

$$H_\phi = \frac{\omega\epsilon}{\beta} E_r = \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\tau} AI_1(\tau r) \quad (16)$$

### Example 9.8

#### CYLINDRICAL REACTANCE WALL TO PRODUCE SLOW WAVES

If we ask about the boundary conditions that might be supplied at a cylindrical surface  $r = a$  to support slow waves, we see that, if uniform, it should be of the nature of a reactive sheet with

$$jX = -\left. \frac{E_z}{H_\phi} \right|_{r=a} = j\eta \frac{\tau I_0(\tau a)}{k I_1(\tau a)} \quad (17)$$

The helical sheet studied earlier may be considered as supplying this required reactance through the interaction with the TE waves and external fields caused by the helical cuts. The short-circuited sections of radial lines of a disk-loaded waveguide (Fig. 9.8c) may also be considered as supplying an approximation to the above required uniform reactance at  $r = a$ , and will therefore support a slow wave also. The approximate reactance supplied by this structure is

$$X = \eta \left[ \frac{J_0(ka)N_0(kb) - J_0(kb)N_0(ka)}{J_1(ka)N_0(kb) - J_0(kb)N_1(ka)} \right] \quad (18)$$

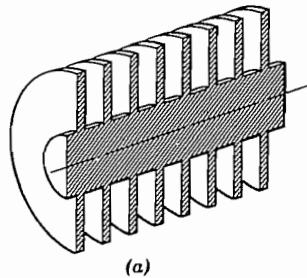
Note that if  $(v_p/c)^2 \ll 1$ ,  $\tau$  is substantially equal to  $\beta$ . By the nature of the  $I_0$  functions (Fig. 7.14c), the field on the axis of such slow-wave structures is much less than that on the boundary when  $\beta a$  is large. This is of course undesirable when it is the field on the axis that is to act on electrons, as in a traveling-wave tube. Of course, the presence of electron space charge will modify the forms of solution somewhat.

## 9.9 SURFACE GUIDING

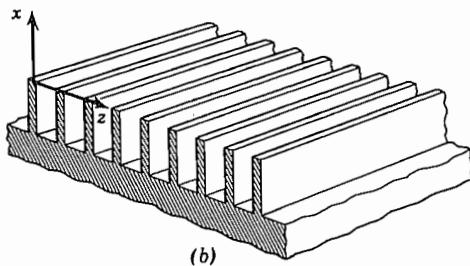
The result of Sec. 9.8 suggests a localization of fields near a surface that possesses a reactive surface impedance. This concept appeared there in an interior region, but may be useful when the fields are in the external region also. Because of the surface-guiding principle, the energy is maintained near the surface so that it is not radiated or coupled seriously to nearby objects. Thus the external region corresponding to Fig. 9.8c would be as shown in Fig. 9.9a. The proper solutions for the external cylindrical region for a TM wave are the same as Eqs. 9.8(2)–(4) for  $r > a$ . For  $E_z$  and  $H_\phi$ , with  $e^{-j\beta z}$  understood,

$$E_z = AK_0(\tau r) \quad (1)$$

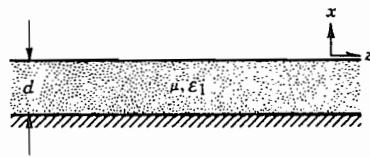
$$H_\phi = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\tau} AK_1(\tau r) \quad (2)$$



(a)



(b)



(c)

**FIG. 9.9** (a) Rod with periodic radius variations capable of propagating a slow wave. (b) Planar equivalent of (a). (c) Dielectric-coated conducting surface.

The field reactance at  $r = a$  necessary to support such a wave is then

$$jX = \left. \frac{E_z}{H_\phi} \right|_{r=a} = j\eta \frac{\tau K_0(\tau r)}{k K_1(\tau r)} \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) again represents a positive, or inductive, reactance as did Eq. 9.8(17), and the solutions (1) and (2) die off for large  $r$ . Phase velocity is less than the velocity of light in the external dielectric in order to maintain  $\tau$  real, as in Eq. 9.8(13):

$$\tau^2 = \beta^2 - k^2 \quad (4)$$

### Example 9.9a

#### SURFACE GUIDING BY A REACTANCE SHEET

The above concept is perhaps more easily visualized for a plane sheet, as pictured in Fig. 9.9b. Substitution in Eqs. 8.2(13)–(16) easily verifies that the following are solutions of Maxwell's equations, using the definition (4), again with  $e^{-j\beta z}$  understood:

$$E_z = Ce^{-\pi x} \quad (5)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon C}{\tau} e^{-\pi x} \quad (6)$$

$$E_x = -\frac{j\beta C}{\tau} e^{-\pi x} \quad (7)$$

A surface wave impedance defined for this example is then

$$jX = \left. \frac{E_z}{H_y} \right|_{x=0} = \frac{j\tau}{\omega\epsilon} \quad (8)$$

Again we see that the impedance sheet should be inductive for surface guiding of this TM wave (but see Prob. 9.9a), and that the value of  $\beta$  must be greater than  $k$  if the wave is to die away with increasing  $x$ . Therefore, phase velocity is less than the velocity of light in the dielectric. The spaces between the conducting fins may be considered to be shorted parallel-plane transmission lines and the field impedance at the ends of the fins can be found from Sec. 8.3 as

$$\frac{E_z}{H_y} = j\eta \tan kd$$

where  $d$  is the height of the fins. It is clear that if  $kd < \pi/2$ , the surface appears as an inductive reactance.

### Example 9.9b

SURFACE GUIDING BY A DIELECTRIC COATING

Another important way of obtaining a surface impedance sheet is by coating a conductor with a thin layer of dielectric, as illustrated in Fig. 9.9c. The following TM solutions for region 1 can be verified by substitution in Eqs. 8.2(13)–(16). The conductor is assumed perfect and the argument of the sine is selected to make  $E_z$  zero at the conductor surface,  $x = -d$ :

$$E_z = D \sin k_x(x + d) \quad (9)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon_1 D}{k_x} \cos k_x(x + d) \quad (10)$$

$$E_x = -\frac{j\beta D}{k_x} \cos k_x(x + d) \quad (11)$$

$$k_x^2 = k_1^2 - \beta^2 \quad (12)$$

From (9) and (10) a field impedance at  $x = 0$  can be found as follows:

$$jX = \left. \frac{E_z}{H_y} \right|_{x=0} = \frac{jk_x}{\omega\epsilon_1} \tan k_x d \quad (13)$$

This is inductive as required for guiding TM waves and, if equated to (8), will define the  $\beta$  of the desired surface wave. For small thickness,  $k_x d \ll 1$ , (13) becomes

$$jX \approx \frac{j k_x^2 d}{\omega\epsilon_1} \quad (14)$$

Using (4), (8), (12), and (14), we can show that the phase velocity is less than the velocity of light in the external dielectric and greater than that in the coating.

The principle is also applicable to lossy dielectrics and/or conductors, for which a finite but relatively small attenuation in the  $z$  direction is obtained. Zenneck<sup>11</sup> and Sommerfeld<sup>12</sup> provided the early classical analyses of this phenomenon; Goubau<sup>13</sup> illustrated its usefulness as a practical wave-guiding means by using either thin dielectric coatings or corrugations on round wires; a thorough treatment is given by Collin.<sup>14</sup> Surface guiding and dielectric wave guiding are closely related phenomena since one boundary is a dielectric interface as treated in Sec. 9.2. The relationship will become clearer with the field analysis of dielectric guides in Chapter 14.

<sup>11</sup> J. Zenneck, Ann. Phys. **23**, 846 (1907).

<sup>12</sup> A. Sommerfeld, Ann. Phys. Chem. **67**, 233 (1899). Described in J. A. Stratton, Electromagnetic Theory, p. 527, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1946.

<sup>13</sup> G. Goubau, Proc. IRE **39**, 619 (1951); J. Appl. Phys. **21**, 1119 (1950).

<sup>14</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Chap. 11, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

## 9.10 PERIODIC STRUCTURES AND SPATIAL HARMONICS

The corrugated surfaces used as illustrations of reactance walls in the two preceding sections are special examples of periodic systems if the spacing between corrugations is uniform. Periodic systems have interesting properties and important applications and so will be examined more carefully in this section. We recognize that the treatment as a smooth reactance wall, used in Secs. 9.8 and 9.9, is only an approximation since the grooves will cause field disturbances not accounted for by this “smoothed out” approximation.

Let us begin by consideration of a specific example, the parallel-plane transmission line with periodic troughs in one plate, as illustrated in Fig. 9.10a. If the troughs are relatively narrow, they act to waves with  $z$ -directed currents in the bottom plate as shorted transmission lines in series with the conductor. These lines produce values of  $E_z$  and  $H_y$  at  $x = 0$ , which are essentially constant over the gap width  $w$ . Thus the boundary condition for  $E_z$  at  $x = 0$  is as shown in Fig. 9.10b, a phase shift of  $\beta_0 d$  being allowed over each period since we will stress propagating waves. The square waves shown neglect higher-order fringing fields at the corners, but are better approximations than the complete smoothing out of the effect (as in Sec. 9.9) and are sufficient to illustrate the basic properties of periodic structures.

To fulfill the boundary condition at  $x = 0$ , we might expect to add solutions of Maxwell's equations just as we added solutions of Laplace's equation in Chapter 7 to satisfy boundary conditions not satisfied by a single solution.

For the present problem let us take  $\partial/\partial y = 0$  and consider waves with  $E_x$ ,  $E_z$ , and  $H_y$  only. Thus a sum of solutions satisfying Maxwell's equations and the boundary condition of  $E_z = 0$  at  $x = a$  may be written by adding waves of the TM form, the TEM component being included if the sum includes  $n = 0$ :

$$E_z(x, z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n \sin K_n(a - x) e^{-j\beta_n z} \quad (1)$$

$$E_x(x, z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{j\beta_n}{K_n} A_n \cos K_n(a - x) e^{-j\beta_n z} \quad (2)$$

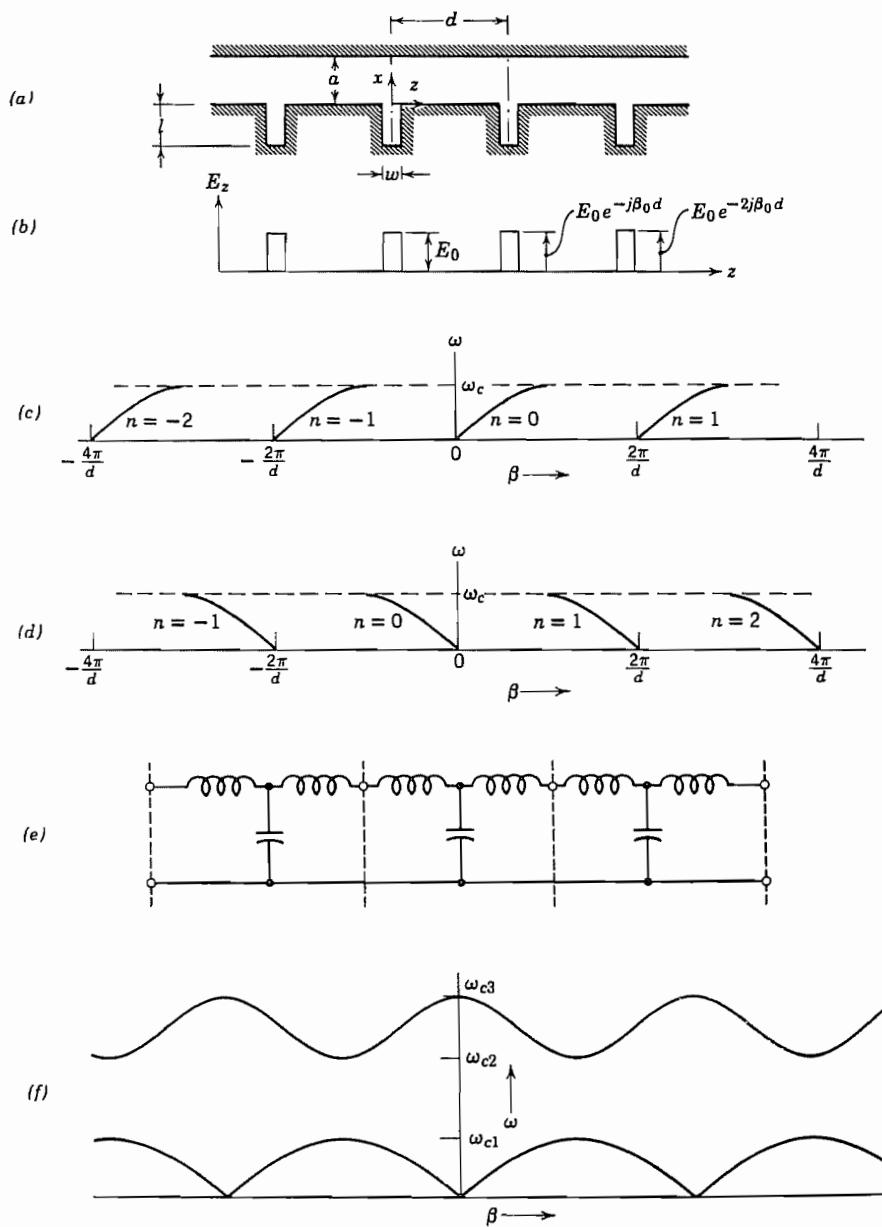
$$H_y(x, z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{K_n} A_n \cos K_n(a - x) e^{-j\beta_n z} \quad (3)$$

where

$$K_n^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon - \beta_n^2 = k^2 - \beta_n^2 \quad (4)$$

The boundary condition illustrated by Fig. 9.10b is a periodic function of  $z$  if the phase factor is taken out separately. If we expand the resulting periodic function in the complex form of the Fourier series (Prob. 7.11e), we may write for the boundary condition

$$E_z(0, z) = e^{-j\beta_0 z} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{-(j2\pi n z/d)} \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 9.10** (a) Parallel-plane transmission line with periodic short-circuited troughs. (b) Idealized variations of  $E_z$  along the lower plate in the structure of (a). (c)  $\omega-\beta$  relation for spatial harmonics of wave with fundamental traveling in  $+z$  direction. (d)  $\omega-\beta$  relation for spatial harmonics of wave with fundamental traveling in  $-z$  direction. (e) Low-frequency equivalent circuit for fundamental spatial harmonic of structure in (a). (f) Composite  $\omega-\beta$  diagram including passband at higher frequency.

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= \frac{1}{d} \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} E_z(0, z) e^{j\beta_0 z} e^{+j(2\pi n z/d)} dz = \frac{1}{d} \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} E_0 e^{+j(2\pi n z/d)} dz \\ &= \frac{E_0}{\pi n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi w}{d}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

By comparing (5) with (1) evaluated at  $x = 0$ , we can now identify  $A_n$  and  $\beta_n$ :

$$A_n = \frac{C_n}{\sin K_n a} = \frac{E_0}{\pi n} \frac{\sin(n\pi w/d)}{\sin K_n a} \quad (7)$$

$$\beta_n = \beta_0 + \frac{2\pi n}{d} \quad (8)$$

A wave solution is thus determined for this problem with the approximations described.

We wish first to stress the different role of the TM solutions in this problem compared with that considered previously. In earlier sections TM solutions have been considered as "modes" with the inference that each may be excited independently. Here they are coupled by the periodic boundary condition and must exist in the proper relationship to each other to satisfy this boundary condition. In this capacity they are known as "spatial harmonics," a natural extension of the harmonic character of the Fourier series to the periodic system in space. We note especially from (8) that determination of  $\beta$  for any spatial harmonic automatically determines the value of all others. Thus the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram (Sec. 5.12) is periodic in  $\beta$  with repetition at intervals of  $2\pi/d$  as illustrated in Figs. 9.10c and d.

Determination of the shape of one period of this plot (say  $\beta_0$ ) requires study of the boundary conditions on two field components. We have already considered  $E_z$  and now choose  $H_y$  as the second component for this example. If the solution for the troughs is well approximated by the shorted-transmission-line behavior, the value of  $H_y$  at  $x = 0, z = 0$  for the shorted lines is given by

$$H_y = \frac{-jE_0}{\eta} \cot kl$$

Thus one might equate this to (3) evaluated at  $x = 0$ , and  $A_n$  substituted from (7):

$$-\frac{j}{\eta} \cot kl = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{\pi n K_n} \sin \frac{\pi n w}{d} \cot K_n a \quad (9)$$

This with (4) and (8) determines  $\beta_0$  in principle, although the general solution may be difficult.

For the special case of  $\beta_0 d \ll 1$ , lumped-element approximations may be used. The fundamental harmonic solution of the corresponding low-pass filter then gives the characteristics of the fundamental, and from that, the values of  $\beta$  for other spatial harmonics. The filter corresponding to the line used in the above example is shown in Fig. 9.10e. The shunt capacitance and a part of the series inductance represent the fields in the parallel-plate section between grooves, and the shorted-transmission-line grooves con-

tribute an additional series inductance. The capacitors in Fig. 9.10e each have the value  $C = \epsilon(d - w)/a$  for a unit length in the  $y$  direction. The inductance from the section between grooves is  $L_1 = \mu a(d - w)$  and that from the shorted grooves is  $L_2 = (\eta w/\omega) \tan kl$  (assuming  $kl < \pi/2$ ). Each inductor in Fig. 9.10e has the value  $L = (L_1 + L_2)/2$ .

Although illustrated for a particular example to provide concreteness, the periodic character of the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram and the relation (8) for phase constant of a spatial harmonic apply to any structure of period  $d$ . Other important properties are as follows:

1. The group velocities of all spatial harmonics of a given wave are equal. This would be expected so that the wave would stay together, but may be noted either from the  $\omega-\beta$  diagrams or by differentiating (8):

$$\frac{1}{v_{gn}} = \frac{d\beta_n}{d\omega} = \frac{d\beta_0}{d\omega}$$

2. Of the infinite number of spatial harmonics, half are backward waves (Sec. 5.16) with phase and group velocities in the opposite directions. Thus the  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , and so on of Fig. 9.10c are forward waves, whereas  $n = -1, -2$ , and so on are backward waves, as is seen by comparing the signs of  $\omega/\beta$  and  $d\omega/d\beta$  for the various portions of the figure. If the phase velocity of the fundamental spatial harmonic is negative, the harmonics are as shown in Fig. 9.10d. Here the  $n = 0, -1, -2$ , and so on have both phase and group velocities in the negative direction and are not backward waves, whereas the  $n = 1, 2$ , and so on are backward waves with positive phase velocities and negative group velocities. The structure of Fig. 9.10a has a fundamental forward wave, but other periodic structures may have fundamental backward waves.
3. The field distribution at any plane  $z = md$  ( $m$  an integer) is the same as at  $z = 0$  except for multiplication by the phase  $e^{-j\beta_0 md}$ . This important property is related to Floquet's theorem,<sup>15</sup> and is often taken as the fundamental starting point for the study of periodic systems. For the particular example used in this section, (1) and (8) yield

$$\begin{aligned} E_z(x, md) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n \sin K_n(a - x) e^{-j\beta_0 md} e^{-j2\pi mn} \\ &= e^{-j\beta_0 md} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n \sin K_n(a - x) = e^{-j\beta_0 md} E_z(x, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and similarly for the other field components.

4. The wave is cut off where group velocity becomes zero, shown as  $\omega_c$  in Figs. 9.10c and d. Above this frequency there is a region of reactive attenuation, typical of filters in the attenuating region. As frequency is increased, however, other pass bands will be found with propagating waves, as illustrated in Fig. 9.10f. Each of

<sup>15</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., Sec. 9.1, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

these waves has spatial harmonics, just as the low-pass wave studied. The Pierce coupled-mode theory<sup>16</sup> is especially powerful in giving a picture of the entire  $\omega-\beta$  diagram in a structure with relatively small periodic perturbations if the phase constants of the unperturbed system are known.

## PROBLEMS

- 9.2a** For a dielectric slab guide with  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ , plot the complement of the critical angle of Fig. 9.2a,  $\psi = \pi/2 - \theta_c$ , as a function of  $\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1$ . Many dielectric guides have small differences between the two permittivities,  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_1(1 - \Delta)$ , where  $\Delta \ll 1$ . For these, show that  $\psi \approx \sqrt{\Delta}$ .
- 9.2b** Demonstrate that when  $\theta = \theta_c$  (defined as cutoff for the dielectric slab guides), there is no decay in medium 2 (outside of slab) and propagation is at the velocity of light in medium 2. Show that when  $\theta$  approaches  $\pi/2$  (grazing incidence at the boundary), phase velocity approaches the velocity of light in medium 1.
- 9.2c** Using the definition of cutoff given in Prob. 9.2b, show that the  $x$  component of  $k_1$  at cutoff is  $k_{1,c} = (k_1^2 - k_2^2)^{1/2}$ . Calculate the lowest cutoff frequencies (other than zero) for TM modes with even and odd symmetry of  $E_z$  across the slab and similarly for TE modes with even and odd symmetries of  $H_z$  with  $d = 1$  mm,  $\epsilon_1 = 4.08\epsilon_0$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = 4\epsilon_0$ , and  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .
- 9.2d** Demonstrate that Eq. 9.2(4) has a solution for arbitrarily small  $k_1 d$  for either TE or TM modes in a dielectric slab guide. Show that there is a minimum of  $k_1 d$  which increases with  $m$  for  $m > 0$ .
- 9.2e** (i) For the dielectric slab mode with  $m = 0$ , find the external decay constant  $\alpha_x$  for  $k_1 d \gg 1$ .  
(ii) Also find  $\alpha_x$  for TE modes with  $k_1 d \ll 1$  and compare with the result of part (i).
- 9.2f** If  $\epsilon_1 \gg \epsilon_2$ , very little energy is contained in medium 2, and the boundaries appear like "magnetic shorts"; that is, tangential magnetic field approaches zero at the interface. Show this from the equations for wave reflections and solve for the lowest-order TE mode with such conditions.
- 9.3a** For a TM<sub>01</sub> wave in a circular waveguide it is desired to insert a blocking impedance for a given frequency. To do this, a section of shorted radial line (Fig. P9.3a) is in-

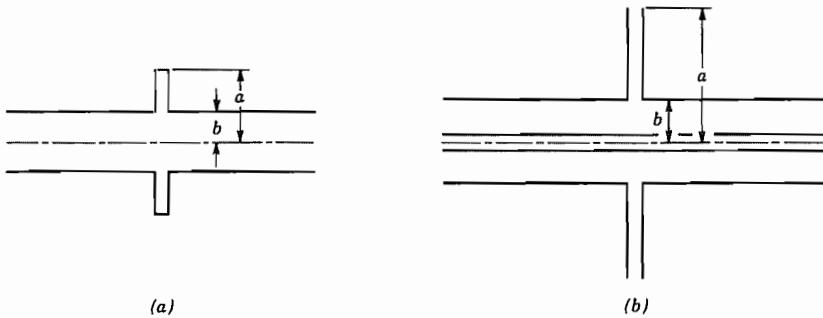


FIG. P9.3a, b

<sup>16</sup> A. Yariv and P. Yeh, Optical Waves in Crystals, Sec. 6.4, Wiley, New York, 1984.

serted in the guide, its outer radius  $a$  chosen so that with the guide radius  $b$  given, the impedance looking into the radial line is infinite at the given frequency. Suppose that the radius  $b$  is 1.25 times greater than cutoff radius at this frequency for the  $\text{TM}_{01}$  wave and find the radius  $a$ .

- 9.3b** It is sometimes required to break the outer conductor of a coaxial line for insulation purposes, without interrupting the rf current flow. This may be accomplished by the radial line as shown (Fig. P9.3b) in which  $a$  is chosen so that with  $b$  and the operating wavelength specified, the radial line has zero input impedance seen from the line. Find the value of  $a$ , assuming that end effects are negligible and that  $2\pi b/\lambda = 1$ .
- 9.3c** Find the voltage at the radius  $a$  in terms of the coaxial line's current flowing into the radial line at radius  $b$  (Fig. P9.3b).
- 9.3d** Taking the classical transmission-line equations with distributed inductance and capacitance varying with radius as appropriate to the radial line,

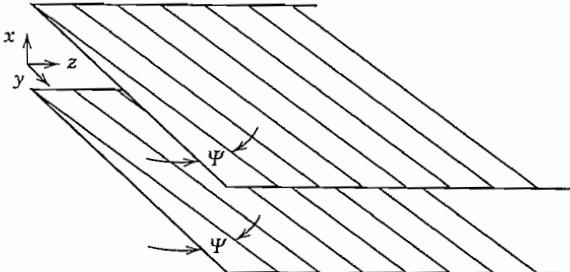
$$L = \frac{\mu d}{2\pi r} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon r}{d}$$

Show that the equation for voltage as a function of radius is a Bessel equation, and that the solutions for voltage and current obtained in this manner are consistent with Eqs. 9.3(1) and (2).

- 9.3e** Derive forms similar to Eqs. 9.3(12) and (13) if  $E_a$  is specified at  $r_a$ , and  $E_b$  at  $r_b$ . Repeat for  $H_a$  specified at  $r_a$ , and  $H_b$  at  $r_b$ .
- 9.3f** For a lossy radial transmission line, find series resistance per unit radial distance (assuming skin-effect condition) for a conductor of surface resistance  $R_s$ . Also find shunt conductance per unit radial distance for a dielectric with complex permittivity  $\epsilon' - j\epsilon''$ . Add these to the transmission-line equations (Prob. 9.3d) and obtain the differential equation for voltage.
- 9.4a** Sketch lines of current flow for a circumferential mode with  $v = 1$  in a radial line of Sec. 9.4. (Take  $Z_n = J_n$  for this purpose.) Suggest methods of suppressing this mode by judicious cuts without disturbing the symmetric mode.
- 9.4b** A section of the wedge-shaped guide as in Fig. 9.4a may be used to join two waveguides of the same height but different width, both propagating the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode, and a good degree of match is obtained by the process so long as the transition is gradual. Suppose the smaller rectangular guide has  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$  (Fig. 8.7a) and the width  $a_1$  of the smaller guide is such that  $(f_c)_{\text{TE}_{10}} = f/1.2$ . The larger guide has the same height and  $(f_c)_{\text{TE}_{20}} = f/0.8$ . Evaluate the wave impedances of the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  modes in both guides and compare with those in the sectoral horn at the junctions to the rectangular guides, using data of Fig. 9.4b for a wedge angle of  $20^\circ$ . Frequency is 10 GHz.
- 9.5a** In the use of the inclined plane line for matching as discussed in Sec. 9.5, suppose that  $f = 3$  GHz,  $d_1 = 1$  cm,  $d_2 = 2$  cm,  $kr_1 = 2.5$ , and the dielectric is air. If the line to the right is perfectly matched, obtain the approximate standing wave ratio in the line to the left. Compare with that which would exist with a sudden transition, considering only the discontinuity of characteristic impedance.
- 9.5b** Apply the principle of duality to the  $\text{TE}_{11}$ ,  $\text{TE}_{01}$ , and  $\text{TM}_{01}$  modes in circular cylindrical waveguides to obtain qualitatively the fields of the "dual" modes. For which of these might boundary conditions be supplied, allowing changes in the conductor position or shape from those of the original mode?
- 9.5c** A wedge-shaped dielectric region is bounded by conducting planes at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi_0$ ,

$z = 0$  and  $d$ . Find the field components of the lowest-order mode with  $E_\phi$ ,  $H_r$ , and  $H_z$ . Is this the dual of the mode discussed for sectoral horns in Sec. 9.4?

- 9.5d** Discuss the application of the mode of Prob. 9.5c to the matching between rectangular waveguides of different height, both propagating the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode, describing how to use the solution of Prob. 9.5c to estimate reflections and the approximations involved.
- 9.5e** Show that if  $kr_1$  and  $kr_2$  in the inclined planes of Fig. 9.5 are both large, a matched parallel-plane transmission line with wave impedance  $\eta$  at  $r_1$  gives the same  $\eta$  at  $r_2$ , so that a parallel-plane line at that position would also be matched.
- 9.6a** Find expressions for the voltage, current, and characteristic impedance for the principal waves on a transmission line consisting of two coaxial, common-apex cones of unequal angles.
- 9.6b** Write the dual of the mode studied in Sec. 9.6. Can it be supported by physical boundaries using perfect conductors?
- 9.6c** One point of view toward a cylindrical conductor excited by a source across a gap at  $z = 0$  (Fig. P9.6c) is that it is a nonuniform transmission line propagating effects away from the gap. (This point of view is used in one theory of cylindrical antennas to be presented in Sec. 12.25.) That is, an elemental section at  $z$  may be considered as a biconical line passing through radius  $a$  at  $z$ . Write the expression for characteristic impedance as a function of  $z$  and plot versus  $z/a$  for air dielectric.
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- FIG. P9.6c**
- 9.6d** For the biconical line of Fig. 9.6, find a capacitance per unit length at radius  $r$  based upon charge per unit length along the cones and voltage as defined in Sec. 9.6. Similarly, find an inductance per unit length based upon current at  $r$  and the magnetic flux between concentric spheres at  $r$  and  $r + dr$ . Then check velocity  $(LC)^{-1/2}$  and characteristic impedance  $(L/C)^{1/2}$ .
- 9.6e** For a lossy biconical guide, find series resistance per unit length (assuming skin-effect conditions) for a conductor of surface resistance  $R_s$ . Also, find shunt conductance per unit length for a dielectric with complex permittivity  $\epsilon' - j\epsilon''$ .
- 9.7a** As a demonstration of the technique of finding cutoff frequencies by calculating transverse resonant frequency, find the cutoff of a  $\text{TM}_{01}$  mode in circular guide as the resonance of a radial line mode.
- 9.7b** For a TE mode in the small-gap ridge waveguide, the energy stored in electric fields is predominantly in the gap region. If electric field is assumed uniform at  $E_0$  over this region, estimate the stored electric energy  $u_E$  per unit length for a single propagating wave in such a guide. If power transfer is  $v_p(u_E + u_M)$ , and magnetic energy is equal to electric energy, calculate power transfer for a guide with  $g = 1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $2d = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $E_0 = 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ , air dielectric, and operating frequency 1.3 times cutoff frequency.
- 9.8a** Assuming  $(v_p/c)^2 \ll 1$ , plot  $k\alpha X/\eta$  versus  $\beta a$  for a slow-wave structure. State the requirements on the reactance in order that there may be any slow-wave solution of this type. What should  $X/\eta$  be for  $\beta a$  large?

- 9.8b** Show that a reactance sheet might be used as the boundary condition on fast waves of the  $\text{TM}_{01}$  type studied in Sec. 8.9. Plot the required value of  $kaX/\eta$  as a function of  $k_c a$ . Under what conditions might there be a slow wave and a series of fast waves in a given guide of this type?
- 9.8c\*\*** Imagine a parallel-plane transmission line of spacing  $2a$  in the  $x$  direction, for which both upper and lower planes are cut with many fine straight parallel slits that lie at an angle  $\psi$  from the  $y$  direction as in Fig. P9.8c. Assume no variations with  $y$ , and apply approximations as utilized in the helical sheet analysis, obtaining the field components for propagation in the  $z$  direction, the complete equation determining  $\beta$ , and the approximate solution of this for  $ka \cot \psi \gg 1$ .
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- The diagram shows two parallel horizontal lines representing the top and bottom plates of a transmission line. Numerous fine, straight parallel slits are cut through both plates. These slits are oriented at an angle  $\psi$  relative to the vertical  $y$ -axis. A coordinate system is established with the  $x$ -axis pointing vertically upwards, the  $y$ -axis pointing horizontally to the right, and the  $z$ -axis pointing diagonally upwards and to the right, perpendicular to the plane of the paper.
- FIG. P9.8c**
- 9.9a** Analyze a TE surface wave over a plane with no variations in  $y$  and show that a capacitive reactance is necessary to produce an exponential decay with  $x$ .
- 9.9b** For the TM surface wave established by the thin dielectric coating on a perfect conductor, find the average power transfer in the  $z$  direction. Find the approximate attenuation if the conductor at  $x = -d$  has a surface resistance  $R_s$ .
- 9.9c** Repeat Prob. 9.9b with a perfect conductor and a dielectric with a small lossy part,  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon'_1 - j\epsilon''_1$  with  $\epsilon''_1 \ll \epsilon'_1$ .
- 9.9d** It is desired to pass an electron beam 1 mm above the structure in Fig. 9.9b. To match the velocity of the electrons, a wave at 18 GHz should travel at 0.1 the speed of light. Design the fins to produce the appropriate impedance at  $x = 0$ . How much weaker is the field at the beam than at  $x = 0$ ?
- 9.10a\*** Making the assumptions that  $kl \ll 1$  and  $\beta_0 d \ll 1$ , plot the lowest-frequency passband for the structure of Fig. 9.10a. Plot the curve for all  $\beta$  and state your reasoning.
- 9.10b\*** Take the same approximations as in Prob. 9.10a, but assume the “troughs” are open circuited. Find the equivalent lumped-element circuit, the propagation constant of the fundamental, and sketch the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram of this wave. Note the fact that the cutoff region includes  $\omega = 0$  and frequencies up to some lower cutoff frequency.
- 9.10c** Find the low-frequency portion of the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram for a periodic transmission system composed of parallel  $L-C$  circuits in both the series and shunt legs. Note that the fundamental spatial harmonic is a backward wave if the resonant frequency of circuit in the series leg is lower than that for the shunt leg.
- 9.10d** The example used in Sec. 9.10 was a closed line. Consider an open region, such as those studied in Sec. 9.9 for surface wave propagation. What regions of the  $\omega-\beta$  plot will represent nonradiating or guided surface waves?
- 9.10e** Illustrate Prob. 9.10d by solving a problem with the structure at  $x = 0$  as in Fig. 9.10a but with the top plate removed so that the region extends to infinity.

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## Resonators

### 10.1 INTRODUCTION

Resonant circuits can be either the lumped-element type, made by combining separate capacitors and inductors, which are small compared with a wavelength, or distributed, as was seen for sections of transmission line in Chapter 5. In a lumped-element circuit, a capacitor is used for storage of electric energy and an inductor stores magnetic energy; at the resonant frequency, there is an exchange of energy between the inductor and the capacitor every quarter-cycle. There is also an exchange between electric and magnetic energies every quarter-cycle in the distributed resonant circuit. In this case, however, the same region is used for both energies, rather than having separate components for each type.

Distributed resonant circuits utilize the resonant properties of standing waves set up by interference between forward and reverse traveling waves on transmission structures and, hence, are generally of a size comparable with a wavelength. This idea was introduced in Sec. 5.13 for a shorted transmission line with length equal to a multiple of a quarter-wavelength. Some closed metal cavities can be understood as sections of transmission structures with short-circuited ends and therefore containing standing waves. Strip-type structures such as microstrip, used in microwave and millimeter-wave circuits, make light, compact resonant transmission-type structures. A solid dielectric-cylinder resonator can be made using a section of a dielectric rod transmission structure (Sec. 9.2).

Not all resonators are simple enough in shape to be considered as sections of a wave-guiding system, and for these, other methods of solving the boundary value problem are required. We shall see some small-gap cavities that are particularly useful for electron devices. Some of these may be considered as capacitively loaded transmission lines. In others, the electric and magnetic energies are effectively separated so they may be considered as lumped  $L-C$  circuits, with the one-turn inductor providing the self-shielding.

The oscillating energy is introduced by a probe or other means of coupling to the resonant structure. If the energy is provided by the probe at one of the many resonant frequencies, the impedance seen by the input probe is real. If the energy coupled in is greater than the losses in each cycle, the oscillating waves will increase in amplitude until the losses just equal the energy supplied. Losses take place in the surfaces of the metals, in any dielectrics present, and, in open structures, through radiation. If the source

excites the structure at a frequency somewhat off resonance, the energies in electric and magnetic fields do not balance. Some extra energy must be supplied over one part of the cycle and it is given back to the source during another part of the cycle; thus, the line acts as a reactive load on the exciting source, in addition to a resistive component representing the small losses. The similarity to ordinary tuned-circuit operation is evident, and as with such circuits, the concept of  $Q$  is useful in describing the effect of losses on bandwidth.

## Resonators of Simple Shape

### 10.2 FIELDS OF SIMPLE RECTANGULAR RESONATOR

For the first mode to be studied in some detail, we shall choose that mode in a rectangular conducting box which may be considered the standing wave pattern corresponding to the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode in a rectangular guide. As was done in the study of waveguides, the conducting walls will be taken as perfect, and losses in an actual resonator will be computed approximately by taking the current flow of the ideal mode as flowing in the walls of known conductivity.

In the rectangular conducting box of Fig. 10.2a, imagine a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  waveguide mode oriented with its electric field in the  $y$  direction and propagating in the  $z$  direction. The condition that  $E_y$  shall be zero at  $z = 0$  and  $d$ , as required by the perfect conductors, is satisfied if the dimension  $d$  is a half-guide wavelength. Using Eq. 8.8(11),

$$d = \frac{\lambda_g}{2} = \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}}$$

Then the resonant frequency is

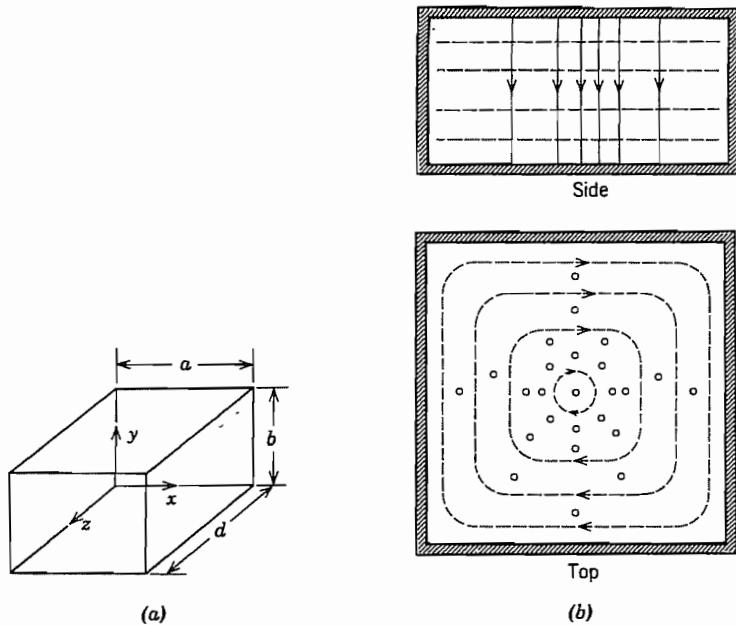
$$f_0 = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + d^2}}{2ad\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \quad (1)$$

To obtain the field distribution in the dielectric interior, we add positive and negative propagating waves of the form of Eqs. 8.8(4) and 8.8(5)

$$E_y = (E_+ e^{-j\beta z} + E_- e^{j\beta z}) \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (2)$$

$$H_x = -\frac{1}{Z_{TE}} (E_+ e^{-j\beta z} - E_- e^{j\beta z}) \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (3)$$

$$H_z = \frac{j}{\eta} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right) (E_+ e^{-j\beta z} + E_- e^{j\beta z}) \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (4)$$



**FIG. 10.2** (a) Rectangular cavity. (b) Electric and magnetic fields in rectangular resonator with  $TE_{101}$  mode. Solid lines represent electric field, and dashed lines, magnetic field.

Since  $E_y$  must be zero at  $z = 0$ ,  $E_- = -E_+$ , as we would expect, since the reflected wave from the perfectly conducting wall should be equal to the incident wave.  $E_y$  must also be zero at  $z = d$ , so that  $\beta = \pi/d$ . Then (2)–(4) may be simplified, letting  $E_0 = -2jE_+$ :

$$E_y = E_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z}{d} \quad (5)$$

$$H_x = -j \frac{E_0}{\eta} \frac{\lambda}{2d} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{\pi z}{d} \quad (6)$$

$$H_z = j \frac{E_0}{\eta} \frac{\lambda}{2a} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi z}{d} \quad (7)$$

In studying the foregoing expressions, we find that electric field passes vertically from top to bottom, entering top and bottom normally and becoming zero at the side walls as required by the perfect conductors. The magnetic field lines lie in horizontal  $x$ - $z$  planes and surround the vertical displacement current resulting from the time rate of change of  $E_y$ . Fields are sketched roughly in Fig. 10.2b. There are equal and opposite charges on top and bottom because of the normal electric field ending there. A current flows between top and bottom, becoming vertical in the side walls. Here we are re-

minded of a conventional resonant circuit, with the top and bottom acting as capacitor plates and the side walls as the current path between them. In the lumped-element circuit, electric and magnetic fields are separated, whereas here they are intermingled.

Because the mode studied here has one half-sine variation in the  $x$  direction, none in the  $y$  direction, and one in the  $z$  direction, it is sometimes known as a  $\text{TE}_{101}$  mode. The coordinate system is of course arbitrary, but some choice must be made before the mode can be described in this manner.

### 10.3 ENERGY STORAGE, LOSSES, AND Q OF A RECTANGULAR RESONATOR

The energy storage and energy loss in the rectangular resonator of the preceding section are quantities of fundamental interest. Since the total energy passes between electric and magnetic fields, we may calculate it by finding the energy storage in electric fields at the instant when these are a maximum, for magnetic fields are then zero in the standing wave pattern of the resonator:

$$U = (U_E)_{\max} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_0^d \int_0^b \int_0^a |E_y|^2 dx dy dz$$

Utilizing Eq. 10.2(5), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_0^d \int_0^b \int_0^a E_0^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin^2 \frac{\pi z}{d} dx dy dz \\ &= \frac{\epsilon E_0^2}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b \cdot \frac{d}{2} = \frac{\epsilon abd}{8} E_0^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

To obtain an approximation for power loss in the walls, we utilize the current flow in the ideal conductors as obtained from the tangential magnetic field at the surface. Referring to Fig. 10.2a,

$$\text{Front: } J_{sy} = -H_x|_{z=d}$$

$$\text{Back: } J_{sy} = H_x|_{z=0}$$

$$\text{Left side: } J_{sy} = -H_z|_{x=0}$$

$$\text{Right side: } J_{sy} = H_z|_{x=a}$$

$$\text{Top: } J_{sx} = -H_z, J_{sz} = H_x$$

$$\text{Bottom: } J_{sx} = H_z, J_{sz} = -H_x$$

If the conducting walls have surface resistivity  $R_s$ , the foregoing currents will produce losses as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} W_L &= \frac{R_s}{2} \left\{ 2 \int_0^b \int_0^a |H_x|_{z=0}^2 dx dy + 2 \int_0^d \int_0^b |H_z|_{x=0}^2 dy dz \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \int_0^d \int_0^a [|H_x|^2 + |H_z|^2] dx dz \right\} \end{aligned}$$

In this equation, the first term comes from the front and back, the second from the left and right sides, and the third from top and bottom. Substituting from Eqs. 10.2(6) and

10.2(7) and evaluating the integrals,

$$W_L = \frac{R_s \lambda^2}{8\eta^2} E_0^2 \left[ \frac{ab}{d^2} + \frac{bd}{a^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a}{d} + \frac{d}{a} \right) \right] \quad (2)$$

The  $Q$  of the resonator may be defined from the basic definition of Eq. 5.14(4):

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0 U}{W_L} \quad (3)$$

Substituting (1) and (2) with  $\lambda$  from Eq. 10.2(1), we have

$$Q = \frac{\pi\eta}{4R_s} \left[ \frac{2b(a^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}{ad(a^2 + d^2) + 2b(a^3 + d^3)} \right] \quad (4)$$

Note that for a cube,  $a = b = d$ , this reduces to the expression

$$Q_{\text{cube}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6} \frac{\eta}{R_s} = 0.742 \frac{\eta}{R_s} \quad (5)$$

For an air dielectric,  $\eta \approx 377 \Omega$ , and for a copper conductor at 10 GHz,  $R_s \approx 0.0261 \Omega$ , the  $Q$  is about 10,730. Thus we see the very large values of  $Q$  for such resonators as compared with those for lumped circuits (order of a few hundred) or even with resonant lines (order of a few thousand). In practice, some care must be used if  $Q$ 's of the order of that calculated are to be obtained, since disturbances caused by the coupling system, surface irregularities, and other perturbations will act to increase the losses. Dielectric losses and radiation from small holes, when present, may be especially serious in lowering the  $Q$ .

It will be shown in Chapter 11 that a lumped circuit model applies to a cavity mode in the vicinity of resonance. From it we can deduce that the  $Q$ , defined in terms of stored energy and power loss, is also useful in estimating bandwidth of the cavity just as for the lumped resonant circuit. If  $\Delta f$  is the distance between points on the response curve for which amplitude response is down to  $1/\sqrt{2}$  of its maximum value (Sec. 5.14),

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_0} \approx \frac{1}{Q} \quad (6)$$

Thus, for the foregoing, a  $Q$  of 10,000 in a cavity resonant at 10 GHz will yield a bandwidth between "half-power" points of 1 MHz.

#### 10.4 OTHER MODES IN THE RECTANGULAR RESONATOR

As has been noted, the particular mode studied for the rectangular box is only one of an infinite number of possible modes. If we adopt the point of view that a resonant mode is the standing wave pattern for incident and reflected waveguide modes, any one of the infinite number of possible waveguide waves might be used, with any integral

number of half-waves between shorting ends. We recognize that this description of a particular field pattern is not unique, for it depends on the axis chosen to be the “direction of propagation” for the waveguide modes. Thus (see Prob. 10.2b) the simple mode studied in past sections would be a  $\text{TE}_{101}$  mode if the  $z$  axis or  $x$  axis were considered the direction of propagation, but it would be a  $\text{TM}_{110}$  mode if the vertical ( $y$ ) axis were taken as the propagation direction. In the following, a coordinate system will be chosen as in Fig. 10.2a, and field patterns will be obtained by superposing incident and reflected waves for various waveguide modes propagating in the  $z$  direction.

**The  $\text{TE}_{mnp}$  Mode** If we select the  $\text{TE}_{mnp}$  mode of a rectangular waveguide (see Sec. 8.7), addition of positively and negatively traveling waves for  $H_z$  gives

$$H_z = (Ae^{-j\beta z} + Be^{j\beta z}) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

Since the normal component of magnetic field,  $H_z$ , must be zero at  $z = 0$  and  $z = d$ , then  $B = -A$  and  $\beta d = p\pi$  with  $p$  an integer. Let  $C = -2jA$ .

$$\begin{aligned} H_z &= A(e^{-j\beta z} - e^{j\beta z}) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \\ &= C \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{p\pi z}{d} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, substituting (1) in Eqs. 8.2(13)–(16), remembering that for the negatively traveling waves all terms multiplied by  $\beta$  change sign,

$$\begin{aligned} H_x &= -\frac{j\beta}{k_c^2} (Ae^{-j\beta z} - Be^{j\beta z}) \left(-\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \\ &= -\frac{C}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \cos \frac{p\pi z}{d} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{C}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \cos \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (3)$$

$$E_x = \frac{j\omega\mu C}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (4)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{j\omega\mu C}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (5)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{p\pi}{d}$  and, from Eq. 8.2(18),

$$k_c^2 = \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 \quad (6)$$

From (6) and Eq. 8.2(19) we find the resonant frequency:

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left[ \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

**The TM<sub>mnp</sub> Mode** In a similar manner, positively and negatively traveling TM<sub>mn</sub> modes in a rectangular waveguide may be combined to yield

$$E_z = D \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \cos \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (8)$$

$$E_x = -\frac{D}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (9)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{D}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (10)$$

$$H_x = \frac{j\omega\epsilon D}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \cos \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (11)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon D}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \cos \frac{p\pi z}{d} \quad (12)$$

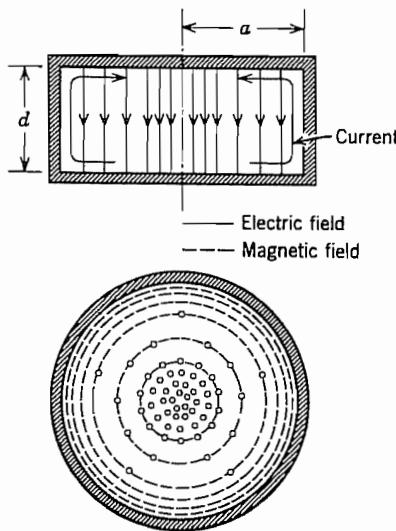
The quantity  $k_c^2$  and resonant frequency  $f_0$  are as in (6) and (7).

**General Comments** We note first that TM and TE modes of the same order  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $p$  have identical resonant frequencies. Such modes with different field patterns but the same resonant frequency are known as *degenerate* modes. Other cases of degeneracy may exist as in a cube,  $a = b = d$ , where orders 112, 121, and 211 of both TM and TE types have the same resonant frequency.

It is also apparent from (7) that, as the order of a mode becomes higher for a given box size, the resonant frequency increases. Put differently, it means that to be resonant at a given frequency, the box must be made bigger as the order increases. This is to be expected, since more half-sine waves are to fit in each dimension. It can be shown (Probs 10.4b and 10.4c) that  $Q$  increases at a given frequency as one goes to higher mode orders. This too is logical, since the larger box has a greater volume-to-surface ratio, and energy is stored in the volume, whereas it is lost on the imperfectly conducting surface. The high-order modes are consequently useful in “echo boxes” where a high  $Q$  is desired so that the energy will decay at a very slow rate after being excited by a pulse.

## 10.5 CIRCULAR CYLINDRICAL RESONATOR

For a circular cylindrical resonator (Fig. 10.5) there is a simple mode analogous to that first studied for the rectangular box (Sec. 10.2). The vertical electric field has a maxi-



**FIG. 10.5** Sections through a cylindrical cavity with fields of  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode. Convention is as in Table 8.9.

mum at the center and dies off to zero at the conducting side walls. A circumferential magnetic field surrounds the displacement current represented by the time-varying electric field. Neither component varies in the axial or circumferential direction. Equal and opposite charges exist on the two end plates, and a vertical current flows in the side walls. The mode may be considered a  $\text{TM}_{01}$  mode in a circular waveguide operating at cutoff (to give the constancy with respect to  $z$ ), or it may be thought of as the standing wave pattern produced by inward and outward radially propagating waves of the radial transmission line type (Sec. 9.3). From either point of view we obtain the field components

$$E_z = E_0 J_0(kr) \quad (1)$$

$$H_\phi = \frac{jE_0}{\eta} J_1(kr) \quad (2)$$

$$k = \frac{p_{01}}{a} = \frac{2.405}{a} \quad (3)$$

Then the resonant frequency is

$$f_0 = \frac{k}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} = \frac{2.405}{2\pi a\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \quad (4)$$

The energy stored in the cavity at resonance may be found from the energy in the electric fields at the instant these have their maximum value. Take  $a$  and  $d$ , respectively,

as radius and length of the cavity:

$$U = d \int_0^a \frac{\epsilon |E_z|^2}{2} 2\pi r dr = \pi \epsilon d E_0^2 \int_0^a r J_0^2(kr) dr$$

This may be integrated by Eq. 7.15(22):

$$U = \pi \epsilon d E_0^2 \frac{a^2}{2} J_1^2(ka) \quad (5)$$

If the walls are of imperfect conductors, the power loss may be calculated approximately:

$$W_L = 2\pi ad \frac{R_s}{2} |J_{sz}|^2 + 2 \int_0^a \frac{R_s}{2} |J_{sr}|^2 2\pi r dr$$

The first term represents losses on the side wall, the second on top and bottom. The current per unit width  $J_{sr}$  on top and bottom is  $\pm H_\phi$ , and  $J_{sz}$  on the side wall is the value of  $H_\phi$  at  $r = a$ . Substituting from (2), we see that

$$W_L = \pi R_s \left[ ad \frac{E_0^2}{\eta^2} J_1^2(ka) + 2 \int_0^a \frac{E_0^2}{\eta^2} r J_1^2(kr) dr \right]$$

This may also be integrated by Eq. 7.15(22), recalling that  $J_0(ka) = 0$  is the condition for resonance:

$$W_L = \frac{\pi a R_s E_0^2}{\eta^2} J_1^2(ka)[d + a] \quad (6)$$

The  $Q$  of the mode may then be obtained as usual from power losses (6) and energy stored (5), using (4) for resonant frequency:

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0 U}{W_L} = \frac{\eta}{R_s} \frac{p_{01}}{2(a/d + 1)} \quad (7)$$

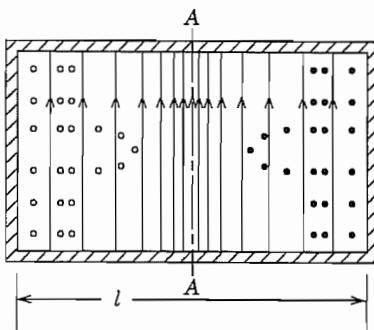
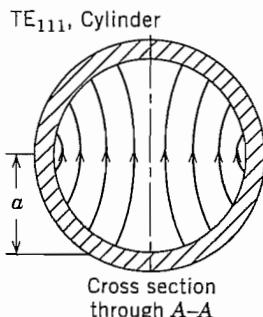
where

$$p_{01} \approx 2.405$$

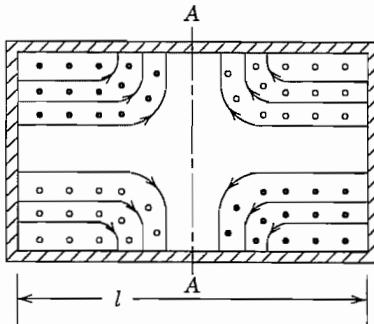
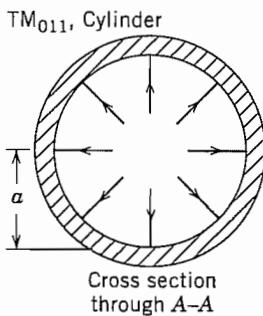
An infinite number of additional modes may be obtained for the cylindrical resonator by considering others of the possible waveguide modes for circular cylindrical guides as propagating in the axial direction with an integral number of half guide wavelengths between end plates. In this manner the standing wave pattern formed by the superposition of incident and reflected waves fulfills the boundary conditions of the conducting ends. Table 10.5 shows a  $TE_{11}$  mode, a  $TM_{01}$  mode, and a  $TE_{01}$  mode, each with one half guide wavelength between ends. The resonant wavelengths shown are obtained by solving the equation

$$d = \frac{p\lambda_g}{2} = \frac{p\lambda}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (8)$$

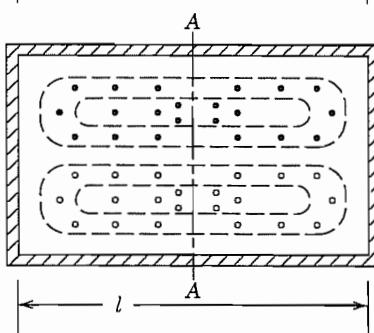
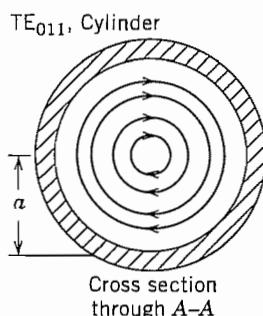
Table 10.5



$$f_0 = \frac{c \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2l}{3.41a}\right)^2}}{2l \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$



$$f_0 = \frac{c \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2l}{2.61a}\right)^2}}{2l \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$



$$f_0 = \frac{c \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2l}{1.64a}\right)^2}}{2l \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$

The corresponding resonant frequencies are shown in the table. For these modes the integer  $p$  is unity in (8), and cutoff wavelength  $\lambda_c$  is obtained from Sec. 8.9. Note that in the designations TE<sub>111</sub>, TM<sub>011</sub>, TE<sub>011</sub>, the order of subscripts is not in the cyclic order of coordinates,  $r$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $z$ , since it is common in circular waveguides to designate the  $\phi$  variation by the first subscript.

Of the foregoing modes, the TE<sub>011</sub> is perhaps the most interesting since it has only circumferential currents in both the cylindrical wall and the end plates. Thus, if a resonator for such a wave is tuned by moving the end plate, one does not need a good contact between the ends and the cylindrical wall since no current flows between them.

For both of the other modes shown (and in fact all except those of type  $\text{TE}_{0mp}$ ) a finite current does flow between the cylinder and its ends so that any sliding contact must be good to prevent serious loss.

As with the rectangular resonator, it would be found that higher wave orders (those having more variations with any or all coordinates  $r, \phi, z$ ) would require larger resonators to be resonant at a given frequency. The  $Q$  would become higher because of the increased volume-to-surface ratio, but the modes would become close together in frequency relative to the resonant frequency so that it might be difficult to excite one mode only.

## 10.6 STRIP RESONATORS

Strip-type resonant structures are used in microwave and millimeter-wave circuits as single resonant elements and as components in filters. Such structures are light and compact, though more limited in power-handling capability than the box resonators discussed in the preceding sections. The quality factor  $Q$  of this kind of resonator is limited by losses in the conductors and dielectric, and is also decreased by radiation, since they are open structures. The examples shown here are of the common microstrip configuration (Sec. 8.6), with the strips on a dielectric substrate coated on the opposite side with a metallic ground plane, but similar arrangements can be used with the coplanar configurations.

Figure 10.6a shows a microstrip resonator equivalent to the resonant transmission line with short-circuited ends described in Sec. 5.13. To satisfy the boundary conditions at the ends, the strip length  $l$  must be

$$l = n\lambda_g/2 \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda_g = v_p/f = \lambda_0/\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}$  and  $n$  is an integer. We assume negligible variation of the fields across the strip.

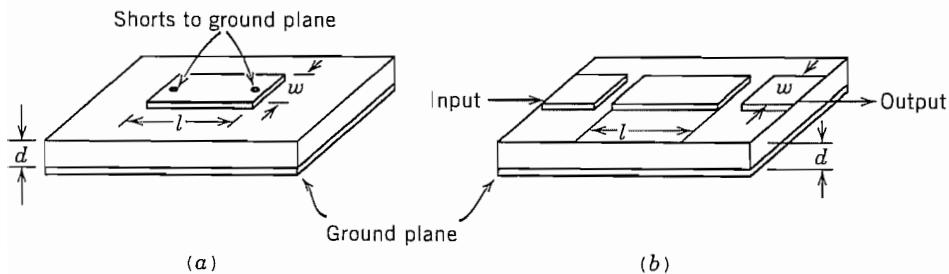
Short circuits in microstrip require connections ("vias") through the dielectric, so a more common and convenient arrangement is to leave the ends of the strip open, rather than shorted. Again,  $l = n\lambda_g/2$  in the simple model that assumes ideal open circuits at the ends. However, there are fringing fields at the ends and these can be represented by an added length  $\Delta l$  so that the resonance condition is

$$l + 2\Delta l = n\lambda_g/2 \quad (2)$$

The value of  $\Delta l$  in the usual situation where the dielectric and ground plane extend beyond the end of the strip has been found by numerical methods. Practical calculations can be made from empirical formulas that have been fit to the results of the calculations. The following formula is accurate to about 5% for  $0.3 < w/d < 2$  and  $1 < \epsilon_r < 50$ :<sup>1</sup>

$$\frac{\Delta l}{d} = 0.412 \frac{(\epsilon_{\text{eff}} + 0.3)[(w/d) + 0.262]}{(\epsilon_{\text{eff}} - 0.258)[(w/d) + 0.813]} \quad (3)$$

<sup>1</sup> R. K. Hoffmann, *Handbook of Microwave Integrated Circuits*, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1987.



**FIG. 10.6** (a) Microstrip resonator with short-circuited ends. (b) Open-circuited microstrip resonator showing capacitively coupled input and output.

where  $w$  is the strip width,  $d$  is the dielectric thickness, and  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$  is defined as in Sec. 8.6. Figure 10.6b shows an open-circuit resonator with capacitive coupling to an input and output connections.

Another important form of strip-type structure is the microstrip ring resonator shown in Fig. 10.6c. There are no end effects and, if the curvature is not too great, the mean circumference is an integral number of wavelengths at resonance. Thus,

$$l = 2\pi r_{\text{aver}} = n\lambda_g \quad (4)$$

Because of the curvature of the line, radiation is a more important source of loss than in straight-line resonators. Excitation in this example is by distributed coupling to an adjacent straight section of microstrip, though capacitive coupling as in Fig. 10.6b can be used.

Strip-type resonators can also be made in the form of rectangular or circular patches, normally with open sides as shown in Figs. 10.6d and e. Note that the rectangular patch differs from the strip in Fig. 10.6b by having width comparable with wavelength. If the edges are open circuits, resonance in the rectangular patch is as in the rectangular box cavity in Secs. 10.2–10.4, except with open-circuit (zero tangential  $\mathbf{H}$ ) boundary conditions. Only modes with nonzero  $E_z$  and no variations in the  $z$  direction can be accommodated in the strip-type structure. Thus, the modes are the  $\text{TM}_{mnp}$  types in Eqs. 10.4(8)–(12) with  $p = 0$ :

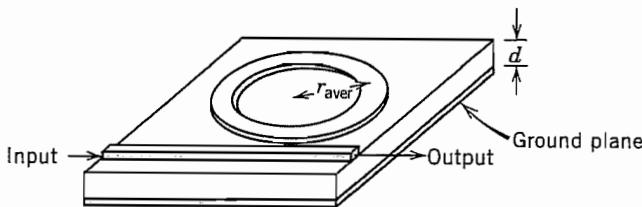
$$E_z = E_0 \cos k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (5)$$

$$H_x = \frac{k_y}{j\omega\mu} E_0 \cos k_x x \sin k_y y \quad (6)$$

$$H_y = -\frac{k_x}{j\omega\mu} E_0 \sin k_x x \cos k_y y \quad (7)$$

with  $k_x = m\pi/(a + \Delta a)$  and  $k_y = n\pi/(b + \Delta b)$ . Here,  $\Delta a$  and  $\Delta b$  account for fringing, and may be estimated from (3). In this case the empirical formula, adapted from the limiting case of the end of a very wide strip,  $w/d \rightarrow \infty$ , is<sup>1</sup>

$$\Delta a/d \text{ (or } \Delta b/d) = 2(1.35/\epsilon_r + 0.44) \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 10.6c** Microstrip ring resonator with distributed coupling.

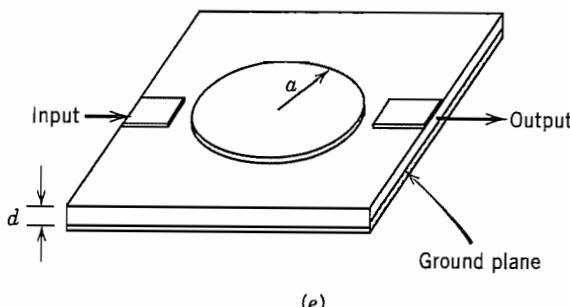
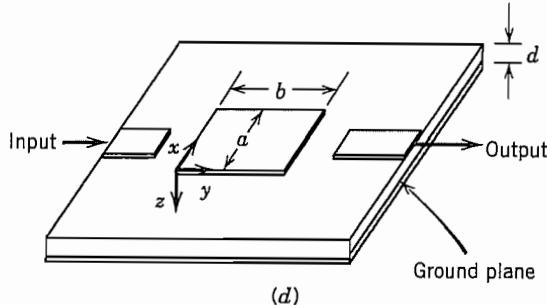
The resonance condition can be adapted from Eq. 10.4(7) with  $p = 0$ :

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a + \Delta a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{n\pi}{b + \Delta b} \right)^2 \right] \quad (9)$$

As in the case of the rectangular patch resonator, a variety of resonant modes exist in the circular patch resonator. The simplest of these is the lowest-order azimuthally symmetric radial-transmission-line mode, assuming an open circuit at  $r = a + \Delta a$ . Since  $a$  is the radius, the  $\Delta a/d$  here is one-half the value in (8). The fields are described by Bessel functions as in the pillbox resonator of Fig. 10.5:

$$E_z = E_0 J_0(kr) \quad (10)$$

$$H_\phi = \frac{jE_0}{\eta} J_1(kr) \quad (11)$$



**FIG. 10.6** (d) Rectangular patch resonator in microstrip technology. (e) Circular microstrip patch resonator.

With an open circuit at  $a + \Delta a$ , the tangential field  $H_\phi$  must vanish there, so the resonance condition is

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} k_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \frac{p_{11}}{a + \Delta a} \quad (12)$$

where  $p_{11} = 3.832$  is the first root of the Bessel function  $J_1$ .

More generally, the modes in the circular patch may be considered analytically the same as  $\text{TM}_{nl}$  waveguide modes (Sec. 8.9) at cutoff where there is no  $z$  variation ( $\beta = 0$ ), except that here the open-circuit boundary condition at the edge radius must be applied. From Eqs. 8.9(8)–(10),

$$E_z = E_0 J_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (13)$$

$$H_\phi = -j \frac{\omega\epsilon}{k_c} E_0 J'_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (14)$$

$$H_r = -\frac{j\omega\epsilon n}{k_c^2 r} E_0 J_n(k_c r) \cos n\phi \quad (15)$$

Resonance is at that frequency  $f_0$  where  $k = k_c$ , or  $f_0 = k_c / 2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ . The cutoff wavenumber  $k_c$  is given by Eq. 8.9(12) except that instead of  $p_{nl}$ , which are the roots of the Bessel function in (13), we must use the roots of its derivative,  $p'_{nl}$  (see Table 7.15b). Thus, the resonant frequency is

$$f_0 = \frac{p'_{nl}}{2\pi(a + \Delta a)\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad (16)$$

The mode with the lowest resonant frequency is  $\text{TM}_{110}$ , where the third subscript indicates no variation in the  $z$  direction. This mode does not have azimuthal symmetry. Its resonant frequency is

$$f_0 = \frac{1.841}{2\pi(a + \Delta a)\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad (17)$$

which is lower than that of the lowest-order symmetric mode (12).

All of the common methods of exciting the patch resonators indicated in Figs. 10.6d and e are asymmetric, so one should expect the asymmetric modes to be preferentially excited.

The factors that contribute to the  $Q$ 's of these resonators are conductor losses, which are proportional to the surface resistance  $R_s$ , dielectric losses, which are proportional to the loss factor  $\tan \delta_\epsilon$  of the dielectric, radiation losses, and excitation of spurious resonances. Radiation losses can be minimized by enclosing the structure in a metal box, and dielectric losses are usually less than those in the conductors. For high values of  $Q$  associated with the various loss mechanisms, they are nearly independent and can be combined as

$$Q = \left( \frac{1}{Q_c} + \frac{1}{Q_d} + \frac{1}{Q_r} \right)^{-1} \quad (18)$$

where the subscripts refer to conductor, dielectric, and radiation, respectively. Each  $Q$  in (18) is given by  $Q = \omega_0 U / W_L$ . Energy loss  $W_L$  in the conductors can be calculated as for the box cavities, i.e., integration of Eq. 3.18(5) over the metal surfaces. The dielectric energy loss is found by integrating the density,  $W_{Ld} = \omega_0 \epsilon'' E^2 / 2$ , where  $E$  is electric field, over the volume of the resonator.

Procedures for calculating radiation loss are found in the literature.<sup>1</sup> Energy storage  $U$  is calculated as for the box cavities. With normal metals, the  $Q$ 's are much lower than for box cavities, typically 100 to 1000 for copper or gold on any of several different dielectrics at room temperature. Strip-type resonators of the same configurations but made with superconductors have  $Q$ 's 10 to 100 times higher at 10 GHz. The advantage of using superconductors is greatest at microwave ( $< 20$  GHz) frequencies, and decreases at higher frequencies because of the difference of frequency dependencies of  $R_s$  shown in Fig. 3.16b.

### 10.7 WAVE SOLUTIONS IN SPHERICAL COORDINATES

Spherical resonators are of more intellectual than practical interest, but will serve to introduce wave solutions in spherical coordinates. In this section we develop such solutions. We shall sketch here only those solutions with axial symmetry,  $\partial/\partial\phi = 0$ . The solutions with general  $\phi$  variations are more involved, but have been given completely by Stratton.<sup>2</sup> It is found that with axial symmetry the solutions separate into waves with components  $E_r, E_\theta, H_\phi$  and those with components  $H_r, H_\theta, E_\phi$ . These are called TM and TE types, respectively, the spherical surface  $r$  constant serving here as the transverse surface.

Consider then TM spherical modes with axial symmetry by setting  $\partial/\partial\phi = 0$  in Maxwell's equations in spherical coordinates. The three curl equations containing  $E_r, E_\theta, H_\phi$  are

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rE_\theta) - \frac{\partial E_r}{\partial \theta} = -j\omega\mu(rH_\phi) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (H_\phi \sin \theta) = j\omega\epsilon E_r \quad (2)$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rH_\phi) = j\omega\epsilon(rE_\theta) \quad (3)$$

Equations (2) and (3) may be differentiated and substituted in (1), leading to an equation in  $H_\phi$  alone:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (rH_\phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (rH_\phi \sin \theta) \right] + k^2(rH_\phi) = 0 \quad (4)$$

<sup>2</sup> J. A. Stratton, *Electromagnetic Theory*, Chap. VII, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

To solve this partial differential equation, we follow the product solution technique. Assume

$$(rH_\phi) = R\Theta \quad (5)$$

where  $R$  is a function of  $r$  alone, and  $\Theta$  is a function of  $\theta$  alone. If this is substituted in (4), the functions of  $r$  may be separated from the functions of  $\theta$ , and these must then be separately equal to a constant if they are to equal each other for all values of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . For a definitely ulterior motive, we label this constant  $n(n + 1)$ :

$$\frac{r^2R''}{R} + k^2r^2 = -\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} (\Theta \sin \theta) \right] = n(n + 1) \quad (6)$$

Thus there are two ordinary differential equations, one in  $r$  only and one in  $\theta$  only. Let us consider that in  $\theta$  first, making the substitutions

$$u = \cos \theta, \quad \sqrt{1 - u^2} = \sin \theta, \quad \frac{d}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta \frac{d}{du}$$

Then

$$(1 - u^2) \frac{d^2\Theta}{du^2} - 2u \frac{d\Theta}{du} + \left[ n(n + 1) - \frac{1}{1 - u^2} \right] \Theta = 0 \quad (7)$$

The differential equation (7) is reminiscent of Legendre's equation (Sec. 7.18) and is in fact a standard form. This form is

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + \left[ n(n + 1) - \frac{m^2}{1 - x^2} \right] y = 0 \quad (8)$$

One of the solutions is written<sup>3</sup>

$$y = P_n^m(x)$$

and the function defined by this solution is called an associated Legendre function of the first kind, order  $n$ , degree  $m$ . These are related to the ordinary Legendre functions by the equation

$$P_n^m(x) = (1 - x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m P_n(x)}{dx^m} \quad (9)$$

As a matter of fact, (8) could be derived from the ordinary Legendre equation by this substitution. A solution to (7) may then be written

$$\Theta = P_n^1(u) = P_n^1(\cos \theta) \quad (10)$$

And, from (9),

$$P_n^1(\cos \theta) = -\frac{d}{d\theta} P_n(\cos \theta) \quad (11)$$

<sup>3</sup> A second solution,  $Q_n^m(x)$ , is needed when the axis is not included in the region of solution (Ref. 2).

Thus for integral values of  $n$  these associated Legendre functions are also polynomials consisting of a finite number of terms. By differentiations according to (9) in Eq. 7.18(8), the polynomials of the first few orders are found to be

$$\begin{aligned} P_0^1(\cos \theta) &= 0 \\ P_1^1(\cos \theta) &= \sin \theta \\ P_2^1(\cos \theta) &= 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ P_3^1(\cos \theta) &= \frac{3}{2} \sin \theta (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \\ P_4^1(\cos \theta) &= \frac{5}{2} \sin \theta (7 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Other properties of these functions that will be useful to us, and which may be found from a study of the above, are as follows:

1. All  $P_n^1(\cos \theta)$  are zero at  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi$ .
2.  $P_n^1(\cos \theta)$  are zero at  $\theta = \pi/2$  if  $n$  is even.
3.  $P_n^1(\cos \theta)$  are a maximum at  $\theta = \pi/2$  if  $n$  is odd, and the value of this maximum is given by

$$P_n^1(0) = \frac{(-1)^{-(n-1)/2} n!}{2^{n-1} \left[ \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right)! \right]^2} \quad n \text{ odd} \quad (13)$$

4. The associated Legendre functions have orthogonality properties similar to those of the Legendre polynomials studied previously:

$$\int_0^\pi P_l^1(\cos \theta) P_n^1(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = 0, \quad l \neq n \quad (14)$$

$$\int_0^\pi [P_n^1(\cos \theta)]^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2n(n+1)}{2n+1} \quad (15)$$

5. The differentiation formula is

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [P_n^1(\cos \theta)] = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} [nP_{n+1}^1(\cos \theta) - (n+1) \cos \theta P_n^1(\cos \theta)] \quad (16)$$

Note that only one solution for this second-order differential equation (7) has been considered. The other solution becomes infinite on the axis, and so will not be required in solutions valid on the axis, but will be needed in problems such as the biconical antenna analysis of Sec. 12.25.

To go back to the  $r$  differential equation obtainable from (6), substitute the variable  $R_1 = R/\sqrt{r}$ :

$$\frac{d^2 R_1}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR_1}{dr} + \left[ k^2 - \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})^2}{r^2} \right] R_1 = 0$$

By comparing with Eq. 7.14(3) it is seen that this is Bessel's differential equation of

order  $n + \frac{1}{2}$ . A complete solution may then be written

$$R_1 = A_n J_{n+1/2}(kr) + B_n N_{n+1/2}(kr) \quad (17)$$

and

$$R = \sqrt{r} R_1$$

If  $n$  is an integer, these half-integral-order Bessel functions reduce simply to algebraic combinations of sinusoids.<sup>4</sup> For example, the first few orders are

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1/2}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x & N_{1/2}(x) &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x \\ J_{3/2}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \frac{\sin x}{x} - \cos x \right] & N_{3/2}(x) &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \sin x + \frac{\cos x}{x} \right] \\ J_{5/2}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \left( \frac{3}{x^2} - 1 \right) \sin x - \frac{3}{x} \cos x \right] & N_{5/2}(x) &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \frac{3}{x} \sin x + \left( \frac{3}{x^2} - 1 \right) \cos x \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The linear combinations of the  $J$  and  $N$  functions into Hankel functions (Sec. 7.14) represent waves traveling radially inward or outward, and boundary conditions will be as found previously for other Bessel functions:

1. If the region of interest includes the origin,  $N_{n+1/2}$  cannot be present since it is infinite at  $r = 0$ .
2. If the region of interest extends to infinity, the linear combination of  $J$  and  $N$  into the second Hankel function,  $H_{n+1/2}^{(2)} = J_{n+1/2} - jN_{n+1/2}$ , must be used to represent a radially outward traveling wave.

The particular combination of  $J_{n+1/2}(kr)$  and  $N_{n+1/2}(kr)$  required for any problem may be denoted as  $Z_{n+1/2}(kr)$ , and now by combining correctly (17), (10), and (5),  $H_\phi$  is determined.  $E_r$  and  $E_\theta$  follow from (2) and (3), respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} H_\phi &= \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{r}} P_n^1(\cos \theta) Z_{n+1/2}(kr) \\ E_\theta &= \frac{A_n P_n^1(\cos \theta)}{j \omega \epsilon r^{3/2}} [n Z_{n+1/2}(kr) - kr Z_{n-1/2}(kr)] \\ E_r &= -\frac{A_n n Z_{n+1/2}(kr)}{j \omega \epsilon r^{3/2} \sin \theta} [\cos \theta P_n^1(\cos \theta) - P_{n+1}^1(\cos \theta)] \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

<sup>4</sup> Special notations for the spherical or half-integral-order Bessel functions have been introduced and are useful if one has much to do with these functions. Thus Stratton, following Morse (Vibrations and Sound, p. 246, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1936) uses  $j_n(x)$  to denote  $(\pi/2x)^{1/2} J_{n+1/2}(x)$ , and similar small letters denote other spherical Bessel and Hankel functions. Still other specialized notations have been used. Because of our limited need for spherical coordinates, we shall retain the original Bessel function forms so that standard recurrence formulas may be used.

The spherically symmetric TE modes may be obtained by the above and the principle of duality (Sec. 9.5). We then replace  $E_r$  and  $E_\theta$  by  $H_r$  and  $H_\theta$ , respectively,  $H_\phi$  by  $-E_\phi$ , and  $\epsilon$  by  $\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E_\phi &= \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{r}} P_n^1(\cos \theta) Z_{n+1/2}(kr) \\ H_\theta &= -\frac{B_n P_n^1(\cos \theta)}{j\omega\mu r^{3/2}} [nZ_{n+1/2}(kr) - krZ_{n-1/2}(kr)] \\ H_r &= \frac{B_n n Z_{n+1/2}(kr)}{j\omega\mu r^{3/2} \sin \theta} [\cos \theta P_n^1(\cos \theta) - P_{n+1}^1(\cos \theta)] \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

### 10.8 SPHERICAL RESONATORS

The general discussion of spherical waves from the preceding section will now be applied to the study of some simple modes in a hollow conducting spherical resonator. Since the origin is included within the region of the solution, the Bessel functions can only be those of first kind,  $J_{n+1/2}$ . For the lowest-order TM mode, let  $n = 1$  in Eq. 10.7(19) and utilize the definitions of Eqs. 10.7(12) and 10.7(18). Letting  $C = A_1(2k/\pi)^{1/2}$ , we then have

$$H_\phi = \frac{C \sin \theta}{kr} \left( \frac{\sin kr}{kr} - \cos kr \right) \quad (1)$$

$$E_r = -\frac{2j\eta C \cos \theta}{k^2 r^2} \left( \frac{\sin kr}{kr} - \cos kr \right) \quad (2)$$

$$E_\theta = \frac{j\eta C \sin \theta}{k^2 r^2} \left[ \frac{(kr)^2 - 1}{kr} \sin kr + \cos kr \right] \quad (3)$$

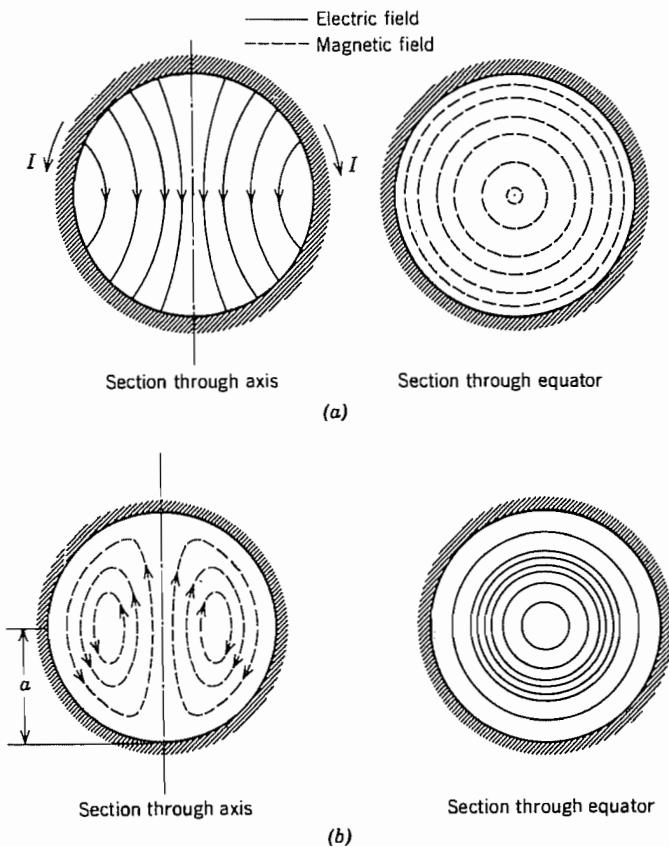
The mode may be designated  $\text{TM}_{101}$ , the subscripts here giving variations in the order  $r$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $\theta$ . Electric and magnetic field lines are sketched in Fig. 10.8a.

To obtain the resonance condition, we know that  $E_\theta$  must be zero at the radius of the perfectly conducting shell,  $r = a$ . From (3), this requires

$$\tan ka = \frac{ka}{1 - (ka)^2} \quad (4)$$

Roots of this transcendental equation may be determined numerically and the first is found at  $ka \approx 2.74$ , giving a resonant frequency of

$$f_0 \approx \frac{1}{2.29\sqrt{\mu\epsilon a}} \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 10.8** (a) Field patterns for  $TM_{101}$  mode in spherical resonator. (b) Field patterns for  $TE_{101}$  mode in spherical resonator.

The energy stored at resonance may be found from the peak energy in magnetic fields:

$$U = \int_0^a \int_0^\pi \frac{\mu}{2} |H_\phi|^2 2\pi r^2 \sin \theta d\theta dr$$

The value of  $H_\phi$  is given by (1), and the result of the integration may be simplified by the resonance requirement (4):

$$U = \frac{2\pi\mu C^2}{3k^3} \left[ ka - \frac{1 + (ka)^2}{ka} \sin^2 ka \right] \quad (6)$$

The approximate dissipation in conductors of finite conductivity is

$$W_L = \int_0^\pi \frac{R_s |H_\phi|^2}{2} 2\pi a^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{4\pi R_s}{3} a^2 C^2 \sin^2 ka \quad (7)$$

So the  $Q$  of this mode is

$$Q = \frac{\eta}{2R_s(ka)^2} \left[ \frac{ka}{\sin^2 ka} - \frac{1 + (ka)^2}{ka} \right] \approx \frac{\eta}{R_s} \quad (8)$$

The “dual” of the above mode is the TE<sub>101</sub> mode, and its field components may be obtained by substituting in (1) to (3)  $E_\phi$  for  $H_\phi$ ,  $-H_r$  for  $E_r$ , and  $-H_\theta$  for  $E_\theta$ . The fields are sketched in Fig. 10.8b. Note that the resonance condition for this mode, obtained by setting  $E_\phi = 0$  at  $r = a$ , requires

$$\tan ka = ka$$

Numerical solution of this yields  $ka \approx 4.50$ , or

$$f_0 \approx \frac{1}{1.395\sqrt{\mu\epsilon a}} \quad (9)$$

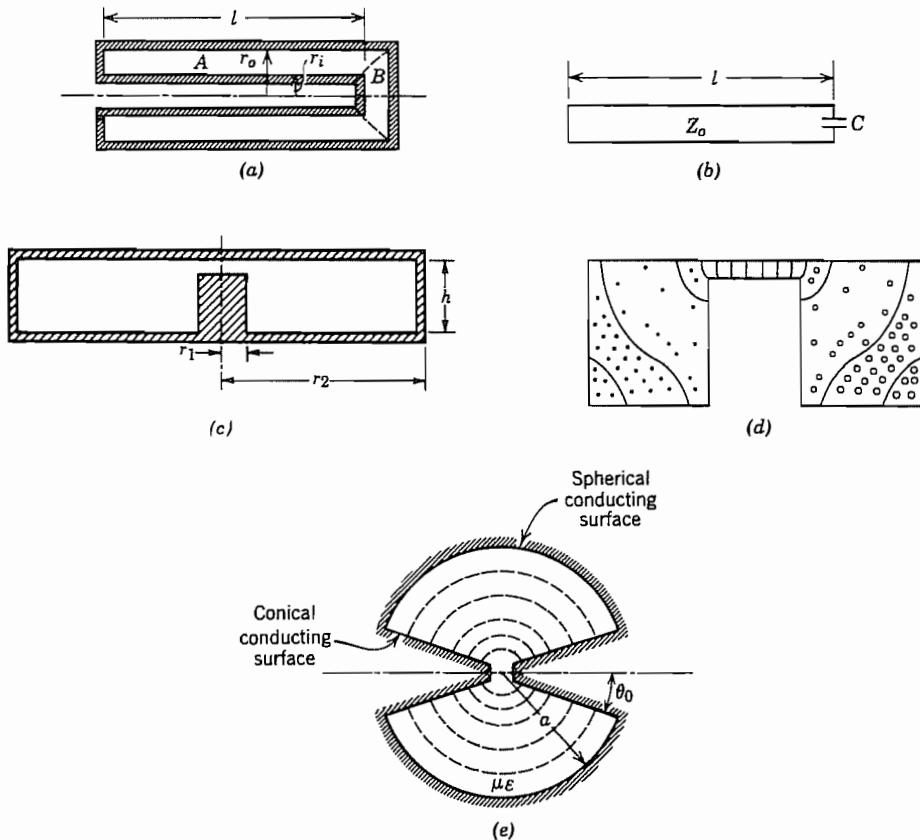
## Small-Gap Cavities and Coupling

### 10.9 SMALL-GAP CAVITIES

Because of their shielded nature and high  $Q$  possibilities, resonant cavities are ideal for use in many high-frequency tubes such as klystrons, magnetrons, and microwave triodes. When they are used with an electron stream, it is essential for efficient energy transfer that the electron transit time across the active field region be as small as possible. If resonators such as those studied in preceding sections were used, very short cylinders or prisms would be required, and  $Q$  would be low and interaction weak. Certain special shapes are consequently employed which have a small gap in the region that is to interact with the electron stream. Several examples of useful small-gap cavities will follow.

#### Example 10.9a FORESHORTENED COAXIAL LINES

The structure in Fig. 10.9a may be considered a coaxial line  $A$  terminated in the gap capacitance  $B$  (leading to the equivalent circuit of Fig. 10.9b) provided that the region  $B$  is small compared with wavelength. The method is particularly useful when the region  $B$  is not uniform, but contains dielectrics or discontinuities, so long as a reasonable estimate of capacitance can be made.



**FIG. 10.9** (a) Foreshortened coaxial-line resonator. (b) Approximate equivalent circuit for (a). (c) Foreshortened radial-line resonator. (d) Resonator intermediate between foreshortened coaxial line and foreshortened radial line. (e) Conical-line resonator.

For resonance, the reactance at any plane should be equal and opposite, looking in opposite directions. Selecting the plane of the capacitance for this purpose,

$$jZ_0 \tan \beta l = - \left( \frac{1}{j\omega_0 C} \right)$$

or

$$\beta l = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{Z_0 \omega_0 C} \right) \quad (1)$$

The resonant frequency must be found numerically from (1).

If  $C$  is small ( $Z_0 \omega_0 C \ll 1$ ), the line is practically a quarter-wave length. For larger values of  $C$ , the line is foreshortened from the quarter-wave value and would approach zero length if  $Z_0 \omega_0 C$  approached infinity.

**Example 10.9b**  
FORESHORTENED RADIAL LINES

If the proportions of the resonator are more as shown in Fig. 10.9c, it is preferable to look at the problem as one of a resonant radial transmission line (Sec. 9.3) loaded or foreshortened by the capacitance of the post or gap. Then, for resonance, the inductive reactance of the shorted radial line looking outward from radius  $r_1$  should be equal in magnitude to the capacitive reactance of the central post. Using the results and notation of Sec. 9.3 we see that

$$\frac{1}{\omega C} = -\frac{h}{2\pi r_1} Z_{01} \frac{\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{\cos(\psi_1 - \theta_2)}$$

or

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin \theta_1 + (2\pi r_1 / \omega C Z_{01} h) \cos \psi_1}{\cos \theta_1 - (2\pi r_1 / \omega C Z_{01} h) \sin \psi_1} \right] \quad (2)$$

Once  $\theta_2$  is found,  $kr_2$  is read from Fig. 9.3c, and resonant frequency is found from  $k$ .

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**Example 10.9c**  
RESONATORS OF INTERMEDIATE SHAPE

In the coaxial-line resonator of Fig. 10.9a the electric field lines would be substantially radial in the region far from the gap. In the radial line resonator of Fig. 10.9c the electric field lines would be substantially axial in the region far from the gap. For a resonator of the same general type, but with intermediate proportions, the field lines may be transitional between these extremes as indicated in Fig. 10.9d, and neither of these approximations may yield good results. Some useful design curves for a range of proportions have been given in the literature.<sup>5</sup> Of course, if the capacitive loading at the center is great enough, the entire resonator will be relatively small compared with wavelength, and the outer portion may be considered a lumped inductance of value

$$L \approx \frac{\mu l}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right) \quad (3)$$

Resonance is computed from this inductance and the known capacitance.

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**Example 10.9d**  
CONICAL-LINE RESONATOR

A somewhat different form of small-gap resonator, formed by placing a spherical short at radius  $a$  on a conical line as studied in Sec. 9.6, is shown in Fig. 10.9e. Since this is

<sup>5</sup> T. Moreno, Microwave Transmission Design Data, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1989.

a uniform line, formula (1) applies to this case as well. For the conical line,  $\beta = k$  and

$$Z_0 = \frac{\eta}{\pi} \ln \cot \frac{\theta_0}{2} \quad (4)$$

In the limit of zero capacitance (the two conical tips separated by an infinitesimal gap), the radius  $a$  becomes exactly a quarter-wavelength. The field components in this case, obtained by forming a standing wave from Eqs. 9.6(5) and 9.6(6), are

$$E_\theta = \frac{C}{\sin \theta} \frac{\cos kr}{r} \quad (5)$$

$$H_\phi = \frac{C}{j\eta \sin \theta} \frac{\sin kr}{r} \quad (6)$$

The  $Q$  of the resonator in this limiting case may be shown to be

$$Q \approx \frac{\eta \pi}{4R_s} \frac{\ln \cot (\theta_0/2)}{\ln \cot (\theta_0/2) + 0.825 \csc \theta_0} \quad (7)$$

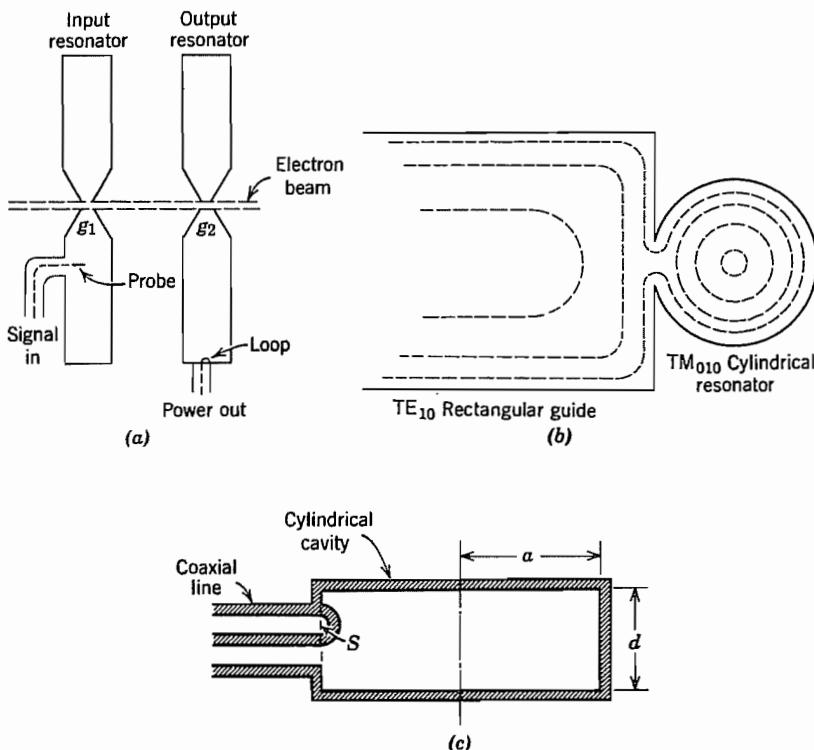

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## 10.10 COUPLING TO CAVITIES

The types of electromagnetic waves that may exist inside closed conducting cavities have been discussed without specifically analyzing ways of exciting these oscillations. Obviously they cannot be excited if the resonator is completely enclosed by conductors. Some means of coupling electromagnetic energy into and out of the resonator must be introduced from the outside. The most straightforward methods, similar to those discussed in Sec. 8.11 for exciting waves in waveguides, are:

1. Introduction of a conducting probe or antenna in the direction of the electric field lines, driven by an external transmission line
2. Introduction of a conducting loop with plane normal to the magnetic field lines
3. Introduction of a pulsating electron beam passing through a small gap in the resonator, in the direction of electric field lines, and similarly for carriers in solid-state devices
4. Introduction of a hole or iris between the cavity and a driving waveguide, the hole being located so that some field component in the cavity mode has a direction common to one in the wave mode
5. In microstrip or coplanar strip versions, coupling by adjacent strip lines as illustrated in the examples of Fig. 10.6

For example, in a velocity modulation device of the klystron type, as in Fig. 10.10a, the input cavity may be excited by a probe, the oscillations in this cavity producing a voltage across gap  $g_1$  and causing a velocity modulation of the electron beam. The velocity modulation is converted to convection current modulation by a drifting action



**FIG. 10.10** (a) Couplings to the cavities of a velocity modulation tube amplifier. (b) Section showing approximate form of magnetic field lines in iris coupling between a guide and cavity. (c) Magnetic coupling to a cylindrical cavity.

so that the electron beam may then excite electromagnetic oscillations in the second resonator by passing through the gap  $g_2$ . Power may be coupled out of this resonator by a coupling loop and a coaxial transmission line. Iris coupling between a  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode in a cylindrical cavity and the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode in a rectangular waveguide is illustrated in Fig. 10.10b. Here the  $H_\phi$  of the cavity and the  $H_x$  of the guide are in the same direction over the hole.

The rigorous approach to a quantitative analysis of cavity coupling is given in the following chapter. Some comments and an approximate approach are, however, in order here.

#### Example 10.10 LOOP COUPLING IN A CYLINDRICAL CAVITY

Let us concentrate on the loop coupling to a  $\text{TM}_{010}$  cylindrical mode as sketched in Fig. 10.10c. If a current is made to flow in the loop, all wave types will be excited

which have a magnetic field threading the loop. The simple  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode is one of these, and, if it is near resonance, certainly it will be excited most. However, this wave is known to fit the boundary conditions imposed by the perfectly conducting box alone. Other waves will have to be superposed to make the electric field zero along the perfectly conducting loop, but these will in general be far from resonance and so will contribute only a reactive effect. In fact, they may be thought of as producing the self-inductance reactance of the loop, taking into account the presence of the cavity as a shield.

The voltage magnitude induced in the loop by the cavity mode is

$$|V| = \omega\mu S |H| \quad (1)$$

where  $|H|$  is magnetic field from the  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode, averaged over the loop, and  $S$  is loop area. Consider power loss as only that from the walls, Eq. 10.5(6). This can be written in terms of magnetic field at  $r = a$  through Eq. 10.5(2):

$$W_L = \frac{\pi a(d + a) E_0^2 J_1^2(ka) R_s}{\eta^2} = \pi a(d + a) R_s |H|^2 \quad (2)$$

This loss requires an input resistance

$$R = \frac{|V|^2}{2W_L} = \frac{(\omega\mu S)^2}{2\pi a(d + a) R_s} \quad (3)$$

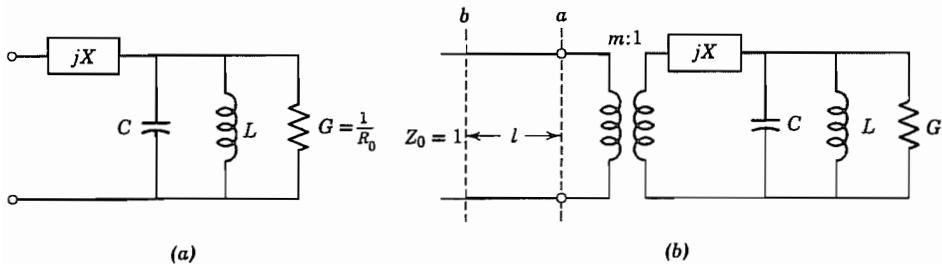
The reactive impedance from self-inductance of the loop,  $j\omega L$ , is added to this, but may be tuned out by a frequency shift in the cavity or by a portion of the input line as will be discussed in the following section.

### 10.11 MEASUREMENT OF RESONATOR $Q$

The  $Q$  of a cavity has been defined in terms of power loss and energy storage and has been calculated for a number of ideal configurations. It has also been noted that the  $Q$  is useful in describing bandwidth of a cavity mode, just as for a lumped-element resonant system. The reason for this is that in the vicinity of resonance for a single mode, a lumped-element equivalent circuit such as that of Fig. 10.11a is a good representation. The excitation means may excite a number of modes, but in general only one is near resonance. The elements  $G$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  represent the mode near resonance, and  $jX$  the reactive effect of modes far from resonance. Such an equivalent circuit might be suspected to give correct qualitative results, but as will be shown in the next chapter, it actually gives useful quantitative results also. The equivalent circuit also permits one to devise ways of measuring  $Q$  when it is difficult or impossible to calculate.

Many methods of  $Q$  measurement are possible,<sup>6</sup> and commercial instruments are

<sup>6</sup> T. S. Laverghetta, Handbook of Microwave Testing, Sec. 9.2, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1981.



**FIG. 10.11** (a) Cavity equivalent circuit. (b) Equivalent circuit for cavity with coupling to a waveguide. (c) Locus of impedance on Smith chart for  $Q$  measurement.

available which do this directly. We shall describe a method using elemental transmission-line measurements which illustrates the use of the equivalent circuit of Fig. 10.11a and brings in the importance of the correct coupling. The coupling of the waveguide to the cavity is illustrated here by the ideal transformer of turns ratio  $m:1$  (Fig. 10.11b). The guide is assumed to have unity characteristic impedance for simplicity, so that terminating impedances are automatically normalized. The input impedance at reference  $a$  is then

$$Z_a = m^2 \left[ jX + \frac{1}{G + j(\omega C - 1/\omega L)} \right] \quad (1)$$

By defining  $Q_0 = \omega_0 C/G$ ,  $\omega_0^2 = 1/LC$ , and  $R_0 = 1/G$ , this is

$$Z_a = m^2 \left[ jX + \frac{R_0}{1 + j(\omega/\omega_0 - \omega_0/\omega)Q_0} \right] \quad (2)$$

In the vicinity of resonance,  $\omega = \omega_0(1 + \delta')$  where  $\delta'$  is small,

$$Z_a \approx jm^2X + \frac{m^2R_0}{1 + 2jQ_0\delta'} \quad (3)$$

The series reactance may be removed either by defining a new resonant frequency or by referring input to a shifted point on the waveguide. The latter is common, and the new reference may be taken as the position where the impedance seen looking toward the cavity is zero when the cavity is tuned off resonance; this is called the “detuned short” position. The detuning is sufficient to make  $Q_0\delta' \gg 1$  either by detuning the cavity (by changing  $\omega_0$ ) or by changing frequency  $\omega$ . Then, by (3),  $Z_a \approx jm^2X$  and, from the impedance transformation formula, Eq. 5.7(13), which for  $Z_0 = 1$  is

$$Z_b = \frac{Z_a + j \tan \beta l}{1 + j Z_a \tan \beta l} \quad (4)$$

we find that  $Z_b$  is zero when

$$\tan \beta l = -m^2X \quad (5)$$

The impedance  $Z_b$  at arbitrary frequencies in the neighborhood of resonance is then

$$Z_b = \frac{m^2 R_{0b}}{1 + 2j Q_0 \delta} \quad (6)$$

where

$$R_{0b} = R_0(1 + m^4 X^2)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\delta = \delta' - \frac{m^4 X R_0}{2 Q_0 (1 + m^4 X^2)} \quad (8)$$

The locus of impedance is measured as  $\delta'$  is varied either by changing frequency or by detuning the cavity. As impedance (6) is of the linear fraction form, it will produce a circular locus for each value of  $m^2 R_{0b}$  when plotted on the Smith chart as illustrated by circles  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  in Fig. 10.11c. Circle  $A$ , for which  $m^2 R_{0b} = 1$ , passes through the origin and is called the condition of *critical coupling* since it provides a perfect match to the guide at resonance; circle  $C$  with  $m^2 R_{0b} < 1$  is said to be *undercoupled*; and circle  $B$  with  $m^2 R_{0b} > 1$  is *overcoupled*. To match the last two, the coupling ratio  $m^2$  would have to be changed. As with the lumped resonant system, the value of  $Q_0$  can now be found from the specific value of  $\delta$  which reduces impedance magnitude at reference  $b$  by  $1/\sqrt{2}$  of its resonant value. On the Smith chart, this is the point  $R = X$  and the corresponding  $\delta$  may be denoted  $\delta_1$ . At this point the known quantities are  $\delta'_1$  corresponding to  $\delta_1$ ,  $m^2 X$  found from (5),  $m^2 R_{0b}$ , which is the value of  $Z_b$  at resonance, and  $2 Q_0 \delta_1 = 1$  in the denominator of (6). Then

$$Q_0 = \frac{1}{2 \delta_1} \quad (9)$$

and (8) may be solved to find  $Q_0$  in terms of the known quantities.

The value of  $Q_0$  thus determined is the “unloaded  $Q$ ” since it does not account for loading by the guide. A loaded  $Q$  which accounts for this is also used and may be found from Fig. 10.11b as

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{G + m^2}{\omega_0 C} = \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_{\text{ext}}} \quad (10)$$

where “external  $Q$ ,”  $Q_{\text{ext}}$ , results from

$$Q_{\text{ext}} = \frac{\omega_0 C}{m^2} \quad (11)$$

It is assumed here that the generator is matched so that the impedance looking toward the guide is its characteristic impedance, taken here as unity.

### 10.12 RESONATOR PERTURBATIONS

In the condition of resonance, average stored magnetic and electric energies are equal. If a small perturbation is made in one of the cavity walls, this will in general change one type of energy more than the other, and resonant frequency would then shift by an amount necessary to again equalize the energies. Perturbation theory<sup>7</sup> shows the amount of frequency shift when a small volume  $\Delta V$  is removed from the resonator by pushing in the boundaries. This may be written

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{\int_{\Delta V} (\mu H^2 - \epsilon E^2) dV}{\int_V (\mu H^2 + \epsilon E^2) dV} = \frac{\Delta U_H - \Delta U_E}{U} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta U_H$  is the magnetic energy removed,  $\Delta U_E$  the electric energy removed, and  $U$  the total stored energy, all time averages. We illustrate with two examples.

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#### Example 10.12a PERTURBATION OF RESONANT PARALLEL-PLANE LINE

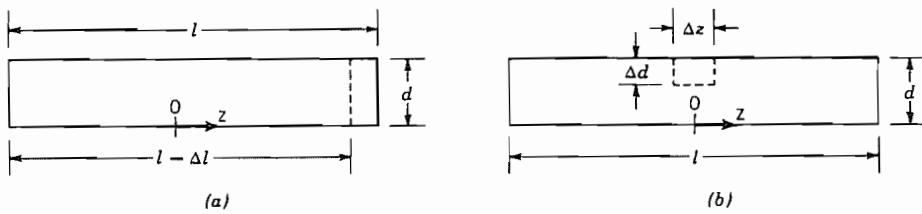
We first take a simple case for which we can check the answer. Consider the parallel-plane transmission line of Fig. 10.12a, shorted at the two ends. The unperturbed resonance with the lowest frequency is at  $l = \lambda/2$  [Eq. 10.6(1)]:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi v_p}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi v_p}{l} \quad (2)$$

If we perturb by moving one end plate in by  $\Delta l$ , the new resonance is

$$(\omega_0 + \Delta\omega) = \frac{\pi v_p}{l - \Delta l} \approx \omega_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta l}{l}\right) \quad (3)$$

<sup>7</sup> R. F. Harrington, Time-Harmonic Electromagnetic Fields, Chap. 7, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1961.



**FIG. 10.12** Parallel-plane transmission line with perturbations: (a) by decreasing length by  $\Delta l$ ; (b) by introducing a rectangular indentation at the center of the line.

In using the perturbation formula (1), only magnetic energy is removed. If unperturbed magnetic field is of the form

$$H_0(z) = H_0 \sin \frac{\pi z}{l} \quad (4)$$

Total stored energy (twice the average energy in magnetic fields) is

$$U = 2wd \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} \frac{\mu H_0^2}{4} \sin^2 \frac{\pi z}{l} dz = w ld \frac{\mu H_0^2}{4} \quad (5)$$

where  $w$  is width of the line and  $d$  the spacing. The energy removed is

$$\Delta U_H = \frac{\mu H_0^2}{4} w d \Delta l \quad (6)$$

so by (1)

$$\frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} \quad (7)$$

which agrees with (3).

Now suppose the perturbation is at the center of the line where only electric field is removed, as shown by the dashed outline in Fig. 10.12b. If unperturbed electric field is

$$E_0(z) = E_0 \cos \frac{\pi z}{l} \quad (8)$$

the total energy stored is

$$U = 2U_E = 2wd \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} \frac{\epsilon E_0^2}{4} \cos^2 \frac{\pi z}{l} dz = wld \frac{\epsilon E_0^2}{4} \quad (9)$$

And the electric energy removed is

$$\Delta U_E = w \Delta d \Delta z \frac{\epsilon E_0^2}{4} \quad (10)$$

so by (1)

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = -\frac{\Delta d \Delta z}{ld} \quad (11)$$

To check this, we may use the equivalent circuit of the capacitively loaded quarter-wave line shown in Fig. 10.12b. Resonance is given by

$$\omega \left( \frac{\Delta C}{2} \right) = Y_0 \cot \left( \frac{\omega l}{2v_p} \right) \quad (12)$$

where

$$\Delta C = \epsilon w \Delta z \left( \frac{1}{d - \Delta d} - \frac{1}{d} \right) \approx \frac{\epsilon w \Delta z \Delta d}{d^2} \quad (13)$$

If  $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$  and  $\omega_0 l / v_p = \pi$ , to first order (12) gives

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} \approx -\frac{\Delta C v_p}{l Y_0} = -\left( \frac{\epsilon w \Delta z \Delta d}{l d^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \frac{d}{w} \quad (14)$$

This reduces to (11), including the check of sign.

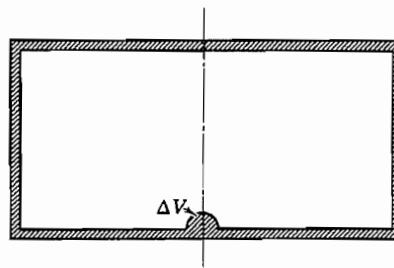
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### Example 10.12b

#### PERTURBATION ON BOTTOM OF CYLINDRICAL CAVITY

For a more practical example, imagine a small volume  $\Delta V$  taken out of the pillbox resonator of volume  $V_0$  in Fig. 10.12c, along the axis where electric field is maximum and magnetic field negligible. The change in energy stored is then

$$\Delta U_E \approx \frac{\epsilon E_0^2}{4} \Delta V \quad (15)$$



**FIG. 10.12c** Small perturbation in bottom of circular cylindrical cavity.

The total energy of the resonator is given by Eq. 10.5(5). Frequency shift from (1) for the lowest mode with  $ka = 2.405$  is then

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = -\frac{\epsilon E_0^2 \Delta V}{2\pi\epsilon dE_0^2 a^2 J_1^2(ka)} = -1.85 \frac{\Delta V}{V_0} \quad (16)$$

The shift in resonant frequency determines the ratio  $E_0^2/U$  needed for determination of  $R_0/Q$ . Frequency shifts can be measured accurately, and the perturbation can be made in the form of a small conducting bead moved by an insulating thread along the axis. Field can be measured at all points on the axis, and thus its integral found even when field cannot be assumed to be uniform across the gap.

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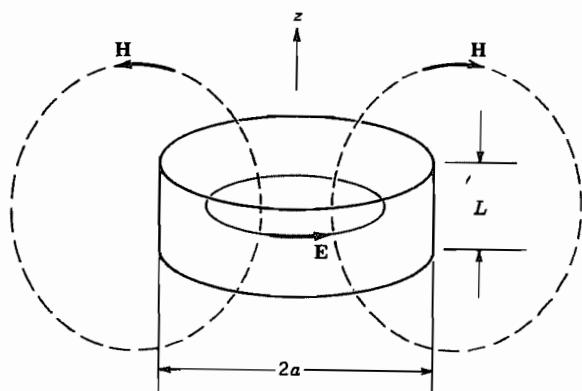
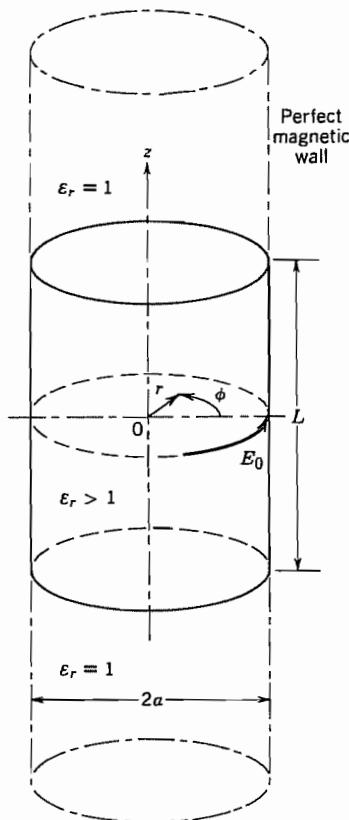
### 10.13 DIELECTRIC RESONATORS

We saw in the earlier sections of this chapter that a section of a hollow metal waveguide shorted at the ends constitutes a resonant structure with properties similar to resonant  $L-C$  circuits. Similarly, a section of dielectric waveguide (Sec. 9.2) exhibits resonances and can be used for the same purposes. Some materials have very high permittivities and wave energy is therefore strongly confined within the material. Wavelength is small so the dielectric resonator can be much smaller than an empty hollow metal structure. Early work<sup>8</sup> employed high-purity  $\text{TiO}_2$  ceramic material with  $\epsilon_r \approx 100$  and  $\epsilon''/\epsilon' \approx 10^{-4}$ . Values of  $Q$  (not accounting for losses in supporting structures) then are high (about  $10^4$ ) as shown in Prob. 10.3d. The difficulty with  $\text{TiO}_2$  is that its  $\epsilon_r$  has an intolerably strong temperature dependence of  $10^3$  parts per million (ppm) per degree Celsius, which leads to a resonant frequency dependence of 500 ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$ . More recently, ceramics have been developed<sup>9</sup> that can be made with temperature coefficients selected to offset those of the supporting structures, giving a net zero temperature dependence. These have  $\epsilon_r \approx 37.5$  and  $\epsilon''/\epsilon' \approx 2 \times 10^{-4}$  at about 10 GHz. Disks of these materials can conveniently be introduced as resonators into microwave-integrated circuits and use beyond 100 GHz is expected.

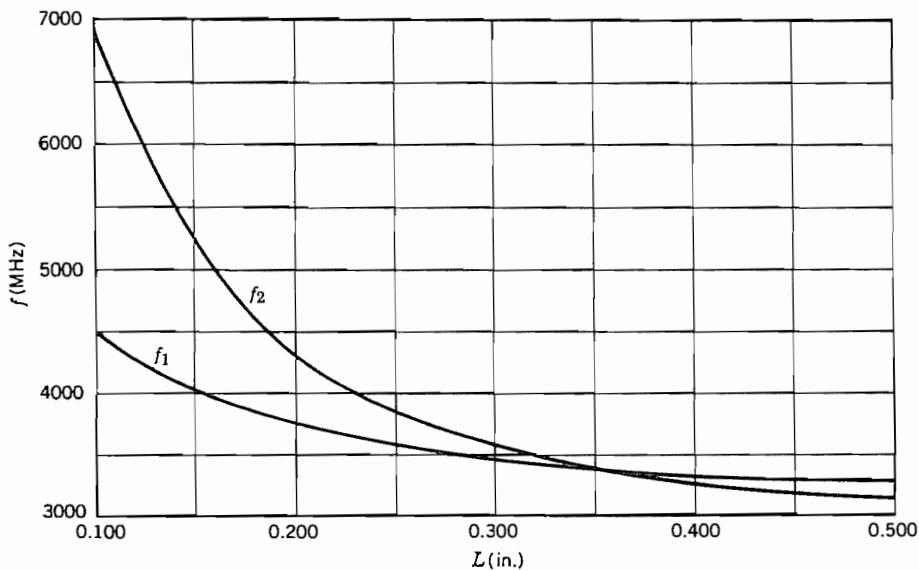
Exact analysis is possible for a sphere and a toroid, but shapes of greater technical interest such as rectangular prisms, disks, and rods must be treated approximately. It is seen that fields at the surface of a region of very high permittivity satisfy approximately the so-called *open-circuit* boundary condition for which the normal component of electric field and the tangential component of magnetic field are zero. This is made plausible by considering reflections of a plane wave in going from a dielectric of high permittivity (low intrinsic impedance) to one of low permittivity (high intrinsic impedance). One could calculate the resonant frequency of a dielectric resonator by surrounding it with a contiguous perfect magnetic conductor to impose the above stated conditions. How-

<sup>8</sup> S. B. Cohn, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech. **MTT-16**, 218 (1968).

<sup>9</sup> M. R. Stiglitz, Microwave J. **24**, 19 (1981).



**FIG. 10.13** (a) Dielectric cylinder in magnetic-wall waveguide boundary. (b) Lowest-order mode where  $L \leq 2a$  in dielectric resonator. Fields  $\mathbf{H}$  outside  $r = a$  are extensions of those given by model in (a).



**FIG. 10.13c** Experimental data on the lowest resonant frequencies versus length of a dielectric cylinder of circular cross section. Radius  $a = 0.162$  in. After S. B. Cohn, *IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.* MTT-16, 218 (1968). © 1968 IEEE.

ever, since the open-circuit boundary conditions are only approximately satisfied for finite-permittivity resonators, modifications in the use of the perfect magnetic boundary have been found to give better results. The two lowest-order modes for circular cylindrical disks and rods are one with zero electric field along the axis and one with zero magnetic field along the axis. The model for the former places the solid dielectric cylinder inside a contiguous infinitely long, magnetic cylindrical waveguide so that the open-circuit conditions are imposed only on the cylindrical surface as in Fig. 10.13a. The model for the mode with zero magnetic field along the axis imposes the open-circuit condition only on the end faces of the dielectric cylinder by means of infinite parallel magnetic conducting plates. In either case the resonant fields and frequency are found by setting up propagating-type solutions of the wave equation inside and attenuating fields outside the dielectric and matching boundary conditions. The result is that the mode with zero axial electric field has the lowest resonant frequency for dielectric cylinders with length less than the diameter. The field distribution for this mode is shown in Fig. 10.13b. Some experimental results are shown in Fig. 10.13c. The curve labeled  $f_1$  is the mode with zero axial electric field and  $f_2$  has zero axial magnetic field. A general treatment of arbitrary shapes of dielectric resonators is given by Van Bladel.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> J. Van Bladel, *IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.* MTT-23, 199 (1975).

**Example 10.13**

## TE MODE IN DIELECTRIC RESONATOR

As an example we do the analysis for the case with the circular cylinder of dielectric enclosed in a perfectly conducting magnetic waveguide shown in Fig. 10.13a. Use is made of the concept of duality (Sec. 9.5) in which  $\mathbf{E}$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  by  $-\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mu$  by  $\epsilon$ , and  $\epsilon$  by  $\mu$  in known field distributions to find another solution of Maxwell's equations that fits boundary conditions dual to those of the given field. The circular waveguide modes in Sec. 8.9 can be adapted. In particular, the TM mode with an electric boundary becomes a TE mode with the magnetic boundary. The  $H_\phi$  component in Eq. 8.9(9) becomes the  $E_\phi$  component and can be written as

$$E_\phi = E_0 \frac{J_1(k_c r)}{J_1(p_{01})} e^{-j\beta_d z}, \quad |z| \leq \frac{L}{2} \quad (1)$$

where the propagation factor is included for a wave in the  $+z$  direction and the subscript  $d$  signifies the dielectric region. Taking account of waves in both directions in the dielectric, one has

$$E_\phi = 2E_0 \frac{J_1(k_c r)}{J_1(p_{01})} \cos \beta_d z, \quad |z| \leq \frac{L}{2} \quad (2)$$

The frequency is assumed low enough that the waves outside the dielectric ( $|z| > L/2$ ) are cut off. Choosing the coefficient to ensure continuity of  $E_\phi$  across the end of the dielectric, we may write

$$E_\phi = 2E_0 \frac{J_1(k_c r)}{J_1(p_{01})} \cos \frac{\beta_d L}{2} e^{-\alpha_a(|z|-L/2)}, \quad |z| \geq \frac{L}{2} \quad (3)$$

The magnetic field components tangential to the end faces of the dielectric are

$$H_r = j \frac{\beta_d}{\omega \mu} 2E_0 \frac{J_1(k_c r)}{J_1(p_{01})} \sin \beta_d z, \quad |z| \leq \frac{L}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$H_r = \pm \frac{j\alpha_a}{\omega \mu} 2E_0 \frac{J_1(k_c r)}{J_1(p_{01})} \cos \beta_d \frac{L}{2} e^{-\alpha_a(|z|-L/2)}, \quad |z| \geq \frac{L}{2} \quad (5)$$

where we have used the relation dual to Eq. 8.9(9). The upper sign in (5) applies at  $z = L/2$  and the lower at  $z = -L/2$ . Then, equating  $H_r$  across the dielectric boundary at  $z = \pm L/2$  we find the determinantal relation for the resonant frequency:

$$\beta_d \tan \frac{\beta_d L}{2} = \alpha_a \quad (6)$$

where

$$\beta_d = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2 \epsilon_r}{c^2} - \left(\frac{p_{01}}{a}\right)^2} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\alpha_a = \sqrt{\left(\frac{p_{01}}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2} \quad (8)$$

These calculations give resonant frequencies about 10% lower than the experimental data in the range  $0.24 < L/2a < 0.62$ .

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## PROBLEMS

- 10.2a** An analogy can be made between acoustic resonances in a closed box with fixed walls and electromagnetic resonances in a box with walls of high conductivity. Develop the comparison further, stressing similarities and differences.
- 10.2b** Show that the mode described in Sec. 10.2 (resonant condition and field expressions) would be obtained if one started with the point of view that it was a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode propagating in the  $x$  direction; similarly consider it a  $\text{TM}_{11}$  mode propagating in the  $y$  direction exactly at cutoff.
- 10.2c** Find the total charge on the top plate and bottom plate for the resonator of Sec. 10.2. Determine an equivalent capacitance that would give this charge with a voltage equal to that between top and bottom at the center of the box. Compare this equivalent capacitance with the parallel-plate capacitance of the top and bottom plates with fringing neglected.
- 10.2d** Find the total current in the side walls of the resonator of Sec. 10.2. Determine an equivalent inductance in terms of this current and the magnetic flux linking a vertical path at the center of the box. What resonant frequency would be given by this inductance and the equivalent capacitance of Prob. 10.2c? Compare with result of Eq. 10.2(1).
- 10.2e** Suppose that in place of a perfect conductor at  $z = d$ , a “reactive wall” giving a wave reactance  $E_y/H_x = jX$  is placed there. Obtain the condition for resonance. Discuss physical ways in which the reactance wall might be produced, at least as an approximation.
- 10.3a** Calculate the maximum energy stored in magnetic fields for the simple mode of the rectangular resonator and show that it is the same as Eq. 10.3(1).
- 10.3b** Convert the phasor forms of electric and magnetic fields of Sec. 10.2 to instantaneous forms and find stored electric and magnetic energy as functions of time. Show that the sum is a constant equal to the value of Eq. 10.3(1).
- 10.3c** From the definition of  $Q$  in terms of energy storage and power loss, Eq. 10.3(3), show that the decay of energy in a natural oscillation after excitation is removed is of the form  $\exp(-t/\tau)$  where  $\tau = Q/\omega_0$ . How many periods of oscillation are there in the  $1/e$  time of the decay?
- 10.3d** For an imperfect dielectric, show that the  $Q$  for any resonant mode is just  $\epsilon'/\epsilon''$ , neglecting losses of the conducting walls. Give the value for the dielectrics of Table 6.4a at 10 GHz and compare with the value of  $Q$  for a copper cube-shaped cavity given in the text.

- 10.3e** Modify the expression 10.3(2) for wall losses if front and back are of one material with surface resistivity  $R_{s1}$ , the two sides of another with  $R_{s2}$ , and top and bottom of a third material with  $R_{s3}$ . Give the special case of this for a cube.
- 10.3f** Suppose that a perfect dielectric were available with  $\epsilon' = 5\epsilon_0$ . How would the  $Q$  of a dielectric-filled cube compare with that of an air-filled one for the simple mode studied? Why are they different? (Compare for the same resonant frequency in both cases.)
- 10.3g** A square cavity resonator utilizing the simple  $TE_{101}$  mode is to be designed for a millimeter-wave electron device for operation at  $f = 0.3$  THz. Height of the cavity must be kept small (0.1 mm) to minimize electron transit time. The dielectric in the copper cavity is vacuum and the cross section is square. Calculate cavity size, the  $Q$ , and bandwidth. Also calculate the shunt resistance  $R_0 = (E_0 b)^2 / 2W_L$ , which is a measure of the interaction of the electron beam with the cavity. Note that more advantageously shaped cavities, such as that in Fig. 10.9a, have much higher impedances; for example, see Prob. 10.9c.
- 10.4a** For  $TE_{mnp}$  and  $TM_{mnp}$  modes in a cubic resonator, consider combinations of the integers with no integer higher than 2. How many *different* resonant frequencies do these represent? What is the degree of degeneracy (number of modes at a given frequency) for each frequency? (Note carefully which, if any, integers may be zero.)
- 10.4b\*** By combining incident and reflected waves as was done for the  $TE_{101}$  mode of Sec. 10.2, find electric and magnetic field expressions of the  $TE_{111}$  mode of the rectangular box. Sketch field distributions in the three coordinate planes. Find the expression for  $Q$  if conductors are imperfect.
- 10.4c** Derive the expression for  $Q$  of a  $TE_{mmm}$  mode in a cube  $a = b = d$  and show that it increases as  $m$  increases for a given dielectric and resonant frequency. Explain the result.
- 10.5a** Find expressions for resonant frequency in terms of length and radius for the  $TM_{021}$  and  $TM_{111}$  modes of a circular cylindrical cavity.
- 10.5b** A circular resonator has height  $h$  and radius  $a$ . Give the lowest resonant frequency for which a degeneracy between two modes occurs and the designations of these modes. Make rough sketches of the field patterns. How might a small perturbation be added to change the resonant frequency of one mode but not of the other?
- 10.5c** Plot curves of  $d/\lambda$  versus  $a/d$  for all the significant modes in a circular cylindrical cavity over the range  $0 < d/\lambda < 2$ ,  $0 < a/d < 5$ . Note especially ranges of operation where there is only one mode over a considerable region of operation.
- 10.5d\*** Give the field components and obtain expressions for energy storage, power loss, and  $Q$  for the  $TM_{011}$  mode of a circular cylindrical resonator.
- 10.5e\*** Repeat Prob. 10.5d for the  $TE_{011}$  mode.
- 10.6a** Show that the resonant frequency of an open-circuited microstrip resonator as in Fig. 10.6b with  $w = 0.2$  mm,  $d = 0.5$  mm,  $l = 5$  mm, and  $\epsilon_r = 9.8$ , taking account of end corrections but using the static value of  $\epsilon_{eff}$ , is 11.43 GHz. What fractional error is incurred if the end correction is neglected? Estimate the error in the lowest resonant frequency resulting from neglecting dependence of  $\epsilon_{eff}$  on frequency?
- 10.6b\*** Assume that the conductors in the resonator in Prob. 10.6a are copper and are  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$  thick.

- (i) Calculate the  $Q$  for the lowest mode, accounting for metal and dielectric losses using Eq. 5.14(5) and Sec. 8.6. Use a static value of  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$ .
- (ii) Calculate the  $Q_{\text{rad}}$  associated with radiation losses using Eq. (11.14) of Hoffmann<sup>1</sup>, which is

$$Q_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3Z_0\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}{16\eta_0(df_0/c)^2}$$

Also calculate the total  $Q$ , including  $Q_{\text{rad}}$  and that associated with the dielectric and conductor losses in part (i). By what percentage is the  $Q$  of part (i) lowered by radiation for this particular resonator.

- 10.6c** Design a coplanar waveguide ring resonator with fundamental resonance at 4.0 GHz on an alumina substrate ( $\epsilon_r = 9.8$ ) having thickness  $d = 1$  mm. Choose the strip width  $w = 0.1$  mm and the total gap  $a = 0.2$  mm. See Fig. 8.6e. Calculate the mean diameter of the ring and sketch the structure in a manner similar to Fig. 10.6c, but with capacitive input and output coupling. Make the calculation using  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0)$  and then calculate the percentage change of resonant frequency if the frequency dependence of  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$  is included.
- 10.6d** Find the four lowest resonant frequencies in a rectangular patch antenna having parameters  $a = 5$  mm,  $b = 6$  mm,  $d = 0.635$  mm, and  $\epsilon_r = 2.5$ . (See Fig. 10.6d.)
- 10.6e** Find the dependence of  $Q$  (neglecting radiation) on order numbers  $m$  and  $n$  for a given resonant frequency in a rectangular patch resonator of fixed materials. Review the discussion General Comments in Sec. 10.4 for the rectangular box cavity and discuss your result for the patch resonator in comparison with the box cavity. What is the approximate dependence of radiation  $Q$  on the mode numbers?
- 10.6f** Find the lowest three resonant frequencies in a circular patch resonator with radius  $a = 1$  cm, dielectric thickness  $d = 0.6$  mm, and permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 11$ .
- 10.6g** Calculate the quality factor  $Q_c$  (accounting for only the conductor losses) for the mode with the lowest resonant frequency in the resonator in Prob. 10.6d, assuming niobium superconductor metallization with operation at 4.2 K. If the niobium were replaced by copper, what would be the  $Q_c$  at 4.2 K, assuming for copper that  $\sigma(4.2 \text{ K})/\sigma(300 \text{ K}) = 5$ .
- 10.6h** Show where slits may be cut in the circular patch resonator to suppress  $\text{TM}_{n10}$  modes with  $n \neq 0$ . Explain your reasoning. Is it possible to suppress  $\text{TM}_{010}$  modes without suppressing the  $\text{TM}_{110}$  modes? Why?
- 10.7** Develop the TE set of spherical waves, Eq. 10.7(20), starting from Maxwell's equations with no  $\phi$  variations, in parallel to the development for the TM set.
- 10.8a** By utilizing solutions and definitions of Sec. 10.7 write expressions for the components in a spherical TE mode with  $n = 2$  in terms of sines and cosines.
- 10.8b\*** Determine the  $Q$  of the  $\text{TE}_{101}$  mode in the spherical resonator.
- 10.9a** A coaxial line of radii 0.5 and 1.5 cm is loaded by a gap capacitance as in Fig. 10.9a of 1 pF. Find the length  $l$  for resonance at 3 GHz.
- 10.9b** A radial line of spacing  $h = 1$  cm has a central post as in Fig. 10.9c of radius 0.5 cm and capacitance 1 pF. Find the radius  $r_2$  for resonance at 3 GHz.
- 10.9c** Obtain expressions for the  $Q$  and the impedance referred to the gap ( $V^2/2W_L$  where  $V$  is gap voltage) for the resonator of Fig. 10.9a, neglecting losses in region  $B$ . Calcu-

late values for a copper conductor and the data of Prob. 10.9a. Compare with the value  $R_0 = 3.1 \times 10^4 \Omega$  found for the square cavity resonator in Prob. 10.3g and comment on difference if used for interaction with an electron beam.

- 10.9d** Find  $Q$  and impedance if in addition to copper losses there are losses in region  $B$  representable by a shunt resistance  $R_{sh}$ . Repeat the numerical calculation of Prob. 10.9c, taking  $R_{sh} = 10,000 \Omega$ .
- 10.9e** For a cone angle  $\theta_0$  of 15 degrees in Fig. 10.9e, find radius  $a$  for resonance at 3 GHz if center capacitance is 1 pF.
- 10.9f** For the conical resonator with no loading capacitance, show that there is a value of  $\theta_0$  which gives maximum  $Q$ . Calculate the value of  $Q$  for a copper resonator designed for  $\lambda_0 = 15$  cm with this optimum angle.
- 10.10a** For the simple mode in a rectangular resonator perform an approximate analysis as in Ex. 10.10 leading to an expression for input impedance of a loop introduced at the center of a side wall.
- 10.10b** For the  $TM_{010}$  mode in the circular cylindrical resonator, suppose that the coupling to the line is by means of a small probe of length  $d'$  extending axially from the bottom center. Taking voltage induced in the probe as the probe length multiplied by electric field of the mode, find an expression for input admittance at resonance of the unperturbed mode, utilizing a procedure similar to that of Ex 10.10. The probe capacitance is  $C$ .
- 10.10c** For a circular cylindrical cavity of radius 10 cm, height 10 cm, resonant in the  $TM_{010}$  mode, find the approximate resistance coupled into a transmission line by a loop of area  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  introduced at the position of maximum magnetic field. Repeat for a probe of length 1 cm introduced at the position of maximum electric field.
- 10.11a** For a cavity with  $m^2 R_{0b} = 2$  and  $Q_0 = 5000$ , plot the locus of impedance on the Smith chart as  $\delta$  is varied, showing selected values of  $\delta$  on the locus. Modify  $m^2$  to yield critical coupling and repeat.
- 10.11b** Plot standing wave ratio in the guide versus  $\delta$  for both parts of Prob. 10.11a. Describe how one might use the plot of SWR versus  $\delta$  to determine  $Q$  as an alternate to the impedance function.
- 10.11c** Find  $Q_L$  and  $Q_{ext}$  for Prob. 10.11a with  $\beta l = 0.3$  radian.
- 10.11d** When coupling to an electron stream, as in a klystron cavity such as described in Sec. 10.10, gain is proportional to  $R_0$  and bandwidth to  $1/Q$ , so the parameter  $R_0/Q$  is useful in describing the effect of the cavity on gain-bandwidth product. Assuming electric field  $E_0$  is uniform across the coupling gap of width  $d$ , show that  $R/Q = (E_0 d)^2 / 2\omega_0 U$ . Discuss ways in which  $E_0^2/U$  might be measured.
- 10.11e** Find  $R_0/Q$  for a pillbox resonator of the type studied in Sec. 10.5 operating in its lowest mode. Frequency is 10 GHz and  $d = 0.5$  cm. The conductor is copper.
- 10.11f** Derive the expression for  $R_0/Q$  for the small-gap coaxial line resonator pictured in Fig. 10.9a.
- 10.12a** Obtain the approximate expression for frequency shift in a circular cylindrical cavity if small volume  $\Delta V$  is taken from the side wall for the  $TM_{010}$  mode where magnetic field is large and electric field small.
- 10.12b\*** Discuss qualitatively the effects of a thin dielectric rod along the axis of a pillbox cavity, a thin dielectric sheet along the bottom of the cavity, and a dielectric bead

introduced along the axis of the cavity. (Note that the first two problems can be solved exactly.)

- 10.12c\*** Consider a periodic circuit as in Fig. 9.10a with parallel perfectly conducting planes extending from  $x = 0$  to  $x = a$  at  $z = d/2$  and  $z = (n + \frac{1}{2})d$  where  $n$  is an integer. Discuss resonance for such a system. Will there be a resonance corresponding to each of the space harmonics defined in Sec. 9.10? Show how measurement of the number of nodes (voltage minima) between planes as frequency is changed permits plotting of the  $\omega-\beta$  diagram.
- 10.13** A dielectric resonator with zero axial electric field has radius  $a = 0.162$  in.,  $\epsilon_r = 100$ , and is to be resonant at 3.5 GHz. Use Eqs. 10.13(6) and (7) to estimate length and compare with the experimental curve of Fig. 10.13c. What would be the estimated length if a magnetic short were used on the ends as well as on the side walls?

# 11

## Microwave Networks

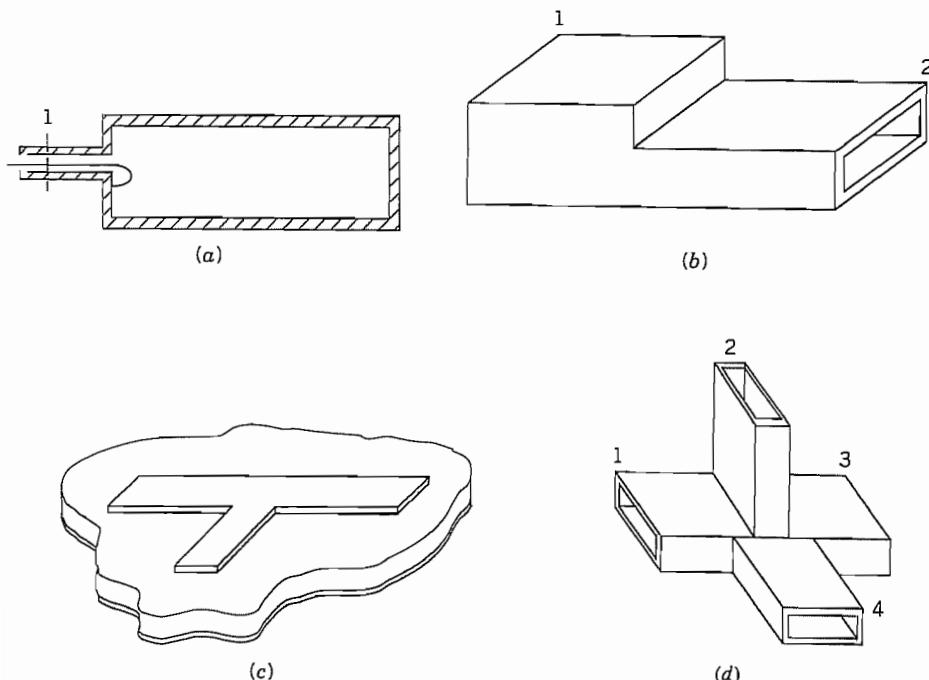
### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

We have so far considered individual components of a wave-type system, including transmission lines, waveguides, and cavity resonators. These are used in combination in practical systems, and it is found that many of the ideas from classical network theory, or an extension of these, are useful in handling such interconnections. In this chapter we consider some of these formulations and techniques. For convenience we refer to the subject as that of *microwave networks* since the techniques are most useful in the microwave frequency range, although they apply to any wave-type system from low-frequency transmission-line circuits to dielectric wave-guiding systems in the optical range.

One approach to the analysis of an interconnection of waveguides with other elements might be that of attempting to solve Maxwell's equations subject to boundary conditions for the entire system at once. This would be hopelessly complicated for most practical systems, and it would also give fields everywhere within the system, which is more information than is needed. One usually needs only the characteristics of each part of the system as a transducer or power-transfer element between units or as a coupling element to adjacent units. A finite number of parameters (frequency-dependent, in general) may be defined to give that desired information. These parameters can be obtained by analysis in some cases, found in handbooks<sup>1</sup> for certain standard configurations, or determined from measurement if neither of the first two approaches work.

Specifically, we shall mean by a microwave network a dielectric region of arbitrary shape having certain waveguide or transmission-line inlets and outlets. The waveguides are assumed to support a finite number of noncutoff modes. Examples are the cavity resonator coupled to a single transmission line (Fig. 11.1a), the rectangular waveguide with change of height (Fig. 11.1b), the microstrip T (Fig. 11.1c), and the *magic* T or bridge (Fig. 11.1d). These may be said to be microwave networks with, respectively, one, two, three, and four waveguide terminal ports. (This assumes only one noncutoff mode per guide.) In considering the defined arrangements as microwave networks, it

<sup>1</sup> N. Marcuvitz, *Waveguide Handbook*, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1986.



**FIG. 11.1** Examples of microwave networks. (a) Coupling from a line to a cavity (one port). (b) Discontinuity in rectangular guide (two port). (c) Microstrip T (three port). (d) Magic T or microwave bridge (four port).

will also be assumed that we are interested only in the behavior of the dominant modes in certain of the guides when various load conditions are placed on the remaining guides, and not in the detailed solution of the electromagnetic field in the vicinity of the discontinuities. Dielectric waveguides may also serve as the terminals for the guided modes with fields decaying properly away from the guide.

Although we may wish to excite only the dominant mode in any of the waveguide terminals, it is true that higher-order modes are excited in the vicinity of the junctions, and although these modes may be cut off, they have reactive energy which affects the transmission between the propagating dominant modes of the various guides. But if we are interested only in the manner in which such transmission is affected, it can be expressed in terms of certain coefficients or equivalent circuits, and the details of the higher-mode fields need not be described. Thus the microwave two port of Fig. 11.1b may be represented by a  $T$  or  $\pi$  network in the same way as a lumped-element two port. It is interesting to note that Carson<sup>2</sup> recognized the validity of this representation as early as 1924, although the thorough development for distributed systems occurred

<sup>2</sup> J. R. Carson, Proc. AIEE **43**, 908 (1924).

much later.<sup>3-5</sup> Many formulations are possible, and since these are wave-type systems, some of the most useful relate incident and reflected waves in the various guides. Details of both types of formulations will be given in following sections.

Finally, a combination of elements such as those in the foregoing examples is also a microwave network, fitting the definition of the first paragraph. An important part of the study will be concerned with the finding of network parameters for an overall system when they are known for the individual components. The propagating media of this chapter will be considered to be linear and isotropic unless otherwise stated but not necessarily homogeneous.

## 11.2 THE NETWORK FORMULATION

As noted in the introduction, microwave networks may be described either in terms of parameters relating incident and reflected waves at the terminals or in terms of lumped-element equivalent circuits. Although the former approach may seem more natural, the latter is convenient in many cases and gives a tie to classical network theory, so will be considered first. The equivalent circuit approach does require definition of *voltage* and *current* for the microwave networks.

Voltage and current have been defined in the usual ways for transmission lines propagating the TEM wave (Chapter 5 and Sec. 8.12). For the TE<sub>10</sub> mode of rectangular guide (used in two of the examples of Fig. 11.1), one might think of a voltage as the line integral of electric field between top and bottom of the guide, but it is not clear if one should take the maximum value at the center or some sort of average. Axial current flows in the top and returns to the bottom much as in a transmission line, but it is not clear if one should worry about the transverse current flow in the sides (Sec. 8.8). For other modes it will become even more confusing if classical ideas of voltage and current are attempted. It is found, however, that a network formulation results if one follows these simple rules:

1. Voltage is defined as proportional to the transverse electric field of the mode and current is defined as proportional to the transverse magnetic field.
2. One condition on the proportionality factors is that average power is given by  $\text{Re}[VI^*/2]$  as in a circuit.
3. The second condition on the proportionality factors is that  $V/I$  of an incident wave should be a characteristic impedance of the mode of concern, often taken as unity to normalize automatically all impedances.

Concerning the last point, a characteristic impedance is clearly defined for TEM modes, but even there we found normalized values of impedance and admittance useful

<sup>3</sup> C. G. Montgomery, R. H. Dicke, and E. M. Purcell, *Principles of Microwave Circuits*, MIT Radiation Laboratory Series, Vol. 8, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1948.

<sup>4</sup> D. M. Pozar, *Microwave Engineering*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, 1990.

<sup>5</sup> R. S. Elliott, *An Introduction to Guided Waves and Microwave Circuits*, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1993.

in applying the Smith chart (Chapter 5). For other waves the concept of a characteristic impedance is not so clear. The characteristic wave impedances (Secs. 8.13 and 8.14) are sometimes used, but it is usually better to normalize as suggested. In the following, however,  $Z_0$  will first be retained in the expressions both for generality and for dimensional checks.

For a single traveling wave, using the first rule,

$$\mathbf{E}_t(x, y, z) = V_0 e^{-\gamma z} \mathbf{f}(x, y) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_t(x, y, z) = I_0 e^{-\gamma z} \mathbf{g}(x, y) \quad (2)$$

Applying the second and third rules,

$$\operatorname{Re}(V_0 I_0^*) = 2W_T \quad (3a) \quad \frac{V_0}{I_0} = Z_0 \quad (3b)$$

As an example, take the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode in loss-free rectangular guide:

$$E_y = E_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} = V_0 f(x) \quad (4)$$

$$H_x = -\frac{E_0}{Z_z} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} = I_0 g(x) \quad (5)$$

Utilizing (3a) we have

$$V_0 I_0^* = 2b \int_0^a \frac{E_0^2}{2Z_z} \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{abE_0^2}{2Z_z}$$

This result, combined with (3b), gives current and voltage,

$$V_0 = E_0 \left( \frac{abZ_0}{2Z_z} \right)^{1/2}, \quad I_0 = \left( \frac{E_0}{Z_z} \right) \left( \frac{baZ_z}{2Z_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (6)$$

and, by comparison with (4) and (5), the remaining functions are

$$f(x) = \left( \frac{2Z_z}{abZ_0} \right)^{1/2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a}, \quad g(x) = -\left( \frac{2Z_0}{baZ_z} \right)^{1/2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (7)$$

As noted in point 3,  $Z_0$  can be made unity to normalize automatically all subsequent impedances.

The network formulation may now be obtained by making use of the specified linearity and a uniqueness argument. To be specific, consider the region with three waveguide terminals pictured in Fig. 11.2. Each waveguide is assumed to support one propagating mode only, and reference planes are at first chosen far enough from junctions so that all higher-order (cutoff) modes have died out.<sup>6</sup> The forms of the propa-

<sup>6</sup> The reference planes can actually be chosen for convenience at any place, but transmission-line measurements to determine the network should not be made in the region where local waves are of importance, nor will the calculations from the network give total fields in that region.

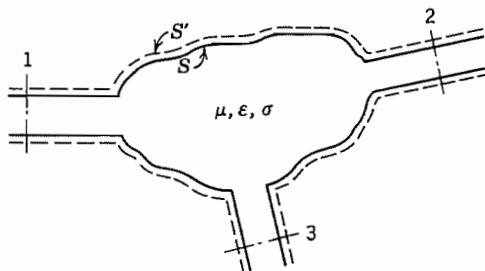
gating or dominant modes are assumed to be known, so that field is completely specified at each reference plane by giving two amplitudes, such as the voltage and current defined above. It is clear that it is not possible to specify independently all voltages and currents of the network and a uniqueness argument tells us how many of these may be specified to determine the problem. As was pointed out in Sec. 3.14 there is one and only one steady-state solution of Maxwell's equations within a region (except for possible undamped, uncoupled modes of no interest to us) if tangential electric field is specified over the closed boundary surrounding that region, or if tangential magnetic field is specified over the closed boundary, or if tangential electric field is specified over some of the boundary and tangential magnetic field over the remainder.

In Fig. 11.2 consider the closed region bounded by the conducting surface  $S$  and reference planes 1, 2, and 3. If the conductor is first taken as perfectly conducting, the tangential electric field is known to be zero over the surface  $S$ . Then, if voltages are given for each of the reference terminals, tangential electric fields are known there, and, by the statement of uniqueness, one and only one solution of Maxwell's equations is possible. Then  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are determinable for any point inside the region, including the reference planes, so that the currents (amplitudes of the tangential magnetic field distributions) may be found there. For linear media, the relations are linear ones and may therefore be written

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= Y_{11}V_1 + Y_{12}V_2 + Y_{13}V_3 \\ I_2 &= Y_{21}V_1 + Y_{22}V_2 + Y_{23}V_3 \\ I_3 &= Y_{31}V_1 + Y_{32}V_2 + Y_{33}V_3 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Similarly, if currents are given for all reference planes, tangential magnetic fields are known there, and, with the known zero tangential electric field over  $S$ , the uniqueness argument again applies so that tangential electric fields and hence voltages could be found at the reference planes. For linear media,

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= Z_{11}I_1 + Z_{12}I_2 + Z_{13}I_3 \\ V_2 &= Z_{21}I_1 + Z_{22}I_2 + Z_{23}I_3 \\ V_3 &= Z_{31}I_1 + Z_{32}I_2 + Z_{33}I_3 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$



**FIG. 11.2** General microwave network with three waveguide terminals.

Forms (8) and (9) are identical with the forms that would be found relating voltages and currents at the terminals of a three-port lumped-element network. Here also the coefficients  $Y_{ij}$  and  $Z_{ij}$  are functions of frequency and are known as the admittance parameters and impedance parameters, respectively. For an  $N$  port, in matrix form,

$$[I] = [Y][V], \quad [V] = [Z][I] \quad (10)$$

where  $[I]$  and  $[V]$  are column matrices of order  $N$  and  $[Y]$  and  $[Z]$  are  $N \times N$  square matrices.

Although the argument has been given for a perfectly conducting surface  $S$ , the foregoing forms also apply to an imperfectly conducting boundary. A reasonably convincing way of seeing this comes from moving the bounding surface several depths of penetration within the conductor to  $S'$  (Fig. 11.2). The electric field there is substantially zero, so that an imagined perfect conductor could be introduced along  $S'$  without changing the behavior of the system, and the argument would proceed as above. The conducting portion between  $S$  and  $S'$  will contribute to the parameters  $Y_{ij}$  or  $Z_{ij}$  since it is now part of the interior, and those coefficients will be complex because of the losses.

### 11.3 CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCITY

For most systems, the admittance and impedance matrices defined in the preceding article are symmetric. That is,

$$Y_{ij} = Y_{ji}, \quad Z_{ij} = Z_{ji} \quad (1)$$

This condition follows from a reciprocity theorem due to Lorentz, which states that fields  $\mathbf{E}_a$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_a$  and  $\mathbf{E}_b$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_b$  from two different sources at the same frequency satisfy the condition

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}_a \times \mathbf{H}_b - \mathbf{E}_b \times \mathbf{H}_a) = 0 \quad (2)$$

This theorem is easily verified for isotropic (but not necessarily homogeneous) media by substituting Maxwell's equations in complex form and can also be shown to hold for an anisotropic media provided the permittivity and permeability matrices are symmetric. However, it does not hold if the matrices are asymmetric, thus explaining non-reciprocal properties of the gyrotropic media to be met in Chapter 13. If (2) is satisfied, a volume integral of (2), with application of the divergence theorem, gives

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{E}_a \times \mathbf{H}_b - \mathbf{E}_b \times \mathbf{H}_a) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Consider Fig. 11.2 with all reference planes but 1 and 2 closed by perfect conductors (shorted). Fields at 1 and 2 may be written [Eqs. 11.2(1) and 11.2(2)]

$$\mathbf{E}_{t1} = V_1 \mathbf{f}_1(x_1, y_1) \quad \mathbf{H}_{t1} = I_1 \mathbf{g}_1(x_1, y_1) \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{t2} = V_2 \mathbf{f}_2(x_2, y_2) \quad \mathbf{H}_{t2} = I_2 \mathbf{g}_2(x_2, y_2) \quad (5)$$

By rule 2, voltage and current are defined to have the same relation to power flow in both guides, which requires that

$$\int_{S_1} (\mathbf{f}_1 \times \mathbf{g}_1) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{S_2} (\mathbf{f}_2 \times \mathbf{g}_2) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (6)$$

The surface integral (3) is zero along the conducting surfaces  $S$  of Fig. 11.2 (or  $S'$ , if imperfectly conducting) and along the shorted planes. For planes 1 and 2, substitution of (4) and (5) gives

$$(V_{1a}I_{1b} - V_{1b}I_{1a}) \int_{S_1} (\mathbf{f}_1 \times \mathbf{g}_1) \cdot d\mathbf{S} + (V_{2a}I_{2b} - V_{2b}I_{2a}) \int_{S_2} (\mathbf{f}_2 \times \mathbf{g}_2) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

With (6), this reduces to

$$V_{1a}I_{1b} - V_{1b}I_{1a} + V_{2a}I_{2b} - V_{2b}I_{2a} = 0$$

Relations between current and voltage are introduced from Eq. 11.2(8):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{1a}(Y_{11}V_{1b} + Y_{12}V_{2b}) - V_{1b}(Y_{11}V_{1a} + Y_{12}V_{2a}) \\ + V_{2a}(Y_{21}V_{1b} + Y_{22}V_{2b}) - V_{2b}(Y_{21}V_{1a} + Y_{22}V_{2a}) = 0 \\ (V_{1a}V_{2b} - V_{1b}V_{2a})(Y_{12} - Y_{21}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

In this argument the sources  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary so that the first factor need not be zero. Hence the second is zero. Then

$$Y_{21} = Y_{12} \quad (8)$$

The argument for the impedance coefficients may be supplied by placing “open circuits” at all but two of the terminals. This is done in the waveguides by placing a perfect short a quarter-wave in front of the reference planes. Moreover, since the numbering system is arbitrary, 1 and 2 may represent any two of the guides and the general relation (1) is valid.

## Two-Port Waveguide Junctions

### 11.4 EQUIVALENT CIRCUITS FOR A TWO PORT

The microwave network with two waveguide terminals, as pictured in Fig. 11.1b, is of greatest importance since it includes the cases of discontinuities in a single guide or the coupling between two guides. Most filters, matching sections, phase-correction units, and many other components are of this type. There is a large body of literature

on the lumped-element equivalents. The name “two port” is used for these, with a port denoting a single waveguide mode at a specific reference plane for a microwave network and a terminal pair for a lumped-element network.

From Sec. 11.2 the equations for a two port may be written in terms of either impedance or admittance coefficients:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & Y_{12} \\ Y_{21} & Y_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Another convenient form expresses input quantities in terms of output quantities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ I_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ -I_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Algebraic elimination shows that relations among the above parameters are

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{11} &= \frac{Z_{22}}{\Delta(Z)} = \frac{D}{B} \\ Y_{12} &= \frac{-Z_{12}}{\Delta(Z)} = \frac{-(AD - BC)}{B} \\ Y_{21} &= \frac{-Z_{21}}{\Delta(Z)} = \frac{-1}{B} \\ Y_{22} &= \frac{Z_{11}}{\Delta(Z)} = \frac{A}{B} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where

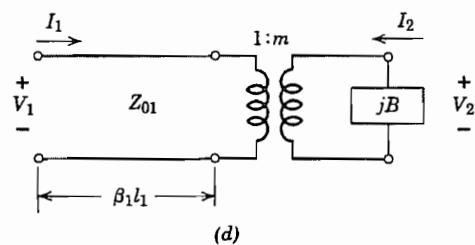
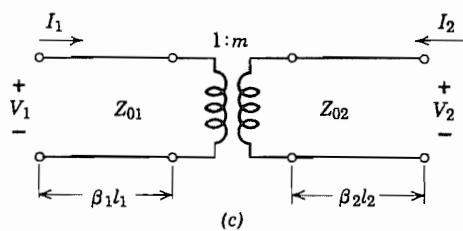
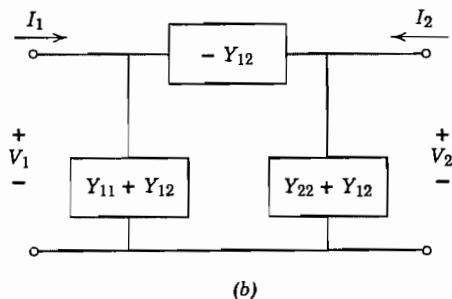
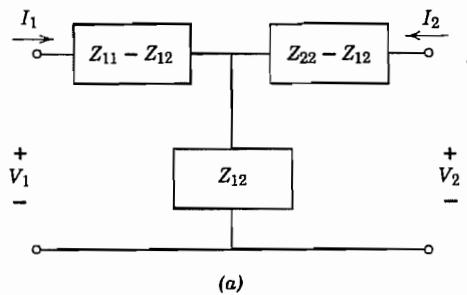
$$\Delta(Z) = Z_{11}Z_{22} - Z_{12}Z_{21}$$

For a network satisfying reciprocity,

$$Z_{21} = Z_{12}, \quad Y_{21} = Y_{12}, \quad AD - BC = 1 \quad (5)$$

We shall assume such reciprocal networks in the remainder of this section.

An infinite number of equivalent circuits may be derived which yield the forms (1) to (5). Two important ones are the well-known *T* and *π* forms shown in Figs. 11.4*a* and *b*. They may be shown to be equivalent to (1) and (2), respectively, by setting down the circuit equations. Other interesting ones utilize ideal transformers and sections of transmission lines, two of which are pictured in Figs. 11.4*c* and *d*. These are of greatest importance for lossless microwave networks since the arbitrary reference planes in the input or output guides can be shifted in such a way that only an ideal transformer is left in the representation of Fig. 11.4*c* or an ideal transformer and shunt element in Fig. 11.4*d*. This will be explained in more detail when the measurement problem is discussed



**FIG 11.4** (a) T equivalent circuit with (b)  $\pi$  equivalent circuit for a two port satisfying reciprocity. (c) Equivalent circuit for a two port which satisfies reciprocity using sections of transmission line and an ideal transformer. (d) Equivalent circuit using section of transmission line, transformer, and shunt element.

in Sec. 11.6. The quantities of Fig. 11.4c are related to the impedance parameters as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \beta_1 l_1 &= \left[ \frac{1 + c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2(bc - a)} \right] \pm \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 + c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2(bc - a)} \right]^2 + 1} \\ \tan \beta_2 l_2 &= \frac{1 + a \tan \beta_1 l_1}{b \tan \beta_1 l_1 - c} \\ \frac{m^2 Z_{01}}{Z_{02}} &= \frac{1 + a \tan \beta_1 l_1}{b + c \tan \beta_1 l_1}\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \frac{-jZ_{11}}{Z_{01}} \\ b &= \frac{Z_{11}Z_{22} - Z_{12}^2}{Z_{01}Z_{02}} \\ c &= \frac{-jZ_{22}}{Z_{02}}\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

## 11.5 SCATTERING AND TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENTS

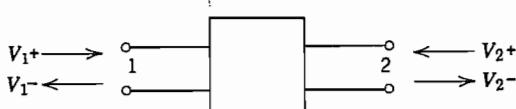
The preceding discussions have been given in terms of the voltages, currents, and impedances defined for microwave networks. Definitions of these quantities are somewhat arbitrary. Moreover, the impedances are usually obtained by interpreting measured values of standing wave ratios or reflection coefficients. It is then evident that for some problems it will be more convenient and direct to formulate the transformation properties of the two port in terms of waves. The two independent quantities required for each waveguide terminal are an incident and a reflected wave replacing the voltage and current. This section introduces two of the most useful forms based on wave quantities.

Suppose that incident and reflected voltage waves on the input guide are given in magnitude and phase at the chosen reference plane by  $V_{1+}$  and  $V_{1-}$  (Fig. 11.5). Similarly, incident and reflected waves looking toward the junction from reference plane 2 are  $V_{2+}$  and  $V_{2-}$ . It is common to normalize incident and reflected waves as follows:

$$a_n = \frac{V_{n+}}{\sqrt{Z_{0n}}}, \quad b_n = \frac{V_{n-}}{\sqrt{Z_{0n}}} \quad (1)$$

Thus, voltage and current at reference plane  $n$  are related to these wave quantities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}V_n &= V_{n+} + V_{n-} = \sqrt{Z_{0n}}(a_n + b_n) \\ I_n &= \frac{1}{Z_{0n}}(V_{n+} - V_{n-}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_{0n}}}(a_n - b_n)\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$



**FIG. 11.5** Incident and reflected waves at ports of microwave network.

The average power flowing into terminal  $n$  is

$$(W_n)_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(V_n I_n^*) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[(a_n a_n^* - b_n b_n^*) + (b_n a_n^* - b_n^* a_n)]$$

The first set of parentheses encloses a purely real quantity, and the second, a purely imaginary quantity. Thus,

$$2(W_n)_{av} = a_n a_n^* - b_n b_n^* \quad (3)$$

That is,  $(W_n)_{av}$  is the power carried into terminal  $n$  by the incident wave, less that reflected away.

In the first form to be used, we shall relate the two reflected waves to the two incident waves. For a linear medium,

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

or

$$[b] = [S][a] \quad (5)$$

with the  $[S]$  array known as the *scattering matrix*, and the coefficients  $S_{11}$  and so on known as *scattering coefficients*. For a physical interpretation, note that with the source applied to port 1 and the output guide matched so that  $a_2 = 0$ ,

$$b_1 = S_{11}a_1, \quad b_2 = S_{21}a_1 \quad (6)$$

Thus,  $S_{11}$  is just the input reflection coefficient (in magnitude and phase) when the output is matched, and  $S_{21}$  is the ratio of waves to the right at output and input under this condition. The energy equation (3) for this matched condition becomes, for the two terminals,

$$\begin{aligned} 2(W_1)_{av} &= (1 - S_{11}S_{11}^*)a_1 a_1^* \\ 2(W_2)_{av} &= -S_{21}S_{21}^*a_1 a_1^* \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The negative sign in  $W_2$  arises because power is defined as positive toward each port.

For a passive network with source at 1 as in this example, output power cannot be greater than that supplied at the input. Thus,  $(-W_2)_{av} \leq (W_1)_{av}$  or

$$S_{21}S_{21}^* \leq 1 - S_{11}S_{11}^* \quad (8)$$

The equality holds only when the network is loss free.

By substituting the definitions (2) into Eq. 11.4(1), and utilizing (4), we can relate the scattering coefficients to the impedance coefficients.<sup>7</sup> The results are

$$\begin{aligned} FS_{11} &= (Z_{11} - Z_{01})(Z_{22} + Z_{02}) - Z_{12}Z_{21} \\ FS_{12} &= 2\sqrt{Z_{01}Z_{02}}Z_{12} \\ FS_{21} &= 2\sqrt{Z_{02}Z_{01}}Z_{21} \\ FS_{22} &= (Z_{22} - Z_{02})(Z_{11} + Z_{01}) - Z_{21}Z_{12} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$F = (Z_{11} + Z_{01})(Z_{22} + Z_{02}) - Z_{12}Z_{21} \quad (10)$$

From this we see that  $S_{21} = S_{12}$  for a network satisfying reciprocity since then  $Z_{21} = Z_{12}$ . Through the relations of Eq. 11.4(4) the scattering coefficients may also be related to admittance coefficients or the transfer coefficients if necessary. They can be obtained directly from reflection measurements, however, as is shown in a following section.

A second important linear transformation of (4) gives output wave quantities in terms of input quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &= T_{11}a_1 + T_{12}b_1 \\ a_2 &= T_{21}a_1 + T_{22}b_1 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The coefficients  $T_{ij}$  are known as the *transmission coefficients* and are related to the scattering coefficients as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11} &= S_{21} - \frac{S_{11}S_{22}}{S_{12}}, & T_{12} &= \frac{S_{22}}{S_{12}} \\ T_{21} &= -\frac{S_{11}}{S_{12}}, & T_{22} &= \frac{1}{S_{12}} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

This form is especially useful for cascaded networks, as will be illustrated in Sec. 11.7.

## 11.6 MEASUREMENT OF NETWORK PARAMETERS

Measurement of the network parameters of a two-port is straightforward if one can measure relative magnitudes and phases of any two quantities and can apply excitation at either port. Thus, in the impedance form, Eqs. 11.4(1), an open circuit ( $I = 0$ ) may be placed on the output of the two port and  $Z_{11}$  is then input impedance.  $Z_{21}$  is the ratio of output voltage to input current:

$$Z_{11} = \left. \frac{V_1}{I_1} \right|_{I_2=0}, \quad Z_{21} = \left. \frac{V_2}{I_1} \right|_{I_2=0} \quad (1)$$

<sup>7</sup> C. G. Montgomery, R. H. Dicke, and E. M. Purcell, Principles of Microwave Circuits, MIT Radiation Laboratory Series, pp. 146–148, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1948.

Reversal of the network gives  $Z_{12}$  and  $Z_{22}$  by similar measurements. In a like fashion, the admittance parameters may be found by applying a short circuit ( $V = 0$ ) at port 2 with excitation at port 1:

$$Y_{11} = \frac{I_1}{V_1} \Big|_{V_2=0}, \quad Y_{21} = \frac{I_2}{V_1} \Big|_{V_2=0} \quad (2)$$

Reversal of the procedure gives  $Y_{12}$  and  $Y_{22}$ . Direct measurement of the scattering parameters is accomplished by successively matching ports 2 and 1 and measuring incident and reflected waves at the two ports:

$$S_{11} = \frac{b_1}{a_1} \Big|_{a_2=0}, \quad S_{21} = \frac{b_2}{a_1} \Big|_{a_2=0}, \quad S_{12} = \frac{b_1}{a_2} \Big|_{a_1=0}, \quad S_{22} = \frac{b_2}{a_2} \Big|_{a_1=0} \quad (3)$$

Magnitude and phase of input impedance or reflection coefficient can be measured by slotted line techniques as explained in Sec. 5.8, but measurement of phase between input and output quantities, as required for  $S_{ij}$ , presents a greater difficulty. The measurement is accomplished in modern network analyzers<sup>8</sup> by measuring incident and reflected waves at each port by directional couplers, to be described in Sec. 11.10. After selection of the pair of signals required for a particular  $S_{ij}$  and matching according to (3), the microwave signals for the two quantities to be compared are mixed with local oscillator signals of slightly different frequency to produce lower-frequency signals which retain the information concerning phase and relative magnitudes. Ratios of the complex phasors are calculated digitally to give the desired  $S_{ij}$ . Excitation frequency and local oscillator frequency can be swept so that values of the desired parameters may be obtained over a range of frequencies. Display may be in a variety of forms, often in Smith chart format.

Network analyzers which provide both phase and magnitude are called *vector analyzers*. Those which provide magnitudes only are called *scalar analyzers*<sup>9</sup> and are of course simpler since ratios may then be measured by using simple power meters.

If a network analyzer is not available, more laborious methods are possible. Often a two port is used to transform impedances from one side to the other. From Eq. 11.4(1), load impedance  $Z_L = -V_2/I_2$  produces input impedance  $Z_i = V_1/I_1$  as follows:

$$Z_i = Z_{11} - \frac{Z_{12}^2}{Z_{22} + Z_L} \quad (4)$$

Measurement of three different ( $Z_L$ ,  $Z_i$ ) pairs can then determine the three parameters  $Z_{11}$ ,  $Z_{22}$ , and  $Z_{12}^2$ . A particularly simple way is to place a good short at three independent positions along the guide to produce the three known load impedances. Algebraic elimination from three equations of the form of (4) shows that, if  $Z_{L1}$  produces  $Z_{i1}$ ,  $Z_{L2}$  produces  $Z_{i2}$ , and  $Z_{L3}$  produces  $Z_{i3}$ , the impedance parameters are

<sup>8</sup> R. G. Dildine and J. D. Grace, Hewlett-Packard J. **39**, 12 (1988).

<sup>9</sup> J. H. Egbert et al., Hewlett-Packard J. **37**, 24 (1986).

$$Z_{11} = \frac{(Z_{i1} - Z_{i3})(Z_{i1}Z_{L1} - Z_{i2}Z_{L2}) - (Z_{i1} - Z_{i2})(Z_{i1}Z_{L1} - Z_{i3}Z_{L3})}{(Z_{i1} - Z_{i3})(Z_{L1} - Z_{L2}) - (Z_{i1} - Z_{i2})(Z_{L1} - Z_{L3})} \quad (5)$$

$$Z_{22} = \frac{(Z_{i1}Z_{L1} - Z_{i2}Z_{L2}) - Z_{11}(Z_{L1} - Z_{L2})}{(Z_{i2} - Z_{i1})} \quad (6)$$

$$Z_{12}^2 = (Z_{11} - Z_{ip})(Z_{22} + Z_{Lp}), \quad p = 1, 2, 3 \quad (7)$$

If the network is lossless and if purely reactive terminations are used, input impedances will also be pure reactances, and  $Z$ 's may be replaced by  $X$ 's everywhere in these equations. The form of (5) to (7) may also be shown to be valid for determination of admittance parameters  $Y_{11}$ ,  $Y_{12}$ , and  $Y_{22}$  when pairs of input-output admittances  $Y_{L1}Y_{i1}$ ,  $Y_{L2}Y_{i2}$ ,  $Y_{L3}Y_{i3}$  are measured. The  $Z$ 's are then replaced by  $Y$ 's in (5) to (7). Note that the sign of  $Z_{12}$  cannot be determined from impedance transformation measurements alone, since it does not enter into (4). For the same reason, it is of no interest if results are to be used only for impedance transformations by the network.

The above forms apply also to scattering parameters since input reflection coefficient is related to that at the output by

$$\rho_i = S_{11} - \frac{S_{12}^2}{S_{22} + 1/\rho_L} \quad (8)$$

$$\rho_i = \frac{b_1}{a_1}, \quad \rho_2 = \frac{a_2}{b_2} \quad (9)$$

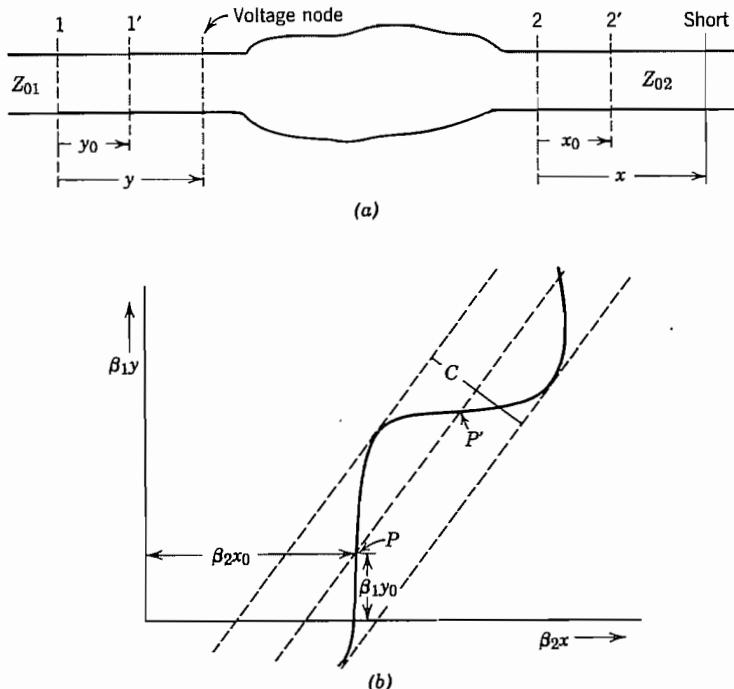
Thus, measurement of  $\rho_i$  with three independent values of  $\rho_L$  may be used to obtain  $S_{11}$ ,  $S_{22}$ , and  $S_{12}$  by replacing  $Z_i$  with  $\rho_i$ ,  $Z_1$  with  $1/\rho_L$ , and  $Z_{mn}$  with  $S_{mn}$  in (5) to (7).

For regions that may be considered lossless, the representation of Fig. 11.4c is especially useful. This follows because a shift of the input reference plane from 1 to 1' (Fig. 11.6a) by a distance  $\beta_1 y_0 = \beta_1 l_1 - \pi$  and a shift of output reference plane from 2 to 2' by  $\beta_2 x_0 = \pi - \beta_2 l_2$  gives as the equivalent circuit an ideal transformer with half-wave lines at input and output. But the half-wave lines give unity impedance transformation and so may be ignored, leaving only the ideal transformer representing the region between 2' and 1'. A load impedance referred to 2' is multiplied simply by  $(1/m)^2$  to give the input impedance referred to 1'.

The parameters of the above representation may be determined as follows. The output guide is perfectly terminated ( $Z_L = Z_{02}$ ); the position of the minimum impedance point on the input guide corresponds to 1', and the value of this minimum impedance gives  $m^2$ :

$$m^2 = \frac{Z_{02}}{Z_{\min}} \quad (10)$$

Similarly, if the network is reversed, the input guide terminated, and like measurements made on the output guide, the location of reference plane 2' is obtained as well as a check on  $m^2$ .



**FIG. 11.6** (a) General two port. (b) Typical  $S$  curve obtained by measurement on (a).

An alternative procedure has advantages in some cases. Weissfloch<sup>10</sup> has shown that for a lossless junction, a plot of position of voltage minimum on the input guide as a function of position of a short on the output guide has the "S curve" form shown in Fig. 11.6b, where  $\beta_1 y$  is the electrical distance of the minimum from the originally selected reference 1, and  $\beta_2 x$  is the electrical distance of the short from 2. The form of the equation is easily found to be

$$\tan \beta_1(y - y_0) = \frac{Z_{02}}{m^2 Z_{01}} \tan \beta_2(x - x_0) \quad (11)$$

The new reference planes 1' and 2' are given by the positions  $x_0, y_0$  of the maximum slope of the  $S$  curve, point  $P$  of Fig. 11.6b. The value of this maximum slope is  $Z_{02}/m^2 Z_{01}$ . The turns ratio may also be determined in terms of the distance  $C$  between the envelope tangents.

$$\frac{m^2 Z_{01}}{Z_{02}} = \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}C}{4} \right) \quad (12)$$

<sup>10</sup> N. Marcuvitz, Waveguide Handbook, p. 122, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1986.

For the measurement, many points of input minimum are then measured as a short is moved along the output, and the curve determined. There is the advantage that the consistency of measurement and discrepancies caused by neglected losses may be told more easily than in the methods first described where only a few points are measured. Alternatively, one can use the crossover point  $P'$ . Turns ratio is the reciprocal of the above and reference planes are shifted by a quarter-wavelength on each side.

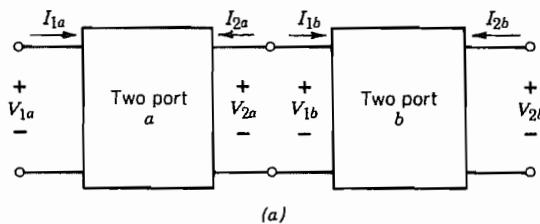
### 11.7 CASCADED TWO PORTS

The  $ABCD$  transfer forms of Sec. 11.4 and the transmission coefficients of Sec. 11.5 are especially useful when two ports are connected in tandem or cascade, because the output quantities of one network become the input quantities of the following one. Thus, referring to Fig. 11.7a, we may successively apply the form of Eq. 11.4(3) to networks  $a$  and  $b$ :

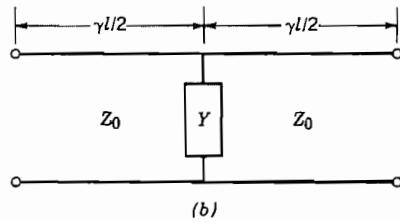
$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{1a} \\ I_{1a} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_a & B_a \\ C_a & D_a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{2a} \\ -I_{2a} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} V_{1b} \\ I_{1b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_b & B_b \\ C_b & D_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{2b} \\ -I_{2b} \end{bmatrix}$$

but  $V_{2a} = V_{1b}$  and  $-I_{2a} = I_{1b}$ , so we may combine the two to give

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{1a} \\ I_{1a} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_a & B_a \\ C_a & D_a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_b & B_b \\ C_b & D_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{2b} \\ -I_{2b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$



(a)



(b)

**FIG. 11.7** (a) Cascade connection of two ports. (b) Uniform transmission line with shunt element in center.

Table 11.7

Transmission Line		Ideal Transformer	Series Impedance	Shunt Admittance
A	$\cosh \gamma l$	$m$	1	1
B	$Z_0 \sinh \gamma l$	0	$Z$	0
C	$Y_0 \sinh \gamma l$	0	0	$Y$
D	$\cosh \gamma l$	$1/m$	1	1

Thus, the transfer matrix for the two networks cascaded is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_a & B_a \\ C_a & D_a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_b & B_b \\ C_b & D_b \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

with obvious extension to more than two cascaded two ports. Similarly for the  $T$  matrices of Sec. 11.5, but here we start with the matrix for the last unit since these were defined to give output in terms of input quantities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (T_{11})_b & (T_{12})_b \\ (T_{21})_b & (T_{22})_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (T_{11})_a & (T_{12})_a \\ (T_{21})_a & (T_{22})_a \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Table 11.7 gives the  $ABCD$  coefficients for some simple units.

### Example 11.7a TRANSMISSION LINE WITH SHUNT ELEMENT

To illustrate the use of Table 11.7, consider the circuit of Fig. 11.7b with a shunt admittance at the midpoint of a uniform transmission line. The matrix for the combination is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) & Z_0 \sinh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) \\ Y_0 \sinh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) & \cosh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ Y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cosh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) & Z_0 \sinh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) \\ Y_0 \sinh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) & \cosh\left(\frac{\gamma l}{2}\right) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Multiplication of the matrices and use of identities for hyperbolic functions gives

$$A = D = \cosh \gamma l + \left( \frac{Y}{2Y_0} \right) \sinh \gamma l \quad (5)$$

$$B = Z_0 \left[ \left( \frac{Y}{2Y_0} \right) (-1 + \cosh \gamma l) + \sinh \gamma l \right] \quad (6)$$

$$C = Y_0 \left[ \left( \frac{Y}{2Y_0} \right) (1 + \cosh \gamma l) + \sinh \gamma l \right] \quad (7)$$


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### Example 11.7b

#### PERIODIC SYSTEM AS CASCADE OF $N$ TWO PORTS

Periodic circuits, considered in Sec. 9.10 from a field point of view, may also be considered as a cascade of like networks. The overall transfer matrix for  $N$  like networks is just the  $N$ th power of that for a single network:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 & B_0 \\ C_0 & D_0 \end{bmatrix}^N \quad (8)$$

For a network with reciprocity, this results in<sup>11</sup>

$$A = [A_0 \sinh N\Gamma - \sinh(N-1)\Gamma]/\sinh \Gamma \quad (9)$$

$$B = B_0 \sinh N\Gamma/\sinh \Gamma \quad (10)$$

$$C = C_0 \sinh N\Gamma/\sinh \Gamma \quad (11)$$

$$D = [D_0 \sinh N\Gamma - \sinh(N-1)\Gamma]/\sinh \Gamma \quad (12)$$

$$\cosh \Gamma = (A_0 + D_0)/2 \quad (13)$$

In matrix terminology,  $e^{\pm \Gamma}$  are the characteristic roots of the matrix. Physically,  $\Gamma$  may be considered the propagation constant when the network is properly terminated.

To interpret the above, let us consider that each cell is symmetric ( $A_0 = D_0$ ) in addition to being reciprocal ( $A_0 D_0 - B_0 C_0 = 1$ ) as already assumed. Let us also terminate the chain in a characteristic impedance  $Z_c$  defined so that each cell terminated in  $Z_c$  also gives impedance  $Z_c$  at its input.<sup>12</sup> That is,

$$Z_c = \frac{V_1}{I_1} = \frac{A_0 V_2 - B_0 I_2}{C_0 V_2 - A_0 I_2} = \frac{A_0 Z_c + B_0}{C_0 Z_c + A_0}$$

<sup>11</sup> See, for example, G. Strang, Linear Algebra and Its Applications, Academic Press, New York, 1976.

<sup>12</sup> If the network is asymmetric, image impedances—one for each direction—are used. See, for example, R. S. Elliott, An Introduction to Guided Waves and Microwave Circuits, Appendix E, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1993.

from which

$$Z_c = \left( \frac{B_0}{C_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

Equations (9)–(12) then reduce to

$$A = D = \cosh N\Gamma \quad (15)$$

$$B = Z_c \sinh N\Gamma \quad (16)$$

$$C = (Z_c)^{-1} \sinh N\Gamma \quad (17)$$

By comparison with Table 11.7, we recognize that each cell now acts as a transmission line of characteristic impedance  $Z_c$  and overall propagation constant  $\Gamma$ . The cascaded  $N$  sections then just have overall propagation constant  $N\Gamma$ .

Note that from (13) if  $|A_0 + D_0| \leq 2$ ,  $\Gamma$  is imaginary so that there is phase shift but no attenuation through the network. If  $|A_0 + D_0| > 2$ ,  $\Gamma$  is real and there is attenuation. This filter-type behavior is most important in communication networks and will be illustrated more in the following section.

## 11.8 EXAMPLES OF MICROWAVE AND OPTICAL FILTERS

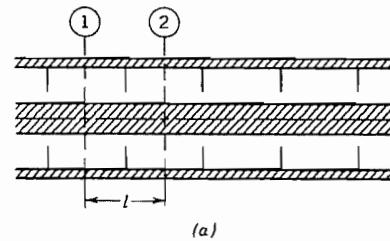
The filtering action described in the preceding section is extremely important for communication systems; filters pass desired frequencies with small attenuation while providing much more attenuation for noise or undesired signals outside the frequency range of interest. We shall give some examples in this section for different types of transmission systems. Many other configurations are useful, and a variety of techniques for design of the different types are discussed in treatises on this subject.<sup>13</sup>

### Example 11.8a

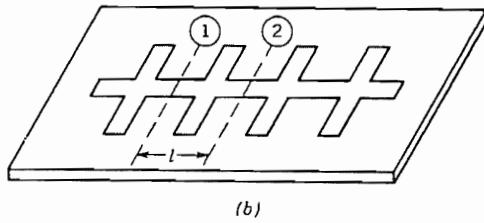
#### FILTERS WITH PERIODIC SHUNT ELEMENTS IN TRANSMISSION LINES

The first four forms to be considered, Figs. 11.8a–d, are specific cases of the symmetrical transmission system with periodic shunt elements analyzed in the preceding section. Figure 11.8a shows a coaxial line with capacitive diaphragms at intervals  $l$  along the line, and Fig. 11.8b is a similar arrangement in microstrip with the loading capacitors made as side taps. If the loading capacitors have value  $C_d$  and losses are

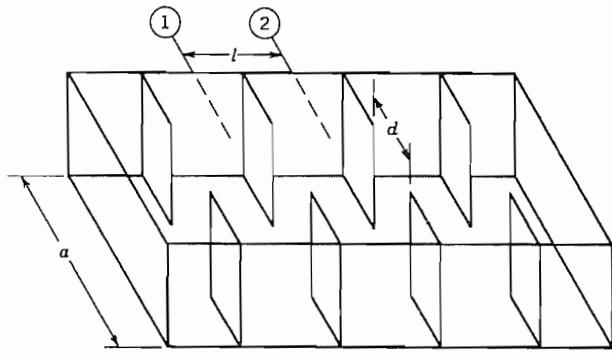
<sup>13</sup> G. L. Matthaei, L. Young, and E. M. T. Jones, *Microwave Filters, Impedance-Matching Networks and Coupling Structures*, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1980. Also, R. E. Collin, *Foundations of Microwave Engineering*, 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1991. See also footnotes 4 and 5.



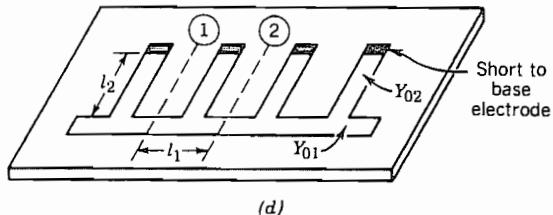
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**FIG 11.8** (a) Coaxial line with capacitive disks at intervals  $l$ . (b) Microstrip with capacitive tabs at intervals  $l$ . (c) Rectangular waveguide with symmetric inductive diaphragms introduced from sides at intervals  $l$ . (d) Microstrip with shorted microstrip stub lines in parallel at intervals  $l$ .

neglected in the transmission line so that  $\gamma = j\beta$ , Eq. 11.7(5) and Eq. 11.7(13) give

$$\cosh \Gamma = \cos \beta l - \frac{\omega C_d}{2Y_0} \sin \beta l \quad (1)$$

These circuits would be expected to pass low frequencies since the periodic capacitors provide small shunting effects in that range. If  $\beta l = \omega l \sqrt{LC} \ll 1$ , (1) becomes

$$\cosh \Gamma \approx 1 - \frac{\omega^2 l C_d \sqrt{LC}}{2 \sqrt{C/L}} \quad (2)$$

where  $L$  and  $C$  are inductance and capacitance of the microstrip per unit length. The region of imaginary  $\Gamma$ , which we call the *passband* of the filter, is from  $-1 \leq \cosh \Gamma \leq 1$ , which is from zero to  $\omega_{c1}$  in angular frequency, where cutoff is

$$\omega_{c1} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{C_d l L} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

In this approximation the transmission-line sections, short compared with wavelength, act as series inductors and, with the shunt capacitors, produce a classical lumped-element, low-pass filter. However, there are other passbands at higher frequencies. These occur in the vicinity of  $\beta l = n\pi$  since  $\sin \beta l$  becomes small there. Since  $\omega C_d / 2Y_0$  increases with frequency, the passbands become narrower as the order  $n$  increases (assuming of course that the capacitive representation for the discontinuities holds at these higher frequencies). In any event it is characteristic of the transmission-line circuits that they have multiple passbands, as was found from a different point of view in Sec. 9.10.

### Example 11.8b

#### FILTER WITH PERIODIC INDUCTIVE DIAPHRAGMS IN WAVEGUIDE

Figure 11.8c pictures a rectangular waveguide with diaphragms at intervals  $l$  introduced symmetrically from the sides. Such diaphragms are found to act as inductive shunt susceptances to the  $TE_{10}$  mode, with admittance given approximately by<sup>14</sup>

$$\frac{Y}{Y_0} = -\frac{j\lambda_g}{a} \cot^2 \left( \frac{\pi d}{2a} \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $a$  is guide width,  $d$  aperture width, and  $\lambda_g$  guide wavelength,

$$\lambda_g = \lambda \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2}$$

<sup>14</sup> See footnote 1 or 3.

Equations 11.7(5) and 11.7(13) give for this case

$$\cosh \Gamma = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi l}{\lambda_g}\right) + \frac{\lambda_g}{2a} \cot^2\left(\frac{\pi d}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi l}{\lambda_g}\right) \quad (5)$$

The waveguide is in itself a high-pass filter, but with typical values of  $\lambda_g/a$  and  $d/a$ , the added diaphragms cause it to remain attenuating to higher frequencies than the waveguide cutoff. But at least in the vicinity of  $l = \lambda_g/2$  the last term in (5) is small and  $|\cosh \Gamma| < 1$  so that there is a passband. Depending upon values of  $\lambda_g/a$  and  $d/a$  there may be additional attenuation bands and passbands at still higher frequencies, as in the first example.

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### Example 11.8c

#### BANDPASS FILTER IN MICROSTRIP

In Fig. 11.8d the shunt elements consist of shorted sections of microstrip of length  $l_2$  and characteristic admittance  $Y_{02}$  connected in parallel with the main microstrip at intervals  $l_1$ . The shorted stub lines also short the main line at low frequencies (and at frequencies for which  $\beta_2 l_2 = n\pi$ ), but present high impedances in parallel for frequency ranges near those for which the stub lengths are odd multiples of a quarter-wavelength. The shunt admittances of the shorted stubs are

$$Y = -jY_{02} \cot \beta_2 l_2 \quad (6)$$

so that Eqs. 11.7(5) and 11.7(13) yield

$$\cosh \Gamma = \cos \beta_1 l_1 + \frac{Y_{02}}{2Y_{01}} \cot \beta_2 l_2 \sin \beta_1 l_1 \quad (7)$$

This clearly has passbands, in the sense defined, for  $\beta_2 l_2$  near  $(2m + 1)\pi/2$ , as expected.

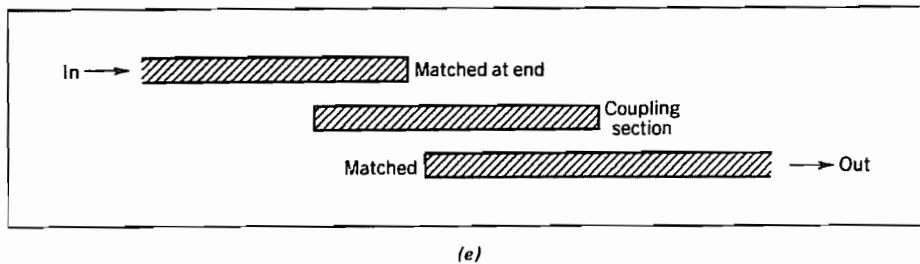
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### Example 11.8d

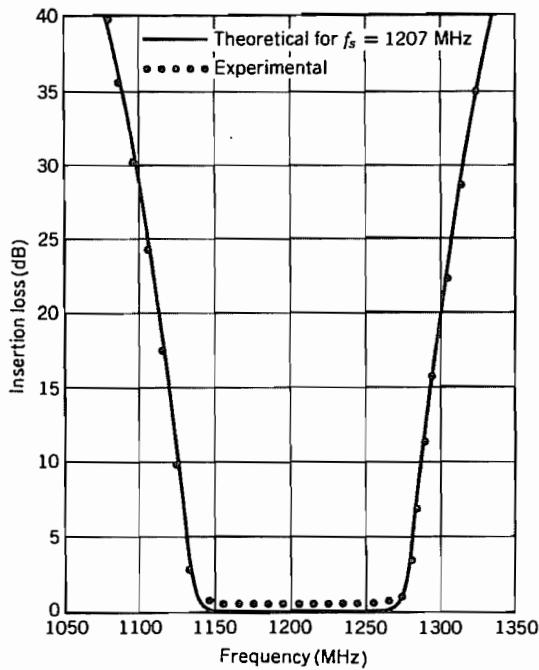
#### FILTERING BY COUPLED MICROSTRIP TRANSMISSION LINES

A somewhat different approach to construction of a bandpass filter is illustrated by Fig. 11.8e. In this, one microstrip line is coupled to another through an intervening microstrip of finite length. For frequencies near those for which the coupling section is resonant, there is large coupling and nearly perfect transfer. For other frequencies, there is a small transfer of energy. Analysis of this, which requires consideration of the distributed couplings, is not given here, but measured and calculated curves of insertion loss from a six-section filter of this type are shown in Fig. 11.8f.

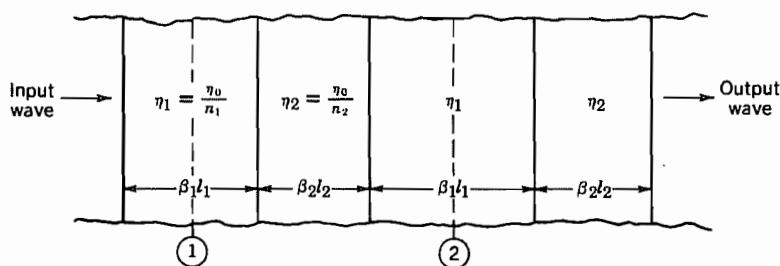
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(e)



(f)



(g)

**FIG. 11.8** (e) Top view of microstrip with coupling section between input and output transmission lines. (f) Insertion loss of parallel-coupled-resonator filter of six sections [From S. B. Cohn, *IRE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.* MTT-6, 223 (1958). © 1958 IRE (now IEEE).] (g) Optical filter with periodic alternations of refractive index.

**Example 11.8e**

## OPTICAL FILTER

As a final example we consider the optical filter made of alternating layers of dielectric with different refractive indices, as illustrated in Fig. 11.8g. (The equivalent of this in transmission-line form is made by alternating sections of transmission line of different characteristic impedance.) As explained in Sec. 11.1, microwave network concepts also apply at optical frequencies. The  $ABCD$  matrix for the symmetric section between reference planes 1 and 2 is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} & j\eta_1 \sin \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} \\ \frac{j}{\eta_1} \sin \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} & \cos \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta_2 l_2 & j\eta_2 \sin \beta_2 l_2 \\ \frac{j}{\eta_2} \sin \beta_2 l_2 & \cos \beta_2 l_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} & j\eta_1 \sin \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} \\ \frac{j}{\eta_1} \sin \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} & \cos \frac{\beta_1 l_1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

from which we obtain

$$A = D = \cosh \Gamma = \cos \beta_1 l_1 \cos \beta_2 l_2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} + \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} \right) \sin \beta_1 l_1 \sin \beta_2 l_2 \quad (9)$$

This is propagating (imaginary  $\Gamma$ ) for low frequencies, but eventually reaches an attenuating region with  $|\cosh \Gamma| > 1$ . There are then a series of attenuation bands and passbands as frequency is increased.

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In this section we have considered only the propagation through one unit, and have looked for frequency ranges for which  $\Gamma$  is real (attenuation bands) or imaginary (passbands). As shown in the preceding section, if there are  $N$  such symmetric units in cascade, and the last is terminated in  $Z_c$  defined by Eq. 11.7(14), the overall attenuation is  $N\Gamma$  for the attenuation bands and  $N$  times the phase shift per unit in the passbands. For a practical filter, the units need be neither symmetric nor all the same. Moreover,  $Z_c$  is in general a function of frequency so that it is not usually possible to match its frequency characteristics exactly to that of the terminating impedance. Reflection losses thus also occur and the overall insertion loss—in both the passbands and the attenuation bands—must be considered in the design of the filter. The techniques used for designing a filter which approximates a desired characteristic of insertion loss versus frequency are described elsewhere.<sup>13</sup>

## N-Port Waveguide Junctions

### 11.9 CIRCUIT AND S-PARAMETER REPRESENTATION OF N PORTS

It was shown in Eq. 11.2(10) that the currents and voltages (as defined in Sec. 11.2) are related through impedance parameters,

$$[V] = [Z][I] \quad (1)$$

or through admittance parameters,

$$[I] = [Y][V] \quad (2)$$

where the admittance and impedance matrices are of order  $N \times N$ . The scattering coefficients, defined in Sec. 11.5 for a two port, may also be extended to the  $N$  port:

$$[b] = [S][a] \quad (3)$$

The column matrix  $[b]$  represents the  $N$  waves leaving the junction, and  $[a]$  the  $N$  waves incident upon the junction, as defined in Eq. 11.5(1). The representation is pictured in Fig. 11.9a for a four port. Other linear transformations are of course possible, and an indefinite number of equivalent circuits may be drawn, similar to those of Sec. 11.4, but the three formulations given above have proven the most generally useful. We now consider some specializations of the general  $N$  port.

**Reciprocal Networks** For networks satisfying reciprocity, each of the matrices  $[Z]$ ,  $[Y]$ , and  $[S]$  is symmetric. That is,

$$Z_{ji} = Z_{ij}, \quad Y_{ji} = Y_{ij}, \quad S_{ji} = S_{ij} \quad (4)$$

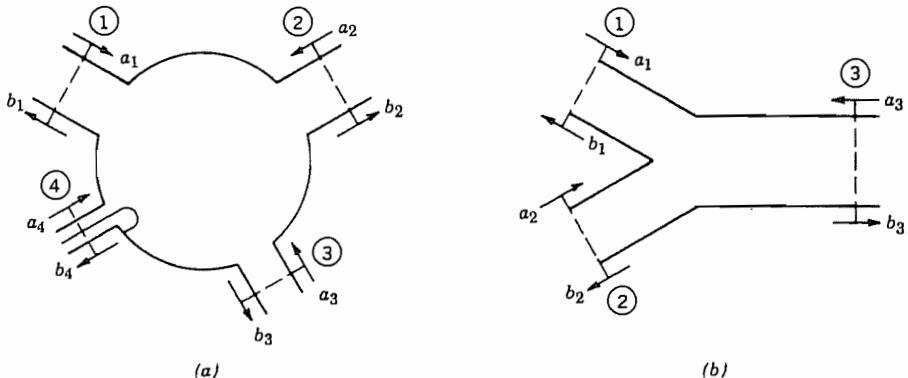
The proof is easily accomplished by extending from that of the two port. For example, if all ports except for  $i$  and  $j$  are shorted at the reference planes, there remains a two port between  $i$  and  $j$ , for which the proof of Sec. 11.3 shows  $Y_{ji} = Y_{ij}$  under the conditions of reciprocity, and similarly for the other relations of (4).

**Loss-Free Networks** Internal losses may be neglected in many useful microwave junctions, so it is important to know the consequence of negligible loss. The complex Poynting theorem, Eq. 3.13(6), applied to power flow into the  $N$  ports gives

$$-\oint (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \sum_{m=1}^N V_m I_m^* = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E) \quad (5)$$

but

$$V_m = \sum_{n=1}^N Z_{mn} I_n \quad (6)$$



**FIG. 11.9** (a) General four port showing incident and reflected waves. (b) A Y junction (three port) for combining power from sources ① and ②.

so

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^N Z_{nm} I_n I_m^* = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E) \quad (7)$$

Now let all ports be open circuited except the  $i$ th:

$$Z_{ii} I_i I_i^* = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E) \quad (8)$$

So for a loss-free network with  $W_L = 0$ ,  $Z_{ii}$  is imaginary since  $I_i I_i^*$  is real. To study an off-diagonal term, let all ports but  $i$  and  $j$  be open-circuited:

$$Z_{ii} I_i I_i^* + Z_{jj} I_j I_j^* + Z_{ij} I_j I_i^* + Z_{ji} I_i I_j^* = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E) \quad (9)$$

The first two terms are imaginary, by the above, so if  $W_L = 0$ ,

$$\text{Re}[Z_{ij} I_j I_i^* + Z_{ji} I_i I_j^*] = 0 \quad (10)$$

For a reciprocal network with  $Z_{ji} = Z_{ij}$ ,  $Z_{ij}$  is then also imaginary. Similarly the admittance matrix is imaginary for a loss-free network satisfying reciprocity.

To show the properties of the scattering matrix for loss-free networks,

$$\sum_{m=1}^N V_m I_m^* = \sum_{m=1}^N (a_m + b_m)(a_m^* - b_m^*) = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E) \quad (11)$$

so for a loss-free network,

$$\sum_{m=1}^N b_m b_m^* = \sum_{m=1}^N a_m a_m^* \quad (12)$$

This equation can be written in matrix form,

$$[b]_t [b^*] = [a]_t [a^*] \quad (13)$$

where  $[b]_t$  denotes the transpose of  $[b]$ , obtained by interchanging rows and columns. In particular the transpose of a column matrix is a row matrix, and it can be checked that the rule for matrix multiplication applied to (13) does give (12). Now, substituting (3),

$$([S][a])_t([S][a])^* = [a]_t[a^*] \quad (14)$$

The transpose of a product is the product of transposes with order reversed, so

$$[a]_t[S]_t[S^*][a^*] = [a]_t[U][a^*] \quad (15)$$

where  $[U]$  is the unit matrix. Thus,

$$[S]_t[S^*] = [U] \quad (16)$$

From this we see that  $[S]_t = [S^*]^{-1}$  so (16) may also be written

$$[S^*][S]_t = [U] \quad (17)$$

Matrices for which the transpose is the conjugate of the inverse matrix are called *unitary matrices*. Use of the product rule for matrices shows that they have the following properties:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N S_{in} S_{in}^* = 1 \quad (18)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N S_{in} S_{jn}^* = 0, \quad i \neq j \quad (19)$$

The above relations may be derived directly from conservation of energy, (18) by applying an incident wave to terminal  $i$  with all terminals matched and (19) by applying incident waves to terminals  $i$  and  $j$  with all terminals matched. Note that reciprocity was not required in the derivation. The relations have important consequences as to what can or cannot be done with loss-free junctions, as will be illustrated with two examples.

### Example 11.9a

#### LIMITATIONS ON LOSS-FREE THREE PORTS

The three-port  $Y$  junction pictured in Fig. 11.9b is useful as a power divider or power combiner. It is assumed that it satisfies reciprocity. If sources are introduced at terminals 1 and 2 with the combined power obtained at 3, one might wish to have  $S_{12} = 0$  to eliminate direct interaction between the two sources. But condition (19), with  $i = 1$ ,  $j = 2$ , gives

$$S_{11}S_{21}^* + S_{12}S_{22}^* + S_{13}S_{23}^* = 0 \quad (20)$$

Thus if  $S_{12} = 0$ , either  $S_{13}$  or  $S_{23}$  is zero also, eliminating one of the two desired couplings. The junction will act as a power combiner, but there is interaction between the two sources, and if the two sources are not identical in magnitude and phase, one source will tend to feed power to the other.

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### Example 11.9b

#### LIMITATIONS ON IDEAL ISOLATING NETWORKS

The ideal isolator would be a loss-free, one-way transmission line with  $S_{12} = 0$  but  $S_{21} \neq 0$ . It was noted that the unitary property (17) applies to nonreciprocal as well as reciprocal networks. Equation (18) with  $i = 1$  and (19) with  $i = 1, j = 2$  give

$$S_{11}S_{11}^* + S_{12}S_{12}^* = 1 \quad (21)$$

$$S_{11}S_{21}^* + S_{12}S_{22}^* = 0 \quad (22)$$

In (22) if  $S_{12} = 0$ , either  $S_{21} = 0$  or  $S_{11} = 0$ , but  $S_{11} \neq 0$  from (21), so this ideal also is impossible. We shall see useful isolators employing nonreciprocal elements in Chapter 13, but because of the limitation shown here, they will have dissipative elements to absorb the reflected wave.

Some consequences of the unitary property of directional couplers and four-port hybrid networks are discussed in the following section.

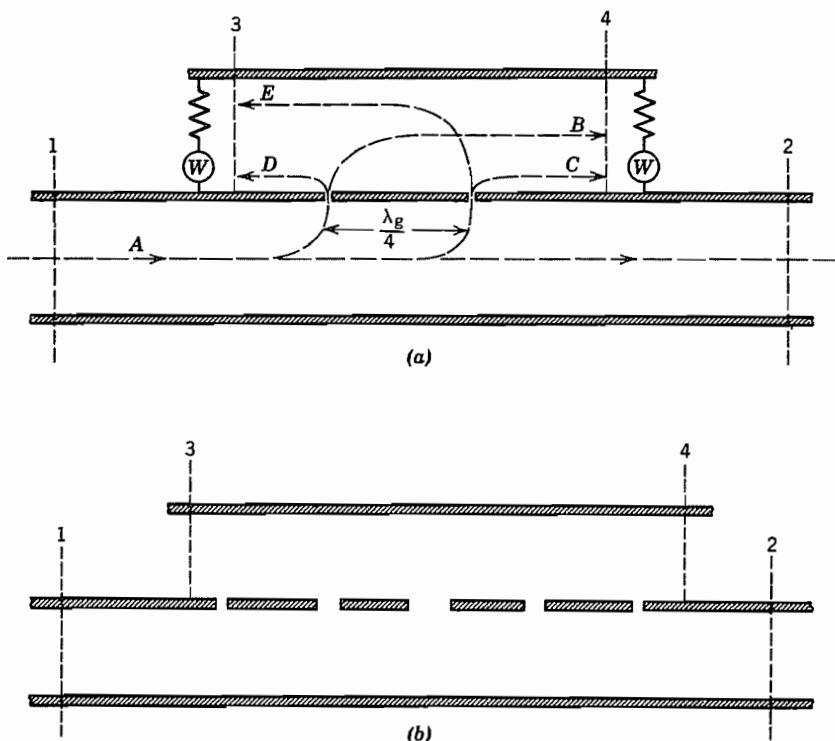
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**Shift of Reference Planes** If the reference in each port is shifted away from the network by distance  $l_n$ , there is additional phase delay in scattering matrix parameters  $S_{ij}$  by  $\beta_i l_i$  for the  $i$ th port and  $\beta_j l_j$  for the  $j$ th port. Thus, the  $S'$  matrix coefficient referred to the new references is related to the original  $S$  matrix coefficient by

$$S'_{ij} = S_{ij} e^{-j(\beta_i l_i + \beta_j l_j)} \quad (23)$$

## 11.10 DIRECTIONAL COUPLERS AND HYBRID NETWORKS

One of the most important four ports is the directional coupler, designed to couple in a separable fashion to the positively and negatively traveling waves in a guide. Figure 11.10a gives the simplest conception of this device. Imagine a main waveguide with two small holes placed a quarter-wave apart coupling to an auxiliary guide terminated at each end by a matching resistance and meter as shown. If wave  $A$  progresses toward the right, coupled waves from the two holes at terminal 4 follow paths  $B$  and  $C$  of equal lengths, and the contributions add in that load, its meter indicating the strength of  $A$ . The couplings through the two holes cancel at terminal 3, however, since the paths  $E$  and  $D$  differ in length by a half-wavelength, and the couplings through the two holes are substantially the same in amount if the holes are small. By symmetry, a wave flowing



**FIG. 11.10** (a) Basic directional coupler. (b) Broadband directional coupler.

to the left will register at terminal 3 but yield coupled waves which cancel at 4. Thus, meter 4 reads the strength of the wave to the right, and meter 3, that to the left.

This simple coupler is frequency sensitive since it depends on the quarter-wave spacing of holes. A like effect with greater bandwidth may be obtained by supplying several holes with properly graded couplings, as illustrated in Fig. 11.10b. Still other embodiments are used.<sup>4</sup> All these couplers may be considered as four ports with the four reference planes as shown in Fig. 11.10a or b. Losses may normally be neglected. Several important general properties follow.

To study the properties of the coupler, it is most convenient to use the scattering matrix form of Eq. 11.9(3). It is desired not to couple between 1 and 3 with 2 and 4 matched, so  $S_{13} = S_{31} = 0$ . It is also desired to have no coupling between 2 and 4 with 1 and 3 matched, so  $S_{24} = S_{42} = 0$ . Moreover, the ideal directional coupler should be matched so that all the power entering at one terminal divides between the other two for which there is coupling, leaving no reflections at the input. Thus  $S_{11}, S_{22}$ , and so on are zero. The network is also assumed to satisfy reciprocity so that  $S_{12} = S_{21}$ ,  $S_{14} = S_{41}$ , and so on. Thus the scattering matrix for an ideal directional coupler has

been specialized to

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & 0 & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & 0 & S_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{23} & 0 & S_{34} \\ S_{14} & 0 & S_{34} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

For negligible loss within the network, power conservation leads to the unitary property of the scattering matrix as shown in the preceding section. Equation 11.9(18), for different values of the index  $i$ , gives

$$i = 1: \quad S_{12}S_{12}^* + S_{14}S_{14}^* = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$i = 2: \quad S_{12}S_{12}^* + S_{23}S_{23}^* = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$i = 3: \quad S_{23}S_{23}^* + S_{34}S_{34}^* = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$i = 4: \quad S_{14}S_{14}^* + S_{34}S_{34}^* = 1 \quad (5)$$

Comparison of (2) and (3) shows that  $|S_{14}| = |S_{23}|$  and comparison of (2) and (5) shows that  $|S_{12}| = |S_{34}|$ . Moreover, reference plane 2 may be selected with respect to 1 so that  $S_{12}$  is real and positive, and similarly 4 with respect to 3 so that  $S_{34}$  is real and positive. Then

$$S_{12} = S_{34} \triangleq a \quad (6)$$

There remains the Eqs. 11.9(19), also following from the unitary nature of  $[S]$ . The specializations already made in (1) satisfy these identically except for

$$i = 1, j = 3: \quad S_{12}S_{23}^* + S_{14}S_{34}^* = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$i = 2, j = 4: \quad S_{12}S_{14}^* + S_{23}S_{34}^* = 0 \quad (8)$$

Use of (6) in either of the above requires  $S_{14} = -S_{23}^*$ . Reference plane 4 may then be selected with respect to 1 so that  $S_{14}$  is real and

$$S_{23} = -S_{14} \triangleq b \quad (9)$$

Thus we have reduced the scattering matrix to the very simple form

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & -b \\ a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & a \\ -b & 0 & a & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Note that  $b$  gives the coupling from the main guide to the auxiliary guide and is known as the coupling factor (often expressed in decibels). The coefficient  $a$  may be called the transmission factor and the two are related by any of the energy relations (2) to (5)

$$a^2 + b^2 = 1 \quad (11)$$

Although  $a$  and  $b$  are the only two parameters of an ideal directional coupler, real units give some coupling to the terminal for which zero coupling is desired. That is,  $S_{13}$  and  $S_{24}$  will not be exactly zero for a real coupler. The coupling to the desired terminal in the auxiliary guide, as compared with the undesired terminal, is defined as the *front-to-back ratio* or the *directivity*, usually expressed in decibels.

Several important theorems may be proved for loss-free reciprocal four ports.

1. A four port with two pairs of noncoupling elements is completely matched. That is, the setting of  $S_{11}$ ,  $S_{22}$ , and so on equal to zero was not a separate condition but followed from  $S_{13} = 0$ ,  $S_{24} = 0$  because of power relations resulting from the complete Eqs. 11.9(18) and 11.9(19).
2. Any completely matched junction of four waveguides is a directional coupler. (Note that this does not mean that an arbitrary four port may be made into a directional coupler by externally introducing matching transformers, since the adjustment of one of these in such a case disturbs matching for the other ports; it must be an internal property giving  $S_{11} = S_{22} = S_{33} = S_{44} = 0$ .)
3. A four port with two noncoupling terminals matched is a directional coupler. That is, if  $S_{13} = 0$ ,  $S_{11} = 0$ , and  $S_{33} = 0$ , the other properties defined earlier follow.

**The Magic T and Other Hybrid Networks** The special case of a directional coupler with  $a^2 = b^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  is of particular interest in that it may be used as a bridge or "hybrid" network. (The latter name is taken from the properties of the classical hybrid coil.<sup>15</sup>) One of the configurations used for this purpose in rectangular guides for the TE<sub>10</sub> mode is the magic T pictured in Fig. 11.10c. A wave introduced into the "E" arm, 2, will, from considerations of symmetry, divide equally between arms 1 and 3 but not couple to the "H" arm, 4. Conversely a wave introduced into 4 divides between arms 1 and 3 with no coupling to 2. Thus, the scattering coefficient  $S_{24}$  is zero. By

<sup>15</sup> C. G. Montgomery, R. H. Dicke, and E. M. Purcell, Principles of Microwave Circuits, MIT Radiation Laboratory Series, p. 307, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1948.

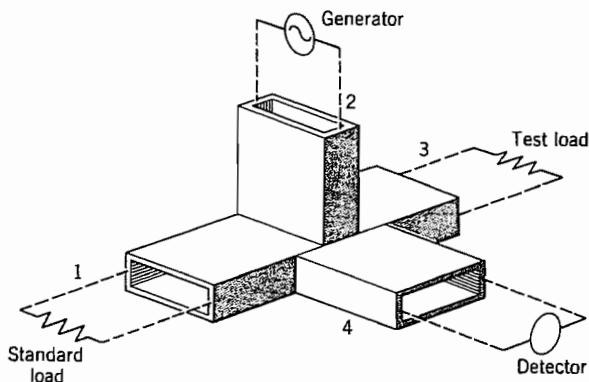
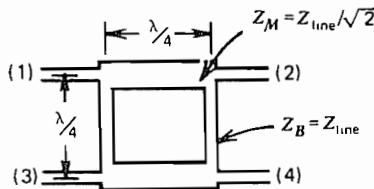


FIG. 11.10c Magic T network as a bridge.



**Fig. 11.10d** Two-branch hybrid for microstrip.

theorem III, above, this becomes a directional coupler if the unit is internally matched so that  $S_{22}$  and  $S_{44}$  are zero. This matching is normally accomplished by introducing pins or diaphragms or both within the guides near the junction. It then follows from the theorem that  $S_{11}$ ,  $S_{33}$ , and  $S_{13}$  are also zero. By symmetry, the transmission and coupling coefficients are equal so that, as stated,

$$a^2 = b^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (12)$$

A typical use of one of these units is as a bridge. With the generator at 2 and detector at 4 in Fig. 11.10c, no output is observed if the loads on 1 and 3 are equal. Thus a standard load may be placed on 1 and test loads on 3 which are nominally the same. Any deviation from the standard will produce a reading in the detector at 4.

Other configurations accomplishing the same goal are known. One general type utilizes cancellation of waves around a "rat race" structure, as pictured for microstrip in Fig. 11.10d. The division of power and phase changes by the two paths to each outlet produce the cancellations or additions desired. Variations of this with greater bandwidth are possible.<sup>16</sup> Structures based on the same principles can also be made with coaxial lines.

## Frequency Characteristics of Waveguide Networks

### 11.11 PROPERTIES OF A ONE-PORT IMPEDANCE

Let us consider a closed region with one waveguide terminal or one port, as in the cavity sketched in Fig. 11.1a. Reference plane 1 is selected far enough from the junction

<sup>16</sup> See, for example, J. Frey (Ed.), *Microwave Integrated Circuits*, Sec. II B, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1975.

so that only the dominant mode in the guide is important. Application of the complex Poynting theorem leads to Eq. 11.9(8), which for  $i = 1$  is

$$Z = R + jX = \frac{2W_L + 4j\omega(U_H - U_E)}{II^*} \quad (1)$$

where  $W_L$  is the average power loss in the region, and  $U_E$  and  $U_H$  are average stored energies in electric and magnetic fields, respectively. Similarly for input admittance  $Y$ ,

$$Y = G + jB = \frac{2W_L + 4j\omega(U_E - U_H)}{VV^*} \quad (2)$$

Certain properties of these impedance and admittance functions will be discussed. Note that the comments apply to the function  $Z_{ii}(\omega)$  of a general microwave network, since this would be the input impedance of a two port formed by shorting all but the  $i$ th terminal. Similarly, the theorems apply to  $Y_{ii}$  and to some other combinations of the impedance or admittance functions.

A study of (1) shows several simple results expected from physical reasoning. Impedance is purely imaginary (reactive) if power loss is zero. When power loss is finite, the real (resistance) part of  $Z$  is positive for a passive network. If stored electric and magnetic average energies are equal, reactance is zero and the network is said to be resonant. If average magnetic energy is greater than electric, the reactance is positive (inductive), and if electric energy is the greater, reactance is negative (capacitive). Since power and energy would be the same for positive and negative frequencies, (1) shows that  $R(\omega)$  is an even function of frequency and  $X(\omega)$  an odd function, if the range is extended to negative frequencies. Similar results can be deduced for the admittance function.

**Loss-Free One Ports** When losses are negligible, (1) and (2) become

$$X = \frac{4\omega(U_H - U_E)}{II^*}, \quad B = \frac{4\omega(U_E - U_H)}{VV^*} \quad (3)$$

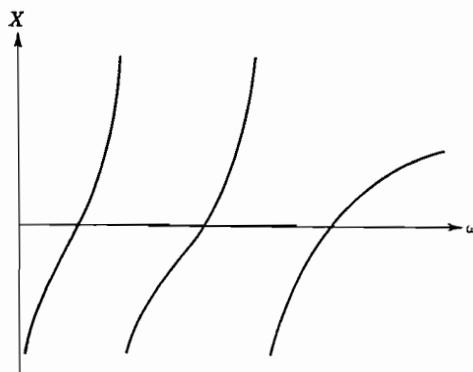
Moreover, the variation of  $X$  and  $B$  with frequency may be related to stored energy through a variational form of the Poynting theorem (Prob. 11.11c). The results are

$$\frac{dX}{d\omega} = \frac{4(U_E + U_H)}{II^*}, \quad \frac{dB}{d\omega} = \frac{4(U_E + U_H)}{VV^*} \quad (4)$$

It is evident that the average stored energy  $(U_E + U_H)$  is positive, and  $II^*$  is positive, so the rate of change of reactance with frequency for the lossless one port will be positive. The reactance must then go through a succession of zeros and poles as sketched in Fig. 11.11. Similarly, the susceptance of the lossless one port has a positive slope for the same reason. It follows that the zeros and poles are all simple (first order) and that a zero must lie between two adjacent poles, and vice versa.

These results were first derived by Foster<sup>17</sup> for lumped-element networks, and so are known as Foster's reactance theorem.

<sup>17</sup> R. M. Foster, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **3**, 259 (1924).



**FIG. 11.11** Typical form of reactance versus frequency for a lossless one port.

**Relations Between Real and Imaginary Parts of Impedance or Admittance Functions** If losses are finite, there remain some constraints between the frequency variation of resistance and of reactance, or of conductance and susceptance. These are of the same form as the Kronig-Kramers relations between real and imaginary parts of permittivity to be discussed in Sec. 13.2. This is because of the location of zeros and poles in the complex frequency plane and the analytic character of the functions in a half-plane.

The complex “frequency” variable commonly utilized is  $\alpha + j\omega$ . Zeros or poles of  $Z$  (or  $Y$ ) would mean that natural frequencies exist for such values, giving finite solutions without a driving source. For passive networks (those without internal sources of energy), such solutions can only decay from any transient initial state. Thus  $\alpha$  must be negative for such natural frequencies of passive networks. In other words the impedance (or admittance) function can have no zeros or poles in the right half ( $\alpha + j\omega$ )-plane. This analytic property permits the relation of real and imaginary parts.

Insight into the properties of circuits as functions of complex frequency can be obtained by considering an analogy with static electric potential and flux functions as complex variables (Sec. 7.5). In potential function terms, specification of potential everywhere along the  $j\omega$  axis determines potential everywhere in the right half-plane, if there are no sources there and potential dies off properly at infinity. Determination of potential at all points permits the finding of electric field, and this in turn permits the construction of a flux function. Conversely, a statement of flux along the  $j\omega$  axis defines charge distribution there, and from it the potential is determined everywhere in the source-free region.

If the real part of a function  $u + ju$  is defined along the imaginary axis, the imaginary part in a source-free right half-plane<sup>18</sup> (see also Prob. 11.11g) is

$$v(\alpha, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega' - \omega)u(\omega') d\omega'}{\alpha^2 + (\omega' - \omega)^2} \quad (5)$$

<sup>18</sup> H. Jeffreys and B. S. Jeffreys, *Methods of Mathematical Physics*, 3rd ed., Cambridge University Press, London, 1972.

Thus if  $R(\omega)$  is given, this may be used directly to find  $X(\omega)$ . Several specializations may be used in applying to the network function. Since we wish  $X$  for real frequency,  $\alpha$  is set equal to zero in (5).  $R(\omega')$  is an even function of  $\omega'$ . Finally we may add the reactance function of any lossless two port in series if we allow idealized elements in the circuit, since such a function is known to have no  $R$ . Use of these three points leads to

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty R(\omega') \left( \frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} + \frac{1}{-\omega' - \omega} \right) d\omega' + X_0(\omega) \\ X(\omega) &= \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{R(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega' + X_0(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $X_0(\omega)$  denotes the reactance function for the lossless part.

Since  $jZ$  is also analytic in the complex plane, (5) may also be used with  $u$  denoting  $-X$  and  $v$  denoting  $R$ . In this application we again set  $\alpha = 0$ , and utilize the fact that  $X$  is an odd function of  $\omega$ . We can also add in series a constant resistance without changing  $X$ , so the result is

$$\begin{aligned} R(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty -X(\omega') \left( \frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} - \frac{1}{-\omega' - \omega} \right) d\omega' + R_0 \\ R(\omega) &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega' X(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega' + R_0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Similar relations apply to admittance functions and to relations between magnitude and phase. The analogy to potential and flux functions has allowed the interesting use of electrolytic tanks and resistance paper for the study of network functions.<sup>19</sup>

### 11.12 EQUIVALENT CIRCUITS SHOWING FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE PORTS

The functional properties of the impedance (admittance) function developed in the preceding section allow one to develop several equivalent circuits showing the frequency characteristics. We first consider the impedance function, without losses, then the effect of small losses, and finally other forms.

**First Foster Form for Loss-Free Case** It was shown that the reactance function of a loss-free one port is an odd function of frequency and must have an infinite number of simple poles. It is known from the theory of functions that such a function can be expanded in a series of "partial fractions" about the poles, provided that the following summation is convergent<sup>20</sup>:

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{\omega - \omega_n} + \frac{a_{-n}}{\omega - \omega_{-n}} \right) + \frac{a_0}{\omega} + f(\omega) \quad (1)$$

<sup>19</sup> W. W. Hansen and O. C. Lundstrom, Proc. IRE 33, 528 (1945).

<sup>20</sup> See, for example, K. Knopp, Theory of Functions, Part II, Chap. 2, Dover, New York, 1952.

where  $a_0/\omega$  represents the pole at zero frequency, if any is present, and  $f(\omega)$  is an arbitrary *entire function* (one with no singularities in the finite plane). Since the function is odd,  $\omega_{-n} = -\omega_n$  and  $a_n = a_{-n}$ . Moreover,  $f(\omega)$  can have only odd powers of  $\omega$ , and, since it must behave at most like a simple pole at infinity, it is known to be proportional to the first power of  $\omega$ . With these specializations, (1) becomes

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\omega a_n}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2} + \frac{a_0}{\omega} + \omega L_{\infty} \quad (2)$$

In (2),  $a_n$  is known as the *residue* of the pole  $\omega_n$ . It may be obtained in terms of the slope of the susceptance curve, which can in turn be related to energy storage. For, in the vicinity of  $\omega_n$ , the  $n$ th term of (2) predominates and

$$B(\omega) = -\frac{1}{X(\omega)} \approx -\frac{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2}{2\omega a_n}$$

Differentiation shows that

$$\left. \frac{dB}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_n} = -\frac{1}{a_n}$$

Then, utilizing Eq. 11.11(4)

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{(dB/d\omega)_{\omega=\omega_n}} = -\left[ \frac{VV^*}{4(U_E + U_H)} \right]_{\omega=\omega_n} \quad (3)$$

The form of (2) suggests an equivalent circuit consisting of antiresonant  $LC$  circuits added in series as shown in Fig. 11.12a, since the  $n$ th component of this circuit yields a reactance

$$X_n = -\frac{1}{\omega C_n - 1/\omega L_n} = -\frac{\omega/C_n}{\omega^2 - 1/L_n C_n}$$

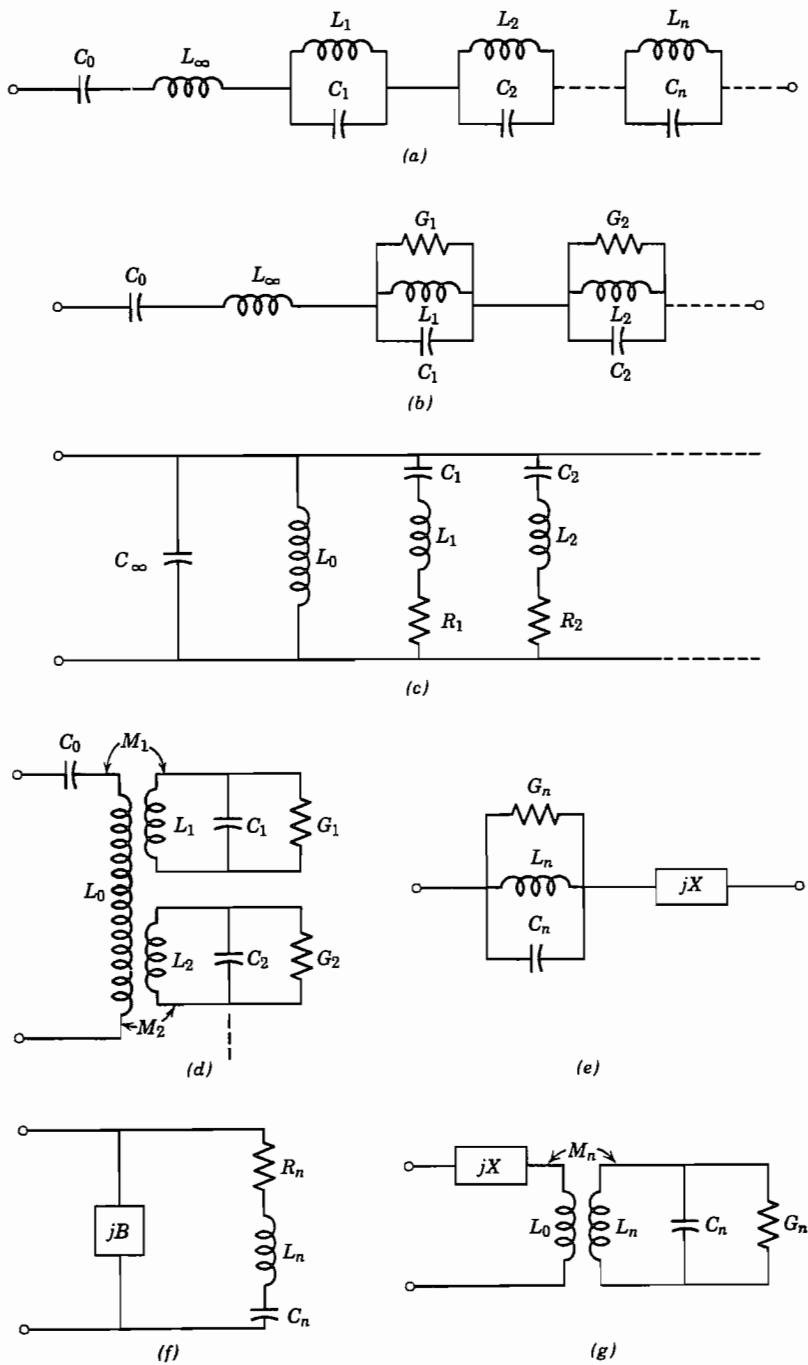
Comparison with the foregoing equation yields

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{2C_n}, \quad \omega_n^2 = \frac{1}{L_n C_n}, \quad a_0 = -\frac{1}{C_0} \quad (4)$$

or

$$C_n = -\frac{1}{2a_n}, \quad L_n = -\frac{2a_n}{\omega_n^2}, \quad C_0 = -\frac{1}{a_0} \quad (5)$$

This representation, known as the *first canonical form of Foster*,<sup>17</sup> is then applicable to any lossless one port for which the series in (2) is convergent. To find the circuit, we need to know the antiresonances, with energy storage quantities at those frequencies; both of these quantities were studied for cavity resonators in Chapter 10. The difficult part comes from the fact that the energy must be referred to the voltage in the input guide [see (3)], and this requires some specific knowledge of the coupling network.



**FIG. 11.12a-g** Various equivalent circuits for one port.

The general representation may be useful for interpreting measurements and for forming general conclusions even when this coupling problem cannot be solved.

**Effect of Losses** The study of losses for practical cavity resonators in the last chapter was concerned with the calculation of a quality factor  $Q$  which expressed for a given mode the ratio of energy stored to energy lost per radian. For low-loss cavities, it might be expected that the equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.12a would be modified by adding a shunt conductance to each antiresonant element, as shown in Fig. 11.12b. The value of a given conductance  $G_n$  would be adjusted so that the  $Q$  calculated from the  $n$ th antiresonant circuit would agree with the known  $Q_n$  of the mode which it represents. That is,

$$G_n = \frac{\omega_n C_n}{Q_n} \quad (6)$$

Justification for this procedure can be supplied by the theory of functions by making approximations appropriate to poles which are at a complex frequency near, but not exactly on, the real frequency axis.

If one accepts this modification of the lumped circuit equivalent to account for losses, it is clear that the  $Q$  of a cavity, determined from energy calculations, is also useful for interpreting the frequency characteristics in the same manner as for a lumped circuit. This fact was stated without justification in Sec. 10.3.

**Second Foster Form** An expansion of the susceptance function about its poles yields a form similar to (2):

$$B(\omega) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\omega b_m}{\omega^2 - \omega_m^2} + \frac{b_0}{\omega} + \omega C_{\infty}, \quad (7)$$

where the residues  $b_m$  are given by

$$b_m = -\frac{1}{[dX/d\omega]_{\omega=\omega_m}} = -\left[\frac{H^*}{4(U_E + U_H)}\right]_{\omega=\omega_m} \quad (8)$$

When the series is convergent, this equation has the equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.12c (known as the *second Foster canonical form*) with

$$L_m = -\frac{1}{2b_m} \quad C_m = -\frac{2b_m}{\omega_m^2} \quad L_0 = -\frac{1}{b_0} \quad (9)$$

Figure 11.12c also shows series resistance added to each resonant circuit to account for small losses, and as in the foregoing discussion, these are selected to give the known  $Q$  for each mode:

$$R_m = \frac{\omega_m L_m}{Q_m} \quad (10)$$

**Other Equivalent Circuits** Schelkunoff<sup>21</sup> has shown that other equivalent circuits may be derived by adding convergence factors to the series (2) or (7). These factors are necessary if the original series do not converge, the Mittag-Leffler theorem<sup>20</sup> from the theory of functions telling how they may be formed to ensure convergence. They may also be desirable in other cases where the original series converge, but do so slowly. For example, Schelkunoff has shown that the form with one term of the convergence factor is

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\omega a_n \left( \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2} + \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \right) + \frac{a_0}{\omega} + \omega L_0 \quad (11)$$

Note that, in addition to the convergence factor added in the series, the series inductance term has been modified, and inspection of (11) shows the  $L_0$  is the entire series inductance of the circuit in the limit of zero frequency. The physical explanation of this procedure is then that this low-frequency inductance has been taken out as a separate term rather than being summed from its contributions from the various modes. It is reasonable to expect that this would often help convergence. A specific example for loop coupling to a cavity will be given in the following section.

The equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.12d gives the form of reactance function (11) (loss elements  $G_n$  being neglected at first), provided that

$$\frac{M_n^2}{L_n} = -\frac{2a_n}{\omega_n^2}, \quad \frac{1}{L_n C_n} = \omega_n^2 \quad (12)$$

Here one imagines the input guide coupled to the various natural modes of the resonator through transformers, which gives a very natural way of looking at a problem of loop coupling to a cavity. Note, however, that one cannot determine the elements of the circuit uniquely since there are three elements,  $L_n$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $M_n$ , to be determined from the two basic quantities  $a_n$  and  $\omega_n$  for each mode. One of the three may be chosen arbitrarily, perhaps by reference to physical intuition, but any choice will give a circuit which properly duplicates the behavior with respect to impedance at input terminals. Small losses are again accounted for by adding conductances  $G_n$ , calculated from form (6), to the circuits as shown in Fig. 11.12d.

**Approximations in the Vicinity of a Single Mode** Finally, we note that when we are interested in operation in the vicinity of the natural frequency for one mode, other resonances being well separated, the dominant factor will be the one representing that mode. Other terms will vary only slowly with frequency over this range and may be lumped together as a constant impedance or admittance (predominantly reactive). The equivalent circuits of Figs. 11.12b-d then reduce to the simplified representations of Figs. 11.12e-g, respectively. This is an important practical case, enabling one to use simplified lumped-element circuit analysis for the study of cavity resonator coupling problems.

<sup>21</sup> S. A. Schelkunoff, Proc. IRE 32, 83 (1944).

## 11.13 EXAMPLES OF CAVITY EQUIVALENT CIRCUITS

Two examples will be given to clarify the calculation of element values in the equivalent circuits of Sec. 11.12. It should be stressed again that the difficult part comes in solving enough of the coupling problem to refer the energy quantities within the resonator to defined voltage or current in the guide. In the first example, a uniform line is considered so that energy can be expressed directly in terms of the input current. In the second example, a reasonable approximation to the coupling problem can be made.

**Example 11.13a**  
OPEN-CIRCUITED TRANSMISSION LINE

Let us consider a lossless open-circuited line of length  $l$ , inductance  $L$  per unit length, and capacitance  $C$  per unit length (Fig. 11.13a). We shall derive the second Foster form, Fig. 11.12c, starting from Eq. 11.12(7). For this calculation we need the natural modes having infinite susceptance at the input. Current is then a maximum at the input, zero at  $z = l$ , and length must be an odd multiple of a quarter-wavelength:

$$I_m(z) = I_{0m} \cos \omega_m z \sqrt{LC} \quad (1)$$

$$\omega_m = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_m \sqrt{LC}} = \frac{2\pi m}{4l \sqrt{LC}} \quad (m \text{ odd}) \quad (2)$$

The sum of average  $U_E$  and  $U_H$  is equal to the total energy stored at resonance, which may be computed as maximum energy in magnetic fields:

$$U_E + U_H = (U_H)_{\max} = \int_0^l \frac{L I_{0m}^2}{2} \cos^2 \omega_m z \sqrt{LC} dz = \frac{l L I_{0m}^2}{4} \quad (3)$$

Substitution in Eq. 11.12(8) gives the residue for the  $m$ th mode:

$$b_m = -\frac{I_{0m}^2}{4(U_E + U_H)} = -\frac{1}{Ll}$$

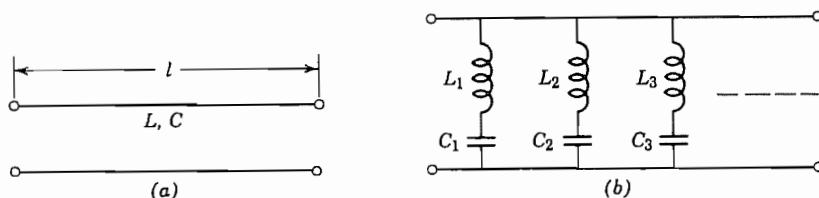


FIG. 11.13 (a) Open-circuited ideal line. (b) Equivalent circuit.

Inductance and capacitance for the  $m$ th circuit are found from Eq. 11.12(9):

$$L_m = -\frac{1}{2b_m} = \frac{Ll}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$C_m = -\frac{2b_m}{\omega_m^2} = \frac{8Cl}{\pi^2 m^2} \quad (5)$$

This leads to the equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.13b, which is valid for all frequencies, provided the equation for  $B(\omega)$  obtained from Eq. 11.12(7) is convergent. The series is convergent in this case, and in fact can be shown to be equivalent to the closed form

$$B(\omega) = -\sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{2\omega}{Ll[\omega^2 - m^2\pi^2/4l^2LC]} = \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \tan \omega l \sqrt{LC} \quad (6)$$

The last expression can be recognized as the input susceptance for an open-circuited ideal line obtained from simple transmission-line theory, as it should be.

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### Example 11.13b LOOP-COUPLED CAVITY

For a second example, we shall return to the loop-coupled cylindrical cavity discussed in Sec. 10.10 from an energy point of view. In particular, we shall concern ourselves with behavior in the vicinity of resonance for the simple  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode, all other resonances being well separated, so that one of the approximate forms of Fig. 11.12e, f, or g is appropriate. The form of Fig. 11.12g, arising from Eq. 11.12(11), is particularly useful because the self-inductance of the loop is separated out, and the remaining series may be thought of as representing more nearly the behavior of the unperturbed cavity. From the physical point of view, it is a natural equivalent circuit, since we picture the input line as being coupled to the cavity mode through a mutual inductance which represents the loop.

The voltage at the loop terminals (computed with no self-inductance drop, as is appropriate for the zero current of antiresonance) is found approximately by taking magnetic field of the unperturbed mode flowing through the small loop of area  $S$ , as in Sec. 10.10:

$$V = j\omega\mu HS \quad (7)$$

Energy stored in the mode from Sec. 10.5 may be written

$$(U_E + U_H) = (U_H)_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}\pi\mu dH^2 a^2 \quad (8)$$

Substitution in Eq. 11.12(3) gives the residue for the mode:

$$a_1 = -\frac{VV^*}{4(U_E + U_H)_{\omega=\omega_1}} = -\frac{\omega_1^2\mu^2 S^2}{2\pi a^2 d} \quad (9)$$

Resonant frequency and  $Q$  are known from the analysis of Sec. 10.5:

$$\omega_1 = \frac{p_{01}}{a\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \quad (10)$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{\eta p_{01}d}{2R_s(d + a)} \quad (11)$$

Here we meet the indeterminacy of the form selected, for we have three quantities,  $a_1$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $Q_1$ , to determine four quantities,  $M_1$ ,  $L_1$ ,  $C_1$ , and  $G_1$ . As pointed out before, one of the four may be selected arbitrarily and the same input impedance will result. One choice is to calculate the conductance  $G_1$  from power loss and voltage across the center. This makes sense, for example, when an electron beam is to be shot across the center, in which case a beam admittance, calculated on the same basis, can simply be placed in parallel with  $G_1$  in the equivalent circuit. This can be shown to be

$$G_1 = \frac{R_s}{\eta^2} \frac{2\pi a(d + a)}{d^2} J_1^2(p_{01}) \quad (12)$$

Application of Eqs. 11.12(6) and 11.12(12) then yields

$$C_1 = \frac{Q_1 G_1}{\omega_1} = J_1^2(p_{01}) \left( \frac{\pi a^2 \varepsilon}{d} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{\omega_1^2 C_1} = \frac{\mu d}{\pi p_{01}^2 J_1^2(p_{01})} \quad (14)$$

$$M_1 = \left( -\frac{2a_1 L_1}{\omega_1^2} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\mu S}{\pi a p_{01} J_1(p_{01})} \quad (15)$$

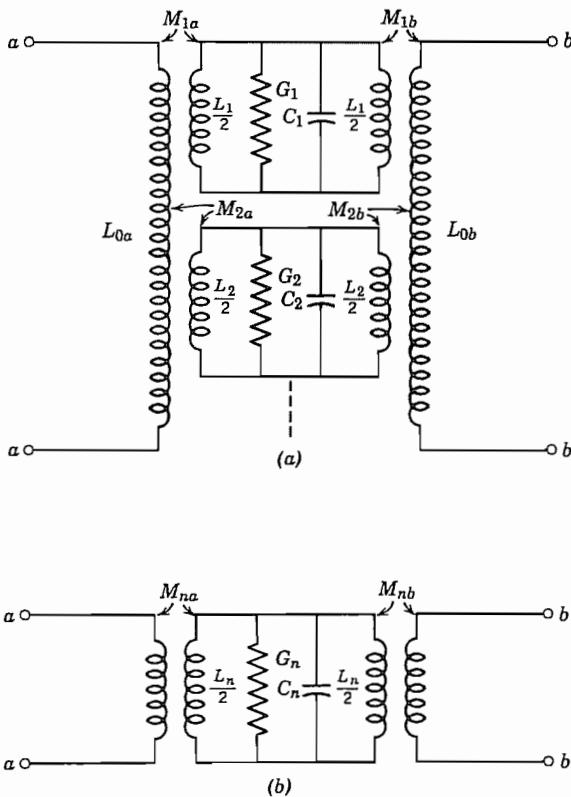
Input impedance, as a function of frequency, is then

$$Z = j\omega L_0 + \frac{\omega^2 M^2}{j\omega L_1 + 1/(G_1 + j\omega C_1)} \quad (16)$$

When evaluated at resonance,  $\omega = \omega_1$ , and taking  $G_1 \ll \omega C_1$ , this yields the same result as was found in Eq. 10.10(3) by energy considerations.

## 11.14 CIRCUITS GIVING FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS OF N PORTS

In considering frequency characteristics of the type discussed in Sec. 11.11 for a one port, one notes that any coefficient  $Z_{ii}$  of an  $N$  port must satisfy the conditions for a one port, since this represents the input impedance for a one port formed by shorting all but the  $i$ th terminal. Similarly, any  $Y_{ii}$  must satisfy conditions for the admittance function for a one port. The transfer coefficients, however, need not satisfy such conditions.



**FIG 11.14** (a) Equivalent circuit for a cavity coupled to two waveguide terminals. (b) Approximation in the vicinity of one resonant mode.

When the  $N$  port is a cavity resonator with more than one waveguide coupled to it, representation of frequency characteristics by an equivalent circuit may be desirable, generalizing Sec. 11.12. Thus an extension of the form Fig. 11.13d would naturally lead to each waveguide terminal coupled to each of the normal modes by a mutual inductance as illustrated in Fig. 11.14a for a cavity with two ports. Justification for this procedure has been supplied by Schelkunoff<sup>21</sup> from complex function theory and by Harrington<sup>22</sup> from normal mode theory. In the vicinity of a resonance, the circuit simplifies to that of Fig. 11.14b.

If we wish to determine the characteristics of an  $N$  port by measurement, the simplest procedure is usually that of terminating all but two of the ports in known impedances, leaving a two port for which four of the parameters may be obtained by the methods of Sec. 11.6. Repetition of this procedure for different pairs of ports will eventually give all the coefficients.

<sup>22</sup> R. F. Harrington, *Time-Harmonic Electromagnetic Fields*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1961.

## Junction Parameters by Analysis

### 11.15 QUASISTATIC AND OTHER METHODS OF JUNCTION ANALYSIS

It has been noted that we do not require the complete field solution for a network formulation. Nevertheless, solution of the boundary value problem for fields has been useful in obtaining the network representations for certain junctions. The results are largely tabulated in handbooks.<sup>1,23</sup> A brief discussion of the approach to such problems may be helpful for the proper use of the tabulated results.

For junctions small in comparison with wavelength, it may be possible to set down a reasonably good equivalent circuit from quasistatic reasoning. The basis for this follows from the Helmholtz equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial z^2} + \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2 \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Thus if variations arise from changes in dimension  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  that are small in comparison with wavelength, the first terms dominate over the last and the equation reduces to Laplace's equation, giving static forms for the field solutions. As an example, consider the step in the parallel-plane line of Fig. 11.15a. The electrostatic solution of this problem is known (Sec. 7.7), and a "fringing" or "excess" capacitance may be found as the excess of total capacitance between electrodes over that which would exist if field lines were straight across. Letting  $\alpha = a/b$ , one has

$$C_d = \frac{\epsilon}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + 1}{\alpha} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) - 2 \ln \left( \frac{4\alpha}{1 - \alpha^2} \right) \right] \text{F/m width} \quad (2)$$

The curve for this is plotted in Fig. 11.15b. This capacitance is placed in shunt with the two transmission lines at the junction. As we shall see later, the shunt representation is exact. The use of

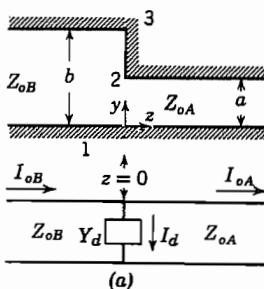
$$Y_d \approx j\omega C_d \quad (3)$$

is a good approximation if the transverse dimension  $b$  is less than about  $0.2\lambda$ .

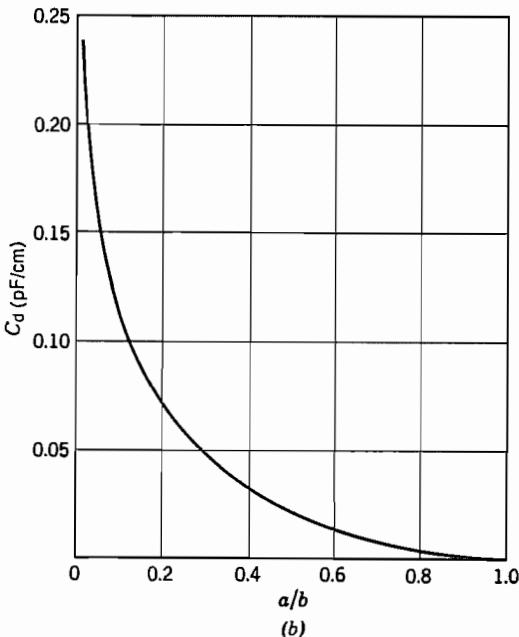
A second example in which quasistatic approximations are useful is the right-angle bend in a parallel-plane line illustrated in Fig. 11.15c. Physical reasoning leads us to include an inductance to account for the Faraday law difference in voltage between planes 1 and 2, and this may be estimated by assuming magnetic field uniform in the corner. There is also an excess capacitance as in the preceding example, and this may be divided equally because of the symmetry. There results the  $\pi$  equivalent circuit as shown in Fig. 11.15d with the element values there indicated and  $w$ , width into the page.

Let us return to Fig. 11.15a and argue more carefully the case for the shunt admittance as an exact representation of the junction effect. In an approximate transmission-line

<sup>23</sup> T. Moreno, *Microwave Transmission Design Data*, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1989.



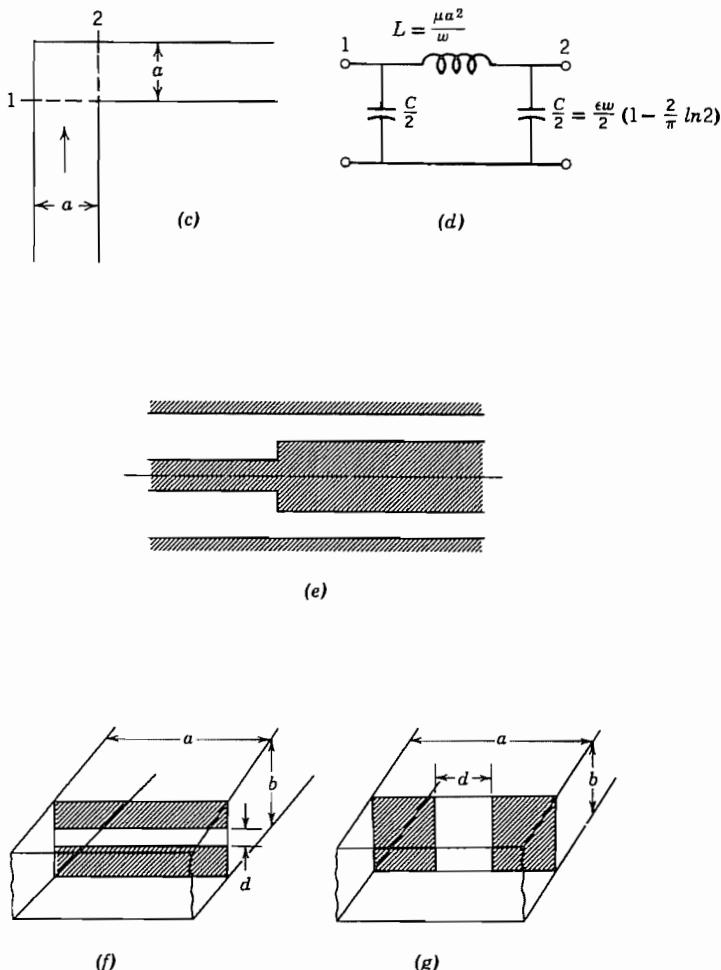
(a)



(b)

**FIG. 11.15** (a) Step discontinuity in parallel-plane transmission line and exact equivalent circuit.  
 (b) Curve of discontinuity capacitance per unit width for (a).

treatment, it is common to consider this as two lines of different characteristic impedance joined at  $z = 0$ . Such a treatment, however, considers only the TEM or principal transmission-line waves which have  $E_y$  and  $H_x$  with no variations in  $y$ . The perfect conductor portion between points 2 and 3 requires that  $E_y = 0$  here. If there were only principal waves,  $E_y$  would then have to be zero everywhere at  $z = 0$  because of the lack of variations with  $y$  in the principal wave. There could then be no energy passing into the second line A regardless of its termination since the Poynting vector would then also be zero across the entire plane,  $z = 0$ . The difficulty is met by the higher-order waves which are excited at the discontinuity, so that  $E_y$  in the principal waves is



**FIG. 11.15** (c), (d) Right-angle bend in parallel-plane transmission line and equivalent circuit. (e) Typical discontinuity in coaxial line. (f) Capacitive diaphragm in rectangular guide. (g) Inductive diaphragm in rectangular guide.

not generally zero at  $z = 0$ , but total  $E_y$  (sum of principal and higher-order components) is zero from 2 to 3 but not from 1 to 2. For the example of Fig. 11.15a, the higher-order waves excited are TM waves, since  $E_y$ ,  $E_z$ , and  $H_x$  alone are required in the fringing fields. For spacings between planes small compared with wavelength, these waves are far below cutoff, so that their fields are localized in the region of the discontinuity.

To show that the effect of these local waves on the transmission of the principal waves may be expressed as a lumped admittance placed at  $z = 0$  in the transmission-line equivalent circuit, as in Fig. 11.15a, consider that current at any value of  $z$  may be

expressed as one part  $I_0(z)$  from the principal wave and a contribution  $I'(z)$  from all local waves:

$$I(z) = I_0(z) + I'(z) \quad (4)$$

Now *total* current must be continuous at the discontinuity  $z = 0$ , but current in the principal wave need not be, since the difference in principal-wave currents may be made up by the local-wave currents.

$$I_{0A}(0) + I'_A(0) = I_{0B}(0) + I'_B(0)$$

or

$$I_{0B}(0) - I_{0A}(0) = I'_A(0) - I'_B(0) \quad (5)$$

Total voltage in the line as defined by  $-\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  between planes, however, is only that in the principal wave, since a study of the local waves shows that their contribution is zero:

$$V(z) = V_0(z)$$

Continuity of total voltage across the discontinuity  $z = 0$  then requires continuity of voltage in the principal wave:

$$V_{0A}(0) = V_{0B}(0) = V_0(0)$$

Now, if an equivalent circuit is drawn for the principal wave only, its continuity of voltage but discontinuity of current may be accounted for by a lumped discontinuity admittance at  $z = 0$ , the current through this admittance being

$$I_{0B}(0) - I_{0A}(0) = I_d = Y_d V_0(0)$$

Or, from (5),

$$Y_d = \frac{I'_A(0) - I'_B(0)}{V_0(0)} \quad (6)$$

The complete analysis<sup>24</sup> reveals that, when local-wave values are substituted in (6), numerical values of  $Y_d$  may be calculated which are independent of terminations so long as these are far enough removed from the discontinuity not to couple to the local-wave fields. For Fig. 11.15a the shunt admittance acts as a pure capacitance if transverse dimensions are negligible compared with wavelength, and the value is accurately given by Fig. 11.15b. Corrections are needed when transverse dimension is comparable with wavelength.<sup>24</sup>

Results are available<sup>25</sup> for several forms of coaxial discontinuity, carried out by an important series method as formulated by Hahn.<sup>26</sup> To a fair approximation, discontinuity capacitance for Fig. 11.15e may be found by multiplying values from Fig. 11.15b

<sup>24</sup> J. R. Whinnery and H. W. Jamieson, Proc. IRE 32, 98 (1944).

<sup>25</sup> J. R. Whinnery, H. W. Jamieson, and T. E. Robbins, Proc. IRE 32, 695 (1944).

<sup>26</sup> W. C. Hahn, J. Appl. Phys. 12, 62 (1941).

by outer circumference. If the step is in the outer conductor, values from Fig. 11.15*b* are multiplied by inner circumference.

Marcuvitz and Schwinger<sup>27</sup> applied many of the powerful methods for boundary value problems to waveguide discontinuities including integral equation formulations and variational methods—probably the most powerful approximate methods for attacking wave problems of many types. The variational methods are described in several texts.<sup>22,28</sup> Approximate solution of the integral equations leads to approximate but useful forms for the two waveguide discontinuities shown in Figs. 11.15*f* and 11.15*g*. For the diaphragm extending from top and bottom of a rectangular guide propagating the TE<sub>10</sub> mode (Fig. 11.15*f*), the energy of the higher-order modes is predominantly capacitive. The susceptance for a symmetrical diaphragm of gap  $d$  in a guide of width  $a$  and height  $b$ , is approximately

$$\frac{B}{Y_0} \approx \frac{4b}{\lambda_g} \ln \csc \frac{\pi d}{2b} \quad (7)$$

For the diaphragm extending from the side walls as in Fig. 11.15*g*, higher-order modes give a net stored magnetic energy, and the corresponding inductive susceptance, with  $d$  the gap width in this case also, is

$$\frac{B}{Y_0} \approx -\frac{\lambda_g}{a} \cot^2 \frac{\pi d}{2a} \quad (8)$$

The small iris in a conducting thin diaphragm across the rectangular waveguide (Fig. 11.15*h*) is especially useful in coupling between waveguide and a resonant cavity. This also may be represented by a shunt element, and for  $d/b \ll 1$ , the susceptance is

$$\frac{B}{Y_0} \approx -\frac{3ab\lambda_g}{2\pi d^3} \quad (9)$$

A variety of numerical methods have also been used to obtain the scattering parameters or network representations of waveguide and transmission-line discontinuities. As an example, consider the symmetric cross junction in microstrip of Fig. 11.15*i*. Its scattering parameters have been obtained for a particular junction by a finite-difference time-domain method.<sup>29</sup> Results are shown as a function of frequency in Fig. 11.15*j*. Note that for low frequencies,

$$|S_{11}|^2 + |S_{12}|^2 + |S_{13}|^2 + |S_{14}|^2 = 4(\frac{1}{4}) = 1 \quad (10)$$

as expected from energy conservation. At the higher frequencies the sum is appreciably less than unity, indicating important radiation loss.

Results from a wide variety of microstrip and other planar transmission-line discontinuities are summarized in a handbook<sup>30</sup> and a reprint volume.<sup>31</sup>

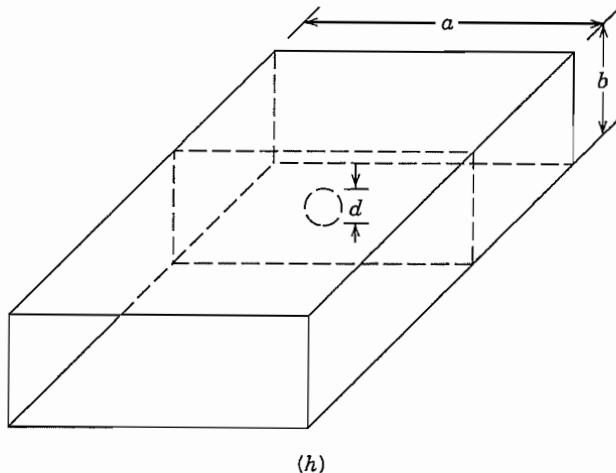
<sup>27</sup> N. Marcuvitz and J. Schwinger, J. Appl. Phys. **22**, 806 (1951), and in unpublished work.

<sup>28</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

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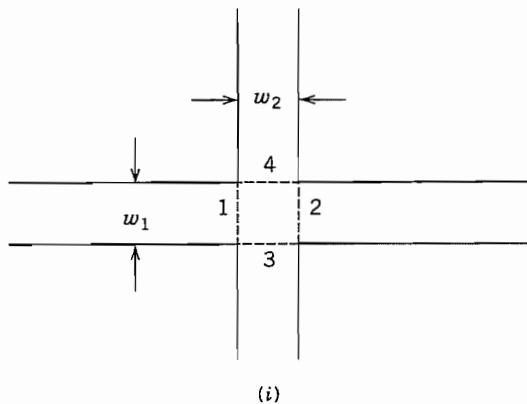
<sup>30</sup> R. K. Hoffmann, Handbook of Microwave Integrated Circuits, Artech House, Norwood, MA, 1987.

<sup>31</sup> T. Itoh (Ed.), Planar Transmission Line Structures, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1987.

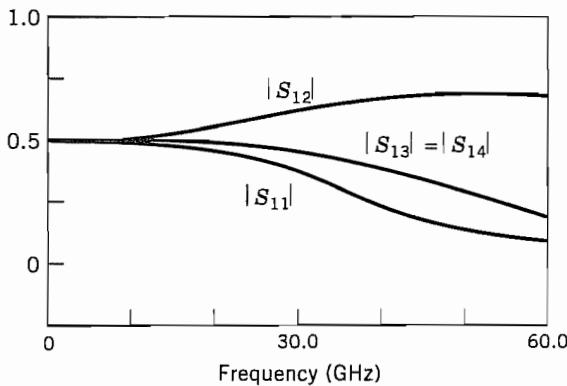


(h)

**FIG. 11.15h** Iris in thin diaphragm across rectangular waveguide.



(i)



(j)

**FIG. 11.15** (i) Top view of cross junction in microstrip. (j) Calculated values from reference of footnote 29 for magnitudes of scattering parameters for junction of (i).  $\epsilon_r = 9.7$ , substrate thickness  $h = 0.635$  mm,  $w_1 = w_2 = 0.56$  mm.

## PROBLEMS

- 11.2a** Show that the functions  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  defined by Eqs. 11.2(1) and (2) are in general related as follows:

$$\mathbf{g}(x, y) = \left(\frac{Z_0}{Z_z}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{f}(x, y)$$

Show that the values obtained for the rectangular guide satisfy this relation.

- 11.2b** Use the principles of Sec. 11.2 to obtain definitions of voltage and current for the  $TE_{01}$  mode in a circular cylindrical guide.

- 11.2c\*** Repeat Prob. 11.2b for the  $TE_{11}$  mode in a circular guide and for the  $TM_{11}$  mode in a rectangular guide.

- 11.2d** With voltage defined as the integral of maximum electric field between top and bottom of the  $TE_{10}$  mode in a rectangular guide, and current as the total axial flow in the top surface, compare with the derived quantities of Sec. 11.2. How is the product  $VI$  related to power flow in this case?

- 11.2e** Supply the proof of the uniqueness theorem cited in Sec. 3.14 and utilized in Sec. 11.2. To do this, assume that there are two possible solutions,  $(\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{H}_1)$  and  $(\mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{H}_2)$ , and apply the Poynting theorem to the difference field  $(\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2)$ . Note Sec. 1.17 for a typical uniqueness argument.

- 11.2f** Suppose that an  $N$  port has a load impedance  $Z_L$  connected to the terminals 1, and voltage generators connected to the other  $N - 1$  terminals. Show that the following Thévenin equivalent circuits are valid *so far as calculations of effects in the load are concerned*:

- (i) A voltage generator  $V_0$  connected to  $Z_L$  through a series impedance  $Z_g$ .  $V_0$  is the voltage produced at terminals 1 with these terminals open-circuited, and  $Z_g$  is the impedance seen looking into 1 with all voltage generators short-circuited (and any current generators open-circuited).
- (ii) A current generator  $I_0$  connected across  $Z_L$  with internal admittance  $Y_g$  in parallel.  $I_0$  is the current that would flow at terminals 1 if these terminals were shorted, and  $Y_g = 1/Z_g$ .

- 11.3a** Verify Eq. 11.3(2) for isotropic but not necessarily homogeneous media.

- 11.3b\*** Show that Eq. 11.3(2) does not apply for anisotropic media with the matrix representing permittivity or permeability asymmetric.

- 11.3c** Complete a proof similar to that of Sec. 11.3 to show that  $Z_{21} = Z_{12}$ .

- 11.4a** For  $Z_{11} - Z_{12} = j2$ ,  $Z_{22} - Z_{12} = j5$ ,  $Z_{12} = j$ , find the admittance coefficients, the  $\pi$  circuit, and the  $ABCD$  constants.

- 11.4b** For the numerical values of Prob. 11.4a, obtain the values in the equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.4c.

- 11.4c** For a terminating impedance of  $1 \Omega$ , find input impedance using all the forms of Probs. 11.4a and b.

- 11.4d\*** Set up the relation between currents and voltages for Fig. 11.4d, and from these determine the impedance parameters in terms of  $Z_{01}$ ,  $\beta_1 l_1$ ,  $m$ , and  $B$ .

- 11.5a** Relate the scattering coefficients to the admittance coefficients to obtain equations similar to Eqs. 11.5(9).

- 11.5b** Imagine that the source of energy is introduced at reference 2 in Fig. 11.5, with guide 1 perfectly terminated so that  $a_1 = 0$ . Derive the condition corresponding to Eq. 11.5(8). (Note that although these conditions are derived for special terminations of the network, they relate the basic parameters and must hold, quite apart from the termination and driving conditions.)
- 11.5c** Show that the condition for reciprocity in terms of the transmission coefficients is  $T_{11}T_{22} - T_{12}T_{21} = 1$ .
- 11.5d\*** The matrix equivalents of Eqs. 11.5(9) and Prob. 11.5a are
- $$[S] = ([\bar{Z}] - [U])([\bar{Z}] + [U])^{-1} = ([U] - [\bar{Y}])([U] + [\bar{Y}])^{-1}$$
- where  $\bar{Z}$  is normalized  $Z$ , that is,  $\bar{Z}_{nn} = Z_{nn}/Z_{0n}$ ,  $\bar{Z}_{nm} = Z_{nm}/\sqrt{Z_{0n}Z_{0m}}$ , and similarly for  $\bar{Y}$ .  $[U]$  is the unit matrix. Derive these from the matrix statements of the several formulations.
- 11.5e** Find scattering and transmission coefficients for the network with numerical values given in Prob. 11.4a. Utilize the results to find input reflection coefficient if the output is matched.
- 11.6a** As noted in the text, network analyzers typically heterodyne the microwave signal  $E_s \cos(\omega_s t + \phi_s)$  with a local oscillator signal  $E_L \cos \omega_L t$  by forming a product in a nonlinear device. Show that phase is preserved in the lower-frequency signal of frequency  $\omega_L - \omega_s$ .
- 11.6b** If one selects the point of minimum slope  $P'$  of Fig. 11.6b to determine  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$  and equates this slope to  $Z_{02}/m^2 Z_{01}$ , a second correct representation results. Show that transformations calculated by the latter are equivalent to those from the representation described.
- 11.6c\*** For the numerical values of Prob. 11.4a, plot an "S" curve as in Fig. 11.6b. Show that the values of  $m^2$ ,  $x_0$ , and  $y_0$  agree with those calculated in Prob. 11.4b.
- 11.7a** Derive the transmission parameters,  $T_{11}$ , and so on, for each of the elements of Table 11.7.
- 11.7b** In a transmission line with shunt element, as in Ex. 11.7a, let the line be lossless so that  $\gamma = j\beta$  and the admittance be a pure reactance,  $Y = jB$ . Write the  $ABCD$  parameters for one section and for  $N$  sections of such a line.
- 11.7c** Repeat Prob. 11.7b for a lossless transmission line with series reactances replacing the shunt susceptances.
- 11.7d\*** A dielectric window is formed by two contacting dielectric slabs,  $\epsilon_1$  of length  $l_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  of length  $l_2$ , placed with air ( $\epsilon_0$ ) on each side. Set up the matrix product for the overall  $ABCD$  matrix and also for the  $[T]$  matrix and compare. For only an outward propagating wave on the right, find reflections on the left for  $k_1 l_1 = k_2 l_2 = \pi$  and  $k_1 l_1 = k_2 l_2 = \pi/2$ . Explain results physically.
- 11.7e** Equation 11.7(13) for propagation constant may also be derived by a difference equation approach. Assuming that voltage and current at the  $n$ th output are  $\exp(-n\Gamma)$  times the values at the beginning, relate quantities at the  $n$ th,  $(n + 1)$ st, and  $(n - 1)$ st and derive the desired relation.
- 11.8a** For the filter of Ex. 11.8a, take  $C_d = 1 \text{ pF}$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.02 \text{ S}$ ,  $l = 1 \text{ cm}$ , and find the upper cutoff frequency of the first passband and upper and lower cutoff frequencies of the next higher passband.
- 11.8b** A coaxial transmission line has periodic gaps, distance  $l$  apart, in the inner conductor.

These act as series capacitors  $C$ . Find the expression for  $\Gamma$  and comment on the nature of the passbands and stop bands.

- 11.8c** Derive Eq. 11.8(9) from 11.8(8). Note that for  $\beta_1 l_1$  and  $\beta_2 l_2$  each a multiple of  $\pi$ , one has real solutions for  $\Gamma$ . Explain in terms of the wave impedance transformation for such electrical lengths. For  $\eta_2 = \eta_1(1 + \delta)$  show that to first order in  $\delta$ ,  $\Gamma = j(\beta_1 l_1 + \beta_2 l_2)$ . Explain.
- 11.9a** Show that Eqs. 11.9(18) and (19) follow from 11.9(16) or (17). Verify the statement that reciprocity is not required for these relations.
- 11.9b** Derive Eqs. 11.9(18) and (19) from conservation of energy as suggested in the paragraph following 11.9(19).
- 11.9c** For the  $Y$  junction of Fig. 11.9b, show that for symmetric sources ( $a_1 = a_2$ ) and port 3 matched so that  $a_3 = 0$ , the junction does act as a power combiner with all power incident on 1 and 2 exiting at 3. Assume symmetry ( $S_{11} = S_{22}$ ,  $S_{13} = S_{23}$ ) and that  $S_{33} = 0$ .
- 11.10a** Prove theorem 1 [following Eq. 11.10(11)] for directional couplers.
- 11.10b** Prove theorem 2 [following Eq. 11.10(11)] for directional couplers.
- 11.10c** Prove theorem 3 [following Eq. 11.10(11)] for directional couplers.
- 11.10d** For the “rat race” hybrid of Fig. 11.10d, give physical arguments to explain why a signal introduced at port 2 gives no response at 4 when ports 1 and 3 are equally loaded.
- 11.11a** It was noted in Sec 11.11 that diagonal terms of the impedance matrix for an  $N$  port have the properties of one-port impedance. To show that off-diagonal terms do not have all these properties, demonstrate that  $Z_{12}$  for length  $l$  of a loss-free transmission line does not satisfy Foster’s reactance theorem.
- 11.11b** Illustrate by example that  $dX/d\omega$  is not always positive for lossy networks.
- 11.11c** Suppose that a small variation  $\delta\omega$  in frequency produces variations  $\delta\mathbf{E}$  and  $\delta\mathbf{H}$  in fields. Starting from Maxwell’s equations, show that
- $$\oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \delta\mathbf{H} - \delta\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = j\delta\omega \int_V (\mu H^2 - \epsilon E^2) dV$$
- 11.11d** Apply the result of Prob. 11.11c to derive Eq. 11.11(4) for a lossless network with one waveguide input.
- 11.11e** For a simple circuit with resistance  $R$  and capacitance  $C$  in parallel, show that  $R(\omega)$  and  $X(\omega)$  satisfy Eqs. 11.11(6) and (7).
- 11.11f** If  $Z$  is analytic in the right half-plane,  $\ln Z$  is also. Utilize this fact and the form of Eq. 11.11(5) to relate magnitude and phase of a passive network, obtaining equations analogous to Eqs. 11.11(6) and (7).
- 11.11g\*** Although Eq. 11.11(5) may be derived in a variety of ways, one interesting point of view is through potential theory. Let  $u(\omega)$  correspond to a flux function given along the  $j\omega$  axis. By the Cauchy–Riemann equations,  $du/d\omega$  determines  $dv/d\alpha$  for  $\alpha = 0$ , which is the normal electric field entering that plane. This may be interpreted to arise from a surface charge distribution  $\rho_s = -2 dv/d\alpha$  along the plane  $\alpha = 0$ . (Question: Why the factor of 2 when it is absent if the plane is a conductor?) An element of charge  $\rho_s d\omega'$  at  $\omega'$  may be thought of as a line charge perpendicular to the plane, for which the potential at point  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$  can be found. Write an expression for the

potential and integrate by parts to obtain Eq. 11.11(5). What conditions did you have to assume at infinity for the result to be valid?

- 11.11h** To what does scattering matrix reduce for a one port? Give the properties of this similar to those discussed in Sec. 11.11 for impedance or admittance.
- 11.12\*** Modify the form of  $B(\omega)$ , Eq. 11.12(7), to correspond to the form 11.12(11) with a convergence factor added, and find an equivalent circuit representation. *Hint:* Change the form of Fig. 11.12d by using  $T$  networks to replace the transformers, and look for the dual of this circuit.
- 11.13a** Derive the equivalent circuit of Fig. 11.12a for a shorted length  $l$  of ideal line. Show that the series form for  $X(\omega)$  converges to the usual expression for reactance of a shorted ideal line.
- 11.13b** Derive the first Foster form for the open line and the second Foster form for the shorted line. Show that the series forms converge to proper expressions for reactance and susceptance, given that
- $$\cot x = \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 + n^2\pi^2}$$
- 11.13c** Show that the capacitance  $C_1$  derived for the loop-coupled cavity of Ex. 11.13b is that which would be obtained by referring energy stored in electric fields to voltage at the center of the cavity. Compare the mutual  $M_1$  to that which would be derived by referring induced voltage in the loop to total vertical current in the cavity wall.
- 11.13d** Consider the coupling from coaxial transmission line to the  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode of the cylindrical resonator by a small probe of length  $s$  extending along the axis from the top. What assumptions concerning the coupling need be made to derive the equivalent circuit of form Fig. 11.12e? Similarly for Fig. 11.12f?
- 11.14a** Suppose that two well-separated loops, each of area  $0.5 \text{ cm}^2$ , are coupled to the  $\text{TM}_{010}$  cylindrical mode as for one loop in Sec. 11.13. Draw the equivalent circuit, and calculate element values (except  $L_0$ ) for an air-filled cavity resonant at 4 GHz with  $d = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $R_s = 0.02 \text{ ohm}$ .
- 11.14b** The  $Q$  of a cavity mode is sometimes measured by finding the curves of transmission versus frequency between two guides coupled to the cavity as in Prob. 11.14a. Under what condition will the  $Q$  be well approximated by  $f_0/\Delta f$ , where  $f_0$  is resonant frequency and  $\Delta f$  the frequency difference between points of amplitude response  $1/\sqrt{2}$  the maximum? Is this condition satisfied by the values of Prob. 11.14a, assuming a  $50\text{-}\Omega$  output load?
- 11.15a** Determine the form of the proper local waves in the example of Fig. 11.15a. Show that voltage between planes,  $-\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ , is zero for each of these.
- 11.15b** Imagine a parallel-plane transmission line with two steps such as the one in Fig. 11.15a. The first is from spacing  $b$  to spacing  $a$ ; the second is removed from the first by a half-wavelength and is from spacing  $a$  back to  $b$ . The line to the right of  $b$  is perfectly terminated by its characteristic impedance,  $Z_{0B}$ . If it were not for the discontinuity capacitances, the line to the left of the first discontinuity would also be perfectly terminated. Calculate reflection coefficient in this line, taking into account the discontinuity capacitances from Fig. 11.15b. Take  $a = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\lambda = 12 \text{ cm}$ . Assume air dielectric.
- 11.15c** Using Fig. 11.15b, calculate an approximate discontinuity capacitance for the coaxial line of Fig. 11.15e. Take  $r_1 = 0.5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_2 = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_3 = 1.2 \text{ cm}$ . Assume air dielectric.

- 11.15d** A rectangular waveguide of dimensions  $0.900 \times 0.400$  in. propagating the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode at 9 GHz feeds a horn. Standing wave ratio in the guide is measured as 2.5 with a voltage minimum 0.55 cm in front of the horn entrance. Find the dimensions and placing of a capacitive diaphragm to produce a match for waves approaching from the left.
- 11.15e** Repeat Prob. 11.15d, using an inductive diaphragm.
- 11.15f\*** Reason physically as to the field components required in higher-order modes for the two waveguide discontinuities of Figs. 11.15f and 11.15g, and the type of energy storage predominant in each.
- 11.15g** For  $a \gg \lambda/2$ , the capacitive waveguide discontinuity reduces to the corresponding capacitive diaphragm problem in a parallel-plane transmission line. Express Eq. 11.15(7) as a capacitance per unit width in this limit, and plot as a function of  $d/b$ . Compare with the step capacitance of Fig. 11.15b.
- 11.15h\*** A resonant cavity is made by closing one end of a rectangular waveguide with a conductor, and placing another conductor, with diaphragm, distance  $l$  in front of it. Wavelength  $\lambda = 4$  cm,  $a = 3$  cm,  $b = 1.5$  cm,  $d = 0.2$  cm, and the resonant mode of concern is the  $\text{TE}_{101}$  mode. Estimate the  $Q$  resulting from loading by the waveguide in front of the diaphragm. (See Fig. 11.15h.)
- 11.15i** For the microstrip cross junction of Fig. 11.15i, use results of Fig. 11.15j to estimate the fraction of incident power radiated if a 30 GHz wave is incident at terminal 1 with all other terminals matched.

# 12

## Radiation

### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

Radiation of electromagnetic energy from a circuit, cavity resonator, or wave-guiding system may be important either as an undesired leakage phenomenon or as a desired process for exciting waves in space. In the former case one wishes to minimize the power lost by radiation, and this may be done by changing circuit configuration or by adding shielding. When radiation is desired, the goal is to excite waves from the given source in the required direction or directions, as efficiently as possible. The system that acts as the transition or matching unit between the source and waves in space is known as the *radiator* or *antenna*. The primary stress in this chapter will be on antenna principles, with radiation as the desired result.

In the design of antenna systems, some or all of the following information may be required:

1. The relative field strength for various directions (called the antenna pattern)
2. The total power radiated when the radiator is excited by a known voltage or current
3. The input impedance of the radiator for matching purposes
4. The bandwidth of the antenna with respect to any of the above properties
5. The radiation efficiency, or ratio of power radiated to the total of radiated and dissipated power
6. For high-power antennas, the maximum field strengths at key positions in air or dielectrics that may cause corona or dielectric breakdown

The straightforward approach to any of the above questions might seem to be that of solving Maxwell's equations subject to the boundary conditions of the radiator and at infinity. This is possible in a few cases (to be discussed in a later section), but most antenna configurations are too complicated for this direct approach, and approximations must be made. To make such approximations, it is important to have good physical pictures of radiation phenomena.

One physical picture of radiation is that found in Chapter 4 when we considered circuits that are comparable in size with wavelength. It was found that retardation effects from one part of the circuit to another cause a phase shift, so that induced effects that are only reactive in a small circuit now have a real part also. This real part represents

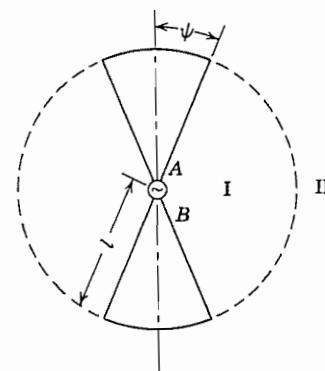
power radiated from the circuit. From this point of view, an antenna is a circuit comparable with wavelength in size, purposely designed to maximize this retardation effect.

A picture closely related to the preceding but perhaps more direct follows from an examination of fields at a distance from the radiating system. If the system is small in size in comparison with wavelength, fields from positive and negative charges of the system (or oppositely directed current contributions) nearly cancel at large distances. For example, we found fields from a quasistatic electric dipole or small current loop falling off at least as fast as the inverse square of distance from the dipole or loop. But for larger circuits (in comparison with wavelength), there are phase differences from the distant point to various parts of the circuit so that cancellation is not so complete and we find terms inversely proportional to radius from the radiator.

For quantitative use of either of these two pictures, one needs the current distribution on the antenna. Exact determination of this would require solution of the difficult boundary value problem, but for many antennas, reasonable assumptions of current distributions may be made, or they may be found by measurement.

We will examine a variety of radiators in the next section and find that several of these (horns, parabolic reflectors, etc.) utilize large apertures with stress on the field pattern excited in the aperture. For these, it is appropriate to use the concept of the Huygens principle, in which each elemental portion of the wave in the aperture can be considered a source of waves in space. This qualitative picture will be shown to lead to useful quantitative procedures in later sections. There, fields in the aperture are required, and they may often be approximated when not known exactly.

Finally, we may think of the antenna as a matching section between the waves on whatever guiding system we use to excite the antenna and the waves in space. The goal from this point of view is to design the unit for optimum matching over the desired frequency range, just as in matching units between different transmission lines or wave-guiding systems. An antenna which illustrates this and also shows the relation between the several points of view is the biconical antenna pictured in Fig. 12.1. This is the biconical transmission line of Sec. 9.6, open to space over the region shown dashed



**FIG. 12.1** Axial section through a biconical antenna.

between regions I and II. A source is introduced at the origin, between apexes *A* and *B*, and this excites primarily the TEM or principal mode studied in Sec. 9.6. To a first approximation the surface at  $r = l$  might be considered an open circuit and the principal wave reflection would then produce a sinusoidal standing wave on the cones. High-order waves are then excited in both regions I and II to provide the required field continuity over the dashed portion of the sphere; then the waves in space become the desired radiation fields. This example is interesting in that if cone angle  $\psi$  is small, the cones may be thought of as wires, with the current to first order being the sinusoidal principal wave current. Alternatively, we can look at the principal wave fields on the dashed part of the spherical surface between I and II as the source of radiation, with the system considered a biconical horn. So we see that the several pictures are related and the best for quantitative use may depend upon the specific configuration.

Most of the discussion in this chapter will relate directly to radiating or transmitting antennas but the results developed also can be applied to the same antenna when used for receiving applications. The radiating case is easier both for analysis and intuitive understanding and the relation to the receiving situation can be made rigorously using the principle of reciprocity that was introduced in Sec. 11.3.

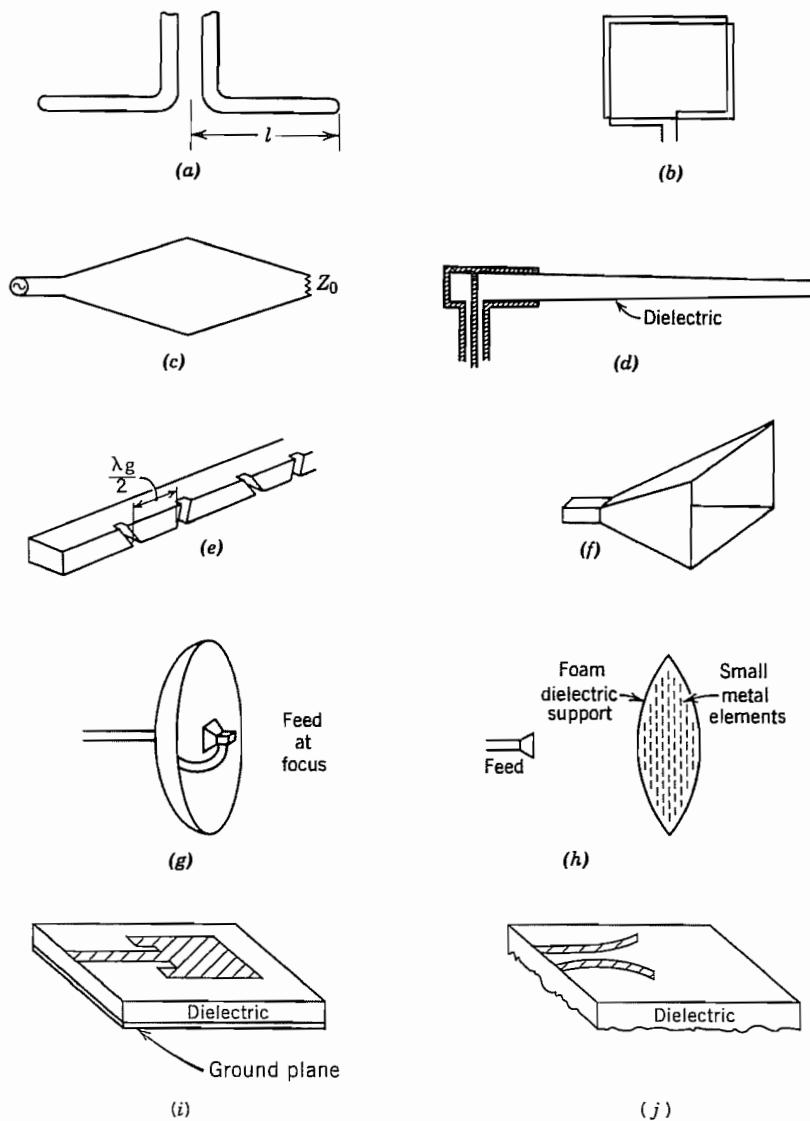
## 12.2 SOME TYPES OF PRACTICAL RADIATING SYSTEMS

To give point to comments and analyses that follow, let us look at some of the typical systems that have been used as radiators. No attempt will be made to provide complete discussions of operation here, since the remainder of the chapter will be devoted to more thorough analyses of some of these systems. Nor does the list cover all types of radiators. The ones given are chosen as examples to make clearer the discussions of principles in sections to follow.

**"Dipole" Antennas** Among the most common radiators is the dipole, which consists of a straight conductor (often a thin wire or circular cylinder of larger diameter) broken at some point where it is excited by a voltage derived from a transmission line, wave-guide, or directly from a generator (Fig. 12.2a). In most cases, the exciting source is at the center, yielding a symmetric dipole, although asymmetric dipoles are also used. Resonant dipoles, and especially the half-wave dipole with  $2l$  approximately equal to a half-wavelength, are common.

**Loop Antennas** Radiation from a loop of wire excited by a generator has been discussed in Chapter 4. Such loop antennas are useful radiators, although often they have many turns, as in Fig. 12.2b. The field from a small loop is much like that from the small dipole, with electric and magnetic fields interchanged, and thus is known as a *magnetic dipole*.

**Traveling-Wave Antennas** If the radiator is made to have a traveling wave in one direction with a phase velocity about equal to the velocity of light, waves in space may



**FIG. 12.2** Typical antennas: (a) Dipole. (b) Loop. (c) Rhombic. (d) Dielectric rod. (e) Slot array. (f) Pyramidal horn. (g) Parabolic reflector. (h) Artificial dielectric lens. (i) Microstrip "patch" antenna. (j) Coplanar strip "horn."

be excited strongly in this direction as compared with other directions, thus yielding desired directivity. Figure 12.2c shows the important rhombic antenna, which utilizes waves along wires and is analyzed in more detail later. If only one-half of the rhombic

is present, the result is the V antenna. These have been made in thin-film form for use at millimeter-wave frequencies. Figure 12.2d shows a version in which the traveling wave is guided by a dielectric as in Sec. 9.2. Near cutoff, phase velocity is approximately the velocity of light and the fields that extend outside a dielectric guide may excite appreciable radiation in space.

**Slot and Aperture Antennas** As noted in Sec. 12.1, fields across an aperture may excite radiation in space. If the apertures are small, they must generally be resonant to excite appreciable amounts of power (although nonresonant holes in cavities may produce enough leakage to damage the  $Q$  of low-loss cavities). A narrow resonant half-wave slot has many similarities to the half-wave wire dipole, although electric and magnetic fields are interchanged, as will be seen. Figure 12.2e illustrates a series of slots in a rectangular guide to form a “leaky waveguide” array. When apertures are large, they need not be resonant to produce significant radiation. Electromagnetic horns are examples of radiators designed to match waves from a guiding system to a large radiating aperture by properly shaping the transition, much as in the acoustic horns used for sound waves. Figure 12.2f gives one example. Since the horns are not resonant, they, like the traveling-wave antennas, are especially useful for broadband signals.

**Reflectors and Lenses** A parabolic reflector, as illustrated in Fig. 12.2g, is a most important device for microwave radiation. This may be considered as a mirror, serving to reflect the rays from the primary radiator at the focus. Geometrical optics would then predict an exactly parallel beam emerging from such a reflector if the primary radiator is infinitesimal. Alternatively, it may be considered that the primary source serves to illuminate the aperture, and radiation from this aperture produces the far field. From this point of view (which is also called “physical optics” or “diffraction theory”), there is always spreading of the beam. The spreading decreases as aperture size increases, an aperture 70 wavelengths in diameter producing a beam width of about 1 degree. Lenses serve a similar purpose in directing the rays from a primary radiator. These may be of solid dielectric, artificial dielectrics as illustrated in Fig. 12.2h, or metal waveguide paths to supply proper phase shifts to direct the beam. Lenses can also be considered as aperture radiators.

**Integrated-Circuit-Type Antennas** Antennas for use with microwave integrated circuits may be placed on dielectric substrates and are sometimes called *patch* antennas. Figure 12.2i illustrates one in microstrip form and Fig. 12.2j a horn type for use with coplanar strip.

**Arrays** Any of these radiators may be combined with like or different elements to form arrays that have particular directions in which phases add and radiation is concentrated. A most important use of arrays is in “electrical scanning” of the direction of concentration by control of phase shift from element to element. An example of the two-dimensional array of slot radiators is shown in Fig. 12.2e.

## Field and Power Calculations with Currents Assumed on the Antenna

### 12.3 ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC DIPOLE RADIATORS

In computing radiated power and the field distributions around an antenna when current distribution is assumed over the surface of the antenna's conductors, the simplest example is that of an ideal short linear element with current considered uniform over its length. Certain more complex antennas can be considered to be made up of a large number of such differential antennas with the proper magnitudes and phases of their currents. We shall consider only the case in which the current varies sinusoidally with time so we express it by its phasor  $I_0$  that multiplies the factor  $e^{j\omega t}$ .

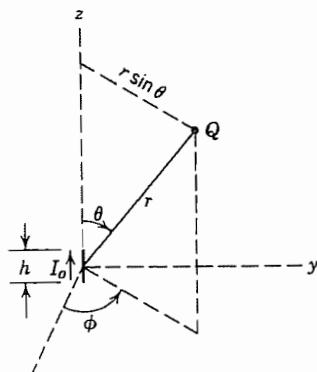
The current element is in the  $z$  direction with its location the origin of a set of spherical coordinates (Fig. 12.3a). Its length is  $h$ , with  $h$  very small compared with wavelength. By continuity, equal and opposite time-varying charges must exist on the two ends  $\pm h/2$ , so the element is frequently called a *Hertzian dipole*.

One way of finding fields once current is given requires only the retarded potential  $\mathbf{A}$  as seen in Sec. 3.21. For any point  $Q$  at radius  $r$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  of Eq. 3.21(8) is in the  $z$  direction and becomes simply

$$A_z = \mu \frac{hI_0}{4\pi r} e^{-j(\omega r/v)} \quad (1)$$

Or, in the system of spherical coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} A_r &= A_z \cos \theta = \mu \frac{hI_0}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \cos \theta \\ A_\theta &= -A_z \sin \theta = -\mu \frac{hI_0}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 12.3a** Hertzian dipole.

where  $k = \omega/v = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = 2\pi/\lambda$ . There is no  $\phi$  component of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and there are no variations with  $\phi$  in any expressions because of the symmetry of the structure about the axis. The electric and magnetic field components may be found directly from the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  by use of Eqs. 3.21(6) and (7). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} H_\phi &= \frac{I_0 h}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{jk}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \\ E_r &= \frac{I_0 h}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{2\eta}{r^2} + \frac{2}{j\omega\epsilon r^3} \right) \cos \theta \\ E_\theta &= \frac{I_0 h}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{j\omega\mu}{r} + \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon r^3} + \frac{\eta}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

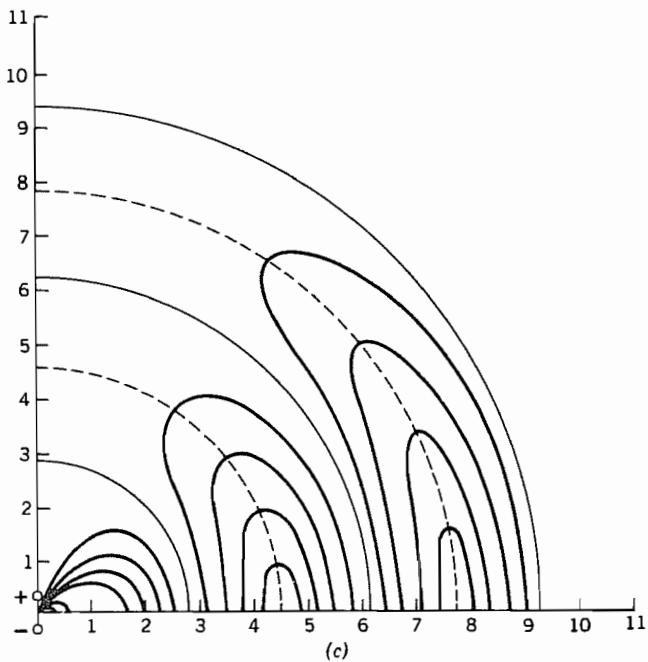
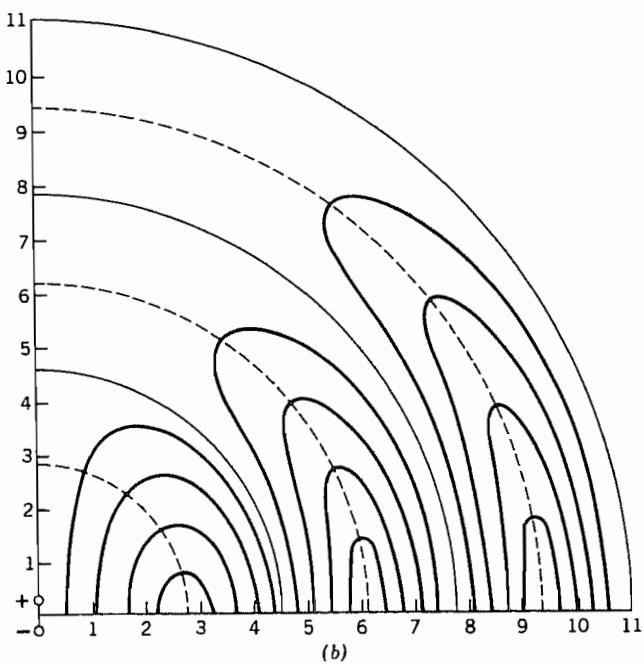
An interesting illustration of the fields produced by the dipole can be obtained by using  $E_r$  and  $E_\theta$  components in (3) to show the patterns of field lines as functions of time, as was done in Sec. 8.3 for waveguide field patterns.<sup>1</sup> The expressions in (3) are converted into real functions of time in the usual way and plots are made of the electric field lines at various instants in time. At  $t = 0$  the dipole current is maximum [Eq. 3.20(9)] so the charges on the ends of the dipole (Prob. 3.20b) are zero and the electric fields near the origin are zero. Previously generated patterns of fields have radiated away as shown in Fig. 12.3b. A quarter of a period later, the charge has built up on the ends of the dipole and electric field lines are produced in the neighborhood of the dipole as seen in Fig. 12.3c. The loops of the field lines close and “snap off” from the source as the charges return to zero.

For the region very near the element ( $r$  small) the most important term in  $H_\phi$  is that varying as  $1/r^2$ . The important terms in  $E_r$  and  $E_\theta$  are those varying as  $1/r^3$ . Thus, near the element, magnetic field is very nearly in phase with current, and  $H_\phi$  may be identified as the usual induction field obtained from Ampère's law. Electric field in this region may be identified with that calculated for an electrostatic dipole. (By continuity,  $I_0/j\omega$  represents the charge on one end of the dipole.) As the important components of electric and magnetic field in this region are 90 degrees out of phase, these components represent no time-average energy flow, according to the Poynting theorem.

At very great distances from the source, the only terms important in the expressions for  $E$  and  $H$  are those varying as  $1/r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H_\phi &= \frac{jkI_0 h}{4\pi r} \sin \theta e^{-jkr} \\ E_\theta &= \frac{j\omega\mu I_0 h}{4\pi r} \sin \theta e^{-jkr} = \eta H_\phi \\ \eta &= \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon} \approx 120\pi \text{ ohms for space} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

<sup>1</sup> S. A. Schelkunoff and H. T. Friis, *Antennas: Theory and Practice*, Wiley, New York, 1952.



**FIG. 12.3** (b) Fields near an oscillating electric dipole when the charges at its ends are zero.  
 (c) Fields near an oscillating dipole when the charges at its ends have their maximum values.  
 From S. A. Schelkunoff and H. T. Friis, *Antennas: Theory and Practice*. © 1952, John Wiley and Sons, New York.

Equations (4) show the characteristics typical of uniform plane waves, as might be expected.  $E_\theta$  and  $H_\phi$  are in time phase, related by  $\eta$ , and at right angles to each other and the direction of propagation. The Poynting vector is then completely in the radial direction. The time-average  $P_r$  is

$$P_r = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(E_\theta H_\phi^*) = \frac{\eta k^2 I_0^2 h^2}{32\pi^2 r^2} \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{W/m}^2 \quad (5)$$

The total power must be the integral of the Poynting vector over any surrounding surface. For simplicity this surface may be taken as a sphere of radius  $r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \oint_S \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_0^\pi P_r 2\pi r^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{\eta k^2 I_0^2 h^2}{16\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \theta \, d\theta \\ W &= \frac{\eta \pi I_0^2}{3} \left(\frac{h}{\lambda}\right)^2 \cong 40\pi^2 I_0^2 \left(\frac{h}{\lambda}\right)^2 \quad \text{W} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

It is interesting and important to note that the field of the Hertzian dipole has the same form as the first-order TM spherical wave studied in Sec. 10.7. From Eqs. 10.7(19) with  $n = 1$  and the Bessel function taken as the second Hankel form which is appropriate to a region extending to infinity,

$$\begin{aligned} H_\phi &= A_1 r^{-1/2} P_1^1(\cos \theta) H_{3/2}^{(2)}(kr) \\ E_\theta &= \frac{A_1}{j\omega\epsilon r^{3/2}} [H_{3/2}^{(2)}(kr) - kr H_{1/2}^{(2)}(kr)] P_1^1(\cos \theta) \\ E_r &= -\frac{A_1 H_{3/2}^{(2)}(kr)}{j\omega\epsilon r^{3/2} \sin \theta} [\cos \theta P_1^1(\cos \theta) - P_2^1(\cos \theta)] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

But, from the relations of Sec. 10.7 it may be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{3/2}^{(2)}(kr) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi kr}} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{j}{kr} - 1 \right) \\ P_1^1(\cos \theta) &= \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

With these substitutions and appropriate definition of constant  $A_1$ , (7) and (3) are identical. The electric field lines for this mode are the same as Fig. 12.3b or c.

**Magnetic Dipole** The concept of duality was introduced in Sec. 9.5, where it was pointed out that exchanges  $\mathbf{H}$  for  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $-\mathbf{E}$  for  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mu$  for  $\epsilon$ , and  $\epsilon$  for  $\mu$  leave Maxwell's curl equations for source-free regions unchanged. Thus solutions for a problem with an electric source can be adapted to one with a magnetic source. For example, Sec. 2.10 showed that a small current loop of radius  $a$  and current  $I$  can be represented as a

magnetic dipole  $m = I\pi a^2$ , and this gave the same form of magnetic field as the electric field given by the electric dipole  $p = qh$ . The charges  $q$  on the ends of the ac dipole are found from the ac current by the continuity equation which gives  $j\omega q = I_0$  so that  $p = I_0 h/j\omega$ . Then replacing  $I_0 h/j\omega$  in (3) by  $\mu$  times the magnetic dipole and making the other above-stated duality interchanges, we find the fields of a magnetic ac dipole. The field components are

$$\begin{aligned} E_\phi &= -\frac{j\omega\mu I a^2}{4} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{jk}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \\ H_r &= \frac{j\omega\mu I a^2}{4} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{2}{\eta r^2} + \frac{2}{j\omega\mu r^3} \right) \cos \theta \\ H_\theta &= \frac{j\omega\mu I a^2}{4} e^{-jkr} \left( \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{r} + \frac{1}{j\omega\mu r^3} + \frac{1}{\eta r^2} \right) \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

In comparing the fields of the electric and magnetic dipole radiators, note that neither has azimuthal ( $\phi$ ) variations, there is a null along the  $z$  axis in the far zone, and they have orthogonal polarizations.

## 12.4 SYSTEMIZATION OF CALCULATION OF RADIATING FIELDS AND POWER FROM CURRENTS ON AN ANTENNA

For antennas with known current distributions, or with current distributions that can reasonably be assumed or measured, fields may be calculated from the retarded potentials as in Sec. 12.3, with integration over the current distributions. Or, equivalently, one can assume each infinitesimal element as a dipole and superpose the results of Sec. 12.3 by integration. We shall be able to simplify the procedures, however, whenever we are concerned only with the radiation or far-zone fields. The particular forms used here are useful ones introduced by Schelkunoff.<sup>2</sup>

The following assumptions are justified when field is calculated at a great distance from the radiator:

1. Differences in radius vector to different points of the radiator are unimportant in their effect on *magnitudes*.
2. All field components decreasing with distance faster than  $1/r$  are negligible compared with those decreasing as  $1/r$ .
3. Differences in radius vector to different points on the radiator must be taken into account for phase considerations but may be approximated.

<sup>2</sup> S. A. Schelkunoff, Proc. IRE **27**, 660 (1939); Electromagnetic Waves, Chap. IX, Van Nostrand, New York, 1943.

The vector potential at a point  $Q$  a distance  $r$  from the origin of the coordinate system can be calculated using Eq. 3.21(4), where the integral is taken over the source region  $V'$  (Fig. 12.4):

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \int_{V'} \frac{\mathbf{J} e^{-jk\mathbf{r}''}}{4\pi r''} dV' \quad (1)$$

If the origin of coordinates is chosen close to the sources so that  $r' \ll r$ , the law of cosines may be used to find

$$r'' = \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \psi} \approx r - r' \cos \psi \quad (2)$$

as suggested by Fig. 12.4. Using the first term of (2) for magnitudes (point 1 above) and both terms for phase (point 3), the vector potential (1) can be written

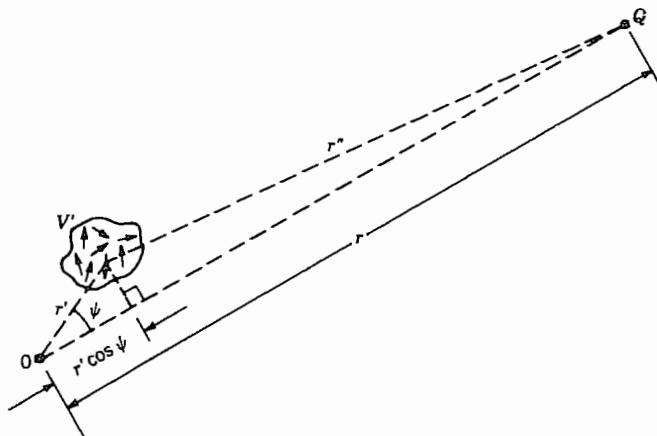
$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \int_{V'} \mathbf{J} e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dV' \quad (3)$$

The function of  $r$  is now outside the integral; *the integral itself is only a function of the assumed current distribution and the direction  $\psi$  between  $r$  and  $r'$ .* Define the integral as the radiation vector  $\mathbf{N}$ :

$$\mathbf{N} = \int_{V'} \mathbf{J} e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dV' \quad (4)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \mathbf{N} \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 12.4** Coordinates of a general current element in the volume  $V'$  and a distant point  $Q$ , where fields are to be evaluated, with respect to an origin of coordinates near the sources.

In the most general case,  $\mathbf{A}$ , and hence  $\mathbf{N}$ , may have components in any direction. In spherical coordinates, employing the unit vectors,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} N_r + \hat{\theta} N_\theta + \hat{\phi} N_\phi)$$

A study of the equation  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  in spherical coordinates (see inside front cover) shows that the only components that do not decrease faster than  $1/r$  are

$$\begin{aligned} H_\theta &= -\frac{1}{\mu r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) = \frac{jk}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} N_\phi \\ H_\phi &= \frac{1}{\mu r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) = -\frac{jk}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} N_\theta \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

An examination of Eq. 3.21(7)

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{j\omega}{k^2} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - j\omega \mathbf{A}$$

shows that the only components of  $\mathbf{E}$  which do not decrease faster than  $1/r$  are

$$E_\theta = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} N_\theta, \quad E_\phi = -\frac{j\omega\mu}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} N_\phi \quad (7)$$

The Poynting vector has a time-average value:

$$P_r = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[E_\theta H_\phi^* - E_\phi H_\theta^*] = \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2 r^2} [|N_\theta|^2 + |N_\phi|^2] \quad (8)$$

Total time average power radiated is

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} P_r r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} [|N_\theta|^2 + |N_\phi|^2] \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The expression is independent of  $r$ , as it should be.

The Poynting vector  $\mathbf{P}$  gives the actual power density at any point. To obtain a quantity that does not depend on distance from the radiator, we define  $K$ , *radiation intensity*, as the power radiated in a given direction per unit solid angle. This is the time-average Poynting vector on a sphere of unit radius:

$$K = \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} [|N_\theta|^2 + |N_\phi|^2] \quad (10)$$

and

$$W = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} K \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \quad (11)$$

**Currents All in One Direction** If current in a radiating system flows all in one direction, this may be taken as the direction of the axis of a set of spherical coordinates. Vector A (hence N) can have a  $z$  component only. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N_\phi &= 0, \quad N_\theta = -N_z \sin \theta \\ K &= \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} |N_z|^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

**Aximuthally Directed Currents** If all current in some radiating system is azimuthally directed about an axis, this axis may be taken as the axis of a set of spherical coordinates. Vector A (hence N) can have a  $\phi$  component only. Then, if symmetric in  $\phi$ ,

$$K = \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} |N_\phi|^2$$

and

$$W = 2\pi \int_0^\pi K \sin \theta d\theta \tag{13}$$

**Useful Relations for Spherical Coordinates** It sometimes may be desirable to calculate  $N_\theta$  and  $N_\phi$  from the Cartesian components  $N_x$ ,  $N_y$ ,  $N_z$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N_\theta &= (N_x \cos \phi + N_y \sin \phi) \cos \theta - N_z \sin \theta \\ N_\phi &= -N_x \sin \phi + N_y \cos \phi \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

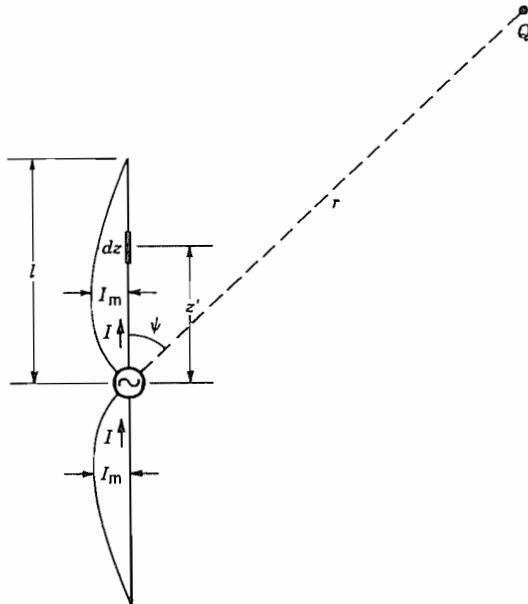
The angle  $\psi$  appearing in the equation for radiation vector (4) may be found as follows, if  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  are the angular coordinates of the distant point  $Q$ , and  $\theta'$ ,  $\phi'$  are angular coordinates of the source point (see Fig. 12.4):

$$\cos \psi = \cos \theta \cos \theta' + \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos(\phi - \phi') \tag{15}$$

## 12.5 LONG STRAIGHT WIRE ANTENNA: HALF-WAVE DIPOLE

We argued in Sec. 12.1 that a very thin biconical antenna could serve as a model for a thin-wire antenna. It can be considered as a biconical transmission line with a very strong discontinuity at the end. The current along it should be essentially the same as that on an open-circuited transmission line and therefore nearly zero at the ends. Also, the propagation constant along the line is the same as for plane waves,  $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ .

The long dipole of Fig. 12.5a with voltage applied at its midpoint is shown with an assumed sinusoidal distribution of current. The standing wave has zero current at the



**FIG. 12.5a** Long straight wire antenna with assumed sinusoidal current distribution.

ends, and is selected with distance between zero and a maximum equal to a quarter free-space wavelength.

$$I = \begin{cases} I_m \sin[k(l - z)], & z > 0 \\ I_m \sin[k(l + z)], & z < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

The fields and power radiated at a great distance from the antenna can be calculated using the general method of the preceding section. Since all current is  $z$ -directed,  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  have only  $z$  components also. In Eq. 12.4(4), the integral is converted to a line integral along the antenna wire with current density replaced by total current  $I$  and  $r'$  replaced by  $z'$ . Then since  $\psi = \theta$  for all points along the wire,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{-l}^l I e^{jkz' \cos \theta} dz' \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{-l}^0 I_m \sin[k(l + z')] e^{jkz' \cos \theta} dz' \\ &\quad + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_0^l I_m \sin[k(l - z')] e^{jkz' \cos \theta} dz' \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Using the integral formula

$$\int e^{ax} \sin(bx + c) dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} [a \sin(bx + c) - b \cos(bx + c)]$$

equation (2) becomes

$$\mathbf{N} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{2I_m}{k \sin^2 \theta} [\cos(kl \cos \theta) - \cos kl] \quad (3)$$

Since  $N_\theta = -N_z \sin \theta$ , Eq. 12.4(7) gives

$$E_\theta = \frac{j\eta I_m}{2\pi r} e^{-jkr} \left[ \frac{\cos(kl \cos \theta) - \cos kl}{\sin \theta} \right] \quad (4)$$

and  $H_\phi = E_\theta / \eta$ .

The radiation intensity is found from (3) and Eq. 12.4(12) to be

$$K = \frac{\eta I_m^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\cos(kl \cos \theta) - \cos kl}{\sin \theta} \right]^2 \quad (5)$$

and the total power radiated is, from Eq. 12.4(11),

$$W = \frac{\eta I_m^2}{4\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{[\cos(kl \cos \theta) - \cos kl]^2}{\sin \theta} d\theta \quad (6)$$

### Example 12.5 THE HALF-WAVE DIPOLE

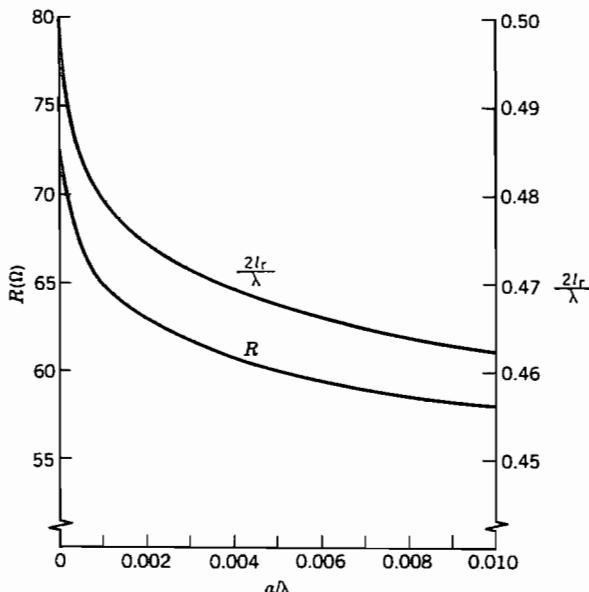
The most important special case of the long center-fed antenna is that of the *half-wave dipole* in which  $l = \lambda/4$ . Field intensity and radiation intensity, from (4) and (5), with  $\eta$  for free space are, respectively,

$$|E_\theta| = \frac{60I_m}{r} \left| \frac{\cos[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} \right| \quad \text{V/m} \quad (7)$$

$$K = \frac{15I_m^2}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\cos[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} \right\}^2 \quad \text{W/steradian} \quad (8)$$

The half-wave antenna is a nearly resonant structure with its maximum of current near the drive point. It is not exactly resonant for any finite wire radius because treatment of the wire antennas as an open-circuited uniform transmission line is only an approximation. The half-length for resonance and the terminal resistance at resonance for different antenna radii  $a$  are given in Fig. 12.5b.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> R. S. Elliott, Antenna Theory and Design, p. 304, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1981.

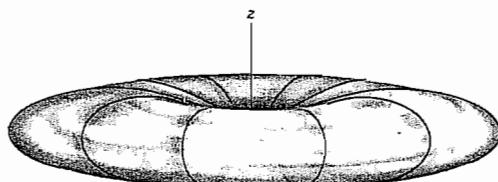


**FIG. 12.5b** Resonant length  $2l_r$  and resistance at resonance for  $\approx \lambda/2$  dipole as a function of radius of wire, normalized to wavelength. From R. S. Elliott, Antenna Theory and Design, © 1981, p. 304. Reprinted by permission of Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

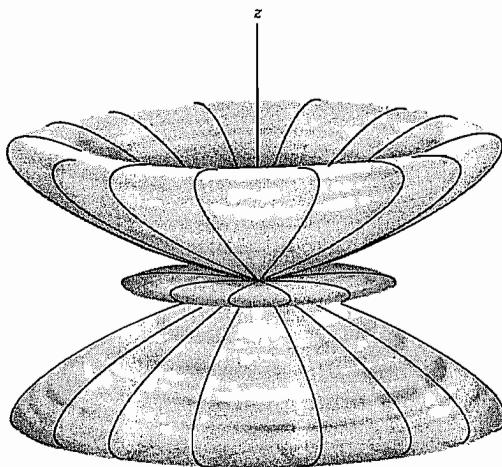
## 12.6 RADIATION PATTERNS AND ANTENNA GAIN

We pointed out earlier that the purposes of an antenna are to make an impedance match between a waveguide or transmission line and free space and to send the energy in the desired direction. The methods of characterizing the directivity of antennas will be elaborated in this section.

Figure 12.6a shows a surface for which the distance from the origin to a given point on the surface is proportional to the radiation intensity in that direction from the antenna. The surface shown in Fig. 12.6a represents the half-wave dipole described by Eq. 12.5(8). The somewhat more complex pattern in Fig. 12.6b is for a dipole of length  $3\lambda/2$  (Prob. 12.6c). Note that both of these patterns have symmetry about the  $z$  axis



**FIG. 12.6a** Pattern of radiation intensity for a half-wave dipole.



**FIG. 12.6b** Pattern of radiation intensity for a dipole of length  $3\lambda/2$ .

since current is all  $z$  directed. Patterns of this type become quite complicated for asymmetric distributions.

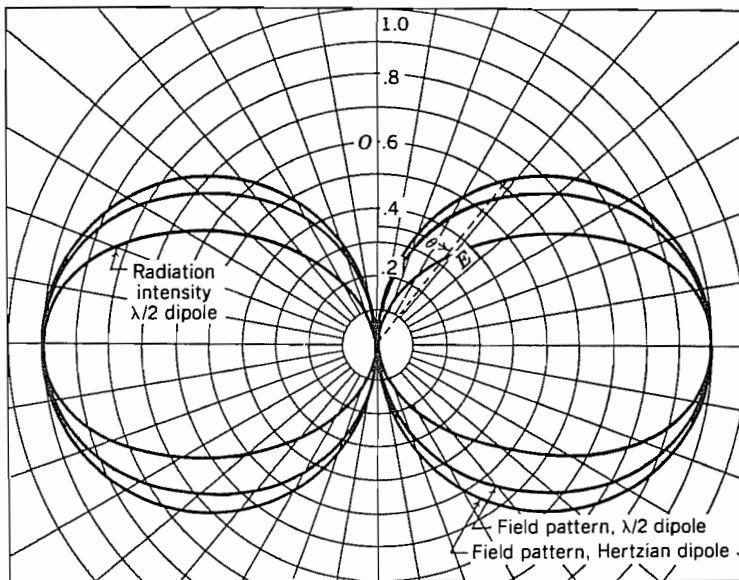
Plots that are more easily made and read quantitatively are the intersections of surfaces like those in Figs. 12.6a and b with selected principal planes. Clearly, the intersections of planes perpendicular to the  $z$  axis with those surfaces are circles, reflecting the symmetry about the  $z$  axis. More interesting are the polar plots resulting from the intersection of the surface with a plane containing the  $z$  axis. This is shown for the surface of radiation intensity for the half-wave dipole (Fig. 12.6a) in Fig. 12.6c. Similar plots are shown for the magnitudes of electric field  $E_\theta$  for the half-wave dipole and the Hertzian electric dipole, Eq. 12.3(4).

From the patterns in Figs. 12.6a–c, it is evident that radiated fields are stronger in some directions than in others. We say then that this antenna has a certain *directivity* as compared with an imagined isotropic radiator which radiates equally in all directions. This is, of course, an advantage if we desire to have the signal radiated in the direction of the maximum, since there is less power required to produce a given field in the desired direction than there would be for the isotropic radiator.

The ratio of the radiation intensity  $K(\theta, \phi)$  from an antenna in a given direction, to the uniform radiation intensity for an isotropic radiator with the same total radiation power  $W$  is called the *directive gain*

$$g_d(\theta, \phi) = \frac{K(\theta, \phi)}{(W/4\pi)} \quad (1)$$

where the factor  $4\pi$  is the number of steradians in a full sphere. The value of directive gain in the direction for which it has its maximum value is called the *directivity* ( $g_d$ )<sub>max</sub>.



**FIG. 12.6c** Polar plots of field and radiation intensity for a half-wave dipole and of field for a Hertzian dipole in plane of dipole.

For example, the directive gain for the half-wave dipole in free space can be found from Eqs. 12.5(5) and 12.5(6):

$$g_d(\theta, \phi) = 1.64 \left\{ \frac{\cos[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} \right\}^2 \quad (2)$$

which has its maximum at  $\theta = \pi/2$ , as is clear from Fig. 12.6a or c, so the directivity is 1.64.

It is interesting to note that a similar calculation for the Hertzian dipole using Eqs. 12.3(5) and 12.3(6) with  $\theta = \pi/2$  yields a directivity of 1.5, a value not much different from that of the half-wave dipole. In later parts of this chapter, we will see other antennas, especially antenna arrays, that have much higher directivities.

Another characterizing property of an antenna is the *power gain*  $g_p(\theta, \phi)$ . For this quantity, the radiation intensity is divided by the uniform radiation intensity that would exist if the total power supplied to the antenna by the connected waveguide or transmission line were radiated isotropically:

$$g_p = \frac{K(\theta, \phi)}{W_T/4\pi} \quad (3)$$

Since the total supplied power  $W_T$  is the sum of that radiated  $W$  and the resistive losses  $W_l$ , then

$$g_p(\theta, \phi) = \frac{W}{W + W_l} g_d(\theta, \phi) \quad (4)$$

where the factor  $W/(W + W_l)$  is called the *radiation efficiency* of the antenna. Although the directivity of a Hertzian dipole is almost equal to that of a half-wave dipole, as mentioned above, their radiation efficiencies are greatly different, even if they are of the same material. This is because the power radiated by the dipole varies as  $l^2$  whereas the losses vary as  $l$ . (The Hertzian dipole, having uniform current, models end-loaded short dipoles.) A similar result obtains for unloaded short antennas with  $I = 0$  at the end. For other antennas, radiation efficiency is near unity and there is little difference between directive gain and power gain.

For a given length in comparison with wavelength, antenna diameter also affects radiation pattern and directivity.<sup>4</sup>

## 12.7 RADIATION RESISTANCE

The input impedance of an antenna can be represented by a series frequency-dependent impedance  $Z = R + jX$  and is of great importance for optimum matching into the antenna. Methods for calculating  $R$  and  $X$  for certain lossless antennas are discussed in Secs. 12.25 and 12.26. The resistive component, in general, is a measure of the sum of radiated power  $W$  and ohmic losses  $W_l$ , as discussed in connection with power gain in the preceding section. It could be represented by two resistors in series, one for each component,

$$R_r = \frac{2W}{I^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $I$  is the magnitude of the terminal current, and

$$R_l = \frac{2W_l}{I^2} \quad (2)$$

The quantity  $R_r$  is called *radiation resistance*; for a small dipole current element, it can be found from (1) and Eq. 12.3(6) to be

$$R_r = 80\pi^2 \left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right)^2 \Omega \quad (3)$$

where we use  $l$  in place of  $h$  for the length. The power loss in the same element is  $W_l = \frac{1}{2} R_s |J_s|^2 A$  where  $J_s = I/2\pi a$ ,  $A$  is the surface area of the wire,  $a$  is its radius, and  $R_s$  is surface resistance.

$$W_l = \frac{R_s l}{4\pi a} I^2 \quad (4)$$

and

$$R_l = \frac{l R_s}{2\pi a} \quad (5)$$

<sup>4</sup> J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., Sec. 9–10, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1988.

Then the efficiency is

$$\frac{W}{W + W_l} = \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_l} = \frac{80(l/\lambda)}{80(l/\lambda) + (\lambda R_s/2\pi^3 a)} \quad (6)$$

Thus, it can be seen that the efficiency decreases as the length  $l$  decreases, becoming proportional to  $l/\lambda$  in the limit.

For an antenna with  $l \ll \lambda$  and no end loading, the current decreases linearly from the source to the end (linear portion of the sinusoidal distribution in Fig. 12.5a). In this case the average  $I^2$  along the antenna is one-quarter the terminal value  $I_m^2$  so the radiated power is also one-quarter the value in the uniform-current case and radiation resistance is

$$R_r = \frac{2W}{I_m^2} = 20\pi^2 \left( \frac{l}{\lambda} \right)^2 \quad (7)$$

The average losses are also one-quarter those of the uniform-current case so the conclusion about efficiency is again that it is proportional to the length of the element.

The radiation resistance of a lossless filamentary half-wave dipole can be found using Eq. 12.5(6)

$$R_r = \frac{2W}{I_m^2} = \frac{\eta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2((\pi/2) \cos \theta)}{\sin \theta} d\theta \quad (8)$$

which can be shown (Prob. 12.7b) to have the value

$$R_r = 73.09 \Omega \quad (9)$$

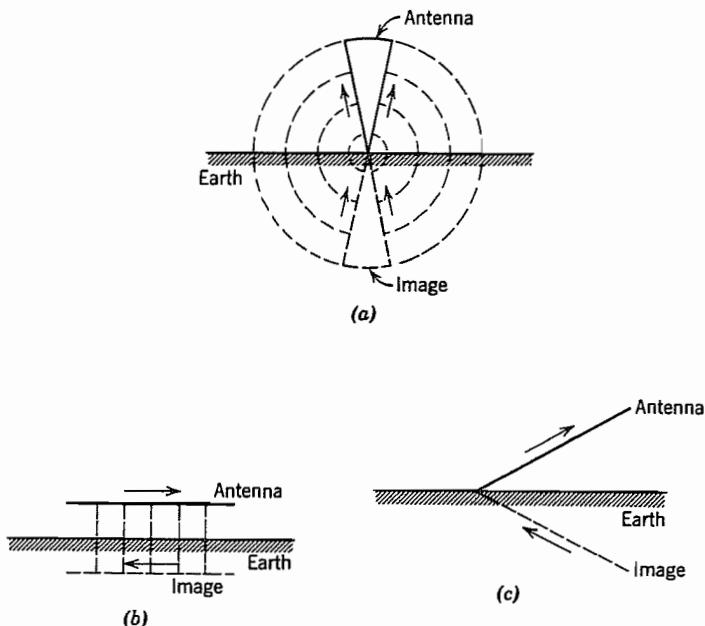
It is seen in Fig. 12.5b that this equals the terminal resistance of the half-wave dipole as wire radius goes to zero.

Radiation resistance of the small loop antenna was derived in Eq. 4.12(6) by the induced emf method and may be checked by using a Poynting integration from the fields of Eqs. 12.3(8). It may be written

$$R_r = 20\pi^2 \left( \frac{\text{circumference}}{\lambda} \right)^4 \quad (10)$$

## 12.8 ANTENNAS ABOVE EARTH OR CONDUCTING PLANE

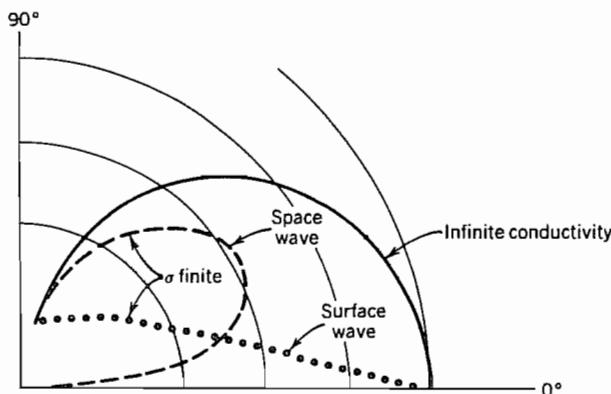
Many antennas are placed near plane conductors. If the latter are large enough to be considered effectively infinite, and of high enough conductivity to be considered perfect conductors, it is possible to account for the conductor by imaging the antenna in it. For example, given a single cone with axis vertical above a perfectly conducting plane (Fig. 12.8a), the boundary condition of zero electric field tangential to the plane may be satisfied by removing the plane and utilizing a second cone as an image of the first.



**FIG. 12.8** (a) Cone above plane conducting earth and image cone. (b) Horizontal wire above plane conducting earth and image wire. (c) Inclined wire above plane conducting earth and image wire.

The problem then reduces to that of the biconical antenna discussed in Sec. 12.1. Note that current is in the *same vertical direction* at any instant in the two cones. Given a single wire above a plane conductor and parallel to it, as in Fig. 12.8b, our knowledge of symmetry in the transmission-line problem tells us that the condition of electric field lines normal to the earth is met by removing the plane and placing the image with current in the *opposite horizontal direction*. Generalizing from these two cases, we see that current direction in the image will be selected so that vertical components are in the same direction and horizontal components in opposite directions at any instant. An example is shown in Fig. 12.8c.

The technique of replacing the conducting plane by the antenna image, of course, gives the proper value of field only above the plane. The proper value below the perfectly conducting plane should be zero. For example, given a long straight vertical antenna above a plane conductor, excited at the base, the image reduces the problem to that solved in Sec. 12.5. Field strength for maximum current  $I_m$  in the antenna is given exactly by Eq. 12.5(4) for all points above the earth ( $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ ), but is zero for all points below ( $\pi/2 < \theta < \pi$ ). Thus, for power integration, the integral of Eq. 12.5(5) extends only from 0 to  $\pi/2$ , and the power radiated is just half that for the



**FIG. 12.8d** Radiation pattern for field  $E_\theta$  for infinitesimal vertical electric dipole over planes of finite conductivity and infinite conductivity. From E. C. Jordan and K. G. Balmain, *Electromagnetic Waves and Radiating Systems*, 2nd ed., Fig. 16.7. Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1968.

corresponding complete dipole:

$$W = \frac{\eta I_m^2}{4\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{[\cos(kl \cos \theta) - \cos kl]^2}{\sin \theta} d\theta \quad W$$

Calculations of radiation from antennas above an imperfectly conducting earth are much more complicated. The radiation from an electric dipole over a plane, finite-conductivity earth has been calculated. The fields are conveniently divided into a *space wave* and a *surface wave*. The space wave fields decay as  $1/r$  and the surface wave fields as  $1/r^2$  so the important one at large distances is the space wave. As an example, consider the fields of an Hertzian dipole vertically oriented and at the level of a finite-conductivity earth. The electric field for the case of infinitely conducting earth is shown by the solid line for reference in Fig. 12.8d. The space-wave field magnitude ( $1/r$  dependence) for a frequency at which the conduction current and displacement current in the earth are equal (typically, 5 MHz) is indicated by the dashed line. The surface wave component of the electric field is shown by the dotted line; it decays as  $1/r^2$ . Each component is separately normalized; their relative magnitudes depend on the distance from the antenna because of the different dependences on  $r$ . An important conclusion is that the space wave fields are greatly reduced for angles near the surface of the earth of finite conductivity.<sup>5</sup> Other properties of the real earth, such as curvature and the presence of the troposphere or ionosphere, are important in some frequency ranges and add still more complication.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> E. C. Jordan and K. G. Balmain, *Electromagnetic Waves and Radiating Systems*, 2nd ed., Fig. 16.7, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1968.

<sup>6</sup> R. E. Collin, *Antennas and Radiowave Propagation*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1985.

## 12.9 TRAVELING WAVE ON A STRAIGHT WIRE

Some important types of antennas involve traveling waves of current rather than the standing waves seen in Sec. 12.5. As preparation, we consider the radiation from a traveling wave of current on an isolated wire. Let us consider a straight wire extending from  $z = 0$  to  $z = l$ , excited by a single traveling wave of current, assumed to be unattenuated and with phase velocity equal to  $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$  (Fig. 12.9a). Since all current is in the  $z$  direction, the radiation vector of Eq. 12.4(4) has only a  $z$  component. The special forms of Eqs. 12.4(12) then apply:

$$\begin{aligned} N_z &= I_0 \int_0^l e^{-jkz'} e^{jkz'} \cos \theta \, dz' \\ &= \frac{I_0[1 - e^{-jkl(1-\cos \theta)}]}{jk(1 - \cos \theta)} \\ |N_z| &= \frac{2I_0 \sin[(kl/2)(1 - \cos \theta)]}{k(1 - \cos \theta)} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$K = \frac{\eta |N_z|^2}{8\lambda^2} \sin^2 \theta = \frac{I_0^2 \eta}{2\lambda^2} \frac{\sin^2[(kl/2)(1 - \cos \theta)]}{k^2(1 - \cos \theta)^2} \sin^2 \theta \quad (2)$$

In addition, since there is symmetry about the axis,

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 2\pi \int_0^\pi K \sin \theta \, d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{I_0^2 \eta}{2\lambda^2} \frac{\sin^2[(kl/2)(1 - \cos \theta)]}{k^2(1 - \cos \theta)^2} \sin^3 \theta \, d\theta \\ W &= 30I_0^2 \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^3 \theta \sin^2[(kl/2)(1 - \cos \theta)]}{(1 - \cos \theta)^2} \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

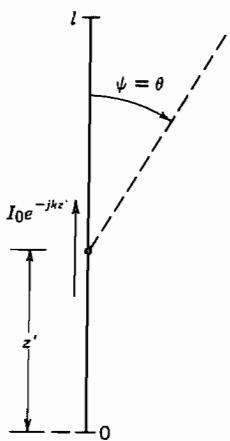
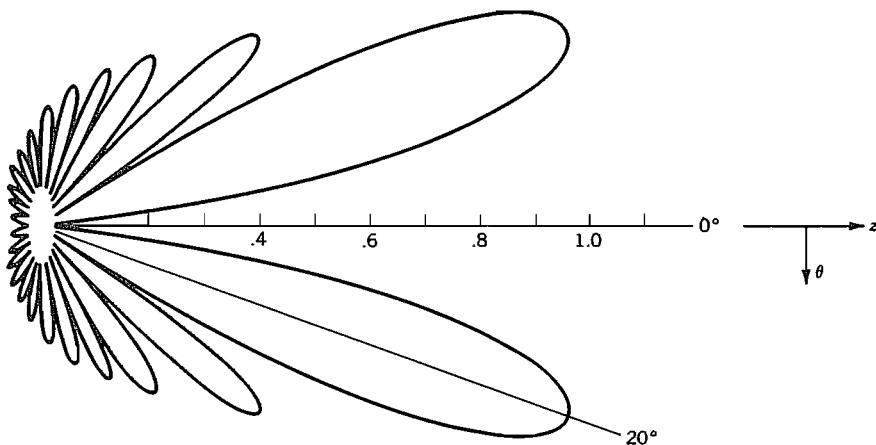


FIG. 12.9a Thin wire of length  $l$  supporting a progressive wave.



**FIG. 12.9b** Radiation pattern ( $E_\theta$ ) of a traveling wave antenna six wavelengths long. After E. C. Jordan and K. G. Balmain, *Electromagnetic Waves and Radiating Systems*, 2nd ed., p. 357. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1968.

If the foregoing integral is evaluated,<sup>7</sup>

$$W = 30I_0^2 \left[ 1.415 + \ln \frac{kl}{\pi} - \text{Ci}(2kl) + \frac{\sin 2kl}{2kl} \right] \quad (3)$$

where

$$\text{Ci}(x) = - \int_x^\infty \frac{\cos x}{x} dx$$

This single traveling wave might be expected to produce a maximum of radiation in the direction of propagation. Actually the radiation is zero at  $\theta = 0$ , as seen from (2), but only because the radiation from each element of current is zero in that direction. A complete radiation pattern of a traveling wave wire radiator six wavelengths long is shown in Fig. 12.9b, where it is clear that the lobes near  $\theta = 0$  are largest and those near  $\theta = \pi$  are smallest.

It should be pointed out that a single traveling wave wire does not make a very desirable antenna because of the large amount of energy in the side lobes. The V-type and rhombic antennas discussed in the following section combine traveling wave wire lines in advantageous ways.

## 12.10 V AND RHOMBIC ANTENNAS

In this section we will study two kinds of antenna, V and rhombic, based on the radiation from a traveling wave given in the preceding section. If the wires of the V are terminated

<sup>7</sup> J. A. Stratton, *Electromagnetic Theory*, p. 445, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

in an appropriate resistance (e.g., by connection of the ends of the V through resistors to ground), there will be a negligible reflected wave. The results of the preceding section can then be used. For example, if two wires carrying traveling wave currents are oriented in a V with an angle between them equal to twice the angular displacement of the main lobe from the wire, the result is a unidirectional pattern, with a maximum in the plane normal to that of the V and containing its bisector. The maximum would also be in the plane of the V if the effect of the ground were not significant; the effect of the image in a perfectly conducting ground is discussed at the end of this section.

We can make a direct calculation of the radiation from the two arms of the V being driven from point 0 in Fig. 12.10a, assuming the ends at C and D are matched so there are only waves traveling away from 0. We also neglect, for now, the effect of the earth. The analysis is based on the radiation of a single wire given in the preceding section. The currents in the two arms are in different directions so addition of the effects is by orthogonal components.

The radiation vector for a single wire, with energy traveling at the velocity of light in only one direction, has only the direction of the wire. From 12.9(1),

$$N_s = \frac{I_0[1 - e^{-jkl(1-\cos\psi)}]}{jk(1 - \cos\psi)} = \frac{I_0}{jk} f(\psi) \quad (1)$$

The subscript *s* denotes the direction of the wire, and  $\psi$  is the angle between the wire and the radius vector to the distant point  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  at which the radiation field quantities are desired. The angles for the elements, in terms of the coordinates in Fig. 12.10a, are

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\psi_{OC} &= \sin\theta \cos(\phi + \alpha) \\ \cos\psi_{OD} &= \sin\theta \cos(\phi - \alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

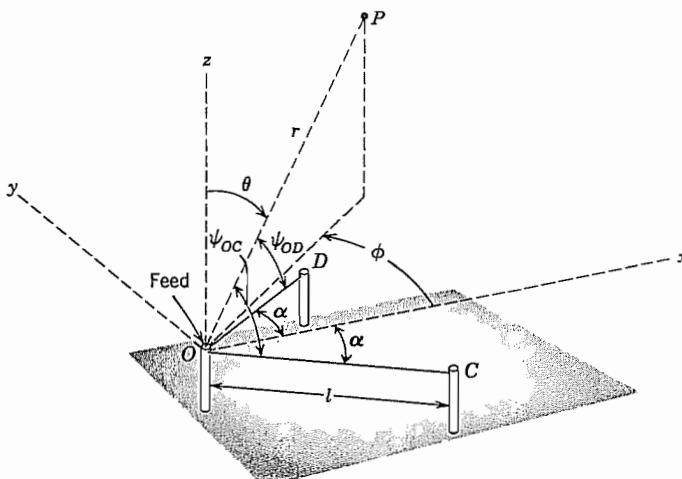


FIG. 12.10a Coordinates for calculation of radiation from a traveling wave V-type antenna.

The currents at  $O$  for  $OC$  and  $OD$  are 180 degrees out of phase; they may be taken as  $I_0$  and  $-I_0$ , respectively. Components of the radiation vectors of the two wires may be added:

$$N_x = \frac{I_0}{jk} \cos \alpha [f(\psi_{OC}) - f(\psi_{OD})] \quad (3)$$

$$N_y = -\frac{I_0}{jk} \sin \alpha [f(\psi_{OC}) + f(\psi_{OD})] \quad (4)$$

To simplify expressions, we define

$$A \equiv f(\psi_{OC}), \quad B \equiv f(\psi_{OD}) \quad (5)$$

The components of the radiation vector in spherical coordinates may be written in terms of the Cartesian components  $N_x$  and  $N_y$  from Eq. 12.4(14):

$$N_\theta = \frac{I_0}{jk} [A \cos(\alpha + \phi) - B \cos(\alpha - \phi)] \cos \theta \quad (6)$$

$$N_\phi = \frac{I_0}{jk} [-A \sin(\phi + \alpha) + B \sin(\phi - \alpha)] \quad (7)$$

Then the radiation intensity [Eq. 12.4(10)] is

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} [|N_\theta|^2 + |N_\phi|^2] \\ &= \frac{\eta I_0^2}{32\pi^2} \{ |A \cos(\alpha + \phi) - B \cos(\alpha - \phi)|^2 \cos^2 \theta \\ &\quad + |-A \sin(\phi + \alpha) + B \sin(\phi - \alpha)|^2 \} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Figure 12.10b shows the radiation intensity pattern in the plane of the V for a structure with arm lengths of  $6\lambda$  and an angle of 32 degrees between arms.<sup>8</sup>

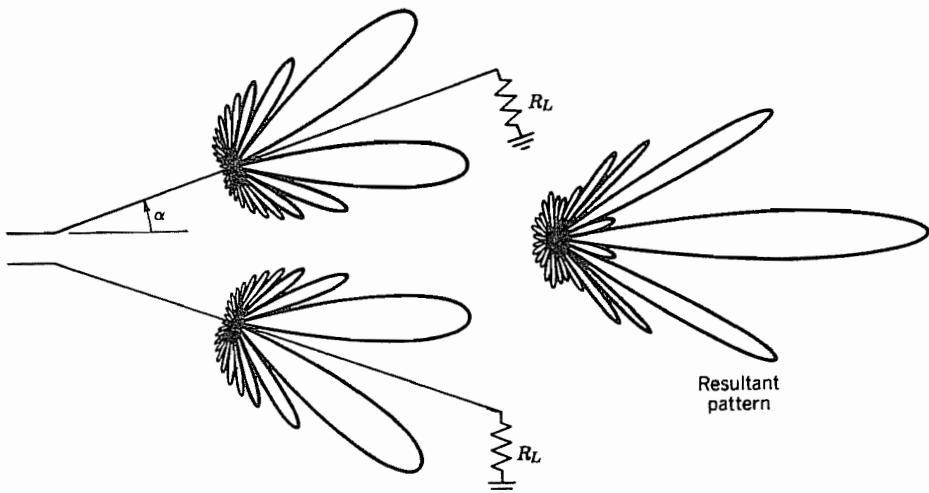
If the V antenna described here is located above earth, as would be required for installing terminating resistors, the effect of the earth must be taken into account. Assuming the earth to be plane and perfectly conducting, the image effect can be accounted for by using the results to be worked out in Prob. 12.10a. The total radiation intensity  $K_T$  is

$$K_T = 4K \sin^2(kh \cos \theta) \quad (9)$$

where  $K$  is the radiation intensity of a single V given by (8) and  $h$  is the height of the antenna above the earth. Although derived for a special case, (9) is a general relation for horizontal antennas above a perfectly conducting earth.

A similar analysis is used for the *rhombic antenna*, which consists of two oppositely directed V antennas with the ends of their arms joined as in Fig. 12.10c. It can be

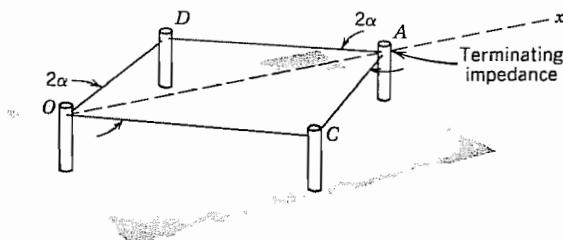
<sup>8</sup> W. L. Stutzman and G. A. Thiele, Antenna Theory and Design, p. 242, Wiley, New York, 1981.



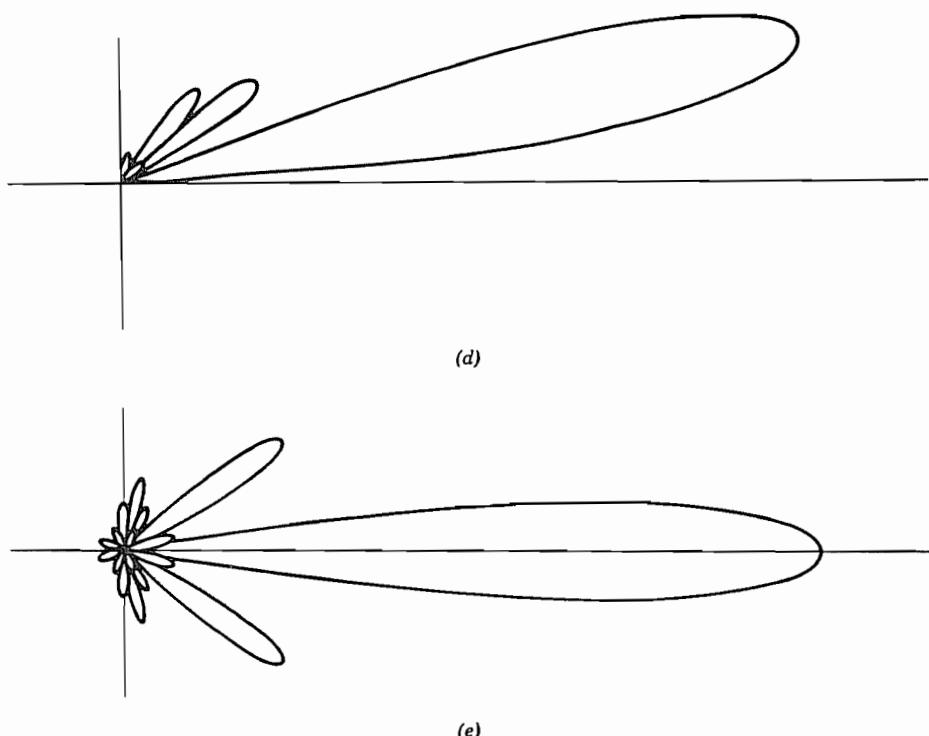
**FIG. 12.10b** Radiation intensity pattern for an isolated V antenna with arm lengths of  $6\lambda$  and 32 degrees between arms. From W. L. Stuzman and G. A Thiele, *Antenna Theory and Design*, p. 242. Reprinted by permission. © John Wiley and Sons, 1981, New York.

demonstrated that the V-type antenna has the same pattern (in the direction of the traveling waves) for either direction of use (Prob. 12.10b) so the radiations from the two V's reinforce each other. Alternatively, the analysis given above can be extended to treat the rhombic antenna. The termination impedance is attached to the apex of the rhombus opposite from the drive point. Operation can be over about a 2:1 frequency range without large changes in the performance. Typical lengths of the arms are 2–7 wavelengths and the rhombus is usually located 1–2 wavelengths above the earth. The acute angles  $2\alpha$  are typically 35–60 degrees.

The form of the radiation pattern can be altered significantly by changing the angle  $\alpha$  and the lengths of the arms. Moreover, for antennas used with long-distance communication, it is desired to have the beam make a certain angle with the earth for optimum reflection from the ionosphere. This is adjusted by the distance of antenna above earth and calculated for ideal earth as for the V antenna, using (9). Figures 12.10d and e show, respectively, the calculated pattern in a vertical plane containing the  $x$  axis



**FIG. 12.10c** Rhombic antenna.



**FIG. 12.10** (d) Radiation intensity pattern in the vertical plane containing the  $x$  axis for a typical rhombic antenna (c) over a perfectly conducting earth. (e) Radiation intensity pattern in the azimuthal plane containing the maximum intensity for the antenna of (c). From J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., p. 504. © McGraw-Hill, 1988, New York.

and the pattern in an azimuthal plane tilted 10 degrees above the  $x$  axis. The arms of the rhombus are  $6\lambda$  long,  $\alpha = 20$  degrees, and the rhombus is  $1.1\lambda$  above the earth,<sup>9</sup> which is assumed perfectly conducting.

## 12.11 METHODS OF FEEDING WIRE ANTENNAS

In this section we consider three aspects of the problem of driving wire antennas. The simplest excitation problem is that of the wire perpendicular to a conducting plane. Another common situation is the feeding of an isolated dipole by a balanced two-wire transmission line, where special techniques must be used to achieve a satisfactory impedance match. Finally, we discuss circuit arrangements to permit the feeding of an antenna, which is balanced with respect to ground, by a transmission line having one side at ground potential (usually the outer conductor of a coaxial line).

<sup>9</sup> E. A. Laport, in *Antenna Engineering Handbook*, (R. C. Johnson and H. Jasik, Eds.), 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.

**Monopole Perpendicular to a Conducting Plane** Consider first a wire monopole that is effectively an extension of the inner conductor of a coaxial drive line, whose outer conductor is connected to an infinite ground plane, as shown in Fig. 12.11a. The load on the coaxial line is resistive when the antenna is resonant. With  $l \cong \lambda/4$  the resonant resistance is about  $37.5 \Omega$ , with only weak deviations caused by changes of the gap between inner and outer coaxial conductors at the connection to the ground plane.<sup>10</sup> To make the line impedance also  $37.5 \Omega$ , the radius ratio should be  $b/a = 1.868$  for air dielectric. With available experimental data on the admittance of such structures, it can be deduced that the antenna will have an impedance that is purely resistive and of value  $\approx 36.8 \Omega$  at resonance if the radius and length of the antenna are given by  $a/\lambda = 0.00159$  and  $l/\lambda = 0.236$ . Thus, for an antenna operating at 100 MHz, the diameter and length should be 0.95 cm and 0.71 m, respectively. The power reflected at the feed point with this design is less than 0.01%.

**Folded Dipole** Antennas for television and FM broadcast applications are commonly coupled to a two-wire balanced transmission line. Such lines typically have characteristic impedances of 300–600  $\Omega$ . If such a line were to drive a half-wave dipole, which has a characteristic impedance on the order of  $75 \Omega$ , a serious mismatch would exist. A folded dipole one-half wavelength long with parallel conductors of the same diameter, shorted at the ends as shown in Fig. 12.11b, has a characteristic impedance four times that of the single half-wave dipole for a mode with currents in the parallel wires in the same direction. The currents are of equal magnitude and in the same direction in the two closely spaced equal-diameter wires. If a terminal current  $I_t$  is supplied, the effective radiating current is  $2I_t$ , so the power is four times that of the single half-wave dipole with current  $I_t$ . At resonance, the power is related to the input resistance  $R$  as  $P = \frac{1}{2}I_t^2R$  so the four-fold increase of power for a given  $I_t$  implies that  $R$  is four times that of the half-wave dipole, or about  $300 \Omega$ . If another equal-diameter shorted wire is added in parallel to the folded dipole in Fig. 12.11b, the resonant input impedance for the mode with parallel currents in the same direction becomes nine times that of the single half-wave dipole. Another advantage of the folded dipole is that its

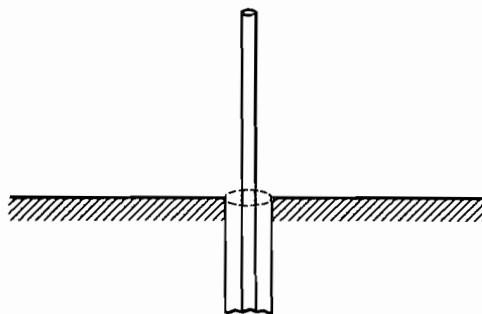
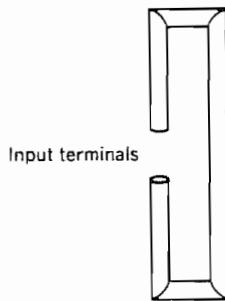


FIG. 12.11a Coaxial line feeding a monopole through a ground plane.

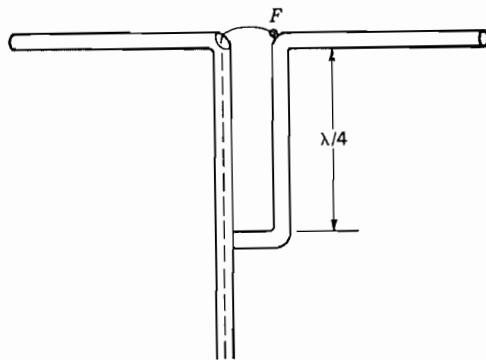
<sup>10</sup> R. S. Elliott, Antenna Theory and Design, pp. 352–355, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1981.



**FIG. 12.11b** Folded-dipole antenna.

input impedance is acceptably constant over a larger frequency range than is that of the single dipole. There are many derived forms of the folded dipole giving a wide range of impedances.<sup>11</sup>

**Baluns** An isolated dipole or one oriented parallel to a ground plane is balanced with respect to ground. To avoid unbalancing the antenna, it should be fed by a balanced line, such as a two-wire line. For some situations (for frequencies higher than about 200 MHz or for a dipole mounted parallel to a ground plane), it is preferred to drive the antenna by a coaxial line rather than a two-wire line. Since the outer conductor of the coaxial line is grounded, its direct connection to a balanced dipole would lead to a distortion of the radiation pattern. The connection arrangement that avoids unbalancing a dipole is called a *balun*, a contraction for *balanced/unbalanced*. Baluns take a variety of forms; one is shown in Fig. 12.11c for a dipole parallel to a ground plane. At the feed point (marked F) the coaxial line drives the dipole and, in parallel electrically, a



**FIG. 12.11c** One type of balun used for feeding a balanced antenna from an unbalanced transmission line (coaxial line in this case). From Edward C. Jordan, Keith G. Balmain, *Electromagnetic Waves and Radiating Systems*, 2nd ed. © 1968, p. 406. Reprinted by permission of Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

<sup>11</sup> J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., Sec. 11–19, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1988.

two-wire transmission line consisting of its own outer conductor and the parallel support for the dipole. By making the distance to the shorting termination  $\lambda/4$ , the impedance of the two-wire line, as seen at the drive point, is infinite, so the dipole has equal currents in its two arms and is thus balanced with respect to ground. More complicated matching circuits<sup>12</sup> may be necessary to maintain matching over the bandwidth of broadband systems.

## Radiation from Fields Over an Aperture

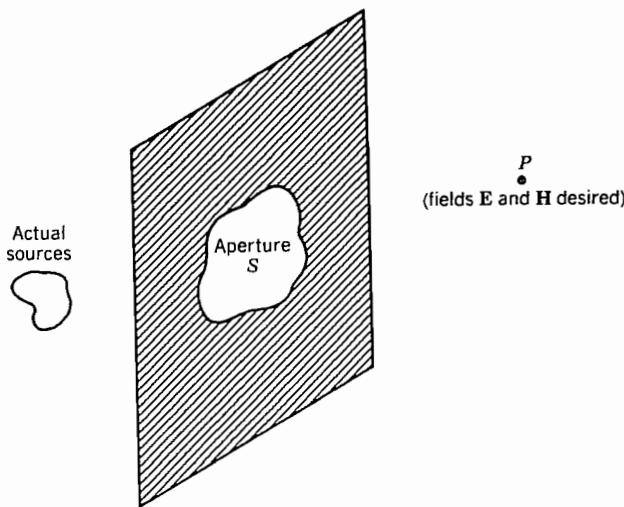
### 12.12 FIELDS AS SOURCES OF RADIATION

For wire antennas, it is fairly natural to assume a current distribution over the antenna and to consider the current elements as the sources of radiation. For other antennas, such as the electromagnetic horn, slot antennas, parabolic reflectors, lens directors, and all optical systems, it is more natural to think in terms of the fields as sources. The Huygens principle states that any wavefront can be considered the source of secondary waves that add to produce distant wavefronts. Thus the knowledge (or assumption) of field distribution over an aperture should yield the distant field. We wish now to make a quantitative statement of this general principle. There are several possible approaches, but we shall start with one that considers the fields as arising from equivalent current sheets in the aperture. This approach provides good physical pictures and builds directly on the formulations already developed in this chapter.

Consider the aperture in a plane (Fig. 12.12) with sources to the left and the field desired in the region to the right. For present purposes the plane may be considered absorbing, so that it has no fields or currents except in the aperture. The exact boundary value problem can be solved in only a few cases, but it is often possible to make a reasonable estimate of the aperture fields, just as was done for antenna currents in the radiators considered previously. We thus assume that tangential components of fields  $E_t(x', y')$  and  $H_t(x', y')$  are known in the aperture. Although these fields arise from sources to the left, they may be considered to be produced by equivalent sources located in the aperture plane. In particular, we have seen on many occasions that the relation between tangential magnetic field and a surface current is

$$\mathbf{J}_s = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (1)$$

<sup>12</sup> D. F. Bowman, in *Antenna Engineering Handbook* (R. C. Johnson and H. Jasik, Eds.), 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.



**FIG. 12.12** Radiation through an aperture.

Similarly the tangential electric field can be related to a term which we can interpret as a surface magnetic current  $\mathbf{M}_s$ :

$$\mathbf{M}_s = -\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E} \quad (2)$$

Note that (1) and (2) individually assume that the tangential fields  $H_t$  and  $E_t$  on the left side of the aperture plane are zero. Jointly,  $\mathbf{J}_s$  and  $\mathbf{M}_s$  produce fields that satisfy that assumption while producing the required fields on the right side. Whether or not true magnetic charges and currents are found in nature, the concept of such equivalent sources is a useful one in a variety of circumstances including this one. Maxwell's equations, augmented by magnetic charge density  $\rho_m$  and magnetic current density  $\mathbf{M}$ , become

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho_e \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= \rho_m \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mathbf{M} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}\end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

A second retarded potential  $\mathbf{F}$  can be defined in terms of the magnetic sources as  $\mathbf{A}$  was related to electric sources. For a homogeneous isotropic medium, the relations in terms of surface currents are

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \int_{S'} \frac{\mathbf{J}_s e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} dS', \quad \mathbf{F} = \epsilon \int_{S'} \frac{\mathbf{M}_s e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} dS' \quad (4)$$

and the fields in terms of these potentials are

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{A} - \frac{j\omega}{k^2} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = -j\omega \mathbf{F} - \frac{j\omega}{k^2} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (6)$$

To calculate fields at any point in the region to the right, the actual sources in the left-hand region are replaced by equivalent sources in the aperture defined by (1) and (2) and the calculation made through the set (4) to (6). If the plane is conducting and not absorbing, any actual currents flowing on the right side of the plane must be added in the calculation of  $\mathbf{A}$  in addition to the equivalent sources in the aperture, although this correction is often negligible.

If we are concerned only with the radiation field, the usual approximations appropriate to great distances can be employed, and the general formulation of Sec. 12.4 extended. A magnetic radiation vector  $\mathbf{L}$  may be related to vector potential  $\mathbf{F}$  as  $\mathbf{N}$  was to  $\mathbf{A}$ . Thus, consistent with the assumptions listed previously

$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \mathbf{N}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \epsilon \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \mathbf{L} \quad (7)$$

where

$$\mathbf{N} = \int_{S'} \mathbf{J}_s e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dS', \quad \mathbf{L} = \int_{S'} \mathbf{M}_s e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dS' \quad (8)$$

Here  $r'$  and  $\psi$  are as defined in Sec. 12.4.

If electric and magnetic field components are now written in the usual way in terms of these two vector potentials, the only components not decreasing faster than  $(1/r)$  are

$$E_\theta = \eta H_\phi = -j \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} (\eta N_\theta + L_\phi) \quad (9)$$

$$E_\phi = -\eta H_\theta = j \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} (-\eta N_\phi + L_\theta) \quad (10)$$

So the radiation intensity, or power per unit solid angle, is

$$K = \frac{\eta}{8\lambda^2} \left[ \left| N_\theta + \frac{L_\phi}{\eta} \right|^2 + \left| N_\phi - \frac{L_\theta}{\eta} \right|^2 \right] \quad (11)$$

In optics, this far-zone field is called the region of *Fraunhofer diffraction*. For the near zone, or region of *Fresnel diffraction*, better approximations to  $r$  are necessary.<sup>13</sup>

One does not need to use the concept of magnetic currents explicitly since the expressions (1) and (2) may be substituted in (4) and then one works with the aperture fields

<sup>13</sup> M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics, 6th ed., p. 660, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1980.

directly. In fact Stratton and Chu derived such expressions by direct integration of the field equations.<sup>14</sup> For many purposes, however, the physical pictures inherent in the formulation with magnetic currents is helpful, because of the duality with fields from electric currents.

### 12.13 PLANE WAVE SOURCES

The radiation vector and radiation intensity may be calculated for a differential surface element on a uniform plane wave. Such an element might be considered the elemental radiating source in radiation calculations from field distributions, as was the differential current element for radiation calculations from current distributions.

The plane wave source, that is, one that produces  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  of constant direction, normal to each other, and in the ratio of magnitudes  $\eta$  over the area of interest may be replaced by equivalent electric and magnetic current sheets over that area (Fig. 12.13a).

If

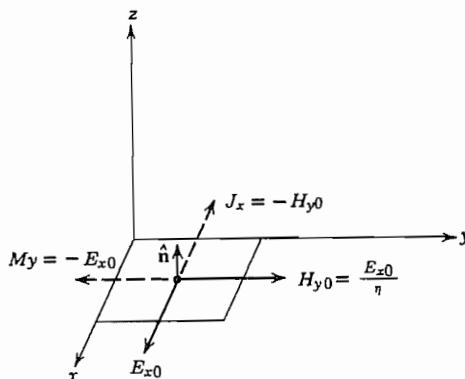
$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} E_{x0}, \quad \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} H_{y0} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}} E_{x0}}{\eta} \quad (1)$$

the equivalent current sheets are

$$J_x = -H_{y0} = -E_{x0}/\eta, \quad M_y = -E_{x0} \quad (2)$$

If this is a source of infinitesimal area  $dS$  (actually it need only be small compared with wavelength for the following results to hold true), the radiation vectors  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  given by Eq. 12.12(8) are

$$N_x = -\frac{E_{x0} dS}{\eta}, \quad L_y = -E_{x0} dS$$



**FIG. 12.13a** Small plane-wave source and equivalent current sheets.

<sup>14</sup> J. A. Stratton, Electromagnetic Theory, Sec. 8.14, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941.

since the source element is at the origin of coordinates. The components in spherical coordinates are from Eq. 12.4(14),

$$N_\theta = -\frac{E_{x0} dS}{\eta} \cos \phi \cos \theta, \quad N_\phi = \frac{E_{x0} dS}{\eta} \sin \phi \quad (3)$$

$$L_\theta = -E_{x0} dS \sin \phi \cos \theta, \quad L_\phi = -E_{x0} dS \cos \phi$$

from which far-zone fields, by Eqs. 12.12(9) and (10), are

$$E_\theta = \frac{jE_{x0} dS e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} (1 + \cos \theta) \cos \phi \quad (4)$$

$$E_\phi = -j \frac{E_{x0} dS e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} (1 + \cos \theta) \sin \phi \quad (5)$$

and radiation intensity, by Eq. 12.12(11), is

$$K = \frac{E_{x0}^2 (dS)^2}{8\eta\lambda^2} [(-\cos \phi \cos \theta - \cos \phi)^2 + (\sin \phi + \sin \phi \cos \theta)^2] \quad (6)$$

$$K = \frac{E_{x0}^2 (dS)^2}{2\eta\lambda^2} \cos^4 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

**Paraxial Approximation for Large Apertures** In most cases of radiation from large apertures and horns, we are interested in small values of  $\theta$  (*paraxial approximation*) so that  $\cos \theta$  may be replaced by unity. Let us also convert to rectangular components in the radiation field:

$$E_x = E_\theta \cos \theta \cos \phi - E_\phi \sin \phi \approx E_\theta \cos \phi - E_\phi \sin \phi \quad (7)$$

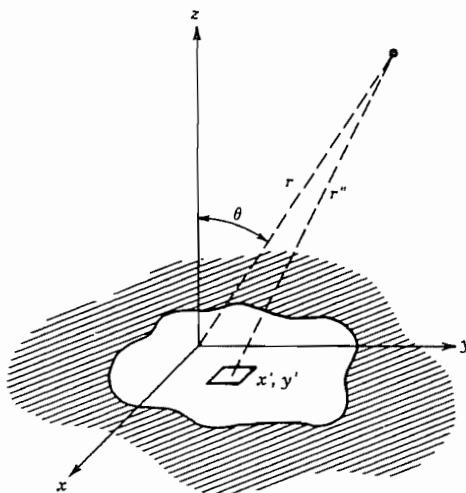
$$E_y = E_\theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + E_\phi \cos \phi \approx E_\theta \sin \phi + E_\phi \cos \phi \quad (8)$$

Substituting (4) and (5) with  $\cos \theta = 1$ ,

$$E_x \approx j \frac{E_{x0} dS e^{-jkr}}{\lambda r}, \quad E_y \approx 0 \quad (9)$$

Thus in the paraxial approximation, the radiation field is in the direction of the source field and we may drop the subscript on  $E$ . To integrate over the aperture shown in Fig. 12.13b, we must first adapt the above results to an element at an arbitrary location  $x'$ ,  $y'$  in the aperture. This can be done using Eqs. 12.12(8) but a direct approach is more convenient here. Within the paraxial approximation, (9) gives the field produced by the element at  $x'$ ,  $y'$  if  $E_{x0}$  is replaced by  $E(x', y')$  and  $r$  by  $r''$ . Now integrating over the given aperture distribution,

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{j}{\lambda} \int_{S'} \frac{E(x', y') e^{-jkr''}}{r''} dx' dy' \quad (10)$$



**FIG. 12.13b** Plane-wave element as part of a plane aperture located at  $z = 0$ .

where  $r''$  is distance between the element and the field point and may be approximated for the far zone by the binomial expansion

$$r'' = [(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + z^2]^{1/2} \approx r - (xx' + yy')/r \quad (11)$$

Also, as in other radiation problems, the difference between  $r$  and  $r''$  is important only to phase and not to amplitude. Thus, (10) becomes

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_{S'} E(x', y') e^{jk(xx' + yy')/r} dx' dy' \quad (12)$$

This is a standard form of diffraction for the Fraunhofer region. Moreover, (12) can be recognized as a two-dimensional version of the Fourier integral (Sec. 7.11), so in the paraxial approximation, the *far-zone field is the Fourier transform of the aperture field*.

## 12.14 EXAMPLES OF RADIATING APERTURES EXCITED BY PLANE WAVES

The expressions developed in the preceding section will now be applied to several important examples. It should be remembered that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  at any point in the aperture are assumed to be related as in a plane wave (though strength may vary over the aperture), that we are ignoring contributions from any induced currents outside of the aperture, and that we are restricting ourselves to angles near the polar axis so the paraxial approximation can be used. These assumptions are best satisfied for apertures large compared with wavelength.

**Rectangular Aperture with Uniform Illumination** Consider first a rectangular aperture as in Fig. 12.14a with uniform illumination  $E_0$  over the aperture. Equation 12.13(12) becomes

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} E_0 e^{jkx'}/r e^{jkyy'}/r dx' dy' \quad (1)$$

The integrations are readily performed to give

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} E_0 ab \left[ \frac{\sin(kax/2r)}{kax/2r} \frac{\sin(kby/2r)}{kby/2r} \right] \quad (2)$$

The pattern in the plane  $y = 0$  has nulls of the field at

$$(\theta)_{\text{null}} \approx \left( \frac{x}{r} \right)_{\text{null}} = \frac{m\lambda}{a}, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3)$$

The pattern in the  $x = 0$  plane is of the same form with  $y$  replacing  $x$  and  $b$  replacing  $a$ . Thus as expected, the primary radiating lobe becomes narrower as the aperture dimensions become larger in comparison with wavelength.

Directivity of this aperture is readily calculated since the maximum field is that at  $x = 0, y = 0$  so that power radiated by an isotropic radiator of this field strength is

$$(W)_{\text{isotropic}} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{|E_{\text{max}}|^2}{2\eta} = \frac{2\pi E_0^2 a^2 b^2}{\lambda^2 \eta} \quad (4)$$

Actual power radiated may be calculated from the fields in the aperture neglecting currents in the surrounding aperture plane:

$$W = \frac{E_0^2}{2\eta} ab \quad (5)$$

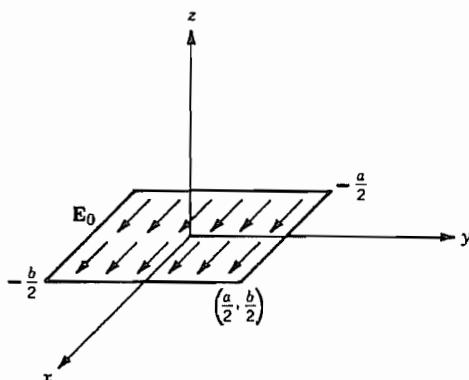


FIG. 12.14a Uniformly illuminated aperture.

Thus directivity is

$$(g_d)_{\max} = \frac{W_{\text{isotropic}}}{W} = \frac{4\pi ab}{\lambda^2} = \frac{4\pi(\text{area})}{\lambda^2} \quad (6)$$

which is most accurate for large apertures. The relation between directivity and area is very important and will be found for other aperture radiators.

**Long Slit** A long slit is often used to demonstrate diffraction effects with visible light and, if uniformly illuminated, is just a special case of the above. With  $b$  very long in comparison with wavelength, one would expect an extremely thin pattern in the plane  $x = 0$ , and this is the case if the light used is coherent (in phase) over the length of the slit. In many demonstrations this is not the case, so that there are no appreciable interferences and, therefore, no variations in the long  $y$  direction, but only over the shorter  $x$  direction. The degree of coherence of a source is described by a *coherence length*. We are then assuming width of the slit less than this coherence length but length large compared with that measure. The resulting radiation intensity can be found as proportional to  $|E|^2$  using only the variable  $x$  in (2). Since this problem has only two-dimensional symmetry, it is advantageous to express it in cylindrical coordinates with  $\phi$  measured about the  $y$  axis and  $\phi = 0$  along the  $x$  axis. Then in the approximation  $x/r \approx \cos \phi$ , radiation intensity is

$$K = A \left\{ \frac{\sin[(ka/2)\cos \phi]}{(ka/2) \cos \phi} \right\}^2 \quad (7)$$

where  $A$  is a constant related to the illumination of the aperture. The resulting pattern is shown in Fig. 12.14b. We will return to this point, showing patterns using visible light, when we consider multiple slits in Sec. 12.20.

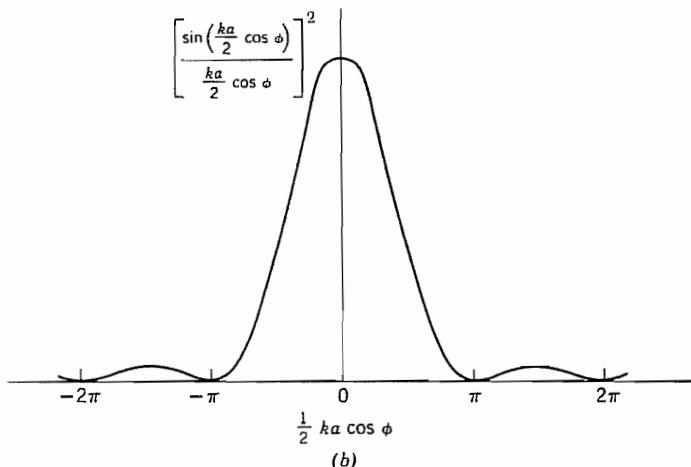


FIG. 12.14b Radiation intensity variation in one coordinate for a rectangular aperture.

**Circular Aperture with Uniform Illumination** In considering the circular aperture, let us first transform to polar coordinates. Let

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad x' = r' \cos \phi', \quad y' = r' \sin \phi'$$

Then Eq. 12.13(12) becomes

$$E(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a E(r', \phi') e^{jkr' \sin \theta \cos(\phi - \phi')} r' dr' d\phi' \quad (8)$$

If  $E(r', \phi')$  is independent of  $\phi'$ ,  $E(r, \theta, \phi)$  is independent of  $\phi$ , so we may take  $\phi = 0$  and for the  $\phi'$  integration we may use the integral<sup>15</sup>

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{jq \cos \psi} d\psi = 2\pi J_0(q) \quad (9)$$

where  $J_0(q)$  is a zeroth-order Bessel function. Then

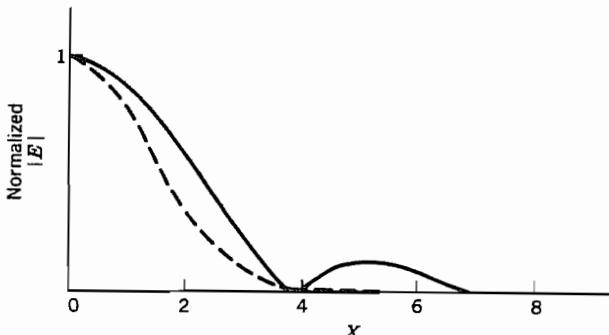
$$E(r, \theta) = \frac{2\pi j e^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_0^a E(r') J_0(kr' \sin \theta) r' dr' \quad (10)$$

If  $E(r')$  is a constant  $E_0$ , Eq. 7.15(20) may be utilized to give

$$E(r, \theta) = \frac{2\pi j e^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} E_0 a^2 \frac{J_1(ka \sin \theta)}{ka \sin \theta} \quad (11)$$

The magnitude of the last term in  $E(r, \theta)$  is plotted as a function of  $ka \sin \theta$  in Fig. 12.14c. The first null is reached at an angle

$$\theta_0 = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3.83\lambda}{2\pi a} \right) \approx \frac{0.61\lambda}{a} \quad (12)$$



**FIG. 12.14c** Normalized electric field magnitude for circular aperture with uniform illumination (solid) and gaussian illumination (dashed).  $X = ka \sin \theta$  for uniform case and  $X = kw \sin \theta$  for gaussian illumination, with  $a$  and  $w$  defined in text.

<sup>15</sup> I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik, Table of Integrals, Series and Products, corrected and enlarged edition prepared by A. Jeffrey, 8.411(1), Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1980.

Directivity of the circular aperture may be calculated in the same fashion as for the rectangular aperture, taking the ratio of power from an isotropic radiator having intensity the same as that at  $\theta = 0$  to that of the plane-wave power through the actual aperture:

$$(g_d)_{\max} = \frac{(4\pi r^2/2\eta)(2\pi E_0 a^2/2\lambda r)^2}{(\pi a^2 E_0^2/2\eta)} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2}\right)(\pi a^2) \quad (13)$$

Directivity is thus related to aperture area exactly as for the rectangular aperture in (6).

**Circular Aperture with Gaussian Illumination** To compare the effects of tapered illumination with uniform illumination, we next consider a gaussian distribution of field over the circular aperture,

$$E(r', \phi') = E_0 e^{-(r'/w)^2} = E_0 e^{-(x'^2 + y'^2)/w^2} \quad (14)$$

but assume that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are related as in a plane wave. The quantity  $w$  is beam radius to the  $1/e$  point in field. We assume that  $w$  is small compared with aperture radius  $a$  so that the latter may be assumed effectively infinite. Since field is a function of  $r'$  only, we could use (10) directly, but it is simpler to return to the rectangular form, Eq. 12.13(12):

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_0 e^{-(x'^2/w^2 - jkxx'/r)} e^{-(y'^2/w^2 - jkyy'/r)} dx' dy' \quad (15)$$

The imaginary parts of the complex exponentials are odd functions and integrate to zero, so

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{4je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} E_0 \left[ e^{(-x'^2/w^2)} \cos \frac{kxx'}{r} \right] \left[ e^{(-y'^2/w^2)} \cos \frac{kyy'}{r} \right] dx' dy' \quad (16)$$

This integral is tabulated<sup>16</sup> and gives

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} E_0 \pi w^2 e^{(-k^2(x^2 + y^2)w^2/4r^2)} = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} E_0 \pi w^2 e^{-(k^2 w^2 \sin^2 \theta)/4} \quad (17)$$

The angle  $\theta_0$  in the direction where the radiation field is  $e^{-1}$  of its value at  $\theta = 0$  is

$$\theta_0 = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{kw} \right) \approx \frac{2}{kw} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi w} \quad (18)$$

The pattern as a function of  $kw \sin \theta$  is compared with that for the case of uniform illumination in Fig. 12.14c. It is seen that the tapered illumination eliminates the side lobes present in the uniformly illuminated example.

<sup>16</sup> I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik, Table of Integrals, Series and Products, corrected and enlarged edition prepared by A. Jeffrey, 3.896(4), Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1980.

**Practical Parabolic Reflectors** The preceding examples give some information about the important parabolic reflector with circular aperture. If illumination were uniform, (11) would apply. In general it is not uniform, both because of the practical difficulties in making it so and also because decreased illumination near the edge has the desirable effect of decreasing side lobes, as illustrated by the gaussian example above. For most primary sources at the focus, such as a small horn or dipole radiator, there is a difference in illumination of the reflector in two orthogonal planes, resulting in a difference of radiation patterns between those planes. Taking into account the above practical problems, a typical design value for beam angle between half-power directions, for a paraboloid of radius  $a$ , is<sup>17</sup>

$$(2\theta_0)_{\text{half-power}} \approx (70^\circ)(\lambda/2a)$$

### 12.15 ELECTROMAGNETIC HORNS

The electromagnetic horns discussed qualitatively in Sec. 12.2 are of interest both as directive radiators in themselves and also as feed systems for reflectors or directive lens systems. In the horn, there is a gradual flare from the waveguide or transmission line to a larger aperture. This large aperture is desired to obtain directivity, and also to produce more efficient radiation by providing a better match to space. Usually, a fair approximation to aperture field may be made by studying the fields in the feeding system and the possible modes in the horn structure. This then makes possible approximate radiation calculations starting from these fields, by the methods discussed in preceding sections. The idealized examples of Sec. 12.14 give some ideas of the patterns and directivity for certain practical cases. In general, however, there is not only a variation of fields across the aperture, but also a relation between electric and magnetic fields in the aperture somewhat different from that of a plane wave and some effect of currents induced on the exterior surfaces or supporting members.

We consider first the effect of variations across the aperture assuming  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  related as in a plane wave and neglecting currents on exterior surfaces and supports. For a rectangular horn excited by the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode of rectangular guide (Fig. 12.15), a reasonable approximation to aperture field is

$$E(x', y') = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x'}{a}\right) \quad (1)$$

Use of Eq. 12.13(12) for the radiation field gives the integral

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} E_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x'}{a}\right) e^{jk(cx' + yy')/r} dx' dy' \quad (2)$$

<sup>17</sup> R. C. Johnson and H. Jasik (Eds.), Antenna Engineering Handbook, 2nd ed., pp. 1-15, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.

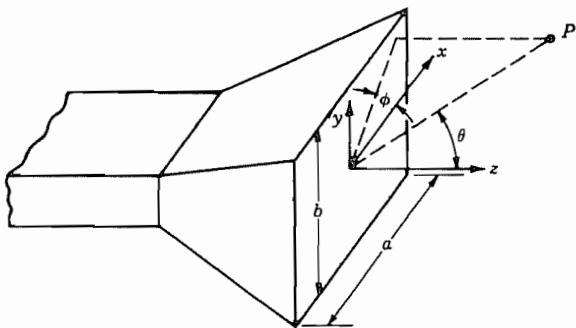


FIG. 12.15 Waveguide horn.

These integrals are standard and yield

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{2E_0 ab}{\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{\lambda r} \left[ \frac{\cos(kax/2r)}{1 - (kax/\pi r)^2} \right] \frac{\sin(kby/2r)}{kby/2r} \quad (3)$$

The dependence on  $y$  is of the same form as with the uniform distribution (since  $E$  is not a function of  $y$ ), but that for  $x$  will be found to be somewhat broader than that of Eq. 12.14(2). Directivity for this case is

$$(g_d)_{\max} = \frac{(4\pi r^2/2\eta)(2E_0 ab/\pi\lambda r)^2}{(E_0^2 ab/4\eta)} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} \left( \frac{8ab}{\pi^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

The quantity  $8ab/\pi^2$  can be considered an equivalent area [by comparing with Eqs. 12.14(6) or (13)] and is slightly less than the actual area.

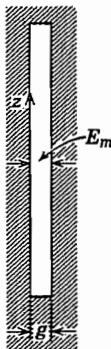
Extension to  $TE_{mn}$  mode excitation, including allowance for reflection at the aperture, is given in the literature.<sup>18</sup>

## 12.16 RESONANT SLOT ANTENNA

Another important class of radiators in which the emphasis is on the field in the aperture is that of the slot antenna mentioned qualitatively in Sec. 12.2. Let us consider the resonant slot antenna (approximately a half-wave long) in an infinite plane conductor,<sup>19</sup> as shown in Fig. 12.16a. For apertures in perfectly conducting planes, it is only nec-

<sup>18</sup> S. Silver, *Microwave Antenna Theory and Design*, Chap. 10, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1984.

<sup>19</sup> R. E. Collin, *Antennas and Radiowave Propagation*, Sec. 4.12, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1985.



**Fig. 12.16a** Resonant half-wave slot.

essary to consider the electric field in the aperture to specify completely the boundary conditions since tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  is zero along the conductor and dies off at infinity (see uniqueness argument, Sec. 3.14). We will take the electric field in the aperture to be uniform in  $x$  and to have a half-sine distribution in  $z$  with its maximum at the center. By reference to Eq. 12.12(2), the magnetic current sheet equivalent to this would be found to lie in the  $z$  direction and to be equal to  $E_x$ :

$$M_z = E_x = E_m \cos kz \quad (1)$$

Since  $E_z$  is assumed to be zero behind  $M_z$ , the gap can be considered closed with an electric conductor. It is convenient to account for the infinite conductor by replacing it with the image of  $M_z$ . As shown in Prob. 12.16a,  $M_z$  and its image are in the same direction so the value in (1) must be doubled in using free-space field expressions.

If gap width  $g$  is taken as small, the equation for magnetic radiation vector, Eq. 12.12(8), becomes

$$L_z = \int_{-\lambda/4}^{\lambda/4} 2gE_m \cos kz' e^{jkr' \cos \theta} dz' \quad (2)$$

The integral is evaluated to give

$$L_z = \frac{4gE_m \cos[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{k \sin^2 \theta} \quad (3)$$

Then, utilizing Eq. 12.12(10), we see that the fields are

$$E_\phi = -\eta H_\theta = \frac{je^{-jkr} g E_m}{\pi r} \left\{ \frac{\cos[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} \right\} \quad (4)$$

We should note here that this is of the same form as the expression for fields about a half-wave dipole antenna (Sec. 12.5) except for the interchange in electric and magnetic fields.

The power radiated corresponding to (4), assuming radiation only into one side, is

$$W = \frac{\pi(gE_m)^2}{2\pi^2\eta} \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} d\theta \quad (5)$$

This may be interpreted in terms of a radiation conductance defined in terms of the maximum gap voltage:

$$(G_r)_{\text{slot}} = \frac{2W}{(gE_m)^2} = \frac{1}{\pi\eta} \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin \theta} d\theta \quad (6)$$

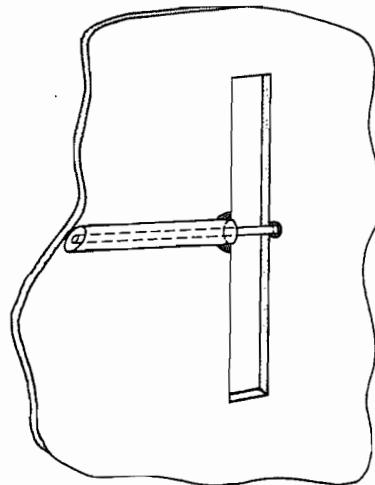
By comparing with the expression for radiation resistance of the half-wave dipole, Eqs. 12.7(8) and (9), we find

$$(G_r)_{\text{slot}} = \frac{2(R_r)_{\text{dipole}}}{\eta^2} \approx 0.00103 \text{ S} \quad (7)$$

If radiation is to both sides, conductance is double the above value. The reciprocity between results for the slot and dipole can also be shown to follow from *Babinet's principle*,<sup>20</sup> which is an extension of the principle of duality discussed in Sec. 9.5. For a strip dipole of general shape, and its complementary slot, Booker has shown from Babinet's principle that radiation fields are of the same form but of orthogonal polarization. Impedances, if the slot radiates to both sides of the conducting plane, are related by

$$Z_{\text{strip}} Z_{\text{slot}} = \eta^2/4 \quad (8)$$

A possible means of exciting the slot is shown in Fig. 12.16b.



**FIG. 12.16b** Coaxial-line feed for resonant-slot antenna.

<sup>20</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, Sec. 1.8, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1990.

## 12.17 LENSES FOR DIRECTING RADIATION

The lenses used in radiating systems, like the parabolic reflector, act to focus the radiation from primary sources into desired directions. Most lenses are conceived from the point of view of geometrical optics, and in this approximation would produce a plane-parallel beam of radiation from an ideal point radiator at the focus. The actual lens behavior is disturbed from this ideal by the finite character of the primary radiator and by diffraction arising from the finite aperture of the lens. The latter effect causes the beam to spread in a manner predicted by the aperture analysis of Sec. 12.14. Thus, we will leave this aspect of the matter and consider the various first-order designs suggested by geometrical optics.

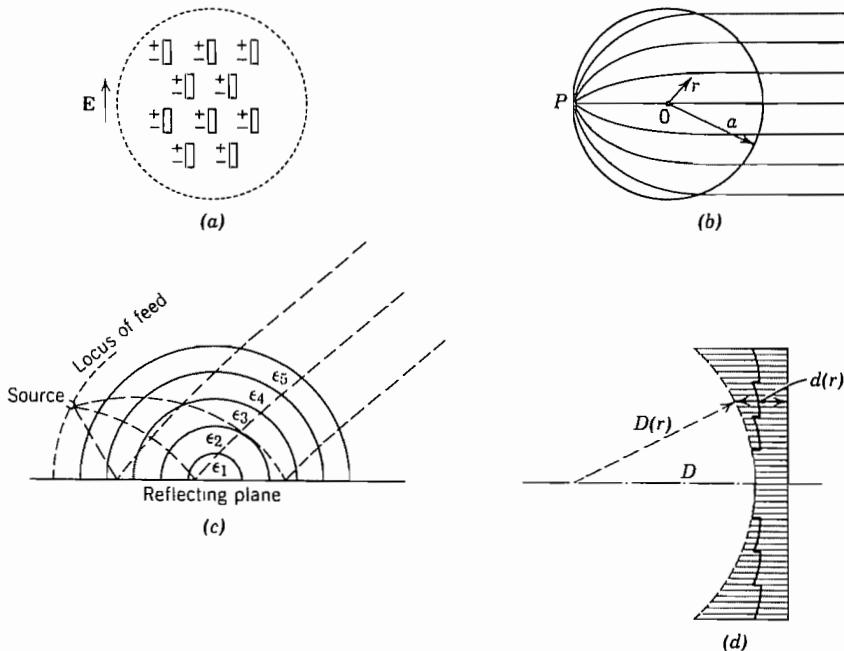
The most direct conception is that of a primary source placed at the focus of a converging lens so that the beam emerges parallel. The technique is well developed at optical frequencies, including the coating of the surfaces to eliminate reflections (Ex. 6.8c). The solid lenses most often used are small enough for convenient handling. The use of solid dielectric lenses can be extended to submillimeter and millimeter wavelengths. However, for microwaves the lenses are large and heavy if the aperture is made large enough to produce a reasonably narrow beam. Thus one of the two variants to be described is commonly used.

A fairly direct extension of the solid lens concept to microwaves is possible with reasonable weights through the use of "artificial dielectrics." These lenses are made of metal spheres, disks, strips, or rods embedded in a light material such as polyfoam.<sup>21</sup> If the metal particles are small in comparison with wavelength, they act very much as individual molecules in a solid dielectric. That is, the metal particles are "polarized" by the applied field (Fig. 12.17a), with the positive and negative charges displaced from each other. Each particle then acts as a small dipole, contributing to total displacement and thus to an effective dielectric constant. In general both electric and magnetic field components contribute to the polarization of the metallic particles. In spherical particles, for example, the electric and magnetic effects tend to cancel. Particles having the form of thin sheets (disks or strips) parallel to the electric and magnetic fields, as in Fig. 12.2h, have negligible magnetically induced polarization and therefore give a larger  $n$ . They are also lighter than the other shapes. Kock<sup>21</sup> gave a simple formula for disks,  $\epsilon_r = 1 + 5.3Na^3$ , where  $a$  is the disk radius and  $N$  is the number per unit volume. Values depend, however, upon orientation of the disks with respect to field polarization and direction of propagation. Very high values of  $\epsilon_r$  have been obtained but practical values are generally only a few times unity.<sup>22</sup> Inhomogeneous properties are also possible by varying spacing or size of particles; this technique may be used instead of shaping to produce focusing action.

One of the most important lenses that utilizes an inhomogeneous effective dielectric

<sup>21</sup> W. E. Kock, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **27**, 58 (1948).

<sup>22</sup> R. E. Collin, *Field Theory of Guided Waves*, Chap. 12, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1990.



**FIG. 12.17** (a) Artificial dielectric lens. (b) Luneberg lens. (c) Practical form of Luneberg lens. (d) Metal lens antenna.

constant is the Luneberg lens.<sup>23</sup> This is made in the form of a sphere with effective dielectric constant varying with radius as

$$\epsilon_r(r) = 2 - (r/a)^2, \quad r \leq a \quad (1)$$

Techniques for analyzing rays in inhomogeneous media will be given in Chapter 14. Use of these can show that all rays originating from a point on the surface will emerge from the other side as a parallel beam in the direction of the diameter through the source point (Fig. 12.17b). This lens is important because small-distance movements of the source along the surface can provide substantial angular scanning of the beam. It is more practical to have the source point a small distance away from the surface of the lens, to use a reflection plane to eliminate half the sphere, and to use steps in effective dielectric constant, as illustrated in Fig. 12.17c. A number of variations have been utilized.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>23</sup> R. F. Rinehart, *J. Appl. Phys.* **19**, 860 (1948).

<sup>24</sup> R. C. Johnson and H. Jasik (Eds.), *Antenna Engineering Handbook*, 2nd ed., Secs. 16–10 and 18–2, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.

An interesting and different means of realizing lens-type focusing action is with the *metal lens antenna*<sup>25</sup> which utilizes sections of parallel-plane waveguides, as illustrated in Fig. 12.17d. Polarization is such that the mode between the plates is a TE mode, normally with one half-sine variation in field distribution. The ratio of spacing to wavelength is such that phase velocity  $v_p$  is appreciably greater than that in free space. The concept used is one in which all paths from focus to the lens plane yield the same phase,

$$\frac{D}{c} + \frac{d(0)}{v_p} = \frac{D(r)}{c} + \frac{d(r)}{v_p} \quad (2)$$

where  $v_p$  is given by Eq. 8.3(18) and  $r$  is distance from the axis in cylindrical coordinates. Since the waveguide sections advance rather than delay phase, the outer parts of the lens are longer than the center parts for a converging lens, as illustrated in Fig. 12.17d. Whole wavelengths contribute nothing from the point of view of phase, so these may be cut out to save weight, resulting in the final stepped configuration shown by the solid lines of the figure.

## Arrays of Elements

### 12.18 RADIATION INTENSITY WITH SUPERPOSITION OF EFFECTS

If there are several complete radiators operating together, currents or fields might be assumed over the entire group, and a complete calculation made for potentials or fields at any point in the radiation field. If the radiation pattern of the individual elements is known, however, some labor may be saved by superposing these with proper attention to phase, direction, and magnitude of the fields. This is actually only an extension of the procedure we have already used to add up the effects of infinitesimal elements. As a practical matter, the synthesis of desired antenna patterns by the addition of individual radiators is a most important tool, so that efficient methods for the analysis of arrays are essential. A few of these, with examples, are set down in this and several following sections.

The usual problem in array theory is that of identical radiators with similar current or field distributions (although magnitudes and phases of currents or fields in individual radiators may differ). The radiation vectors for one of these alone may be calculated as  $\mathbf{N}_0$  and  $\mathbf{L}_0$ . ( $\mathbf{N}_0$  alone is sufficient if we consider contributions only from electric current

<sup>25</sup> W. E. Kock, Proc. IRE **34**, 828 (1946). Also see J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., Sec. 14-4, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1988.

elements.) In adding contributions from the individual radiators for the far-zone field, the usual approximation is made in that differences in distances to the individual radiators need be taken into account only with respect to phase; also, the approximate form for distance differences may be calculated by assuming the field point far removed. The form of the radiation vectors can be found by evaluating the distance  $r''$  from an element of radiating current to the field point in terms of the parameters of the array. We can see from Fig. 12.18a that for an element on the  $n$ th radiator,  $r''$  can be expressed in terms of the distance  $r$  from the arbitrary reference point in the array to the field point as

$$r'' \approx r - r'_n \cos \psi_n - r'_0 \cos \psi_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $r'_n$  and  $\psi_n$  locate the  $n$ th radiator relative to the reference point and  $r'_0$  and  $\psi_0$  determine the location of the differential radiating element relative to the reference point on the radiator. Since all radiators have the same orientation,  $r'_0$  and  $\psi_0$  apply equally to all  $n$  radiators. Substituting (1) in Eq. 12.4(1), we get the far-field vector potential at  $P$  for the  $n$ th radiator:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_n &= \frac{\mu e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \left[ e^{jkr'_n \cos \psi_n} \int_{V'_n} \mathbf{J}_n e^{jkr'_0 \cos \psi_0} dV'_n \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} [C_n e^{jkr'_n \cos \psi_n} \mathbf{N}_0] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

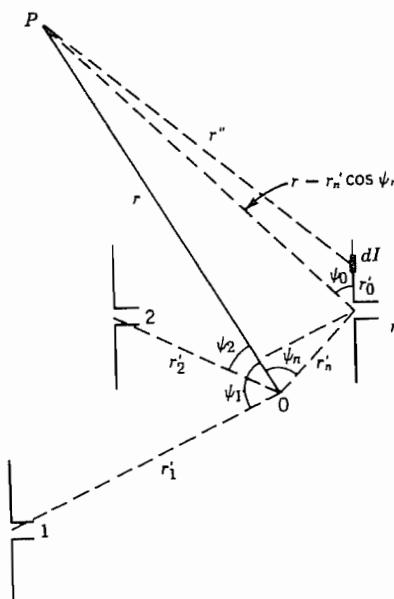


FIG. 12.18a Array of identical radiators, all with the same orientation.

where  $C_n$  is a complex constant and  $\mathbf{N}_0$  is the normalized radiation vector for one of the identical radiators. Thus, the radiation vector for a system of radiators with electric current is

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}_0(C_1 e^{jkr'_1 \cos \psi_1} + C_2 e^{jkr'_2 \cos \psi_2} + \dots) \quad (3)$$

Likewise, for radiators with magnetic currents,

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}_0(C_1 e^{jkr'_1 \cos \psi_1} + C_2 e^{jkr'_2 \cos \psi_2} + \dots) \quad (4)$$

It follows that the total radiation intensity may be written in terms of the radiation intensity  $K_0$  for one radiator alone:

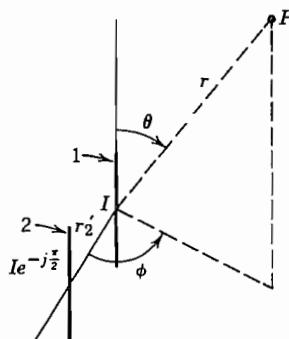
$$K = K_0 |C_1 e^{jkr'_1 \cos \psi_1} + C_2 e^{jkr'_2 \cos \psi_2} + \dots|^2 \quad (5)$$

Examples will follow to make the use of these forms more specific. We should note one important point, however, that will not be touched on specifically in the examples. Mutual couplings between the elements, including effects from the near-zone fields, may affect the amount and phase of current that a given array element receives from the driving source, so that the excitation problem may become quite difficult. A discussion of the coupling problems is given for one type of array in Sec. 12.22.

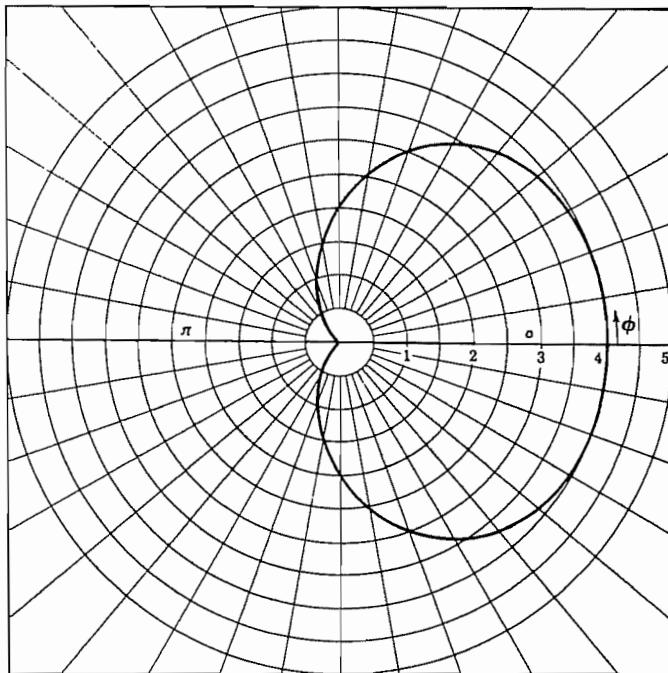
### Example 12.18 ARRAY OF TWO HALF-WAVE Dipoles

Consider two half-wave dipoles separated by a quarter-wavelength and fed by currents equal in magnitude and 90 degrees out of time phase, as in Fig. 12.18b. For a single dipole, we have Eq. 12.5(8):

$$K_0 = \frac{15}{\pi} I_m^2 \frac{\cos^2[(\pi/2) \cos \theta]}{\sin^2 \theta}$$



**FIG. 12.18b** Combination of two half-wave dipoles.



**FIG. 12.18c** Polar plot of relative power intensity radiation for array in Fig. 12.18b in the plane  $\theta = \pi/2$ .

For the two dipoles with the origin as shown in Fig. 12.18b,

$$r'_1 = 0, \quad r'_2 = \frac{\lambda}{4}, \quad \theta'_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \phi'_2 = 0$$

Using the general formula, Eq. 12.4(15),

$$\cos \psi_2 = \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

If

$$I_2 = I_1 e^{-j(\pi/2)}$$

then (5) gives

$$\begin{aligned} K &= K_0 |1 + e^{-j(\pi/2)} e^{j(\pi/2)(\sin \theta \cos \phi)}|^2 \\ &= 4K_0 \cos^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} (\sin \theta \cos \phi - 1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

A horizontal radiation intensity pattern is plotted in Fig. 12.18c.

## 12.19 LINEAR ARRAYS

An especially important class of arrays is that in which the elements are arranged along a straight line, usually with equal spacing between them, as indicated in Fig. 12.19a. Let the line be the  $z$  axis, with the basic spacing  $d$  and coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}$  representing the relative currents in elements at  $z = 0, d, \dots, (N - 1)d$ . (Note that any of the elements can be missing, in which case the coefficient is zero, so the elements need only be of commensurate spacing instead of equal spacing.) If the elements have a radiation vector  $\mathbf{N}_0$ , Eq. 12.18(3) becomes for this case

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}_0[a_0 + a_1 e^{jkd \cos \theta} + \dots + a_{N-1} e^{j(N-1)kd \cos \theta}] = \mathbf{N}_0 S(\theta) \quad (1)$$

where  $S(\theta)$  may be called the *space factor* of the array:

$$S(\theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n e^{jnk d \cos \theta} \quad (2)$$

The radiation intensity from Eq. 12.18(5) is then

$$K = K_0 |S|^2 \quad (3)$$

**Broadside Array** If all currents in the linear array are equal in magnitude and phase, it is evident from physical reasoning that the contributions to radiation will add in phase in the plane perpendicular to the axis of the array ( $\theta = \pi/2$ ). For this reason, the array is called a *broadside array*. Moreover, it is evident that, if the total length  $l = (N - 1)d$  is long compared with wavelength, the phase of contributions from various elements will change rapidly as angle is changed slightly from the maximum, so that maximum in this case would be expected to be sharp. To see this from (2), let all  $a_n = a_0$ :

$$S(\theta) = a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{jnk d \cos \theta} = a_0 \frac{1 - e^{jNkd \cos \theta}}{1 - e^{jkd \cos \theta}} \quad (4)$$

Summation (4) is effected by the rule for a geometric progression. Then

$$|S| = a_0 \left| \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2} (Nkd \cos \theta)}{\sin \frac{1}{2} (kd \cos \theta)} \right| \quad (5)$$

Relation (5) is plotted as a function of  $kd \cos \theta$  in Fig. 12.19b for  $N = 10$ . Note that the peak of the main lobe occurs at  $kd \cos \theta = 0$  (or  $\theta = \pi/2$ ) as expected. The width of the main lobe may be described by giving the angles at which radiation goes to zero.

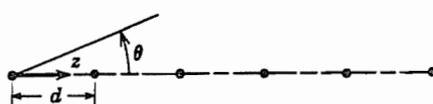
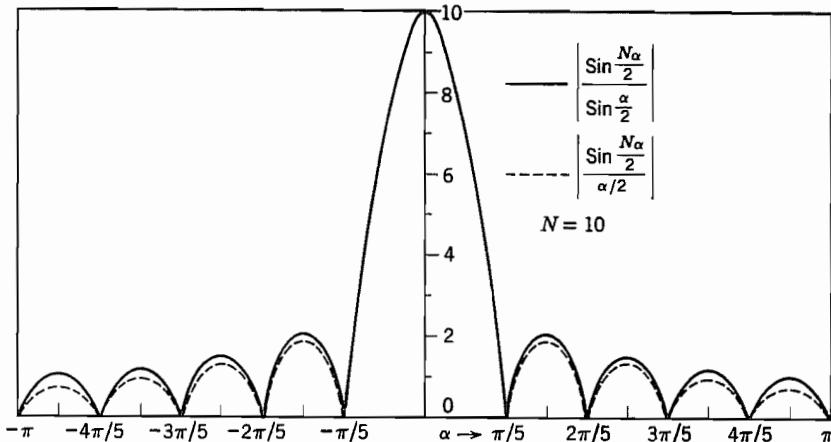


Fig. 12.19a Coordinate system for a linear array.



**FIG. 12.19b** Plot of magnitude of space factor and approximation with 10 elements.  $\alpha$  is  $kd \cos \theta$  for a broadside array and  $kd(1 - \cos \theta)$  for an end-fire array.

If we set these angles as  $\theta = \pi/2 \pm \Delta/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Nkd \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \pm \frac{\Delta}{2}\right) &= \mp 2\pi \\ \Delta &= 2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\lambda}{Nd}\right) \approx \frac{2\lambda}{l} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The last approximation is for large  $N$ . So we see that the beam becomes narrow as  $l/\lambda$  becomes large, as predicted.

If  $N$  is large the denominator of (5) remains small over several of the lobes near the main lobe. Over this region it is then a good approximation to set the sine equal to the angle in the denominator:

$$|S| \approx Na_0 \left| \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(Nkd \cos \theta)}{\frac{1}{2} Nkd \cos \theta} \right| \quad (7)$$

This approximation is compared as a dotted curve with the accurate curve for  $N = 10$  in Fig. 12.19b, and is found to agree well over several maxima. Thus, for large  $N$ , this universal form applies near  $\theta = \pi/2$  and the first secondary maximum is observed to be about 0.045 of the absolute maximum, or 13.5 dB below.

The directivity of an array is usually expressed as though the elements were isotropic radiators. It is of course modified if actual elements having some directivity are employed, but for high-gain arrays, the modification is small. (Note that it is not correct to multiply directivity of the array by directivity of a single element.) For the array,

$$(g_d)_{\max} = \frac{4\pi |S_{\max}|^2}{2\pi \int_0^\pi |S|^2 \sin \theta d\theta} \quad (8)$$

The high-gain broadside array gives most of its contribution to the integral in the denominator near  $\theta = \pi/2$ , where the approximate expression (7) applies,

$$\int_0^\pi |S|^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2N^2 a_0^2}{Nkd} \int_0^{Nkd} \frac{\sin^2 \alpha/2}{(\alpha/2)^2} d\alpha \approx \frac{4N^2 a_0^2}{Nkd} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

where  $Nkd$  is effectively infinite. From (8),

$$(g_d)_{\max} \approx \frac{2l}{\lambda} \quad \left( \text{large } \frac{l}{\lambda} \right) \quad (9)$$

**End-Fire Arrays** If the elements of the array are progressively delayed in phase just enough to make up for the retardation of the waves, it would be expected that the radiation from all elements of the array could be made to add in the direction of the array axis. Such an array is called an *end-fire array*. To accomplish this, let

$$a_n = a_0 e^{-jnk\theta} \quad (10)$$

Then in (2),

$$S = a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{-jnk\theta(1-\cos\theta)} = a_0 \frac{1 - e^{-jNkd(1-\cos\theta)}}{1 - e^{-jk\theta(1-\cos\theta)}} \quad (11)$$

$$|S| = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}[Nkd(1 - \cos \theta)]}{\sin \frac{1}{2}[kd(1 - \cos \theta)]} a_0 \quad (12)$$

By comparison with (5), it is recognized that the plot of Fig. 12.19b made for a broadside array may be utilized for the end-fire array also if the abscissa is interpreted as  $kd(1 - \cos \theta)$ . The pattern as a function of  $\theta$  of course looks different, but the ratio of secondary to primary maxima is the same. It may also be shown to follow that the formula for directivity (9) applies also to an end-fire array with large  $l/\lambda$ . To obtain the angular width of the main lobe, let  $\Delta/2$  be the angle at which  $S$  goes to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} Nkd \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) &= 2\pi \\ \Delta &\approx 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda}{l}} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

**Phase Scanning of Arrays** By interpretation of the broadside and end-fire examples, it is clear that a phase delay between elements somewhere between the extremes for the two cases should give a maximum lobe between these extremes. Moreover, if this phase delay is controllable by any means (usually with ferrite or semiconductor devices), the direction of the lobe can be scanned without physical motion of the antenna. This may be most important in large installations that must continually scan a large range of directions in short times, as in airport surveillance radar.

Quantitatively, for the linear array, we see the scanning if we allow the phase delay to be  $\Delta\varphi$  between elements. Then, replacing (10) for the end fire,

$$a_n = a_0 e^{-jn\Delta\varphi} \quad (14)$$

Following procedures as for (5) or (12), the space factor here is

$$|S| = \frac{\sin[(N/2)(kd \cos \theta - \Delta\varphi)]}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(kd \cos \theta - \Delta\varphi)} a_0 \quad (15)$$

The direction of the principal maximum is then given by

$$kd \cos \theta_m = \Delta\varphi \quad (16)$$

and so can be varied if  $\Delta\varphi$  is varied.

This principle can of course be extended to two-dimensional as well as linear arrays, although the number of phases to control then increases.

**Unequally Spaced Arrays** Although the formulation above has been given only for arrays of equal element spacing, unequal spacing of elements provides an additional degree of freedom which may sometimes be used to advantage. Unequally spaced arrays have been used to give greater gain and lower side lobes than an equally spaced array with the same number of elements.<sup>26</sup> The amplitude of excitation of the elements may be retained more nearly constant in the array of unequal spacing. Analysis can be carried out by digital computation once element spacings and excitations are specified.

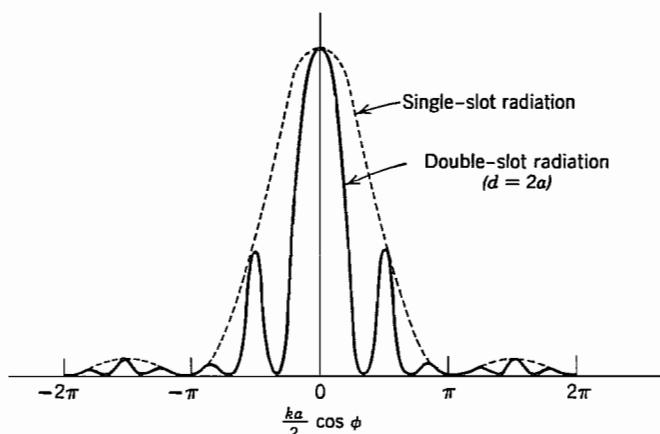
## 12.20 RADIATION FROM DIFFRACTION GRATINGS

In Sec. 6.10 we saw the basic idea of the diffraction grating, which has become of increased importance since coherent light has become available from lasers. Here we make use of the array factors developed in Sec. 12.19 to explain the patterns observed for diffraction gratings. The grating could take the form of a parallel array of slits of the type discussed in Sec. 12.14, with each slit forming a radiation source. For practical reasons, these are often engraved lines ("rulings") on a solid reflector rather than open slits, but they act very similarly with regard to radiation pattern.

Consider first the radiation pattern of two parallel slits, each of width  $a$ , illuminated in phase, and separated by distance  $d$  between central axes. Here we find the pattern in the plane normal to the slit axes, so angle  $\theta$  is replaced by  $\phi$  in Eq. 12.19(5) for the broadside array and we take  $N = 2$ :

$$|S|^2 = a_0^2 \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(2kd \cos \phi)}{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(kd \cos \phi)} = 4a_0^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{kd}{2} \cos \phi \right) \quad (1)$$

<sup>26</sup> D. D. King, R. F. Packard, and R. K. Thomas, IRE Trans. Antennas and Propagation AP-8, 380 (1960).



**FIG. 12.20a** Fraunhofer intensity pattern for two slits compared with that of one of the slits alone. Slit width is  $a$  and spacing  $d$ .

The radiation intensity is given by Eq. 12.19(3), with  $K_0$  representing the radiation intensity for a single slit, Eq. 12.14(7). We let  $4a_0^2A = B$  and find

$$K = B \left[ \frac{\sin(ka/2 \cos \phi)}{ka/2 \cos \phi} \right]^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{kd}{2} \cos \phi\right) \quad (2)$$

which is shown in Fig. 12.20a for  $d = 2a$ .

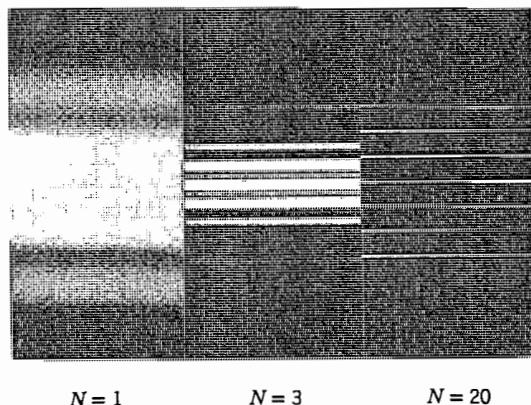
Array factors for larger number of radiators have shapes like that in Fig. 12.19b. Shown there is a principal maximum with subsidiary maxima (side lobes). If the spacing  $d$  between slits exceeds one wavelength, there will be repeated principal maxima. Photographs of diffraction patterns for different sets of slits are shown in Fig. 12.20b. The broad maximum of the single slit is seen with its subsidiary maxima for  $N = 1$ . With three slits the pattern becomes sharper and the subsidiary maxima may be seen only vaguely. In the case of  $N = 20$ , the larger number of slits leads to very distinct principal maxima and the intensity of the subsidiary maxima is low enough that they do not register in the photograph. The clear separation of the lines is of utmost importance in the use of diffraction gratings for spectroscopy or other applications where it is desired to separate patterns of different frequency. In practical gratings there are hundreds, or even thousands, of slits (or rulings) so that the principal maxima are very sharp and the subsidiary maxima are very near the principal maxima.

## 12.21 POLYNOMIAL FORMULATION OF ARRAYS AND LIMITATIONS ON DIRECTIVITY

Schelkunoff<sup>27</sup> has shown that linear arrays with equal element spacings may be formulated as polynomials, with useful results obtained by interpretations of the zeros of the polynomials in the complex plane. If we define

$$\zeta = e^{j\psi} = e^{jkd \cos \theta} \quad (1)$$

<sup>27</sup> S. A. Schelkunoff, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **22**, 80 (1943).



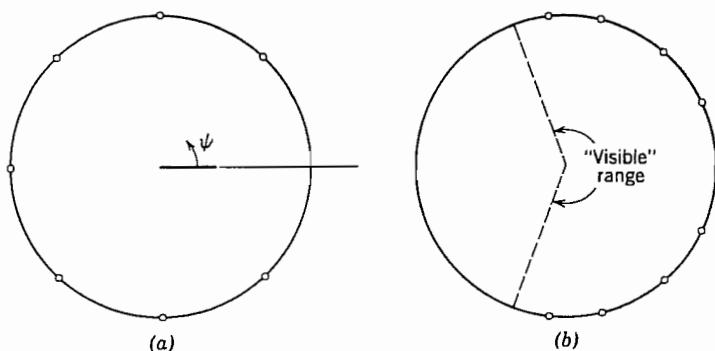
**FIG. 12.20b** Diffraction patterns showing the increased sharpness resulting from increasing the number of slits.

then Eq. 12.19(2) may be written as a polynomial in  $\zeta$ :

$$S = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n \zeta^n \quad (2)$$

Concentration is now on the properties of  $S$  in the complex  $\zeta$  plane.

Note first that real  $\theta$  corresponds to values of  $\zeta$  on the unit circle with phase angles between  $-kd$  and  $kd$ . All, a part, or none of the  $N - 1$  zeros of  $S$  may occur in this part of the unit circle. When they do so occur, they correspond to true zeros of the pattern, or "cones of silence." The broadside array, Eq. 12.19(5), has its zeros spread out uniformly over the entire unit circle except for the missing one at  $\psi = 0$  (Fig. 12.21a), where the very large main lobe builds up. One approach to the synthesis of arrays is then that of positioning zeros on this picture so that they are close together where the pattern is to be of small amplitude and farther apart where it is to build up to a relatively large value.



**FIG. 12.21** (a) Location of zeros of polynomial representing a uniform broadside array. (b) Positioning of zeros of polynomial to produce a supergain array.

If we limit ourselves to linear arrays with currents in phase, it can be shown that the uniform array (one with all currents of equal amplitude) gives more directivity than arrays with nonuniform excitations. Still greater directivities are possible in principle, however, if one goes to excitations of other phases. Arrays having more directivity than the uniform array are known as *supergain arrays*.

In terms of the picture in the  $\zeta$  plane, we see that for an element spacing less than a half-wavelength ( $kd = \pi$ ) the range of real  $\theta$  covers only a part of the unit circle. The uniform array, however, has its zeros spread over all the unit circle, so some are "invisible." Schelkunoff has shown that arbitrarily high directivity for a given antenna size is possible in principle by moving the zeros into the range of real  $\theta$ , properly distributed to give the desired directivity (Fig. 12.21b). The trouble here is that a monstrous lobe builds up in the "invisible" range from which the zeros have been eliminated, which might seem to be of no concern but turns out to represent reactive energy and so is of importance. It is surprising to find the rapidity with which this limitation takes over. For high-gain broadside arrays, no significant increase in gain is possible over that of the uniform array before the reactive energy becomes impossibly large.<sup>28</sup> For end-fire arrays, a modest increase is possible and has been utilized in practice.<sup>29</sup> Another way of stating this limitation is that currents of the elements become huge for a given power radiated and fluctuate in phase from one element to the next so that it would be impossible to feed such an array.

A physical picture is provided by looking at the problem from a wave point of view. Imagine that we are attempting to produce a high-gain broadside array with a thin pancake pattern near the equator. We may imagine the distant fields ( $H_\phi$  and  $E_\theta$ ) of this pattern expanded in a series of the spherically symmetric TM modes of the type studied in Sec. 10.7. If the pattern is to be sharp, it is clear that waves of very high order are needed to represent this pattern (order of  $2\pi/\Delta$  for a narrow beam of angle  $\Delta$ ). A study of the Hankel functions shows that these functions change character at a radius such that  $n$  is of the order  $kr$ , becoming rapidly reactive for radii less than this value. Hence, the antenna boundary must extend approximately to this radius if excessive reactive power is to be avoided. That is,

$$\frac{2r}{\lambda} \approx \frac{n}{\pi} \approx \frac{2}{\Delta} \quad (3)$$

which gives a relation between angle and length equivalent to that for a uniform broadside array, Eq. 12.19(6). The phenomenon is a cutoff of the type found in sectoral horns (Sec. 9.4), where it was found that reactive effects caused an effective cutoff when the cross section became too small to support the required number of half-wave variations in the pattern. The rapidity with which the limitation takes over must again be stressed. For an array 50 wavelengths long, a halving in size from that of the uniform array would require reactive power  $10^{59}$  times the radiated power.

<sup>28</sup> L. J. Chu, J. Appl. Phys. **19**, 1163 (1948).

<sup>29</sup> W. W. Hansen and J. R. Woodyard, Proc. IRE **26**, 333 (1938).

It should not be inferred from the foregoing discussion that uniform arrays are always best. Often the side-lobe level (13.5 dB) is higher than can be tolerated. Side lobes can be reduced with a sacrifice in directivity. Dolph<sup>30</sup> has given the procedure for finding the array of a given number of elements which gives the lowest side lobes for a prescribed antenna directivity or highest directivity for a prescribed side-lobe level. The polynomial  $S(\zeta)$  in (2) has in this case the form of a Chebyshev polynomial.

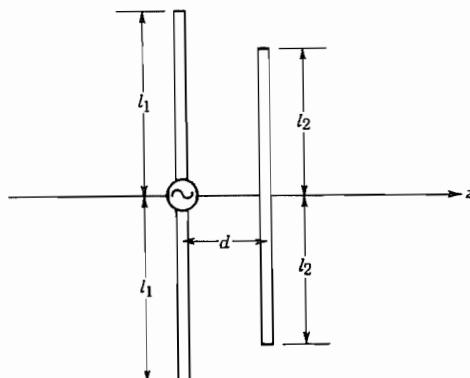
## 12.22 YAGI-UDA ARRAYS

One difficulty in using multielement arrays to achieve directivity is the need to provide controlled feeds to the various elements. The so-called Yagi-Uda array avoids this problem by feeding only one element and having other elements with currents induced by the first; correct phasing is achieved by adjusting the size and positions of the other elements.

Consider the situation shown in Fig. 12.22a where there is one driven element and one parallel "parasitic" element. The linearity of Maxwell's equations makes it possible to write a set of equations relating the voltages at the center of the antennas to the currents at the feed points:

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= Z_{11}I_1 + Z_{12}I_2 \\ V_2 &= Z_{21}I_1 + Z_{22}I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The  $Z_{ij}$  are constants that depend upon the lengths  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  and the separation  $d$  of the elements. Using the fact that the voltage at the drive point of element 2 is zero, one



**FIG. 12.22a** Driven antenna element with nearby, parallel, parasitic element.

<sup>30</sup> C. L. Dolph, Proc. IRE **34**, 335 (1946). See also R. E. Collin, Antennas and Radiowave Propagation, p. 128, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1985.

finds from (1) that  $I_2$  is determined (by induction) by the current  $I_1$  and the coefficients in (1):

$$I_2 = -\frac{Z_{21}}{Z_{22}} I_1 \quad (2)$$

The array factor in Eq. 12.19(2) can be written for this array as

$$S(\theta) = a_0 + a_1 e^{jkd \cos \theta} = I_1 \left( 1 + \frac{I_2}{I_1} e^{jkd \cos \theta} \right) \quad (3)$$

Therefore, we see that the pattern depends upon the spacing  $d$  and upon the coefficients  $Z_{12}$  and  $Z_{22}$ .

The methods to be studied in Sec. 12.27 can be used to show that the mutual impedance  $Z_{21}$  is rather insensitive to the lengths  $2l_1$  and  $2l_2$  when they are nearly  $\lambda/2$ . Therefore, the phase of the current  $I_2$  depends, according to (2), mainly upon the self-impedance  $Z_{22}$  of element 2. The direction of maximum radiation of course depends upon relative phases of currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ .

If the arrangement is such as to maximize radiation in the  $-z$  direction, element 2 is called a *reflector*. The maximum directivity is achieved if the spacing  $d$  is about  $0.16\lambda$ . If the driven element has length  $2l_1 = \lambda/2$ , the length of the reflector should be slightly greater:  $0.51 < 2l_2/\lambda < 0.52$ .

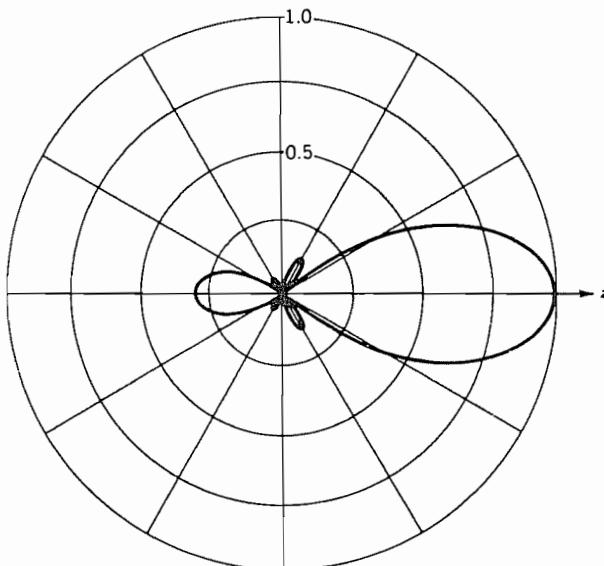
If the radiation is maximized in the  $+z$  direction, element 2 is called a *director*. In this case, the maximum directivity is achieved with a spacing of about  $0.11\lambda$ . With  $2l_1 = \lambda/2$ , the director length should be in the range  $0.38 < 2l_2/\lambda < 0.48$ , that is, somewhat smaller than the driven element.

The simplest array that is called a Yagi-Uda type has both a reflector and a director. The situation is then considerably more complicated because of the interaction of the three elements, but the same conclusions as above are roughly applicable. The reflector is still larger, and the director smaller, than the driven element. The directivity turns out to not depend critically upon the spacings of the director and reflector from the driven element. The input impedance is given by

$$Z_{in} = Z_{22} + \left( \frac{I_1}{I_2} \right) Z_{21} + \left( \frac{I_3}{I_2} \right) Z_{23} \quad (4)$$

Because of the phasing of the currents,  $Z_{in}$  tends to be low. It can be raised if the driven element is made a folded dipole (Sec. 12.11) for which  $Z_{22}$  is four times that of the single dipole.

The addition of other, parallel reflectors has little effect since the field behind the first is small, but additional directors can be added advantageously. Typical antennas for television reception have several directors and have a radiation pattern as shown in Fig. 12.22b. Directivities between 10 and 100 are obtainable depending on the number of director dipoles.



**FIG. 12.22b** Intensity pattern of a typical Yagi-Uda-type television receiving antenna, having four directors and one reflector. After W. L. Stutzman and G. A. Thiele, *Antenna Theory and Design*. Wiley, New York, 1981.

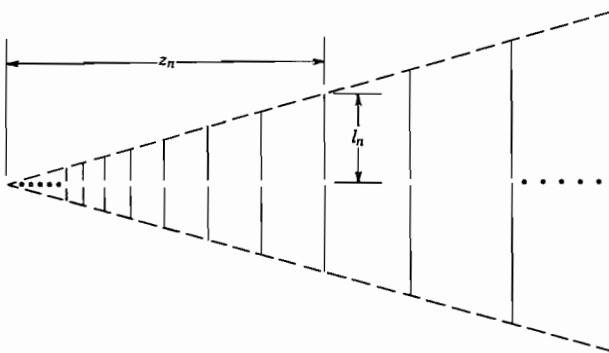
### 12.23 FREQUENCY-INDEPENDENT ANTENNAS: LOGARITHMICALLY PERIODIC ARRAYS

The determining factor for the radiation pattern and the impedance of a lossless antenna is the ratio of the dimensions to wavelength. Thus, if an antenna is to be scaled for use at another frequency, all dimensions must be multiplied by the ratio of the wavelengths. If the structural form of an antenna could be defined such that the multiplication of all dimensions by the wavelength ratio for two frequencies would leave the antenna unchanged, that antenna would behave identically at the two frequencies. The earliest work<sup>31</sup> on structures having this property considered an equiangular spiral on either a plane or conical surface with arms having the form  $r = r_0 e^{\alpha\phi}$ . It is easy to see that a magnification of a structure having this form is identical to the original except for a rotation (which can be an undesirable feature). Frequency independence assumes the unrealizable condition that the spirals start at  $r = 0$  (where the feed must be connected) and extend to infinity. Therefore, the properties of such structures are, in practice, only approximately frequency independent. A number of derived forms that eliminate some of the disadvantages of the equiangular spiral have been studied.

In this section we concentrate on a more convenient type of (nearly) frequency-independent antenna.<sup>32</sup> The idealized form is shown in Fig. 12.23a, in which the lo-

<sup>31</sup> V. H. Rumsey, IRE National Convention Record, Part I, 114 (1957).

<sup>32</sup> R. H. DuHamel and G. C. Chadwick, in *Antenna Engineering Handbook*, (R. C. Johnson and H. Jasik, Eds.), 2nd ed., Chap. 14, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1984.



**FIG. 12.23a** Logarithmically periodic antenna array.

cations of the parallel-wire elements and their lengths increase from one to the next in the fixed ratio  $\tau$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z_n &= \tau z_{n-1} \\ l_n &= \tau l_{n-1} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If the wavelength is multiplied by  $\tau$ , then all arm lengths and positions should be multiplied by  $\tau$  so that everywhere the ratio of length to wavelength is the same. The result is a structure that is identical to the original. Therefore, the single structure appears the same at  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\tau\lambda_1$ ,  $\tau^2\lambda_1$ , and so on. Expressed in terms of logarithms,

$$\log \lambda_n = \log \lambda_1 + (n - 1) \log \tau \quad (2)$$

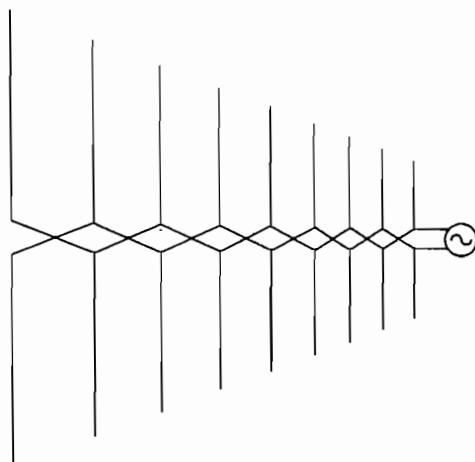
and correspondingly for frequency,

$$\log f_n = \log f_1 - (n - 1) \log \tau \quad (3)$$

The structure is called *logarithmically periodic*.

An understanding of the radiation properties can be aided by noting the qualitative relationships between three adjacent elements in this antenna and the three-element Yagi-Uda array discussed in the preceding section. It is found from detailed calculations that maximum radiation along the array occurs when the element has a length of about  $\lambda/2$ . This could be expected from the fact that the element at resonance will have the maximum current for a given drive voltage. Let us consider the resonant element and its two neighbors. We saw in the Yagi-Uda array that the larger acts as a reflector and the smaller as a director, with radiation, therefore, toward the small end of the array.

The input to the transmission line feeding the array is at the small end for a reason to be discussed below. By using alternating connections to the line as shown in Fig. 12.23b, and spacing the elements by one-half the element length at that point in the array, the phasing of adjacent elements in the region of maximum radiation is such that the current in the  $n + 1$ th element leads that in the  $n$ th by  $\pi/2$  rad. Since the  $n$ th



**FIG. 12.23b** Manner of connecting antenna elements to the driving transmission line for a logarithmically periodic antenna.

element is resonant ( $l_n = \lambda/4$ ), the spacing to the  $n + 1$ th element is  $\lambda/4$ , and its radiation in the direction toward the small end of the array is in phase with that from the  $n$ th element.

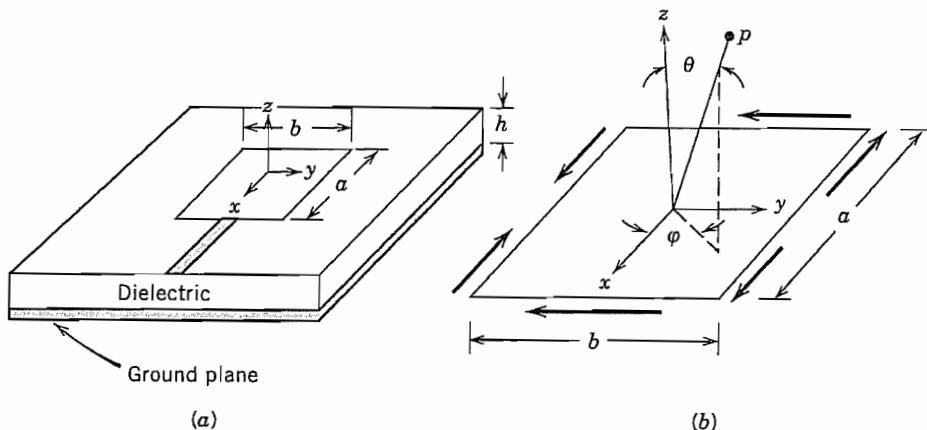
Detailed calculations show that the phase of the transmission-line voltage provided to the dipoles advances uniformly away from the feedpoint up to the region of the strongly radiating dipoles. The amplitude decays slowly because the short elements are radiating inefficiently up to the region of strong radiation. Over a range of a few elements, the voltage level drops by a factor of 10 and then slowly decays over the remainder of the array. The point of maximum radiation moves toward the small end as frequency is increased and vice versa. The pattern and input impedance were earlier said to repeat at wavelengths  $\tau''\lambda_1$ , and detailed calculations show that there is little variation between those wavelengths. Because any real antenna is of limited length and there is a minimum practical size at the small end, the frequency (or wavelength) range of constant pattern and input impedances is limited. Roughly speaking, the range of operation is bounded by wavelengths equal to twice the lengths of the dipoles at the ends of the array. In fact, since several dipoles are involved in the region of large radiation, the bandwidth is somewhat smaller.

As pointed out above, the need for alternating the dipole connections to the feeding transmission line arises because of feeding from the small end of the array. The reason for not feeding from the large end is that if the  $\lambda/2$  resonance for some given frequency were near the small end, the power flowing from the large end would have encountered dipoles of lengths  $n\lambda/2$ , which would radiate and excite the other resonant dipoles toward the small end with the result of multiple radiation points. Their locations would depend upon frequency so neither the pattern nor the input impedance would remain constant.

## 12.24 INTEGRATED ANTENNAS

Antennas made of metal "patches" which may be placed on dielectrics and fed by microstrip or one of the coplanar transmission lines are small, light, and easy to fabricate. They are especially suitable for use with microwave integrated circuits and so may be called *integrated antennas*. They are also known as *patch antennas*, and those in microstrip form, *microstrip antennas*. There are many variations described in texts and review articles on this subject.<sup>33-36</sup> We will consider here a few simple examples which illustrate some of the special features of this class of antennas.

**Simple Microstrip or Patch Antenna** Figure 12.24a shows a rectangular patch placed upon a dielectric with conducting ground plane, excited by an auxiliary microstrip transmission line of much higher characteristic impedance. It is recognized that this is the same configuration analyzed in Sec. 10.6 as a resonator. The resonant modes were found there, approximately, by considering open-circuit boundary conditions at each edge of the patch. Since electric fields are then a maximum at these edges, they provide a source of radiation. For use as a resonator, it is generally important to keep this radiation small, but it is the desired effect when used as an antenna. To calculate the radiation, the electric field at the edges may be represented by magnetic current sheets as explained in Sec. 12.12.



**FIG. 12.24** (a) Rectangular patch antenna in microstrip form. (b) Enlarged view of patch. Dark arrows show direction of magnetic currents.

<sup>33</sup> D. M. Pozar, Proc. IEEE **80**, 79 (1992).

<sup>34</sup> K. R. Carver and J. W. Mink, IEEE Trans. Antennas Propagation **AP-29**, 2 (1981).

<sup>35</sup> D. B. Rutledge et al., in *Infrared and Millimeter Waves* (K. J. Button, Ed.), Vol. 10, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1983.

<sup>36</sup> C. Balanis, *Antenna Theory Analysis and Design*, Sec. 11.7, Wiley, New York, 1982.

Let us consider the simplest mode with no variations in  $z$  or  $y$  and one half-sine variation in  $x$ . This is in effect the resonant standing wave of the microstrip transmission line formed by the patch, with reflections at the open circuit at  $x = -a/2$  and also at the junction with the high impedance line at  $x = a/2$ . With neglect of the fringing effects at the edges, fields within the dielectric of the patch region may be written

$$E_z = E_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (1)$$

$$H_y = \frac{-jE_0\pi}{\omega\mu a} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (2)$$

From Eq. 12.12(2), the electric field along the edges may be replaced by magnetic current sheets of surface density  $\mathbf{M}_s = -\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}$ , where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward normal to the surface. Thus,  $\mathbf{n} = -\hat{x}$  at  $x = -a/2$ ,  $\hat{x}$  at  $x = a/2$ ,  $-\hat{y}$  at  $y = -b/2$ , and  $\hat{y}$  at  $y = b/2$ . Surface magnetic currents are then

$$\begin{aligned} M_{sy} &= -E_0 & \text{at } x = \pm a/2 \\ M_{sx} &= -E_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} & \text{at } y = -b/2 \\ M_{sx} &= E_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} & \text{at } y = b/2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Because of the ground plane, there is radiation only in the upper half space,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ . The ground plane may be taken care of by imaging, which for the parallel magnetic currents doubles their values. The  $x$ -directed magnetic currents produce little radiation since there are equal and opposite components along the sides as shown in Fig. 12.24b.  $M_{sy}$  is the same along both sides where it applies, however, so it produces the dominant radiation. From Eq. 12.12(8), the magnetic radiation vector  $\mathbf{L}$  for either of the sides, with respect to its center, using  $r' = y'$ ,  $\theta' = \pi/2$ , and  $\phi' = \pi/2$ , is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}_{y0} &= h \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} (-2E_0 e^{jky' \sin \theta \sin \phi}) dy' \\ &= 4hE_0 \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right)}{k \sin \theta \sin \phi} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now, placing the two sides at  $x = \pm a/2$  and adding contributions by the array formulation (Sec. 12.18) with  $\theta' = \pi/2$ ,  $\phi' = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_y &= L_{y0} [e^{-jka/2 \sin \theta \cos \phi} + e^{jka/2 \sin \theta \cos \phi}] \\ &= 2L_{y0} \cos \left( \frac{ka}{2} \sin \theta \cos \phi \right) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Fields in the radiation zone may be obtained by using Eqs. 12.12(9) and (10) and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_\theta &= -\frac{je^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} L_\phi = -\frac{je^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} L_y \cos \phi \\ E_\phi &= \frac{je^{jkr}}{2\lambda r} L_\theta = \frac{je^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} L_y \sin \phi \cos \theta \end{aligned} \right\} 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (6)$$

From a study of the above expressions, it is found that field is a maximum at  $\theta = 0$  (normal to the plane) as expected since contributions add in phase in that direction.

These patches are not very efficient radiators, meaning that  $Q$  of the resonant mode is relatively high and bandwidth is narrow. Since field strength (6) is proportional to  $h$ , radiation can be increased by increasing thickness of the dielectric up to the point where guided surface modes in the dielectric can be supported, propagating energy away.

**Integrated Antennas Without Ground Planes** Integrated antennas for use with coplanar strip transmission lines or coplanar waveguides are placed upon a dielectric which generally does not have a ground plane. The major problem then is that the antenna tends to radiate primarily into the dielectric. Radiation may then be taken out the back or in other ways extracted from the dielectric but not always conveniently. The radiation into the dielectric may be explained in a number of ways. One follows from the point of view (Sec. 12.1) that radiation comes about because of phase differences at the observation point from different parts of the radiator. These phase differences obviously increase with increasing dielectric constant. We shall see this effect specifically in the following example.

Consider the dipole and slot antennas on a dielectric filling the half-space (Figs. 12.24c and d). The fields from the slot antenna are the simplest to calculate since the conducting plane essentially isolates the two half-spaces. Consider an elemental field component  $E_x$  of a slot of width  $g$  radiating into the dielectric. Equivalent magnetic current surface density is then

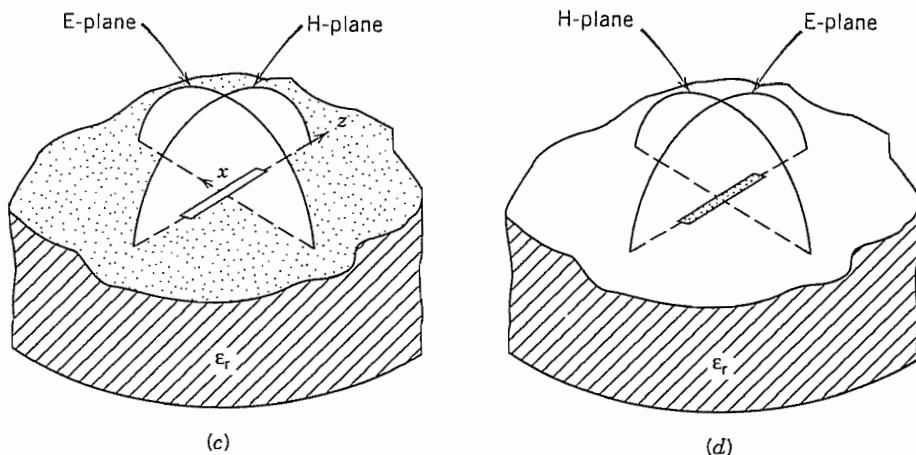
$$\mathbf{M} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}} E_x = -\hat{\mathbf{z}} E_x \quad (7)$$

The radiation vector  $\mathbf{L}$  is then  $-jE_x g (dz)$  from which we calculate electric field in the radiation zone as

$$dE_\phi = \frac{-je^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} kg E_x dz \sin \theta \quad (8)$$

Since the field is proportional to  $k$ , it increases with dielectric constant as  $\epsilon^{1/2}$ . This is the point made earlier concerning the importance of phase differences over the element. Moreover, the Poynting vector is

$$(P_r)_{av} = \frac{|E|^2}{2\eta} = \frac{|E|^2}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \quad (9)$$



**FIG. 12.24** (c) Elementary slot on a dielectric. (d) Elementary dipole on a dielectric. Dots indicate metallization.

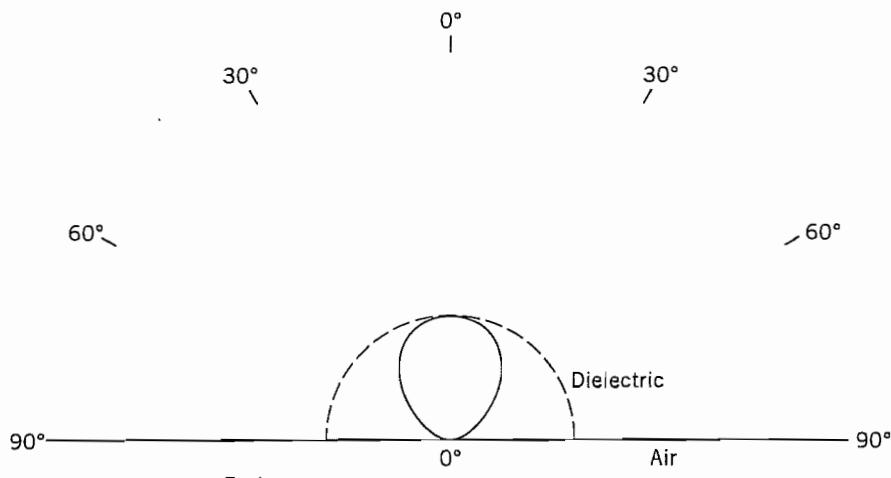
So the Poynting vector increases as  $\epsilon_r^{3/2}$ . For  $\epsilon_r = 4$ , this produces eight times the intensity in the dielectric as compared with that in air.

For the elemental dipole antenna, the patterns in air and the dielectric are quite different in shape. In particular there is a maximum in the H-plane pattern at the critical angle and a null in the E-plane pattern at that angle for the dielectric region.<sup>34</sup> The explanation for the sharp maximum and null is most readily given from reciprocity, viewing it as a receiving antenna (Prob. 12.30e). Patterns are shown for elemental dipoles and slots in Figs. 12.24e and f.

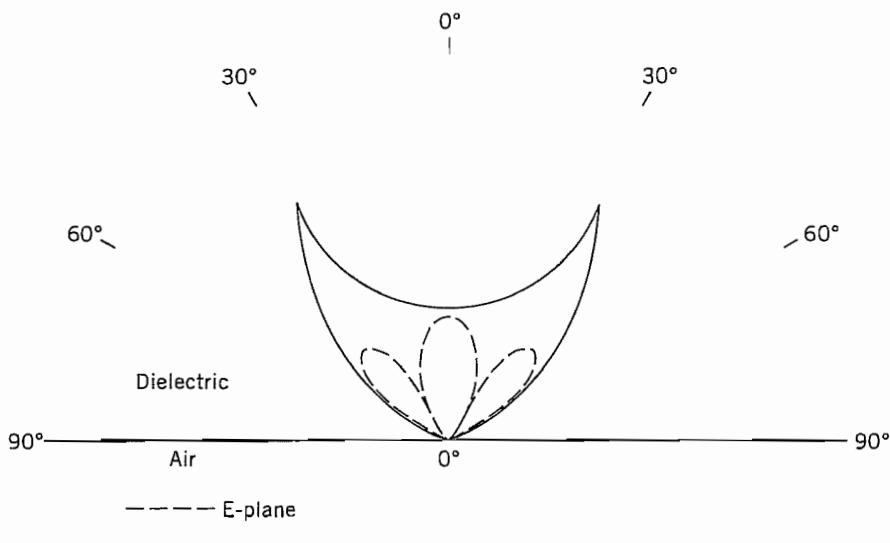
For both slot and dipole, phase velocity is between that of air and the dielectric, approximately the mean of these values, so this must be used in setting resonant lengths. Also, the fields of dipole and slot are no longer duals of one another as they would be if air or space were on both sides. Booker's formula Eq. 12.16(8), relating impedances holds approximately, however, if mean dielectric constant  $\epsilon_m$  is used.<sup>35</sup> (This applies to more generally shaped strips and complementary slots.)

$$Z_{\text{strip}} Z_{\text{slot}} \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu}{\epsilon_m} \quad (10)$$

Of the many variations of these integrated-circuit-type antennas, the flared coplanar strip version pictured in Fig. 12.2j is analogous to a horn antenna and has broadband characteristics. Logarithmically periodic antennas (Sec. 12.23) have also been made on dielectrics. Arrays of the elements are important, easily made, and analyzable by standard array theory.



(e)



(f)

**FIG. 12.24** (e) Intensity pattern for elementary slot on dielectric with  $\epsilon_r = 4$ . (f) Corresponding pattern for elementary dipole on dielectric. From D. B. Rutledge et al. in *Infrared and Millimeter Waves* (K. J. Button, Ed.), Vol. 10, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1983.

## Field Analysis of Antennas

### 12.25 THE ANTENNA AS A BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM

In our discussion of antennas, we have thus far made assumptions about currents along conductors or fields in the apertures of the system. This approach has proved useful, especially for calculating radiation patterns, directivity, and other aspects of the far-zone solution. One would like, however, to check the assumed current or field distribution and to have better knowledge of the near-zone fields. These last are especially important in calculating antenna impedances, or the couplings between nearby radiating elements. In principle, one has only to solve Maxwell's equations subject to boundary conditions, much as we did for waveguides and cavity resonators. There are only a few shapes for which this has been found possible in analytic form. Powerful numerical methods are rapidly extending the classes of antennas for which field and current distributions can be found.<sup>37</sup> The analytic solutions for the idealized shapes still provide important physical pictures so the boundary value approach to three of these will be presented in this and the following section.

**Spherical and Spheroidal Antennas** One straightforward approach is that of adding wave solutions to fit the boundary conditions, much as we did in static problems and in waveguides. The simplest configuration to illustrate the procedure is the spherical one, illustrated in Fig. 12.25a. Although not terribly important in itself, a straightforward extension to spheroidal shapes does lead to more practical results. Field solutions in spherical coordinates have been given in Sec. 10.7. The antenna shown is excited with an azimuthally symmetric  $E_\theta$  at the equator, so the symmetric TM set with  $E_\theta$ ,  $E_r$ , and  $H_\phi$  is appropriate. We have seen in Sec. 12.3 that the lowest order of these represents radiation from an infinitesimal dipole, but now we form a series. From Eqs. 10.7(19), using the second Hankel function for the Bessel function in the region extending to infinity,

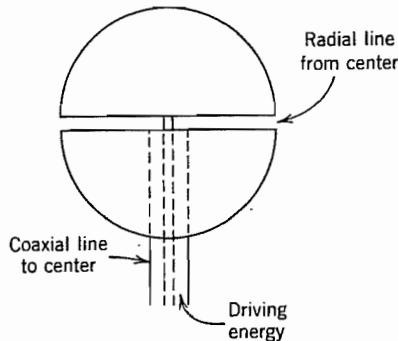
$$H_\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n r^{-1/2} P_n^1(\cos \theta) H_{n+1/2}^{(2)}(kr) \quad (1)$$

$$E_\theta(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{jA_n}{\omega \epsilon} r^{-3/2} P_n^1(\cos \theta) [kr H_{n-1/2}^{(2)}(kr) - n H_{n+1/2}^{(2)}(kr)] \quad (2)$$

If the exact excitation field in the gap were known, the coefficients  $A_n$  could be determined from the orthogonality relations for associated Legendre polynomials [Eqs. 10.7(14) and (15)]. Then the boundary values at  $r = a$  are

$$E_\theta(a, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n P_n^1(\cos \theta) \quad (3)$$

<sup>37</sup> W. L. Stutzman and G. A. Thiele, *Antenna Theory and Design*, Chap. 7, Wiley, New York, 1981.



**FIG. 12.25a** Spherical antenna and possible driving system.

where

$$b_n = \frac{2n + 1}{2n(n + 1)} \int_0^\pi E_\theta(a, \theta) P_n^1(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \quad (4)$$

If the conductor is good;  $E_\theta$  may be made zero everywhere except in the gap, but field is usually not known exactly there. One might assume a form (say a uniform field over a finite gap), but for our purposes we take the gap as infinitesimal, given only that the integral of field is equal to applied voltage. This is equivalent to assuming an impulse or delta function  $V_0 \delta(\cos \theta)$  in the gap. Then  $b_n$  from (4) is readily obtained,

$$b_n = \frac{(2n + 1)P_n^1(0)V_0}{2n(n + 1)a} \quad (5)$$

and by comparison with (2), with  $r = a$ ,

$$A_n = \frac{\omega \epsilon a^{3/2} b_n}{j[kaH_{n-1/2}^{(2)}(ka) - nH_{n+1/2}^{(2)}(ka)]} \quad (6)$$

Substitution of (6) in (1) and (2) gives the complete solution for the fields around the sphere. To find input admittance, we first calculate current at the gap from the  $\theta$ -directed surface current  $J_{s\theta}$ :

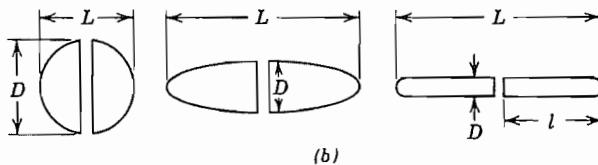
$$I = -2\pi a J_{s\theta}(\pi/2) = 2\pi a H_\phi(a, \pi/2) \quad (7)$$

Input admittance is

$$Y = I/V_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n \quad (8)$$

and with (1), (5), and (6),

$$Y_n = \frac{j\pi(2n + 1)[P_n^1(0)]^2}{n(n + 1)\eta} \left[ \frac{n}{ka} - \frac{H_{n-1/2}^{(2)}(ka)}{H_{n+1/2}^{(2)}(ka)} \right]^{-1} \quad (9)$$



**Fig. 12.25b** Transition from sphere to thin spheroidal wire dipole.

It is found that the conductive or real part converges and gives a useful value for this antenna shape. The imaginary or susceptive part does not converge however, since there is infinite capacitance for the infinitesimal gap. One can make an estimate of the finite number of terms to retain for a finite gap size, but in a practical case the connection to the feed line has much to do with the actual input capacitance. In any event the principles and difficulties of finding exact field solutions are well illustrated by this example.

Stratton and Chu<sup>38</sup> used a similar approach but with prolate spheroidal wave functions for the more practical, spheroidal antennas illustrated in Fig. 12.25b. Several features associated with past antenna knowledge are shown by their analysis. Resonance (zero reactance) is near the half-wave condition, but not exactly there. Resistance at the resonant condition is near the  $72\Omega$  value known for filamentary half-wave dipoles (see Sec. 12.5). Fatter antennas give broader bandwidth (i.e., less variation of input impedance about the resonant point). For thin antennas ( $L/D \gg 1$ ) the analysis shows current distribution well approximated by a sinusoid, as assumed in our earlier calculations for wire antennas.

**The Biconical Antenna and Its Extensions** Another shape for which the boundary value problem may be formulated in terms of a series of spherical wave solutions is that of the biconical antenna used as an example for qualitative discussion in Sec. 12.1. This has been especially important in giving the picture of the antenna as a transducer between waves on the input transmission system and waves in space. Referring to Fig. 12.1, the solutions for the exterior region,  $r > l$ , are of the same form as (1) and (2). For the interior region,  $r < l$ , the Bessel function selected is  $J_{n+1/2}(kr)$ , and a second solution<sup>39</sup> for the associated Legendre function is required to satisfy the two boundary conditions of  $E_r = 0$  at  $\theta = \psi$  and  $\pi - \psi$ . The continuity condition at  $r = l$  requires that  $E_\theta$  and  $H_\phi$  be continuous for  $\psi \leq \theta \leq \pi - \psi$  and  $E_\theta$  be zero over the conducting caps  $0 < \theta < \psi$  and  $\pi - \psi < \theta < \pi$ . Tai<sup>40</sup> and Smith<sup>41</sup> carried out the matching exactly for certain angles, but probably most useful are some approximate

<sup>38</sup> J. A. Stratton and L. J. Chu, *J. Appl. Phys.* **12**, 236, 241 (1941).

<sup>39</sup> The second solution is often designated  $Q_n^1(\cos \theta)$  but for general angles  $\psi$ ,  $n$  is not an integer so that  $P_n^1(-\cos \theta)$  may then be shown to be a linearly independent second solution. See, for example, S. A. Schelkunoff, *Proc. IRE* **29**, 493 (1941); S. A. Schelkunoff and C. B. Feldman, *Proc. IRE* **30**, 512 (1942).

<sup>40</sup> C. T. Tai, *J. Appl. Phys.* **20**, 1076 (1949).

<sup>41</sup> P. D. Smith, *J. Appl. Phys.* **19**, 11 (1948).

matchings carried out by Schelkunoff for relatively small-angle cones. One of his methods expands the far-zone fields calculated from a sinusoidal distribution of currents along the cones in spherical TM modes for the exterior region, then shows that they are nearly equal term by term to the modes of the interior region. All these higher-order modes, inside and outside, are shown to act exactly as a terminating impedance for the TEM mode on the biconical transmission-line system, and this termination may be transformed to the source at the origin by transmission-line theory.

The characteristic impedance and load admittance of the transmission-line representation are, respectively,

$$Z_0 = \left( \frac{\eta}{\pi} \right) \ln \cot \left( \frac{\psi}{2} \right) \quad (10)$$

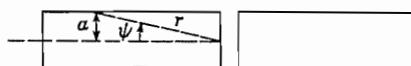
$$Y_L = \frac{1}{Z_0^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m J_{2m+3/2}(kl) H_{2m+3/2}^{(2)}(kl) \quad (11)$$

where

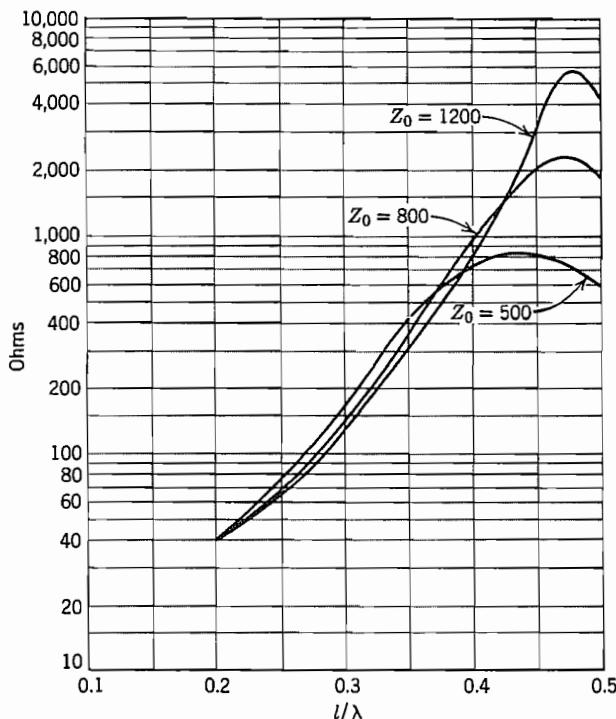
$$b_m = \frac{30\pi kl(4m+3)}{(m+1)(2m+1)} \quad (12)$$

The input impedance plotted from these expressions as functions of  $l/\lambda$  show the same general features as those given above for the spheroidal antenna (with some differences for shape) for lengths  $2l \approx \lambda/2$ , but were also extended to larger values of  $l/\lambda$ . In the vicinity of the antiresonance,  $2l \approx \lambda$ , input resistance is high (order of thousands of ohms) and very sensitive to antenna diameter.

Schelkunoff extended his point of view to dipole antennas of other shapes by considering them to have essentially the same load impedance as the biconical antenna, with this impedance transformed to the input by a nonuniform transmission-line theory depending upon the configuration of the antenna. In the cylindrical dipole of Fig. 12.25c, for example, an element at radius  $r$  from the origin may be considered a section of biconical transmission line with  $\psi \approx a/r$ . As  $r$  varies,  $Z_0$  varies, but nonuniform transmission-line theory may be used to transform  $Y_L$  of (11) to the input. Curves of input resistance and reactance calculated by Schelkunoff in this way are shown in Figs. 12.25d and e. The values of  $Z_0$  shown are the average values over the length of the dipole. Note that bandwidth is greater for the fatter antennas (lower  $Z_0$ ).



**Fig. 12.25c** Cylindrical dipole interpreted as a nonuniform transmission line.

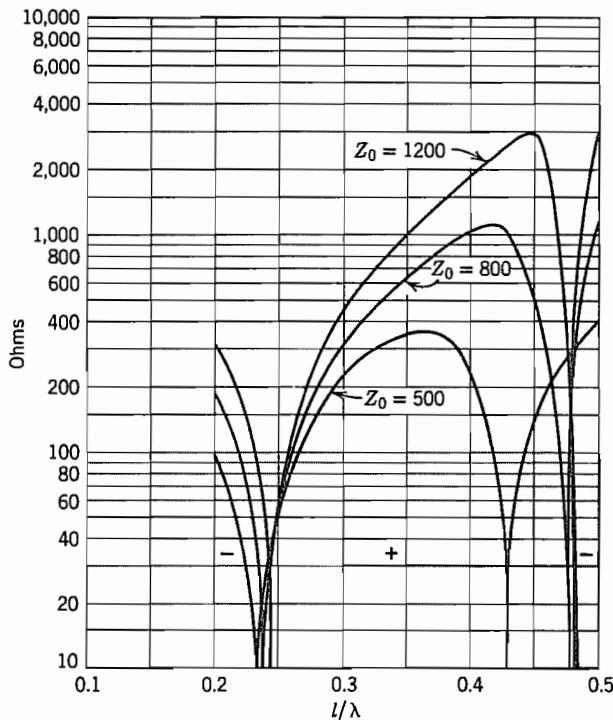


**FIG. 12.25d** Input resistance for cylindrical dipole antenna. From S. A. Schelkunoff, *Proc. IRE* 29, 493 (1941).

The biconical model is also useful in telling something about the current distribution along dipole antennas. The current in the dominant TEM wave of the loss-free biconical line is exactly sinusoidal, so departures from a sinusoidal distribution are due either to losses, the higher-order modes near the end of the antenna, or the perturbations arising from nonuniform line effects if the shape is other than biconical. For low-loss, long, thin antennas, these effects are small so that the sinusoidal assumptions made earlier are reasonable.

## 12.26 DIRECT CALCULATION OF INPUT IMPEDANCE FOR WIRE ANTENNAS

The spheroidal and biconical antennas considered in the preceding section were shown to approximate wire antennas in the limit, but it may seem more natural to work with a cylindrical structure from the start. Much work has been done on the cylindrical



**FIG. 12.25e** Input reactance for cylindrical dipole antenna. From S. A. Schelkunoff, *Proc. IRE* 29, 493 (1941).

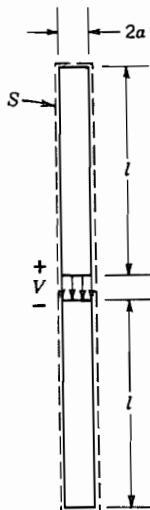
configuration,<sup>42</sup> generally based upon an integral equation approach. We will see how this equation is set up and used with approximations to obtain antenna impedance.

Consider a circular cylindrical radiator of length  $2l$  and radius  $a$  with an infinitesimal gap in the center (Fig. 12.26). The cylinder is a perfectly conducting tube with negligibly thin walls so end currents can be neglected. The electric field  $E_{az}(z)$  is zero on the surface at  $r = a$  except in the gap at the center where we assume it can be represented by a delta function so that

$$-\int_{-l}^l E_{az}(z) dz = V \quad \text{and} \quad E_{az}(z) = 0 \quad \text{for } z \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $V$  is the applied voltage. Let us construct a surface  $S$  just outside the radiator and have the current  $J_{az}(z)$  that flows on the surface of the radiator flow, instead, on

<sup>42</sup> For examples: R. S. Elliott, *Antenna Theory and Design*, Chap. 7, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1981; R. E. Collin, *Antennas and Radiowave Propagation*, Sec. 2.9, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1985; J. D. Kraus, *Antennas*, 2nd ed., Chap. 10, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1988; C. Balanis, *Antenna Theory Analysis and Design*, Chap. 7, Wiley, New York, 1982.



**FIG. 12.26** Circular cylindrical dipole radiator used in calculation of terminal impedance by emf method. The spacing between  $S$  and the cylinder is infinitesimal.

the surface  $S$ . Then the conducting cylinder can be removed and the fields outside  $S$  are the same as in the original situation. Additionally, we place an arbitrary (but later to be specified) current  $I_b(z)$  along the axis. Since both currents are inside  $S$ , we can apply the reciprocity theorem quoted in Eq. 11.3(3),

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{E}_a \times \mathbf{H}_b - \mathbf{E}_b \times \mathbf{H}_a) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}_a$  and  $\mathbf{H}_a$  are fields of current  $J_a$  and fields  $\mathbf{E}_b$  and  $\mathbf{H}_b$  are those of current  $I_b$ .

Assuming very small radius  $a$ , the fields on the end surfaces of  $S$  can be neglected. Also making use of symmetry in  $\phi$ , (2) becomes

$$\int_{-l}^l 2\pi a [E_{az}(a, z) H_{b\phi}(a, z) - E_{bz}(a, z) H_{a\phi}(a, z)] dz = 0 \quad (3)$$

The field  $H_{a\phi}(a, z)$  can be put in terms of current since

$$2\pi a H_{a\phi}(a, z) = 2\pi a J_{sa}(z) = I_a(z) \quad (4)$$

Then from (3) with (1) and (4), we get

$$2\pi a H_{b\phi}(a, 0)V = - \int_{-l}^l E_{bz}(a, z) I_a(z) dz \quad (5)$$

Assuming radius  $a$  small, we can make the approximation

$$2\pi a H_{b\phi}(a, 0) \approx I_b(0) \quad (6)$$

Since  $I_b(z)$  is arbitrary, we can take it to be identical with  $I_a(z)$ . Using these arguments and dropping the now-superfluous subscripts  $a$ , we have

$$I(0)V = - \int_{-l}^l E_z(a, z)I(z)dz \quad (7)$$

and the induced emf formula for input impedance becomes

$$Z = \frac{V}{I(0)} = - \frac{1}{I^2(0)} \int_{-l}^l E_z(a, z)I(z)dz \quad (8)$$

To make use of (8), we first assume a current distribution  $I(z)$  and calculate the field  $E_z(z)$  that  $I(z)$  would produce along the surface of  $S$  at  $r = a$  and then perform the integration. Using the sinusoidal current distribution in Eqs. 12.5(1) that has been shown to be reasonably accurate for thin antennas and the retarded potential (Sec. 3.21), the electric field  $E_z$  along the surface  $S$  can be found to be

$$E_z = - \frac{j\eta}{4\pi} I_m \left( \frac{e^{-jkr_1}}{r_1} + \frac{e^{-jkr_2}}{r_2} - 2 \cos kl \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \right) \quad (9)$$

where  $I_m$  is the peak value of the standing current wave and the other quantities are

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= [(l - z)^2 + a^2]^{1/2} \\ r_2 &= [(l + z)^2 + a^2]^{1/2} \\ r &= (a^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Substituting (9) in (8) gives the impedance

$$Z = j30 \left( \frac{I_m}{I(0)} \right)^2 \int_{-l}^l \sin k(l - |z|) \left( \frac{e^{-jkr_1}}{r_1} + \frac{e^{-jkr_2}}{r_2} - 2 \cos kl \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \right) dz \quad (11)$$

Equation (11) can be evaluated numerically and/or can be put in terms of tabulated functions, *sine integrals*,  $\text{Si}(x)$  and *modified cosine integrals*,  $\text{Ci}_n(x)$ .<sup>43</sup> The results indicate that in this approximation the resistive part of  $Z$  is independent of radius  $a$  but the reactance is not.

The impedance formula (8) can be recast into a form that is *stationary* with respect to the choice of  $I(z)$ ; that is, no first-order error is made in calculation of  $Z$  when the guess for  $I(z)$  contains first-order errors.<sup>44</sup>

Study of (8) shows that this analysis is related to the circuit approach of Sec. 4.12, and the self-impedance determination is a generalization of the method of calculating inductance by considering induced fields from an equivalent current on the axis of the wire (Sec. 4.7).

<sup>43</sup> E. C. Jordan and K. G. Balmain, Electromagnetic Waves and Radiating Systems, 2nd ed., pp. 540–547, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1968.

<sup>44</sup> R. S. Elliott, Antenna Theory and Design, p. 305, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1981.

## 12.27 MUTUAL IMPEDANCE BETWEEN THIN DIPOLES

When arrays of dipoles are used, interactions between them affect the impedances seen by the feed system at their drive points. Also, a dipole with a reflector is equivalent to a pair of dipoles so the terminal impedance is similarly affected. Circuit equations relating terminal voltages and currents can be written for an array of  $n$  dipoles:

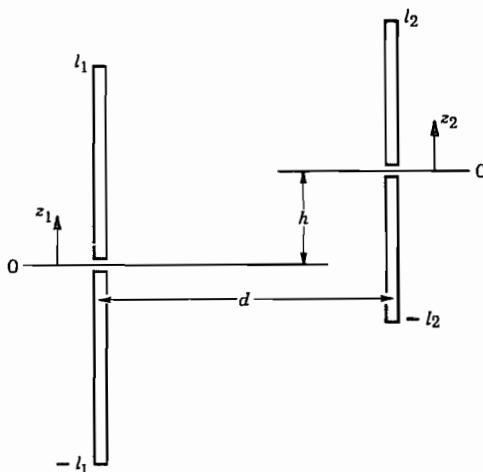
$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= Z_{11}I_1 + Z_{12}I_2 + \cdots + Z_{1n}I_n \\ V_2 &= Z_{21}I_1 + Z_{22}I_2 + \cdots + Z_{2n}I_n \\ &\vdots \\ V_n &= Z_{n1}I_1 + Z_{n2}I_2 + \cdots + Z_{nn}I_n \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The input impedance for dipole 1 is

$$Z = \frac{V_1}{I_1} = Z_{11} + Z_{12} \frac{I_2}{I_1} + \cdots + Z_{1n} \frac{I_n}{I_1} \quad (2)$$

In the absence of terminal currents on the other dipoles  $Z = Z_{11}$ , which is usually assumed to be the terminal impedance of the isolated dipole calculated in the preceding section. (The currents induced on the open-circuited neighboring dipoles produce an important reaction on the one excited only if they are extremely close or the length is near  $n\lambda/2$ .) The off-diagonal terms represent the mutual effects and are called *mutual impedances*. It is further assumed that mutual impedances can be calculated between any two of the dipoles with the others open-circuited and not producing significant effect on the pair being considered.

Let us consider two dipoles as shown in Fig. 12.27a where we have made them



**FIG. 12.27a** Model for mutual impedance calculation for a pair of thin dipoles.

parallel but not necessarily of the same length or having their centers in the same plane. The mutual impedance is defined as the ratio of the open-circuit voltage in dipole 1 produced by a current in dipole 2 to the terminal current of dipole 2:

$$Z_{12} = \frac{(V_1)_{oc}}{I_2(0)} \quad (3)$$

This is recognized as an extension of mutual inductance ideas with retardation included. It can be argued from the general reciprocity theorem (see Prob. 12.27) that

$$Z_{12} = -\frac{1}{I_1(0)I_2(0)} \int_{-l_2}^{l_2} E_z^1(z_2) I_2(z_2) dz_2 \quad (4)$$

Here  $I_2(z_2)$  is the assumed current distribution in dipole 2 with terminal value  $I_2(0)$ , and  $E_z^1(z_2)$  is the electric field along the surface of dipole 2 that would exist in its absence if a current were impressed on dipole 1 with terminal value  $I_1(0)$ . The electric field  $E_z^1(z_2)$  can be expressed by Eq. 12.26(9) with  $l$  being  $l_1$  in the present problem, if we make the usual assumption of sinusoidal current distribution for  $I_1$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} r &= [d^2 + (h + z_2)^2]^{1/2} \\ r_1 &= [d^2 + (h + z_2 - l_1)^2]^{1/2} \\ r_2 &= [d^2 + (h + z_2 + l_1)^2]^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the displacements  $d$  and  $h$  are shown in Fig. 12.27a. Then making  $I_2(z_2)$  also sinusoidal [ $I_2(z_2) = I_{m2} \sin k(l_2 - |z_2|)$ ] one finds

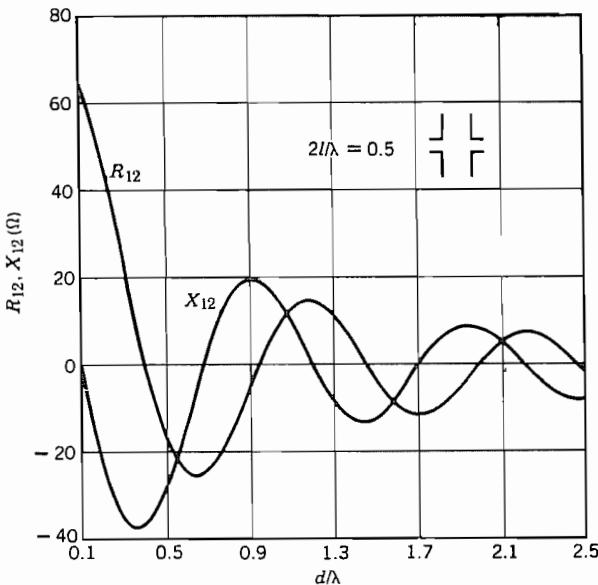
$$Z_{12} = \frac{j30}{(\sin kl_1)(\sin kl_2)} \int_{-l_2}^{l_2} \left( \frac{e^{-jkr_1}}{r_1} + \frac{e^{-jkr_2}}{r_2} - 2 \cos kl_1 \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \right) \sin k(l_2 - |z_2|) dz_2 \quad (6)$$

A typical result is shown in Fig. 12.27b for two half-wave dipoles with no vertical displacement ( $h = 0$ ) as a function of spacing  $d$ .

It should be noted that the result (6) is not dependent on the radii of the dipoles as long as they are small compared with wavelength and, by the same reasoning, the dipoles need not be of circular cross section for this result to apply.

## 12.28 NUMERICAL METHODS: THE METHOD OF MOMENTS

Numerical methods have become most important for the analysis and design of radiating systems, as with other aspects of electromagnetics. Field solutions have been obtained by a variety of methods<sup>37</sup> but often only a global quantity, such as antenna impedance, is needed. In that case, as explained in Sec. 7.3, the method of moments is the desirable approach. We will set down the basis for this method as applied to a long straight



**FIG. 12.27b** Real and imaginary parts of mutual impedance between half-wave dipoles with zero vertical separation ( $h = 0$  in Fig. 12.27a)] as a function of spacing. From R. S. Elliott, *Antenna Theory and Design*, © 1981, p. 333. Reprinted by permission of Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

antenna of small radius. Much of this is closely related to the integral equation development of Sec. 12.26.

We start with the assumption that impressed field  $\mathbf{E}_i$  is known. The scattered field  $\mathbf{E}_s$  resulting from the currents on the antenna must then just cancel  $\mathbf{E}_i$  over the surface of the conductor, assumed perfectly conducting:

$$\mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{E}_s = 0 \quad \text{on } S \quad (1)$$

For the straight antenna, currents and fields are along the wire, so may be treated as scalars. If the antenna is thin, current may be taken as on the axis, as in Sec. 12.26. The scattered field at  $z$  may then be found by integrating contributions from current along the antenna:

$$E_s(z) = \int_0^L I(z')G(z,z')dz' \quad (2)$$

$G(z,z')$  is a weighting function, called a Green's function (Appendix 5), giving the contribution to  $E_s$  at  $z$  from current element at  $z'$ . Using (1),

$$E_i(z) = - \int_0^L I(z')G(z,z')dz' \quad (3)$$

$E_i$  is known but current is unknown, so this is an integral equation for determination of  $I(z)$ . There are several approaches to solving this, but here we expand  $I$  in a set of basis functions,

$$I(z) = \sum_{n=1}^N I_n F_n(z) \quad (4)$$

We next substitute this in (3), multiply by  $F_m(z)$ , and integrate.

$$\int_0^L E_i(z) F_m(z) dz = - \sum_{n=1}^N I_n \int_0^L \int_0^L F_n(z') G(z, z') F_m(z) dz dz' \quad (5)$$

or

$$V_m = \sum_{n=1}^N Z_{nm} I_n \quad (6)$$

where

$$V_m = \int_0^L E_i(z) F_m(z) dz \quad (7)$$

$$Z_{nm} = - \int_0^L \int_0^L F_n(z') G(z, z') F_m(z) dz dz' \quad (8)$$

Equation (6) may be written as a matrix equation with  $V_m$  known,  $Z_{mn}$  determinable, and the set of  $I_m$  to be solved for by inverting the matrix. Current is then known and may be used for antenna impedance or loss from finite conductivity. The hard part is the determination of  $Z_{mn}$ . If sinusoidal basis functions are used,  $Z_{mn}$  becomes the mutual impedance between two sinusoidal elements, as in Sec. 12.27. Richmond<sup>45</sup> made use of overlapping sinusoids, dividing the length  $L$  into  $N + 1$  segments of length  $d$  and defining

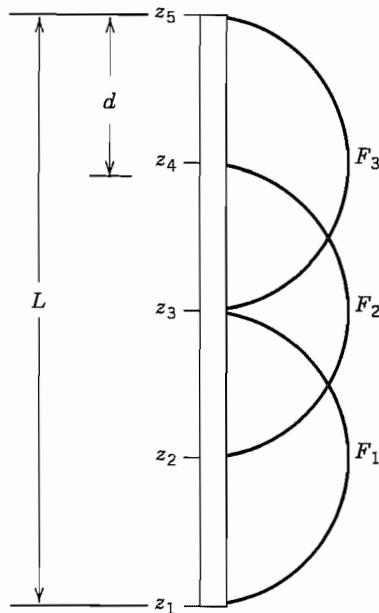
$$F_n(z) = \frac{\sin k(d - |z - z_{m+1}|)}{\sin kd} \quad (9)$$

These are illustrated in Fig. 12.28 for  $N = 3$ , although many more segments would be chosen for an accurate solution unless the antenna is very short. Expressions for the mutual impedances (8) between the  $m$ th and  $n$ th sinusoidal element are available in the literature, but are complicated enough that computer solution is needed. For relatively short antennas, approximations to  $Z_{mn}$  make the problem tractable by scientific calculator.<sup>46</sup> Other basis functions have been used, including rectangular and triangular pulses.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>45</sup> J. H. Richmond, IEEE Trans. Antennas Propagation **AP-18**, 694 (1970).

<sup>46</sup> E. H. Newman, IEEE Trans. Educ. **31**, 193 (1988).

<sup>47</sup> R. E. Collin, *Antennas and Radiowave Propagation*, Sec. 2.10, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1985.



**FIG. 12.28** Straight antenna with overlapping sinusoids as basis functions for numerical analysis.

## Receiving Antennas and Reciprocity

### 12.29 A TRANSMITTING-RECEIVING SYSTEM

The discussion in previous sections has generally implied that the radiating system was to be used as a transmitting antenna, exciting waves in space from some source of high-frequency energy. The same devices useful for transmission are also useful for reception, and it will be seen that the quantities already calculated (such as the pattern, directivity, and input impedance for transmission) are the useful parameters in the design of a receiving system also. This might at first seem surprising, since the two problems have some noticeable differences. In the transmitting antenna, a generator is generally applied at localized terminals, and waves that are set up go out in space approximately as spherical wavefronts. In the receiving antenna, a wave coming in from a distant transmitter approximates a portion of a uniform plane wave, and so sets up an applied electric field on the antenna system quite different from that associated with the localized sources in the transmitting case. As a consequence, the induced fields must

be different so that total field meets the boundary conditions of the antenna, and the current distribution in general is different for the same antenna on transmission or reception. The currents set up on the receiving antenna system by the plane wave will convey useful power to the load (probably through a transmission line or guide), but will also produce reradiation or scattering of some of the energy back into space. The mechanism of this scattering is exactly the same as that discussed for radiation from a transmitting antenna, but the form may be different for a given antenna because of the different current distribution.

Thus, we seem to have somewhat different pictures of the mechanism of transmitting and receiving electromagnetic radiation. Reciprocity theorems related to those already discussed (Sec. 11.3) provide ties between the two phenomena such as the following:

1. The antenna pattern for reception is identical to that for transmission.
2. The input impedance of the antenna on transmission is the internal impedance of the equivalent generator representing a receiving system.
3. An effective area for the receiving antenna can be defined and, by reciprocity, is related to the directivity (Sec. 12.6).

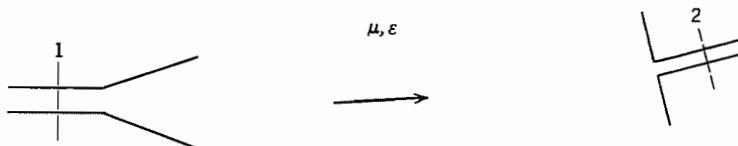
These points will be discussed in this and following sections. An excellent treatment in more detail has been given by Silver.<sup>48</sup>

We wish to begin the discussion by considering the transmitting and receiving antennas with intermediate space (Fig. 12.29a) as a system in which energy is to be transferred from the first to the second. We select terminals in the feeding guide where voltage and current may be defined in the manner explained in Sec. 11.2, and similarly select a reference in the guide from the receiving antenna. The region between, including both antennas, the space, and any intermediate conductors and dielectric (assumed linear), may be represented as a two port or transducer as indicated in Fig. 12.29b. That is,

$$V_1 = Z_{11}I_1 + Z_{12}I_2 \quad (1)$$

$$V_2 = Z_{21}I_1 + Z_{22}I_2 \quad (2)$$

The systems discussed in Chapter 11, for which proofs of (1) and (2) were given, were assumed to be closed by conducting boundaries, whereas the present system extends to infinity. The theorems given there, however, can be extended to regions extending to infinity<sup>49</sup> because of the manner in which fields die off there.



**FIG. 12.29a** A system of transmitting and receiving antennas.

<sup>48</sup> S. Silver, *Microwave Antenna Theory and Design*, Chap. 2, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1984.

<sup>49</sup> W. K. Saunders, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **38**, 342 (1952).

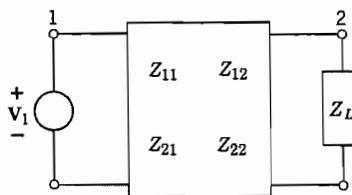


FIG. 12.29b Equivalent representation for Fig. 12.29a.

The present system is specialized in another respect in that the coupling impedance  $Z_{12}$  in (1) is very small for a large separation between transmitter and receiver. It may then be neglected in (1), and the impedance coefficient  $Z_{11}$  is just the input impedance of the transmitting antenna calculated by itself:

$$V_1 \approx Z_{11} I_1 \approx Z_A I_1 \quad (3)$$

The coupling term in (2) cannot be neglected, since this coupling is the effect being studied. Equation (2), however, can be represented by the usual equivalent circuit of Thévenin's theorem (Prob. 11.2f) in which an equivalent voltage generator  $I_1 Z_{21}$  is connected to the load impedance  $Z_L$  through an antenna impedance  $Z_{22}$  (which is essentially the input impedance of antenna 2 if driven as a transmitter). Thus, because of the small coupling, the reaction of the receiving antenna on the transmitting antenna can be neglected and the equivalent circuit separated as in Fig. 12.29c.

The equivalent circuit will be discussed again later. For the moment, we shall discuss transmission over the system from another point of view. For this purpose, an *effective area* of the receiving antenna is defined so that the useful power removed by the receiving antenna is given by this area multiplied by the average Poynting vector (power density) in the oncoming wave:

$$W_r = A_{er} P_{av} \quad (4)$$

Like directive gain defined previously,  $A_{er}$  is in general a function of direction about the antenna and of the condition of match in the guide. When not otherwise specified, it will be assumed to be the value for a matched load. The power density at the receiver is the power density of an isotropic radiator ( $W_t / 4\pi r^2$ ) multiplied by directive gain of the transmitting antenna in the given direction. Therefore, from (4),

$$W_r = W_t \frac{A_{er}}{4\pi r^2} g_{dt} \quad (5)$$

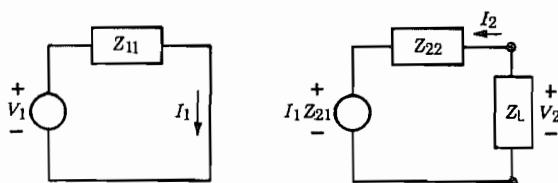


FIG. 12.29c Approximate equivalent circuit neglecting reaction of receiver back on transmitting system.

where  $W_t$  is the power transmitted,  $r$  is the distance between transmitter and receiver,  $g_{dt}$  is the directive gain of the transmitting antenna, and  $A_{er}$  is the effective area of the receiving antenna. We will see in Sec. 12.30 that effective area always is related to directive gain by the same constant; the constant may be found for any specific antenna and any direction and then applied to all other cases. It was seen in Sec. 12.14, for an aperture with an area  $A$  large enough to ignore source currents on the surfaces surrounding it, that

$$(g_d)_{\max} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A \quad (6)$$

The last term in (6) follows from recognition that the power  $W_r$  received through a large aperture oriented perpendicular to  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $P_{av} A$ . Making use of the above-mentioned general applicability of the constant  $4\pi/\lambda^2$ , (5) may be written in either of the following forms given by Friis.<sup>50</sup> Subscripts  $r$  and  $t$  refer to receiving and transmitting antennas, respectively:

$$\frac{W_r}{W_t} = \frac{\lambda^2 g_{dr} g_{dt}}{(4\pi r)^2} = \frac{A_{er} A_{et}}{\lambda^2 r^2} \quad (7)$$

### 12.30 RECIPROCITY RELATIONS

From the equivalent circuit of Fig. 12.29c, we can obtain a different form for the power delivered to the receiving antenna. For this purpose, let us assume that there is a conjugate match

$$Z_L = Z_{22}^* = R_{r2} - jX_{r2} \quad (1)$$

which is known to be the condition for maximum power transfer from the equivalent generator to the load. The power delivered to the load under this condition is

$$W_r = \frac{|I_1 Z_{21}|^2}{8R_{r2}} \quad (2)$$

If the transmitting antenna has radiation resistance  $R_{r1}$ , transmitted power is

$$W_t = \frac{1}{2} |I_1|^2 R_{r1} \quad (3)$$

so

$$\frac{W_r}{W_t} = \frac{|Z_{21}|^2}{4R_{r1}R_{r2}} \quad (4)$$

By comparing (4) with Eq. 12.29(5), we see that

$$|Z_{21}|^2 = \frac{R_{r1}R_{r2}g_{d1}A_{e2}}{\pi r^2} \quad (5)$$

<sup>50</sup> H. T. Friis, Proc. IRE 34, 254 (1946).

If we now reverse the roles of transmitting and receiving antennas, we find for the transfer impedance in the reverse direction

$$|Z_{12}|^2 = \frac{R_{r2} R_{r1} g_{d2} A_{e1}}{\pi r^2} \quad (6)$$

By the reciprocity argument of Sec. 11.3 (modified so that it applies to a region extending to infinity),  $Z_{12}$  and  $Z_{21}$  are equal, so we conclude

$$\frac{A_{e1}}{g_{d1}} = \frac{A_{e2}}{g_{d2}} \quad (7)$$

The antennas in the foregoing argument were arbitrary, so it follows from (7) that the ratio of effective area to directive gain for all antennas is the same. As discussed in Sec. 12.29, the constant of proportionality is known from large-aperture theory to be  $\lambda^2/4\pi$ . It could also be shown for other specific antennas, such as the Hertzian dipole,<sup>51</sup> or for the small loop antenna.

Although, for large apertures effective area equals actual area, this is not true for small antennas. In fact, for the Hertzian dipole, we found the directivity to be 1.5, so the maximum effective area is

$$(A_e)_{\max} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} (g_d)_{\max} = \frac{3}{8\pi} \lambda^2 \quad (\text{for dipole}) \quad (8)$$

which is finite and sizable even though antenna size is infinitesimal.

Another relation following from reciprocity is that the pattern of a given antenna is the same for transmission and reception. This is useful because the pattern may then be calculated or measured in the easiest way and then be used for both transmission and reception designs. To show this, imagine, as in Fig. 12.30a, that antenna 2 is moved about the arc of a circle to measure the pattern of antenna 1. Let  $\theta = 0$  be the angle of maximum response (position  $a$ ) and angle  $\theta$  (position  $b$ ) be a general position. Then, if 1 is transmitting and 2 receiving, the power received in position  $b$ , as compared with position  $a$ , by (4) is

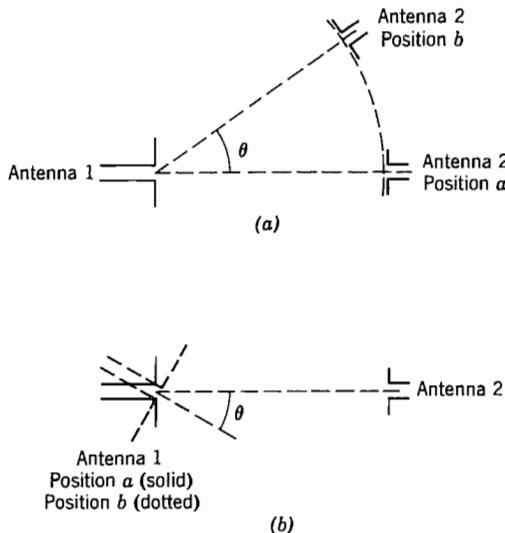
$$\frac{W_{2b}}{W_{2a}} = \frac{|Z_{21}|_b^2}{|Z_{21}|_a^2} \quad (9)$$

If 2 is transmitting and 1 receiving, the powers received for the two positions are related by

$$\frac{W_{1b}}{W_{1a}} = \frac{|Z_{12}|_b^2}{|Z_{12}|_a^2} \quad (10)$$

Because of reciprocity  $|Z_{12}|_a = |Z_{21}|_a$ , and similarly for  $b$ , so the ratios (9) and (10) are the same. Thus, the same relative power pattern will be measured with antenna 1 transmitting or receiving. The same result can be argued from the arrangement in Fig. 12.30b.

<sup>51</sup> D. O. North, RCA Rev. **6**, 332 (1942).



**FIG. 12.30** Possible system for pattern measurement.

It is, of course, important to remember that the reciprocity relation may be violated if the transmission path contains a medium such as the ionosphere, which may not have strictly bilateral properties. It is obvious that frequency must be kept constant when receiver and transmitter are interchanged. Also, if there are obstacles or other secondary radiators in the field, they must keep their same position relative to the system when the interchange is made. (See Prob. 12.30b.)

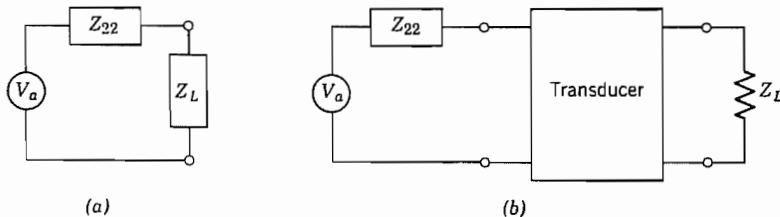
### 12.31 EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT OF THE RECEIVING ANTENNA

For a study of the circuit problem in matching the antenna to a receiver, the second part of the equivalent circuit of Fig. 12.29c is useful and is repeated in Fig. 12.31a. In this the internal impedance of the generator  $Z_{22}$  is essentially the input impedance of the same antenna if driven at the same terminals:

$$Z_{22} \approx Z_{i2} \quad (1)$$

This follows by the same argument given for antenna 1 in Sec. 12.29, meaning that reaction back through  $Z_{21}$  is negligible *when the antenna is driven*.

The voltage generator in Fig. 12.31a is given from Eq. 12.29(2) as  $I_1 Z_{21}$ , but transmitter current and transfer impedance are not convenient parameters for most calculations, so other forms in terms of the power density of the oncoming wave are preferable. By substitution from Eq. 12.29(4) and Eq. 12.30(2), we can find this voltage in terms of the average Poynting vector or power density of the oncoming wave  $P_{av}$ , the radiation resistance of the receiving antenna  $R_{r2}$ , and the effective area  $A_{e2}$ . (The effective area



**FIG. 12.31** (a) Equivalent circuit of receiving antenna for power transfer calculations. (b) Circuit for receiving antenna coupled to the load through a transducer.

is calculated on the assumption of a matched load, but may be a function of the orientation of the antenna with respect to the oncoming wave.)

$$|V_a| = |I_1 Z_{21}| = (8R_{r2} A_{e2} P_{av})^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

The equivalent circuit is useful, for example, in computing the transfer of power from the antenna to the useful load through a transmission line which may have discontinuities, matching sections, or filter elements. All these may be lumped together as a transducer, as explained in the preceding chapter (Fig. 12.31b), and the problem from here on is a standard circuit calculation. It must be emphasized, as in any Thévenin equivalent circuit, that the equivalent circuit was derived to tell what happens in the load under different load conditions, and significance cannot be automatically attached to a calculation of power loss in the internal impedance of the equivalent circuit. In the present case, it is tempting to interpret this as the power reradiated or scattered by currents on the receiving antenna, and one would conclude that as much power is scattered under a condition of perfect match as is absorbed in the load. This conclusion is not true, except in special cases where the current distribution may be the same for reception as for transmission.

## PROBLEMS

- 12.3a** An inspection of Eqs. 12.3(3) shows that there are in-phase parts other than those considered in forming the power flow. Taking into account all terms, show that the result (6) is correct for average power radiated.
- 12.3b** Study the  $n = 2$  TM wave and show that it corresponds to a quadrupole field, that is, a field from two small current elements at right angles.
- 12.3c** Show that the fields of Eqs. 12.3(8) are those of a first-order spherical TE wave of Sec. 10.7.
- 12.3d** Plot  $|H_\phi|$  of the Hertzian dipole (appropriately normalized) versus  $kr$  for  $\theta = \pi/2$  and note (approximately) near-zone, far-zone, and transition regions. Do similarly for  $|E_\theta|$ .
- 12.3e** Compare the near-zone fields of the magnetic dipole with the static fields of Sec. 2.10, explaining why the factor  $\mu$  had to be added in applying duality. Check dimensions of the three equations in Eq. 12.3(8).

- 12.3f** Compare currents required to radiate 100 W from a Hertzian dipole of length 0.1 wavelength and a current loop of circumference 0.1 wavelength.
- 12.3g** Show that a circularly polarized wave may be formed in the far zone if a Hertzian dipole is placed at the center of a small current-carrying loop, the dipole being directed along the axis of the loop. Give the relation of currents in the dipole and the loop.
- 12.4a** Verify the relations of Eq. 12.4(6) as the only field components of  $\mathbf{H}$  remaining if components with higher power of  $r^{-1}$  are neglected.
- 12.4b** As in Prob. 12.4a, verify Eqs. 12.4(7).
- 12.4c** Verify Eqs. 12.4(14) and (15).
- 12.4d\*** For the small loop antenna of radius  $a \ll \lambda$ , assume current distribution uniform around the loop,  $I = \hat{\phi} I_0$ . Take the  $z$  axis perpendicular to the plane of the loop and find  $A_\phi$  in the far zone. From this, obtain fields and compare with those of the magnetic dipole of Sec. 12.3. Also calculate radiation intensity and total power radiated.
- 12.4e** A square loop of wire lying in the  $x-y$  plane carries uniform current  $Ie^{j\omega t}$ . Sides of length  $a$  are small enough compared with wavelength that each side may be considered a current element as in Sec. 12.3. Find fields in the far zones and compare with those from a circular loop of the same area, Eq. 12.3(8).
- 12.5a\*** Although Eq. 12.5(6) may be readily integrated numerically, it can also be evaluated in terms of tabulated functions. Let  $u = \cos \theta$ , separate denominator by partial fractions, and show that for  $\eta = 120\pi$ ,
- $$W = 30I_m^2 \{C + \ln 2kl - Ci(2kl) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2kl)[Si(4kl) - 2 Si(2kl)] + \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2kl)[C + \ln(kl) + Ci(4kl) - 2Ci(2kl)]\}$$
- where
- $$Si(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin x'}{x'} dx', \quad Ci(x) = - \int_x^\infty \frac{\cos x'}{x'} dx', \quad C = 0.5772 \dots$$
- 12.5b** Following the procedure in Sec. 12.5, find the far-zone fields and radiated power if the antenna is loaded in such a way that current  $I$  is substantially constant along the antenna, even though  $kl$  is not negligibly small.
- 12.5c** For antennas that are short in comparison with wavelength, and not end-loaded, current distribution is nearly linear from a maximum at the center to zero at the ends. For such a short, symmetric dipole, give the mathematical form for current and obtain far-zone fields.
- 12.5d** Obtain far-zone fields for a straight antenna with current assumed to have a quadratic distribution with  $z$ ,  $I(z) = I_m[1 - (z/l)^2]$ .
- 12.5e\*** Obtain Eq. 12.5(4) by integrating far-zone contributions to  $E_\theta$  from small current elements (Hertzian dipoles) along the antenna, assuming current distribution as in (1). Make appropriate far-zone approximations.
- 12.6a** Plot polar patterns of field and intensity for a full-wave antenna with  $2l = \lambda$ .
- 12.6b** How many lobes are there in the pattern for a straight antenna with  $kl = n\pi$ , where  $n$  is an integer? For  $kl = m\pi/2$  where  $m$  is an odd integer?
- 12.6c** Find the direction of maximum directive gain and directivity of a dipole of length  $3\lambda/2$ , for which the pattern is pictured in Fig. 12.6b. Use  $W$  from Prob. 12.5a.

- 12.6d** Find the directivity for the antenna with assumed current distribution as in Prob. 12.5b.
- 12.7a** Compare the currents that would be required in a half-wave dipole and a small dipole of height  $0.05\lambda$  to produce 100 W of radiated power from each. For both antennas to have the same radiation efficiency, assuming materials with the same surface resistivity, what should be the ratio of radii?
- 12.7b** Simpson's rule is useful for evaluation of radiation integrals. If the area to be evaluated is divided into  $2m$  even-numbered portions by  $2m + 1$  lines spaced an equal distance  $\Delta$  apart, and values of the function at these lines are  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{2m+1}$ , the area under the curve is approximately

$$I = \frac{\Delta}{3} [(f_0 + f_{2m}) + 4(f_1 + f_3 + \dots + f_{2m-1}) + 2(f_2 + f_4 + \dots + f_{2m-2})]$$

Use this to find the radiation resistance of a half-wave dipole, taking  $m = 3$ . Compare with the value  $73.09 \Omega$  found by more precise methods.

- 12.7c** Find the expression for radiation resistance of the antenna with assumed current as in Prob. 12.5b. Plot versus  $I/\lambda$  for  $0 < I/\lambda < 0.2$ .
- 12.7d** The current in the definition for radiation resistance, Eq. 12.7(1), is sometimes taken as maximum current along the antenna rather than input current. This is especially useful in estimating current level on the antenna needed for a given power when the assumed current distribution has a zero at the input. Calculate and plot  $R_r$  on both bases for  $0 \leq kl \leq \pi$ . (This requires numerical integration of Eq. 12.5(6) or tables for evaluation of the result of Prob. 12.5a.)
- 12.8** Prove by a study of the resulting vector potential the *same vertical direction, opposite horizontal direction* rule for image currents given in Sec. 12.8.
- 12.9a** Plot the form of radiation intensity as a function of  $\theta$  of a wire with traveling wave for  $kl = \pi, 2\pi, 4\pi$ .
- 12.9b** For large  $kl$ , obtain the value  $\theta_m$  for maximum radiation from the wire with traveling wave and plot versus  $kl$ .
- 12.9c** Suppose the traveling wave on the wire has a different phase constant  $\beta$  than the free space  $k$ . Find radiation intensity for this case. For a slow wave on the wire ( $\beta > k$ ) describe qualitatively the main effects on the pattern.
- 12.9d** As in Prob. 12.9c, but assume attenuation so that current along the wire is  $I_0 \exp[-(\alpha + j\beta)z']$ .
- 12.10a** Show that Eq. 12.10(9) applies to any antenna with horizontal currents distance  $h$  above perfectly conducting earth.
- 12.10b** Analysis has been given for a V antenna with traveling wave from the vertex of the V to the wide end. Show that the same pattern results (for a given  $kl$ ) if the V is reversed in direction, with the traveling waves propagating from the wide end to the vertex.
- 12.10c** V antennas may also be made with standing waves in the two arms in place of the traveling waves considered in Sec. 12.10. For example, the radiation pattern of the dipole of length  $3\lambda/2$  sketched in Fig. 12.6b has maximum radiation at an angle 42.5 degrees from the wire axis. If two such wires form a V with angle 85 degrees between them, one would then expect maxima in the forward and reverse directions. Sketch the expected pattern.

- 12.10d** For the V antenna with standing waves, it is found that interaction between arms modifies the simple superposition assumed in Prob. 12.10c. For  $0.5 < l/\lambda < 3$ , an empirical formula gives optimum angle  $2\alpha = 60(\lambda/l) + 38$  degrees with resulting directivity  $(g_d)_{\max} = 1.2 + 2.3(l/\lambda)$  [W. L. Weeks, *Antenna Engineering*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1968, p. 141]. Plot  $2\alpha$  and  $(g_d)_{\max}$  versus  $l/\lambda$  over the range of validity.
- 12.11** For the folded dipole pictured in Fig. 12.11b, one obvious mode that might seem to be excited is the parallel-wire transmission line mode with equal and opposite currents in the parallel conductors. With the length from input terminals to shorted ends approximately a quarter-wavelength, estimate the input impedance for such a mode and explain why it is not much excited by an input line of a few hundred ohms characteristic impedance.
- 12.12** Demonstrate that Eqs. 12.12(5) and (6) do satisfy 12.12(3), with  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  satisfying inhomogeneous Helmholtz equations.
- 12.13a\*** From Eq. 12.13(2) we see that the elemental plane-wave source is equivalent to crossed electric and magnetic infinitesimal dipoles. Superpose directly the far-zone fields of these from Sec. 12.3 to obtain Eqs. 12.13(4) and (5). (Note the required transformation of coordinates axes for this demonstration.)
- 12.13b** Suppose  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  in an aperture are not related as in a plane wave, but by a general wave impedance  $Z_w$ , so that  $E_x/H_y = -E_y/H_x = Z_w$ . Give the modified form of Eq. 12.13(6). How is the paraxial approximation for apertures, Eq. 12.13(10), modified in this case?
- 12.14a** Analyze the rectangular aperture with uniform illumination without making the paraxial approximation (i.e., for  $\theta$  not necessarily small) and compare with Eq. 12.14(2).
- 12.14b** Analyze, using the paraxial approximation, the far-zone field from a rectangular aperture with no variation in  $y$  but a quadratic variation in  $x$ :
- $$E = E_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2x}{a} \right)^2 \right], \quad -\frac{a}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{a}{2}$$
- 12.14c** In calculating radiated power for the rectangular aperture, we have utilized power conservation and found the flow through the aperture. Check this, using approximations appropriate to small  $\theta$ , from the far-zone field, Eq. 12.14(2).
- 12.14d** For the circular aperture with uniform illumination, suppose that all radiation was confined to a cone of angle  $\theta_0$  given by Eq. 12.14(12) and was of constant amplitude over this cone. Give the directivity and compare with Eq. 12.14(13), explaining the difference.
- 12.14e** For  $ka = 5$  and  $ka = 10$ , plot  $K$  versus  $\theta$  for the circular aperture with uniform illumination. Find beam width and directivity. Comment on the effect of larger  $ka$ .
- 12.14f\*** As in Prob. 12.14c, use the far-zone field and paraxial approximations to check radiated power from the circular aperture.
- 12.14g** Find far-zone fields from an “elliptic” gaussian distribution,
- $$E(x', y') = E_0 e^{-(x'/w_1)^2} e^{-(y'/w_2)^2}.$$
- As in the text, aperture size is large compared with either  $w_1$  or  $w_2$ .
- 12.14h** An annular aperture with uniform plane-wave illumination extends from  $r' = b$  to  $r' = a$ . Find angle of the first zero if  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ .

- 12.15** Modify Eq. 12.15(3) to account for a possible reflection coefficient  $\rho$  in the aperture.  
*Hint:* Refer to Prob. 12.13b.
- 12.16a** Prove that the image of a magnetic current in a perfectly conducting plane requires horizontal currents in the same direction for source and image. In what sense is the field for the resonant slot the dual of the field for the half-wave dipole?
- 12.16b\*** For the open end of a coaxial line of radii  $a$  and  $b$ , set up the problem of determining power radiated, assuming the electric field of the TEM mode as the only important field in the aperture. Make approximations appropriate to a line small in radius compared with wavelength, and show that the equivalent radiation resistance referred to the open end is

$$R = \frac{3\eta}{2\pi^3} \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 \ln(b/a)}{\pi(b^2 - a^2)} \right]^2$$

Calculate the value for  $a = 0.3$  cm,  $b = 1$  cm,  $\lambda = 30$  cm. What standing wave ratio would this produce in the line?

- 12.16c\*** In Prob. 12.16b assume the magnetic field of the TEM mode at the open end of sufficient magnitude to account for the power calculated there. Show that a recalculation of power radiated including effects from this magnetic field leads to only a small correction to the first calculation. Take radii small compared with wavelength.
- 12.16d\*** Read one of the references on the Babinet principle and supply the derivation of the relation between slot conductance and dipole resistance found in Eq. 12.16(7).
- 12.17a** Utilizing the relation for effective permittivity of disks given in Sec. 12.17, estimate the radius of disks and the spacing (assumed uniform) if  $\epsilon_r = 1.5$  is desired for use at a frequency of 10 GHz.
- 12.17b** Utilize Eq. 12.17(2) to solve for  $d(r)$  in terms of  $d(0)$ ,  $D$ ,  $r$ , and  $v_p/c$ . Plot  $d(r)$  versus  $r$  if  $d(0) = 0.1$  m,  $D = 1$  m, and the waves between plates act as TE<sub>1</sub> modes with  $\lambda = 0.1$  m and plate spacing 0.075 m. Show modified shape if full wavelengths are subtracted once  $d(r) > \lambda$ .
- 12.18a** Find  $K$  and sketch the radiation pattern versus  $\phi$  at  $\theta = \pi/2$  if phase is as in the Fig. 12.18b but  $I_2 = I_1/2$ .
- 12.18b** As in Prob. 12.18a but  $I_2 = I_1$  in magnitude and phase. Then repeat for  $I_2 = -I_1$ .
- 12.18c** An infinitely long parallel-wire transmission line propagates the TEM mode and would not be considered radiating, although one of finite length may. Consider such a finite-length line as an array of two wires carrying traveling waves as in Sec. 12.9 with currents of opposite sign. Take length as  $l$  and spacing  $d$  and find the expression for radiation intensity. Examine the behavior as  $kl \rightarrow \infty$ .
- 12.18d** Consider a radiator with only vertical currents and a radiation intensity  $K$ . It is placed a distance  $h$  above a plane, perfectly conducting earth. Find an expression for total radiation intensity  $K_T$  corresponding to Eq. 12.10(9).
- 12.19a** Explain the statement of the text that directivity of an array of elements is not the product of array directivity and element directivity. Illustrate with a high-directivity array made up of low-directivity elements.
- 12.19b** Considering only the array factor, plot the direction of maximum radiation  $\theta_m$  for a linear array versus the normalized phase delay  $\Delta\varphi/kd$  between elements. What can you say about the relative sensitivities of  $\theta_m$  to changes in  $\Delta\varphi$  for nearly end-fire versus nearly broadside arrays?

- 12.20a** Sketch patterns similar to Fig. 12.20a for  $d = 4a$ ,  $d = 6a$ .
- 12.20b** Obtain the expression for  $K$  of a diffraction grating with  $N = 4$ . Sketch  $K$  versus  $(ka/2) \cos \phi$  with  $d = 2a$  and compare with Fig. 12.20a.
- 12.21a** The factored form of the polynomial of Eq. 12.21(2) is
- $$S = C(\zeta - \zeta_1) \cdots (\zeta - \zeta_{N-1})$$
- Find the locations of the zeros of a broadside array with  $N = 4$ .
- 12.21b** Consider making a five-element linear array to be “supergain” by choosing  $kd = \pi/2$  and placing the zeros at  $\zeta = e^{\pm j\pi/6}, e^{\pm j\pi/3}$ . Find the coefficients of the resulting polynomial and interpret in terms of required current excitation.
- 12.21c** A potential analog of the linear array problem can be set up and has been utilized in array synthesis [T. T. Taylor and J. R. Whinnery, *J. Appl. Phys.* **22**, 19 (1951)] although numerical methods are now preferable. Show that if the logarithm of the factored form of Prob. 12.21a is taken, the result may be interpreted in terms of potential and flux about line charges.
- 12.22a** For a three-element Yagi–Uda array with element 1 a passive reflector, element 2 driven by voltage  $V_2$ , and element 3 a passive director, write the equivalent of Eq. 12.22(1) and solve for  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  in terms of  $V_2$ .
- 12.22b** Estimate the directivity for the array with pattern sketched in Fig. 12.22b, assuming for simplicity that the given pattern also applies in planes normal to that shown.
- 12.23a** Sketch a log-periodic array with seven elements, starting with  $l_0 = 0.1$  m,  $z_0 = 0.05$  m, and  $\tau = 1.1$ . Using the physical arguments of Sec. 12.23, estimate the frequency range over which this might be expected to radiate effectively.
- 12.23b** Design a five-element log-periodic array to operate between frequencies 500 and 800 MHz.
- 12.24** A microstrip patch antenna is in the form of a circular disk on dielectric with a ground plane. When fed by a coaxial line at the center as shown in Fig. P12.24, an

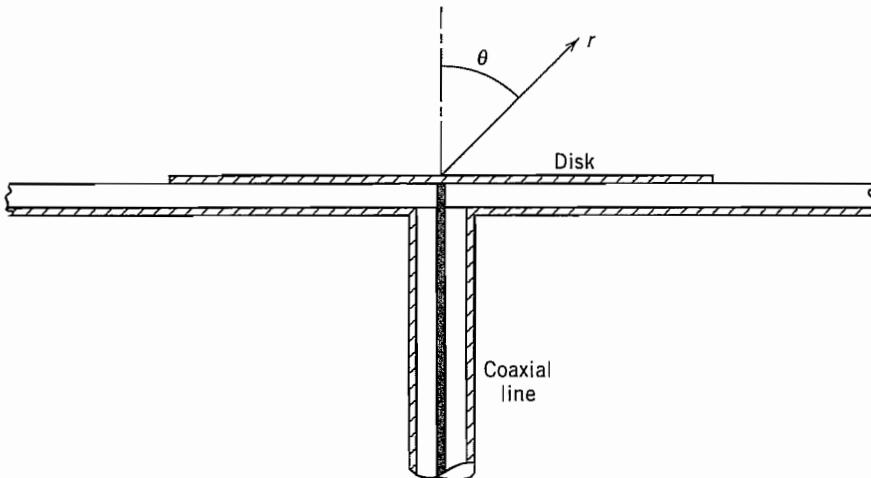


Fig. P12.24

axially symmetric mode, as analyzed in Sec. 9.3, is excited. (Antisymmetric modes radiate more strongly but the symmetric mode is simpler to analyze.) For a dielectric with  $\epsilon_r = 9$  and  $f = 30$  GHz, find the radius of the disk for the first symmetric resonant mode, neglecting fringing effects. Find the radiation vector  $\mathbf{L}$  for the air region above the disk in terms of the edge field  $E_0$ , taking the spherical coordinate axis as a continuation of the coaxial line axis. Evaluate the integral approximately by expanding the exponential in the integral in a power series.

- 12.25a** The  $Z_0$  for cylindrical antennas in Figs. 12.25d and e is the average of  $Z_0$  from Eq. 12.25(10), with  $\psi = a/r$ . Show for a cylindrical antenna of length  $l$  and radius  $a$  that this yields

$$Z_0 = 120[\ln(2l/a) - 1]$$

What values of  $l/a$  correspond with  $Z_0 = 1200$ ?  $Z_0 = 800$ ?  $Z_0 = 500$ ?

- 12.25b** Defining bandwidth as the frequency range for which  $|Z| < \sqrt{2}Z_{\min}$ , estimate from Figs. 12.25d and e the ratio of bandwidths for  $l/\lambda$  near 0.25, for antennas of  $Z_0 = 1200 \Omega$  and  $Z_0 = 500 \Omega$ .

- 12.26a\*** Verify Eq. 12.26(9).

- 12.26b\*** Find the input impedance formula corresponding to Eq. 12.26(11) for a short antenna so loaded that the current is uniform along its length.

- 12.26c** An approximate solution of Eq. 12.26(11), valid where  $1.3 \leq kl \leq 1.7$  and  $0.0016 \leq a/\lambda \leq 0.0095$ , is given by (see Elliott<sup>3</sup>)

$$Z = [122.65 - 204.1kl + 110(kl)^2] \\ - j \left[ 120 \left( \ln \frac{2l}{a} - 1 \right) \cos kl - 162.5 + 140kl - 40(kl)^2 \right]$$

Calculate the input impedance for a dipole with  $kl = \pi/2$  and  $a/\lambda = 0.005$ . Compare with the result for the  $\lambda/2$  filamentary dipole.

- 12.26d\*** It can be shown that Eq. 12.26(11) can be integrated with the assumption that  $a \ll \lambda$  and  $a \ll l$  to give

$$Z = \frac{j60}{\sin^2 kl} \{ [4 \cos^2 kl][S(kl)] - [\cos 2kl][S(2kl)] \\ - [\sin 2kl][2C(kl) - C(2kl)] \}$$

where

$$C(kl) = \ln \frac{2l}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Cin}(2kl) - \frac{j}{2} \operatorname{Si}(2kl)$$

and

$$S(kl) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Si}(2kl) - \frac{j}{2} \operatorname{Cin}(2kl) - ka$$

Use tables of  $\operatorname{Si}(x)$  and  $\operatorname{Cin}(x)$  integrals to calculate the input impedance for a dipole with  $kl = \pi/2$  and  $a/\lambda = 0.005$  and confirm the result found by the simpler formula in Prob. 12.26c.

- 12.27** Give the proof of Eq. 12.27(4). Use reciprocity as in Sec. 12.26.

- 12.29a** Calculate power received corresponding to a transmitted power of 100 W and a distance between transmitter and receiver of  $10^3$  m under the following conditions:
- (i) Directivity of transmitting antennas = 1.5; effective area of receiver =  $0.40 \text{ m}^2$ .
  - (ii) Directivity of both antennas = 2; wavelength = 0.10 m.
  - (iii) Effective area of both antennas =  $1 \text{ m}^2$ ; wavelength = 0.03 m.
- 12.29b** Synchronous satellites orbit at about  $4 \times 10^4$  km from the earth. About what diameter would you need for a uniformly illuminated circular aperture antenna on such a satellite to give full earth coverage if frequency is 7.5 GHz? (Earth radius  $\approx 6370$  km.) What power would have to be transmitted from the satellite if the earth stations have antennas 4 m in diameter and the receivers are capable of responding with acceptable error to signals of  $10^{-10}$  W? Repeat for a satellite with earth coverage reduced to a region of diameter 100 km.
- 12.30a** Calculate the effective area for a half-wave dipole antenna. Compare with that for the infinitesimal dipole.
- 12.30b** If the antennas are in free space, the pattern of 1 may be measured, as was described in Fig. 12.30a, by moving antenna 2 about the arc of a circle or as in Fig. 12.30b by rotating 1 about an axis to give the same relative position. Explain why the same results might not be obtained by the two methods if there are fixed obstacles in the transmission path.
- 12.30c** For the data of Prob. 12.29a(ii) and the radiation resistance of both antennas equal to  $50 \Omega$ , calculate  $|Z_{12}|$ . Now, allowing separation  $r$  to vary, find the separation for which magnitude of  $Z_{12}$  becomes comparable to real part of  $Z_{11}$ .
- 12.30d** An integrated antenna placed on a dielectric as in Fig. 12.24d is used as a receiving antenna. Explain why more signal will be induced in the antenna when irradiated from the dielectric region than from air. By reciprocity, this explains why, as a transmitting antenna, it radiates more strongly into the dielectric region.
- 12.30e** As in Prob. 12.30d, use the integrated antenna of Fig. 12.24d as a receiving antenna, and reciprocity, to explain the special features of Fig. 12.24f at the critical angle.
- 12.31a** To demonstrate that a power calculation in the internal impedance of a Thévenin equivalent circuit does not necessarily represent the power lost internally, consider the source of constant voltage 100 V coupled to a resistance load of  $2 \Omega$  through the series-parallel resistances shown in Fig. P12.31a. Calculate the actual power lost in the generator, and compare with that calculated by taking load current flowing through the internal impedance of a Thévenin equivalent circuit.

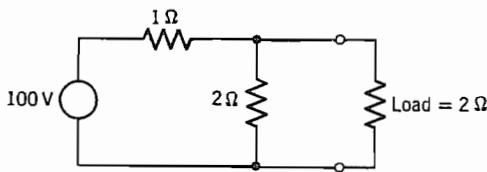


FIG. P12.31a

- 12.31b** An antenna having an input impedance on transmission of  $70 + j30 \Omega$  is used on reception by connecting directly to a  $50\text{-}\Omega$  transmission line which is perfectly matched to a pure resistance load. The effective area is  $0.40 \text{ m}^2$ . Find the power transfer to the load if the antenna is in a plane wave field of  $100 \mu\text{V/m}$ . Compare this with the power that could be obtained with a conjugate match to the antenna impedance.

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# Electromagnetic Properties of Materials

## 13.1 INTRODUCTION

Materials react to applied electromagnetic fields in a variety of ways including displacements of both free and bound electrons by electric fields and the orientation of atomic moments by magnetic fields. In most cases, these responses can be treated as *linear* (proportional to the applied fields) over useful ranges of field magnitudes. Often the response is independent of the direction of the applied field; the material is called *isotropic*. The responses of these linear, isotropic materials to time-varying fields may depend to a significant extent upon the frequency of the fields. The materials considered heretofore in this text have been isotropic and linear and we have been able to represent them by scalar values of  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$  for analysis at a given frequency. Common dielectrics such as glass, fused quartz, and polystyrene and common conductors such as copper, aluminum, and brass behave this way in a vast majority of applications.

Some comment should be made here about terminology. We use the terms *dielectric*, *conductor*, and *magnetic material* to indicate the character of the dominant response. A study would show that in all solids and liquids the permittivity differs appreciably from that of free space as a result of the behavior of the bound electrons in the constituent atoms. In a conductor, however, the movement of the free electrons in response to the electric field produces an electromagnetic response which overwhelms that of the bound electrons. Similarly, ferromagnetic materials are mostly rather highly conductive but we refer to them as magnetic materials, as that property is the most significant in their application. All materials have some response to magnetic fields but, except for ferromagnetic and ferrimagnetic types, this is usually small, and differs from  $\mu_0$  by a negligible fraction.

The first part of the chapter deals with isotropic linear media, giving physical explanations for the electric and magnetic responses. These are necessarily qualitative or semiquantitative and in many cases incomplete, since detailed analysis requires quantum mechanics. Conductive materials are reasonably well represented by a free-electron model; we introduce it as a simple vehicle to show how the complex permittivity comes

out of first principles. A section is devoted to clarifying the meaning we have given to a *perfect conductor* and to distinguishing it from a *superconductor*.

Important device applications depend upon the nonlinear behavior of certain materials. These include conversion of energy from one frequency to another, for example, frequency multipliers for the mixing of two signals of different frequencies to give a third. The nonlinear, hysteretic behavior and extremely high permeability of ferromagnetic materials significantly determine their use.

The final portion of the chapter treats anisotropic materials, both from the view of the physical sources of the anisotropy and with regard to calculating wave propagation in such media. Dielectric crystals with permittivity that depends upon the orientation of the electric field can be described succinctly by a so-called *dielectric ellipsoid*. This is introduced, and wave propagation in such crystals is discussed. Ferrites (ferrimagnetic solids) and plasmas (ionized gases with equal positive and negative charge densities) situated in a steady magnetic field exhibit a type of anisotropy in which characteristic propagating waves are circularly polarized. That the behavior depends on the propagation direction relative to the magnetic field leads to the possibility of nonreciprocal microwave and optical devices.

## Linear Isotropic Media

### 13.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF DIELECTRICS

In this section we consider linear, isotropic dielectrics to explain the connection between microscopic effects and their representation by a permittivity. It is of special importance to discuss the frequency dependence of permittivity. We consider here usual dielectrics with  $\mu = \mu_0$ .

We saw in connection with the Poynting theorem in Sec. 3.12 that currents in phase with the electric field (there considered to be conduction currents) lead to an energy-loss term. In the general characterization of lossy dielectrics we introduce a complex permittivity

$$\epsilon = \epsilon' - j\epsilon'' \quad (1)$$

which enters Maxwell's equations as the current  $j\omega(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')\mathbf{E}$ , the second term of which is in phase with electric field. Both  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$  are, in general, functions of frequency. The various physical phenomena contributing to  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$  differ for solids, liquids, and gases and are too complicated to summarize here in any detail. Several

excellent books and survey articles give thorough treatments.<sup>1–6</sup> Nevertheless, discussion of some of the properties and the simple models for these help to give insight into the most important characteristics.

It can be shown that, if the atoms or molecules are polarized (or their natural dipole moments have a nonzero average alignment), a dipole moment density can be defined by

$$\mathbf{P}_d = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_i \mathbf{p}_i}{\Delta V}$$

and that this, neglecting higher-order multipoles, is identical to the so-called *polarization*<sup>7</sup> that enters the relation between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ :

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e) \mathbf{E} \quad (2)$$

The term  $\chi_e$  is the dielectric susceptibility and we have assumed that the polarization is linearly dependent on the field  $\mathbf{E}$ . A few dielectrics, such as electrets,<sup>8</sup> have a permanent polarization, but we are chiefly concerned with dielectrics in which  $\mathbf{P}$  is induced by the applied electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  and shall consider only these in the following. If there are  $N$  like molecules per unit volume, the induced polarization may be written

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E} = N \alpha_T \mathbf{E}_{loc} = N \alpha_T g \mathbf{E} \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha_T$  is the *molecular polarizability*, and  $g$ , the ratio between local field  $\mathbf{E}_{loc}$  acting on the molecule and the applied field  $\mathbf{E}$ . The local field differs from applied field because of the effect of surrounding molecules. We also write electric flux density as

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} \quad (4)$$

so by comparing with (2) and (3) we may write relative permittivity

$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \frac{N \alpha_T g}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \chi_e \quad (5)$$

<sup>1</sup> C. Kittel, *Introduction to Solid State Physics*, 6th ed., Wiley, New York, 1986.

<sup>2</sup> N. W. Ashcroft and N. D. Mermin, *Solid State Physics*, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, 1976.

<sup>3</sup> B. K. P. Scaife, *Principles of Dielectrics*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 1989.

<sup>4</sup> E. D. Palik (Ed.), *Handbook of Optical Constants of Solids*, Academic Press, Orlando, FL, 1985.

<sup>5</sup> E. D. Palik (Ed.), *Handbook of Optical Constants of Solids II*, Academic Press, Boston, MA, 1991.

<sup>6</sup> D. E. Gray (Ed.), *American Institute of Physics Handbook*, 3rd ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1972.

<sup>7</sup> Not to be confused with polarization of a wave in the sense of Sec. 6.3. See footnote to Sec. 6.3.

<sup>8</sup> Electrets are readily formed in the laboratory by applying a dc electric field across certain types of molten wax and allowing the resulting dipoles to ‘freeze in’ as the wax solidifies. For a bibliography on electrets see B. Gross, *Charge Storage in Solid Dielectrics*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1964.

If the surrounding molecules act in a spherically symmetric fashion on the molecule for which  $E_{\text{loc}}$  is being calculated,  $g$  can be shown to be  $(2 + \epsilon_r)/3$  and (5) may then be written as

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{N\alpha_T}{3\epsilon_0} \quad (6)$$

This expression is known as the Clausius–Mossotti relation or, when frequency effects in  $\alpha_T$  are included, the Debye equation. It is most accurate for gases but does give qualitative behavior for liquids and solids.

The molecular polarizability  $\alpha_T$ , defined above, has contributions from several different atomic or molecular effects. One part, called electronic, arises from the shift of the electron cloud in each atom relative to its positive nucleus, much as was pictured in Sec. 1.3. Another part, called ionic, comes from the displacement of positive and negative ions from their neutral positions. Still another part may arise if the individual molecules have permanent dipole moments. Application of the electric field tends to align these permanent dipoles against the randomizing forces of molecular collision, and since random motion is a function of temperature, this last effect is clearly temperature dependent. The three effects together constitute the total molecular polarizability,

$$\alpha_T = \alpha_e + \alpha_i + \alpha_d \quad (7)$$

where  $\alpha_e$ ,  $\alpha_i$ , and  $\alpha_d$  are electronic, ionic, and permanent dipole contributions, respectively.

**Frequency Effects** In the classical model of the electronic polarization, any displacement of the charge cloud from its central ion produces a restoring force and its interaction with the inertia of the moving charge cloud produces a resonance as in a mechanical spring-mass system. Similarly, the displacement of one ion from another produces resonances in the ionic polarizability but at lower frequencies than for the electronic contribution because of the larger masses in motion. There are also losses or damping in each of the resonances, pictured as arising from radiation or interaction with other charges. The Lorentz model of an atom in which damping is proportional to the velocity of the oscillating charge cloud is expressed by the equation of motion for displacement:

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{dr}{dt} + \omega_0^2 r = -\frac{e}{m} E_{\text{loc}} \quad (8)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a damping constant and  $\omega_0$  is related to the restoring force. Assuming the field and displacement in phasor form, one finds

$$r = \frac{-(e/m)E_{\text{loc}}}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + j\omega\Gamma} \quad (9)$$

The electronic polarizability is the ratio of the dipole moment  $p = -er$  to the local field:

$$\alpha_e = \frac{(e^2/m)}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + j\omega\Gamma} \quad (10)$$

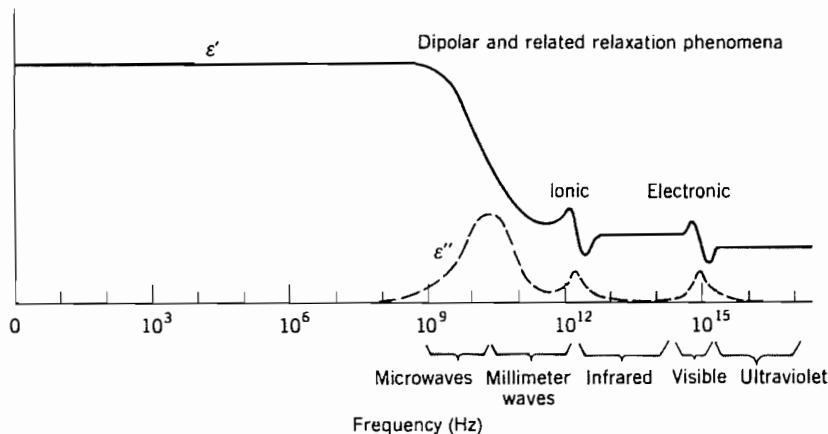
We can generalize this to represent all electronic and ionic resonant responses:

$$\alpha_j = \frac{F_j}{(\omega_j^2 - \omega^2) + j\omega\Gamma_j} \quad (11)$$

where  $F_j$  measures the strength of the  $j$ th resonance. This has the form of the impedance of a parallel resonant circuit. Real and imaginary parts of the expression contribute to  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$ , respectively, in a manner shown by the electronic and ionic resonances pictured for a hypothetical dielectric in Fig. 13.2a. Near a resonance the lossy part goes through a peak. The contribution to  $\epsilon'$  from a given resonance, like the reactance of the tuned circuit, has peaks of opposite sign on either side of the resonance.

The dynamic response of the permanent dipole contribution to permittivity is different in that the force opposing complete alignment of the dipoles in the direction of the applied field is that from thermal effects. It acts as a viscous force and the dynamic response is "overdamped." The frequency response of such an overdamped system is of the form

$$\alpha_d = \frac{p^2}{3k_B T(1 + j\omega\tau)} \quad (12)$$



**FIG. 13.2a** Frequency response of permittivity and loss factor for a hypothetical dielectric showing various contributing phenomena.

where  $T$  is temperature,  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $p$  is the permanent dipole moment, and  $\tau$  is a relaxation time for the effect (i.e., the time for polarization to fall to  $1/e$  of the original value if orienting fields are removed). Dipole contributions are also illustrated for the hypothetical dielectric of Fig. 13.2a and produce smoother decreases in  $\epsilon$  as one goes through the range  $\omega\tau \sim 1$ , along with a peak of absorption. The picture of dipole orientation and relaxation as given applies best to gases and liquids possessing such dipoles, but there are a variety of similar relaxation effects in solids.

**Relation Between Real and Imaginary Parts of Permittivity** The analytic properties of the complex permittivity defined by (1) provide certain relationships between  $\epsilon'(\omega)$  and  $\epsilon''(\omega)$  so that the frequency behavior of one part is not independent of the frequency behavior of the other. These interesting and important relationships, known as the Kramers–Kronig relations,<sup>9</sup> may be written

$$\epsilon'(\omega) = \epsilon_0 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega' \epsilon''(\omega') d\omega'}{(\omega'^2 - \omega^2)} \quad (13)$$

$$\epsilon''(\omega) = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} P \int_0^\infty \frac{[\epsilon'(\omega') - \epsilon_0] d\omega'}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} \quad (14)$$

where  $P$  denotes that the principal value of the integral should be taken. They are similar to relations between resistance and reactance functions of frequency in circuit theory (see Sec. 11.11).

At optical frequencies it is common to use the index of refraction defined by Eq. 6.2(28) rather than permittivity. This also is complex for a material with losses (absorption). With  $\mu = \mu_0$ ,

$$n_c(\omega) = n_r(\omega) - jn_i(\omega) = \{[\epsilon'(\omega) - j\epsilon''(\omega)]/\epsilon_0\}^{1/2} \quad (15)$$

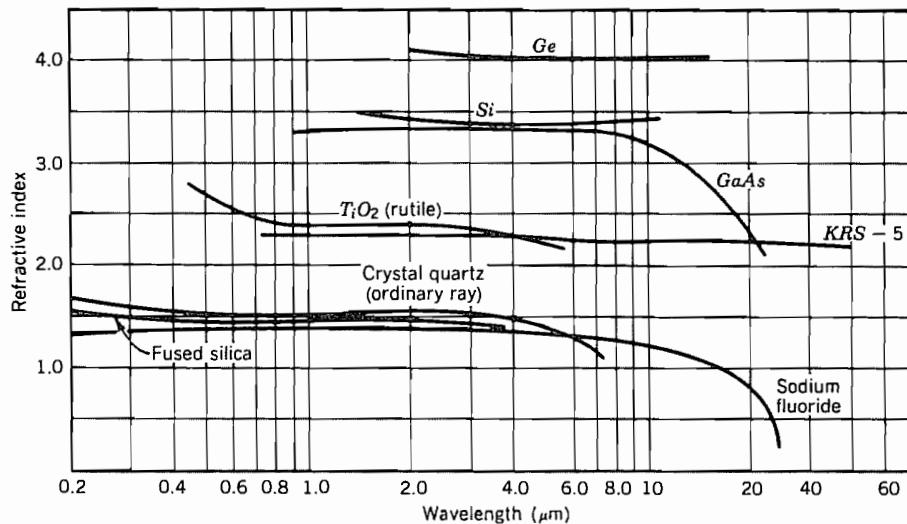
( $n_r$  and  $n_i$  are often listed as  $n$  and  $k$ , respectively in optical tables but, to avoid confusion with wavenumber, we use the self-defining  $n_i$  for the *extinction coefficient*  $k$ .)

Values of  $\epsilon'/\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon''/\epsilon'$  for some representative materials at radio and microwave frequencies were given in Table 6.4a. Values of refractive index  $n_r$  are plotted versus wavelength for several optical materials in Fig. 13.2b. The imaginary part  $n_i$  is generally small except in or near absorption bands, where it is a strong function of wavelength. The references<sup>4–6</sup> give curves for numerous materials in their absorption regimes.

### 13.3 IMPERFECT CONDUCTORS AND SEMICONDUCTORS

A *good conductor* was defined in Chapter 3 as one that follows Ohm's law and for which displacement current is negligible compared with conduction current. In that case the current and electric field are in phase. There are a number of important materials and situations in which the currents can have significant components at phase quadrature

<sup>9</sup> J. D. Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics, 2nd ed., p. 311, Wiley, New York, 1975.



**FIG. 13.2b** Refractive index versus wavelength for several materials with useful values of optical and infrared transparency. Data from *American Institute of Physics Handbook*.<sup>6</sup>

to the electric field. At higher frequencies the displacement current becomes increasingly important; for example, at microwave frequencies semiconductors can have comparable conduction and displacement currents. Also, at optical frequencies the charge motion in metals can give current components both in phase with the electric field and at phase quadrature. The latter has the same effect as a displacement current and is included in the real part of the permittivity.

Let us consider a medium consisting of a density  $n_e$  of free electrons with a background of fixed positive ions of the same density. This can be considered to be a model of a conductor, semiconductor, or an ionized gas (plasma); only the values of the parameters are different. For most cases of interest, the derived complex permittivity will be used to study the behavior of TEM or quasi-TEM waves; we will use that fact to justify certain simplifications of the analysis.

The force on charges arising from interactions with the magnetic field in a wave is typically several orders of magnitude smaller than the electric forces (Prob. 13.3a), so we will neglect the former. In this analysis we bring in the effect of collisions by introducing a term representing the resulting average rate of loss of momentum. The equation of motion for an average electron is then

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -e\mathbf{E} - mv\mathbf{v} \quad (1)$$

If it is assumed that each collision causes a total loss of momentum of the electron, then  $\nu$  is the collision frequency.

The total time derivative is taken as we move with the particle and must in general be written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \quad (2)$$

To simplify, consider a uniform plane wave propagating in the  $z$  direction so that the field is transverse and all velocity components are also in transverse directions. Thus the last term of (2), which contains the  $z$ -directed velocity  $dz/dt$ , vanishes. By virtue of the assumed uniformity of the fields in the transverse plane, the variations of velocity with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  are zero. Hence the total and partial derivatives with respect to time are equal here. Since we are considering the steady-state behavior of the system we may let  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}e^{j\omega t}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}e^{j\omega t}$ . Equation (1) may then be arranged to give the velocity in terms of the electric field as

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{-e\mathbf{E}}{m(\nu + j\omega)} \quad (3)$$

The electron density  $n_e$  is undisturbed by the motions of the electrons since all paths lie in the transverse planes and are parallel with each other. Then the convection current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = -n_e e \mathbf{v} = \frac{n_e e^2 \mathbf{E}}{m(\nu + j\omega)} \quad (4)$$

This can be inserted in Maxwell's curl equation,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon_1 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= j\omega\epsilon_1 \mathbf{E} + \frac{n_e e^2 \mathbf{E}}{m(\nu + j\omega)} \\ &= j\omega \left[ \left( \epsilon_1 - \frac{n_e e^2}{m(\nu^2 + \omega^2)} \right) - j \frac{n_e e^2 \nu}{\omega m(\nu^2 + \omega^2)} \right] \mathbf{E} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $\epsilon_1$  is used in the displacement current term to represent the effect of the bound electrons of the positive ion background. It is assumed for conductive materials to have an insignificant imaginary part of  $\epsilon_1$  compared with the effect of  $\mathbf{J}$ . Separating the real and imaginary parts of the right-hand side, we can identify the components of the complex permittivity  $\epsilon = \epsilon' - j\epsilon''$ . Thus,

$$\epsilon' = \epsilon_1 - \frac{n_e e^2}{m(\nu^2 + \omega^2)} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\epsilon'' = \frac{n_e e^2 \nu}{\omega m(\nu^2 + \omega^2)} \quad (7)$$

Note that  $n_e e^2/m\nu$  is the low-frequency conductivity  $\sigma$ .

One important application of the above results is to materials with moderate to low conductivity (say,  $\sigma \lesssim 1$  S/m) such as semiconductors with moderate doping. Then

for microwave and millimeter-wave frequencies where  $\omega^2 \ll v^2$ , the second term in (6) is negligible and  $\epsilon$  becomes

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \quad (8)$$

which is the form used in Eq. 6.4(11).

At the other extreme is the ionized gas with very low density and negligible collision frequency. In that case we can take  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon'' = 0$  so that

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \quad (9)$$

where  $\omega_p$  is the so-called *plasma frequency*:

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m}} \quad (10)$$

The physical meaning of the plasma frequency is as follows: if alternate plane layers of compression and rarefaction of the electrons in a uniform positive ion background were set as initial conditions, the charge would subsequently oscillate at the plasma frequency because of the interaction of forces between charges and the inertial effects.

An immediate observation about the form (9) for permittivity is that it is negative for all frequencies below the plasma frequency. Therefore, the intrinsic wave impedance  $\eta = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$  is imaginary, so that a wave with  $\omega < \omega_p$  incident from free space on a region of ionized gas is reflected. This is also seen from the propagation constant, Eq. 6.2(25), which becomes, for the plasma described by (9),

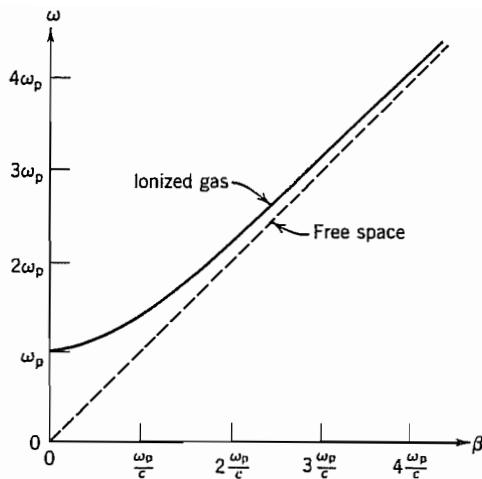
$$k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \quad (11)$$

If  $\omega < \omega_p$ ,  $k^2$  is negative so  $jk = \alpha$  and  $\beta = 0$ . Then

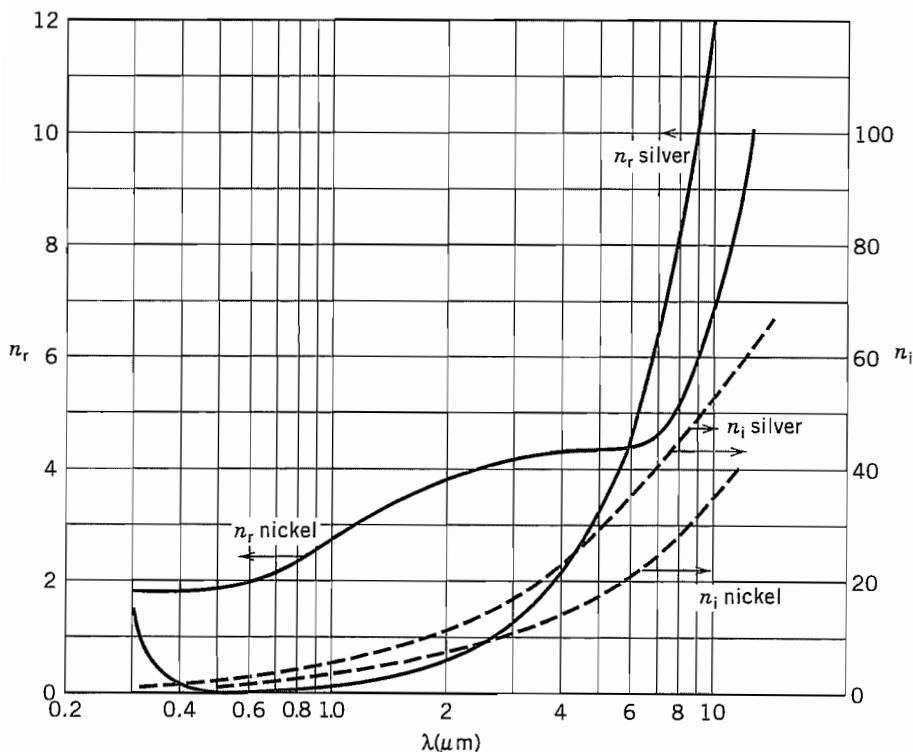
$$E_x = E_+ e^{-\alpha z} + E_- e^{\alpha z} \quad (12)$$

That is, purely attenuated waves exist for  $\omega < \omega_p$ . For frequencies higher than  $\omega_p$ ,  $k^2$  is positive and unattenuated waves propagate in the gas. The  $\omega-\beta$  diagram for TEM waves in an ionized gas is shown in Fig. 13.3a.

The effect described above for a plasma can also be observed in some metals (e.g., aluminum and the alkali metals) at optical frequencies. Very high fractional reflection is observed for frequencies below the plasma frequency, which is typically between the visible and ultraviolet ranges. The effects in metals are actually more complex than the simple model above would suggest and a complete treatment requires quantum mechanics. As noted in Eq. 13.2(15), the properties at optical frequencies are usually expressed by a complex index of refraction  $n_c$ . Both parts of  $n_c$  may vary appreciably with frequency, the variation being a characteristic of the particular metal. Curves for silver and nickel for a part of the visible and infrared ranges are shown in Fig. 13.3b.



**FIG. 13.3a** The  $\omega$ - $\beta$  diagram for a plane wave propagating through an ionized gas.



**FIG. 13.3b** Real and imaginary parts of refractive index for silver and nickel over a part of the optical range. (Data from *Handbook of Optical Constants of Solids*.<sup>4</sup>) (Measured values depend strongly on surface conditions.)

### 13.4 PERFECT CONDUCTORS AND SUPERCONDUCTORS

At numerous points in this text—and very commonly in electromagnetic theory—we refer to *perfect conductors*. Here we wish to comment on what is and what is not meant by that term and to see how it relates to *superconductors*.

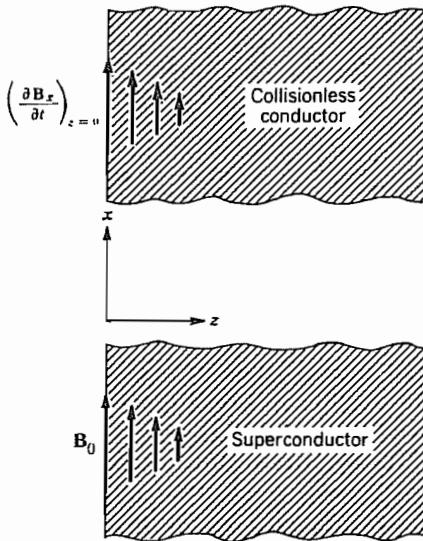
A perfect conductor is usually understood to be a material in which there is no electric field at any frequency. Maxwell's equations ensure that there is then also no time-varying magnetic field in the perfect conductor. On the other hand, a truly static magnetic field should be unaffected by conductivity of any value, including infinity. In all time-invariant electric problems, the use of the perfect conductor approximation for an electrode ensures uniform potential over its surface. This is often an excellent approximation to a metal electrode even in problems with direct current flowing (e.g., a metal electrode on a semiconductor). In rf problems the fields are essentially zero a few skin depths inside the surface of a metal electrode. If the spacing between electrodes in the system being analyzed is much greater than the skin depth, the perfect conductor assumption that  $\mathbf{E} = 0$  at the surface is a good one for finding field distributions, though the penetration of the fields cannot be neglected if losses are to be found.

The real approximation to the perfect conductor would be a conductor in which the collision frequency approaches zero. This was believed to be the correct model for a superconductor in the period between its discovery in 1911 by H. Kamerlingh Onnes and the experiment by W. Meissner and R. Ochsenfeld in 1933.<sup>10</sup> A collisionless conductor can be modeled as a dense plasma and the results of the preceding section may be applied with  $\nu = 0$ . For frequencies below the plasma frequency, Eq. 13.3(12) indicates that the fields inside the conductor (Fig. 13.4) can exist only near the surface where they are excited. This phenomenon is like the skin effect (Sec. 3.16) except that here the behavior of the shielding currents is determined by inertia of the electrons rather than collisions. For frequencies a factor of about 10 or more below the plasma frequency, the attenuation factor  $\alpha = (\mu n_e e^2 / m)$  is independent of frequency and has values typically on the order of  $(0.1 \text{ } \mu\text{m})^{-1}$  so the interior of bulk samples can be considered essentially free of time-varying fields. The results of the plasma wave analysis appear to be valid to zero frequency; however, in static fields in the absence of collisions, the electrons would be accelerated to infinite velocities and the analysis is not applicable.

Extremely pure crystals of metal can have very low collision frequencies at temperatures near the absolute zero, but such materials are not of much interest in practice since it is difficult to construct useful systems of single metal crystals. On the other hand, the superconductor is a realizable candidate. The ideal collisionless conductor excludes time-varying fields but the experiment of Meissner and Ochsenfeld on a superconductor showed that constant magnetic fields are also excluded from the interior. The London theory (1935) showed that this result would be obtained if

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{J} = - \Lambda \mathbf{B} \quad (1)$$

<sup>10</sup> T. Van Duzer and C. W. Turner, *Principles of Superconductive Devices and Circuits*, Elsevier, New York, 1981. (To be reissued by Prentice Hall.)



**FIG. 13.4** Coordinates for analysis of fields at surface of a half-space of collisionless conductor or superconductor.

where  $\Lambda = n_e e^2 / m$  at  $T = 0$ . Substituting (1) in Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation and neglecting displacement current, one finds

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = -\mu \Lambda \mathbf{B} \quad (2)$$

Using a vector identity and  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  in (2) yields

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \mu \Lambda \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (3)$$

This can be applied to the fields inside the surface of a superconductor by considering a half-space of superconductor filling  $z \geq 0$  as in Fig. 13.4. We assume that only an  $x$  component of  $\mathbf{B}$  exists and it varies only in the  $z$  direction. Then (3) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 B_x}{dz^2} - \frac{B_x}{\lambda_L^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

where  $\lambda_L = (m/\mu n_e e^2)^{1/2}$  at  $T = 0$  and is called the *London penetration depth*.<sup>11</sup> The solution that remains bounded is

$$B_x = B_{x0} e^{-z/\lambda_L} \quad (5)$$

which is the same as the form in Eq. 13.3(12). Typical experimentally determined penetration depths lie in the range 50–200 nm. An important difference between the superconductor and the ideal collisionless conductor is that (5) applies even for static magnetic field.

<sup>11</sup> Since  $\mu \approx \mu_0$  for almost all superconductive materials the definition of  $\lambda_L$  is usually given in terms of  $\mu_0$ .

The phenomena of superconductivity require the materials to be held at temperatures approaching the absolute zero.<sup>10</sup> Most superconductors are metallic elements, compounds, or alloys and make transitions into the superconducting state at critical temperatures below about 23 K. Niobium has the highest critical temperature (9.2 K) of any element, and alloys and compounds of niobium with higher critical temperatures are used widely in applications. In 1986, a new family of superconductors based on oxides was discovered to have much higher transition temperatures.<sup>12</sup> A series of discoveries in the following 2 years revealed other oxide materials with critical temperatures as high as 125 K. In contrast to metallic superconductors, the higher-temperature oxide superconductors are very anisotropic, with the strongest superconductive behavior in planes. When these materials are used in microwave structures, for example, thin-film transmission lines (Sec 8.6) or resonators (Sec. 10.6), the planes are formed parallel to the surface to facilitate current flow in the required direction.

The penetration depth in (5) applies for dc magnetic fields, but is also the skin depth for electromagnetic waves for frequencies well into the millimeter-wave range. This invariance of penetration is responsible for superconductive transmission lines being nearly nondispersive. Unlike the ideal collisionless conductor, losses occur in superconductors at nonzero frequencies and nonzero temperatures. These losses occur because some of the conduction electrons are not in the superconducting state and the penetrating fields can cause them to have dissipative collisions. The losses, however, are far smaller than in normal metals such as copper or gold for frequencies throughout the microwave range.

In summary, the commonly used concept of a perfect conductor ( $\mathbf{E} = 0$  inside) is a convenient artifice for calculation of the field distributions outside when the actual conductor has a field penetration that is small compared with the space between conductors. This is true for either a highly conductive electrode with a small skin depth or a superconductor; however, neither a conductor nor a superconductor has exactly zero  $\mathbf{E}$  inside, near the surface. To find field distributions where the spacing between electrodes is comparable with or smaller than the depth of field penetration, the latter must be taken into account. For example, some parallel-film structures in superconductive integrated circuits have insulating spacings that are much smaller than the skin depth, so wave propagation is dominated by the properties of the superconductors.

### 13.5 DIAMAGNETIC AND PARAMAGNETIC RESPONSES

As noted in Sec. 13.1, all materials have some response to magnetic fields. Except for certain categories which we will consider separately (ferromagnetic and ferrimagnetic), the magnetic response is very weak. Magnetic response can either decrease or increase the flux density for a given  $\mathbf{H}$ . If  $\mathbf{B}$  is decreased, the material is said to be *diamagnetic*; if increased, it is called *paramagnetic*.

Atoms have a diamagnetic response that arises from changes of the electron orbits

<sup>12</sup> V. Z. Kresin and S. A. Wolf, *Fundamentals of Superconductivity*, Plenum, New York, 1990.

when the magnetic field is applied. As we saw in our study of Faraday's law, an electric field is produced by a changing magnetic field. That field induces currents which, in turn, produce a magnetic field that opposes the change. The response of the electron orbits in an atom is of this kind. The effect produces fractional changes of  $\mu$  from  $\mu_0$  by only  $10^{-8}$  to  $10^{-5}$ .

The diamagnetic response is usually obscured in materials having natural net magnetic dipole moment. Such materials give a paramagnetic response which can arise from dipole moments in atoms, molecules, crystal defects, and conduction electrons. The dipole moments tend to align with the magnetic field but are deflected from complete alignment by their thermal activity. The fields resulting from the partially aligned dipoles add to the applied field.

If there are induced magnetic dipoles in the atoms or there is a nonzero average alignment of natural dipoles, a *dipole density* can be defined by

$$\mathbf{M} \triangleq \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_i \mathbf{m}_{0i}}{\Delta V} \quad (1)$$

and this is identical to the so-called *magnetization* that enters the relation between  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ :

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) \quad (2)$$

It can be shown<sup>13</sup> that the magnitude of the magnetization can be expressed in terms of the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}_i$  acting on the atomic dipoles and the absolute temperature  $T$  by

$$M = Nm_0 \left( \coth \frac{m_0 \mu_0 H_i}{k_B T} - \frac{k_B T}{m_0 \mu_0 H_i} \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $N$  is the number of dipoles per unit volume,  $m_0$  is the natural dipole moment, and  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant. Equation (3) is derived from considerations of the statistical distribution of the dipole orientations. The direction of  $\mathbf{M}$  is parallel with  $\mathbf{H}_i$  in materials of this type, and the molecular field  $\mathbf{H}_i$  is negligibly different from the macroscopic field. For magnetic fields that are not too strong and temperatures not too low, the parentheses in (3) may be approximated by the first term in its series expansion. In this case the magnetization is linearly dependent on the applied field:

$$\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\chi_m \cong \frac{N \mu_0 m_0^2}{3 k_B T} \quad (5)$$

In a variety of materials at room temperature  $\chi_m$  has values on the order of  $10^{-5}$ .

Some of the most important of magnetic properties are those that involve coupling effects between atomic magnetic moments; these are discussed in the following section.

<sup>13</sup> J. R. Reitz and F. J. Milford, Foundations of Electromagnetic Theory, Chap. 11, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, 1960.

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### 13.6 MATERIALS WITH RESIDUAL MAGNETIZATION

If the temperature of a paramagnetic substance is reduced below a certain value, which depends on the material, the magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$  may be sufficient to produce the field necessary to hold the dipoles aligned even when the external field is not present. The molecular field produced by the magnetization is<sup>13</sup>

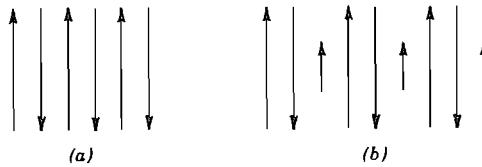
$$\mathbf{H}_i = \kappa \mathbf{M} \quad (1)$$

But from Eq. 13.5(3) it is seen that a second relation between  $\mathbf{H}_i$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  exists. Equating  $M$  of the two expressions, the conditions for spontaneous magnetization are obtained. The temperature below which a material exhibits spontaneous magnetization is called its *Curie temperature*. From experimental knowledge of the Curie temperatures for various materials, it has been found that  $\kappa$ , the factor measuring the interaction of neighboring dipoles, must be on the order of 1000. On the basis of purely magnetic interactions, it would be expected to be about one-third, as in the corresponding factor for electric dipoles. The values are explained using quantum-mechanical considerations on the basis of electric interaction between molecules resulting from distortions of the charge distributions in the molecules. In some materials it is energetically favorable for dipoles to align parallel to their neighbors; these are called *ferromagnetic* substances. In some other materials it is energetically favorable for neighboring dipoles to assume an antiparallel orientation, as indicated in Fig. 13.6a; these are called *antiferromagnetic* substances. In *ferrimagnetic* materials, also called *ferrites*, the neighboring dipoles are aligned in an antiparallel arrangement but different types of atoms are present and the dipoles do not cancel. This is illustrated schematically in Fig. 13.6b.

From the foregoing discussion, one would expect that a single crystal of ferromagnetic or ferrite material would act as a permanent magnet with a common alignment of molecular dipoles. However, except in the case of very small crystals, it is energetically favorable to subdivide into regions, called *domains*, within which the dipoles are all parallel.<sup>14</sup> The subdivision is the one that minimizes the total energy of the crystal, which includes energy in the walls between domains and stored magnetic energy both within and outside the crystal. Figure 13.6c shows a photograph made by a special technique that reveals the domains in a single crystal of nickel. Note that the arrows indicating the magnetization vectors of the domains tend to cancel each other when averaged over the crystal. There are factors such as crystal shape, energetically preferred crystal directions, and the magnetic history of the sample that lead to nonzero net magnetization. (The existence of domains in thin films in the presence of an applied field is exploited for the so-called *bubble memory* devices for computer memories.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>14</sup> C. Kittel, *Introduction to Solid State Physics*, 6th ed., pp. 448–456, Wiley, New York, 1986.

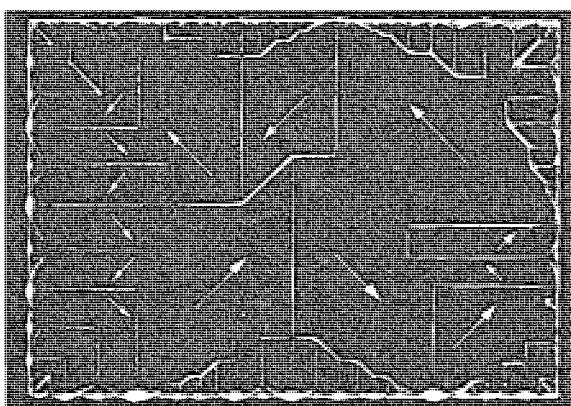
<sup>15</sup> H. Jouve, *Magnetic Bubbles*, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1987.



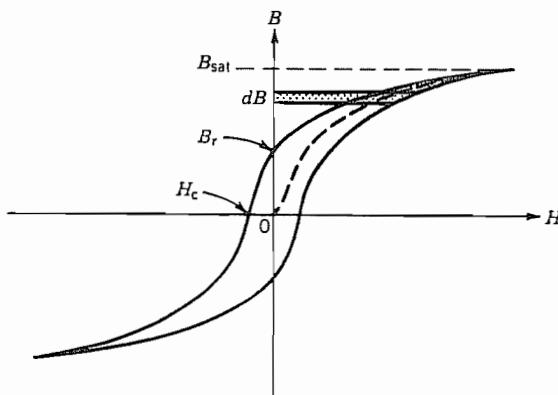
**FIG. 13.6** (a) Arrangement of dipoles in antiferromagnetic material. (b) Unbalanced antiparallel dipoles in ferrites.

Practical materials ordinarily contain large numbers of crystallites with random orientations so that the macroscopic effects are isotropic. Within each crystallite is a domain structure of the type shown in Fig. 13.6c. When a magnetic field is applied, the walls of the domains move in such a way as to enlarge those having components of their dipole vectors in the direction of the magnetic field. If the magnetic field intensity is further increased, the dipole direction for each domain as a whole rotates toward the direction of the applied magnetic field. This process is nonlinear in that the magnetization and hence the flux density  $B$  are not simply proportional to the applied field. The magnetization tends to lag the field intensity, with the result that the relation between  $B$  and  $H$  has the pattern shown in Fig. 13.6d, which is called a *hysteresis loop*. The linear parts of the loop at high values of magnetic field correspond to the condition in which essentially all of the dipole moments are aligned, and  $\Delta B$  and  $\Delta H$  are therefore related by  $\mu_0$  (neglecting diamagnetic effects).

The processes of wall movement and rotation of the domains require the expenditure of energy. The energy required for the traversal of the loop by varying  $H$  from a large negative value to a large positive value and back again can be found from the expression



**FIG. 13.6c** Ferromagnetic domains in a single-crystal platelet of nickel. [From C. Kittel.<sup>1</sup> © John Wiley and Sons, 1986, New York. Original photograph from R. W. de Blois, *J. Appl. Phys.* **36**, 1647 (1965).]



**FIG. 13.6d** Typical hysteretic  $B$ - $H$  curve for a ferromagnetic material.

for the stored magnetic energy, Eq. 2.16(1), repeated here for convenience. The change of energy for a differential change  $\mathbf{dB}$  is

$$dU_H = \int_V \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{B} \, dV \quad (2)$$

where the integration is over the volume of the material. This differential energy is shown as a shaded bar on the hysteresis loop in Fig. 13.6d. When the field is decreased, a portion of the energy indicated by the part of the bar outside the loop is returned to the field. The result of integrating around the loop is that the total expended energy per unit volume is equal to the area of the loop.

Some important applications of ferromagnetic materials include permanent magnets, signal recording tapes and disks, magnetic shielding, and cores for electromagnets, transformers, electric motors, and generators. These materials can be roughly divided into categories called *hard* and *soft*. The designations refer to permanence of magnetization when the applied field is removed, with hard materials retaining a strong magnetization.

Hard materials generally have a wide, rectangular hysteresis loop. Two important points on the hysteresis loop for hard materials are the *remanence*  $B_r$  and the *coercive force*  $H_c$  (see Fig. 13.6d). The remanence is the flux density that remains in the material when  $H$  is reduced to zero and is the value existing in a permanent magnet. The coercive force is the magnetic field that must be applied in the opposite direction to reduce the flux density to zero. Its importance lies in the fact that the retention of magnetization in the presence of disturbances (thermal, mechanical, etc.) improves with increasing coercive force. The properties of some technically important materials for permanent magnets are listed in Table 13.6a.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup> A. H. Morrish, *The Physical Principles of Magnetism*, Robert E. Krieger, Malabar, FL, 1982.

**Table 13.6a**  
**Hard Magnetic Materials**

Material	Comment or Percent Composition	Remanence $B_r$ (T)	Coercive Force $H_c$ (A m <sup>-1</sup> )
Iron	Bonded powder	0.6	0.0765
Iron–cobalt	Bonded powder	1.08	0.0980
Alnico V	14 Ni, 8 Al, 24 Co, 3 Cu, 51 Fe	1.27	0.0650
Ticonol II	15 Ni, 7 Al, 34 Co, 4 Cu, 5 Ti, 35 Fe	1.18	0.1315

Soft materials should usually have large *saturation induction* ( $B_{sat}$  in Fig. 13.6d), small coercive force, large *initial permeability* ( $\partial B / \partial H$  at  $B = H = 0$ ), large *maximum permeability* (maximum  $B/H$ ), and small hysteresis losses. The specific application may make some characteristics more important than others; for example, a material to be used to shield something from a weak magnetic field would have high initial permeability as its most important criterion. Properties of some important soft materials are listed in Table 13.6b.<sup>16,17</sup> When ferromagnetic metals are used in situations where the magnetic field is time varying, as in a generator or a transformer, so-called *eddy currents* are induced by electric fields prescribed by Faraday's law (Sec. 3.2). The currents are large because the metals have rather high conductivity; the resulting Joule ( $I^2R$ ) losses can be unacceptable. The currents and resulting losses are minimized by making the cores laminated with the induced current directions perpendicular to the laminations. The losses in metallic ferromagnetic materials become intolerable for radio and microwave frequencies. Ferrites are important because they typically have very low conductivities ( $\ll 10^{-4}$  S/m). They are used extensively for purposes such as cores in transformers and filters and antenna rods for frequencies throughout the radio frequency ranges.<sup>18</sup> Several microwave applications utilize an anisotropic property of ferrites; these are discussed in Sec. 13.15.

For the materials discussed here, the permeability as defined by  $\mu = B/H$  is not a constant. In solving field problems, however, one is often concerned with small variations of the field about some large average value. If the variations are small enough, any part of the hysteresis loop can be considered a straight line, the slope of which depends upon the point on the loop. The slope is called the *incremental permeability* and is the ratio  $\Delta B / \Delta H$ .

An effect similar to that discussed for magnetization is found for electric polarization in some materials (e.g., barium titanate). These materials, called *ferroelectric* because their behavior is analogous to that of ferromagnetic materials, exhibit a hysteresis loop in the relationship between the flux density  $D$  and the electric field  $E$ . As in ferromagnetic materials, a domain structure is found in ferroelectric materials. The details of the interactions between neighboring dipoles are discussed in texts on solid-state physics.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>17</sup> R. Boll (Ed.), *Soft Magnetic Materials*, Heyden, London/Philadelphia/Rheine, 1979.

<sup>18</sup> A. Goldman, *Modern Ferrite Technology*, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 1990.

<sup>19</sup> For example, see C. Kittel.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 13.6b**  
**Soft Magnetic Materials**

Material	Comment and Percent Composition	Initial Permeability ( $\mu_r)_0$	Maximum Permeability ( $\mu_r)_{\max}$	Coercive Force $\times 10^4$ ( $A m^{-1}$ )	Saturation Induction (T)
Iron	Commercial (99 Fe)	$2 \times 10^2$	$6 \times 10^3$	0.9	2.16
Iron	Pure (99.9 Fe)	$2.5 \times 10^4$	$3.5 \times 10^5$	0.01	2.16
Hypersil	97 Fe, 3 Si	$9 \times 10^3$	$4 \times 10^4$	0.15	2.01
78 permalloy	78 Ni, 22 Fe	$4 \times 10^3$	$1 \times 10^5$	0.05	1.05
Mumetal	18 Fe, 75 Ni, 5 Cu, 2 Cr	$2 \times 10^4$	$1 \times 10^5$	0.05	0.75
Supermalloy	15 Fe, 79 Ni, 5 Mo, 0.5 Mn	$9 \times 10^4$	$1 \times 10^6$	0.004	0.8
Cryoperm <sup>a</sup>	Usable at cryogenic temperatures	$6.5 \times 10^4$			

<sup>a</sup>Permeability given for  $T = 4.2$  K. See footnote 17.

### 13.7 NONLINEAR DIELECTRICS: APPLICATION IN OPTICS

Most of this text is concerned with linear materials. We have, however, seen in the preceding section that the nonlinear characteristics of ferromagnetic materials must usually be considered. For these, magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$  is a nonlinear function of magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$ . The polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  of dielectrics may similarly become a nonlinear function of electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  for sufficiently high fields. It is less common to have to consider this nonlinearity than that of ferromagnetic materials, but there is one area in which it is central and has led to a number of useful effects. Because of the high fields of laser beams, nonlinearities in the interaction of materials with optical waves have led to both useful and undesirable effects. We will use this subject of *nonlinear optics* to give the basis for nonlinear polarization, illustrating with applications to heterodyning and harmonic generation. Other important applications such as parametric amplification and oscillation and four-wave mixing to produce conjugate waves (which can be used, for example, to correct wavefront distortion arising from material inhomogeneities<sup>20</sup>) are included in some of the special texts on this subject.<sup>21–23</sup>

A complete theoretical treatment of this subject is complicated by the use, in practice, of anisotropic crystals, in which case the material response is in a direction different from that of the applied field, and directions of propagation of various components can differ. The analysis here avoids those complications while giving the essentials for

<sup>20</sup> A. Yariv, IEEE J. Quantum Electronics **QE-14**, 650 (1978).

<sup>21</sup> N. Bloembergen, Nonlinear Optics, W. A. Benjamin, New York, 1954.

<sup>22</sup> A. Yariv and P. Yeh, Optical Waves in Crystals, Chap. 12, Wiley, New York, 1984.

<sup>23</sup> H. A. Haus, Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics, Chap. 13, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1984.

understanding the most important phenomena. With proper interpretation the analysis given below can be adapted to anisotropic crystals.

In Sec. 13.2, we discussed the Lorentz model for the dynamics of the charge cloud in an atom when an oscillating field is applied. For the calculation of the nonlinear polarizability or susceptibility, a modified form of the Lorentz equation is used:

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{dr}{dt} + \omega_0^2 r - \xi r^2 = -\frac{e}{m} E_{\text{loc}} \quad (1)$$

The nonlinearity becomes significant when the field is large enough to make the displacement  $r$  a significant fraction of the radius of the equilibrium electron orbit. Such atomic fields are on the order of  $3 \times 10^{10}$  V/m.<sup>24</sup> One can begin to observe nonlinearities with fields typically  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-4}$  of this value so that the perturbation theoretical approach discussed below can be used to calculate  $r$ .

We will examine a typical case of interest for applications in which the electric field is the sum of the fields in several waves of different frequencies  $E = E(\omega_1) + E(\omega_2) + \dots$ . It is possible to work through the algebra for this case to find expressions for the frequency dependences of the nonlinear polarizations of various orders. The total polarization can be written as

$$P = P_1 + P_2 + \dots \quad (2)$$

where

$$P_i = -Ner_i \quad (3)$$

in which  $N$  is the volume density of atoms,  $e$  is the electronic charge, and the displacements  $r_i$  are related to the total electric field by

$$r_i = a_i(gE)^i \quad (4)$$

where  $g$  is the factor relating the macroscopic field to that acting on the atom. Then the total polarization is

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (-Nea_1g)E + (-Nea_2g^2)E^2 + \dots \\ &= \epsilon_0\chi_e E + \epsilon_0\chi_e^{(2)}E^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The coefficients  $a_i$  and, therefore, the susceptibilities  $\chi_e^{(i)}$  are frequency dependent. For example, the form of the frequency dependence of  $a_1$  was given in Eq. 13.2(9). The frequency dependences in the higher-order terms are quite complicated when  $E$  is the sum of the fields of several frequencies.

When all frequencies of applied fields are in the optical transmission region of a crystal, it is a good approximation to neglect the frequency dependence of the susceptibility  $\chi_e^{(2)}$ . The examples treated here need only  $\chi_e^{(2)}$ , so that  $P_3$ ,  $P_4$ , and so on, may be neglected. Others of the useful processes depend upon  $\chi_e^{(3)}$ , for example, soliton transmission in fibers, which will be discussed in Chapter 14. For materials having

<sup>24</sup> N. Bloembergen, Nonlinear Optics, p. 7. W. A. Benjamin, New York, 1954.

inversion symmetry, including isotropic materials, the lowest nonlinear susceptibility is  $\chi_e^{(3)}$ .

For materials in which  $P_2$  is the dominant nonlinear polarization,

$$P_2 = \epsilon_0 \chi_e^{(2)} E^2 = 2\epsilon_0 d E^2 \quad (6)$$

where  $d = \chi_e^{(2)}/2$  is a common notation for such materials. Let us find the nonlinear polarization when two plane waves with parallel propagation and different frequencies coexist in such a crystal. We write the two waves as<sup>25</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(z, t) &= E_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - k_1 z) \\ E_2(z, t) &= E_2 \cos(\omega_2 t - k_2 z) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The electric field in (6) is the sum of the fields of the two waves in (7); making the substitution gives

$$\begin{aligned} P_2 &= 2\epsilon_0 d [E_1^2 \cos^2(\omega_1 t - k_1 z) + E_2^2 \cos^2(\omega_2 t - k_2 z) \\ &\quad + 2E_1 E_2 \cos(\omega_1 t - k_1 z) \cos(\omega_2 t - k_2 z)] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Use of trigonometric identities on (8) reveals that it contains components at several different frequencies. There are components at the second harmonic of the two applied frequencies:

$$P_{2\omega_1} = d\epsilon_0 E_1^2 \cos[2(\omega_1 t - k_1 z)] \quad (9)$$

$$P_{2\omega_2} = d\epsilon_0 E_2^2 \cos[2(\omega_2 t - k_2 z)] \quad (10)$$

Also, there are components at the sum and difference frequencies,

$$P_{\omega_1 + \omega_2} = 2d\epsilon_0 E_1 E_2 \cos[(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t - (k_1 + k_2)z] \quad (11)$$

$$P_{\omega_1 - \omega_2} = 2d\epsilon_0 E_1 E_2 \cos[(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t - (k_1 - k_2)z] \quad (12)$$

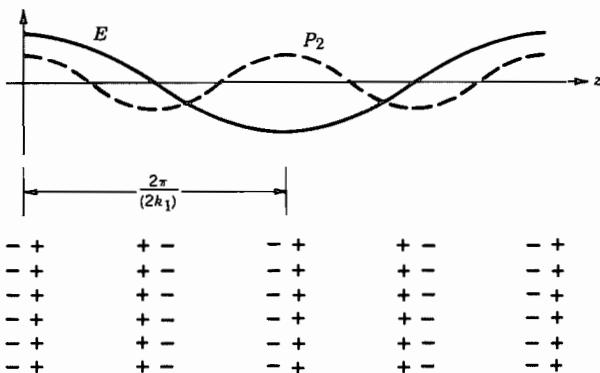
and a time-independent term.

To further complicate matters,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $P$  may not be in the same direction, in which case the constant  $d$  depends upon the relative directions. Moreover, the direction of propagation ( $z$  direction) is not necessarily along a crystal axis. All of these complications must be taken into account when choosing a crystal for harmonic generation or frequency shifting.

It is of use to visualize the polarization for a simple case. Consider the situation where  $E_2 = 0$ ; only the constant polarization and that at  $2\omega_1$  remain from the nonlinear terms. Figure 13.7 shows the spatial variation of the applied field and the polarization at  $2\omega_1$ . The polarization has a phase constant of  $2k_1$ . For all parts of this pattern of dipoles to produce fields that add constructively, the phase constant of these fields,  $k(2\omega_1) = 2k(\omega_1) = 2n(\omega_1)\omega_1/c$ . Since  $k(2\omega_1) = n(2\omega_1)2\omega_1/c$ ,

$$n(2\omega_1) = n(\omega_1) \quad (13)$$

<sup>25</sup> Note that if complex phasors are used, full equivalence to (7) must be included,  $E_1 e^{i\omega t} + E_1^* e^{-i\omega t}$  since real and imaginary parts do not remain separated in nonlinear problems. See Appendix 4.



**FIG. 13.7** Nonlinear polarization resulting from a single applied electric field of wave number  $k_1$ .

The same phase synchronism condition is true for the other components when both sources are present. For example, for  $P_{\omega_1 - \omega_2}$ , the phase constant of the polarization is  $k_1 - k_2$ . Then for there to be constructive interference so that a net output is created, the index of refraction at  $\omega_1 - \omega_2$  must equal that at  $\omega_1$ :

$$n(\omega_1 - \omega_2) = n(\omega_1) \quad (14)$$

The technique for getting contributions to add constructively is called *phase matching*; it requires control of the index of refraction at the frequencies of the fields involved in generating a particular polarization component and at the frequency of the polarization source term. It is generally possible to do this with only one nonlinear interaction process at a time. Techniques for accomplishing this include temperature control and crystal orientation.

Two important applications are illustrated by the components discussed above. Efficient generation of the second harmonic makes possible signal sources in frequency ranges not otherwise accessible. For example, useful amounts of light at  $\lambda_0 = 0.53 \mu\text{m}$  can be generated by focusing an intense laser beam from a  $\text{Nd}^{3+}\text{-YAG}$  laser at  $\lambda_0 = 1.06 \mu\text{m}$  on a crystal of  $\text{BaNaNb}_5\text{O}_{15}$ , which has a relatively large value of the constant  $d$ . Also, nonlinear polarization can be used to frequency-shift a signal say, at  $\omega_3$  to a frequency for which more convenient detectors may be available. Suitable choice of  $\omega_1$  can give the desired difference frequency component at  $\omega_2 = \omega_3 - \omega_1$ .

Power in nonlinear effects of this kind (lossless) is governed by the important Manley–Rowe relations.<sup>26</sup> The changes in power  $\Delta W_{Ti}$  in the various components are related by

$$\frac{\Delta W_{T1}}{\omega_1} = \frac{\Delta W_{T2}}{\omega_2} = -\frac{\Delta W_{T3}}{\omega_3} \quad (15)$$

where  $\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$ . For example, these show that in the sum-frequency generation, the two source waves at  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  lose power to the sum in amounts related to their relative frequencies.

<sup>26</sup> A. Yariv, Quantum Electronics, 3rd ed., Sec. 17.0, Wiley, New York, 1989.

## Anisotropic Media

### 13.8 REPRESENTATION OF ANISOTROPIC DIELECTRIC CRYSTALS

The materials studied up to this point have been representable by scalar permittivities and permeabilities, which may be frequency dependent and nonlinear. In a number of technically important materials, responses to fields with different orientations can differ; that is, they are anisotropic. This anisotropy may be in the response either to the electric field or to the magnetic field. In the former case, the permittivity must be represented by a matrix, an array of nine scalar quantities that may be frequency-dependent and/or nonlinear. The anisotropy in the magnetic field response is represented by a matrix permeability.<sup>27</sup> It is rare that both the permeability and the permittivity are significantly anisotropic and we will not consider that possibility here.<sup>28</sup> We first treat anisotropic dielectric crystals, then ferrites and plasmas having anisotropy caused by the application of a constant magnetic field. In addition to analyzing the representation of these anisotropic materials, we investigate the types of waves that can exist in the various media and comment on applications.

The relation between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  for an anisotropic dielectric is given by<sup>29</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} D_x &= \varepsilon_{11}E_x + \varepsilon_{12}E_y + \varepsilon_{13}E_z \\ D_y &= \varepsilon_{21}E_x + \varepsilon_{22}E_y + \varepsilon_{23}E_z \\ D_z &= \varepsilon_{31}E_x + \varepsilon_{32}E_y + \varepsilon_{33}E_z \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

or, in matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & \varepsilon_{12} & \varepsilon_{13} \\ \varepsilon_{21} & \varepsilon_{22} & \varepsilon_{23} \\ \varepsilon_{31} & \varepsilon_{32} & \varepsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

or, still more compactly,

$$[D] = [\varepsilon][E] \quad (3)$$

<sup>27</sup> It is sometimes convenient to use either tensor or dyadic representation for the anisotropic permittivity and permeability, for example, in equations involving curl operators. For an introduction to dyadic notation, see R. E. Collin, *Field Theory of Guided Waves*, 2nd ed., pp. 801–803, IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991, and for tensors see J. A. Stratton, *Electromagnetic Theory*, Sec. 1.20, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1941. For our purposes, the more common matrix representation suffices.

<sup>28</sup> A treatment of the case where both permittivity and permeability are significantly anisotropic, as occurs in yttrium-iron-garnet (YIG) at infrared frequencies, is given by E. E. Bergmann, *Bell System Tech. J.* **61**, 935 (1983).

<sup>29</sup> More details may be found in M. Born and E. Wolf, *Principles of Optics*, 6th ed., Chap. XIV, Pergamon Press, New York, 1980. See also A. Yariv and P. Yeh, *Optical Waves in Crystals*, Chaps. 4 and 5, Wiley, New York, 1984; and H. A. Haus, *Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics*, Chap. 11, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1984.

It can be shown that for physically real materials, the permittivity operator (represented here by a matrix) is Hermitian, a property defined by

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \epsilon_{ji}^* \quad (4)$$

We will first consider loss-free crystals so (4) implies real and symmetric matrices.<sup>30</sup>

It is a property of symmetric matrices that they can be diagonalized by a rotation of coordinates so that (1) reduces to

$$D_x = \epsilon_{11}E_x; \quad D_y = \epsilon_{22}E_y; \quad D_z = \epsilon_{33}E_z \quad (5)$$

where  $\epsilon_{11}$ ,  $\epsilon_{22}$ , and  $\epsilon_{33}$  are called the *principal permittivities*. The properties of the matrix can be studied with no loss of generality and with considerable algebraic simplification by using the *principal coordinates*, in which the matrix is diagonalized.

Now we will introduce a geometrical formalism for describing crystal permittivity that aids in the understanding of wave propagation. The electric energy density can be found in the same form, Eq. 1.21(7), as for the isotropic case<sup>31</sup>:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad (6)$$

Therefore, from (5) and (6):

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{D_x^2}{\epsilon_{11}} + \frac{D_y^2}{\epsilon_{22}} + \frac{D_z^2}{\epsilon_{33}} \right) \quad (7)$$

If we define quantities  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  measured along the three principal spatial axes by

$$X = \frac{D_x}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_0 U}}; \quad Y = \frac{D_y}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_0 U}}; \quad Z = \frac{D_z}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_0 U}} \quad (8)$$

then (7) becomes

$$\frac{X^2}{(\epsilon_{11}/\epsilon_0)} + \frac{Y^2}{(\epsilon_{22}/\epsilon_0)} + \frac{Z^2}{(\epsilon_{33}/\epsilon_0)} = 1 \quad (9)$$

This is the equation of an ellipsoid; it is known as the *index ellipsoid* (also called the *index of wave normals*, *optical indicatrix*, or *reciprocal ellipsoid*) and has as its semi-axes the square roots of the relative permittivities in the three principal directions, as shown in Fig. 13.8. The name *index ellipsoid* derives from the fact that the index of refraction equals the square root of relative permittivity when  $\mu = \mu_0$ .

The shape of the ellipsoid depends on the crystalline properties of the materials. Crystals can be divided into three optical classifications. Type I materials have cubic symmetry, for which there are three equivalent directions. In this case  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22} =$

<sup>30</sup> For magnetically anisotropic real materials, the permeability is Hermitian so that  $\mu_{ij} = \mu_{ji}^*$ . For loss-free ferrites and plasmas with applied magnetic field and, to a lesser extent in dielectrics, the  $(\mu)$  matrices are antisymmetric, so the off-diagonal terms must be imaginary.

<sup>31</sup> D. J. Griffiths, Introduction to Electrodynamics, 2nd ed., p. 185, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1989.

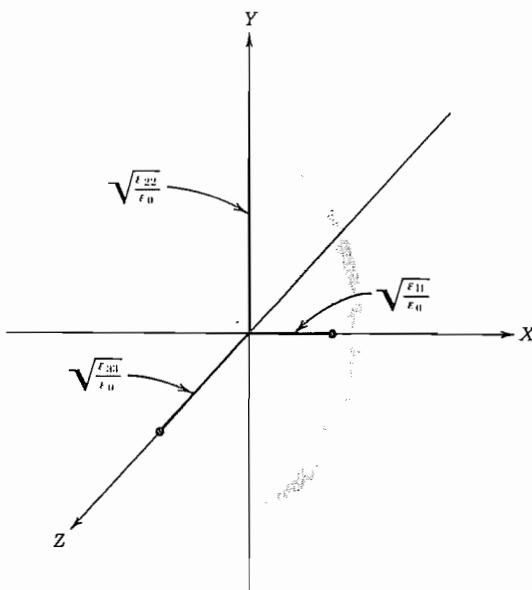


FIG. 13.8 The index ellipsoid.

$\epsilon_{33}$ , the ellipsoid reduces to a sphere, and the properties are isotropic. Silicon, gallium arsenide, and cadmium telluride are examples of cubic crystals. Type II materials include trigonal, tetragonal, and hexagonal crystals, which all have one axis of symmetry. This axis is one of the principal axes of the permittivity ellipsoid. The symmetry of the crystal about this axis requires corresponding symmetry of the ellipsoid. It is, therefore, an ellipsoid of revolution, or spheroid. Crystals of this type are called *uniaxial* and include such important materials as calcium carbonate, quartz, lithium niobate, and cadmium sulfide. Type III or *biaxial* materials are crystals having no axes of symmetry; these are the orthorhombic, monoclinic, and triclinic systems. All three principal axes of the ellipsoid are different, as shown for the general ellipsoid in Fig. 13.8.

### 13.9 PLANE-WAVE PROPAGATION IN ANISOTROPIC CRYSTALS

The general properties of plane-wave propagation in anisotropic crystals are developed in this section. We will see that  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$ , the wave normal  $\beta$ , and the Poynting vector  $\mathbf{P}$  all lie in a common plane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{H}$ . It is then shown that there are always two linearly polarized waves (except in certain degenerate situations) with orthogonal orientations of the  $\mathbf{D}$  vectors for each direction of propagation.

It is convenient to introduce here the expression for a wave with a plane phase front oriented in an arbitrary direction. The physical quantities of the wave may be assumed to vary as  $e^{-j\beta \cdot r}$  where

$$\beta = \hat{x}\beta_x + \hat{y}\beta_y + \hat{z}\beta_z$$

is a vector phase factor and

$$\mathbf{r} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}x + \hat{\mathbf{y}}y + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z \quad (1)$$

is the vector distance from an arbitrary origin. Thus we may write

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}}; \quad \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}}; \quad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}} \quad (2)$$

where the coefficients  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}$  are constant complex vectors for the electric field intensity, electric flux density, and magnetic field intensity with all spatial dependence removed. Constant phase surfaces are those for which  $\beta \cdot \mathbf{r} = \beta r \cos \theta = \text{constant}$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\beta$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ . It is evident from Fig. 13.9a that the constant phase surfaces are planes.

Let us substitute  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  in the form (2) into Maxwell's equation

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

and apply the vector identity

$$\nabla \times (\Phi \mathbf{A}) = \nabla \Phi \times \mathbf{A} + \Phi \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

where  $\Phi$  is a scalar and  $\mathbf{A}$  is an arbitrary vector. The result is

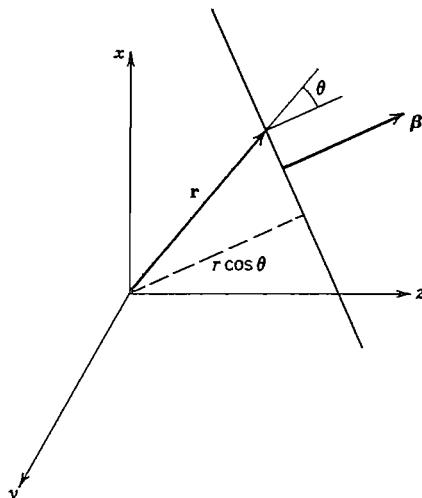
$$(-j\beta \times \mathbf{H})e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}} + e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \mathbf{D}e^{-j\beta \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

Noting that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0$  since  $\mathbf{H}$  is spatially invariant, we obtain

$$-\beta \times \mathbf{H} = \omega \mathbf{D} \quad (3)$$

Application of the same operations to the other of Maxwell's curl equations,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mu \mathbf{H}$ , yields

$$\beta \times \mathbf{E} = \omega \mu \mathbf{H} \quad (4)$$



**FIG. 13.9a** Coordinates for a plane wave propagating in an arbitrary direction  $\beta$ .

Since the vector product is normal to both terms in the product, (3) shows that  $\beta$  is perpendicular to  $D$ . Similarly, (4) shows that  $\beta$  is also normal to  $H$ . Therefore  $\beta$  is normal to the direction defined by  $D$  and  $H$ , which means that constant phase surfaces contain  $D$  and  $H$ .

Another important direction of wave propagation is the direction of power flow. This is defined by the Poynting vector

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (5)$$

In optics the unit vector in the direction of  $P$  is called the *ray vector*.

We see from (3)–(5) that  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $P$  all lie in the plane perpendicular to  $H$ . It is also seen that the ray, or power flow, direction is different from that of the wave normal; the angle separating them is that between  $E$  and  $D$ , as seen in Fig. 13.9b where  $H$  is normal to the page.

Let us now derive the *Fresnel equation of wave normals* with which it is possible to make some important conclusions about the nature of the allowed waves. Combining (3) and (4) gives

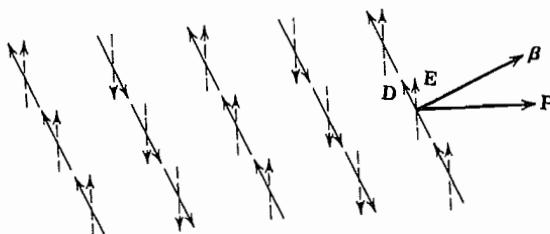
$$\mathbf{D} = -\frac{n^2}{c^2 \mu} [\hat{\mathbf{b}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{E})] \quad (6)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  is the unit vector in the direction of  $\beta$ ,  $c$  is the velocity of light in vacuum, and  $n$  is the unknown index of refraction  $c/v_p$  in the direction of propagation defined by  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ . Using a vector identity, (6) can be converted to the form

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{n^2}{c^2 \mu} [\mathbf{E} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E})] \quad (7)$$

Considering the field components lying along the principal axes of the index ellipsoid to simplify the analysis (without any loss of generality) and using Eqs. 13.8(5), (7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 \mu \epsilon_{11} E_x &= n^2 [E_x - b_x (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E})] \\ c^2 \mu \epsilon_{22} E_y &= n^2 [E_y - b_y (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E})] \\ c^2 \mu \epsilon_{33} E_z &= n^2 [E_z - b_z (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E})] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 13.9b** Relative directions of the field vectors  $D$  and  $E$ , the wave vector  $\beta$ , and the Poynting vector  $P$  in an anisotropic crystal. Magnetic field is normal to the plane of the other vectors.

Solving any one of the equations (8) gives

$$E_k = \frac{n^2 b_k (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E})}{n^2 - c^2 \mu \epsilon_{ii}} \quad (9)$$

where  $k = x, y$ , or  $z$  and  $i$  is the corresponding value 1, 2, or 3. Multiplying  $E_k$  by  $b_k$ , summing the three expressions  $b_k E_k$ , and dividing by  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E}$  give

$$\frac{b_x^2}{n^2 - c^2 \mu \epsilon_{11}} + \frac{b_y^2}{n^2 - c^2 \mu \epsilon_{22}} + \frac{b_z^2}{n^2 - c^2 \mu \epsilon_{33}} = \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (10)$$

If we define the principal velocities of propagation by

$$v_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon_{11}}}, \quad v_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon_{22}}}, \quad v_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon_{33}}} \quad (11)$$

Then, substituting (11) and  $n = c/v_p$  in (10) and subtracting  $b_x^2 + b_y^2 + b_z^2 = 1$  from both sides, we get

$$\frac{b_x^2}{v_p^2 - v_x^2} + \frac{b_y^2}{v_p^2 - v_y^2} + \frac{b_z^2}{v_p^2 - v_z^2} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Also (9) can be converted using  $n = c/v_p$  and (11) to

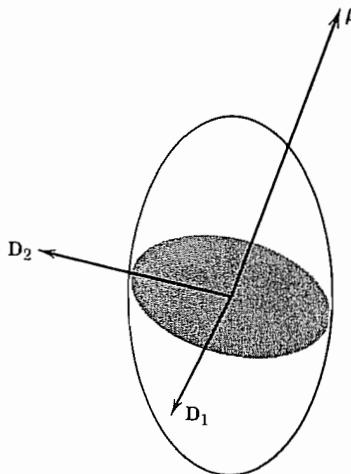
$$E_k = \frac{v_k^2}{v_k^2 - v_p^2} b_k (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E}) \quad (13)$$

Equation (12) is *Fresnel's equation of wave normals*. It is easily seen to be quadratic in  $v_p^2$ . Therefore, for each set  $(b_x, b_y, b_z)$  that defines the direction of propagation there are two values of phase velocity.

Using (13) for each value of phase velocity, we can find  $E_x$ ,  $E_y$ , and  $E_z$  and, therefore, their ratios, which define the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$  corresponding to that of  $v_p$ . Likewise, the direction of  $\mathbf{D}$  for each value of  $v_p$  can be found from  $\mathbf{E}$  using the relations in Eqs. 13.8(5). If this procedure is carried through, one finds that the ratios of the components of both  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are real, which signals that the two waves are linearly polarized.

There is a helpful construction that can be used to give the phase velocities for an arbitrary direction of propagation.<sup>32</sup> It can also be used to prove that the  $\mathbf{D}$  vectors of the two waves are mutually perpendicular and to determine their directions. A plane passed through the center of the index ellipsoid is oriented so its normal lies in the direction of the wave vector. The ellipse formed by the intersection of the plane and the ellipsoid is shown shaded in Fig. 13.9c. It can be shown (Prob. 13.9d) that the lengths of the two semiaxes give the indices of refraction (or, equivalently, the phase velocities) of the two waves. The same analysis shows that the flux density vectors  $\mathbf{D}$  for the two waves lie along the minor and major axes of the shaded ellipse as shown.

<sup>32</sup> M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics, 6th ed., Sec. 14.2.3. Pergamon Press, New York, 1980.



**FIG. 13.9c** Index ellipsoid with intersecting plane passing through its center. The lengths of the semiaxes of the resulting ellipse give the indices of refraction for the two waves, and the flux density vectors lie along the semiaxes.

### 13.10 PLANE-WAVE PROPAGATION IN UNIAXIAL CRYSTALS

It was pointed out in Sec. 13.8 that the index ellipsoid for a uniaxial crystal is an ellipsoid of revolution; its axis of symmetry is called the *optic axis*. The Fresnel equation, Eq. 13.9(12), can be specialized to this case by writing  $v_z = v_e$  and  $v_x = v_y = v_o$ :

$$(v_p^2 - v_o^2)[(b_x^2 + b_y^2)(v_p^2 - v_e^2) + b_z^2(v_p^2 - v_o^2)] = 0 \quad (1)$$

If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\beta$  and the  $z$  axis, we can write

$$b_x^2 + b_y^2 = \sin^2 \theta; \quad b_z^2 = \cos^2 \theta \quad (2)$$

With (2), the Fresnel equation (1) can be expressed as

$$(v_p^2 - v_o^2)[(v_p^2 - v_e^2) \sin^2 \theta + (v_p^2 - v_o^2) \cos^2 \theta] = 0 \quad (3)$$

The two roots of (3) are

$$\begin{aligned} v_{p1}^2 &= v_o^2 \\ v_{p2}^2 &= v_o^2 \cos^2 \theta + v_e^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

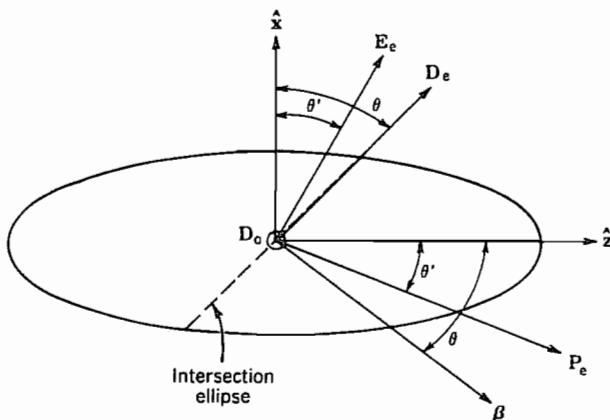
Note that one wave propagates like a wave in an isotropic medium in that its phase velocity is independent of the direction of propagation. This is called the *ordinary wave*, which is the reason for the subscript o. The other wave has a phase velocity that depends upon the direction of propagation and is called the *extraordinary wave* (subscript e). The two phase velocities are equal only when  $\beta$  is along the optic axis ( $z$ ), as can be seen from (4) with  $\theta = 0$ .

The polarizations of the flux density vectors of the two waves are along the principal axes of the intersection ellipse in Fig. 13.10a. Since the ellipsoid is axially symmetric for the uniaxial case being considered now, the minor axis of the intersection ellipse is unchanged as the direction of propagation is changed. Therefore, the polarization with  $\mathbf{D}$  along the minor axis is that of the ordinary wave and the index measured along that axis corresponds to the velocity  $v_o$ . Power flow  $P_o$  is parallel to  $\beta$  for the ordinary wave as predicted by Eqs. 13.9(3) and 13.9(5) since  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are in the same direction ( $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}D_y = \hat{\mathbf{y}}\epsilon_{22}E_y$ ). The extraordinary wave has  $\mathbf{D}_e$  along the major axis of the intersection ellipse. Since the angle between  $\beta$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  is the same as that between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ , we can find the angle between the ray and wave-vector directions by using the permittivities. It is seen in Fig. 13.10a that the angle  $\theta$  between  $\beta$  and the  $z$  axis is the same as that between  $\mathbf{D}_e$  and the  $x$  axis so that  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(D_z/D_x)$ . The  $\mathbf{E}$  vector lies in the plane of  $\mathbf{D}_e$ ,  $\beta$ , and the  $z$  axis (called the *principal section*) and its angle  $\theta'$  from the  $x$  axis is the same as that between  $\mathbf{P}$  and the  $z$  axis. Therefore,

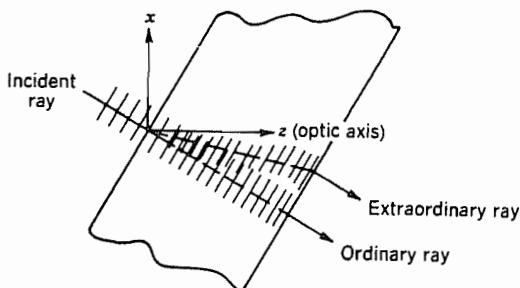
$$\tan \theta' = \frac{E_z}{E_x} = \frac{\epsilon_0 D_z}{\epsilon_e D_x} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_e} \tan \theta \quad (5)$$

where  $\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22}$  and  $\epsilon_e = \epsilon_{33}$ .

Although the details of reflection and refraction of waves at surfaces of anisotropic materials can become quite complicated, the principles are straightforward. Tangential components of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  remain continuous across the boundary. Consider, for example, a crystal cut at an angle oblique to the optic axis, as shown in Fig. 13.10b. The  $y$  axis is the outward normal to the page. It is assumed that the incident plane wave has electric field vectors both in the plane of the page and normal to it. The situation inside the crystal is described by the index ellipsoid in Fig. 13.10a. As we saw from Eq. 13.9(3), the  $\mathbf{D}$  vectors lie in the planes of the phase fronts and therefore must lie in the plane of



**Fig. 13.10a** Index ellipsoid for a uniaxial crystal with propagation oblique to the optic axis. The intersection ellipse contains the broken line along  $\mathbf{D}_e$  and also the  $\mathbf{D}_o$  vector normal to the page.



**FIG. 13.10b** Excitation of ordinary and extraordinary waves in a uniaxial crystal with parallel surfaces cut at an angle oblique to the optic axis.

the surface of the crystal since the incoming wave has constant phase on that surface. The dashed line across the ellipsoid in Fig. 13.10a is the edge of the intersection ellipse. The flux density  $\mathbf{D}_o$  of the ordinary wave is in the  $y$  direction out of the page, and  $\mathbf{D}_e$  of the extraordinary wave lies in the plane of the page on the major axis of the intersection ellipse. We see from (5) that  $\theta' < \theta$  for the ellipsoid illustrated since  $\epsilon_e > \epsilon_o$ . The path of the ray in real space, corresponding to the  $\mathbf{P}_e$  direction in the ellipsoid, is shown in Fig. 13.10b. Note that  $\beta$  is the same for the two waves, so the phase fronts are parallel even though the extraordinary ray follows a different path from the ordinary ray. The splitting of the refracted wave is called *double refraction* or *birefringence*. The two rays are again parallel after emergence from the planar slab. This is because the continuity conditions depend upon the phase variations along the surface and these are zero for both waves. A common experiment shows this effect. A calcium carbonate crystal is placed on a spot on a piece of paper and two spots are observed, one from the ordinary wave and one from the extraordinary wave, provided the incident wave is unpolarized. If a polarizer is introduced into the incident beam, it can be rotated to eliminate one or the other of the spots.

### 13.11 ELECTRO-OPTIC EFFECTS

For certain materials the permittivity can be changed through application of an electric field. For liquids such as carbon disulfide and nitrobenzene, and for centrosymmetric solids, the effect is proportional to the square of electric field and is known as the *Kerr effect*. For certain noncentrosymmetric solids,<sup>33</sup> such as lithium niobate and gallium arsenide, the change may be directly proportional to applied electric field and is known

<sup>33</sup> A. Yariv, *Quantum Electronics*, 3rd ed., Sec. 14.1, Wiley, New York, 1989. Also see A. Yariv and P. Yeh, *Optical Waves in Crystals*, Chap. 7, Wiley, New York, 1984; and H. A. Haus, *Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics*, Chap. 12, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1984.

as the *Pockels effect*. Both effects are relatively small for practical values of electric field, but the latter especially is important in a number of modulators, switches, and deflectors, so that the remainder of this section is devoted to this linear effect in crystals. Its description becomes annoyingly complicated because each component of the permittivity matrix is affected differently depending upon the orientation of the applied field with respect to the crystal axes.

Although one could describe the electro-optic effect by giving the change in permittivity element  $\epsilon_{ij}$  when field component  $E_k$  is applied, it is customary to define the effect in terms of the reciprocal matrix. Define the matrix

$$\left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{-1} \quad (1)$$

Then if electric field is applied, the change in an element of this matrix is

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^3 r_{ijk} E_k \quad (2)$$

where  $i, j, k$  each range over the three spatial coordinates (1, 2, 3 denote  $x, y, z$ , respectively). It is also usual to take advantage of the symmetry of the matrices  $[\epsilon]$  and hence  $[1/n^2]$  to utilize a contracted notation,  $11 \rightarrow 1, 22 \rightarrow 2, 33 \rightarrow 3, 23 = 32 \rightarrow 4, 13 = 31 \rightarrow 5, 12 = 21 \rightarrow 6$ , so that (2) may be written

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_p = \sum_{k=1}^3 r_{pk} E_k \quad (3)$$

with  $k$  ranging from 1 to 3 and  $p$  from 1 to 6. In matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_1 \\ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_2 \\ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_3 \\ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_4 \\ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_5 \\ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \\ r_{41} & r_{42} & r_{43} \\ r_{51} & r_{52} & r_{53} \\ r_{61} & r_{62} & r_{63} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Values of  $r_{pk}$  for a few crystals are given in Table 13.11.

**Table 13.11**  
**Electro-optic Properties**

Material	$n_o(\lambda_0 = 550 \text{ nm})$	$n_e(\lambda_0 = 550 \text{ nm})$	$r_{pk}$ in units of $10^{-12} \text{ m/V}$
KDP ( $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ )	1.51	1.47	$r_{41} = 8.6$ $r_{63} = 10.6$
GaAs( $10.6 \mu\text{m}$ )	3.34		$r_{41} = 1.6$
$\text{LiNbO}_3$	2.29	2.20	$r_{33} = 30.8$ $r_{13} = 8.6$ $r_{22} = 3.4$ $r_{42} = 28$
$\text{BaTiO}_3$	2.437	2.365	$r_{33} = 23$ $r_{13} = 8.0$ $r_{42} = 820$

From A. Yariv, *Quantum Electronics*, 3rd ed., Table 14.2, Wiley, New York, 1989.

### Example 13.11a

ELECTRO-OPTIC PHASE MODULATION

Consider a crystal of lithium niobate as shown in Fig. 13.11a, with a wave propagating in the  $y$  direction, polarized with electric field in the  $z$  direction, and with electrodes placed so that the modulating field is also in the  $z$  direction (the optical axis of this crystal). From Table 13.11 we see that applied field  $E_z = E_3$ , through  $r_{33}$ , changes  $(1/n^2)_1$  and  $(1/n^2)_3$  and no other elements so that the matrix remains diagonalized even after application of the modulating field. (This is not true in general.) The change of  $(1/n^2)_1$  cannot affect a wave with  $E_z = E_3$  only but the change of  $(1/n^2)_3$  is important. From (3),

$$\left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_3 = \left( \frac{1}{n_e^2} \right) + r_{33} E_3 \quad (5)$$

where  $n_e$  is the index of refraction for extraordinary waves defined in the preceding section. Because of the small value of  $r_{33}$ ,

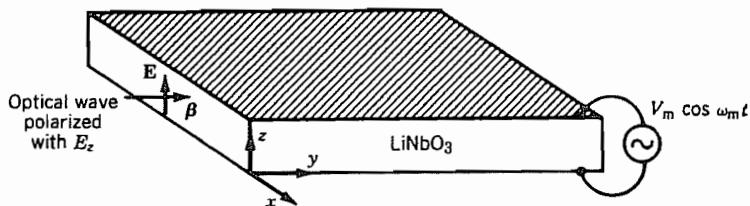
$$n_3 = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_3 \right]^{-1/2} \approx n_e - \frac{r_{33} n_e^3}{2} E_3 \quad (6)$$

So if the modulating field is

$$E_3 = E_m \cos \omega_m t \quad (7)$$

the phase shift after propagating distance  $l$  is

$$\phi(l, t) = \frac{\omega l}{c} n_3 = \frac{\omega l}{c} n_e + \Delta \phi_m \cos \omega_m t \quad (8)$$



**FIG. 13.11a** Electro-optic phase modulation in  $\text{LiNbO}_3$  crystal.

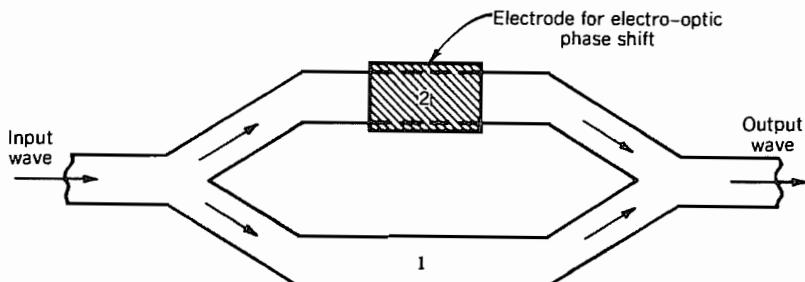
where the *modulation index*  $\Delta\phi_m$  is

$$\Delta\phi_m = -\frac{\omega l r_{33} n_e^3 E_m}{2c} \quad (9)$$

To make this equal to  $\pi$  (a useful value for the applications to be discussed next) for a signal with free-space wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 550 \text{ nm}$  with  $l = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $E_m$  would need to be  $1.68 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$ . Although a high field, the required applied voltages are reasonable in thin crystals or thin-film modulators using the optical guiding described in Sec. 14.7.

**Example 13.11b**  
CONVERSION OF PHASE MODULATION TO AMPLITUDE  
MODULATION BY INTERFEROMETRY

Although phase modulation may be used directly for some purposes, it is often desirable to convert this to amplitude modulation. One of the simplest methods is by means of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer sketched in Fig. 13.11b.<sup>34</sup> An optical wave is divided



**FIG. 13.11b** Top view of optical waveguide Mach-Zehnder interferometer for converting electro-optic phase modulation to amplitude modulation.

<sup>34</sup> B. E. A. Saleh and M. C. Teich, Fundamentals of Photonics, p. 704, Wiley, New York, 1991.

into two equal parts by the first Y junction, electro-optic phase shift is introduced into one arm, and then the two waves are combined in the second Y junction. With zero phase shift the two add, with  $\pi$  phase shift they cancel, and with intermediate phases there is a value in between so that 100% modulation is possible. The device is thus also useful as a switch.

### Example 13.11c

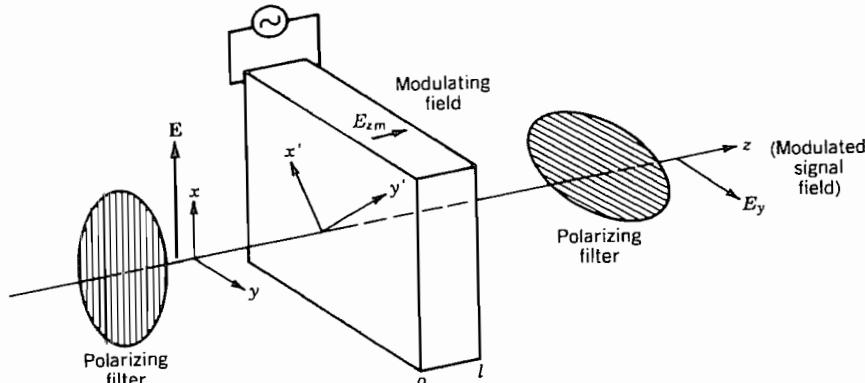
#### CONVERSION OF PHASE MODULATION TO AMPLITUDE MODULATION BY POLARIZATION SHIFTS

A somewhat more complicated case is that in which phase shifts are converted to a change in direction of polarization, and this in turn is converted to amplitude modulation through use of an analyzer. It is the classic electro-optic modulator, and also illustrates that new principal axes are in general required after application of the electric field. A sketch of the arrangement is shown in Fig. 13.11c. The crystal used for the example is KDP and the modulating field is applied in the  $z$  (i.e., 3) direction, which is also the optic axis and the direction of wave propagation. From Table 13.11 the pertinent electro-optic coefficient is then  $r_{63}$ , telling us that application of electric field  $E_z$  adds an off-diagonal element  $(1/n^2)_6 = (1/n^2)_{12}$  to the matrix. New principal axes  $x'$  and  $y'$  after application of  $E_z$  are rotated by 45 degrees relative to the crystal axes  $x$  and  $y$  (Prob. 13.11a). For these

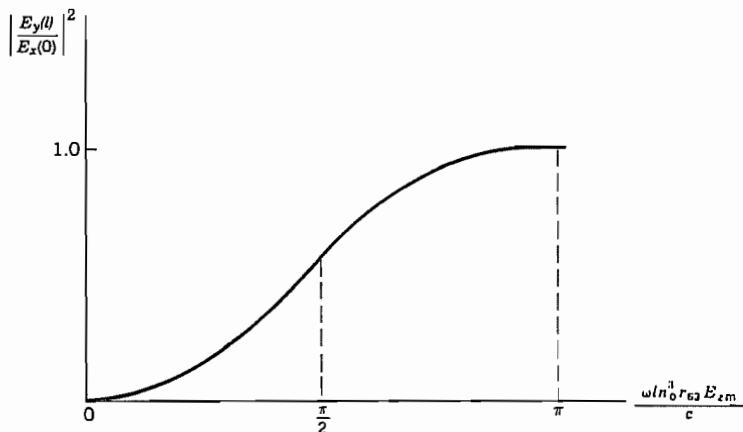
$$\frac{1}{n_{x'}^2} = \frac{1}{n_0^2} + r_{63}E_z, \quad \frac{1}{n_{y'}^2} = \frac{1}{n_0^2} - r_{63}E_z \quad (10)$$

Since  $r_{63}E_z$  is small, these lead to

$$n_{x'} \approx n_0 - \frac{n_0^3}{2} r_{63}E_z, \quad n_{y'} \approx n_0 + \frac{n_0^3}{2} r_{63}E_z \quad (11)$$



**FIG. 13.11c** Electro-optic modulator that employs conversion of phase modulation to amplitude modulation.



**Fig. 13.11d** Output signal field intensity as a function of modulating field  $E_z$  for Fig. 13.11c.

The polarizer of Fig. 13.11c polarizes with field  $E_x$ , which gives equal components in the  $x'$  and  $y'$  directions:

$$\mathbf{E}(0) = \frac{E_x}{\sqrt{2}} [\hat{x}' + \hat{y}'] \quad (12)$$

After propagating distance  $l$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}(l) = \frac{E_x}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-j(\omega ln_0/c)} [\hat{x}' e^{j(\omega ln_0^3 r_{63} E_z/2c)} + \hat{y}' e^{-j(\omega ln_0^3 r_{63} E_z/2c)}] \quad (13)$$

The analyzer selects the  $y$  component, which is

$$\begin{aligned} E_y(l) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [-E_{x'}(l) + E_{y'}(l)] \\ &= \frac{E_x}{2} e^{-j(\omega ln_0/c)} [-e^{j(\omega ln_0^3 r_{63} E_z/2c)} + e^{-j(\omega ln_0^3 r_{63} E_z/2c)}] \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The square of magnitude of this is

$$|E_y(l)|^2 = |E_x|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\omega ln_0^3 r_{63} E_z}{2c} \quad (15)$$

so that it is seen to vary with modulating field  $E_z$  according to the curve of Fig. 13.11d. A “quarter-wave plate” can be added to shift the operating point with zero modulation to the linear, center part of the curve (Prob. 13.11c). Such a plate produces a phase difference of  $\pi/2$  between the two polarizations.

## 13.12 PERMEABILITY MATRIX FOR FERRITES

A group of materials, called ferrites, have the important characteristics of low loss and strong magnetic effects at microwave frequencies. These are solids with a particular type of crystal structure made up of oxygen, iron, and another element which might be lithium, magnesium, zinc, or any of a number of others.<sup>35</sup> The important factors in the study of wave propagation in ferrites are that the losses at microwave frequencies are small, the dielectric constants are relatively high (within a factor of about 2 of  $\epsilon_r = 15$ ), and anisotropic behavior of permeability results when the ferrite is subjected to a steady magnetic field.

A complete description of the energy state of an atom requires specification of both the orbits and spins of the electrons. In the language of quantum mechanics, there are orbital and spin quantum numbers, both of which must be given to define the energy state of an atom. A strong magnetic moment is associated with the electron spin. In paramagnetic substances these magnetic moments are randomly oriented with respect to those in neighboring atoms, but in ferromagnetic, antiferromagnetic, and ferrimagnetic (ferrite) materials, there exists a strong coupling between spin magnetic moments of neighboring atoms, causing parallel or antiparallel alignment as discussed in Sec. 13.6. We will study the situation in which all the domains are aligned in one direction by a strong applied steady field; the material is saturated. An equation of motion for the spin magnetic moments will be found. By assuming small perturbations of the magnetic field quantities about the large steady values, a permeability matrix for the perturbations will be derived.

The model of the spinning electron used in the derivation is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 13.12a. The analogy between the spinning electron and a gyroscope is evident. For any rotating body the rate of change of the angular momentum  $\mathbf{J}$  equals the applied torque  $\mathbf{T}$ :

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \mathbf{T} \quad (1)$$

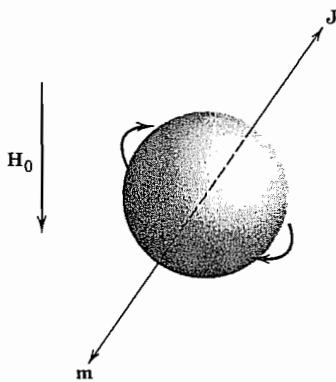
Note as an example the gyroscope shown in Fig. 13.12b. The earth's gravitational attraction applies a force or torque to the gyroscope and the angular momentum vector along the axis of the gyroscope rotates slowly about a vertical line through the pivot. This rotation, called *precession*, is at a rate sufficient to conserve the initial angular momentum. For the electron, we relate the magnetic moment  $\mathbf{m}$  to the applied torque since

$$\mathbf{m} = \gamma \mathbf{J} \quad (2)$$

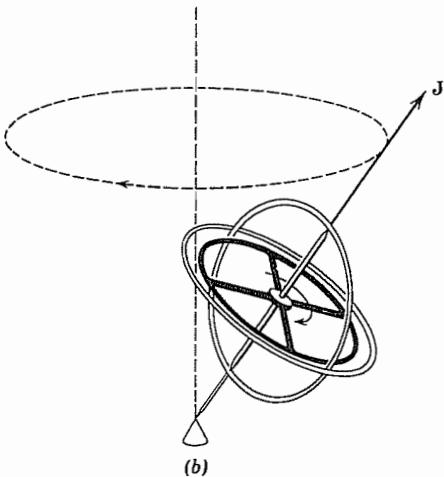
where  $\gamma$  is called the *gyromagnetic ratio*.<sup>36</sup> If the electron is considered to be a uniform

<sup>35</sup> See Goldman<sup>18</sup> and R. S. Elliott, *An Introduction to Guided Waves and Microwave Circuits*, Chap. 14, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1993.

<sup>36</sup> The  $\gamma$  of this section is not to be confused with propagation constant, which has the same symbol in other parts of the book.



(a)



(b)

**FIG. 13.12** (a) Spherical model of spinning electron in magnetic field. (b) Precession of a gyroscope.

charge distribution in a spherical volume and  $\gamma$  is found by classical calculations of  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$ , the result is in error by a factor of almost exactly 2. The correct value of  $\gamma$ , which is approximately  $-1.759 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^2/\text{Wb-s}$ , must be found from quantum mechanics.

The torque resulting from subjecting a magnetic moment  $\mathbf{m}$  to a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_i$  is

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}_i \quad (3)$$

There are also torques resulting from loss mechanisms but these will be neglected here.

We may combine (1) to (3) to get

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = \gamma(\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}_i) \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_i$  is the total field to which the spinning charges are subjected. The total magnetic field acting on a molecule in a magnetic material can be adequately represented by

$$\mathbf{B}_i = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} + (\text{constant})(\mathbf{M}) \quad (5)$$

The magnetization vector (or magnetic dipole density)  $\mathbf{M}$  is  $N_0 \mathbf{m}$  where  $N_0$  is the effective number density since all spins in a saturated material act in concert. The magnetic intensity  $\mathbf{H}$  is the value averaged over the space of many molecules within the material. The relation between  $\mathbf{H}$  and the external applied field depends upon the shape of the ferrite body.

Then combining (4) and (5),

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}) \quad (6)$$

Now consider the applied magnetic field in the form of a sum of dc and ac terms:

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} H_0 + \mathbf{H}_1 e^{j\omega t} \quad (7)$$

The material is saturated, so the magnetization vector must have the form

$$\mathbf{M} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} M_0 + \mathbf{M}_1 e^{j\omega t} \quad (8)$$

where  $M_0$  is the saturation magnetization and  $\mathbf{M}_1$  has only  $x$  and  $y$  components. The expressions (7) and (8) are substituted, in phasor component form, in (6), and all products of ac terms are considered to be negligible compared with products involving one steady term and one alternating term. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} j\omega M_x &= \gamma \mu_0 (M_y H_0 - M_0 H_y) \\ j\omega M_y &= \gamma \mu_0 (M_0 H_x - M_x H_0) \\ j\omega M_z &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where the subscript 1 is deleted from the ac term for simplicity. Equations (9) may be solved to give  $\mathbf{M}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{H}$  and the result substituted in

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) \quad (10)$$

to obtain

$$[B] = [\mu][H] \quad (11)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{11} & \mu_{12} & 0 \\ \mu_{21} & \mu_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where

$$\mu_{11} = \mu_{22} = \mu_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_0 \omega_M}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right] \quad (13)$$

$$\mu_{12} = \mu_{21}^* = j \frac{\mu_0 \omega \omega_M}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \quad (14)$$

in which

$$\omega_M = -\mu_0 \gamma M_0, \quad \omega_0 = -\mu_0 \gamma H_0 \quad (15)$$

A resonance occurs at the frequency  $\omega_0 = -\gamma \mu_0 H_0 = (e/m) \mu_0 H_0$ . Note that the magnetic field  $H_0$  within the ferrite differs from the applied field, as mentioned after (5). The singularity at resonance is suppressed if the mechanisms responsible for damping the precession are considered in the analysis.

### 13.13 TEM WAVE PROPAGATION IN FERRITES

Although a complete treatment of practical ferrite devices would require more complicated wave analysis, useful insight into device behavior is given by understanding TEM wave propagation parallel to an applied dc magnetic field. Propagation will be assumed to be in the  $z$  direction with variations as  $e^{\pm jBz}$ . Taking the curl of Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation in phasor form, and making use of a vector identity, we have

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}) + \omega^2 \epsilon \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Since there is no field in the direction of variations ( $z$ ) and no variation in the direction of the fields ( $x$  and  $y$ ),  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$ . The Laplacian reduces to  $d^2 H/dz^2$  and we use Eq. 13.12(12) to transform (1) to

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \omega^2 \epsilon \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{11} & \mu_{12} & 0 \\ \mu_{21} & \mu_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (2)$$

For isotropic media wave solutions were taken to be linearly polarized; by suitable orientation of the coordinate system, they might have only one component (e.g.,  $\mathbf{H} = \hat{x} H_x$ ). If we substitute such an assumed form of solution in (2), we find a vector with only an  $x$  component in the first term, whereas the vector in the second term has both  $x$  and  $y$  components. For the sum of two vectors to be zero, their components must individually add to zero. Therefore, the magnitude of the  $y$  component must be zero. This is possible only if either  $\mu_{21}$  or  $H_x$  is zero. We know from Sec. 13.12 that  $\mu_{21}$  is not zero, and if  $H_x$  is zero, there is no wave. Thus we must conclude that a linearly polarized wave is not a possible solution; that is, it is not a *normal mode* of propagation

for the medium. We will see that circularly polarized waves are normal modes; media with this property are called *gyrotropic*.

For a clockwise polarized wave (field vectors rotate clockwise as a function of time at a fixed plane in space, looking in the direction of propagation) traveling in the  $+z$  direction, the field has the form

$$\mathbf{H}_+^{\text{cw}} = H_+^{\text{cw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (3)$$

Substituting (3) in (2) and using Eqs. 13.12(13) and (14), we get the propagation constant

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_+^{\text{cw}} &= \omega\sqrt{\epsilon}(\mu_{11} - j\mu_{12})^{1/2} \\ &= \omega\sqrt{\epsilon\mu_0}\left(1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 - \omega}\right)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The quantity  $(\mu_{11} - j\mu_{12})$  that appears in  $\beta_+^{\text{cw}}$  is shown schematically in Fig. 13.13a. The shaded region is a stop band since  $(\mu_{11} - j\mu_{12})$  is negative, and  $\beta_+^{\text{cw}}$  is therefore imaginary. Pumping of the electron spins by the rf magnetic field at the natural precession frequency produces the resonance at  $\omega_0$ .

For the counterclockwise wave traveling in the  $+z$  direction, the magnetic field is

$$\mathbf{H}_+^{\text{ccw}} = H_+^{\text{ccw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (5)$$

Then substituting (5) into (2) and using Eqs. 13.12(13) and (14), we find the corresponding propagation constant

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_+^{\text{ccw}} &= \omega\sqrt{\epsilon}(\mu_{11} + j\mu_{12})^{1/2} \\ &= \omega\sqrt{\epsilon\mu_0}\left(1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 + \omega}\right)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The quantity  $(\mu_{11} + j\mu_{12})$  is shown schematically in Fig. 13.13b.

To complete the set of possible waves, we must consider the two circularly polarized waves propagating in the  $-z$  direction. The magnetic fields for the clockwise and counterclockwise waves, respectively, are

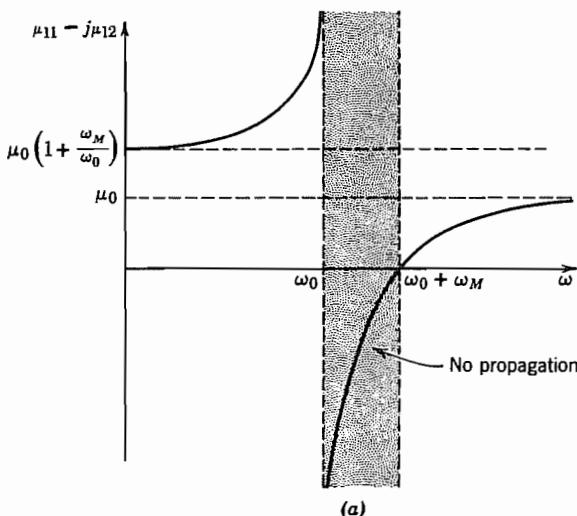
$$\mathbf{H}_-^{\text{cw}} = H_-^{\text{cw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_-^{\text{ccw}} = H_-^{\text{ccw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (8)$$

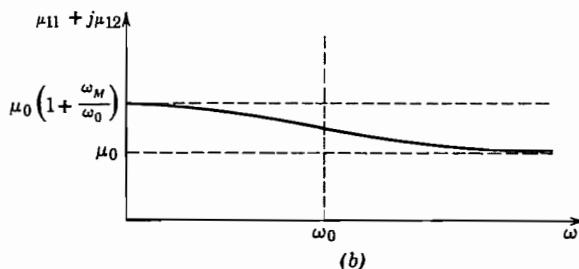
Substitution of these forms into the wave equation (2) as was done for the  $+z$  traveling waves above yields

$$\beta_-^{\text{cw}} = \beta_+^{\text{ccw}} = \omega\sqrt{\epsilon\mu_0}\left(1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 + \omega}\right)^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_-^{\text{ccw}} = \beta_+^{\text{cw}} = \omega\sqrt{\epsilon\mu_0}\left(1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 - \omega}\right)^{1/2} \quad (10)$$



(a)

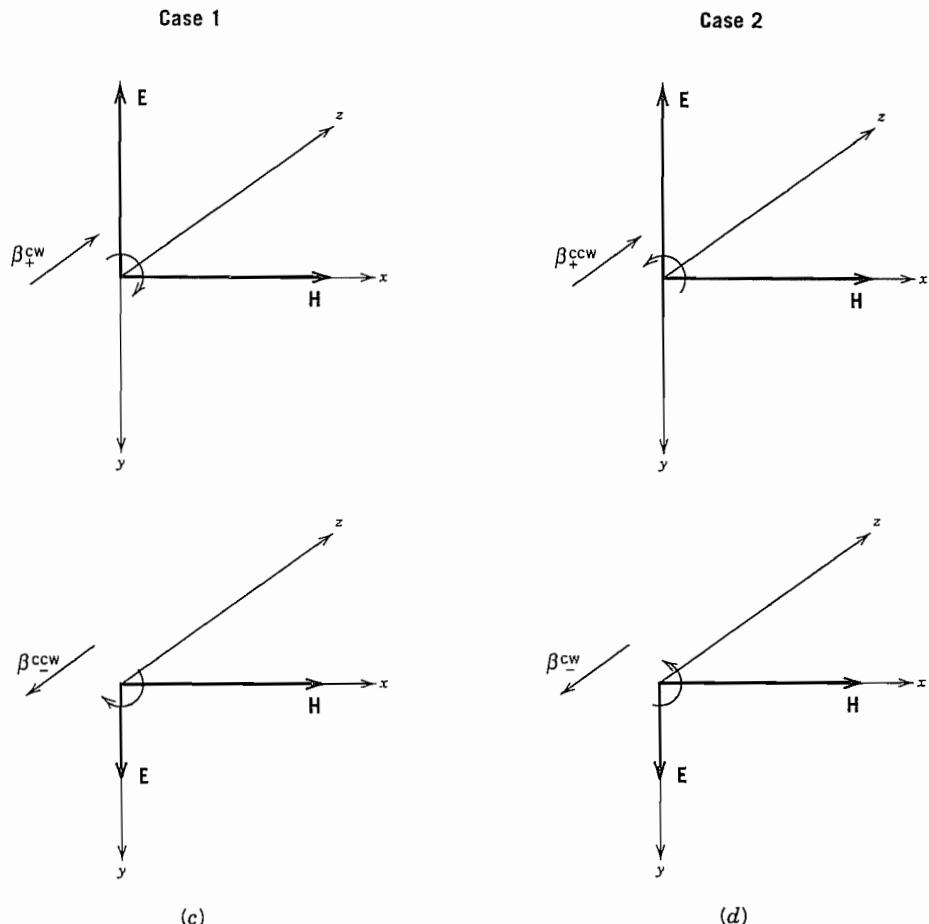


(b)

**FIG. 13.13** (a) Equivalent permeability for clockwise circularly polarized wave propagating in  $+z$  direction. (b) Equivalent permeability for counterclockwise circularly polarized wave propagating in  $+z$  direction ( $\mathbf{H}_0 = \hat{z}H_0$ ).

**Transmission-Line Analogy** We can make use of the transmission-line analogy to solve problems of reflection and transmission with considerable advantage of simplification. To ensure continuity of electric and magnetic fields at a boundary for circularly polarized waves, forward- and reverse-traveling waves having the same absolute direction of rotation must be combined. Thus we sum the fields of the positive-traveling clockwise wave and the negative-traveling counterclockwise wave. The other pair of waves (positive-traveling counterclockwise and negative-traveling clockwise) are handled as a separate problem in the same manner. The two pairs of waves are illustrated in Figs. 13.13c and d.

Let us consider the pair of waves in Fig. 13.13c. The magnetic fields for both of



**FIG. 13.13** (c) Pair of waves having rotation of fields clockwise relative to the  $+z$  axis. (d) Pair of waves having rotation counterclockwise relative to the  $+z$  axis.

these waves have the form in (3). The corresponding electric fields are found by substitution of (3) into Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation to be

$$\mathbf{E}_+^{cw} = -E_+^{cw}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (11)$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}_-^{ccw} = E_-^{ccw}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (12)$$

in which the field amplitudes are related by the characteristic wave impedance

$$\eta_1 = \frac{E_+^{cw}}{H_+^{cw}} = \frac{E_-^{ccw}}{H_-^{ccw}} = \frac{\beta_+^{cw}}{\omega\epsilon} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 - \omega} \right)} \quad (13)$$

where subscript 1 refers to case 1 shown in Fig. 13.13c.

The amplitudes of the total fields in case 1 (Fig. 13.13c) can then be written as

$$H_1(z) = H_+^{\text{cw}} e^{-j\beta_1 z} + H_-^{\text{ccw}} e^{j\beta_1 z} \quad (14)$$

and

$$E_1(z) = \eta_1 (H_+^{\text{cw}} e^{-j\beta_1 z} - H_-^{\text{ccw}} e^{j\beta_1 z}) \quad (15)$$

where  $\beta_1 = \beta_+^{\text{cw}} = \beta_-^{\text{ccw}}$  in (10).

These equations are in the form of the transmission-line equations and the analogy is completed by defining a wave impedance at any plane  $z$  as

$$Z_1(z) = \frac{E_1(z)}{H_1(z)} \quad (16)$$

Then all the apparatus of Sec. 6.6 can be adapted to solve problems of reflection and transmission at discontinuities for a circularly polarized wave.

The other pair of waves, those with rotation counterclockwise with respect to the dc magnetic field, as shown in Fig. 13.13d, are handled in the same way. The magnetic fields are given by (5) and (7). The electric fields for the two waves and the characteristic wave impedance are found by substituting the magnetic fields into Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation:

$$\mathbf{E}_+^{\text{ccw}} = E_+^{\text{ccw}}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}), \quad \mathbf{E}_-^{\text{cw}} = E_-^{\text{cw}}(-j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (17)$$

and

$$\eta_2 = \frac{E_+^{\text{ccw}}}{H_+^{\text{ccw}}} = \frac{E_-^{\text{cw}}}{H_-^{\text{cw}}} = \frac{\beta_2}{\omega\epsilon} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_0 + \omega} \right)} \quad (18)$$

The propagation constant  $\beta_2$  was given in (9). To use the transmission-line analogy we write expressions for the amplitudes of the total electric field and total magnetic field,

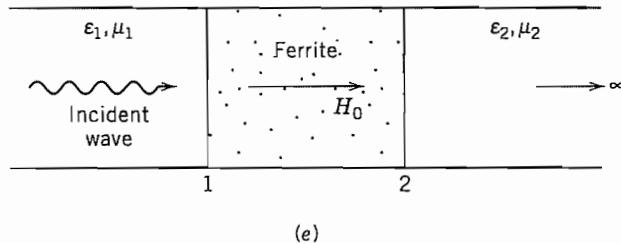
$$H_2(z) = H_+^{\text{ccw}} e^{-j\beta_2 z} + H_-^{\text{cw}} e^{j\beta_2 z} \quad (19)$$

$$E_2(z) = \eta_2 (H_+^{\text{ccw}} e^{-j\beta_2 z} - H_-^{\text{cw}} e^{j\beta_2 z}) \quad (20)$$

with  $\beta_2$  and  $\eta_2$  given by (9) and (18), respectively. The wave impedance for this case is

$$Z_2(z) = \frac{E_2(z)}{H_2(z)} \quad (21)$$

An example of the use of these tools in a calculation of the propagation of waves through a layer of ferrite between two isotropic regions with the propagation direction parallel to the dc magnetic field is shown in Fig. 13.13e. If the incident wave is linearly polarized, it can be decomposed into two oppositely rotating circularly polarized waves. Each of these can be handled separately since we are considering the media to be linear. The load impedance  $Z_L$  at plane 2 for each of type 1 and 2 waves in Figs. 13.13c and d is the characteristic wave impedance  $\eta = \sqrt{\mu_2/\epsilon_2}$ . The impedance transformation Eq. 6.6(10) with  $k$  replaced by either  $\beta_1$  or  $\beta_2$  gives the wave impedance at plane 1.



**FIG. 13.13e** Example of a problem utilizing transmission-line methods for circularly polarized waves.

Then the reflection coefficient Eq. 6.6(11) gives the relative amplitude of the reflected wave in region 1 for each direction of polarization. Knowing the amplitudes of the incident waves of each circular polarization, the total reflected wave is constructed as the sum of those in the two polarizations.

### 13.14 FARADAY ROTATION

In this section we shall see how the difference of propagation constants between clockwise and counterclockwise polarized waves can be used to show that a linearly polarized wave is rotated when it passes through a gyrotropic medium. Let us first consider a linearly polarized wave propagating in the  $+z$  direction with  $\mathbf{H}$  vector in the  $x$  direction at the plane  $z = 0$  in the ferrite of Sec. 13.13. This field may be decomposed into circularly polarized modes of propagation

$$\mathbf{H}^{cw} = (\hat{x} - j\hat{y}) \frac{H}{2} e^{-j\beta^{cw}z} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\mathbf{H}^{ccw} = (\hat{x} + j\hat{y}) \frac{H}{2} e^{-j\beta^{ccw}z} \quad (2)$$

since the sum of (1) and (2) at  $z = 0$  is

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{x}H$$

This can be thought of as finding magnitudes of the natural modes of the system necessary to match the given boundary condition at  $z = 0$ .

The field at any other plane,  $z = \text{constant}$ , is found by adding (1) and (2):

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{H}{2} [\hat{x}(e^{-j\beta^{ccw}z} + e^{-j\beta^{cw}z}) + j\hat{y}(e^{-j\beta^{ccw}z} - e^{-j\beta^{cw}z})] \quad (3)$$

which can be cast into the form

$$\mathbf{H} = He^{-(j/2)(\beta^{cw} + \beta^{ccw})z} \left[ \hat{x} \cos\left(\frac{\beta^{cw} - \beta^{ccw}}{2}\right)z - \hat{y} \sin\left(\frac{\beta^{cw} - \beta^{ccw}}{2}\right)z \right] \quad (4)$$

The sum wave (4) is seen to have field vectors in a fixed direction at each value of  $z$  since there is no phase difference between the  $x$  and  $y$  components. The direction of the field vector relative to that at  $z = 0$  is, as seen in Fig. 13.14, given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{H_y}{H_x} = -\tan\left(\frac{\beta^{cw} - \beta^{ccw}}{2}\right)z \quad (5)$$

or

$$\theta = \left(\frac{\beta^{ccw} - \beta^{cw}}{2}\right)z \quad (6)$$

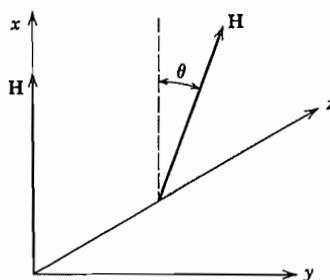
The sign of the angle  $\theta$  is positive for clockwise rotation about the positive  $z$  axis. Thus we see that the linearly polarized wave rotates upon passing along the gyrotropic axis ( $z$  axis) and has a propagation constant which is the average of those of the clockwise and counterclockwise modes.

It is of special interest to note that the direction of rotation about the positive  $z$  axis is the same for waves traveling in the positive and negative  $z$  directions. In Sec. 13.15 we see applications of this phenomenon.

The rotation of plane of polarization of an optical wave in passing through a dielectric with an applied magnetic field was first observed by Michael Faraday around 1845; hence, the name *Faraday rotation*. The angle of rotation (6) can be written as

$$\theta = VH_0 l \quad (7)$$

where  $H_0$  is the dc magnetic field strength,  $l$  the interaction length, and  $V$  a constant known as the *Verdet constant*. This effect is strong in ferrites but is also seen in magnetized plasmas to be discussed in following sections. It is even seen in ordinary dielectrics but  $\theta$  is small.  $V$  is about 0.014 min/Oe-cm in silica at  $\lambda_0 = 600$  nm, decreasing at longer wavelengths approximately as  $\lambda^{-2}$ . With the long propagation lengths obtainable with optical fiber guides, useful nonreciprocal devices can nevertheless be made using this effect, but ingenious design is necessary to maintain magnetic field axial in the multiple passes through the magnet.



**Fig. 13.14** Rotation of a linearly polarized wave in a gyrotropic medium.

## 13.15 FERRITE DEVICES

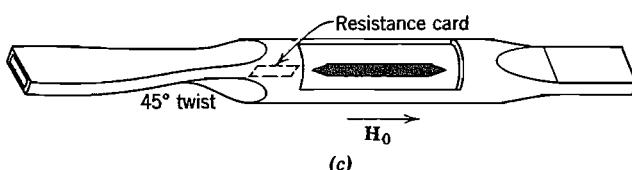
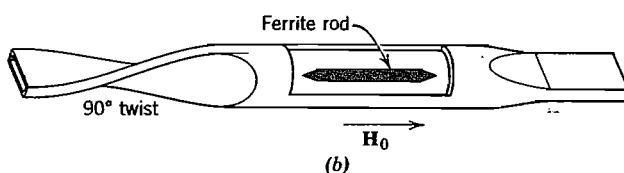
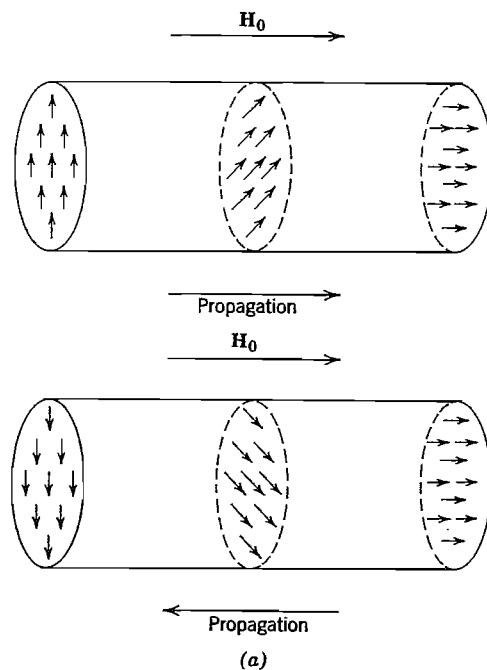
Ferrite devices have found use in microwave applications for both waveguides and striplines. One family operates on the basis of the Faraday effect described in Sec. 13.14 and the others on different principles, to be discussed below, that also depend upon the asymmetry caused by an applied steady magnetic field.

**Waveguide Devices** The group of devices that employ Faraday rotation take advantage of the fact that the rotation of a linearly polarized wave is in the same direction relative to the direction of the dc magnetic field for both the positive and negative traveling waves. (See Fig. 13.15a.) The first and simplest of the microwave devices using the Faraday rotation effect was the *gyrator*,<sup>37</sup> shown in Fig. 13.15b. By virtue of a twist of the waveguide, a wave coming from the left is rotated counterclockwise by 90 degrees before reaching the ferrite. The magnetic field and the dimensions of the ferrite are chosen so an additional 90 degrees counterclockwise rotation of the wave takes place in the ferrite region. Thus, the wave progressing toward the right is inverted or, equivalently, shifted in phase by 180 degrees. A wave passing from right to left is rotated by 90 degrees counterclockwise with respect to the direction of the magnetic field, and this is canceled by the rotation in the twisted portion of the guide to the left of the ferrite. The gyrator, therefore, serves to produce a phase shift of 180 degrees in one direction and no shift in the opposite direction.

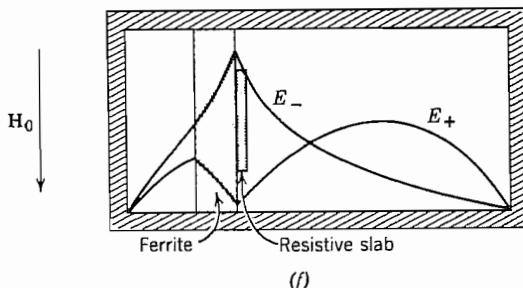
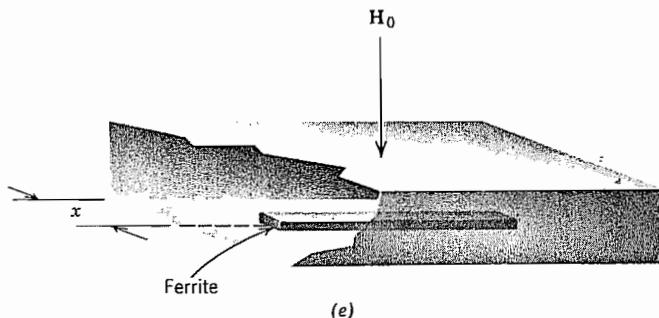
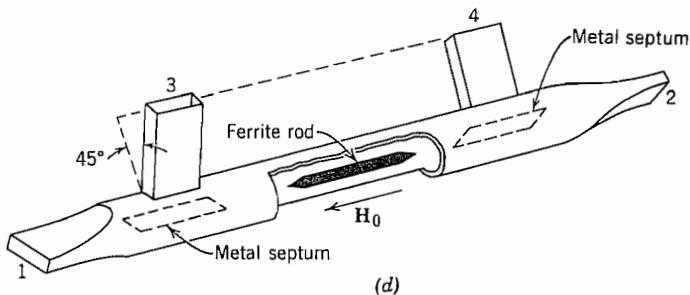
Another important Faraday rotation device is the *absorption isolator* shown in Fig. 13.15c. Here the 45-degree twist to the left of the ferrite rotates the wave coming from the left so that its electric field vectors are perpendicular to the thin resistance card just after the twist. With this orientation, the field suffers a minimum of conduction losses in the card. The field is then rotated back to its original orientation when it passes through the ferrite and leaves the isolator essentially unmodified. A wave traveling to the left is rotated in the ferrite in the same direction relative to the magnetic field as the wave moving to the right and is therefore oriented with its electric field vectors along the resistance card. In this way the wave traveling to the left is appreciably attenuated (typically 30 dB) and the wave moving to the right suffers little loss (usually less than 0.5 dB).

Another application of Faraday rotation is the *circulator* shown in Fig. 13.15d. The function of a circulator is to transmit a wave from guide 1 to guide 2, a wave from guide 2 to 3, 3 to 4, and 4 to 1, with all other couplings prohibited. The ferrite rod and magnetic field are chosen to give 45 degree rotation. The  $TE_{10}$  mode in guide 1 excites the  $TE_{11}$  mode in the circular guide. The symmetry of the  $TE_{11}$  circular mode (see Table 8.9) is such that it does not excite propagating waves in guide 3. The right half of the structure is rotated by 45 degrees relative to guides 1 and 3 as seen in Fig. 13.15d. A 45-degree rotation of the wave coming from guide 1 places it in the same orientation with respect to 2 and 4 as it had with respect to 1 and 3 so it passes out through guide 2. A  $TE_{10}$  wave entering guide 3 excites a  $TE_{11}$  mode in the circular guide, but it is

<sup>37</sup> C. L. Hogan, Bell System Tech. J. **31**, 1 (1952).



**FIG. 13.15** (a) Wave rotation of waves in two directions in magnetized ferrite rod. (b) Microwave gyrator. (c) Microwave isolator.



**FIG. 13.15** (d) Microwave circulator. (e) Ferrite location in resonance isolator. (f) Field patterns in field-displacement isolator.

oriented at 90 degrees from the mode excited by a wave from guide 1. It cannot excite propagating modes in 1. When rotated by 45 degrees in the ferrite, the wave is oriented to excite waves in guide 4 but not 2. The analyses of waves entering guides 2 and 4 follow similar reasoning. The metal septums shown in the figure aid in preventing unwanted couplings. The circulator can also be used as a switch or for modulation by controlling the field that magnetizes the ferrite.

The choice of diameter and shape of the ferrite rods used in Faraday rotation devices is made to minimize reflections and maximize power-handling capability while achieving the required rotation with reasonable magnetic fields. Because power is dissipated in the small rod isolated from the walls, a Faraday rotation device is useful only for low power. Some of the following devices have the ferrite connected to the metal wall and can carry higher-power fields.

The functions just described can also be achieved in *resonance* and *field displacement* devices which employ magnetic fields transverse to the guide. Let us consider, for a rectangular waveguide with TE<sub>10</sub> mode, the rf magnetic fields in the planes perpendicular to the dc magnetization. The vector sum of  $H_x$  and  $H_z$  of Eqs. 8.8(4) and 8.8(5) is

$$\mathbf{H}_{xz} = \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{z}} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right) \frac{Z_{TE}}{\eta} \cot \frac{\pi x}{a} \right] |H| \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \quad (1)$$

where  $Z_{TE}$  is positive for a wave in the  $+z$  direction and negative for the reverse wave. It is clear from (1) that at the value of  $x$  in the guide such that

$$\left| \left( \frac{\lambda}{2a} \right) \frac{Z_{TE}}{\eta} \cot \frac{\pi x}{a} \right| = 1 \quad (2)$$

the field  $\mathbf{H}_{xz}$  is circularly polarized. The direction of polarization depends upon the sign of  $Z_{TE}$ .

If a piece of ferrite is placed on the top or bottom of the guide at the value of  $x$  given by (2) as shown in Fig. 13.15e the precessing electron spin moments will be subjected to a circularly polarized field which either enhances the precession or is very little coupled to it, depending upon the direction of the circular polarization. By appropriate choice of polarity of the dc magnetic field, the direction of spin precession can be made opposite to the direction of rotation of the field vectors of the forward wave. In this case the forward wave is little affected. The backward wave, having an opposite polarization of  $\mathbf{H}_{xz}$ , pumps the precessing spins and loses energy in the process. This energy is transferred from the electrons to the lattice of the ferrite by microscopic damping mechanisms. If the magnetic field is adjusted to set the resonance frequency equal to the field frequency ( $\omega = -\gamma\mu_0 H_0$ ), the reverse loss is maximum. This device, used as an isolator, requires more dc field than the Faraday rotation isolator described previously, since it must operate at resonance. It has the advantage, however, of allowing convenient cooling of the ferrite. The same mechanism can be used to modulate a wave.

There is a third class of nonreciprocal devices utilizing magnetized ferrites. These also use transverse magnetization but make use of the fact that forward and reverse waves with the ferrite present may have different transverse field distributions. They are called *field displacement* devices. If a slab of ferrite is approximately located and magnetized, an approximate null of electric field can be made to exist at its edge for the forward wave but not for the reverse wave. This is shown schematically in Fig.

13.15f. A resistive strip attached to the side of the ferrite then attenuates the reverse wave but does not affect the forward wave. As with Faraday rotation devices, the field displacement scheme is limited to low-power application.

**Stripline Devices** A device called the *stripline Y-junction circulator* shown in Fig. 13.15g can also be used as a switch or isolator. A dc magnetic field is applied normal to the ferrite disks. Operation can be described in terms of standing mode patterns in the disks, similarly to the modes in dielectric resonators (Sec. 10.13).<sup>38,39</sup> The lowest resonant mode is shown in Fig. 13.15h for the case with no applied magnetic field; the rf electric field is perpendicular to the plane disk surfaces and magnetic field is transverse. The fields shown are excited by the input in line 1, and lines 2 and 3 receive excitation of magnitude one-half that of the input. In the presence of a magnetic field, the standing pattern comprises two counterrotating field patterns. This new pattern is rotated about the disk axis by an amount that depends upon the magnetic field strength. Figure 13.15i shows the pattern rotated to a position in which line 2 receives an excitation equal to the input and line 3 is isolated. The complete symmetry of the device implies that the roles of the lines can be rotated so that excitation in line 2 produces an output in line 3 and nothing in line 1 and similarly for excitation in line 3. See Schloemann's article<sup>40</sup> for practical realization of circulators in microwave and millimeter-wave integrated circuits.

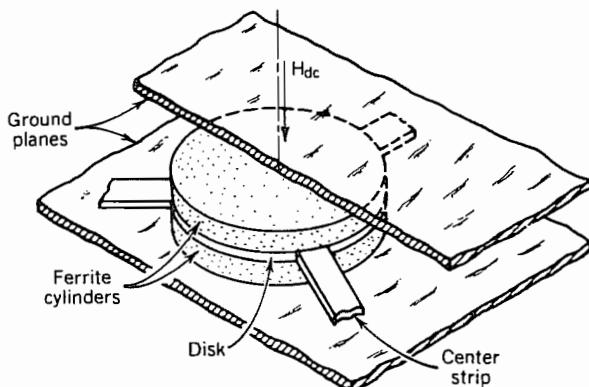
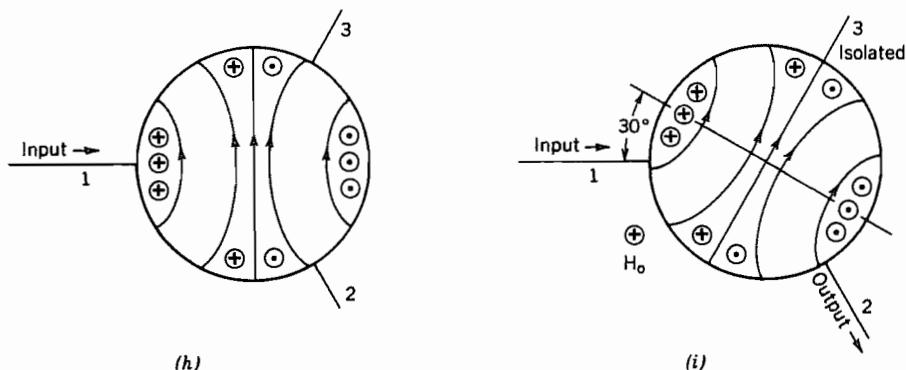


Fig. 13.15 (g) Stripline Y-junction circulator. (After Fay and Comstock.<sup>38</sup> © 1965, IEEE.)

<sup>38</sup> C. E. Fay and R. L. Comstock, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech **MTT-13**, 15 (1965).

<sup>39</sup> For an analytic treatment, see Elliott<sup>35</sup> or D. M. Pozar, *Microwave Engineering*, Sec. 10.6, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, 1990.

<sup>40</sup> E. F. Schloemann, Proc. IEEE **76**, 188 (1988).



**FIG. 13.15** (h) Standing-wave pattern in ferrite disk in absence of  $H_0$ . (i) With selected value of  $H_0$ , standing-wave pattern is rotated to isolate line 3. (After Fay and Comstock.<sup>38</sup> © 1965, IEEE.)

### 13.16 PERMITTIVITY OF A STATIONARY PLASMA IN A MAGNETIC FIELD

In this section we develop explicit, frequency-dependent expressions for the elements of the permittivity matrix of a plasma with an applied steady magnetic field. The results are important in understanding electromagnetic wave propagation through the ionosphere in the presence of the earth's magnetic field, the magnetically confined plasma used in fusion research, and certain laser discharges. Later extensions, with an average electron velocity added, apply to traveling-wave tubes and other electron-beam amplifiers.

Because of the low density of the plasma in comparison with liquids and solids, the primary dielectric behavior is produced by the electron motion. The applied magnetic field causes the permittivity matrix to have off-diagonal elements, since if magnetic field is axial, electron motion in one transverse direction produces forces in the orthogonal transverse direction. The characteristic waves in this case are circularly polarized, as for a ferrite with applied magnetic field seen in the preceding sections.

To bring out the main physical effects, several idealizations are made in the model. The plasma is considered uniform and stationary in this analysis, although later a drift velocity for electrons will be added (Sec. 13.17). Magnetic field is stationary, uniform, and in the  $z$  direction. Because of the heavy mass of the ions, their motion is neglected; they serve only to neutralize the dc space-charge fields of the electrons. The effects of thermal velocities and collisions are neglected, as are the forces arising from the magnetic fields of the electromagnetic waves (see Prob. 13.3a).

The first step is to find the convection current in the plasma. The dc plus ac current density is

$$\mathbf{J}_0 + \mathbf{J}_1 = (\rho_0 + \rho_1)(\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{v}_1) \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{J}_0$  are equal to zero since the plasma is assumed stationary. Thus, neglecting products of ac terms since they are of second-order smallness, we see that

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \rho_0 \mathbf{v}_1 \quad (2)$$

The velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is found from the Lorentz equation [Eq. 3.6(5)]

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_1}{dt} = -\frac{e}{m} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0) \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{z}} B_{0z}$  is the applied steady magnetic field.

To find the conditions required for linearization of the equations, let us consider a uniform plane wave having arbitrary direction of propagation, such that the ac spatial variations may be expressed by

$$e^{-j\beta \cdot r} = e^{-j(\beta_x x + \beta_y y + \beta_z z)} \quad (4)$$

The left side of (3), expanded in partial derivatives and evaluated using (4), becomes

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_1}{dt} = j(\omega - \beta_x v_{1x} - \beta_y v_{1y} - \beta_z v_{1z}) \mathbf{v}_1 e^{j\omega t} \quad (5)$$

If the ac velocity is assumed to be small compared with any possible phase velocities, then  $\beta_i v_{1i} = \omega v_{1i} / v_{pi} \ll \omega$  and (5) reduces to

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_1}{dt} \cong j\omega \mathbf{v}_1 e^{j\omega t} \quad (6)$$

Writing (3) in component phasor form using (6), we have

$$j\omega v_{1x} = -\frac{e}{m} E_{1x} - \frac{e}{m} B_{0z} v_{1y} \quad (7a)$$

$$j\omega v_{1y} = -\frac{e}{m} E_{1y} + \frac{e}{m} B_{0z} v_{1x} \quad (7b)$$

$$j\omega v_{1z} = -\frac{e}{m} E_{1z} \quad (7c)$$

Equations (7) may be solved for velocity components in terms of the fields with the result

$$v_{1x} = \frac{-j\omega(e/m)E_{1x} + (e/m)\omega_c E_{1y}}{\omega_c^2 - \omega^2} \quad (8a)$$

$$v_{1y} = \frac{-(e/m)\omega_c E_{1x} - j\omega(e/m)E_{1y}}{\omega_c^2 - \omega^2} \quad (8b)$$

$$v_{1z} = \frac{j(e/m)}{\omega} E_{1z} \quad (8c)$$

where  $\omega_c = (e/m)B_{0z}$  is called the angular cyclotron frequency.

It is convenient to define an equivalent flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  that includes the effect of convection currents. In matrix notation, the equivalent displacement current is

$$\begin{aligned} j\omega[D] &= j\omega\varepsilon_0[E] + [J] \\ &= j\omega[\varepsilon][E] \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $[\varepsilon]$  is the equivalent-permittivity matrix. Using (2) and (8),

$$[\varepsilon] = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & \varepsilon_{12} & 0 \\ \varepsilon_{21} & \varepsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{11} = \varepsilon_{22} = \varepsilon_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_c^2 - \omega^2} \right] \quad (11a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{12} = \varepsilon_{21}^* = \frac{j\omega_p^2(\omega_c/\omega)\varepsilon_0}{\omega_c^2 - \omega^2} \quad (11b)$$

$$\varepsilon_{33} = \varepsilon_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right] \quad (11c)$$

Here,  $\omega_p$  is the plasma frequency, Eq. 13.3(10).

For plane waves in a plasma without a magnetic field (Sec. 13.3),  $\omega_p$  was observed to be a characteristic frequency in that no propagation occurs for  $\omega < \omega_p$ . It is clear from the form of (11a) and (11b) that the cyclotron frequency  $\omega_c$  is also a characteristic frequency in this case. The singularity at  $\omega_c$  is seen from (8a) and (8b) to result from the singularity in the velocities produced by the wave. A moving electron in a magnetic field without an electric field rotates at an angular frequency  $\omega_c$ . If an applied alternating electric field oscillates at  $\omega_c$ , it is so phased on each cycle that it continually pumps the electron to higher and higher velocities. That leads to the infinite response for the continuous-wave case in this model, although collisions would limit excursions in practice.

### 13.17 SPACE-CHARGE WAVES ON A MOVING PLASMA WITH INFINITE MAGNETIC FIELD

We consider now waves propagating in a plasma parallel to an infinite magnetic field and having a component of electric field in the direction of propagation, as shown in Fig. 13.17. An important application of the results is as a model for waves on electron beams that have an average velocity parallel to the magnetic field. For the purpose of analyzing the space-charge waves, we will first show the effect of  $v_{0z}$  on the permittivity matrix developed in Sec. 13.16.

Proceeding as in Eqs. 13.16(9)–(11) yields

$$\varepsilon_{33} = \varepsilon_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{(\omega - \beta v_{0z})^2} \right] \quad (8)$$

Note that the difference in  $\varepsilon_{33}$  between (8) and that of the stationary plasma, Eq. 13.16(11c), can be considered a Doppler shift in the frequency seen by the electrons. In like manner, the other components of the permittivity matrix can be found by using a Doppler-shifted frequency  $\omega - \beta v_{0z}$  wherever  $\omega$  appears in Eqs. 13.16(11a) and (11b).

Taking the curl of Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{E}$  equation and substituting the curl  $\mathbf{H}$  equation with a scalar permeability (taking  $\mu = \mu_0$ ) we get<sup>41</sup>

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \omega^2 \mu_0 \mathbf{D} \quad (9)$$

Using a common vector identity, this becomes

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) + \omega^2 \mu_0 \mathbf{D} = 0 \quad (10)$$

By use of Gauss's law and the assumed  $e^{-j\beta z}$  form of variations, the  $z$  component of (10) may be written as

$$\nabla_t^2 E_z - \beta^2 E_z + j\beta \frac{\rho_1}{\varepsilon_0} + \omega^2 \mu_0 \varepsilon_{33} E_z = 0 \quad (11)$$

where  $\nabla_t^2 E_z$  contains partial derivatives transverse to the  $z$  direction. Combining (3) and (7) we find

$$\rho_1 = -j \frac{\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \beta}{(\omega - \beta v_{0z})^2} E_z \quad (12)$$

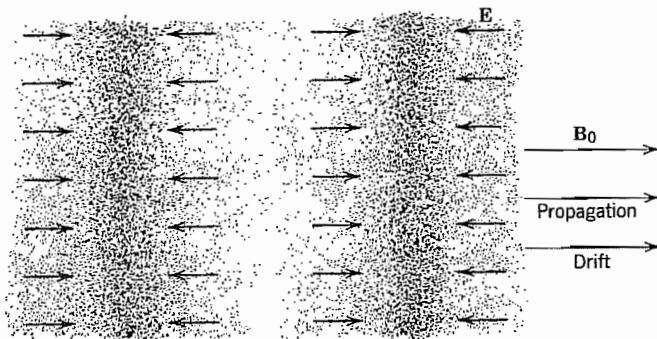
Then combining (11) and (12) and using the value of  $\varepsilon_{33}$  from (8), we obtain the desired wave equation

$$\nabla_t^2 E_z + (\omega^2 \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 - \beta^2) \left[ 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{(\omega - \beta v_{0z})^2} \right] E_z = 0 \quad (13)$$

We now restrict our attention to uniform plane longitudinal waves, that is, waves with electric fields along the direction of propagation and no transverse variation. Therefore the first term of (13) vanishes. Equation (13) may then be satisfied if either  $\omega^2 \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 - \beta^2$  or the term in brackets is zero. The first alternative gives the usual TEM field waves, with zero  $E_z$ . More interesting is the second alternative:

$$1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{(\omega - \beta v_{0z})^2} = 0 \quad (14)$$

<sup>41</sup> To get the right side of vector equations like (9) in terms of  $\mathbf{E}$  would require tensor or dyadic notation (see footnote 27). We choose to avoid that less familiar notation by using  $\mathbf{D}$ .



**Fig. 13.17** Space-charge waves in a plasma.

The ac current density, Eq. 13.16(1), when linearized, is

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \rho_0 \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_0 \rho_1 \quad (1)$$

To find ac charge density  $\rho_1$  which arises from the bunching of electrons, we make use of the continuity equation for the ac current density:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_1 = \frac{\partial J_{1x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial J_{1y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial J_{1z}}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

With an infinite magnetic field,  $J_{1x} = J_{1y} = 0$ . Then with all ac quantities having wave form,  $e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)}$ , (2) gives

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\beta J_{1z}}{\omega} \quad (3)$$

To get the value of  $v_{1z}$  needed in (1), we return to the force equation Eq. 13.16(3) and write the  $z$  component of the left side, taking account of the average velocity  $v_{0z}$ :

$$\frac{dv_{1z}}{dt} = \frac{\partial v_{1z}}{\partial t} + v_{0z} \frac{\partial v_{1z}}{\partial z} \quad (4)$$

Noting that  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{B} = 0$ , the force equation becomes, in phasor form,

$$j(\omega - \beta v_{0z})v_{1z} = -\frac{e}{m} E_{1z} \quad (5)$$

or

$$v_{1z} = \frac{j(e/m)}{\omega - \beta v_{0z}} E_{1z} \quad (6)$$

Substituting (3) and (6) into (1) and using the definition of the plasma frequency  $\omega_p$  in Eq. 13.3(10), we get

$$J_{1z} = \frac{-j\omega e_0 \omega_p^2}{(\omega - \beta v_{0z})^2} E_{1z} \quad (7)$$

This leads to two waves with phase constants

$$\beta_{1,2} = \frac{\omega \pm \omega_p}{v_{0z}} \quad (15)$$

These waves involve interaction with the electrons and are called *space-charge waves*.<sup>42</sup> Typically,  $\omega_p \ll \omega$ , and we may use the binomial expansion to obtain the phase velocities in the form

$$(v_p)_{1,2} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_{1,2}} \approx v_{0z} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\omega_p}{\omega} \right) \quad (16)$$

the values of which are seen to be somewhat greater and somewhat less than the drift velocity  $v_{0z}$ . The group velocity is

$$v_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \beta} = v_{0z} \quad (17)$$

for both space-charge waves. With the plasma drift  $v_{0z}$  reduced to zero, a perturbation of the electron charge density leads to a local oscillation at a frequency  $\omega = \omega_p$ , but the effect does not propagate.

### 13.18 TEM WAVES ON A STATIONARY PLASMA IN A FINITE MAGNETIC FIELD

Many types of waves can propagate in a plasma with an applied magnetic field, including hybrid TE and TM modes.

Here we restrict our attention to simple TEM waves propagating parallel to the applied dc magnetic field. The magnetized plasma is a gyrotropic medium so the normal modes of propagation are circularly polarized waves.

The TEM wave has no  $E_z$  component and no variations of fields with respect to transverse coordinates, so  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$  and Eq. 13.17(10) may be written in matrix form:

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \omega^2 \mu_0 \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \epsilon_{12} & 0 \\ \epsilon_{21} & \epsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

In the analysis of ferrites in Sec. 13.13, we saw that circularly polarized waves having the same direction of rotation with respect to the dc magnetic field have the same characteristic wave impedance and the same propagation constant; that result also applies here.

<sup>42</sup> S. Ramo, Phys. Rev. **56**, 276 (1939); the concept was first usefully applied to electron devices by W. C. Hahn, Gen. Elect. Rev. **42**, 258, 497 (1939).

Consider first the waves having clockwise rotation relative to the dc magnetic field:

$$\mathbf{E}_+^{\text{cw}} = E_+^{\text{cw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}}), \quad \mathbf{E}_-^{\text{ccw}} = E_-^{\text{ccw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (2)$$

If the electric fields in (2) are substituted into Maxwell's curl  $\mathbf{E}$  equation, we obtain the corresponding magnetic fields

$$\mathbf{H}_+^{\text{cw}} = H_+^{\text{cw}}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}), \quad \mathbf{H}_-^{\text{ccw}} = -H_-^{\text{ccw}}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (3)$$

If either of Eqs. (2) is substituted into (1), we find the propagation constant

$$\beta_1 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0}(\epsilon_{11} - j\epsilon_{12})^{1/2} = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} \left(1 + \frac{\omega_p^2/\omega}{\omega_c - \omega}\right)^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

and the characteristic wave impedance is given by

$$\eta_1 = \frac{E_+^{\text{cw}}}{H_+^{\text{cw}}} = \frac{E_-^{\text{ccw}}}{H_-^{\text{ccw}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_{11} - j\epsilon_{12}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{\omega_p^2/\omega}{\omega_c - \omega}\right)}} \quad (5)$$

These relations can be used in the transmission-line analogy as was done for ferrites in Sec. 13.13 by writing expressions analogous to the voltage and current in transmission lines and introducing the impedance concept. The total electric and magnetic fields are

$$E_1(z) = E_+^{\text{cw}}e^{-j\beta_1 z} + E_-^{\text{ccw}}e^{j\beta_1 z} \quad (6)$$

$$H_1(z) = \frac{1}{\eta_1} (E_+^{\text{cw}}e^{-j\beta_1 z} - E_-^{\text{ccw}}e^{j\beta_1 z}) \quad (7)$$

wherein  $\beta_1$  is given by (4) and  $\eta_1$  by (5). To complete the analogy we need to define the total impedance

$$Z_1(z) = \frac{E_1(z)}{H_1(z)} \quad (8)$$

Then all the methods of transmission-line analysis can be applied to problems involving discontinuities of medium perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

There is also a pair of wave solutions in which the fields rotate counterclockwise with respect to the direction of the dc magnetic field. The quantities corresponding to equations (2)–(8) are

$$\mathbf{E}_+^{\text{ccw}} = E_+^{\text{ccw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}}), \quad \mathbf{E}_-^{\text{cw}} = E_-^{\text{cw}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}} + j\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_+^{\text{ccw}} = H_+^{\text{ccw}}(-j\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}), \quad \mathbf{H}_-^{\text{cw}} = H_-^{\text{cw}}(j\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \quad (10)$$

$$\beta_2 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0}(\epsilon_{11} + j\epsilon_{12})^{1/2} = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2/\omega}{\omega_c + \omega}\right)^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

$$\eta_2 = \frac{E_{+}^{\text{ccw}}}{H_{+}^{\text{ccw}}} = \frac{E_{-}^{\text{cw}}}{H_{-}^{\text{cw}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_{11} - j\epsilon_{12}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2/\omega}{\omega_c + \omega}\right)}} \quad (12)$$

$$E_2(z) = E_{+}^{\text{ccw}} e^{-j\beta_2 z} + E_{-}^{\text{cw}} e^{j\beta_2 z} \quad (13)$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{1}{\eta_2} (E_{+}^{\text{ccw}} e^{-j\beta_2 z} - E_{-}^{\text{cw}} e^{j\beta_2 z}) \quad (14)$$

$$Z_2(z) = \frac{E_2(z)}{H_2(z)} \quad (15)$$

If a linearly polarized wave is incident on a gyrotropic medium, it can be decomposed into two counterrotating circularly polarized waves and each can be analyzed by the transmission-line methods. This applies for the plasma as well as for ferrite media. The procedures were discussed at the end of Sec. 13.13.

## PROBLEMS

- 13.2a** The susceptibility  $\chi_e$  of nitrogen at 20°C and atmospheric pressure is about  $5.5 \times 10^{-4}$ . What molecular polarizability  $\alpha_T$  does this correspond to? Assuming the ideal gas law, and  $\alpha_T$  independent of temperature, give susceptibility as a function of temperature.
- 13.2b** Find the resonant frequency for an electronic resonance (charge cloud in an atom) in the Lorentz model, assuming the atom to have 10 electrons distributed uniformly in the cloud and acting as a group. The maximum displacement  $r$  of the charge cloud from the equilibrium position is less than its radius  $a = 0.1$  nm.
- 13.2c** Consider a liquid with  $\epsilon_r = 4.0$  at room temperature for dc fields. Take the polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  to be proportional to  $\mathbf{E}$ . Assume, for simplicity, that the polarizability results only from orientation of permanent dipoles and that there is spherical symmetry about each molecule. The density of molecules is  $10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the relaxation time  $10^{-11} \text{ s}$ . Find the dc polarizability and the field frequency at which  $\epsilon' = 2.0\epsilon_0$ .
- 13.2d\*** Find from Eq. 13.2(11) the corresponding permittivity with  $g$  and  $\Gamma$  taken as real and frequency independent. Show that  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$  satisfy the Kramers-Kronig relations, Eqs. 13.2(13) and (14). Assume small damping; use limits  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$  as in Eq. 11.11(5).
- 13.2e\*** Repeat Prob. 13.2d for a permittivity based solely on Eq. 13.2(12).
- 13.3a** Show that the ratio of magnetic to electric forces on the electrons in an ionized gas resulting from the fields of a uniform plane wave is  $v/v_p$ , where  $v$  is electron velocity and  $v_p$  is the phase velocity of the wave. Assume a 10-MHz wave carrying a power of 1 W/m<sup>2</sup> and estimate the maximum electron velocity, assuming negligible collision frequency. Give an upper limit for  $v/v_p$  in this case. Assume  $\omega \gg \omega_p$ .

- 13.3b** Assume a neutral plasma in which all electrons in the region  $x$  to  $x + \Delta x$  are given a displacement  $\Delta x$ . Considering the forces acting to restore neutrality, show that the displaced sheet will oscillate at the “plasma frequency”  $\omega_p$  given by Eq. 13.3(10).
- 13.3c** A sample of silicon ( $\epsilon_1 = 11.7\epsilon_0$ ) uniformly doped  $n$ -type with a dopant concentration of  $5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  is found to have a dc conductivity of  $2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ S}$  at  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ . The electron effective mass is  $0.26m_0$  where  $m_0$  is the electron rest mass. Determine the collision frequency, assuming that the electron density equals the dopant density. Find the frequency at which  $\epsilon''$  differs from the value in Eq. 13.3(8) by 10%. Evaluate the ratio of second to first terms on the right side of Eq. 13.3(6) where  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  and  $\omega = \nu$ . Comment on the restrictions on the use of Eq. 13.3(8).
- 13.3d** A simple model of the ionosphere may be formulated by assuming that the number density of free electrons increases linearly from zero at height  $z_0$  to  $10^{12}$  per cubic meter at height  $z_1$  and then decreases linearly to zero at height  $2z_1 - z_0$ . The collisions may be neglected. A uniform plane wave traveling directly upward encounters the ionosphere. What is the highest frequency for which this wave will be totally reflected? Plot the maximum altitude versus frequency.
- 13.3e** Find the real and imaginary components of the dielectric constant,  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$ , respectively, of silver and nickel for waves from a CO<sub>2</sub> laser (10.6-μm wavelength) using Fig. 13.3b, assuming the complex behavior can be cast in that form. Determine the ratio of the magnitudes of the real and imaginary components of total current.
- 13.3f** Plot attenuation in nepers/micrometer versus wavelength for nickel and silver over the wavelength range of Fig. 13.3b, using data of that figure.
- 13.3g** Plot curves of  $n_r$  and  $n_i$  versus wavelength for silver assuming it a good conductor with the conductivity given in Table 3.17, and compare with Fig. 13.3b over the wavelength range shown. Comment on reasons for differences.
- 13.4a** As discussed in Sec. 13.4, time-dependent fields decay into the surface of a collisionless conductor if  $\omega < \omega_p$ . Show this from Maxwell's equations in time-dependent form using Eq. 13.3(1) with  $v = 0$  and  $dv/dt \approx \partial v/\partial t$ . Specifically, show that
- $$\left( \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \right)_z = \left( \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \right)_{z=0} \exp(-\alpha z)$$
- where  $\alpha^2 = \mu n_e e^2 / m$  and  $B_x$  is tangential to the plane surface of a half-space as in Fig. 13.4.
- 13.4b\*** The *two-fluid model* of a superconductor assumes that a portion  $n_n$  of the total electron concentration is in the normal state described by Eq. 13.3(1) and the remainder  $n_s$  is in the superconducting state for which  $m dv_s/dt = -eE$ . Calculate current density for each component and add to get  $J_{\text{total}} = \sigma E$ . Show that for  $(\omega/v)^2 \ll 1$ ,  $n_n \leq n_s$  and  $n = n_s + n_n$ ,  $\sigma = \sigma_n(n_n/n) - j(1/\omega\mu\lambda_L^2)$  where  $\sigma_n = ne^2/vm$ . Use the usual expression for skin depth to show that
- $$\delta = \sqrt{2}\lambda_L \left[ \left( \frac{\omega}{v} \right) \left( \frac{n_n}{n_s} \right) - j \right]^{-1/2}$$
- and that in the low-frequency limit  $\exp[-(1 + j)z/\delta]$  becomes  $\exp(-z/\lambda_L)$ .
- 13.4c** Bulk superconductors (dimensions very large compared with penetration depth) are often considered to be perfectly diamagnetic ( $\mu = 0$ ). Use the analysis in Sec. 7.18 to show that a sphere of superconducting material in an otherwise uniform magnetic field will have  $B = 0$  inside and  $H = \frac{3}{2}H_0$  at the equator at  $r = a$ .

- 13.4d** Using the energy method, calculate the inductance per unit length of a parallel-plate superconducting transmission line. Assume the plates are identical, are much thicker than the penetration depth  $\lambda_L$ , and are wide enough to neglect fringing. You should find  $L = (\mu_0/w)(\lambda_L + d)$ , where  $w$  is the width and  $d$  the dielectric thickness. [Note: The kinetic energy of the collisionless superconducting electron fluid contributes to the inductance an amount equal to the magnetic energy inside the superconductors. Thus, the correct inductance is  $L = (\mu_0/w)(2\lambda_L + d)$ .]
- 13.4e** Suppose a quasi-TEM wave propagates in a parallel-plate structure in which thick superconducting electrodes are spaced by (3 nm) niobium oxide having a relative permittivity of 30.
- (i) Use the correct expression for  $L$  given in Prob. 13.4d to find an expression for the phase velocity of this transmission line.
  - (ii) Find  $v_p$  for the given structure assuming  $\lambda_L = 0.039 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$  for niobium and compare with the velocity of a plane wave in the same dielectric.
  - (iii) How would the result differ if niobium were a collisionless conductor?
- 13.5a\*** The potential energy of a dipole in a magnetic field  $H_i$  is  $-m_0\mu_0 H_i \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $m_0$  and  $H_i$ . Boltzmann theory states that the relative probability of finding a dipole with an energy  $U$  is given by  $\exp(-U/kT)$ . Write an expression for the average value of the component of dipole moment in the direction of  $H_i$ ,  $\langle m_0 \cos \theta \rangle$ , and do the integrations to show the validity of Eq. 13.5(3).
- 13.5b** Magnetic dipole moment of a small current loop of radius  $a$  is  $m_0 = \pi a^2 I$  (Sec. 2.10). Verify that the argument of the hyperbolic cotangent in Eq. 13.5(3) and  $\chi_m$  are dimensionless.
- 13.6a** Spontaneous magnetization can only occur if there is some value of  $H_i$  for which Eqs. 13.5(3) and 13.6(1) are simultaneously satisfied. Sketch roughly the forms of these two expressions as functions of  $H_i$ , indicating a point of intersection. As temperature is raised, the point of intersection moves to lower  $H_i$ . The highest temperature at which there is a simultaneous solution is the Curie temperature  $T_c$ . At this temperature the initial slopes of the two curves are equal. Use this fact to find a relation between  $\kappa$  and  $T_c$ .
- 13.6b** Find  $\kappa$  for iron using the result of Prob. 13.6a and Curie temperature of 1043 K. There are  $8.6 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms/cm}^3$ . Assume that the magnetic moment of the iron atom is 2.22 Bohr magnetons, where a Bohr magneton is  $eh/4\pi m$ . Here  $e$  is the electronic charge,  $h$  is Planck's constant ( $6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}$ ), and  $m$  is the mass of an electron.
- 13.6c** For the material depicted by Fig. 13.6d assume  $B_{sat} = 0.1 \text{ T}$ . Deduce the scale on the  $H$  axis and estimate the energy loss per cycle if  $H$  is swept through the range shown. Find values for coercive force, remanence, initial permeability, and maximum permeability. (Note that since Fig. 13.6d is only diagrammatic, numbers obtained will not be representative of real materials.)
- 13.6d** Assume that a rod of circular cross section of radius  $a$  and length  $l$  has been uniformly magnetized parallel to its axis. Find the current per meter in a solenoid of the same length to get the same flux density at the ends on the axis. Write an expression for the magnetic flux density on the axis at the end of the rod.
- 13.6e** When an ellipsoidal sample of isotropic magnetic material is placed in an otherwise uniform magnetic field  $H_{app}$ , a complex field distribution results outside the sample but it is uniform inside. If the field is along a principal axis of the ellipsoid the field

inside is parallel with  $H_{\text{app}}$  and its magnitude is given by a *demagnetization factor*  $\mathfrak{D}$  and the *constitutive relation* between  $B$  and  $H$ :

$$H = \frac{H_{\text{app}} - \mathfrak{D}B/\mu_0}{(1 - \mathfrak{D})}$$

- (i) A rod of circular cross section is modeled by a long prolate ellipsoid of revolution with  $\mathbf{H}$  perpendicular to the long axis,  $\mathfrak{D} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Suppose a rod of  $\mu = 100$  material in this arrangement and find the ratio of internal  $B$  to applied  $B = \mu_0 H_{\text{app}}$ .
- (ii) Show that the result for a sphere in Eq. 7.18(25) can be found from the above relation with  $\mathfrak{D} = \frac{1}{3}$ .
- (iii) Verify the result for a superconducting sphere given in Prob. 13.4c.
- (iv) Argue from boundary conditions why  $\mathfrak{D} = 0$  for field parallel with major axis of a long prolate ellipsoid of revolution.

**13.7** Suppose two coparallel waves with the same electric field polarization pass through a 1-cm-long crystal. The fields are intense and produce nonlinear effects. The wavelengths (in free space) of the waves are 632.8 and 592.1 nm.

- (i) What is the maximum difference in index  $n$  between  $\omega_1 - \omega_2$  and  $\omega_1$  [assume  $n(\omega_1) = n(\omega_2)$ ] if negligible cancellation is to occur because of the difference of phase constants between the polarization and the wave propagating at  $\omega_1 - \omega_2$ . Use as a criterion that the difference integrated over the length of the crystal is not greater than  $\pi/2$ .
- (ii) An output difference-frequency wave of 1.0 mW is observed. What is the power lost or gained by each of the two driving waves?

**13.8a** As a simple example of the idea of diagonalizing matrices by coordinate transformations, consider a two-dimensional system where

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = \epsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1.75 & 0.433 \\ 0.433 & 1.25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Write expressions for  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  in a primed coordinate system rotated by  $\theta$  from the unprimed system. By combining these with the given relation between  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ , find the amount of rotation necessary to put  $[\epsilon]$  in the diagonal form

$$[\epsilon] = \epsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**13.8b** Barium titanate ( $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ) has  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22} = 5.94\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_{33} = 5.59\epsilon_0$ . Sketch (showing dimensions) and describe the index ellipsoid. What are the values of  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  that pertain to a plane wave propagating in the  $y$  direction with its  $\mathbf{D}$  vector in the  $z$  direction?

**13.8c** Show that Eq. 3.12(6) is consistent with Eq. 3.15(5) for linear, anisotropic, time-invariant media, as was done in Prob. 3.12f for isotropic media.

**13.9a** Derive Eq. 13.9(4).

**13.9b** Verify the conversion of Eq. 13.9(10) to Eq. 13.9(12), the “Fresnel equation of wave normals.”

**13.9c\*** Assume waves propagating with direction such that  $b_x = 0.900$ ,  $b_y = 0.100$ , and  $b_z = 0.424$  in a crystal with  $\mu = \mu_0$  and  $\epsilon_{11} = 12\epsilon_0$ ,  $\epsilon_{22} = 14\epsilon_0$ , and  $\epsilon_{33} = 16\epsilon_0$ .

Determine the values of phase velocity for the two allowed waves. Find for each the vector expressions for  $\mathbf{D}$  and show that  $\mathbf{D}_1 \perp \mathbf{D}_2$ .

- 13.9d\*** For the index ellipsoid shown in Fig. 13.9c with an arbitrary propagation direction  $\beta$ , show that if an ellipse is defined by the intersection of the ellipsoid and a plane normal to  $\beta$ , major and minor axes of the ellipse define two basic solutions for the direction of  $\mathbf{D}$ , and corresponding indices of refraction. [Hint: Find the extrema of  $R^2 = X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2$  subject to the two constraints on  $X, Y, Z$ , on the boundary of the intersection ellipse using Lagrange multipliers. This will lead to three equations of the form  $X(1 - R^2/n_x^2) + b_x R^2[(Xb_x/n_x^2) + (Yb_y/n_y^2) + (Zb_z/n_z^2)]$ , where  $n_x^2 = \epsilon_{11}/\epsilon_0$ , etc., which can be recast into the form of Eqs. 13.9(8).]
- 13.10a** A beam of light is normally incident on a surface of a calcite ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) crystal as shown in Fig. 13.10b. The optical axis is at an angle 29 degrees from the inward surface normal. Take  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{22} = 2.7\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_{33} = 2.2\epsilon_0$ . Treat the incident light as unpolarized plane waves. Find the spatial separation of ordinary and extraordinary rays at the opposite (parallel) crystal surface 1 cm away.
- 13.10b** For a beam of light incident at an oblique angle on a planar slab of double-refracting (birefringent) material, show that the two emergent rays are parallel.
- 13.10c\*** A linearly polarized wave at  $\lambda_0 = 550$  nm is incident with its electric field at 45 degrees to the  $y$  axis on the surface of a  $1.0\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  slab of  $\text{LiNbO}_3$  cut so that  $y-z$  plane lies in the surface ("x-cut"). Indices are  $n_o = 2.29$  and  $n_e = 2.20$ . Find the wave propagated beyond the slab.
- 13.11a** Show that the new principal axes  $x'$  and  $y'$  are rotated by 45 degrees from the crystal axes  $x$  and  $y$  when a crystal of KDP is subjected to an electric field  $E_z$ . Prove that the 11 and 22 elements of the  $[1/n^2]$  matrix in the primed coordinate system are given by Eqs. 13.11(10).
- 13.11b** A  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  crystal is to be used as a modulator as shown for  $\text{LiNbO}_3$  in Ex. 13.11a. Assume the light is polarized with  $\mathbf{E} = \hat{x}E_x$  and find the magnitude of field required for  $\pi$  rad of phase shift. Note the large value of  $r_{42}$  for  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ . Take  $\lambda = 550$  nm and  $l = 1$  cm. How would you orient wave propagation direction, polarization, and direction of modulating field with respect to crystal axes to make use of this coefficient?
- 13.11c** As noted in the discussion of the modulator of Fig. 13.11c, a "quarter-wave" plate may be used to bring the ratio of  $|E_z(l)/E_x(0)|$  to the linear portion of the variation (Fig. 13.11d). Calculate for  $\lambda = 550$  nm the basic thickness for KDP with  $n_e = 1.47$  and  $n_o = 1.51$  and for quartz with  $n_e = 1.55$ ,  $n_o = 1.54$ . (Since these are small values, full wavelengths are added or the thin sheets placed between thicker, transparent isotropic materials).
- 13.12a** Assume a model of an electron as a spinning sphere of uniform mass and charge and calculate its magnetic moment and angular momentum. Show that  $\gamma$  in Eq. 13.12(2) differs by a factor of 2 from the value given in the text.
- 13.12b** Verify the matrix coefficients in Eq. 13.12(13) and (14) starting with 13.12(9).
- 13.13a\*\*** Consider a 10-cm-thick plane slab of ferrite of infinite cross section normal to the  $z$  axis. Assume a dc  $z$ -directed magnetic field  $H_0$  of  $10^5$  A/m inside the ferrite. The saturation magnetization  $M_0$  of the ferrite is  $1.5 \times 10^5$  A/m and the relative permittivity is 13. A linearly polarized plane wave of frequency  $10^9$  Hz moving in the  $+z$  direction is incident on the slab. Find the wave on the other side of the slab in terms of the incident wave using transmission-line methods.

- 13.13b** The literature on ferrite properties often gives saturation magnetization as  $4\pi M_0$  and magnetic field  $H_0$  in gaussian units. Calculate the gaussian values of  $4\pi M_0$  and  $H_0$  from the MKS values of  $M_0$  and  $H_0$  given in Prob. 13.13a. Also equate values of  $\omega_0$  for the two systems of units to show that  $\gamma$  in the expression  $\omega_0 = -\gamma H_0$  using gaussian units has the value  $-1.76 \times 10^7$  rad/O-s.
- 13.14a** Show that Faraday rotation for a wave traveling in the  $-z$  direction is in the same direction relative to the magnetic field as for a wave in  $+z$  direction. Sketch the orientation of  $\mathbf{H}$  for various  $z$  at  $t = 0$  in the wave in  $-z$  direction.
- 13.14b** Show that Eq. 13.11(13) represents an elliptically polarized wave and contrast with the Faraday effect.
- 13.14c** Some materials possess a property called *natural optical rotation* whereby the plane of polarization of a wave passing through them is rotated without the application of electric or magnetic fields. This is explained by the “screw-like” nature of individual molecules. For example, a 10-cm column of a cane sugar solution ( $0.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) produces about 6.7 degrees of rotation. Assuming the individual molecules to be represented crudely by right-hand screws, explain why there remains a net effect in a solution where these molecules are randomly oriented. Explain also why the reflected wave returns to its original polarization, in contradistinction to the Faraday effect where the reflected wave rotates through an additional angle. What should be the rotation per meter of a  $0.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$  solution of sugar?
- 13.15** Consider a resonance isolator in a rectangular waveguide. Operating frequency is 18 GHz in  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode at 1.3 times its cutoff frequency. Absorbing strip is square cross section; approximate as a circular rod and use information in Prob. 13.6e. Assume  $B$  saturated at 0.2 T. Determine location of strip and magnitude and sign of the applied field  $H_{\text{app}}$ .
- 13.16a** Assume plane waves propagating in the  $z$  direction in a plasma so that  $E_z = 0$ , in the case where there is an average drift velocity  $v_0$  of the electrons in the  $z$  direction parallel to the steady magnetic field. Find  $\epsilon_{11}$ ,  $\epsilon_{12}$ ,  $\epsilon_{21}$  and  $\epsilon_{22}$ . Note in the result that the electrons see a field with Doppler shifted frequency.
- 13.16b** Repeat the derivation of Sec. 13.16 to find the permittivity matrix taking account of the motion of singly charged ions of mass  $m_i$  as well as the electrons.
- 13.17a** Evaluate the propagation constants in Eq. 13.17(15) for a beam of electrons which has been accelerated to an energy of 2000 eV. The current density is  $10^5 \text{ A/m}^2$ . Plot an  $\omega - \beta$  diagram for the space-charge waves. For convenience use  $\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$  as the ordinate.
- 13.17b** Consider a plasma with electrons drifting along an infinite magnetic field as in Sec. 13.17 but located inside a circular cylindrical waveguide with perfect-conductor walls. Use the differential equation 13.17(13) in the appropriate form to find an expression for the cutoff frequencies of the allowed electromagnetic modes.
- 13.18a** A linearly polarized plane wave with equal  $y$  and  $z$  components of electric field is launched in the  $x$  direction in a neutral plasma with infinite magnetic field in the  $z$  direction. The frequency is 4 GHz and the number density of electrons is  $10^{17}$  per cubic meter. Find the distance in which the linearly polarized wave becomes circularly polarized.
- 13.18b\*** A beam of millimeter waves (100 GHz) is normally incident on a 0.06-mm-thick planar metal membrane in air. The temperature of the membrane is low enough to neglect collisions of the electrons. An extremely strong (assume infinite) steady

magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_0$  is applied to the membrane with  $\mathbf{B}_0$  parallel to the surface. Take electron density to be  $10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , permittivity of the ions as  $30\epsilon_0$ , and  $\mathbf{E}$  in the incident wave to be 45 degrees from  $\mathbf{B}_0$ . Find the magnitude of the wave that exists beyond the membrane.

- 13.18c** Suppose a stationary plasma filling the half-space  $z > 0$  in a magnetic field in the  $+z$  direction. The other half-space  $z < 0$  has only vacuum. Take the number density of electrons to be  $10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the magnetic field to be 0.1 T. A clockwise polarized plane wave of frequency 2 GHz propagating in the  $+z$  direction is incident on the plasma. What is the value of the field of the wave propagating in the plasma as a fraction of the field in the incident wave?
- 13.18d** Sketch the variations of  $\beta_+^{\text{cw}}$  and  $\beta_+^{\text{ccw}}$  versus  $\omega$  in the frequency ranges where propagation occurs. Identify the values of  $\omega$  at the edges of the propagation ranges.
- 13.18e** For a plasma with electron density of  $10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , plot the angle of Faraday rotation in radians per meter of a linearly polarized wave at 3 GHz propagating parallel to constant  $\mathbf{B}$  for  $B = 0$  to  $B = 0.09$  T. What happens when  $B = 0.1$  T?
- 13.18f\*** A linearly polarized plane wave in free space is incident normal to a planar layer of plasma 10 cm thick. The region beyond the plasma layer is also free space. Assume electron density, magnetic field, and frequency as in Prob. 13.18c. Find the electric field of the wave reflected from the plasma.

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## Optics

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

Maxwell's theory demonstrated that light is an electromagnetic phenomenon, as was explained in Chapter 3. We have consequently used optical examples extensively to this point. But there are enough special considerations in the generation of coherent light by means of lasers, and in the use of this radiation, that a chapter for specific discussion of these is justified. We consequently concentrate on optical waveguides, optical resonators, and some related optical components in this chapter. In referring to "optical frequencies," we generally mean the visible range, the near infrared, and the near ultraviolet (wavelengths, say from around  $10 \mu\text{m}$  to  $100 \text{ nm}$ ), but the key point is the relation of size and curvature of wavefronts to wavelength. Thus most of the concepts also apply to the far infrared (wavelengths  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ ) and many of the analyses to millimeter waves and microwave radio frequencies when relation of size to wavelength is appropriate. The term *quasi-optical* is often applied to such situations.

For a number of practical applications, the propagation of light may be described by the behavior of the *rays*, which are the normals to the wavefronts. These are straight lines in a homogeneous medium, change direction according to Snell's law at the boundary between dielectric media, and are in general curved for inhomogeneous media. The basis for these rules and some important applications will be presented in the first part of this chapter.

The guiding of optical waves is generally accomplished by dielectric waveguides of the type introduced in Sec. 9.2. Hollow-pipe guides with metal boundaries are not only difficult to fabricate in the small sizes one would find at these wavelengths, but the metal boundaries would produce much greater losses at the optical frequencies than can be obtained with good dielectric guides. The principles of dielectric guiding have been presented in Chapter 9, but there are a number of special considerations worth developing in more detail than was done in that introduction. In particular, dispersion of signals in such guides is of importance in telecommunication uses. Also, a class of inhomogeneous dielectric guides, known as *graded index guides*, has unique and useful properties and leads to waves with gaussian form in the transverse plane. Similar but diverging *gaussian beams* are found in space (or other homogeneous media) and their transformation by lenses and other optical components is especially important. The spreading of such beams is a special case of diffraction, studied in Chapter 12.

Optical resonators are likewise not different in principle from other resonators we have studied in Chapter 10. But as with the guides, the questions of size in relation to wavelength and the properties of materials at optical frequencies produce some practical differences. In particular, there is much use of resonant systems which are open to space in the transverse direction, with the waves reflected longitudinally between plane or spherical mirrors placed normally to an axis. Gaussian beams again play a role in such resonators.

Several materials properties important to optics, especially anisotropic and nonlinear properties of materials, have been covered in Chapter 13. In this chapter we consider an important aspect of nonlinearity—that leading to *solitons* in which dispersive and nonlinear effects tend to cancel. In soliton propagation short pulses may propagate large distances without much change in shape. Finally, we give an introduction to the information processing applications that arise from diffraction theory and the Fourier transforming properties of lenses. Additional details on these subjects are covered in many excellent texts.<sup>1–4</sup> Quantum effects, such as the laser principle and interactions between light and semiconductors, are covered in books on quantum electronics.<sup>5</sup>

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## Ray or Geometrical Optics

### 14.2 GEOMETRICAL OPTICS THROUGH APPLICATIONS OF LAWS OF REFLECTION AND REFRACTION

We have already applied the results of the plane-wave analysis to many optical problems. The results of that analysis (Chapter 6) are strictly applicable only to plane waves which are uniform over an infinite wavefront and which fall upon infinite plane boundaries between media. Nevertheless, one would expect the results to be useful whenever the wavefront extends and is uniform over many wavelengths, and when the boundaries are large in comparison with wavelength. Both boundaries and wavefront may be non-planar so long as radii of curvature are also large in comparison with wavelength. In such cases one obtains a great deal of information about the waves by tracing the *rays* that represent the normals to the wavefronts, using locally the law of reflection and Snell's law of refraction. These were developed in Chapter 6 for uniform plane waves

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<sup>4</sup> A. E. Siegman, *Lasers*, University Science Books, Mill Valley, CA, 1986.

<sup>5</sup> For example, A. Yariv, *Quantum Electronics*, 3rd ed., Wiley, New York, 1989.

by considering phase requirements on continuity conditions at a boundary. These laws were actually first developed by observing the behavior of rays of light falling upon various materials before the wave nature of light was clearly established, and formed the basis for an extensive art and science of optics well before Maxwell. It is called *geometrical optics* or *ray optics*. We shall show the formal development in the next section; here we use only the physical justification discussed above and give some useful examples. In this section we consider only homogeneous media, except for discontinuities at boundaries.

### Example 14.2a SPHERICAL MIRROR

Consider first a reflecting surface of spherical form with rays (normals to the wavefronts of the plane waves) parallel to the axis and falling on the mirror. As shown in Fig. 14.2a, a ray at radius  $r$  from the axis makes angle  $\theta$  with the radius vector from  $P$  to the center of the sphere  $C$ . Then if the law of reflection applies locally to the region around  $P$ , the reflected ray  $PF$  also makes angle  $\theta$  with radius  $PC$  and crosses the axis at  $F$ . We tentatively call this the *focus*  $F$  and its distance from the sphere, *focal length*  $f$ . The reflected ray makes angle  $2\theta$  with respect to the axis. Then, from trigonometric relationships,

$$\frac{r}{R - z} = \tan \theta \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{r}{f - z} = \tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \quad (2)$$

The equation for the sphere is

$$r^2 + (R - z)^2 = R^2 \quad (3)$$

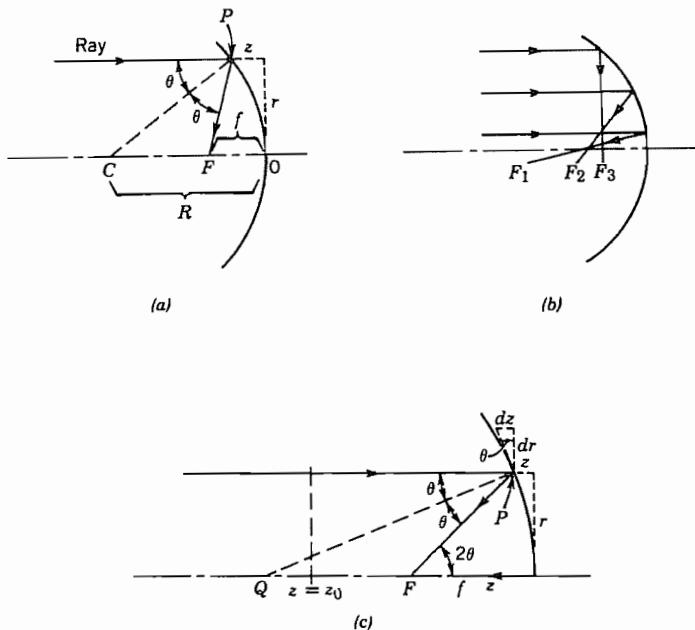
By substituting (1) in (2) and utilizing (3) we can solve for  $f$ :

$$f = R \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \right\} \quad (4)$$

We see that  $f$  is a function of radius  $r$  at which rays enter, so not all rays are focused to the same point. There is spherical *aberration* as shown in Fig. 14.2b. However, for rays very near the axis, with  $r$  negligible in comparison with  $R$ , the expression (4) reduces to

$$f \approx \frac{R}{2} \quad (5)$$

so that in this approximation the focal length is independent of  $r$  and is just half the radius of curvature of the mirror.



**FIG. 14.2** (a) Ray entering spherical mirror parallel to axis. (b) Rays entering spherical mirror at various radii. (c) Parabolic mirror and ray reflected to focus  $F$ .

Spherical mirrors are used in forming the resonant systems for various lasers. They often have radii of curvature of a few meters, with rays entering a few millimeters from the axis so that the spherical aberration is small and the approximation (5) for focal length well justified.

### Example 14.2b PARABOLIC MIRROR

To eliminate the spherical aberration just shown, the reflecting surface should be a paraboloid. The paraboloid (Fig. 14.2c) may be defined by

$$z = \frac{r^2}{4g} \quad (6)$$

where  $g$  is a constant shown below to be focal length. Slope of the mirror at radius  $r$  is then

$$\frac{dr}{dz} = \left( \frac{dz}{dr} \right)^{-1} = \frac{2g}{r} \quad (7)$$

The slope of the normal to the mirror,  $PQ$ , is just the negative reciprocal of (7):

$$\left(\frac{dr}{dz}\right)_{PQ} = -\frac{r}{2g} = -\tan \theta \quad (8)$$

From the trigonometry of the figure,

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{r}{f - z} \quad (9)$$

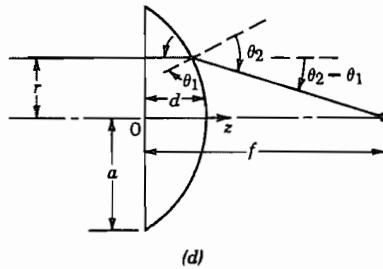
Using the identity in (2), with (8) it can be shown that  $f$  is independent of the incident radius  $r$  and equals the constant  $g$  in (6).

We have here used only the law of reflection but it is interesting to use this example to show the relation to wave optics. In the latter, one can show that all rays entering parallel to the axis and reflecting to the focus have the same phase delay from some reference plane  $z = z_0$  to the focus  $F$ . Since the medium is homogeneous, this means that all such paths are of equal length, as is known to be the case for a paraboloid.

### Example 14.2c THIN LENS

We next consider the thin lens, the requirement of thinness implying that lens thickness is small in comparison with focal length. For simplicity we make one surface a plane as illustrated in Fig. 14.2d. The lens material is considered transparent, with index of refraction  $n$ , the surrounding medium being air or space with refractive index unity. Consider first the derivation of the law for the curved surface from Snell's law of refraction. A ray entering parallel to the axis at radius  $r$  from the axis experiences no refraction at the plane surface, but does refract at the right-hand curved surface, as shown in Fig. 14.2d. If  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles on the two sides from the normal to the curved surface, Snell's law gives

$$\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = n \quad (10)$$



**FIG. 14.2** (d) Thin lens showing focusing of entering parallel rays to a point.

If rays are paraxial (i.e., are nearly parallel to the axis) angles will be small so that sines may be approximated by angles themselves:

$$\theta_2 \approx n\theta_1 \quad (11)$$

Also assume that  $r/f$  is small so that

$$\frac{r}{f} = \tan(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \approx \theta_2 - \theta_1 \approx (n - 1)\theta_1 \quad (12)$$

The angle  $\theta_1$  can be related to the slope of the curved surface:

$$\frac{dz}{dr} = -\tan \theta_1 \approx -\theta_1 \approx -\frac{r}{(n - 1)f} \quad (13)$$

Upon integrating we find

$$z \approx -\frac{r^2}{2(n - 1)f} + d \quad (14)$$

where the constant  $d$  is the value of  $z$  at  $r = 0$ , the maximum thickness of the lens. This result is a parabolic surface, but since it was derived with several approximations, it is usual to approximate this by a spherical surface. If  $R$  is the radius of curvature of the sphere,

$$z = \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} - (R - d) \approx d - \frac{r^2}{2R} \quad (15)$$

where we assume  $r \ll R$ . In comparing with (14),

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{(n - 1)}{R} \quad (16)$$

From another point of view, the lens may be considered a phase transformer with rays at different radii from the axis arriving at the focus with the same phase. Let us illustrate this with a doubly convex lens (Fig. 14.2e). With approximations as in (15),  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are

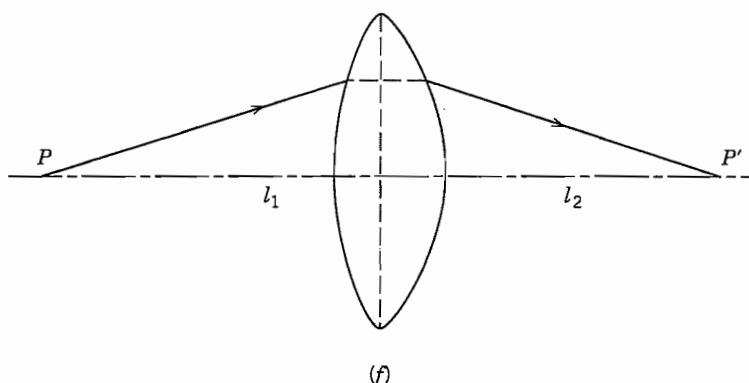
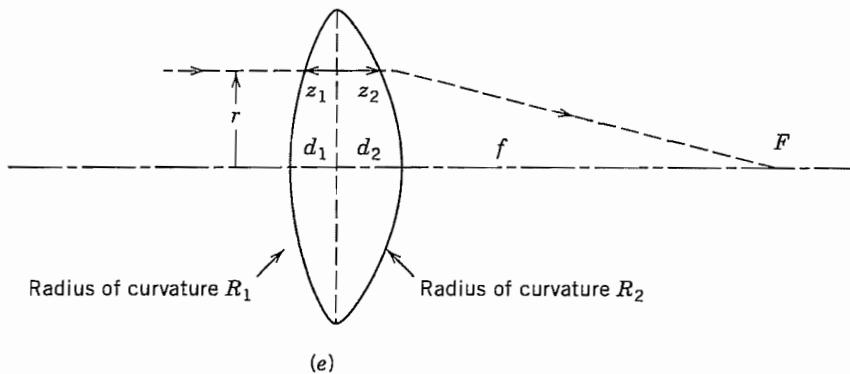
$$z_1 = d_1 - \frac{r^2}{2R_1}, \quad z_2 = d_2 - \frac{r^2}{2R_2} \quad (17)$$

where all quantities are positive in the convention of Fig. 14.2e. The extra phase introduced by the lens at radius  $r$ , over that of the path in air,  $n = 1$ , is

$$\phi(r) = k_0(n - 1)(z_1 + z_2) = k_0(n - 1) \left[ (d_1 + d_2) - \frac{r^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \right] \quad (18)$$

This may be written in terms of the maximum radius of the lens  $a$  where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zero:

$$\phi(r) = k_0(n - 1)(d_1 + d_2)[1 - r^2/a^2] \quad (19)$$



**FIG. 14.2** (e) Thin lens; focal length found from phase condition. (f) Imaging of point  $P$  to  $P'$  by thin lens.

Now if we add the phase in going from radius  $r$  of the lens to the focus, total phase is

$$\phi = \phi(r) + k_0 \sqrt{r^2 + f^2} \approx \phi(r) + k_0 \left( f + \frac{r^2}{2f} \right), \quad r \ll f \quad (20)$$

Using (18), the condition for  $\phi$  to be independent of  $r$  is

$$\frac{k_0(n - 1)r^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \frac{k_0r^2}{2f}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \quad (21)$$

**Example 14.2d**

## RELATION OF OBJECT AND IMAGE DISTANCES IN THIN LENS

Either Snell's law or the requirement on constancy of phase for different paths may be used to derive the relationship for object and image distances in a thin lens. Let us use the latter method for the simple lens analyzed above. This is redrawn in Fig. 14.2f to show a ray path going from object point  $P$ , distance  $d_1$  from the lens, to image point  $P'$ , distance  $d_2$  on the other side. The phase delay between the two points for a ray passing through the lens at radius  $r$  is

$$\phi_{21} = \phi(r) + k_0 [\sqrt{l_1^2 + r^2} + \sqrt{l_2^2 + r^2}] \quad (22)$$

Using (18), (21), and approximations based on  $r \ll l_1, l_2$ ,

$$\phi_{21} = k_0 \left[ (n - 1)(d_1 + d_2) - \frac{r^2}{2f} + l_1 + \frac{r^2}{2l_1} + l_2 + \frac{r^2}{2l_2} \right] \quad (23)$$

For this to be independent of  $r$ ,

$$\frac{1}{l_1} + \frac{1}{l_2} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (24)$$

which is the well-known relationship between object and image distances for a thin lens.

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## 14.3 GEOMETRICAL OPTICS AS LIMITING CASE OF WAVE OPTICS

In the preceding section we argued the case for geometrical optics on physical grounds. Now we show formally the terms that are neglected in this approximation. Let us assume fields of the form

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}(x, y, z)e^{-jk_0S(x, y, z)} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{h}(x, y, z)e^{-jk_0S(x, y, z)} \quad (2)$$

where  $k_0 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\varepsilon_0}$ . We next substitute (1) and (2) in Maxwell's equations for a linear, source-free, isotropic medium, making use of the expansion of the curl of a vector multiplied by a scalar:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = [\nabla \times \mathbf{e} - jk_0 \nabla S \times \mathbf{e}]e^{-jk_0S} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{h}e^{-jk_0S} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = [\nabla \times \mathbf{h} - jk_0 \nabla S \times \mathbf{h}]e^{-jk_0S} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{e}e^{-jk_0S} \quad (4)$$

Rearranging, we have

$$\nabla S \times \mathbf{e} - \frac{\omega\mu}{k_0} \mathbf{h} = \frac{1}{jk_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{e} \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla S \times \mathbf{h} + \frac{\omega\epsilon}{k_0} \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{jk_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{h} \quad (6)$$

At this point we make the approximation that leads to the geometrical optics formulation, assuming that the multipliers  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  vary little in wavelength. The curl of  $\mathbf{e}$  represents a derivative with distance, and  $k_0 = 2\pi/\lambda_0$ , so the right side of (5) is small if  $\mathbf{e}$  varies only a small amount in distance  $\lambda_0$ . Similarly, the right side of (6) can be neglected if  $\mathbf{h}$  likewise varies a small amount in a wavelength. Equations (5) and (6) then lead to

$$\mathbf{h} \approx \frac{1}{\mu_r \eta_0} \nabla S \times \mathbf{e} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{e} \approx -\frac{\eta_0}{\epsilon_r} \nabla S \times \mathbf{h} \quad (8)$$

Let us now interpret the expressions. If  $S$  is real, the function  $k_0 S$  may be considered a phase function with surfaces  $S = \text{constant}$  being surfaces of constant phase and the gradient of  $S$  giving the local "direction of propagation." We see from (7) and (8) that  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  are then in phase and are normal to each other and to the local direction of propagation, as would be expected if the local behavior is that of a plane wave. If  $S$  is complex, (1) and (2) show that there is attenuation of the wave, and then (7) and (8) yield a phase shift between  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ , as is expected for attenuating media.

We next obtain a rather important equation relating the gradient of  $S$  to the local refractive index. To do this, we substitute (7) in (8) and expand the triple vector product to obtain

$$\mathbf{e} = -\frac{1}{\mu_r \epsilon_r} [\nabla S (\mathbf{e} \cdot \nabla S) - \mathbf{e} (\nabla S \cdot \nabla S)] \quad (9)$$

Since  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\nabla S$  are at right angles, the first term on the right is zero and

$$|\nabla S|^2 = n^2(x, y, z) \quad (10)$$

where  $n$  is refractive index  $= (\mu_r \epsilon_r)^{1/2}$ . This equation is known as the *eikonal* equation of geometrical optics.<sup>6</sup> In rectangular coordinates,

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z}\right)^2 = n^2(x, y, z) \quad (11)$$

Note that for a homogeneous medium with  $n$  a constant this is satisfied by

$$S = n(x \cos \alpha + y \cos \beta + z \cos \gamma) \quad (12)$$

<sup>6</sup> M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics, 6th ed., p. 112, Pergamon Press, New York, 1980.

with

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1 \quad (13)$$

which is the phase variation one would expect for a uniform plane wave propagating in an oblique direction defined by direction cosines  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\cos \beta$ , and  $\cos \gamma$ . Substitution in (7) and (8) would lead to the expected relative orientation of  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  for such a wave (Prob. 14.3c).

Let us next look at power and energy relations for the rays in this formulation. The average Poynting vector is

$$\mathbf{P}_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*] = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{h}^*] \quad (14)$$

Substitution of (7) and expansion of the triple vector product gives

$$\mathbf{P}_{av} = \frac{1}{2\mu_r \eta_0} [\nabla S (\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}^*) - \mathbf{e}^* (\mathbf{e} \cdot \nabla S)] \quad (15)$$

The last term is zero since  $\mathbf{e}$  is normal to  $\nabla S$ . The first term may be written in terms of average energy density in electric fields,  $u_e = \varepsilon(\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}^*)/4$ :

$$\mathbf{P}_{av} = \frac{4u_e}{2\mu_r \eta_0 \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} \nabla S = \frac{c}{n} (2u_e) \hat{\mathbf{s}} \quad (16)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \nabla S/n$  is the unit vector in the local direction of the ray. Note that the average stored energy densities in electric and magnetic fields are equal, as can be shown from (7) and (8), using the vector identity  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$ :

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{4} (\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}^*) = -\frac{1}{4c} [\mathbf{e} \cdot (\nabla S \times \mathbf{h}^*)] = \frac{\mu}{4} (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{h}^*) \quad (17)$$

Thus the term  $2u_e$  is total energy density and we see from (16) that the Poynting vector is equal in magnitude to energy density multiplied by  $c/n$ , as would be expected if local behavior is as in plane waves. It also has the ray direction given by  $\nabla S$  so that a tube defined by ray directions (Fig. 14.3) has, for a lossless medium, the same power traversing each cross section. This is analogous to the continuity of flux in a flux tube as met in static fields.

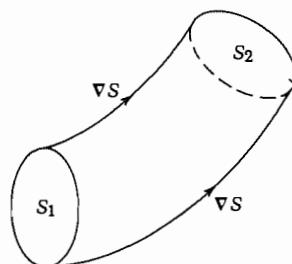


FIG. 14.3 Tube of constant power flow.

Corrections to the geometrical optics formulation have been made<sup>7</sup> by expanding  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  in asymptotic series in terms of wavelength and including contributions of various orders from the right-hand sides of (5) and (6).

#### 14.4 RAYS IN INHOMOGENEOUS MEDIA

The general formulation for ray propagation given in the preceding section gave the expected but almost trivial result for homogeneous media, but is of much more use with materials for which the refractive index varies with position. In such media the rays are curved and the geometrical optics approach can often give a great deal of information about the nature of the waves. Important practical examples of inhomogeneous media include the graded index fibers used for guiding of optical waves, the surface guides of integrated optics made by diffusion or ion implantation, and the lower-frequency example of radio waves in the ionosphere.

Before applying the general formulation, we can obtain an expression for curvature of the ray and a physical understanding of the bending process, by assuming that the change of index occurs in a series of steps of differential size. If Snell's law is applied to the surface separating a differential region with index  $n$  from one with  $n + dn$  as in Fig. 14.4a, there results

$$\frac{n}{n + dn} = \frac{\sin(\theta + d\theta)}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta + d\theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \quad (1)$$

from which we find

$$\cot \theta d\theta = -\frac{dn}{n} \quad (2)$$

The radius of curvature is found from the intersection of the lines erected perpendicular to the ray, and can be related to the length  $ds$  of the ray segment in the layer with index  $n + dn$  and the angle  $d\theta$  or, alternatively, in terms of the ray segment  $dR$  along the radius of curvature:

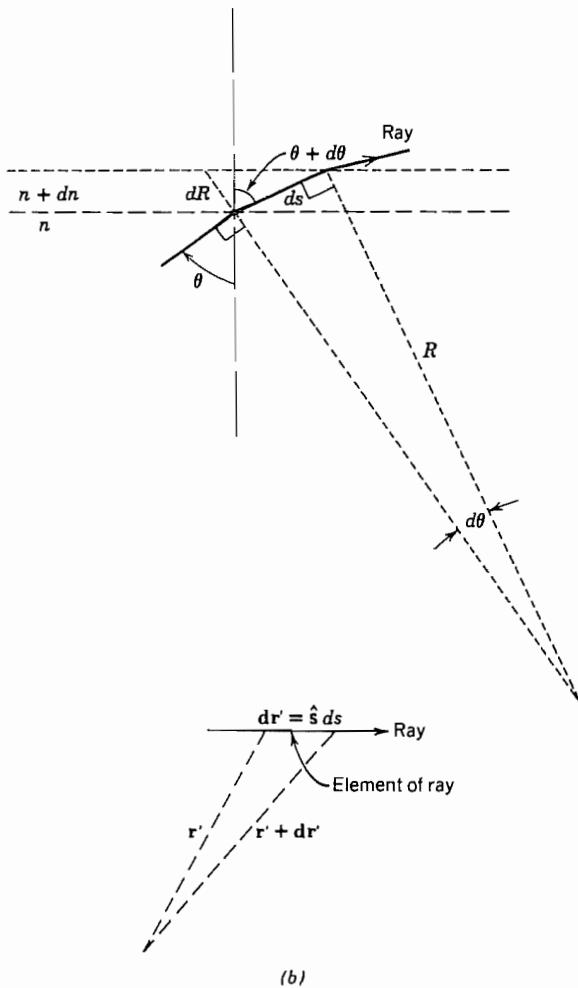
$$R = \frac{ds}{d\theta} = \frac{dR}{d\theta \cot \theta} \quad (3)$$

Using (2), this may be written as

$$\frac{1}{R} = -\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dR} = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \nabla(\ln n) \quad (4)$$

In graphical ray tracing, the radius of curvature can be calculated from point to point as the index changes, and the ray traced by joining the corresponding arcs at suitably small intervals.

<sup>7</sup> M. Kline and I. W. Kay, Electromagnetic Theory and Geometric Optics, Wiley Interscience, New York, 1965.



**FIG. 14.4** (a) Construction showing radius of curvature of ray in inhomogeneous medium. (b) Element of ray and definitions used in general formulation.

With this physical understanding of the basis for ray curvature, let us apply the formal development of Sec. 14.3. As shown in Fig. 14.4b, let  $\mathbf{r}'$  be the vector position of a point on the ray from an arbitrary reference. Its differential change is

$$d\mathbf{r}' = \hat{\mathbf{s}} ds \quad (5)$$

where  $s$  is distance along the ray and  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$  is a unit vector in the ray direction. But from Eq. 14.3(10) and discussion after Eq. 14.3(8), the gradient of  $S$  has a magnitude equal to refractive index and the direction of  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$ :

$$\nabla S = n\hat{\mathbf{s}} \quad (6)$$

Thus

$$n \frac{d\mathbf{r}'}{ds} = \nabla S \quad (7)$$

Taking an additional derivative,

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left( n \frac{d\mathbf{r}'}{ds} \right) = \frac{d}{ds} (\nabla S) \quad (8)$$

But because of (6)

$$\frac{d}{ds} (\nabla S) = \nabla n \quad (9)$$

so that (8) becomes

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left( n \frac{d\mathbf{r}'}{ds} \right) = \nabla n \quad (10)$$

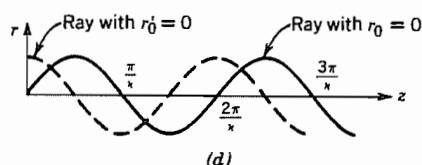
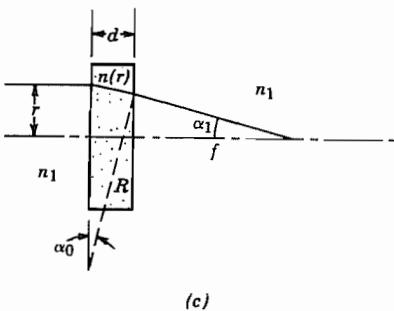
Still other useful forms, including the relation (4), may be derived from this (Prob. 14.4c). We now illustrate the use of the above through two practical examples.

### Example 14.4a

#### THIN CELL WITH QUADRATIC INDEX VARIATION

As a simple but useful example, consider a thin cell (Fig. 14.4c) with refractive index varying quadratically with radius  $r$  from the axis:

$$n(r) = n_0 \left[ 1 - \Delta \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^2 \right] \quad (11)$$



**FIG. 14.4** (c) A cell filled with an inhomogeneous material, acting as a lens. (d) Ray paths through a long quadratic index medium.

Such a variation is approximated when a laser beam passes through certain materials, either because of heating or other nonlinear effects. Self-focusing or self-defocusing of the laser beam may result. A ray entering from the left, parallel to the axis and at radius  $r$  from it, is curved, with radius of curvature given by (4):

$$\frac{1}{R} = -\frac{1}{n(r)} \frac{dn(r)}{dr} = \frac{2n_0 r \Delta}{a^2 n(r)} \quad (12)$$

If cell thickness  $d$  is small, this curvature applies throughout the cell and the angle at exit, measured inside the cell, is approximately

$$\alpha_0 \approx \frac{d}{R} \quad (13)$$

There is a further deflection by Snell's law at exit from the cell, and if angles are small and the external medium has index  $n_1$ ,

$$\alpha_1 \approx \frac{n(r)\alpha_0}{n_1} = \frac{2n_0 r \Delta d}{a^2 n_1} \quad (14)$$

The focal length of this lens is then

$$f \approx \frac{r}{\alpha_1} = \frac{a^2 n_1}{2n_0 \Delta d} \quad (15)$$

We thus see that the cell with quadratic index variation acts as a thin lens, converging if  $\Delta$  is positive (index decreasing with increasing radius) and diverging for the opposite variation.

### Example 14.4b

#### RAYS IN GRADED INDEX FIBER WITH QUADRATIC VARIATION

Suppose the dielectric with quadratic index variation with radius is not a thin slice, as in the first example, but a long cylinder, as in graded index fibers used for optical guiding. Assume that all rays have small slopes so that  $ds \approx dz$ . Then (10) becomes

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ n(r) \frac{d\mathbf{r}'}{dz} \right] = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{dn(r)}{dr} \quad (16)$$

The radius vector  $\mathbf{r}'$  from origin 0 to a general point on the ray is

$$\mathbf{r}' = \hat{\mathbf{r}}r + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z \quad (17)$$

Substitution in (16) leads to the simpler relation

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ n(r) \frac{dr}{dz} \right] = \frac{dn(r)}{dr} \quad (18)$$

If  $n(r)$  varies quadratically with  $r$ , as in (11),

$$\frac{d^2r}{dz^2} = \frac{-2n_0 r \Delta}{a^2 n_0 [1 - \Delta(r/a)^2]} \approx -\left(\frac{2\Delta}{a^2}\right)r \quad (19)$$

The last approximation assumes  $\Delta$  small. The solution to (19) is

$$r(z) = r_0 \cos \kappa z + \frac{r'_0}{\kappa} \sin \kappa z \quad (20)$$

where

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{2\Delta}}{a} \quad (21)$$

and  $r_0$  and  $r'_0$  are, respectively, radius and slope of the ray at  $z = 0$ . Two special ray paths are shown in Fig. 14.4d.

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## 14.5 RAY MATRICES FOR PARAXIAL RAY OPTICS

The rays in many optical instruments and laser resonators or guiding systems have only small slopes with respect to an axis of symmetry, as in the example of the quadratic index rod or fiber analyzed in the preceding section. In such cases the rays are called *paraxial rays* and the optics deriving from this condition is called *gaussian optics*.<sup>8</sup> It is convenient for this class of problems to describe the effect of various optical components by ray matrices that relate output radius and slope of a ray to the input radius and slope. The advantage of the matrix formulation is mainly in its ease of handling combinations of elements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{out}} \\ r'_{\text{out}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{in}} \\ r'_{\text{in}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

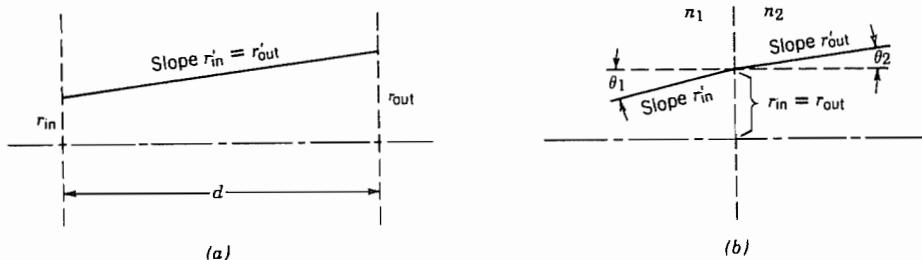
We illustrate with some simple examples.

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### Example 14.5a HOMOGENEOUS MEDIUM

This is the simplest case, and although almost trivial, nevertheless an important one. As shown in Fig. 14.5a, the ray in a homogeneous medium is a straight line so that for

<sup>8</sup> See Born and Wolf<sup>6</sup> for use with lenses; see Yariv<sup>1</sup> for use with laser resonators.



**FIG. 14.5** (a) Ray in homogeneous medium. (b) Ray passing between media of different refractive index at small angle.

a distance  $d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} r'_{out} &= r_{in} + dr'_{in} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ r'_{out} &= r'_{in} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

### Example 14.5b

#### THIN LENS

Interpretation of Eq. 14.2(24) shows that a lens acts to change the slope of an incoming ray, but if it is thin enough, the change in radius is negligible. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} r'_{out} &= r_{in} \\ r'_{out} &= r'_{in} - \frac{r_{in}}{f} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

### Example 14.5c

#### PARABOLIC OR SPHERICAL MIRROR

A curved mirror is similar to the lens except that the reflected ray returns rather than passing through to the other side. For a fixed coordinate system, this would result in opposite signs for the slopes of the two cases, and thus reverse the sign of the  $1/f$  term in (3). However, because of the use of these in cascaded systems to be described below, it is more convenient to take the direction of the ray as determining the positive coordinate. That is, for the mirror, positive  $z$  is toward the mirror for the incident wave and away from the mirror for the reflected wave. Thus for a parabolic mirror of focal length  $f$ , the matrix is the same as in (3). For a spherical mirror, spherical aberration is negligible for paraxial rays so that  $f = R/2$ .

**Example 14.5d**

## PLANE DISCONTINUITY BETWEEN DIELECTRICS

If a plane perpendicular to the axis separates a medium with refractive index  $n_1$  from a second medium with  $n_2$  (Fig. 14.5b) the ray is not changed in radius at the boundary, but slope is changed by Snell's law. For paraxial rays, sines of the angles may be replaced by slopes.

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\text{out}} &= r_{\text{in}} \\ r'_{\text{out}} &= \frac{n_1}{n_2} r'_{\text{in}} \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n_1}{n_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$


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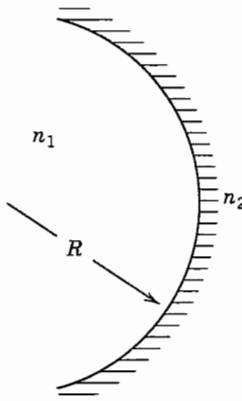
**Example 14.5e**

## SPHERICAL SURFACE SEPARATING DIELECTRICS

For a spherical boundary between dielectrics with refractive indices  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  (Fig. 14.5c), use of Snell's law and the approximation of sines and tangents by their angles gives the ray matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2}\right)\frac{1}{R_1} & \frac{n_1}{n_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where  $R$  is positive in the sense shown in Fig. 14.5c.



**Fig. 14.5c** Spherical boundary between dielectrics.

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**Example 14.5f**  
ROD WITH QUADRATIC INDEX VARIATION

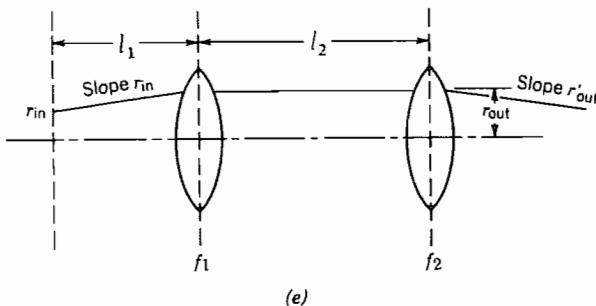
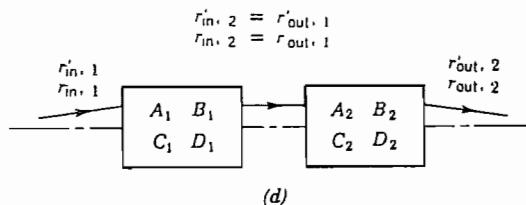
For a rod or fiber of length  $d$  with refractive index varying quadratically with radius, Eqs. 14.4(20) and (21) give the ray matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{out}} \\ r'_{\text{out}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \kappa d & \frac{1}{\kappa} \sin \kappa d \\ -\kappa \sin \kappa d & \cos \kappa d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{in}} \\ r'_{\text{in}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\sqrt{2\Delta}}{a} \quad (6)$$

**Example 14.5g**  
ELEMENTS IN TANDEM

We will see in this example the advantage of the matrix formulation in handling combinations of elements. Thus if one element is followed by another, as sketched in Fig. 14.5d,  $r_{\text{out}, 1} = r_{\text{in}, 2}$  and  $r'_{\text{out}, 1} = r'_{\text{in}, 2}$  so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{out}, 2} \\ r'_{\text{out}, 2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{in}, 2} \\ r'_{\text{in}, 2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{\text{in}, 1} \\ r'_{\text{in}, 1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$



**FIG. 14.5** (d) Cascade arrangement of two general optical elements. (e) Cascade arrangement of two thin lenses with homogeneous regions between and on each side.

The ray matrix of the combination is thus the product of the individual ray matrices starting from the one nearest the output. The procedure is extended in a straightforward manner to any number of elements in cascade, with the final element first in the product chain. As an example, consider the combination of two lenses and two homogeneous regions sketched in Fig. 14.5e. The ray matrix for the combination is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

from which

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1 - \frac{l_2}{f_1} \\ B &= l_1 + l_2 \left( 1 - \frac{l_1}{f_1} \right) \\ C &= -\frac{1}{f_1} - \frac{1}{f_2} \left( 1 - \frac{l_2}{f_1} \right) \\ D &= -\frac{1}{f_2} \left[ l_1 + l_2 \left( 1 - \frac{l_1}{f_1} \right) \right] + \left( 1 - \frac{l_1}{f_1} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

We shall interpret these expressions in the following section to show that this combination is useful in forming optical guiding systems or optical resonators.

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#### 14.6 GUIDING OF RAYS BY A PERIODIC LENS SYSTEM OR IN SPHERICAL MIRROR RESONATORS

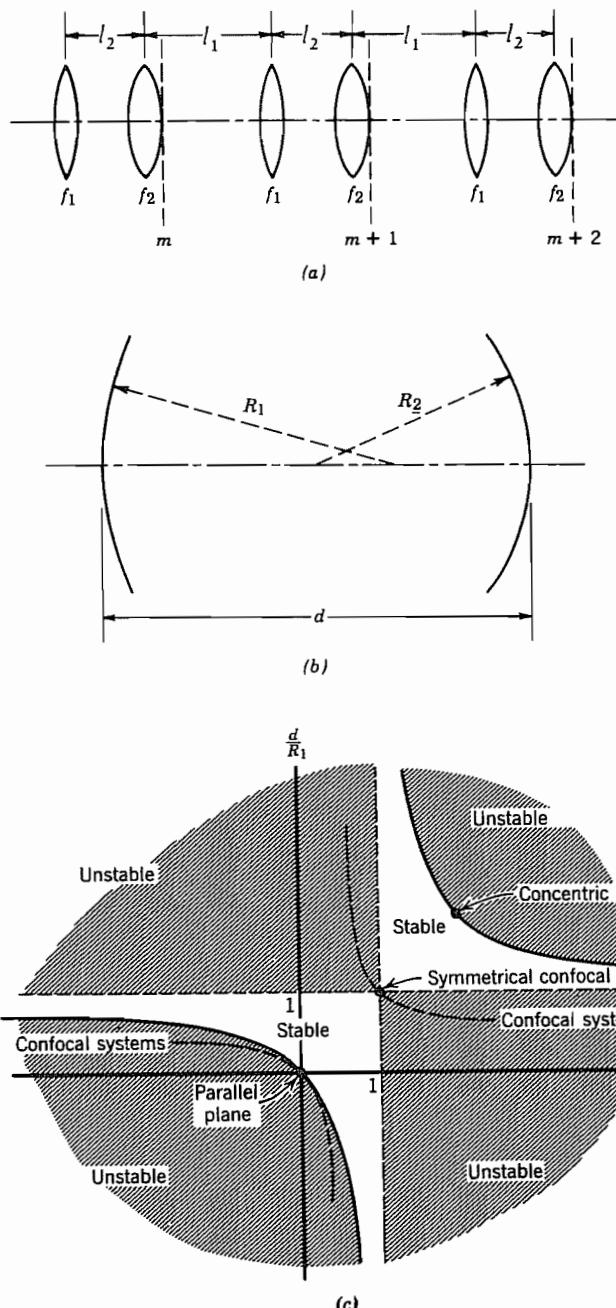
If the lens pair of Fig. 14.5d is repeated, as in Fig. 14.6a, a periodic system results. It will be seen that for such systems, rays may be guided or confined for certain combinations of parameters, but may diverge for other combinations. Let us apply the ray matrix between reference planes  $m$  and  $m + 1$  with  $A, B, C, D$  defined for one unit of the periodic system:

$$r_{m+1} = Ar_m + Br'_m \quad (1)$$

$$r'_{m+1} = Cr_m + Dr'_m \quad (2)$$

Equation (1) may be solved for  $r'_m$ .

$$r'_m = \frac{1}{B} (r_{m+1} - Ar_m) \quad (3)$$



**FIG. 14.6** (a) A periodic lens system. (b) Spherical mirror resonator showing two coaxial mirrors separated by distance  $d$ . (c) Diagram showing stable (confined) conditions for spherical mirror resonator of (b).

For this periodic system, a similar equation applies between references  $m + 1$  and  $m + 2$ :

$$r'_{m+1} = \frac{1}{B} (r_{m+2} - Ar_{m+1}) \quad (4)$$

If (3) and (4) are substituted in (2) there results

$$r_{m+2} - (A + D)r_{m+1} + (AD - BC)r_m = 0 \quad (5)$$

For optical systems of concern to us, it can be shown that  $AD - BC = 1$ . (This can be checked from Eq. 14.5(9) for the system of Fig. 14.6a.) Equation (5) then simplifies to

$$r_{m+2} - (A + D)r_{m+1} + r_m = 0 \quad (6)$$

This linear difference equation may be solved by assuming solutions of exponential form, much as with linear differential equations with constant coefficients. Let

$$r_m = r_0 e^{\pm jm\theta} \quad (7)$$

Substitution of (7) in (6) yields

$$e^{\pm 2j\theta} - (A + D)e^{\pm j\theta} + 1 = 0 \quad (8)$$

This is a quadratic in  $e^{\pm j\theta}$  so that the solution is

$$e^{\pm j\theta} = \left( \frac{A + D}{2} \right) \pm \left[ \left( \frac{A + D}{2} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

But since  $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$ , this is consistent with

$$\cos \theta = \left( \frac{A + D}{2} \right) \quad (10)$$

Thus there are real solutions for  $\theta$  with  $r_m$  bounded if

$$-1 \leq \left( \frac{A + D}{2} \right) \leq 1 \quad (11)$$

But if (11) is not satisfied,  $\theta$  is imaginary and one of the solutions (7) is a growing exponential as  $m$  increases so that the ray is not bounded. The two cases are frequently called *stable* and *unstable*, respectively.

For the system of Fig. 14.6a, Eqs. 14.5(9) apply and the condition for a stable or confined solution is

$$-1 \leq 1 - (l_1 + l_2) \left( \frac{1}{2f_1} + \frac{1}{2f_2} \right) + \frac{l_1 l_2}{2f_1 f_2} \leq 1 \quad (12)$$

If all spacings are the same,  $l_1 = l_2 = d$ , (12) may be rearranged so that the stability condition is

$$0 \leq \left( 1 - \frac{d}{2f_1} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{d}{2f_2} \right) \leq 1 \quad (13)$$

The above discussion for the periodic lens system may be applied directly to the spherical mirror resonator by the relations between mirrors and lenses discussed in Sec. 14.5. A typical optical resonator used in laser systems consists of two spherical mirrors with radii of curvature  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , aligned with a common axis (Fig. 14.6b). Rays bounce back and forth between the two mirrors (in the geometrical optics picture), and if the system is stable, they are confined within some maximum radius. From Sec. 14.5, this system is equivalent to the periodic lens systems of Fig. 14.6a with  $l_1 = l_2 = d$  so that (13) applies directly, with  $f_1 = R_1/2$  and  $f_2 = R_2/2$ . The stability condition for Fig. 14.6b is thus

$$0 \leq \left(1 - \frac{d}{R_1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{d}{R_2}\right) \leq 1 \quad (14)$$

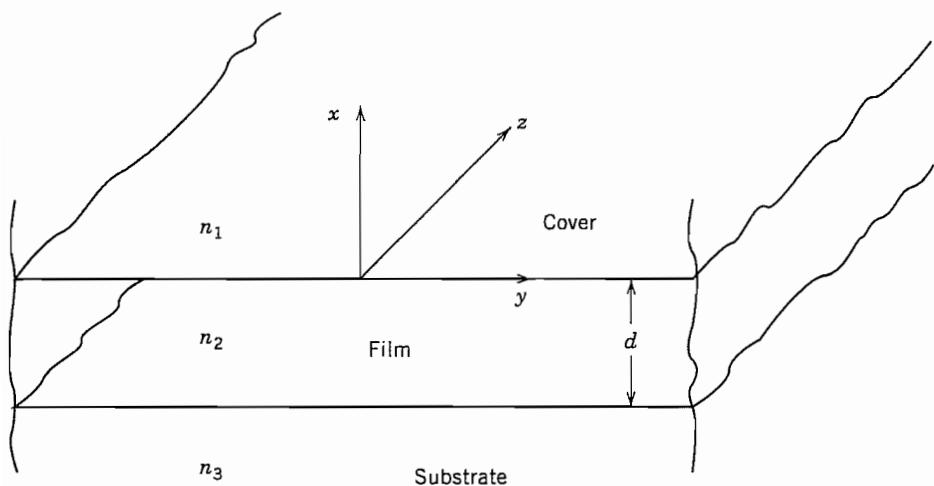
It will be shown later that this condition is confirmed by a wave analysis, so it is a very important relation for such resonators. Figure 14.6c shows the stable (unshaded) and unstable (shaded) regions in a plane with  $d/R_1$  as ordinate and  $d/R_2$  as abscissa. The special cases shown are the parallel plane ( $R_1 = R_2 = \infty$ ), the concentric ( $R_1 = R_2 = d/2$ ), and the confocal ( $R_1/2 + R_2/2 = d$ ). These will be discussed more in Sec. 14.15 using the wave analysis.

## Dielectric Optical Waveguides

### 14.7 DIELECTRIC GUIDES OF PLANAR FORM

The principle of guiding electromagnetic waves by dielectric guides was shown in Sec. 9.2. Such guides have become very useful for optical communication devices. We will consider the optical fibers used for transmission of optical communication signals in later sections. Here we want to consider the simpler planar forms, which have been utilized in the thin-film devices of integrated optics. Figure 14.7a shows such a guide with three dielectrics separated by parallel-plane interfaces. The central medium 2 is often called the *film*, the lower region 3 the *substrate*, and the upper region 1 the *superstrate* or *cover*. If the refractive index of the film is higher than that of the materials above and below, there is the possibility of having guided waves through the phenomenon of total reflection as explained in Sec. 9.2. Here, however, we wish to analyze by returning to the basic field equations.

We assume propagation as  $e^{-j\beta z}$  in the  $z$  direction of Fig. 14.7a and neglect variations with  $y$ . In this case the wave solutions divide into TM and TE types. We first consider the latter, with the components  $E_y$ ,  $H_x$ , and  $H_z$ . The Helmholtz equation for  $E_y$  in each



**FIG. 14.7a** Section of parallel-plane dielectric guide. Propagation is in the  $z$  direction.

region is then

$$\frac{d^2 E_{yi}}{dx^2} = (\beta^2 - k_i^2) E_{yi}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (1)$$

Solutions of this are either exponentials or sinusoids. We choose exponentials in regions 1 and 3 so that fields may decay with increasing distance from the film. From continuity conditions, it can be shown (Prob. 14.7a) that the solution in the film must then be of sinusoidal form in  $x$ . Components  $H_x$  and  $H_z$  are found, respectively, from the  $x$  and  $z$  components of the Maxwell equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

The field components of the TE waves in the three regions are then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_{y1} &= Ae^{-qx} = -\left(\frac{\omega\mu}{\beta}\right) H_{x1} \\ H_{z1} &= -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = \frac{q}{j\omega\mu} Ae^{-qx} \end{aligned} \right\} x > 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_{y2} &= B \cos hx + C \sin hx = -\left(\frac{\omega\mu}{\beta}\right) H_{x2} \\ H_{z2} &= \frac{h}{j\omega\mu} [B \sin hx - C \cos hx] \end{aligned} \right\} -d \leq x \leq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_{y3} &= De^{px} = -\left(\frac{\omega\mu}{\beta}\right) H_{x3} \\ H_{z3} &= -\frac{p}{j\omega\mu} De^{px} \end{aligned} \right\} x < -d \quad (5)$$

where

$$q^2 = \beta^2 - k_1^2, \quad h^2 = k_2^2 - \beta^2, \quad p^2 = \beta^2 - k_3^2 \quad (6)$$

Continuity of tangential field components requires that  $E_y$  and  $H_z$  be continuous at  $x = 0$ , and again at  $x = -d$ . The four resulting equations allow reduction from the four arbitrary constants  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  to a single one and development of the determinantal equation

$$\tan hd = \frac{h(q + p)}{h^2 - pq} \quad (7)$$

Although this can be solved graphically<sup>9</sup> for the symmetric case and for the useful case in which  $n_3 - n_1 \gg n_2 - n_3$  (Prob. 14.7e), it has been solved numerically<sup>10</sup> and the important results are shown in Fig. 14.7b with these definitions:

$$v = \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda_0} \sqrt{n_2^2 - n_3^2} \quad (8)$$

$$b = \frac{n_{\text{eff}}^2 - n_3^2}{n_2^2 - n_3^2} \quad (9)$$

$$a = \frac{n_3^2 - n_1^2}{n_2^2 - n_3^2} \quad (10)$$

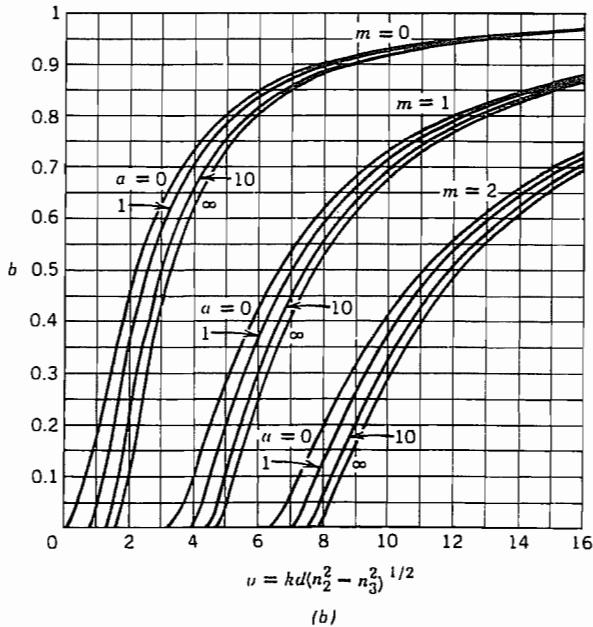
where

$$n_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\beta}{k_0} \quad (11)$$

It is seen that the parameter  $v$  is proportional to the ratio of thickness to wavelength, but also depends upon the differences in refractive index between guiding region and substrate. Parameter  $b$  determines the value of  $\beta$  in terms of an effective refractive index  $n_{\text{eff}}$ . Note that when  $b = 0$ , the wave travels with the velocity of light in the substrate material, and when  $b$  is unity, it travels with the velocity in the film material. The parameter  $a$  describes the degree of asymmetry. For  $a = 0$ ,  $n_1 = n_3$ , and for  $a = \infty$ ,  $n_3 - n_1 \gg n_2 - n_3$ . As an example of use of the figure, take a glass film on silica substrate with air above,  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $n_2 = 1.55$ ,  $n_3 = 1.50$ . Thickness  $d = 1.46 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\lambda_0 = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ . Then  $v = 6.0$  from (8) and  $a = 8.2$  from (10). From Fig. 14.7b we find that two modes, the  $m = 0$  and  $m = 1$  modes, are guided. Their  $b$  values are read as 0.82 and 0.31, respectively. Using (9), this gives  $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.541$  and 1.516, respectively. Both have velocities between light velocities of film and substrate, but the higher-order wave is nearer cutoff and so has more energy in the substrate and travels with a velocity near  $c/n_3$ . The lower-order mode is further from cutoff, has more of its energy in the film, and so has velocity nearer  $c/n_2$ .

<sup>9</sup> R. E. Collin, Field Theory of Guided Waves, 2nd ed., IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, 1991.

<sup>10</sup> H. Kogelnik and V. Ramaswamy, Appl. Opt. **13**, 1857 (1974).



**FIG. 14.7b** Diagram showing normalized phase constant for first few modes of planar slab dielectric waveguides versus normalized frequency, with a range of parameters. (Taken from Kogelnik and Ramaswamy.<sup>10</sup>)

For TM waves the analysis is essentially the dual of the above except that we must take into account the different  $\epsilon$ 's ( $\mu$  was assumed the same for all regions). The resulting determinantal equation is

$$\tan hd = \frac{h[pn_2^2/n_3^2 + qn_2^2/n_1^2]}{h^2 - pqn_2^4/n_1^2n_3^2} \quad (12)$$

Figure 14.7b may also be used for this case when  $n_2 \approx n_3$  if  $a$  is taken as

$$a_{\text{TM}} = \frac{n_2^4(n_3^2 - n_1^2)}{n_1^4(n_2^2 - n_3^2)} \quad (13)$$

Note from the figure that for all modes except the  $m = 0$  mode for the symmetric case ( $n_1 = n_3$ ), there is a cutoff condition. For lower frequencies or lesser thicknesses, the modes change from guided modes to radiating modes as the condition for total reflection from the interfaces can no longer be satisfied. The ranges are (assuming  $n_2 > n_3 > n_1$ )

Guided waves	$k_0 n_3 < \beta < k_0 n_2$
Substrate radiation modes	$k_0 n_1 < \beta < k_0 n_3$
Modes with radiation above and below	$0 < \beta < k_0 n_1$
Physically unrealizable (growing in both regions)	$\beta > k_0 n_2$

Although there is only a discrete set of guided modes, there is a continuous spectrum of radiation modes. It can be shown that the modes (including the radiation modes) are orthogonal over the interval  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and that the totality of guided and radiation modes form a complete set. However, the set is awkward to use for expansion of arbitrary functions because of the infinite extent of the radiation modes, and their continuous spectrum.<sup>11–13</sup>

Finally we note that although we have developed the determinantal equation from a direct solution of Maxwell's equations, it can also be developed rigorously from the picture of wave reflections at an angle, introduced in Sec. 9.2.

### 14.8 DIELECTRIC GUIDES OF RECTANGULAR FORM

The study of planar guides in the preceding section established the basic principles of dielectric guiding but for most practical purposes it is desirable to confine the wave laterally as well as in depth. One useful configuration is that of a dielectric of rectangular cross section embedded in a substrate of lower index, as indicated in Fig. 14.8a. Often the higher dielectric region is formed by diffusion or ion implantation to make an inhomogeneous guiding region, as illustrated in Fig. 14.8b. The latter case can be analyzed only numerically once the distribution of index is known (although analytic solutions for certain index variations have been given<sup>13</sup>), but analysis of the rectangular approximation to Fig. 14.8b may still be useful. Even the rectangular configuration is hard to analyze, but approximate solutions are available which give a good idea of the behavior.

A numerical analysis of a dielectric guide of rectangular cross section surrounded by a dielectric of lower index was given by Goell.<sup>14</sup> This utilized expansions of the wave in circular harmonics. Most often, one is concerned with operation well above cutoff so that most of the energy is concentrated in the guiding region, and Marcatili has supplied a very useful approximate method for this range.<sup>15</sup> Consider the rectangular dielectric 1 of Fig. 14.8c. In the general case, different dielectrics 2, 3, 4, and 5 surround the guiding region. Except near cutoff, the evanescent fields in the external regions die off rapidly so that one need not worry about the difficult problem of matching fields in the shaded corner regions. Moreover, if index differences are not too great, the waves are nearly transverse electromagnetic and are found to break into two classes:  $E_{pq}^x$  with

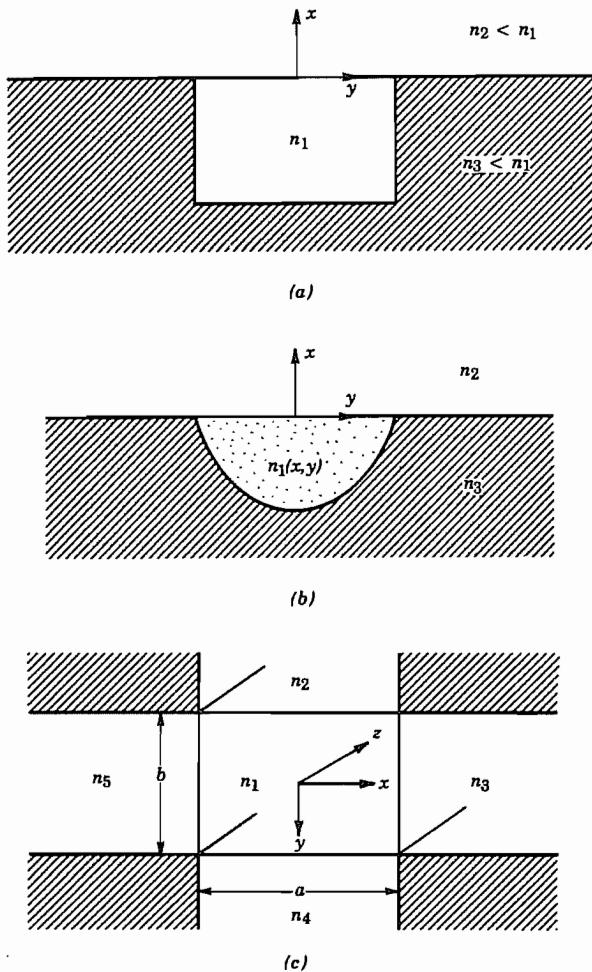
<sup>11</sup> D. Marcuse, *Light Transmission Optics*, 2nd ed., Krieger, Melbourne, FL, 1982.

<sup>12</sup> D. Marcuse, *Theory of Dielectric Optical Waveguides*, 2nd ed., Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1991.

<sup>13</sup> H. Kogelnik, in *Guided Wave Optoelectronics* (T. Tamir, Ed.), 2nd ed., Springer-Verlag, New York, 1990.

<sup>14</sup> J. E. Goell, *Bell. Syst. Tech. J.* **48**, 2133 (1969).

<sup>15</sup> E. A. J. Marcatili, *Bell Syst. Tech. J.* **48**, 2071 (1969).



**FIG. 14.8** (a) Dielectric guide with guiding confined in the  $y$  direction. (b) Similar inhomogeneous guide made by diffusion or ion implantation techniques. (c) Model for Marcatili analysis.

negligible  $E_y$ , and  $E_{pq}$  with negligible  $E_x$ . For the latter class, with propagation as  $e^{-j\beta z}$ ,

$$E_{y1} = C_1 \cos(k_x x + \phi_1) \cos(k_y y + \phi_2) \quad (1)$$

$$E_{y2} = C_2 \cos(k_x x + \phi_1) e^{\alpha_2 y} \quad (2)$$

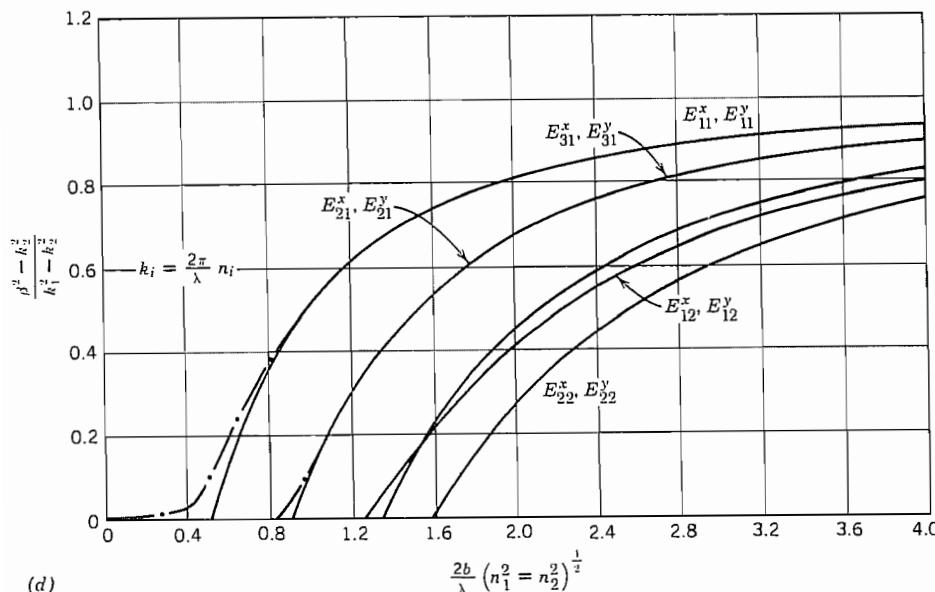
$$E_{y3} = C_3 e^{-\alpha_3 x} \cos(k_y y + \phi_2) \quad (3)$$

where

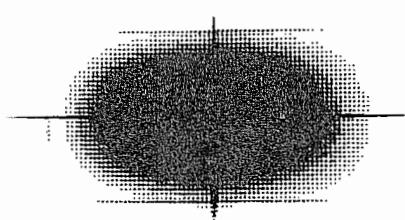
$$\alpha_2 = [\beta^2 + k_x^2 - k_2^2]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

$$\alpha_3 = [\beta^2 + k_y^2 - k_3^2]^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

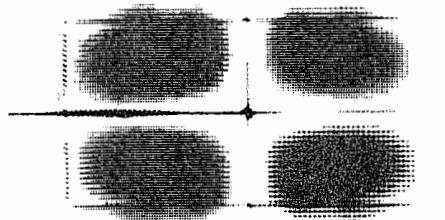
The solution for region 4 is similar to that for 2, and the solution for region 5 is similar to that for 3, but with exponentials of opposite sign. Remaining field components are obtained from Maxwell's equations. Components  $E_x$  and  $H_y$  are negligible for this class; continuity of other tangential components at the four boundaries  $x = \pm a/2, y = \pm b/2$  relate all constants to  $C_1$  and give the determinantal equation for  $\beta$ . Figure 14.8d gives results when all surrounding dielectrics are the same,  $n_5 = n_4 = n_3 = n_2$ , with  $n_1/1.05$



(d)

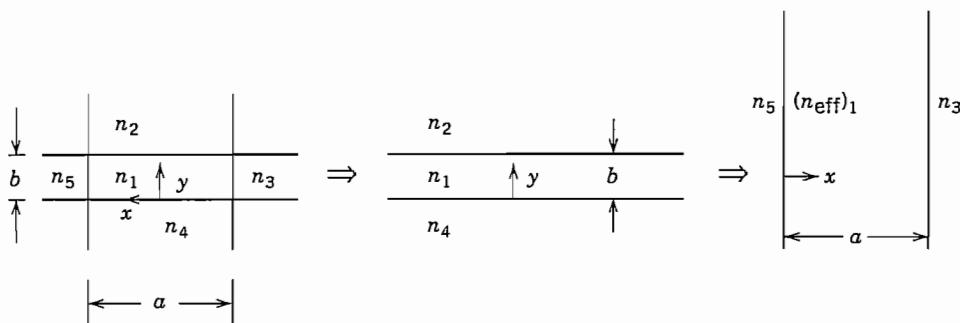


(e)



(f)

**Fig. 14.8** (d) Curves giving normalized phase constant versus normalized frequency of several modes in rectangular dielectric guide surrounded by a common dielectric. Solid curves are by Marcatili's approximate method,<sup>15</sup> and dot-dash curves by Goell's computer solutions.<sup>14</sup> (e) Intensity picture of  $E_{11}^y$  mode for  $a/b = 2$  from Goell.<sup>14</sup> (f) Similar picture for  $E_{22}^y$  mode.<sup>14</sup> Figs. d, e, and f reprinted with permission of the *Bell System Technical Journal*, Copyright 1969, AT&T.



**FIG. 14.8g** Two-step method for obtaining effective index for a rectangular dielectric guide.

$n_2 < n_1$  and  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ . Also plotted for comparison are results from Goell's computer calculations for these parameters showing that there is good agreement except near cutoff. Figures 14.8e and f show a picture of two  $E_{mn}^y$  modes in a dielectric with  $b/a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n_1 = 1.02$ ,  $n_2 = 1$ , and  $(2b/\lambda_0)(n_1^2 - n_2^2)^{1/2} = 2$ .

**Effective Index Method** Many important guiding systems used with semiconductor lasers or integrated optics have lateral dimensions of the guiding regions appreciably larger than the depths. That is,  $a \gg b$  in Fig. 14.8c. In such cases a simple method called the *effective index method* has been used to give useful approximate results.<sup>16</sup> The basis for this approach is in the recognition that for such cases the variations in the vertical direction are dominant, assuming comparable mode orders in  $x$  and  $y$ . Thus, in the Helmholtz equation with the  $e^{-j\beta z}$  propagation factor,

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} = (\beta^2 - k^2)E \quad (6)$$

the second derivative in  $x$  can be neglected in the first approximation. The solution is then that of the planar guide of Sec. 14.7, with  $y$  as the variable instead of  $x$ . The curves of Fig. 14.7b may then be used to give a first approximation to effective index,  $(n_{\text{eff}})_1$ . Confinement in the  $x$  direction is then accounted for by using this effective index between the side dielectrics,  $n_3$  and  $n_5$ , and again using the planar analysis of Fig. 14.7b with only  $x$  variations, leading to an improved  $n_{\text{eff}} = \beta/k_0$ . The two steps are indicated in Fig. 14.8g.

As with the Marcatili method, the effect of the corner materials is omitted, and as with that method, results are best when operation is well above cutoff.

<sup>16</sup> J. Bous, IEEE J. Quant. Electronics **QE-18**, 1083 (1982).

## 14.9 DIELECTRIC GUIDES OF CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION

Many practical dielectric guides, including the fibers used for optical communications, are of circular cross section. We consider in this section a dielectric with uniform permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  extending to  $r = a$ , with a second dielectric of lower permittivity  $\epsilon_2$  surrounding it, and permeability of both materials taken as  $\mu_0$  (Fig. 14.9a). (This is called a *step index fiber* in optical communications; the useful *graded index fiber* is discussed in the next section.)

Any rectangular component of field, such as  $E_z$ , satisfies the scalar Helmholtz equation, which for a wave propagating as  $e^{\mp j\beta z}$ , in circular cylindrical coordinates, is

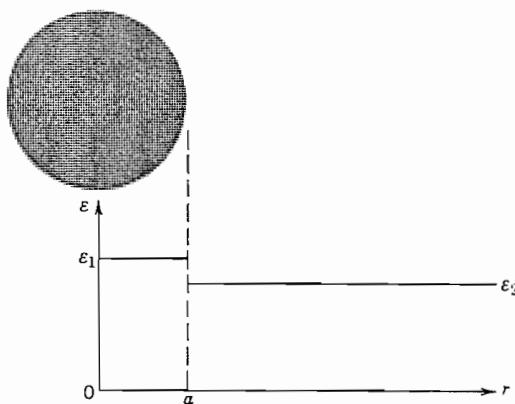
$$\frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial \phi^2} + (k^2 - \beta^2) E_z = 0$$

For guided modes,  $k_1^2 - \beta^2 > 0$  in the core, so ordinary Bessel functions result there. Only the first kind is used, to maintain fields finite on the axis. For the outer material or cladding,  $\beta^2 - k_2^2 > 0$  for guided modes so that modified Bessel functions are utilized. Only the second solution is retained, so that fields die off properly at infinity. Axial field  $H_z$  satisfies a similar equation and we may write

$$r < a$$

$$r > a$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{z1} &= AJ_l\left(\frac{ur}{a}\right) \begin{cases} \cos l\phi \\ \sin l\phi \end{cases} & E_{z2} &= CK_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \begin{cases} \cos l\phi \\ \sin l\phi \end{cases} \\ H_{z1} &= BJ_l\left(\frac{ur}{a}\right) \begin{cases} \sin l\phi \\ \cos l\phi \end{cases} & H_{z2} &= DK_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \begin{cases} \sin l\phi \\ \cos l\phi \end{cases} \\ u^2 &= (k_1^2 - \beta^2)a^2 & w^2 &= (\beta^2 - k_2^2)a^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$



**FIG. 14.9a** Step index optical fiber.

The transverse field components may be obtained from these through Eqs. 8.9(1)–(4), where  $k_{c1}^2 = u^2/a^2$  for region 1 and  $k_{c2}^2 = -w^2/a^2$  for region 2. The results for  $E_\phi$  and  $H_\phi$  (needed in applying continuity) are

$$E_{\phi 1} = \left[ \pm \frac{j\beta a^2 l}{ru^2} AJ_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) + \frac{j\omega\mu a}{u} BJ'_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \right] \begin{cases} \sin l\phi \\ \cos l\phi \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$E_{\phi 2} = \left[ \mp \frac{j\beta a^2 l}{rw^2} CK_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) - \frac{j\omega\mu a}{w} DK'_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \right] \begin{cases} \sin l\phi \\ \cos l\phi \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$H_{\phi 1} = \left[ -\frac{j\omega\epsilon_1 a}{u} AJ'_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \mp \frac{j\beta a^2 l}{u^2 r} BJ_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \right] \begin{cases} \cos l\phi \\ \sin l\phi \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$H_{\phi 2} = \left[ \frac{j\omega\epsilon_2 a}{w} CK'_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \pm \frac{j\beta a^2 l}{w^2 r} DK_l\left(\frac{wr}{a}\right) \right] \begin{cases} \cos l\phi \\ \sin l\phi \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

For the symmetric case with  $l = 0$ , the solutions break into separate TM and TE sets, the former with  $E_z$ ,  $H_\phi$ , and  $E_r$  (expression for the last component not shown) and the TE set with  $H_z$ ,  $E_\phi$ , and  $H_r$ . The continuity condition of  $E_{z1} = E_{z2}$  and  $H_{\phi 1} = H_{\phi 2}$  at  $r = a$  gives for the TM set

$$\frac{J_1(u)}{J_0(u)} = -\frac{\epsilon_2 u}{\epsilon_1 w} \frac{K_1(w)}{K_0(w)} \quad (6)$$

The continuity condition of  $H_{z1} = H_{z2}$ ,  $E_{\phi 1} = E_{\phi 2}$  at  $r = a$  for the TE set gives the same equation with the factor  $\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1$  missing. Cutoff for the dielectric guide may be considered to be the condition for which fields in the outer guide extend to infinity, which happens if  $w = 0$ . For  $w = 0$ ,  $K_1/K_0 = \infty$ , so that  $J_0(u_c) = 0$ . So at cutoff,

$$u_c = a(k_1^2 - k_2^2)^{1/2} = 2.405, 5.52, \dots \quad (7)$$

If  $l \neq 0$ , the fields do not separate into TM and TE types, but all fields become coupled through the continuity conditions. Applying continuity of  $E_z$ ,  $H_\phi$ ,  $H_z$ , and  $E_\phi$  at  $r = a$ , the four arbitrary constants of (1)–(5) reduce to a single constant and there results the determinantal equation

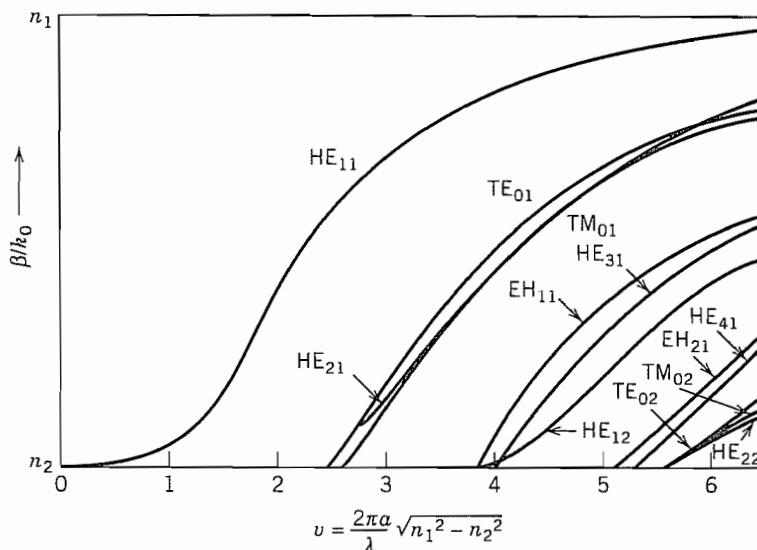
$$\left[ \frac{k_1 J'_l(u)}{u J_l(u)} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{k_2 K'_l(w)}{w K_l(w)} \right]^2 + \frac{(k_1^2 + k_2^2)}{uw} \left[ \frac{J'_l(u) K'_l(w)}{J_l(u) K_l(w)} \right] = \frac{\beta^2 l^2 v^4}{u^4 w^4} \quad (8)$$

where

$$v = \sqrt{u^2 + w^2} = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \quad (9)$$

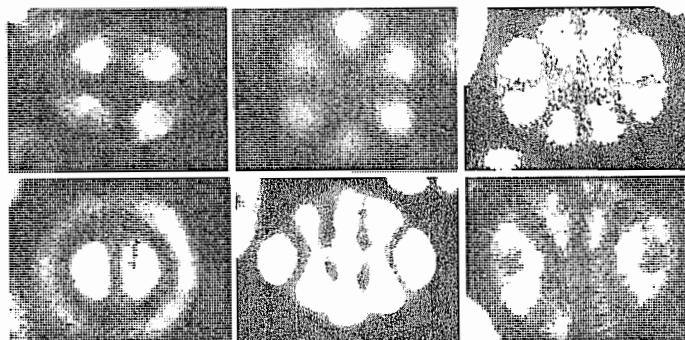
Solutions of this transcendental equation leads to *hybrid modes*. Although not purely TM or TE,  $H_z$  is dominant in one set of solutions, designated  $HE_{lp}$  modes, whereas  $E_z$  is dominant in a set designated  $EH_{lp}$  modes. Curves of  $\beta/k_0$  as a function of  $v$  are shown for several of the modes in Fig. 14.9b.<sup>17</sup> The  $HE_{11}$  mode is special in that it has

<sup>17</sup> D. B. Keck, in Fundamentals of Optical Fiber Communications (M. L. Barnoski, Ed.), Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1976.



**FIG. 14.9b** Normalized propagation constant as a function of  $v$  parameter for a few of the lowest-order modes of a step waveguide.<sup>17</sup>

no cutoff frequency and so is often called the *dominant mode*. Although it has no strict cutoff, energy is primarily in the guiding core only when the core size is appreciable in comparison with wavelength. This mode has been used in dielectric radiators<sup>18</sup> and is also important in optical fibers.<sup>19</sup> Some photographs of the light distribution in various modes or combinations of modes are shown in Fig. 14.9c. For high-data-rate fiber communications it is desirable to have only one propagating mode to avoid intermode distortion, as will be further discussed in Sec. 14.11.



**FIG. 14.9c** Photographs of modes in the step-index optical fiber. (From Ref. 19.)

<sup>18</sup> G. E. Mueller and W. A. Tyrrell, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **26**, 837 (1947).

<sup>19</sup> N. S. Kapany, J. Opt. Soc. Am. **51**, 1067 (1961).

where

$$k^2(0) = \omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon(0) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} n^2(0) = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0}\right)^2 n^2(0) \quad (10)$$

Let us first consider circular cylindrical coordinates with no  $\phi$  variations. Equation (9) then becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} + k^2(0) \left[ 1 - 2\Delta \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 \right] E = 0 \quad (11)$$

It can be shown by substitution that this is solved by

$$E(r, z) = A e^{-(r/w)^2} e^{-j\beta z} \quad (12)$$

where

$$w = \left(\frac{2a^2}{\Delta k^2(0)}\right)^{1/4} = \left[\frac{a\lambda_0}{\pi n(0)}\right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta}\right)^{1/4} \quad (13)$$

and

$$\beta = k(0) - \frac{2}{w^2 k(0)} = k(0) - \frac{2}{a} \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

so that the variation of  $E$  with radius is of gaussian form with a radius  $w$  to the  $1/e$  value of field dependent upon  $a$ ,  $\lambda_0$ ,  $n(0)$ , and  $\Delta$ . This radius is usually called *beam radius* although fields do extend beyond. As a numerical example, if  $\Delta = 0.01$ ,  $a = 50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,  $n(0) = 1.5$ ,  $w$  is found to be  $8.67 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

When  $w$  is large compared with wavelength, transverse variation of  $E$  is small in a wavelength, and the mode is nearly transverse electromagnetic with axial components of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  negligible and the transverse components normal to each other and related by  $[\mu_0/\epsilon(0)]^{1/2}$ . This fundamental mode is consequently designated TEM<sub>00</sub>.

Higher-order modes may be found by returning to (9). First by expansion of  $\nabla^2$  in rectangular coordinates,

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} + k^2(0) \left[ 1 - 2\Delta \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2 \right] E = 0 \quad (15)$$

the solution may be shown to be

$$E = A_{mp} H_m \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}x}{w}\right) H_p \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}y}{w}\right) e^{-(x^2+y^2)/w^2} e^{-j\beta_{mp}z} \quad (16)$$

where  $H_n(\zeta)$  are Hermite polynomials of order  $m$  satisfying the differential equation<sup>22</sup>

<sup>22</sup> M. R. Spiegel, Mathematical Handbook, Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1968.

$$\frac{d^2H_m(\zeta)}{d\zeta^2} - 2\zeta \frac{dH_m(\zeta)}{d\zeta} + 2mH_m(\zeta) = 0 \quad (17)$$

and defined by

$$H_m(\zeta) = (-1)^m e^{\zeta^2} \frac{d^m}{d\zeta^m} e^{-\zeta^2} \quad (18)$$

In these higher-order modes,  $w$  is the same as in (13) but  $\beta_{mp}$  is given by

$$\beta_{mp}^2 = k^2(0) - 2 \frac{\sqrt{2\Delta}}{a} k(0)(m + p + 1) \quad (19)$$

Or with  $\Delta$  small,

$$\beta_{mp} \approx k(0) - \frac{\sqrt{2\Delta}}{a} (m + p + 1) \quad (20)$$

Similarly if  $\nabla^2$  is expanded in circular cylindrical coordinates, (9) is

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} + k^2(0) \left[ 1 - 2\Delta \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^2 \right] E = 0 \quad (21)$$

The solution may be shown to be

$$E = B_{mp} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2r}}{w} \right)^m L_p^m \left( \frac{2r^2}{w^2} \right) e^{-r^2/w^2} e^{\pm jm\phi} e^{-j\beta_{mp}z} \quad (22)$$

where  $L_p^m(\xi)$  are associated Laguerre polynomials<sup>22</sup> of order  $p$  and degree  $m$ , satisfying the differential equation

$$\xi \frac{d^2 L_p^m(\xi)}{d\xi^2} + (m + 1 - \xi) \frac{dL_p^m(\xi)}{d\xi} + (p - m)L_p^m(\xi) = 0 \quad (23)$$

and defined by

$$L_p^m(\xi) = \frac{d^m}{d\xi^m} \left[ e^\xi \frac{d^p}{d\xi^p} (\xi^p e^{-\xi}) \right] \quad (24)$$

Here also  $w$  is as in (13) but phase constant  $\beta$  is

$$\beta \approx k(0) - \frac{\sqrt{2\Delta}}{a} (2m + p + 1) \quad (25)$$

Since the fiber is cylindrical, it might seem that we would only be interested in the latter set, but the Hermite forms are not only simpler, but are often generated by asymmetric excitations. Each of the sets is complete, so an arbitrary distribution can be expanded in either of the two sets.

## 14.11 INTERMODE DELAY AND GROUP VELOCITY DISPERSION

In an information transmission system, the optical wave is modulated (often digitally) and by Fourier analysis there must be a band of frequencies transmitted to represent the modulated wave. If group velocity varies over this frequency band, the envelope is distorted as the signal propagates down the fiber, as shown in Sec. 8.16. Such *group dispersion* limits the useful transmission distance for a given information rate. We shall see below that group dispersion may arise either from material properties or from the characteristics of waveguide modes themselves. In addition, signal distortion may arise in multimode guides because of the different velocities of the various modes, even at the same frequency; this effect will be considered first.

**Intermode Delay** In a fiber with many propagating modes, Figs. 14.9b and d show that some modes will be near cutoff with most of the energy in the cladding, some will be far from cutoff with most of the energy in the core, and others will be in between. Thus a single pulse at the input, if it excites multiple modes, may end as a multiple pulse at the output and an estimate of intermode group delay for length  $L$  of the multimode fiber is

$$\Delta T_g = \frac{L}{c} (n_1 - n_2) \quad (1)$$

For a 1% difference in  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , with  $n$  about 1.5, the initial pulse would yield multiple pulses spread over about 50 ns for each kilometer of propagation, severely limiting for high-data-rate, long-distance systems.

An advantage of the graded index fiber is that intermode delay is less limiting than in the above. If we calculate group velocity from the approximate expression for  $\beta$  of a quadratic index fiber, Eq. 14.10(20), group delay for mode  $(m, p)$  is

$$T_g = L \frac{d\beta_{mp}}{d\omega} = \frac{L}{c} \left[ n(0) + \frac{\omega dn(0)}{d\omega} \right] \quad (2)$$

Thus, to this degree of approximation, group delay is the same for all modes and we do not receive multiple pulses at the output corresponding to a single pulse at the input. The more accurate expression 14.10(19) would show some intermode delay and practical differences between the real graded fiber and the ideal model also add some delay, but graded index fibers are capable of appreciably higher data rates for a given distance than the step index fibers for which (1) was an estimate.

**Group Velocity Dispersion** For a single mode, group delay over length  $L$  is

$$T_g = \frac{L}{v_g} = L \frac{d\beta}{d\omega} \quad (3)$$

So for a band of frequencies  $\Delta\omega$  carrying the desired information, the variation of delay over this band is approximately

$$\Delta T_g \approx L \frac{d^2\beta}{d\omega^2} \Delta\omega \quad (4)$$

Thus a pulse will spread at a rate proportional to the second derivative of  $\beta$  with frequency. One source of such group velocity dispersion is *waveguide dispersion*, arising from the frequency dependence of  $\beta$  for a given guided mode, with refractive index considered independent of frequency. For step index fibers, values may be estimated from the curves plotted in Fig. 14.9b or calculated numerically from the implicit forms of Sec. 14.9. This contribution to dispersion is generally less important than the contributions arising from *material dispersion*.

Material dispersion arises from the variation of refractive index with frequency. From (4) with  $\beta \approx \omega n/c$ , this is

$$\Delta T_g \approx \frac{L}{c} \frac{d^2(n\omega)}{d\omega^2} \Delta\omega \quad (5)$$

In fiber technology it is common to express dispersion in terms of wavelength spread rather than frequency spread, with (4) written

$$\Delta T_g = LD\Delta\lambda \quad (6)$$

where  $D$  is related to  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$  by

$$D = -\frac{2\pi c}{\lambda^2} \frac{d^2\beta}{d\omega^2} \quad (7)$$

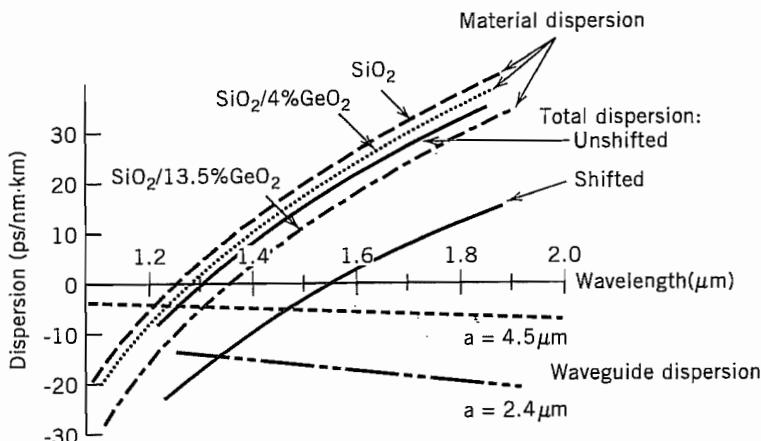
This is commonly expressed in picoseconds per kilometer of fiber length and nanometer of wavelength spread. Some representative curves of  $D$  versus wavelength<sup>23</sup> are shown in Fig. 14.11. Material dispersion is seen to be larger than waveguide dispersion except near the wavelength of zero dispersion, which for silica is around 1.3  $\mu\text{m}$ . The zero-dispersion wavelength can be shifted by doping the material or by using multiple dielectrics in the cladding, or both. Operation near a zero-dispersion wavelength may be important in minimizing envelope distortion.

Normal dispersion ( $d^2\beta/d\omega^2 > 0$  or  $D < 0$ ) occurs for wavelengths shorter than that for zero dispersion, and anomalous dispersion ( $d^2\beta/d\omega^2 < 0$  or  $D > 0$ ) for the longer wavelengths.

For a highly coherent source such as a good laser,  $\Delta\omega$  of (4) or  $\Delta\lambda$  of (6) comes from the frequency spectrum of the modulated signal. For example a gaussian pulse of width  $\tau$  would spread to  $\tau'$  in distance  $L$ , as in Eq. 8.16(14):

$$\tau' = \tau \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{8L}{\tau^2} \frac{d^2\beta}{d\omega^2} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

<sup>23</sup> B. J. Ainslie and C. R. Day, J. Light Wave Tech. **LT-4**, 967 (1986).



**FIG. 14.11** Dispersion of single-mode fibers as function of material composition and core radius *a*. (After Ainslie et al.<sup>23</sup>)

For an incoherent source such as a light-emitting diode (LED) or imperfect laser,  $\Delta\omega$  or  $\Delta\lambda$  may arise from the frequency variations of the source, exceeding the spectral width of the signal. In that case, the spectral width of the source is used in (4) or (6).

## 14.12 NONLINEAR EFFECTS IN FIBERS: SOLITONS

Silica and the related materials used in optical fibers have such a high degree of linearity that nonlinear effects might not be expected. Nevertheless, the small fiber cross sections lead to intensities high enough to produce small nonlinear interactions even with modest powers, and the low loss allows these interactions to occur over long lengths of the fiber. We shall concentrate here on the self-phase modulation effect in which refractive index changes with the intensity of the wave, which in turn changes the phase of the wave. Other important effects, some useful and some undesirable, include intermodulation products among several signals propagating in the same fiber, harmonic generation, and several parametric processes.<sup>24</sup> Stimulated Raman scattering arises from interaction of the optical wave with vibrational modes of the silica molecules and stimulated Brillouin scattering from interaction with acoustic waves in the fiber. Both may cause undesirable frequency shifts, but have also proven useful as optical amplifiers or tunable optical oscillators. All of these are well treated in several texts.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>24</sup> G. P. Agrawal, *Nonlinear Fiber Optics*, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1989.

<sup>25</sup> See, for example, B. E. A. Saleh and M. C. Teich, *Fundamentals of Photonics*, Chap. 19, Wiley, New York, 1991; or A. Yariv, *Quantum Electronics*, 3rd ed., Chap. 18, Wiley, New York, 1989.

The important nonlinear effect in fibers, in the language of Sec. 13.7, is a  $\chi^{(3)}$  effect. It is more common to express it in terms of a change in the refractive index:

$$n(E) = n_0 + \Delta n = n_0 + n_2 |E|^2 \quad (1)$$

This  $\Delta n$  produces phase change in length  $L$ :

$$\Delta\phi = L\Delta\beta \approx \frac{L\omega}{c} \Delta n \quad (2)$$

For silica,  $n_2 \approx 2.3 \times 10^{-22} \text{ m}^2/\text{V}^2$  so 10 W in a fiber of 10- $\mu\text{m}$  core diameter would result in a field of about  $8 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ , producing an index change by (1) of only  $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ . From (2), however, this would produce phase change of  $\pi$  in about 43 m for  $\lambda = 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ .

To illustrate the importance of dispersion and nonlinear index working together, we will neglect transverse variations and losses, assume small nonlinear effects, neglect dispersion terms higher than  $d^2\beta/d\omega^2$ , and consider only one polarization so that electric field may be treated as a scalar. Expressing the field  $E(z, t)$  as a Fourier integral,

$$E(z, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(z, \omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (3)$$

Each Fourier component propagates with its phase constant  $\beta(\omega)$ ,

$$E(z, \omega) = E(0, \omega) e^{-j\beta z} \quad (4)$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial E(z, \omega)}{\partial z} = -j\beta E(z, \omega) \quad (5)$$

For the dispersive effect, we expand  $\beta$  in a Taylor series up to second-order terms, as in Sec. 8.16, and add the nonlinear perturbation. Since it is not rapidly varying with frequency, it is evaluated at  $\omega_0$ :

$$\beta(\omega) = \beta(\omega_0) + \frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} (\omega - \omega_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2\beta}{\partial\omega^2} (\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \frac{\omega_0}{c} \Delta n \quad (6)$$

Now if we consider a pulse with envelope  $A(z, t)$  modulating the optical carrier of angular frequency  $\omega_0$ ,

$$E(z, t) = A(z, t) e^{j(\omega_0 t - \beta_0 z)} \quad (7)$$

The pulse envelope  $A(z, t)$  may be expressed in a Fourier integral in its base frequency,  $\omega_m = \omega - \omega_0$ :

$$A(z, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(z, \omega_m) e^{j\omega_m t} d\omega_m \quad (8)$$

From (7) and (8) we may show

$$E(z, \omega) = A(z, \omega_m) e^{-j\beta_0 z} \quad (9)$$

So substitution in (5) gives

$$\frac{\partial A(z, \omega_m)}{\partial z} - j\beta_0 A(z, \omega_m) = -j\beta A(z, \omega_m) \quad (10)$$

Now using Eq. (6) and using  $d\beta/d\omega = 1/v_g$ ,  $\beta'' = d^2\beta/d\omega^2$ , and  $\Delta n$  from (1),

$$\frac{\partial A(z, \omega_m)}{\partial z} = -j \left[ \frac{\omega_m}{v_g} + \frac{\beta''}{2} \omega_m^2 + \frac{\omega_0 n_2}{c} |E|^2 \right] A(z, \omega_m) \quad (11)$$

We next make an inverse Fourier transform of (11), noting that the inverse Fourier transform of  $(j\omega_m)^n A(z, \omega_m)$  is  $\partial^n A(z, t)/\partial t^n$ . The result is

$$\frac{\partial A(z, t)}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial A(z, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{j}{2} \beta'' \frac{\partial^2 A(z, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{j\omega_0}{c} n_2 |A|^2 A(z, t) \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) is a nonlinear equation giving the effect of both dispersion and nonlinearity on wave propagation. (It is often normalized and transformed to moving coordinates, leading to a standard form known as the *nonlinear Schroedinger equation*, but the present form is adequate for our purposes.) If terms on the right were zero, the pulse amplitude  $A(z, t)$  would travel without change at group velocity  $v_g$  as expected. The first term on the right represents group velocity dispersion and leads to pulse broadening as explained in Secs. 8.16 and 14.11. The second term on the right gives the effect of the nonlinearity, and the self phase modulation described qualitatively above.

**Solitons** An important solution of (12) is the fundamental soliton, or solitary wave, expressed by

$$A(z, t) = A_0 \operatorname{sech} \left( \frac{t - z/v_g}{\tau_0} \right) e^{jz/4z_0} \quad (13)$$

where  $z_0 = \tau_0^2/2\beta''$  and  $\tau_0$  is a measure of the width of a propagating pulse. Equation (13) is a solution for a particular amplitude satisfying the condition

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\tau_0} \left( \frac{-\beta'' c}{\omega n_2} \right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

We see first that  $\beta''$  must be negative for there to be a real solution of (12). That is, operation must be in the region of anomalous dispersion, which for silica occurs for wavelengths longer than about  $1.3 \mu\text{m}$ . Then, for a particular amplitude related to pulse width and the characteristics of the fiber, the envelope (13) propagates at group velocity  $v_g$  without change of shape. The group velocity dispersion, which tends to make the pulse broaden, is compensated by the nonlinear effect, which tends to compress the pulse.

Although the preceding analysis has involved several idealizations, it has proven useful in predicting the observed solitons in actual fibers. Note that the true solitons exist only for specific power levels. Thus when propagating with attenuation there is

some pulse broadening as power is lost. But it is a graceful degradation, and experience has shown that additional power to restore the balance need not be added for many kilometers.

There are other solutions to (12), called higher-order solitons. These alternately broaden and contract, returning to the original shape in distance  $z_0$ .

**Pulse Compression** Another important application of (12) is in the compression of short optical pulses. In this technique, a fiber with normal dispersion ( $\beta'' > 0$ ) may propagate a pulse, the nonlinear effect producing a frequency shift or "chirp" and the group velocity dispersion causing the pulse to broaden. With the right parameters, the frequency variation may be an almost linear function of time and the pulse may then be compressed by introducing separate anomalous dispersion, for example, by a combination of prisms and/or gratings. This is related to soliton propagation, except that there the anomalous dispersion is in the fiber, continuously compensating for the dispersion, and in the fiber pulse compressor the two functions are separate.

Extensive study of (12) requires numerical solution. Curves for optimum design of the pulse compressors have been so obtained.<sup>26</sup>

## Gaussian Beams In Space and In Optical Resonators

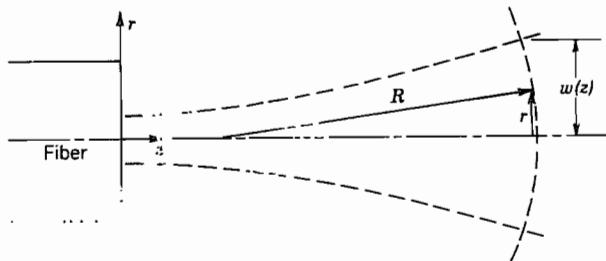
### 14.13 PROPAGATION OF GAUSSIAN BEAMS IN A HOMOGENEOUS MEDIUM

The modes of a graded index fiber, studied in Sec. 14.10, propagate with a constant pattern in the fiber if the modes are properly started. Any tendency to diffract is just countered by the distributed focusing effect of the lens-like medium. Let us imagine that the modes come to the end of the fiber, as in Fig. 14.13, and excite similar modes in space or other homogeneous material. It seems clear that they will spread by diffraction in the external region. Gaussian modes and their higher-order extensions thus become fundamental forms in homogeneous regions and may be excited in a variety of ways by lasers or other coherent sources. It is thus important to understand their properties.

The main propagation variation in the homogeneous region is still expected as  $e^{-jkz}$ , but there are other variations with  $z$  so that we may write

$$E(r, \phi, z) = \psi(r, \phi, z)e^{-jkz} \quad (1)$$

<sup>26</sup> W. J. Tomlinson, R. H. Stolen, and C. V. Shank, J. Opt. Soc. Am. B **1**, 139 (1984). Also see G. P. Agrawal, Nonlinear Fiber Optics, Chap. 6, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1989.



**Fig. 14.1.** A Gaussian beam, after leaving the graded index-fiber in which it is guided, will spread by diffraction effects.

We make use of Eq. 14.10(9) with  $\Delta = 0$  and  $k(0) = k$  and assume that  $\psi$  is slowly varying in a wavelength so that  $\psi''$  may be neglected in comparison with  $\psi'$ , where primes denote derivatives with  $z$ . There results

$$\nabla_t^2 \psi - 2jk\psi' = 0 \quad (2)$$

Considering again the fundamental mode with  $\partial/\partial\phi = 0$ , it has been found that a useful form<sup>27</sup> for  $\psi$  is

$$\psi(r, z) = A \exp\left\{-j\left[P(z) + \frac{kr^2}{2q(z)}\right]\right\} \quad (3)$$

where  $P(z)$  and  $q(z)$  are complex. In particular,

$$\frac{1}{q(z)} = \frac{1}{R(z)} - \frac{2j}{kw^2(z)} \quad (4)$$

where  $R(z)$  is a radius of curvature of the approximately spherical wavefronts (Fig. 4.13), and  $w(z)$  is a measure of the gaussian beam radius at position  $z$ . Thus the imaginary part of  $1/q$  gives the gaussian variation with radius and the real part gives the phase related to the curvature of wavefronts. The latter may be seen for paraxial rays with  $r \ll z$  since, by Fig. 14.13,

$$kz = k\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} \approx kR\left(1 - \frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) = k\left(R - \frac{r^2}{2R}\right) \quad (5)$$

If (3) is substituted in (2) with  $\nabla_t^2$  in cylindrical coordinates with  $\partial/\partial\phi = 0$ ,

$$-\left(\frac{k}{q}\right)^2 r^2 - 2j\left(\frac{k}{q}\right) + \frac{k^2 r^2 q'}{q^2} - 2kP' = 0 \quad (6)$$

<sup>27</sup> H. Kogelnik, Appl. Opt. **4**, 1562 (1965).

Since the equation is to hold for all  $r$ , coefficients of like powers of  $r$  must separately be zero:

$$\left(\frac{k}{q}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{k}{q}\right)^2 q' \quad (7)$$

$$P' = \frac{-j}{q} \quad (8)$$

Equation (7) has a solution of the form

$$q(z) = q_0 + z \quad (9)$$

which, substituted in (8), leads to

$$P(z) = -j \ln\left(1 + \frac{z}{q_0}\right) \quad (10)$$

At  $z = 0$ , curvature of the wavefronts is zero (Fig. 14.13), so from (4)

$$q_0 = \frac{jkw_0^2}{2} \quad (11)$$

with  $w_0$  being the minimum beam radius. Substitution of (9) and (10) in (3), and the result in (1), after some manipulation with the complex quantities  $q$  and  $P$ , leads to the following expression for  $E$ :

$$E(r, z) = A \frac{w_0}{w(z)} e^{-r^2/w^2(z)} e^{-j[kz + kr^2/2R(z) - \eta(z)]} \quad (12)$$

where

$$w(z) = w_0 \left[1 + \frac{z^2}{z_0^2}\right]^{1/2} \quad (13)$$

$$R(z) = z + \frac{z_0^2}{z} \quad (14)$$

$$\eta(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right) \quad (15)$$

$$z_0 = \frac{kw_0^2}{2} \quad (16)$$

As expected, the gaussian beam spreads out while maintaining its gaussian form for each cross section. For large  $z$ , the angle of divergence is

$$\theta \approx \frac{w(z)}{z} \approx \frac{w_0}{z_0} = \frac{2w_0}{kw_0^2} = \frac{2}{kw_0} \quad (17)$$

This is consistent with a diffraction analysis for the distribution at the waist,  $z = 0$ , as seen in Eq. 12.14(18).

Higher-order modes exist, as with the graded index fiber. In rectangular coordinates, these are

$$E_{m,p}(x, y, z) = A_{mp} \frac{w_0}{w(z)} H_m\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}x}{w(z)}\right) H_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}y}{w(z)}\right) \times e^{-(x^2+y^2)/w^2(z)} e^{-j[kz+k(x^2+y^2)/2R(z)-(m+p+1)\eta(z)]} \quad (18)$$

where the Hermite polynomials  $H_m$  and  $H_p$  are as defined in Sec. 14.10, and  $w(z)$ ,  $R(z)$ , and  $\eta(z)$  are as in (13), (14), and (15), respectively. For circular cylindrical coordinates, it can be shown that

$$E_{mp}(r, \phi, z) = A_{mp} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}r}{w(z)} \right] L_p^m\left(\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)}\right) e^{-r^2/w^2(z)} e^{\pm jm\phi} e^{-j[kz + kr^2/2R(z) + (2m+p+1)\eta(z)]} \quad (19)$$

where  $L_p^m(\xi)$  is the associated Laguerre polynomial defined in Sec. 14.10 and other quantities are as defined above.

Other uses and properties of the gaussian beams will be studied in the next two sections.

#### 14.14 TRANSFORMATION OF GAUSSIAN BEAMS BY RAY MATRIX

The transformation of gaussian beams passing through a combination of optical elements, including lenses, homogeneous regions, and dielectric discontinuities, has been shown<sup>27</sup> to follow from the  $q$  parameter of Eq. 14.13(4) and the  $A, B, C, D$  parameters of the ray matrix defined in Sec. 14.5. The gaussian beams are assumed to be coaxial with the optical elements, and the paraxial (small slope) approximations satisfied. Thus, within these approximations, the value of  $q_2$  at the output of a region with defined parameters  $A, B, C, D$  in terms of input  $q_1$  is

$$q_2 = \frac{Aq_1 + B}{Cq_1 + D} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\frac{1}{q_i} = \frac{1}{R_i} - \frac{2j}{kw_i^2}, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (2)$$

$R_i$  is the radius of curvature of the wavefront and  $w_i$  is the beam radius to  $e^{-1}$  value of field, as in Sec. 14.10. We will first show this for special elements and then argue the more general case.

**Homogeneous Region** For a homogeneous region of length  $z$ , from Eq. 14.5(2),  $A = 1$ ,  $B = z$ ,  $C = 0$ , and  $D = 1$  so (1) gives

$$q_2 = q_1 + z \quad (3)$$

which is consistent with the solution found in Eq. 14.13(9). In particular, if  $z$  is measured from the waist so that  $q_1 = q_0 = jkw_0^2/2$ , values of  $R$  and  $w$  at plane  $z$  are

$$\frac{1}{R(z)} - \frac{2j}{kw^2(z)} = \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{z + jkw_0^2/2} \quad (4)$$

Rationalization of this gives

$$R(z) = z + \frac{k^2 w_0^4}{4z} \quad (5)$$

$$w^2(z) = w_0^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{4z^2}{k^2 w_0^4} \right] \quad (6)$$

which are the forms found in Eqs. 14.13(14) and 14.13(13).

**Thin Lens** A thin lens would be expected to leave beam radius  $w$  unchanged, but modify radius of curvature  $R$  by  $-1/f$  (Fig. 14.14a). Thus, the transformation expected is

$$\frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{q_1} - \frac{1}{f} \quad (7)$$

Since  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$ ,  $C = -1/f$ , and  $D = 1$  from Eq. 14.5(3), (7) is also consistent with (1).

**Combination of Elements** If one element follows another, as a lens following a homogeneous region (Fig. 14.14b), then one can extend the form (1) to following elements, so that

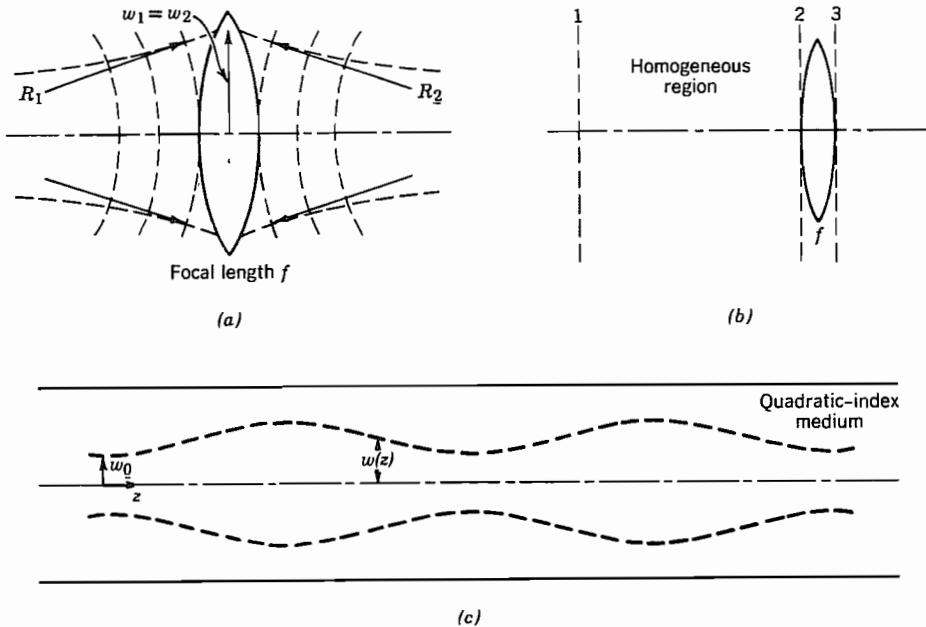
$$q_3 = \frac{A_2 q_2 + B_2}{C_2 q_2 + D_2} \quad (8)$$

But this bilinear form is consistent with matrix multiplication so that we can define total  $A_t$ ,  $B_t$ ,  $C_t$ ,  $D_t$  parameters as in Eq. 14.5(7):

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_t & B_t \\ C_t & D_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Then

$$q_3 = \frac{A_t q_1 + B_t}{C_t q_1 + D_t} \quad (10)$$



**FIG. 14.14** (a) Thin lens of focal length  $f$  leaves gaussian beam radius unchanged but modifies radius of curvature by Eq. 14.14(7). (b) Combination of regions transforms gaussian beam according to overall ray matrix for the regions. (c) Gaussian beam in a graded-index medium has variable radius  $w(z)$  if not started with zero slope at the equilibrium radius.

In addition to the lens and homogeneous region, the transformation can be shown to apply to a plane dielectric discontinuity with the gaussian beam at normal incidence (Prob. 14.14a) and, of course, to a spherical mirror since the relationship of this to a lens has already been shown. Since most useful optical systems are composed of combinations of these basic elements, the  $ABCD$  law for gaussian beams is very general and most useful.

#### **Example 14.14** ROD WITH QUADRATIC INDEX VARIATION

For the rod with quadratic index variation, which has been shown to act as a continuous lens to rays and which can support gaussian modes of constant radius if excited properly, we may now utilize the transformations of this section to see what happens if the gaussian beam is not properly started. We use (1) with  $ABCD$  values from Eq. 14.5(5). Let  $q_1 = q_0$  and  $q_2 = q(z)$ .

$$\frac{1}{q(z)} = \frac{C + D/q_0}{A + B/q_0} = \frac{-\kappa \sin \kappa z + (\cos \kappa z)/q_0}{\cos \kappa z + (\sin \kappa z)/\kappa q_0} \quad (11)$$

This equation tells how  $R(z)$  and  $w(z)$  vary with distance for a general incident  $R_0$  and  $w_0$ . To interpret, let us assume plane wavefronts,  $R_0 = \infty$  at the input. Then (11) gives

$$\frac{1}{R(z)} - \frac{2j}{kw^2(z)} = \frac{-\kappa \sin \kappa z - (2j/kw_0^2) \cos \kappa z}{\cos \kappa z - (2j/kw_0^2 \kappa) \sin \kappa z} \quad (12)$$

from which beam radius is

$$w^2(z) = w_0^2 \left[ \cos^2 \kappa z + \left( \frac{2}{kw_0^2 \kappa} \right)^2 \sin^2 \kappa z \right] \quad (13)$$

or, using trigonometric identities,

$$w^2(z) = \frac{w_0^2}{2} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{4}{k^2 w_0^4 \kappa^2} \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{4}{k^2 w_0^4 \kappa^2} \right) \cos 2\kappa z \right] \quad (14)$$

so that beam radius is constant at  $w_0$  if

$$\kappa^2 = \frac{4}{k^2 w_0^4} \quad (15)$$

which is consistent with the condition Eq. 14.10(13); but if this condition is not satisfied, the beam varies periodically with  $z$ , as sketched in Fig. 14.14c. A similar variation will occur if the beam is introduced with nonzero slope.

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### 14.15 GAUSSIAN MODES IN OPTICAL RESONATORS

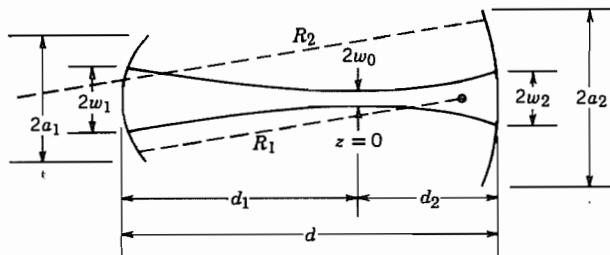
It was noted in Sec. 14.6 that a typical laser resonator consists of the region between two coaxial spherical mirrors, as pictured in Fig. 14.15a. The active laser material may fill all or part of the internal region. Such arrangements (including the limiting case of plane mirrors) have long been used as interferometers. Schawlow and Townes<sup>28</sup> suggested that these would also be useful as the resonant structures for laser action. In contrast to the closed-cavity resonators studied in Chapter 10, radiation from the open sides will damp out all but the modes with primarily axial propagation. It is not entirely obvious that any low-loss modes will remain, but it seems that if the diffraction pattern from mirror  $M_1$  is largely contained within the diameter of mirror  $M_2$  and vice versa, diffraction losses should be small. From diffraction theory (Sec. 12.13) the condition requires that the Fresnel number  $N$  be larger than unity,

$$N = \frac{a_1 a_2}{\lambda d} > 1 \quad (1)$$

where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are radii of the mirrors and  $d$  is the spacing.

The above general conclusions were verified through an important computer analysis

<sup>28</sup> A. L. Schawlow and C. H. Townes, Phys. Rev. **12**, 1940 (1958).



**Fig. 14.15a** Typical spherical mirror resonator with mirrors matching the curved wavefronts of the gaussian beam.

of Fox and Li.<sup>29</sup> They assumed an initial field distribution over one of the mirrors and, from diffraction theory, calculated the resulting pattern at the second mirror. Using this, diffraction theory was used to give the new distribution over mirror 1 and so on through many iterations. There was eventual convergence to stable field patterns showing different modal forms, and diffraction loss was low when condition (1) was satisfied.

Once it is known that stable, low-loss modes exist in the open structure, it is reasonable to look for approximate solutions of Maxwell's equation to represent these. Through the work of Pierce,<sup>30</sup> Boyd and Gordon,<sup>31</sup> Goubau and Schwering,<sup>32</sup> and Kogelnik,<sup>33</sup> there developed the understanding of the gaussian, Hermite-gaussian and Laguerre-gaussian modes discussed in the preceding sections. The remainder of this discussion will consequently apply these to the resonator of Fig. 14.15a. See Fig. 14.15b for photographs of some modal patterns.

In considering the gaussian modes within spherical mirror resonators, let us consider first the fundamental gaussian mode. It has been shown in Sec. 14.13 that these modes have nearly spherical wavefronts, so the approach is to match the curvature of these to the mirrors. Using the forms for radius of curvature given by Eq. 14.13(14), we may then write<sup>34</sup>

$$R_1 = d_1 + \frac{z_0^2}{d_1} \quad (2)$$

$$R_2 = d_2 + \frac{z_0^2}{d_2} \quad (3)$$

<sup>29</sup> A. G. Fox and T. Li, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **40**, 453 (1961).

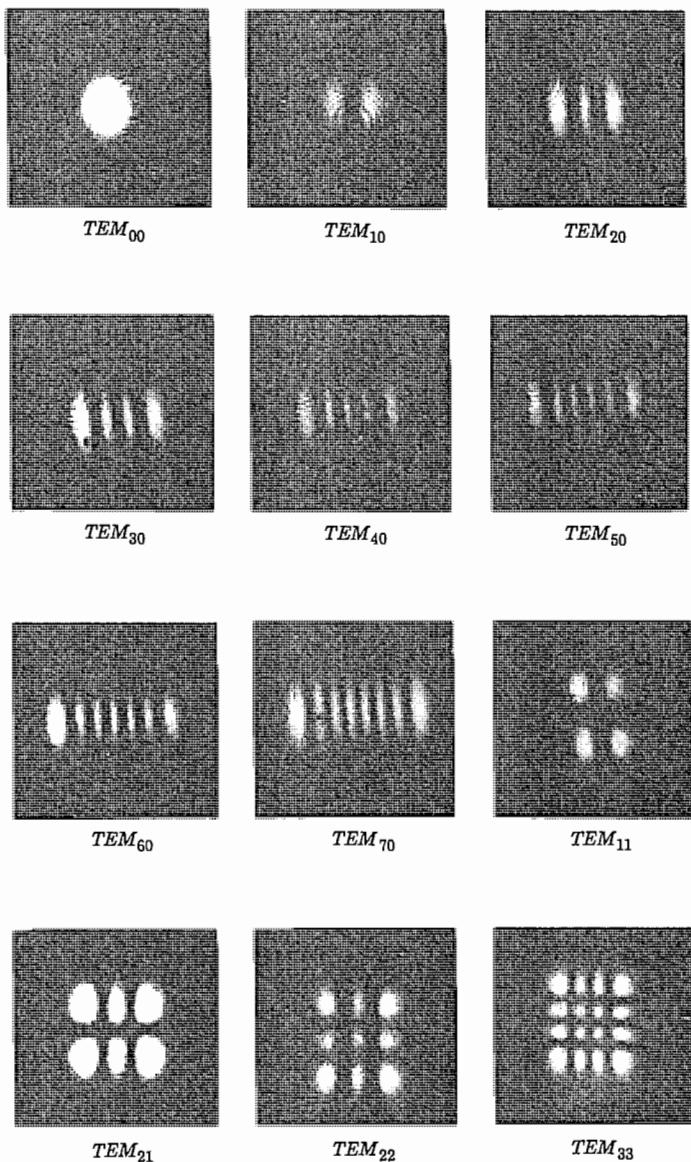
<sup>30</sup> J. R. Pierce, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **47**, 1808 (1961).

<sup>31</sup> G. D. Boyd and J. P. Gordon, Bell Syst. Tech. J. **40**, 489 (1961).

<sup>32</sup> G. Goubau and F. Schwering, IRE Trans. Antennas Propagation **AP-9**, 248 (1961).

<sup>33</sup> H. Kogelnik, Appl. Opt. **5**, 1550 (1966).

<sup>34</sup> It is more logical from a geometric point of view to consider radii of curvature negative when center of curvature is to the right of the mirror, but from a practical point of view, the sign for a given mirror should not depend upon its orientation, so we make the practical choice and consider radii of curvature positive when the reflecting surface is concave.



**FIG. 14.15b** Photographs of modal patterns in optical resonators. [From H. Kogelnik and W. W. Rigrod, *Proc. IRE* **50**, 220 (1962).]

where

$$z_0 = \frac{kw_0^2}{2} = \frac{\pi w_0^2 n}{\lambda_0} \quad (4)$$

and  $n$  is the refractive index. One kind of design problem is that in which wavelength and position of the beam waist (position of minimum radius) are specified, and  $w_0$  selected to fill as much of the active region as possible. Then mirror curvatures are immediately calculable from (2)–(4). As an example, for a CO<sub>2</sub> laser with  $\lambda_0 = 10.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $d_1 = d_2 = 0.2 \text{ m}$ , suppose  $w_0$  is selected as 3 mm. Then  $R_1 = R_2 = 35.8 \text{ m}$ .

A second type of design problem for laser resonators is one in which  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are given together with wavelength and spacing  $d$  and it is desired to find position of the waist, its radius, and the beam radii at the two mirrors. Equations (2) and (3) are first solved for  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ :

$$d_1 = \frac{R_1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R_1}{2}\right)^2 - z_0^2} \quad (5)$$

$$d_2 = \frac{R_2}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R_2}{2}\right)^2 - z_0^2} \quad (6)$$

and

$$d_1 + d_2 = d \quad (7)$$

Substitution of (5) and (6) in (7), after some algebra, gives

$$z_0^2 = \frac{d(R_1 - d)(R_2 - d)(R_1 + R_2 - d)}{(R_1 + R_2 - 2d)^2} \quad (8)$$

With  $z_0$  known, minimum spot size is determined from (4) and spot size at the mirrors, by using Eq. 14.13(13), to give

$$w_i = w_0 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{d_i}{z_0} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (9)$$

As an example, if  $d = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $R_1 = 2$ ,  $R_2 = 4$ ,  $z_0^2 = 0.938$  from (8). Then  $d_1 = 1.5$  and  $d_2 = 0.5$  from (2) and (3). If  $\lambda_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ , minimum spot size  $w_0$  is 0.554 mm from (4) and  $w_1 = 0.70 \text{ mm}$ ,  $w_2 = 0.57 \text{ mm}$  from (9). Several special cases are worth considering individually.

**Plane Mirrors** If  $R_1 = R_2 = \infty$ , (8) shows that  $z_0$  is infinite, and from (4) and (9),  $w_0 = w_1 = \infty$ . From a practical point of view, the mode spreads out until limited by the edges of the mirrors. Although there are then appreciable diffraction effects, the numerical analysis of Fox and Li demonstrated that under certain conditions such systems are still useful. Plane reflectors are most often met in solid-state lasers such as

ruby or neodymium-YAG for which the dielectric discontinuity at  $r = a$  provides additional confinement.

**The Concentric Resonator** Consider a symmetric resonator with  $R_1 = R_2 = d/2$  so that centers of curvature coincide in the midplane. From (8),  $z_0 = 0$ , which would make minimum spot size zero from (4) and spot size at the mirrors infinite from (9). This unrealistic situation is also limited by diffraction of the finite mirrors, yielding a finite minimum spot size at the center in a practical case. Like the plane example, diffraction losses are high, but usable in some cases.

**The Symmetric Confocal Resonator** If  $R_1 = R_2 = d$  so that the foci of the two mirrors coincide at the midpoint of the resonator, expression (8) becomes indeterminant. We consequently look at the gaussian beam transformation of the preceding section. The ray matrix elements can be obtained from the equivalent periodic lens system and Eq. 14.5(9) with  $d_1 = d_2 = d = 2f_1 = 2f_2$ . Then  $A = -1$ ,  $B = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ , and  $D = -1$  for a round trip. Thus a beam introduced with any beam radius and radius of curvature reproduces itself after a round trip by the transformation of Eq. 14.14(1):

$$q_1 = \frac{Aq_2 + B}{Cq_2 + D} = q_2 \quad (10)$$

This interesting case is highly degenerate. However, if we select the symmetric mode with waist at the midplane, then the proper solution of (8) gives  $z_0 = d/2$  and

$$w_0 = \left( \frac{d\lambda_0}{2n} \right)^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

Since  $z_0$  is half the cavity length in this case, it is often interpreted as the confocal parameter. Spot sizes at the mirrors are then  $\sqrt{2}w_0$  for this symmetric mode.

Note that the above three special cases are on the edge of the stability diagram derived from ray concepts in Sec. 14.6. The applicability of the diagram for gaussian modes and the consequences of operation outside the “stable” range will be discussed in the following section.

## 14.16 STABILITY AND RESONANT FREQUENCIES OF OPTICAL-RESONATOR MODES

From the ray optics point of view, it was found in Sec. 14.6 that rays are confined within some maximum radius in a periodic system if

$$\left| \frac{A + D}{2} \right| \leq 1 \quad (1)$$

where  $A$  and  $D$  are ray matrix elements for the system. For the resonator with spacing  $d$  and coaxial mirrors having curvature  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , this led to

$$0 \leq \left( 1 - \frac{d}{R_1} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{d}{R_2} \right) \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

Resonators satisfying this condition are said to be *stable*, and the diagram of Fig. 14.6c showing regions for which the condition is satisfied is called a *stability diagram*. To show that the condition applies to gaussian modes of the type studied in the preceding section, let  $A, B, C, D$  be the ray matrix parameters for a round trip in the resonator, and  $q$  the gaussian beam parameter defined by Eq. 14.14(2). Then  $q_2$  at the end of a round trip is related to  $q_1$  at the beginning by Eq. 14.14(1). But if the mode remains of the same form,  $q_1 = q_2$  and

$$\frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{Cq_1 + D}{Aq_1 + B} \quad (3)$$

This leads to a quadratic equation in  $1/q$  and has the solution

$$\frac{1}{q_1} = \left( \frac{D - A}{2B} \right) \pm \left[ \left( \frac{D - A}{2B} \right)^2 + \frac{C}{B} \right]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

As noted in Sec. 14.5, the ray parameters are real for the elements we have considered, and also  $AD - BC = 1$ , so (4) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{2j}{kw_1^2} = \left( \frac{D - A}{2B} \right) \pm \left[ \left( \frac{D + A}{2} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

Thus for a real value of beam radius  $w_1$ ,  $(A + D)/2$  must not have magnitude greater than unity, so that (1) applies in general and (2) for the specific system of two mirrors separated by a homogeneous region of length  $d$ .

As has been noted, stability of an optical resonator means, in a ray optics point of view, that rays are confined within some maximum radius; from the wave point of view, it means that the field energy is essentially all within this maximum radius. Unstable resonators have the opposite property, but Siegman has shown that they may nevertheless be useful.<sup>35</sup> The rays, or diffraction field, escaping outside the mirror may be utilized as the output, and this has proved to be the preferred means of output coupling for many high-power lasers.

The resonant frequencies are determined by the requirement that the phase shift after a round trip is a multiple of  $2\pi$ , or of  $\pi$  for one way. Thus from Eq 14.13(18),

$$kz_2 - kz_1 + (m + p + 1)[\eta(z_2) - \eta(z_1)] = l\pi \quad (6)$$

where  $m$ ,  $p$ , and  $l$  are integers. Using Eq. 14.13(15) and the sign conventions of the preceding section,  $z_2 = d_2$  and  $z_1 = -d_1$ ,

$$k(d_1 + d_2) + (m + p + 1) \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d_2}{z_0} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d_1}{z_0} \right) \right] = l\pi \quad (7)$$

Longitudinal modes are defined by the integer  $l$ . Thus, the frequency spacing between longitudinal modes is determined by maintaining  $m$  and  $p$  constant and changing  $l$  by

<sup>35</sup> A. E. Siegman, Proc. IEEE **53**, 277(1965); also see A. E. Siegman, Lasers, Chap. 22, University Science Books, Mill Valley, CA, 1986.

unity:

$$\frac{(\omega_{l+1} - \omega_l)n}{c} (d_1 + d_2) = \frac{2\pi \Delta f_l n d}{c} = \pi \quad (8)$$

or

$$\Delta f_l = \frac{c}{2nd} \quad (9)$$

As example, if  $d = 0.10$  m and  $n = 1.5$ ,  $\Delta f_l \approx 1$  GHz.

Transverse modes are defined by the integers  $m$  and  $p$ . Frequency spacing between these is determined by maintaining  $l$  constant and changing either  $m$  or  $p$  by unity:

$$\frac{(\omega_{m+1} - \omega_m)n(d_1 + d_2)}{c} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_2}{z_0}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{z_0}\right) = 0 \quad (10)$$

or

$$\Delta f_t = \frac{(\omega_{m+1} - \omega_m)}{2\pi} = -\frac{c}{2\pi n d} \left[ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_2}{z_0}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{z_0}\right) \right] \quad (11)$$

Note that as the mirrors approach planes,  $z_0 \rightarrow \infty$  as shown in the preceding section, and transverse modes become very close together. For a concentric resonator,  $z_0 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\Delta f_t \rightarrow c/2nd$ . That is, transverse mode spacing is the same as longitudinal mode spacing for concentric resonators. For a symmetric confocal resonator,  $d_1 = d_2 = z_0$ ,  $\Delta f_t = c/4nd$  showing that transverse mode spacing is half the longitudinal mode spacing in this case.

## Basis for Optical Information Processing

### 14.17 FOURIER TRANSFORMING PROPERTIES OF LENSES

Combinations of lenses have been found useful for information processing by optical means because of the Fourier transforming properties of these systems<sup>36</sup> which follow from diffraction theory (Sec. 12.13). Here we will use the Fresnel form in the paraxial approximation, Eq. 12.13(10),

$$\psi(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jkl}}{\lambda L} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x', y', z') \exp\left\{-\frac{jk}{2L} [(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2]\right\} dx' dy' \quad (1)$$

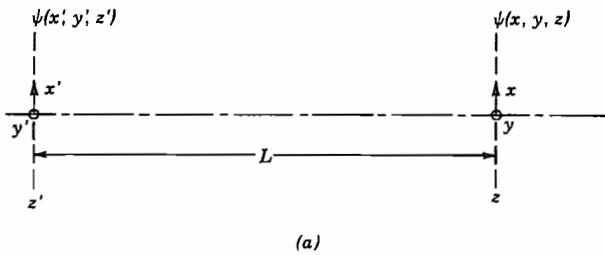
<sup>36</sup> J. W. Goodman, *Introduction to Fourier Optics*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1968; also see B. E. A. Saleh and M. C. Teich, *Fundamentals of Photonics*, Chap. 4, Wiley, New York, 1991.

where  $\psi(x', y', z')$  is the given distribution of some scalar field component (such as  $E_x$ ) in the plane  $z'$ , and  $\psi(x, y, z)$  is the resulting distribution of that component in a plane distance  $L$  away, where  $L = |z - z'|$  (Fig. 14.17a).

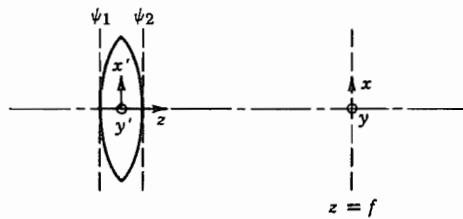
First note that for  $L$  large enough, terms  $kx'^2/L$  and  $ky'^2/L$  in (1) are negligible,

$$\psi(x, y, z) = \frac{je^{-jk[L + (x^2 + y^2)/2L]}}{\lambda L} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x', y', z') \exp\left[\frac{jk}{L}(xx' + yy')\right] dx' dy' \quad (2)$$

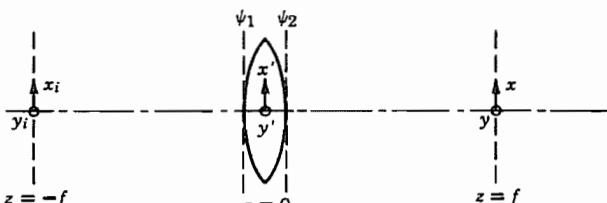
which is the Fraunhofer diffraction studied earlier. The integral in (2) is a two-dimensional Fourier transform (Sec. 7.11). The phase factor in front is often unimportant in optical problems, but note that it can be maintained constant if  $\psi$  is observed on



(a)



(b)



(c)

**FIG. 14.17** (a) Diffraction of a scalar field component between planes  $z'$  and  $z$ . (b) Diffraction with a lens introduced to correct spherical wavefronts. (c) Diffraction from input focal plane of lens to output focal plane, yielding Fourier transforming properties.

a spherical surface,  $L + (x^2 + y^2)/L = \text{constant}$ . Thus with these understandings of the phase term, the diffracted distribution in the Fraunhofer approximation can be considered the Fourier transform of the given distribution.

The next point to be made is that the restriction to large distances can be eliminated if a lens is placed just beyond the input plane to correct for the phase factors involving  $x'^2$  and  $y'^2$ . An ideal thin lens does not change amplitude, but modifies phase quadratically with distance from the axis, as in Eq. 14.2(19). Thus referring to Fig. 14.17b,

$$\psi_2(x', y', 0+) = \psi_1(x', y', 0-) e^{-(jk/2f)[a^2 - x'^2 - y'^2]} \quad (3)$$

where  $a$  is the outer radius of the lens and  $f$  is focal distance. We assume that  $a$  is large enough to intercept all of the important optical field so that we can continue to integrate over infinite limits. If (3) is then substituted in (1), the phase terms in  $x'^2$  and  $y'^2$  are canceled, provided  $L = f$ . Thus at the focal plane of the lens, within the Fresnel approximation,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y, f) &= \frac{je^{-jk[f + (x^2 + y^2 + a^2)/2f]}}{\lambda f} \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_1(x', y', 0-) \exp\left[\frac{jk}{f}(xx' + yy')\right] dx' dy' \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

So Fourier transforming properties are again seen, with the multiplying phase factor again a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . As above, this phase factor can be made constant by observing  $\psi$  on a nearly spherical surface passing through the focus.

Finally, the variable phase term of (4) can be eliminated if one expresses the field  $\psi_1(x', y', 0)$  just before the lens as a transform of its value at the focal plane before the lens at  $z = -f$  (see Fig. 14.17c). Transformation from the input at  $z = -f$  to the plane just in front of the lens is by the Fresnel diffraction integral (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(x', y', 0-) &= \frac{je^{-jkf}}{\lambda f} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_i(x_i, y_i, -f) \\ &\times \exp\left\{-\frac{jk}{2f}[(x' - x_i)^2 + (y' - y_i)^2]\right\} dx_i dy_i \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

When (5) is substituted in (4) there results

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0(x, y, f) &= \frac{je^{-jk(2f + a^2/2f)}}{\lambda f} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_i(x_i, y_i, -f) \\ &\times \exp\left[\frac{jk}{f}(xx_i + yy_i)\right] dx_i dy_i \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) made use of the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j(\alpha x^2 + \beta x)} dx = \sqrt{\frac{j\pi}{\alpha}} e^{-j(\beta^2/4\alpha)} \quad (7)$$

Here the phase factor before the integral represents a constant phase delay so that the distribution in the output focal plane is directly proportional to the Fourier transform of field distribution in the input focal plane. This may be seen more clearly by defining

$$\begin{aligned} p &= x_i \sqrt{\frac{k}{f}}, & q &= y_i \sqrt{\frac{k}{f}}, & u &= x \sqrt{\frac{k}{f}}, & v &= y \sqrt{\frac{k}{f}} \\ f(u, v) &= j\psi_0(x, y, f)e^{jk(2f + a^2/f)}, & g(p, q) &= \psi_i(x_i, y_i, -f) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

in which case (6) is in the exact form of the two-dimensional Fourier integral:

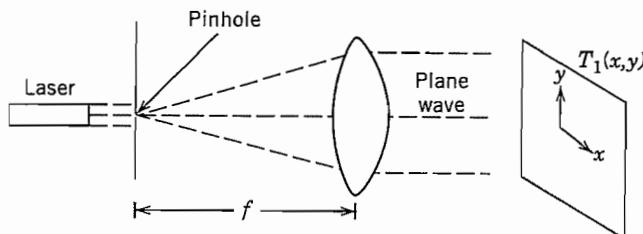
$$f(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(p, q) e^{j(kup + vq)} dp dq \quad (9)$$

This important property has made possible Fourier transforming, convolution, correlation and filtering of spatial functions by lenses and combinations of lenses.<sup>36,37</sup>

The Fourier transforming properties noted above also give us some physical insight as to why gaussian modal forms are found for spherical mirror resonators or periodic lens systems in preceding sections. A gaussian function is known to Fourier transform to a gaussian, so this form would be expected to persist as a mode in the periodic lens system. The resonator with two spherical mirrors has already been shown to be equivalent to the periodic lens system. Hermite-gaussian and Laguerre-gaussian forms likewise transform into themselves, so these would be expected to be the higher-order mode forms. In fact an alternate way of deriving such modes is by setting up the Fresnel diffraction integrals and requiring that the function repeat in a period. Solution of the resulting integral equation leads to modal solutions of the form already found.<sup>4</sup>

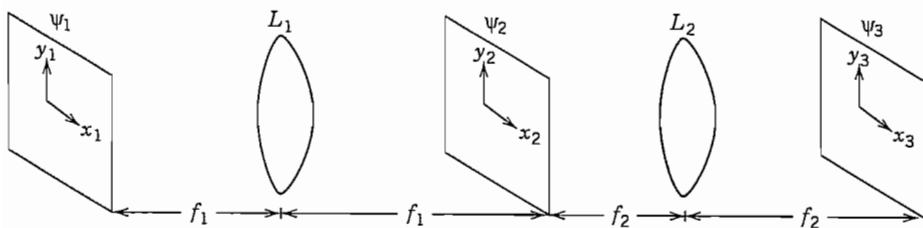
#### 14.18 SPATIAL FILTERING

A two-dimensional information function may be impressed upon an optical wave by passing the wave through a screen of the desired transmission property,  $T(x, y)$ . The arrangement might be as in Fig. 14.18a: laser light is passed through a pinhole at the



**FIG. 14.18a** Point source at focal point of lens produces a plane wave; information is put on this wave by screen with transmission  $T_1(x, y)$ .

<sup>37</sup> J. L. Horner (Ed.), *Optical Signal Processing*, Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1987.



**FIG. 14.18b** Lens  $L_1$  Fourier transforms  $\psi_1$  to  $\psi_2$ .  $T_2$  performs spatial filtering. The result is inverse transformed to new function  $\psi_3$ .

focus of a lens, transforming it into a plane wave exiting the lens, followed by the transmission screen.  $T$  may be complex so that phase as well as amplitude modulation may be impressed upon the wave. If desired, this two-dimensional information function, could be modified by directly passing it through other transmission screens. This would be analogous to operating on a signal which is a function of time directly in the time domain. But as with such signals in time, it may be preferable to filter in the frequency domain. So with our spatial information function, filtering in the Fourier plane to modify the spatial frequencies provides an alternate, and sometimes preferable, way of transforming the information.

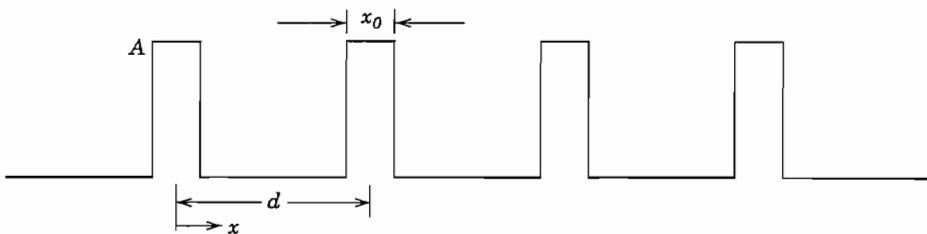
A simple configuration which illustrates spatial filtering is the two-lens arrangement of Fig. 14.18b. A uniform plane wave, obtained as in Fig. 14.18a, has the desired input function  $\psi_1(x_1, y_1)$  impressed upon it at the input focal plane of lens  $L_1$ . Its Fourier transform then appears at the output focal plane, as explained in the preceding section. A screen with transmission properties  $T_2(x_2, y_2)$  may be placed at this plane to modify the desired spatial frequencies. Lens  $L_2$  then produces the inverse Fourier transform at the exit focal plane of  $L_2$ , resulting in a modified two-dimensional function.

The spatial filters may modify amplitude only, phase only, or a combination. The simplest to make are binary filters for which holes are cut in an opaque screen so that there is either full or zero transmission for any given portion of the screen. For many purposes it is desirable to have the spatial filter change with time. *Spatial light modulators* are used for such purposes.

Note that the arrangement of Fig. 14.18b, with no spatial filter in the Fourier plane, reproduces the input image, inverted. It is also changed in size by the ratio  $f_2/f_1$ .

### Example 14.18 SIMPLE BINARY FILTER

As a specific example, let us consider the input optical function as the rectangular function of Fig. 14.18c, resulting from a grating placed in the path of the plane wave. For simplicity, consider only variations in  $x$ . (Cylindrical lenses are required.) Since



**FIG. 14.18c** Function  $\psi_1$  taken as a periodic pattern of dark and light.

this is a periodic function, it may be written as the Fourier series:

$$\psi_1(x_1) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{j2\pi n x_1/d} \quad (1)$$

$$C_n = \frac{A}{\pi n} \sin \frac{n\pi x_0}{d} \quad (2)$$

Use of Eq. 14.17(6) to give  $\psi_2$  in the Fourier plane yields

$$\psi_2(x_2) = K_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_n C_n e^{jx_1(2\pi n/d + kx_2/f_1)} dx_1 \quad (3)$$

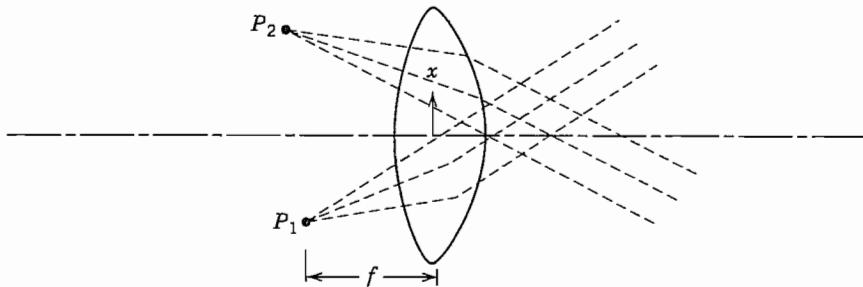
where  $K_1$  is the complex constant before the integrand in Eq. 14.17(6).

Since the impulse or delta function  $\delta(\zeta)$  is given by the integral,

$$\delta(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\zeta x} dx \quad (4)$$

eq. (3) yields

$$\psi_2(x_2) = 2\pi K_1 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n \delta\left(\frac{kx_2}{f_1} + \frac{2\pi n}{d}\right) \quad (5)$$



**FIG. 14.18d** Lens focuses rays from lines  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  to plane waves at an angle. Interference then produces sinusoidal variation with  $x$ .

The pattern in the Fourier plane thus consists of a series of lines, spaced along the axis with spacing  $2\pi f_1/kd$  or  $(\lambda/d)f_1$ . Amplitude in each line decreases with increasing distance from the axis. It is then straightforward in principle to design a spatial filter to modify each line (spatial harmonic) to produce a desired output.

Suppose first that a binary filter is used, blocking all lines except that of zero order on the axis. This clearly transforms to a plane wave at the output of  $L_2$ , eliminating all information about the grating. But if the filter blocks all but the upper and lower pairs of  $n$ th order ( $n = \pm |n|$ ), a cosine wave output of period  $f_1 d/nf_2$  is produced. A y-directed line off the lens axis in the focal plane produces a plane wave propagating at an angle to the axis, and the two on opposite sides produce one wave upward and one downward so that the interference pattern makes the cosine wave referred to (Fig. 14.18d). As more and more lines are selected to pass, the output pattern approaches the original grating function, modified in period by  $f_2/f_1$ .

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### 14.19 THE PRINCIPLE OF HOLOGRAPHY

In recording optical information, film and most other light-sensitive media react to intensity of the wave and not to phase. Dennis Gabor, in 1948, recognized that phase information could be captured by interfering the scattered wave from an object with a reference wave of the same frequency.<sup>38</sup> The concept became practical and important with the development of the laser. Leith and Upatnieks especially developed many variations of this concept.<sup>39</sup> Gabor first called the technique "wavefront construction," then later holography for "total recording."

Many variations are possible,<sup>40</sup> but to illustrate the concept, consider the arrangement of Fig. 14.19a. A coherent uniform plane wave, obtained for example as in Fig. 14.18a, is divided into two parts. One part impinges upon a desired object and the scattered wave contains amplitude and phase information about the object. This information arrives at the two-dimensional recording plane as the complex quantity  $A(x, y)$ . The second reference portion falls upon the recording plane as  $R(x, y)$ . Object and reference waves at the recording plane may be written in terms of amplitudes and phases:

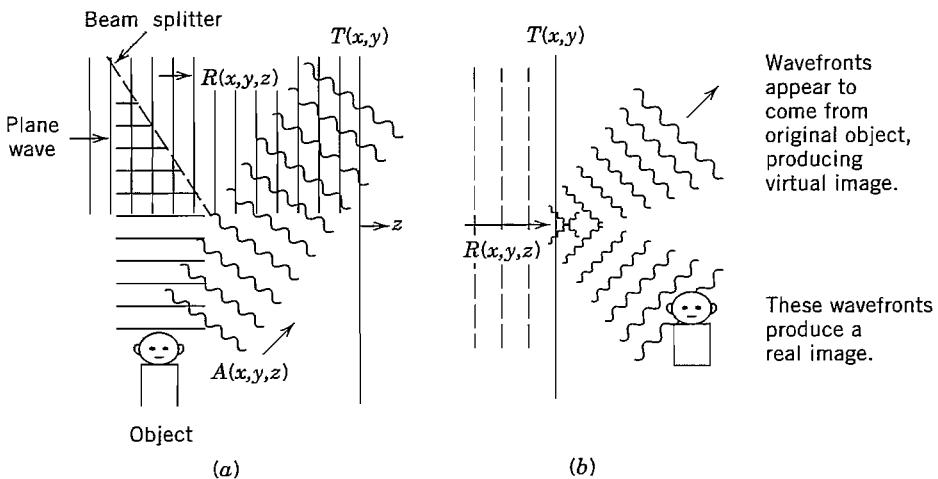
$$A(x, y) = A_0(x, y)e^{-j\phi(x, y)} \quad (1)$$

$$R(x, y) = R_0(x, y)e^{-j\psi(x, y)} \quad (2)$$

<sup>38</sup> D. Gabor, Nature **161**, 777 (1948).

<sup>39</sup> E. N. Leith and J. Upatnieks, J. Opt. Soc. Am. **52**, 1123 (1963); **53**, 1377 (1963); **54**, 579 (1964); **54**, 1295 (1964).

<sup>40</sup> J. E. Kasper, Complete Book of Holograms: How They Work and How to Make Them, Wiley, New York, 1987.



**FIG. 14.19** (a) Plane wave splits into two parts, one part falling on the object and the other part serving as a reference wave  $R(x, y, z)$ . Scattered wave from object  $A(x, y, z)$ , interferes with reference on recording plane to make hologram  $T(x, y)$ . (b) Irradiation of hologram  $T(x, y)$  by reference wave produces wavefronts appearing to come from original object, wavefronts producing a real image, and portions of reference beam (not shown).

The recording medium, when developed, is assumed to give a transmissivity proportional to total intensity. This property is well approximated by useful recording media over certain ranges. Transmissivity is then

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, y) &= K(A + R)(A^* + R^*) \\ &= K\{A_0^2 + R_0^2 + A_0R_0[e^{-j(\phi-\psi)} + e^{j(\phi-\psi)}]\} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $K$  is a constant of proportionality. It is clear from the above that phase information  $(\phi - \psi)$  is recorded. We call this recording the *hologram*.

To illustrate the reconstruction of the wavefront  $A(x, y)$  we imagine the object removed and the hologram illuminated by a replica of the original reference wave  $R(x, y)$ . The wave transmitted through the film is then

$$\begin{aligned} B(x, y) &= T(x, y)R_0(x, y)e^{-j\psi(x, y)} \\ &= K\{(A_0^2 + R_0^2)R_0e^{-j\psi} + A_0R_0^2[e^{-j\phi} + e^{j(\phi-2\psi)}]\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The term  $(A_0^2 + R_0^2)R_0e^{-j\psi}$  has the phase of the reference wave across the plane and produces a continuation of that wave to the right. The next term is proportional to the object wave and produces a wave continuing to the right as though it were coming from the original object, even though that object is no longer there. Thus it yields a virtual image of the object (Fig. 14.19b). The last term is proportional to the conjugate of  $A(x, y)$  and continues to the right in such a way as to form a real image of the object. In order that the three transmitted waves not overlap at the viewing position and lead to confusion, relative angles between object and reference waves must be properly chosen in making the original hologram.

**Example 14.19a**  
INTERFERENCE OF PLANE WAVES

The holographic principle will first be discussed through the simple example of plane wave interferences. Let the object wave be a uniform plane wave traveling at angle  $\theta$  from the normal to the recording plane, and the reference wave a plane wave propagating in the direction of the normal (Fig. 14.19c). We neglect variations with  $y$ . Object and reference waves as functions of  $x$  and  $z$  are then

$$A(x, z) = A_0 e^{-jk(x \sin \theta + z \cos \theta)} \quad (5)$$

$$R(z) = R_0 e^{-j(\psi_0 + kz)} \quad (6)$$

At the recording plane  $z = 0$  with assumptions as above, transmissivity from (3) is

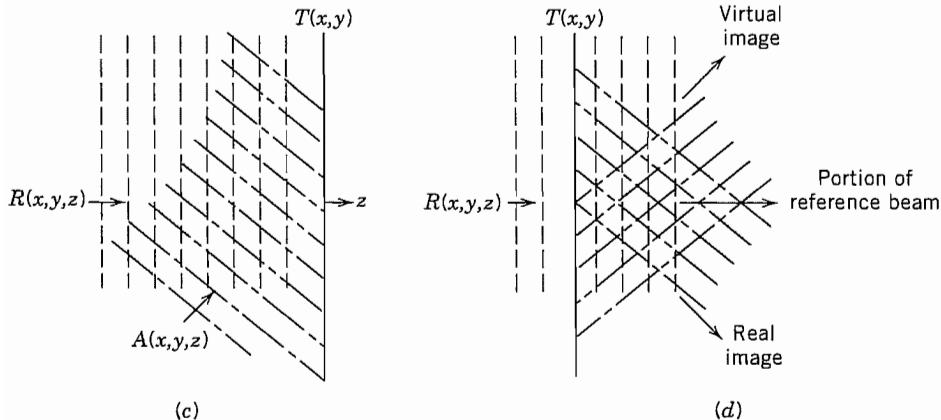
$$T(x) = K((A_0^2 + R_0^2) + A_0 R_0 [e^{-j(kx \sin \theta - \psi_0)} + e^{j(kx \sin \theta - \psi_0)}]) \quad (7)$$

The original object wave is now removed and the film irradiated with a replica of the reference wave (6), resulting in a transmitted wave

$$B(x) = K((A_0^2 + R_0^2)R_0 e^{-j\psi_0} + A_0 R_0^2 [e^{-j(kx \sin \theta)} + e^{j(kx \sin \theta - 2\psi_0)}]) \quad (8)$$

The first term is uniform in phase over the plane and continues to the right as a part of the reference wave  $R_0$ . The second term has a phase variation in  $x$  proper to excite a wave to the right proportional to the continuation of (5). The last term has the conjugate phase and excites a plane wave traveling with angle  $\theta$  from the normal. All these are illustrated in Fig. 14.19d.

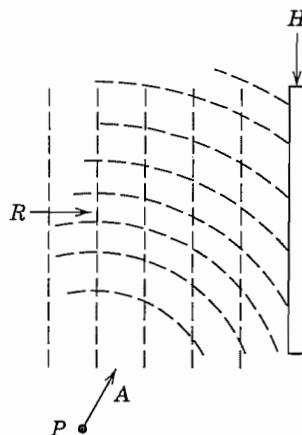
In this example we may consider that the interference of the reference and object plane waves has produced a grating in the film. When irradiated, the waves at angles  $\pm \theta$  correspond to the first Bragg orders of this diffraction grating (Sec. 6.10).



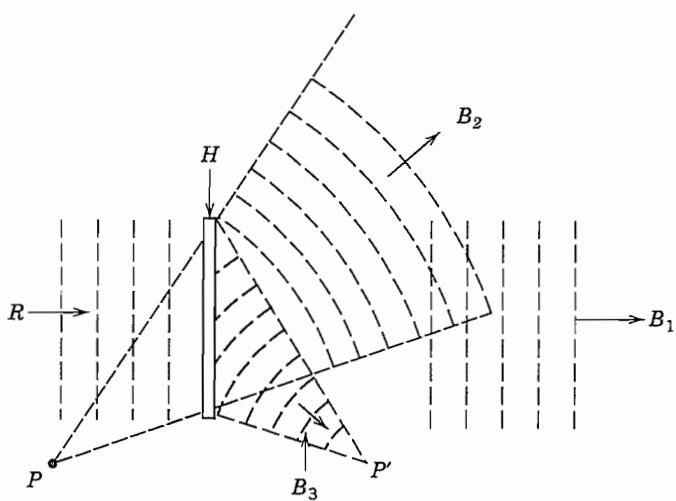
**FIG. 14.19** (c) Interference pattern between two plane waves  $R$  and  $A$  recorded as hologram  $T(x,y)$ . (d) Irradiation of  $T$  by reference wave  $R$  results in three plane waves, one of which appears to be a continuation of  $A$ , though that is now removed.

**Example 14.19b**  
HOLOGRAM OF A POINT SOURCE

As a second example consider the hologram of a point source. This is especially interesting since the scattered wave from a general object may be considered as made up of a superposition of waves from such point sources. Consider Fig. 14.19e with point



(e)



(f)

**FIG. 14.19** (e) Interference between spherical waves from  $P$  and reference plane wave  $R$  recorded as hologram  $H$ . (f) Irradiation of  $H$  by reference  $R$  produces plane wave  $B_1$ ; diverging spherical wave  $B_2$ , which appears to come from  $P$  (now removed); and converging spherical wave  $B_3$ , converging to real image  $P'$  of  $P$ .

source  $P$  located at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ . The idealized spherical wave (Prob. 14.19c) emanating from the source may be written as

$$A(x, y, z) = \frac{A_0}{r(x, y, z)} e^{-jkr(x,y,z)} \quad (9)$$

where

$$r(x, y, z) = [(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2]^{1/2} \quad (10)$$

After interfering with a plane reference wave of the form (6), and recording with linearity assumed as in the previous examples, transmissivity at  $z = 0$  is

$$T(x, y) = K \left\{ \left( \frac{A_0^2}{r^2} + R_0^2 \right) + \frac{A_0 R_0}{r} [e^{j(\psi_0 - kr(x,y,z_0))} + e^{-j(\psi_0 - kr(x,y,z_0))}] \right\} \quad (11)$$

The original point source is removed and the hologram irradiated with reference wave (6), yielding a transmitted wave

$$B(x, y) = B_1 + B_2 + B_3 \quad (12)$$

where

$$B_1(x, y) = KR_0 \left( \frac{A_0^2}{r^2} + R_0^2 \right) \exp[-j(kz_0 + \psi)] \quad (13)$$

$$B_2(x, y) = \frac{KR_0^2 A_0}{r} \exp\{-jk[(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + z_0^2]^{1/2}\} \quad (14)$$

$$B_3(x, y) = \frac{KR_0^2 A_0}{r} \exp\{-2j\psi_0 + jk[(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + z_0^2]^{1/2}\} \quad (15)$$

Following previous arguments,  $B_2$  continues to the right as a diverging spherical wave as though emanating from the original source  $P$  (now missing), and  $B_3$  as a converging spherical wave resulting in a real image of  $P$  at  $P'$ .  $B_1$  is uniform in phase over the plane but varying in amplitude through the dependence on  $r$ . This can be made small and the continuation of  $B_1$  to the right is approximately a plane wave, with  $B_2$  the desired reconstruction.

## PROBLEMS

- 14.2a** Obtain from Eq. 14.2(4) the approximate spread of focal length  $\Delta f$  from  $r = 0$  to  $r_{\max}$  when  $r_{\max}/R \ll 1$ . For a spherical mirror of radius of curvature 1 m, used with a laser of wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ , give the maximum radius of rays from the axis if spread in focal length is not to be more than a wavelength.
- 14.2b** The  $f$ -number of a lens is defined as the ratio of focal length to diameter. (Here we will denote by  $F$  to avoid confusion with focal length.) Give the spread of focal

length in terms of  $F$  when  $r_{\max} \ll R$  for the spherical mirror. Explain why “stopping down” a lens to higher values of  $F$  should increase sharpness of an image.

- 14.2c** Carry out the derivation corresponding to that of Ex. 14.2c for a diverging thin lens with plane surface at  $z = 0$  and a parabolic surface  $z = d + r^2/4g$ ,  $0 < r < a$ , (i) by ray analysis and (ii) by phase considerations.
- 14.2d** For the doubly convex lens of Fig. 14.2e, derive the equation for focal length, Eq. 14.2 (21), by considering refraction at the surface.
- 14.2e** Consider the imaging for a spherical mirror by ray reflection. That is, for an object point on the axis distance  $d_1$  from a mirror with radius of curvature  $R$ , find the image distance  $d_2$  from the mirror at which a ray reflected at radius  $r$  crosses the axis. Under what approximations does Eq. 14.2(24) apply?
- 14.3a** For a uniform plane wave, polarized with  $e_z$  only, propagating at angle  $\alpha$  from the  $x$  axis with  $\cos \gamma = 0$ , give all quantities  $e$ ,  $h$ ,  $S$ ,  $u_e$ , and  $u_h$  used in the general formulation. Material has refractive index  $n$ .
- 14.3b** We will find later that many useful beams have gaussian forms. Assume one with form in the transverse plane,  $e = \hat{x} \exp[-(x^2 + y^2)/w_0^2]$  propagating substantially in the  $z$  direction,  $S \approx nz$ . Compare the neglected term on the right side of Eq. 14.3(5) with the term  $\nabla S \times e$  in magnitude and direction and state under what condition it is negligible.
- 14.3c** Utilizing Eq. 14.3(12) for the eikonal of a plane wave, show that  $E$  and  $H$  are related as in an arbitrarily propagating plane wave in a homogeneous medium.
- 14.4a** Find the required form of refractive index variation to maintain a ray in a circular path of constant radius  $R$ .
- 14.4b** Very low absorptions can be measured by using the thermal lens effect resulting from passing a beam through a cell containing the sample, as in Ex. 14.4a. It has been shown [J. R. Whinnery, *Acc. Chem. Res.* 7, 225 (1974)] that the heating effect results, in steady state, in a quadratic index variation near the axis as in Eq. 14.4(11), with
- $$\Delta = -\frac{\alpha P(dn/dT)}{4\pi kn_0}$$
- where  $\alpha$  is absorption coefficient,  $P$  power in the laser beam,  $dn/dT$  the variation of refractive index with temperature,  $k$  the thermal conductivity, and  $n_0$  the refractive index on the axis. Find the expected focal length of a cell 1 cm long filled with carbon disulfide ( $n_0 = 1.63$ ,  $dn/dT = 7.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ,  $k = 6.82 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/cm-s-K}$ ,  $\alpha = 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for a laser beam with 0.5 W power and a beam radius  $a = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ .
- 14.4c** Derive Eq. 14.4(4) from Eq. 14.4(10).
- 14.4d** A typical graded index fiber used in an optical communications system with moderate data rates has  $n_0 = 1.5$ ,  $\Delta = 0.005$ , and  $a = 25 \mu\text{m}$ . For a ray crossing the axis at an angle  $r'_0$  find the distance at which it returns to the axis. What is the maximum angle of crossing to maintain  $r'_{\max}$  less than  $a$ ?
- 14.5a** A ray passes from a medium of index  $n_1$  into a slab of thickness  $d$  and index  $n_2$ , then exits into  $n_1$ . Compare radius and slope at the output from the ray matrix and an exact Snell's law calculation if  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $n_2 = 2$ ,  $d = 1 \text{ cm}$ , and angle of input ray is (i) 20 degrees and (ii) 40 degrees from the perpendicular to the slab.

- 14.5b** Slabs of dielectric with index  $n_1$  and thickness  $d_1$  alternate with slabs having index  $n_2$  and thickness  $d_2$ . Using the paraxial (small-angle) approximation, find the ray matrix for one period of this combination, then two periods, and induce the result for  $N$  periods. Interpret the result.
- 14.5c** Derive Eq. 14.5(5) with the approximations stated.
- 14.5d** For the doubly convex lens of Fig. 14.2e, derive the expression for focal length, Eq. 14.2(21), by considering the tandem combination of two spherical dielectric interfaces, with proper attention to sign.
- 14.6a** An alternate form of the solution in Eq. 14.6(7) to the difference equation for the periodic lens system is
- $$r_m = C_1 \cos m\theta + C_2 \sin m\theta$$
- Relate  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  to the values of initial radius and slope of the rays. The ray matrix for one period is assumed known.
- 14.6b** A periodic lens system has  $d_1 = d_2$  and  $f_1 = f_2 = d_1/5$ . Check stability and sketch the ray paths through a few lenses starting with zero slope and  $r = 0.1f_1$  at the first lens.
- 14.6c** Repeat Prob. 14.6b for  $d_1 = d_2$ ,  $f_1 = f_2 = d_1$ .
- 14.6d** Repeat Prob. 14.6b for the case of alternate converging and diverging lenses,  $d_1 = d_2$ ,  $f_1 = -f_2 = d_1$ .
- 14.7a** Explain why sinusoidal rather than hyperbolic solutions are required in the film of Fig. 14.7a for guided modes with exponential decay away from the film in cover and substrate regions.
- 14.7b** In the example of the glass film guide given in Sec. 14.7, thickness  $d$  is increased to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . Use Fig. 14.7b to find  $n_{\text{eff}}$  for all of the guided TE and TM modes.
- 14.7c** In a certain semiconductor laser, the active region consists of a layer of GaAs 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, with  $n_2 = 3.35$ . This is surrounded above and below with GaAlAs with  $n_1 = n_3 = 3.23$ . Use Fig. 14.7b to find the modes that can be guided by this active layer, and their values of  $n_{\text{eff}}$ . Wavelength  $\lambda_0$  is 0.85  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 14.7d\*** To illustrate the graphical method of solution for Eq. 14.7(7), consider the symmetric case with  $n_1 = n_3$  so that  $q = p$ . Show that (5) is then satisfied either by  $pd = hd \tan(hd/2)$  or  $pd = -hd \cot(hd/2)$ . Sketch some curves of  $pd$  versus  $hd$  from these equations. Then show from (4) that the loci for constant  $v$  [defined by (6)] in the  $pd$  versus  $hd$  plane are circles and sketch these for  $v = 2, 5, 8$ . Solutions (modes) are given by points of intersection between the circles and the first sets of curves plotted. (Note that  $p$  must be positive for guided modes.) Check the modes predicted for the three values of  $v$  from Fig. 14.7b.
- 14.7e\*** Find the approximation to Eq. 14.7(7) when  $n_3 - n_1 \gg n_2 - n_3$ , as is the case for many guides with dielectric substrates but air above. Show that a graphical solution similar to that of Prob. 14.7d may be utilized for this case also.
- 14.8a** A guide is fabricated as in Fig. 14.8a with the guiding material GaAs with  $n_1 = 3.59$ , width 1.8  $\mu\text{m}$ , and depth 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ . The surrounding material is AlGaAs with  $n_3 = 3.385$  except for the top surface, which is protected by silica with  $n_2 = 1.5$ . Free-space wavelength is 0.85  $\mu\text{m}$ . Find approximate values of  $n_{\text{eff}}$  for this guide by the effective index method, for the lowest-order mode.

- 14.8b** We are to design a dielectric guide by in-diffusing titanium into lithium niobate, much as in Fig. 14.8b. Assume index change  $\Delta n$  and diffusion depth  $d$  as in H. Naitoh *et al.*, *Appl. Opt.* **16**, 2546 (1977):  $\Delta n = 0.078t^{-0.85}$  and  $d = 0.43t$ , where  $t$  is diffusion time in hours and  $d$  is in  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- As a first approximation, use the model of a step index guide as in Fig. 14.7a with air above and estimate the maximum diffusion time for single-mode operation. Take  $\lambda = 0.633 \mu\text{m}$  and the refractive index of lithium niobate as 2.05.
  - For operation with a  $v$  value 0.75 of that above, give diffusion time and effective index as based on this model.
  - Now, taking into account lateral confinement with a width 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , use effective index method to give the next correction to  $n_{\text{eff}}$ .
- 14.9a** For a step index fiber of silica ( $n = 1.500$ ) cladding on a glass ( $n = 1.505$ ) core of 6.0- $\mu\text{m}$  diameter, find the cutoff wavelengths of the two lowest axially symmetric TE modes.
- 14.9b** A fiber with  $a = 10 \mu\text{m}$  has  $n_1 = 1.51$  and  $n_2 = 1.50$ . Use Fig. 14.9d to estimate the number of modes that may propagate at  $\lambda_0 = 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ . Give the values of  $n_{\text{eff}}$  for the highest and lowest order of these modes. What radius would be required for only one propagating mode?
- 14.10a** For a fiber with quadratic index variation having  $n(0) = 1.5$ ,  $a = 10 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $\lambda_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ , what  $\Delta$  is required for a beam radius  $w = 3 \mu\text{m}$ ? Find the percentage difference of phase velocity from that of a plane wave in material with index  $n(0)$  for a fundamental mode and Hermite-gaussian modes of order  $m, p$ .
- 14.10b** For the numerical values given in Prob. 14.10a, estimate the term on the right of Eq. 14.10(6) in comparison with the second term on the left.
- 14.10c** Using Eq. 14.10(17) show that (16) does satisfy (15) with the conditions on  $w$  and  $\beta_{mp}$  as given.
- 14.10d\*** Using Eq. 14.10(23) show that (22) satisfies (21) with the conditions on  $w$  and  $\beta_{mp}$  as given.
- 14.11a** A multimode fiber has  $n_1 = 1.51$  and  $n_2 = 1.50$ . About what maximum data rate could be used with this fiber over a distance of 7 km?
- 14.11b** If one uses the expression 14.10(19) rather than the approximation (20), group velocity does depend upon mode order. Find group velocity from (19) and the inter-mode dispersion based upon this result. (In a practical case, the boundary effect at  $r = a$  and the departure from the ideal profile may be more important, but this is at least one component of dispersion.)
- 14.11c** For a GaAlAs laser source at  $\lambda_0 = 0.85 \mu\text{m}$  with a single-mode fiber, material dispersion is likely to be dominant. If  $d^2n/d\lambda^2 \approx 3.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-2}$  at this wavelength, what approximate data rate is usable over a length of 20 km if the laser is (i) an ideal coherent source? (ii) Has a spectral width  $\Delta\lambda_0 = 0.2 \text{ nm}$ ?
- 14.11d** The wavelength of minimum attenuation for silica is about 1.55  $\mu\text{m}$ . Use Fig. 14.11 to estimate the usable distance for a data rate of 1 Gb/s, using an unshifted fiber at this wavelength assuming perfectly coherent sources.
- 14.11e** Under what conditions does Eq. 14.11(8) reduce to the simpler Eq. 14.11(4)? For  $\tau = 10 \text{ ps}$  and  $\lambda = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ , how small must the  $\Delta\lambda$  of the laser be for the signal spectrum to be dominant over the source spectrum?

- 14.12a** Show that Eq. 14.12(13) is a solution of (12) for the conditions stated.
- 14.12b** For a silica fiber of core diameter 10  $\mu\text{m}$  and refractive index 1.5, estimate the power required to maintain a fundamental soliton if wavelength is 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  with dispersion estimated as 5 ps/nm-km.
- 14.13a** Verify the form in Eq. 14.13(12).
- 14.13b** A typical helium-neon laser with  $\lambda_0 = 633 \text{ nm}$  has a beam radius of about 0.5 mm. Taking this as  $w_0$ , find beam radius at the other side of a bay 10 km away. Similarly find beam radius on the moon of a Nd-YAG laser ( $\lambda_0 = 1.06 \mu\text{m}$ )  $3.84 \times 10^3 \text{ km}$  from the earth where it starts with  $w_0 = 5 \text{ mm}$ .
- 14.13c** For the examples of Prob. 14.13b, there is an optimum  $w_0$  to produce minimum beam radius at the receiver a given distance away. Find the optimum  $w_0$  and the corresponding  $w(z)$  at the targets, for the two examples of that problem.
- 14.13d\*\*** Show that Eq. 14.13(18) is a solution of (2) in rectangular coordinates.
- 14.13e\*\*** Show that Eq. 14.13(19) is a solution of (2) in circular cylindrical coordinates.
- 14.13f\*** Note that in contrast to the gaussian beam, a beam with Bessel function variation in radius,
- $$E = E_0 J_0(\alpha r) e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)}$$
- does not vary as it propagates in  $z$  and has been proposed for some applications [J. Durnin, *J. Opt. Soc. Am.* **A4**, 651, (1987)]. Show under what conditions it is a solution of the wave equation. Find the power propagating in an annular ring between the zeros  $m$  and  $m + 1$  of the Bessel function and show that this is independent of  $m$  for large  $m$ . Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the profile as compared with the gaussian.
- 14.14a** A gaussian beam of beam radius  $w_1$  and radius of curvature  $R_1$  passes from dielectric with index  $n_1$  to one with index  $n_2$ , the plane interface being normal to the beam axis. Find gaussian beam properties in medium 2.
- 14.14b** One practical problem is that of focusing the output of a laser, assumed to be of fundamental gaussian beam form, onto a fiber distance  $L$  away. If beam radius of the laser (assumed a waist) is  $w_1$  and that at the fiber (also a waist) is  $w_2$ , find position  $d$  from the laser and focal length  $f$  of a thin lens for the desired focusing.  
*(Hint:* Work forward from the laser and backward from the fiber until gaussian beams intersect.)
- 14.14c** This is a variation of Prob. 14.14b in which there is a specific lens with given focal length  $f$ , but its placing and the laser-fiber spacing  $L$  are variable. Find  $d$  and  $L$  for the given  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $f$  in this case.
- 14.14d** In the rod with quadratic index variation described in Sec. 14.10 [ $n(0) = 1.5$ ,  $\Delta = 0.01$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $a = 50 \mu\text{m}$ ], a gaussian beam is introduced with zero slope but  $w(0) = 12 \mu\text{m}$ . Describe the beam propagation for  $z > 0$ .
- 14.14e** This is similar to Prob. 14.14d except that the gaussian beam is introduced into the graded index fiber at the equilibrium radius but with slope  $dw/dz = 0.2$ .
- 14.15a** Derive Eq. 14.15(8) from Eqs. (5), (6), and (7).
- 14.15b** For a helium-neon laser, the discharge tube has a diameter of 5 mm and length of 40 cm. A plane mirror is placed at one end and it is desired to keep gaussian beam diameter not more than 3 mm at the other end to minimize wall losses. Find the

radius of curvature of a mirror to be placed close to the second end. Wavelength is 633 nm. Comment on the two solutions.

- 14.15c** For a typical solid-state laser such as ruby, Nd-YAG, or alexandrite,  $a_1 = a_2 \approx 5$  mm,  $d \approx 10$  cm, and  $\lambda_0 \approx 1 \mu\text{m}$  with refractive index  $\approx 1.7$ . Check the condition on Fresnel number  $N$  for stability of such resonators. (Note that dielectric discontinuity at the crystal side boundary further confines the beam.)
- 14.15d** The resonator for a CO<sub>2</sub> laser with  $\lambda_0 = 10.6 \mu\text{m}$  has radii of curvature  $R_1 = 10$  m,  $R_2 = 20$  m (sign convention as in Fig. 14.14a) and spacing  $d = 1.5$  m. Show location on the stability diagram in Fig. 14.6c and find radius and position of the beam waist and the beam radii at the two mirrors.
- 14.15e** A half-confocal resonator is made by inserting a plane mirror at the midplane of a symmetric confocal resonator. The resulting resonator has  $R_1 = 2d$ ,  $R_2 = \infty$ , and by an image argument, would seem to be equivalent to the original symmetric resonator. Check the  $ABCD$  matrix for a round trip of this resonator and comment on the differences from the symmetric confocal resonator.
- 14.16a** Show location on a stability diagram of the resonators of Probs. 14.15b and d and of the half-confocal resonator of Prob. 14.15e.
- 14.16b** A ruby rod 10 cm long has refractive index  $n = 1.77$  at free-space wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 0.6943 \mu\text{m}$ . If the plane ends form the resonant reflectors, find the longitudinal mode number  $l$  nearest to the given wavelength and the frequency separation between longitudinal modes.
- 14.16c** The ruby rod of Prob. 14.16b now has its ends ground to form a confocal resonator. Give the radius of curvature needed and calculate minimum spot size and spot size at the ends. For a given mode number  $l$ , how much is frequency shifted from the value for the plane mirrors?
- 14.16d** Find longitudinal mode separation and transverse mode separation for the resonators of Probs. 14.15b and d.
- 14.16e** Show that there are stable configurations in which the mirror curvatures are in the same direction. That is, the mode exists between a concave and convex surface.
- 14.17a** Supply the details of the derivation of Eq. 14.17(9) with the definitions noted in the text.
- 14.17b** Show specifically by use of Eq. 14.17(9) that a gaussian beam at the input focal plane does transform to a gaussian at the output focal plane, as stated in the text.
- 14.17c** Convert the integral of Eq. 14.17(6) to polar coordinates  $(r, \phi)$  and find the form of  $\psi$  at the output focal plane if that at the input focal plane corresponds to a uniformly illuminated circle of radius  $a$ , centered on the axis.
- 14.18a** By using two successive Fourier transforms of form Eq. 14.17(6), show that when  $T_2(x_2) = 1$ , the  $\psi_3(x_3)$  of Fig. 14.18b is like the input function but inverted and changed in scale.
- 14.18b** In Ex. 14.18 suppose that the spatial filter passes only lines  $\pm n$  but with a  $\pi$ -phase shift for  $-n$  and zero-phase shift for  $+n$ . Describe the output function  $\psi_3(x_3)$ .
- 14.18c** Extend Ex. 14.18 to a two-dimensional screen with both horizontal and vertical gratings. Describe the pattern for the Fourier plane. Design a spatial filter so that only a horizontal grating appears at plane 3.

- 14.19a** In holography the reference wave need not be a plane wave. Consider Ex. 14.19a with the object wave a plane wave incident at an angle on the recording plane and the reference a spherical wave:

$$R(x, y, z) = R_0 \exp\{-jk[x^2 + y^2 + (z - z_1)^2]^{1/2}\}$$

Find  $T(x, y)$  in the plane  $z = 0$  and the transmitted wave when the resulting hologram is irradiated with this  $R$ .

- 14.19b** As in Prob. 14.19a but with the object wave a spherical wave as in Ex. 14.19b.
- 14.19c** It was shown in Chapter 12 that a spherically symmetric wave of the form 14.19(9) is not a solution of Maxwell's equations. Discuss the concept of a point source in optics and the conditions under which (9) may be a useful approximation.
- 14.19d** A hologram may be made of the Fourier transform of a two-dimensional function by combining concepts of this section and the preceding two. Sketch an arrangement for making such a Fourier transform hologram.



# **Appendix 1**

## **Conversion Factors Between Systems of Units**

The system of units in this text, and in much of applied electromagnetics, is the SI system,<sup>1</sup> which is a rationalized meter-kilogram-second (MKS) system. Since the additional basic electric unit is selected as the ampere, it is also designated the MKSA system. The classical or gaussian CGS system is still used in much of the scientific literature. In this, electrical quantities are based upon the electrostatic system of units (ESU) and designated statcoulombs, statvolts, and so on. Current may be in this system (statampere) or in the electromagnetic system of units (EMU) system (abamperes), as may be some of the circuit quantities, resistance, inductance, and so on. Conversions are consequently given in the following table to both systems for certain selected quantities.

The factor given is the number of gaussian units required to equal one SI unit. A result in SI units would thus be multiplied by this number to obtain the equivalent answer in gaussian units. For example, if length is  $l_m$  meters, it will be  $100l_m$  centimeters. For simplicity, velocity of light is taken as  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s; for more accurate work, all multipliers of 3 should be replaced by 2.997925. Additional details and conversions are given in the references.<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E. A. Mechtly, "The International System of Units—Physical Constants and Conversion Factors," Publication SP-7012, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1973. Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

<sup>2</sup> "ASTM Standard Metric Practice Guide," Designation E 380-70, American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, 1970.

Physical Quantity	Symbol	SI Unit	Factor	Gaussian
Length	$l$	meter (m)	$10^2$	centimeter (cm)
Mass	$m$	kilogram (kg)	$10^3$	gram
Time	$t$	second (s)	1	second
Frequency	$f$	hertz (Hz)	1	hertz
Force	$F$	newton (N)	$10^5$	dyne
Energy	$U$	joule (J)	$10^7$	erg
Power	$W$	watt (W)	$10^7$	erg/s
Charge	$Q$	coulomb (C)	$3 \times 10^9$	statcoulomb
Charge density	$\rho$	C/m <sup>3</sup>	$3 \times 10^3$	statcoul/cm <sup>3</sup>
Current	$I$	ampere (A)	$3 \times 10^9$	statampere
Current	$I$	ampere (A)	1/10	abampere
Potential, voltage	$\Phi, V$	volt (V)	$(1/3) \times 10^{-2}$	statvolt
Potential, voltage	$\Phi, V$	volt (V)	$10^8$	abvolt
Electric field	$E$	V/m	$(1/3) \times 10^{-4}$	statvolt/cm
Electric flux density	$D$	C/m <sup>2</sup>	$4\pi(3 \times 10^5)$	statcoul/cm <sup>2</sup>
Electric polarization	$P$	C/m <sup>2</sup>	$3 \times 10^5$	dipole moment/cm <sup>3</sup>
Magnetic field	$H$	A/m	$4\pi \times 10^{-3}$	oersted
Magnetization	$M$	A/m	$10^{-3}$	magnetic moment/cm <sup>3</sup>
Magnetic flux	$\psi_m$	weber (Wb)	$10^8$	maxwell
Magnetic flux density	$B$	tesla (T)	$10^4$	gauss
Capacitance	$C$	farad (F)	$(3)^2 \times 10^9$	statfarad
Inductance	$L$	henry (H)	$(3)^{-2} \times 10^{-11}$	stathenry
Inductance	$L$	henry (H)	$10^9$	abhenry
Resistance	$R$	ohm ( $\Omega$ )	$(3)^{-2} \times 10^{-11}$	stohm
Resistance	$R$	ohm ( $\Omega$ )	$10^9$	abohm
Conductivity	$\sigma$	siemens/meter (S/m)	$(3)^2 \times 10^9$	(stohm cm) <sup>-1</sup>
Conductivity	$\sigma$	siemens/meter (S/m)	$10^{-11}$	(abohm cm) <sup>-1</sup>

# Appendix 2

## Coordinate Systems and Vector Relations

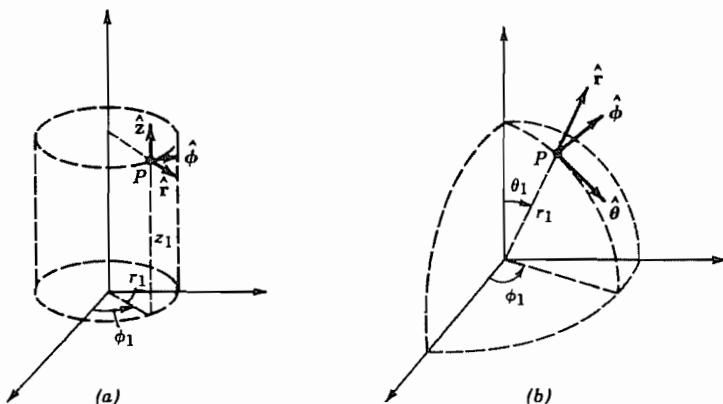
### The Rectangular, Cylindrical, and Spherical Coordinate Systems

The three systems utilized in this book are rectangular coordinates, circular cylindrical coordinates, and spherical coordinates. These are defined briefly before generalizing.

The intersection of two surfaces is a line; the intersection of three surfaces is a point; thus the coordinates of a point may be given by stating three parameters, each of which defines a coordinate surface. In rectangular coordinates, the three planes  $x = x_1$ ,  $y = y_1$ ,  $z = z_1$  intersect at a point designated by the coordinates  $x_1, y_1, z_1$ . The elements of length in the three coordinate directions are  $dx$ ,  $dy$ , and  $dz$ , the elements of area are  $dx dy$ ,  $dy dz$ , and  $dz dx$ , and the element of volume is  $dx dy dz$ .

In the circular cylindrical coordinate system, the coordinate surfaces are (1) a set of circular cylinders ( $r = \text{constant}$ ), (2) a set of planes all passing through the axis ( $\phi = \text{constant}$ ), and (3) a set of planes normal to the axis ( $z = \text{constant}$ ). Coordinates of a particular point may then be given as  $r_1, \phi_1, z_1$  (Fig. 2a). The  $r$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $z$  coordinates are known respectively as the radius, the azimuthal angle, and the distance along the axis. Elements of length are  $dr$ ,  $r d\phi$ , and  $dz$ , and the element of volume is  $r dr d\phi dz$ . The system shown is a right-hand system in the order of writing  $r, \phi, z$ .

In spherical coordinates the surfaces are (1) a set of spheres (radius  $r$  from the origin = constant), (2) a set of cones about the axis ( $\theta = \text{constant}$ ), and (3) a set of planes passing through the polar axis ( $\phi = \text{constant}$ ). The intersection of sphere  $r = r_1$ , cone  $\theta = \theta_1$ , and plane  $\phi = \phi_1$  gives a point whose coordinates are said to be  $r_1, \theta_1, \phi_1$  (Fig. 2b).  $r$  is the radius,  $\theta$  the polar angle or colatitude, and  $\phi$  the azimuthal angle or longitude. Elements of distance are  $dr$ ,  $rd\theta$ , and  $r \sin \theta d\phi$ , elements of area are  $r dr d\theta$ ,  $r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$ , and  $r \sin \theta d\phi dr$ ; and the element of volume is  $r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$ .



**FIG. 2** (a) System of circular cylindrical coordinates. (b) System of spherical coordinates.

### General Curvilinear Coordinates

Each of the preceding three systems and many others utilized in mathematical physics are orthogonal coordinate systems in that the lines of intersection of the coordinate surfaces are at right angles to one another at any given point. It is possible to develop general expressions for divergence, curl, and other vector operations for such systems which make it unnecessary to begin at the beginning each time a new system is met.

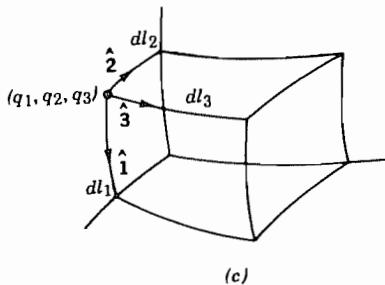
Suppose that a point in space is thus defined in any orthogonal system by the coordinate surfaces  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ . These then intersect at right angles and a set of three unit vectors,  $\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}$  may be placed at this point. These should point in the direction of increasing coordinates (Fig. 2c). The three coordinates need not necessarily express directly a distance (consider, for example, the angles of spherical coordinates) so that the differential elements of distance must be expressed:

$$dl_1 = h_1 dq_1, \quad dl_2 = h_2 dq_2, \quad dl_3 = h_3 dq_3 \quad (1)$$

where  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  in the most general case may each be functions of all three coordinates  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ .

**Scalar and Vector Products** A reference to the fundamental definitions of the two vector multiplications will show that these do not change in form in orthogonal curvilinear coordinates. Thus, for scalar or dot product,

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3, \quad (2)$$



**FIG. 2c** Element in arbitrary orthogonal curvilinear coordinates.

and, for the vector or cross product,

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (3)$$

When one of these vectors is replaced by the operator  $\nabla$ , the foregoing expressions do not hold, as will be shown below.

**Gradient** According to previous definitions, the gradient of any scalar  $\Phi$  will be a vector whose component in any direction is given by the change of  $\Phi$  for a change in distance along that direction. Thus,

$$\nabla\Phi = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial\Phi}{h_1 \partial q_1} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\partial\Phi}{h_2 \partial q_2} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\partial\Phi}{h_3 \partial q_3} \quad (4)$$

**Divergence** In forming the divergence, it is necessary to account for the variations in surface elements as well as the vector components when one changes a coordinate. If the product of surface element by the appropriate component is first formed and then differentiated, both of these changes are taken into account:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3 \, dq_1 \, dq_2 \, dq_3} \left[ dq_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} (D_1 h_2 h_3 \, dq_2 \, dq_3) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + dq_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} (D_2 h_1 h_3 \, dq_1 \, dq_3) + dq_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} (D_3 h_2 h_1 \, dq_2 \, dq_1) \right] \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} (h_2 h_3 D_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} (h_1 h_3 D_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} (h_2 h_1 D_3) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Note that for the spherical coordinate system  $dL_1 = dr$ ,  $dL_2 = r d\theta$ , and  $dL_3 = r \sin \theta d\phi$ , so that  $h_1 = 1$ ,  $h_2 = r$ , and  $h_3 = r \sin \theta$ . A substitution of these in (5) leads directly to Eq. 1.11(9).

**Curl** In forming the curl, it is necessary to account for the variations in length elements with changes in coordinates as one integrates about an elemental path. This may again be done by forming the product of length element and proper vector component and then differentiating. The result may be written

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{1}{h_2 h_3} & \frac{1}{h_3 h_1} & \frac{1}{h_1 h_2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} \\ h_1 H_1 & h_2 H_2 & h_3 H_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (6)$$

**Laplacian** The Laplacian of a scalar, which is defined as the divergence of the gradient of that scalar, may be found by combining (4) and (5):

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \Phi &= \nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi \\ &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \left( \frac{h_2 h_3}{h_1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q_1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} \left( \frac{h_3 h_1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} \left( \frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q_3} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

**Laplacian of Vectors** For the Laplacian of a vector in a system of coordinates other than rectangular, it is convenient to use the vector identity

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{F} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \quad (8)$$

Each of the operations on the right has been defined earlier.

**Differentiation of Vectors** The derivative of a vector is sometimes required as in Newton's law for the motion of particles.

$$\mathbf{F} = m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = m \frac{d}{dt} (\hat{\mathbf{i}} v_1 + \hat{\mathbf{j}} v_2 + \hat{\mathbf{k}} v_3) \quad (9)$$

If this is expanded, we have

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}}{m} = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{dv_1}{dt} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{dv_2}{dt} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{dv_3}{dt} + v_1 \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{i}}}{dt} + v_2 \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{j}}}{dt} + v_3 \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{dt}$$

The last three terms involve changes in the unit vectors, which by definition cannot change magnitude, but may change in direction as one moves along the coordinate system. Consider for example the fourth term:

$$v_1 \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{i}}}{dt} = v_1 \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{i}}}{\partial q_1} \frac{dq_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{i}}}{\partial q_2} \frac{dq_2}{dt} + \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{i}}}{\partial q_3} \frac{dq_3}{dt} \right)$$

Partials of the form  $\partial \hat{\mathbf{i}} / \partial q_1$  and so on may be nonzero. As an example, consider the term  $\partial \hat{\theta} / \partial \theta$  in spherical coordinates. From Fig. 2d the vector  $d\theta \partial \hat{\theta} / \partial \theta$  is seen to have

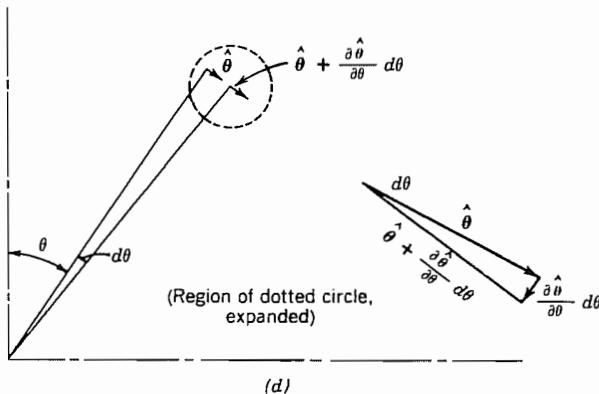


FIG. 2d

magnitude  $d\theta$  and has direction given by  $-\hat{r}$ . Thus,  $\partial\hat{\theta}/\partial\theta = -\hat{r}$ . Other partials of unit vectors in this and the cylindrical coordinate system are listed below.

### Coordinates and Derivatives of Unit Vectors for Various Coordinate Systems

#### Rectangular Coordinates

$$q_1 = x, \quad q_2 = y, \quad q_3 = z$$

$$h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = 1, \quad h_3 = 1$$

All partials of unit vectors ( $\partial\hat{x}/\partial x$ ,  $\partial\hat{x}/\partial y$ , etc.) are zero.

#### Cylindrical Coordinates

$$q_1 = r, \quad q_2 = \phi, \quad q_3 = z$$

$$h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = r, \quad h_3 = 1$$

All partials of unit vectors are zero except

$$\frac{\partial\hat{r}}{\partial\phi} = \hat{\Phi} \quad \frac{\partial\hat{\phi}}{\partial\phi} = -\hat{r}$$

**Spherical Coordinates**

$$q_1 = r, \quad q_2 = \theta, \quad q_3 = \phi$$

$$h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = r, \quad h_3 = r \sin \theta$$

All partials of unit vectors are zero except

$$\frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \theta} = \hat{\theta}, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta} = -\hat{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \phi} = \hat{\phi} \sin \theta, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \phi} = \hat{\phi} \cos \theta, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \phi} = -(\hat{r} \sin \theta + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta)$$

# Appendix 3

## Sketch of the Derivation of Magnetic Field Laws

In presenting various forms for the laws of static magnetic fields, many of the less obvious steps were left out, and the order was chosen as that most convenient for presentation of the laws rather than that of the logical development. This appendix sketches the omitted steps.

We will start from Ampère's law, Eq. 2.3(2), which we may write

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}') \, d\mathbf{l}' \times \mathbf{R}}{4\pi R^3} \quad (1)$$

by assuming the origin of the coordinate system to be at the current element at each point through the integration.  $I'(\mathbf{r}')$  is the current in a contributing element  $d\mathbf{l}'$  at point  $(x', y', z')$ , and  $\mathbf{R}$  is the vector running from  $d\mathbf{l}'$  to point  $(x, y, z)$  at which  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$  is to be computed:

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' = \hat{\mathbf{x}}(x - x') + \hat{\mathbf{y}}(y - y') + \hat{\mathbf{z}}(z - z')$$

We wish to find  $\mathbf{B} = \mu\mathbf{H}$  in terms of the derivatives at the point of observation  $(x, y, z)$  of the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$ . It may be shown that

$$\frac{d\mathbf{l}' \times \mathbf{R}}{R^3} = \nabla \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \times d\mathbf{l}' \quad (2)$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes derivatives with respect to  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . Also, using the vector identity of Prob. 2.6b,

$$\nabla \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \times d\mathbf{l}' = \nabla \times \left( \frac{d\mathbf{l}'}{R} \right) - \frac{1}{R} \nabla \times d\mathbf{l}' \quad (3)$$

Since  $\nabla$  represents derivatives with respect to  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , which are not involved with  $d\mathbf{l}'$ , the last term is zero. Therefore

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}')}{4\pi} \nabla \times \left( \frac{d\mathbf{l}'}{R} \right) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (4)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int \frac{I'(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{l}'}{4\pi R} \quad (5)$$

The curl operation in (4) could be taken outside of the integral since it is with respect to  $\mathbf{r}$ , and the integration is with respect to  $\mathbf{r}'$ . Thus, the vector potential forms of Sec. 2.9 have been derived from Ampère's law for which the arbitrary coordinate origin was chosen at the current element for simplicity.

For the next step, let us note the  $x$  component of (5):

$$A_x(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int \frac{I'_x(\mathbf{r}') dx'}{4\pi R} = \mu \int_{V'} \frac{J'_x(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi R} \quad (6)$$

This may be compared with Poisson's equation and the integral expression for electrostatic potential:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}, \quad \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi\epsilon R} \quad (7)$$

Although these equations were obtained from a consideration of the properties of electrostatic fields, the second of the two equations, (7), may be considered a solution in integral form for the first, for any continuous scalar functions  $\Phi$  and  $\rho/\epsilon$ . Consequently, by direct analogy between (6) and (7), we write

$$\nabla^2 A_x = -\mu J_x \quad (8)$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} \quad (9)$$

This was the differential equation relating  $\mathbf{A}$  to current density discussed in Sec. 2.12. By reversing the steps of that section, the differential equation for magnetic field may be derived from it:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \quad (10)$$

And as was shown in Sec. 2.8, the integral form may be derived from this by use of Stokes's theorem:

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I \quad (11)$$

There remains the argument for  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$  used in Sec. 2.12. In this it is necessary to make use of the del operator with respect to both  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{r}'$ . The former will be denoted  $\nabla$ , and the latter  $\nabla'$ . Recall that the integration is with respect to the primed variables. Then,

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \int_{V'} \frac{\mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}') dV'}{4\pi R} = \int_{V'} \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}')}{R} \right) \frac{dV'}{4\pi} \quad (12)$$

Using a vector equivalence of Prob. 1.11a,

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = - \int_{V'} \left[ \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}')}{R} + \mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \right] \frac{dV'}{4\pi}$$

The first term is zero since  $\mathbf{J}'$  is not a function of  $\mathbf{r}$ . In the latter term, from the definition of  $R$ , we can write

$$\nabla \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) = - \nabla' \left( \frac{1}{R} \right)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= - \int_{V'} \mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \nabla' \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \frac{dV'}{4\pi} \\ &= \int_{V'} \left[ \frac{1}{R} \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}') - \nabla' \cdot \frac{\mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}')}{R} \right] \frac{dV'}{4\pi} \end{aligned}$$

In the last step we have again used a vector equivalence of Prob. 1.11a. The first term is zero because we are concerned with direct currents, which, by continuity, give  $\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}' = 0$ . The second term is transformable to a surface integral by the divergence theorem. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \oint_{S'} \frac{\mathbf{J}'(\mathbf{r}')}{4\pi R} \cdot d\mathbf{S}' \quad (13)$$

But, if the surface encloses all the current, as it must, there can be no current flow through the surface and the result in (13) is seen to be zero. Thus all the major laws given have been shown to follow from the original experimental law of Ampère. It should be noted that the argument given is for a homogeneous medium (permeability not a function of position). For an inhomogeneous or anisotropic medium, the equations forming the fundamental starting point are

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (14)$$

and for an anisotropic medium,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are not related by a simple constant.

# Appendix 4

## Complex Phasors as Used In Electrical Circuits

If a voltage  $V \cos \omega t$  is applied to a linear, time-invariant circuit containing  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  in series, the equation to be solved is

$$L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{1}{C} \int I dt = V_m \cos \omega t \quad (1)$$

But

$$\cos \omega t = \frac{e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}}{2} \quad (2)$$

If we assume that the current has the steady-state solution

$$I = Ae^{j\omega t} + Be^{-j\omega t} \quad (3)$$

the result of substituting in (1) in

$$\begin{aligned} j\omega L (Ae^{j\omega t} - Be^{-j\omega t}) + R(Ae^{j\omega t} + Be^{-j\omega t}) + \frac{1}{j\omega C} (Ae^{j\omega t} - Be^{-j\omega t}) \\ = \frac{V_m}{2} (e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

This equation can be true for all values of time only if coefficients of  $e^{j\omega t}$  are the same on both sides of the equation, and similarly for  $e^{-j\omega t}$ .

$$A \left[ R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] = \frac{V_m}{2} \quad (5a)$$

$$B \left[ R - j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] = \frac{V_m}{2} \quad (5b)$$

The complex quantity in the brackets of (5a) may be called  $Z$  and written in its equivalent form

$$Z = R + j\left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right) = |Z|e^{j\psi}$$

where

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)^2} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\psi = \tan^{-1} \frac{(\omega L - 1/\omega C)}{R} \quad (7)$$

Similarly,

$$R - j\left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right) = |Z|e^{-j\psi}$$

Then

$$A = \frac{V_m}{2|Z|} e^{-j\psi}$$

$$B = \frac{V_m}{2|Z|} e^{j\psi}$$

( $A$  and  $B$  are conjugates: they have the same real parts and equal and opposite imaginary parts.) Substituting in (3),

$$I = \frac{V_m}{|Z|} \left[ \frac{e^{j(\omega t - \psi)} + e^{-j(\omega t - \psi)}}{2} \right] \quad (8)$$

By comparing with (2),

$$I = \frac{V_m}{|Z|} \cos(\omega t - \psi) \quad (9)$$

This final result gives the desired magnitude and phase angle of the current with respect to the applied voltage. That information is contained in either constant  $A$  or constant  $B$ , and no information is given in one which is not in the other. Constant  $B$  is of necessity the conjugate of  $A$ , since this is the only way in which the two may add up to a real current, and the final exact answer for current must be real. It follows that half of the work was unnecessary. We could have started only with  $V_m e^{j\omega t}$  in place of the two-term expression which is exactly equivalent to  $V_m \cos \omega t$ . For current, there would then be only

$$I = \frac{V_m}{|Z|} e^{j(\omega t - \psi)} \quad (10)$$

Although this cannot actually be the expression for current, since it is a complex and not a real quantity, it contains all the information we wish to know: magnitude of current,  $V/|Z|$ , and its phase with respect to applied voltage,  $\psi$ . This procedure may be made exact by writing

$$V(t) = \operatorname{Re}[V_m e^{j\omega t}] \quad (11)$$

$$I(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{V_m}{|Z|} e^{j(\omega t - \psi)}\right] \quad (12)$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}$  denotes, “the real part of.” Because of the inconvenience of this notation, it is usually not written explicitly but it is understood. That is, if any single frequency sinusoid  $f(t)$  is expressed by its magnitude and phase,  $M e^{j\theta}$ , or by its real (in-phase) and imaginary (out-of-phase) parts  $A + jB$ , the instantaneous expression may be found by multiplying by  $e^{j\omega t}$  and taking the real part:

$$f(t) = \operatorname{Re}[M e^{j(\omega t + \theta)}] = \operatorname{Re}[(A + jB)e^{j\omega t}] \quad (13)$$

So to summarize, voltage and current can be written<sup>1</sup>

$$V(t) = \operatorname{Re}[V_c e^{j\omega t}] \quad (14)$$

$$I(t) = \operatorname{Re}[I_c e^{j\omega t}] \quad (15)$$

where  $V_c$  and  $I_c$  are the complex of *phasor* representations of voltage and current respectively,

$$V_c = |V|e^{j\theta_V}, \quad I_c = |I|e^{j\theta_I} \quad (16)$$

The differential equation (1) becomes an algebraic equation relating  $V_c$  and  $I_c$ :

$$j\omega L I_c + R I_c + \frac{I_c}{j\omega C} = V_c \quad (17)$$

from which

$$I_c = \frac{V_c}{Z} = \left(\frac{V_c}{|Z|}\right) e^{-j\psi} \quad (18)$$

so that

$$|I| = \frac{|V|}{|Z|}, \quad \theta_I = \theta_V - \psi \quad (19)$$

where magnitude and phase of impedance  $Z$  are given by (6) and (7), respectively.

Although the subscript  $c$  is used to denote complex phasors in this development to stress their nature, the complex nature is understood from the context in most circuit analyses, without the special designation, and similarly it is understood in the phasor representation of fields used in much of this text.

<sup>1</sup> An alternative form much used in the physics literature is  $V(t) = \frac{1}{2}(V_c e^{j\omega t} + \text{c.c.})$ , where c.c. stands for complex conjugate of the first term in brackets.

For nonlinear or time-varying circuit elements, the complete equivalence (2) must be used if excitation is by a sinusoidal voltage, since frequency components other than  $\omega$  are generated.

**Power Calculations** Given a sinusoidal voltage  $V(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$  and a corresponding sinusoidal current  $I(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi_2)$ , the expression for instantaneous power is

$$W(t) = V(t)I(t) = V_m I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) \cos(\omega t + \phi_2)$$

By trigonometric identities, this may be written

$$W(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} [\cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + \cos(2\omega t + \phi_1 + \phi_2)] \quad (20)$$

The equivalent in terms of phasor current and voltage is

$$W(t) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}[V_c I_c^* + V_c I_c e^{2j\omega t}] \quad (21)$$

where  $I_c^*$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $I_c$ . Often we are interested only in average power, which is given by the first terms of (20) and (21).

In another useful power calculation with complex voltage and current,  $V_c I_c^*$  is found to give average power and the difference between stored energy in magnetic and electric fields. As an example, consider a simple series *RLC* circuit

$$\begin{aligned} V_c I_c^* &= Z I_c I_c^* = \left[ R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] I_c I_c^* \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{R I_c I_c^*}{2} \right) + 4j\omega \left[ \frac{L I_c I_c^*}{4} - \frac{I_c I_c^* C}{4\omega^2 C^2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

The real term is recognized as twice the average power dissipated in the resistor. The first term in brackets is average power stored in the inductor. (One factor of 2 comes from the form  $\frac{1}{2}LI^2$ , the other from the average of squared sinusoids.) The second term in brackets is the average energy stored in the capacitor since  $|I_c/\omega C|$  is magnitude of capacitor voltage. Thus, (22) may be written

$$V_c I_c^* = 2W_L + 4j\omega(U_M - U_E) \quad (23)$$

where  $W_L$  is average power loss,  $U_M$  average energy in the magnetic fields of the inductor, and  $U_E$  average energy in electric fields of the capacitor. This is a special case of the complex Poynting theorem discussed in Sec. 3.13 that is applicable to any passive circuit.

# Appendix 5

## Solution for Retarded Potentials: Green's Functions

The inhomogeneous wave equation for potential function  $\Phi$ , Eq. 3.19(7), is

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\epsilon} \quad (1)$$

Let us take the Fourier transform to obtain

$$\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) + \omega^2 \mu\epsilon \bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = -\frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)}{\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (4)$$

A solution to (2) may be written

$$\bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_V \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)}{\epsilon} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') dV' \quad (5)$$

where  $G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$ , called a Green's function, is the contribution from a unit source at  $\mathbf{r}'$  to potential  $\bar{\Phi}$  at  $\mathbf{r}$ . (This is analogous to the impulse response function in circuit theory.) Thus  $G$  satisfies the equation

$$\nabla^2 G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') + k^2 G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \quad (6)$$

where  $\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$  is the Dirac delta function and  $k^2 = \omega^2 \mu\epsilon$ . Let us next shift the origin to  $\mathbf{r}'$  and define  $R = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$ . The response is now symmetric about the point source, so (6) in spherical coordinates may be written

$$\frac{1}{R^2} \frac{d}{dR} \left( R^2 \frac{dG}{dR} \right) + k^2 G = -\frac{\delta(R)}{4\pi R^2} \quad (7)$$

(The factor  $1/4\pi R^2$  is introduced so that integration over a volume in spherical coordinates gives a unit source.) Multiplication of (7) by  $R^2$  and integration yield

$$R^2 \frac{dG}{dR} + k^2 \int_0^R R^2 G \, dR = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \quad (8)$$

It can be checked that a solution is

$$G = \frac{e^{\pm jkR}}{4\pi R} = \frac{e^{\pm jk|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \quad (9)$$

A theorem due to Green states that for two functions of space,  $f$  and  $g$ ,

$$\int_V [g\nabla^2 f - f\nabla^2 g] dV = \oint_S \left[ g \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} - f \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} \right] dS \quad (10)$$

where  $\partial/\partial n$  represents the outward normal derivative. In (10), let  $g = G$  and  $f = \bar{\Phi}$ .

$$\int_V [G\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} - \bar{\Phi}\nabla^2 G] dV = \oint_S \left[ G \frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}}{\partial n} - \bar{\Phi} \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \right] dS \quad (11)$$

Surface  $S$  now goes to infinity to include all sources. From (9),  $G$  decreases as  $1/R$  and we anticipate the result that  $\bar{\Phi}$  does also. Derivatives  $\partial\bar{\Phi}/\partial n$  and  $\partial G/\partial n$  then die off as  $1/R^2$  and  $dS$  increases only as  $R^2$ . Thus, the surface integral approaches zero as  $S \rightarrow \infty$ . Use of (2) and (6) in the left side of (11) then gives

$$\int_V \left\{ G \left[ -\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\varepsilon} - k^2 \bar{\Phi} \right] - \bar{\Phi} [-k^2 G - \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')] \right\} dV' = 0 \quad (12)$$

but

$$\int \bar{\Phi} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') dV' = \bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (13)$$

so

$$\bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_V G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)}{\varepsilon} dV' = \int_V \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}', \omega) e^{\pm jkR}}{4\pi \varepsilon R} dV' \quad (14)$$

We next take the inverse Fourier transform,

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (15)$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_V \frac{dV'}{4\pi \varepsilon R} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{r}', \omega) e^{j(\omega t \pm kR)}}{2\pi} d\omega \quad (16)$$

But the integral in  $\omega$  is recognized as  $\rho(\mathbf{r}', t \pm kR/\omega)$ . So

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t \pm R/v) dV'}{4\pi \varepsilon R}$$

where  $v = \omega/k = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ . Only the minus sign is retained under the argument of causality. The plus sign would give a response anticipating the change in the source, which is allowed only in science fiction. This is the result in Eq. 3.20(3).

An exactly parallel development applies to the rectangular components of vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$ , thus leading to the result in Eq. 3.20(4).

The Green's function introduced in (5) measured the response at  $r$  arising from an elemental source at  $r'$ . It was a free-space Green's function for the wave equation, applicable to a region extending to infinity. The concept applies also to closed regions such as waveguides or cavity resonators. For such applications one would solve the inhomogeneous wave equation (6) subject to the appropriate boundary conditions of the problem. The resulting functions have extensive use in the solution of advanced boundary-value problems.<sup>1-3</sup>

The concept of the Green's function applies to differential equations other than the wave equation, in each case giving an effect at one point arising from an elemental source at another point (or, as in the impulse response of circuit theory, an effect at an instant of time arising from an impulse at an earlier time). The Green's functions for Laplace's equation have had especially extensive study.<sup>4</sup>

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