

By definition (eq 7.169)

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} \pm i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right) \quad (1)$$

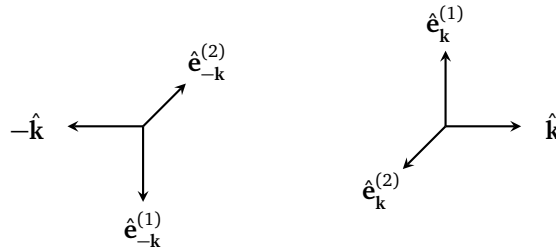
If we take λ to be \pm , the above is equivalent to

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} = -\lambda \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + \lambda i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right) \quad (2)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}\lambda'} &= \frac{\lambda\lambda'}{2} \left(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} - \lambda i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right) \cdot \left(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + \lambda' i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda\lambda'}{2} \left[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + \lambda\lambda' \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} - i\lambda \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + i\lambda' \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

At this point, we have to assume some convention about the orientations of $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)}$ as indicated by the diagram below.



With this convention, it's clear that (3) gives

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}\lambda'} = \pm \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \quad (4)$$

Also, the cross product is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}\lambda'} &= \frac{\lambda\lambda'}{2} \left[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + \lambda\lambda' \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} - i\lambda \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + i\lambda' \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right] \\ &= \pm i \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Next, let's look at the vector potential, equation (7.167), (7.168)

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (6)$$

$$A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, t) = A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \quad (7)$$

I think it's confusing for the text to use boldface $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}$, in this context, they are not vectors so they shouldn't have been in boldface.

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{i}{c} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \left[A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} - A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \right] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{E}^* = -\frac{i}{c} \sum_{\mathbf{k}', \lambda'} \omega_{\mathbf{k}'} \left[A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* e^{i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}'} t - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{x})} - A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} e^{-i(\omega_{\mathbf{k}'} t - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{x})} \right] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* \quad (9)$$

which contributes to the total energy in the large box $V = L^3$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_E &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_V d^3x \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^* \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \lambda, \lambda'} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}'} (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^*) [I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_{k'})t} \int_V d^3x e^{i(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ &= A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_{k'})t} \cdot V \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= -A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_{k'})t} \int_V d^3x e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ &= -A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_{k'})t} \cdot V \delta_{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= -A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_{k'})t} \int_V d^3x e^{-i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ &= -A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^* e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_{k'})t} \cdot V \delta_{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_{k'})t} \int_V d^3x e^{-i(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ &= A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_{k'})t} \cdot V \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Plug these into (10), and invoke (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_E &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{V}{c^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} [\omega_k^2 (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^*) + \omega_k^2 (-1) (-A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i2\omega_k t}) + \omega_k^2 (-1) (-A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i2\omega_k t}) + \omega_k^2 (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda})] \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{V}{c^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \omega_k^2 (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i2\omega_k t} + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i2\omega_k t}) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

For magnetic field, first recall

$$\nabla \times (\psi \mathbf{a}) = \nabla \psi \times \mathbf{a} + \psi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \quad (16)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &= \nabla \times \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} \nabla A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}(\mathbf{x}, t) \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} [i\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i(\omega_k t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} - i\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i(\omega_k t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})}] \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \\ &= i \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} [A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i(\omega_k t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} - A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i(\omega_k t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})}] (\mathbf{k} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

This is almost the same as (8) except $\omega_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}/c$ was to be replaced by $\mathbf{k} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}$. So the corresponding magnetic energy in the large box will be (compare to (10))

$$\mathcal{E}_B = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \lambda, \lambda'} (\mathbf{k} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}) \cdot (\mathbf{k}' \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda}') [I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4] \quad (18)$$

Recall the vector identity

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d}) - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}) \quad (19)$$

whose second term will drop off due to the $\delta(\mathbf{k} \pm \mathbf{k}')$ in (11)-(14). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_B &= \frac{V}{8\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} [(k^2) (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^*) + (-k^2) (-1) (-A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i2\omega_k t}) + (-k^2) (-1) (-A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i2\omega_k t}) + (k^2) (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda})] \\ &= \frac{V}{8\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} k^2 (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} - A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{-i2\omega_k t} - A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* e^{i2\omega_k t}) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Since $k^2 = \omega_k^2/c^2$, adding (15) and (20) will yield equation (7.176)

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \frac{\omega_k^2}{c^2} (A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* + A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^* A_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}) \quad (21)$$