

**Phys 4620, Spring 2005**  
**Exam #2**

1. When we solved for the reflected and transmitted waves for a polarized EM wave incident on the plane interface of two media we first found that the space-dependent part of the phases of terms were all equal:

$$\mathbf{k}_I \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{k}_R \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{r} \quad \text{for } z = 0$$

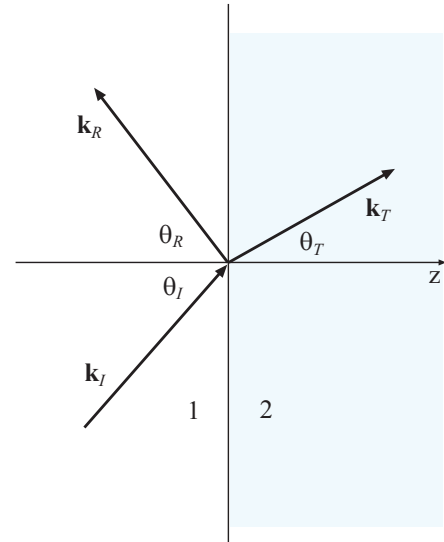
and by considering  $y = 0$  and then  $x = 0$  this gave

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

and

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

Show how this result leads to the **law of reflection** and **Snell's law**.

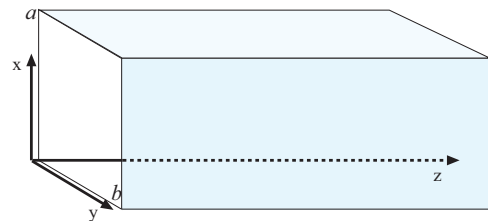


2.a) Identify two ways in which EM waves in a conductor differ qualitatively from EM waves in vacuum.

b) What is meant by the *skin depth* of a conductor?

3. In class and in the book we only studied TE waves in a rectangular waveguide (as shown at the right). We never studied TM waves, but now's our chance!

The waveguide runs along the  $z$  axis; the cross section is the region  $0 < x < a$ ,  $0 < y < b$  with  $b < a$ . The solution for  $E_z(x, y)$  (from separating variables) turns out to be



$$E_z = E_0 \sin(m\pi x/a) \sin(n\pi y/b) \quad m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Note, this time the indices have to start at 1, otherwise the “solution” could be zero everywhere.

a) Show that the solution for  $E_z$  does indeed satisfy the surface boundary conditions

$$\mathbf{E}^{\parallel} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B^{\perp} = 0$$

b) If  $a = 2.28$  cm and  $b = 1.01$  cm find the lowest frequency at which a TM wave can propagate down the waveguide.

c) Find the lowest frequency at which two different modes can propagate in this waveguide.

4.a) What is meant (generally) by a choice of *gauge* in electromagnetism?

b) When the Coulomb gauge was discussed (in passing) in the text, the solution for the scalar potential  $V$  was given as:

$$V(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t)}{r} d\tau'$$

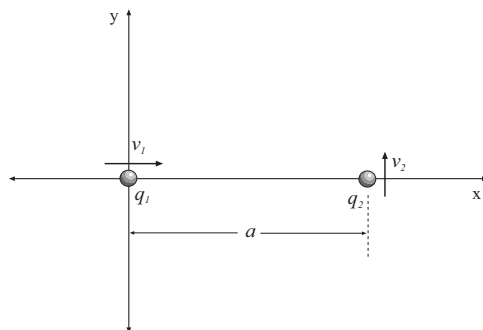
This expression is very peculiar, especially if we are *only* thinking about  $V$ . What is peculiar about it?

c) How do you resolve the peculiarity or paradox which you identified in part (b)?

5. Two charges are in motion in the  $xy$  plane, as shown. Charge  $q_1$  is instantaneously located at the origin and has velocity  $v_1\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ . Charge  $q_2$  is instantaneously located at  $a\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  and has velocity  $v_2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

a) Find the force of  $q_1$  on  $q_2$ .

b) Find the force of  $q_2$  on  $q_1$ .



6. Explain why the *radiation* parts of the  $E$  and  $B$  fields from a time-dependent source have to go to zero no faster than  $1/r$ , that is, relate the mathematical behavior of the fields to the transport of energy.

7. In the course and in the text we studied electric dipole radiation but not electric *quadrupole* radiation. Now's our chance!

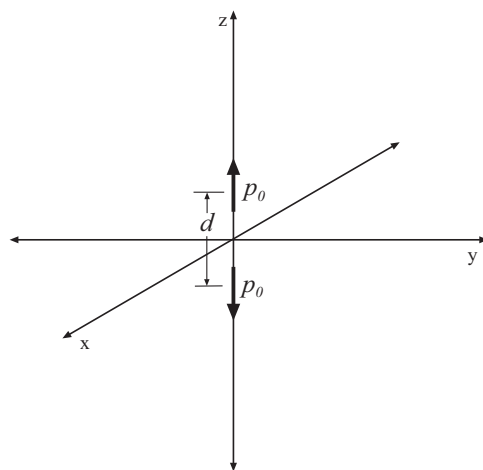
One can make a simple oscillating electric quadrupole by taking two oscillating dipoles of strength  $p_0$  and opposite polarity separated by a (small) distance  $d$ , all directed along the  $z$  axis, as shown. This system has no net electric dipole but it does have a quadrupole moment!

For this system, at very large  $r$  the  $E$  field turns out to be

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mu_0\omega^3 p_0 d}{4\pi cr} \sin\theta \cos\theta \sin(\omega(t - r/c))\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

(with the real part implied) and  $B$  is given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{E}$$



- a) Find the time-averaged Poynting vector and make a crude sketch of the “intensity profile”. Use  $Q \equiv 2p_0d$  to express things in terms of the *quadrupole* moment.
- b) Find the total power radiated by the quadrupole.

8. What is the importance of the *group velocity* for waves in a dispersive medium?

## Useful Equations

$$\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = T(\mathbf{b}) - T(\mathbf{a}) \quad \int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau = \oint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \quad \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

### Spherical:

$$d\mathbf{l} = dl_r \hat{\mathbf{r}} + dl_\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + dl_\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad d\tau = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

Gradient:

$$\nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad (1)$$

Divergence:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \quad (2)$$

Curl:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\phi) \right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\theta) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad (3)$$

Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 T = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} \quad (4)$$

### Cylindrical:

$$d\mathbf{l} = dl_s \hat{\mathbf{s}} + dl_\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + dl_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad d\tau = s ds d\phi dz$$

Gradient:

$$\nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (5)$$

Divergence:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \quad (6)$$

Curl:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left( \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \left( \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial \phi} \right] \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (7)$$

Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 T = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( s \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \quad (8)$$

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## More Math

Gradients:

$$\nabla(fg) = f\nabla g + g\nabla f$$

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

Divergences:

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

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

## Product Rules:

(1)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla T)$  (Divergence of curl)

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

(2)  $\nabla \times (\nabla T)$  (Curl of gradient)

$$\nabla \times (\nabla T) = 0$$

(3)  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$  (Gradient of divergence)

Nothing interesting about this; does not occur often.

(4)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

(5)  $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$  (Curl of a curl)

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$

## Physics:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \quad \mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad \mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A} + \nabla \lambda \quad V' = V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Coulomb : } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{Lorentz : } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t_r)}{r} d\tau' & \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}', t_r)}{r} d\tau' \\
V(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qc}{rc - \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}} & \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{qc\mathbf{v}}{(rc - \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v})} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c^2} V(\mathbf{r}, t) \\
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r}{(r - \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{u})^3} [(c^2 - v^2)\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{a})] & \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \\
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1 - v^2/c^2}{(1 - v^2 \sin^2 \theta/c^2)^{3/2}} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2} & \mathbf{B} &= \frac{1}{c} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{E}) = \frac{1}{c^2} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E})
\end{aligned}$$

**Waveguides:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(x, y, z, t) &= \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_0(x, y) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} & \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(x, y, z, t) &= \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0(x, y) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \\
\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_0 &= E_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} & \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0 &= B_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + B_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_x &= \frac{i}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \left( k \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \omega \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right) \\
E_y &= \frac{i}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \left( k \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \omega \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) \\
B_x &= \frac{i}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \left( k \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \right) \\
B_y &= \frac{i}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \left( k \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\omega}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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

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**Specific Results:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle_{\text{eldip}} &= \left( \frac{\mu_0 p_0^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c} \right) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} & \langle P \rangle_{\text{eldip}} &= \int \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mu_0 p_0^2 \omega^4}{12\pi c} \\
\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle_{\text{magdip}} &= \left( \frac{\mu_0 m_0^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c^3} \right) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} & \langle P \rangle_{\text{magdip}} &= \int \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mu_0 m_0^2 \omega^2}{12\pi c^3}
\end{aligned}$$