

Lecture 6

Plane Waves

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$$\Delta F_x \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2}$$

(ΔE_x, ΔE_y, ΔE_z)

x = ux + 3

$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + C$

x = 2, 3, ...

Review of the Previous Lecture

$$\Delta \vec{H} = \mu\sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Delta \vec{E} = \mu\sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

D = ---

$$E_x = E(x, t, y)$$

Wave
Equation

Skin
Depth
Equation

Good

$$\delta_s = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$

Bad

$$\delta_s = \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{\mu}}$$

Waves

Harmonic
Waves

Homogeneous
Waves

Plane
Waves

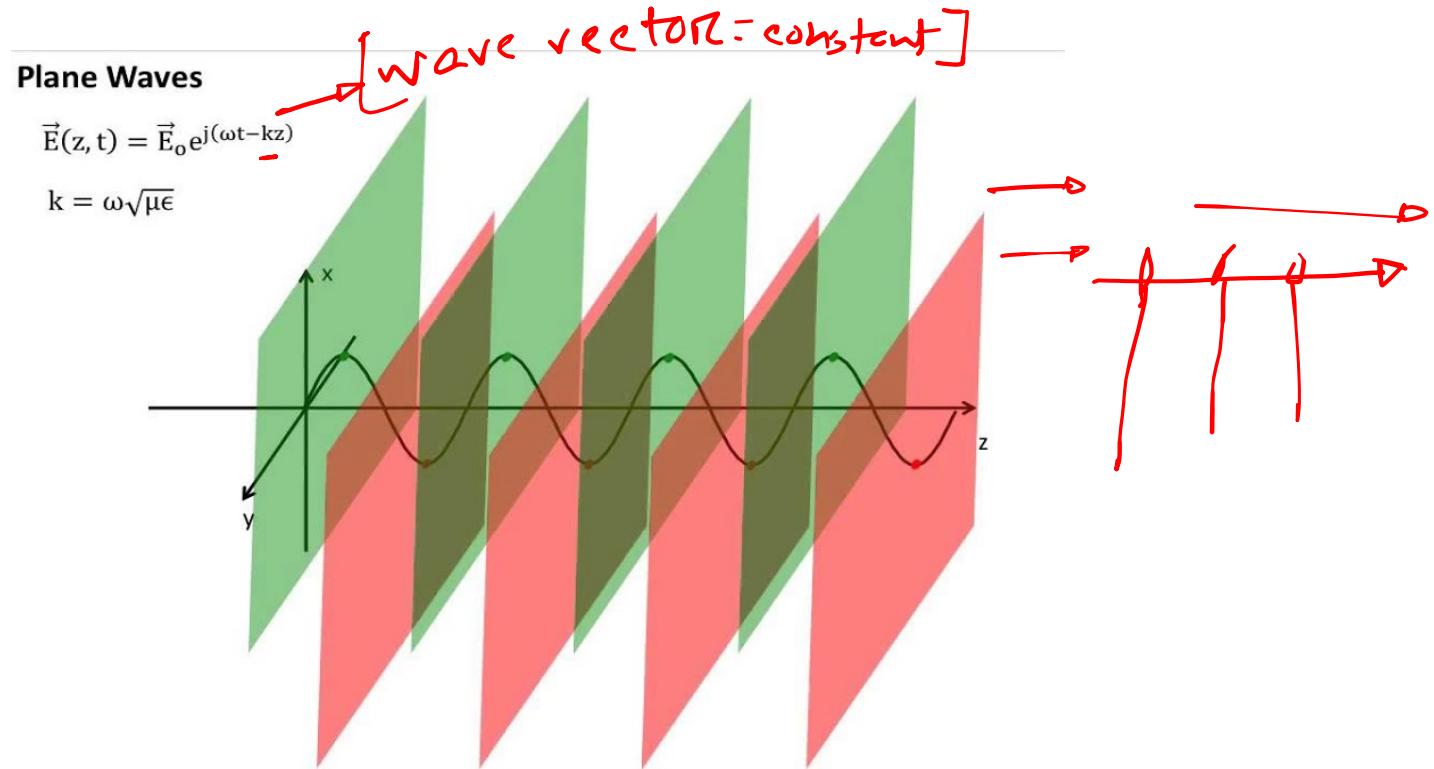
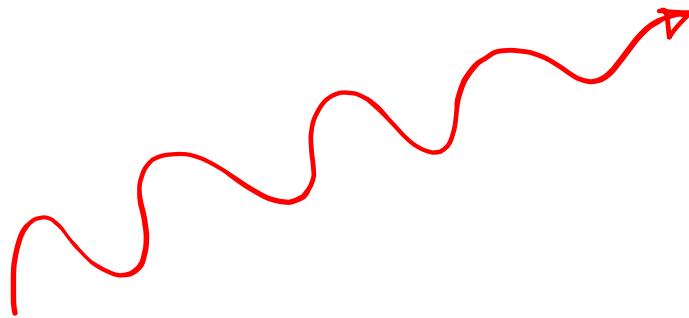
TEM
Waves

Harmonic, homogeneous,
and plane TEM wave

TM Waves

TE Waves

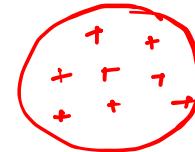
Plane Waves



- A plane wave is a special case of wave or field: a physical quantity whose value, at any moment, is **constant** over any plane that is perpendicular to a fixed direction in space.
- The phase surfaces (i.e., surfaces on which the phase of the wave is constant in any point of such a surface) are planes if the direction of wave propagation is unchanged.
- The wave vector \vec{k} is the same at any position and at any time.

[Review>> Wave Vector: A wave vector is a vector indicating the direction of wave propagation and the phase delay per unit length.]

Homogeneous Waves



- The vector $\underline{E}_0(x,y,z)$ is unchanged on a phase surface; this means that the wave's intensity is the same in any point of such a surface.

$$\underline{\underline{E}}(x, y, z) = \boxed{\underline{\underline{E}}_0(x, y, z)} \underbrace{e^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}_{\text{Constant}}$$

Harmonic Waves

Wave Eqⁿ Solⁿ

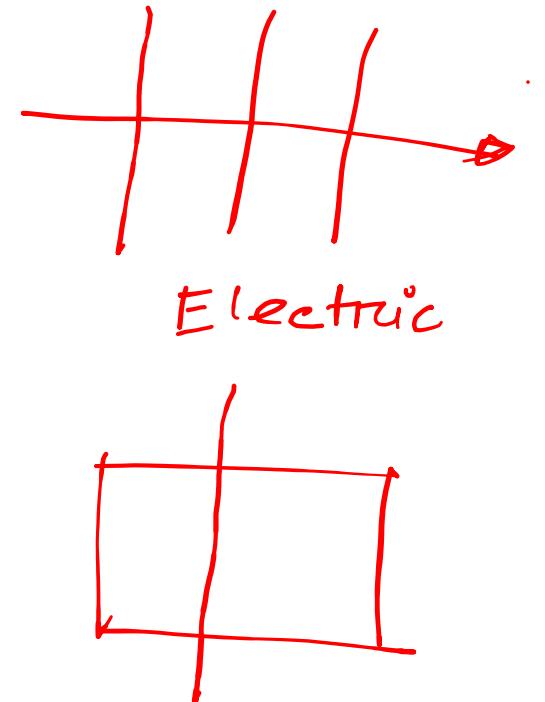
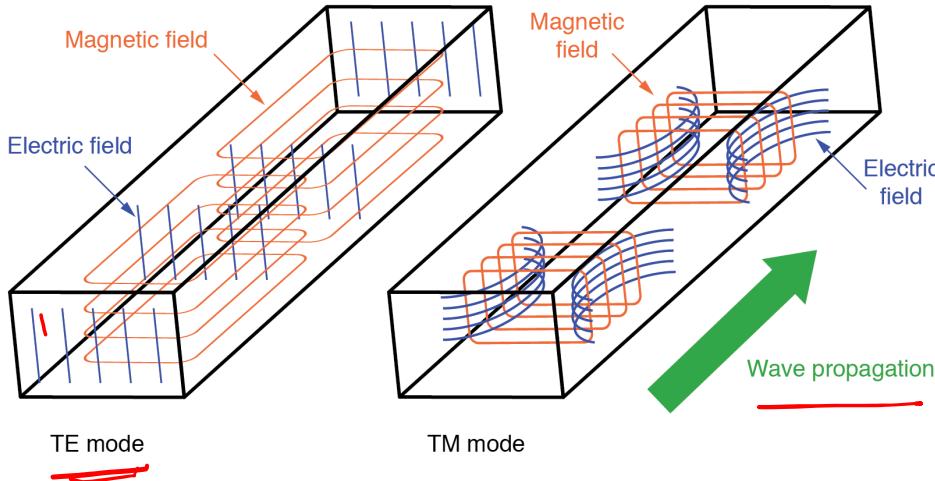
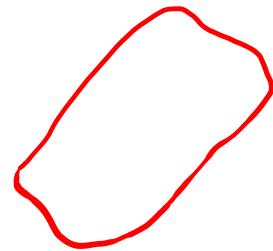
$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} = 0$

Not harmonic

$$E_x = f(\omega t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) + g(\omega t + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

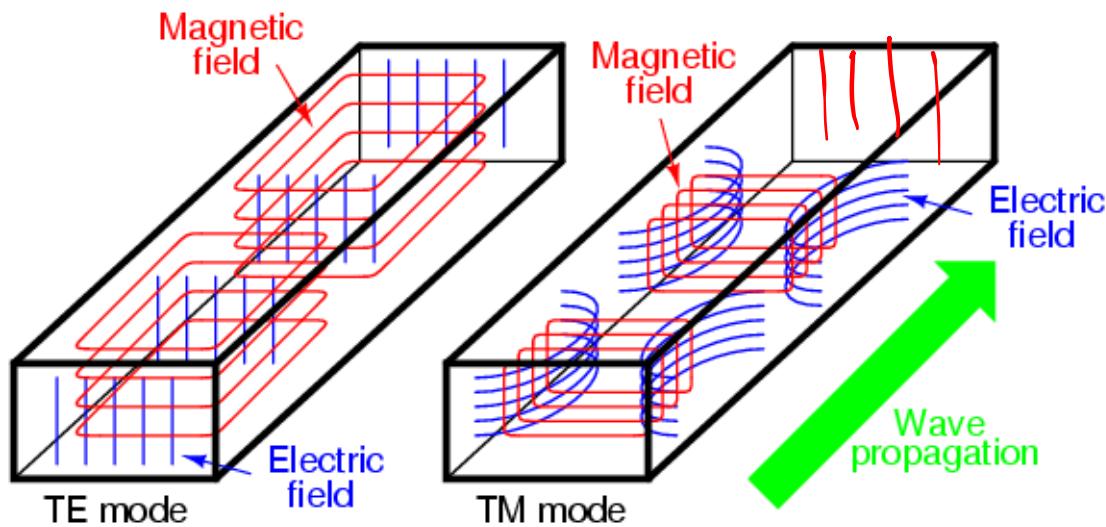
- A wave is called a harmonic wave if the general d'Alembert solutions f and g are harmonic functions (varying with angular frequency ω).
- [Review: A **harmonic function** is a twice continuously differentiable function]

Transverse Electric (TE) Waves



- The electric field vector does not have a field component directed in the direction of propagation, $\mathbf{E}_0(x,y,z) \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$.
- The magnetic field vector can have a field component directed in the direction of propagation.
- The electric field is parallel to the phase planes and perpendicular to the direction of propagation, $\mathbf{E}_0(x,y,z) \perp \mathbf{k}$.

Transverse Magnetic (TM) Waves

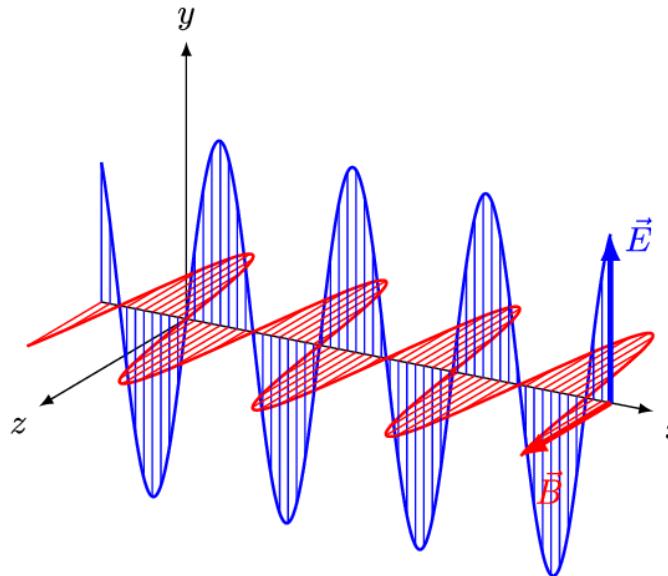


Magnetic flux lines appear as continuous loops

Electric flux lines appear with beginning and end points

- The magnetic field vector does not have a field component directed in the direction of propagation, $\mathbf{H}_0(x,y,z) \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$
- The electric field vector can have a field component directed in the direction of propagation.
- The magnetic field is parallel to the phase planes and perpendicular to the direction of propagation, $\mathbf{H}_0(x,y,z) \perp \mathbf{k}$.

Transverse Electro-Magnetic (TEM) Waves

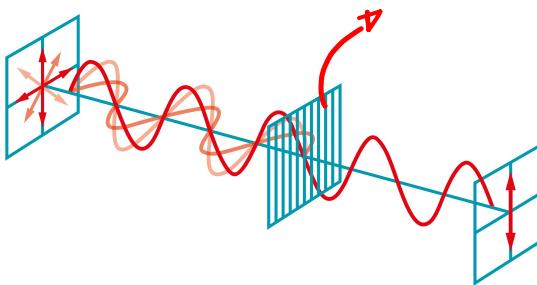


- A TEM wave has neither an electric nor a magnetic field component directed in the direction of propagation.
- Both the electric and the magnetic field vectors are parallel to the phase surface (i.e., perpendicular to the direction of propagation, $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{0})(x, y, z) \perp \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{0})(x, y, z) \perp \mathbf{k}$).

Linearly Polarized Waves



360°



- There exists a constant vector \mathbf{e} such that $|\mathbf{E0}(x,y,z) \cdot \mathbf{e}| = |\mathbf{E0}(x,y,z)|$ holds for all times and all positions.
- The electric field vector does not change its orientation while propagating.
- For the indication of a linearly polarized wave, the direction of the electric field vector $\mathbf{E0}$ is used as the reference.
- **Example:** The waves of satellite TV are typically vertically or horizontally polarized TEM waves.

Plane Waves in Free Space

Assume a homogeneous and plane TE wave propagating harmonically in the z - direction. The wave should be linearly polarized in the y -direction. The medium is an insulator and free of charges.

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \Re \left\{ \underline{\vec{E}}_0 e^{j(\omega t - k_z z)} \right\}$$

$$P = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$$

$$\underline{E}_x = 0 \quad . \quad \boxed{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{E}_y = E_0 e^{j(\omega t - k_z z)} \quad [\text{because linearly polarized}]$$

$$\underline{E}_z = 0$$

where E_0 is the magnitude of the electric vector field, $E_0 = |\vec{E}_0|$. Due to the homogeneity of the wave the partial derivatives in x and y vanish:

$$\frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial y} = 0$$


Intensity
constant

Plane Waves in Free Space

~~Ansatz~~

$$\operatorname{curl} \underline{\vec{E}} = -j\omega\mu \underline{\vec{H}} \quad [\text{Maxwell's Second Equation}]$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \underline{\vec{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial y}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial z}} \\ \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial z}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial x}} \\ \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial x}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial y}} \end{array} \right) = -j\omega\mu \begin{pmatrix} \underline{H}_x \\ \cancel{\underline{H}_y} \\ \cancel{\underline{H}_z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\vec{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{E}_y(z) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

It must be a TEM Wave!

Plane Waves in Free Space

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

$$\checkmark \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial z} = -j k_z \underline{E}_y$$

$$j k_z \underline{E}_y = -j \omega \mu \underline{H}_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \underline{H}_x &= -\frac{k_z}{\omega \mu} \underline{E}_y = -\frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}{\omega \mu} \underline{E}_y \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \underline{E}_y \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z_F} \underline{E}_y \end{aligned}$$

characteristic
wave impedance

$Z_F = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{E}_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \underline{E}_x}{\partial y} \end{array} \right) = -j \omega \mu \left(\begin{array}{l} \underline{H}_x \\ \underline{H}_y \\ \underline{H}_z \end{array} \right)$$

$$\checkmark \underline{E}_y = E_0 e^{j(\omega t - k_z z)}$$

- The ratio of the Electric (E) and Magnetic (H) field components is seen to have units of impedance, known as the *characteristic wave impedance*.
- For plane waves the wave impedance is equal to the intrinsic impedance of the medium. In free-space the intrinsic impedance 377 Ohm.
- Note that the Electric (E) and H vectors are orthogonal to each other and orthogonal to the direction of propagation.

Plane Waves in Free Space – TEM Waves

$\vec{E} \perp \vec{H}$ and \vec{E} and \vec{H} are in phase!

$$|\vec{E}| = Z_F |\vec{H}|$$

$Z_F = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = Z_0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377 \Omega$$

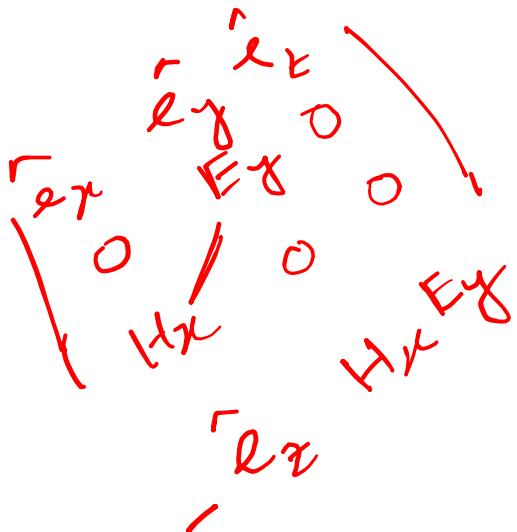
$$\left[\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{e}_z \times \vec{E}}{Z_F} \right]$$

Orthogonal System

↑
characteristic
wave impedance
in vacuum

Plane Waves in Free Space – TEM Waves

The Poynting vector describes the flow of electromagnetic power and directed in the direction of propagation.



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{S} &= \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ E_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -E_y H_x \vec{e}_z \quad ? \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_F} E_y^2 \vec{e}_z \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

From previous equation

4.1 Problem 1

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$$\underline{\vec{E}} = E_0 e^{-jkz} \vec{e}_x$$

- a) Relate k , ω , μ , and ϵ .
- b) Give an expression for the wave impedance and the magnetic vector field $\underline{\vec{H}}$.
- c) Using eq. (4.1.1), give an expression for the wavelength λ .
- d) Express and discuss the phase velocity v_{ph} of the wave.
- e) Determine the phase velocity v_{ph} of an electromagnetic wave in free space.

a) wave number $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$

ϵ_0 : permittivity of free space

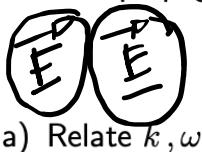
$$= 8.8542 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{As}}{\text{Vm}}$$

μ_0 : permeability of free space

$$= 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{Am}}$$

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$$\textcircled{1} \frac{E}{Z_F} \quad \textcircled{11} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

e) Determine the phase velocity v_{ph} of an electromagnetic wave in free space.

$$\vec{E}(x, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{j\omega t} \quad \vec{E} = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{e}_x$$

- The ratio of the *Electric* (E) and *Magnetic* (H) field components is seen to have units of impedance, known as the *characteristic wave impedance*.



$k = \text{wave number}$
 $(\vec{k} = \text{wave vector}) \rightarrow$ wave propagation

$$b) Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} \text{ mm}$$

magnetic vector field \vec{H} : $\text{curl } \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ (Faraday's Law)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \text{curl } \vec{E}$$

$$= -j\omega\mu \vec{H}$$

$$\text{here: } \vec{E} = E_x \hat{e}_x \quad \text{curl } \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} & 0 & -\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{here: } \vec{E} = E_0 e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \hat{e}_x$$

$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} = 0 ; \left[\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -jk E_0 e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -jk E_0 e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{k}{\omega\mu} E_0 e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{|\vec{E}|}{|\vec{H}|} = \frac{E_0}{\frac{k}{\omega\mu} E_0} = \frac{\omega\mu}{k} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = Z$$

$$\vec{H} = \left(\frac{k}{\omega\mu\epsilon_0} E_0 e^{-jkz} \right)$$

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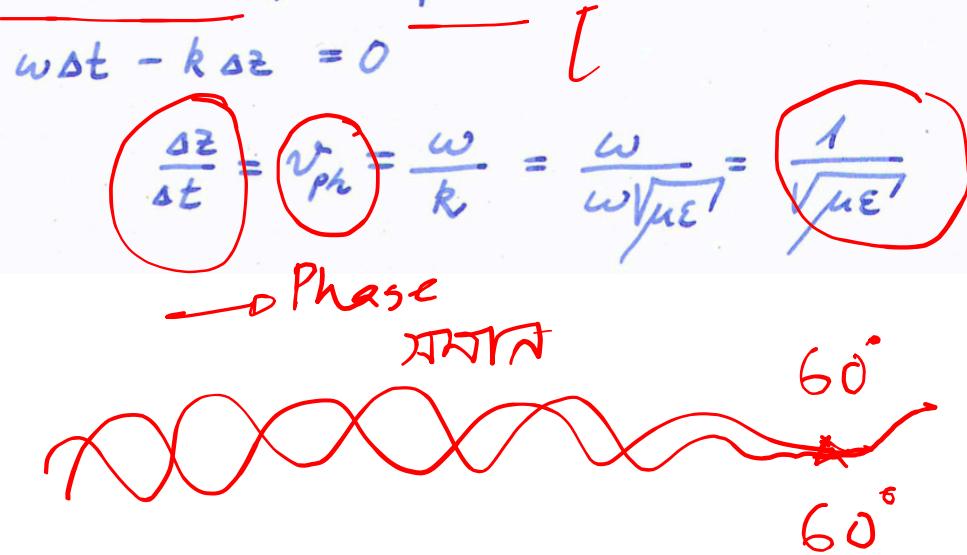
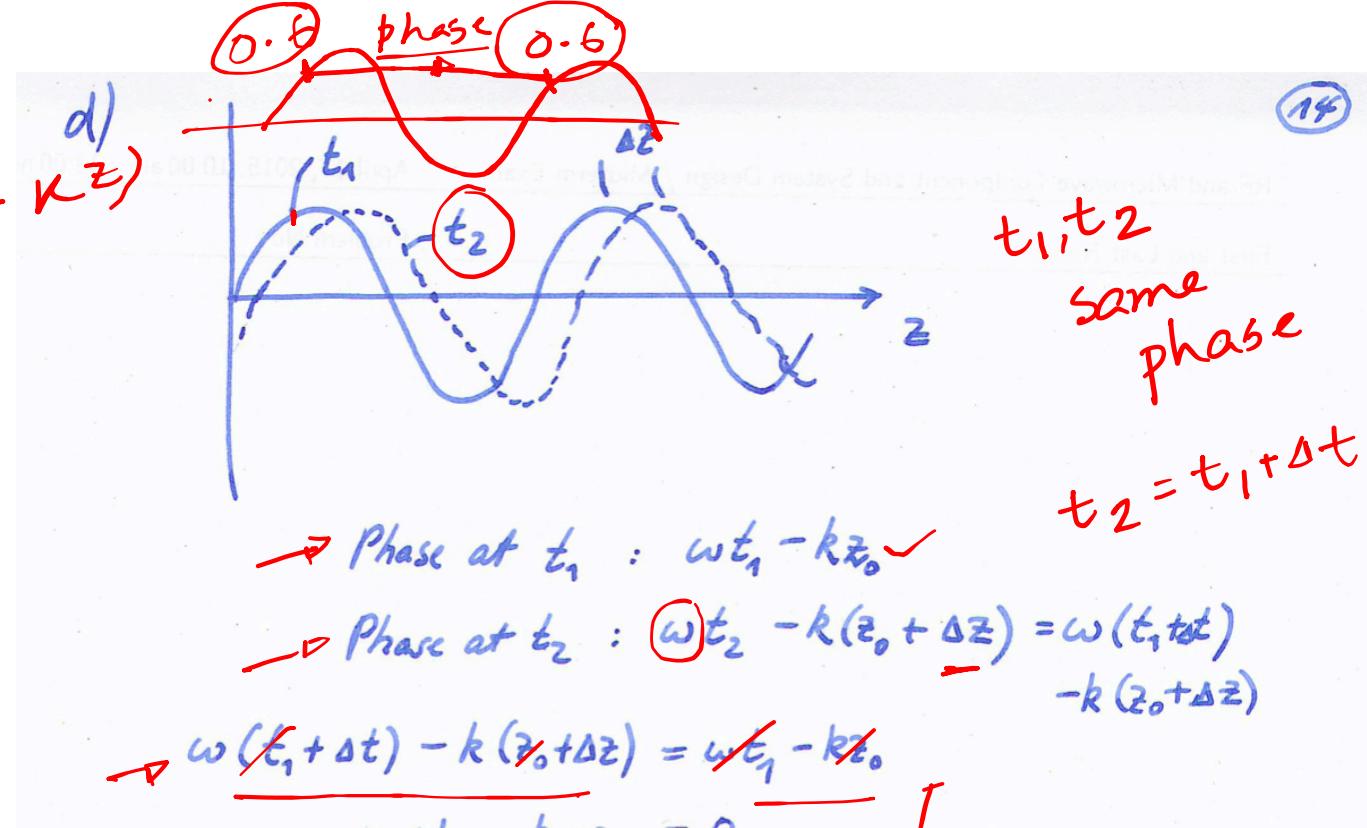
$$\cos(\omega t - kz)$$

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$$c) \cancel{\omega t - kz} = \cancel{\omega t - k(z + \lambda)} + 2\pi$$

$$\cancel{\omega} = -k\lambda + 2\pi$$

$$\text{wave vector } \cancel{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} ; \cancel{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{f\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$



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$$v_{ph} = \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$

$$3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

e) Free space : $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 = 8.8542 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{As}}{\text{Vm}}$

$$\mu = \mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{Am}}$$
$$v_{ph} = c_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 2.99792458 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$
$$\approx 300\,000 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$
$$\approx 300 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{ms}}$$
$$\approx 300 \frac{\text{m}}{\mu\text{s}}$$
$$\approx 30 \text{cm/ms}$$