

considering the time modulated homogenous medium as

$$\varepsilon(x, t) = n_0^2 + \Delta\varepsilon m(t - t_0)\varepsilon_m(x),$$

with the properties given in the eq. (2) of the paper.

I didn't understand what it means by saying - the modulation essentially turns on a periodic grating perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the pulse"

Solving for the eq. (3) with the ansatz given in eq. (4) of the paper we get the following

$$\partial_{xx}E = (2ik_0\partial_x E^+ - k_0^2 E^+)e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} - (2ik_0\partial_x E^- + k_0^2 E^-)e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\varepsilon(x, t)E(x, t)) &= [(\Delta\varepsilon\partial_t m \varepsilon_m(x))(E^+ e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} + E^- e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t})] \\ + [n_0^2 + \Delta\varepsilon m(t - t_0)\varepsilon_m(x)] &[(\partial_t E^+ - i\omega_0 E^+)e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} + (\partial_t E^- - i\omega_0 E^-)e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t}] \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{tt}(\varepsilon(x, t)E(x, t)) &= [(\Delta\varepsilon\partial_t m \varepsilon_m(x))[(\partial_t E^+ - i\omega_0 E^+)e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} + (\partial_t E^- - i\omega_0 E^-)e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t}]] \\ + [n_0^2 + \Delta\varepsilon m\varepsilon_m(x)] &[(-2i\omega_0\partial_t E^+ - \omega_0^2 E^+)e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} + (-2i\omega_0\partial_t E^- - \omega_0^2 E^-)e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t}] \\ + [(\Delta\varepsilon\partial_t m \varepsilon_m(x)) &[(\partial_t E^+ - i\omega_0 E^+)e^{ik_0x - i\omega_0 t} + (\partial_t E^- - i\omega_0 E^-)e^{-ik_0x - i\omega_0 t}]]. \end{aligned}$$

In writing this above equations we have neglected the terms containing $\partial_{tt}m$, $\partial_{tt}E^\pm$, $\partial_{xx}E^\pm$. Now equating $\partial_{xx}E = \frac{1}{c^2}\partial_{tt}(\varepsilon(x, t)E(x, t))$ and rearranging the terms by dropping $e^{-i\omega_0 t}$ (as it occurs throughout the expression) gives us eq. (5) (paper).

Since $\varepsilon_m(x)$ is a periodic function we can write Fourier series as given in eq. (6) (with DC term in the series set to zero as average of ε_m is zero over one period) and neglecting the higher order terms from $|j| > 1$ we get $\varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_m^{(1)} e^{\frac{2\pi x}{d}} + \varepsilon_m^{*(-1)} e^{\frac{-2\pi x}{d}}$. Assuming that ε_m is a real function we have $\varepsilon_m^{(1)} = \varepsilon_m^{*(-1)}$ (in general $\varepsilon_m^{(1)}$ can be complex) and this results in

$$\varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_m^{(1)} [e^{i2k^{(g)}x} + e^{-i2k^{(g)}x}] = 2\cos(2k^{(g)}x)$$

Now substituting this relation in eq. (5) (paper) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2ik_0\partial_x E^+ + 2ik_0\frac{n_0}{c}\partial_t E^+ &= [2ik_0\partial_x E^- - 2ik_0\frac{n_0}{c}\partial_t E^-] e^{-2ik_0x} \\ + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} e^{i2k^{(g)}x} &[2\partial_t m(\partial_t E^+ - i\omega_0 E^+) - m(2i\omega_0\partial_t E^+ + \omega_0^2 E^+)] \\ + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} e^{-i2k^{(g)}x} &[2\partial_t m(\partial_t E^+ - i\omega_0 E^+) - m(2i\omega_0\partial_t E^+ + \omega_0^2 E^+)] \\ + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} e^{-i2\delta kx} &[\partial_t m(\partial_t E^- - i\omega_0 E^-) - m(2i\omega_0\partial_t E^- + \omega_0^2 E^-)] \\ + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} e^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} &[\partial_t m(\partial_t E^- - i\omega_0 E^-) - m(2i\omega_0\partial_t E^- + \omega_0^2 E^-)] \end{aligned}$$

For the sake of brevity we now redefine the above equation in the following manner

$$A = Be^{-i2k_0x} + \left(\begin{array}{c} Ce^{-i2\delta kx} e^{i2k_0x} \\ \text{or} \\ Ce^{i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} e^{-i2k_0x} \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} Ce^{i2\delta k_0x} e^{-i2\delta k_0x} \\ \text{or} \\ Ce^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} e^{i2\delta kx} \end{array} \right) + De^{-i2\delta kx} + De^{-i2(k_g+k_0)x}$$

where $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4$, $D = D_1 + D_2 + D_3 + D_4$, $A = A_1 + A_2$, $B = B_1 + B_2$ are the respective terms in the above equation, for example $C_1 = \frac{\Delta\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} 2\partial_t m \partial_t E^+$, $C_2 = -i \frac{\Delta\varepsilon_m^{(1)}}{c^2} 2(\partial_t m) \omega_0 E^+$ and so on. Now expanding the relation in terms of A, B, C, D we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= Be^{-i2k_0x} + (C_1 + C_3)e^{-i2\delta kx} e^{i2k_0x} + (C_2 + C_4)e^{i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} e^{-i2k_0x} \\ &+ (C_1 + C_4)e^{i2\delta kx} e^{-i2k_0x} + (C_2 + C_3)e^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} e^{i2k_0x} \\ &+ (D_1 + D_2)e^{i2k^{(g)}x} e^{-i2k_0x} + (D_2 + D_3)e^{-i2k_0x} e^{i2k^{(g)}x} \\ &+ (D_2 + D_4)e^{-i2k^{(g)}x} e^{-i2k_0x} + (D_1 + D_3)e^{i2\delta kx} e^{-i4k_0x}. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the above relation with e^{i2k_0x} and adding both of them will yield us an expression and now collecting terms with same exponential factors from the resulting expression leads us to the following

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i2k_0x} \rightarrow A &= (C_1 + C_3)e^{-i2\delta kx} + (C_2 + C_3)e^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} + (D_1 + D_4)e^{-i2\delta kx} \\ &+ (C_2 + C_4)e^{i2k^{(g)}x} + (D_1 + D_4)e^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} + (D_2 + D_3)e^{i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} \\ &+ (C_1 + C_3)e^{-i2(\delta k-2k_0)x} + (C_2 + C_3)e^{i2k^{(g)}x} \\ e^{-i2k_0x} \rightarrow 0 &= B + (C_2 + C_4)e^{i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} + (C_1 + C_4)e^{i2\delta kx} \\ &+ (D_1 + D_4)e^{-i2k^{(g)}x} + (D_1 + D_3)e^{i2\delta kx} + (D_2 + D_3)e^{i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} \\ &+ (D_2 + D_4)e^{-i2(k^{(g)}+k_0)x} + (D_1 + D_3)e^{i2(\delta k-2k_0)x} + (C_1 + C_4)e^{-i2k^{(g)}x} \end{aligned}$$

Now neglecting the fast oscillating terms (all terms other than $e^{\pm i2\delta kx}$ simplifies the above relation into two conditions given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (C_1 + C_3)e^{-i2\delta kx} + (D_1 + D_4)e^{-i2\delta kx} \\ -B &= (D_1 + D_3)e^{i2\delta kx} + (C_1 + C_4)e^{-i2\delta kx} \end{aligned}$$

Now replacing ABCD's we get the relations given in eq.(8) and(9), respectively, **but with the extra factor of -1 in RHS of both the equations (I think it is probably a typo in the paper)**. If now one assumes that $\varepsilon_m(x)$ is an even function then we have $\varepsilon_m^{*(1)}(x) = \varepsilon_m^{(1)}(x)$. After all the simplifications we directly get eq. (10) and eq. (11). Proceeding further to eq. (10)-(11) and transforming each equation in the moving frame as

$$x^{f,b} = x \mp vt; \quad t^{f,b} = t, \quad (1)$$

and converting the derivaties in terms of new variable gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t &= \partial_{t^f} - v\partial_{x^f}, & \partial_{x^f} &= \partial_x \\ \partial_t &= \partial_{t^b} + v\partial_{x^b}, & \partial_{x^b} &= \partial_x\end{aligned}$$

Now eq.(10)(paper) transforms as

$$\begin{aligned}[\partial_{x^f} + \frac{n_0}{c}(\partial_{t^f} - v\partial_{x^f})]E^+(x^f, t^f) &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{v}\partial_{t^f}E^+(x^f, t^f) &= 0 \\ E^+(x^f, t^f) &\equiv E^+(x^f, t) = E^+(x - vt, 0) = E^+(x - vt)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly for E^- we have

$$\begin{aligned}[\partial_{x^b} - \frac{n_0}{c}(\partial_{t^b} + v\partial_{x^b})]E^-(x^b, t^b) &= -i\kappa^* e^{i2\delta k(x^b - vt^b)m(t^b - t_0)}E^+(x^b - 2vt^b) \\ \partial_{t^b}E^-(x^b, t^b) &= i\nu\kappa^* e^{i2\delta kx^b} e^{-i2\delta kt^b} m(t^b - t_0)E^+(x^b - 2vt^b), \\ E^-(x^b, t) &= i\nu\kappa^* e^{i2\delta kx^b} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-i2\delta kt^b} m(t^b - t_0)E^+(x^b - 2vt^b) dt^b.\end{aligned}$$

This is the convolution integral given in eq. (14) (paper). Now for a given gaussian pulse input field and $m(t - t_0)$ eq. (15) (paper), the convolution integral takes the form (with $\delta k = 0 = t_0$)

$$\begin{aligned}E^-(x^b, t) &= i\nu\kappa^* \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\frac{(t^b)^2}{T_m^2}} e^{-\frac{(x^b)^2 + 4v^2(t^b)^2 - 4vt^b x^b}{v^2 T_p^2}} dt^b \\ &= i\nu\kappa^* e^{-\frac{(x^b)^2}{v^2 T_p^2}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(\frac{1}{T_m^2} + \frac{4}{T_p^2})(t^b)^2} e^{\frac{4vx^b}{v^2 T_p^2}} dt^b.\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \frac{1}{T_m^2} + \frac{4}{T_p^2} \\ b &= -\frac{4vx^b}{v^2 T_p^2}\end{aligned}$$

and expressing the integral as

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(ay^2 - by)} dy \\ I &= e^{\frac{b^2}{4a}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-a(y - \frac{b}{2a})^2} dy\end{aligned}$$

Replacing for a, b in I gives us E^- as

$$E^-(x^b, t) = i\nu\kappa^* e^{-\frac{(x^b)^2}{v^2(T_p^2 + 4T_m^2)}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-a(t^b - \frac{b}{2a})^2} dt^b$$

Now t is in the frame of x^b so the complete reflected pulse will evolve in the remote future as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
E^-(x+vt) &= iv\kappa^* e^{-\frac{(x+vt)^2}{v^2(T_p^2+4T_m^2)}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a(t^b-\frac{b}{2a})^2} dt^b \\
E^-(x+vt) &= iv\kappa^* \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{(x+vt)^2}{v^2(T_p^2+4T_m^2)}} \sqrt{\frac{T_m^2 T_p^2}{4T_m^2 + T_p^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

This exactly matches with relation given in eq.(16) (paper)