

16-1) The electric field associated with a plane EM wave is given by

$$E_x = 0$$

$$E_y = 0$$

$$E_z = E_0 \sin k(x+ct), \text{ where } E_0 = 234 \mu\text{V/m}, k = 9.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

a) In what direction is the wave propagating?

For a plane wave, always $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B} \perp \vec{v}$, $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{B}$

Given:

$$\vec{E} = (234 \mu\text{V} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}) \sin [(9.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1})(x+ct)] \hat{z}$$

since a plane wave dependant on x in the y -plane propagates in the positive x -direction, the wave ought to propagate in the negative x -direction intuitively. However, this is physics, and we don't operate on vibes alone. How can I show this mathematically? We know that $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ and we know \vec{E} . We want to know \vec{B} . Since \vec{E} & \vec{B} are intrinsically linked, we can find that

$$\vec{B} = \frac{E_0}{c} \sin k(x+ct) \hat{y}$$

I know I haven't proven that \vec{B} is not in the $-z$ plane, but I don't know how I can do that. Please provide feedback on this.

We know this because it depends on the x -variable and thus cannot be in the x -direction/plane.

$\therefore \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \hat{x}$, and $\hat{z} \times \hat{y} = -\hat{x}$, we are propogating with negative x direction.

b) Write expressions for all 3 components

$$\vec{E} = (234 \mu\text{V} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}) \sin [(9.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1})(x+ct)] \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = (780 \text{ fV} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}) \sin [(9.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1})(x+ct)] \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{v} = -(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}) \hat{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \times 10^8 &= \frac{234}{780} \\ 3 &= \frac{234}{780} \times 10^8 \\ 3 &= \frac{3}{10} \times 10^8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{10^{-6} \text{ V} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}}{10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}} = \frac{10^{-14} \text{ V} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}}{10^{-15} \text{ V} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= \frac{3}{10} \times 10^8 \\ 3 &= \frac{3}{10} \times 10^8 \end{aligned}$$

c) What is the wave's wavelength?

$$\therefore k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \text{ and } k = 9.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1}, \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{9.72 \times 10^6} \approx \frac{2}{3} \times 10^{-6} \approx 6.46 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

(and $\lambda = 100 \text{ nm}$)

16-2) Suppose there exists a plane electromagnetic wave with an electric field polarized in the x -direction and traveling in the negative z direction through free space. It has a frequency of 91.3 MHz and an amplitude of $7.20 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$.

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$$\lambda = 91.3 \text{ MHz}$$

$$A = 7.20 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$$

a) Write down the complete expression for the E -field.

Given $\lambda = 91.3 \text{ MHz}$, $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} \rightarrow k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$, $A = 7.20 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{m}^{-1} = E_m$
 $\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$, $v = c$

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = -\hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E} = (7.20 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}) \sin[(191.6 \text{ m}^{-1})(x-ct)] \hat{z}$$

$$\frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}}{91.3 \times 10^6 \text{ sec}^{-1}} = 32.8 \text{ mm} = \lambda$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{32.8 \text{ mm}} = 191.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

b) Write the corresponding expression for the \vec{B} field.

$$E_m = B_m c \rightarrow B_m = \frac{E_m}{c}, E_m = 7.20 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}, B_m = 24.0 \text{ pV}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$$

$$\vec{B} = (-24.0 \text{ pV}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}) \sin[(191.6 \text{ m}^{-1})(x-ct)] \hat{j}$$

c) What is the wavelength?

$$\lambda = 32.8 \text{ mm} \text{ (see work in part a)}$$

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16-3)

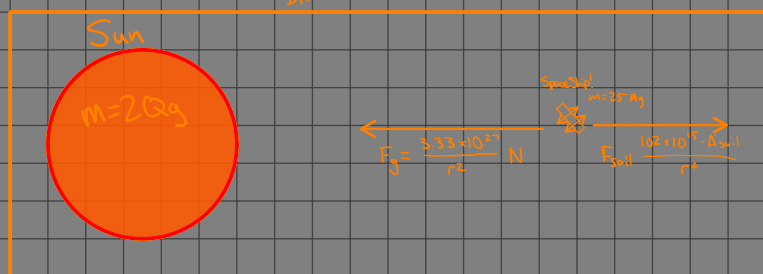
What is the minimum surface area of a solar sail adequate enough to prevent my spaceship (mass = 25 metric tonnes) from falling into the Sun.

$$m_{\text{ship}} = 25 \text{ Mg}$$

$$m_{\text{sun}} = 2 Q_g \text{ (1 quettagram = } 1 \times 10^{30} \text{ grams)}$$

$$G = 6.67430 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$

$$F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$



We need $F_{\text{radiation}} > F_g$

$$6.67430 \times 10^{-11} \frac{3.33 \times 10^{27} \times 25}{r^2} > \frac{3.33 \times 10^{27}}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{3.33}{11} > \frac{25}{r^2}$$

Assuming light scatters equally in all directions from Sol, we will only receive a small fraction of light from the Sun. But within a bit further out.

$$F_{\text{sail}} > 3.33 \times 10^{27} / r^2 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{sail}} = UA = \epsilon_0 E^2 A = \epsilon_0 E_{\text{sun}}^2 A$$

$$\boxed{3.846 \times 10^{26} \text{ W} = P_{\text{sun}}}$$

Assuming 100% efficiency, it would just be the Sun's power.

$$I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{3.846 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$I = \frac{P}{A} \Rightarrow F = UA = \langle F \rangle A = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} A$$

$$\frac{(3.846 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}) (A_{\text{sail}})}{4\pi r^2 (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m})} \approx \frac{1.282 \times 10^{18} \text{ N} \cdot A_{\text{sail}}}{4\pi r^2 \text{ m}^2}$$

$$A_{\text{sail}} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$W_{\text{att}} = |J_{\text{sun}}|$$



Take area of solar sail as a percentage of the total same surface area of a sphere around the Sun.

$$F_{\text{sail}} = \frac{102 \times 10^{15} \text{ N} \cdot A_{\text{sail}}}{r^2}$$

$$F_g = \frac{3.33 \times 10^{27}}{r^2} \text{ N}, F_{\text{sail}} = \frac{102 \times 10^{15} \cdot A_{\text{sail}}}{r^2} \text{ N}$$

$$F_g \leq F_{\text{sail}} \text{ or we die.}$$

$$\frac{3.33 \times 10^{27}}{r^2} \leq \frac{102 \times 10^{15} \cdot A_{\text{sail}}}{r^2} \Rightarrow 3.33 \times 10^{27} = 102 \times 10^{15} \cdot A_{\text{sail}} \Rightarrow A_{\text{sail}} = 32.65 \times 10^9$$

If the sail is a black body, absorbing 100% of radiation, the sail would need to be $32.65 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$ or more.

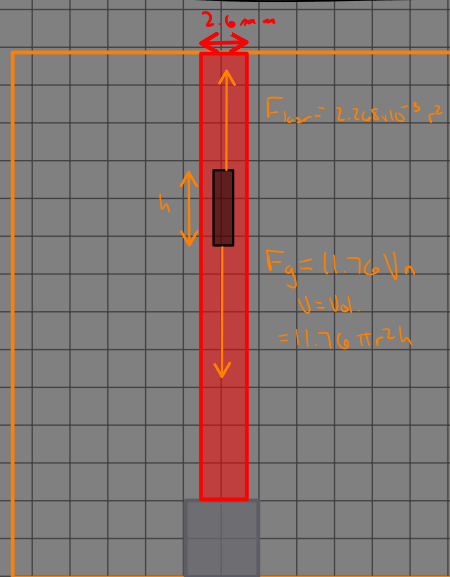
If the sail were perfectly reflective, the area would need to be at least $16.33 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$

However, these are ideal situations. In real life, solar sails reflect ~90% of light, and this would require $\geq 18.4 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$ of solar sail if an angle of 90° was maintained at all times, and larger in the other scenario.

It is unlikely we would be carrying 20,000 sqkm of solar sail material, so we would likely die screaming. "FUCK MICROSOFT!"

16-9

A 4.60 W laser beam with diameter 2.60 mm is levitating a small
perfectly reflecting cylinder w/ $\rho = 1.20 \text{ g/cm}^3$. What is its height?



$$F_{\text{rad}} = 2.268 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$$

$$F_g = 11.76 \pi h \text{ N}$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$= 11.76 \pi r^2 h$$

$$|F_{\text{rad}}| = |F_g|$$

forces are not isotropic

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{4.60 \text{ W}}{6.16 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 7.46 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$\frac{4.60 \text{ W}}{6.16 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 746 \text{ kW/m}^2$$

$$I = \langle S \rangle = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{c \langle E \rangle}{A}$$

$$I = 680 \text{ kW/m}^2$$

$$\langle F \rangle = \frac{I A}{c} = \frac{680 \times 10^3 \text{ W/m}^2}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \cdot \pi r^2 = 2.268 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$$

$$I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{4.60 \text{ W}}{6.16 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 746 \text{ kW/m}^2$$

$$F_{\text{rad}} = F_{\text{gravity}}$$

$$2.268 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} = 11.76 \pi r^2 h \text{ N}$$

$$h = \frac{2.268 \times 10^{-3}}{11.76 \pi} = 61.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 61.38 \mu\text{m}$$

The height of the cylinder is $61.38 \mu\text{m}$

