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Integral Form of Maxwell Equations

Faraday's Law

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

Take the surface integral at both sides.

$$\int \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

• Use the Stokes theorem to obtain the line integral of \vec{E} .

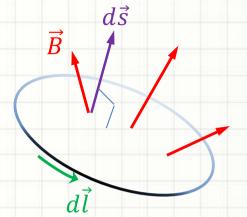
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Ampere's Law (with the D-field)

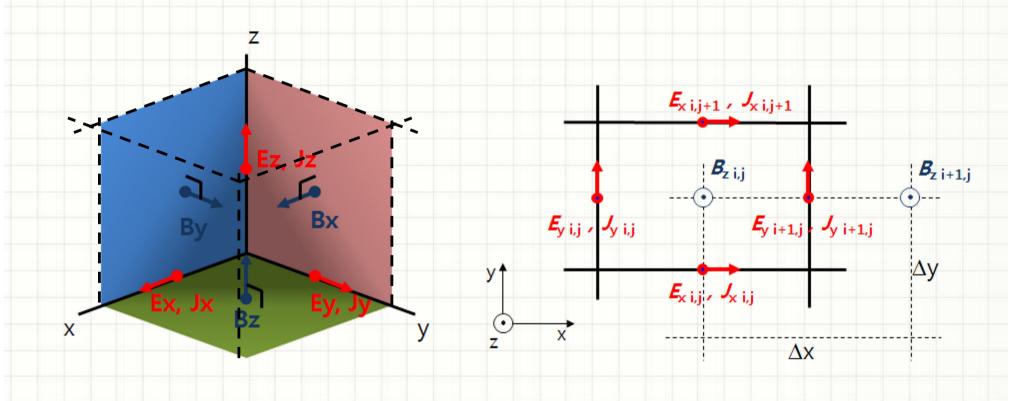
$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Taking the same procedure,

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

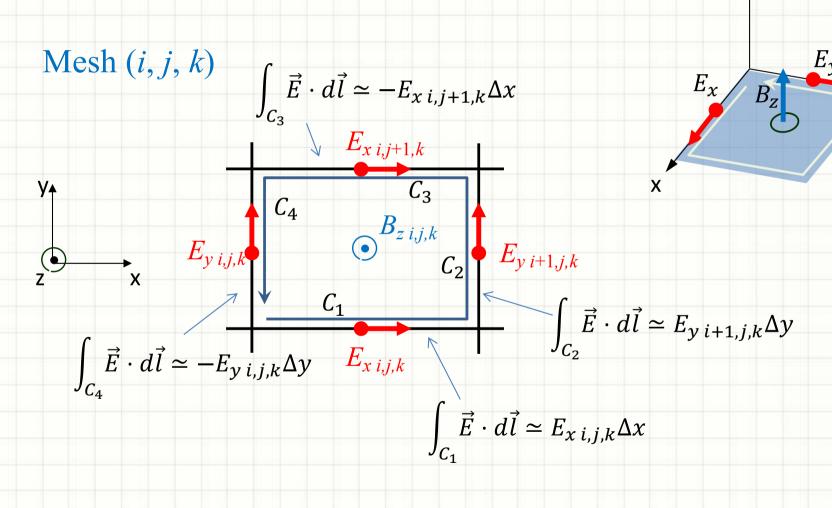


Yee Mesh



Faraday's Law on Yee Mesh

To use
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



Faraday's Law on Yee Mesh

• The line integral (left-hand-side) is

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{C_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_3} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_4} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\simeq (E_{y i+1,j,k} - E_{y i,j,k}) \Delta y - (E_{x i,j+1,k} - E_{x i,j,k}) \Delta x$$

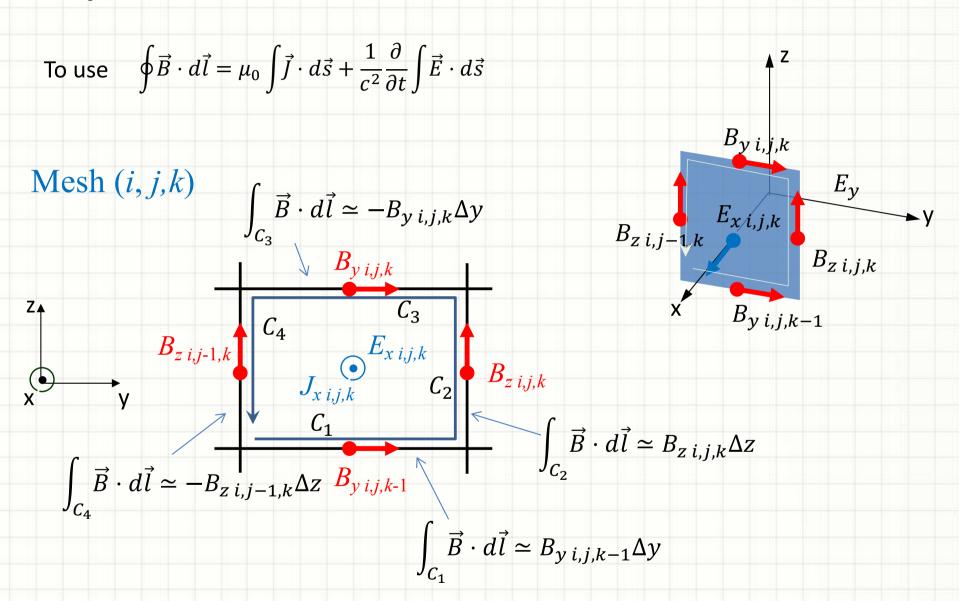
• The surface integral (right-hand-side) is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \simeq \frac{\partial B_{z i, j, k}}{\partial t} \Delta x \Delta y$$

Balancing those two,

$$\frac{E_{y i+1,j,k} - E_{y i,j,k}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x i,j+1,k} - E_{x i,j,k}}{\Delta y} = -\frac{\partial B_{z i,j,k}}{\partial t}$$

Ampere's Law on Yee Mesh



Ampere's Law on Yee Mesh

• The line integral (left-hand-side) is

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{C_1} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_2} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_3} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_4} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}
\simeq (B_{z i,j,k} - B_{z i,j-1,k}) \Delta z - (B_{y i,j,k} - B_{y i,j,k-1}) \Delta y$$

• The surface integral (right-hand-side) is

$$\int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} \simeq J_{x i, j, k} \Delta y \Delta z \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \simeq \frac{\partial E_{x i, j, k}}{\partial t} \Delta y \Delta z$$

Balancing those two,

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j,k} - B_{z\,i,j-1,k}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k} - B_{y\,i,j,k-1}}{\Delta z} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i,j,k} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_{x\,i,j,k}}{\partial t}$$

Evolution in Time

Faraday's Law

$$\frac{E_{y i+1,j,k} - E_{y i,j,k}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x i,j+1,k} - E_{x i,j,k}}{\Delta y} = \frac{\partial B_{z i,j,k}}{\partial t}$$



$$\frac{E_{y \, i+1,j,k}^{n} - E_{y \, i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x \, i,j+1,k}^{n} - E_{x \, i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{z \, i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z \, i,j,k}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

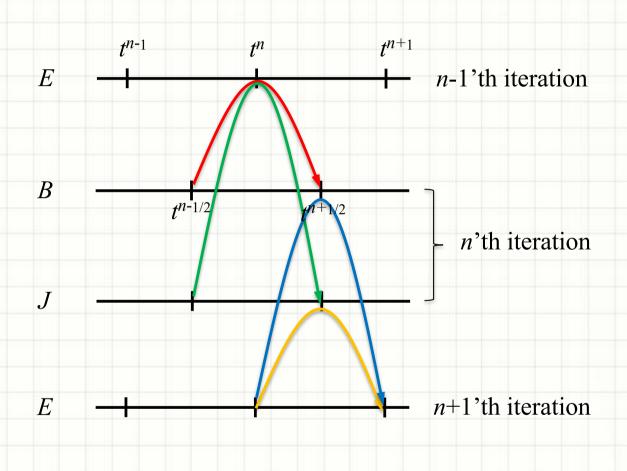
Ampere's Law (with the D-field)

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j,k} - B_{z\,i,j-1,k}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k} - B_{y\,i,j,k-1}}{\Delta z} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i,j,k} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_{x\,i,j,k}}{\partial t}$$



$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,ij,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

Evolution in Time



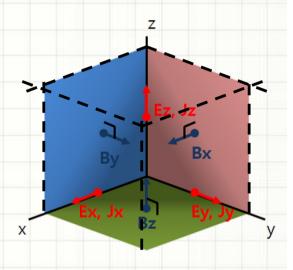
Discretized Maxwell Equations

Faraday's Law

$$\frac{E_{z\,i,j+1,k}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta y} - \frac{E_{y\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} = -\frac{B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{x\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} - \frac{E_{z\,i+1,j,k}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta x} = -\frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{y\,i+1,j,k}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x\,i,j+1,k}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta y} = -\frac{B_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j,k}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$



Ampere's Law (with the D-field)

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \frac{B_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \mu_0 J_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \frac{B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \mu_0 J_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{z\,i,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{z\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

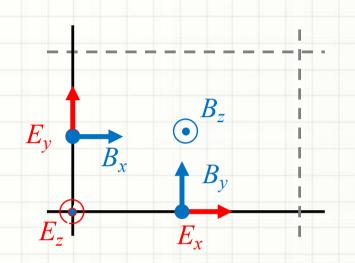
Discretized Maxwell Equations 2D (X-Y)

Faraday's Law

$$\frac{E_{z\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} - \frac{E_{y\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} = \frac{B_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{x\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} - \frac{E_{z\,i+1,j}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta x} = \frac{B_{y\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{y\,i+1,j}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$



Ampere's Law (with the D-field)

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i,j}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i-1,j}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \mu_0 J_{y\,i,j}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{y\,i,j}^{n+1} - E_{y\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{y\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i-1,j}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \frac{B_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \mu_0 J_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{z\,i,j}^{n+1} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

Discretized Maxwell Equations 1D (X)

$$\frac{E_{z\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} - \frac{E_{y\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} = \frac{B_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{x\,i,j,k+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} - \frac{E_{z\,i+1}^{n} - E_{z\,i}^{n}}{\Delta x} = \frac{B_{y\,i}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{y\,i+1}^{n} - E_{y\,i}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{z\,i}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$E_y$$
 B_x
 B_z
 E_z

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - B_{y\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2} - \mu_0 J_{x\,i}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{x\,i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} - \frac{B_{z\,i}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \mu_0 J_{y\,i}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{y\,i}^{n+1} - E_{y\,i}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

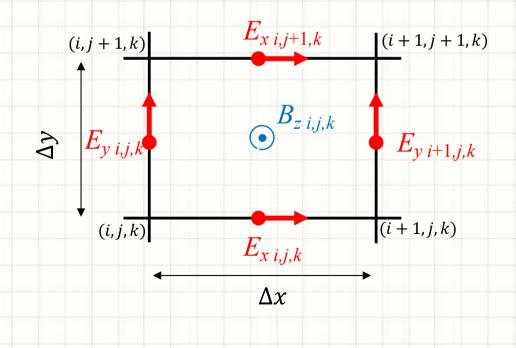
$$\frac{B_{y\,i}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \frac{B_{x\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \mu_0 J_{z\,i}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{z\,i}^{n+1} - E_{z\,i}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

Error Order

Actual Indices

$$\frac{E_{y i+1,j+1/2,k}^{n} - E_{y i,j+1/2,k}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x i+1/2,j+1,k}^{n} - E_{x i+1/2,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{z i+1/2,j+1/2,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z i+1/2,j+1/2,k}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} + O(\Delta x^2, \Delta y^2) = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} + O(\Delta t^2)$$



Stability Analysis

- The electromagnetic fields are of the form $E(B) \sim E_0(B_0)e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}-i\omega t} = E_0(B_0)e^{i(k_xi\Delta x+k_yj\Delta y+k_zk\Delta z)-i\omega s\Delta t}$, where s is the time step.
- Substitute this expression for the Faraday's law, which is indexed nominally z using the half-index.

$$\frac{E_{z\,i,j+1,k+1/2}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j,k+1/2}^{n}}{\Delta y} - \frac{E_{y\,i,j+1/2,k+1}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j+1/2,k}^{n}}{\Delta z} = -\frac{B_{x\,i,j+1/2,k+1/2}^{n-1/2} - B_{x\,i,j+1/2,k+1/2}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta y} E_{z0} (e^{ik_{y}\Delta y} - 1) e^{i\frac{k_{z}\Delta z}{2}} - \frac{1}{\Delta z} E_{y0} (e^{ik_{z}\Delta z} - 1) e^{i\frac{k_{y}\Delta y}{2}} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} B_{x0} e^{i\frac{k_{y}\Delta y}{2} + i\frac{k_{z}\Delta z}{2}} (e^{-i\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}} - e^{i\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta y} \sin \frac{k_{y}\Delta y}{2} E_{z0} - \frac{1}{\Delta z} \sin \frac{k_{z}\Delta z}{2} E_{y0} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sin \frac{\omega\Delta t}{2} B_{x0}$$

Conducting the same procedure for the other components of Faraday's law,

$$\frac{1}{\Delta z}\sin\frac{k_z\Delta z}{2}E_{x0} - \frac{1}{\Delta x}\sin\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}E_{z0} = \frac{1}{\Delta t}\sin\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}B_{y0}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x}\sin\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}E_{y0} - \frac{1}{\Delta y}\sin\frac{k_y\Delta y}{2}E_{x0} = \frac{1}{\Delta t}\sin\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}B_{z0}$$

• Define a new vector and a scalar quantities;

$$\vec{\kappa} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta x} \sin \frac{k_x \Delta x}{2}, & \frac{1}{\Delta y} \sin \frac{k_y \Delta y}{2}, & \frac{1}{\Delta z} \sin \frac{k_z \Delta z}{2} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Omega \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sin \frac{\omega \Delta t}{2}$$

• The Faraday's law can be then expressed as $\Omega \vec{B} = \vec{\kappa} \times \vec{E}$

Stability Analysis

• The Ampere's law (current-less) with nominal indices is

$$\frac{B_{z\,i+1/2,j+1/2,k}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i+1/2,j-1/2,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} - \frac{B_{y\,i+1/2,j,k+1/2}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i+1/2,j,k-1/2}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta z} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i+1/2,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i+1/2,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

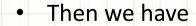
$$\frac{1}{\Delta y}B_{z0}\left(e^{ik_y\Delta y2}-e^{-ik_y\Delta y2}\right)e^{i\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}}-\frac{1}{\Delta z}B_{y0}\left(e^{ik_z\Delta z2}-e^{-ik_z\Delta z2}\right)e^{i\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}}=\frac{1}{c^2\Delta t}E_{x0}e^{i\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}}\left(e^{-i\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}}-e^{i\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta y} \sin \frac{k_y \Delta y}{2} B_{z0} - \frac{1}{\Delta z} \sin \frac{k_z \Delta z}{2} B_{y0} = -\frac{1}{c^2 \Delta t} \sin \frac{\omega \Delta t}{2} E_{x0}$$

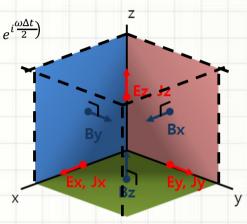


$$\frac{1}{\Delta z}\sin\frac{k_z\Delta z}{2}B_{x0} - \frac{1}{\Delta x}\sin\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}B_{z0} = -\frac{1}{c^2\Delta t}\sin\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}E_{y0}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x}\sin\frac{k_x\Delta x}{2}B_{y0} - \frac{1}{\Delta y}\sin\frac{k_y\Delta y}{2}B_{x0} = -\frac{1}{c^2\Delta t}\sin\frac{\omega\Delta t}{2}E_{z0}$$



$$-\frac{\Omega}{c^2}\vec{E} = \vec{\kappa} \times \vec{B}$$



Stability Analysis

- Combining two equations, $-\frac{\Omega^2}{c^2}\vec{E} = \vec{\kappa}(\vec{\kappa}\cdot\vec{E}) \kappa^2\vec{E}$
- $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}$ term corresponds to $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$, which vanishes for space-charge-less systems.
- Although we do not solve $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$, this is implicitly included in the time-dependent Maxwell equations as long as $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$, which is the case here.
- Then the dispersion relation is $\frac{\Omega^2}{c^2} = \kappa^2$

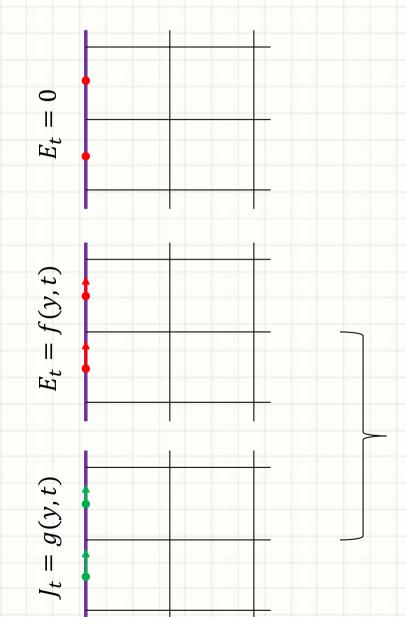
Dispersion relation of the discretized Maxwell equations

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2 \Delta t^2} \sin^2 \frac{\omega \Delta t}{2} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \sin^2 \frac{k_x \Delta x}{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} \sin^2 \frac{k_y \Delta y}{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2} \sin^2 \frac{k_z \Delta z}{2}$$

• ω should be real for a given (k_x, k_y, k_z) for the fields not to grow or decay unstably. From the notion that sine is less than 1, it should be like

$$\frac{1}{c^2 \Lambda t^2} \ge \frac{1}{\Lambda x^2} + \frac{1}{\Lambda y^2} + \frac{1}{\Lambda z^2}$$
 CFL Condition

Boundary Conditions



Conducting Boundary Condition - Tangential electric field on the conducting surface is zero.

Emitting Boundary Condition
- Time-varying electric field or current emits an electromagnetic wave.

1D Electromagnetic Fields in Python

Example 1. Create a 1D solver of the time-dependent Maxwell equations. Put a line source of oscillating current at the center. Make a plot of the electric field with the same polarization as the current and the magnetic field perpendicular to that.

Answer: Look at the code 'maxwell1d-I.py'. Only the main loop is shown here.

2D Electromagnetic Fields in Python

Example 2. Create a 2D solver of the time-dependent Maxwell equations. Enclose the simulation domain by conducting boundaries, but put a small piece of emitting boundary at the left edge, so that it looks like a single-slit diffraction system. Make a plot of the electric field.

Suggested run parameters:

xmax=6, ymax=10, dx=dy=0.01, dt=0.005, f=3, D=1, smax=1000

Answer: Look at the code 'maxwell2d-l.py' while s < smax:

$$\frac{E_{z\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$-\frac{E_{z\,i+1,j}^{n} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta x} = \frac{B_{y\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{E_{y\,i+1,j}^{n} - E_{y\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta x} - \frac{E_{x\,i,j+1}^{n} - E_{x\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta y} = \frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{B_{z\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{z\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i,j}^{n+1} - E_{x\,i,j}^n}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - E_{x\,i,j}^n}{\Delta t}$$

s+=1

$$\mathsf{Ez}[1:-1,1:-1] += \ \mathsf{a*}(\mathsf{By}[1:-1,1:-1] - \mathsf{By}[1:-1,:-2]) - \mathsf{b*}(\mathsf{Bx}[1:-1,1:-1] - \mathsf{Bx}[:-2,1:-1])$$

$$\frac{B_{y\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{y\,i-1,j}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} - \frac{B_{x\,i,j}^{n+1/2} - B_{x\,i,j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{E_{z\,i,j}^{n+1} - E_{z\,i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t}$$

