

6.3 (a) Let $A(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$, we then have

$$\nabla^2 \tilde{A}(\vec{x}, t) = - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} k^2 \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

The original equation becomes

$$\mu_0 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\partial \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t)}{\partial t} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} = - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} k^2 \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}},$$

which must be valid for each \vec{k} , or

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{k^2}{\mu_0} \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t)$$

With initial condition $\tilde{A}(\vec{k}, 0) = \int d^3x' \tilde{A}(\vec{x}', 0) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'}$, the solution to the above first order ODE is $\tilde{A}(\vec{k}, t) = \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, 0) \exp\{-k^2 t / \mu_0\}$, with $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}(\vec{x}, t) &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \tilde{A}(\vec{k}, 0) e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3x' \tilde{A}(\vec{x}', 0) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'} e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'} \\ &= \int d^3x' \tilde{A}(\vec{x}', 0) \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \\ &= \int d^3x' G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}', t) \tilde{A}(\vec{x}', 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}', t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}$$

(b) Let $G(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k dw}{(2\pi)^4} G(\vec{k}, w) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - iw t}$,

$$\text{then } \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla^2 \right) G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}', t) = \int \frac{d^3k dw}{(2\pi)^4} \left(-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0} \right) G(\vec{k}, w) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') - iwt}$$

Notice that $\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \delta(t) = \int \frac{d^3k dw}{(2\pi)^4} 1 \cdot e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') - iwt}$, we must have

$$\left(-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0} \right) G(\vec{k}, w) = 1,$$

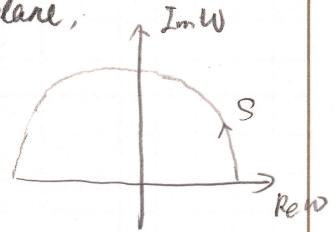
$$\text{or } G(\vec{k}, w) = \frac{1}{-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0}},$$

to satisfy the inhomogeneous equation for the Green function. Then,

$$G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}', t) = \int \frac{d^3k dw}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') - iwt}}{-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0}}$$

To perform the integral in the frequency space, we will use the contour integral method. For $t < 0$, consider the contour enclosing the upper half plane, so that the integrand falls off exponentially on the semi-circle.

Then. $\oint_C dw = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dw + \int_S dw$.

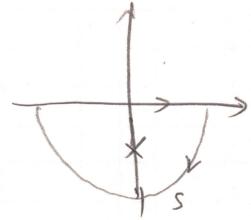


Since the integrand has no pole in the upper half plane, $\oint_C dw = 0$.

Meanwhile, $\int_S dw = 0$, as e^{-iwt} falls off exponentially. Then we have the integral along the frequency variable is 0. Therefore, the Green's function is zero for $t < 0$.

For $t > 0$,

$$\oint_C \frac{dw}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iwt}}{-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0}} = (-2\pi i) \times i \times e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \\ = e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0}$$



Again, $\int_S dw = 0$. We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dw}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iwt}}{-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0}} = e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0}$$

Then, $G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}', t) = \int \frac{d^3 k dw}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} - e^{-iwt}}{-iw + \frac{k^2}{\mu_0}} = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') - k^2 t / \mu_0}$, for $t > 0$.

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$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{+\infty} dk^2 dh \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \cos\theta - k^2 t / \mu_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{+\infty} k dk \frac{e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} - e^{-ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{i|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} - e^{-ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{i|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} k dk$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{k}{i|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \exp \left\{ -\frac{t}{\mu_0} \left(k - \frac{i\mu_0}{2t} |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^2 \right)^2 - \frac{\mu_0}{4t} |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^2 \right\} dk$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{i|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \left(k - \frac{i\mu_0}{2t} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') + \frac{i\mu_0}{2t} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \right)$$

$$\times \exp \left\{ -\frac{t}{\mu_0} \left(k - \frac{i\mu_0}{2t} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \right)^2 - \frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2 \right\} dk$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')^2 \right\} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{k}{i(\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')} + \frac{\mu_0 \omega}{2t} \right) e^{-k^2 t / \mu_0} dk \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')^2 \right\} \frac{\mu_0}{2t} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \pi}{t}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{8\pi^3 t} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{t} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')^2 \right\} = \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi t} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')^2 \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Green function is only non-zero for $t > 0$. Finally,

$$G(\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}', t) = (4\pi t) \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi t} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_0}{4t} (\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}')^2 \right\}$$