

9.4 Absorption and Dispersion

$$(1) \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \rho_F$$

$$(3) \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$(2) \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$(4) \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \vec{J}_F + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

And, Ohm's law $\vec{J}_F = \sigma \vec{E}$

And, the continuity equation (charge conservation)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_F}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_F$$

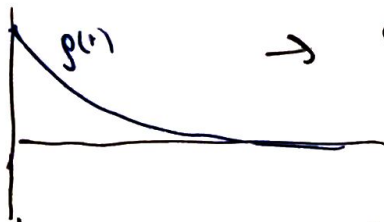
$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial \rho_F}{\partial t} = -\sigma \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{\sigma \rho_F}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \int \frac{\partial \rho_F(t)}{\rho_F(t)} = \int -\frac{1}{\tau} dt$$

$$\ln(\rho) = -\frac{t}{\tau} + C$$

$$\rho(t) = \rho_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

at $t=0$, $\rho_F(0) = \rho_0 = C$

$$\rho(t) = \rho_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$



→ excess charges go to the surface

so $\tau = \frac{1}{\sigma}$ thus $\sigma \tau = 1$

we'll consider only the processes that are slower than τ

$$\Rightarrow \rho_F \approx 0$$

so we get (1) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ (2) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

(3) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ (4) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \sigma \vec{E} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (3) \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu \sigma \vec{E} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}}$$

(5) modified wave equation

similarly acting on \vec{B} gives

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}} \quad (6)$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{z}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}z - \omega t)} \quad \text{here } k \text{ is complex}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{z}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}z - \omega t)}$$

$$(5) \Rightarrow -\vec{k}^2 \vec{E}_0 = \mu \sigma (i\omega) \vec{E}_0 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \vec{E}_0$$

(6) \Rightarrow same condition

$$\vec{k}^2 = i\mu\sigma\omega + \omega^2\mu\epsilon$$

let $\vec{k} = k + i\chi$ (χ, k are real numbers)

subbing this in gives

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2}} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\chi = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2}} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

note if $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ (insulator) $k = \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{\omega}{v}$

$$\chi = 0$$

So far $\vec{E}(\vec{z}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{-\chi z} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{z}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{-\chi z} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

waves decay over distance $d = \frac{1}{\chi}$ "skin depth"

for bad conductor (water) $\sigma \ll 1$

$$d \approx 10^4 \text{ m}$$

Good conductors (metal) $d \sim \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$

not really oscillating
wave \Rightarrow already decayed

In a vacuum (or linear medium)

$$\vec{\rho}_E = \vec{\rho}_B = 0$$

\Rightarrow Find it theres a phase shift in conducting matter

Extra constraints from Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\tilde{E}_{0,z} \chi k e^{-i\omega t} = 0$$

$$\text{so } \tilde{E}_{0,z} = 0$$

$$\text{similarly, } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{B}_{0,z} = 0$$

so both are transverse

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ E_x & E_y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= i(-i\chi k E_{0,y} e^{-i\omega t}) - j(-i\chi k E_{0,x} e^{-i\omega t})$$

$$= \omega \tilde{B}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\text{so } \tilde{k} (z \times \vec{E}_0) = \omega \tilde{B}_0 \quad \text{then let } k = K e^{i\phi}$$

$$\text{so } |\tilde{B}_0| = \frac{|k|}{\omega} |\vec{E}_0|$$

if $\chi \neq 0$ then the waves are not in phase

goal is to find ϕ

$$\vec{k} = k \hat{r} \chi$$

$$K = \sqrt{k^2 + \chi^2}$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{\chi}{k}\right)$$

$$K e^{i\phi} e^{i\delta_E} (\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0) = \omega e^{i\delta_B} \tilde{B}_0$$

phase of E

compare the phases of the complex #'s on the RHS and LHS

$$\phi + \delta_E = \delta_B$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left[\frac{\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2}}\right]$$

if $\sigma \gg 1$ (good conductor)

$$\text{then } \phi \rightarrow 45^\circ \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{back to } K e^{i\phi} e^{i\delta_E} (\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0) = \omega e^{i\delta_B} \tilde{B}_0$$

compare magnitudes

$$\frac{|K|}{\omega} |\vec{E}_0| = |\tilde{B}_0| \Rightarrow \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2} E_0$$

$$\text{for a poor conductor } \sigma \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow B_0 = \frac{1}{v} E_0$$

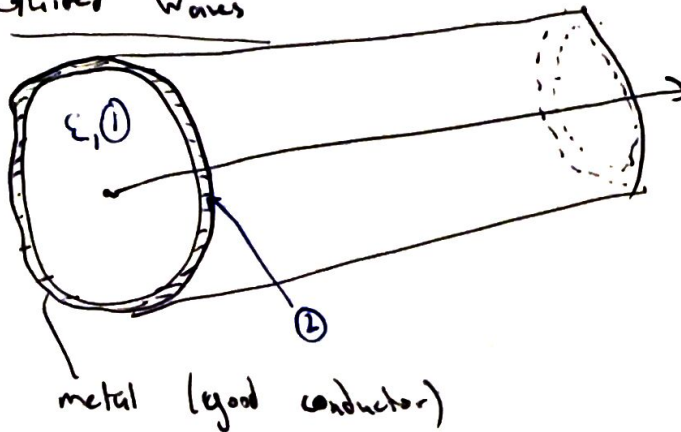
how is energy distributed between E and B waves

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu B^2$$

$$\frac{\langle u_{\text{mag}} \rangle}{\langle u_E \rangle} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \mu \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2} E^2}{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right)^2} > 1$$

So what's happening to the electric field?
 the energy of the electric field goes into moving
 the free charges

Guided Waves



Perfect conductor: $\Rightarrow \vec{E} = 0$ inside
 (or beyond skin depth for finite σ)

$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow$ B-field inside the metal part is constant

Assume $B = 0$ initially \Rightarrow stay at 0

Previously (for linear media)

B.C. $\epsilon_1 E_{\perp 1} = \epsilon_2 E_{\perp 2}$

$B_{\perp 1} = B_{\perp 2}$

$E_{\parallel 1} = E_{\parallel 2}$

$\frac{1}{\mu_1} B_{\parallel 1} = \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_{\parallel 2}$

adjust for conductor in contact with dielectric

Dielectric in contact with conductor

① $\epsilon_1 E_{\perp 1} - \epsilon_2 E_{\perp 2} = \sigma_f$

② $B_{\perp 1} - B_{\perp 2} = 0$

③ $\vec{E}_{\parallel 1} - \vec{E}_{\parallel 2} = 0$

④ $\frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{B}_{\parallel 1} - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \vec{B}_{\parallel 2} = \vec{K}_f \times \hat{n}$

$B_{\perp} = 0$

$E'' = 0$ (\vec{E}_{\perp} to metal part when wave travels)