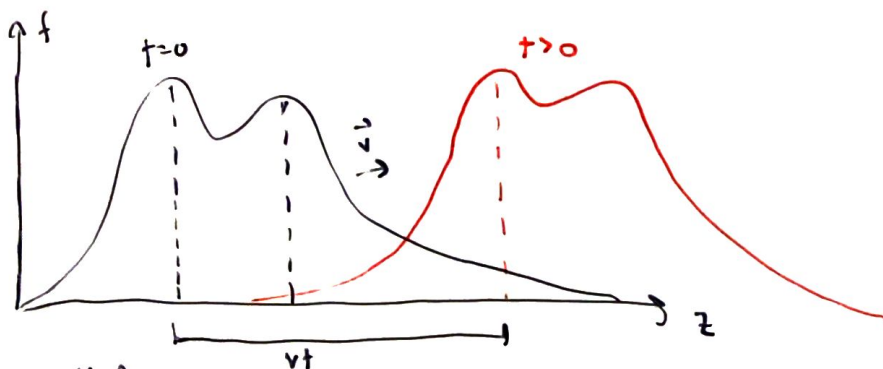


# 9.1 wave basics



1D (no spreading)

Fixed shape (no dispersion or absorption)

$$f(z,t) = f(z-vt, 0)$$

→  $z, t$  must appear together as combination  $z-vt$

Wave equation in 1D (see Griffiths or Knight → derivation of wave equation)

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$$

$v$  = wave speed

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \text{ on a string}$$

→ solutions are of the form  $f(z,t) = f(z-vt, 0) = g(z-vt)$

→ velocity enters as  $v^2$  → we can have a solution  $f(z,t) = f(z+vt, 0) \equiv h(z+vt)$

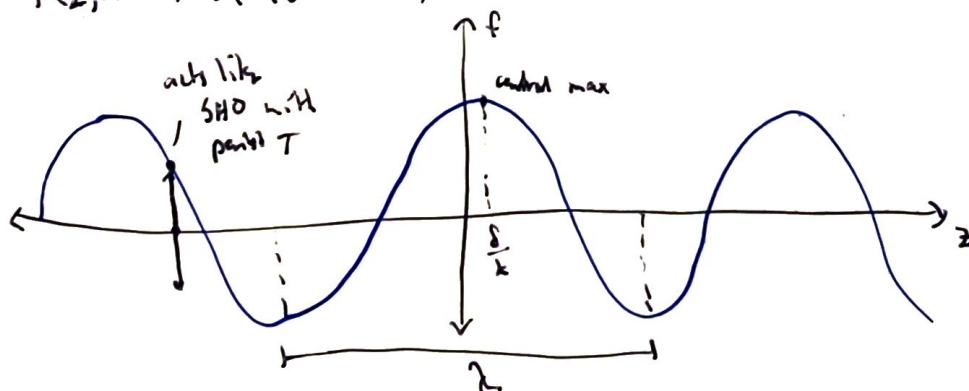
$$\text{solutions } f(z,t) = g(z-vt) + h(z+vt)$$

Note:  $g$  and  $h$  are not necessarily the same  
if same, then we get standing waves

translates to the  
left, negative  
 $z$  direction

specific type of  $f$

$$f(z,t) = A \cos(k(z-vt) + \delta)$$



$$\text{phase} = k(z-vt) + \delta$$

$$\text{phase constant} = \delta$$

Notice  $f(z,t) = \text{max(peak)}$  when  $\text{phase} = 0 \Rightarrow k(z_{\text{max}} - vt) + \delta = 0$

$$\text{suppose } t=0 \Rightarrow kz_{\text{max}} = -\delta$$

$$z_{\text{max}} = -\frac{\delta}{k}$$

if  $\delta > 0 \rightarrow$  step to the left by  $|\frac{\delta}{k}|$

if  $\delta < 0 \rightarrow$  step to the right by  $|\frac{\delta}{k}|$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

1.  
wave number

$$T = \frac{\lambda}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{kv}$$

$$\nu = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{kv}{2\pi} \quad (\text{frequency}) \quad \omega = 2\pi\nu = kv$$

$(z-vt)$  must show up in this combination

$$\text{to the right: } f(z,t) = A \cos(kz - kv t + \delta) = A \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

wave travelling to the right

$$\begin{aligned} \text{to the left: } f(z,t) &= A \cos(k(z+vt) - \delta) = A \cos(kz + \omega t - \delta) \\ &= A \cos(-kz - \omega t + \delta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In general, } f(z,t) = A \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$\text{travelling right} \Rightarrow k > 0$$

$$\text{travelling left} \Rightarrow k < 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{|k|}$$

$$\omega = |k|v$$

Complex notations! (we'll use them a lot)

$$\text{Euler's formula: } e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

$$\text{Re}(e^{i\theta}) = \cos\theta$$

$$\text{Re}[Ae^{i(kz - \omega t + \delta)}] = A \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta) \rightarrow \text{same old } *$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ae^{i(kz - \omega t + \delta)} &= \underbrace{Ae^{i\delta}}_{\tilde{A} \text{ (complex amplitude)}} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \end{aligned}$$

The wave equation is linear

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \Rightarrow f_1, f_2 \text{ are possible solutions}$$

$f = c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + c_3 f_3 + \dots + c_n f_n$  is also a solution of the differential equation

we can create a superior wave by superimposing a bunch of different waves

What makes waves 'different'?

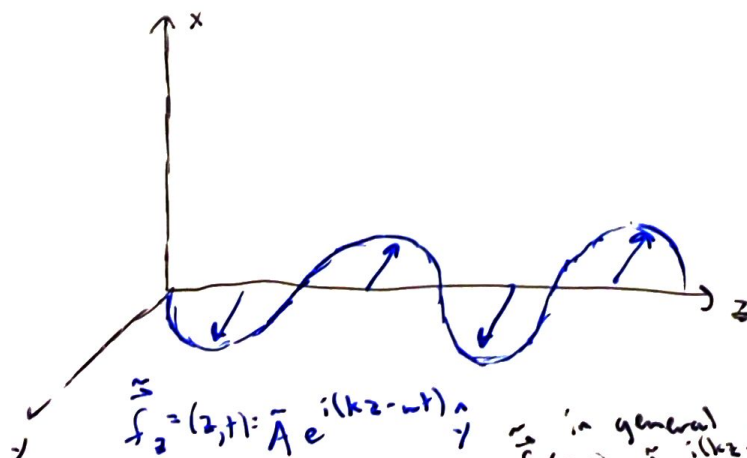
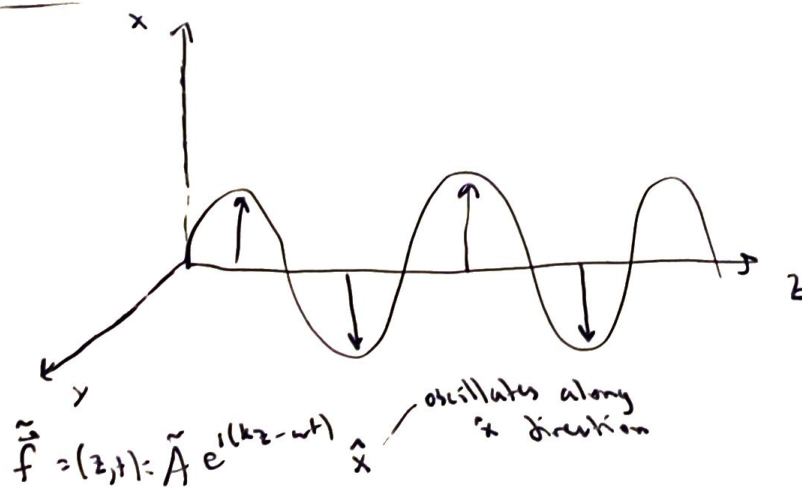
$k, \delta, A, \omega$

$\omega = kv$   
↓  
determined by medium

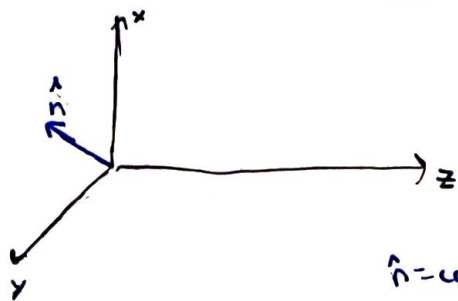
so  $\omega$  and  $k$  are not independent

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } f(z, t) &= \sum_{\text{all } k} A_k \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta_k) \\ &= \text{Re} \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{A}_k e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \right] = \text{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{A}(k) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} dk \end{aligned}$$

Polarization



in general for transverse waves,  
 $\tilde{f}(z, t) = \tilde{A} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{n}$



$\hat{n}$  - polarization axis

for transverse waves here  
 $\hat{n} \cdot \hat{z} = 0$

$$\hat{n} = \cos\theta \hat{x} + \sin\theta \hat{y}$$

In ch. 7 we derived

(no  $\rho$ , no  $J$ , free space)

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s}$$

### Monochromatic Plane waves

↳ single wavelength  
(single color)

↳ only dependence  
on one coordinate  
will choose  $z$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

so we get  $\frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$

⇒ solutions to above equations is  $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta)$

$$(3) \quad \vec{E} = \text{Re} \left[ \left( \vec{E}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \right) \right] = \text{Re} \left[ \tilde{\vec{E}} \right]$$

$$(4) \quad \vec{B} = \text{Re} \left[ \left( \vec{B}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \right) \right] = \text{Re} \left[ \tilde{\vec{B}} \right]$$

complex amplitudes

Goal: find additional information about 3 and 4

sub into Maxwell's equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 \quad (\text{b/c } \rho=0) \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \quad (\text{always}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\vec{E}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_z = \tilde{E}_{0,z} (ik) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = 0$$

$$\text{Similarly } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\vec{B}}(z,t) = \tilde{B}_{0,z} (ik) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = 0$$

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

so EM waves are not longitudinal, they are transverse

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Faraday's law})$$

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

$$-\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -i\omega \vec{B}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \tilde{E}_x & \tilde{E}_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_y \right) - \hat{y} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_x \right) \\ = \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_x - \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_y$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_x \hat{y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_y \hat{x} = -i\omega \vec{B}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \\ = -i\omega \vec{B}$$

$$\text{so } -i\omega \tilde{B}_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_x \quad \text{and} \quad -i\omega \tilde{B}_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{E}_y$$

$$\Rightarrow -\omega \tilde{B}_{0,y} = k \tilde{E}_{0,x}$$

$$-\omega \tilde{B}_{0,x} = -k \tilde{E}_{0,y}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{B}_0 = \frac{k}{\omega} (\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0) \quad \text{so } \boxed{|\vec{B}_0| = \frac{1}{c} |\vec{E}_0|}$$

(no phase shift between E and B waves)

$$\delta_E = \delta_B \quad (\text{in vacuum})$$

$\Gamma$  electromagnetic wave in a vacuum

1)  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{E}$

2) Transverse

3)  $|\vec{B}| = \frac{|\vec{E}|}{c}$

4)  $\delta_E = \delta_B$  (waves are in phase)

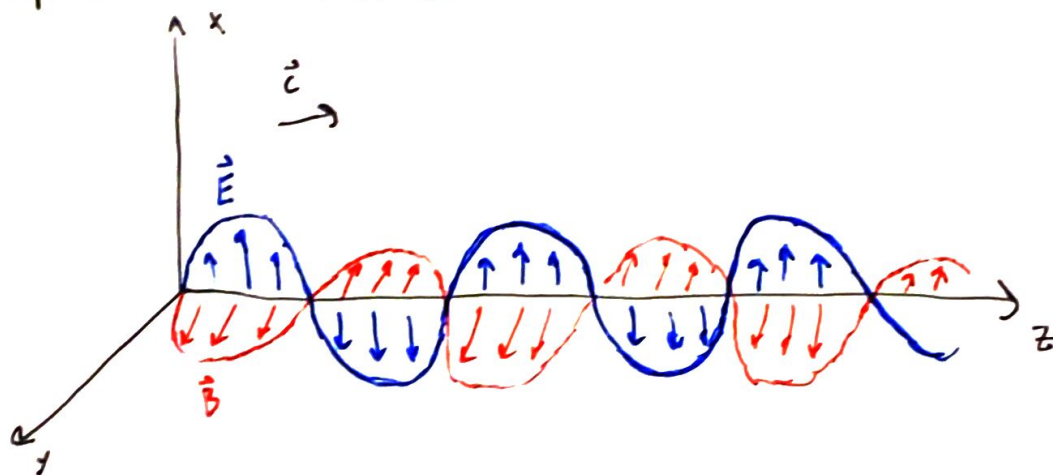
$k(\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0) = \omega \vec{B}_0$  (from Faraday's)

$|\vec{B}_0| = \frac{k}{\omega} |\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_0|$   
 $= \frac{k}{\omega} |\hat{z}| |\vec{E}_0| \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})$   
 $= \frac{k}{\omega} |\vec{E}_0|$

$\vec{B}_0 = \frac{k}{\omega} \vec{E}_0$

$B_0 e^{i\phi} = \frac{k}{\omega} E_0 e^{i\phi} \Rightarrow \delta_B = \delta_E$

Ampere's law  $\rightarrow$  same shit



$\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  shows direction of propagation

Energy and Momentum in EM waves

\*  $\vec{E}(z, t) = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta) \hat{x}$

\*\*  $\vec{B}(z, t) = \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta) \hat{y}$        $B_0 = \frac{1}{c} E_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} E_0$

Recall: energy density:  $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2$

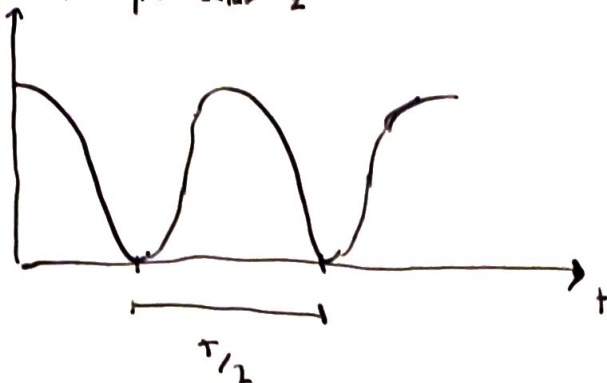
equal contribution due to E and B fields

$= \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t + \delta) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0^2 \cos^2(kz - \omega t + \delta)$



$u$  at a particular  $z$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$



$$\vec{S} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{area}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underbrace{\vec{E}}_{\text{V/m}} \times \underbrace{\vec{B}}_{\text{A/m}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_0 \cos^2(kz - \omega t + \delta) \hat{z}$$

we can check  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} cu = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u$

energy balance equation

wave carries energy  $u d\tau = u A dz = u A c dt$



$$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} = uc$$

$$\vec{g} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \quad (\text{momentum density in EM fields})$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)}_{\vec{S}} = \frac{1}{c} \vec{S} = \boxed{\frac{1}{c} u \hat{z}}$$

In experiments, only avg. values can be measured  
Time-averaged value of anything

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^T x(t) dt \left( \frac{1}{T} \right)$$

$$\langle u \rangle = u_{\max} \underbrace{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \cos^2(kz - \omega t + \delta) dt}_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{u_{\max}}{2}$$

Trick:  $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$

integrate over 1 period  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 x dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 x dx = 1$$

these should be the same so each is  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{so } \langle u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \langle c u \hat{z} \rangle = c \hat{z} \langle u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \hat{z}$$

$$\langle \vec{g} \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{c} u \hat{z} \rangle = \frac{1}{c} \hat{z} \langle u \rangle = \frac{1}{2c} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \hat{z}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Avg. energy}}{(\text{area}) \cdot \text{time}} = \frac{\text{Avg. power}}{\text{area}}$$

$$= |\langle \vec{S} \rangle|$$

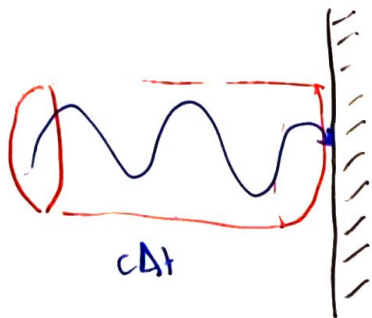
$$I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

perfect absorber

Light falling on a surface exerts a force

$$F = \frac{|\Delta p|}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \left| \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} \right|$$



$$\vec{p}_i = \vec{g}(\text{volume}) = \vec{g} A c \Delta t$$

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\langle g \rangle c}{\Delta t} = c \langle g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 = \frac{I}{c} \quad (\text{Radiation pressure})$$

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compare with I