

Chapter 8 Plane Electromagnetic Waves

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8-1 Introduction

- In Chap. 7, homogeneous vector wave equations

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

where $u = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$,

- In free space the source-free wave equation

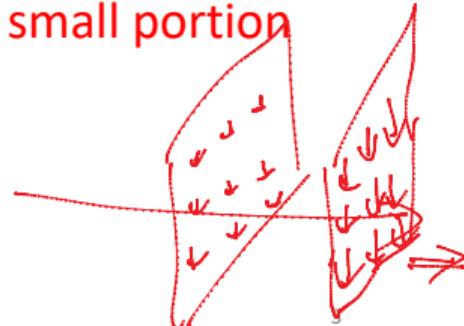
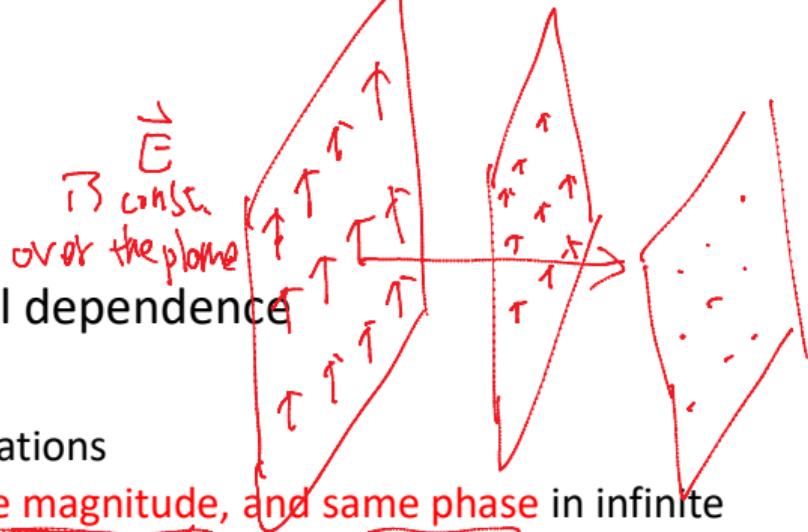
$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0,$$

where $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \cong \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ (m/s)}}{36\pi} = 300 \text{ (Mm/s)}$

$\cancel{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$
 $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$
 $\frac{c_0}{36\pi}$

Plane Wave

- Waves with one-dimensional spatial dependence
- A uniform plane wave:
 - a particular solution of Maxwell's equations
 - \mathbf{E} (or \mathbf{H}) with the same direction, same magnitude, and same phase in infinite planes perpendicular to the direction of propagation.
- If we are far enough away from a source, the wavefront (surface of constant phase) becomes almost spherical; and a very small portion of the surface of a giant sphere is very nearly a plane.



8-2 Plane Waves in Lossless Media

- Wave equation for source free, in free space:

Homogeneous **vector**
Helmholtz's equation

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + k_0^2 \mathbf{E} = 0,$$

where k_0 : free-space
wavenumber

$$k_0 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} = \frac{\omega}{c} \quad (\text{rad/m}).$$



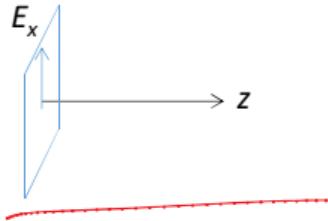
In Cartesian
coordinates

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 \right) E_x = 0.$$

1D wave equation



Consider a uniform plane wave: uniform E_x (**uniform magnitude and constant phase**) over plane surfaces $\perp z$



E_x uniform in x and y ; $E_x(z) \rightarrow \partial^2 E_x / \partial x^2 = 0$ and $\partial^2 E_x / \partial y^2 = 0$.

$$\frac{d^2 E_x}{dz^2} + k_0^2 E_x = 0,$$



E_x : a phasor
2nd-order ODE \rightarrow 2 integration constants

Solution

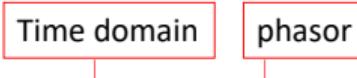
$$\begin{aligned} E_x(z) &= E_x^+(z) + E_x^-(z) \\ &= E_0^+ e^{-j k_0 z} + E_0^- e^{j k_0 z}, \end{aligned}$$

E_0^+ , E_0^- : arbitrary **complex constants**, to be determined by boundary conditions

$$E_x(z) = E_x^+(z) + E_x^-(z)$$

$$= E_0^+ e^{-jk_0 z} + E_0^- e^{jk_0 z},$$

Check time-dependent E_x
(Phasor \rightarrow time domain)



$$E_x^+(z, t) = \Re [E_x^+(z) e^{j\omega t}]$$

$$= \Re [E_0^+ e^{j(\omega t - k_0 z)}]$$

$$= E_0^+ \cos(\omega t - k_0 z) \quad (\text{V/m}).$$

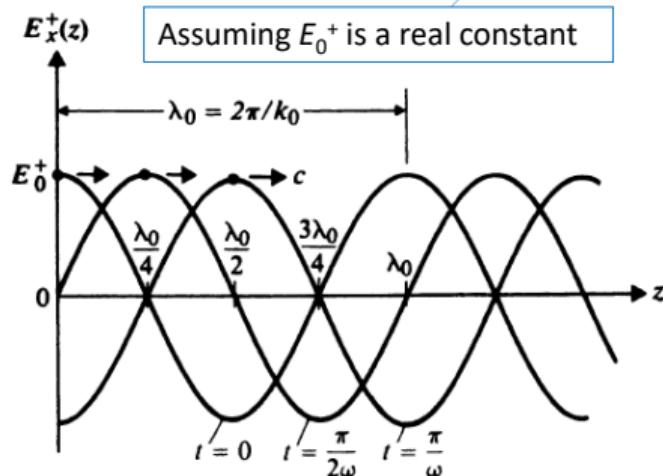
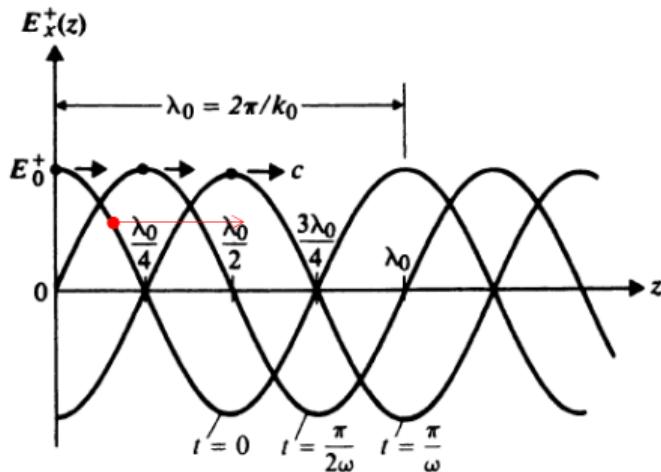


FIGURE 8-1
Wave traveling in positive z direction
 $E_x^+(z, t) = E_0^+ \cos(\omega t - k_0 z)$, for several values of t .

- Phase velocity: the velocity of propagation of a point of **a particular phase** on the wave



$$\cos(\omega t - k_0 z) = \text{a constant}$$

$\omega t - k_0 z = \underline{\text{A constant phase}},$

$$u_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c.$$

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$$k_0 = 2\pi f/c$$

Wavenumber: The number of wavelengths in a complete cycle

$$k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \quad (\text{rad/m}),$$

Inverse relation

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{2\pi}{k_0} \quad (\text{m}).$$

For lossless dielectrics:

$$k=2\pi/\lambda$$

$$\lambda=2\pi/k$$

$E_0^+ e^{-jk_0 z}$ A wave traveling in the +z direction $u_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k_0} > 0$

$E_0^- e^{jk_0 z}$ A wave traveling in the -z direction

The Associated Magnetic Fields H

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H},$$



Consider only the wave traveling in the +z direction

$$E_x(z) = E_x^+(z) \\ = E_0^+ e^{-jk_0 z}$$

Only z dependence

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x^+(z) & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -j\omega\mu_0(\mathbf{a}_x H_x^+ + \mathbf{a}_y H_y^+ + \mathbf{a}_z H_z^+),$$

Only E_x component



$$H_x^+ = 0,$$

$$H_y^+ = \frac{1}{-j\omega\mu_0} \frac{\partial E_x^+(z)}{\partial z},$$

$$H_z^+ = 0.$$

The only nonzero component H_y^+

$$H_y^+ = \frac{1}{-j\omega\mu_0} \frac{\partial E_x^+(z)}{\partial z},$$



$$E_x^+(z) = E_0^+ e^{-jk_0 z}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_x^+(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (E_0^+ e^{-jk_0 z}) = -jk_0 E_x^+(z),$$

$$H_y^+(z) = \frac{k_0}{\omega\mu_0} E_x^+(z) = \frac{1}{\eta_0} E_x^+(z) \quad (\text{A/m}).$$

$$\frac{\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}{\omega\eta_0}$$

where

$$\boxed{\eta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \cong 120\pi \cong 377 \quad (\Omega)},$$

intrinsic impedance of
the free space



η_0 is real $\Rightarrow H_y^+(z)$ is in phase with $E_x^+(z)$

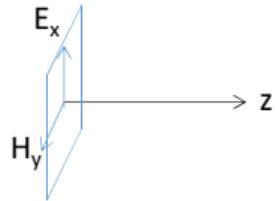
Check time-domain \mathbf{H}

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = \mathbf{a}_y H_y^+(z, t) = \mathbf{a}_y \Re e[H_y^+(z) e^{j\omega t}]$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_y \frac{E_0^+}{\eta_0} \cos(\omega t - k_0 z) \quad (\text{A/m}).$$

For a Uniform Plane Wave

- $|E|/|H| = \eta_0$
- H , E , and the direction of propagation are perpendicular to each other.



EXAMPLE 8-1 A uniform plane wave with $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{a}_x E_x$ propagates in a lossless simple medium ($\epsilon_r = 4$, $\mu_r = 1$, $\sigma = 0$) in the $+z$ -direction. Assume that E_x is sinusoidal with a frequency 100 (MHz) and has a maximum value of $+10^{-4}$ (V/m) at $t = 0$ and $z = \frac{1}{8}$ (m).

- a) Write the instantaneous expression for \mathbf{E} for any t and z .
- b) Write the instantaneous expression for \mathbf{H} .
- c) Determine the locations where E_x is a positive maximum when $t = 10^{-8}$ (s).

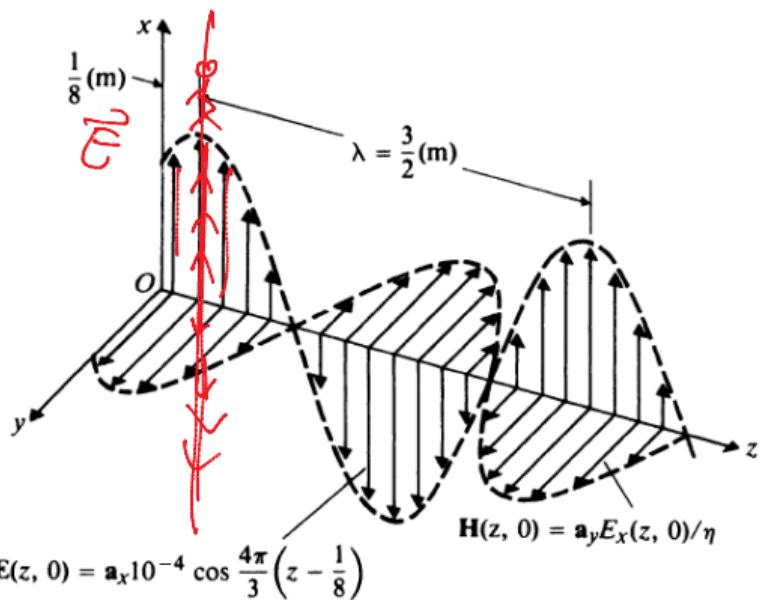


FIGURE 8–2
E and H fields of a uniform plane wave at $t = 0$ (Example 8–1).

$$(a) \vec{E} = \hat{\alpha}_x E_{amp} \cos(\omega t - bt + \phi)$$

10⁻⁴ $2\pi f$ $+z$ travel direction
 $\approx 100 \text{ MHz}$

$$= \hat{\alpha}_x 10^{-4} \cos \left(2\pi \times 10^8 t - \frac{4}{3}\pi z + \phi \right)$$

$k = 60\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{w}{c}\sqrt{\mu_r\epsilon_r}$
 $\omega_p = \frac{2\pi \cdot 10^8}{3 \times 10^8} \sqrt{4}$
 $= \frac{4}{3}\pi \text{ (m)}^{-1}$

E_{max} at $t=0$

$$z = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$0 + \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$(b) \vec{H} = \hat{\alpha}_y \frac{E_{amp}}{r} \cos \left(\dots - \dots \right) = \hat{\alpha}_y \frac{10^{-4}}{60z} \left(\dots - \dots \right)$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = 120\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} = 60\pi$$

(a) at $t = 10^{-8}$, $z_{E_{\max}}$?

$$\cos(\sim) = \pm 2n\pi \quad n=0, 1, 2.$$

$$2\pi \times 10^8 \cdot 10^{-8} - \frac{4}{3}\pi z_{E_{\max}} + \frac{\pi}{6} = \pm 2n\pi, \quad n=0, 1, 2 \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{E_{\max}} = -\frac{3}{4} \left(\pm 2n - \frac{13}{6} \right) = \pm \frac{3}{2}n + \frac{13}{8}$$

$n=0, 1, 2$

$$\lambda = \frac{3}{2} \text{ cm}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{4/\lambda} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ cm}$$

8-2.1 Doppler Effect (excluded)

8-2.2 Transverse Electromagnetic Waves

- For a uniform plane wave, we have seen
 - $\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x E_x; \mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y H_y$; direction of propagation in z
 - \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} are transvers to the direction of propagation, so it is called **transverse electromagnetic (TEM)** wave
 - Phasors \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} are functions of z only
- **General case:** Consider a uniform plane wave along an arbitrary direction (not necessarily coincide with a coordinate axis)

$\hat{\mathbf{a}}_n$: direction of propagation
 $\vec{\mathbf{E}}$
 $\vec{\mathbf{H}}$

only $\vec{\mathbf{E}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n$: TE
only $\vec{\mathbf{H}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n$: TM
 $\begin{cases} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n \\ \vec{\mathbf{H}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n \end{cases}$: TEA

For a uniform plane wave

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jkz},$$

Propagating in the +z direction

General case $\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jk_x x - jk_y y - jk_z z}$

Propagating in the +x, +y, +z direction

Substitution in Helmholtz's equation
$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + k_0^2 \mathbf{E} = 0,$$

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon.$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jk_x x - jk_y y - jk_z z}$$

Define a wavenumber vector \mathbf{k} :

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{a}_x k_x + \mathbf{a}_y k_y + \mathbf{a}_z k_z = k \mathbf{a}_n$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{a}_x x + \mathbf{a}_y y + \mathbf{a}_z z,$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jk \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jka_n \cdot \mathbf{R}} \quad (\text{V/m}),$$

\mathbf{a}_n : unit vector of \mathbf{k} ; direction of propagation (explained next)

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{a}_x k_x + \mathbf{a}_y k_y + \mathbf{a}_z k_z = k \mathbf{a}_n \rightarrow \begin{aligned} k_x &= \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = k \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{a}_x, \\ k_y &= \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = k \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{a}_y, \\ k_z &= \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = k \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{a}_z, \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \hat{\alpha} = A_x$$

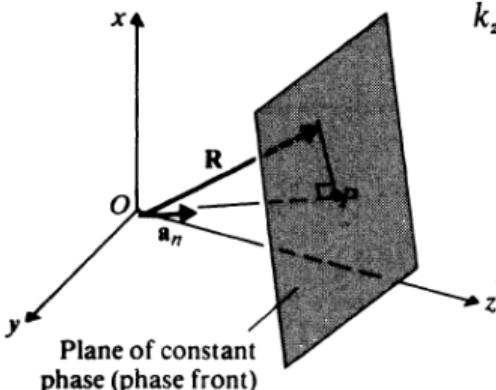


FIGURE 8-4
Radius vector and wave normal to a phase front of a uniform plane wave.

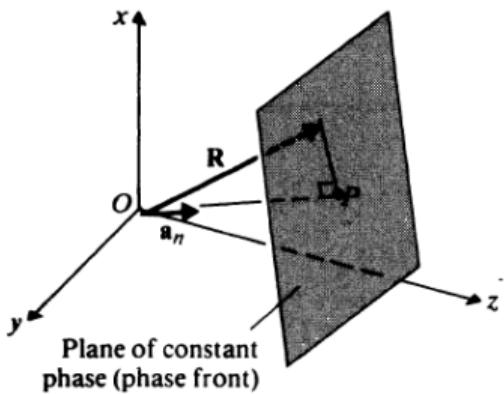


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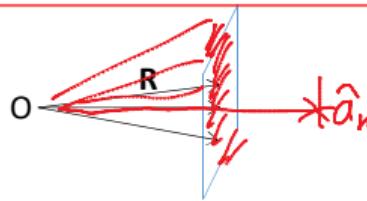
$$\mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{R} = \text{Length } \overline{OP} \text{ (a constant)}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{R}} \quad (\text{V/m}),}$$

= phase

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}(t) &= \vec{E}_0 \cos(\omega t - k \hat{a}_n \cdot \vec{R}) \\ &= \vec{E}_0 \cos(\omega t - k \hat{a}_n \cdot \vec{R})\end{aligned}$$

For constant phase, $\mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{R} = \text{constant} = \overline{OP}$ \rightarrow \mathbf{R} forms a constant-phase plane
 $\mathbf{a}_n // \hat{n}$ of constant-phase plane // direction of propagation



In a charge-free region, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) &= \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}} \\ \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}) &= e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \nabla (e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}) \\ \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \nabla (e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla (e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}) &= \left(\mathbf{a}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{a}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{a}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} \\ &= -j(\mathbf{a}_x k_x + \mathbf{a}_y k_y + \mathbf{a}_z k_z) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} \\ &= -jk \mathbf{a}_n e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}},\end{aligned}$$

$$-jk(\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{a}_n) e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = 0,$$

which requires $\mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$.

Thus, for a plane-wave solution, $\mathbf{E}_0 \perp \mathbf{a}_n$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{E}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n \quad \textcircled{D}$$

The Associated Magnetic Fields H

$$\nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -j\omega\mu\underline{\mathbf{H}},$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{R}) = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{R})$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{E}} = ?$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{R}) = \underline{\mathbf{E}}_0 e^{-jk \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}}_0 e^{-jk \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{R}}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{a}_n \times \underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{R}) \quad (\text{A/m}),}$$

where

$$\boxed{\eta = \frac{\omega\mu}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad (\Omega)}$$

the intrinsic impedance
of the medium

$$\frac{\omega\mu}{k} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

$$\nabla \times (\psi \underline{\mathbf{A}}) = \psi \nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{A}} + \nabla \psi \times \underline{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{R}) &= -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} (-jk \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n) \underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{R}) \\ &= \frac{k}{\omega\mu} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n \times \underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{R}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{a}_n \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) \quad (\text{A/m}),}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-jka_n \cdot \mathbf{R}}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{\eta} (\mathbf{a}_n \times \mathbf{E}_0) e^{-jka_n \cdot \mathbf{R}} \quad (\text{A/m}).}$$

A uniform plane wave propagating in an arbitrary direction, \mathbf{a}_n :

- a TEM wave
- $\mathbf{H} \perp \mathbf{E}; \mathbf{H} \perp \mathbf{a}_n; \mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{a}_n$

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8-2.3 Polarization of Plane Waves

- Polarization of a uniform plane wave: time-varying behavior of \mathbf{E} vector *at a given point in space.*
 - E.g., $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{a}_x E_x$, the wave is **linearly polarized** in x direction

- In some cases, direction of \mathbf{E} of a plane wave may change with time
 - Two linearly polarized waves in x and y direction

Phasor notation:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z) = \mathbf{a}_x E_1(z) + \mathbf{a}_y E_2(z)$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_x E_{10} e^{-jkz} - \mathbf{a}_y j E_{20} e^{-jkz},$$

E_{10}, E_{20} : real numbers, denoting amplitudes

polarization

+ $\frac{1}{2}$ propagation

\mathbf{a}_y lags 90°

$$-j = \hat{Q} \frac{-\pi}{2}$$

Time-domain expression:

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = \Re \{ [\mathbf{a}_x E_1(z) + \mathbf{a}_y E_2(z)] e^{j\omega t} \}$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_x E_{10} \cos(\omega t - kz) + \mathbf{a}_y E_{20} \cos\left(\omega t - kz - \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

- Examine the direction change of \mathbf{E} at a given point as t changes ($z = 0$ for convenience)

$$\mathbf{E}(0, t) = \mathbf{a}_x E_1(0, t) + \mathbf{a}_y E_2(0, t)$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_x E_{10} \cos \omega t + \mathbf{a}_y E_{20} \sin \omega t.$$

$\mathbf{E}(0, t)$: the sum of two linearly polarized waves in both space quadrature (a_x and a_y) and time quadrature ($\cos \omega t$ and $\sin \omega t$)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(0, t) &= \mathbf{a}_x E_1(0, t) + \mathbf{a}_y E_2(0, t) \\ &= \underline{\mathbf{a}_x E_{10} \cos \omega t} + \underline{\mathbf{a}_y E_{20} \sin \omega t}.\end{aligned}$$

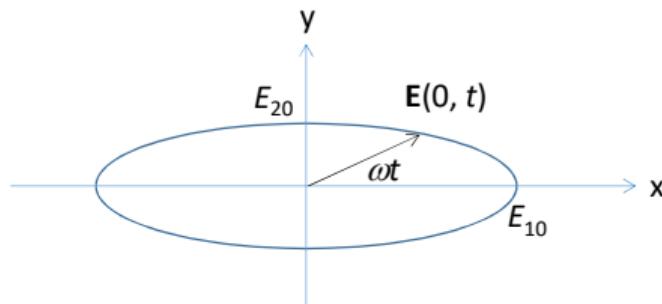
$$\cos \omega t = \frac{E_1(0, t)}{E_{10}}$$

$$\sin \omega t = \frac{E_2(0, t)}{E_{20}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \omega t} = \sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{E_1(0, t)}{E_{10}} \right]^2},$$

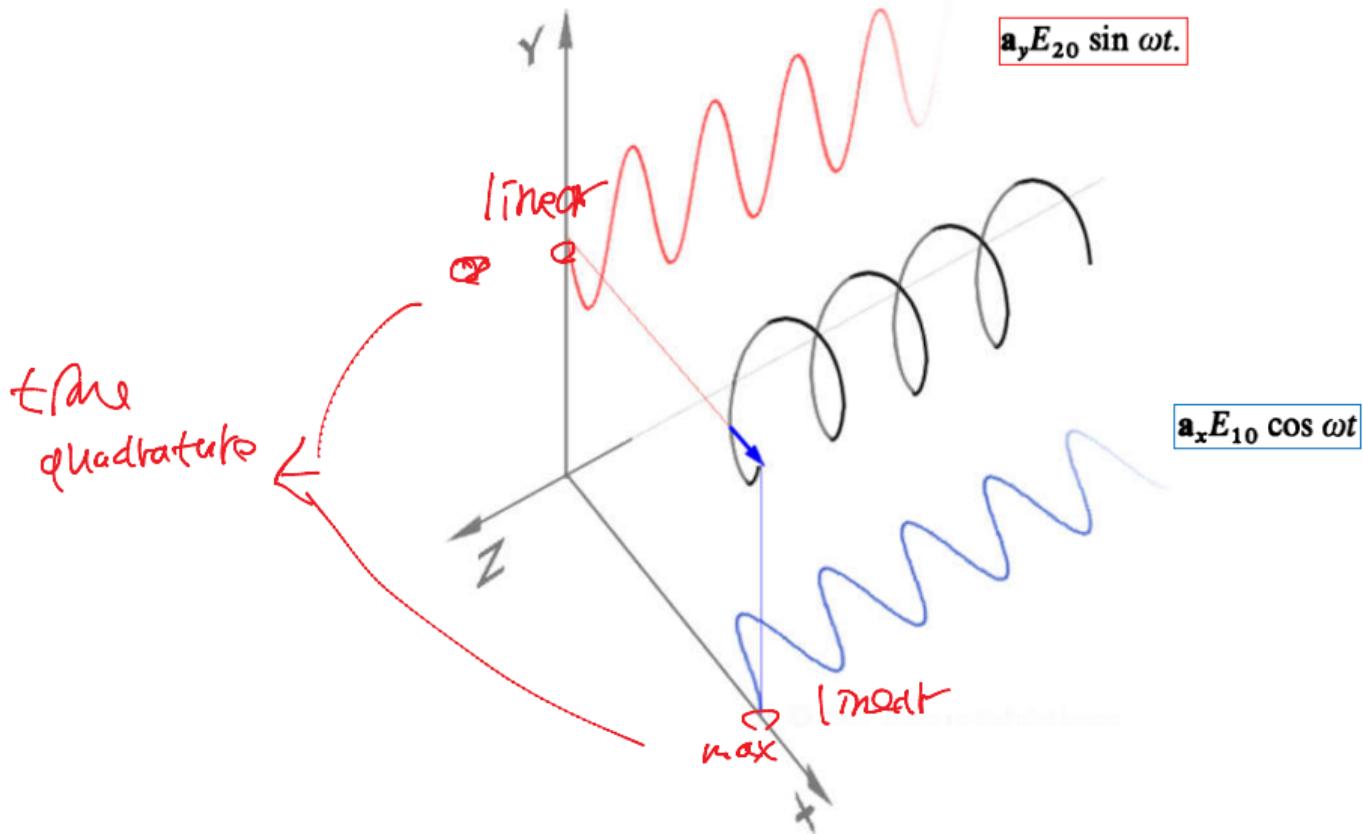
$$\left[\frac{E_2(0, t)}{E_{20}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{E_1(0, t)}{E_{10}} \right]^2 = 1.$$

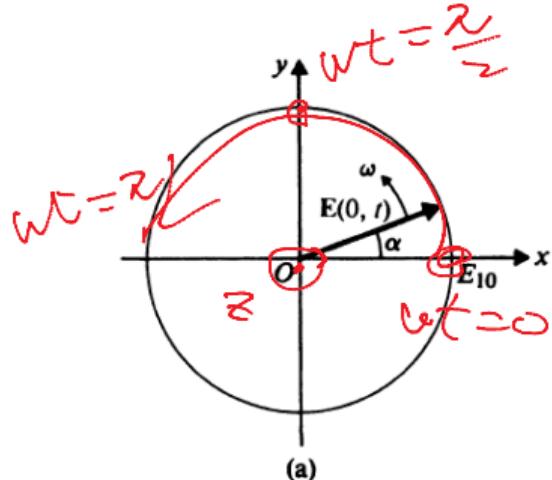
As ωt increases, $\mathbf{E}(0, t)$ will traverse an elliptical locus in the counterclockwise direction



If $E_{20} \neq E_{10}$, elliptical polarization

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(0, t) &= \mathbf{a}_x E_1(0, t) + \mathbf{a}_y E_2(0, t) \\ &= \underline{\mathbf{a}_x E_{10} \cos \omega t} + \underline{\mathbf{a}_y E_{20} \sin \omega t}.\end{aligned}$$





If $E_{20} = E_{10}$, circular polarization

And the angle $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{E_2(0, t)}{E_1(0, t)} = \omega t$,

$E(0, t)$ rotates counterclockwise

$$\cos \omega t = \frac{E_1(0, t)}{E_{10}}$$

$$\sin \omega t = \frac{E_2(0, t)}{E_{20}}$$

Right-hand (positive) circularly polarized wave:

- finger: direction of rotation of \mathbf{E}
- thumb: direction of propagation ($+z$)

For \mathbf{a}_y lags 90°

Left-hand (negative) circularly polarized wave:

For \mathbf{a}_y leads 90°

FIGURE 8-5

Polarization diagrams for sum of two linearly polarized waves in space quadrature at $z = 0$: (a) circular polarization,
 $E(0, t) = E_{10}(\mathbf{a}_x \cos \omega t + \mathbf{a}_y \sin \omega t)$;

$\mathbf{E}(0,t)$: the sum of two linearly polarized waves in space quadrature (\mathbf{a}_x and \mathbf{a}_y) but in time phase

$$\mathbf{E}(0, t) = (\mathbf{a}_x E_{10} + \mathbf{a}_y E_{20}) \cos \omega t.$$

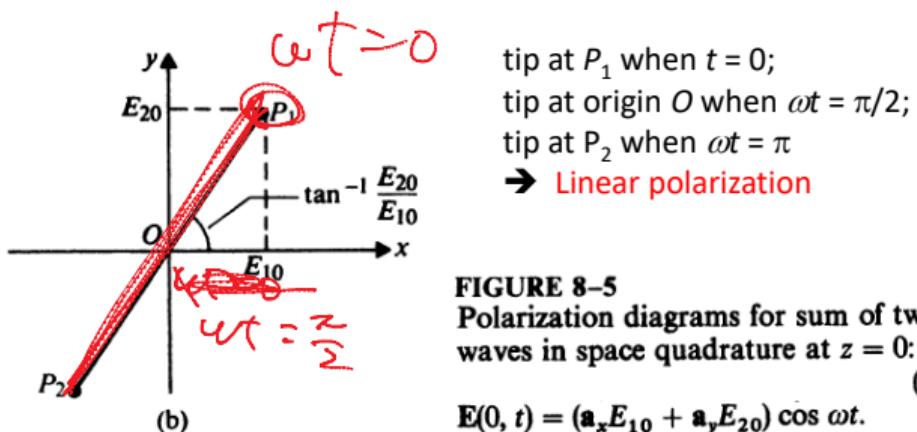


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Polarization diagrams for sum of two linearly polarized waves in space quadrature at $z = 0$:
(b) linear polarization,
 $\mathbf{E}(0, t) = (\mathbf{a}_x E_{10} + \mathbf{a}_y E_{20}) \cos \omega t.$

Polarizations

- AM broadcast station: 
- Television signals: 
- FM broadcast stations: 
- Receiving antennas should have similar orientation to get the best signals

8-3 Plane Waves in Lossy Media

lossy
 \downarrow
 $\rightarrow \sigma \neq 0$
 \downarrow
 $E \rightarrow \epsilon_c$
 \downarrow
 $k \rightarrow k_c$

- Wave equation for source free and in lossy media:

$$k \rightarrow k_c \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\nabla^2 E + k_c^2 E = 0,$$

$k_c = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_c}$ A complex number

- Conventional notation in transmission-line theory: propagation constant γ

1st convention
 $E = E_0 e^{j\gamma z}$

$$\boxed{\gamma = jk_c = j\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_c} \quad (\text{m}^{-1})}$$

γ is complex

2nd convention

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{k_c = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_c} \\ = \omega \sqrt{\mu(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'')}}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^{1/2},}$$

A special case:
 $\epsilon'' = \sigma/\omega$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_c = \epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega}}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega \epsilon}\right)^{1/2},$$

- For a lossless medium, $\sigma=0$

❖ $\sigma=0$



$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}\right)^{1/2},$$

❖ $\alpha=0,$

$$\gamma = j\beta$$

$$\beta = k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$

- Wave equation in lossy media expressed by γ :

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + k_c^2 \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \gamma^2 \mathbf{E} = 0.$$

$$\gamma = jk_c$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial z^2} - r^2 \vec{E} = 0$$

- Solution of a uniform plane wave

- ❖ Propagating in $+z$
- ❖ Linearly polarized in x

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{a}_x E_x = \mathbf{a}_x E_0 e^{-\gamma z},$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$$

$$E_x = E_0 e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z}.$$

Attenuation along $+z$

Propagation along $+z$

$$E(t) = E_0 [E_x e^{j\omega t}]$$

- $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$

❖ $e^{-\alpha z}$ decreases as z increases, so it is called attenuation factor (α : attenuation constant)

❖ $e^{-j\beta z}$ determines the phase, so it is called phase factor (β : phase constant)

$$E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z)$$

8-3.1 Low-Loss Dielectrics

- Low-loss dielectrics = good but imperfect insulator
 - Low $\sigma \rightarrow$ small current \rightarrow low loss
 - $\epsilon'' \ll \epsilon'$ (or $\sigma/\omega\epsilon \ll 1$)

$$\epsilon_c = \underbrace{\epsilon'}_{\checkmark} - j\epsilon''$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left(1 - j\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^{1/2},$$

Binomial expansion
 $\epsilon''/\epsilon' \ll 1 \rightarrow$ neglect H.O.T.

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \cong j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left[1 - j\frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2\right],$$

$$(1+x)^n \approx 1+nx \text{ if } x \ll 1$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \approx j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \left[1 - j\frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right],$$

Attenuation constant $\underline{\alpha} \approx \frac{\omega\epsilon''}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \quad (\text{Np/m})$

Phase constant $\underline{\beta} \approx \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left[1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right] \quad (\text{rad/m}).$

- $\alpha > 0$, α is proportional to ω
- When $\epsilon''/\epsilon' \rightarrow 0$, β reduces to the case of lossless dielectrics

The intrinsic impedance $\eta_c = (\mu/\epsilon)^{1/2} = (\mu/(\epsilon' - j\epsilon''))^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_c &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^{-1/2} \\ &\cong \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 + j \frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'}\right) \quad (\Omega).\end{aligned}$$

For $\epsilon'' \ll \epsilon'$

For a uniform plane wave $\eta_c = E_x/H_y$

- In lossless case, η is real, E_x and H_y are in time phase
- In low-loss case, η_c is complex, E_x/H_y are out of phase

$$\frac{\tilde{E}}{\tilde{H}} = \gamma$$

The phase velocity $u_p = \omega/\beta$

$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2\right] \quad (\text{m/s}).$$

$$\beta \cong \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left[1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2\right]$$

8-3.2 Good Conductors

- A good conductor

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \gg 1$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \ll 1$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon} \right)^{1/2},$$



$$\sigma/\omega\epsilon \gg 1$$

$$\sqrt{j} = (e^{j\pi/2})^{1/2} = e^{j\pi/4} = (1+j)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\gamma \cong j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}} = \sqrt{j} \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma}$$



$$\omega = 2\pi f.$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \cong (1+j)\sqrt{\pi\mu\sigma},$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \cong (1 + j)\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma},$$

low-loss: $\alpha \sim f$
good conductor: $\alpha \sim \sqrt{f}$

$$\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}.$$

α and β are approximately equal

$$\alpha, \beta \sim f^{1/2}, \mu^{1/2}, \sigma^{1/2}$$

The intrinsic impedance $\eta_c = (\mu/\epsilon)^{1/2} = (\mu/\epsilon_c)^{1/2}$

$$\eta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_c}} \cong \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma}} = (1 + j) \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu}{\sigma}} = (1 + j) \frac{\alpha}{\sigma} \quad (\Omega),$$

$$\eta_c = 45^\circ$$

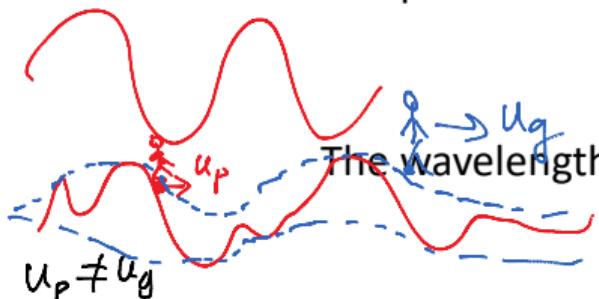
$$\epsilon_c \cong -j\sigma/\omega \text{ for a good conductor } (\sigma/\omega \gg \epsilon')$$

For a uniform plane wave $\eta_c = E_x/H_y$

- For a good conductor ($\angle \eta_c = 45^\circ$), H_y lags E_x by 45°

The phase velocity $u_p = \omega/\beta$

$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \cong \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\mu\sigma}} \quad (\text{m/s}),$$



$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{u_p}{f} = 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{f\mu\sigma}} \quad (\text{m}).$$

$$\text{lossless: } k = \beta$$

$$\text{lossy: } k = jk_c = \alpha + j\beta = \frac{u_p}{\lambda}$$

Example: copper, $f = 3\text{MHz}$

1. u_p

$$\sigma = 5.80 \times 10^7 \text{ (S/m)},$$

$$\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ (H/m)},$$



$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \cong \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\mu\sigma}} \text{ (m/s)},$$

$$u_p = 720 \text{ (m/s) at } 3 \text{ (MHz)},$$

Much slower than the velocity of light in air

2. λ

$$\lambda = u_p/f$$

$$\lambda = 0.24 \text{ (mm)}.$$

Much shorter than electromagnetic wave in air ($\lambda = 100\text{m}$)

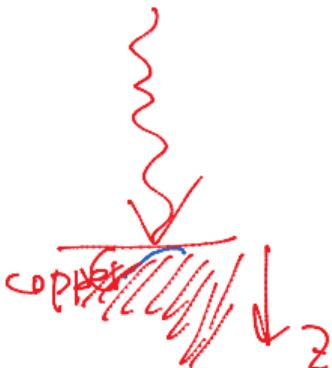
3. α

$$\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}.$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\pi(3 \times 10^6)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(5.80 \times 10^7)} = \underline{2.62 \times 10^4} \text{ (Np/m).}$$

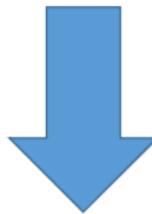
$e^{-\alpha z}$

Very large attenuation



Skin Depth (Depth of Penetration)

- Attenuation: $e^{-\alpha z} = e^{-\gamma z}$
- When $z = 1/\alpha$, the intensity reduces to e^{-1}
→ The amplitude of a wave will be attenuated by a factor of e^{-1} (= 0.368) when it travels a distance $\delta = 1/\alpha$ (**skin depth**)
$$\delta = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \text{ (m)}$$
- For copper, $f = 3\text{MHz}$: $\delta = 1/\alpha = 1/(2.62 \times 10^4) \text{ (m)} = 0.038 \text{ (mm)}$
- For copper, $f = 10\text{GHz}$: $\delta = 0.66 \text{ (\mu m)}$ (very small distance)



- Thus, a high-frequency electromagnetic wave is attenuated very rapidly as it propagates in a good conductor. $\delta \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}}$
- At microwave frequencies, the fields and currents can be considered confined in a very thin layer (i.e., in the skin) of the conductor surface.
- For a good conductor, $\alpha = \beta$, $\delta = 1/\beta$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \quad (\text{m}).$$

TABLE 8-1
Skin Depths, δ in (mm), of Various Materials

Material	σ (S/m)	$f = 60$ (Hz)	1 (MHz)	1 (GHz)
Silver	6.17×10^7	8.27 (mm)	0.064 (mm)	0.0020 (mm)
Copper	5.80×10^7	8.53	0.066	0.0021
Gold	4.10×10^7	10.14	0.079	0.0025
Aluminum	3.54×10^7	10.92	0.084	0.0027
Iron ($\mu_r \cong 10^3$)	1.00×10^7	0.65	0.005	0.00016
Seawater	4	32 (m)	0.25 (m)	†

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = \dots = \omega \sigma \rightarrow | \rightarrow \text{approximated as a good conductor}$$

$$\sigma = 4 \uparrow$$

$$\omega = 10^7 \pi$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{10^9}{36\pi} \cdot \mu_0$$

EXAMPLE 8-4 The electric field intensity of a linearly polarized uniform plane wave propagating in the $+z$ -direction in seawater is $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{a}_x 100 \cos(10^7 \pi t)$ (V/m) at $z = 0$. The constitutive parameters of seawater are $\epsilon_r = 72$, $\mu_r = 1$, and $\sigma = 4$ (S/m). (a) Determine the attenuation constant, phase constant, intrinsic impedance, phase velocity, wavelength, and skin depth. (b) Find the distance at which the amplitude of \mathbf{E} is 1% of its value at $z = 0$. (c) Write the expressions for $\mathbf{E}(z, t)$ and $\mathbf{H}(z, t)$ at $z = 0.8$ (m) as functions of t .

- (a) $\alpha?$ $\beta?$ $\gamma_c?$ $u_p?$ $\lambda?$ $\delta?$ $e^{-\alpha z} = 1/10 \Rightarrow z = ...$
- (b) z where E reduces to 1%?
- (c) $E(t)$ and $H(t)$? when $z = 0, \delta$

$$E(t) = \hat{a}_x 100 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z)$$

\uparrow
 \hat{a}_x

$z = Q \ell$

$$H(t) = \hat{a}_y \frac{100}{(R_c)} e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z - \gamma_c)$$


8-3.3 Ionized Gases (excluded)

8-4 Group Velocity

- Phase velocity: velocity of propagation of an equiphase wavefront

$$k = \beta$$

- For plane waves in lossless media:

β is a **linear** function of ω $\beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$

→ $u_p = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ a constant, independent of ω

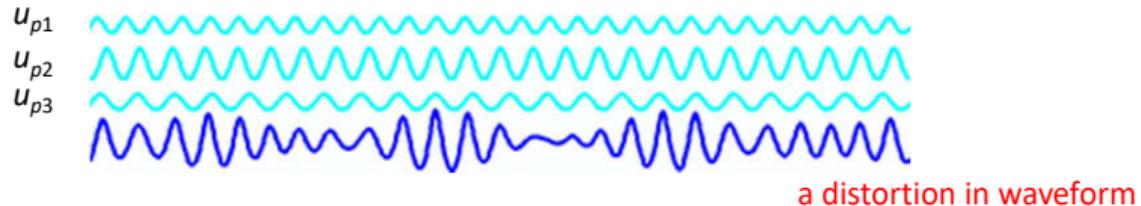
$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \quad (\text{m/s}) = \frac{\omega}{\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$

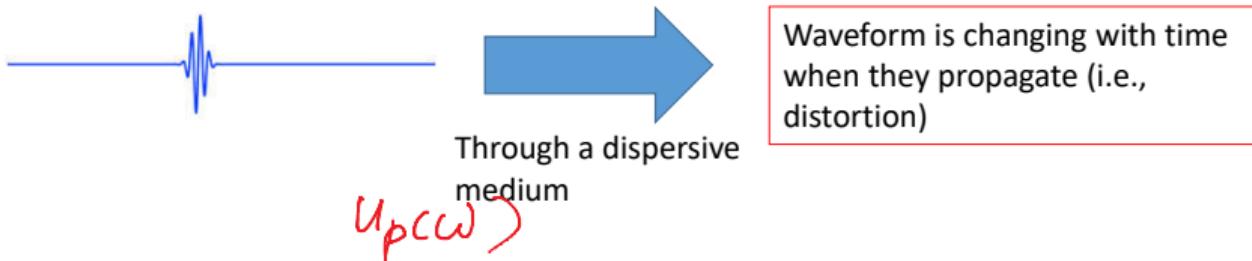
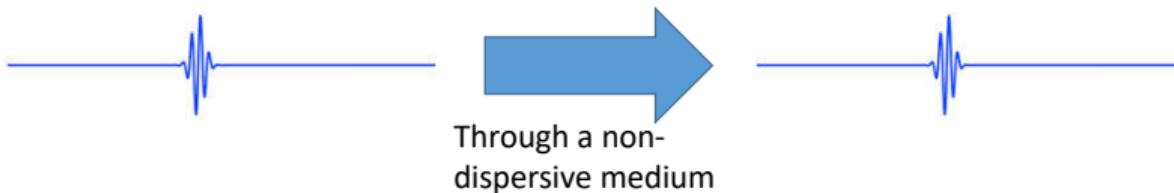
- In some cases (e.g., in lossy dielectrics):

β is **not** a linear function of ω

→ $u_p(\omega)$

- Dispersion: signal distortion due to $u_p(\omega)$
 - Waves of the component frequencies travel with different phase velocities
→ a distortion in the signal wave shape
 - A lossy dielectric is a dispersive medium





Group Velocity

- An information bearing signal has a small spread of frequencies (Δf) around a high carrier frequency (f_c).
- Group velocity u_g : the velocity of propagation of the **wave-packet envelope** of a **group** of frequencies

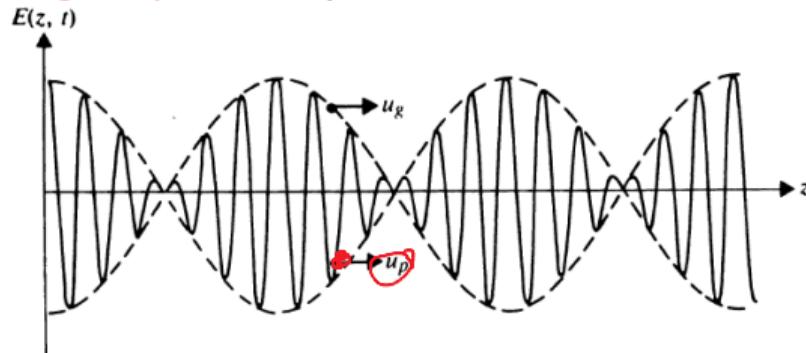


FIGURE 8–6

Sum of two time-harmonic traveling waves of equal amplitude and slightly different frequencies at a given t .

- Consider the simplest case of a wave packet
 - Two travelling waves with equal amplitude and slightly different angular frequencies $\omega_0 + \Delta\omega$ $\omega_0 - \Delta\omega$ ($\Delta\omega \ll \omega_0$)

→ the corresponding phase constants

$$\beta_0 + \Delta\beta \quad \beta_0 - \Delta\beta.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 E(z, t) &= E_0 \cos [(\omega_0 + \Delta\omega)t - (\beta_0 + \Delta\beta)z] \\
 &\quad + \cancel{E_0} \cos [(\omega_0 - \Delta\omega)t - (\beta_0 - \Delta\beta)z] \\
 &= 2E_0 \cos(t \Delta\omega - z \Delta\beta) \cos(\omega_0 t - \beta_0 z).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(z, t) = E_0 \cos [(\omega_0 + \Delta\omega)t - (\beta_0 + \Delta\beta)z]$$

$$+ E_0 \cos [(\omega_0 - \Delta\omega)t - (\beta_0 - \Delta\beta)z]$$

$$= 2E_0 \cos (\Delta\omega t - z \Delta\beta) \cos (\omega_0 t - \beta_0 z)$$

$\Delta\omega \ll \omega_0$

A slowly-varying envelope ($\Delta\omega$)

A rapidly oscillating wave (ω_0)

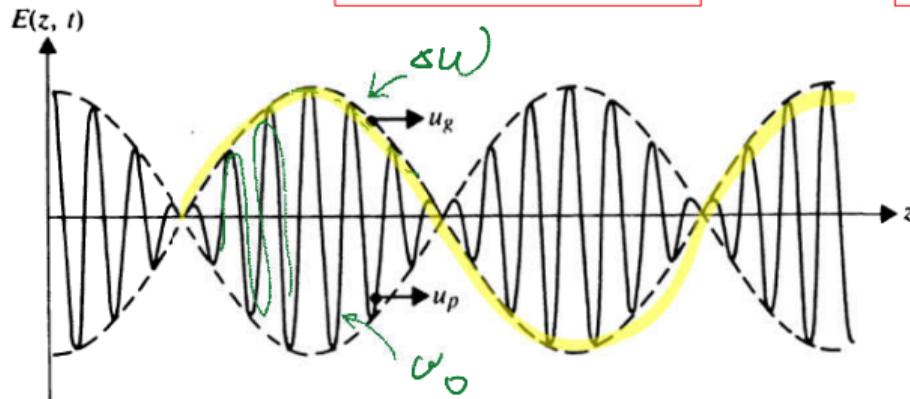
$\omega_0 t - \beta_0 z = \text{Constant}$

$$\text{group velocity } u_g = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta\beta} = \frac{1}{\Delta\beta/\Delta\omega}.$$

Velocity of the envelope

$$u_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega_0}{\beta_0}.$$

Velocity of the carrier



Group velocity: the velocity of a point on the envelope of the wave packet

FIGURE 8–6

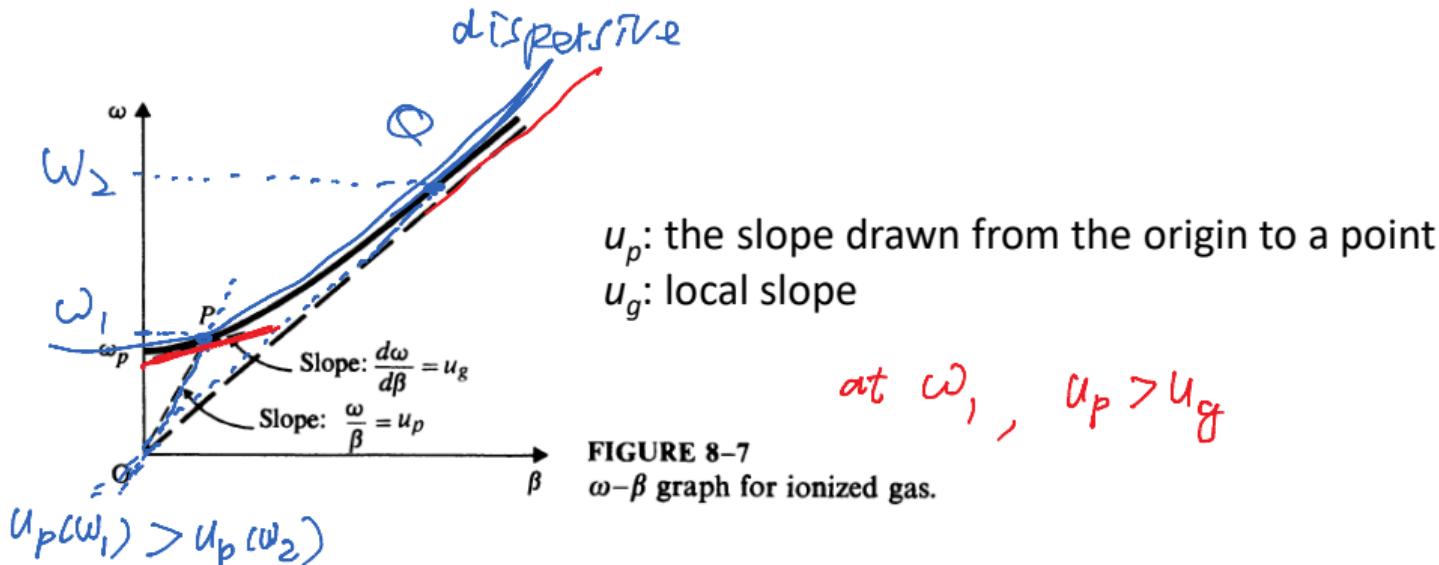
Sum of two time-harmonic traveling waves of equal amplitude and slightly different frequencies at a given t .

$$u_g = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta\beta} = \frac{1}{\Delta\beta/\Delta\omega}.$$



In the limit $\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0$ (narrow-band signal)

$$u_g = \frac{1}{d\beta/d\omega} \quad (\text{m/s}).$$



- In an ionized medium:

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$$\gamma = j\omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon_0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_p}{f}\right)^2},$$



$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon_0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_p}{f}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

plasma frequency

$\Rightarrow \beta \text{ real!}$

<|

- At $\omega = \omega_p$, $\beta = 0$.
- At $\omega > \omega_p$, wave propagation is possible



$$u_g = \frac{1}{d\beta/d\omega}$$

$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2}}. \quad u_g = c \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2}.$$

$$u_p \geq c \text{ and } u_g \leq c, \quad u_p u_g = c^2$$

Similar situation exists in waveguides!

- A general relation between u_g and u_p :

$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

$$u_g = \frac{1}{d\beta/d\omega}$$

$\omega \uparrow \Rightarrow \lambda \downarrow \Rightarrow$ violet $\Rightarrow u_p \downarrow \Rightarrow n \uparrow$

$\omega \downarrow \Rightarrow \lambda \uparrow \Rightarrow$ red $\Rightarrow u_p \uparrow \Rightarrow n \downarrow$

$$\frac{d\beta}{d\omega} = \frac{d}{d\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{u_p} \right) = \frac{1}{u_p} - \frac{\omega}{u_p^2} \frac{du_p}{d\omega}$$

$$u_g = \frac{1}{d\beta/d\omega}$$

$$u_g = \frac{u_p}{1 - \frac{\omega}{u_p} \frac{du_p}{d\omega}}$$

$$n = \frac{c}{u_p}$$



a) No dispersion: $\frac{du_p}{d\omega} = 0$ $u_g = u_p$. u_p independent of ω

b) Normal dispersion: $\frac{du_p}{d\omega} < 0$ $u_g < u_p$. u_p decreasing with ω

c) Anomalous dispersion: $\frac{du_p}{d\omega} > 0$ $u_g > u_p$. u_p increasing with ω

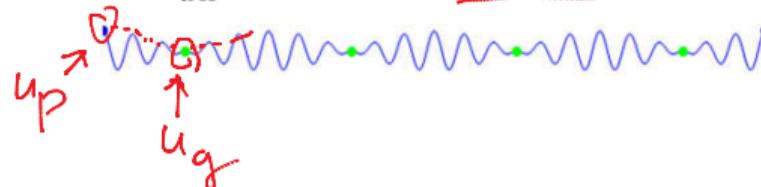
glass

Example of a material with normal dispersion?

No dispersion:

$$\frac{du_p}{d\omega} = 0$$

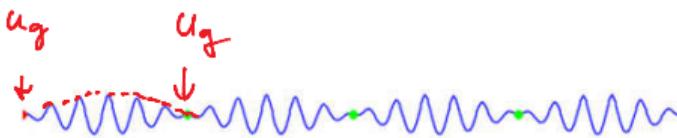
$$u_g = u_p \cdot \quad u_p \text{ independent of } \omega$$



Normal dispersion:

$$\frac{du_p}{d\omega} < 0$$

$$u_g < u_p. \quad u_p \text{ decreasing with } \omega$$



Red dot: u_p ; Green dot: u_g

$$\text{loss tangent} \hat{\tau} = \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = 0,2 < 1$$

$\left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^2 \ll 1 \Rightarrow \text{low-loss dielectrics}$ neglect H.O.T. $\left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^3, \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^4, \dots$

(a) $\alpha \approx \frac{\omega \epsilon'' \sqrt{\mu}}{2 \sqrt{\epsilon'}} = \dots = 1,82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (Np/m)}$

EXAMPLE 8-6 A narrow-band signal propagates in a lossy dielectric medium which has a loss tangent 0.2 at 550 kHz, the carrier frequency of the signal. The dielectric constant of the medium is 2.5. (a) Determine α and β . (b) Determine u_p and u_g . Is the medium dispersive?

$$\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} \left[1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right]^{0.4}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi \cdot 550 \times 10^3$$

$$\epsilon' = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

$$= \dots = 0,0183 \text{ (rad/m)}$$

$$= 2,5 \epsilon_0$$

$$\epsilon'' = 0,2 \epsilon' = 0,5 \epsilon_0$$

$$\mu = \mu_0$$

$$(b) u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left[1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right]} = 1.878 \times 10^8 \text{ (m/s)}$$

↑
(a)

$$u_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta}$$

$\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon'}$

$$\frac{d\beta}{d\omega} \approx \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{\mu\epsilon'} \left[1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{u_p}$$

+ C $\Rightarrow u_g \approx u_p$

not dispersive

for high-loss dielectrics $\Rightarrow u_g \neq u_p$, dispersive

8-5 Flow of Electromagnetic Power and the Poynting Vector

- Electromagnetic waves carry with them electromagnetic power.
- Energy is transported through space to distant receiving points by electromagnetic waves.

Vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}).$$



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

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}.$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = -\mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}.$$

In a simple medium, whose ϵ , μ , and σ do not change with time

Product rule

μ is const. of time

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial(\mu \mathbf{H})}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 \right),$$

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial(\epsilon \mathbf{E})}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\epsilon \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 \right),$$

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{E} \cdot (\sigma \mathbf{E}) = \sigma E^2.$$

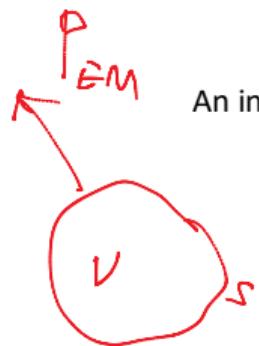
$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = A^2$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 \right) - \sigma E^2,$$

A point-function relationship

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 \right) - \sigma E^2,$$



An integral form

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 \right) dv - \int_V \sigma E^2 dv,$$

↓

The time-rate of change of the energy stored in the electric and magnetic fields, respectively

Ohmic power dissipation (due to conduction current)

Watt

Law of conservation of energy

- Right side: the rate of decrease of the electric and magnetic energies stored, subtracted by the ohmic power dissipated as heat in the volume V
- Left side: power (rate of energy) leaving the volume through its surface

Power flow per unit area

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (\text{W/m}^2).$$

Known as **Poynting vector**, a **power density vector** associated with electromagnetic field

- Poynting theorem: the surface integral of \mathbf{P} ($= \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$) over a closed surface = power **leaving** the enclosed volume



$$\oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 \right) dv - \int_V \sigma E^2 dv,$$

- Another form

$$-\oint_S \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V (w_e + w_m) dv + \int_V p_\sigma dv,$$

- Watt

$w_e = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*$ = Electric energy density,

where $w_m = \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^*$ = Magnetic energy density,

$p_\sigma = \sigma E^2 = J^2/\sigma = \sigma \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^* = \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{J}^*/\sigma$ = Ohmic power density.

- The total power **flowing into** a closed surface at any instant = the sum of **rates of increase** of the stored electric and magnetic energies and the ohmic power dissipated within the enclosed volume

$$-\oint_S \mathcal{P} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V (w_e + w_m) dv + \int_V p_\sigma dv,$$

↙
0
for static

- \mathbf{P} ($= \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$)
 - $\mathbf{P} \perp \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{P} \perp \mathbf{H}$
- Lossless case: $\sigma=0$
 - Right side: only the rate of increase of the stored electric and magnetic energies
- Static case: $\partial/\partial t = 0$
 - Right side: only the ohmic power dissipated in the enclosed volume

8-5.1 Instantaneous and Average Power Densities

- Phasor: $\mathbf{E}(z) = \mathbf{a}_x E_x(z) = \mathbf{a}_x E_0 e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z}$,

Instantaneous expression:
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(z, t) &= \Re[\mathbf{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \mathbf{a}_x E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \Re[e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)}] \\ &= \mathbf{a}_x E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z).\end{aligned}$$

- For a uniform plane wave propagating in a lossy medium in the $+z$ direction, the \mathbf{H} field:

Phasor $\mathbf{H}(z) = \mathbf{a}_y H_y(z) = \mathbf{a}_y \frac{E_0}{|\eta|} e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j(\beta z + \theta_\eta)}$

The intrinsic impedance
of the medium

$$\eta = |\eta| e^{j\vartheta_\eta}$$

Due to lossy media, $\exp(-j\vartheta_\eta)$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y \times \hat{\mathbf{E}}$$

$+z$ propagation

Instantaneous expression $\mathbf{H}(z, t) = \Re[\mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \mathbf{a}_y \frac{E_0}{|\eta|} e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z - \theta_\eta)$

$$\Re e[\mathbf{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] \times \Re e[\mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}] \neq \Re e[\mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}].$$

Or $a \cdot \cos \omega t \times b \cdot \cos \omega t \neq ab \cos \omega t$

To get time-domain Poynting vector $\mathcal{P}(z, t)$, one **cannot** do the simple cross product of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} in phasor domain and then change it to time-domain expression!

Method 1: check in time domain directly

Thus, for the instantaneous expression for Poynting vector:



$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = \mathbf{a}_x E_0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z).$$

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = \mathbf{a}_y \frac{E_0}{|\eta|} e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z - \theta_\eta).$$

$$\mathcal{P}(z, t) = \mathbf{E}(z, t) \times \mathbf{H}(z, t) = \Re e[\mathbf{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] \times \Re e[\mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}]$$

E, H in phasors

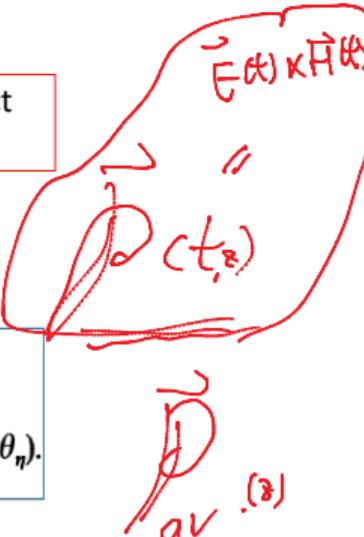
$$= \mathbf{a}_z \frac{E_0^2}{|\eta|} e^{-2\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \cos(\omega t - \beta z - \theta_\eta)$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_z \frac{E_0^2}{2|\eta|} e^{-2\alpha z} [\cos \theta_\eta + \cos(2\omega t - 2\beta z - \theta_\eta)].$$

Correct expression for instantaneous \mathcal{P}

Obviously, not equal to

$$\Re e[\mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \mathbf{a}_z \frac{E_0^2}{|\eta|} e^{-2\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - 2\beta z - \theta_\eta),$$



Time-average Poynting vector, $\mathcal{P}_{av}(z)$:

$$\mathcal{P}(z, t) = \mathbf{a}_z \frac{E_0^2}{2|\eta|} e^{-2\alpha z} [\cos \theta_\eta + \cos(2\omega t - 2\beta z - \theta_\eta)].$$

Independent of t

Average = 0 over $T/2$

Integration over a period T

$$\mathcal{P}_{av}(z) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T/2} \mathcal{P}(z, t) dt = \mathbf{a}_z \frac{E_0^2}{2|\eta|} e^{-2\alpha z} \cos \theta_\eta \quad (\text{W/m}^2),$$

where $T = 2\pi/\omega$

As far as the power transmitted by an electromagnetic wave is concerned, **its average value is a more significant quantity than its instantaneous value.**

Method 2: check in time domain **with phasor expression**

Consider two general complex vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} :

$*$: complex conjugate of



$$\Re(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^*) \quad \text{and} \quad \Re(\mathbf{B}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^*),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Re(\mathbf{A}) \times \Re(\mathbf{B}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^*) \times \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}^*) + (\mathbf{A}^* \times \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}^* \times \mathbf{B}^*)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\Re(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}^*) + \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}.\end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^*) = 2\Re[\mathbf{C}]$$

Express the instantaneous Poynting vector (**in phasors**):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}(z, t) &= \Re[\mathbf{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] \times \Re[\mathbf{H}(z)e^{j\omega t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\Re[\mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}^*(z) + \mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}(z)e^{j2\omega t}].\end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{E}e^{j\omega t}$; $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H}e^{j\omega t}$

Independent of t

Integrating $\mathcal{P}(z, t)$ over a fundamental period T
Average of the last term ($e^{j2\omega t}$) vanishes

Time-average Poynting vector, $\mathcal{P}_{av}(z)$:

$$\mathcal{P}_{av}(z) = \frac{1}{2}\Re[\mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}^*(z)].$$

The general formula for computing the average power density in a propagating wave \mathcal{P}_{av} :

$$\mathcal{P}_{av}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \Re e [\mathbf{E}(z) \times \mathbf{H}^*(z)].$$



Not necessarily propagating in z direction

General expression

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \Re e (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) \quad (\text{W/m}^2),$$

Point form:

\mathcal{P} : power density vector

Watt/m²
for a certain point

Recall in circuits: $P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \Re e (VI^*)$

P: Power

Watt
for a certain element

Analogy between electromagnetics and circuits:

	Electromagnetics	Circuits
	<u>E</u>	<u>V</u>
	<u>H</u>	<u>I</u>
Impedance	<u>Z</u> = E/H	<u>Z</u> = V/I

- Power density vector, \mathcal{P} :

EM

W/m²

- vector (energy propagation direction)
- a point value

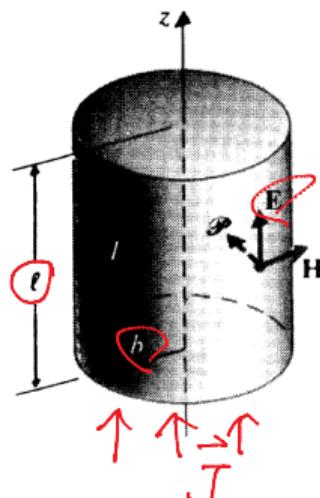
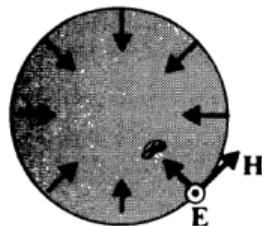
- Power, P:

at units

Watt

- scalar
- a value for a certain volume

EXAMPLE 8-7 Find the Poynting vector on the surface of a long, straight conducting wire (of radius b and conductivity σ) that carries a direct current I . Verify Poynting's theorem.



$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{J} = \hat{a}_z \frac{I}{\pi b^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma} = \hat{a}_z \frac{I}{\sigma \pi b^2}$$

$$\vec{H} = \hat{a}_\phi \frac{I}{2\pi b}$$

$$\vec{P} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H} = -\hat{a}_r \frac{I^2}{2\pi^2 \sigma b^3} \text{ (W/m}^2)$$

$$\oint \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^l \frac{I^2}{2\pi^2 \sigma b^3} d\theta b d\phi$$

FIGURE 8-8

Illustrating Poynting's theorem (Example 8-7).

$$\text{where } R = \frac{l}{\sigma A} \quad A = \pi b^2 \quad \therefore \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{s} = I^2 \frac{l}{\pi b^2} = I^2 R$$

verified.