

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics
9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

Plan for Lecture 15:

Finish reading Chapter 6

1. Some details of Liénard-Wiechert results
2. Energy density and flux associated with electromagnetic fields
3. Time harmonic fields

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News



Angela Harper named Churchill Scholar



Major Manal Ahmidouch featured in article on gender diversity in STEM



Congratulations to Dr. Alex Taylor, recent Ph.D. Recipient

Events

Wed. Feb. 15, 2017
Career Advising Event
Andrea Belanger
Univ of Texas, Dallas
12:00pm - Olin Lounge
Pizza will be served

Wed. Feb. 15, 2017
Electrochemical Energy Storage
Professor Augustyn,
NCSU
4:00pm - Olin 101
Refreshments served
3:30pm - Olin Lounge

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Data Compression Methods
Professor Ballard, WFU

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Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

Liénard-Wiechert potentials and fields --

Determination of the scalar and vector potentials for a moving point particle (also see Landau and Lifshitz **The Classical Theory of Fields**, Chapter 8.)

Consider the fields produced by the following source: a point charge q moving on a trajectory $\mathbf{R}_q(t)$.

Charge density: $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t))$

Current density: $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) = q\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t)\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t))$, where $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t)}{dt}$.



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Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \int d^3 r' dt' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c))$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \int \int d^3 r' dt' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}', t')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c)).$$

We perform the integrations over first $d^3 r'$ and then dt' making use of the fact that for any function of t' ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' f(t') \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t')|/c)) = \frac{f(t_r)}{1 - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r))}{c |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}},$$

where the "retarded time" is defined to be

$$t_r \equiv t - \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}{c}.$$

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Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

Resulting scalar and vector potentials:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c},$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{\mathbf{v}}{R} \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c},$$

Notation: $\mathbf{R} \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)$, $t_r \equiv t - \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}{c}$.
 $\mathbf{v} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r)$,

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Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

In order to find the electric and magnetic fields, we need to evaluate

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

The trick of evaluating these derivatives is that the retarded time t_r depends on position \mathbf{r} and on itself. We can show the following results using the shorthand notation:

$$\nabla t_r = -\frac{\mathbf{R}}{c\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial t_r}{\partial t} = \frac{R}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)}.$$

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Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

$$-\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\mathbf{R} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}\right) - \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right) + \mathbf{R} \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2} \right],$$

$$-\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\frac{\mathbf{v} R}{c} \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{R c} - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2}\right) - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} R}{c^2} \left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right) \right].$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v} R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}\right) + \left(\mathbf{R} \times \left(\left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v} R}{c}\right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2}\right)\right) \right].$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \left[\frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2} + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2}\right) - \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}} / c}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^2} \right] = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{c R}$$

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Maxwell's equations

Coulomb's law : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{free}$

Ampere - Maxwell's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{J}_{free}$

Faraday's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

No magnetic monopoles : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

Energy analysis of electromagnetic fields and sources

Rate of work done on source $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ by electromagnetic field :

$$\frac{dW}{dt} \equiv \frac{dE_{mech}}{dt} = \int d^3 r \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

Expressing source current in terms of fields it produces :

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \int d^3 r \mathbf{E} \cdot \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right)$$

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Energy analysis of electromagnetic fields and sources -
- continued

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \int d^3r \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} = \int d^3r \mathbf{E} \cdot \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= - \int d^3r \left(\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) + \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Let $\mathbf{S} \equiv \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$ "Poynting vector"

$$u \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \text{ energy density}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

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Energy analysis of electromagnetic fields and sources -
- continued

$$\frac{dE_{mech}}{dt} \equiv \int d^3r \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

$$\text{Electromagnetic energy density : } u \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

$$E_{field} \equiv \int d^3r u(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Poynting vector : $\mathbf{S} \equiv \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$

$$\text{From the previous energy analysis : } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE_{mech}}{dt} + \frac{dE_{field}}{dt} = - \int d^3r \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = - \oint d^2r \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Momentum analysis of electromagnetic fields and sources

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}_{mech}}{dt} \equiv \int d^3r (\rho \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Follows by analogy with Lorentz force :

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{field} = \epsilon_0 \int d^3r (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Expression for vacuum fields :

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{P}_{mech}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{P}_{field}}{dt} \right)_i = \sum_j \int d^3r \frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial r_j}$$

Maxwell stress tensor :

$$T_{ij} \equiv \epsilon_0 \left(E_i E_j + c^2 B_i B_j - \delta_{ij} \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E} + c^2 \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \right)$$

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Comment on treatment of time-harmonic fields
Fourier transformation in time domain :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\omega t}$$

Note that $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is real $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, -\omega)$

These relations and the notion of the superposition principle, lead to the common treatment :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{i\omega t})$$

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Comment on treatment of time-harmonic fields -- continued

Equations for time harmonic fields :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{i\omega t})$$

Equations in time domain in frequency domain

$$\text{Coulomb's law : } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{\text{free}} \quad \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \tilde{\rho}_{\text{free}}$$

$$\text{Ampere - Maxwell's law : } \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}} + i\omega \tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \tilde{\mathbf{J}}_{\text{free}}$$

$$\text{Faraday's law : } \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} - i\omega \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

$$\text{No magnetic monopoles : } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

Note -- in all of these, the real part is taken at the end of the calculation.

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Comment on treatment of time-harmonic fields -- continued

Equations for time harmonic fields :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{i\omega t})$$

Poynting vector : $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{i\omega t}) \times (\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{i\omega t})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega))$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{-2i\omega t} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega) e^{2i\omega t})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle_{\text{avg}} = \Re \left(\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^*(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) \right)$$

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Summary and review

Maxwell's equations

Coulomb's law : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{free}$

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No magnetic monopoles: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

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Maxwell's equations

For linear isotropic media -- $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$; $\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$
and no sources :

Coulomb's law : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$

Ampere - Maxwell's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = 0$

Faraday's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

No magnetic monopoles : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

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Analysis of Maxwell's equations without sources -- continued:

Coulomb's law : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$

Ampere - Maxwell's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = 0$

Faraday's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

No magnetic monopoles: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) &= -\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \mathbf{E})}{\partial t} \\ &= -\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) &= -\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})}{\partial t} \\ &= -\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Analysis of Maxwell's equations without sources -- continued:
Both E and B fields are solutions to a wave equation:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

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

where $v^2 \equiv c^2 \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{\mu \epsilon} \equiv \frac{c^2}{n^2}$

Plane wave solutions to wave equation :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\mathbf{B}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t}) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$$

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Analysis of Maxwell's equations without sources -- continued:
Plane wave solutions to wave equation :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\mathbf{B}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t}) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$$

$$|\mathbf{k}|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{v} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{n\omega}{c} \right)^2 \quad \text{where } n \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}$$

Note: ϵ, μ, n, k can all be complex; for the moment we will assume that they are all real (no dissipation).

Note that \mathbf{E}_0 and \mathbf{B}_0 are not independent;

from Faraday's law : $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}_0 = \frac{\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{\omega} = \frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c}$$

also note : $\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$ and $\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 = 0$

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Analysis of Maxwell's equations without sources -- continued:
Summary of plane electromagnetic waves :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re\left(\frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t}\right) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$$

$$|\mathbf{k}|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{v} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{n\omega}{c} \right)^2 \quad \text{where } n \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\mu_0\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{and } \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$$

Poynting vector for plane electromagnetic waves :

$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle_{avg} = \frac{1}{2} \Re \left(\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \times \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \right)^* \right)$$

$$= \frac{n|\mathbf{E}_0|^2}{2\mu c} \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} |\mathbf{E}_0|^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

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Analysis of Maxwell's equations without sources -- continued:
Transverse Electric and Magnetic (TEM) waves

Summary of plane electromagnetic waves :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re \left(\frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \right) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re \left(\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \right)$$

$$|\mathbf{k}|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{v} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{n\omega}{c} \right)^2 \text{ where } n \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\mu_0\epsilon_0}} \text{ and } \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$$

Energy density for plane electromagnetic waves :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u \rangle_{avg} &= \frac{1}{4} \Re \left(\epsilon \mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})^* \right) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \Re \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \cdot \left(\frac{n\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}_0}{c} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \right)^* \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon |\mathbf{E}_0|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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More general result (for homework)

1. Suppose that an electromagnetic wave of pure (real) frequency ω is traveling along the z -axis of a wave guide having a square cross section with side dimension a composed of a medium having a real permittivity constant ϵ and a real permeability constant μ . Suppose that the wave is known to have the form:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re \left[H_0 e^{ikz - i\omega t} \left[(i\mu\omega) \frac{a}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \right] \right]$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re \left[H_0 e^{ikz - i\omega t} \left[-ik \frac{a}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right] \right].$$

Here H_0 denotes a real amplitude, and the parameter k is assumed to be real and equal to

$$k = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2}, \quad \text{for } \mu\epsilon\omega^2 > \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2$$

- a. Show that this wave satisfies the sourceless Maxwell's equations.
b. Find the form of the time-averaged Poynting vector

$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle_{avg} = \frac{1}{2} \Re \left\{ \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r}, t) \right\}$$

for this electromagnetic wave.

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