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Wave polarization

Polarization – describes locus traced by tip of \vec{E} vector in space (within plane perpendicular to direction of propagation) as function of time

Most general \rightarrow elliptical polarization



z – components of E , $H = 0$ if \hat{z} is propagation direction

$\tilde{E}(z)$ with \hat{z} propagation: $\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}\tilde{E}_x(z) + \hat{y}\tilde{E}_y(z)$

$$\tilde{E}_x = E_{x0}e^{-jkz} \quad \tilde{E}_y = E_{y0}e^{-jkz} \quad (\text{Only propagate in } +z \text{ direction})$$

$E_{x0}, E_{y0} \rightarrow$ in general composed with magnitude and phase

Phase is defined relative to reference, such as $z=0, t=0$.

Polarization depends on phase and amplitude of E_{x0} relative to E_{y0}

Wave polarization

We set phase of E_{x0} as zero for reference

$\delta = \text{phase of } E_{y0} \text{ relative to } E_{x0} = \text{phase difference}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{x0} = a_x \quad a_x = |E_{x0}| \geq 0 \\ E_{y0} = a_y e^{j\delta} \quad a_y = |E_{y0}| \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$

$$\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}\tilde{E}_x(z) + \hat{y}\tilde{E}_y(z) = (\hat{x}a_x + \hat{y}a_y e^{j\delta})e^{-jkz}$$

Instantaneous field: $\vec{E}(z, t) = \text{Re}[\tilde{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}]$

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

Magnitude of $\vec{E}(z, t)$:

$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = \sqrt{E_x^2(z, t) + E_y^2(z, t)} = (a_x^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz) + a_y^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz + \delta))^{1/2}$$

The direction of $\vec{E}(z, t)$ at specific position, z is given by “inclination angle” ψ :

$$\psi(z, t) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{E_y(z, t)}{E_x(z, t)} \right]$$

Linear Polarization

Linearly polarized if at fixed z the tip of $\vec{E}(z, t)$ traces a straight line as function of time

$E_x(z, t)$ and $E_y(z, t)$ are in phase ($\delta = 0$) or out of phase ($\delta = \pi$)

$$\vec{E}(0, t) = (\hat{x}a_x + \hat{y} a_y) \cos(\omega t - kz) \text{ in phase}$$

$$\vec{E}(0, t) = (\hat{x}a_x - \hat{y} a_y) \cos(\omega t - kz) \text{ out of phase}$$

Consider **out of phase** case:

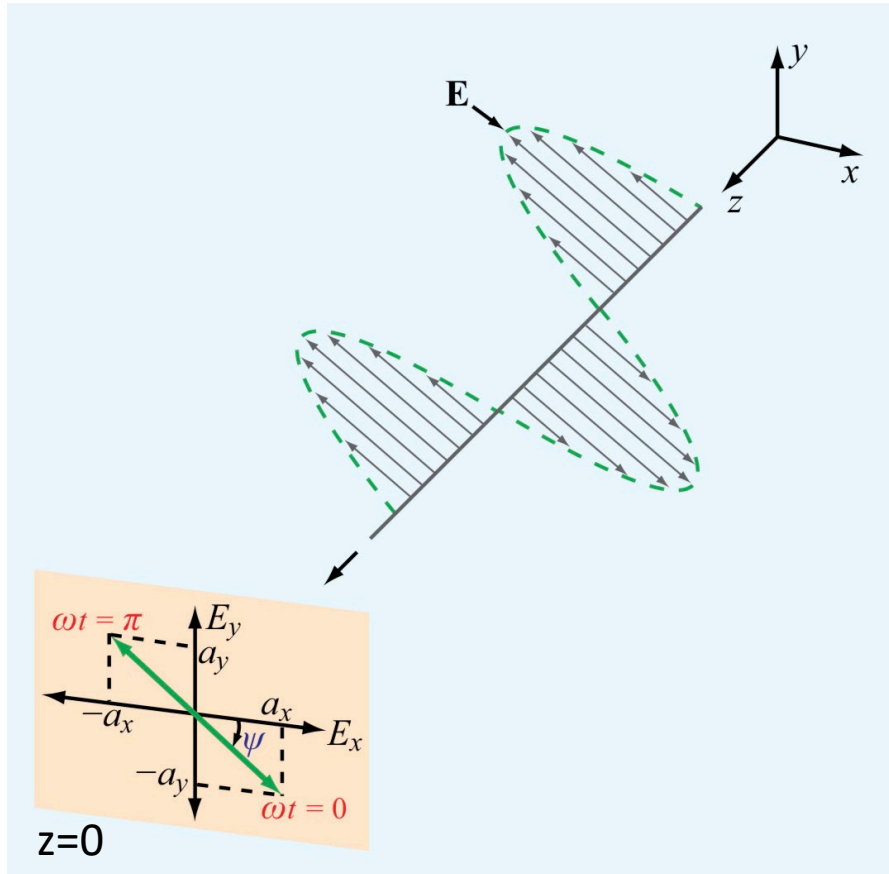
$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

$$\psi = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a_y}{a_x} \right] \quad \psi \text{ is independent of both } z \text{ and } t$$

Linear Polarization

Linear polarization travelling +z

$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} \cos(\omega t - kz) \quad \psi = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a_y}{a_x} \right]$$



Consider the electric field at $z = 0$:

At $t = 0$

$$|\vec{E}(0,0)| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}$$

At $\omega t = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $t = \frac{\pi}{2\omega}$

$$|\vec{E}\left(0, t = \frac{\pi}{2\omega}\right)| = 0$$

Then vector reverses direction at $\omega t = \pi$

$$|\vec{E}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} \text{ in 2nd quadrant}$$

If $a_y = 0$, then $\psi = 0^\circ$ or 180° and wave is x-polarized

If $a_x = 0$, then $\psi = 90^\circ$ or -90° and wave is y-polarized

Circular Polarization

$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = \sqrt{E_x^2(z, t) + E_y^2(z, t)} = (a_x^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz) + a_y^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz + \delta))^{1/2}$$

$$\psi(z, t) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{E_y(z, t)}{E_x(z, t)} \right]$$

Consider $a_x = a_y$ and $\delta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$

Will have left-hand circular $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, right-hand circular $\delta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

LHC: $a_x = a_y = a$ and $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\tilde{E}(z) = (\hat{x}a + \hat{y}ae^{j\frac{\pi}{2}})e^{-jkz} = a(\hat{x} + j\hat{y})e^{-jkz}$$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \text{Re}[\tilde{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \hat{x}a \cos(\omega t - kz) + \hat{y}a \cos(\omega t - kz + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \text{Re}[\tilde{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \hat{x}a \cos(\omega t - kz) - \hat{y}a \sin(\omega t - kz)$$

Circular Polarization

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$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = \sqrt{E_x^2(z, t) + E_y^2(z, t)} = [a^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz) + a^2 \sin^2(\omega t - kz)]^{1/2} = a$$

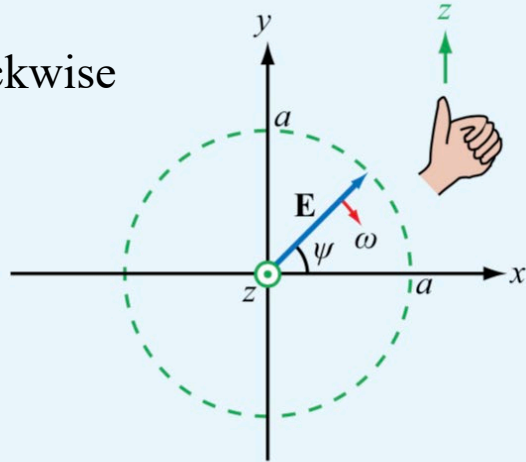
$$\psi(z, t) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{E_y(z, t)}{E_x(z, t)} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a \sin(\omega t - kz)}{a \cos(\omega t - kz)} \right] = -(\omega t - kz)$$

Now $|\vec{E}|$ is independent of z , t and ψ depends on both z and t

At $z = 0$, $\psi = -\omega t \rightarrow$ inclination angle decreases with time

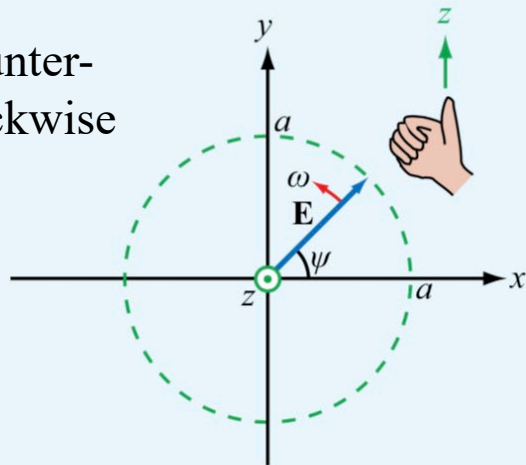
Circular Polarization

clockwise



(a) LHC polarization

Counter-clockwise



(b) RHC polarization

Thumb along $+\hat{z}$ direction of propagation – LH or RH then determines circular polarization

RHC $a_x = a_y = a$ and $\delta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$|\vec{E}(z, t)| = a$$

$$\psi(z, t) = (\omega t - kz)$$

$$\text{At } z = 0, \psi = \omega t$$

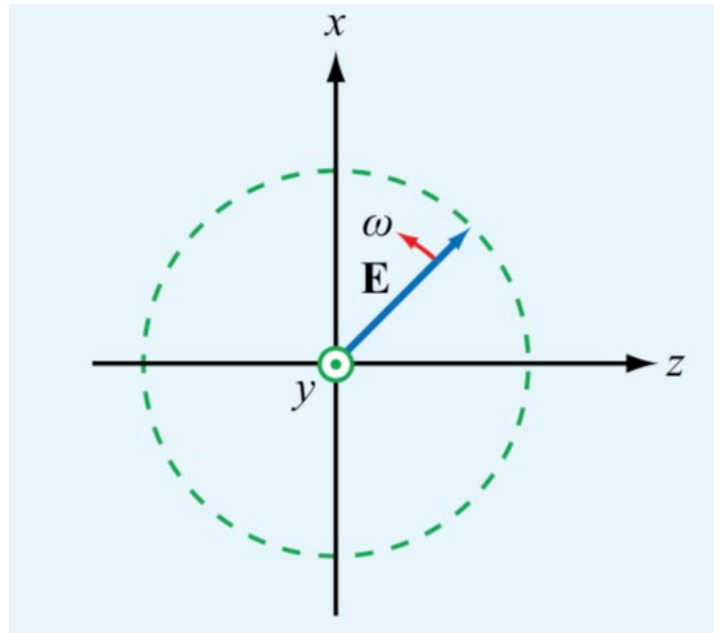
Example: RHC polarized wave

RHC – polarized plane wave with electric field magnitude = 3mV/m
traveling in +y direction in dielectric $\epsilon = 4\epsilon_0, \mu = \mu_0, \sigma = 0$

$f = 100 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow$ **obtain** $\vec{E}(y, t)$ and $\vec{H}(y, t)$

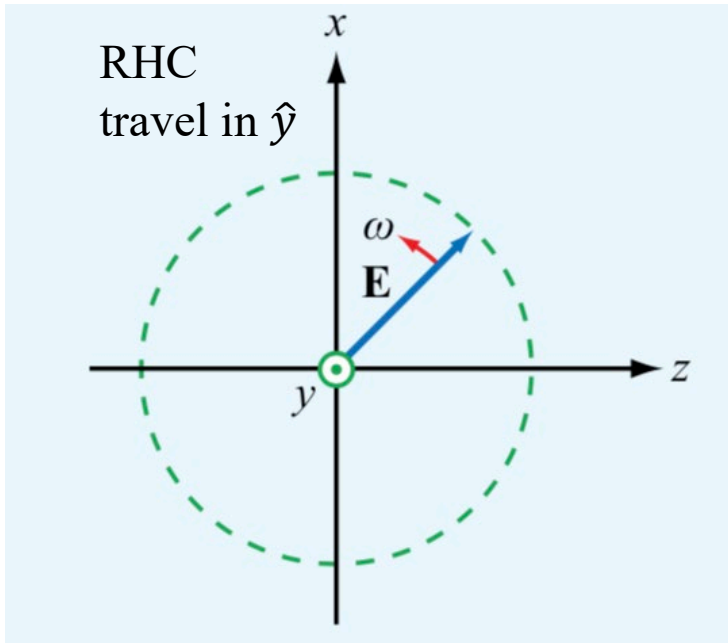
Since wave travels in +y $\rightarrow \hat{k} = \hat{y}$; plane wave must be in x-z plane

RHC travel in \hat{y}



Example: RHC polarized wave

$$\vec{E}(y, t) = \hat{z}a_z \cos(\omega t - ky) + \hat{x}a_x \cos(\omega t - ky + \delta)$$



$\tilde{E}(y)$: z-component phase = 0

x-component $\delta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ phase shift

$$a = 3 \text{ (mv/m)}$$

$$\tilde{E}(y) = \hat{z}\tilde{E}_z + \hat{x}\tilde{E}_x = \hat{z}ae^{-jky} + \hat{x}ae^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}e^{-jky}$$

$$\tilde{E}(y) = (\hat{z} - \hat{x}j)3e^{-jky}$$

$$\tilde{H}(y) = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{y} \times \tilde{E}(y) = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{y} \times (\hat{z} - \hat{x}j)3e^{-jky}$$

$$\tilde{H}(y) = \frac{3}{\eta} (\hat{x} + \hat{z}j)e^{-jky}$$

Example: RHC polarized wave

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi \times 10^8 \text{ [rad/s]}$$

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0 4\epsilon_0} = 2\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} \quad k = \frac{2\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8} = \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

$$\eta = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{4}} \quad \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}} = \frac{\eta_0}{2} \sim \frac{120\pi}{2} = 60\pi$$

$$\vec{E}(y, t) = \text{Re}[\tilde{E}(y)e^{j\omega t}] = \text{Re}[(-\hat{x}j + \hat{z})3e^{-jky}e^{j\omega t}]$$

$$\vec{E}(y, t) = 3[\hat{x}\sin(\omega t - ky) + \hat{z}\cos(\omega t - ky)] \text{ [mV/m]}$$

$$\vec{H}(y, t) = \text{Re}[\tilde{H}(y)e^{j\omega t}] = \text{Re}\left[\frac{3}{\eta}(\hat{z}j + \hat{x})e^{-jky}e^{j\omega t}\right]$$

$$\vec{H}(y, t) = \frac{1}{20\pi}[\hat{x}\cos(\omega t - ky) - \hat{z}\sin(\omega t - ky)] \text{ [mA/m]}$$

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

We start with wave equation

Recall our derivation, from time-dependent fields

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \tilde{E}) &= -j\omega\mu(\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \tilde{H}}_{\vec{\nabla} \times \tilde{H} = j\omega\epsilon_c \tilde{E}}) \\ \underbrace{\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{E})}_{=0} - \nabla^2 \tilde{E} &= -j\omega\mu(j\omega\epsilon_c \tilde{E}) \end{aligned} \quad \epsilon_c = \epsilon - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega}$$

$$-\nabla^2 \tilde{E} = -j\omega\mu(j\omega\epsilon_c \tilde{E})$$

$\epsilon_c \rightarrow \text{complex}$

Homogeneous wave equation: $\nabla^2 \tilde{E} + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon_c \tilde{E} = 0$

Define propagation constant: $\gamma \quad \gamma^2 = -\omega^2 \mu \epsilon_c$

$\nabla^2 \tilde{E} - \gamma^2 \tilde{E} = 0$

Lossless $\rightarrow \epsilon_c = \epsilon$

$$\gamma^2 = -\omega^2 \mu (\epsilon' - j\epsilon'') \quad \epsilon' = \epsilon \quad \epsilon'' = \frac{\sigma}{\omega}$$

$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad \alpha \rightarrow \text{attenuation constant} \quad \beta \rightarrow \text{phase constant}$

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

$$(\alpha + j\beta)^2 = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2) + j2\alpha\beta = -\omega^2\mu\epsilon' + j\omega^2\mu\epsilon''$$

Real and imaginary parts must equal each other respectively:

$$(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) = -\omega^2\mu\epsilon'$$

$$2\alpha\beta = \omega^2\mu\epsilon''$$

Solve for α, β :

$$\alpha = \omega \left\{ \frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2} - 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Attenuation} \\ \downarrow \\ [\text{Np/m}] \end{array}$$

$$\beta = \omega \left\{ \frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2} + 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{rad/m}] \\ \uparrow \\ \text{phase} \end{array}$$

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

Consider uniform plane wave, $\tilde{E} = \hat{x}\tilde{E}_x(z)$ traveling along z -direction

Wave equation becomes:
$$\frac{d^2\tilde{E}_x(z)}{dz^2} - \gamma^2\tilde{E}_x(z) = 0$$

General solution will have $+z$ and $-z$ components

Assume only $+z$ solution: $\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}\tilde{E}_x(z) = \hat{x}E_{x0}e^{-\gamma z}$

$$\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}E_{x0}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z}$$

Obtain associated magnetic field, \tilde{H} : $\vec{\nabla} \times \tilde{E} = -j\omega\mu\tilde{H}$ or $\tilde{H} = \frac{\hat{k} \times \tilde{E}}{\eta_c}$



Intrinsic impedance,
complex for lossy medium

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

$$\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}E_{x0}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z} \quad \tilde{H}(z) = \hat{y}\tilde{H}_y(z) = \frac{\hat{y}\tilde{E}_x(z)}{\eta_c} = \hat{y}\frac{E_{x0}}{\eta_c}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z}$$

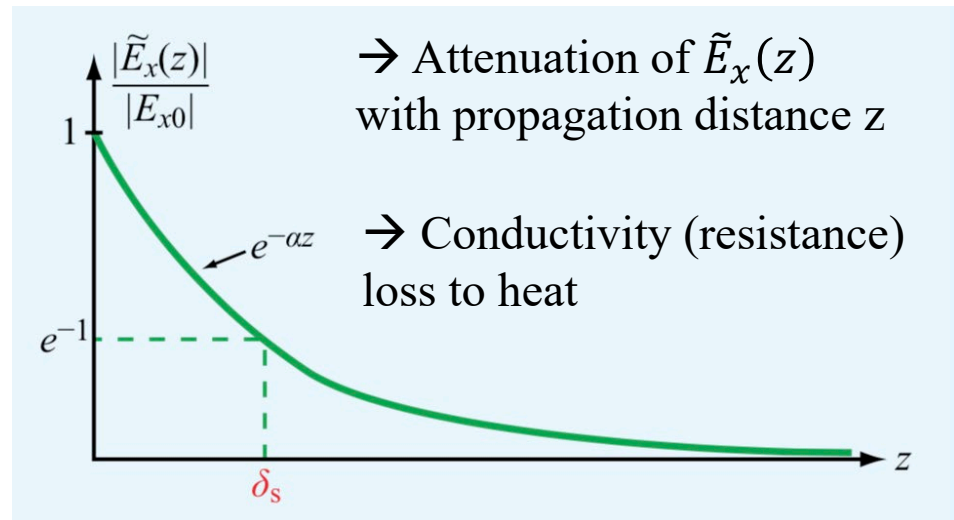
$$\eta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 - j\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}\right)^{-1/2}$$

For lossy medium, $\vec{E}(z, t)$ no longer in phase with $\vec{H}(z, t)$ with η_c complex (will see in examples)

Examine magnitude of $\tilde{E}_x(z)$:

$$|\tilde{E}_x(z)| = |E_{x0}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z}|$$

$$|\tilde{E}_x(z)| = |E_{x0}|e^{-\alpha z}$$



Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

$$\tilde{H}_y = \frac{\tilde{E}_x}{\eta_c} \longrightarrow |\tilde{H}_y| \text{ will also decrease exponentially, } e^{-\alpha z}$$

Energy carried by EM wave is dissipated to heat due to conductivity of medium

Define distance, $z = \delta_s$ such that $\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha}$

Wave amplitude decreases by $1/e \approx 0.37$ at $z = \delta_s$

For $z = 3\delta_s$, field amp $< 5\%$

For $z = 5\delta_s$, field amp $< 1\%$

$\delta_s = \text{skin depth} \rightarrow$ describes how deeply EM wave can penetrate conducting medium

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

Perfect dielectric:

$$\sigma = 0, \epsilon'' = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = 0 \text{ and } \delta_s = \infty$$

Free space, plane wave can propagate indefinitely with no amplitude losses

Perfect conductor:

$$\sigma = \infty \text{ and } \delta_s = 0$$

EM wave cannot propagate through outer conductor of coax cable, prevents energy from leaking out. (shields)

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

Apply to general – linear, isotropic, homogeneous media

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad \epsilon' = \epsilon \quad \epsilon'' = \frac{\sigma}{\omega}$$

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

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

$$\eta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^{-1/2}$$

Plane-wave propagation in lossy media

1. Perfect dielectric: ($\sigma = 0$) \rightarrow reduce to lossless case

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \quad \eta_c = \eta$$

2. Lossy medium: $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}$

(a) Low Loss: $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \ll 1$ $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} < \frac{1}{100}$

(b) Good conductor: $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \gg 1$ $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} > 100$

(c) Quasi conductor: $\frac{1}{100} \leq \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \leq 100$

Low-loss dielectric

$$\gamma^2 = -\omega^2 \mu (\epsilon' - j\epsilon'') \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma = j\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Using binomial series we can approximate $(1 - x)^{1/2} \approx 1 - \frac{x}{2}$ (for $|x| \ll 1$)

Low loss dielectric $\left| j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right| \ll 1$:

$$\gamma \approx j\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} \right)$$

$$\alpha \approx \frac{\omega \epsilon''}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad [\text{Np/m}]$$

$$\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon'} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \quad [\text{rad/m}]$$

(same as k for lossless)

Low-loss dielectric

$$\eta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^{-1/2}$$

again apply binomial expansion: $(1 - x)^{-1/2} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2}$

$$\eta_c \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 + j \frac{\epsilon''}{2\epsilon'} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(1 + j \frac{\sigma}{2\omega\epsilon} \right)$$

Since $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} < \frac{1}{100} \rightarrow$ can ignore

$$\eta_c \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

Good Conductor

$$\alpha = \omega \left\{ \frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2} - 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad \beta = \omega \left\{ \frac{\mu\epsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^2} + 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

For $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} > 100$ can approximate:


$$\alpha \approx \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon''}{2}} = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\sigma}{2\omega}} = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} \text{ [Np/m]}$$

$$\beta = \alpha \approx \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} \text{ [rad/m]}$$

Good Conductor

$$\eta_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon'}} \left(1 - j \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)^{-1/2}$$

recall: $\sqrt{j} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}}$


$$\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} > 100$$

$$\eta_c \approx \sqrt{\frac{j\mu}{\epsilon''}} = (1+j) \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu}{\sigma}} = (1+j) \frac{\alpha}{\sigma}$$

For perfect conductor $\rightarrow \sigma = \infty$, $\alpha = \beta = \infty$ and $\eta_c = 0$

equivalent to short circuit in transmission line

Summary of propagation in materials

	Any Medium	Lossless Medium ($\sigma = 0$)	Low-loss Medium ($\varepsilon''/\varepsilon' \ll 1$)	Good Conductor ($\varepsilon''/\varepsilon' \gg 1$)	Units
$\alpha =$	$\omega \left[\frac{\mu\varepsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon''}{\varepsilon'} \right)^2} - 1 \right] \right]^{1/2}$	0	$\frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon}}$	$\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}$	(Np/m)
$\beta =$	$\omega \left[\frac{\mu\varepsilon'}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon''}{\varepsilon'} \right)^2} + 1 \right] \right]^{1/2}$	$\omega \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}$	$\omega \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}$	$\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}$	(rad/m)
$\eta_c =$	$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon'}} \left(1 - j \frac{\varepsilon''}{\varepsilon'} \right)^{-1/2}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon}}$	$(1 + j) \frac{\alpha}{\sigma}$	(Ω)
$u_p =$	ω / β	$1 / \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}$	$1 / \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}$	$\sqrt{4\pi f / \mu \sigma}$	(m/s)
$\lambda =$	$2\pi / \beta = u_p / f$	u_p / f	u_p / f	u_p / f	(m)
Notes: $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon$; $\varepsilon'' = \sigma/\omega$; in free space, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$, $\mu = \mu_0$; in practice, a material is considered a low-loss medium if $\varepsilon''/\varepsilon' = \sigma/\omega\varepsilon < 0.01$ and a good conducting medium if $\varepsilon''/\varepsilon' > 100$.					

Example: copper

Copper has:

$$\mu = \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \left[\frac{H}{m} \right], \epsilon = \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9} \left[\frac{F}{m} \right], \sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7 \left[\frac{S}{m} \right]$$

Assuming parameters do not change with frequency, over what spectral range is copper a good conductor?

$$\text{Good conductor:} \quad \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} > 100$$

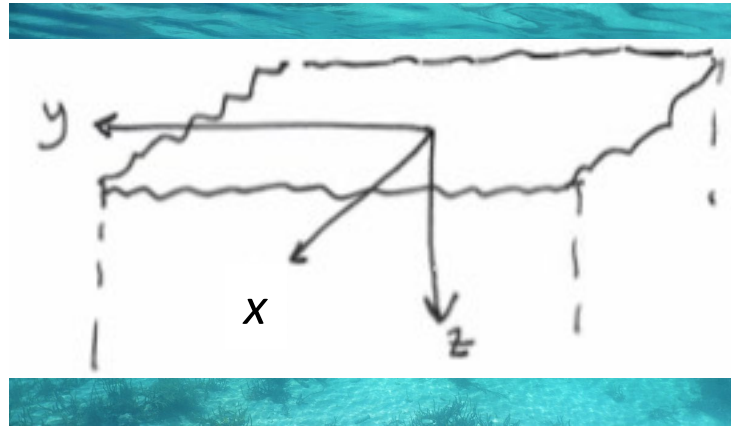
$$\omega = 2\pi f < \frac{\sigma}{100\epsilon}$$

$$f < \frac{\sigma}{200\pi\epsilon} = \frac{5.8 \times 10^7}{(200\pi) \left(\frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9} \right)} = 1.04 \times 10^{16} \text{ Hz}$$

As long as $f < \sim 10^{16}$ Hz, copper good conduction (UV light)

Example: plane wave in seawater

Consider a uniform plane wave in seawater



Plane wave in x - y



Propagate in $+z$

$$\epsilon_r = 80, \mu_r = 1, \sigma = 4 \text{ S/m}$$

$$\text{At } z = 0, \quad \vec{H}(0, t) = \hat{y}100\cos(2\pi 10^3 t + 15^\circ) \text{ [mA/m]}$$

- a) Obtain $\vec{E}(z, t)$ and $\vec{H}(z, t)$
- b) Obtain depth where magnitude of \vec{E} is 1% of $z=0$

Example: plane wave in seawater

a) Obtain $\vec{E}(z, t)$ and $\vec{H}(z, t)$

Since \vec{H} is along \hat{y} and propagates along $\hat{z} \rightarrow \vec{E}$ must be along \hat{x} :

General expressions for phasors: $\tilde{E}(z) = \hat{x}E_{x0}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z}$

$$\tilde{H}(z) = \frac{\hat{y}E_{x0}}{\eta_c}e^{-\alpha z}e^{-j\beta z}$$

Now we determine α , β and η_c for seawater:

Evaluate $\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}$ We have $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi \times 10^3 \left[\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \right]$ $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$

$$\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon_r\epsilon_0} = \frac{4}{(2\pi \times 10^3)(80) \left(\frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9} \right)} = 9 \times 10^5 \gg 100$$

Seawater is a Good
conductor at 1 kHz

Example: plane wave in seawater

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} = \sqrt{\pi \times 10^3 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 4} = 0.126 \text{ [Np/m]}$$

$$\beta = \alpha = 0.126 \text{ [rad/m]}$$

$$\eta_c = (1 + j) \frac{\alpha}{\sigma} = \left(\sqrt{2} e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}\right) \frac{0.126}{4} = 0.044 e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$E_{x0} = |E_{x0}| e^{j\varphi_0}$$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \text{Re} \left[\hat{x} |E_{x0}| e^{j\varphi_0} e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} e^{j\omega t} \right]$$


$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \hat{x} |E_{x0}| e^{-0.126z} \cos(2\pi 10^3 t - 0.126z + \varphi_0) \text{ [V/m]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}(z, t) &= \text{Re} \left[\frac{\hat{y} |E_{x0}| e^{j\varphi_0}}{0.044 e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}} e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} e^{j\omega t} \right] \\ &= \hat{y} 22.5 |E_{x0}| e^{-0.126z} \cos(2\pi 10^3 t - 0.126z + \varphi_0 - 45^\circ) \left[\frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Example: plane wave in seawater

$$\text{At } z = 0: \quad \vec{H}(0, t) = \hat{y}22.5|E_{x0}| \cos(2\pi 10^3 t + \varphi_0 - 45^\circ) \quad \left[\frac{A}{m} \right]$$

Compare with given:


$$\vec{H}(0, t) = \hat{y}100 \cos(2\pi 10^3 t + 15^\circ) \quad [mA/m]$$

$$22.5|E_{x0}| = 100 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow |E_{x0}| = 4.44 \text{ mV/m}$$

$$\varphi_0 - 45^\circ = 15^\circ \rightarrow \varphi_0 = 60^\circ$$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \hat{x}4.44e^{-0.126z} \cos(2\pi 10^3 t - 0.126z + 60^\circ) \quad [mV/m]$$

$$\vec{H}(z, t) = \hat{y}100e^{-0.126z} \cos(2\pi 10^3 t - 0.126z + 15^\circ) \quad [mA/m]$$

Example: plane wave in seawater

b) Depth where magnitude of \vec{E} is 1% of $z=0$

$$0.01 = e^{-0.126z}$$

$$z = \frac{\ln(0.01)}{-0.126} = 36.55 \text{ m}$$