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## Wave equation

The general formula of differential wave equation given by:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = V^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Or

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{V^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

When  $\psi(x, t)$  wave equation for wave travel in speed (V). Use partial differential equation to solve eq.(1) or (2):

Suppose :  $\psi = Q(x)R(t) \dots \dots \dots (3)$

So eq.(1) becomes:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} = \frac{V^2}{Q} \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = A = \text{separation constant} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

So get:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} = A$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} = AR(t) \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = \frac{A}{V^2} Q(x) \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Now need to solve eq.(5) & (6):

Case (1): when A=0

$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial t} = a = \text{constant}$$

$$R = at + b \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

&

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = c = \text{constant}$$

$$Q = Cx + d \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

When a,b,c & d are constant.

$$\therefore \psi = Q \cdot R = (at+b)(cx+d)$$

$$\psi = a_1 + b_1x + c_1t + d_1xt \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

Case (2): when  $A = \omega^2 > 0$  get:

$$\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} = AR(t) = \omega^2 R(t) \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

&

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = \left(\frac{\omega}{v}\right)^2 Q \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

- H.W (1): find  $\psi(x, t)$

Case (3): when  $A = -\omega^2 < 0$  : H.W(2) find  $\psi(x, t)$ ?!

- H.W (3) : Solve the following wave eq.

$$9 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \qquad 0 < x < \pi$$

$$t > 0$$

$$\psi(0, t) = 0 \quad , \quad \psi(\pi, t) = 0 \quad t > 0$$

$$\psi(x, 0) = f(x) \quad , \quad \psi(x, 0) = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = V^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Let:

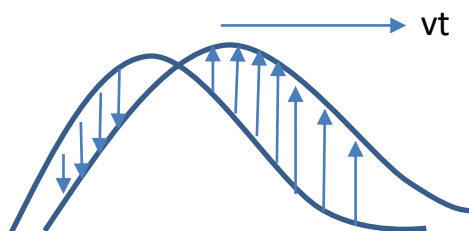
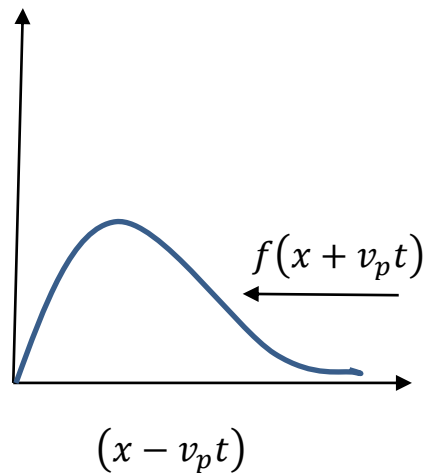
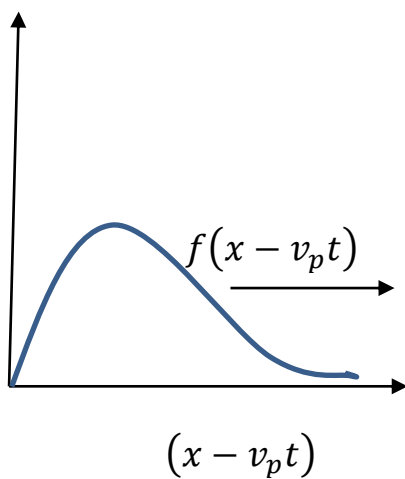
$$\psi(x, t) = f(x - v_p t) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} = v_p^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

When:

$v_p$ : phase velocity,  $f(x - v_p t)$ : wave equation .

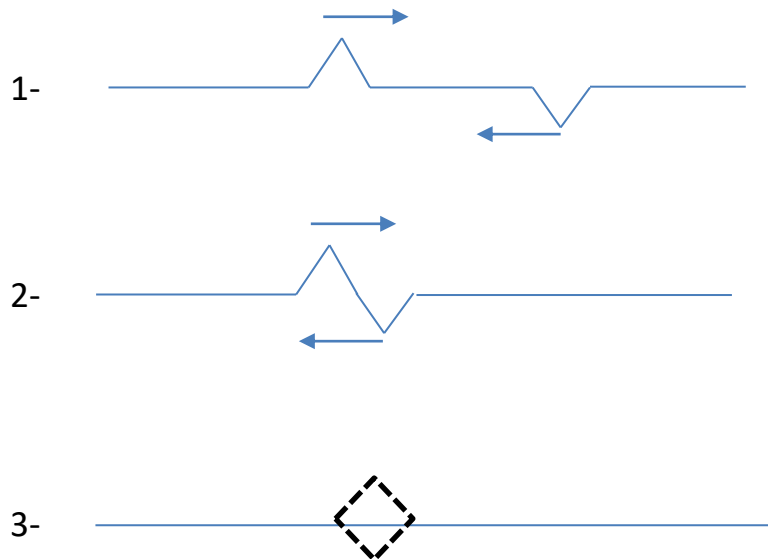
You can also show that any function  $f(kx \pm \omega t)$  gives the same result, when  $(\omega = v_p k)$ .



What is moving?

This work for any wave shape.

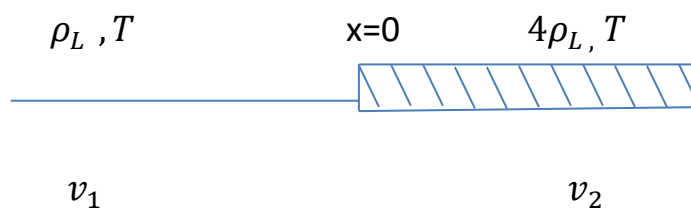
Example/ Wave equations are linear: this means that a linear combination of solution is a solution.



This case different from stationary string: the energy stored in the string.



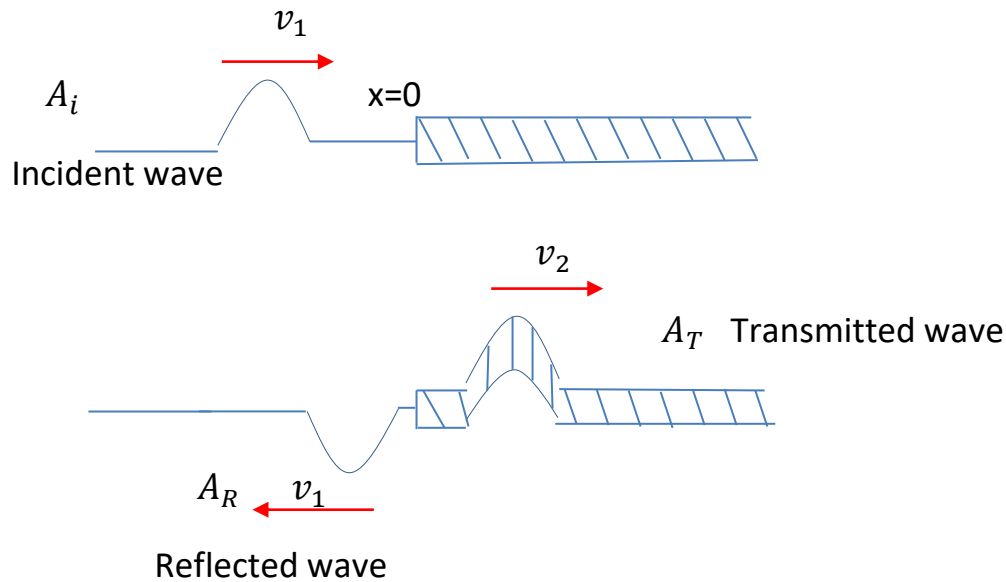
If we have a string with different thicknesses (i.e. different densities ( $\rho_L$ ) & tensions (T)):



Assuming that the tension (T) is uniform:

$$v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho L}} \quad \& \quad v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{T}{4\rho L}} = \frac{1}{2}v_1$$

The velocity of a wave  $v_2$  in a denser string ( $4\rho$ ) for example, is slower than  $v_1$  by half. The wave will moving through this string as:



When a wave moves from one medium to another, the wavelength will be changed but the frequency will be constant.

$$R = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} \quad \text{Reflected (R)}$$

$$T = \frac{2v_2}{v_2 + v_1} \quad \text{Transmitted (T)}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{v_1}{2}, \quad \& \quad k \propto v^{-1}$$

$$\therefore R = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad \text{the phase change by } (\pi);$$

$$T = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \text{no phase change.}$$

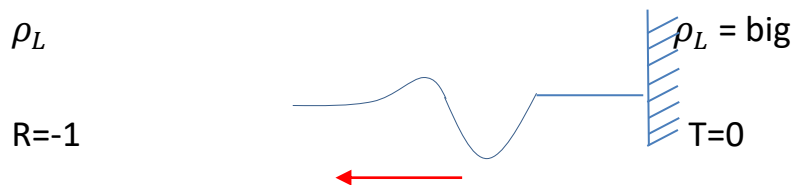
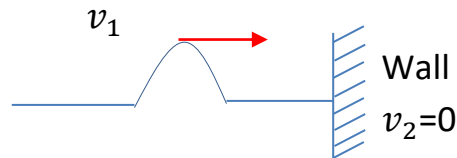
Impedance:

$$Z_1 = \frac{\text{Tension}}{v_1} \quad \& \quad Z_2 = \frac{\text{Tension}}{v_2}$$

The amplitude of the transmitted and reflected wave is determined by the properties of the two media (systems).

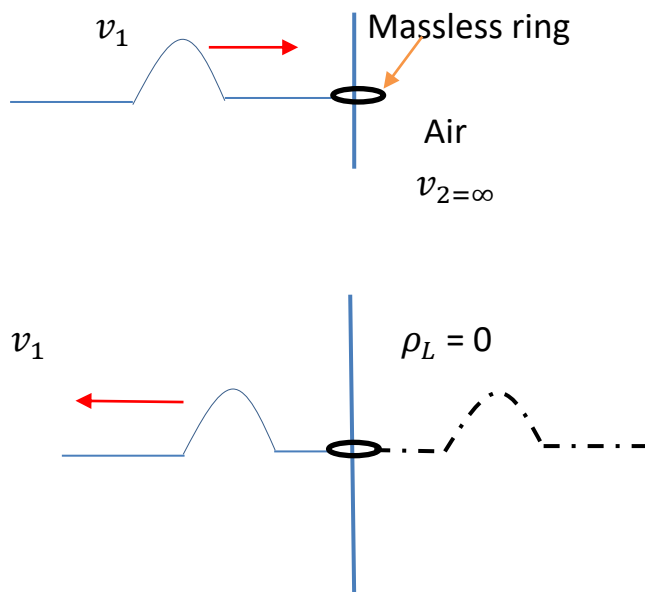
Consider two extreme cases:

1- String attached a wall:



In a sense, the ( $\rho_L$ ) of the wall is very big, infinite in fact. Therefore, ( $v_2 \rightarrow 0$ ), ( $R=-1$ ) and ( $T=0$ ). The amplitude changes sign but not magnitude, and there is no transmitted wave.

2- There is air on the other side: the ( $\rho_L$ ) of the air is zero, therefore, ( $v_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ), ( $R=1$ ) & ( $T=2$ ).



## EM (Electromagnetic) waves:

Maxwell's equations: differential form

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{Gauss' Law}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{Gauss' Law for magnetism}$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left( \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad \text{Ampere's & Maxwell's Law}$$

### : In vacuum

$\rho = 0$  &  $\vec{J} = 0$  and we get

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

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$



When in the last two equations see the change in magnetic field generate as electric field and changing electric field produce a magnetic field

To solve these equations need to use the identity

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} \quad \text{When}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla}^2 \quad \text{is the Laplace operator}$$

**In vacuum**

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

$$\vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \left( - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

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

Where

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

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

These equations changed the world . Maxwell is the first one who recognized it because of the term he put in. it was represent a wave equation with speed:

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

Also for B field get:

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

It is very important that the associated magnetic field also satisfies the wave equation. So from Maxwell's equations E create B and B create E.

Therefore, they cannot exist without each other

1638 Golilo speed of light is very large

1676 Romer speed of light  $2.2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

1724 James Bradley speed of light  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

EMW= Oscillation in fields (E & B).

Scalar fields: every position in the space gets a number

Vector Files: Instead of a number or scalar every point gets a vector

$$A_{(x,y,z)} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

The electric and magnetic fields are a vector filed.

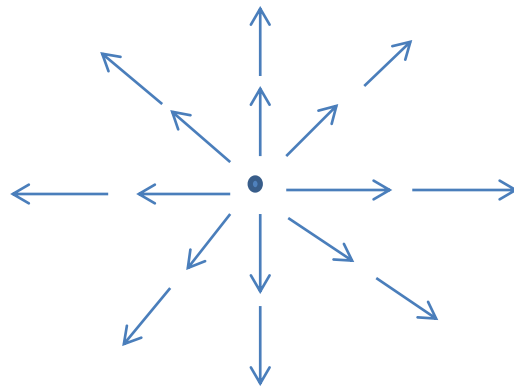
$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

Divergence: using the definition for above vector:

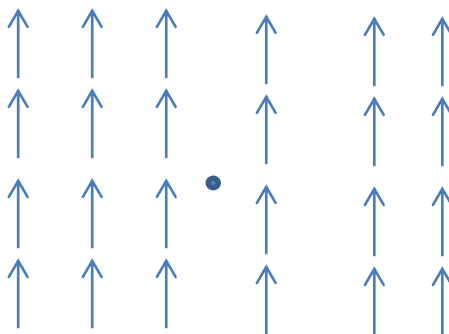
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \text{Div } A \quad \text{Divergence of vector } \vec{A}$$

The divergence is a measure of how much the vector spreads out (diverges) from a point:



The divergence of this vector field (B) positive



The divergence of this vector field (B) zero

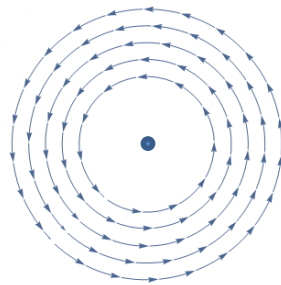
## Curl : (rotate)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

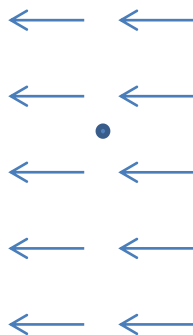
$$= \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

What exactly does Curl mean:

Curl is mean measure of how much the vector  $\vec{A}$  (Curl around) a point



This vector field has a large Curl



This vector field has no Curl

### Example

Check if a plan wave satisfying wave equations

$$\vec{E} = E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \dots \dots \dots (1) \quad \text{take only real part}$$

$$\vec{E} = (E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t), 0, 0) \dots \dots (2) \quad \text{and find } \vec{B}$$

Solution:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$-E_0 k^2 \cos(kz - \omega t) = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \dots \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c$$

*condition needed to satisfy the wave equation*

Then we can find  $\vec{B}$  field

$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \begin{matrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} = \left( \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \hat{j} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \hat{k} \right) = -E_0 \hat{j} k \sin(kz - \omega t)$$

So eq(6) become

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \hat{j} E_0 k \sin(kz - \omega t) \dots (7)$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{j} k E_0 \int \sin(kz - \omega t) dt$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{j} \frac{KE_0}{W} \cos(kz - \omega t) \dots (8)$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{j} \frac{E_0}{c} \cos(kz - \omega t) \dots (9)$$

Here can be concluding

- 1- The  $\vec{E}$  field must come with  $\vec{B}$  field, the two fields are perpendicular and they are in phase . if  $\hat{k}$  is the direction of propagation then

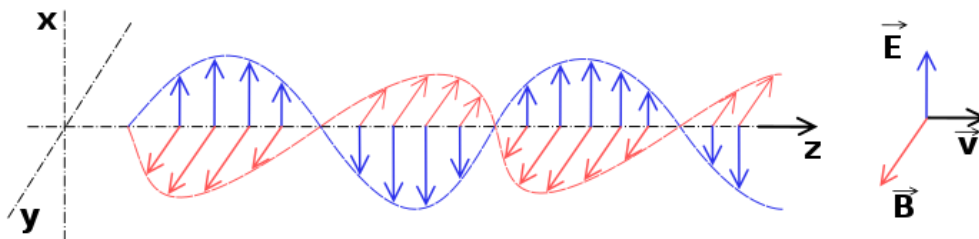
$$\vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} K_u \times \vec{E} \dots (9)$$

The amplitude of the magnetic field is equal to the amplitude field divided by the speed of light .

- 2- The EMW is non-dispersive that mean the speed of light ( $c$ ) is independent of the wave number ( $k$ )

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

- 3- The direction of propagation of EM is in same direction of  $(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$ .



$$\vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} K_u \times \vec{E}$$

$K_u$  unit vector in direction of propagation or in  $\vec{k}$  direction

### Example

$$\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \quad \vec{E}_0 = -\frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{i} + \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{j}$$

$$r = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda\sqrt{2}} (x + y)$$

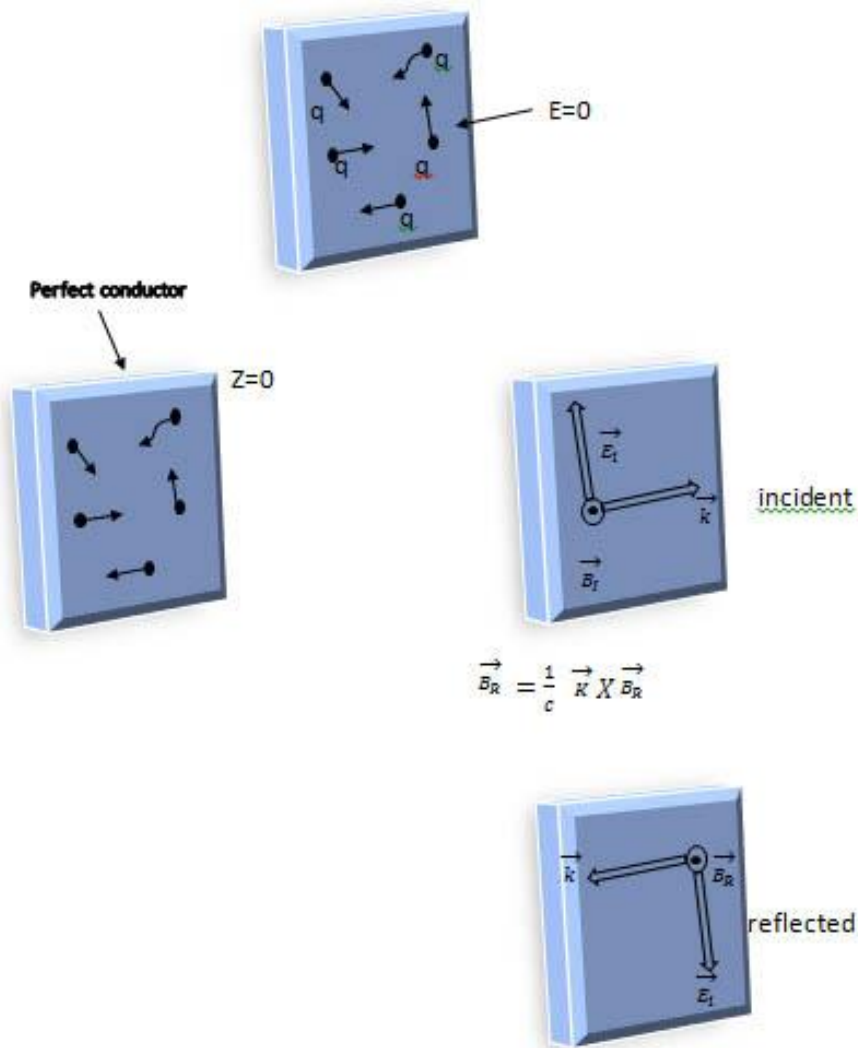
$$\vec{E} = E_0 \left( -\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cos\left( \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{\lambda} (x + y) - \omega t \right)$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} K_u \times \vec{E}$$

$$= \frac{E_0}{c} \hat{k} \cos\left( \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{\lambda} (x + y) - \omega t \right)$$

If there is no other material, the EMW will travel forever

Now let put a perfect conductor and the EMW incident to this conductor



Incident wave

$$\vec{E}_I = \frac{E_0}{2} \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{B}_I = \frac{E_0}{2c} \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

To satisfy the boundary condition

$$\vec{E}_1 = 0 \text{ and } z = 0$$

We need only a reflected wave:

$$\vec{E}_R = -\frac{E_0}{2} \cos(-kz - \omega t) \hat{i}$$



$$\vec{B}_R = -\frac{E_o}{2c} \cos(-kz - wt) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_I + \vec{E}_R = \hat{i} \frac{E_o}{2} \{\cos(kz - wt) - \cos(-kz - wt)\}$$

$$\vec{E} = E_o \sin(2wt) \sin(2kz) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_I + \vec{B}_R = \hat{j} \frac{E_o}{2} \{\cos(kz - wt) + \cos(-kz - wt)\}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{E_o}{c} \cos(2wt) \cos(2kz)$$

Standing wave  $\vec{B}$  &  $E$  field not in phase

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o E^2 = \frac{\epsilon_o}{2} E_o^2 \sin^2 wt + \sin^2 kz$$

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_o} = \frac{\epsilon_o}{2} E_o^2 \cos^2 wt + \cos^2 kz$$

Poynting vector : directional energy flux, or the rate of energy transfer per unit area

$$S = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_o}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_o} E_x B_y \hat{k}$$

$$S = \frac{E_o^2}{c \mu_o} \sin wt \cos wt \sin kz \cos kz$$

$$S = \frac{E_o^2}{4c \mu_o} \sin(2wt) \cos(2kz)$$

This is how a microwave oven work. The EMW are bounced inside the oven .EMW increase the vibration of the molecules in the oven and increase the temperature of the food.

## Example

A plane em wave  $E = 100 \cos(6 \times 10^8 t + 4x)$  V/m propagates in a medium. What is the dielectric constant of the medium?

$$E_z = 100 \cos(6 \times 10^8 t + 4x) \text{ (by problem)} \quad (1)$$

$$E_z = A \cos(\omega t + kx) \text{ (standard equation)} \quad (2)$$

Comparison of (1) and (2) shows that

$$\omega = 6 \times 10^8 \text{ and } k = 4$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{6 \times 10^8}{4} = 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Dielectric constant, } K = \frac{c}{v} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.5 \times 10^8} = 2.0$$

## Example

Show that for a magnetic field  $B$  the wave equation has the form  $\nabla^2 B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t^2}$

Maxwell's equations in vacuum are

$$\nabla \cdot E = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad (2)$$

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

$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

Use the vector identity

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times B) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot B) - \nabla^2 B$$

$$\therefore \nabla \times \left( \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \right) = -\nabla^2 B \quad (\because \nabla \cdot B = 0 \text{ by (2)})$$

$$\therefore \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times E) = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\nabla^2 B$$

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

## Example

Use Maxwell's equation to show that  $\nabla \cdot \left( \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$ .

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{j} \quad (\text{Ampere's law}) \quad (1)$$

Use the vector identity  $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = 0$ . Put  $\mathbf{A} = \nabla$ .

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) = 0$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{More generally, } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\text{continuity equation}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \rho \quad (\text{Gauss' law}) \quad (4)$$

Combining (3) and (4)

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

## Example

The free-space wave equation for a medium without absorption is

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Show that this equation predicts that electromagnetic waves are propagated with velocity of light given by  $c = 1/\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$ .

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{free-space wave equation})$$

Compare with the standard three-dimensional wave equation

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore v &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(8.854 \times 10^{-12})}} \\ &= 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = c \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Show that at any point in the electromagnetic field the energy density stored in the electric field is equal to that stored in the magnetic field.

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (\text{energy density in } E\text{-field}) \quad (1)$$

$$u_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} \quad (\text{energy density in } B\text{-field}) \quad (2)$$

The fields for the plane wave are

$$E = E_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad (3)$$

$$B = B_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad (4)$$

Substituting (3) in (1) and (4) in (2)

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_m^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \quad (5)$$

$$u_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B_m^2}{\mu_0} \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \quad (6)$$

Dividing (5) by (6)

$$\frac{u_E}{u_B} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \mu_0 E_m^2}{B_m^2} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{But } \epsilon_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \quad \text{and} \quad E_m = c B_m$$

$$\therefore \frac{u_E}{u_B} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad u_E = u_B$$

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