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General Plane Wave Solution

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1.4 Maxwell's Equations

1.4.1 Maxwell's Equations in Point or Differential Form

- We have already obtained two of the Maxwell's equations for time-varying fields which are:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{Faraday's Law of induction} \quad (1.15)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad \text{Ampere's Circuital Law} \quad (1.16)$$

- The remaining two equations are unchanged from their non-time-varying form which are:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_v \quad \text{Gauss's Law for Electric Field} \quad (1.17)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{Gauss's Law for Magnetic Field} \quad (1.18)$$

- Equation (1.18) acknowledges the fact that “magnetic charges” or poles are not known to exist. Magnetic flux is always found in closed loops and never diverges from a point source.

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} \quad \vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

2.1 Introduction

- Similarly, $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} = (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}$ F/m) is the permittivity of free-space and $\epsilon_r > 1$ is the relative permittivity of the material.
- Loss tangent values will determine types of media, the loss tangent is defined as:
$$\tan \delta = \sigma / \omega \epsilon$$
- Loss tangent values will determine types of media:
 - $\tan \delta$ small ($\sigma / \omega \epsilon < 0.1$) – good dielectric
 - $\tan \delta$ large ($\sigma / \omega \epsilon > 10$) - good conductor
- Another factor that determined the characteristic of the media is operating frequency, f or the angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$. A medium can be regarded as a good conductor at low frequency might be a good dielectric at higher frequency.
- In this chapter, our major goals are to:
 1. Use Maxwell's equations to derive the wave equations in case of the medium is free of charge, $\rho_v = 0$ and then solve the wave equations to determine the wave characteristics and parameters in the following media:
 - a. General medium ($\sigma \neq 0$, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$ and $\sigma \approx \omega \epsilon$) lossy medium.
 - b. Free space or air ($\sigma = 0$, $\mu = \mu_0$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$).
 - b. Lossless (perfect) dielectric or medium ($\sigma = 0$, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$).
 - c. Lossy (imperfect) dielectric or medium ($\sigma \neq 0$, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$ and $\sigma \ll \omega \epsilon$).
 - d. Good conductor medium ($\sigma \neq 0$, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$ and $\sigma \gg \omega \epsilon$).

2.2 General Plane Wave Equations

- The analytical treatment of the uniform plane wave is consider when the wave propagates in dielectric material of conductivity, σ , permittivity, $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$ and permeability, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$.
- The medium is assumed to be homogenous (having constant μ and ϵ with position) and isotropic (in which μ and ϵ are invariant with the field orientation). Assume the medium is free of charge, so $\rho_v = 0$, under these conditions, Maxwell's equations in point form may be written in terms of \vec{E} and \vec{H} only as:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} = 0 \quad (2.3) \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

\vec{E} is the electric field intensity, in volts per meter (V/m).

\vec{H} His the magnetic field intensity, in amperes per meter (A/m).

\vec{D} is the electric flux density, in coulombs per meter squared (C/m²).

\vec{B} is the magnetic flux density, in webers per meter squared (Wb/m²).

\vec{J} is the electric current density, in amperes per meter squared (A/m²).

ρ_v is the electric volume charge density, in coulombs per meter cubed (C/m³)

$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = j\omega \vec{E}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = j\omega \vec{H}$$

2.2 General Plane Wave Equations (Continued)

- In charge free, linear isotropic, homogenous region, applying Eq.(2.9), the Maxwell's equations [(2.1) to (2.4)] in the Phasor form are:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_s = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_s \quad (2.10)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_s = \sigma\vec{E}_s + j\omega\epsilon\vec{E}_s = (\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\vec{E}_s \quad (2.11)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_s = \frac{\rho_v}{\epsilon} = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

- Equations from (2.10) to (2.13) constitute the two unknowns, \vec{E} and \vec{H} . It required to solve only for one variable, either \vec{E} or \vec{H} as follows:

1. Take the Curl operator of both sides of (2.10), we have:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E}_s = -j\omega\mu_o \nabla \times \vec{H}_s \quad (2.14)$$

2. Apply the curl identity described in Eq.(A.5) we have: $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E}$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E}_s = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_s) - \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s \quad (2.15a)$$

- From (2.12), we get:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E}_s = 0 - \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s \quad (2.15b)$$

2.2 General Plane Wave Equations (Continued)

- From (2.11) and (2.15) substitute (2.14), the resulting wave equation for \vec{E} then becomes:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \left(1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right) \vec{E}_s = 0 \quad (2.16a)$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \quad (2.16b)$$

- Where γ **is the wave number or complex propagation constant** of the medium. In this case γ is a function of the material properties, as described by μ , ϵ and σ . γ is a complex value as it is referred to as complex propagation constant for the medium defined by:

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \sqrt{1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}} \quad (2.16c)$$

- Where α [Np/m] is called the attenuation constant or coefficient and β [rad/m] is the phase constant or coefficient.
- Eq. (2.16) is the wave equation, or Helmholtz equation, for \vec{E} .
- An identical wave equation for \vec{H} can be derived in the same manner as:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H}_s + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \left(1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}\right) \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad (2.17a)$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad (2.17b)$$

- Equations (2.16) and (2.17) are called the general plane wave equations or Helmholtz equations whose solutions describes the wave behavior and characteristics in a specific media as will be explained in the next sections.

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium

2.3.1 Classification of wave solution

- It is now possible to separate the solutions of the wave equation in a charge free region into three basic types of fields. These are:

1. Transverse Electro-Magnetic wave (TEM wave):

It is characterized by the condition that both the electric and magnetic field vectors lie in a plane perpendicular to the direction of propagation, i.e. having no components in the direction of propagation.

2. Transverse Electric wave (TE, or H-wave):

It is characterized by having an electric field which is entirely in a plane transverse to the (assumed) direction of propagation. Only the magnetic field \vec{H} has a component in the direction of propagation and hence this wave type is also known as H-waves. For TE waves, it is possible to express all field components in terms of the axial magnetic field component.

3. Transverse Magnetic wave (TM, or E-wave)

It is characterized by having a magnetic field which is entirely in a plane transverse to the (assumed) direction of propagation. Only the electric field \vec{E} has a component in the direction of propagation, and hence this wave type is also known as E-wave. For TM-wave, it is possible to express all field components in term of the axial electric field component.

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.2 Solution of Wave Equation

- A basic plane wave solution to the above equations can be found by considering an electric field with only an \hat{a}_x component and uniform (no variation) in the x and y, then we get:

$$\vec{E}_s = E_{xs}(z)\hat{a}_x \quad \text{then} \quad \frac{\partial E_{xs}(z)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial E_{xs}(z)}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (2.18)$$

- The Laplacian operator, ∇^2 is defined in Eq. (A.6) as: $\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$
- The Helmholtz or wave equation for \vec{E} (2.16) is reduced to:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}_{xs}(z)}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 \vec{E}_{xs}(z) = 0 \quad (2.19)$$

- The solution to Eq.(2.19) will be forward and backward propagating waves having the phasor solutions in the form:

$$E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} + E^- e^{\gamma z} = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} + E^- e^{\alpha z} e^{j\beta z} \quad (2.20)$$

- Where E^+ and E^- are arbitrary constants.
- The positive traveling wave in phasor form after substituting for γ is:

$$E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \quad (2.21)$$

- Multiplying (2.21) by $e^{j\omega t}$ and taking the real part yields a form of the field in time domain that can be visualized as:

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \quad (2.22)$$

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.2 Solution of Wave Equation

- The above solution is for time harmonic case at frequency ω . In time domain, this result is written as:

$$E_x(z, t) = \text{Re}[E_{xs}(z)e^{j\omega t}] = \text{Re}\left[\left(E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} + E^- e^{\alpha z} e^{j\beta z}\right) e^{j\omega t}\right]$$
$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) + E^- e^{\alpha z} \cos(\omega t + \beta z) \quad (2.23)$$

- From Eqs. (2.22 and 23), it is seen that the \vec{E} wave that travels in a conducting medium, its amplitude is attenuated by the factor $e^{-\alpha z}$, as shown in Fig. 2.1.
- Similarly, the Helmholtz or wave equation for \vec{H} (2.17) can be solved to have:

$$H_{ys}(z) = H^+ e^{-\gamma z} + H^- e^{\gamma z} = H^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} + H^- e^{\alpha z} e^{j\beta z} \quad (2.24)$$

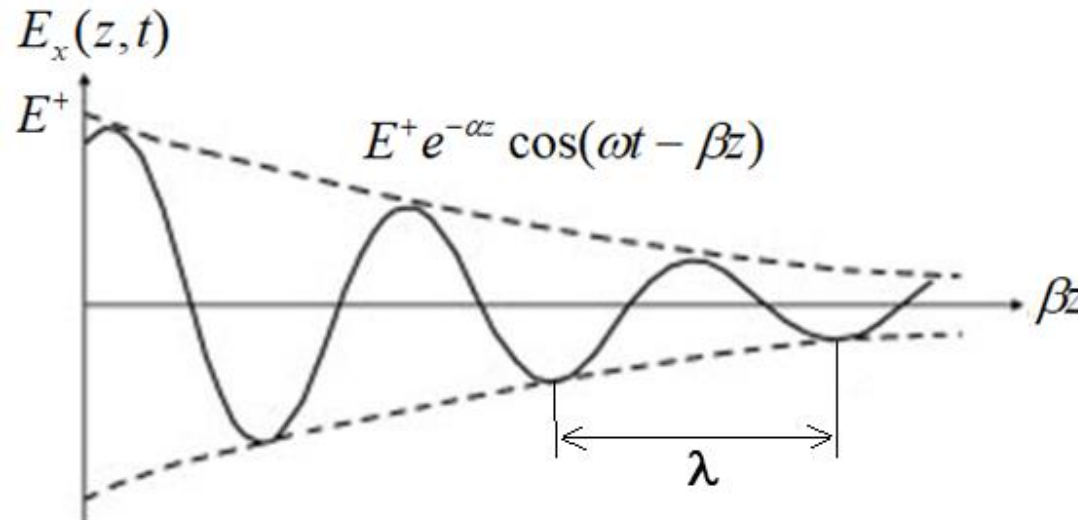


Fig. 2.1 The electric field wave travels in a conducting medium.

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.3 Basic plane wave parameters

1. Phase velocity, v_p

- Consider the positive traveling wave described by Eq. (2.22) as:

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z)$$

- To maintain a fixed point on the wave, the phase is constant, therefore:

$$\text{phase} = (\omega t - \beta z) = \text{constant} \quad (2.25)$$

- The velocity of the wave is called the phase velocity, because it is the velocity at which a fixed phase point on the wave travel and is given by dz/dt :

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\omega t - \beta z) = 0 \rightarrow \omega - \beta \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

- So, the phase velocity, v_p is given by:[rad/m]

$$\omega \text{ in } [rad / s] \text{ and } \beta \text{ in } [rad / m]$$

$$v_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \quad [m / s] \quad (2.26)$$

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.3 Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

2. The Wavelength, λ

β in $[rad / m]$

- The wavelength λ , is defined as the distance between two successive maximum (or minima, or any other reference points) on the wave, at a fixed instant of time, thus: $[(\omega t - \beta z) - (\omega t - \beta (z + \lambda))] = 2\pi \rightarrow \beta \lambda = 2\pi$

So,

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} [m] \quad \text{and} \quad v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{v_p}{f} [m] \quad (2.27)$$

3. The Wave Impedance or medium intrinsic impedance, η

- In section 2.3.2, one of wave equations is solved [(2.16) for electric field \vec{E} or (2.17) for the magnetic field \vec{H} .
- In general, whenever \vec{E} or \vec{H} is known, the other field vector can be readily found by using one of Maxwell's curl equations.
- Thus applying (2.10) to the electric field obtained (2.18) gives: $\nabla \times \vec{E}_s = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_s$

$$\text{Curl} \vec{E}_s = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_{xs} & E_{ys} & E_{zs} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_{xs}(z) & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{a}_x - \frac{\partial E_{xs}(z)}{\partial z} \hat{a}_y + 0\hat{a}_z = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_s$$

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.3 Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

3. The Wave Impedance or medium intrinsic impedance, η

- Which is greatly simplified for a single E_x component varying only with z and $H_x = H_z = 0$, we get:
$$\frac{dE_{xs}(z)}{dz} = -j\omega\mu H_{ys}$$

- Substitute using Eq.(2.21) for E_{xs} , we have: $E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z}$

$$H_{ys} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} (-\gamma) E^+ e^{-\gamma z} = \frac{\gamma}{j\omega\mu} E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \quad (2.28a)$$

- In real instantaneous form, (2.28a) becomes:

$$H_y(z, t) = \frac{\gamma}{j\omega\mu} E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \Rightarrow E_x(z, t) = \eta H_y(z, t) \quad (2.28b)$$

- Generally, The magnetic field intensity, H is related to electric field intensity, E by:

$$\vec{E} = \eta \vec{H} \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \frac{\vec{E}}{\eta} \quad \eta = \frac{|\vec{E}|}{|\vec{H}|} = \frac{\text{in } [V/m]}{\text{in } [A/m]} \Rightarrow \text{in } [\Omega] \quad (2.28c)$$

- Where η is called **wave impedance** for the plane wave or the intrinsic impedance for the general medium is given by:

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} [\Omega] \quad (2.29)$$

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

2.3.3 Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

4. Skin Depth

$$\alpha \text{ in } [Np / m]$$

- From Eq. (2.22), it is seen that as \vec{E} and \vec{H} waves travel in a conducting medium, its amplitude is attenuated by the factor $e^{-\alpha z}$. The distance δ , through which the wave amplitude decreases by a factor e^{-1} (about 37%) is called skin depth or penetration depth of the medium as shown in Fig. 2.3.

$$E^+ e^{-\alpha \delta} = E^+ e^{-1} = 0.368 E^+$$

$$\alpha \delta_s = 1 \Rightarrow \delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} [m] \quad (2.30)$$

The skin depth is a measure of the depth to which an electromagnetic wave can penetrate the medium.

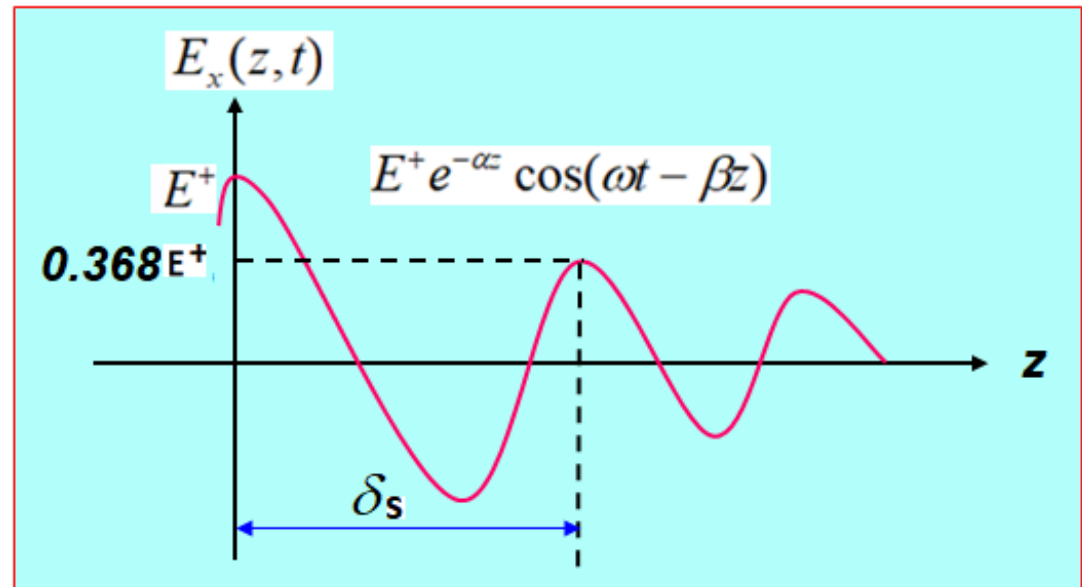


Fig. 2.3 Skin depth

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

Example 2.1: A uniform plane wave is propagating + z direction in a medium ($\epsilon_r = 72$, $\mu_r = 1$, $\sigma = 4$ (S/m)), If the operating frequency, $f = 1$ GHz and its electric field intensity at $z = 0$ and $t = 0$ is $|\vec{E}| = 10$ mV/m and directed toward the x- axis. Determine and calculate the following:

- The attenuation constant, α and phase constant, β also the wave parameters: phase velocity, v_p , wavelength, λ , intrinsic impedance, η and skin depth δ_s .
- Write the expressions for the electric and magnetic field intensities \vec{E} and \vec{H} .

Solution

- a) The angular frequency, $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi \times 10^9 = 2\pi$ G rad/s.

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{4}{2\pi \times 10^9 \times 72(1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}} = \frac{4 \times 36\pi}{2\pi \times 72} = 1$$

The complex propagation constant, γ for this medium is given by Eq. (2.16):

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma = \alpha + j\beta &= j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}} = j2\pi \times 10^9 \sqrt{1 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 72 \times (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}} \sqrt{1 - j1} \\ &= j2\pi \times 10^9 \times 2.83 \times 10^{-8} \times \sqrt{\sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4}} = j1066.88[1.18\cos(-22.5^\circ) - j1.18\sin(22.5^\circ)] \\ &= 481.77 + j1163.09\end{aligned}$$

so $\alpha = 481.77$ Np/m and $\beta = 1163.09$

2.3 Solution of Wave Equations in a General Medium (continued)

Example 2.1 Solution: The wave parameters are calculated as follows:

From Eq. (2.26), the phase velocity, v_p is given by:

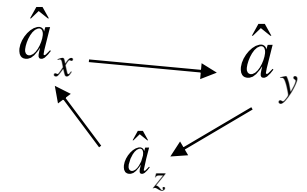
$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^9}{1163.09} = 0.054 \times 10^8 \text{ [m/s]}$$

From Eq. (2.27), the wavelength, λ is given by:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{1163.09} = 5.4 \text{ [mm]}$$

From Eq. (2.29), the intrinsic impedance, η is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{j2\pi \times 10^9 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{481.77 + j1163.09} = \frac{j7898.68}{481.77 + j1163.09} \\ &= \frac{j7898.68}{481.77 + j1163.09} = 5.78 + j2.38 = 6.25 \angle 22.4^\circ \text{ [\Omega]} \end{aligned}$$



From Eq. (2.30), the skin depth δ_s is given by: $\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{481.77} = 2.08 \text{ [mm]}$

b) From Eq. (2.22), The electric field intensity \vec{E} is given by:

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_x = 10 e^{-481.77z} \cos(\omega t - 1163.0z) \hat{a}_x \text{ mV/m}$$

From Eq. (2.28), The magnetic field intensity \vec{H} is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}(z, t) &= \frac{E_x(z, t)}{\eta} \hat{a}_y = \frac{10 e^{-481.77z} \cos(\omega t - 1163.0z)}{6.25 \angle 22.4^\circ} \hat{a}_y \\ &= 1.6 e^{-481.77z} \cos(\omega t - 1163.0z - 0.124\pi) \hat{a}_y \text{ mA/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta^{\text{rad}} = \frac{\theta^\circ}{180} \pi$$

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space

- When considering electromagnetic waves, in free space, it is called sourceless ($\rho_v = 0$, $J = 0$, $\sigma = 0$, $\mu = \mu_0$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$). Under these conditions, the complex propagation constant, γ for the medium defined Eq. (2.16c) is given by:

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}} = j\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{0}{\omega\epsilon}} = j\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} \quad (2.30a)$$

- Therefore, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} = k_0$ and $\gamma^2 = -\omega^2\mu_0\epsilon_0$ (2.30b)

- The waves equations (2.16) and (2.17) become: $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} = \omega/c$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s + \omega^2\mu_0\epsilon_0 \vec{E}_s = 0$$

$$\text{so } \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s + k_0^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \quad (2.31) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla^2 \vec{H}_s + k_0^2 \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad (2.32)$$

The constant $k_0 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$ is called **the wave number or propagation constant**.

- The solution to Eq.(2.31) will be forward and backward propagating waves having the phasor solutions in the form:

$$E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} + E^- e^{\gamma z} = E^+ e^{-jk_0 z} + E^- e^{jk_0 z} \quad (2.33a)$$

- The above solution is for time harmonic case at frequency ω . In time domain, this result is written as: $E_x(z, t) = \text{Re}[E_{xs}(z)e^{j\omega t}]$

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ \cos(\omega t - k_0 z) + E^- \cos(\omega t + k_0 z) \quad (2.33b)$$

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

- The magnetic field intensity, H is related to electric field intensity, E by:

$$\vec{E} = \eta_o \vec{H} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{H} = \vec{E} / \eta_o \quad (2.34)$$

- Note the following characteristics of the forward wave in eq.(2.33):

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ \cos(\omega t - k_o z)$$

- It is time harmonic because we assumed time dependence $e^{j\omega t}$ to arrive .
 - E^+ is called the amplitude of the wave and has the same units as E .
 - $(\omega t - k_o z)$ is the phase (in radians) of the wave; it depends on time t and space variable z .
 - ω is the angular frequency (rad/s) and k_o is the phase constant or wave number (rad/m).
- Due to the variation of E with both time t and space variable z , we may plot E as a function of t by keeping z constant and vice versa. The plots of $E(z, t = \text{constant})$ and $E(t, z = \text{constant})$ are as in Fig. 2.4(a) and (b).
 - From Fig. 2.4(a), we observe that the wave takes distance λ to repeat itself and hence λ is called the wavelength (in meters).
 - From Fig. 2.4(b), the wave takes time T to repeat itself; consequently T is known as the period (in seconds). Since it takes time T for the wave to travel distance λ at the speed v , we expect that: $\lambda = v_p T = v_p / f$

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

- But $T = 1/f$, where f is the frequency of the wave in (Hz).

$$\lambda = v_p T = \frac{v_p}{f} \Rightarrow v_p = f\lambda$$

- Because of this fixed relationship between wavelength and frequency, one can identify the position of a radio station within its band by either the frequency or the wavelength. Usually the frequency is preferred.

$$k_o = 2\pi / \lambda_o$$

- Which shows that for every wavelength of distance traveled, a wave undergoes a phase change of 2π radians.

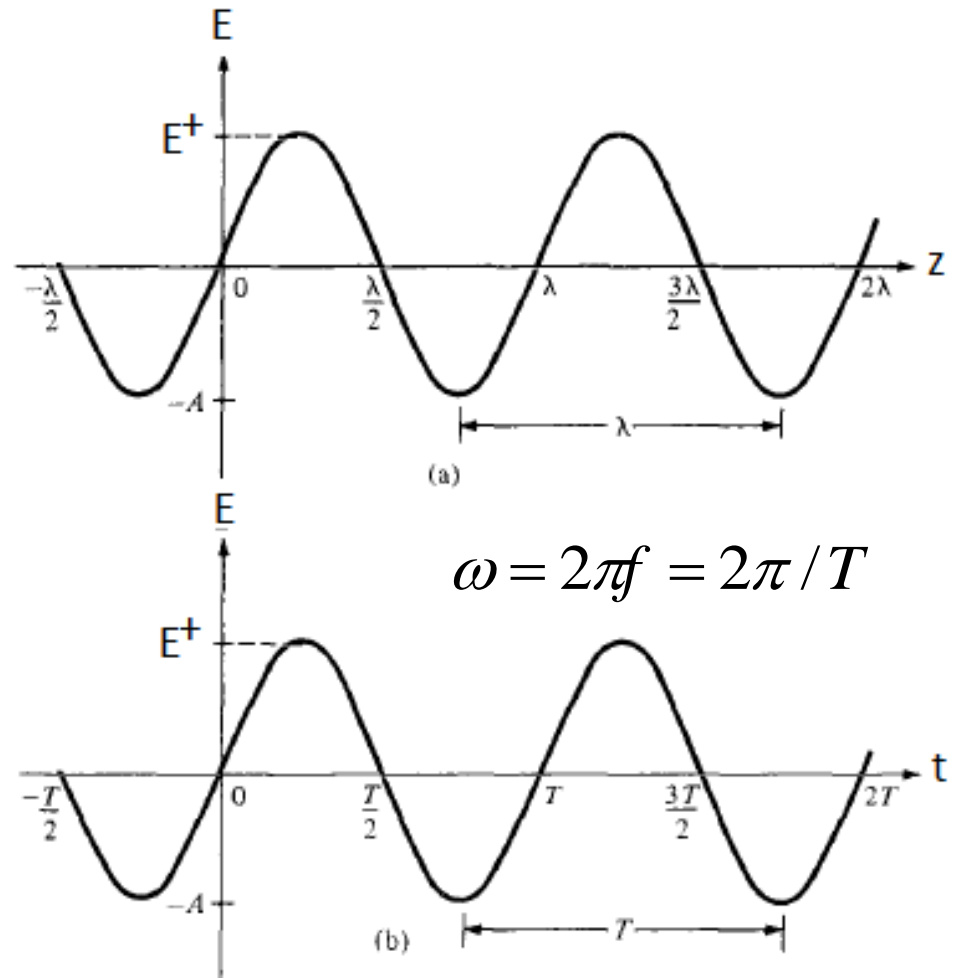


Fig. 2.4 Plot of $E_x(z, t) = E^+ \sin(\omega t - k_o z)$: (a) with constant t and (b) with constant z .

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters

1. Phase velocity, v_p

- The phase velocity, v_p in the general medium is given by Eq. (2.26) as:

$$v_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \quad \omega \text{ in } [rad / s] \text{ and } k_o \text{ in } [rad / m] \quad (2.26)$$

$$\text{since } \beta = k_o = \omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o} \quad v_p = \frac{\omega}{k_o} = \frac{\omega}{\omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o}} \quad [m / s] \quad (2.35)$$

- For free space, the phase velocity is given by:

$$v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times \frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9}}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} = c$$

c is the speed of light in the free space.

2. The Wavelength, λ

- The wavelength, λ in the general medium is given by Eq. (2.27) as: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \quad [m]$
So, for free space, λ_o is given by:

$$\lambda_o = \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{k_o} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o}} = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi f \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o}} = \frac{c}{f} \quad [m] \quad (2.36)$$

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters

3. The Wave Impedance or medium intrinsic impedance, η

- The intrinsic impedance for the general medium is given by Eq. (2.29):

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} \quad [\Omega]$$

So, for free space, the intrinsic impedance, η_o is given by:

$$\eta_o = \eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{j\beta} = \frac{\omega\mu_o}{k_o} = \frac{\omega\mu_o}{\omega\sqrt{\mu_o\epsilon_o}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_o}{\epsilon_o}} \quad [\Omega] \quad (2.37)$$

$$\eta_o = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_o}{\epsilon_o}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{10^{-9} / 36\pi}} = \sqrt{144\pi^2 \times 10^2} = 120\pi \quad \Omega = 377 \quad \Omega$$

4. Skin Depth

- The skin depth for the general medium is given by Eq. (2.30): $\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} \quad [m]$

So, for free space:

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty \quad (2.38)$$

- Therefore, the electromagnetic wave can propagate without attenuation in the free space.

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

Example 2.2

A uniform plane wave in free space its electric field intensity, \vec{E} is given by:

$$\vec{E} = 0.8 \cos(2\pi \times 10^8 t - k_o y) \hat{a}_z \text{ mV} / m. \text{ Find:}$$

- a) The propagation constant, k_o .
- b) The wavelength, λ_o .
- c) The magnetic field intensity, $|\vec{H}|$ at the point $P(0.1, 1.5, 0.4)$ at $t = 8 \text{ ns}$.

Solution a) The propagation constant, k_o is given by:

$$k_o = \omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o} = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8} = 2.094 \text{ rad} / m$$

b) The wavelength, λ_o is given by: $\lambda_o = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^8} = 3 \text{ m}$

c) The magnetic field intensity, \vec{H} is given by (2.28) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H} &= \frac{0.8 \times 10^{-3} \cos(2\pi \times 10^8 t - k_o y)}{\eta_o} \hat{a}_x = \frac{0.8 \times 10^{-3} \cos(2\pi \times 10^8 t - 2.094 y)}{120\pi} \hat{a}_x \\ &= 2.12 \cos(2\pi \times 10^8 t - 2.094 y) \hat{a}_x \text{ } \mu\text{A} / m \end{aligned}$$

At the point $P(0.1, 1.5, 0.4)$ at $t = 8 \text{ ns}$, we have:

$$|\vec{H}| = 2.12 \cos(2\pi \times 10^8 \times 8 \times 10^{-9} - 2.094 \times 1.5) \hat{a}_x = 12.2 |\cos 108.03^\circ| = 3.68 \text{ } \mu\text{A} / m$$

2.4 Solution of Wave Equations in Free Space (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

Example 2.3: In the free space if the magnetic field intensity, \vec{H} of a plane wave is given by: $\vec{H}(z, t) = 2.65 \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_y \text{ mA/m}$

If the working frequency is $f = 10 \text{ GHz}$, determine and calculate the following:

- The basic plane wave parameters, v_p , λ_o and η_o .
- The electric field intensity, \vec{E} .

Solution a) The propagation constant, k_o is given by:

$$k_o = \beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o} = 2\pi \times 10^{10} \sqrt{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}} = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^{10}}{3 \times 10^8} = 209.4 \text{ rad/m}$$

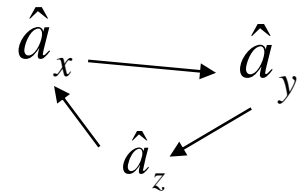
The phase velocity, v_p in the general medium is given by:

$$v_p = c = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^9}{209.4} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

The wavelength, λ_o is given by: $\lambda_o = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{k_o} = \frac{2\pi}{209.4} = \frac{c}{f} = 0.03 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ cm}$

The intrinsic impedance, η_o is:

$$\eta = \eta_o = \frac{\omega \mu_o}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi \times 10^{10} \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{209.4} = 377 \text{ } \Omega = 120\pi \text{ } \Omega$$



- The electric field intensity, \vec{E} is given by (2.28) as:

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = 2.65 \times \eta_o \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_x = 1.0 \sin(2\pi \times 10^{10} t - 209.4 z) \hat{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

2.5 Solution of Wave Equations in a Lossless Medium

- When considering electromagnetic waves, in lossless material where μ and ε real ($\rho_v = 0$, $J = 0$, $\sigma = 0$ or $\sigma \ll \omega\varepsilon$, $\mu = \mu_r\mu_0$ and $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_r\varepsilon_0$). Under these conditions, the complex propagation constant, γ for the medium defined Eq. (2.16c) is given by:

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\varepsilon}} = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{0}{\omega\varepsilon}} = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} \quad (2.39a)$$

- Therefore, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} = k$ and $\gamma^2 = -\omega^2\mu\varepsilon$ (2.39b)

- The waves equations (2.16) and (2.17) become:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s + \omega^2 \mu \varepsilon \vec{E}_s = 0$$

$$\text{so } \nabla^2 \vec{E}_s + k^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \quad (2.40) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla^2 \vec{H}_s + k^2 \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad (2.41)$$

The constant $k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}$ is called **the wave number or propagation constant**.

- The solution to Eq.(2.40) will be forward and backward propagating waves having the phasor solutions in the form:

$$E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} + E^- e^{\gamma z} = E^+ e^{-jkz} + E^- e^{jkz} \quad (2.42a)$$

- The above solution is for time harmonic case at frequency ω . In time domain, this result is written as: $E_x(z, t) = \text{Re}[E_{xs}(z)e^{j\omega t}]$

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ \cos(\omega t - kz) + E^- \cos(\omega t + kz) \quad (2.42b)$$

2.5 Solution of Wave Equations in a Lossless Medium (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters

- The magnetic field intensity, H is related to electric field intensity, E by:

$$\vec{E} = \eta \vec{H} \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \vec{E} / \eta \quad (2.43)$$

1. Phase velocity, v_p

- The phase velocity, v_p in the a lossless medium is given by Eq. (2.26) as: $v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$
since $\beta = k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$ $v_p = \frac{\omega}{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_r \mu_o \epsilon_r \epsilon_o}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} \text{ [m/s]}$ (2.44)

2. The Wavelength, λ

- The wavelength, λ in a lossless medium is given by Eq. (2.27) as: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$
 $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi f \sqrt{\mu_r \mu_o \epsilon_r \epsilon_o}} = \frac{c}{f \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} = \frac{v_p}{f} \text{ [m]}$ (2.45)

3. The Wave Impedance or medium intrinsic impedance, η

- The intrinsic impedance for a lossless medium is given by Eq. (2.29): $\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma}$
 $\eta = \frac{\omega\mu}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r \mu_o}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o}} = \eta_o \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} = 120\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} \text{ [\Omega]}$ (2.46)

4. Skin Depth

- The skin depth for the general medium is given by Eq. (2.30): $\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} \text{ [m]}$
 $\delta = 1/\alpha = 1/0 = \infty$ (2.47)

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2.5 Solution of Wave Equations in a Lossless Medium (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters (continued)

Example 2.4: A 9.4 GHz uniform plane wave is propagating in polyethylene ($\epsilon_r=2.26$, $\mu_r=1$) in the + z direction. If the amplitude of the magnetic field intensity, \vec{H} is 7 mA/m, directed in the y axes and the material is assumed to be lossless, determine and calculate the following:

- The basic plane wave parameters, v_p , λ and η .
- The magnetic and electric field intensities, \vec{H} and \vec{E} .

Solution a) The propagation constant, k is given by:

$$k = \beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = 2\pi \times 9.4 \times 10^9 \sqrt{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 2.26 \times (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}} = 295.965 \text{ rad/m}$$

The phase velocity, v_p in the general medium is given by:

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi \times 9.4 \times 10^9}{295.965} = 1.9956 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

The wavelength, λ is given by: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{295.965} = 0.021 \text{ m} = 2.1 \text{ cm}$

The intrinsic impedance, η is:

$$\eta = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi \times 9.4 \times 10^9 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{295.965} = 251.37 \text{ } \Omega$$

- b) The magnetic and electric field intensities, \vec{H} and \vec{E} are given by:

$$\vec{H}(z, t) = 7 \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_y = 7 \cos(2\pi \times 9.4 \times 10^9 t - 295.965 z) \hat{a}_y \text{ mA/m}$$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = 7 \times \eta \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{a}_x = 1.76 \cos(2\pi \times 9.4 \times 10^9 t - 295.695 z) \hat{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

2.5 Solution of Wave Equations in a Lossless Medium (continued)

Example 2.5 A plane wave propagating in lossless dielectric medium ($\epsilon_r > 1$, $\mu_r = 1$ and $\sigma = 0$) has an electric field given as $E_x = E^+ \cos(1.51 \times 10^{10} t - 61.6 z)$. For this wave, determine the:

- (a) Wavelength, λ . (b) Phase velocity, v_p .
(c) Dielectric constant of the medium, ϵ_r . (d) Intrinsic or Wave impedance, η

Solution

(a) By comparison with (2.19) we identify $\omega = 1.51 \times 10^{10}$ rad/sec and $k = 61.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$.
 $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j 61.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$, then $\alpha = 0$ and $k = \beta = 61.6$ which gives the wavelength λ as:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{61.6} = 0.102 \text{ m}$$

(b) The phase velocity can be found from:

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1.51 \times 10^{10}}{61.6} = 2.45 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

(c) This is slower than the speed of light by a factor of 1.225. The dielectric constant, ϵ_r of the medium can be found as:

$$v_p = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \text{ gives } \epsilon_r = \left(\frac{c}{v_p}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3.0 \times 10^8}{2.45 \times 10^8}\right)^2 = 1.50$$

(c) The intrinsic or wave impedance, η is given by:

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta} = \frac{\omega\mu}{k} = \frac{\eta_o}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{377}{\sqrt{1.5}} = 307.8 \text{ } \Omega$$

2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor

- When considering electromagnetic waves, in conducting medium ($\rho_v = 0$, $\sigma \neq 0$, $\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$ and $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0$ also $\sigma \gg \omega \varepsilon$). Under these conditions, The waves equations (2.16) and (2.17) are:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{E}_s = 0 \quad , \quad \nabla^2 \vec{H}_s - \gamma^2 \vec{H}_s = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} \sqrt{1 - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\varepsilon}}$$

- Since $\sigma \gg \omega \varepsilon$ metals can be categorized as good conductors, so the one can be neglected with respect to $\sigma/\omega \varepsilon$ ($1 \ll \sigma/\omega \varepsilon$) and the complex propagation constant γ is given by:

$$\gamma = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} \sqrt{-j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\varepsilon}} = j\sqrt{-j\omega\mu\sigma}$$

but $-j = 1 \angle -90^\circ$ and $\sqrt{1 \angle -90^\circ} = 1 \angle -45^\circ$

$$\sqrt{-j} = 1 \angle -45^\circ = (\cos 45^\circ - j \sin 45^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - j)$$

therefore
$$\gamma = j\sqrt{-j\omega\mu\sigma} = j \frac{(1-j)}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma} = (1+j) \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu\sigma}{2}}$$

$$= (1+j) \sqrt{\frac{2\pi f \mu \sigma}{2}} = (1+j) \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} \quad (2.48a)$$

2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor (continued)

Therefore: $\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}$ $E_{xs}(z) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} + E^- e^{\gamma z}$ (2.48b)

- Regardless of the parameter μ and σ of the conductor or the frequency of applied field, α and β are equal. If we again assume only an E_x component traveling in the +z direction the Eq.(2.22) becomes: $E_x(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z)$

$$E_x(z, t) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) = E^+ e^{-z \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \cos(\omega t - z \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}) \quad (2.49)$$

Definition: The depth of penetration (δ_s) is the distance traveled inside the medium at which the amplitude of the wave attenuates e ($e \approx 2.7$) times from its initial level as shown in Fig. 2.7. This is also called skin depth or skin effect.

- From Eq.(2.44) the field amplitude is given by:

$$E_x(z) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} = E^+ e^{-\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} z} \quad (2.50)$$

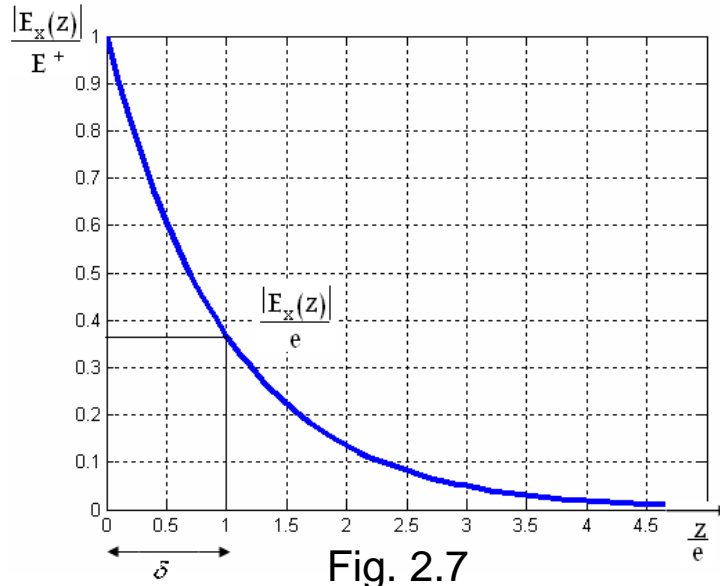
At $z = 0$ $|E_x(z)| = E^+$ and

at $z = \delta_s$ $|E_x(z)| = E^+ / e$, therefore:

$$|E_x(z)| = E^+ e^{-\delta_s \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} = E^+ e^{-1}$$

- The skin depth or depth of penetration δ_s is:

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma}}$$



2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor (continued)

Basic plane wave parameters

- The magnetic field intensity, H is related to electric field intensity, E by:

$$\vec{E} = \eta \vec{H} \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \vec{E} / \eta \quad (2.51)$$

1. Phase velocity, v_p

- The phase velocity, v_p in a conductor medium is given by Eq. (2.26) as: $v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$
since $\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{\pi f \mu \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\mu \sigma}} \text{ [m/s]} \quad (2.52)$$

2. The Wavelength, λ

- The wavelength, λ in a lossless medium is given by Eq. (2.27) as: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \text{ [m]} \quad (2.53)$$

3. The Wave Impedance or medium intrinsic impedance, η

- The intrinsic impedance for a lossless medium is given by Eq. (2.29): $\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma}$

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} + j\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \text{ } [\Omega] \quad (2.54)$$

4. Skin Depth

- The skin depth for the general medium is given by Eq. (2.30): $\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} \text{ [m]}$

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} \text{ [m]} \quad (2.47)$$

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2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor (continued)

Example 2.6 Compute the skin depth (δ_s) at a frequency of 10 GHz of the following materials with $\mu_r = 1$ and conductivity, σ as indicated:

- a) Aluminum ($\sigma_{Al} = 3.816 \times 10^7$ S/m). b) Gold ($\sigma_{Gl} = 4.098 \times 10^7$ S/m).
c) Copper ($\sigma_{Co} = 5.818 \times 10^7$ S/m). d) Silver ($\sigma_{Sl} = 6.173 \times 10^7$ S/m).

Solution: Eq. (2.46) gives the skin depth δ_s as:

$$\delta_s = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi f \mu_r \mu_o \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi(10^{10})(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma}} = 5.03 \times 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

a) For Aluminum: $\delta_{s_{Al}} = 5.03 \times 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3.816 \times 10^7}} = 8.14 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

b) For Gold: $\delta_{s_{Gl}} = 5.03 \times 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4.098 \times 10^7}} = 7.86 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

c) For Copper: $\delta_{s_{Co}} = 5.03 \times 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{5.813 \times 10^7}} = 6.60 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

d) For Silver: $\delta_{s_{Sl}} = 5.03 \times 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{6.173 \times 10^7}} = 6.40 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor (continued)

Example 2.7 A plane wave propagating in the sea water medium ($\epsilon_r=81$, $\mu_r = 1$ and $\sigma = 4 \text{ S/m}$) Consider an incident wave of frequency 1 MHz, find the:

- Skin depth, δ_s .
- Wavelength, λ .
- Phase velocity, v_p .
- Intrinsic or Wave impedance, η .

Solution

(a) The loss tangent is given by: $\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{4}{(2\pi \times 10^6)(81)(8.85 \times 10^{-12})} = 890 \gg 1$

Sea water is therefore a good conductor at 1 MHz, the skin, δ_s of Eq. (2.46) is:

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi f \mu_o \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi(10^6)(4\pi \times 10^{-7}) \times (4)}} = 0.25 \text{ m} = 25 \text{ cm}$$

(b) the wavelength λ as:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = 2\pi\delta_s = 1.6 \text{ m} \quad \text{in free space the wavelength } \lambda_0 = 300 \text{ m}$$

(c) The phase velocity can be found from (2.35):

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \omega\delta = 2\pi \times 10^6 (0.25) = 1.6 \times 10^6 \text{ m/sec} \quad \text{in free space } v = c$$

(d) The intrinsic or wave impedance, η is given by (2.49): $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = 4 + j4$

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi \times 1 \times 10^6 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} j}{(4 + j4)} = (0.987 + j0.987) \Omega = 1.4 \angle 45^\circ \Omega$$

2.6 Solution of Wave Equations in a Good Conductor (continued)

Example 2.8 A plane wave is given by: $\vec{E}(z, t) = 0.5 e^{-4z} \cos(10^9 t - 4z) \hat{a}_x \text{ V/m}$

Determine the following:

- The propagation constant and the wave parameters (V_p , λ , η and δ_s)
- The magnetic field, associated with the wave in both phasor and time domain representations.

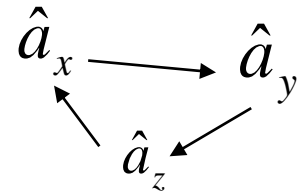
Solution

a) $\vec{E}(z, t) = 0.5 e^{-4z} \cos(10^9 t - 4z) \hat{a}_x \text{ V/m}$ $\alpha = \beta = 4$ Then $\gamma = (4 + j4) \text{ rad/m}$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{10^9}{4} = 2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} \qquad \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ m} = 1.57 \text{ m}$$

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{j10^9 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{(4 + j4)} = \frac{10^9 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{(4 - j4)} = (50\pi + j50\pi) \Omega = 222 e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}} \Omega$$

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 \text{ m}$$



b) $\vec{E}_s(z) = E^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \hat{a}_x$ $\vec{E}_s(z) = 0.5 e^{-4z} e^{-j4z} \hat{a}_x \text{ V/m}$

$$\vec{H}_s(z) = \frac{E^+}{\eta} e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \hat{a}_y \qquad \vec{H}_s(z) = \frac{0.5}{222 e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}} e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} \hat{a}_y = 2.25 e^{-4z} e^{-j(4z + \frac{\pi}{4})} \hat{a}_y \text{ mA/m}$$

$$\vec{H}(z, t) = 2.25 e^{-4z} \cos(10^9 t - 4z - \frac{\pi}{4}) \hat{a}_y \text{ mA/m}$$