

Chapter 3 Wave Equation and its Solution

3.1 Introduction

→ Use Maxwell's equations to get uncoupled, second-order partial differential equations, i.e., wave equations for the electric & magnetic fields

3.2 Time-Varying Electromagnetic Fields

Start w/ Faraday's & Ampere's Law

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{E}} = -\bar{\mathcal{M}}_i - \mu \frac{\partial \bar{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{H}} = \bar{\mathcal{J}}_i + \sigma \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \bar{\mathcal{E}}}{\partial t}$$

Note: $\sigma = \sigma_e \equiv$ eff. conductivity and $\epsilon = \epsilon'$

Take curl of both equations

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{E}} = -\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{M}}_i - \mu \bar{\nabla} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t} = -\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{M}}_i - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{H}})$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{H}} = \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{J}}_i + \sigma \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{E}})$$

Next, use Faraday's & Ampere's Law to cross-substitute for $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{H}}$ & $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{E}}$ terms on RHS.

Use vector identity $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathcal{F}} = \bar{\nabla}(\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathcal{F}}) - \bar{\nabla}^2 \bar{\mathcal{F}}$ on LHS.

3.2 cont.

$$\boxed{\vec{E}} \quad \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla \times \vec{M}_i - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\vec{J}_i + \sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$= -\nabla \times \vec{M}_i - \mu \frac{\partial \vec{J}_i}{\partial t} - \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

Use Gauss' Law $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \epsilon \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho_{ev} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_{ev}}{\epsilon}$

$$\star \quad \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \nabla \times \vec{M}_i + \mu \frac{\partial \vec{J}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \rho_{ev} + \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{H}}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{H}) - \nabla^2 \vec{H} = \nabla \times \vec{J}_i + \sigma \left[-\vec{M}_i - \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right] + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[-\vec{M}_i - \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$= \nabla \times \vec{J}_i - \sigma \vec{M}_i - \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} - \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{M}_i}{\partial t} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

Use Maxwell eq'n $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \mu \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = \rho_{mv} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = \frac{\rho_{mv}}{\mu}$
to get

$$\star \quad \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{H} = -\nabla \times \vec{J}_i + \sigma \vec{M}_i + \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \rho_{mv} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{M}_i}{\partial t} + \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}}$$

$\star \rightarrow$ uncoupled 2nd order differential eq'n for $\vec{H} + \vec{E}$
i.e., vector wave equations

3.2 cont.

Source-free regions $\Rightarrow \bar{J}_i = q_{ev} = 0$ & $\bar{M}_i = q_{mv} = 0$

allow the equations to be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \bar{E} &= \mu\sigma \frac{d\bar{E}}{dt} + \mu\epsilon \frac{d^2 \bar{E}}{dt^2} \\ \nabla^2 \bar{H} &= \mu\sigma \frac{d\bar{H}}{dt} + \mu\epsilon \frac{d^2 \bar{H}}{dt^2}\end{aligned}$$

If, in addition, we assume a lossless medium where $\sigma = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \bar{E} &= \mu\epsilon \frac{d^2 \bar{E}}{dt^2} \\ \nabla^2 \bar{H} &= \mu\epsilon \frac{d^2 \bar{H}}{dt^2}\end{aligned}$$

3.3 Time-Harmonic Electromagnetic Fields

⇒ Adapt time-domain wave eqns by substituting

phasors, $\frac{d}{dt} \rightarrow j\omega$, and $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \rightarrow (j\omega)^2 = -\omega^2$

Full wave equations

$$\nabla^2 \bar{E} = \nabla \times \bar{M}_i + j\omega\mu \bar{J}_i + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \rho_{ev} + j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{E} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{E}$$

$$\nabla^2 \bar{H} = -\nabla \times \bar{J}_i + \sigma \bar{M}_i + j\omega\epsilon \bar{M}_i + \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \rho_{mv} + j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{H} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{H}$$

Source-free wave equations

$$\nabla^2 \bar{E} = j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{E} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{E} = \gamma^2 \bar{E}$$

$$\nabla^2 \bar{H} = j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{H} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{H} = \gamma^2 \bar{H}$$

Define $\gamma^2 = j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon$

propagation constant $\equiv \gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon}$ (1/m)

Attenuation constant $\equiv \alpha = \text{Re}(\gamma)$ (Np/m)

phase constant $\equiv \beta = \text{Im}(\gamma)$ (rad/m)

⇒ Note similarities to lossy transmission line equations!

3.3 cont.

For the lossless & source-free case:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \bar{E} &= -\omega^2 \mu \epsilon \bar{E} = (\pm j\beta)^2 \bar{E} = -\beta^2 \bar{E} \\ \nabla^2 \bar{H} &= -\omega^2 \mu \epsilon \bar{H} = (\pm j\beta)^2 \bar{H} = -\beta^2 \bar{H}\end{aligned}$$

Here, $\beta^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \Rightarrow \beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$

Note: Sometimes the variable k will be used for β (check context).

\Rightarrow Note similarities to lossless transmission line equations!

3.4 Solution to the Wave Equation

⇒ Can often break the vector wave equations into multiple scalar Helmholtz/wave equations which can be solved and put back into the vector wave eqns.

⇒ Will consider time-harmonic equations

3.4.1 Rectangular Coordinate System

A. Source-Free and Lossless Media

$$\Rightarrow \bar{J}_i = \bar{M}_i = \rho_{ve} = \rho_{vm} = \sigma = 0$$

⇒ Since the wave eqns for \bar{E} & \bar{H} are identical in form, we'll look at the sol'n to the electric field w/ the understanding that the solution for the magnetic field is identical w/ \bar{H} swapped in for \bar{E} .

$$\bar{E} = \hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{all can be} \\ \text{functions of} \\ x, y, \& z \end{array}$$

So

$$\bar{\nabla}^2 \bar{E} + \beta^2 \bar{E} = \bar{\nabla}^2 (\hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z) + \beta^2 (\hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y + \hat{a}_z E_z) = 0$$

In rectangular coordinates, the vector Laplacian is

$$\bar{\nabla}^2 \bar{E} = \hat{a}_x \nabla^2 E_x + \hat{a}_y \nabla^2 E_y + \hat{a}_z \nabla^2 E_z$$

3.4.1 A. cont.

In turn, the scalar Laplacian is defined in rectangular coordinates as

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

Using this and noting that each vector component must also equal zero, we get

$$\nabla^2 E_x + \beta^2 E_x = \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} + \beta^2 E_x = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 E_y + \beta^2 E_y = \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial z^2} + \beta^2 E_y = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 E_z + \beta^2 E_z = \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial z^2} + \beta^2 E_z = 0$$

Next, apply separation-of-variables and assume

$$E_x = f(x) g(y) h(z) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{single variable} \\ \text{functions} \end{array}$$

This makes

$$\nabla^2 E_x + \beta^2 E_x = gh \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + fh \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} + fg \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} + \beta^2 fgh = 0$$

Next, we can replace the partial derivatives w/ ordinary derivatives and divide through by fgh

$$\frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{g} \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{h} \frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} + \beta^2 = 0$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{g} \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{h} \frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} = -\beta^2$$

3.4.1 A. cont.

Since each term on the LHS is a function of an independent variable, this can only be true IFF each term is constant, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\beta_x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\beta_x^2 f \quad \leftarrow \text{2nd order}$$

$$\frac{1}{g} \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} = -\beta_y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} = -\beta_y^2 g \quad \leftarrow \text{ODEs!}$$

$$\frac{1}{h} \frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} = -\beta_z^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} = -\beta_z^2 h$$

⇓

$$\beta_x^2 + \beta_y^2 + \beta_z^2 = \beta^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$$

↙ Constraint/dispersion equation.

The constants β_x , β_y , & β_z are called the wave constants/numbers for their respective directions.

In EE (and many other areas), we have seen solutions to similar 2nd order ODEs many times. E.g., current & voltage along a lossless transmission line.

3.4.1 A. cont.

$$f(x) = A_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} + B_1 e^{j\beta_x x} = C_1 \cos(\beta_x x) + D_1 \sin(\beta_x x)$$

$$g(y) = A_2 e^{-j\beta_y y} + B_2 e^{j\beta_y y} = C_2 \cos(\beta_y y) + D_2 \sin(\beta_y y)$$

$$h(z) = A_3 e^{-j\beta_z z} + B_3 e^{j\beta_z z} = C_3 \cos(\beta_z z) + D_3 \sin(\beta_z z)$$

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 use for Traveling waves or Standing waves

See first two rows of Table 3-1.

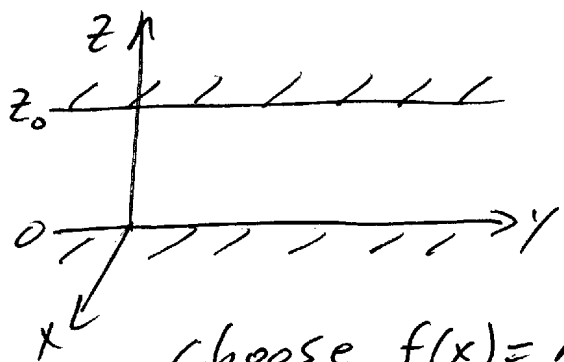
TABLE 3-1 Wave functions, zeroes, and infinities of plane wave functions in rectangular coordinates

Wave type	Wave functions	Zeroes of wave functions	Infinities of wave functions
Traveling waves	$e^{-j\beta x}$ for $+x$ travel $e^{+j\beta x}$ for $-x$ travel	$\beta x \rightarrow -j\infty$ $\beta x \rightarrow +j\infty$	$\beta x \rightarrow +j\infty$ $\beta x \rightarrow -j\infty$
Standing waves	$\cos(\beta x)$ for $\pm x$ $\sin(\beta x)$ for $\pm x$	$\beta x = \pm(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ $\beta x = \pm n\pi$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\beta x \rightarrow \pm j\infty$ $\beta x \rightarrow \pm j\infty$
Evanescent waves	$e^{-\alpha x}$ for $+x$ $e^{+\alpha x}$ for $-x$ $\cosh(\alpha x)$ for $\pm x$ $\sinh(\alpha x)$ for $\pm x$	$\alpha x \rightarrow +\infty$ $\alpha x \rightarrow -\infty$ $\alpha x = \pm j(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ $\alpha x = \pm jn\pi$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\alpha x \rightarrow -\infty$ $\alpha x \rightarrow +\infty$ $\alpha x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ $\alpha x \rightarrow \pm\infty$
Attenuating traveling waves	$e^{-\gamma x} = e^{-\alpha x} e^{-j\beta x}$ for $+x$ travel $e^{+\gamma x} = e^{+\alpha x} e^{+j\beta x}$ for $-x$ travel	$\gamma x \rightarrow +\infty$ $\gamma x \rightarrow -\infty$	$\gamma x \rightarrow -\infty$ $\gamma x \rightarrow +\infty$
Attenuating standing waves	$\cos(\gamma x) = \cos(\alpha x) \cosh(\beta x) - j \sin(\alpha x) \sinh(\beta x)$ for $\pm x$ $\sin(\gamma x) = \sin(\alpha x) \cosh(\beta x) + j \cos(\alpha x) \sinh(\beta x)$ for $\pm x$	$\gamma x = \pm j(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ $\gamma x = \pm jn\pi$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\gamma x \rightarrow \pm j\infty$ $\gamma x \rightarrow \pm j\infty$

3.4.1 A. cont.

Which forms to put f , g , & h into depends on the physics of the physical problem.

For example, say we have parallel PEC planes at $z=0$ and $z=z_0$ (parallel plate waveguide)



Here a wave could travel or propagate in the x & y directions but not the z .

$$\text{Choose } f(x) = A_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} + B_1 e^{j\beta_x x} \quad \left. \vphantom{\text{Choose}} \right\} \text{Traveling}$$

$$g(y) = A_2 e^{-j\beta_y y} + B_2 e^{j\beta_y y}$$

$$\text{but } h(z) = C_3 \cos(\beta_z z) + D_3 \sin(\beta_z z) \leftarrow \text{standing}$$

and

$$E_x = [A_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} + B_1 e^{j\beta_x x}] [A_2 e^{-j\beta_y y} + B_2 e^{j\beta_y y}]$$

$$* [C_3 \cos(\beta_z z) + D_3 \sin(\beta_z z)]$$

For the traveling waves w/ $e^{j\omega t}$ time dependence, the

$$e^{-ju} \text{ terms} \rightarrow +u\text{-direction propagating waves}$$

$$\& e^{+ju} \text{ terms} \rightarrow -u\text{-direction prop. waves}$$

3.4.1 A. cont.

Example - let's examine E_x & \mathcal{E}_x for my parallel-plate waveguide on some fixed line $y=y_0$ & $z=z_1$

$$\text{Then } A_2 e^{-j\beta_y y_0} + B_2 e^{j\beta_y y_0} = K_2 \underline{\theta_y} \quad \text{Assume } \theta_y = \theta_z = 0$$

$$C_3 \cos(\beta_z z_1) + D_3 (\beta_z z_1) = K_3 \underline{\theta_z} \quad \text{for simplicity}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_x = \text{Re} \left[E_x e^{j\omega t} \right]$$

$$= \text{Re} \left[(A_1 e^{-j\beta_x x} + B_1 e^{j\beta_x x}) K_2 K_3 e^{j\omega t} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{K_2 K_3 A_1}_{E_{\text{fwd}}} \cos(\omega t - \beta_x x) + \underbrace{K_2 K_3 B_1}_{E_{\text{bwd}}} \cos(\omega t + \beta_x x)$$

↑
↑
 positive/forward or +x-dir wave
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↑
 neg./backward or -x-dir wave

As will be demonstrated, the first term represents a positive (+x-dir) traveling wave and the second term represents a negative (-x-dir) traveling wave

MathCAD example

Illustrate forward and backward wave propagation of \mathcal{E}_x

Define some constants

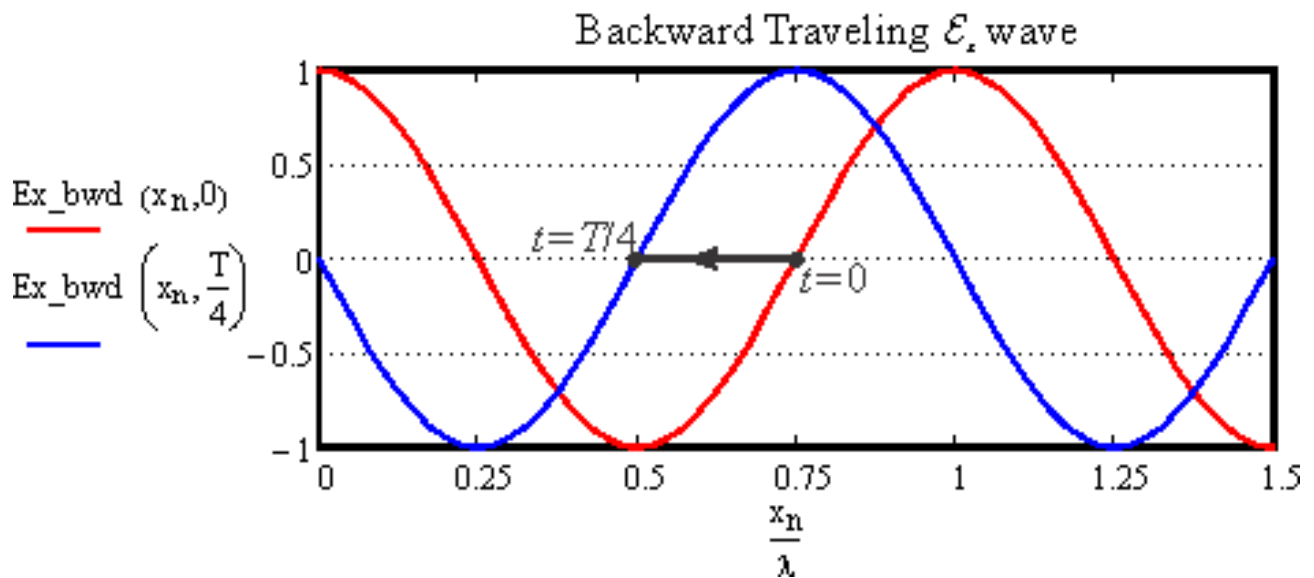
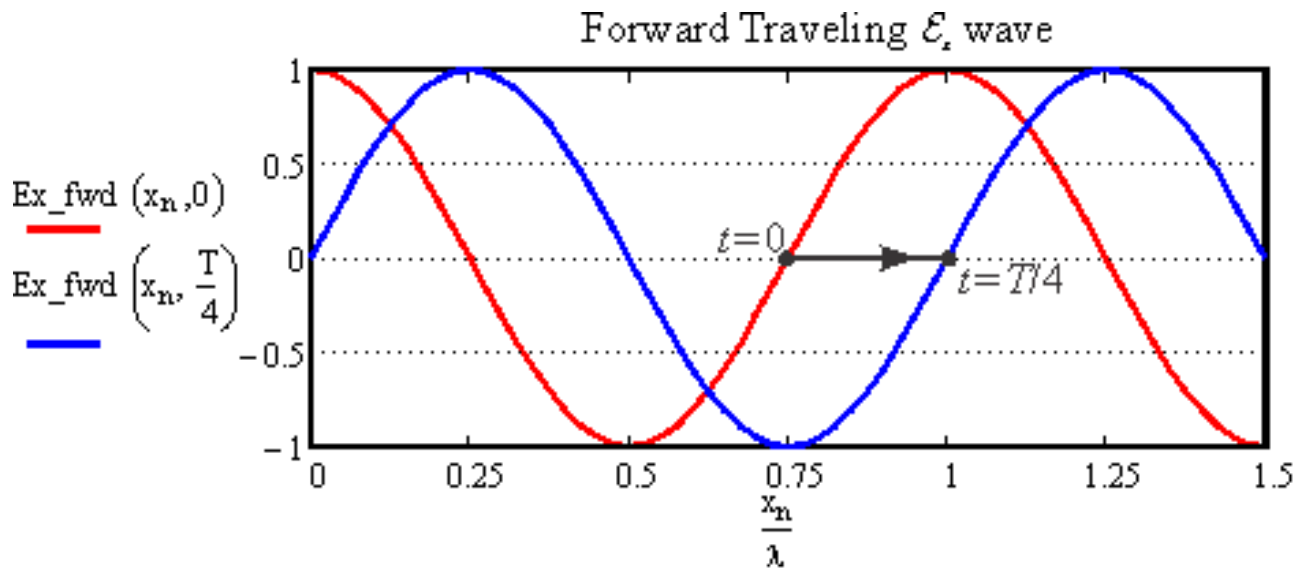
$u := 3 \cdot 10^8$ (m/s) $E_{fwd} := 1$ (V/m) $E_{bwd} := 1$ (V/m)

$\omega := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 60$ (rad/s) $\lambda := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{u}{\omega}$ (m) $\beta_x := \frac{\omega}{u}$ (rad/m) $T := \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ (s)

Define functions for forward and backward components of the \mathcal{E}_x wave

$Ex_fwd(x, t) := E_{fwd} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t - \beta_x \cdot x)$ $Ex_bwd(x, t) := E_{bwd} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \beta_x \cdot x)$

$n := 0..60$ $x_n := \frac{1.5 \cdot \lambda \cdot n}{60}$ Show 1.5 wavelengths



3.4.1 A. cont.

As seen in the example, as we let time to advance, like points on the waves forward & backward components 'travel'. These points are called equiphase points and the velocity at which they move is called the phase velocity v_p .

equiphase points	$\omega t - \beta_x x = \text{constant}$	forward traveling wave
	$\frac{d}{dt} \hookrightarrow$	
	$\omega(1) - \beta_x \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$	
	\hookrightarrow	
	$v_{p_x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_x} \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_x = \frac{\omega}{v_{p_x}}$	

3.4.1 B. Source-Free and Lossy Media

Here, $\bar{J}_i = \bar{M}_i = \rho_{vc} = \rho_{mv} = 0$ but $\sigma \neq 0$ which means we start w/

$$\nabla^2 \bar{E} = j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{E} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{E} = \gamma^2 \bar{E}$$

$$\nabla^2 \bar{H} = j\omega\mu\sigma \bar{H} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon \bar{H} = \gamma^2 \bar{H}$$

where $\gamma^2 = j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon = j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon) = (\pm\gamma)^2$

$$\gamma = \pm \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)} = \begin{cases} \pm(\alpha + j\beta) & \sigma > 0 \\ \pm(\alpha - j\beta) & \sigma < 0 \text{ reactive media} \end{cases}$$

\equiv prop. constant ($\frac{1}{m}$)

where $\alpha \equiv$ atten. constant ($\frac{Np}{m}$) + $\beta \equiv$ phase constant ($\frac{rad}{m}$)

Looking at the electric field vector wave eq'n, we see it reduces to 3 scalar wave eq'n's:

$$\nabla^2 E_x - \gamma^2 E_x = 0 \rightarrow \text{assume } E_x = f(x)g(y)h(z)$$

$$\nabla^2 E_y - \gamma^2 E_y = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 E_z - \gamma^2 E_z = 0$$

which have sol'n forms (shown for E_x) of

$$f(x) = A_1 e^{-\gamma_x x} + B_1 e^{\gamma_x x} = C_1 \cosh(\gamma_x x) + D_1 \sinh(\gamma_x x)$$

$$g(y) = A_2 e^{-\gamma_y y} + B_2 e^{\gamma_y y} = C_2 \cosh(\gamma_y y) + D_2 \sinh(\gamma_y y)$$

$$h(z) = A_3 e^{-\gamma_z z} + B_3 e^{\gamma_z z} = C_3 \cosh(\gamma_z z) + D_3 \sinh(\gamma_z z)$$

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attenuating traveling
waves

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attenuating standing
waves

3.4.1 B, cont.

Also, now

$$\nabla^2 E_x - \gamma^2 E_x = sh \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + fh \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} + fg \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 fgh = 0$$

$$\div fgh \quad \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{h} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = \gamma^2$$

which is true IFF each term on LHS is a constant

$$\underline{\gamma_x^2 + \gamma_y^2 + \gamma_z^2 = \gamma^2} \quad \text{constraint/dispersion equation}$$

Now, we'll revisit our possible form for γ as well as γ_z (similar possibilities for $\gamma_x + \gamma_y$)

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} +(\alpha + j\beta) \\ -(\alpha + j\beta) \\ +(\alpha - j\beta) \\ -(\alpha - j\beta) \end{cases} \begin{cases} \sigma > 0 \\ \sigma < 0 \end{cases} \quad \alpha + \beta > 0$$

$$\gamma_z = \begin{cases} +(\alpha_z + j\beta_z) \\ -(\alpha_z + j\beta_z) \\ +(\alpha_z - j\beta_z) \\ -(\alpha_z - j\beta_z) \end{cases} \quad \alpha + \beta > 0$$

Looking at $h(z) = A_3 e^{-\gamma_z z} + B_3 e^{\gamma_z z}$ and if we wish the $A_3 e^{-\gamma_z z}$ term to represent a forward (+z) traveling (w/attenuation) wave, let's see how our various choices of γ_z work out w/ $e^{j\omega t}$ time variation.

3.4.1 B. cont

Calling this term $h_1^+(z)$ and substituting in our γ_2 choices -

$$h_1^+(z) = A_3 e^{-\gamma_2 z} = \begin{cases} A_3 e^{-\alpha_2 z} e^{-j\beta_2 z} & \leftarrow \text{decays \& travels in } +z\text{-direction} \\ A_3 e^{+\alpha_2 z} e^{+j\beta_2 z} & \leftarrow \text{decays \& travels in } -z\text{-direction} \\ A_3 e^{-\alpha_2 z} e^{+j\beta_2 z} & \leftarrow \text{grows \& travels in } -z\text{-direction} \\ A_3 e^{+\alpha_2 z} e^{-j\beta_2 z} & \leftarrow \text{grows \& travels in } +z\text{-direction} \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow Choose $\gamma_2 = +(\alpha_2 + j\beta_2)$ and first sol'n!

Don't want wrong direction or growing waves (violates conservation of energy for passive media)

\Rightarrow In general, $\gamma_i = +(\alpha_i + j\beta_i)$

$$\text{Then, } h_1^-(z) = B_3 e^{+\gamma_2 z} = B_3 e^{+\alpha_2 z} e^{+j\beta_2 z}$$

will be a wave traveling in the $-z$ -direction and attenuating.