Electrodynamics

— *Lecture D* —

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Course overview

Electrodynamics

- A Introduction, Maxwell equations, brush up on vector calculus, Dirac delta, potentials, Taylor expansion, Fourier transform,
- B Maxwell equations, brush up on electro- and magnetostatics, multipole expansion
- C Maxwell equations, microscopic and macroscopic, time- and frequency domain, differential and integral form, interface conditions, continuity equation, energy and momentum of electromagnetic fields
- D Wave equation, plane waves, plane harmonic electromagnetic waves, refractive index, polarization, energy transport, spherical waves
- E Reflection and transmission at interfaces, lossy materials, wave packets, dispersion, phase and group velocity
- F Maxwell equations, vectorial and scalar Helmholtz equation, 2D configurations (intermezzo), mode problems, metallic and dielectric waveguides
- G Scalar and vector potentials, gauge conditions, retarded potentials, electric and magnetic dipole radiation
- H Special relativity; transmission lines

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- Planes $\perp$ $\boldsymbol{k}$: wave fronts, phase fronts.

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- Periodicity in time: angular frequency: ω,

  period: $T = \dfrac{2\pi}{\omega}$,

- Spatial periodicity: wave vector: $\boldsymbol{k}, \quad k = |\boldsymbol{k}|$,

  wavenumber: $k = \dfrac{\omega}{\mathrm{c_m}} = \dfrac{\omega}{\mathrm{c}}\, n = k_0\, n$,

  vacuum wavenumber: $k_0 = \dfrac{\omega}{\mathrm{c}}$,

  refractive index: $n = \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$,

  vacuum wavelength: $\lambda = \dfrac{2\pi}{k_0} = \dfrac{2\pi\mathrm{c}}{\omega}$,

  wavelength in the medium: $\lambda_\mathrm{m} = \dfrac{2\pi}{k} = \dfrac{2\pi}{k_0 n} = \dfrac{\lambda}{n}$.

- Electromagnetic spectrum

Plane harmonic electromagnetic waves

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(exercise)

$$\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{E}_0=0,\quad \boldsymbol{k}\times\boldsymbol{E}_0=\omega\mu_0\mu\boldsymbol{H}_0,\quad \boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{H}_0=0,\quad \boldsymbol{k}\times\boldsymbol{H}_0=-\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}_0,$$

$\hookrightarrow$ $\boldsymbol{E}_0\perp\boldsymbol{k},\ \ \boldsymbol{H}_0\perp\boldsymbol{k},\ \ \boldsymbol{E}_0\perp\boldsymbol{H}_0,$ transverse waves,

$\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}_0=\boldsymbol{H}_0\times\boldsymbol{k}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ orthogonal right-hand system $\{\boldsymbol{E}_0,\boldsymbol{H}_0,\boldsymbol{k}\}$.

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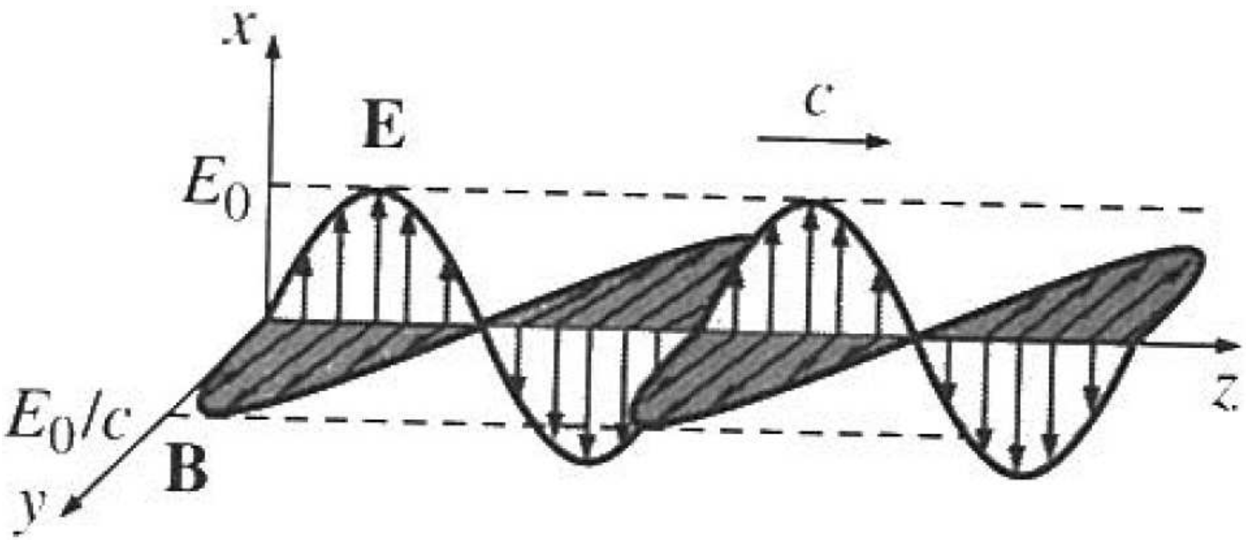
$(\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon\,\cancel{(\boldsymbol{r})}\,1,\ \hat{\mu} = \mu\,\cancel{(\boldsymbol{r})}\,1\ !)$



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$$\boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0\mu\boldsymbol{H}, \quad \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{E_0}{\mathrm{c_m}}\,\boldsymbol{e}_y\,\cos(kz-\omega t).$$

Polarization

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Assume $\boldsymbol{k} = k\,\boldsymbol{e}_z$, $E_{0,x} = |E_{0,x}|$, $E_{0,y} = |E_{0,y}|\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\delta}$

(common phase in $E_{0,x}$ and $E_{0,y}$ omitted)

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- otherwise: elliptical polarization,

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- $\delta = \pm\pi/2,\ |E_{0,x}| = |E_{0,y}| = E_0$:
  $\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = E_0\,(\cos(kz-\omega t)\,\boldsymbol{e}_x \pm \sin(kz-\omega t)\,\boldsymbol{e}_y)$
  circularly polarized wave, z fixed: $\boldsymbol{E}(t)$ describes a circle in time.

- otherwise: elliptical polarization,
- $(*)$ is the sum of two linearly polarized waves.

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with $\omega^2 = k^2\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{m}}^2$ (f_{out}, f_{in} arbitrary (smooth), $\omega > 0$).

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... as for the plane waves:

- period, wavenumber, wavelength, phase velocity,
- transverse waves, $\{\boldsymbol{E}_0(\boldsymbol{r}), \boldsymbol{H}_0(\boldsymbol{r}), \boldsymbol{r}\}$ form a right-hand system,
- polarization.

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Upcoming

Next lecture:

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