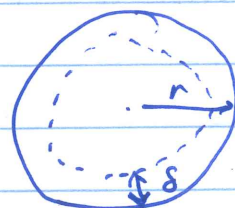


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## AC Skin Effect slides & demo



$\delta$  = skin depth

### Electromagnetic Waves in Vacuum

Consider Maxwell's equations in vacuum with no charges and no currents [note the symmetry of  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  equations]

$$1) \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$$

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

$$3) \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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

Let's try to solve for  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (2) \Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})}_{\substack{\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} \\ = 0 \text{ (eq. 1)}}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}}_{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \text{ (eq. 4)}}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}} \quad (a)$$

Similarly,

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}} \quad (b)$$

For the E-field, we have

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 E_x = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} \\ \nabla^2 E_y = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} \\ \nabla^2 E_z = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial t^2} \end{cases}$$

In this form  $E_x, E_y, E_z$  are "independent" of each other and of  $\vec{B}$ !



Any solution of Maxwell's equations (in vacuum) satisfies (a) & (b) equations, but the converse is not necessarily true.

### Monochromatic plane wave solution

Consider the travelling wave solution:  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{x}$   
 $\sim E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{x}$

(comment on AC skin effect problem)

insert into (a):  $\nabla^2 E_x(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_x(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \\ &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$- E_0 k^2 \cos(kz - \omega t)$   
 $- E_0 \omega^2 \cos(kz - \omega t)$

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

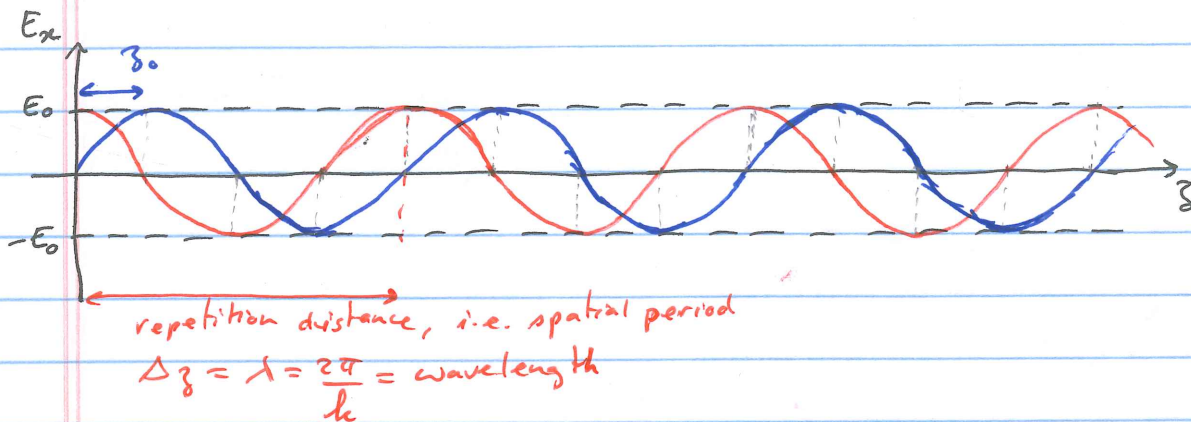
$$\Rightarrow k^2 = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  the plane wave satisfies equation (a) only if  $\frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$

### Physics of the plane wave

Consider the plane wave at  $t=0$ :  $\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(kz) \hat{x}$

$$\Rightarrow E_x = E_0 \cos(kz)$$



Consider a function  $f(z)$ , then  $f(z-z_0)$  is  $f(z)$  but with the origin shifted to  $z_0$ .

Consider  $E_x(z, t=0)$ , then  $E_x(z - \underbrace{\frac{\omega t}{k}}_{z_0}) = E_0 \cos\left[k\left(z - \underbrace{\frac{\omega t}{k}}_{kz - \omega t}\right)\right]$   
 $= E_0 \cos(kz)$   
 $= E_x(z)$

$\Rightarrow$  you can think of the plane wave as a spatial sinusoid that translates in time with  $z_0 = vt = \frac{\omega t}{k}$

Q: what's "plane" or "planar" about a plane wave?

A: Any  $x$ - $y$  plane is a plane of constant phase.

$\Rightarrow v = \frac{\omega}{k} = c$  is the speed of translation (i.e. speed of the wave)

the wave has a  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{temporal frequency: } \omega \rightarrow \text{rads/s} \\ \text{spatial frequency: } k \rightarrow \text{rads/m} \end{array} \right.$

but  $\frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \Rightarrow$  speed of wave =  $v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c$   
 (light)

Speed of EM wave (light) is constant regardless of  $\lambda$  or  $f$

not true for EM waves in matter (still mostly true)

$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$      $\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

also ~~not~~ true for sound waves, but not true for de Broglie waves  
 $mv = p = \hbar k \Rightarrow v = \hbar k / m$   
 $\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = E = \hbar \omega \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar \omega}{m}}$

$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{N}{A^2} \cdot 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}}}$   
 $= 2.99792 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = \text{speed of light}$   
 (300,000 km/s)  
 $\approx 1 \text{ ft/ns}$

Ex 1: Earth-Moon distance  $\approx 3.8 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  it takes EM waves  $\sim 1.25 \text{ s}$  to cover this distance (Apollo  $\sim 4$  days)

Ex 2:  $c$  is not that fast either  
 Round trip for light from Williamsburg to DC and back is about  $1 \text{ ms}$  .... almost an eternity for PHYS 252

plane wave:  $\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{x}$  (solution of  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$ )

Q: Does plane wave satisfy Maxwell's equations?

$$1) \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \checkmark$$

⚠ Note that  $\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{x}$  satisfies the wave equation, but not  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  the plane wave must be transverse.

i.e.  $\vec{E}$  (and  $\vec{B}$ ) must be perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cancel{\partial_y E_z} - \cancel{\partial_z E_y} & \partial_z E_x - \cancel{\partial_x E_z} & \cancel{\partial_x E_y} - \cancel{\partial_y E_x} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t}, \quad 0 = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t}, \quad 0 = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t}$$

$$-E_0 k \sin(kz - \omega t) = -\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow B_x = \text{cst} & \rightarrow B_z = \text{cst} \\ \text{not wave like} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_y = E_0 \frac{k}{\omega} \cos(kz - \omega t) + \text{cst}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Maxwell's equations (Faraday's law) require an accompanying B-field plane wave (exactly in phase):

$$\vec{B} = E_0 \frac{k}{\omega} \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{y} = \frac{E_0}{c} \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{y} = B_0 \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{y} \quad \text{with } B_0 = E_0/c$$