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EM wave equations in a conductor:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} + \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} + \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

If we assume a plane wave solution (propagating in \hat{z} direction)

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{-i(kz - \omega t)} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B}(z,t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{-i(kz - \omega t)}$$

then we find that this solution works, so long as

$$k^2 = \mu \epsilon \omega^2 + i \mu \sigma \omega$$

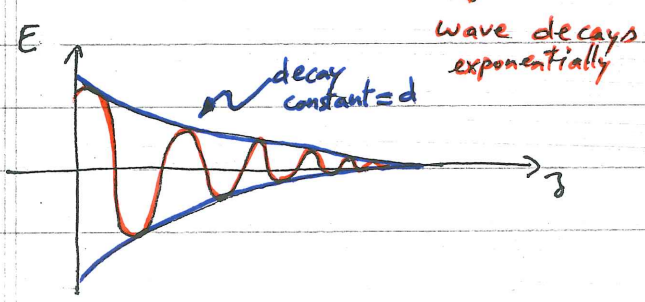
example of a dispersion relation.

other examples: $k = \frac{\omega}{c}$ (light in vacuum)

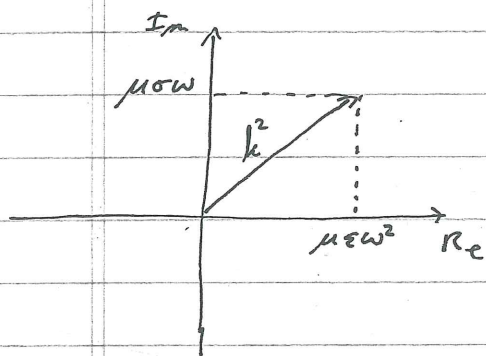
$\hookrightarrow k$ is complex: $k = k_0 + i \frac{1}{d}$

$$\text{thus } \vec{E}(z,t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{-\frac{z}{d}} e^{-i(k_0 z - \omega t)}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2m\omega}{\hbar}$$



$d > 0 \rightarrow$ wave decays
 $d < 0 \rightarrow$ wave blows up
 \hookrightarrow energy cannot be conserved

determination of k_0 & d Let's put k^2 in polar form (easier to take $\sqrt{\quad}$)

$$k^2 = |k^2| e^{i\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \sqrt{|k^2|} e^{i\frac{\theta}{2} \pm \pi}$$

$$= \underbrace{\sqrt{|k^2|}}_{k_0} \left[\underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}_{\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} + i \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}_{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \right]$$

\downarrow
 $\frac{1}{d}$

$$k^2 = \mu \varepsilon \omega^2 \left(1 + i \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon \omega} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow |k^2| = \mu \varepsilon \omega^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}}$$

$$\text{also } 1 + i \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon \omega} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}}}}_{\cos \theta} + i \underbrace{\frac{\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon \omega}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}}}}_{\sin \theta} \right]$$

$$\text{thus } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}}} \quad \text{and } \sin \theta = \frac{\sigma / \varepsilon \omega}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega^2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon \omega}$$

$$\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon \omega}\right)^2}} \right)}$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos\theta \Rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2}}\right)}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{1 + i \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}} &= \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2}} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2}}\right)} + i \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2}}\right)} \right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} + 1 \right)}}_{k_0} + i \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1 \right)}}_{1/d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{thus } k_0 = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} + 1} = \underbrace{\frac{\omega n}{c}}_{k_n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_0 = k_{\text{vacuum}} n(\omega)$$

↑
frequency dependent
index of refraction
(dispersion)

$$\frac{1}{d} = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2}} \left(\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega}\right)^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\text{for copper: } \sigma_{\text{copper}} \approx 5.7 \times 10^7 \text{ (}\Omega\cdot\text{m)}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon \sim \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{Nm}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon\omega} \sim \frac{10^8}{10^{-11}\omega} \approx \frac{10^{19}}{\omega} \gg 1 \quad \text{for } 0 < \omega < 10^{15}$$

[$\omega \sim 10^{19}$ → soft x-rays] [↑] optical

$$\frac{1}{d} \approx \sqrt{\omega \frac{\mu \epsilon}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} \Rightarrow d = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu \omega \sigma}}$$

note: σ = conductivity

$$\rho = \text{resistivity} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

\Rightarrow

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho}{\mu\omega}}$$

= skin depth

\Rightarrow EM wave propagates a distance d in metal before being absorbed (E is reduced by ~ 3)

Some numbers for good conductors (Cu, Ag, Al, ...)

$$d(60 \text{ Hz}) \approx 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$d(1 \text{ kHz}) \approx 2 \text{ mm}$$

$$d(100 \text{ kHz}) \approx 200 \mu\text{m}$$

$$d(1 \text{ MHz}) \approx 60 \mu\text{m}$$

$$d(1 \text{ GHz}) \approx 2 \mu\text{m}$$

\Rightarrow it is relatively easy to shield RF signals
(also, RF circuits tend to have very skinny wires)

From Faraday's law, we get (if $\vec{E}_0 = E_0 \hat{x}$)

$$\vec{B}(z, t) = \frac{k}{\omega} E_0 e^{-z/d} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$k = k_0 + i\frac{\sigma}{d} = |k| e^{i\phi} = |k| e^{i\theta/2}$$

$$|k| = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2 \omega^2}}$$

$$\text{and } \tan(\phi) = \tan(\theta/2) = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{k_0 d}$$

$$k = a + ib$$

ω/c

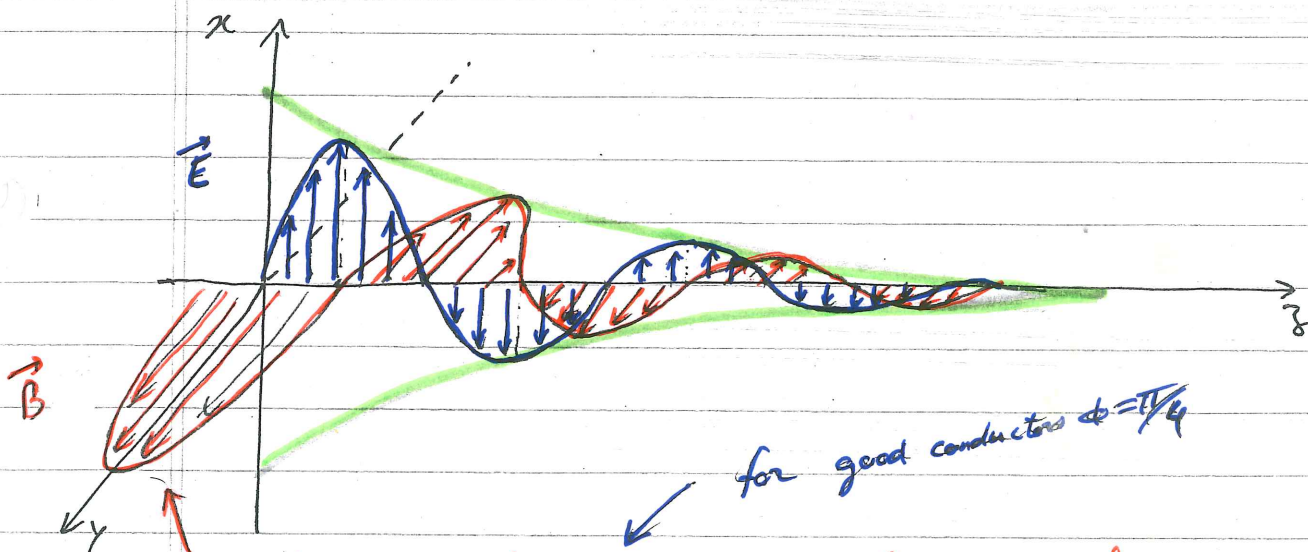
thus $\vec{B}(z,t) = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}{\omega} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}}} \right]^{1/4} E_0 e^{-\gamma/d} e^{i(k_0 z - \omega t + \phi)} \hat{y}$

$\approx \frac{n}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} E_0 e^{-\gamma/d} e^{i(k_0 z - \omega t + \phi)} \hat{y}$

this term is large

↳ most of the EM energy is in B-field

note: $\vec{E}(z,t) = E_0 e^{-\gamma/d} e^{i(k_0 z - \omega t)} \hat{x}$



not necessarily $\pi/2$ phase delay $B_0 = \frac{k E_0}{\omega} \neq \frac{1}{c_m} E_0$

$= \left(k_0 + i \frac{1}{d} \right) \frac{E_0}{\omega}$

where did the energy go? → "resistive heating of medium" (i.e. absorption)

note: absorption & dispersion are always present together (Kramers-Kronig relations)

where did the momentum go? → wave pushes material
↳ most energy lost as heat

Reflection & Transmission at a conducting surface

Recall boundary conditions:

1) $\epsilon_1 E_{1,\perp} - \epsilon_2 E_{2,\perp} = \sigma_f = 0$

2) $\vec{E}_{1,\parallel} = \vec{E}_{2,\parallel}$

3) $B_{1,\perp} = B_{2,\perp}$

4) $\frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{B}_{1,\parallel} - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \vec{B}_{2,\parallel} = \vec{K}_f \times \hat{n}$

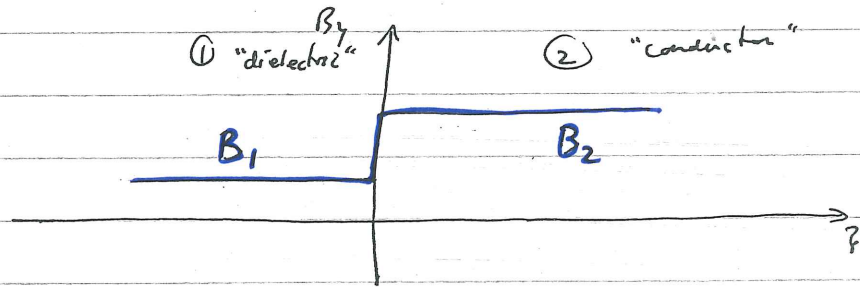
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$\vec{K}_f = 0$

(i.e. no free surface current ... however $\vec{J}_f \neq 0$)

↳ why? ... suppose $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_0$

if $\vec{K}_f \neq 0$, then \vec{B} is discontinuous across the boundary



$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = \underbrace{\beta \delta(z)}_{\text{surface current}} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = +\infty_{\text{surface}}$ (if you believe Ohm's law)

Ampere's law: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \underbrace{\mu \sigma \vec{E}}_{\vec{J}} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ focus on this term

$(\cancel{\partial_x B_z} - \cancel{\partial_z B_x}, \cancel{\partial_y B_z} - \cancel{\partial_z B_y}, \cancel{\partial_x B_y} - \cancel{\partial_y B_x}) = (\underbrace{\mu \sigma}_{\text{leave out}} \times \underbrace{\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t}}_{\text{leave out}}) (E_x, E_y, E_z)$

$\Rightarrow E_x = +\infty$ (assuming σ is finite)

\Rightarrow also $\vec{K} \neq 0$ implies a surface $E_{\parallel} \rightarrow$ potential problem with b.c.