

# Electromagnetic waves in isotropic linear dielectric

Medium :- for linear isotropic (dielectric medium),  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$   
 $\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$

Maxwell's Eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

for dielectric medium, No free charge, No free charge density

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$$

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\rho_f = 0$$

$$\vec{J}_f = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E}) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 & \text{--- (1)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 & \text{--- (2)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} & \text{--- (3)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} & \text{--- (4)} \end{cases}$$

Take curl of eq<sup>n</sup> (3),

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

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Take curl of eq<sup>n</sup> (4),

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

If we compare these (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> order eq<sup>n</sup> with original wave eq<sup>n</sup>, we get

$$\nabla^2 f - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

We get  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \quad \text{--- (8)}$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$

$$v < c$$

So in linear isotropic dielectric, speed of EM wave in that medium is less than speed of light in free space. for Any Transparent medium,

$$v = \frac{c}{n} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$n \rightarrow$  refractive index of medium,

$v \rightarrow$  wave speed

Comparing (8) & (9), we get

$$\boxed{n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$

So Refractive index of the medium can be calculated by Relative permittivity & Relative permeability.

If medium is Non magnetic  $\rightarrow \mu_r = 1$

then  $\boxed{n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$

Now, Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup> implies the solutions,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 \\ \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{These eq<sup>n</sup>s implies that } \rightarrow$$

→ Inside isotropic dielectric, EM waves are transverse wave.

If  $E_{\vec{n}}$  is given & we have to find B then

$$\boxed{\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{\omega}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{B}) = -\nabla \cdot \omega \mu \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{\mu \epsilon \omega} (\vec{k} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -\frac{v^2}{\omega} (\vec{k} \times \vec{B})}$$

$$\left\{ v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \right.$$

Now, Magnitudes of  $\vec{B}$ ,

$$\boxed{|\vec{B}| = \frac{|\vec{E}|}{v}}$$

where  $\frac{\omega}{k} = v$

If wave is travelling in isotropic dielectric medium then

$$\left[ \frac{\omega}{k} = v \right]$$

Conclusion :-  $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B} \perp \vec{k}$  i.e. mutually  $\perp$  to each other.

Energy density :-

Electric energy density  $u_e = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2$

Magnetic " "  $u_m = \frac{B^2}{2\mu} = \frac{E^2 \mu \epsilon}{2\mu} = \frac{E^2 \epsilon}{2}$

$$u_m = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u_e = u_m}$$

Total Energy density  $u = u_e + u_m$

$$\boxed{u = \epsilon E^2}$$

Poynting Vector :-  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ ,  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

$$\vec{E} = E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$



$$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$$

$$= \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu v} E^2 = \frac{v}{\mu v^2} E^2$$

$$(B = E \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = E/v)$$

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{S} = \epsilon v E^2 \hat{z} = v u \hat{z}}$$

So energy flow is in the dir<sup>n</sup> of wave propagation.  
(dir<sup>n</sup> of wave propagation is  $\hat{z}$ )

On comparing with free space, we get if we replace

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &\rightarrow \mu \\ \epsilon_0 &\rightarrow \epsilon \\ c &\rightarrow v \end{aligned}$$

then we get, expressions for isotropic dielectric

Momentum density  $\vec{p} = \mu \epsilon \vec{S} = \frac{\mu}{v} \hat{z}$

Wave impedance  $Z = \left| \frac{E}{H} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} = 120 \pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{If } \mu_r \geq 1 \\ \epsilon_r \geq 1 \end{aligned} \right\} Z = 120 \pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} = \text{Real Value}$$

If  $Z$  is Real that means  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  are vibrating in same phase.

Conclusion :-

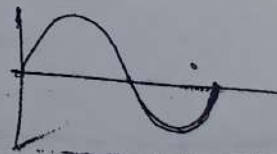
→ speed of medium  $v$  is less than  $c$ . & →  $n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$

→ for a linear isotropic dielectric medium

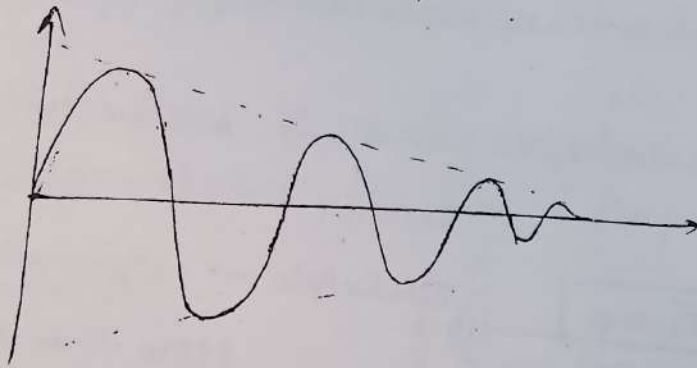
$$|\mu_r \geq 1 \text{ \& } \epsilon_r \geq 1|$$

(i) If  $\epsilon_r = 1$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$  that means free space is also a dielectric medium of dielectric constant one.

(ii) If  $\epsilon_r > 1$ ,  $\mu_r > 1$  then  $n$  is real then sol<sup>n</sup> of EM will be oscillatory



(ii) If  $\epsilon_r < 0$  (-ve),  $\mu_r \geq 1$   $\Rightarrow n \rightarrow$  imaginary  
 If  $n$  is imaginary or complex, then solution of EM wave will be damped.



If  $\epsilon_r \geq 0$ ,  $\mu_r < 0$ , Again sol<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$  damped  
 (inside the conducting medium)

- In all these cases, dir<sup>n</sup> of  $\vec{S}$  &  $\vec{k}$  will be same.  
Energy flow  $\downarrow$  wave prop.  $\downarrow$

Here If,  $\epsilon_r$  &  $\mu_r$  are not the func<sup>n</sup> of position then medium will be isotropic.

Note :- If  $\epsilon_r$  &  $\mu_r$  are func<sup>n</sup> of position then dir<sup>n</sup> of  $\vec{S}$  &  $\vec{k}$  are different.

Case (iv) :- If  $\epsilon_r$  &  $\mu_r$  are simultaneously negative.

then  $\vec{S}$  &  $\vec{k}$  are antiparallel.

$$\begin{cases} \mu = \mu_0 \mu_r \\ \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \end{cases}$$

No medium exist in nature, in which both  $\epsilon_r$  &  $\mu_r$  are simultaneously -ve.

For Left Handed Material,  $\vec{S}$  &  $\vec{k}$  are antiparallel.

e. This type of medium is called L.H. material.

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