

In vacuum

In a conducting medium

Electromagnetic Wave Eqns

EM wave is a transverse wave in which the electric component is $\perp$ to the mag. component & both of them are $\perp$ to the dirⁿ of propagation of waves.

Electromagnetic Wave eqⁿ in free space

In free space, $\rho = 0$ and $\vec{J} = 0$

So the Maxwell's em eqⁿs in free space are

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad , \quad D = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{(4)} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (4a)}$$

$$\text{(3)} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

Taking curl on both sides

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = -\frac{\partial (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

On applying the theorems of vector calculus on LHS of eqⁿ (5) we get

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}$$

Here, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = \nabla^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = -\nabla^2 \vec{E} \quad \text{--- (6a)}$$

$$\text{RHS (5)} \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}] \quad \text{using (4)}$$

$$= -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (6b)}$$

Using eqns (6a) & (6b) in eqn (5), we get
 $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$

or $\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}} \rightarrow (7)$ e-m wave eqn for electric component

Similarly we can find the e-m wave eqn for mag component as

$\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}} \rightarrow (8)$ e-m wave eqn for magnetic component

Q. Derive eqn (8)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B}$$

* Special Case:

It is known that the general wave eqn is given by

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

ψ = Wave function = $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$

v = Velocity of wave

We obtained, $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$ and $\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$

On comparing these eqns, $\frac{1}{v^2} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}}$$

Electromagnetic Wave Eqn in a Charge Free Conducting Medium

Charge free $\rho = 0$

conducting medium $\therefore \epsilon_0 \rightarrow \epsilon$
 $\mu_0 \rightarrow \mu$

If $\sigma = \text{conductivity}$
 $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

The Maxwell's eqns for this case are

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \left(\vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= \mu \left(\sigma \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$= \mu \left(\sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad D = \epsilon E$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Taking curl on both sides

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

$$\text{but } \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}$$

$$= - \nabla^2 \vec{E} \quad \text{--- (5a)}$$

$$\text{RHS} \Rightarrow - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\mu \left(\sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

$$= - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mu \sigma \vec{E} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

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

On using eqns (5a) & (5b) in eqn (3), we get

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

$$\text{or } \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}} \quad \text{(c) for electric component}$$

Similarly for magnetic component the e-m eqn for charge free conducting medium is given by

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}} \quad \text{--- (7) for magnetic comp.}$$

Q. Derive eqn (7).

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu (\sigma \vec{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

Taking curl on both sides

$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \vec{\nabla} - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \sigma \left(-\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) + \mu \epsilon \left(-\frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

6/11/19 Transverse Nature of Electro-magnetic wave

An e-m wave consist of both electric & magnetic field components.

The plane wave soln of electric field intensity vector $\vec{E}$ & mag. field intensity vector $\vec{H}$ can be written as

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \hat{e} E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) = H_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \hat{b} H_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$\vec{E}$ = Electric field intensity

$\vec{H}$ = Magnetic " "

E_0 = Peak value of $\vec{E}$

H_0 = Peak value of $\vec{H}$

$\vec{r}$ = Space coordinate

t = time coordinate

ω = angular frequency

$\vec{k}$ = wave propagation vector = $\hat{i} k_x + \hat{j} k_y + \hat{k} k_z$

$i = \sqrt{-1}$

$\hat{e}, \hat{b}$ = unit vectors associated with $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{H}$

For a charge free region, Maxwell's first eqⁿ can be expressed as

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot [\hat{e} E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}] = 0$$

From vector calculus, it is known that

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{A} + \phi (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$$

Here ϕ = scalar field

$\vec{A}$ = vector field

$\vec{\nabla} \phi$ = grad ϕ

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ = div $\vec{A}$

Using this identity in the above eqⁿ we find

$$\vec{\nabla} [E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}] \cdot \hat{e} + E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{e}) = 0$$

further it is known that the divergence of a constant unit vector is 0, i.e. $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{e} = 0$

$$\text{So } \vec{\nabla} [E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}] \cdot \hat{e} = 0$$

$$\text{Since, } \vec{k} = \hat{i} k_x + \hat{j} k_y + \hat{k} k_z$$

$$\text{Hence } [(i\vec{k}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}] \cdot \hat{e} = 0$$

$$\text{or } i(\vec{k} \cdot \hat{e}) = 0 \quad \text{since } e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \neq 0$$

$$\text{or } (\vec{k} \cdot \hat{e}) = 0$$

⇒ Transverse nature of electric field
because $\vec{k} \rightarrow$ wave propagation vector
 $\hat{e} \rightarrow$ unit vector of $\vec{E}$

Similarly on considering the Maxwell's 2nd eqⁿ

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

and following the same procedure as above we can prove that

$$\vec{k} \cdot \hat{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr. nature of } \vec{B} \text{ or } \vec{H}$$

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Hence from these two observations we can explain the electric and magnetic components of an e-m wave are $\perp$ to the dirⁿ of propagation of e-m wave. Hence e-m wave is transverse in nature.

- Q1. Define gradient, divergence and curl and hence explain their significance.
- Q2. Derive the Maxwell's electr eqns of e-m induction differential form and in integral form.
- Q3. Distinguish betⁿ displ. current & conduction current.
- Q4. Derive the eqⁿ of continuity.
- Q5. Define Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.
- Q6. Prove that magnetic monopoles does not exist.
- Q7. Give the interpretation of Maxwell's eqn.
- Q8. Derive the e-m wave eqⁿ in a free space in vacuum.
- Q9. Derive the e-m wave eqns in a conducting medium.
- Q10. Prove that $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$
- Q11. Prove the transverse nature of e-m wave.

Numericals

- Q1. Examine the vector $\vec{A} = (x+3y)\hat{i} + (y+az)\hat{j} + (x+az)\hat{k}$ is solenoidal or not.
- Q2. Show that the vector field $\vec{A} = (x^2+xy^2)\hat{i} + (y^2+x^2y)\hat{j}$ is irrotational.
- Q3. If $\vec{A} = (x+y+1)\hat{i} + \hat{j} - (x+y)\hat{k}$ then prove that $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$
- Q4. If the potential $V(x,y,z) = (4x^2+2y^2+z^2)^{1/2}$, find $\vec{E}$ at $(1,1,1)$
Hint: $E = -\nabla V$
- Q5. If $\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$, find $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ at $(1, -2, -1)$