

1-D waves: $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$

3-D waves: $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \quad \{\text{div of grad}\}$$

Our general solution becomes

$$\tilde{f} = \tilde{A} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \tilde{A} e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z - \omega t)}$$

$$v_{\text{wave}} = \frac{\omega}{k}; \quad k = |\vec{k}| = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$$

Show \tilde{f} satisfies the 3-D wave eqn.

Any function in 3-D can be written as

$$\tilde{f}(\vec{r}, t) = \int \tilde{A}(\vec{k}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} d^3 k$$

$$\text{(or)} \quad \tilde{f}(x, y, z, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{A}(k_x, k_y, k_z) e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z - \omega t)} \cdot dk_x dk_y dk_z$$

Show that $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$; $\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$

in absence of ρ, \vec{j} (free space)

hint: take $\nabla \times (\text{Max } \textcircled{3})$ and $\nabla \times (\text{Max } \textcircled{4})$

This shows the speed of light $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$

In general, we can write.

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

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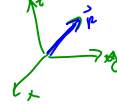
$$E_x = E_{0x} e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad "$$

$$E_y = E_{0y} e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad "$$

$$E_z = E_{0z} e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad "$$

This isn't the whole story.

Let's say we have a wave propagating in the \vec{k} direction. Instead, let's pick the z -direction to line up with \vec{k} .



$$\Rightarrow \vec{k} = k_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)} \quad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = ik_z E_z e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)} = \neq \quad \text{because } \rho = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{0z} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{E_z = 0} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \text{ waves are transverse.}$$

Same follows for \vec{B} .

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = +i\omega \vec{B} = i\omega [B_{0x} \hat{x} + B_{0y} \hat{y}]$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{x} + \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{y} + 0$$

$$= -\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \hat{y}$$

$$= -ik_z E_y \hat{x} + ik_z E_x \hat{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\omega} [-k_z E_y \hat{x} + k_z E_x \hat{y}]$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = k_z E_x \hat{y} - k_z E_y \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{\omega} = \frac{1}{c} (\vec{k} \times \vec{E})$$

\Rightarrow The real general soln for a plane EM wave is

$$\vec{E} = [\vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)}] \hat{n}$$

\hat{n} = polarization; $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{k}$ must be 0

$$\vec{B} = \frac{1}{\omega} \vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c} (\vec{k} \times \vec{E})$$

Let's talk about time averages.

$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* = \vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{E}_0^* e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)} e^{-i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$= E_0 \cdot E_0^* = E_0 e^{i\delta} E_0 e^{-i\delta} = E_0^2$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \rangle = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}^*$$

More generally for non-plane waves

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \text{Re} \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}^* \right]; \quad \langle u_{em} \rangle = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}^*$$

- Find $\langle u_{em} \rangle$ and $\langle \vec{S} \rangle$ for a plane wave
- (a) in term of just \vec{E}_0
- (b) " " " " B_0
- (c) what's the ratio of the energy in \vec{E}
 " " " \vec{B}