

4. A source located at the origin of our coordinate system emits a sinusoidal plane polarized electromagnetic wave with a linearly increasing amplitude. Assume the amplitude of the wave at time t at the source is given by $E_m = E_0(1 + \alpha t)$ with $\alpha \ll \omega$, therefore the amplitude E_m varies slightly over one period.

- ~~(a)~~ [2 points] Write down expressions for the electric field intensity \vec{E} and the magnetic field intensity \vec{B} at the source.
- ~~(b)~~ [2 points] Write down expressions for the electric field intensity \vec{E} and the magnetic field intensity \vec{B} at a distance z from the source at time t .

Now consider a imaginary cylinder a distance z_0 from the source, with length L and radius R centered on an axis along the direction of propagation that passes through the origin.

- ~~(c)~~ [2 points] Calculate the time average Poynting vector ($\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$) over one period at an arbitrary point z . Again assume that E_0 varies slightly over one period, so that averages can be calculated as usual.
- ~~(d)~~ [2 points] Evaluate the time average Poynting vector at the entrance and exit of the cylindrical volume.
- ~~(e)~~ [2 points] Integrate the average Poynting vector over the surface area of the cylindrical volume to calculate the net average outward energy flow.

Part (a)

In general, we know

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

assuming the wave propagates in the $\hat{k} = \hat{z}$ direction and the wave is polarized in the \hat{x} direction. Then if the amplitude is

$$A = E_m = E_0(1 + \alpha t),$$

we have

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = E_0(1 + \alpha t) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{x}.$$

The magnetic field is then

$$\vec{B} = n \hat{k} \times \vec{E}$$

$$= n \hat{z} \times E_0(1 + \alpha t) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B} = n E_0(1 + \alpha t) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{y}.$$

At the source, $z = 0$, so the intensity of these fields at the source is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= E_0(1 + \alpha t) e^{-i\omega t} \hat{x} \\ \vec{B} &= n E_0(1 + \alpha t) e^{-i\omega t} \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

Part (b)

As we found in part (a)...

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}(z,t) &= E_0(1+\alpha t) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{x} \\ \vec{B}(z,t) &= n E_0(1+\alpha t) e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{y}\end{aligned}$$

Part (c)

We know that in general

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{n}{\mu} \right] (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^*) \hat{k}$$

in Gaussian units. Since $n = \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$ and $\hat{k} = \hat{z}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{S} \rangle &= \frac{c}{8\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left[\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \right] (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^*) \hat{z} \\ &= \frac{c}{8\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) \right] (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^*) \hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{16\pi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) E_0^2 (1+\alpha t)^2 \hat{z}$$

Part (d)

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We assume that the wave enters the cylinder at $z = z_0$. If the cylinder has length L , then the wave exits at $z = z_0 + L$. The time at which the wave enters is $t = t_0$ and when the wave leaves, $t = t_f$.

Then ...

$$z = z_0 : \langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{16\pi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) E_0^2 (1 + \kappa t_0)^2 \hat{z}$$

$$z = z_0 + L : \langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{16\pi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) E_0^2 (1 + \kappa t_f)^2 \hat{z}.$$

In this case, we can say

$$t_0 = \frac{z_0}{c}$$

and

$$t_f = \frac{z_0 + L}{c}.$$

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We want to determine the net average outward energy flow. So

$$\oint \langle \vec{S} \rangle \cdot d\vec{a}.$$

We want to integrate using the top and bottom of the cylinder as our surfaces of integration. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\oint \langle \vec{S} \rangle \cdot d\vec{a} &= (\langle \vec{S} \rangle_{z=z_0+L} - \langle \vec{S} \rangle_{z=z_0}) (\pi R^2) \\&= \left(\frac{c}{16\pi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) E_0^2 \right) \left[(1 + \alpha t_f)^2 - (1 + \alpha t_0)^2 \right] (\pi R^2) \\&= \frac{cR^2}{16} E_0^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) \left[1 + 2\alpha t_f + \alpha^2 t_f^2 - 1 - 2\alpha t_0 - \alpha^2 t_0^2 \right] \\&= \frac{cR^2}{16} E_0^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) \left[\frac{2\alpha}{c} (z_0 + L - z_0) + \frac{\alpha^2}{c^2} (z_0^2 + 2z_0 L + L^2 - z_0^2) \right] \\&= \frac{cR^2}{16c^2} E_0^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) \left[2\alpha L + \alpha^2 L^2 + 2\alpha^2 z_0 L \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\oint \langle \vec{S} \rangle \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{R^2}{16c} E_0^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}^* \right) \left[2c\alpha L + \alpha^2 L^2 + 2\alpha^2 z_0 L \right].$$