ELEC-E4130 Electromagnetic fields

Midterm 1 solutions 2022

- 1. (a) The *divergence theorem* states that the volume integral of the divergence of a vector field equals the total outward flux of the vector field through the surface that bounds the volume.
 - (b) Lenz's law says that the induced current due to an induced electromotive force creates a secondary magnetic field that opposes the change in magnetic flux. (The direction of any electromagnetic induction phenomenon oppose the original change.)
 - (c) The *polarization* of a plane wave is defined by looking at the time dependent behavior of the electric field vector at a fixed position. The wave is circularly polarized if the tip of the vector draws a circle.
 - (d) Total reflection happens at the planar interface between two media when the incident angle is larger that the *critical angle*. This angle exists for lossless media when the refractive index in medium 1 (where the incident wave propagates) is larger than the refractive index in medium 2.
- 2. Taking he curl of both sides of Faraday's law gives

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = \nabla \times \left(-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \,.$$

If we assume an *homogeneous ordinary medium*, we have $\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon \mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$ with constant ε and μ . If we also assume that the *charge density is zero*, Gauss's law $\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon \mathbf{E}) = \rho = 0$ implies that $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$. After these assumptions we have

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{H} \right).$$

Now we can use Ampère's law and assume that the *current density is zero* to get the wanted result

$$\nabla^{2}\mathbf{E} = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) = \mu \varepsilon \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^{2}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla^{2}\mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{u^{2}} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^{2}} = \mathbf{0}, \quad u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \mu}}$$

3. (a) The reflection and transmission coefficients are

$$\Gamma = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} = \frac{\eta_0/2 - \eta_0}{\eta_0/2 + \eta_0} = -\frac{1}{3}, \qquad \tau = 1 + \Gamma = \frac{2}{3}.$$

(b) The total field in medium 1 is

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}_{1} &= \mathbf{E}_{i} + \mathbf{E}_{r} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{Y}} E_{0} e^{-j\beta_{1}z} + \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{Y}} \Gamma E_{0} e^{+j\beta_{1}z} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{Y}} E_{0} \left(e^{-j\beta_{1}z} - \frac{1}{3} e^{+j\beta_{1}z} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{Y}} E_{0} \left(\frac{2}{3} e^{-j\beta_{1}z} - j\frac{2}{3} \sin(\beta_{1}z) \right) \\ &= \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{Y}} E_{0} e^{-j\beta_{1}z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} e^{+j2\beta_{1}z} \right). \end{split}$$

(Any one of the last three expressions is fine as the final answer.)

(c) The standing-wave ratio in medium 1 is

$$S = \frac{|E|_{\max}}{|E|_{\min}} = \frac{1+|\Gamma|}{1-|\Gamma|} = 2.$$