

Conclusion: →

- (i) Electromagnetic wave in free space travels with the speed of light
- (ii) Electromagnetic waves are transverse in nature.
- (iii) \vec{E} & \vec{H} are in same phase
- (iv) Electromagnetic energy is transported along the direction of propagation because \vec{S} is along $\hat{n} = \vec{k}$
- (v) Electrostatic energy density is equal to the magnetic energy density.

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Plane electromagnetic wave in non-conducting isotropic medium (Isotropic dielectric) ⇒

A medium which is non-conducting and has some properties in all directions is called an isotropic dielectric. In such a medium we have,

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}, \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}, \quad \vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\rho = 0$$

Hence Maxwell's eqn^s become

$$\text{div } \vec{E} = 0 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

$$\text{div } \vec{H} = 0 \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (d)}$$

(1)

from eqn^s (1)(c) ⇒

$$\text{curl curl } \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial (\text{curl } \vec{H})}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\text{curl curl } \vec{E} = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \longrightarrow (2)$$

Similarly, we can obtain

$$\text{curl curl } \vec{H} = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} \longrightarrow (3)$$

Therefore eqnⁿ (2) becomes

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \longrightarrow (4)$$

Similarly eqnⁿ (3) becomes

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \longrightarrow (5)$$

Each of the 6 components of \vec{E} and \vec{H} separately satisfies the same scalar wave eqnⁿ -

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \longrightarrow (6)$$

Where ψ stands for any of the $\{E_x, E_y, E_z$ or $H_x, H_y, H_z\}$.

comparing eqnⁿ (4), (5) & (6) with general wave eqnⁿ \rightarrow

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \longrightarrow (7)$$

We conclude that the field vector \vec{E} & \vec{H} propagate in isotropic dielectric as wave with a velocity v is given by

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

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{n} \quad (8)$$

Where 'c' is the speed of light in free space and $n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$ is the refractive index of the medium.

Since

$$n > 1$$

$$\therefore v < c$$

Hence the speed of e-m wave in an isotropic dielectric is less than the speed of electromagnetic wave in free space.

For a non-magnetic material

$$\mu_r = 1$$

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

$$n^2 = \epsilon_r = K_e$$

Where K_e is called dielectric constant of the medium.

Now wave eqnⁿ (4) & (5) may be written

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow (9)$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow (10)$$

Plane wave eqnⁿ of (9) & (10) are respectively

$$\vec{E}(r,t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad \longrightarrow (11)$$

$$\vec{H}(r,t) = \vec{H}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad \longrightarrow (12)$$

Where E_0, H_0 are complex amplitude & are constant in space and time.
 Where propagation vector -

$$\vec{k} = k\hat{n} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\hat{n} = \frac{\omega}{v}\hat{n} \rightarrow (13)$$

(I) Relative direction of \vec{E} & \vec{H} :-

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

& $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = 0$ will give $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ and $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{H} = 0$

\vec{E} & \vec{H} are \perp to the direction of propagation.

This means that electromagnetic waves in isotropic dielectric are transverse in nature.

$$\text{Further } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$$

$$\& \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{will give us}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \mu \omega \vec{H} \rightarrow (14)$$

$$\& \vec{k} \times \vec{H} = -\epsilon \omega \vec{E} \rightarrow (15)$$

From these eqns we conclude that \vec{E}, \vec{k} & \vec{H} are mutually \perp . They are also \perp to the direction of propagation. Thus in a plane e-m wave in isotropic dielectric, vectors (\vec{E}, \vec{H} & \vec{k}) form a set of orthogonal vector and represent a right handed co-ordinate system.

(II) Wave impedance (Z): -

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu\omega} (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}) = \frac{k}{\mu\omega} (\hat{n} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu v} (\hat{n} \times \vec{E}) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} (\hat{n} \times \vec{E})$$

\therefore 'Z' is defined as

$$Z = \left| \frac{\vec{E}}{\vec{H}} \right| = \left| \frac{E_0}{H_0} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \text{Real quantity} \quad \text{--- (16)}$$

Thus the field vectors \vec{E} & \vec{H} are in same phase i.e. They have same relative magnitudes at all points at all times. 'Z' has a unit of 'ohm'.

Now

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} Z_0$$

where $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}}$ is called impedance of free space.

(III) Poynting Vector: -

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

$$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} (\hat{n} \times \vec{E})$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \{ \vec{E} \times (\hat{n} \times \vec{E}) \}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \{ (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}) \hat{n} - (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n}) \vec{E} \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} (E^2 \hat{n}) \quad (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} = 0)$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{E^2}{Z} \hat{n}$$

Now average of Poynting vectors.

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \langle \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{E^2}{Z} \hat{n} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \left\langle \left\{ E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \right\}^2 \right\rangle \hat{n}$$

$$= \frac{E_0^2}{Z} \left\langle \cos(\omega t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \right\rangle \hat{n}$$

$$= \frac{E_0^2}{Z} \times \frac{1}{2} \hat{n}$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \left(\frac{E_{rms}^2}{Z} \right) \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (17)}$$

$$\langle S \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r}{\mu_r}} \frac{1}{Z_0} (E_{rms}^2) \hat{n}$$

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}{\mu_r} \frac{1}{Z_0} (E_{rms}^2) \hat{n}$$

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{n}{\mu_r} \frac{E_{rms}^2}{Z_0} \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (18)}$$

Where $n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$ is refractive index.

Equⁿ (17) & (18) show that the flow of energy by electromagnetic wave takes place along the direction of propagation.

$$S = \frac{n}{\mu_r} \langle S \rangle_{\text{free space}}$$

(IV) Power flow and energy density \Rightarrow

Ratio of electrostatic and magnetostatic densities

in an electromagnetic field is \rightarrow

$$\frac{U_E}{U_m} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2}{\frac{1}{2} \mu H^2} = \frac{\epsilon E^2}{\mu H^2} = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} Z^2$$

$$\frac{U_e}{U_m} = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} = 1$$

$$\boxed{U_e = U_m}$$

Summary:-

- (1) E-m wave in isotropic dielectric travels with a speed less than the speed of light.
- (2) Field vectors \vec{E} & \vec{H} are mutually \perp^r and are also \perp^r to the direction of propagation of wave.
- (3) Vectors \vec{E} & \vec{H} are in same phase. Electro-magnetostatic energy density is equal to electrostatic energy density. Energy flow per unit area per second is given by \rightarrow

$$\boxed{\langle S \rangle = \frac{E_{rms}^2}{Z} \hat{n}}$$

*** Plane Electromagnetic waves in a conducting Medium \rightarrow**

Let us assume that the medium is linear and isotropic with permittivity (ϵ) and permeability (μ) and ~~conductivity~~ conductivity (σ). The charge density is