Electricity and Magnetism

Reminder

- Wave recap.
- Maxwell's Equations in differential form
- Today
 - From Maxwell's Equations to E.M. waves
 - Properties of Electromagnetic waves

Electromagnetic Waves

- How did Maxwell predict electromagnetic waves?
 - What are waves?
 - Wave equation
 - Maxwell's Equations in differential form

 - E.M. wave equation– Properties of E.M. waves

Today

Reminder on Waves

At a moment in time:



At a point in space:



Wave Equation

• Wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 D(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 D(x,t)}{\partial t^2}$$
 Couples variation in time and space

- Speed of propagation: $v = \lambda f$
- *How can we derive a wave equation from Maxwells equations?*

Wave properties

- What do we want to know about waves:
 - Speed of propagation?
 - Transverse or longitudinal oscillation?
 - What is oscillating?
 - What are typical frequencies/wavelengths?

Back to Maxwell's equation

- Wave equation is differential equation
- M.E. (so far) describe integrals of fields

$$\begin{split} \oint_{A_{closed}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0} \\ \oint_{L_{closed}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &= -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} \\ \oint_{A_{closed}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \\ \oint_{L_{closed}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} &= \mu_0 I_{encl} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} \end{split}$$
Transform into differential eqn's

Differential Form of M.E.



Gauss Theorem



Stokes Theorem



Differential Form of M.E.



Differential Form of M.E.

- Q: Do we need p and j to understand E.M. waves?
- A: No! Light travels from sun to earth, i.e. in vacuum (no charge, no current)!
- There's no 'medium' involved!?
 - unlike waves on water or sound waves

Maxwell's Equations in Vacuum

 Look at Maxwell's Equations without charges, currents

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

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Now completely symmetric!

Maxwell's Equations in Vacuum



Illustration



2-D wave: x,z,D(x,z,t) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0$

Maxwell's Equations in Vacuum



Electromagnetic Waves

• We found wave equations:



E and B are oscillating!

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Electromagnetic Waves

• Note: (E_x, B_y) and (E_y, B_x) independent:



Plane waves

• Example solution: Plane waves

$$E_y = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

$$B_x = B_0 \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

with $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \omega = 2\pi f$ and $f\lambda = c$.

- We can express other functions as linear combinations of sin, cos
 - 'White' light is combination of waves of different frequency
 - In-Class Demo...

Plane waves



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E.M. Wave Summary

- E | B and perpendicular to direction of propagation
- Transverse waves
- Speed of propagation $v = c = \lambda f$
- |E|/|B| = c
- E.M. waves travel without medium

Typical E.M. wavelength

- FM Radio:
 - f ~ 100 MHz
 - $\lambda = c/f \sim 3m$
 - Antenna ~ O(m)
- Cell phone
 - Antenna ~ O(0.1m)
 - f = c/ λ = 3 GHz

Energy in E.M. Waves

- Remember:
 - Energy/Volume given by $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$ and $\frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$
- Energy density for E.M. wave:

 $u = \varepsilon_0 E^2$

• What about power?

Energy in E.M. Waves



- Power/Unit Area (instantaneous) $P/A = 1/\mu_0 E B$
- Power/Unit Area (average) $P/A = 1/(2\mu_0) E_0 B_0$

Electromagnetic Waves

- Is light an electromagnetic wave?
 - Check speed and see if we can predict that

