

Equation of electromagnetic wave in a isotropic homogeneous & dielectric medium,

In case of a dielectric medium we know that conduction current density $\vec{J} = 0$ and further the volume density of charge $\rho = 0$. Hence Maxwell's eqns reduce to

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

We know that for a pure dielectric medium $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$ and $\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$ where ϵ and μ are permittivity & permeability of the medium under considerations.

Now from Maxwell's 3rd eqn, we have

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\because B = \mu_0 H)$$

$$\text{or } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$$

Now taking curl on both sides of this eqn, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \left(- \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= - \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}) \end{aligned}$$

But from eqn (4)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) &= -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (5)}\end{aligned}$$

Now, the curl of a curl of a vector function is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) &= \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} \\ &= \vec{\nabla} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

for a charge free region, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$,

$$\therefore -\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Since wave propagates along x axis and hence it is independent of y & z axes. Thus $\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E}$ can be replaced

as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial x^2} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Similarly taking curl of equⁿ (4) on the both sides we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial x^2} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

Now from acoustics, comparing it with the standard diff equⁿ of wave motion

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

\therefore from (7) & (8)

$$\frac{1}{c^2} = \mu \epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon}$$

For vacuum $\mu \rightarrow \mu_0$ $\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon_0$ $\therefore c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$
= velocity of li

Poynting Theorem:

Energy density of e.m field and Poynting theorem.

- or The energy conservation law of the e.m field or
- or Explain the significance of Poynting vector.
- or Show that the flow of an e.m field energy at point is described by Poynting vector.
- or Explain Poynting vector. Evaluate its magnitude for a plane electromagnetic wave in an isotropic medium.

Ans:- We know the general expressions for the electrostatic and magnetostatic field energies are,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} W_e &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}) dv \\ W_m &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V (\vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}) dv \end{aligned} \right\} = \text{--- (1)}$$

Now we will find the expression for the electromagnetic field energy in time dependent situations.

To obtain the expressions for e.m field energy (or energy conservation law) we write III & IV Maxwell's field eqns

$$\text{Curl } \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Curl } \vec{H} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Taking scalar product of eqn (2) by \vec{H} and that of (3) by \vec{E} and ^{subtracting} (2) from (3) we get

$$\vec{E} \cdot \text{Curl } \vec{H} - \vec{H} \cdot \text{Curl } \vec{E} = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

and using $\nabla \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{A} - \vec{A} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{B}$

we write

$$\text{div}(\vec{H} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

Taking volume integral over an arbitrary volume enclosed by the surface S on both sides we get

$$\int_V \text{div}(\vec{H} \times \vec{E}) dv = \int_V (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}) dv + \int_V \left[\left(\vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) + \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right] dv$$

$$\text{or } \int_V \left[\left(\vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) + \left(\vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) \right] dv = - \int_V (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}) dv - \int_V \text{div}(\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) dv$$

Converting the 2nd terms on R.H.S into surface integral using Gauss's theorem, we have

$$\int_V \left(\vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) dv = - \int_V (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}) dv - \int_S (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{S} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

For an isotropic medium

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \cdot \vec{E} \text{ and } \vec{B} = \mu \cdot \vec{H}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} &= \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial (\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \cdot \epsilon \vec{E}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon E^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}) = \omega_E \quad \text{--- (4a)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu H^2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}) = \omega_H \quad \text{--- (4b)}$$

Putting these values in (4a) & (4b) in (4) and changing the order of integration and differentiation we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V (\frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} + \vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}}{2}) dv = - \int_V (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}) dv - \int_S (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (5)$$

Here $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 = w_e = \text{Electrical energy density}$

$$\therefore \int (\frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}}{2}) dv = w_e = \text{elec. energy}$$

and $\vec{H} \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 = w_m = \text{mag. energy density}$

$$\text{and } \int \frac{\vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}}{2} dv = w_m = \text{mag. energy}$$

$$\therefore \int_V (\frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} + \vec{H} \cdot \vec{B}}{2}) dv = w_e + w_m = w \quad (5a)$$

i.e. Total energy of elec. & mag. field contained within the volume (V).

Also $\vec{j} = \text{el. current density} = \rho \cdot \vec{v}$
 where $\rho = \text{volume density of charge}$
 $\vec{v} = \text{charge velocity}$

$$\therefore \int (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}) dv = \int (\rho \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}) dv = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \text{Rate of change of K.E. of the charged bodies} \quad (5b) \text{ embedded in the field.}$$

Equation (5b) can be explained as follows

$\therefore \rho dv = dq = \text{charge element}$

and $\vec{E} dq = \text{force acting on the charge element}$

$\therefore \vec{E} dq \cdot d\vec{s} = \text{work done by the emf force on charge element in moving it by } d\vec{s}$

$$\therefore \vec{E} dq \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{q}\vec{v} = \text{work done in unit time.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_V \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{v} &= \int_V \rho \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{v} = \int_V \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{q}\vec{v} \\ &= \text{Total change work done in unit time.} \\ &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \text{Increase in K.E per unit time.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus putting (5a) & (5b) in equⁿ (5) we get-

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = - \int_S (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{S} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Change in total energy of the em field & charged material bodies per unit volume time.

Flux of field energy crossing per sec from S surface enclosing the volume V.

$$\therefore \vec{E} \times \vec{H} = \vec{S} = \text{Energy density flux vector, (called Poynting vector)}$$

\vec{S} is called Poynting vector, its direction gives the direction of flow of energy. Thus the poynting vector is directed at right angles to the plane of \vec{E} & \vec{H} . The poynting theorem can be stated as - "The decrease in energy in unit time, of an el. mag. field & the material charged bodies contained is equal to the energy density flux vector ($\vec{E} \times \vec{H}$) across the surface bounding the field."

This is true when the surface is finite.

Case I: If the surface enclosing the field is infinitely distant then the field is zero at infinity, i.e. \vec{E} & \vec{H} vanishes at the boundary of the surface, then

$\int (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$, and equⁿ (6) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (w + T) = 0$$

$\therefore (w + T) = \text{Total energy of the field} = \text{a constant}$.

Thus the total energy of e.m. field is conserved.

This is known as energy conservation law of e.m. field.

Hence for an isolated system, the increase of w per unit time is due to the work done by the field on the material charged body in the field during this time.

Therefore an e.m. field in vacuum can be regarded as a real mechanical system.

Case II :

In a non conducting medium ($T=0$ as $\vec{J}=0$) the energy law can be written in the form of a hydrodynamical continuity equⁿ for non compressible fluids

$$\frac{dw}{dt} + \text{div } \vec{S} = 0 \quad \text{--- (8a)}$$

Here in optics, the Poynting vector (\vec{S}) is a measure of light intensity, and its direction represents the direction of propagation of light.