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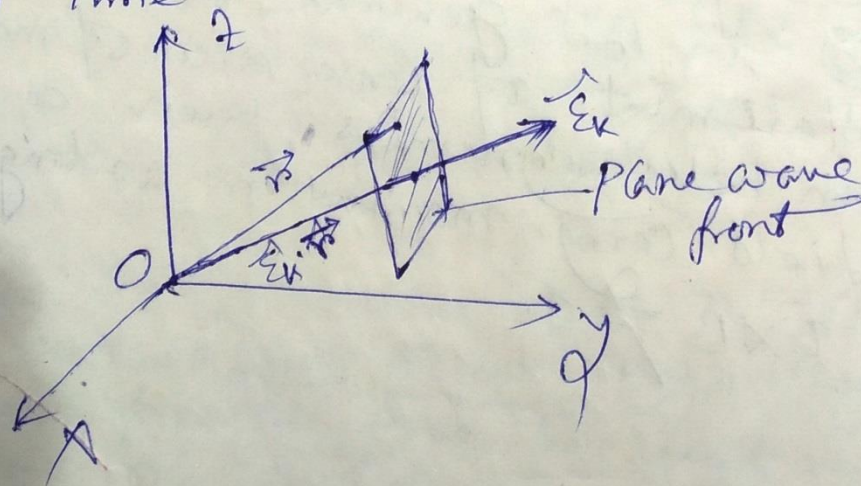
**Course: Electromagnetic Theory
(CC-XIII)**

Lecture Note: 5

**Propagation of Plane
Electromagnetic Wave in
dielectrics**

Plane Electromagnetic Wave in a dielectric :-

An e.m. wave is said to be plane wave in which the field vector $\vec{E}$ or $\vec{B}$ or its components and amplitude are same over all the points on a plane normal to the direction of propagation. Also the state of vibration (Phase) ^{at} all points on a plane at any time ^t are same. The plane is actually wave front which advances with a velocity $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$ normal to plane plane. The field vectors or components that lie on this plane are function of perpendicular distance $\hat{e}_k \cdot \vec{r}$ of that plane from the origin and also the function of time.



The mathematical equation of plane wave are represented by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

These wave travel in space in any arbitrary direction, determined by the unit propagation vector $\hat{e}_k = \vec{k}/|\vec{k}|$, where $|\vec{k}| = 2\pi/\lambda$.

The plane wave solution of these two equations in complex form are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= \hat{e}_1 E_0 e^{j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= \hat{e}_2 B_0 e^{j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (2)}$$

where, E_0 and B_0 are complex amplitude of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ wave. $\hat{e}_1$ and $\hat{e}_2$ are the unit vectors indicating the direction of vibration of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ wave, called polarization vectors.

The actual fields are the real part of these equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E &= E_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_1) \\ B &= B_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_2) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (3)}$$

where δ_1 and δ_2 are the starting phase of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ wave respectively.

The ratio $\frac{\omega}{k} = c$, or v (in medium)
 The wave-equation must satisfy the Maxwell's equation of em wave. So
 from 1st Maxwell equation

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

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \left\{ \hat{e}_1 E_0 e^{j(k \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + j(k \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) \right\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow j\vec{k} \cdot \hat{e}_1 E_0 e^{j(k \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = 0$$

[Here $j = \sqrt{-1}$
 in Complex, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = jk_x$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = jk_y$
 $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = jk_z$
 So the operator $\nabla = j[\hat{i}k_x + \hat{j}k_y + \hat{k}k_z]$
 $= j\vec{k}$]

or from eqn (4) we get

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

i.e. $\vec{E}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{k}$ i.e.
 $\vec{E}$ is transverse wave.

Similarly from Maxwell 2nd eqn, we
 get, $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ --- (5)

So $\vec{B}$ is also perpendicular
 to $\vec{k}$, the propagation vector.

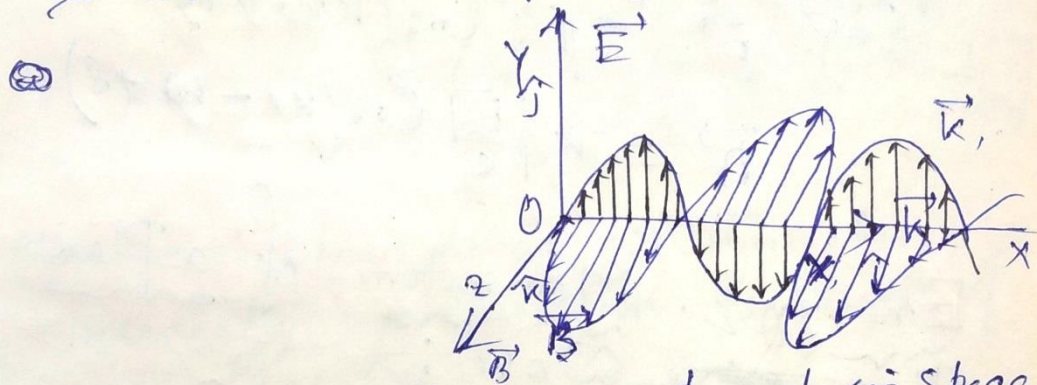
From Maxwell 3rd eqn

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

In wave motion the operator
 $\nabla \equiv j\vec{k}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \equiv -j\omega$, $j = \sqrt{-1}$

So $j\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = +j\omega \vec{B}$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{\omega}$ ——— (6)

$\Rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
 So $\vec{E}$ is also perpendicular to $\vec{B}$.
 So $\vec{k}$, $\vec{E}$, $\vec{B}$ is space form a
 orthogonal system which are
 mutually perpendicular. It is
 shown in fig.



So $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ wave travel in space
 as a transverse em. wave in
 same speed of light $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
 and also in same phase.

From eqn (6), the magnetic field

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{\omega}$$

$$\text{or } |\vec{B}| = \frac{k|\vec{E}|}{\omega} = |\vec{E}|/c$$

$$\text{or } |B_0| = |E_0|/c, \text{ where } c = \frac{\omega}{k} \text{ velocity of light.}$$

This gives that the amplitude of magnetic wave is ~~very~~ very weak compared to the amplitude of electric wave.

So the physical fields are

$$\vec{E} = \hat{e}_1 |E_0| \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta),$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{e}_2 |E_0|/c \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta),$$

For a given direction of propagation say X are

$$\vec{E} = \hat{e}_1 |E_0| \cos(kx - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{e}_2 |E_0|/c \cos(kx - \omega t + \delta)$$

Energy & Momentum of a Plane
em. Progressive Wave :-

The energy density stored in an em wave in vacuum is

$$U_{em} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_0 E^2 + B^2/\mu_0) \text{ J/m}^3.$$

As the frequency of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ wave is very high ($\approx 10^9 - 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$), we have to take average value of em energy density

$$\overline{U_{em}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \overline{E^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\overline{B^2}}{\mu_0}.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\epsilon_0 \frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^*}{2} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}^*}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{E} = \hat{e}_1 E_0 e^{j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{e}_2 \frac{E_0}{c} e^{j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}^* = \hat{e}_1 E_0^* e^{-j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B}^* = \hat{e}_2 \frac{E_0^*}{c} e^{-j(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \bar{u}_{em} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\epsilon_0 \frac{1}{2} |E_0|^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} |B_0|^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\epsilon_0 |E_0|^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{|E_0|^2}{c^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[2\epsilon_0 |E_0|^2 \right] \left[\frac{1}{2\epsilon_0 c^2} \right] \\ \bar{u}_{em} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |E_0|^2 \end{aligned}$$

This equation shows $\bar{u}_{em}$ is directly proportional to square of amplitude.

ii) $\bar{u}_e$ and $\bar{u}_m$ is same i.e. the total energy ~~carried~~ is shared equally by $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ field although the amplitude of $\vec{B}$ field very negligible compared to $\vec{E}$ field.

For a plane em wave

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}}{\omega}$$

$$\therefore \vec{B}^* = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}^*}{\omega}$$

The pointing vector of em wave

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0},$$

Its magnitude gives the energy crossing through unit area per second normally. Its direction is along $\hat{e}_k$, the direction of propagation.

The time average of pointing vector

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{S} \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{E B \sin \theta}{\mu_0} \right\rangle \hat{e}_k \\ &= \left\langle \frac{E B}{\mu_0} \right\rangle \hat{e}_k \end{aligned}$$

Now $E B = E_0 B_0 \cos^2(k \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$

$$\therefore \langle E B \rangle = |E_0| |B_0| \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{|E_0| |B_0|}{2 \mu_0} \hat{e}_k$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c} \hat{e}_k$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |E_0|^2 \hat{e}_k$$

So the average magnitude of $\vec{S}$

$$\bar{S} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |E_0|^2$$

= average energy per sec per unit area normally.

= Intensity of em wave.

~~So the average~~
 So the intensity of em wave is pro-
 portional to ~~the~~ square of amplitude

So the average momentum of em
 wave is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g} &= \frac{S}{c^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |E_0|^2}{c^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |E_0|^2 / c \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{g} = \frac{\epsilon_0 |E_0|^2}{2c} = \frac{u_{em}}{c}}$$

So the average momentum also propor-
 tional to square of amplitude of
E wave.

- ⑧ A parallel plate capacitor with circular plates of radius $a = 4 \text{ cm}$, and separation $d = 2 \text{ mm}$ is shown in fig. This capacitor is being by battery of emf $V = 40 \text{ V}$, through a resistor R . At a particular instant, the charge on the capacitor is $1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}$, while the current in the circuit 20 mA . Consider the cylindrical surface of radius 4 cm and height 2 mm between the plates. Show that at the instant t the magnitude of pointing vector at any point P on the curved surface of the cylinder is 0.358 . What is the direction of $\vec{N}$? Show explicitly that the surface integral of $\vec{N}$ over this surface equals the rate at which

Radiation Pressure:-

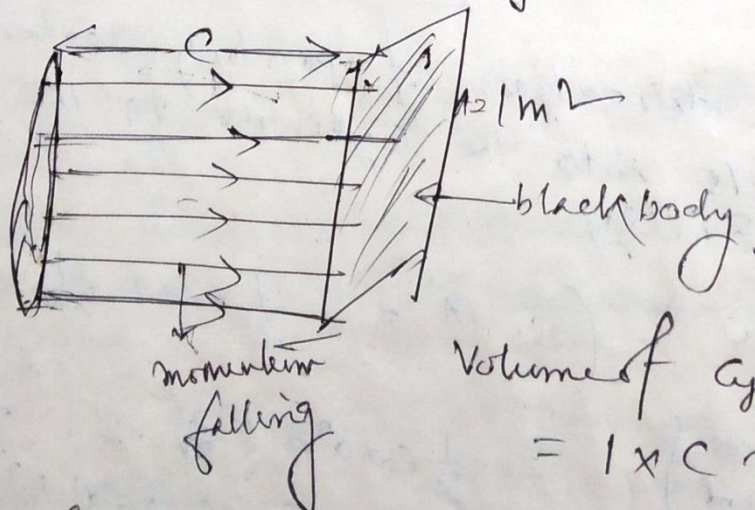
If the radiation momentum $\vec{p}_{\text{em}}$ is ~~total~~ totally absorbed by a surface (black body) on which it falls, the momentum absorbed per sec. per unit area normally is the radiation pressure. The momentum absorbed per sec. per unit area is equal to the momentum contained in a cylinder of length 'c' (vacuum) and of unit cross-section. So the radiation pressure

$$= 1 \times c \times \vec{p}_{\text{em}}$$

$$= c \times \frac{\vec{u}_{\text{em}}}{c}$$

$$= \vec{u}_{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \text{ J/m}^3$$

= average energy density



Volume of cylinder

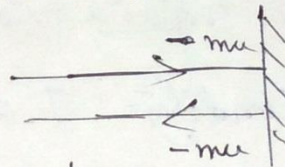
$$= 1 \times c \text{ m}^3$$

$$= c \text{ m}^3$$

So force on black body

$$= \text{pressure} \times \text{area}$$

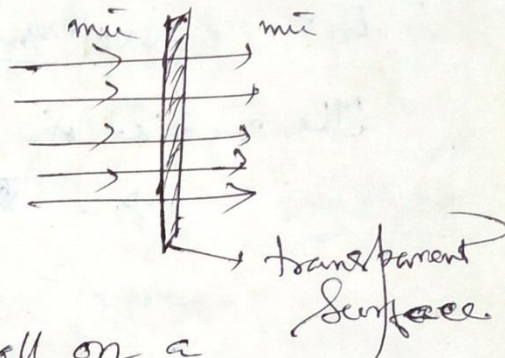
If the incident radiation is totally reflected by a polished surface (mirror) then radiation pressure will be doubled.



So change in momentum

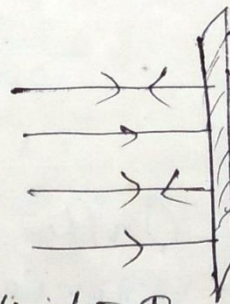
$$= \mu - (-\mu) = 2\mu$$

For a transparent surface no radiation pressure will be applied.



If a radiation fall on a surface of 50% reflectivity then radiation pressure will be

$$p = \frac{3}{2} \times \bar{u}_{em}$$



In general, the radiation pressure on a surface of reflectivity R

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (R+1) \bar{u}_{em} \\
 &= \bar{u}_{em} \text{ for absorptive medium } R=0 \\
 &= 2 \bar{u}_{em} \text{ for fully reflecting medium } R=1 \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \bar{u}_{em} \text{ for 50\% reflectivity } R=1/2
 \end{aligned}$$

1. If the source has intensity 1 kW/m^2 , then calculate the electric field and radiation pressure.

$$\text{Intensity } I = \bar{S} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_0^2 = 10^3 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$E_0^2 = \frac{2\bar{S}}{\epsilon_0 c} \quad \text{or} \quad E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10^3}{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 3 \times 10^8}} \text{ V/m}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10^3}{2.655 \times 10^{-4}}} = \sqrt{7.53 \times 10^6} = 2.74 \times 10^3 \text{ V/m}$$

$$\therefore E_0 = 0.86 \times 10^3 \text{ V/m} \quad E_0 = 13.3 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}$$

The radiation pressure

$$P = \frac{1}{c} \times \bar{S}$$

$$= \frac{10^3}{3 \times 10^8} \text{ N/m}^2$$

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$$P = 0.33 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

2. On the surface of earth we receive intensity 1.33 kW/m^2 from the sun. Calculate the electric field associated with the sunlight on earth.

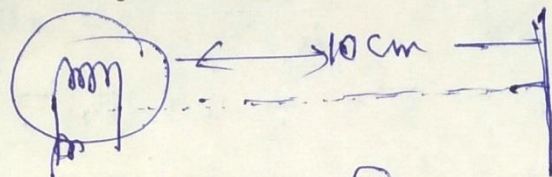
$$I = \bar{S} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_0^2$$

$$\therefore E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\bar{S}}{\epsilon_0 c}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.33 \times 10^3}{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 3 \times 10^8}} \text{ V/m}$$

$$= 0.316 \times 10^3 \sqrt{10} = 10^3 \text{ V/m}$$

Q. Find the pointing vector at a distance 10 cm from a 1000 watt Na lamp.

Solⁿ



$$P = 1000 \text{ W.}$$

The intensity of the lamp at a distance r from source

$$I = \frac{\text{Watt}}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1000}{4\pi \times (10 \times 10^{-2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1000}{4\pi \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{10^5}{4\pi} \text{ watt/m}^2$$

$$\text{So } I = S = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |E_0|^2$$

$$\therefore |E_0| = \sqrt{\frac{2S}{\epsilon_0 c}}$$

The pointing vector magnitude $|S| = \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c}$

$$= \frac{2S}{\epsilon_0 c \mu_0 c}$$

$$= 2S$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{10^5}{4\pi} \text{ Joule/m}^2$$

$$= 0.159 \times 10^5 \text{ J/m}^2$$

Q4. An 100 watt lamp is placed at a distance 1 m in front of a plane mirror with reflectivity 0.8. Calculate the radiation pressure.

The intensity of the lamp at a dist
 1m. $I = \frac{100}{4\pi \times 1^2} = \frac{100}{4\pi} \text{ watt/m}^2$

$$\therefore I = S = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |E_0|^2$$

Radiation pressure

$$p = (R+1) \frac{S}{c} \text{ N/m}^2$$

[R = Reflectivity = 0.8]

$$= (0.8+1) \frac{100}{4\pi c}$$

$$= 1.8 \times \frac{100}{4\pi \times 3 \times 10^8} \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$= 0.0477 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 4.77 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N/m}^2$$

6. A plane em wave in vacuum has amplitude $E_0 = 50 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$.

Calculate i) the average energy density.

ii) the peak energy density

iii) the average value of pointing vector

iv) the peak value of pointing vector.

Solⁿ: i) The average energy density

$$U_{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |E_0|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (50 \times 10^6)^2$$

$$U_{\text{em}} = 11062.5 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/m}^3$$

$$= 1.1 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^3$$

ii) The total energy density

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{\text{total}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\epsilon_0 E_0^2 + \frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\epsilon_0 E_0^2 + \frac{\epsilon_0 B_0^2}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [2 \epsilon_0 E_0^2] = \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \\
 &= 2 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^3 \\
 &= 2.2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

iii) The average value of pointing

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{vector } \vec{S} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 c \\
 &= 1.1 \times 10^{-20} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ J/m}^2 \\
 &= 3.318 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

iv) The peak value of pointing vector

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{max}} &= \frac{|E_0| |B_0|}{\mu_0} \\
 &= \frac{\epsilon_0 E_0^2}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \\
 &= \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \\
 &= 2 \times \vec{S} \\
 &= 2 \times 3.31 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^2 \\
 &= 6.6 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$