



# ELC N205: Electromagnetics 1 Tutorials

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# Agenda

- Uniform Plane waves
- Solutions of wave equations in free space
- Uniform Plane waves characteristics
  - In free space
  - In lossless medium
- Polarization

# Uniform Plane waves



## Definition

**Uniform**  $\Rightarrow$  Field components vary in one direction & time.

**Plane**  $\Rightarrow$  Field has the same direction, same magnitude, and same phase in infinite planes perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

So, if we assume the wave propagation direction to be in z-direction, we get:

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z, t) \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}(z, t) \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \& \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (E, H) = 0$$

# Solutions of wave equations in free space



If we assume the wave propagation direction to be in z-direction.

$$\begin{aligned} E(z, t) &= E_x^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \underline{u}_x + E_y^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz + \phi)} \underline{u}_y \\ &= \underline{E}_o e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \end{aligned}$$

where,  $\underline{E}_o = E_x^+ \underline{u}_x + E_y^+ e^{j\phi} \underline{u}_y$

$$K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{wavenumber} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon}$$

$\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{phase difference between the x \& y components}$

$$H(z, t) = \frac{1}{\eta_o} (E_x^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \underline{u}_y - E_y^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz + \phi)} \underline{u}_x)$$

where,  $\eta_o \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Intrinsic Impedance} = \sqrt{\mu_o / \varepsilon_o}$

# Solutions of wave equations in free space



Generally, for a wave propagating in  $\underline{u}_p$  direction.

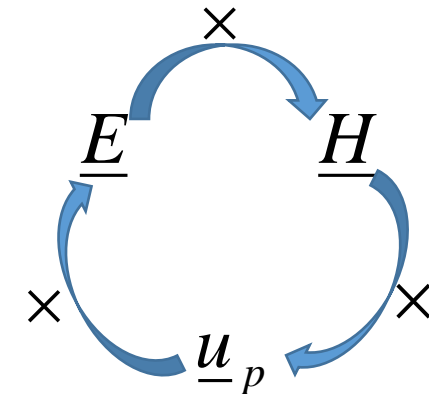
$$E(R, t) = \underline{E}_o e^{j(\omega t - \underline{k} \cdot \underline{R})}$$

$$\text{where, } \underline{k} = k_x \underline{u}_x + k_y \underline{u}_y + k_z \underline{u}_z$$

$$\underline{R} = x \underline{u}_x + y \underline{u}_y + z \underline{u}_z$$

$$H(R, t) = \frac{1}{\eta_o} (\underline{u}_p * \underline{E}_o) e^{j(\omega t - \underline{k} \cdot \underline{R})}$$

Finally, 
$$\underline{H}(R) = \frac{1}{\eta} \underline{u}_n \times \underline{E}(R) \quad \underline{E}(R) = \eta \underline{H}(R) \times \underline{u}_n$$



# Uniform Plane waves characteristics



Quantity	Type of medium	
	Free space( $\mu=\mu_o, \epsilon=\epsilon_o, \sigma=0$ )	Lossless( $\mu=\mu_o\mu_r, \epsilon=\epsilon_o\epsilon_r, \sigma=0$ )
Phase constant (wave number)	$\omega\sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o} = \frac{\omega}{c_o}$	$\omega\sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}{c_o}$
Impedance	$\sqrt{\mu_o / \epsilon_o} = 120\pi$	$\sqrt{\mu / \epsilon} = 120\pi\sqrt{\mu_r / \epsilon_r}$
Wavelength	$2\pi/K$	$2\pi/K$
Period	$2\pi/\omega$	$2\pi/\omega$
Phase velocity	$C_o$	$C_o / \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$

# Polarization



## Definition

The polarization of a uniform plane wave describes the time-varying behavior of the electric field intensity vector at a given point in space.

## Types

1) Linear Polarization    2) Circular Polarization    3) Elliptical Polarization

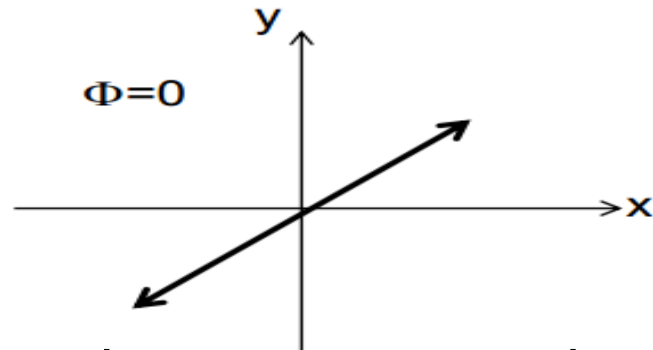
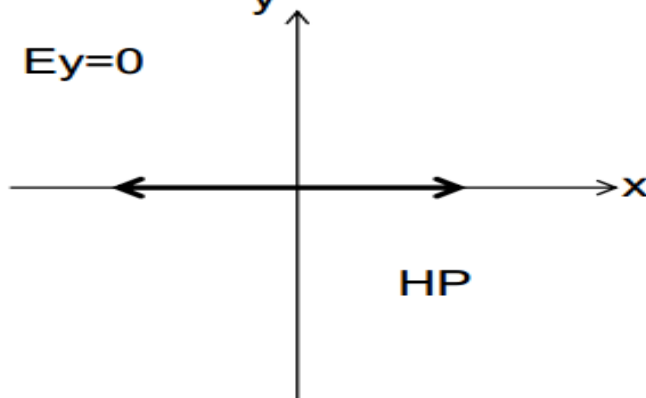
**Note:** To determine the polarization, you must write the electric field in the form of 2 components perpendicular to each other & perpendicular to the propagation direction.

$$E(z, t) = E_x^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz)} \underline{u}_x + E_y^+ e^{j(\omega t - kz + \phi)} \underline{u}_y$$

# Linear Polarization

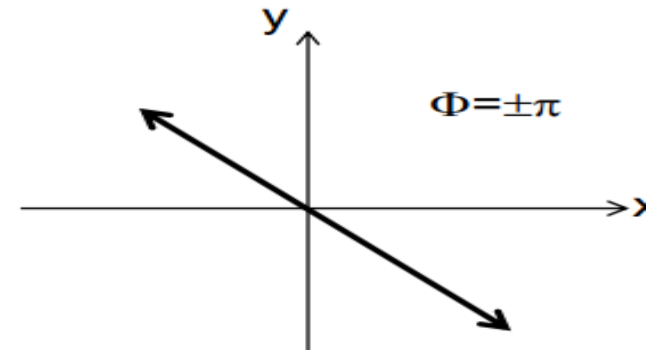
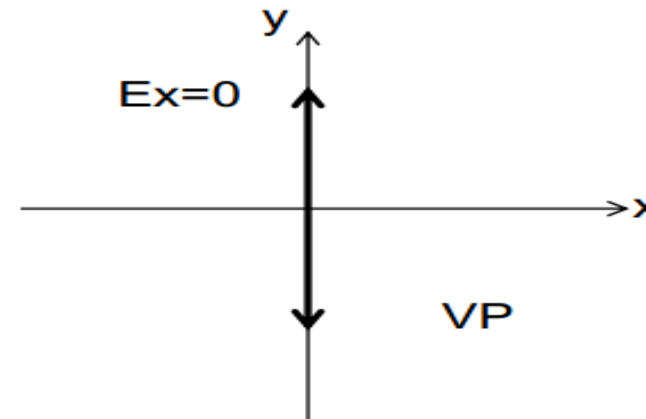


$$E(z) = E_x^+ e^{-jkz} \underline{u}_x$$



$$E(z) = E_x^+ e^{-jkz} \underline{u}_x + E_y^+ e^{-jkz} \underline{u}_y$$

$$E(z) = E_y^+ e^{-j(kz-\phi)} \underline{u}_y$$



$$E(z) = E_x^+ e^{-jkz} \underline{u}_x + E_y^+ e^{-j(kz\pm\pi)} \underline{u}_y$$

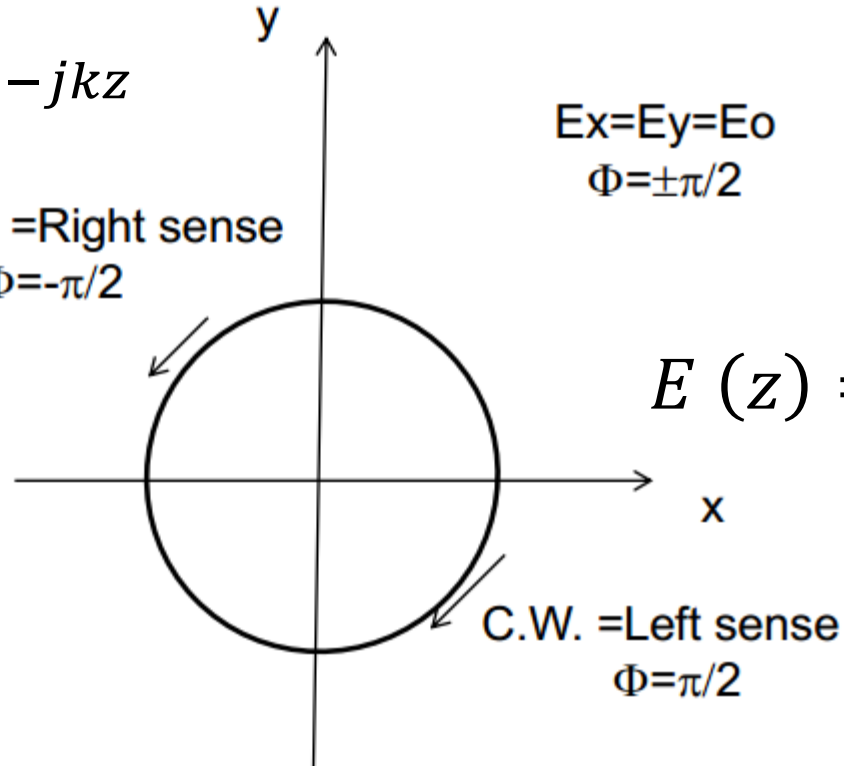


# Circular Polarization



$$E(z) = (E_0 \underline{u}_x - jE_0 \underline{u}_y) e^{-jkz}$$

C.C.W. = Right sense  
 $\Phi = -\pi/2$



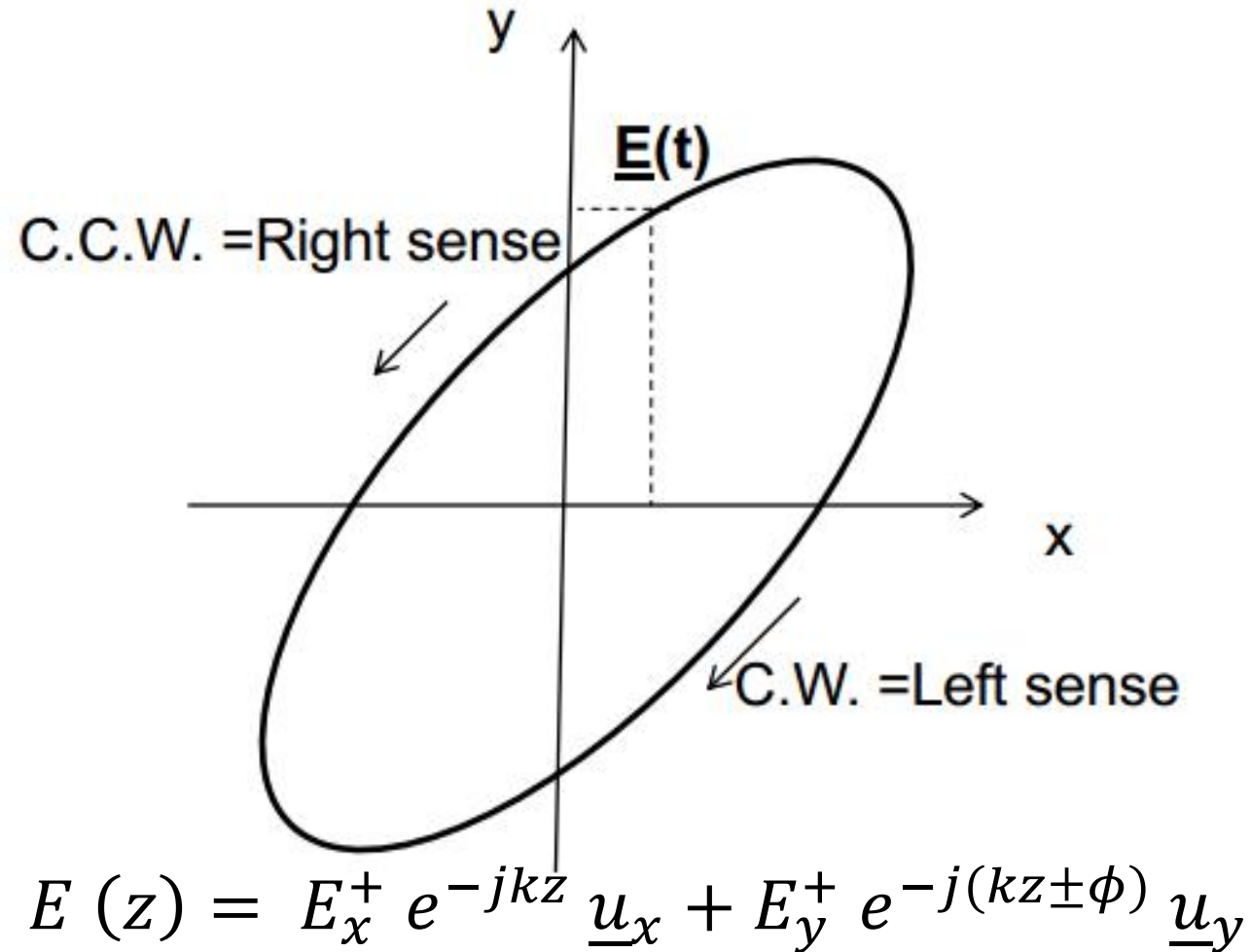
$$E_x = E_y = E_0$$

$$\Phi = \pm\pi/2$$

$$E(z) = (E_0 \underline{u}_x + jE_0 \underline{u}_y) e^{-jkz}$$

$$E(z) = E_0 e^{-jkz} \underline{u}_x + E_0 e^{-j(kz \pm \frac{\pi}{2})} \underline{u}_y$$

# Elliptical Polarization



# Exercise I



- 1) P.8-4** For a harmonic uniform plane wave propagating in a simple medium, both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  vary in accordance with the factor  $\exp(-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R})$  as indicated in Eq. (8-26). Show that the four Maxwell's equations for uniform plane wave in a source-free region reduce to the following:

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E} = \omega\mu\mathbf{H},$$

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H} = -\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E},$$

$$\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0.$$

# Exercise I



- 2) P.8–5** The instantaneous expression for the magnetic field intensity of a uniform plane wave propagating in the  $+y$  direction in air is given by

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{a}_z 4 \times 10^{-6} \cos\left(10^7 \pi t - k_0 y + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (\text{A/m}).$$

- a) Determine  $k_0$  and the location where  $H_z$  vanishes at  $t = 3$  (ms).
- b) Write the instantaneous expression for  $\mathbf{E}$ .

- 3) P.8–6** The  $\mathbf{E}$ -field of a uniform plane wave propagating in a dielectric medium is given by

$$\mathbf{E}(t, z) = \mathbf{a}_x 2 \cos(10^8 t - z/\sqrt{3}) - \mathbf{a}_y \sin(10^8 t - z/\sqrt{3}) \quad (\text{V/m}).$$

- a) Determine the frequency and wavelength of the wave.
- b) What is the dielectric constant of the medium?
- c) Describe the polarization of the wave.
- d) Find the corresponding  $\mathbf{H}$ -field.

(Assignment)



# Extra Problems



- 1) Find complete expressions for  $\underline{E}$ ,  $\underline{H}$  of a uniform plane wave propagating in  $\underline{u}_y$  direction in free space with  $f = 400$  MHz, given that  $\underline{E}$  has an instantaneous value of 250 mV/m at the point  $y = 0.5$  m,  $t = 0.2$  ns & in the direction of the vector  $0.6\underline{u}_x - 0.8\underline{u}_z$ .
- 2) A vertically polarized uniform plane wave in free space has a propagation vector  $\underline{k}_o = 3\underline{u}_x + 4\underline{u}_y$  and  $|E_o|_{\text{rms}} = 1$  mV/m. Find the wave frequency, hence  $\underline{E}(t)$ ,  $\underline{H}(t)$
- 3) A uniform plane wave of  $\lambda_o = 0.12$  m is propagating in unknown lossless material where its wavelength decreases to 8 cm,  $|\underline{E}| = 50$  v/m and  $|\underline{H}| = 0.1$  A/m. Find the frequency and  $\epsilon_r$ ,  $\mu_r$  of this material.

# Extra Problems Solutions



1)

Req  $\underline{E}, \underline{H}, \underline{S}$

Answer  
 Propagation in the  $y \Rightarrow \underline{E}(y) = (\underline{E}_0) e^{-jk_y y}$   
 perpendicular to  $y$ !

where  $\omega = 2\pi f$  &  $k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi f}{c} = \frac{2\pi \times 4 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8} = \frac{8\pi}{3} \text{ rad/m}$

$\underline{E}(y, t) = \text{Re}\{ \underline{E}(y) e^{j\omega t} \} = \underline{E}_0 \cos(\omega t - k_y y)$   
 $= \underline{E}_0 \cos(2\pi \times 4 \times 10^8 t - \frac{8\pi}{3} y)$

Given  $\underline{E}(y, t) \Big|_{\substack{y=0.5\text{m} \\ t=0.2\text{ns}}} = \underline{E}_0 \cos(8\pi \times 10^8 \times 0.2 \times 10^{-9} - \frac{8\pi}{3} \times 0.5) = 250(0.6 \underline{u}_x - 0.8 \underline{u}_z)$

$\underline{E}_0 = -175.36 \underline{u}_x + 233.81 \underline{u}_z$   $\rightarrow$   $\underline{E}_0$  is  $\underline{E}_0$

$$\therefore \underline{E}(y, t) = (-175.36 \underline{u}_x + 233.81 \underline{u}_z) \cos(8\pi \times 10^8 t - \frac{8\pi}{3} y) \text{ mV/m}$$

$$\underline{H}(y, t) = \frac{1}{\eta_0} \underline{u}_y \times \underline{E}(y, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{120\pi} \underline{u}_y \times [(-175.36 \underline{u}_x + 233.81 \underline{u}_z) \cos(8\pi \times 10^8 t - \frac{8\pi}{3} y)]$$

$$\underline{H}(y, t) = \frac{1}{120\pi} (175.36 \underline{u}_z + 233.81 \underline{u}_x) \cos(8\pi \times 10^8 t - \frac{8\pi}{3} y) \text{ mA/m}$$

$\underline{u}_z \uparrow \underline{u}_y \rightarrow \underline{u}_x$

You may check your answer with  $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{H} = 0$  (since  $\underline{E} \perp \underline{H}$ )

# Extra Problems Solutions



2)

Vertically polarized.

$$\underline{K}_0 = 3 \underline{a}_x + 4 \underline{a}_y \quad ; \quad |E_0|_{rms} = 1 \text{ mV/m}$$

Find The wave freq,  $E(t)$ ,  $H(t)$ , &  $P_{av}$ .

$$\text{freq :- } |K_0| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \text{ rad/m}$$

$$K_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi f}{c} \rightarrow f = \frac{K_0 \cdot c}{2\pi}$$

$$f = \text{2.387} \times 10^8 \text{ hertz}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{E}(t) \text{ :- } \underline{E}(x, y) &= |E_0|_{rms} e^{-j \underline{K}_0 \cdot \underline{r}} \underline{a}_z \text{ mV}_{rms}/\text{m} \\ &= \sqrt{2} + |E_0|_{rms} e^{-j(3x+4y)} \underline{a}_z \text{ mV/m} \\ &= \sqrt{2} e^{-j(3x+4y)} \underline{a}_z \text{ mV/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{E}(x, y, t) &= \text{Re} \{ \underline{E}(x, y) e^{j\omega t} \} \\ &= \underline{a}_z \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega t - 3x - 4y) \text{ mV/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{H}(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{\eta_0} \underline{a}_p \times \underline{E}(x, y, t) \quad ; \quad \underline{a}_p = \frac{\underline{K}_0 \times \underline{a}_z}{|K_0|} = 0.6 \underline{a}_x + 0.8 \underline{a}_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{H}(x, y, t) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{120\pi} \cos(\omega t - 3x - 4y) [(0.6 \underline{a}_x + 0.8 \underline{a}_y) \times \underline{a}_z] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{120\pi} \cos(\omega t - 3x - 4y) [0.8 \underline{a}_x - 0.6 \underline{a}_y] \text{ mA/m} \end{aligned}$$



# Extra Problems Solutions



3)

Given :- uniform plane wave  
 lossless medium.  
 $\lambda_0 = 0.12 \text{ m}$   
 $\lambda = 8 \text{ cm}$   
 $|E| = 50 \text{ V/m}$   
 $|H| = 0.1 \text{ A/m}$

Req :- frequency 'f'  
 $\epsilon_r$ ,  $\mu_r$  of the material.

Solution :-

$f = \frac{c_0}{\lambda_0} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}}{0.12 \text{ m}} = 2.5 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$f = \frac{v_{ph}}{\lambda} = 2.5 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow v_{ph} = f \lambda$   
 $= 2.5 \text{ GHz} \times 0.08 \text{ m}$   
 $= 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$

$v_{ph} = \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$

$\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r} = \frac{c_0}{v_{ph}} = 1.5 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

$$|\eta| = \left| \frac{|E|}{|H|} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \frac{50}{0.1} = \eta_0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} = 500 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

to get  $\mu_r$ ,  $\epsilon_r$  solve  $\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$  eqn's

$(\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r} = 1.5) * \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{500}{120\pi} \right)$

$\mu_r = \frac{750}{120\pi} = 1.9894 \text{ unitless}$   
 $\epsilon_r = 1.1309 \text{ unitless}$   
 no unit