

# ECE 329 Fields and Waves I

## Homework 8

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1. A  $z$ -polarized plane TEM wave is propagating in vacuum (i.e.,  $v = c \approx 3 \times 10^8$  m/s and  $\eta = \eta_o \approx 120\pi \Omega$ ) in the  $-\hat{y}$  direction. If the wave field at  $y = 0$  varies with time according to  $E_z(0, t) = 80\Delta(\frac{t}{\tau})$  V/m, where  $\tau = 50$  ns and  $\Delta(\frac{t}{\tau})$  is the unit triangle function with width  $\tau$ ,
  - (a) (1 point) Determine the vector wave field  $\mathbf{E}(y, t)$  written explicitly in terms of all space and time variables  $y$  and  $t$ ,
  - (b) (1 point) Determine the accompanying wave field  $\mathbf{H}(y, t)$  in A/m units,
  - (c) (2 points) Determine the maximum value of *Poynting vector*  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$ .
  - (d) (2 points) What trajectory function  $y = y(t)$  describes instantaneous locations of the peak of  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$ .
  - (e) (2 points) Plot  $E_z(y, t)$  vs  $t$  at  $y = 1000$  m.
  - (f) (2 points) Plot  $H_x(y, t)$  vs  $y$  at  $t = -200$  ns.
2. In a homogeneous lossless dielectric with  $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_o$ ,  $\mu = \mu_r \mu_o$  and  $\eta = \eta_o/4$ , a plane TEM wave with the following components is observed:

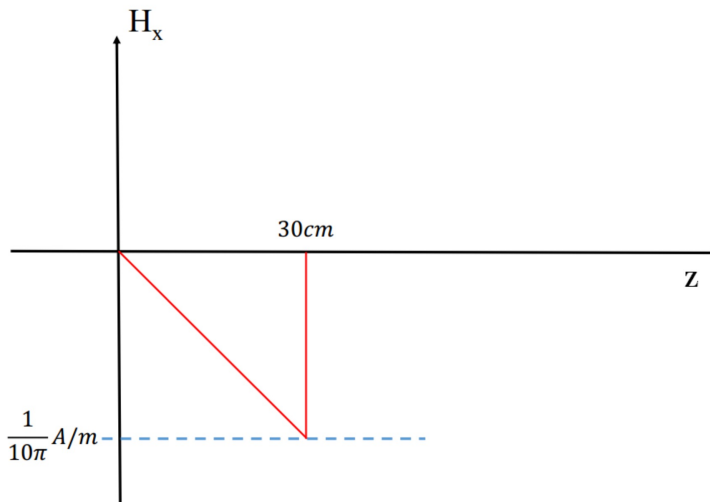
$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{x}u\left(t - \frac{z}{c/4}\right) + \hat{y}g\left(t - \frac{z}{c/4}\right) \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

and

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{x}H_x(z, t) + \hat{y}H_{yo}u\left(t - \frac{4z}{c}\right) \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}},$$

where  $u(t)$  denotes the unit-step function and  $c$  is the speed of light in free space. Using the above information,

- (a) (2 points) Determine the propagation velocity  $v$ .
- (b) (4 points) Determine  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\mu_r$ .
- (c) (2 points) Determine the value of  $H_{yo}$ .
- (d) (2 points) If  $H_x(z, t)$  at  $t = 0$  is plotted below, determine  $g(t)$  in terms of fundamental signal waveforms.



3. We have on  $z = 0$  plane a pulse of sheet current  $\mathbf{J}_s(t) = \hat{y} 8t \text{rect}(\frac{t}{\tau})$  A/m, where  $\tau = 80$  ns. Regions adjacent to the current sheet are vacuum.
- (8 points) Determine and plot  $E_y(z, t)$  and  $H_x(z, t)$  vs  $t$  for  $z = -600$  m and  $z = +600$  m, respectively.
  - (4 points) Determine and plot  $E_y(z, t)$  and  $H_x(z, t)$  vs  $z$  for  $t = 120$  ns.
  - (2 points) Determine the TEM wave energy radiated per unit area (in J/m<sup>2</sup> units) by the current pulse  $\mathbf{J}_s(t)$ .  
**Hint:** integrate the power injected per unit area,  $-\mathbf{J}_s \cdot \mathbf{E}$ , over the duration of pulse  $\mathbf{J}_s(t)$ .
4. For each of the four plane waves (in free space) described by
- (3 points)  $\mathbf{E}_1 = 3 \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{y}$  V/m
  - (3 points)  $\mathbf{E}_2 = E_o \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{x} + E_o \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \hat{y}$  V/m
  - (3 points)  $\mathbf{H}_3 = \cos(\omega t + \beta z + \frac{\pi}{3}) \hat{x} - \sin(\omega t + \beta z - \frac{\pi}{6}) \hat{y}$  A/m
  - (3 points)  $\mathbf{H}_4 = \cos(\omega t - \beta x) \hat{z} + \sin(\omega t - \beta x) \hat{y}$  A/m:
    - Determine the expression for  $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{E}$  that accompanies the given wave field.
    - Find the expression for instantaneous power that crosses a 1 m<sup>2</sup> area in the  $xy$ -plane from  $-z$  to  $+z$ .
    - Find time averaged power that crosses a 1 m<sup>2</sup> area in the  $xy$ -plane from  $-z$  to  $+z$ .
5. (10 points) **Conceptual Questions:**
- (1 point) True or false? If  $\mathbf{E}_1$  and  $\mathbf{E}_2$  represent two plane waves and they are orthogonal, then their directions of propagation are opposite.
  - (1 point) True or false? The  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  of a given TEM wave in free space are always orthogonal
  - (1 point) True or false? Given  $\mathbf{E}$  of a TEM wave in free space, we only know the direction but not magnitude of the corresponding to  $\mathbf{H}$ .
  - (1 point) True or false? The propagation speed of a TEM wave in vacuum is  $c$ .
  - (1 point) True or false?  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  will always point in the direction of propagation for TEM waves.
  - (3 points) A wave moves in free space in the  $+x$  direction. If the magnitude and direction of the electric field is known at  $x = 200\text{m}$ ,  $t = 1\mu\text{s}$ , which of the following position and time combinations is the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field known (approximately)? (choose all that apply):
    - $x = 100\text{m}, t = 0\mu\text{s}$
    - $x = 800\text{m}, t = 3\mu\text{s}$
    - $x = -400\text{m}, t = -1\mu\text{s}$
    - $x = 500\text{m}, t = 0\mu\text{s}$
    - none of the above

- (g) (3 points) If the current sheet that produces a wave is originally  $J = J_0$  in the  $+x$  direction on the  $y = 0$  plane is changed to  $J = J_0$  in the  $+z$  direction on the  $y = 0$  plane, how does the direction of the magnetic field for  $y > 0$  change?
- (a) It goes from  $+z$  to  $-x$ .
  - (b) It goes from  $-x$  to  $y$ .
  - (c) It goes from  $-x$  to  $+z$ .
  - (d) It goes from  $-z$  to  $+x$ .
  - (e) none of the above

6. (10 points) **BONUS QUESTION**

Two plane waves propagate in free space and are described by

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = E_0 \cos(\omega_1 t - \beta_1 z) \hat{x} \text{ V/m}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2 = E_0 \cos(\omega_2 t - \beta_2 z) \hat{x} \text{ V/m},$$

where  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are at optical frequencies. The two waves simultaneously illuminate an optical detector at some position along  $\hat{z}$ . An optical detector converts power into current and the current produced on that detector is therefore proportional to  $|\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2|^2$ . Determine the frequencies of the currents that are produced at the detector.