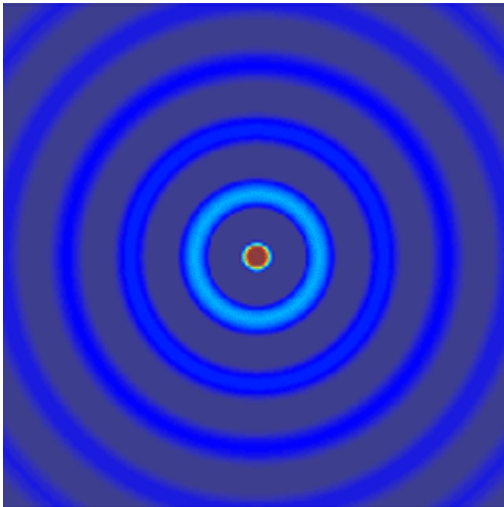


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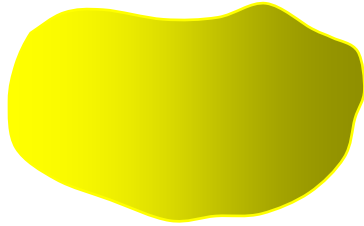
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Notes 1

# Fields in a Source-Free Region



Sources

Source-free homogeneous region

$$(\epsilon, \mu)$$

$$(\underline{E}, \underline{H})$$

Note: For a lossy region, we replace

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon_c$$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_c &= \epsilon - j(\sigma / \omega) \\ &= \epsilon'_c - j\epsilon''_c \\ &= \epsilon'_c (1 - j \tan \delta) \\ &= \epsilon_0 \epsilon'_{rc} (1 - j \tan \delta) \\ &= \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{rc}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega\mu\underline{H}$$


$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = j\omega\epsilon\underline{E}$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{H} = 0$$

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

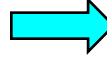
(a)  $\nabla \cdot \underline{H} = 0$

  $\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \underline{A}$

Ampere's law:

$$\underline{E} = \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \underline{A} \right)$$

(b)  $\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = 0$

  $\underline{E} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \underline{F}$

Faraday's law:

$$\underline{H} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \underline{F} \right)$$

The field can be represented using either  $\underline{A}$  or  $\underline{F}$

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

Case (a)

Assume we use  $\underline{A}$ :

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \underline{A}$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega\mu\underline{H}$$



$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega(\nabla \times \underline{A})$$



$$\nabla \times (\underline{E} + j\omega\underline{A}) = \underline{0}$$



$$\underline{E} + j\omega\underline{A} = -\nabla\Phi$$

Hence

$$\underline{E} = -\nabla\Phi - j\omega\underline{A}$$

This is the “mixed potential” form for the electric field.

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

Next, use  $\nabla \times \underline{H} = j\omega\varepsilon \underline{E}$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{A}) = j\omega\varepsilon (-\nabla\Phi - j\omega\underline{A})$$



$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{A}) - k^2 \underline{A} = -j\omega\varepsilon\mu\nabla\Phi$$



$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \underline{A}) - \nabla^2 \underline{A} - k^2 \underline{A} = -j\omega\varepsilon\mu\nabla\Phi$$

Recall:  $\nabla^2 \underline{A} \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \underline{A}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{A})$

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{A}}) - \nabla^2 \underline{\underline{A}} - k^2 \underline{\underline{A}} = -j\omega\varepsilon\mu\nabla\Phi$$

Choose  $\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{A}} = -j\omega\varepsilon\mu\Phi$  (Lorenz Gauge)

Then  $\nabla^2 \underline{\underline{A}} + k^2 \underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$

This is the “vector Helmholtz equation” for the magnetic vector potential.

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

## Case (b)

Assume we use  $\underline{F}$ :

$$\underline{E} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \nabla \times \underline{F}$$

Invoking duality:

$$\underline{H} = -\nabla \Psi - j\omega \underline{F}$$

$\Psi$  = magnetic scalar potential

Choose  $\nabla \cdot \underline{F} = -j\omega \varepsilon \mu \Psi$

We then have:

$$\nabla^2 \underline{F} + k^2 \underline{F} = \underline{0}$$

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

To be even more general, let

$$\underline{E} = \underline{E}^a + \underline{E}^f$$

$$\underline{H} = \underline{H}^a + \underline{H}^f$$

where  $(\underline{E}^a, \underline{H}^a)$  and  $(\underline{E}^f, \underline{H}^f)$  each satisfy Maxwell's equations.

(This is an arbitrary partition.)

The representation is not unique, since there are many ways to split the field. For example, we could use

$$\underline{E}^a = 0.1\underline{E}$$

$$\underline{E}^f = 0.9\underline{E}$$



# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

We construct the vector potentials so that

$$\underline{A} \rightarrow (\underline{E}^a, \underline{H}^a)$$

$$\underline{F} \rightarrow (\underline{E}^f, \underline{H}^f)$$

We then have

$$\underline{E} = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{A}) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \underline{F}$$
$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \underline{A} + \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{F})$$

# Fields in a Source-Free Region (cont.)

Depending on the type of source (outside the source-free region) that is producing the field within the source-free region, it may be more **convenient** to represent the field using only  $\underline{A}$  or only  $\underline{F}$ .

## EXAMPLES

Electric dipole: choose only  $\underline{A}$  ( $\underline{A}$  is in the same direction as  $\underline{J}$ )

Magnetic dipole: choose only  $\underline{F}$  ( $\underline{F}$  is in the same direction as  $\underline{M}$ )

This solution was discussed in ECE 6340.

In principle, one could represent the field of the electric dipole using the  $\underline{F}$  vector potential, but it would be much more difficult than with the  $\underline{A}$  vector potential!

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem

In a source-free homogeneous region, we can always represent the field using the following form:

$$\underline{A} = \hat{\underline{z}} A_z(x, y, z)$$
$$\underline{F} = \hat{\underline{z}} F_z(x, y, z)$$

$\hat{\underline{z}}$  is an arbitrary fixed direction (called here the “pilot vector” direction).

(A proof of this theorem is given later.)

This theorem gives us a systematic way to represent the fields in a source-free region, involving only two scalar field components.

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

Note: A **simpler** solution often results if we choose the best direction for the pilot vector.

## EXAMPLE

An infinitesimal unit-amplitude electric dipole pointing in the  $z$  direction:

$$\underline{A} = \underline{\hat{z}} A_z(x, y, z)$$

The solution is 
$$A_z(x, y, z) = \mu \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r}$$

We only need  $A_z$   
and not  $F_z$ .

If we had picked the pilot vector direction to be something different, such as  $x$ , we would need BOTH  $A_x$  and  $F_x$ .

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

## TE<sub>z</sub> / TM<sub>z</sub> property of Fields

Consider, for example,

$$\underline{H}^a = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times (\hat{\underline{z}} A_z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu} (\cancel{A_z \nabla \times \hat{\underline{z}}} - \hat{\underline{z}} \times \nabla A_z) \Rightarrow H_z^a = 0$$

$$\underline{A} = \hat{\underline{z}} A_z(x, y, z)$$

$$\underline{F} = \hat{\underline{z}} F_z(x, y, z)$$

Hence,  $H_z^a = 0$  ( $A_z \rightarrow \text{TM}_z$ )

Similarly,  $E_z^f = 0$  ( $F_z \rightarrow \text{TE}_z$ )

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

The fields are found as follows:

$$\psi = A_z$$

$$E_z = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \right) \psi$$

$$H_x = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$E_x = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial z}$$

$$H_y = -\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$E_y = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial z}$$

$$H_z = 0$$

Note: There is a factor  $\mu$  difference with the Harrington text.

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

$$\psi = F_z$$

$$H_z = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \right) \psi$$

$$E_x = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$H_x = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial z}$$

$$E_y = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$H_y = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial z}$$

$$E_z = 0$$

Note: There is a factor  $\epsilon$  difference with the Harrington text.

# TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

From the vector Helmholtz equation we have:

$$\nabla^2 \underline{A} + k^2 \underline{A} = \underline{0}$$

Taking the  $z$  component gives:  $\hat{z}(\nabla^2 A_z) + \hat{z}(k^2 A_z) = \underline{0}$

or  $\nabla^2 A_z + k^2 A_z = 0$

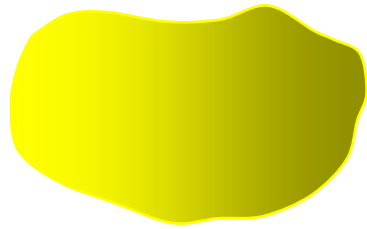
Similarly,  $\nabla^2 F_z + k^2 F_z = 0$

Hence, any EM problem in a source-free region reduces to solving the scalar Helmholtz equation:

$$\nabla^2 \psi + k^2 \psi = 0$$



# Summary of TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Result



Sources

Source-free homogeneous region

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$$(\underline{E}, \underline{H})$$

$$\underline{A} \longrightarrow$$

$$\underline{F} \longrightarrow$$

Arbitrary pilot direction "z"

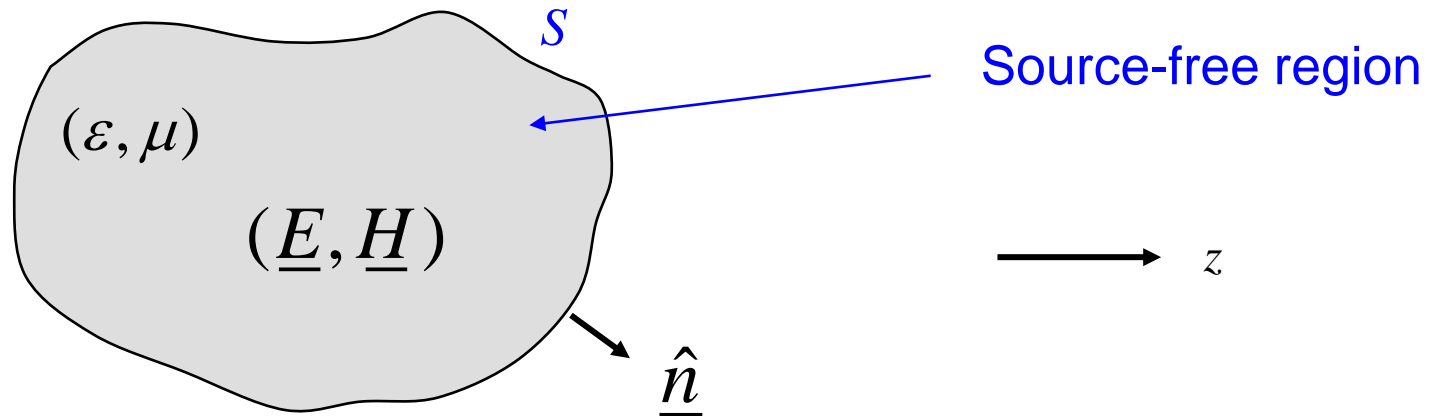
$$\underline{A} = \hat{z} A_z(x, y, z)$$

$$\underline{F} = \hat{z} F_z(x, y, z)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + k^2 \psi = 0$$

$$\psi = A_z \text{ or } F_z$$

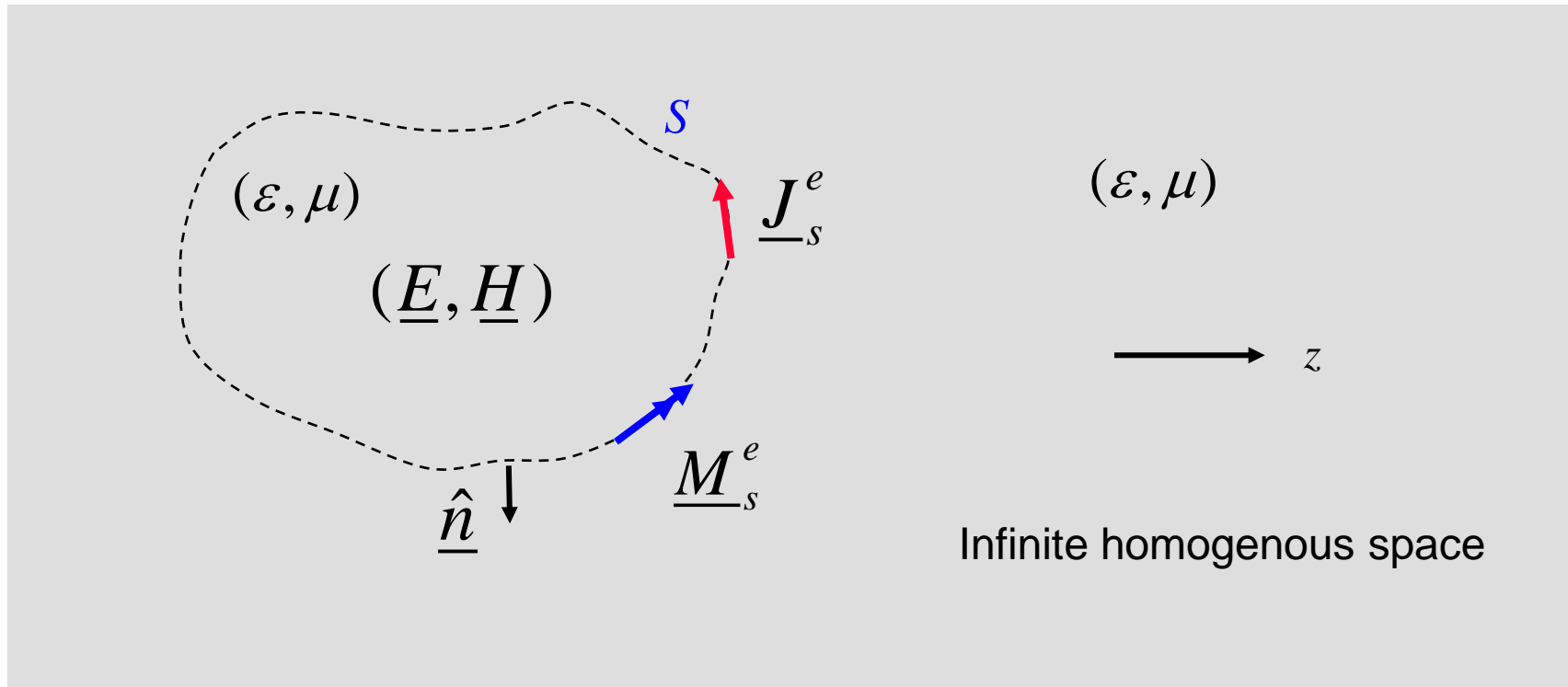
# Proof of $TE_z/TM_z$ Theorem



Apply equivalence principle:

Keep original material and fields inside  $S$ .  
Put zero fields outside  $S$ .  
Put  $(\epsilon, \mu)$  outside  $S$ .

# Proof of TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem



$$\underline{J}_s^e = (-\underline{\hat{n}}) \times \underline{H}$$

$$\underline{M}_s^e = -((-\underline{\hat{n}}) \times \underline{E})$$

# Proof of TE<sub>z</sub>/TM<sub>z</sub> Theorem (cont.)

Consider the  $z$  component of the currents:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{J}_z^e &\rightarrow A_z \\ \underline{M}_z^e &\rightarrow F_z\end{aligned}\quad (\text{from 6340})$$

Also, from a horizontal dipole source, we can show that:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{J}_{x,y}^e &\rightarrow A_z + F_z \\ \underline{M}_{x,y}^e &\rightarrow A_z + F_z\end{aligned}$$

This will be established later in the class notes and the homework by solving the problem of a horizontal ( $x$  or  $y$  directed) dipole source using  $A_z$  and  $F_z$ .

Hence, the fields in the source-free region due to all of the equivalent currents may be represented with  $A_z$  and  $F_z$ .

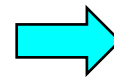
# Non-Uniqueness of Potentials

$A_z$  and  $F_z$  are not unique.

To illustrate, consider:

$$\begin{cases} A_z = c_1 e^{-jkz}, & k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} \\ F_z = 0 & \text{(TM}_z \text{ field)} \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_z &= \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\varepsilon} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \right) A_z = 0 \\ E_x &= \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial z} = 0 \\ E_y &= \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y \partial z} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



This set of potentials produces a null field!

$$\underline{H} = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times \underline{E} = \underline{0}$$

Hence, adding this set of potentials to a solution does not change the fields.