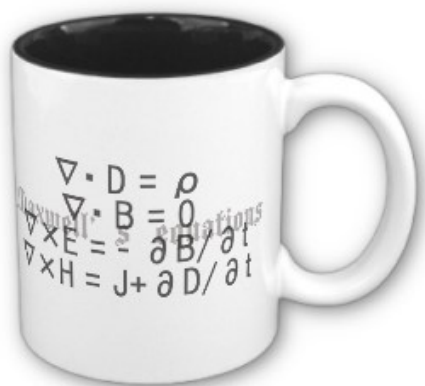


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General Plane Waves

General form of plane wave: $\underline{E}(x, y, z) = \underline{E}_0 \psi(x, y, z)$

where $\psi(x, y, z) = e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)}$

The wavenumber terms
may be complex.

Helmholtz Eq.: $\nabla^2 \underline{E} + k^2 \underline{E} = \underline{0}$

Property of vector Laplacian: $\nabla^2 (\underline{E}_0 \psi(x, y, z)) = \underline{E}_0 \nabla^2 \psi(x, y, z)$

Hence $\underline{E}_0 \nabla^2 \psi + k^2 \underline{E}_0 \psi = 0$

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

General Plane Waves (cont.)

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

This gives

$$(-k_x^2 - k_y^2 - k_z^2 + k^2) \psi = 0$$

or

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k^2$$

(separation equation or wavenumber equation)

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Denote

$$\underline{k} = \underline{\hat{x}} k_x + \underline{\hat{y}} k_y + \underline{\hat{z}} k_z$$

$$\underline{r} = \underline{\hat{x}} x + \underline{\hat{y}} y + \underline{\hat{z}} z$$

Then

$$\psi(x, y, z) = e^{-j\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}}$$

and

$$\underline{k} \cdot \underline{k} = k^2 \quad (\text{wavenumber equation})$$

Note: For complex \underline{k} vectors, this is not the same as saying that the magnitude of the \underline{k} vector is equal to k .

General Plane Waves (cont.)

We can also write

$$\underline{k} = \underline{\beta} - j\underline{\alpha}$$

Wavenumber vector

so

$$\psi(x, y, z) = e^{-j\underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{r}} e^{-\underline{\alpha} \cdot \underline{r}}$$

The $\underline{\beta}$ vector gives the direction of most rapid phase change (decrease).
The $\underline{\alpha}$ vector gives the direction of most rapid attenuation.

To illustrate, consider the phase of the plane wave:

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = -\underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{r} = -\beta_x x - \beta_y y - \beta_z z$$

$$\longrightarrow \nabla \Phi(x, y, z) = -\beta_x \hat{x} - \beta_y \hat{y} - \beta_z \hat{z} = -\underline{\beta}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \nabla |\Psi|(x, y, z) = -\underline{\alpha} |\Psi|$$

General Plane Waves (cont.)

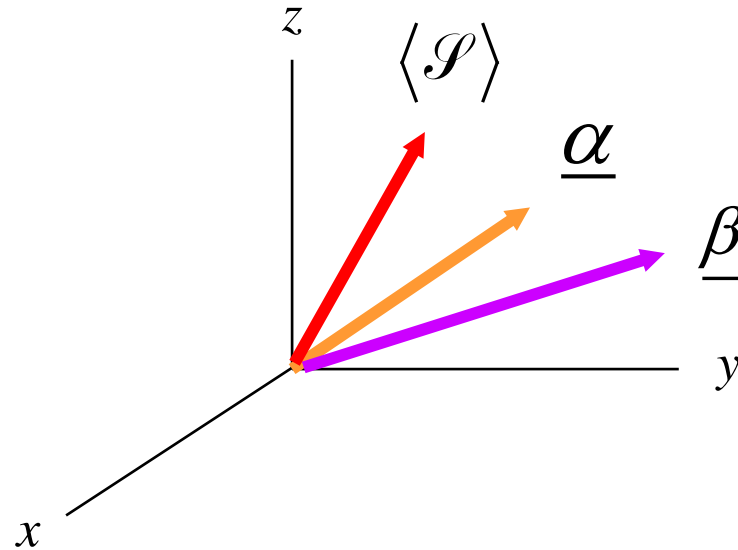
A general plane wave:

$$\psi(x, y, z) = e^{-j\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}}$$

$$\underline{k} = \underline{\beta} - j\underline{\alpha}$$

$$\langle \underline{\mathcal{I}} \rangle = \text{Re } \underline{S}$$

$$\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{E} \times \underline{H}^*$$

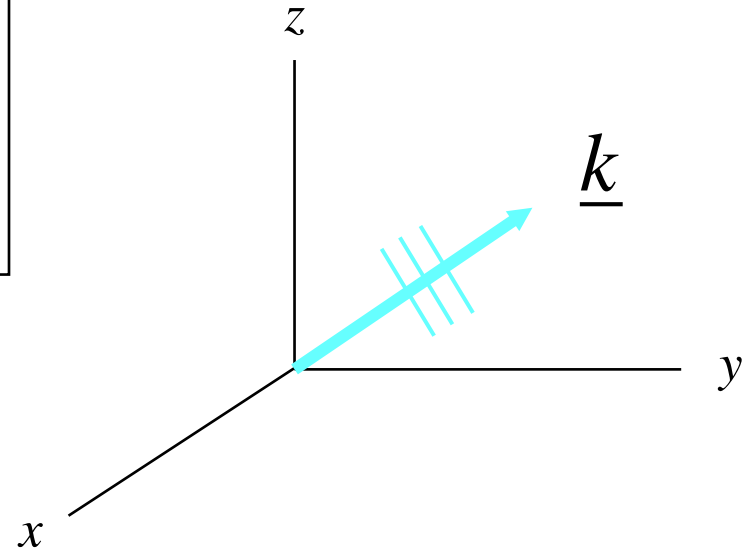


In the most general case, all three vectors may be in different directions.

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Symbol for a plane wave:

In the most general case, the \underline{k} vector may be complex. In this case it is not possible to actually visualize it as vector in 3D space. The blue arrow is still used as a symbol for the \underline{k} vector.



General Plane Waves (cont.)

Next, look at Maxwell's equations for a plane wave:

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

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla &= \underline{\hat{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underline{\hat{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \underline{\hat{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= \underline{\hat{x}}(-jk_x) + \underline{\hat{y}}(-jk_y) + \underline{\hat{z}}(-jk_z) \\ &= -j\underline{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla = -j\underline{k}$$

Hence

$$-j\underline{k} \times \underline{E} = -j\omega\mu \underline{H} \quad -j\underline{k} \times \underline{H} = j\omega\varepsilon_c \underline{E}$$

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Summary of Maxwell's curl equations for a plane wave:

$$\underline{k} \times \underline{E} = \omega \mu \underline{H}$$

$$\underline{k} \times \underline{H} = -\omega \epsilon_c \underline{E}$$

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Gauss law (divergence) equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{D} = \cancel{\rho_v} \qquad \nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$$

$$-j \underline{k} \cdot (\epsilon \underline{E}) = 0 \qquad -j \underline{k} \cdot (\mu \underline{H}) = 0$$

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

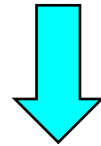
$$\underline{k} \cdot \underline{H} = 0$$

Reminder: The volume charge density is zero in the sinusoidal steady state for a homogeneous source-free region.

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Furthermore, we have from Faraday's law

$$\underline{k} \times \underline{E} = \omega \mu \underline{H}$$



Dot multiply both sides with \underline{E} .

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

Note : $\underline{E} \cdot (\underline{k} \times \underline{E}) = 0$ (for any vectors $\underline{k}, \underline{E}$)

General Plane Waves (cont.)

Summary of dot products:

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

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

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

Note:

If the dot product of two vectors is zero, we can say that the vectors are perpendicular for the case of real vectors.

For complex vectors, we need a conjugate (which we don't have) to say that the vectors are "orthogonal".

Power Flow

$$\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{E} \times \underline{H}^*$$

$$\underline{E} = \underline{E}_0 \psi$$

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

$$= -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} (-j\underline{k} \times \underline{E})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\omega\mu} \underline{k} \times \underline{E}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\omega\mu} \psi (\underline{k} \times \underline{E}_0)$$

Power Flow (cont.)

so

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{S} &= \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\psi} \underline{E}_0) \times \left(\left[\underline{k} \times \underline{E}_0 \right]^* \left(\frac{1}{\omega\mu} \underline{\psi}^* \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\underline{\psi}|^2 \underline{E}_0 \times \left(\underline{k}^* \times \underline{E}_0^* \right)\end{aligned}$$

Note: μ is assumed to be real here.

Use $\underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) = \underline{B}(\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}) - \underline{C}(\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B})$

so that $\underline{E}_0 \times (\underline{k}^* \times \underline{E}_0^*) = (\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{E}_0^*) \underline{k}^* - (\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{k}^*) \underline{E}_0^*$

and hence $\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\underline{\psi}|^2 \left[(\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{E}_0^*) \underline{k}^* - (\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{k}^*) \underline{E}_0^* \right]$

Power Flow (cont.)

$$\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\psi|^2 \left[\left(\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{E}_0^* \right) \underline{k}^* - \left(\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{k}^* \right) \underline{E}_0^* \right]$$

Assume $\underline{E}_0 = \text{real vector}$.

(The same conclusion holds if it is a real vector times a complex constant.)

$$\underline{E}_0 \cdot \underline{k}^* = \left(\underline{E}_0^* \cdot \underline{k} \right)^* = \left(\cancel{\underline{E}_0} \cdot \underline{k} \right)^* = 0$$

↑
(All of the components of the vector are in phase.)

Note: This conclusion also holds if \underline{k} is real, or is a real vector times a complex constant.

Hence

$$\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\psi|^2 |\underline{E}_0|^2 \underline{k}^*$$

Power Flow (cont.)

$$\underline{S} = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\psi|^2 |\underline{E}_0|^2 \underline{k}^*$$

The power flow is: $\langle \underline{\mathcal{J}} \rangle = \text{Re } \underline{S}$

so
$$\langle \underline{\mathcal{J}} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu} |\psi|^2 |\underline{E}_0|^2 \text{Re } \underline{k}$$

(assuming that μ is real)

Recall:
$$\underline{k} = \underline{\beta} - j\underline{\alpha}$$

Power Flow (cont.)

Then

$$\langle \underline{\mathcal{P}} \rangle = \left[\frac{|\psi|^2}{2\omega\mu} |\underline{E}_0|^2 \right] \underline{\beta}$$

Power flows in the direction of $\underline{\beta}$.

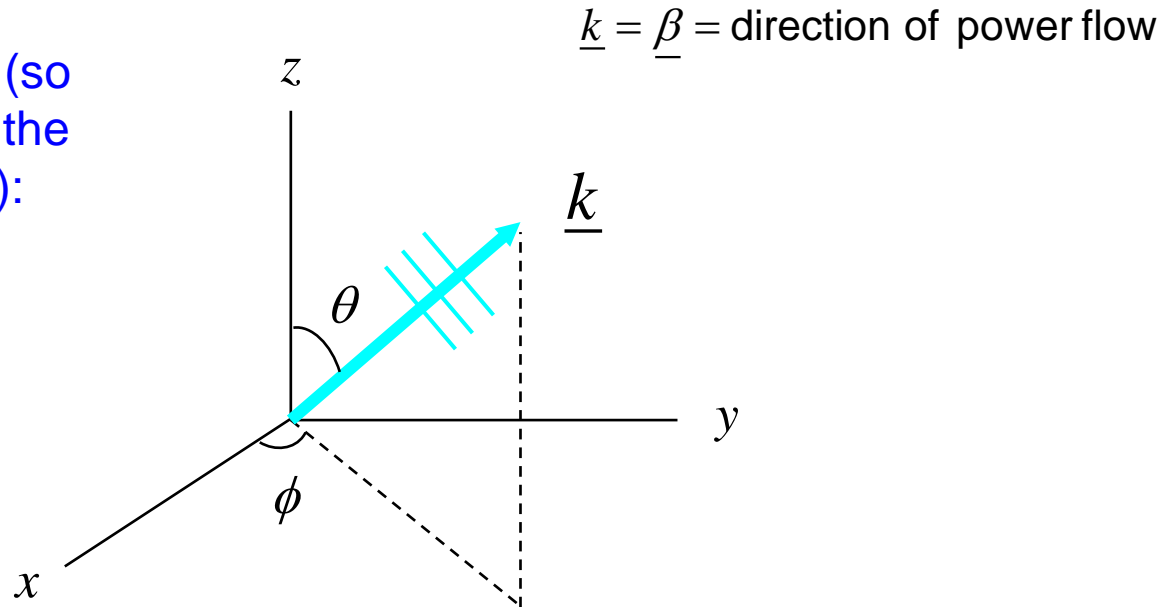
Assumption:

Either the electric field vector or the wavenumber vector is a real vector times a complex constant.

(This assumption is true for most of the common plane waves.)

Direction Angles

First assume $\underline{k} = \underline{\beta}$ = real vector (so that we can visualize it) and the medium is lossless (k is real):



The direction angles (θ, ϕ) are defined by:

$$k_x = k \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$k_y = k \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$k_z = k \cos \theta$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 &= k^2 \sin^2 \theta + k^2 \cos^2 \theta \\ &= k^2 \end{aligned}$$

Direction Angles (cont.)

From the direction angle equations we have:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{k_z}{k}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{k_y}{k_x}$$

Even when (k_x, k_y, k_z) become complex, and k is also complex, these equations are used to define the direction angles, which may be complex.

Homogeneous Plane Wave

Definition of a homogenous (uniform) plane wave:

(θ, ϕ) are real angles

In the general lossy case (complex k):

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{k} &= \underline{\hat{x}}k_x + \underline{\hat{y}}k_y + \underline{\hat{z}}k_z \\ &= k \left[\underline{\hat{x}} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \underline{\hat{y}} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \underline{\hat{z}} \cos \theta \right] \\ &= k \underline{\hat{r}}\end{aligned}$$

where

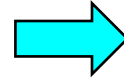
$$\underline{\hat{r}} \equiv \underline{\hat{x}} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \underline{\hat{y}} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \underline{\hat{z}} \cos \theta$$

$\underline{\hat{r}}$ = real unit vector pointing in the direction of power flow

Homogeneous Plane Wave (cont.)

Hence we have

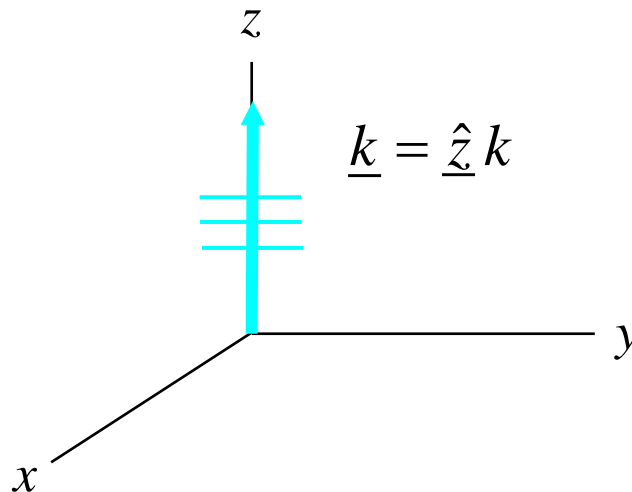
$$\underline{k} = (k' - jk'') \hat{r}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\beta} &= k' \hat{r} \\ \underline{\alpha} &= k'' \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

The phase and attenuation vectors point in the same direction. The amplitude and phase of the wave are both constant (uniform) in a plane perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

Note: A simple plane wave of the form $\psi = \exp(-j k z)$ is a special case, where $\theta = 0$.

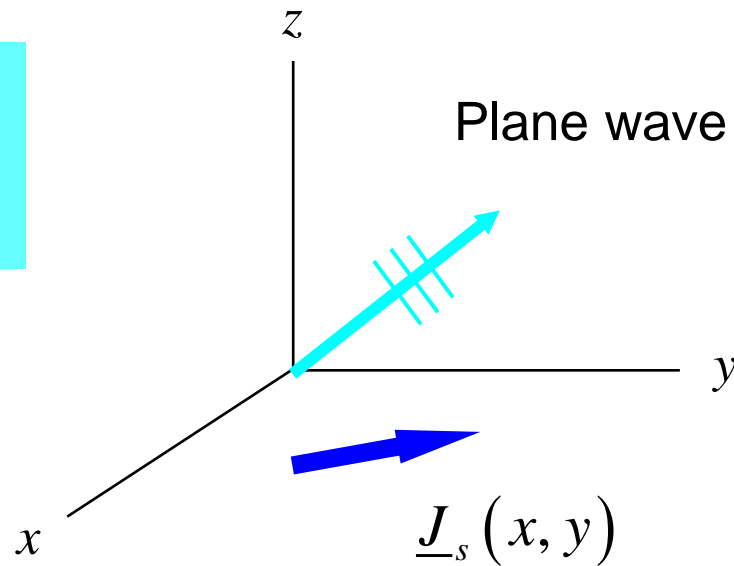


Note:
A homogeneous plane wave in a lossless medium has no $\underline{\alpha}$ vector:

$$\underline{\alpha} = k'' \hat{r} = \underline{0}$$

Infinite Current Sheet

An infinite surface current sheet at $z = 0$ launches a plane wave in free space.



Assume $\underline{J}_s = \underline{A} e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y)}$, $k_x, k_y \in \text{real}$

The vertical wavenumber is then given by $k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k_0^2$

Infinite Current Sheet (cont.)

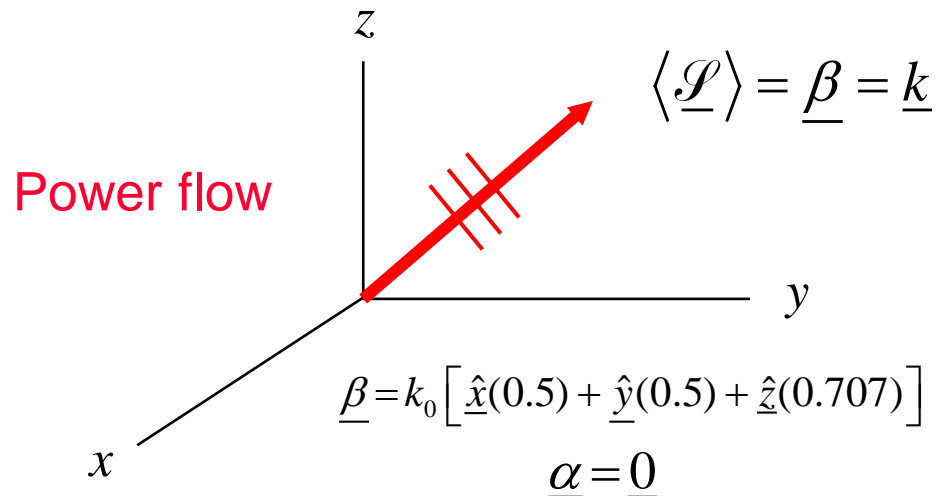
Part (a): Homogeneous plane wave

$$k_x = 0.5 k_0 \quad k_y = 0.5 k_0$$

$$k_z = \sqrt{k_0^2 - 0.25 k_0^2 - 0.25 k_0^2} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} k_0$$

We must choose $k_z = +0.707 k_0$ (outgoing wave)

$$\text{Then } \underline{k} = k_0 \left[\underline{\hat{x}}(0.5) + \underline{\hat{y}}(0.5) + \underline{\hat{z}}(0.707) \right]$$



Infinite Current Sheet (cont.)

Part (b) Inhomogeneous plane wave

$$k_x = 2k_0 \quad k_y = 3k_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_z &= \sqrt{k_0^2 - 4k_0^2 - 9k_0^2} \\ &= \pm j k_0 \sqrt{12} \end{aligned}$$

We must choose $k_z = -j k_0 \sqrt{12}$

The wave is evanescent in the z direction.

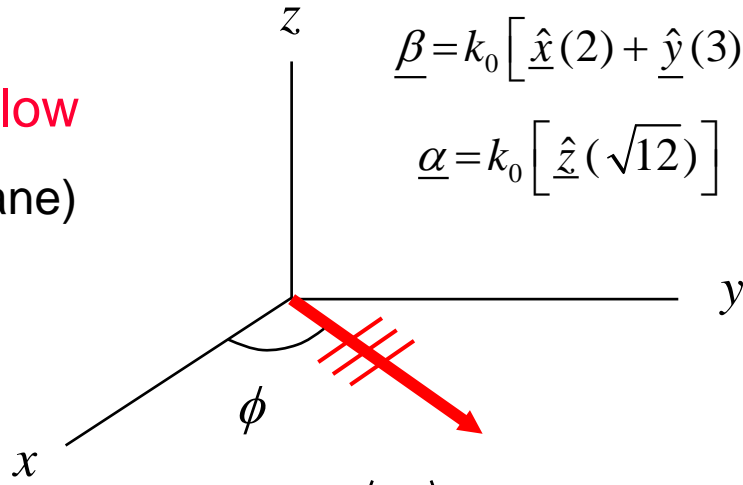
Then $\underline{k} = k_0 \left[\underline{\hat{x}}(2) + \underline{\hat{y}}(3) + \underline{\hat{z}}(-j\sqrt{12}) \right]$

$$\underline{\beta} = k_0 \left[\underline{\hat{x}}(2) + \underline{\hat{y}}(3) + \underline{\hat{z}}(0) \right]$$

$$\underline{\alpha} = k_0 \left[\underline{\hat{z}}(\sqrt{12}) \right]$$

Infinite Current Sheet (cont.)

Power flow
(in xy plane)



$$\cos \theta = \frac{k_z}{k_0} = -j\sqrt{12}$$

so

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + j(1.956) \text{ [rad]}$$

$$\langle \underline{\mathcal{P}} \rangle = \underline{\beta} \neq \underline{k}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{\beta_y}{\beta_x} = \frac{3}{2}$$

so

$$\phi = 56.31^\circ$$

Note:

Another possible solution is the negative of the above angle. The inverse cosine should be chosen so that $\sin \theta$ is correct (to give the correct k_x and k_y): $\sin \theta > 0$.

Propagation Circle

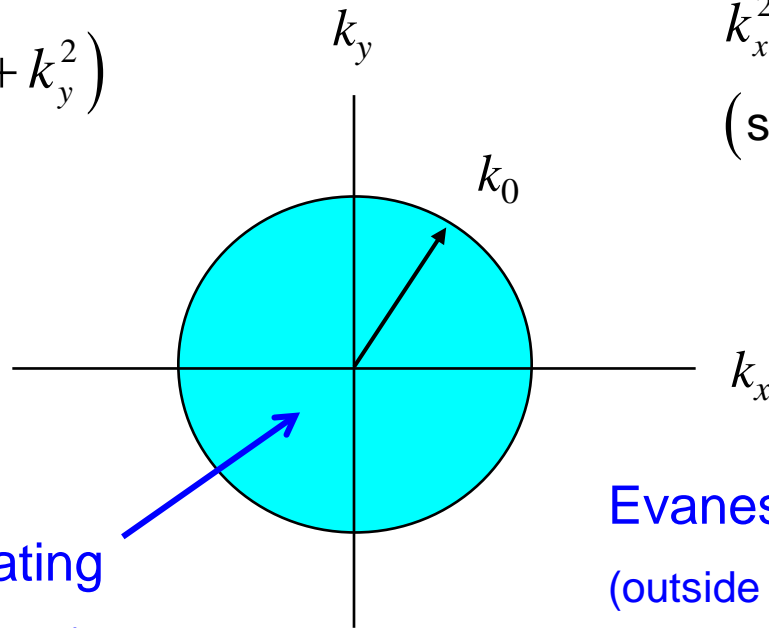
$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow k_z^2 = k_0^2 - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)$$

Propagating waves:

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 < k_0^2$$

(so $k_z = \text{real}$)



Propagating
(inside circle)

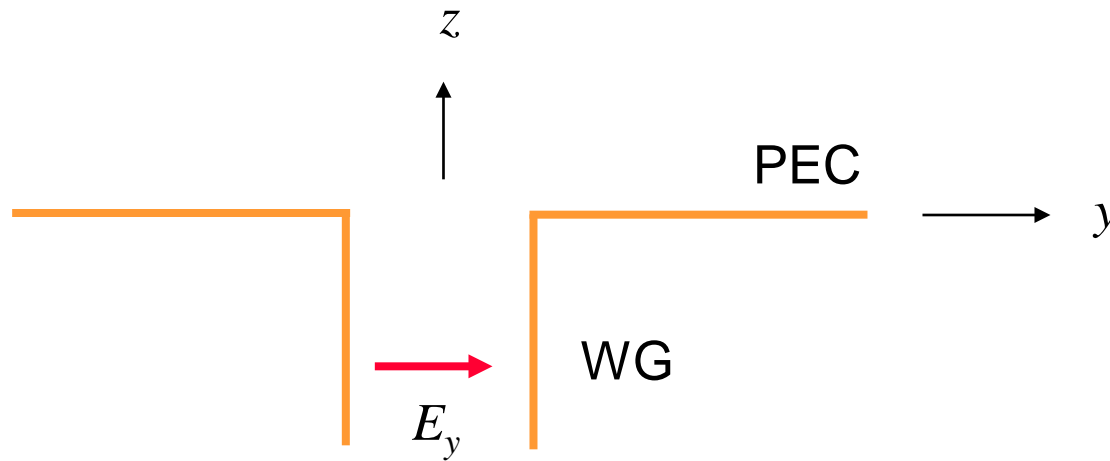
Evanescent
(outside circle)

$$k_z = \sqrt{k_0^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$

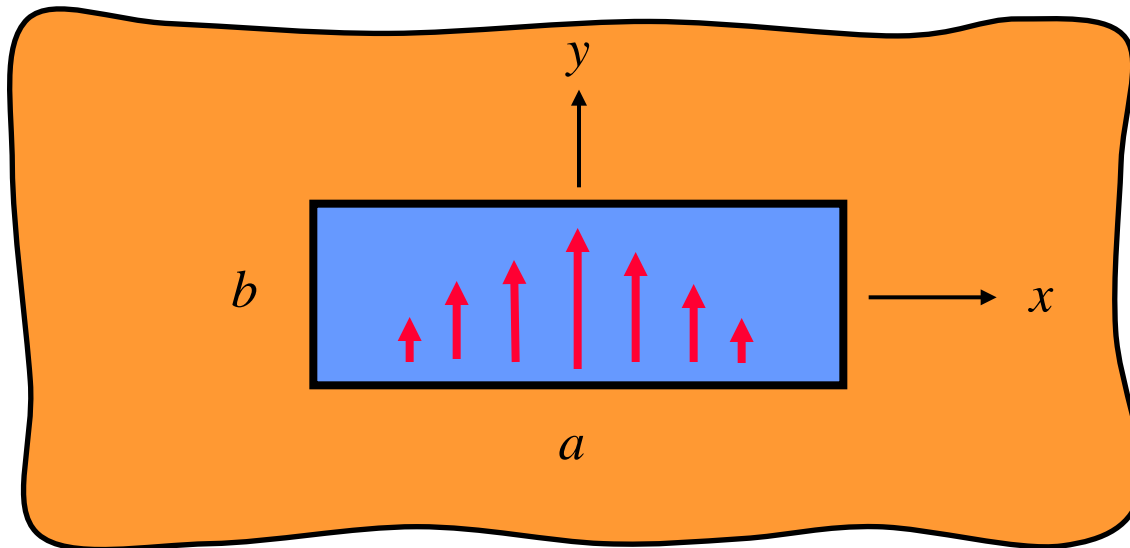
$$k_z = -j\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 - k_0^2}$$

Free space acts as a “low-pass filter.”

Radiation from Waveguide



$$E_y(x, y, 0) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right)$$



Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Fourier transform pair:

$$\tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_y(x, y, z) e^{+j(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy$$

$$E_y(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, z) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y)} dk_x dk_y$$

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial z^2} + k^2 E_y = 0$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-k_x^2 \tilde{E}_y - k_y^2 \tilde{E}_y + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{E}_y}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \tilde{E}_y \right) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y)} dk_x dk_y = 0$$

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Hence

$$-k_x^2 \tilde{E}_y - k_y^2 \tilde{E}_y + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{E}_y}{\partial z^2} + k^2 \tilde{E}_y = 0$$

Next, define

$$k_z^2 \equiv k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2$$

We then have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{E}_y}{\partial z^2} + k_z^2 \tilde{E}_y = 0$$

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

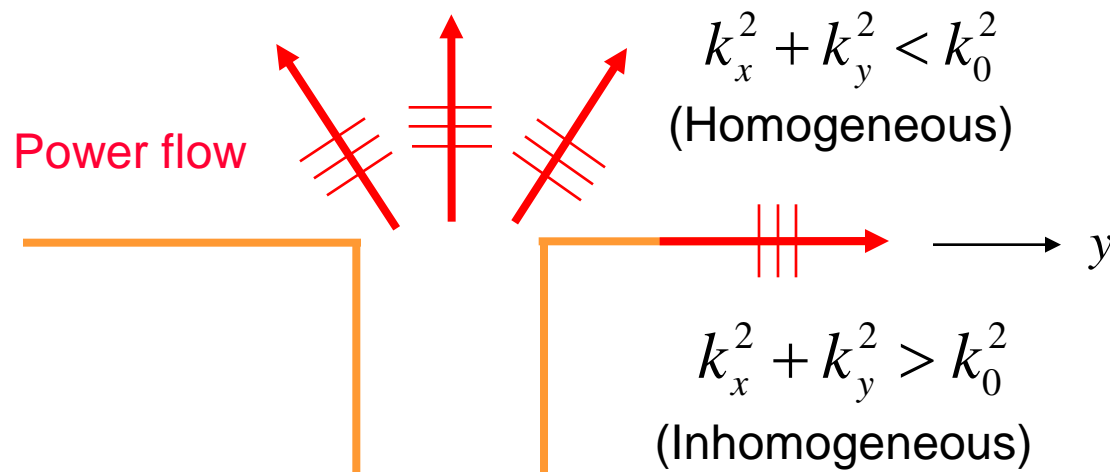
Solution:

$$\tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, z) = \tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) e^{-jk_z z}$$

Note: We want outgoing waves only.

Hence

$$E_y(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} dk_x dk_y$$



Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Fourier transform of aperture field:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_y(x, y, 0) e^{+j(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) e^{+j(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) e^{+j(k_x x)} dx \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} e^{+j(k_y y)} dy\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{\pi a}{2}\right) \cos\left(k_x \frac{a}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{k_x a}{2}\right)^2} \right) \left(b \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{k_y b}{2}\right) \right)$$

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Note:

$$\tilde{E}_x(k_x, k_y, z) = \cancel{\tilde{E}_x(k_x, k_y, 0)} e^{-jk_z z} = 0$$

Hence

$$E_x(x, y, z) = 0$$

For E_z we have

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad (-jk_y) \tilde{E}_y + (-jk_z) \tilde{E}_z = 0$$

This follows from the mathematical form of E_y as an inverse transform.

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Hence

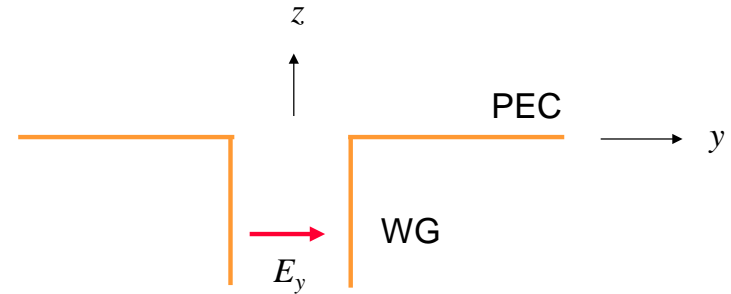
$$\tilde{E}_z = \tilde{E}_y \left(-\frac{k_y}{k_z} \right)$$

In the space domain, we have

$$E_z(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} \left(-\frac{k_y}{k_z} \right) dk_x dk_y$$

Radiation from Waveguide (cont.)

Summary (for $z > 0$)



$$E_x(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$E_y(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} dk_x dk_y$$

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$$\tilde{E}_y(k_x, k_y, 0) = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{\pi a}{2} \right) \cos\left(k_x \frac{a}{2} \right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{k_x a}{2} \right)^2} \right) \left(b \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{k_y b}{2} \right) \right)$$

Some Plane-Wave “ η ” Theorems

Theorem #1

$$\underline{E} \cdot \underline{E} = \eta^2 \underline{H} \cdot \underline{H} \quad (\text{always true})$$

Theorem #2

If PW is **homogeneous**:

$$|\underline{E}|^2 = |\eta|^2 |\underline{H}|^2 \quad (\text{lossy medium})$$

$$|\underline{E}|^2 = \eta^2 |\underline{H}|^2 \quad (\text{lossless medium})$$

Theorem #3

If medium is **lossless**:

$$\underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{\alpha} = 0$$

Example

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$$\underline{E} = \underline{\hat{y}} e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} = \underline{\hat{y}} \psi(x, y, z)$$

Plane wave in free space

Given:

$$k_x = 2k_0$$

$$k_y = 0$$

$$k_z = -j\sqrt{3}k_0$$

Note: It can be seen that

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k_0^2$$

and

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

Find \underline{H} and compare its magnitude with that of \underline{E} .

Verify theorems 1 and 3.

Example (cont.)

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j \omega \mu_0 \underline{H}$$

so

$$-j \underline{k} \times \underline{E} = -j \omega \mu_0 \underline{H}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{H} &= \frac{1}{\omega \mu_0} \underline{k} \times \underline{E} \\ &= \frac{k_0}{\omega \mu_0} (2, 0, -j\sqrt{3}) \times [(0, 1, 0) \psi(x, y, z)] \end{aligned}$$

Example (cont.)

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\eta_0} [\underline{\hat{z}}(2) + \underline{\hat{x}}(j\sqrt{3})] \psi$$

$$|\underline{H}| = \sqrt{\underline{H} \cdot \underline{H}^*} = \sqrt{H_x H_x^* + H_z H_z^*} = \sqrt{|H_x|^2 + |H_z|^2}$$

$$|\underline{H}| = \frac{1}{\eta_0} \sqrt{|2|^2 + |j\sqrt{3}|^2} |\psi| = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\eta_0} |\psi|$$

Hence

$$\frac{|\underline{E}|}{|\underline{H}|} = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{7}}$$

Note: The field magnitudes are not related by η_0 !

Example (cont.)

Verify: $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{E} = \eta_0^2 \underline{H} \cdot \underline{H}$ (Theorem #1)

$$\underline{E} = \hat{y} \psi(x, y, z)$$

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\eta_0} [\hat{z}(2) + \hat{x}(j\sqrt{3})] \psi(x, y, z)$$

At the origin ($\psi = 1$) we have:

$$\underline{E} \cdot \underline{E} = 1$$

$$\underline{H} \cdot \underline{H} = \frac{1}{\eta_0^2} [\hat{z}(2) + \hat{x}(j\sqrt{3})] \cdot [\hat{z}(2) + \hat{x}(j\sqrt{3})] = \frac{1}{\eta_0^2} (4 - 3) = \frac{1}{\eta_0^2}$$

Example (cont.)

Verify: $\underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{\alpha} = 0$ (Theorem #3)

$$\underline{\beta} = \text{Re}(\underline{k}) = \hat{x}(2k_0)$$

$$\underline{\alpha} = -\text{Im}(\underline{k}) = \hat{z}(\sqrt{3}k_0)$$

Hence

$$\underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{\alpha} = 0$$

$$k_x = 2k_0$$

$$k_y = 0$$

$$k_z = -j\sqrt{3}k_0$$