



(a) The electric field between the plates, in the quasistatic approximation, is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{V(t)}{d} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is normal to the plates. By the Ampère-Maxwell equation, the magnetic field between the plates is

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{d} \frac{dV}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{n}}.$$

Consider an Amperian loop coaxial with the plates, of radius r with $r > a$. By symmetry \mathbf{B} is azimuthal. Therefore $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = 2\pi r B_\phi$. Also, by Stokes's theorem,

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \int \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{d} \frac{dV}{dt} \pi a^2.$$

Equating the two expressions for the circulation of \mathbf{B} , we find

$$B_\phi = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 a^2}{2rd} \frac{dV}{dt}.$$

(b) The charge on the plates is $\pm Q$ where

$$Q = CV = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} V = \frac{\pi a^2 \epsilon_0}{d} V,$$

and the current between the plates is

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{\pi a^2 \epsilon_0}{d} \frac{dV}{dt}.$$

The magnetic field due to the same current I in a wire is $\mathbf{B} = B_\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ where

$$B_\phi = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 a^2}{2rd} \frac{dV}{dt}.$$

This is the same as the result found in (a).

Exercise 11-7. For a uniform linear medium, the energy density is $u = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H})$ and the energy flux density is $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$, where $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B} / \mu$. The divergence of \mathbf{S} is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} &= \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i (E_j H_k) \\ &= (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot \mathbf{H} - (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot \mathbf{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu} - \left(\mathbf{J}_f + \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \mathbf{E} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D}) \right\} - \mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E} \\ &= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial u_K}{\partial t}. \end{aligned}$$

We identify that the rate of energy transfer to the material is

$$\frac{\partial u_K}{\partial t} = \mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E}.$$

This is the rate that the electric field does work on the free charge.

Exercise 11-9. The specific plane wave solution described in Sec. 11.5.2 is

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = E_0 \hat{\mathbf{i}} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) = B_0 \hat{\mathbf{j}} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

where $\omega = ck$ and $B_0 = E_0/c$. Now verify Maxwell's equations. There are no charges or currents: These fields describe an electromagnetic wave in vacuum.

- Gauss's law is satisfied for both \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

- Faraday's law is satisfied:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_z \\ E_x & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = ikE_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = i\omega B_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

These are equal because

$$\omega B_0 = ck \frac{E_0}{c} = kE_0.$$

- Ampère's law is satisfied:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_z \\ 0 & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = -ikB_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{-i\omega}{c^2} E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

These are equal because

$$\frac{\omega}{c^2} E_0 = \frac{ck}{c^2} cB_0 = kB_0.$$

Exercise 11-14. (a) For a plane wave, $B_0 = E_0/c$. Therefore,

$$B_0 = \frac{5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V/m}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 1.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ T.}$$

(b) The intensity of a plane wave is

$$\mathcal{I} = \bar{u}c = c\epsilon_0 E_0^2/2.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} &= \frac{1}{2} (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{N}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}) (5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Vm}^{-1})^2 \\ &= 3.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Wm}^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 11-17. The electric field is

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} - \hat{\mathbf{i}}) \sin(ky - \omega t).$$

Note that \mathbf{E} is orthogonal to the direction of propagation, $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$.

(a) Use Faraday's law to determine the magnetic field:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & \partial_y & 0 \\ E_x & 0 & E_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{E_0 k}{\sqrt{2}} (-\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cos(ky - \omega t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}c} (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \sin(ky - \omega t)$$

where we have used the dispersion relation $\omega = ck$. Note that \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{B} and $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ form an orthogonal triad, a fact that could have been used to determine \mathbf{B} without any differential equation.

(b) The Poynting vector is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} &= \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{E_0^2}{2\mu_0 c} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} - \hat{\mathbf{i}}) \times (\hat{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}) \sin^2(ky - \omega t) \\ &= \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \sin^2(ky - \omega t). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 11-21. The mean intensity (=energy flux averaged over a period of oscillation) of a plane wave is

$$I = S_{\text{avg}} = u_{\text{avg}} c = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 c = \epsilon_0 c E_{\text{rms}}^2.$$

Note that $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J m}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-2}$.

(a) For sunlight at the Earth:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1300 \text{ W/m}^2}{\epsilon_0 c}} = 700 \text{ V/m}, \\ B_{\text{rms}} &= \frac{E_{\text{rms}}}{c} = 2.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}. \end{aligned}$$

The RMS fields do not depend on the wavelength.

(b) At a distance of 1 m from a 100 W bulb:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{avg}} &= \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{100 \text{ W}}{4\pi (1 \text{ m})^2} = 7.96 \text{ W/m}^2, \\ E_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{S_{\text{avg}}}{\epsilon_0 c}} = 55 \text{ V/m}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) For the laser pointer beam of diameter $d = 4 \text{ mm}$:

$$S_{\text{avg}} = \frac{P}{\pi(d/2)^2} = \frac{0.1 \text{ mW}}{\pi(2 \text{ mm})^2} = 8.0 \text{ W/m}^2,$$

$$E_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{S_{\text{avg}}}{\epsilon_0 c}} = 55 \text{ V/m}.$$

(d) The energy of a photon is $h\nu = hc/\lambda$, so the photon emission rate is

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{P}{h\nu} = \frac{P\lambda}{hc} = \frac{(0.1 \text{ mW})(633 \text{ nm})}{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})} = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ photons per second}.$$