

Homework #6 (10 points) - Show all work on the following problems:

Problem 1 (3 points): This problem looks at the properties of EM waves in conductors.

1a (1 point): Show that the skin depth $1/k_i$ in a poor conductor ($\sigma \ll \omega\epsilon$) is $\frac{2}{\sigma}\sqrt{\epsilon/\mu}$ regardless of frequency.

1b (1 point): Show that the skin depth $1/k_i$ in a good conductor ($\sigma \gg \omega\epsilon$) is $\lambda/(2\pi)$.

1c (1 point): Show that in a good conductor the magnetic field lags the electric field by 45° .

Problem 2 (3 points): Start with the real form for EM plane waves in a conductor:

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{-k_i z} \cos(k_r z - \omega t + \delta) \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B}(z, t) = B_0 e^{-k_i z} \cos(k_r z - \omega t + \delta + \phi) \hat{y}$$

2a (2 points): Show that the time-averaged energy density is $\langle u \rangle = \frac{k_r^2}{2\mu\omega^2} E_0^2 e^{-2k_i z}$, and show that the magnetic portion of the energy always dominates (unlike in vacuum or in a dielectric, where they are equal).

2b (1 point): Show that the intensity (time-averaged energy flux) of the light in the conductor is $I = \frac{k_r}{2\mu\omega} E_0^2 e^{-2k_i z}$.

Problem 3 (4 points): Show that the energy in a Transverse Electric (TE) waveguide propagates at the group velocity. Start with the real solutions for the fields (note $E_z = 0$).

$$B_x = \frac{kB_0}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \frac{m\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$B_y = \frac{kB_0}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \frac{n\pi}{b} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$B_z = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$E_x = \frac{\omega B_0}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \frac{n\pi}{b} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

$$E_y = \frac{-\omega B_0}{(\omega/c)^2 - k^2} \frac{m\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin(kz - \omega t + \delta)$$

3a (2 points): Find the average energy per unit time $\int \langle \vec{S} \rangle \cdot \overrightarrow{d\vec{a}}$ traveling through the waveguide, by integrating the intensity over the cross section of the waveguide.

3b (2 points): Find the average energy per unit length $\int \langle u \rangle \cdot d\vec{a}$ contained in the waveguide, and show that the ratio between the two quantities is the group velocity v_g .
Hint: In the later steps, express things in terms of the cutoff frequency ω_{mn} to simplify.