

Last time

(Def.)  $\vec{P}_{\text{field}} \equiv \epsilon_0 \int d^3x \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3x \vec{S} \sim \text{field momentum}$

(Def.) Maxwell stress tensor

$i, j = 1, 2, 3$

$$T_{ij} \equiv \epsilon_0 \left[ E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \vec{E}^2 + c^2 B_i B_j - \frac{c^2}{2} \delta_{ij} \vec{B}^2 \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  momentum conservation reads

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{P}_{\text{field}} + \vec{P}_{\text{mech}})_i = \int_V d^3x \nabla_j T_{ij} = \int_S da u_j T_{ij}$$



$S_i$  = energy flow in direction  $i$

$T_{ij}$  = flow of momentum component  $i$  in direction  $j$ .

Classification of Physical Quantities by Space-Time

Symmetries (cont'd)

A. Spatial Rotations

(Def.)  $T_{i_1 \dots i_n} \Rightarrow$

$T_{i_1 \dots i_n}^j = R_{i_1 j_1} \dots R_{i_n j_n} T_{j_1 \dots j_n}$   
rank- $n$  tensor

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_i &\rightarrow x'_i = R_{ij} x_j \\ \Rightarrow R^{-1} &= R^T \Rightarrow R R^T = R^T R = \mathbb{1} \\ &3 \times 3 \text{ orthogonal matrices} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

B. Parity:  $\vec{x} \xrightarrow{IP} -\vec{x}$  ~ vector

$\vec{x} \times \vec{y} \xrightarrow{IP} \vec{x} \times \vec{y}$  ~ pseudo-vector

# Plane Electromagnetic Waves

(in infinite L I H media)

no sources =>

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}, \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = -\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}}{\partial t} =$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\left( \nabla^2 - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \vec{B} = 0} \quad = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$

Similarly,  $\boxed{\left( \nabla^2 - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \vec{E} = 0}$

In general, write  $\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k d\omega}{(2\pi)^4} \vec{E}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)}$

and  $\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k d\omega}{(2\pi)^4} \vec{B}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)}$

$$\Rightarrow -\vec{k}^2 + \mu \epsilon \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} |\vec{k}|$$

Phase velocity of a wave  $v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{c}{n}$  Speed of wave crest

with the index of refraction

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$\underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t = \text{const}}_{\text{phase}} \Rightarrow \text{get } v = \frac{\omega}{k} \left( = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \right)$

General solution (for real  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$ ):

different from  $\vec{E}(\vec{k}, \omega)$  on prev. page.

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \vec{E}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} + \vec{E}^*(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \right]$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \vec{B}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} + \vec{B}^*(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \right]$$

$\omega_k = k/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$

cf. in 1-dim solution of wave equation complex conjugate of 1st term

is  $u(x, t) = f(x - vt) + g(x + vt)$

(can always redefine  $\vec{k} \rightarrow -\vec{k}$  in the 2nd term  $\Rightarrow$  get  $\omega t + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}$  argument)

Monochromatic plane wave: (fix one mode  $\vec{k}$ )

$$\begin{cases} \vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t) \\ \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0 - \omega \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B}_0 = \frac{1}{\omega} \vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \times \vec{B}_0 + \mu\epsilon \omega \vec{E}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_0 = -\frac{\omega}{k^2} \vec{k} \times \vec{B}_0$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{k}, \vec{E}_0$  &  $\vec{B}_0$  are orthogonal

to each other!  $|\vec{B}_0| = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} |\vec{E}_0|$

