# Electromagnetic Waves in Optoelectronics, IPT 524000

Time: T5T6F2 (1:10-3:00 PM, Tuesday; 09:00 AM, Friday), at Room 105, EECS bldg.

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### • Course Description:

- Fundamental concepts for Electromagnetic Waves in Optoelectronics, including the mathematical methods, physical concepts, device ideas, and simulation techniques.
- Extensions and applications of these basic concepts to update research fields will also be addressed.
- Although this course is given primarily for the first year graduate students, those who are undergraduates or senior graduates are encouraged to take this course.
- Background: Electromagnetism I, II.
- Text Books and References:
	- [T1]: Hermann A. Haus, "Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics," Prentice-Hall (1984).
	- [T2]: Ammon Yariv, "Optical Electronics," 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons (1991).

[R1]: S. Ramo, J. Whinnery and T. Van Duzer, "Field and Waves in Communication Electronics," John Wiley & Sons (1994).

- [R2]: Ammon Yariv and Pochi Yeh, "Optical waves in crystals," Wiley-Interscience (2003).
- [R3]: John D. Jackson, "Classical Electrodynamics," 3rd edition, John Wiley & Sons (1984).
- [R4]: Ammon Yariv, "Quantum electronics," 3rd edition, John Wiley & Sons (1989).

# • Teaching Method:

in-class lectures with some studies on journal papers

- Syllabus:
	- 1. (13/09-16/09) Introduction
	- 2. (20/09-23/09) Maxwell's equations, base on Chap. 1 [T1, T2], C3 [R1], and C6-7 [R3].
	- 3. (27/09-30/09) Plane waves propagation and reflection, base on C2 [T1] and C6 [R1].
	- 4. (04/10-07/10) Mirrors and interferometers, base on C3 [T1]
	- 5. (11/10-14/10) Fresnel diffraction and paraxial wave equation, base on C4 [T1].
	- 6. (18/10-21/10) Hermite-Gaussian beams, base on C4 [T1] and C2 [T2].
	- 7. (25/10-28/10) Midterm exam
	- 8. (01/11-04/11) Optical waveguides and fibers, base on C6 [T1], C3 [T2], and C8 [R1].
	- 9. (08/11-11/11) Coupled-mode theory for resonators and couplers, base on C7 [T1], C4 [T2], and C10 [R1].
	- 10. (15/11-18/11) Distributed feedback structures, base on C8 [T1].
	- 11. (22/11-25/11) Anisotropic media, base on C11 [T1].
	- 12. (29/11-02/12) Acoustic-, Electro-, and Magnetic-optic modulators, base on C9, 12 [T1], and C7-10 [R2].
	- 13. (06/12-09/12) Nonlinear systems, base on C10, 13 [T1].
	- 14. (13/12-16/12) Phase-conjugate optics, base on C17 [T2] and C19 [R4].
	- 15. (20/12-23/12) Optical detection, base on C14 [T1], and C10, 11 [T2].
	- 16.  $(27/12-30/12)$  Introduction to quantum optics.
	- 17. (03/12-06/01) Final Exam
- Evaluation:
	- 1. Four Homework, 40%;
	- 2. Two Exams: one midterm exam, 30%, and one final exam, 30%;
	- 3. Bonus: One paper study report with detailed model explanation and formula derivations, 20%.
- Office hours:

10:30-12:00, Friday at Room 523, EECS bldg.

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# I. MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

### A. Maxwell's equations in real, time-dependent form

Maxwell's equations in mks units, the electric field  $E(V/m)$ , and the magnetic field  $H(A/m)$ , Faraday's law:

$$
\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu_0 H - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu_0 M. \tag{I.1}
$$

Ampére's law:

$$
\nabla \times H = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \epsilon_0 E + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P + J. \tag{I.2}
$$

Gauss's law for the electric field:

$$
\nabla \cdot \epsilon_0 E = -\nabla \cdot P + \rho. \tag{I.3}
$$

Gauss's law for the magnetic field:

$$
\nabla \cdot \mu_0 H = -\nabla \cdot \mu_0 M. \tag{I.4}
$$

where M is the magnetization density; P is the polarization density;  $\rho$  is the charge density; and J is the current density. Two constants  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\mu_0$  are dielectric constant and magnetic permeability of free space.

1. Linear, isotropic, and dispersion-free media

Constitutive law:

$$
P = \epsilon_0 \chi_e E,\tag{I.5}
$$

$$
M = \chi_m H,\tag{I.6}
$$

where  $\chi_e$  and  $\chi_m$  are the *electric* and *magnetic susceptibilities*.

For linear, isotropic, and dispersion-free media, Maxwell's equations become

$$
\nabla \times E = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} H,\tag{I.7}
$$

$$
\nabla \times H = \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} E + J,\tag{I.8}
$$

$$
\nabla \cdot \epsilon E = \rho, \tag{I.9}
$$

$$
\nabla \cdot \mu = 0. \tag{I.10}
$$

For a *source-free* medium,  $\rho = J = 0$ ,

$$
\nabla \times (\nabla \times E) = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E,
$$
\n(I.11)

$$
\Rightarrow \quad \nabla(\nabla \cdot E) - \nabla^2 E = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E. \tag{I.12}
$$

When  $\nabla \cdot E = 0$ , one has *wave equation* 

$$
\nabla^2 E = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E \tag{I.13}
$$

which has following expression of the solutions, in 1D,

$$
E = \hat{x}[f_{+}(z - vt) + f_{-}(z + vt)], \qquad (I.14)
$$

$$
H = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \hat{y}[f_{+}(z - vt) - f_{-}(z + vt)], \qquad (I.15)
$$

with the *characteristic admittance*,  $\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}}$ , of the medium.

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### 2. Poynting's theorem

Poynting's theorem is the law of power conservation for electromagnetic fields.

$$
\nabla \cdot (E \times H) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 H^2\right) + E \cdot \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + H \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu_0 M) + E \cdot J = 0.
$$
 (I.16)

For the linear constitutive law,

$$
E \cdot \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \chi_e E^2 \right),\tag{I.17}
$$

Then the Poynting's theorem for the linear, isotropic medium becomes,

$$
\nabla \cdot (E \times H) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(w_e + w_m) + E \cdot J = 0,
$$
\n(1.18)

where

$$
w_e = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2, \tag{I.19}
$$

$$
w_m = \frac{1}{2}\mu H^2. \tag{I.20}
$$

Or write the Poynting's theorem in integral form,

$$
\oint_{S} E \times H \cdot dA + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{V} (w_e + w_m) dV + \int_{V} E \cdot J dV = 0,
$$
\n(I.21)

### 3. Vector and scalar potentials

For nonmagnetic permeability,  $\mu = \mu_0$ ,  $\mu_0 H$  is divergence-free, one can introduce a vector potential,

$$
\mu_0 H = \nabla \times A. \tag{I.22}
$$

Because unique specification of a vector field requires the specification of both its curl and its divergence, one must still specify the divergence of A,

$$
E = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - \nabla \Phi.
$$
 (I.23)

With vector potential,  $A$ , and the scalar potential,  $\Phi$ , the Maxwell's equations become,

$$
\nabla \times (\nabla \times A) = -\mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} - \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \Phi + \mu_0 J
$$
\n(1.24)

$$
\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \epsilon \nabla \Phi) = -\rho. \tag{I.25}
$$

One can choose a gauge, for example, the Lorentz gauge,

$$
\nabla \cdot A + \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0, \tag{I.26}
$$

then the wave equations for  $A$  and  $\Phi$  become,

$$
\nabla^2 A - \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} = -\mu_0 J - \mu_0 (\nabla \epsilon) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi
$$
 (I.27)

$$
\frac{1}{\epsilon}\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \Phi) - \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \epsilon \cdot \frac{\partial A}{\partial t}.
$$
\n(1.28)

In a *uniform* charge-free medium, the wave equations for  $A$  and  $\Phi$  are uncoupled,

$$
\nabla^2 A - \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} = 0 \tag{I.29}
$$

$$
\nabla^2 \Phi - \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = 0. \tag{I.30}
$$

# B. Maxwell equations in complex form

For Maxwell's equations in linear media are linear, one can introduce the complex fields,

$$
\mathbf{E}(r)e^{j\omega t}, \mathbf{H}(r)e^{j\omega t}, \mathbf{J}(r)e^{j\omega t}
$$
\n(1.31)

to factor out the time dependence. Then Maxwell's equations are reduced to differential equations in the spatial variables only.

$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu \mathbf{H},\tag{I.32}
$$

$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J},\tag{I.33}
$$

$$
\nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \rho, \tag{I.34}
$$

$$
\nabla \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} = 0. \tag{I.35}
$$

In a linear dispersive medium,

$$
\mathbf{P} = \epsilon \chi_e(\omega) \mathbf{E}.\tag{I.36}
$$

A complex Poynting theorem has the form,

$$
\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) + j\omega(\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^* - \epsilon^* \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*) + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}^* = 0
$$
\n(1.37)

For lossless media,  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$  must be real,

$$
Im[\epsilon] = 0,\t\t(1.38)
$$

$$
Im[\mu] = 0. \tag{I.39}
$$

For a perfect conduct,

$$
\oint_{S} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^* + j\omega \int_{V} (\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^* - \epsilon^* \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*) = 0,
$$
\n(1.40)

therefore, the field inside the volume must satisfies,

$$
\int_{V} \epsilon^* \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^* = \int_{V} \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^*.
$$
\n(1.41)

In a dispersion-free medium, the time-averaged electric and magnetic energies are equal.

The complex form for the Helmholtz equation,

$$
\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \mathbf{E} = 0. \tag{I.42}
$$

#### 1. Propagation vector

Assume a spatial dependence for **E** and **H** of the form  $exp(-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$ ,

$$
\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{+} e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}, \tag{I.43}
$$

$$
\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_{+} e^{-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}, \tag{I.44}
$$

then, with  $\nabla \leftrightarrow -j\vec{k}$ , the Maxwell's equations become,

$$
-j\vec{k} \times \mathbf{E}_{+} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H}_{+},\tag{I.45}
$$

$$
-j\vec{k} \times \mathbf{H}_{+} = j\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E}_{+}, \qquad (I.46)
$$

$$
j\vec{k} \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \tag{I.47}
$$

One can find the dispersion relation:

$$
k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon. \tag{I.48}
$$

The solution for H follows,

$$
\mathbf{H}_{+} = \frac{1}{\omega \mu} \vec{k} \times \mathbf{E} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \frac{\vec{k}}{k} \times \mathbf{E}.
$$
 (I.49)

The complex Poynting's theorem to the plane-wave solution,

$$
\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^* = \frac{\vec{k}}{k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} < w_e + w_m > .
$$
\n(1.50)

### C. Fourier transforms

A periodic function of time,  $f(t)$ , of period T can be represented by a Fourier transform,

$$
\mathbf{F}(n) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt,
$$
\n(1.51)

$$
f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{F}(t)e^{+jn\omega_0 t}, \tag{I.52}
$$

(I.53)

where  $F(n)$  is the corresponding Fourier series. For an aperiodic function,

$$
\mathbf{F}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt,
$$
\n(1.54)

$$
f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{F}(\omega) e^{+j\omega t} d\omega.
$$
 (I.55)

(I.56)

### 1. Properties of Fourier transform

- if  $f(t)$  is real, then  $\mathbf{F}(-\omega) = \mathbf{F}^*(\omega)$ .
- if  $f(t)$  is even, then  $\mathbf{F}(-\omega) = \mathbf{F}(\omega)$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}(\omega)$  is even.
- if  $f(t)$  is odd, then  $\mathbf{F}(-\omega) = -\mathbf{F}(\omega)$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}(\omega)$  is odd.
- Time scaling,  $f(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} \mathbf{F}(\frac{\omega}{a})$ .
- Frequency scaling,  $\frac{1}{|b|} f(\frac{t}{b}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}(b \omega)$ .
- Time shifting,  $f(t-t_0) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$ .
- Frequency shifting,  $f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}(\omega \omega_0)$ .

# 2. Convolution theorem

A convolution of two time functions,  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$ , is defined,

$$
g \otimes f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t - t') f(t') dt', \qquad (I.57)
$$

the Fourier transform of the convolution is

$$
\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g \otimes f e^{-j\omega t} dt = 2\pi \mathbf{G}(\omega) \mathbf{F}(\omega).
$$
 (I.58)

### D. Phase velocity and group velocity

Suppose that  $\epsilon$  is a function of  $\omega$  (dispersive media), we may expand k in the neighborhood of  $\omega_0$ ,

$$
k(\omega) = k(\omega_0) + \frac{dk}{d\omega}|_{\omega_0} \Delta \omega.
$$
\n(1.59)

The bandwidth of the Fourier transform  $\mathbf{E}(\omega)$  must occupy a narrow range of the values around  $\omega_0$ ,

$$
E(t,z) = e^{j[\omega_0 t - k(\omega_0)z]} \int_{\text{band}} \mathbf{E}_+(\Delta \omega) e^{j\Delta \omega [t - (dk/d\omega)z]} d\Delta \omega.
$$
 (I.60)

 $E(t, z)$  consists of two factors:

1. A rapidly varying term, the carrier, that propagates with the phase velocity,

$$
v_p = \omega_0 / k(\omega_0). \tag{I.61}
$$

2. A slowly varying envelope, that proceeds with the group velocity,

$$
v_g = 1/(dk/d\,\omega). \tag{I.62}
$$

A general relation between group and phase velocities is,

$$
\frac{dk}{d\omega} = \frac{d}{d\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{v_p}\right) = \frac{1}{v_p} - \frac{\omega}{v_p^2} \frac{dv_p}{d\omega},\tag{I.63}
$$

then,

$$
v_g = \frac{v_p}{1 - \frac{\omega}{v_p} \frac{d v_p}{d \omega}}.\tag{I.64}
$$

Three possible cases,

- No dispersion:  $v_q = v_p$ ;
- Normal dispersion:  $v_q < v_p$ ;
- Anomalous dispersion:  $v_g > v_p$ .

In free space,

$$
\omega = k v = \frac{k c}{n},\tag{I.65}
$$

hence,

$$
v_g = \frac{d\,\omega}{d\,k} = v(1 - \frac{k}{n}\frac{dn}{d\,k}).\tag{I.66}
$$

### E. Power spectra and autocorrelation functions

Power spectra is the Fourier transformation of autocorrelation functions,

$$
\lim_{T \to \infty} [T \frac{|F(n)|^2}{2\pi}] = \Phi(\omega),\tag{I.67}
$$

$$
\int_{\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega = f(t) \bar{f(t-\tau)}.
$$
\n(1.68)

### F. Extended studies

- 1. Stokes parameters and Poincaré sphere;
- 2. Fast Fourier Transform, FFT;
- 3. Slow light and fast light;
- 4. Atto-second pulse;
- 5. Time-Bandwidth product.
- 6. Auto-correlators: SPIDE, FROG, etc;
- 7. Kramers-Kronig relation.