

We showed that Maxwell's eqns in vacuum lead to either:

"Coulomb gauge"

$$A^0 = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \right) \vec{A} = 0$$

In each case we have an eqn:

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \right) f = 0$$

↓ in 1dim  $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$

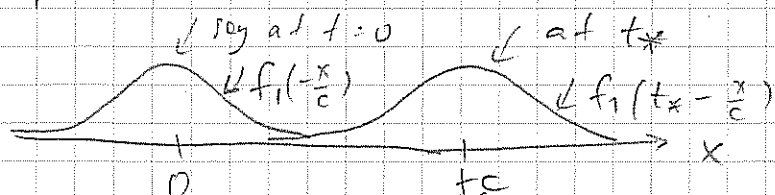
so  $\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, x) = 0 \rightarrow$  this is called

generally, a "wave equation" and the general solution is

$$f(t, x) = f_1\left(t - \frac{x}{c}\right) + f_2\left(t + \frac{x}{c}\right), \text{ where}$$

$f_1$  &  $f_2$  are arbitrary functions of their arguments,

$f_1\left(t - \frac{x}{c}\right)$  means  $f_1$  is constant at  $x = tc$



$f_1$ : wave moving in  $+x$  w/c

$f_2$ : wave moving in  $-x$  w/c

"Lorentz gauge"

$$\partial_i A^i = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \right) A^i = 0$$

(\*) is further invariant under

$$A_i \rightarrow A_i + \partial_i \chi \quad \text{w/} \quad \partial^i \partial_i \chi = 0,$$

i.e.  $\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \right) \chi = 0$ , so gauge

freedom is not completely eliminated.

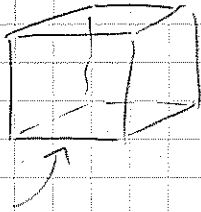
Clearly 'c' is the speed of the waves.

From the wave equation (in either gauge), we can learn about the properties of  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  (the physical, gauge invariant, content of an EM wave).

Let's work in Coulomb gauge, for definiteness.

Then we have  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$  obeying  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = 0$

& the wave equation  $(\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 - \Delta) \vec{A} = 0$ .

Imagine, for a moment, that  $\vec{x} \in$    $V = L^3$ ,

and that  $\vec{A}(\vec{x} + \vec{e}_i L, t) = \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$ .

(We'll take  $L \rightarrow \infty$  in the end of the day, for now this is a trick to introduce Fourier transform.)

LITTLE MATH INTERLUDE

For a f-n of one variable  $f(x+L) = f(x)$  we

can always write  $f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i \frac{2\pi n x}{L}} \tilde{f}_n$ , where,

if  $f(x) = f^*(x)$  (f is real) we must have  $\tilde{f}_n = \tilde{f}_{-n}^*$

$\tilde{f}_n$  is called the "Fourier component" of  $f(x)$ ; let's call

$k_n = \frac{2\pi n}{L}$  - the "wave vector", for now just a name.

so we have  $f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}_{k_n} e^{i k_n x}$  ( $\tilde{f}_{k_n} \equiv$  FT of  $f(x)$ )

the inverse relation is

$$\tilde{f}_{k_n} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx f(x) e^{-ik_n x}$$

to see this, put  $f(x)$  into inv. FT:

$$f(x) = \sum_m \tilde{f}_{k_m} e^{ik_m x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx \sum_m \tilde{f}_{k_m} e^{i(k_m - k_n) x}$$

$$= \sum_m \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx e^{i \frac{2\pi x}{L} (m-n)} \tilde{f}_{k_m}$$

$$L \delta_{mn}$$

$$= \sum_m \delta_{mn} \tilde{f}_{k_m} = \tilde{f}_{k_n}$$

get back LHS.

It is conventional to absorb  $L$  into  $\tilde{f}_{k_n}$

$$\text{let } \tilde{f}_{k_n} L \equiv \hat{f}(k_n)$$

$$\text{then } f(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_n \hat{f}(k_n) e^{ik_n x}, \quad k_n = \frac{2\pi n}{L}$$

$$\hat{f}(k_n) = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx f(x) e^{-ik_n x}$$

Finally, one takes  $L \rightarrow \infty$  like this:  $k_n = \frac{2\pi n}{L}$ , so

when  $n$  changes by  $\Delta n = 1$  we have

$$\Delta k_n = \frac{2\pi}{L} \Delta n, \text{ so } \Delta n = \frac{L}{2\pi} \Delta k_n \text{ (notice } L \rightarrow \infty, \Delta k_n \rightarrow 0 \text{)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hence } f(x) &= \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta n \tilde{f}(k_n) e^{i k_n x} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta k_n \tilde{f}(k_n) e^{i k_n x} \xrightarrow[\Delta k_n \rightarrow 0]{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \tilde{f}(k) e^{i k x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if we have } f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(k) e^{i k x} \\ \tilde{f}(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) e^{-i k x}, \text{ where now} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{one checks that } \tilde{f}(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(p) e^{i(p-k)x} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(p) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{i(p-k)x}}_{= 2\pi \delta(p-k)} = \tilde{f}(k) \end{aligned}$$

(before this was  $\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx e^{ix \frac{2\pi}{L}(n-m)} = L \delta_{nm}$ ) END OF INTERLUDE

We now do this w/  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$  periodic in  $x, y, z \rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  and take  $L \rightarrow \infty$  right away

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

$$\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) = \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3x \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

( where now  $\int d^3x e^{i(\vec{k}-\vec{p}) \cdot \vec{x}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}-\vec{p})$  )

we now have the FT,  $\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t)$  of  $\vec{A}(\vec{x})$ .

Since  $\vec{A}(\vec{x})$  is real  $\Rightarrow \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t)^* = \vec{\tilde{A}}(-\vec{k}, t)$ .

But our  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$  also obeys  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = 0$

in  $\vec{k}$ -space.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = 0 = i \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

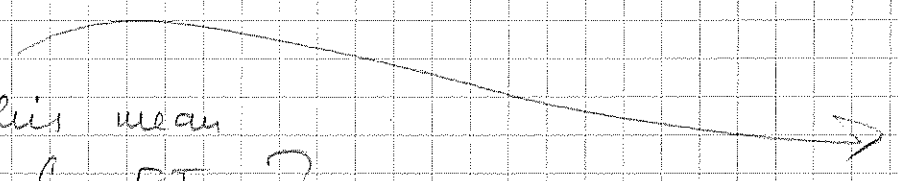
because this is true  $\forall \vec{x}$ , it must be that

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) = 0.$$

Finally,  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$  obeys  $(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = 0$

wave equation

what does this mean for FT?



$$0 = \left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) =$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} =$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}}_{+k^2} \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) \right)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \times \left( \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) + \vec{k}^2 \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) &= -c^2 \vec{k}^2 \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) \\ \vec{k} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right. \quad \neq \vec{A}(-\vec{k}, t) = \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t)$$

the Fourier modes of the  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$ , one per each  $\vec{k}$ , obey a simple harmonic oscillator equation.

the frequency of the oscillator is

$$\omega_{\vec{k}} = c|\vec{k}| \quad \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t) = -\omega_{\vec{k}}^2 \vec{A}(\vec{k}, t)$$

but we know how to solve this!!

But before we continue, take stock:

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) \quad (120.1)$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) = 0 \quad (120.2)$$

$$\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) = \vec{\tilde{A}}^*(-\vec{k}, t) \quad (120.3) \quad (120.4)$$

$$\ddot{\vec{\tilde{A}}}(\vec{k}, t) = -\omega_k^2 \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t), \quad \omega_k = c|\vec{k}|$$

to deal w/ this condition, proceed this way:

(120.1)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \frac{1}{2} \left( \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) + \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) \right) =$$

by (120.3)  $\vec{\tilde{A}}(-\vec{k}, t)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \left( \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) + \vec{\tilde{A}}(-\vec{k}, t) \right) \quad (120.5)$$

(120.3) has general solution  $\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}, t) = e^{i\omega_k t} \vec{a}_+(\vec{k}) + e^{-i\omega_k t} \vec{a}_-(\vec{k})$   
 (hence  $\vec{\tilde{A}}(-\vec{k}, t) = e^{-i\omega_k t} \vec{a}_+(-\vec{k}) + e^{i\omega_k t} \vec{a}_-(\vec{k})$ )

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \left( e^{i\omega_k t} (\vec{a}_+(\vec{k}) + \vec{a}_+(-\vec{k})) + e^{-i\omega_k t} (\vec{a}_-(\vec{k}) + \vec{a}_-(-\vec{k})) \right) \quad (120.6)$$

into (120.5)

(+ recall  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{a}_\pm(\vec{k}) = 0$ .)

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} + i\omega_k t} \underbrace{\left( \vec{a}_+(\vec{k}) + \vec{a}_-(-\vec{k}) \right)}_{\equiv \vec{\beta}(-\vec{k})} + e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega_k t} \underbrace{\left( \vec{a}_+(-\vec{k}) + \vec{a}_-(\vec{k}) \right)}_{\equiv \vec{\beta}(\vec{k})} \right]$$

(121)

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

(121.1)

+  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) = 0$

N.B. This gives a manifestly real expression for  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$

e.g. c.c. 1st term, get  $\int e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega_k t} \vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) d^3 k$ ,

but then change  $\vec{k} = -\vec{k}'$   $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3 k = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3 k'$

and get

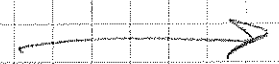
$$\int d^3 k' e^{i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega_{k'} t} \vec{\beta}(-\vec{k}') = + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3 k' e^{i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega_{k'} t} \vec{\beta}(\vec{k}')$$

which, upon dropping primes, gives 2nd term

(121.1) says: Most general solution of vacuum M. eqns

is a superposition of plane monochromatic

waves  $\longrightarrow$  so let's study their properties!





let's take  $\vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) = \vec{\beta} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k} - \vec{p})(2\pi)^3$

with real  $\vec{\beta}$

hence  $\vec{\beta}^*(-\vec{k}) = \vec{\beta} \delta^{(3)}(-\vec{k} - \vec{p})(2\pi)^3$ ; plug

into (12.1)

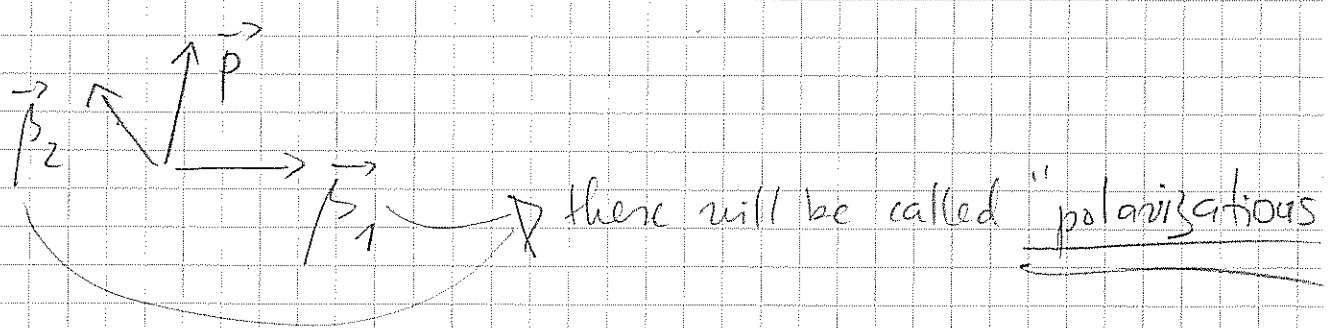
$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \left( e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} + i\omega_p t} + e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega_p t} \right) \vec{\beta}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{\beta} \cos(\omega_p t - \vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}) \\ \vec{p}\cdot\vec{\beta} = 0 \quad (\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{A} = 0) \end{cases}$$

Let  $\vec{p} = (p, 0, 0)$ ,  $\vec{p}\cdot\vec{\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_x = 0, \vec{\beta} = (0, \beta_y, \beta_z)$

Hence, there are two linearly independent choices for  $\vec{\beta}$

$\forall \vec{p}$ :



Now,  $\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} \phi - \frac{\partial}{c \partial t} \vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

(0, we're in Coulomb gauge  $\phi=0, \vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{A}=0$ )

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{\beta} \cos(p(ct - x)) = \vec{\beta} p \sin(p(ct - x))$$

to find  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla}(\cos(\omega_p t - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x})) \times \vec{\beta} =$

$$= -\sin(\omega_p t - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}) (-\vec{p} \times \vec{\beta})$$

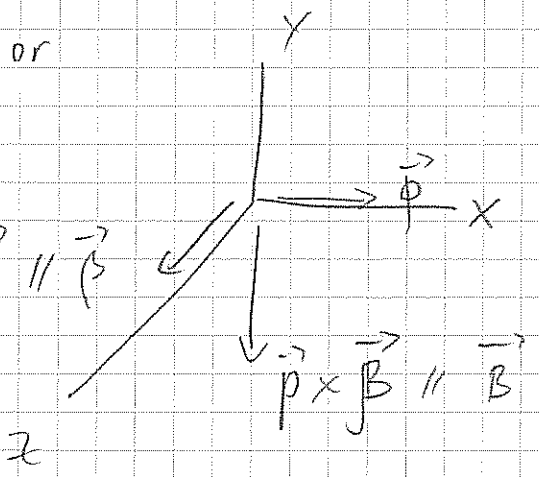
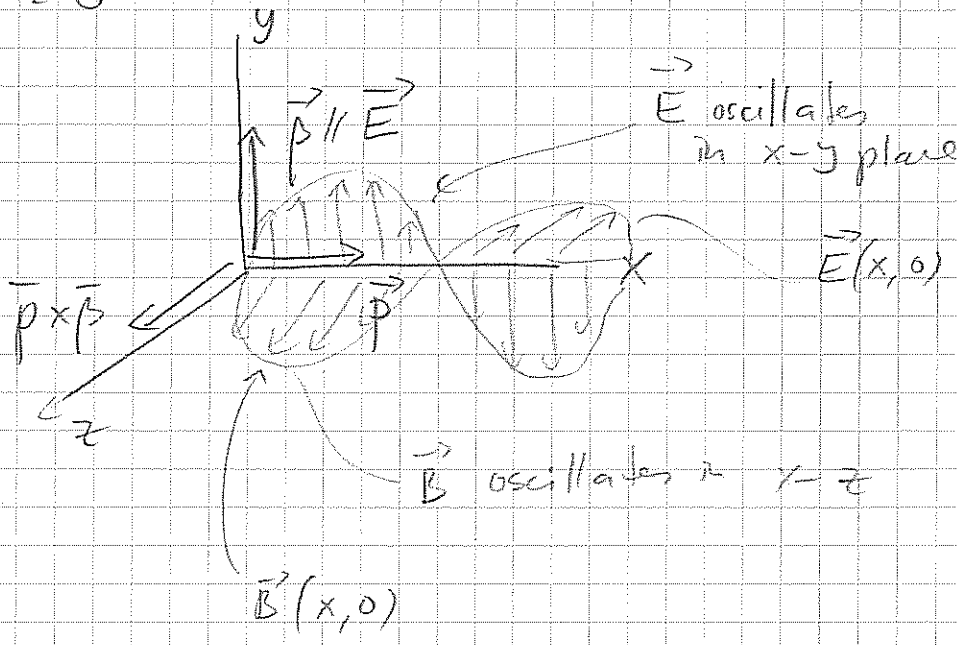
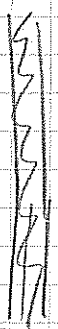
$$\vec{B} = \vec{p} \times \vec{\beta} \sin(\omega_p t - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x})$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{p} \times \vec{\beta} \sin(p(ct-x))$$

$$\vec{E} = p \vec{\beta} \sin(p(ct-x))$$

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\beta} = 0$$

$(\vec{p}, \vec{E}, \vec{B})$   
a r.h. basis



$ct = x = \text{const} =$   
= surfaces of const. phase =

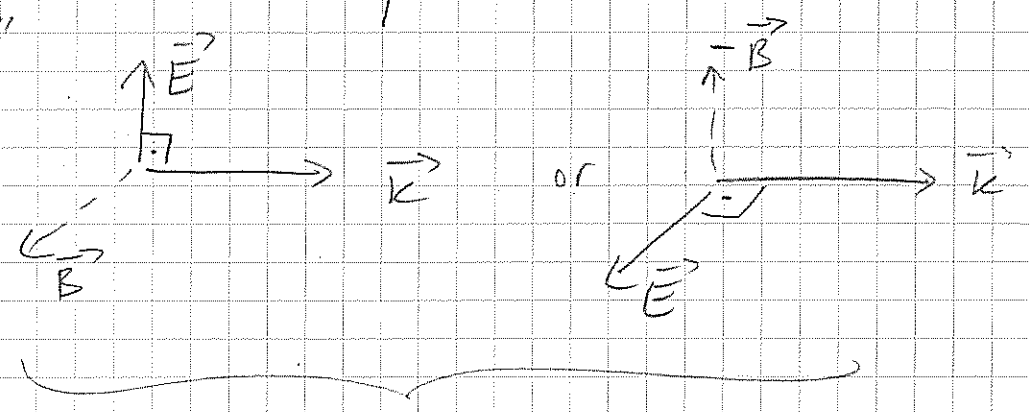
=> planes  $\perp$  x axis,  
move to the right (+x)  
w/ speed 'c'.

Moral: the content of (12.1)

is that general  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$  being  
free Maxwell equations is a  
superposition of plane waves labelled by wave vectors  $\vec{k}$ .

$\vec{k}$

For every wave vector, there are two linearly independent choices of  $\vec{B} \Leftrightarrow$  two "polarizations"



# these are called "linearly polarized" monochromatic EM waves

# frequency  $\omega_{\vec{k}} = c|\vec{k}|$ ;  $T_{\vec{k}} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{\vec{k}}}$

# wavelength  $\lambda_{\vec{k}} : \sin(\vec{k}ct - \vec{k}x)$

$$\lambda_{\vec{k}} = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{k}|} = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega_{\vec{k}}} = c T_{\vec{k}}$$

$x \rightarrow x + \frac{2\pi}{k} = x + \lambda$   
 phase repeats

▷ all the usual relations for waves hold.

As opposed to sound waves, EM waves are transverse:  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  oscillate  $\perp \vec{k}$ .

(Transversality is a consequence of gauge invariance ( $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ ))

Just like sound waves EM waves carry energy, momentum, angular momentum — and can transfer these to particles w/ which field interacts — so we must learn about these now —

From (12.1)  $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} [e^{-i\omega_k t} \vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) + e^{i\omega_k t} \vec{\beta}^*(-\vec{k})]$ ,  
 $\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} |\vec{k}| e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} (i\vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) e^{-i\omega_k t} - i\vec{\beta}^*(-\vec{k}) e^{+i\omega_k t})$ ,  
 $\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} (i\vec{k} \times \vec{\beta}(\vec{k}) e^{-i\omega_k t} + i\vec{k} \times \vec{\beta}^*(-\vec{k}) e^{+i\omega_k t})$

↑ (12.1) We'll need these equations soon.

But first, let's see what shall we call the energy & momentum of the EM field. The easiest road to this goal is to start from M. eqn:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \quad \neq \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{1}{c} \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} & \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{B} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \end{matrix}$$

subtracted & rearrange

$$\frac{1}{c} \left( \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \vec{B} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \underbrace{\vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})}_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{E})} = \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

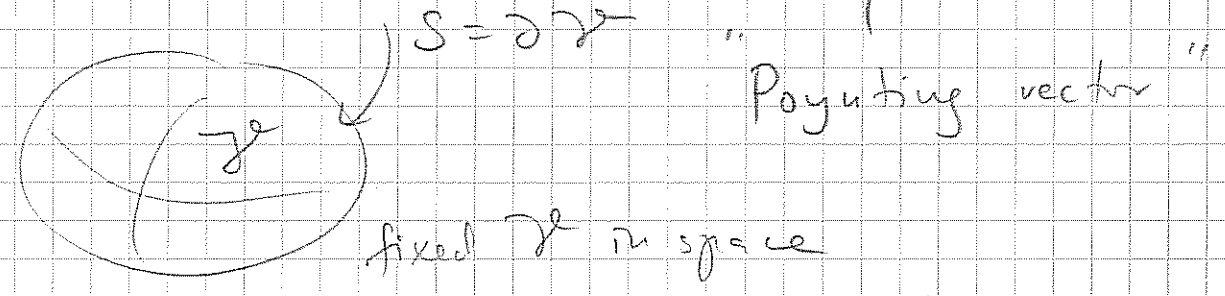
$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\alpha (B_\beta E_\gamma) = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} (\partial_\alpha B_\beta) E_\gamma + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} B_\beta \partial_\alpha E_\gamma$$

$\vec{E} \cdot \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \vec{E}^2$  etc. (no diff.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  or  $\frac{d}{dt}$ )

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2) = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$

$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2) \right) = -\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)$

$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2) \right) = -\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S}$        $\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$



$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_V d^3x \left( \frac{\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2}{8\pi} \right) \right] = - \int_V d^3x \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} - \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} d^3x$

recall  $\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{kin} = e \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{j} = \vec{v} \rho$

$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{EM \text{ field in } V} \right) = - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{kin \text{ particles in } V} \right) - \oint_{\partial V} d^2\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S}$

$\frac{d^2\vec{\sigma}}{d\Omega} \cdot \vec{S} = \text{flux of } \vec{S}_i$  thru  $\frac{d^2\vec{\sigma}}{d\Omega}$

$\oint_{\partial V} d^2\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S} = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} d^3x$

$\vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$  will follow from Maxwell + EM

(\*) this is our interpretation of their term; that  $\frac{\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2}{8\pi}$  = energy density of EM field

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{m \in \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{E}_{EM} + \sum_{m \in \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{E}_{kin} \text{ particles} \right) = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}} d^2 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S}$$

$$S = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S}$$

amount of energy leaving  $\mathcal{V}$  in unit time.

hence  $\vec{S} =$   
 = (energy flux) = (amount of energy going thru an unit area  $\perp \vec{S}$  in unit time)

interpretation of Poynting vector.

So, we learned:

$$\frac{\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2}{8\pi} = \text{energy density of EM field}$$

(very sensible from above - but not derived from symmetries (yet))

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \text{energy flux of EM field}$$

both taken at given  $(\vec{x}, t)$

Can be integrated to find integrated values ...

over volume/surface

Robert EM waves?