

Q8 -- anisotropic medium

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8. *Electricity and Magnetism* (Fall 2005)

An anisotropic medium has a tensor conductivity given by

$$\vec{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\parallel} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\sigma_{\parallel}$ and $\sigma_{\perp}$ are real and independent of frequency. The symbol $\perp$ refers to the $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ direction and the symbol $\parallel$ to the $\hat{z}$ direction in a Cartesian coordinate system.

- Find the dispersion relation $k = k(\omega)$ for an electromagnetic wave with O-mode (ordinary mode) polarization with the k vector along $\hat{x}$.
- Write an expression for the damping decrement $k_I = \text{Im } k$ in the limit of high frequency.
- If the amplitude of the electric field is E_0 at $x = 0$, find the time-averaged power per unit volume delivered to this medium at the location $x > 0$. (No need to write down k_I explicitly.)

(a) Find dispersion relation $k(\omega)$

- Ordinary mode $\leftrightarrow$ linearly polarized
- $\hat{k} = k \hat{x}$ (ordinary mode, $\vec{E} \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \hat{z} E_0 e^{i(\hat{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$
- We are only told that the medium is anisotropic in the conductivity tensor, so we can assume that μ and ϵ are constant

First starting ω / ME in medium

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0 = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E}) = \epsilon \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \mu \vec{H})$$

$$= - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\vec{J}_f = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$= - \mu \left(\frac{\partial \vec{J}_f}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

finding $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}$:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{J}_f}{\partial t} = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$= - \mu \left(\vec{\sigma} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = - \mu (\vec{\sigma} + \epsilon (-i\omega)) (-i\omega \vec{E})$$

$$(1) \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \epsilon_{ijk} (\nabla_i E_j) \hat{k}$$

$$= - \mu (-i\omega \vec{\sigma} - \omega^2 \epsilon \mathbf{1}) \vec{E}$$

$$= \epsilon_{xyz} (\nabla_x E_z) \hat{y} = (-i\chi \hat{k}) E_z \hat{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} (\nabla_i E_j) = (-i k) \epsilon_{ijk} E_j(\omega) \hat{z} \\
 \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) &= \epsilon_{ijk} [\nabla_i (-i k E_j(\omega) \hat{z})]_k \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} (-i k) [(i k) E_j(\omega) \hat{z}]_k \\
 &= k^2 \mathbf{E}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\mu (-i\omega \vec{\sigma} - \omega^2 \epsilon \mathbf{1}) \mathbf{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 \mathbf{E} = [i\mu\omega \vec{\sigma} + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \mathbf{1}] \mathbf{E}$$

$$(k^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon) \mathbf{E} = i\mu\omega \vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

(2) or using BAC-CAB:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E}) - (\vec{\nabla}^2) \mathbf{E} \\
 &= -(i k)(i k) \mathbf{E} = k^2 \mathbf{E} \quad (\text{much easier})
 \end{aligned}$$

for O-mode polarization: $(k^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon) E_z = i\mu\omega \sigma_1 E_z$

$$k^2(\omega) = \mu \epsilon \omega^2 \left(1 + \frac{i\sigma_1}{\epsilon \omega}\right)$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{\frac{\omega}{\sigma_1} \gg 1} k(\omega) = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \left(1 + \frac{i\sigma_1}{2\epsilon \omega}\right)$$

$\leftarrow n = c\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$

$$k_z = \text{Im}(k) = \left(\frac{n}{c}\right) \frac{\sigma_1}{2\epsilon} \quad @ \text{ high freq.}$$

(c) Find time-averaged power/volume @ $x > 0$

Want power density delivered to volume for $x > 0$

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u_{em} + u_{mech})$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} - \frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t} = \bar{P} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

rate of energy
density transport

$\uparrow$

u_{em} : EM field
energy density;

$\uparrow$ power density delivered
to medium

$$(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{\partial u_{mech}}{\partial t})$$

$-\frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t}$: absorbed by medium from EM fields
(positive would be taken to be stored in fields)

$$\bullet \quad \vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \quad (\text{power per unit area; energy density flow})$$

• Time-Averaging:

$$\langle \bar{P}(x > 0) \rangle_t = \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}(x > 0) \rangle_t = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \langle \vec{S} \rangle_t - \left\langle \frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t} \right\rangle_t$$

$\uparrow$ power density $\bar{P} = P/V$

Method 1: Calc LHS $\langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}(x > 0) \rangle_t$

power density $P = \frac{1}{2}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \rangle_t &= \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} dt \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{J}_0^*] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [E_0 e^{ik_z x} \cdot (\frac{c}{\sigma_1} \cdot \vec{E}_0)^*] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} E_0^2 \text{Re} [e^{-k_z x} e^{i\pi/4} \sigma_1 e^{-k_z x} e^{-i\pi/4} (\hat{E}_0 \cdot \vec{E}_0^*)] \quad \hat{E}_0 = \hat{E}_0^* = \hat{z} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_1}{2} E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} \Rightarrow \boxed{\langle \bar{P} \rangle_t = \left(\frac{c k_z}{n} \right) \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: Calc RHS

Using time-average theorem for complex vector fields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \vec{S} \rangle_t &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{H}_0^*] \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \hat{k} \times \vec{E} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [\vec{E} \times \{ \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} \hat{k} \times \vec{E} \}^*] \quad \vec{H} = \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} \hat{k} \times \vec{E} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \text{Re} [\hat{k} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^*) - (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{k}) \vec{E}^*] \\
 &= \hat{x} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \text{Re} [E_0^2 e^{ik_z x} e^{-ik_z x}] = \hat{x} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \langle \vec{S} \rangle_t = -k_z \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} \\
 &\quad \uparrow k = n \frac{\omega}{c} + i k_z \\
 \langle \frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t} \rangle_t &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left(\frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t} \right) dt = \left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi} \right) u_{em} \Big|_0^{2\pi/\omega} \quad \omega = 2\pi/T
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{em} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon |\vec{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu |\vec{H}|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} + \frac{1}{2} \mu \left| \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} \hat{k} \times \vec{E} \right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} |\hat{k} \times \hat{z}|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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 u_{em} &= \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} \\
 \langle \frac{\partial u_{em}}{\partial t} \rangle_t &= \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x} \Big|_0^{2\pi/\omega} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \bar{P}(x>0) \rangle = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \langle \vec{S} \rangle_t = k_z \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu} E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x}$$

$$\boxed{\langle \bar{P}(x>0) \rangle = (c k_z / n) \epsilon E_0^2 e^{-2k_z x}}$$