

Review: EM Waves

 Write *E* and *B* fields as sinusoidal functions of position *x* (along path of wave) and time *t*

$$E = E_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$B = B_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$



- Angular frequency ω and angular wave number k
- *E* and *B* components cannot exist independently

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

EM Waves Spectrum

Electromagnetic waves

- Beam of light is a traveling wave of *E* and *B* fields
- All waves travel through free space with same speed



EM Waves Spectrum



EM Waves Spectrum



Traveling EM Waves

() =

• Generating electromagnetic (EM) waves

- Sinusoidal current in RLC causes charge and current to oscillate along rods of antenna with angular frequency ω
- Changing *E* and *B* fields form EM wave that travels away from antenna at speed of light, *c*



Energy transport in EM Waves

- EM waves can transport energy and deliver it to an object it falls on
- Rate of energy transported per unit area is given by Poynting vector, S, and defined as

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

- SI unit is W/m²
- Direction of S gives wave's direction of travel



$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$



- Have an *E* field shown in picture. A wave is transporting energy in the negative *z* direction. What is the direction of the *B* field of the wave?
- Poynting vector gives

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$



Use right-hand rule to find *B* field
 Positive *x* direction

Energy Transport in EM Waves

- Magnitude of *S* is given by
- Found relation $c = \frac{1}{c}$

$$c = \frac{E}{B}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_0} EB$$

 Rewrite S in terms of E since most instruments measure E component rather than B

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_0} E \frac{E}{c}$$

• Instantaneous energy flow rate is

$$S = \frac{1}{c\,\mu_0} E^2$$

Energy Transport in EM Waves

 Usually want time-averaged value of S also called intensity I

$$I = S_{avg} = \left(\frac{energy \ / time}{area}\right)_{ave} = \left(\frac{power}{area}\right)_{ave}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} \left[E^2 \right]_{avg} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} \left[E_m^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \right]_{avg}$$

- Average value over full cycle of $\sin^2 \theta = 1/2$
- Use the rms value

$$E_{rms} = \frac{E_m}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Rewrite average S or intensity as $I = \frac{1}{U_{s}C} E_{rms}^{2}$

Energy Transport

 Find intensity, *I*, of point source which emits light isotropically – equal in all directions

$$I = S_{avg} = \left(\frac{energy \ / time}{area}\right)_{ave} = \left(\frac{power}{area}\right)_{ave}$$

- Find *I* at distance *r* from source
- Imagine sphere of radius r and area

$$I = \frac{Power}{Area} = \frac{P_S}{4\pi r^2}$$

• I decreases with square of distance

$$A = 4\pi r^2$$

- Isotropic point light source has power of 250 W.
 You are 1.8 meters away. Calculate the rms values of the *E* and *B* fields.
- To find *E_{rms}* need

$$I = \frac{1}{c \mu_0} E_{rms}^2 \quad I = \frac{P_s}{4 \pi r}$$

• Find intensity *I* from

$$E_{rms} = \sqrt{Ic\mu_0} = \sqrt{\frac{P_s c\mu_0}{4\pi r^2}}$$

2

$$E_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{(250)(3 \times 10^8)(1.26 \times 10^{-8})}{(4\pi)(1.8)^2}} = 48.1 \, V \, / \, m$$

- Isotropic point light source has power of 250 W.
 You are 1.8 meters away. Calculate the rms values of the *E* and *B* fields.
- To find *B_{rms}* need

$$c = \frac{E_{rms}}{B_{rms}} \qquad B_{rms} = \frac{E_{rms}}{c}$$

$$B_{rms} = \frac{48.1 \, V \, / \, m}{3 \times 10^8 \, m \, / \, s} = 1.6 \times 10^{-7} \, T$$

• Look at sizes of *E_{rms}* and *B_{rms}*

$$E_{rms} = 48.1 V / m$$

$$B_{rms} = 1.6 \times 10^{-7} T$$

- This is why most instruments measure *E*
- Does not mean that *E* component is stronger than *B* component in EM wave
 - Can't compare different units
- Average energies are equal for *E* and *B*

EM Waves: Energy Density

 The energy density of electric field, u_E is equal to energy density of magnetic field, u_B

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 E^2 \qquad E = Bc$$

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 (cB)^2 = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 c^2 B^2$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}}$$

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 \frac{1}{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} B^2 = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

$$u_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

$$u_E = u_B$$

- EM waves linear have momentum momentum as well as energy
- Light shining on object exerts a pressure – radiation pressure
- Object's change in momentum is related to its change in energy
 - If object absorbs all radiation from EM wave (total absorption)
 - If object reflects all radiation back in original direction (total reflection)

$$\Delta p = \frac{\Delta U}{c}$$

$$\Delta p = \frac{2\Delta U}{c}$$

 Just defined intensity, *I* as power per unit area *A* so power is

$$P = IA$$

• Change in energy is amount of power *P* in time t $\Delta U - P$

$$\Delta U = P \Delta t = IA \Delta t$$

- Want force of radiation on object
- For total absorption

$$\Delta p = \frac{\Delta U}{c}$$

$$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$$

Find force is

$$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta U}{c\Delta t} = \frac{IA\Delta t}{c\Delta t} = \frac{IA}{c}$$

For total reflection back along original path

• We have
$$\Delta p = \frac{2\Delta U}{c}$$
 and $F = \frac{2IA}{c}$

• Express in terms of radiation pressure p_r which is force/area



SI unit is N/m² called pascal Pa

Total absorption

$$p_r = \frac{I}{c}$$

Total reflection

$$p_r = \frac{2I}{c}$$