

Reflectance on conducting media | Chapt. 8 Waveguides...

If we look at boundaries between an ideal conductor and an Insulator, we have inside of a conductor $\vec{E} = 0$.

\rightarrow EM-wave in insulator has to vanish on the interface.

\rightarrow A time-varying EM-field will produce a surface-charge density to give zero electric field inside.

\rightarrow Boundary conditions:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{f} = Q = \oint \sigma \, df \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \sigma: \text{ surface charge density} \\ \text{on conductor surface} \\ \hat{n}: \text{ normal vector} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \vec{D} \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{s} \approx H_{\text{insulator}} \cdot \hat{t} - H_{\text{conductor}} \cdot \hat{t} = \int (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{f}$$

$$= \int (\vec{D} + \vec{j}) \cdot d\vec{f} = \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{f} = J$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{on surface } \vec{E} = 0 \sim \vec{D} = 0 \end{array} \right.$

From $H_c = 0$, we get $H_y \cdot \hat{t} = J$: surface current

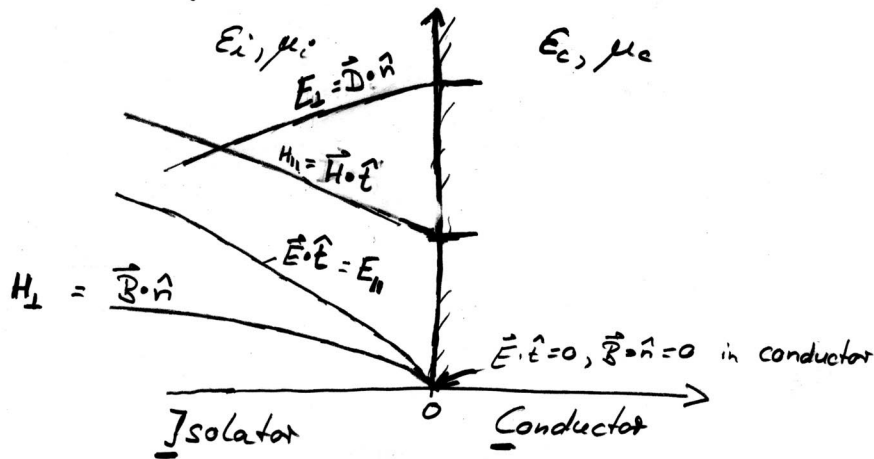
$\vec{D} \cdot \hat{n}$ and $\vec{H} \cdot \hat{t}$ are not continuous on Conductor surface

but $\vec{E} \cdot \hat{t}$ and $\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n}$ are continuous

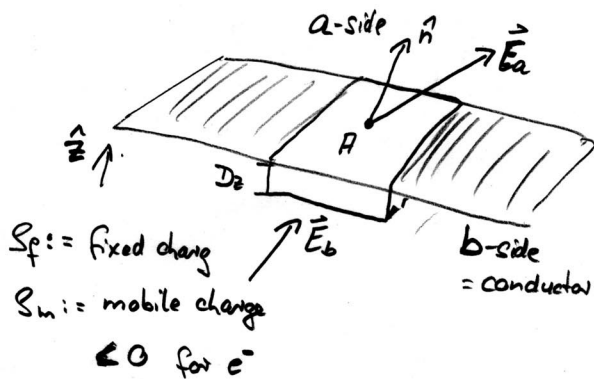
Since inside of the conductor the field have to vanish, we have

$$\boxed{\vec{E} \cdot \hat{t} = 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} = 0}$$

On the Interface Conductor - Isolator we have the following behavior:



Remember: in EM-I, we learned already that for a real conductor or semiconductor the condition of a surface charge of zero thickness had to be modified:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_S d^2r \vec{n} \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi \int_V d^3r [S_f + S_m] \\
 &= A \cdot \vec{z} \cdot \vec{E}_a \Big|_{a\text{-side}} + A \cdot (-\vec{z}) \cdot \vec{E}_b \Big|_{\text{depth } D_0 \text{ within conductor}} \\
 &= 4\pi A \int_{-\Delta z}^0 dz [S_f(z) + S_m(z)]
 \end{aligned}$$

note: $S_f + S_m = 0$ in bulk of conductor!

side contributions cancel in pairs (the normal vectors of opposite sides point in opposite directions)

take Δz deep enough so that \vec{E}_b is effectively zero.

$$\vec{z} \cdot \vec{E}_a = 4\pi \sigma = 4\pi \int_{-\Delta z}^0 dz (S_f(z) + S_m(z))$$

\Rightarrow definition of surface charge density σ !

→ from this we got the "skin depth" δ .

↳ for metals: $\lambda_{TF} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi E_F}{2e^2 n_0}}$, Thomas-Fermi screening length

E_F : Fermi energy

$n_0 \sim 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ mobile charge

Since the \vec{E} -field penetrates the surface → the surface current @ interface has to be modified: using Ohm's law

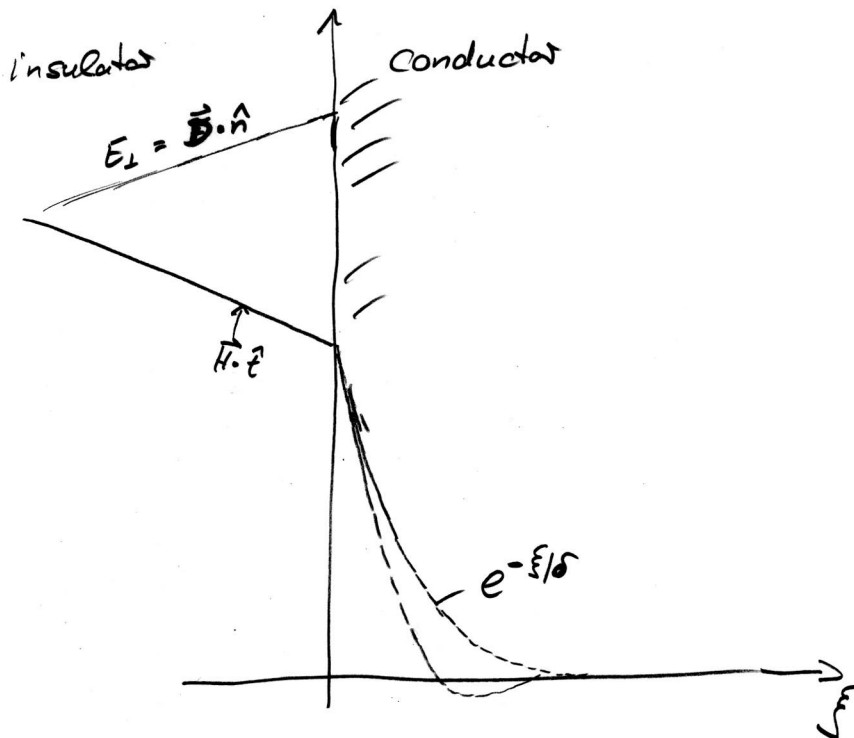
$$j = \sigma E \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma = \int_{-\infty}^{0^+} (\rho_{ext} + \rho_m(z)) dz$$

as the current flows through the skin depth region!

see Jackson 8.1 (p. 353-56); → $n \times (H - H_c) = 0$, H_c : magnetic field in conductor

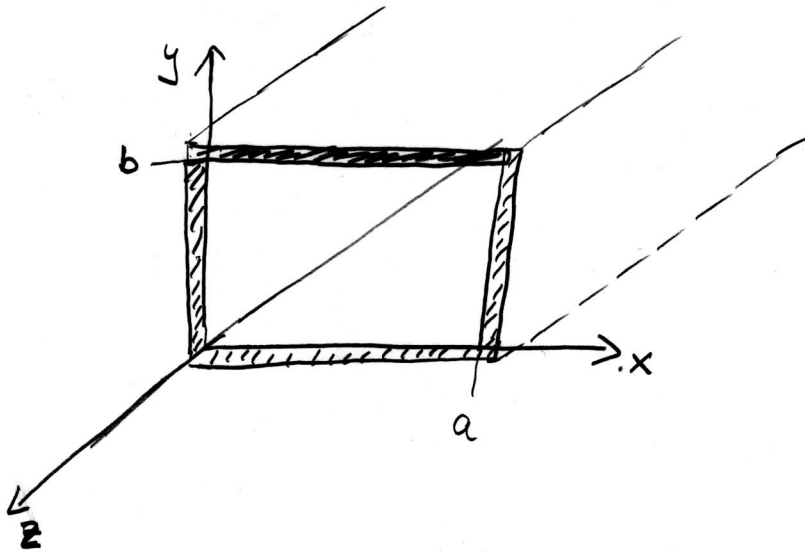
$$\rightarrow j = \sigma E = \frac{1}{\delta} (1 - e^{-z/\delta}) (\hat{n} \times \vec{H}_0) e^{-z/\delta}, \quad \delta: \text{skin depth}$$

z : normal coord. inwards to conductor



Example: Rectangular waveguide

(see cylindrical waveguide in Jackson 8.2, p. 356 → Homework!)



Assume a rectangular conductor with the inside length a , b in x - and y - direction respectively.

The z -axis lays parallel to the conductor axis/tube.

The Maxwell Equations in the inside of the tube

are:

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

with the boundary values:

$$x = 0, a \quad : \quad E_y = 0, \quad E_z = 0, \quad B_x = 0$$

$$y = 0, b \quad : \quad E_x = 0, \quad E_z = 0, \quad B_y = 0$$

subject to Telegraph equation for a non-conducting media

($\sigma = 0$):

$$\text{DE:} \quad \boxed{\Delta \vec{E} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\Delta \vec{B} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0}$$

with $\boxed{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \epsilon \cdot \mu}$



→ Find the solution of the wave equation in form of a planar wave, propagating in z-direction:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}(x, y) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{B}(x, y) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

put trial solution in DE and find

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_z \vec{E} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2 \right) \vec{E} &= 0 \\ \Delta_z \vec{B} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2 \right) \vec{B} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \Delta_z = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right.$$

A variety of solutions are possible for the rectangular conducting tube, which can be narrowed down with additional boundary conditions:

1.) $B_z = 0$ anywhere inside the tube

↳ TM-wave (Transverse Magnetic)

$$\text{or } E_z|_S = 0 \quad \text{from } \hat{n} \times \vec{E}_z = 0, \quad (\hat{n}: \text{unit vector on surface})$$

2.) $E_z = 0$ anywhere inside the tube

↳ transverse-electric (TE) wave

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial \hat{n}}|_S = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{n}}: \text{normal derivative at a point on the surface} \quad \Rightarrow$$

The different waves can be experimentally generated, depending on the excitation mechanism.

Let's look in the following to the TE-waves for which we had: $E_z = 0$ anywhere in the tube.

Find first the z-component of the \vec{B} -field B_z :

$$\leadsto \text{for } x \in [0, a]: E_y = 0$$

$$\leadsto (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})_y = -i\omega\mu\epsilon E_y = 0$$

$$\leadsto \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = 0$$

Since $\vec{B} = \vec{B}(x, y)$ we find $\boxed{\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0}$

which means, the boundary value for a TE-wave

$$\text{is } \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in [0, a]$$

The solution of the DE for B_z with the above Boundary value can be found with a separation trail

$$B_z(x, y) = f(x) \cdot g(y)$$

put it in DE:

$$\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2\right) B_z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

→ an get:

$$\frac{f''}{f} + \frac{g''}{g} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - k^2 \right) = 0 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} f'' = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \\ g'' = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} \end{array} \right.$$

from which we get the two DE:

$$\boxed{f'' + \alpha^2 f = 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{g'' + \beta^2 g = 0}$$

with: $\boxed{-\alpha^2 - \beta^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - k^2 = 0}$ - Dispersion relation

From the boundary values follows:

$$x = [0, a] \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$y = [0, b] \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0$$

For the general solution of the DE

$$f(x) = A \cdot \cos(\alpha x) + B \cdot \sin(\alpha x)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\alpha \cdot A \cdot \sin(\alpha x) + \alpha \cdot B \cdot \cos(\alpha x)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = 0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad B = 0 \quad ; \quad \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = 0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \sin \alpha \cdot a = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi \cdot n}{a}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{f(x) = A \cdot \cos\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi}{a} \cdot x\right)}$$



Similarly for $g(y)$:

$$g(y) = A \cdot \cos(\beta \cdot y) + B \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} g(y) = -\beta \cdot A \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot y) + \beta \cdot B \cdot \cos(\beta \cdot y)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right|_{y=b} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(\beta \cdot y) = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{\pi \cdot m}{b}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{g(y) = A' \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi \cdot m}{b} \cdot y\right)}$$

Integrating the values for α, β in dispersion relation:

$$-\cancel{\alpha^2} - \beta^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2 = 0 \Rightarrow k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{n^2 \cdot \pi^2}{a^2} - \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{b^2}$$

$$\text{or } \omega_{nm} = c \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{N} \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_{nm}^2}} \quad \underline{\text{Dispersion relation}}$$

An undamped EM-wave is obtained for k real

which means $\boxed{\omega > \omega_{nm}}$

If we assume for our rectangular tube $a > b$, then the smallest possible frequency for an undamped wave is given

by $m=0, n=1$: $\omega_{10} = \frac{c \cdot \pi}{a}, \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{a^2}}$

\leadsto smallest possible frequency is given by the largest side in rectangular tube!

\Rightarrow

The complete solution for the z-components of the field is

$$B_z = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{b} \cdot y\right) \cdot \exp[i(k \cdot z - \omega t)]$$

$$E_z = 0$$

For the other components of the fields: E_x , E_y , B_x and B_y - we just calculate them for the base frequency ω_{10} :

$$\omega_{10} \quad (n=1, m=0): \quad E_z = 0$$

$$B_z = B_{0z} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{a} x\right) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

Let's fix the excitation mechanism with $E_x = 0$, then we

get from $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -i\omega \vec{B} \leadsto \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} = i\omega B_z$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = i\omega B_z$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E_y = \frac{i\omega a}{\pi} B_{0z} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

For the \vec{B} -field, we have

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{i\omega}{c^2} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\text{from } E_x = 0 \leadsto \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = 0 \leadsto \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \left| \quad \text{since } \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} = 0 \right.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow B_y = \text{constant}$$

Since we only look at time-varying fields,
we can set $B_y = 0$.

 \Rightarrow

Also from the Maxwell-Ampere Law we find

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = -\epsilon' \frac{\omega}{c^2} E_y$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \epsilon' \frac{\omega}{c^2} E_y$$

$$= \frac{a}{\pi} \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} \right) \cdot B_{0z} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow B_x = -i \frac{a \cdot k}{\pi} B_{0z} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \cdot e^{i(k \cdot z - \omega t)}$$

With this we have all six field components for \vec{E} and \vec{B} .

The experimental observed field are the real-part of the complex field:

$$E_x = 0$$

$$E_y = -\frac{\omega a}{\pi} B_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \sin(k \cdot z - \omega t)$$

$$E_z = 0$$

$$B_x = \frac{a \cdot k}{\pi} B_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \sin(k \cdot z - \omega t)$$

$$B_y = 0$$

$$B_z = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{a} \cdot x\right) \cdot \cos(k \cdot z - \omega t)$$

Since all field are independent of y , the fields have along the y -axis all the same elongation.