

Lect. 3: Light Propagation in Media

Characteristics of media: $\begin{cases} \varepsilon : \text{permittivity} \\ \mu : \text{permeability} \end{cases} \begin{cases} \bar{\mathbf{D}} = \varepsilon \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{cases}$

- Assume $\mu = \mu_0$ in this course.
- With different ε , how do plane-wave solutions change?

For example, $\bar{\mathbf{E}} = \bar{x}E_0 e^{j(\omega t - kz)}$

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} = nk_0 \quad (k_0 = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon_0}, n = \sqrt{\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0}; \text{refractive index})$$

➔ Dielectric media

=> changes in λ velocity ($v = \frac{\omega}{k}$)

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Medium with conductivity $\sigma \neq 0$ $\bar{J} = \sigma \cdot \bar{E} \neq 0$

$$\nabla \times \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \bar{H} = \bar{J} + \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{D} = \rho$$

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

Assuming time-harmonic solutions, $(E, H \sim e^{j\omega t})$

$$\nabla \times \bar{E} = -j\omega \bar{B}$$

$$\nabla \times \bar{H} = \bar{J} + j\omega \bar{D}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{D} = \rho$$

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

$$t \rightarrow \omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \bar{H} &= \sigma \bar{E} + j\omega \epsilon \bar{E} \\ &= j\omega \left(\epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \right) \bar{E} \\ &= j\omega \epsilon_c \bar{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_c \equiv \epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega}$$

→ Lossy medium has complex ϵ

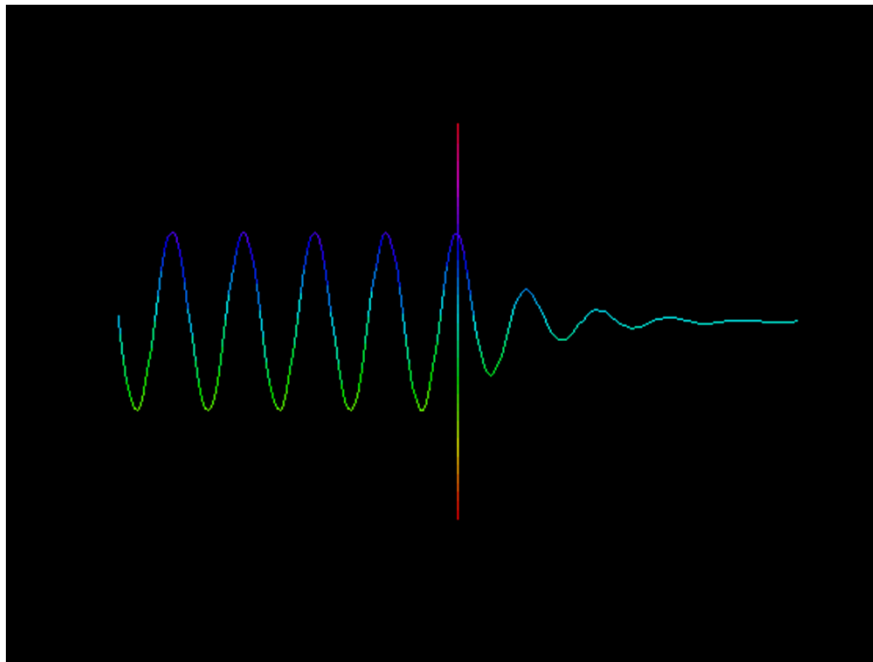
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With complex ε

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon} \quad k \text{ is also complex!} \quad k = \beta - j\alpha$$

Consider $\overline{E} = \overline{x}E_0 e^{-jkz}$ ($e^{j\omega t}$ is often omitted for time-harmonic solutions)

$$= \overline{x}E_0 e^{-j(\beta - j\alpha)z} = \overline{x}E_0 e^{-j\beta z} e^{-\alpha z}$$



EM waves get attenuated
in conductive medium!

→ lossy medium

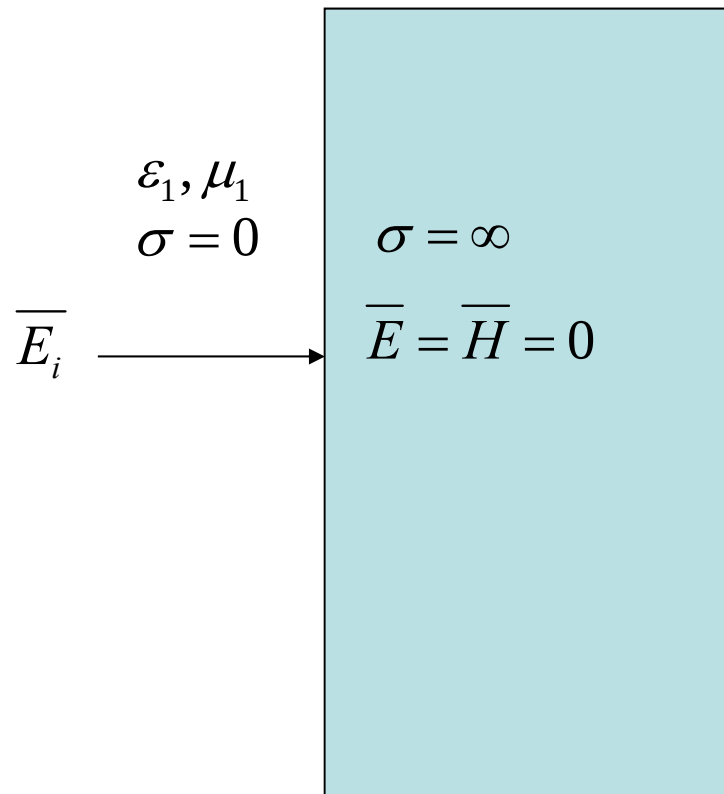
Larger σ → Larger α

$1/\alpha$ penetration depth,
skin depth

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What happens σ becomes infinitely large (perfect conductor)?

α becomes infinitely large $\rightarrow$ No EM wave inside the conductor $\rightarrow$ Reflection



Determine other fields when

$$\vec{E}_i = \vec{x}E_0 \exp(-jkz)$$

(1) $\vec{H}_i$?

(2) $\vec{E}_r$?

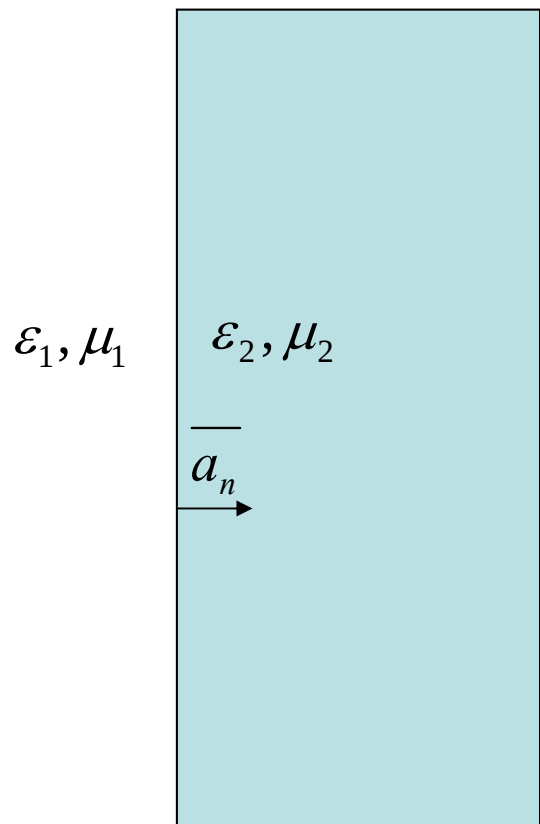
(3) $\vec{H}_r$?

$$\vec{H}_i = \vec{y} \frac{E_0}{\eta} \exp(-jkz)$$

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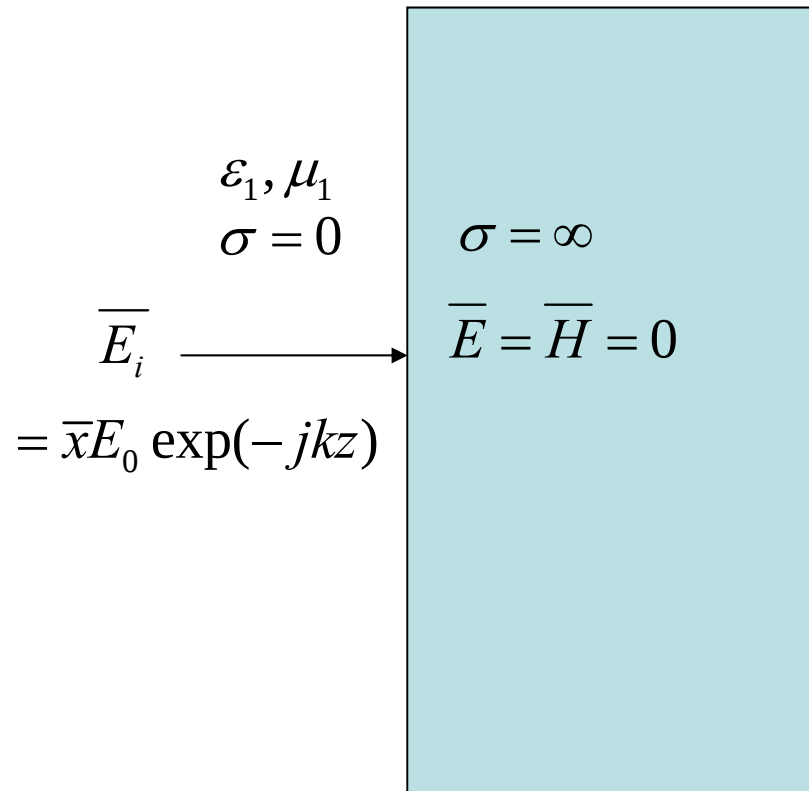
✓ Boundary Conditions: Constraints on E,H fields at a boundary

➔ Each Maxwell's Eq. provides one constraint on E or H across the boundary



$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \nabla \cdot \bar{D} = \rho & D_{2,n} - D_{1,n} = \rho_s \quad (\epsilon_2 E_{2,n} - \epsilon_1 E_{1,n} = \rho_s) \\
 \nabla \times \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t} & E_{2,t} - E_{1,t} = 0 \\
 \nabla \cdot \bar{B} = 0 & B_{2,n} - B_{1,n} = 0 \quad (\mu_2 H_{2,n} - \mu_1 H_{1,n} = 0) \\
 \nabla \times \bar{H} = \bar{J} + \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t} & \bar{a}_n \times (\bar{H}_2 - \bar{H}_1) = \bar{J}_s \quad (H_{2,t} - H_{1,t} = J_s)
 \end{array}$$

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$$(2) \vec{E}_r = ?$$

Apply B.C. at $z = 0$,

$$E_{2,t} - E_{1,t} = 0$$

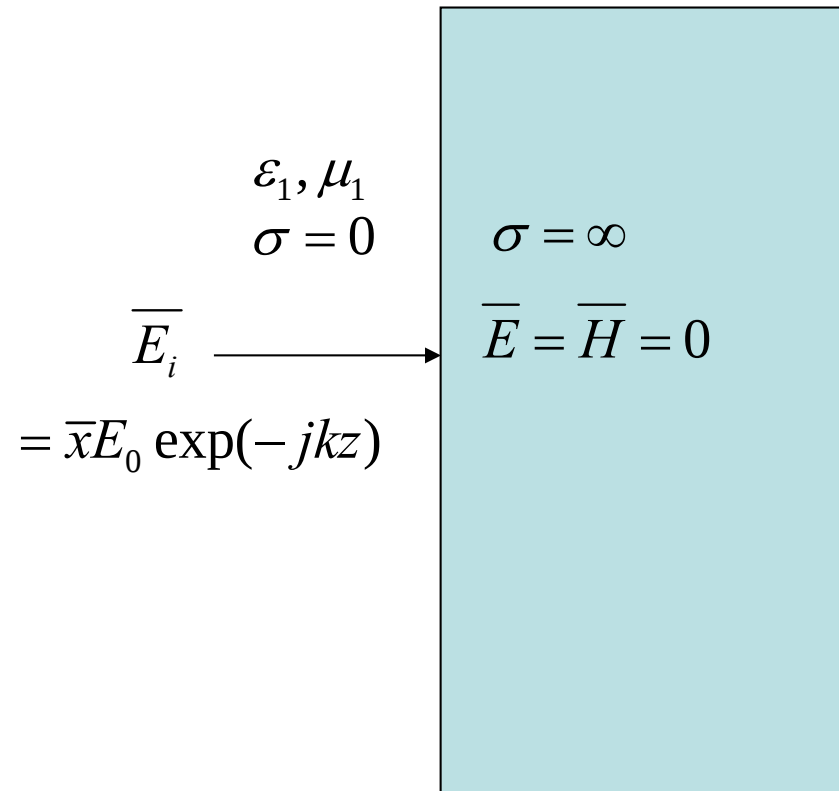
$$\vec{E}_i(z=0) + \vec{E}_r(z=0) = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_r = -\bar{x}E_0 \exp(jkz)$$

Other BC?

$$D_{2,n} - D_{1,n} = \rho_s \quad (\epsilon_2 E_{2,n} - \epsilon_1 E_{1,n} = \rho_s)$$

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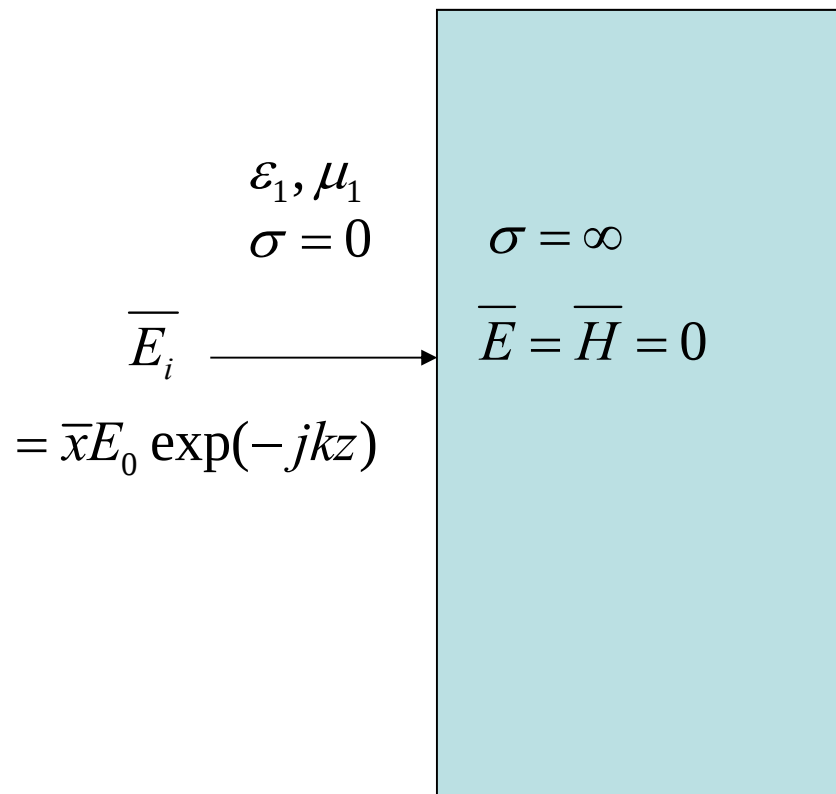


$$(3) \vec{H}_r = ?$$

$$\text{From } \vec{E}_r = -\bar{x}E_0 \exp(jkz)$$

$$\vec{H}_r = \bar{y} \frac{E_0}{\eta_1} \exp(jkz)$$

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$$\bar{H}_i = \bar{y} \frac{E_0}{\eta_1} \exp(-jkz)$$

$$\bar{H}_r = \bar{y} \frac{E_0}{\eta_1} \exp(jkz)$$

Other BC?

$$\bar{a}_n \times (\bar{H}_2 - \bar{H}_1) = \bar{J}_s$$

$$\bar{z} \times \left(0 - \bar{y} \frac{2E_0}{\eta_1} \right) = \bar{J}_s$$

$$\bar{J}_s = \bar{x} \frac{2E_0}{\eta}$$

Surface currents are induced so that tangential H-field can be blocked!

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- ✓ Expression for the total E-field for $z < 0$

$$\bar{E}_{total}(z) = \bar{E}_i + \bar{E}_r = \bar{x}E_0 \exp(-jkz) - \bar{x}E_0 \exp(jkz) = \bar{x}E_0(-2j)\sin(kz)$$

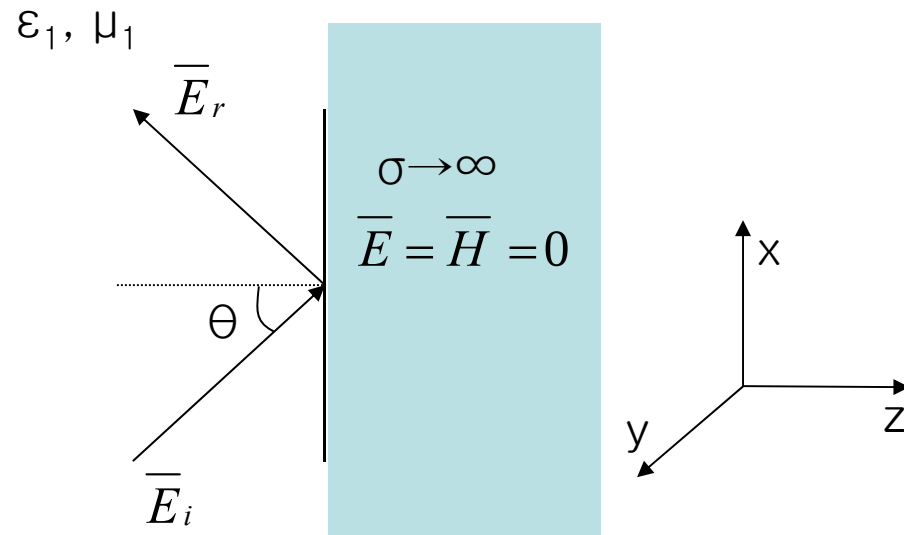
$$\bar{E}_{total}(z, t) = \bar{x}E_0(-2j)\sin(kz)\exp(j\omega t)$$

$$\text{Re}[\bar{E}_{total}(z, t)] = \bar{x}E_0 2\sin(kz)\sin(\omega t)$$

➔ Standing Wave!

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Homework: Determine $\overline{E}_r, \overline{H}_i, \overline{H}_r$ when $\overline{E}_i = \overline{y}E_0e^{-jk_x x}e^{-jk_z z}$



(See Cheng 8-7 or Lect. 10 of 2014-2 전자기2)