

# Lect. 4: Light Propagation in Media

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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  $\varepsilon$ , how do plane EM waves change?

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

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} = nk_0 \quad (k_0 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}, n = \sqrt{\varepsilon_r} \text{ refractive index})$$

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

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

Maxwell's Eq.

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

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

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

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

Assuming time-harmonic solutions,

$$(E, H \sim e^{j\omega t})$$

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

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

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

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

$$t \rightarrow \omega$$

Maxwell's Eq. in frequency domain

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

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

$$\nabla \times \bar{H} = \sigma \bar{E} + j\omega \epsilon \bar{E}$$

$$= j\omega \left( \epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \right) \bar{E}$$

$$= j\omega \epsilon_c \bar{E}$$

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

→ Lossy medium has complex  $\epsilon$

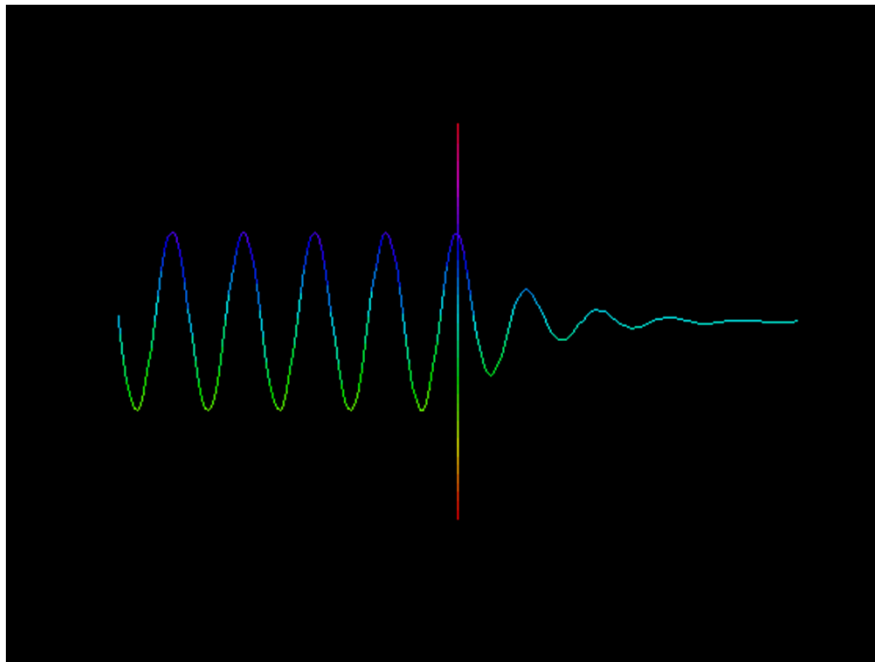
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With complex  $\varepsilon$

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

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

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



EM waves get attenuated  
in conductive medium!

→ lossy medium

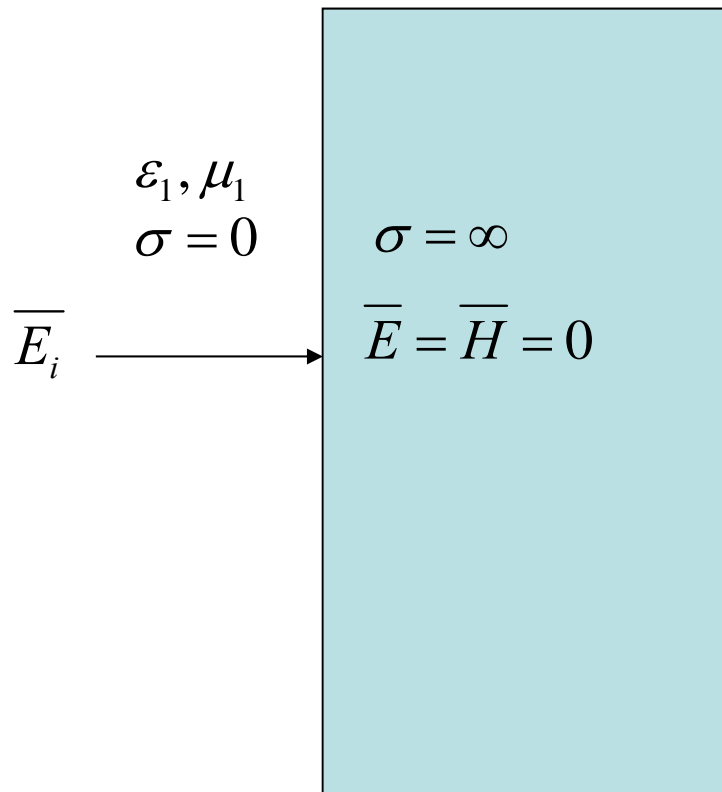
Larger  $\sigma$  → Larger  $\alpha$

$1/\alpha$  penetration depth,  
skin depth

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What happens  $\sigma$  becomes infinitely large (perfect conductor)?

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



Determine other fields when

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

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

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

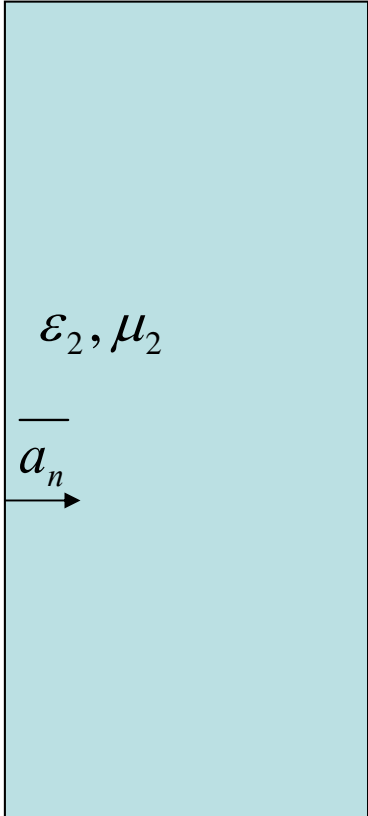
(3)  $\vec{H}_r$ ?

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

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

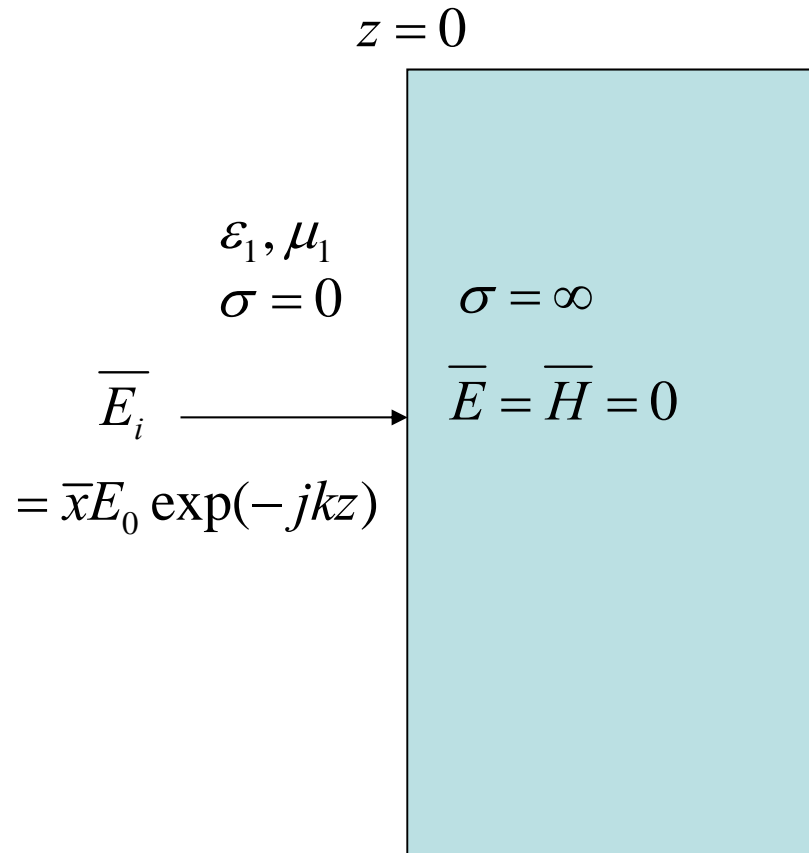
➔ Each Maxwell's Eq. provides one constraint on E or H across the boundary



The diagram shows a vertical boundary between two media. The left medium has parameters  $\epsilon_1, \mu_1$  and the right medium has parameters  $\epsilon_2, \mu_2$ . A normal vector  $\vec{a}_n$  points from the left medium to the right medium.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other BC?

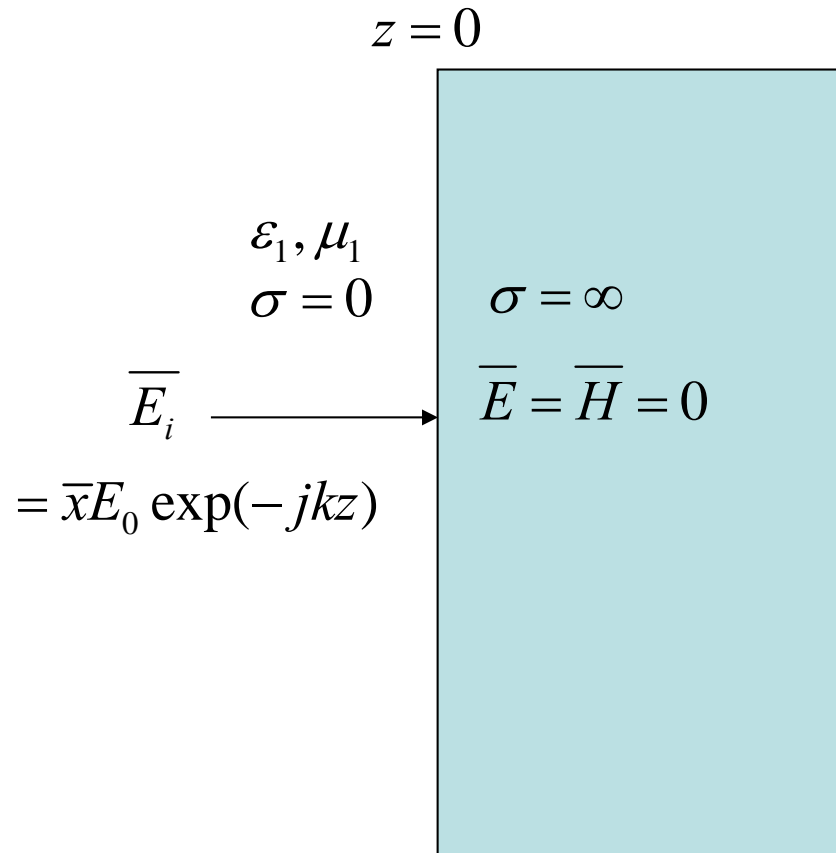
$$D_{2,n} - D_{1,n} = \rho_s \quad \epsilon_2 E_{2,n} - \epsilon_1 E_{1,n} = \rho_s$$

$$\rho_s = -\epsilon_1 E_0$$

Surface charges induced for terminating normal E-field

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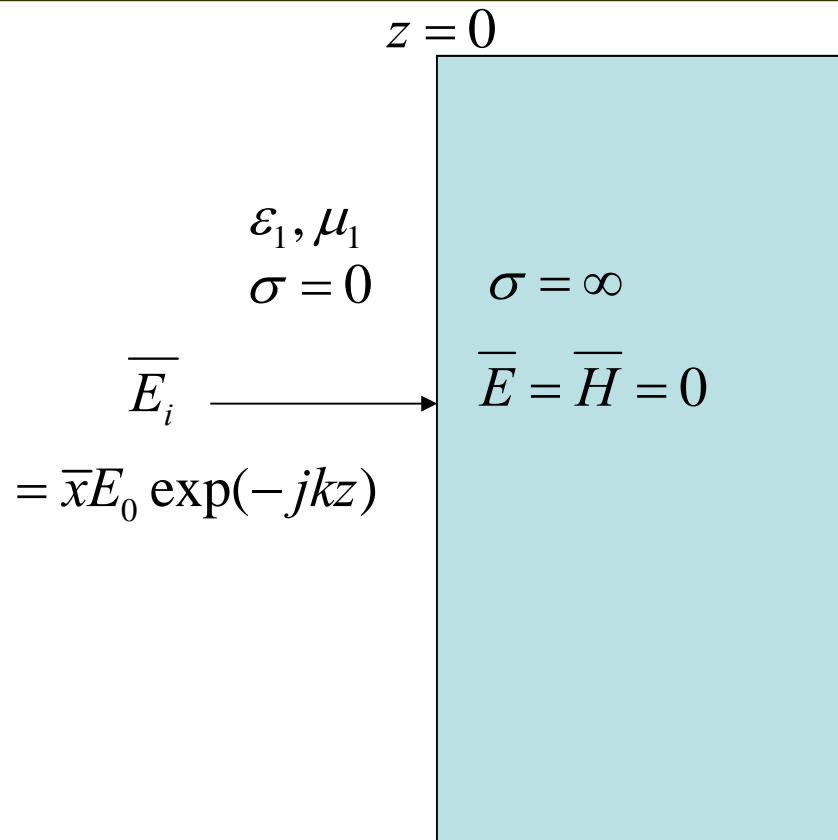
(3)  $\bar{H}_r = ?$

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

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



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

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

Other BC?

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

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

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

Surface currents induced for blocking tangential H-field

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

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

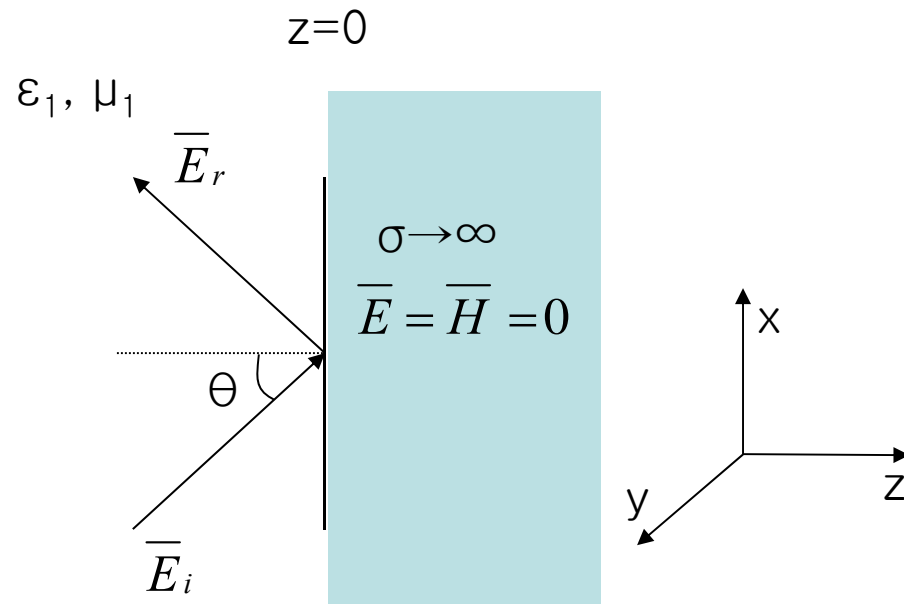
$$\bar{E}_{total}(z, t) = \bar{x}E_0(-2j) \sin(kz) \exp(j\omega t)$$

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

➔ Standing Wave!

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Homework: Determine  $\bar{E}_r, \bar{H}_i, \bar{H}_r$  when  $\bar{E}_i = \bar{y}E_0 e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_z z}$



(See Cheng 8-7 or Lect. 11 of 2016-1 전자기2)