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## PLANE ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES AND THEIR PROPAGATION

### INTRODUCTION :

[In this chapter we shall show that the Maxwell's field equations, predict the existence of electromagnetic waves and discuss the propagation of these waves in free space, non-conducting, conducting and ionized media. We shall also investigate the energy flow associated with their propagation.]

### § 5.1. Electromagnetic Waves in free space.\*

We know that Maxwell's equations are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{with } \begin{cases} \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \end{cases} \quad \dots(1)$$

and in free space *i.e.* vacuum

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= 0 & \epsilon_r &= 1 \\ \sigma &= 0 & \mu_r &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So Maxwell's equations reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \dots(a) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0 & \dots(b) \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} & \dots(c) \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} & \dots(d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(2)$$

Now if

(I) We take the curl of equation 2 (c) then

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \epsilon_0 \nabla \times \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

*i.e.*

$$[\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{H}] = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}). \quad \dots(3)$$

But from equations 2 (b) and 2 (d)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$

So eqn. (3) reduces to

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{with } \mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \quad \dots(A)$$

(II) We take the curl of equation 2 (d), then

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = \nabla \times \left( -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad [\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E}] = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \quad \dots(4)$$

But from equation 2 (a) and 2 (c)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

So equation (4) reduces to

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{with } \mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \quad \dots(B)$$

A glance at differential equations (A) and (B) reveals that these are identical in form to the equation

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \dots(5)$$

However equation (5) is a standard wave equation representing unattenuated wave traveling at a speed  $v^*$ . So we conclude that field vector  $E$  and  $H$  are propagated in free space as waves at a speed

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{4\pi}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \mu_0} \right)} = \sqrt{(9 \times 10^9) \times (10^7)} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

i.e. the velocity of light.\*\*

Further as equation (A) and (B) are vector wave equations their solution can be obtained in many forms, for instance either stationary or progressive waves or having wave fronts of particular types such as plane, cylindrical or spherical. Where no boundary conditions are imposed, as in

\* For details of plane progressive wave see point (3) in appendix III.  
 \*\* This result suggests that light may be electromagnetic in nature.

this chapter, plane progressive solutions are most appropriate. So as the plane progressive solution of equation (5) is

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})}$$

the solutions of equations (A) and (B) will be of the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})} \\ \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{H}_0 e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(C)$$

where  $\mathbf{k}$  is the so called wave vector given by

$$\mathbf{k} = k\mathbf{n} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \mathbf{n} = \frac{2\pi f}{\lambda} \mathbf{n} = \frac{\omega}{c} \mathbf{n}$$

with  $\mathbf{n}$  as a unit vector in the direction of wave propagation.

The form of field vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  given by eqn. (C) suggests that in case of field vectors operator  $\nabla$  is equivalent to  $i\mathbf{k}$  while  $\partial/\partial t$  is  $(-i\omega)$ .\* So Maxwell's equations in free space i.e. eqn. (2) in terms of operator ( $i\mathbf{k}$ ) and  $(-i\omega)$  can be written as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \dots(a) \\ \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0 & \dots(b) \\ -\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H} &= \omega \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} & \dots(c) \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E} &= \omega \mu_0 \mathbf{H} & \dots(d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(4)$$

Regarding plane electromagnetic waves in free space it is worthy to note that :

(i) As according eqn. 4 (a) the vector  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular to the direction of propagation while according to eqn. 4 (b) the vector  $\mathbf{H}$  is perpendicular to the direction of propagation (i.e. in an electromagnetic wave both the vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are perpendicular to the direction of wave propagation), electromagnetic waves are transverse in nature.

Further as according to eqn. 4 (d)  $\mathbf{H}$  is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  while according to eqn. 4 (a)  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{k}$ . This all in turn implies that in a plane electromagnetic waves vectors  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are orthogonal as shown in fig. 5.1.

(ii) As according to equation 4 (d)

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E} = \omega \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$$

\* For details see point (3) in appendix III.

i.e. 
$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{k}{\omega\mu_0} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) \text{ (as } \mathbf{k} = n\mathbf{k}\text{)}$$

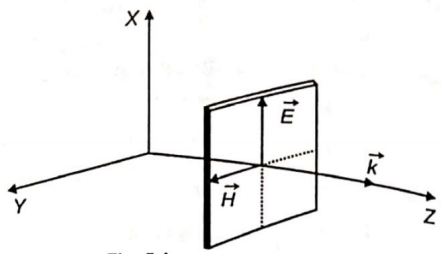


Fig. 5.1

i.e. 
$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}}{c\mu_0} = c\epsilon_0 (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) \quad \left( \text{as } k = \frac{\omega}{c} \text{ and } \epsilon_0\mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

i.e. 
$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}}{c} \quad \dots(D)$$

and 
$$\frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{H}|} = \frac{E_0}{H_0} = c\mu_0 = \frac{1}{c\epsilon_0} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = Z_0 \quad \left( \text{as } \mu_0\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

As the ratio  $|\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{H}|$  is real and positive, the vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are in phase.\* i.e. when  $\mathbf{E}$  has its maximum value  $\mathbf{H}$  has also its maximum value. This is shown in fig. 5.2. From the above it is also clear that in an electromagnetic wave the amplitude of electric vector  $\mathbf{E}$  is  $Z_0$  times that of the magnetic vector  $\mathbf{H}$ .

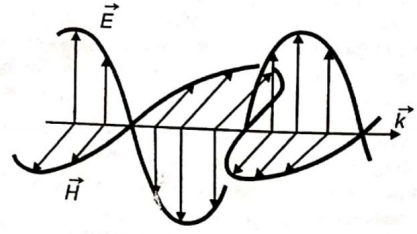


Fig. 5.2

\* For details see point (4) in appendix III.

The quantity  $Z_0$  has the dimension

$$\begin{aligned} [Z_0] &= \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{H/m}{F/m}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{ohm} \times \text{sec}}{\text{coul./volt}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\text{ohm} \times \text{volt}}{\text{amp}}} = \text{ohm} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. of impedance, hence it is called the *intrinsic* or *characteristic impedance* of free space. It is a constant having value

$$Z_0 = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{(1/4\pi \times 9 \times 10^9)}} = 120\pi \approx 377\Omega$$

(iii) The Poynting vector for a plane electromagnetic wave in free space will be given by

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{E} \times \frac{(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E})}{c\mu_0}$$

i.e. 
$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{E}}{c\mu_0} = \frac{1}{c\mu_0} (E^2 \mathbf{n})$$
 (as  $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  because  $\mathbf{E}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\mathbf{n}$ )

or 
$$\mathbf{S} = \epsilon_0 c E^2 \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{Z_0} E^2 \mathbf{n} \quad \left( \text{as } \frac{1}{c\mu_0} = c\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{Z_0} \right)$$

or 
$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \epsilon_0 c \langle E^2 \rangle \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{Z_0} \langle E^2 \rangle \mathbf{n}$$

But as

$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \langle [E_0 e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})}]^2 \rangle = E_0^2 \langle \cos^2(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

i.e. 
$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{E_0^2}{2} = \left( \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = E_{rms}^2 \text{ [as } \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{2}]$$

So 
$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \epsilon_0 c E_{rms}^2 \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{Z_0} E_{rms}^2 \mathbf{n} \quad \dots(E)$$

i.e. the flow of energy in a plane wave in free space is in the direction of wave propagation.

(iv) In case of a plane electromagnetic wave

$$\frac{u_e}{u_m} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2}{\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 H^2} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{E}{H} \right)^2 = 1 \quad \left( \text{as } \frac{E}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \right)$$

i.e. the electromagnetic energy density is equal to the magnetostatic energy density.

Further

$$\frac{\langle S \rangle}{\langle u \rangle} = \frac{\epsilon_0 c E_{rms}^2 \mathbf{n}}{\epsilon_0 E_{rms}^2} = c\mathbf{n}$$

$$S = c\mathbf{u}$$

i.e. This implies that electromagnetic energy in free space is transmitted with the speed of light  $c$  with which the field vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  do

**In case of propagation E. M. W. in free space.**

- (i) The wave propagates with a speed equal to that of light in free space.
- (ii) The electromagnetic waves are transverse in nature.
- (iii) The wave vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are mutually perpendicular.
- (iv) The vector  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are in phase.
- (v) The electrostatic energy density is equal to the magnetostatic energy density.
- (vi) The electromagnetic energy is transmitted in the direction of wave propagation at speed  $c$ .

**§ 5.2. Propagation of E. M. W. in Isotropic Dielectrics.\***

We know that Maxwell's field equations are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{with } \left\{ \begin{aligned} \mathbf{J} &= \sigma \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mu \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon \mathbf{E} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \dots(1)$$

and in isotropic dielectrics

$$\sigma = 0 \text{ and } \rho = 0.$$

So Maxwell's equations reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \dots(a) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0 & \dots(b) \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} & \dots(c) \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} & \dots(d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(2)$$

\* A non-conducting medium whose properties are same in all directions is called isotropic dielectric.

Now if

(I) We take the curl of equation 2 (c) then

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \epsilon \nabla \times \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

or  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \dots(3)$

But from equations 2 (b) and 2 (d)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$

So equation (3) reduces to

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

i.e.  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0$  with  $\mu \epsilon = 1/v^2$   $\dots(A)$

(II) We take the curl of eqn. 2 (d) then

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = \nabla \times \left( -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \right)$$

i.e.  $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \dots(4)$

But from equations 2 (a) and 2 (c)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

So equation (4) reduces to

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

i.e.  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$  with  $\mu \epsilon = 1/v^2$   $\dots(B)$

A glance at equation (A) and (B) reveals that these are identical in form to the equation

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0. \dots(5)$$

However equation (5) is a standard wave equation representing an unattenuated wave traveling at a speed  $v$ . So we conclude that field vectors  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  propagate in isotropic dielectric as waves given by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_0 \\ \mathbf{H}_0 \end{Bmatrix} e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})} \dots(C)$$

at a speed

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\epsilon\mu)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r \epsilon_0 \mu_0)}} \quad (\text{as } \epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \text{ and } \mu = \mu_r \mu_0)$$

i.e.  $v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r)}} < c$  [as  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = 1/c^2$ ;  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\mu_r > 1$ ]. ... (6)

i.e. the speed of electromagnetic wave in isotropic dielectrics is less than the speed of electromagnetic waves in free space.

Further as index of refraction is defined as  $n = (c/v)$

So in this particular case

$$n = \sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r)} \quad [\text{as } v = c/\sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r)}]$$

and as in a non-magnetic medium  $\mu_r = 1$

$$n = \sqrt{(\epsilon_r)} \quad \text{i.e. } n = \epsilon_r \quad \dots (7)$$

Equation (7) is called Maxwell's relation and has been actually confirmed by experiments for long waves i.e. radio frequency and slow infrared oscillations. In visible region of the spectrum this relation is also fairly well satisfied for some substances such as H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>. But for many other substances it fails, when as a rule the substance shows infrared selective absorption. With water the failure is especially marked. For water  $\mu_r \approx 1$ ,  $\epsilon_r \approx 81$  so that  $n \approx 9$ . But it is well known that the index of refraction of water for light is very closely given by 4/3 i.e. 1.33. The solution of this apparent contradiction lies in the fact that our macroscopic formulation of electromagnetic theory gives no indication of the values to be expected for  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\mu_r$  and we must rely on experiment to obtain them. It turns out that these quantities are not really constant for a given material but usually have a strong dependence on frequency due to dispersion\*.

It is also worthy to note here that  $\epsilon_r > 1$  the velocity of light in an isotropic dielectric medium.

$$v = \frac{c}{n} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_r)}}$$

is always less than  $c$  as  $\epsilon_r > 1$ . ... (8)

It is therefore possible for high energy particles to have velocities in excess of  $v$ . When such particles pass through a dielectric a bluish light known as *Cerenkov-radiation* is emitted due to the interaction of uniformly moving charged particles with the medium.

\* For details see § 7.6 and 7.7.

Further as the form of field vector **E** and **H** given by equation (C) suggests that

$$\nabla \rightarrow ik \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow -i\omega$$

So in terms of these operators eqn. (2) reduces to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \dots (a) \\ \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H} &= 0 & \dots (b) \\ -\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H} &= \omega \epsilon \mathbf{E} & \dots (c) \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E} &= \omega \mu \mathbf{H} & \dots (d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (9)^*$$

From this form of Maxwell's equation it is self evident that in a plane electromagnetic wave propagating through isotropic dielectric—

(i) The vectors **E**, **H** and **k** are orthogonal i.e. the electromagnetic wave is transverse in nature and in it the electric and magnetic vectors are also mutually orthogonal. This is because

- according to 9 (a) **E** is  $\perp$  to **k**
- according to 9 (b) **H** is  $\perp$  to **k**
- according to 9 (c) **E** is  $\perp$  to both **k** and **H**
- and according to 9 (d) **H** is  $\perp$  to both **k** and **E**

(ii) The vectors **E** and **H** are in phase and their magnitudes are related to each other by the relation.

$$\frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{H}|} = \frac{E_0}{H_0} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}\right)} Z_0 = Z$$

where  $Z$  is called the impedance of the medium.

This is because according to equation 9 (d).

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{k}{\omega \mu} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) = \frac{1}{\mu v} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) \quad \left( \text{as } k = \frac{\omega}{v} \right)$$

i.e.  $\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}\right)} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) = \frac{(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E})}{Z} \quad \left( \text{as } v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\mu \epsilon)}} \right)$

with  $Z = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}\right)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}\right)} = \frac{\mu_r Z_0}{n} \quad \left( n = \sqrt{(\mu_r \epsilon_r)} \right)$

or  $\frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{H}|} = \frac{E_0}{H_0} = Z = \text{real quantity.} \quad \dots (10)$

\* In this case

$$\mathbf{k} = k\mathbf{n} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \mathbf{n} = \frac{2\pi f}{v} \mathbf{n} = \frac{\omega}{v} \mathbf{n}$$

(iii) The direction of flow of energy is the direction in which the wave propagates and the Poynting vector is  $(n/\mu_r)$  times of the Poynting vector if the same wave propagates through free space.

It is because

$$S = E \times H = E \times \frac{(n \times E)}{Z}$$

i.e.  $S = \frac{1}{Z} [(E \cdot E)n - (E \cdot n)E]$

i.e.  $S = \frac{1}{Z} E^2 n$  [as  $E \cdot n = 0$  because  $E$  is  $\perp$  to  $n$ ]

i.e.  $S = \frac{1}{Z} E^2 n = \frac{n}{\mu_r} [\epsilon_0 c E^2] n$   $\left( \text{as } \frac{1}{Z} = \frac{n}{\mu_r} \frac{1}{Z_0} = \frac{n}{\mu_r} \epsilon_0 c \right)$

i.e.  $\langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} E_{rms}^2 n = \frac{n}{\mu_r} [\epsilon_0 c E_{rms}^2] n$  ... (11)

(iv) The electromagnetic energy density is equal to the magneto-static energy density and the total energy density is  $\epsilon_r$  times of the energy density if the same wave propagates through free space.

This is because

$$\frac{u_e}{u_m} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2}{\frac{1}{2} \mu H^2} = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} \left( \frac{E^2}{H^2} \right) = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} (Z^2) = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} \times \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} = 1 \left( \text{as } |H| = \frac{|E|}{Z} \right)$$

and  $u = u_e + u_m = \epsilon E^2 = \epsilon_r (\epsilon_0 E^2)$

Further  $\frac{\langle S \rangle}{\langle u \rangle} = \frac{\frac{n}{\mu_r} [\epsilon_0 c E_{rms}^2]}{[\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 E_{rms}^2]} = \frac{nc}{\mu_r \epsilon_r} n$

i.e.  $\langle S \rangle = \frac{nc}{n^2} \langle u \rangle n$  [(as  $n = \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}$ )]

i.e.  $\langle S \rangle = v \langle u \rangle n$  (as  $c/n = v$ )

i.e. electromagnetic energy is transmitted with the same velocity with which the fields do.

§ 5.3. Propagation of E.M.W. in Anisotropic Dielectric\*

In anisotropic medium the relative permittivity is no longer a scalar and to deal with wave propagation we refer all fields to the principal axes so that

$$D_x = \epsilon_x \epsilon_0 E_x; D_y = \epsilon_y \epsilon_0 E_y \text{ and } D_z = \epsilon_z \epsilon_0 E_z \quad \dots (1)$$

Further since the medium is non-conducting i.e.

$$J = 0; \rho = 0 \text{ and } \mu_r = 1$$

\* A non-conducting medium whose properties depend on direction is called anisotropic dielectric.

So Maxwell's equation in an anisotropic dielectric medium reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{div } D &= 0 & (a) \\ \text{div } H &= 0 & (b) \\ \text{curl } H &= \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} & (c) \\ \text{curl } E &= -\mu_0 \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} & (d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (2)$$

It is important to note that in this case though  $\text{div } D = 0, \text{div } E \neq 0$

because  $D$  in general is not in the direction of  $E$ .

Now consider a plane wave advancing with phase velocity  $v$  along the direction of wave normal  $n$  (i.e. wave vector  $k$ ). Let it be

$$\begin{Bmatrix} E \\ H \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} E_0 \\ H_0 \end{Bmatrix} e^{-i(\omega t - k \cdot r)} \quad \dots (3)$$

So the operator  $\nabla$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  will be

$$\nabla \rightarrow ik \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow (-i\omega)$$

And in terms of these operations equations (2) can be written as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} k \cdot D &= 0 & \dots (a) \\ k \cdot H &= 0 & \dots (b) \\ -k \times H &= \omega D & \dots (c) \\ k \times E &= \mu_0 \omega H & \dots (d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (4)$$

From this form of Maxwell's eqns. it is clear that

(i) The E. M. W. are transverse in nature w.r.t.  $D$  and  $H$  (and not w. r. t.  $E$  and  $H$  as in a isotropic media). It is because according to 4 (a)  $k$  is  $\perp$  to  $D$  while according to 4 (b)  $k$  is  $\perp$  to  $H$  i.e.  $k$  is  $\perp$  to both  $H$  and  $D$  as shown in fig. 5.3.

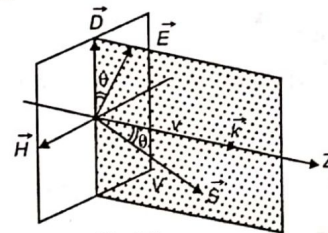


Fig. 5.3

(ii) The vectors  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are orthogonal because according to eqn. 4 (b)  $\mathbf{k}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\mathbf{H}$  while according to eqn. 4 (c)  $\mathbf{D}$  is  $\perp$  to both  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ .

(iii) The vectors  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are co-planer. This is because according to equation 4 (c)

$$\mathbf{D} = -(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H}) / \omega \quad \dots(5)$$

while according to 4 (d)

$$\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}) / \mu_0 \omega \quad \dots(6)$$

So from equations (5) and (6)

$$\mathbf{D} = -[\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}] / \mu_0 \omega^2$$

i.e.

$$\mathbf{D} = -[\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}] \mathbf{k} - k^2 \mathbf{E} / \mu_0 \omega^2 \quad \dots(7)$$

(iv) In an anisotropic medium energy is not propagated in general in the direction of wave propagation (i.e. the direction of  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  are not same) and the Poynting vector is coplaner with  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ . This is because the Poynting vector is given by

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$$

i.e.  $\mathbf{S}$  is normal to the plane of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  and not to the plane of  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  (which is the direction of  $\mathbf{k}$ ).

So boundary conditions become

- (i)  $D_{1n} = \sigma$
- (ii)  $B_{1n} = 0$
- (iii)  $H_{1t} = J_s$
- (iv)  $E_{1t} = 0$

at the surface of a perfect conductor electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  is normal while magnetic fields  $\mathbf{H}$  is tangential to the surface. i.e. the tangential component of electric field and normal component of magnetic field vanishes at the surface of a perfect conductor.

### § 6.2. Reflection and refraction of E.M.W.

we now need to consider that what happens when plane electromagnetic waves which are traveling in one medium are incident upon an infinite plane surface separating this medium from another with different electromagnetic properties.

When an electric wave is traveling through space there is an exact balance between the electric and magnetic fields. Half of the energy of wave as a matter of fact is in electric field and half in the magnetic.\* If the wave enters some different medium, there must be a new distribution of energy (due to the change in field vectors). Whether the new medium is a dielectric, a magnetic, a conducting or an ionised region, there will have to be a readjustment of energy relations as the wave reaches its surface. Since no

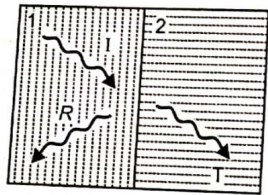


Fig. 6.3

energy can be added to the wave as it passes through the boundary surface, the only way that a new balance can be achieved is for some of the incident energy to be reflected. This is what actually happens. The transmitted energy constitutes the refracted wave and the reflected one the reflected wave.

The reflection and refraction of light at a plane surface between two media of different dielectric properties is a familiar example of reflection and refraction of electromagnetic waves. The various aspects of the phenomenon divide themselves into two classes :

\* See Art § 5.2.

#### (A) Kinematic Properties :

Following are the kinematic properties of reflection and refraction

(i) **Law of Frequency :** The frequency of the wave remains unchanged by reflection or refraction.

(ii) The reflected and refracted waves are in the same plane as the incident wave and the normal to the boundary surface.

(iii) **Law of Reflection :** In case of reflection the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence i.e.

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

(iv) **Snell's Law :** In case of refraction the ratio of the sin of the angle of refraction to the sin of angle of incidence is equal to the ratio of the refractive indices of the two media i.e.

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_r$$

#### (B) Dynamic Properties :

These properties are concerned with the :—

(i) Intensities of reflected and refracted waves.

(ii) Phase changes and polarisation of waves.

The kinematic properties follow immediately from the wave nature of phenomenon and the fact that there are boundary condition to be satisfied. But they do not depend on the nature of the waves or the boundary conditions. On the other hand the dynamic properties depend entirely on the specific nature of electromagnetic fields and the boundary conditions. Kinematic properties are proved in example—1 while dynamic properties are discussed in details in forth-coming articles.

**Example 1.** Assuming that the electric vector of an electromagnetic wave is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})}$$

and in crossing a boundary the tangential component of electric intensity is continuous prove the various laws of reflection and refraction.

**Solution.** Let the medium below the plane  $z = 0$  (i.e. x-y. plane) have permittivity and permeability  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\mu_1$  respectively while above it  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\mu_2$ . If the plane wave with vector  $\mathbf{k}_i$  in the x-z plane and frequency  $\omega_i$  is incident from medium - 1 while the waves with wave vector  $\mathbf{k}_r$  and  $\mathbf{k}_t$  and frequencies  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_t$  are the reflected and transmitted wave, given boundary condition



Now since in an E.M.W.  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are orthogonal, in general there are three possible modes of propagation viz.

(A) **TE Waves (or Mode)** : This is characterised by an E.M.W. having an electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  which is entirely in a plane transverse to the assumed axis of propagation (which is z-axis here). Only the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  has a component along the assumed axis of propagation and hence this type of wave is also known as *H-wave*. This is shown in fig. 6.18 (a). For *TE* wave it is possible to express all field components in terms of the axial magnetic field component  $H_z$ .

(B) **TM wave (or Mode)** : This is characterised by an E.M.W. having magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  which is entirely in a plane transverse to the assumed axis of propagation (which is z-axis here). Only the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  has a component along the assumed axis of propagation and hence this type of wave is also known as *E-wave*. This is shown in fig. 6.18 (b). For *TM* wave it is possible to express all field components in terms of axial electric field components  $E_z$ .

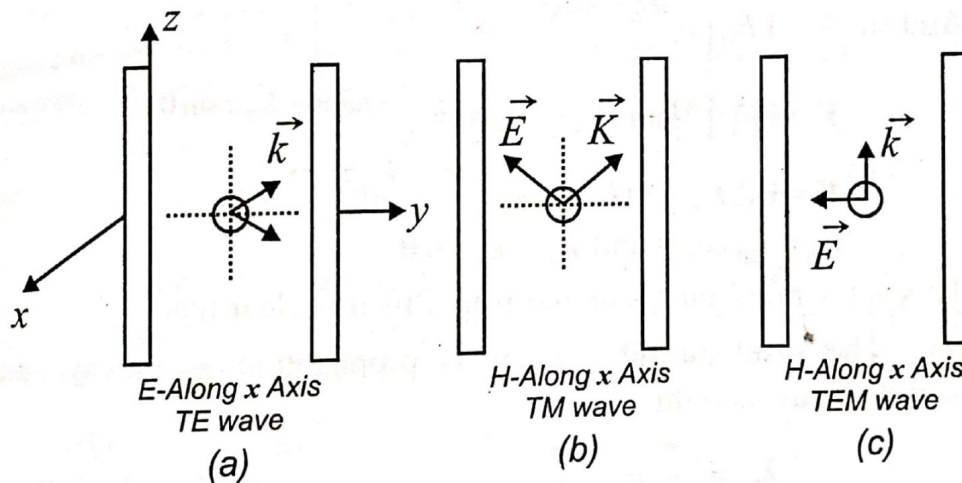


Fig. 6.18

(C) **TEM wave (or Mode)** : It is characterised by an E.M.W. having both the electric and magnetic fields entirely in a plane transverse to the assumed axis of propagation *i.e.* it is an electromagnetic wave in which the direction of wave motion is along the assumed axis of propagation. This is shown in fig. 6.18 (c) [In coaxial cables usually EMW are propagated in this mode].

As an example here we shall discuss only *TE* wave. The electric fields for incident and reflected waves in *TE* case will be

$$E_i = \mathbf{i} E_0 e^{-i\omega t} e^{-ik_0 (y \cos \theta + z \sin \theta)}$$

i.e. only those waves are propagated for which  $\lambda_0 < \lambda_c$  or  $\omega > \omega_c$ .  
 i.e.  $\lambda_c$  is the largest wavelength or  $\omega_c$  is the lowest frequency which can be propagated. This is why  $\lambda_c$  is called cut off wavelength and the given problem acts as high pass filter.

(IV) The velocity with which energy is propagated along the axis is called group velocity and is given by

$$v_z = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_x}$$

But from equation (7)

$$k_0 = \sqrt{(k_c^2 + k_x^2)} \text{ or } \omega = c \sqrt{(k_c^2 + k_x^2)} \quad [\text{as } k_0 = (\omega/c)]$$

or 
$$v_z = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_x} = c \frac{1}{2} (k_c^2 + k_x^2)^{-1/2} \times 2k_x$$

i.e. 
$$v_z = c \frac{k_x}{k_0} = c \frac{1}{2} [ \text{as } k_0 = (k_c^2 + k_x^2)^{1/2} ]$$

i.e. 
$$v_z = c \sin \theta \quad [\text{as } k_x = k_0 \sin \theta] \quad \dots(9)$$

From expression (9) it is clear that the group velocity  $v_z$  with which energy is propagated along the axis is lesser than  $c$  as  $\sin \theta < 1$ . Further multiplying equation (4) and (9) we get

$$v v_z = c^2$$

a result which is expected but by no means apparent.

§ 6.8. Wave Guide (Rectangular)

A hollow conducting metallic tube of uniform cross section usually filled with air, for transmitting electromagnetic wave by successive reflections from inner walls of the tube is called a wave guide. If the cross section is rectangular it is called rectangular wave guide and if the cross section is circular it is called cylindrical wave guide.

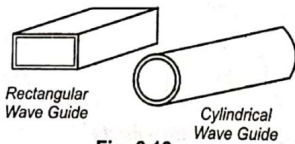


Fig. 6.19

It is used in U.H.F. and microwave region such as radar ( $f > 3000 \text{ MHz}$  or  $\lambda < 10 \text{ cm}$ ) as an alternative to transmission lines as at these frequencies it can handle more power with lesser losses as compared to transmission lines.

\* See Appendix III.

Propagation of E.M.W. in wave guides can be considered as a phenomenon in which either TE or TM waves are reflected from wall to wall and hence pass down the wave guide in zig-zag fashion. [in transmission lines E.M.W. are usually propagated along the axis of cable as TEM waves.]

As essential feature of wave guide propagation is that it exhibits a cut off characteristic frequency similar to that of a high pass filter. At frequencies below the cut off value, the wave is simply reflected backwards and forwards across the wave guide and makes no forward progress. [Transmission line do not have any cut off frequency and are broad band devies.]

Theory :

For making the treatment simple we assume that

(i) The walls of the guide are perfectly conducting so that tangential component of E and normal component of B vanishes at its surface.

(ii) The interior of the wave guide is free space i.e. vacuum so that

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0, \quad \mu = \mu_0, \\ \sigma = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = 0.$$

(iii) The cross section of guide is uniform and rectangular.

(iv) The axis of wave guide is along z-direction of right handed co-ordinate system.

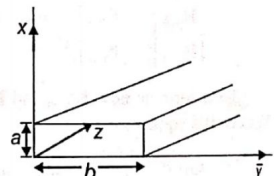


Fig. 6.20

In the light of above assumptions to discuss the propagation of E.M.W. in the guide consider Maxwell's eqns. in free space viz.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Div } \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \dots (a) & & \text{Div } \mathbf{B} &= 0 & \dots (b) \\ \text{Curl } \mathbf{B} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} & \dots (c) & & \text{Curl } \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} & \dots (d) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (1)$$

Taking the curl of eqn. 1 (d) we get

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{curl } (\mathbf{B})$$

or 
$$\nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$
  
 [as  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}$ ]

which in the light of equations 1 (a) and (c) reduces to

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

Similarly taking curl of eqn. 1 (c) and using 1 (b) and (d) we get

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

As equations (2) and (3) are of the form

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

We come to the conclusion that fields  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are propagated as waves in the guide at a speed  $c$ .

Now as the solution of above wave equation when it is propagating along z-axis is

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-i(\omega t - kz)}$$

so if  $k_z$  is the wave vector or propagation constant along z-axis i.e. axis of guide the solution of equations (2) and (3) will be

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{(x,y)} \\ \mathbf{B}_{(x,y)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{(x,y)} \\ \mathbf{B}_{(x,y)} \end{Bmatrix} e^{-i(\omega t - k_z z)} \quad \dots(4)$$

To determine how  $\mathbf{E}_{(x,y)}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{(x,y)}$  vary with  $x$  and  $y$  we start with Maxwell's equations

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{curl } \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

which in terms of components can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} &= -\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \quad \dots(5)$$

But from equation (4) it is apparent that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \rightarrow ik_z \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow -i\omega \rightarrow -ik_0 c \quad \left[ \text{as } k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \right]$$

So equation (5), reduces to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - ik_z B_y &= -\frac{ik_0}{c} E_x \quad \dots(i) \\ ik_z B_x - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} &= -\frac{ik_0}{c} E_y \quad \dots(ii) \\ \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} &= -\frac{ik_0}{c} E_z \quad \dots(iii) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(6)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - ik_z E_y &= -ik_0 c B_x \quad \dots(i) \\ ik_z E_x - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} &= -ik_0 c B_y \quad \dots(ii) \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} &= -ik_0 c B_z \quad \dots(iii) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(7)$$

If we substitute the value of  $B_y$  from equation 7 (ii) in 6 (i), we get

$$\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - ik_z \left( \frac{k_x}{k_0 c} E_x - \frac{1}{ik_0 c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{ik_0}{c} E_x$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} + \frac{k_x}{k_0 c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = \left( \frac{ik_x^2}{ck_0} - \frac{ik_0}{c} \right) E_x$$

$$\text{or} \quad E_x = \frac{i}{[k_0^2 - k_x^2]} \left[ k_x \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + k_0 c \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right] \quad \dots(A)$$

And if we substitute the value of  $E_x$  from 6 (i) 7 (ii), we get

$$B_y = \frac{i}{[k_0^2 - k_x^2]} \left[ \frac{k_0}{c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + k_x \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right] \quad \dots(B)$$

Similarly eliminating  $B_x$  and  $E_y$  in turn, from 6 (ii) and 7 (i) we get

$$E_y = \frac{i}{[k_0^2 - k_x^2]} \left[ k_x \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - k_0 c \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right] \quad \dots(C)$$

$$\text{and} \quad B_x = \frac{i}{[k_0^2 - k_x^2]} \left[ -\frac{k_0}{c} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + k_x \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right] \quad \dots(D)$$

Examination of equations (A), (B), (C) and (D) shows that :

(i) If a electromagnetic wave is to be propagated along z axis then as  $E_z = B_z = 0$ , the equations (A), (B), (C) and (D) vanish. Therefore there is no non-zero component of  $\mathbf{E}$  or  $\mathbf{B}$ . This in turn implies that TEM waves cannot be propagated along the axis of a wave guide.

(ii) If we set  $k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2$  i.e.,  $k_g^2 = k_0^2 - k_c^2 = k_g^2$  we find that for  $k_0 < k_c$ ,  $k_g$  is imaginary which in turn results in the attenuation of **E** and **H** given by eqn. (4). This in turn means that we cannot propagate waves for which  $k_0 < k_c$  (or  $f_0 < f_c$ ) i.e. a guide acts as a short of high pass filter in the sense that one can propagate waves along it whose frequencies are greater than cut off frequency.

The equation

$$k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad k_0^2 = k_g^2 + k_c^2$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_0^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_g^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_c^2} \quad (\text{as } k = 2\pi/\lambda)$$

is called guide equation. It relates the free space wavelength  $\lambda_0$  to cut off wavelength  $\lambda_c$  and guide wavelength  $\lambda_g$ . According to it

$$\lambda_g = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_c}\right)^2}} \quad \dots(E)$$

(iii) The phase velocity in the guide will be given by

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k_g} = c \frac{k_0}{k_g} \quad \left[ \text{as } k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \right]$$

$$\text{or} \quad v = \frac{c k_0}{\sqrt{(k_0^2 - k_c^2)}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - (k_c/k_0)^2}} \quad [\text{as } k_g^2 = k_0^2 - k_c^2]$$

$$\text{or} \quad v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda_0/\lambda_c)^2}} \quad \left[ \text{as } k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right] \quad \dots(F)$$

This result clearly shows that  $v > c$  and for  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_c$

$$v = \infty$$

i.e. phase velocity becomes infinite exactly at cut off.

(iv) As

$$k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \omega = c (k_g^2 + k_c^2)^{1/2} \quad [\text{as } k_0 = \omega/c]$$

The group velocity with which energy is propagated along the axis of the guide will be given by

$$v_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_g} = \frac{\partial}{\partial k_g} [c(k_g^2 + k_c^2)^{1/2}]$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad v_g = c \frac{1}{2} (k_g^2 + k_c^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2k_g$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad v_g = c \frac{k_g}{k_0} = c \sqrt{1 - (k_c/k_0)^2} \quad [\text{as } k_0^2 = k_g^2 + k_c^2]$$

$$\text{or} \quad v_g = c \sqrt{1 - (\lambda_0/\lambda_c)^2} \quad [\text{as } k = 2\pi/\lambda] \quad \dots(G)$$

From this equation it is clear that  $v_g < c$  and  $v v_g = c^2$ .

(v) Transverse components of the fields i.e.  $E_x, E_y, B_x,$  and  $B_y$  of a guided wave are independent of one another and depend only on the values of the longitudinal components  $E_z$  or  $B_z$  of the guided wave, so it is possible to express them in terms of a linear superposition of two independent solutions, one for which  $E_z = 0$  (TE) and one for which  $B_z = 0$  (TM). Transverse electric waves are sometimes known as H wave and transverse magnetic waves as E-waves.

**TE Waves :**

For these as  $E_z = 0$  and  $k_c^2 = k_0^2 - k_g^2$  equations (A), (B), (C) and (D) reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_x &= \frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \quad \dots(i) & B_x &= \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \quad \dots(iii) \\ E_y &= \frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \quad \dots(ii) & B_y &= \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \quad \dots(iv) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(8)$$

Thus in TE mode all the transverse components of E and B can be expressed in terms of longitudinal component of magnetic vector  $B_z$ . In order to compute  $B_z$  we use equation (3) i.e.

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

which in the light of eqn. (4) i.e.

$$\mathbf{B}_{(x,y)} = \mathbf{B}_{(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

i.e. with  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \rightarrow (i k_g)$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow (-i\omega)$  becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial y^2} + (i k_g)^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} (-i\omega)^2 \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial x^2} + \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_g^2 \right) \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad [\text{as } k_0 = \omega/c \text{ and } k_0^2 = k_g^2 + k_c^2]$$

As above equations is a vector equation so must be satisfied for each component of **B**. For z-component of **B** it reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 B_z = 0 \quad \dots(a)$$

with boundary condition  $\partial B_z / \partial n^2 = 0$  i.e.

$$\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x=0 \quad \text{and} \quad x=a.$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y=0 \quad \text{and} \quad y=b.$$

Such a solution is

$$B_z = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \quad \dots(H)$$

$$\text{with} \quad k_c^2 = \pi^2 \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right] \quad \dots(I)$$

where the indices  $m$  and  $n$  specify the mode. The cut of wavelength is given by

$$\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_c}\right)_{mn} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad \left( \text{as } k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right) \quad \dots(J)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad (\lambda_c)_{mn} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{m}{a}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{n}{a}\right]^2}} \quad \dots(J)$$

while cut off frequency will be

$$\omega_{mn} = \pi c \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad \left[ \text{as } \omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \right] \quad \dots(K)$$

The modes corresponding to  $m$  and  $n$  are designated as  $TE_{mn}$  mode. The case  $m=n=0$  gives a static field which do not represent a wave propagation. So  $TE_{00}$  mode does not exist. If  $a < b$  the lowest cut off frequency result for  $m=0$  and  $n=1$  i.e.

$$(\omega)_{01} = \frac{\pi c}{b} \text{ or } k_c = \frac{\pi}{b}$$

The  $TE_{01}$  mode is called the principal or dominant mode.

The fields in the guide for  $TE$  mode will be obtained from eqn. (8) by substituting the solution for  $B_z$ , which is

$$B_{z(r,n)} = B_{z(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } B_{z(r,n)} = B_0 \cos\left[\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right] e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

Thus we have

$$E_x = -\frac{in\pi ck_0}{k_c^2 b} B_0 \cos\left[\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right] \sin\left[\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right] e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$E_y = -\frac{im\pi ck_0}{k_c^2 a} B_0 \sin\left[\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right] e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$B_x = -\frac{im\pi k_g}{k_c^2 a} B_0 \sin\left[\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right] e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$B_y = -\frac{in\pi k_g}{k_c^2 b} B_0 \cos\left[\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right] \sin\left[\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right] e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

**TM Waves :**

For there as  $B_z = 0$  and as  $k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2$  equations A, B, C and D reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_x &= \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad \dots(i) & B_x &= -\frac{ik_0}{ck_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad \dots(iii) \\ E_y &= \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad \dots(ii) & B_y &= \frac{ik_0}{ck_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad \dots(iv) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(10)$$

Thus in **TM mode**, all the transverse components of **E** and **B** can be expressed in terms of longitudinal component of the electric field  $E_z$ ,  $E_z$  may be computed by using the eqn. (4) for z-component

$$\text{i.e.} \quad E_{z(r,n)} = E_{z(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

so that it satisfies eqn. (2) (for z component) i.e.

$$\nabla^2 E_z - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial y^2} + (ik_g)^2 E_z - \frac{(-i\omega)^2}{c^2} E_z = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 E_z = 0 \quad \left( \text{as } \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_g^2 = k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2 \right)$$

with boundary condition  $E_z/s = 0$  i.e.

$$E_z = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x=0 \quad \text{and} \quad x=a$$

$$\text{and} \quad E_z = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y=0 \quad \text{and} \quad y=b$$

Such a solution is

$$E_z = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \quad \dots(L)$$

$$\text{with } k_c^2 = \pi^2 \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right] \quad \dots(M)$$

which corresponds to a cut off wavelength

$$\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_c}\right)_{mn} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad [\text{as } k = 2\pi/\lambda]$$

and a cut off frequency

$$\omega_{mn} = \pi c \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad [\text{as } k = \omega/c]$$

Comparing eqn. (M) with (I) we find that in a rectangular waveguide *TE* and *TM* modes have the same set of cut off frequencies. However the cases  $m=0$  and  $n=1$  or  $m=1$  and  $n=0$  which were dominant in *TE* mode do not exist for *TM* wave because the field vanishes or  $m$  or  $n=0$ .

The value of the fields for *TM* mode will be obtained from eqn. (10) by substituting the solution for  $E_z$ , which is

$$E_{z(r,t)} = E_{z(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } E_{z(r,t)} = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

Thus we have

$$E_x = \frac{im\pi k_g}{k_c^2 a} E_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$E_y = \frac{in\pi k_g}{k_c^2 b} E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$B_x = \frac{in\pi k_0}{bck_c^2} E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

$$\text{and } B_y = \frac{im\pi k_0}{ack_c^2} E_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

**Note :** In solving numericals related to wave guides keep in mind that

(a) The cut off wavelength  $\lambda_c$  for a given mode and free space wavelength  $\lambda_0$  are given by

$$\lambda_c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\left\{ \left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \right\}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_0 = \frac{c}{f}$$

### § 6.9. Cavity Resonator :

A cavity resonator is an energy storing device, similar to a resonant circuit at low frequencies. Virtually any metallic enclosure, when properly excited will function as a cavity resonator or electromagnetic cavity. For certain specific frequencies electromagnetic field oscillations can be sustained within the enclosure with a very small expenditure of power loss in the cavity walls. Cavity resonators have the advantages of reasonable dimensions, simplicity, remarkable high  $Q$  and very high impedance.

A cavity resonator is usually superior to conventional L-C circuit by a factor of about 20. *i.e* the fraction of the stored energy dissipated per cycle in a cavity resonator is about (1/20) the fraction dissipated per cycle in an L-C circuit. An additional advantage is that cavity resonators of practical size have resonant frequencies which range upward from a few hundred mega cycles just the region where it is almost impossible to construct a L-C circuit.

Cavity resonators are used as resonant circuit in high frequency tubes such as Klystron, for band pass filters and for wave meters to measure frequency.

**Theory :** Consider a rectangular cavity as shown in fig. 6.21, with the assumptions.

- (i) The walls are perfectly conducting.
- (ii) The interior of cavity is free-space.
- (iii) The cavity is rectangular.
- (iv) The wave is advancing along  $z$ -axis.

As there are two possible modes of propagation  $TE$  or  $TM$  in the cavity, we shall deal them separately.

**Case I. TE Mode.** In this mode  $E_z = 0$  so that the electric field propagating along +ive  $z$ -direction may be expressed as

$$\mathbf{E}_{i(r,t)} = \mathbf{E}_{(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

The electric field of reflected wave propagating along  $z$ -axis will therefore be

$$\mathbf{E}_{r(r,t)} = \mathbf{E}_{(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)}$$

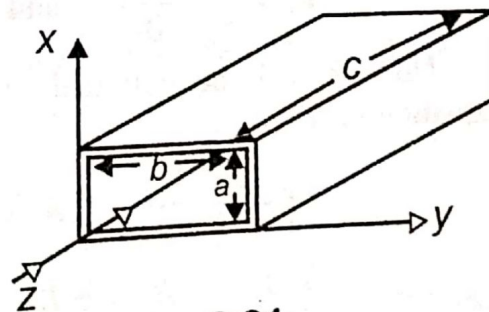


Fig. 6.21

So the resultant electric field

$$E_{(r,0)} = E'_{(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t - k_g z)} + E''_{(x,y)} e^{-i(\omega t + k_g z)}$$

The boundary condition that tangential component of  $E$  is zero at the boundary  $z=0$  (for all values of  $x, y$  and  $t$ ) requires

$$E + E' = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad E' = -E$$

so that

$$E_{(r,0)} = E_{(x,y)} e^{-i\omega t} [e^{ik_g z} - e^{-ik_g z}]$$

i.e.  $E_{(r,0)} = 2i E_{(x,y)} \sin k_g z e^{-i\omega t}$   
 the boundary condition  $E_{(r,0)} = 0$  at  $z = d$  implies that

$$\sin k_g d = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad k_g d = p\pi$$

i.e.  $k_g = p\pi/d$  ... (1)

so that

$$E_{(r,0)} = 2i E_{(x,y)} \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

which in terms of components will be

$$E_{x(r,0)} = 2i E_{x(x,y)} \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

and  $E_{y(r,0)} = 2i E_{y(x,y)} \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$  ... (2)

In order to calculate  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  we write Maxwell's equations  $\text{curl } \mathbf{B} = (1/c^2) (\partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t)$  and  $\text{curl } \mathbf{E} = -(\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t)$  in terms of components and solve to get

$$E_x = \frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad E_y = -\frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \quad \dots (3)$$

Now  $B_z$  will be obtained by solving the z-component of wave equation for  $\mathbf{B}$  i.e.

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right) B_z = 0$$

i.e.  $\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial t^2} = 0$

But as for a wave propagating along z-axis

$$(\partial/\partial z) \rightarrow ik_g \quad \text{and} \quad (\partial/\partial t) \rightarrow (-i\omega)$$

\* Equations 8 (i) and 8 (ii) of 6.1.

so  $\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + \left[\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_g^2\right] B_z = 0$

or  $\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 B_z = 0$

[with  $\omega/c = k_0$  and  $k_0^2 - k_g^2 = k_c^2$ ] ... (4)

The boundary condition  $\partial B / \partial n |_{z=0} = 0$  i.e.

$$\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x=0 \quad \text{and} \quad x=a$$

and  $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} = 0$  at  $y=0$  and  $y=b$

when applied to equation (4) yields

$$B_z = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \dots (5)$$

with  $k_c^2 = \pi^2 \left[\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}\right]$  ... (6)

So substituting the value of  $B_z$  from (5) in (3) we get

$$E_{x(x,y)} = -\frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

$$E_{y(x,y)} = \frac{ik_0 c}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) B_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

The above equation when substituted in eqns. (2) results

$$E_{x(r,0)} = \frac{2k_0 c}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \dots (A)$$

$$E_{y(r,0)} = \frac{2k_0 c}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) B_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \dots (B)$$

with  $E_{z(r,0)} = 0$  as wave is TE ... (C)

The components of magnetic field in this will be obtained by using the Maxwell's  $\text{curl } \mathbf{E} = (-\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t)$  in terms of components i.e.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} &= -\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} & \frac{-\partial E_y}{\partial z} &= i\omega B_x \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} &= i\omega B_y \\ \text{and } \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} &= i\omega B_z \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (7)$$

[as  $E_z = 0$  and  $(\partial/\partial t) \rightarrow -i\omega$ ]



So eqn. (7) in the light of (A) and (B) gives

$$B_x = -\frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = -\frac{2i}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) B_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(D)$$

$$B_y = -\frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -\frac{2i}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \left(\frac{p\pi}{d}\right) B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(E)$$

and  $B_z = \frac{1}{i\omega} \left[ \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right] = \frac{2i}{k_c^2} B_0 \left[ \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 \right] \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$

which in the light of condition given by eqn. (6) becomes

$$B_z = 2i B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(F)$$

**Discussion :**

(1) Equation (A) to (F) express components of fields in the resonant cavity for TE mode. From these it is evident that TE<sub>000</sub>, TE<sub>001</sub>, TE<sub>010</sub> or TE<sub>100</sub> modes do not exist in the cavity. The physically possible lowest modes are TE<sub>101</sub>, TE<sub>011</sub> or TE<sub>110</sub>.

(2) To calculate the resonant frequency of the cavity, we use the fact that in equation (4) k<sub>c</sub> is defined as

$$k_c^2 = k_g^2 + k_z^2$$

Above equation in the light of eqns. (1) and (6) reduce to

$$k_c^2 = \left(\frac{\pi p}{d}\right)^2 + \left[ \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 \right]$$

or  $\omega = \pi c \left[ \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} + \frac{p^2}{d^2} \right]^{1/2}$  [as k<sub>0</sub> = ω/c] ... (G)

**Case II. TM Mode :** In this mode B<sub>z</sub> = 0 and E<sub>z</sub> can be computed by solving the z component of wave equation for E i.e.

$$\left( \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) E = 0$$

Proceeding as, in Case I we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 E_z = 0$$

subjected to the boundary conditions |E<sub>t</sub>|<sub>s</sub> = 0 i.e.

$$\begin{matrix} E_z = 0 & \text{at } x=0 & \text{and } x=a \\ E_z = 0 & \text{at } y=0 & \text{and } y=b \end{matrix}$$

Such a solution will be

$$E_{z(x,y)} = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \quad \dots(8)$$

with  $k_c^2 = \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2$  ... (9)

In order to calculate E<sub>x(x,y)</sub> and E<sub>y(x,y)</sub> we write Maxwell equations curl B = (1/c<sup>2</sup>) (∂E/∂t) and curl E = -(∂B/∂t) in terms of components and solve to get

$$E_x = \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad E_y = \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad \dots(10)$$

Substituting the value of E<sub>z</sub> from eqn. (9) in (10) we get

$$E_{x(x,y)} = \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) E_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

$$E_{y(x,y)} = \frac{ik_g}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

which in the light of equation (2) gives

$$E_{x(r,t)} = -\frac{2k_g}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) E_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(H)$$

$$E_{y(r,t)} = -\frac{2k_g}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(I)$$

The components B<sub>x(r,t)</sub>, B<sub>y(r,t)</sub> and E<sub>z(r,t)</sub> will be obtained by using Maxwell equation [curl B = (1/c<sup>2</sup>) (∂E/∂t)] in terms of components i.e.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} &= \frac{i\omega}{c^2} E_x \\ \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} & \text{or } \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} &= \frac{i\omega}{c^2} E_y \\ \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} &= -\frac{i\omega}{c^2} E_z \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(11)$$

[as B<sub>z</sub> = 0 and (∂/∂t) → -iω]

\* See equation 10(1) and 10(11) § in 6.8.

So equation (11) in the light of **(H)** and **(I)** and with  $\pi p/d = k_g$  yields

$$B_x = \frac{2i\omega E_0}{k_c^2 c^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(\text{J})$$

$$B_y = -\frac{2i\omega E_0}{k_c^2 c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(\text{K})$$

$$\text{and } E_z = 2E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi z}{d}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \dots(\text{L})$$

Equations **(H)** to **(L)** represents the components of field vectors and from these it is evident that modes  $TM_{000}$ ,  $TM_{001}$ ,  $TM_{100}$ ,  $TM_{010}$ ,  $TM_{011}$ ,  $TM_{101}$  do not exist. The physically possible lowest mode is  $TM_{110}$ .

The resonant frequency will be given by the condition

$$k_0^2 = k_g^2 + k_c^2$$

$$i.e. \quad \omega = \pi c \left[ \left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{d}\right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$