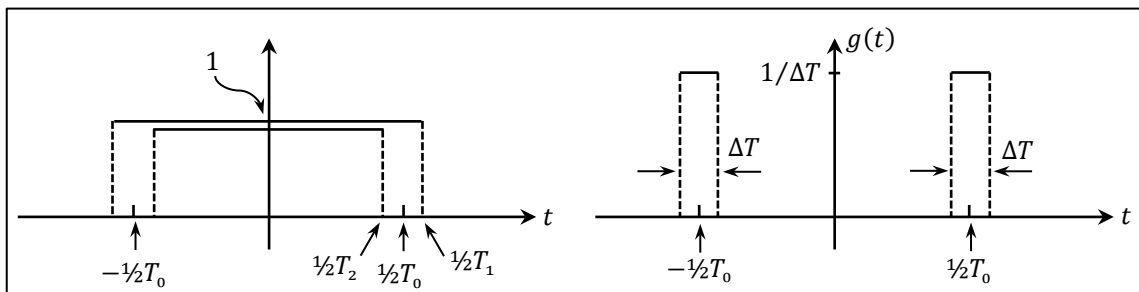


Problem 1) a) $\mathcal{F}\{\text{Rect}(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Rect}(t)e^{i\omega t} dt = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{i\omega t} dt = (i\omega)^{-1} e^{i\omega t} \Big|_{t=-1/2}^{1/2} = \frac{e^{1/2i\omega} - e^{-1/2i\omega}}{i\omega}$
 $= (2/\omega) \sin(\omega/2) = \frac{\sin(\pi\omega/2\pi)}{\pi\omega/2\pi} = \text{sinc}(\omega/2\pi).$

b) $\mathcal{F}\{f(t/\alpha)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t/\alpha)e^{i\omega t} dt = \alpha \int_{\mp\infty}^{\pm\infty} f(t')e^{i\alpha\omega t'} dt'$ ← change of variable: $t' = t/\alpha$
 $= |\alpha| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t')e^{i\alpha\omega t'} dt' = |\alpha|F(\alpha\omega).$ ← sign of α is used to change $\int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} \dots$ to $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots$

c) $\mathcal{F}\{g(t)\} = [T_1 \text{sinc}(T_1\omega/2\pi) - T_2 \text{sinc}(T_2\omega/2\pi)]/\Delta T$
 $= \left[\frac{T_1 \sin(T_1\omega/2)}{T_1\omega/2} - \frac{T_2 \sin(T_2\omega/2)}{T_2\omega/2} \right] / \Delta T = \frac{2}{\omega\Delta T} [\sin(T_1\omega/2) - \sin(T_2\omega/2)]$
 $= \frac{4 \sin[(T_1 - T_2)\omega/4] \cos[(T_1 + T_2)\omega/4]}{\omega\Delta T} = \frac{4 \sin(\omega\Delta T/2) \cos(T_0\omega/2)}{\omega\Delta T}.$

- d) The function $g(t)$ is plotted below (on the right-hand side) as the difference between two rectangular pulses having widths T_1 and T_2 . In the limit when $\Delta T \rightarrow 0$, the function approaches a pair of δ -functions; that is, $g_0(t) = \delta(t - 1/2T_0) + \delta(t + 1/2T_0)$.



- e) In the limit when $\Delta T \rightarrow 0$, the Fourier transform of $g(t)$ computed in part (c) approaches $2 \cos(1/2T_0\omega)$, because $\sin(\omega\Delta T/2) \rightarrow \omega\Delta T/2$. Given that $\mathcal{F}\{\delta(t \pm 1/2T_0)\} = \exp(\mp 1/2iT_0\omega)$, it is clear that $\mathcal{F}\{g_0(t)\}$ should be the sum of these two exponentials, namely, $2 \cos(1/2T_0\omega)$.

Problem 2) a) $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sigma_0 \delta(r - R)$. Note that the units of σ_0 are [coulomb/m²], whereas those of $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$ are [coulomb/m³]. This is due to the fact that $\delta(r - R)$ has the units of [1/m].

b) $\rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_0 \delta(r - R) \exp[-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] d\mathbf{r} dt$ ← volume of the ring around the k -vector
 $= \sigma_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} dt \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta(r - R) \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \exp(-ikr \cos \theta) 2\pi r^2 \sin \theta d\theta dr$
 $= (2\pi)^2 \sigma_0 \delta(\omega) \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta(r - R) (r/ik) \exp(-ikr \cos \theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\pi} dr$
 $= 4\pi^2 \sigma_0 \delta(\omega) \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta(r - R) (r/ik) (e^{ikr} - e^{-ikr}) dr$
 $= 8\pi^2 \sigma_0 \delta(\omega) \int_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta(r - R) (r/k) \sin(kr) dr$ ← use sifting property of $\delta(r - R)$
 $= 8\pi^2 \sigma_0 R^2 \delta(\omega) \sin(kR)/(kR).$

$$c) \quad \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}{\varepsilon_0 [k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]}.$$

$$d) \quad \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = (2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] d\mathbf{k} d\omega$$

use sifting property of $\delta(\omega)$

$$= (2\pi)^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{8\pi^2 \sigma_0 R^2 \delta(\omega) \sin(kR)/(kR)}{\varepsilon_0 [k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]} \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] d\mathbf{k} d\omega$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_0 R}{2\pi^2 \varepsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k^{-3} \sin(kR) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{k} \quad \text{volume of the ring around the } r\text{-vector}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_0 R}{2\pi^2 \varepsilon_0} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} k^{-3} \sin(kR) \exp(ikr \cos \theta) 2\pi k^2 \sin \theta d\theta dk$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_0 R}{\pi \varepsilon_0} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} k^{-2} \sin(kR) \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} k \sin \theta \exp(ikr \cos \theta) d\theta dk$$

$$= \frac{i\sigma_0 R}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} k^{-2} \sin(kR) \exp(ikr \cos \theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\pi} dk$$

$$= \frac{2\sigma_0 R}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \int_{k=0}^{\infty} k^{-2} \sin(kR) \sin(kr) dk \quad \leftarrow \text{G\&R 3.741-3}$$

$$= \frac{2\sigma_0 R}{\pi \varepsilon_0 r} \begin{cases} \pi r/2; & r \leq R \\ \pi R/2; & r \geq R \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sigma_0 R/\varepsilon_0; & r \leq R, \\ \sigma_0 R^2/(\varepsilon_0 r); & r \geq R. \end{cases}$$

$$e) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \partial\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)/\partial t = \begin{cases} 0; & r < R, \\ \sigma_0 R^2 \hat{\mathbf{r}}/(\varepsilon_0 r^2); & r > R. \end{cases}$$

f) The E -field inside the charged spherical shell is seen to be zero, whereas that outside the shell is $4\pi R^2 \sigma_0 \hat{\mathbf{r}}/(4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2) = Q\hat{\mathbf{r}}/(4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2)$, where Q is the total charge content of the sphere. The discontinuity of the perpendicular E -field at the sphere's surface, where $r = R$, is σ_0/ε_0 , in agreement with Maxwell's boundary condition.

Problem 3) a) In the absence of all four sources, Maxwell's equations for the EM fields $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ become

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{\text{free}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} + \partial\mathbf{D}/\partial t \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \partial\mathbf{E}/\partial t, \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial\mathbf{B}/\partial t, \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0. \quad (4)$$

b) The vector potential $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is defined as a vector field whose curl equals the B -field; that is, $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$. Given that the divergence of the curl of any vector field always equals zero, the preceding definition yields: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \nabla \cdot [\nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)] = 0$. Consequently, this choice of the vector potential automatically satisfies Maxwell's 4th equation.

The 3rd of Maxwell's equations now becomes $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{B}/\partial t = \nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t) = 0$. It is seen that $\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$ is a curl-free field. Since the curl of the gradient of any scalar field

always vanishes, it must be clear that $\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$ can be equated with the gradient of some (heretofore unknown) scalar field $\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$.

Traditionally, $\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$ has been equated with $-\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$, which is, of course, acceptable, considering that the minus sign thus introduced does *not* alter the required vanishing of the curl of $\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$. One thus writes $\mathbf{E} + \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t = -\nabla\psi$, and proceeds to express the E -field in terms of the scalar potential ψ and the vector potential \mathbf{A} as $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\psi - \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$. By construction, this equation, in conjunction with the identity $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$, satisfies Maxwell's 3rd equation.

c) Substituting the above $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ in Maxwell's (source-free) 1st equation, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$, we find

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla\psi) + \partial(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})/\partial t = 0. \quad (5)$$

Similarly, substituting in Maxwell's 2nd source-free equation for $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ in terms of the potentials, and also recalling that $\mu_0\varepsilon_0 = 1/c^2$, one arrives at

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \mu_0\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial(-\nabla\psi - \partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t)}{\partial t} \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} + \nabla \left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} \right) \right] = 0. \quad (6)$$

Equations (5) and (6) are the coupled pair of partial differential equations that relate the (source-free) scalar and vector potentials to each other.

d) The Lorenz gauge $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + c^{-2}(\partial\psi/\partial t) = 0$ may now be used to decouple Eqs.(5) and (6). In the case of Eq.(5), we replace $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ with $-c^{-2}(\partial\psi/\partial t)$, and in the case of Eq.(6), we substitute $-c^2\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ for $\partial\psi/\partial t$. We thus find

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla\psi) = \frac{\partial^2\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{c^2\partial t^2}. \quad (7)$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{c^2\partial t^2}. \quad (8)$$

These are the decoupled partial differential equations for $\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, respectively.

e) In the Fourier domain, the ∇ operator becomes $i\mathbf{k}$, while the $\partial/\partial t$ operator changes to $-i\omega$. Thus, Eq.(7), Eq.(8), and the aforementioned Lorenz gauge equation become

$$i\mathbf{k} \cdot i\mathbf{k}\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = c^{-2}(-i\omega)^2\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \quad \rightarrow \quad [k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0. \quad (9)$$

$$i\mathbf{k}[i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)] - i\mathbf{k} \times [i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)] = c^{-2}(-i\omega)^2\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}}$$

$$\rightarrow -(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A})\mathbf{k} + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A})\mathbf{k} - (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{A} = -(\omega/c)^2\mathbf{A} \quad \rightarrow \quad [k^2 - (\omega/c)^2]\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0. \quad (10)$$

$$i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) + c^{-2}(-i\omega)\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) - (\omega/c^2)\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0. \quad (11)$$

f) According to Eq.(11), the Lorenz gauge requires the projection onto \mathbf{k} of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, commonly written as $\mathbf{A}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, to satisfy the following relation with $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$: $\mathbf{A}_{\parallel} = \omega\psi\hat{\mathbf{k}}/(c^2k)$. However, such a constraint on \mathbf{A}_{\parallel} in no way modifies, or otherwise affects, the original definition of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ as a vector field whose curl must equal $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$. The reason is that, in the Fourier domain, the vector potential must relate to the B -field in the following way:

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{A}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{A}_{\perp}) = \cancel{i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}_{\parallel}} + i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}_{\perp} = i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}_{\perp}. \quad (12)$$

Clearly, it is only the projection of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ in a plane perpendicular to \mathbf{k} that is needed to specify the B -field. As such, the projection of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ onto \mathbf{k} , which is constrained by the Lorenz gauge, plays no role in the original definition of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ in connection with the B -field.

g) According to Eqs.(9) and (10), both $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ will be zero unless $k^2 = (\omega/c)^2$. Since the squared length of the vector \mathbf{k} is given by $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} = k^2$, one concludes that the only way to have nonzero solutions for $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is to demand that EM plane-waves in free space satisfy the condition $|\mathbf{k}| = \omega/c$.

h) Transforming $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ to the Fourier domain yields $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, which shows that $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ must be located in a plane perpendicular to the k -vector.

i) Transforming $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \partial\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)/\partial t$ to the Fourier domain yields $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = -i\mathbf{k}\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) + i\omega\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$. Upon substitution for $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ from the Lorenz gauge equation, Eq.(11), we find

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\omega\{\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) - [(c\mathbf{k}/\omega) \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)](c\mathbf{k}/\omega)\}. \quad (13)$$

It was shown in part (g) that, for plane-waves in free space, $|\mathbf{k}| = \omega/c$. Consequently, $c\mathbf{k}/\omega = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ (i.e., the unit-vector along \mathbf{k}), and $[\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)]\hat{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{A}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, which is the component of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ that is parallel to \mathbf{k} . We may now write Eq.(13) in simplified form, as follows:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\omega[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) - \mathbf{A}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)] = i\omega\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega). \quad (14)$$

Here, $\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is the projection of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ in a plane perpendicular to \mathbf{k} . It is thus seen that $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{k} . Moreover, since $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\mathbf{k} \times [\mathbf{A}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) + \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)] = i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, we conclude that $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ and $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ are also orthogonal to each other.

j) Substitution for $\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ from Eq.(14) into the preceding equation for $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ now yields

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = i(\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times [\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)/i\omega] = \hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)/c. \quad (15)$$

It is seen that $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, which is orthogonal to both $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, has the same magnitude as $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)/c$. Needless to say, cross-multiplication of $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ into $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ is tantamount to a 90° rotation of $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ around $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$.

k) In general, $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \mu_0\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) + \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$. In the absence of the magnetization \mathbf{M} , the H -field should be equal to the B -field divided by μ_0 . Therefore, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)/(\mu_0 c) = \hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)/Z_0$. The plane-wave's H -field amplitude is thus obtained by a 90° rotation of $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ around $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$, followed by division by Z_0 .
