

Answer on Question #54539, Physics / Electromagnetism

A uniform plane wave travels through free space, and its instantaneous electric field intensity vector is expressed as

$$E = 15 \cos(\omega t + 10\pi z + \theta) \hat{y} \text{ V/m}$$

Where time is in seconds, position z is in meters. The magnetic field intensity of the wave is $H = 0.02 \text{ A/m}$ at $t = 0$ and $z = 1.15 \text{ m}$. Determine

- (a) The operating frequency and initial (for $t = 0$) phase θ of the electric field in the plane $z = 0$.
- (b) Expression for the instantaneous magnetic field intensity vector
- (c) The complex magnetic field intensity vector

Solution:

(a)

As the propagation medium is free space and the phase coefficient of the wave is $\beta = 10\pi \text{ rad/m}$, the operating frequency is

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{\beta c_0}{2\pi} = \frac{10\pi c_0}{2\pi} = 5c_0 = 5 * 3 * 10^8 = 1.5 * 10^9 \text{ Hz} = 1.5 \text{ GHz}$$

The magnetic field intensity of the wave amounting to $H = 0.02 \text{ A/m}$ at $t = 0$ and $z = 1.15 \text{ m}$, the initial (for $t = 0$) phase in the plane $z = 0$ of the electric field intensity (θ_0) turns out to be

$$H_x(z, t) = -\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} E_y(z, t)$$

$$H = 0.02 \frac{A}{m} = -\frac{15}{377} \cos(10\pi * 1.15 + \theta_0)$$

$$\cos(11.5\pi + \theta_0) = -0.503$$

$$11.5\pi + \theta_0 = \cos^{-1}(-0.503)$$

$$11.5\pi + \theta_0 = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta_0 = -11.5\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} - 12\pi$$

$$\theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6} = 30^\circ$$

(b)

$$H_x(z, t) = -\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} E_y(z, t)$$

$$\omega = 2\pi * 1.5 * 10^9 = 3\pi * 10^9 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$H = -\frac{15}{377} \cos(3\pi * 10^9 t + 10\pi z + 30^\circ) \hat{x} \text{ A/m}$$

(c)

We first go to exponential notation,

$$H = Re \left\{ -\frac{15}{377} e^{j(3\pi * 10^9 t + 10\pi z + 30^\circ)} \hat{x} \right\} \text{ A/m}$$

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