

Review of Waves

Properties of electromagnetic waves in vacuum:

Waves propagate through vacuum (no medium is required like sound waves)

All frequencies have the same propagation speed, c in vacuum.

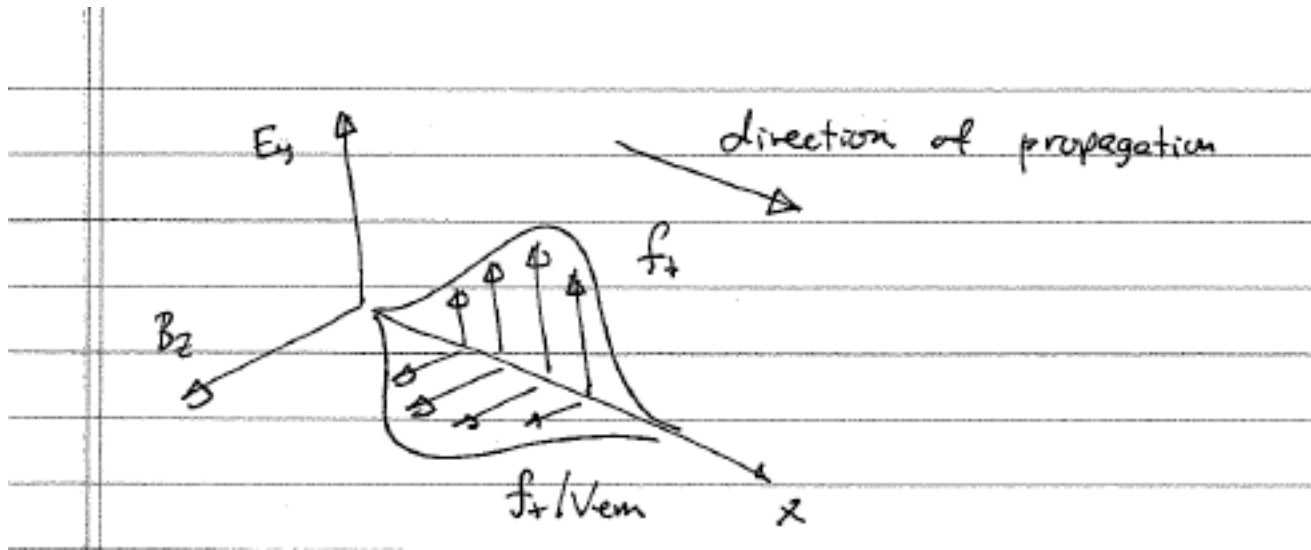
Electric and magnetic fields are oriented transverse to the direction of propagation. (transverse waves)

Waves carry both energy and momentum.

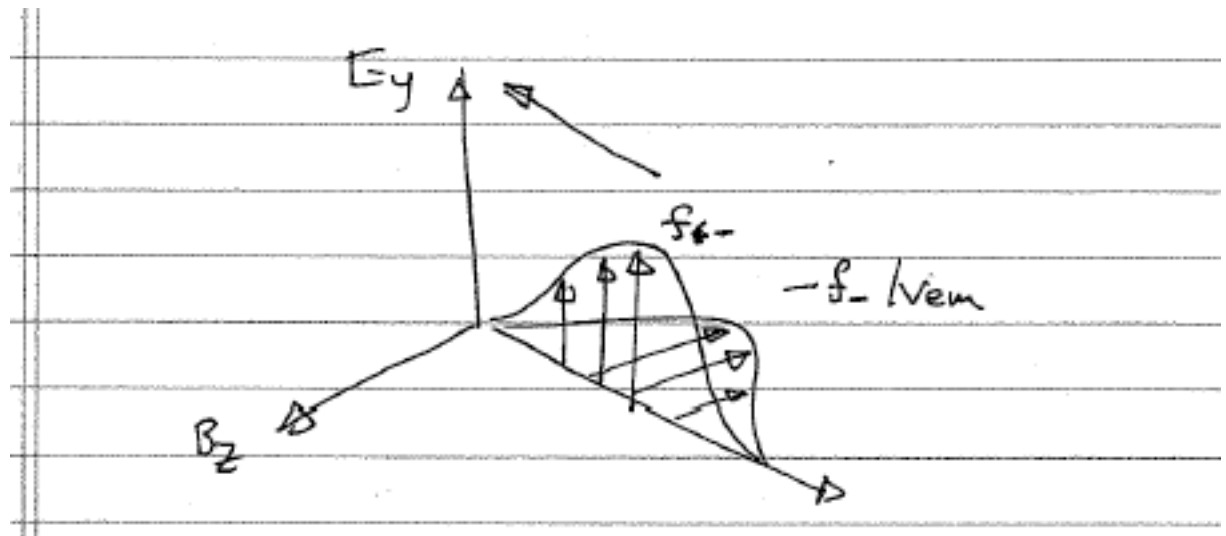
E and B fields in waves and Right Hand Rule:

f+ solution

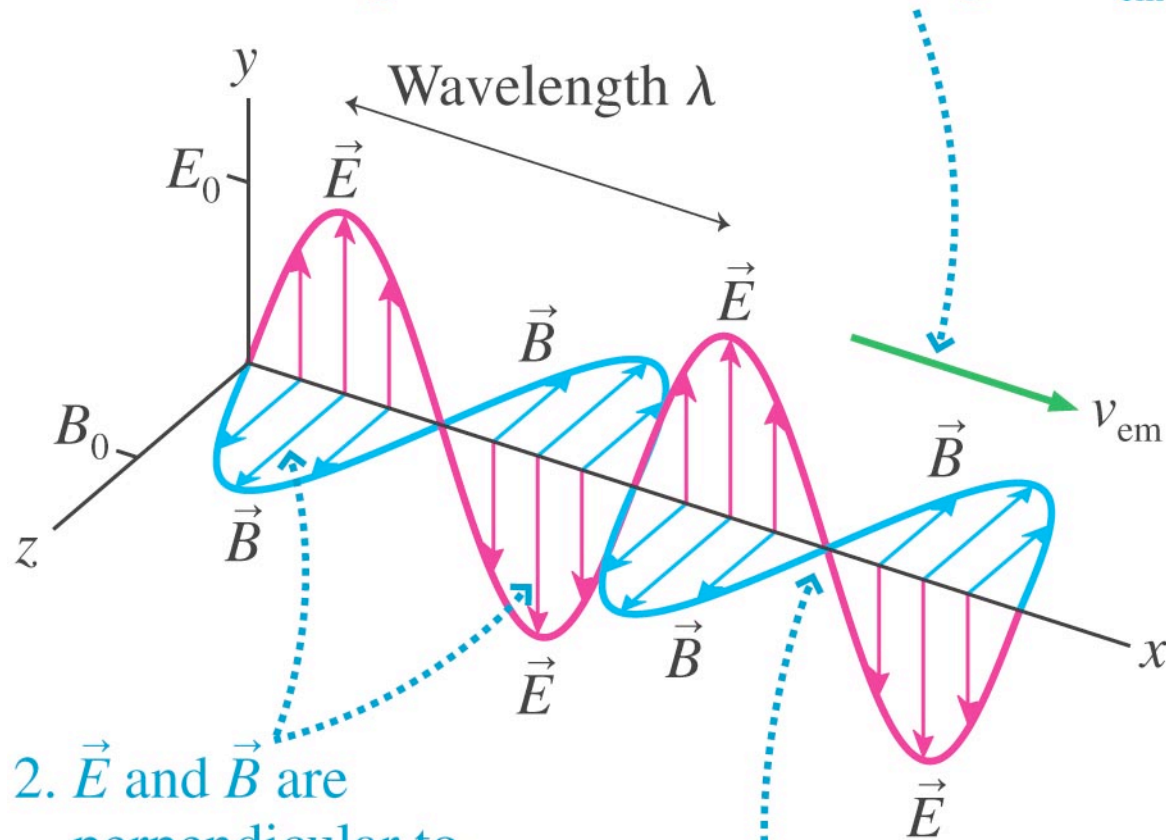
Wave propagates in $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ direction



f- solution



1. A sinusoidal wave with frequency f and wavelength λ travels with wave speed v_{em} .



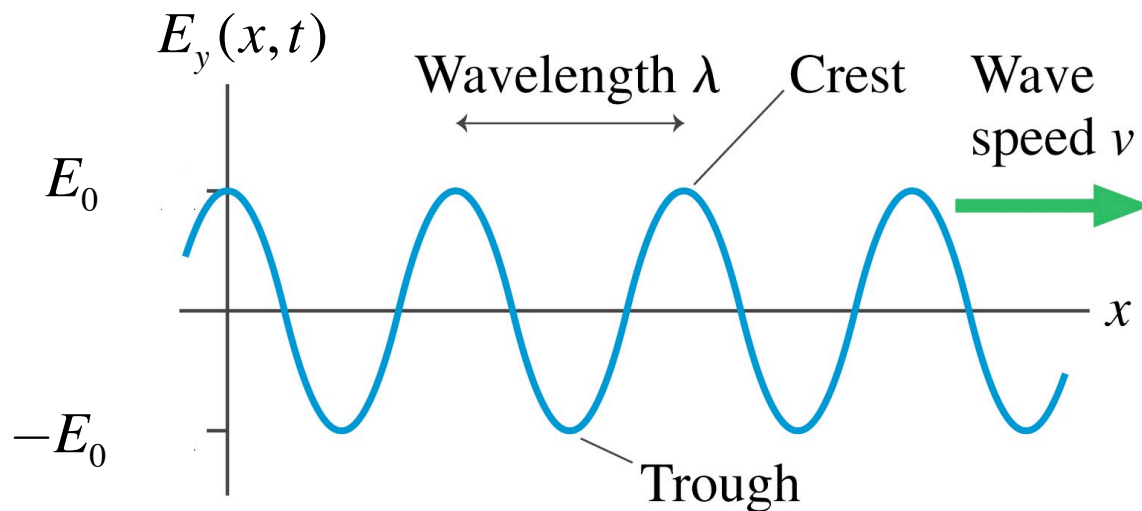
2. \vec{E} and \vec{B} are perpendicular to each other and to the direction of travel. The fields have amplitudes E_0 and B_0 .

3. \vec{E} and \vec{B} are in phase. That is, they have matching crests, troughs, and zeros.

Special Case Sinusoidal Waves

$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_{em}t) = E_0 \cos[k(x - v_{em}t)]$$

(b) A snapshot graph at one instant of time



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Wavenumber and
wavelength

$$k = 2\pi / \lambda$$

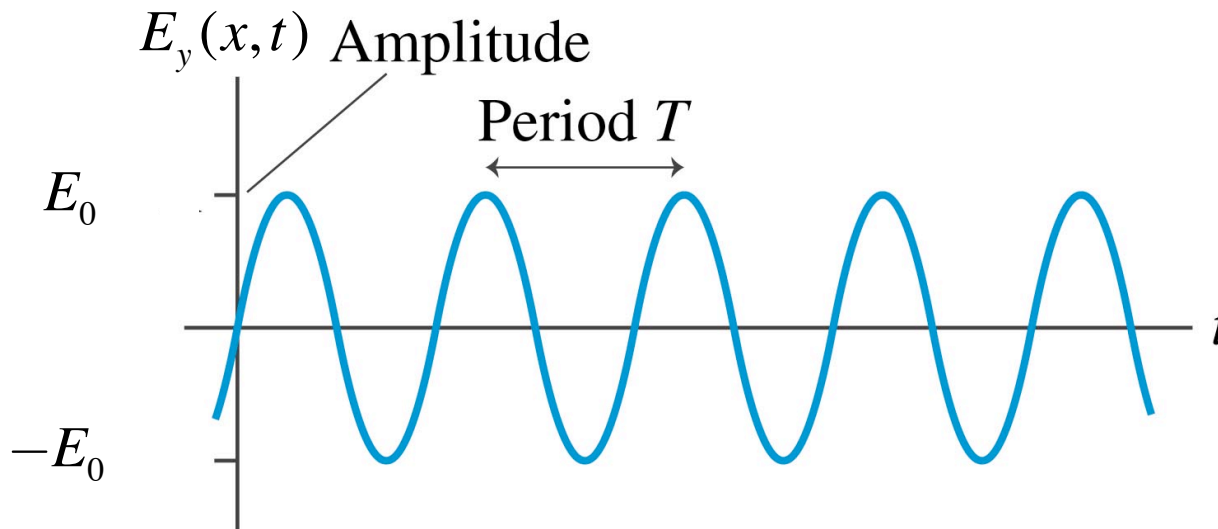
$$\lambda = 2\pi / k$$

These two contain
the same
information

Special Case Sinusoidal Waves

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(a) A history graph at one point in space



$$2\pi = kv_{em}T$$

Introduce

$$\omega = 2\pi / T$$

$$f = 1 / T$$

Different ways of saying the same thing:

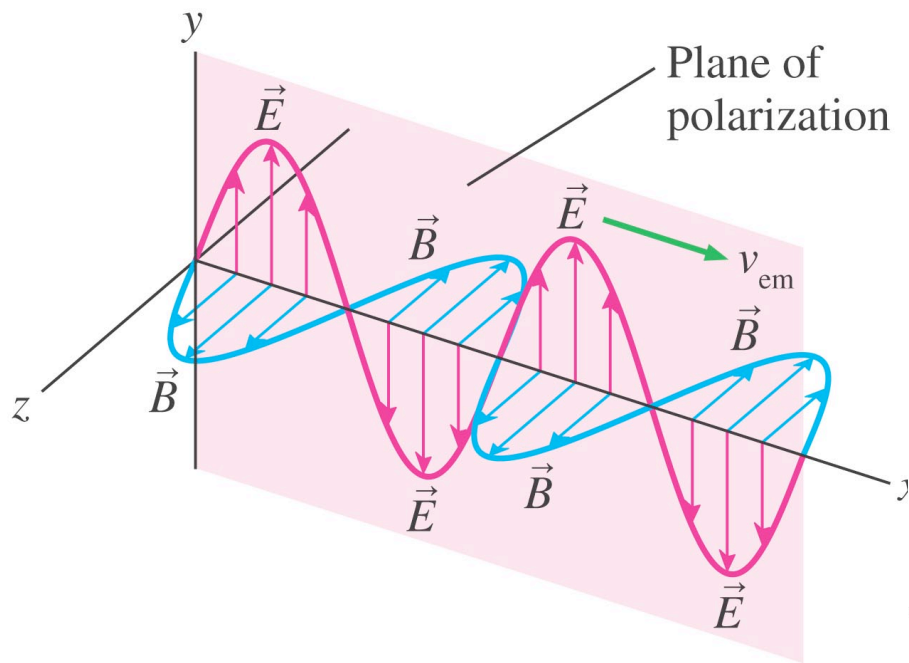
$$\omega / k = v_{em}$$

$$f\lambda = v_{em}$$

Polarizations

We picked this combination
of fields: $E_y - B_z$

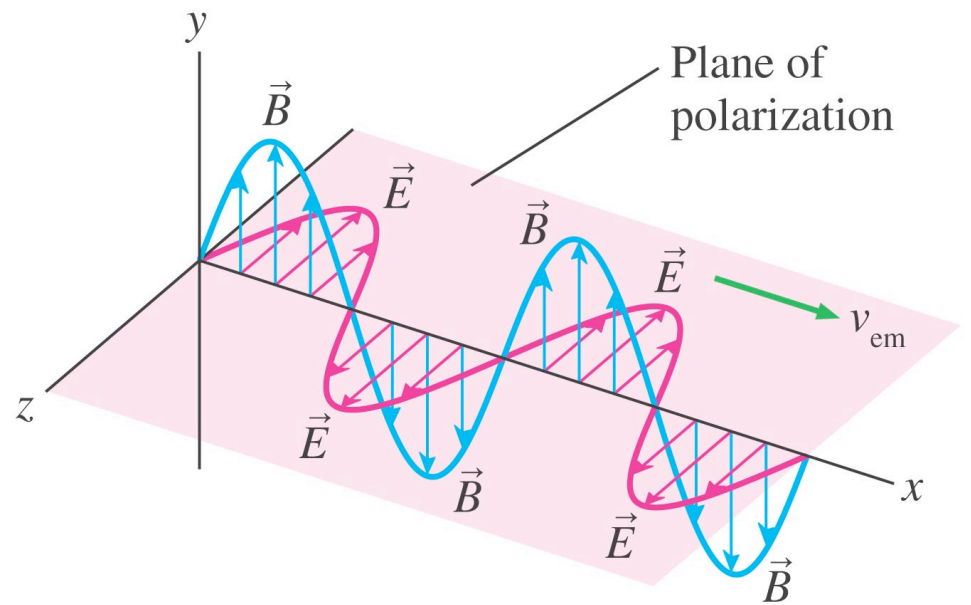
(a) Vertical polarization



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Could have picked this
combination of fields: $E_z - B_y$

(b) Horizontal polarization



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These are called plane polarized. Fields lie in plane

Which of the following are valid EM waves?

1.

A. Yes

B. No

$$E_x(z, t) = E_0 \cos[k(z - v_{em}t)]$$

$$B_y(z, t) = \frac{E_0}{v_{em}} \cos[k(z - v_{em}t)]$$

2.

A. Yes

B. No

$$E_y(y, t) = E_0 \cos[k(y - v_{em}t)]$$

$$B_z(y, t) = \frac{E_0}{v_{em}} \cos[k(y - v_{em}t)]$$

3.

A. Yes

B. No

$$E_x(y,t) = E_0 \cos[k(y + v_{em}t)]$$

$$B_z(y,t) = \frac{E_0}{v_{em}} \cos[k(y + v_{em}t)]$$

4. What direction is this wave propagating in?

A. Y

B. Z

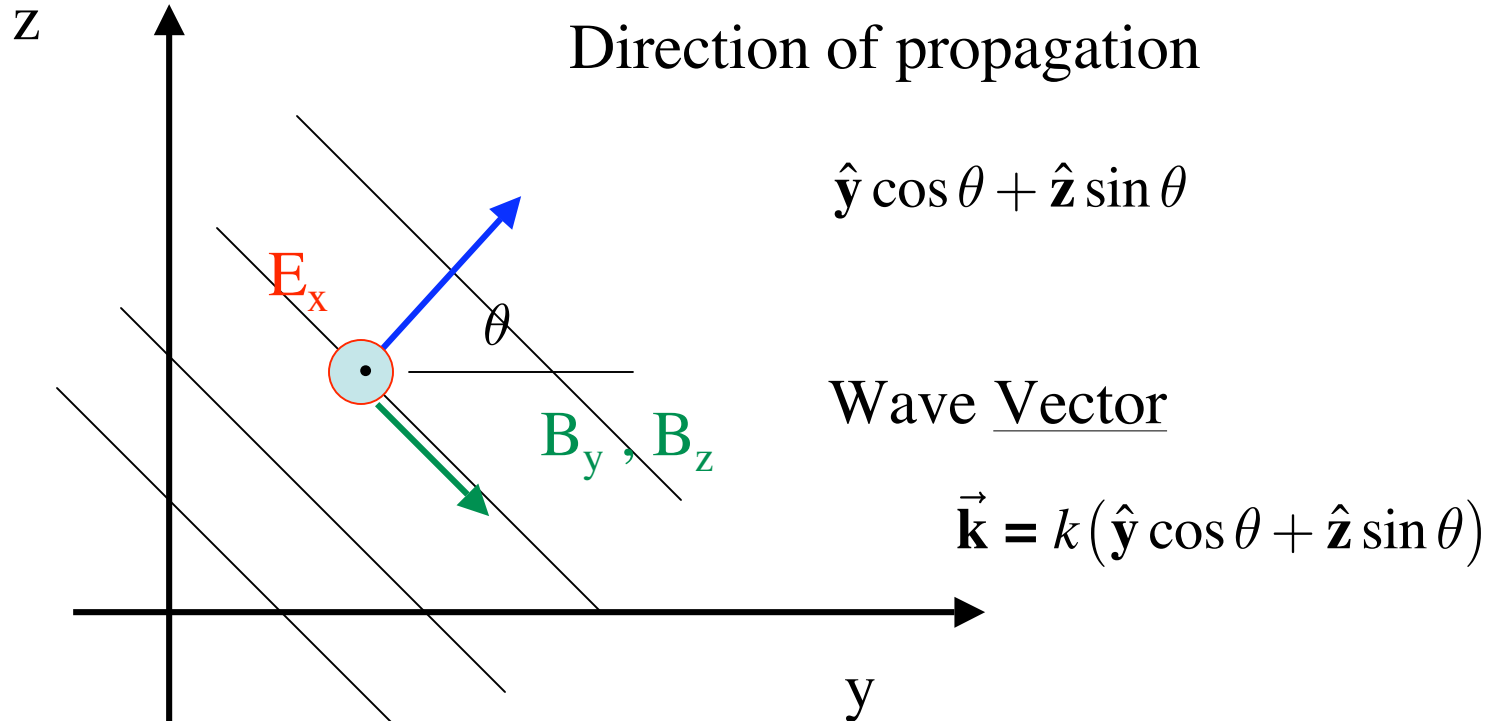
C. X

D. None of above

$$E_x(y,z,t) = E_0 \cos[ky \cos \theta + kz \sin \theta - \omega t]$$

$$\omega = ?$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = ?$$



$$E_x(y, z, t) = E_0 \cos[ky \cos \theta + kz \sin \theta - \omega t]$$

$$\omega = kv_{em}$$

$$B_y(y, z, t) = \sin \theta \frac{E_x}{v_{em}}$$

$$B_z(y, z, t) = -\cos \theta \frac{E_x}{v_{em}}$$

Energy Density and Intensity of EM Waves

Energy density associated with electric and magnetic fields

$$u_E = \frac{\epsilon_0 |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2}{2} \quad u_B = \frac{|\vec{\mathbf{B}}|^2}{2\mu_0}$$

For a wave: $|\vec{\mathbf{B}}| = \frac{1}{v_{em}} |\vec{\mathbf{E}}| = \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|$

Thus:

$$u_E = u_B \quad \text{Units: J/m}^3$$

Energy density in electric and magnetic fields are equal for a wave in vacuum.

We now want to expand the picture in the following way:

EM waves propagate in 3D not just 1D as we have considered.

- Diffraction - waves coming from a finite source spread out.

EM waves propagate through material and are modified.

- Dispersion - waves are slowed down by media, different frequency waves travel with different speeds

- Reflection - waves encounter boundaries between media.
Some energy is reflected.

- Refraction - wave trajectories are bent when crossing from one medium to another.

EM waves can take multiple paths and arrive at the same point.

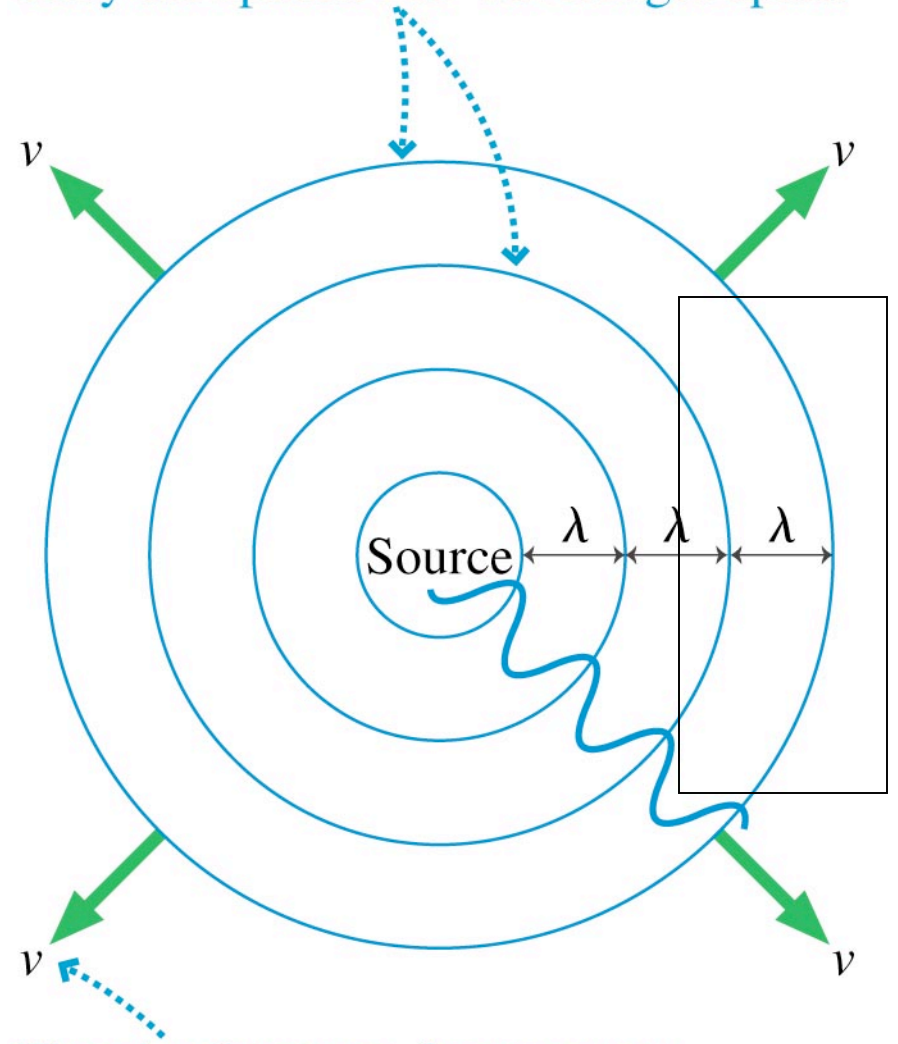
- Interference - contributions from different paths add or cancel.

Waves emanating from a point source



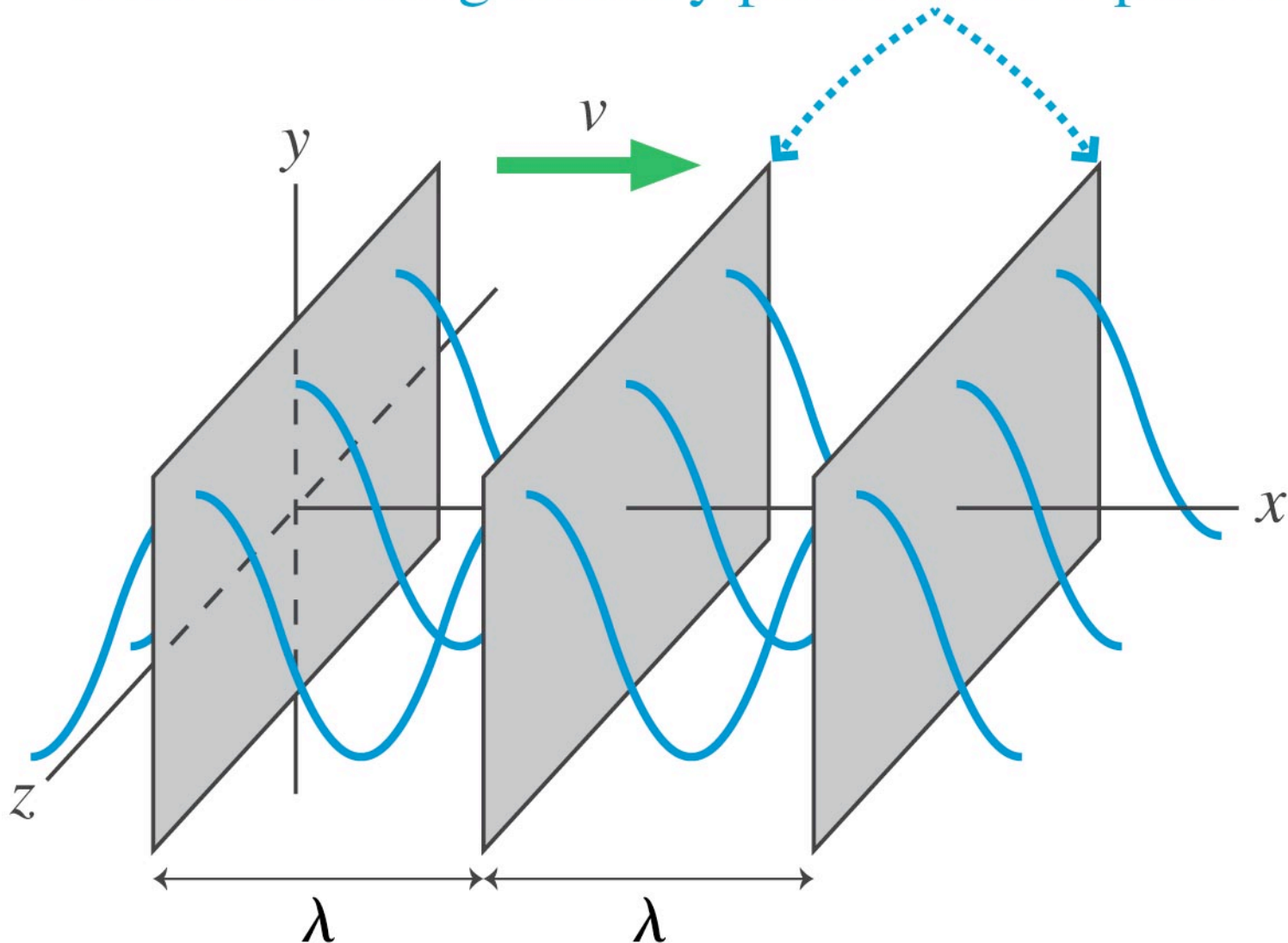
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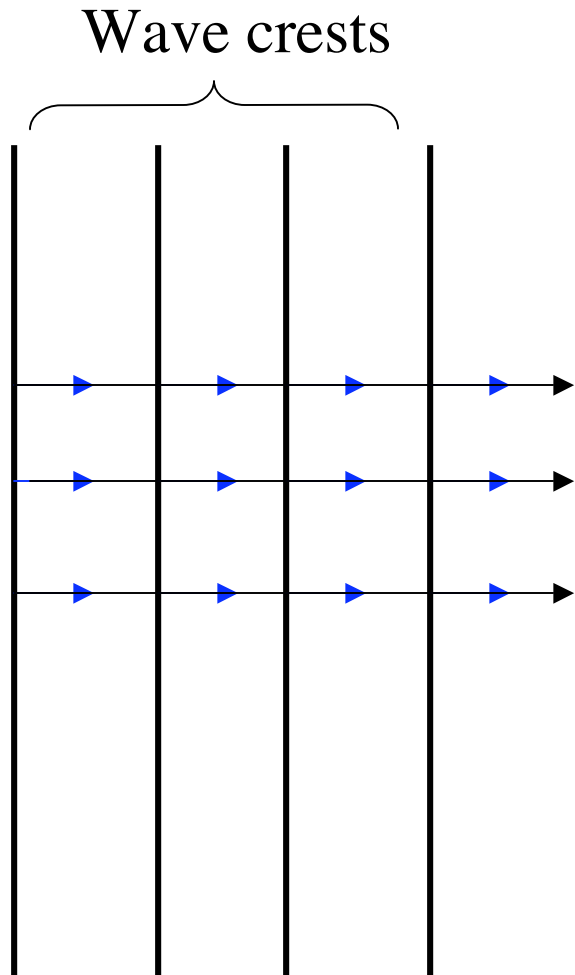
Wave fronts are the crests of the wave. They are spaced one wavelength apart.



The circular wave fronts move outward from the source at speed v .

Very far from the source, small segments of spherical wave fronts appear to be planes. The wave is cresting at every point in these planes.





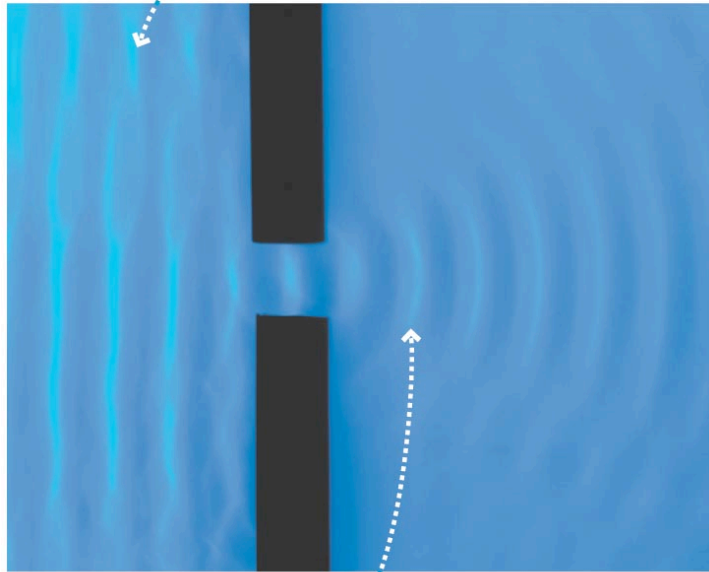
When can one consider waves to be like particles following a trajectory?

Motion of crests

Direction of power flow

- Wave model: study solution of Maxwell equations. Most complete classical description. Called physical optics.
- Ray model: approximate propagation of light as that of particles following specific paths or “rays”. Called geometric optics.
- Quantum optics: Light actually comes in chunks called photons

(a) Plane waves approach from the left.



Circular waves spread out on the right.

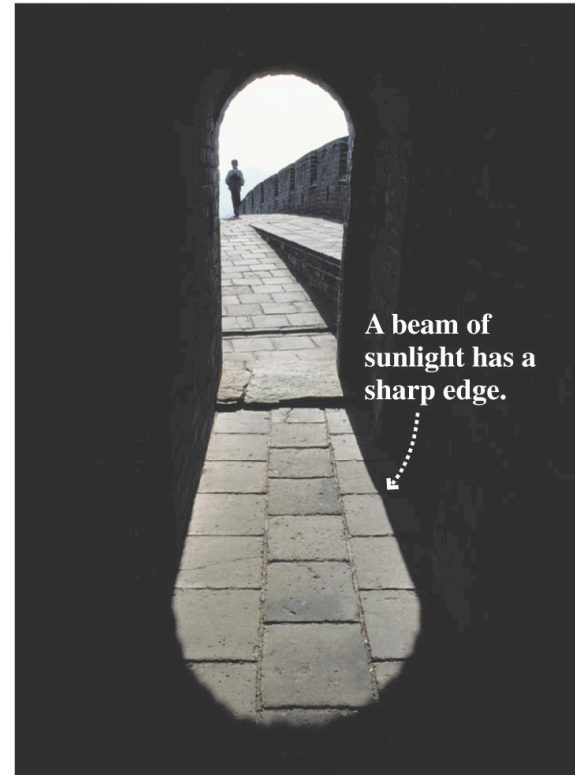
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λ

Comparable to
opening size

What is the difference?
Diffraction.

(b)



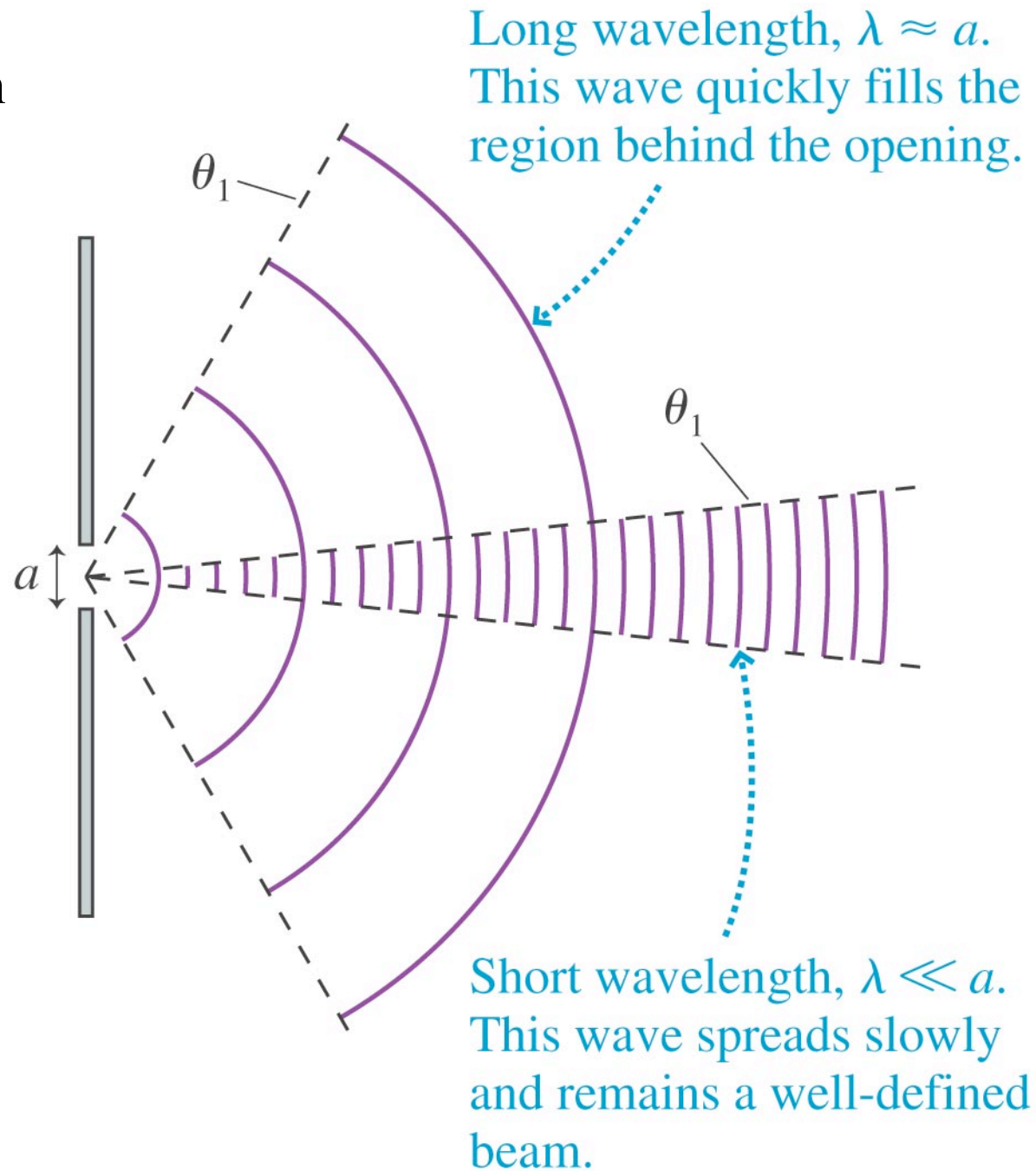
A beam of
sunlight has a
sharp edge.

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λ

Much smaller
than opening
size

Diffraction

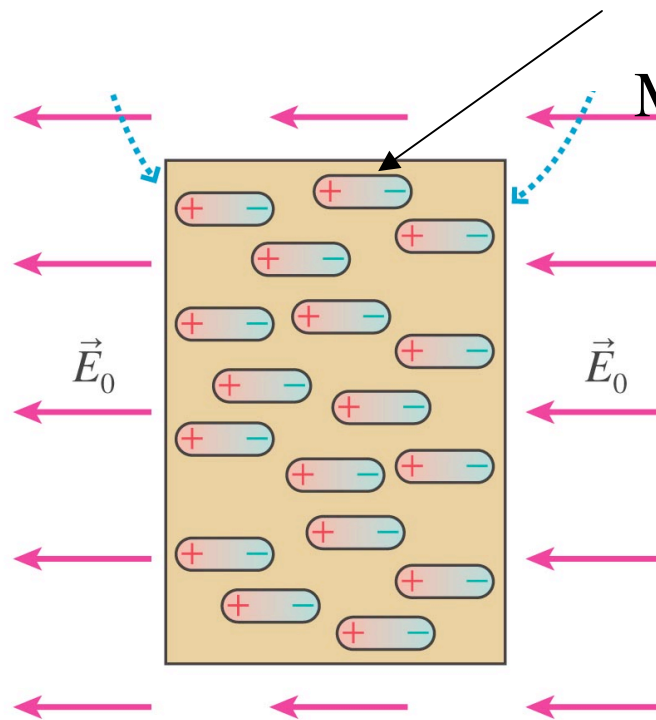


Propagation of light through dielectric media

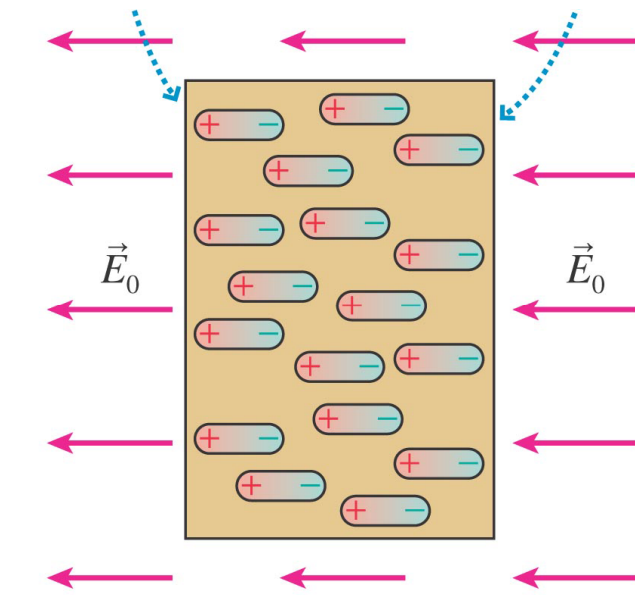
In a dielectric the Electric field causes molecules/atoms to become polarized.

Molecules align with field

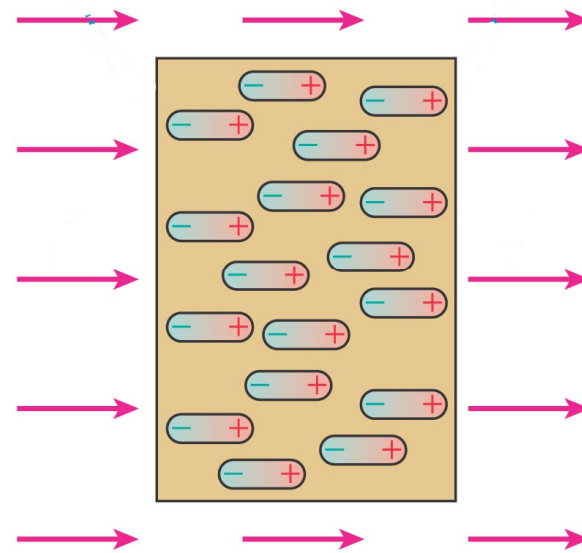
Medium becomes “polarized”



What happens when the electric field oscillates in time?



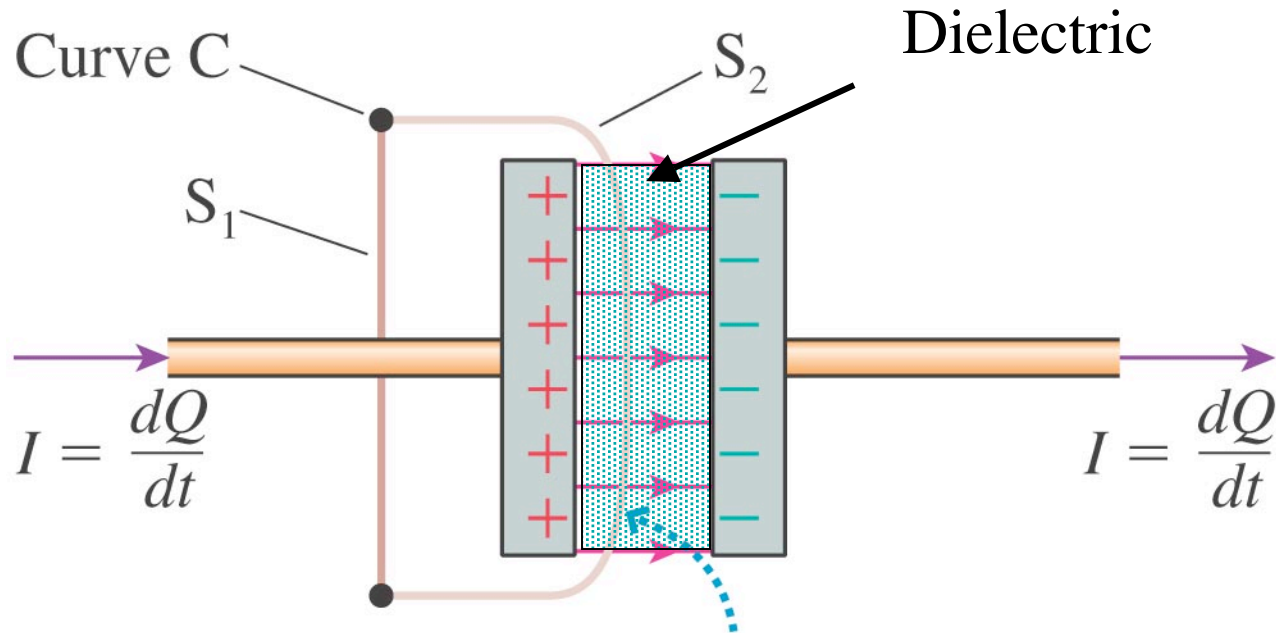
A current is induced.



$$I \propto \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

How is the Ampere-Maxwell Law modified?

(b)



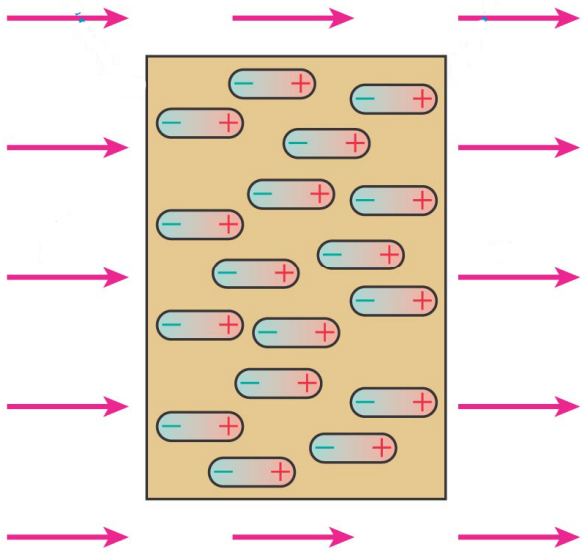
The electric flux Φ_e through surface S_2 increases as the capacitor charges.

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For S_2 there is both displacement current and real current

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 (I_{\text{through}} + I_{\text{disp}}) = \mu_0 \left(I_{\text{through}} + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_e}{dt} \right) \quad (35.22)$$

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Real current given by dielectric constant

Electric flux

$$I_{\text{through}} = \epsilon_0 (\kappa - 1) \frac{d\Phi_e}{dt}$$

κ Dielectric constant

$$I \propto \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

In a dielectric material

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \mu_0 \left(\epsilon_0 \kappa \frac{d\Phi_e}{dt} \right)$$

κ Dielectric constant

Bottom Line:

Replace ϵ_0 by $\epsilon_0 \kappa$

Static dielectric constants

To complicate matters,
dielectric constant depends
on frequency.

Dielectric function depends
on frequency

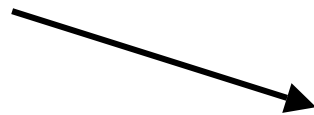


TABLE 30.1 Properties of dielectrics

Material	Dielectric constant κ	Dielectric strength E_{\max} (10^6 V/m)
Vacuum	1	—
Air (1 atm)	1.0006	3
Teflon	2.1	60
Polystyrene plastic	2.6	24
Mylar	3.1	7
Paper	3.7	16
Pyrex glass	4.7	14
Pure water (20°C)	80	—
Titanium dioxide	110	6
Strontium titanate	300	8

Consequences for EM Plane waves

$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_{em}t) + f_-(x + v_{em}t)$$

$$B_z(x, t) = \frac{1}{v_{em}} (f_+(x - v_{em}t) - f_-(x + v_{em}t))$$

$$v_{em} = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \kappa} = c / \sqrt{\kappa}$$

Propagation speed changes
in a material

Refraction

Ratio of E to B changes

Reflection

For sinusoidal waves
the following is still
true

$$f\lambda = v_{em}$$

$$\omega / k = v_{em}$$

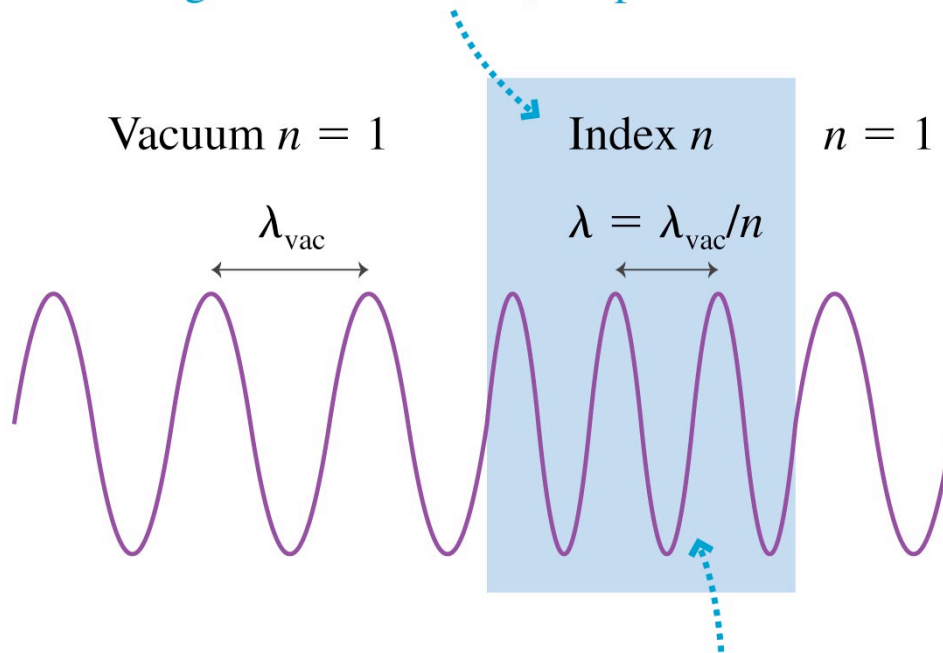
Index of refraction

$$n = \frac{\textit{speed of light in vacuum}}{\textit{speed of light in material}} = \frac{c}{v_{em}} = \sqrt{\kappa}$$

TABLE 20.2 Typical indices of refraction

Material	Index of refraction
Vacuum	1 exactly
Air	1.0003
Water	1.33
Glass	1.50
Diamond	2.42

A transparent material in which light travels slower, at speed $v = c/n$



The wavelength inside the material decreases, but the frequency doesn't change.

For sinusoidal waves the following is still true

$$f\lambda = v_{em}$$

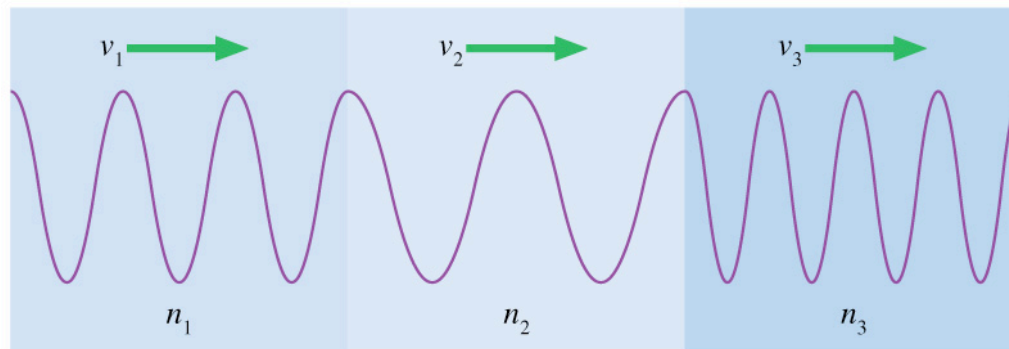
$$\omega / k = v_{em}$$

Frequency is the same in both media

Wavelength changes

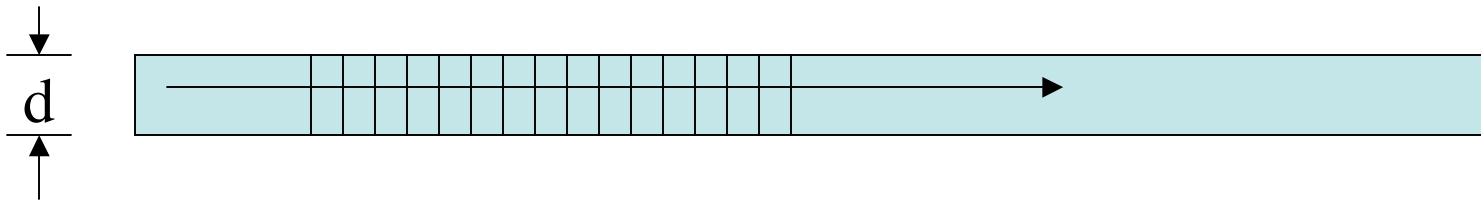


A light wave travels through three transparent materials of equal thickness. Rank in order, from the largest to smallest, the indices of refraction n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 .



- A. $n_1 > n_2 > n_3$
- B. $n_2 > n_1 > n_3$
- C. $n_3 > n_1 > n_2$
- D. $n_3 > n_2 > n_1$
- E. $n_1 = n_2 = n_3$

Example: Optical fiber



Fused silica: $n=1.48$

In vacuum

Vacuum wavelength $\lambda = 1550 \text{ nm}$

Wavelength in fiber $\lambda/n = 1045 \text{ nm}$

$D = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

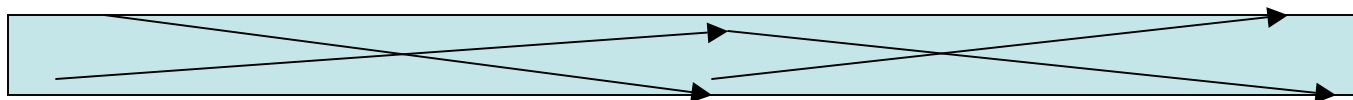
$P=1 \text{ mW}$ inside fiber

$I=P/A=?$

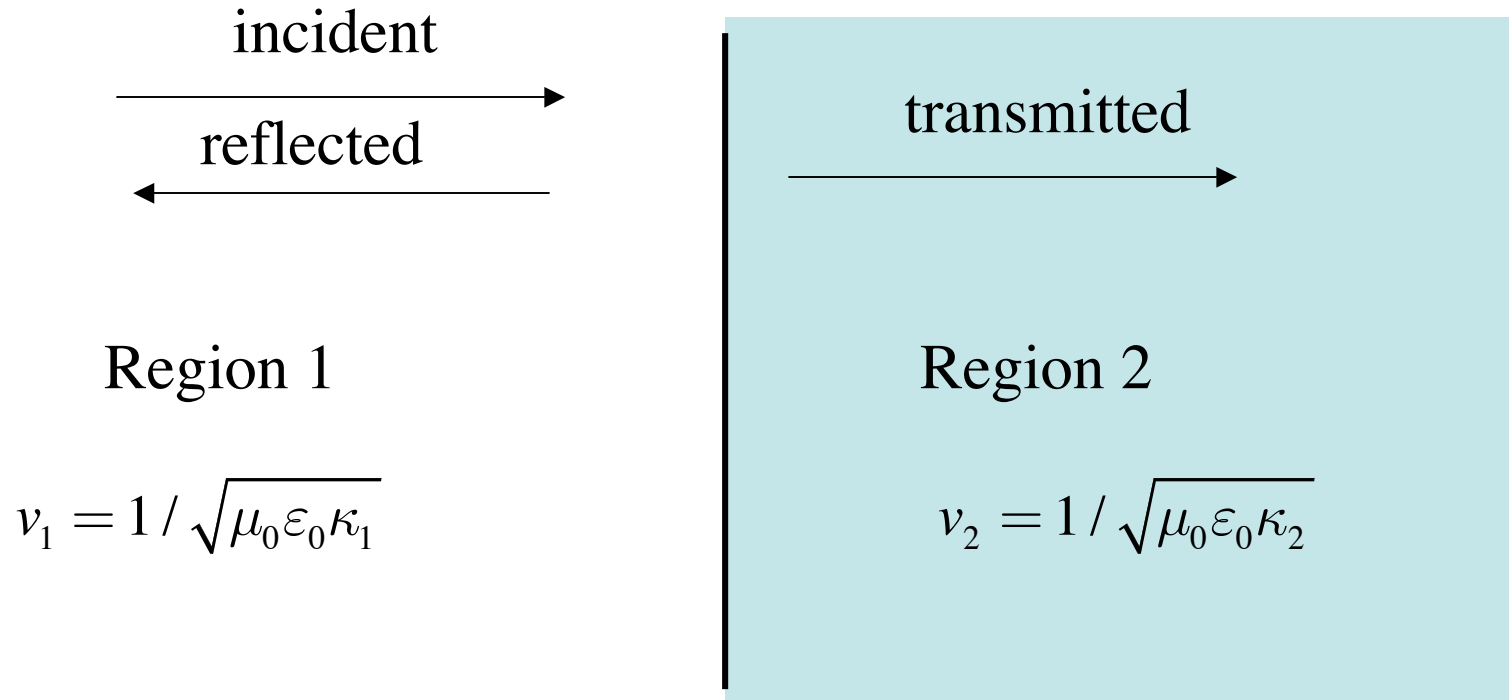
$E=?$

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2$$

Rays bounce back and forth



Reflection from surface

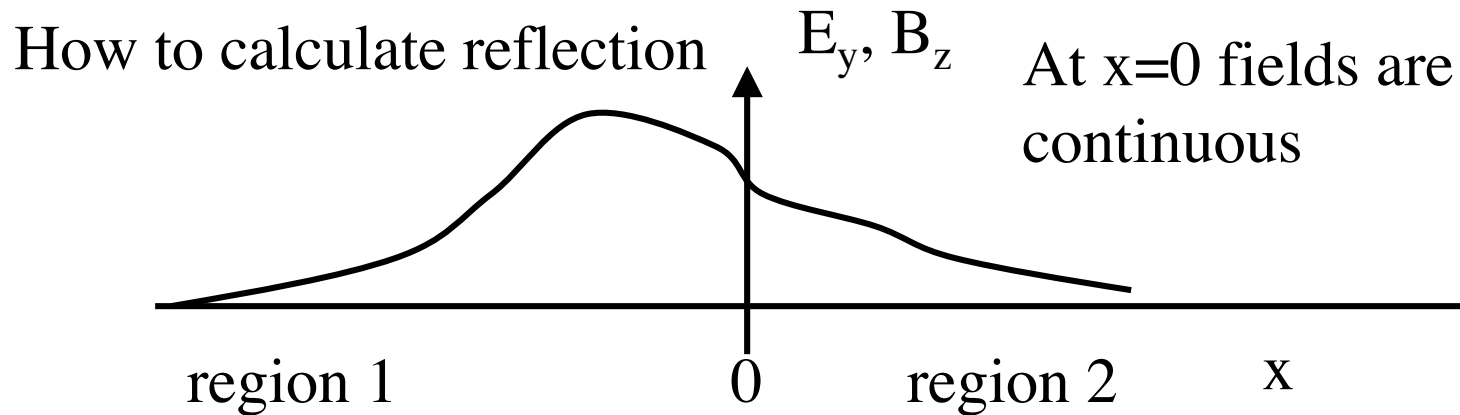


Reflection coefficient

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1}$$

What if $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2$, $v_1 = v_2$

“Index matched”



For $x < 0$

incident reflected

$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_1 t) + f_-(x + v_1 t)$$

$$B_z(x, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (f_+(x - v_1 t) - f_-(x + v_1 t))$$

$$v_1 = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \kappa_1}$$

For $x > 0$

transmitted

$$E_y(x, t) = f_t(x - v_2 t)$$

$$B_z(x, t) = \frac{1}{v_2} f_t(x - v_2 t)$$

$$v_2 = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \kappa_2}$$

Continuity of E_y at $x=0$

$x < 0$

$x > 0$

$$E_y(0, t) = f_+(-v_1 t) + f_-(v_1 t) = f_t(-v_2 t)$$

Continuity of B_z at $x=0$

$x < 0$

$x > 0$

$$B_z(0, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (f_+(-v_1 t) - f_-(v_1 t)) = \frac{1}{v_2} f_t(-v_2 t)$$

Solve for reflected & transmitted pulses

$$f_-(v_1 t) = \rho f_+(-v_1 t)$$

$$f_t(-v_2 t) = (1 + \rho) f_+(-v_1 t)$$

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1}$$

Example: what fraction of power is reflected at boundary between glass and air?

Reflection coefficient $\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$

Air: $n_1 = 1.0003$

Glass: $n_2 = 1.5$

$$\rho = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{1 - 1.5}{1 + 1.5} = -0.2$$

ratio of reflected to incident electric field amplitude

I=Power/Area

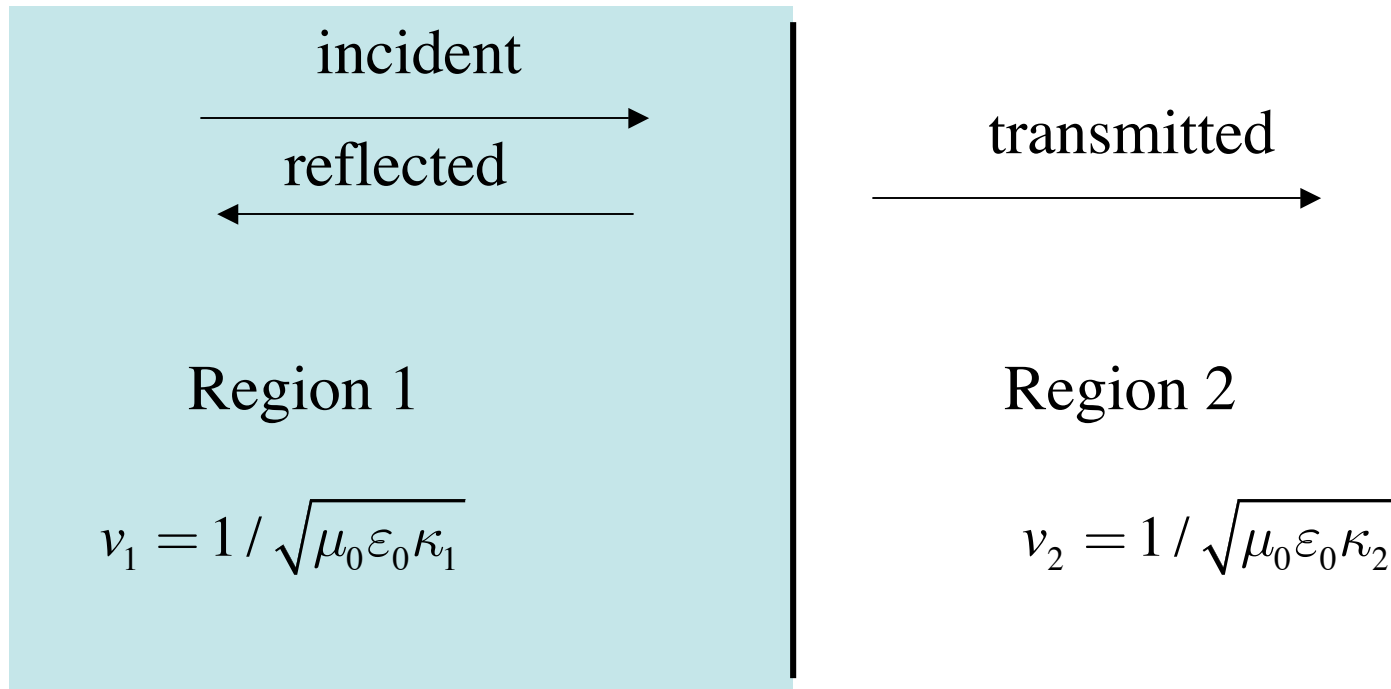
$$I = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2$$

$$I_{\text{Refl}} = \rho^2 I_{\text{Inc}}$$

$$I_{\text{Refl}} = 0.04 I_{\text{Inc}}$$

ratio of reflected to incident intensity

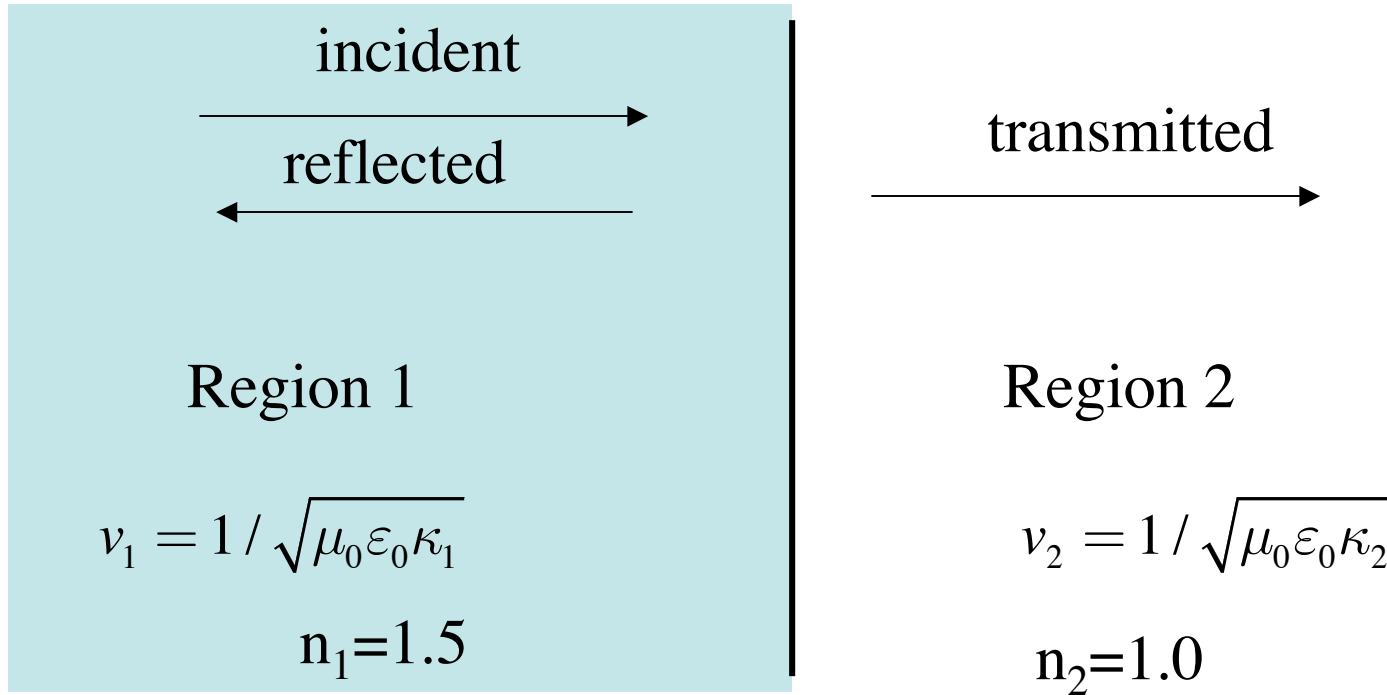
Suppose the wave was incident on the boundary from the glass side



$$n_1 = 1.5$$

$$n_2 = 1.0$$

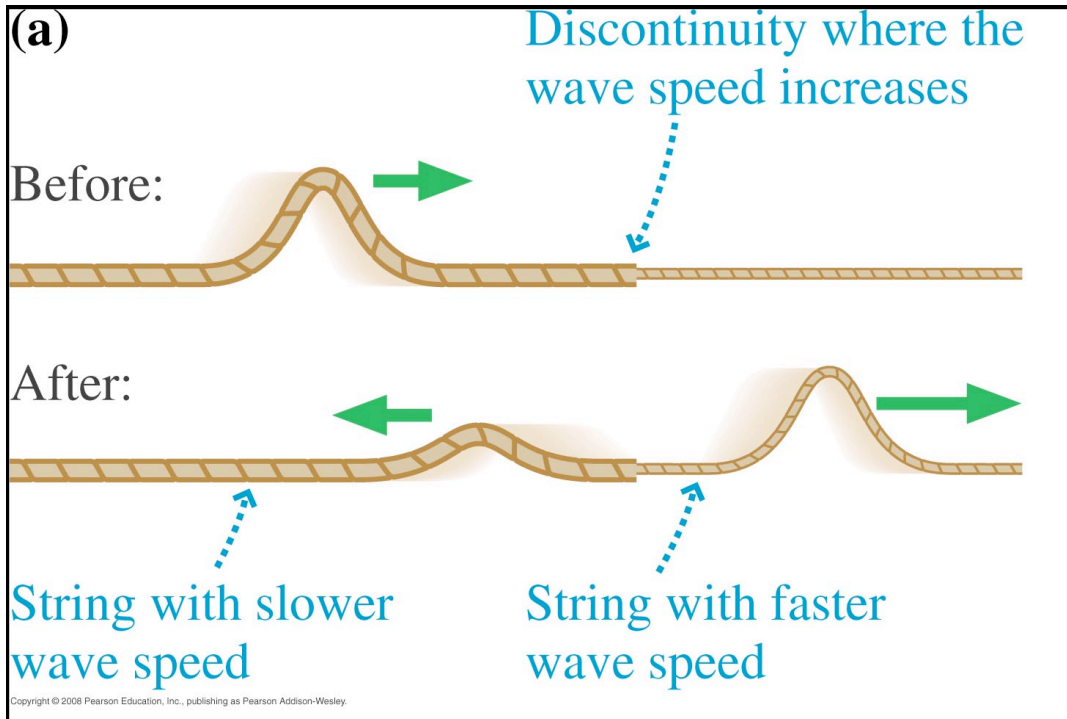
What is reflection coefficient? $\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$



What is reflection coefficient?

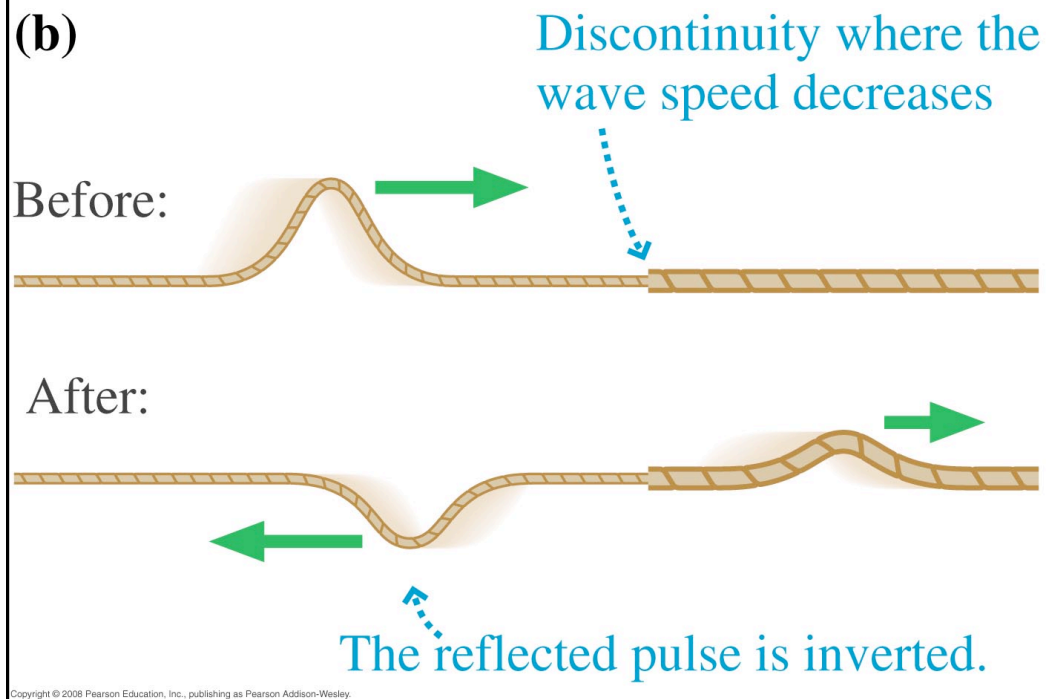
- A. $\rho = 0$
- B. $\rho = .2$
- C. $\rho = -.2$
- D. $\rho = 5$

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$



Region 2 has higher velocity

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} > 0$$



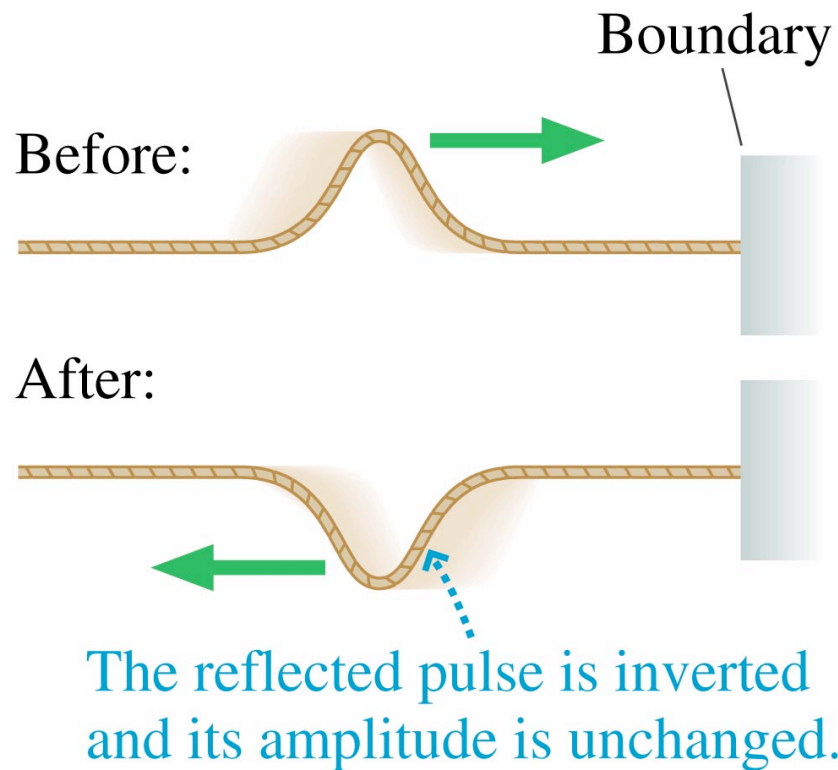
Region 2 has lower velocity

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} < 0$$

What if

$$\kappa_2, n_2 \rightarrow \infty$$

(c)

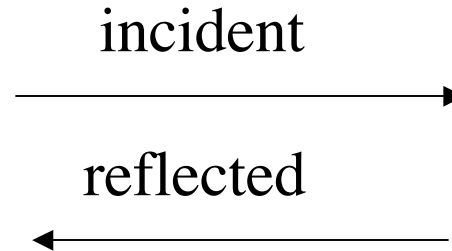


$$\rho = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \rightarrow -1$$

Same as for reflection from a conductor

Interference in 1 Dimension

Incident and reflected fields
add (superposition)

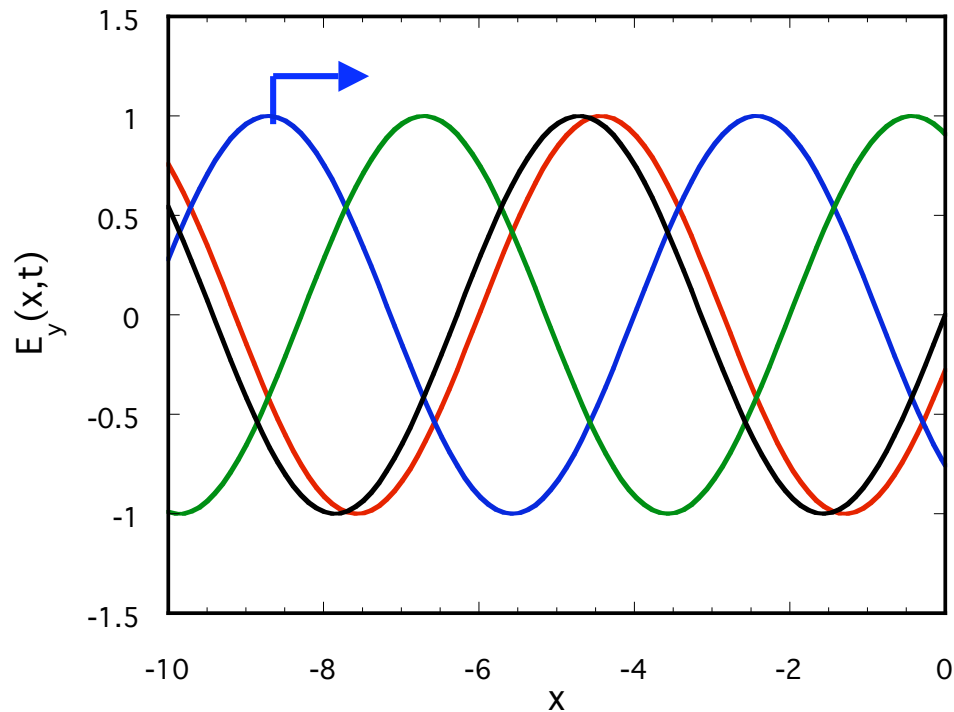


incident reflected

A diagram illustrating wave reflection at a boundary. A vertical black line represents the boundary. To the right of the boundary is a light blue shaded region. Two horizontal arrows are shown: the top one points to the right and is labeled 'incident', and the bottom one points to the left and is labeled 'reflected'.

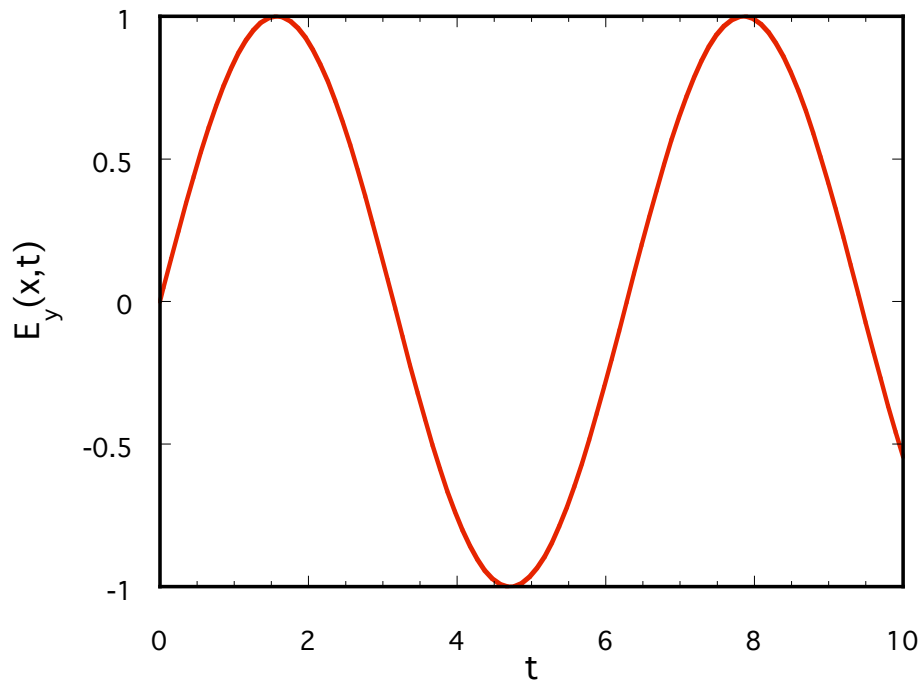
$$E_y(x, t) = E_0 \cos[k(x - v_1 t)] + \rho E_0 \cos[k(x + v_1 t)]$$

Incident and reflected waves will interfere, changing the peak electric field at different points



Case #1: no reflection $\rho=0$.
No interference,

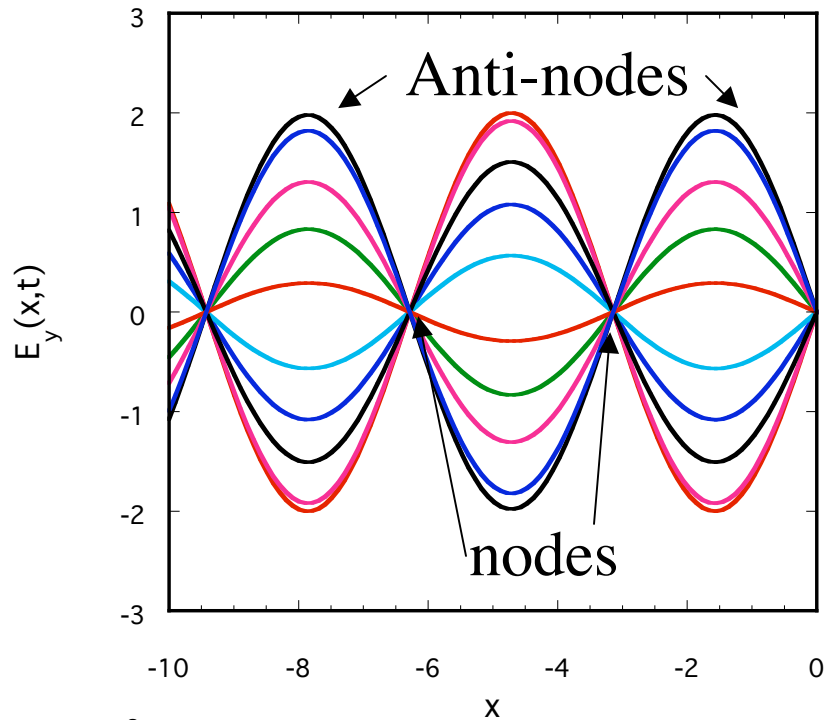
E plotted versus x for
several values of t



E plotted versus t for a
single value of x.

Same peak value
independent of x

Traveling wave



Case #2: total reflection $\rho = -1$.

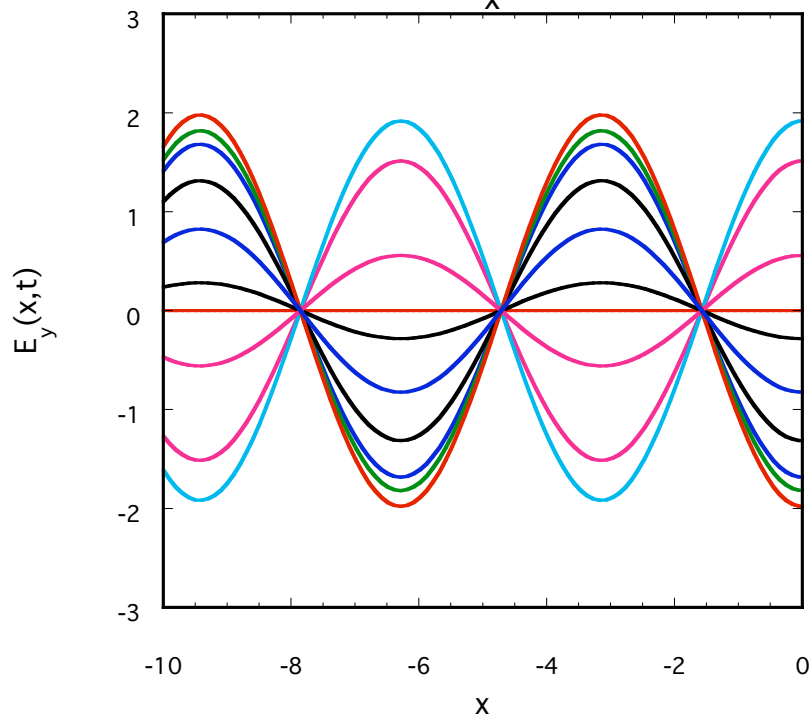
E plotted versus x for several values of t

How far apart are the nodes?

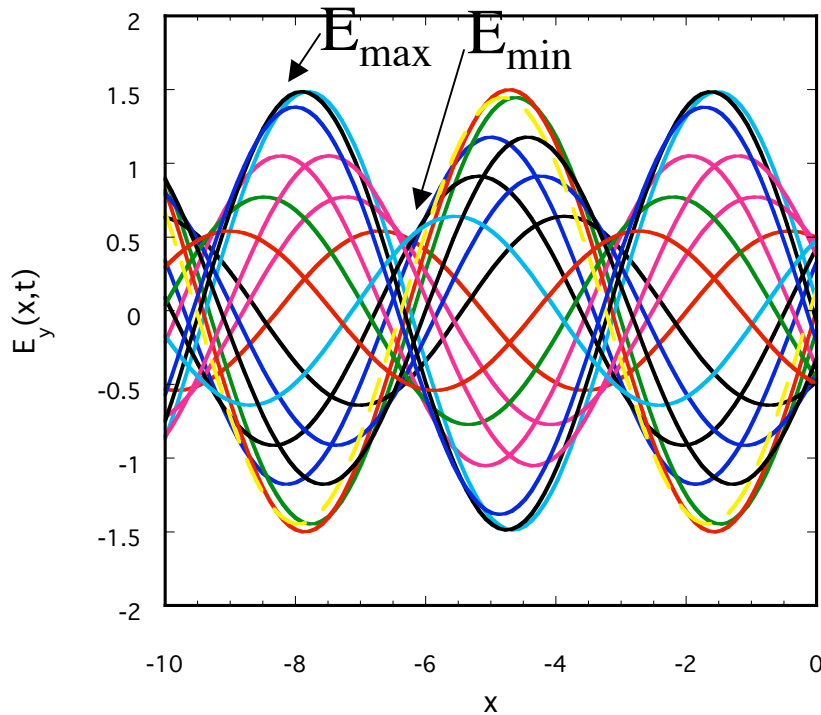
Anti-nodes?

What is peak E ?

Case #3: total reflection $\rho = +1$.



E plotted versus x for several values of t



Case #4: partial reflection $\rho = -0.5$

E plotted versus x for several values of t

How far apart are the minima?

The Maxima?

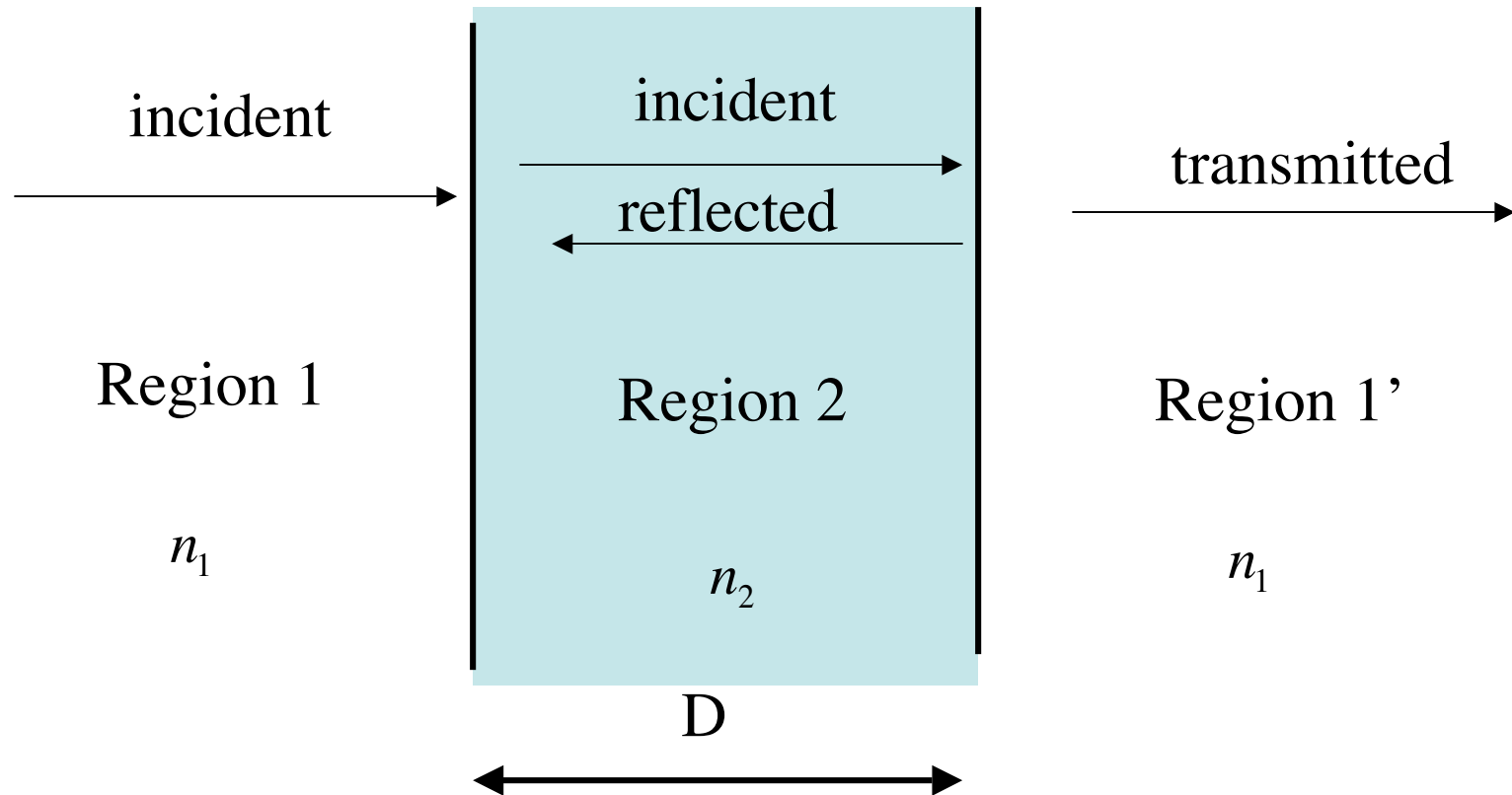
What is peak E ?

When reflection is not total there are still local maxima and minima.

$$\frac{E_{\max}}{E_{\min}} = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} = \text{VSWR}$$

Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
Pronounced “vizwarr”

Half Wavelength Window Eliminates Reflection



$$D = m\lambda_2 / 2 = m\lambda_{vac} / (2n_2)$$

When dielectric #2 is an integer number of half-wavelengths thick, no reflection

CVD diamond window

Manufactured by
elementsix



http://www.e6.com/wps/wcm/connect/E6_Content_EN/Home

Summary

1. Waves are modified by dielectric constant of medium, κ .
2. All our Maxwell equations are valid provided we replace

$$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \epsilon_0 \kappa$$

3. Speed of waves is lowered. (Index of refraction - n)

$$n = \frac{\text{speed of light in vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in material}} = \frac{c}{v_{em}} = \sqrt{\kappa}$$

4. Frequency of wave does not change in going from one medium to another. Wavelength does. $\lambda = \lambda_{vac} / n$

5. Waves are reflected at the boundary between two media. (Reflection coefficient)

$$\rho = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{v_2 + v_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

6. Reflected waves interfere with incident waves.

Distance between interference maxima/minima $\lambda / 2$

Ratio of maximum peak field to minimum peak field
(Voltage standing wave ratio)

$$\frac{E_{\max}}{E_{\min}} = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} = \text{VSWR}$$

Solution of the Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

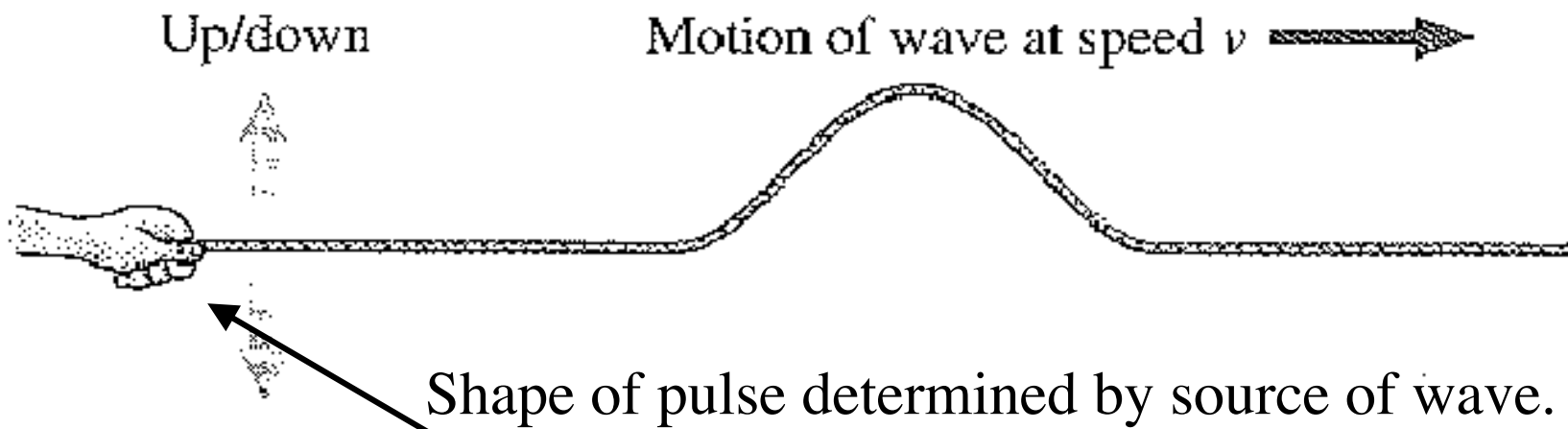
$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_{em}t) + f_-(x + v_{em}t)$$

Where $f_{+,-}$ are any two functions you like,
and

$$v_{em} = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$$

v_{em} is a property of space. $v_{em} = 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m / s}$

$f_{+,-}$ Represent forward and backward propagating wave (pulses). They depend on how the waves were launched



$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_{em}t)$$

Speed of pulse determined by medium

$$v_{em} = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$$

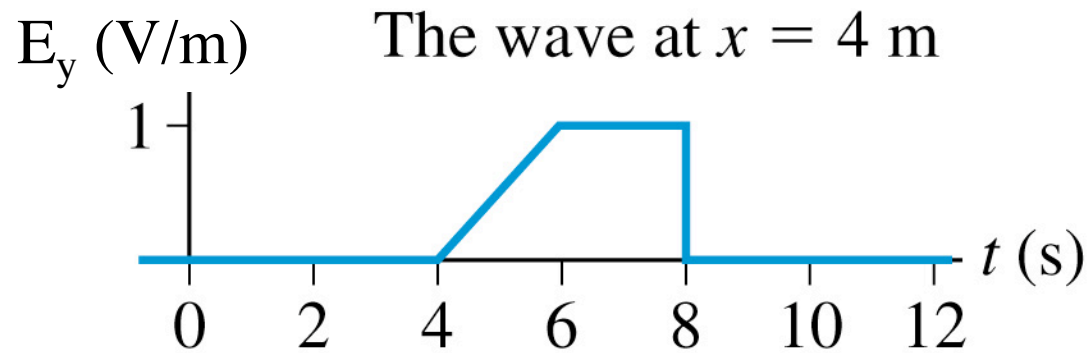
What is the magnetic field of the wave?

$$E_y(x, t) = f_+(x - v_{em}t) + f_-(x + v_{em}t)$$

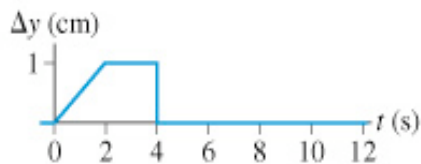
$$B_z(x, t) = \frac{1}{v_{em}} (f_+(x - v_{em}t) - f_-(x + v_{em}t))$$

Notice minus sign

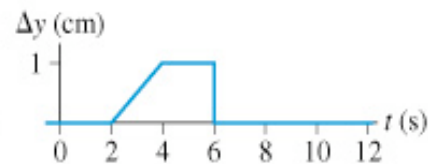




The graph at the top is the history graph at $x = 4$ m of a wave traveling to the right at a speed of 2 m/s. Which is the history graph of this wave at $x = 0$ m?



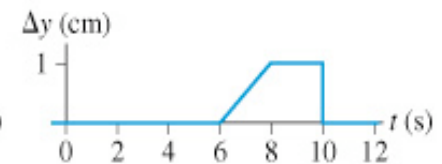
(a)



(b)



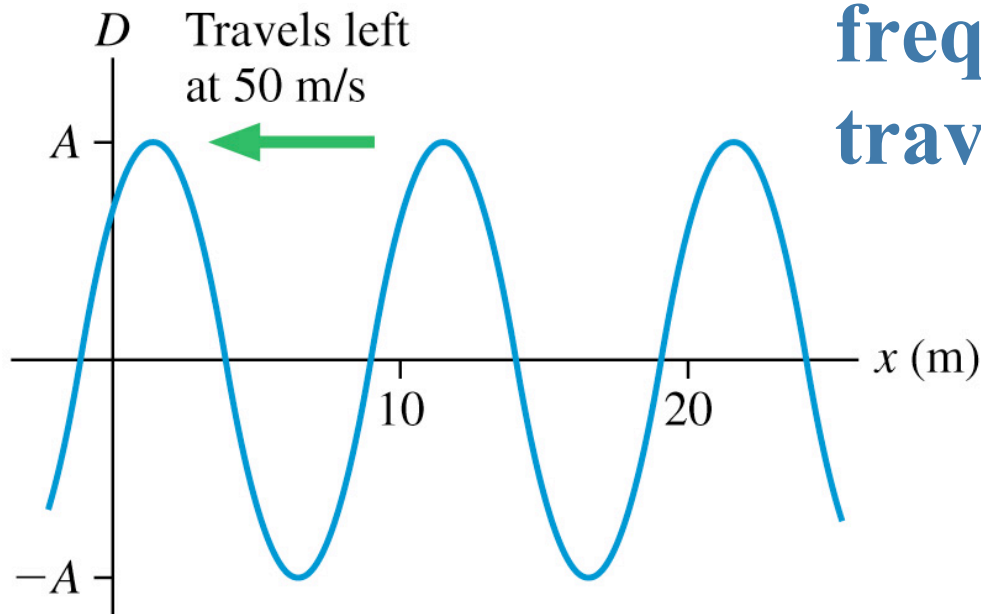
(c)



(d)



What is the frequency of this traveling wave?



- A. 0.1 Hz
- B. 0.2 Hz
- C. 2 Hz
- D. 5 Hz
- E. 10 Hz



What is the phase difference between the crest of a wave and the adjacent trough?

A. 0

B. π

C. $\pi / 4$

D. $\pi / 2$

E. $3 \pi / 2$