

QUESTIONS 4/7

1. If the medium through which the EM wave propagates is a good conductor.
- Analyse the equation in Q3 to show that the wave amplitude decays exponentially as it penetrates the medium.
  - Define the depth of penetration known as the skin depth and give its value in terms of the parameters of the medium and the frequency of the signal.
  - Calculate the depth of penetration of the wave in a sheet of copper at a frequency of 20 MHz at which the wave amplitude decreases 1% of its value upon entering the sheet.  
 Take  $\sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ s/m}$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$  for copper.

Solution.

a) 
$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = [j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon] E_y$$

Analyse the equation.

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = [j\omega\mu\sigma - \omega^2\mu\epsilon] E_y \quad \text{--- eqn (i)}$$
 An equation in EM wave propagation in material medium.  

$$= \gamma^2 E_y \quad \text{--- eqn (ii)}$$

where  $\gamma$  = propagation constant

Note that:

Propagation in a good conducting medium Neglect  $\omega^2\mu\epsilon$   
 $\therefore \sigma \gg \omega^2\mu\epsilon$

eq (ii) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = [j\omega\mu\sigma] E_y$$

$$\therefore \gamma^2 = j\omega\mu\sigma$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu\sigma} \quad \text{--- eqn (iii)}$$

Eqn (iii) becomes:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma} + \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma} \quad \text{--- Eqn (v)}$$

Recall that;  $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$

Referring to Equation (v).

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \frac{\sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma}}{2} \quad \text{--- Eqn (vi)}$$

Put Eqn (vi) into Eqn (iv)

$$E_y = E_0 e^{-\alpha x} \cdot e^{-j\beta x}$$

$$E_y \rightarrow E_0 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma}}{2} x} \cdot e^{-j \frac{\sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma}}{2} x} \quad \text{--- Eqn (vii)}$$

where  $\delta$ ; depth of penetration (skin depth)  $= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma}}$

$$\text{where } \omega = 2\pi f$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi f \mu \sigma}}$$

Equation (vii) becomes

$$E_y = E_0 e^{-x/\delta} e^{-jx/\delta}$$

amplitude wave decreases exponentially as it penetrates into a conducting medium by a factor  $e^{-x/\delta}$

$\therefore$  when  $x = \delta$ ;  $e^{-x/\delta} = e^{-1}$

; waves decreases by  $e^{-1} = 0.37$  of its value to reach infinity the conducting medium.

Expressing  $\gamma$  as a complex parameter in terms of real and imaginary part;

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad \text{--- Eq (iv)}$$

$\alpha = \text{Real}$ ,  $j\beta = \text{Imaginary part}$ .

$\alpha = \text{the attenuation constant in } \text{rpor } \text{m}^{-1}$

$\beta = \text{the phase constant in radian } \text{m}^{-1}$

A solution of eqn (iii) of a wave travelling in a direction is

$$E_y = E_0 e^{-\gamma x} = E_0 e^{-\alpha x} \cdot e^{-j\beta x} \quad \text{--- Eqn (iv)}$$

From equation (iii)

$$\gamma^2 = j\omega\mu\sigma$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu\sigma}$$

$\therefore$  Recall that;

$$\sqrt{j} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Proving this;

$$\text{R.H.S} = \sqrt{j} \Rightarrow (\sqrt{j})^2 = j$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}} = \left[ \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}} \right]^2 = \frac{1+2j+j^2}{2} \quad \text{where } [j^2] = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+2j-1}{2} = \frac{2j}{2} = j$$

It has been proved that  $\sqrt{j} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}}$

Using  $\sqrt{j} = \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2}}$  Applying to eqn (iii).

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + j\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Calculate the depth of Penetration.

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda \bar{r} M \Gamma}}$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda \times 10 \times 10^6 \times 5.8 \times 10^4 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}}$$

$$\delta = 2.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m.}$$

For the depth increase of 1% =  $10^{-2}$

$$e^{-x/\delta} = 10^{-2}$$

$$\ln = [e^{-x/\delta}] = \ln(10^{-2})$$

$$-x/\delta = -4.61$$

$$-x = -4.6\delta$$

$$x = 4.6\delta$$

where  $\delta = 2.09 \times 10^{-5}$

$$x = 4.6 \times 2.09 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$x = 9.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m.}$$

The 1% depth decrease =  $9.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$

4(b)

### Depth of Penetration / Skin depth ;

This is the distance at which the wave reduces or decays to 37% of  $E_0$  when moving from medium 1 to medium 2. Skin depth is dependent on the frequency. The higher the frequency the lower the skin depth.

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_0 \sigma}}$$

Deriving its values at different frequency

For copper  $\mu_r = 1$ ,  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $\sigma = 58 \text{ MU m}^{-1}$

$$\delta = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-2}}{\sqrt{f}}$$

For specific frequencies

at 50 Hz	, $\delta = 8.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$
at 3 MHz	, $\delta = 3.8105 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$
at 30 GHz	, $\delta = 3.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$
at 200 MHz	, $\delta = 4.66 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$
at 100 GHz	, $\delta = 6.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$

$$C = 4.62 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$$

(b) Inductance per meter

$$L = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \log_e b/a$$

$$L = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi} * \log_e \left[ \frac{0.01}{0.003} \right]$$

$$L = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Henry/m.}$$

(c) Characteristic Impedance,  $Z_0$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2.4 \times 10^{-7}}{4.6 \times 10^{-12}}}$$

$$Z_0 = 72.23 \Omega$$

(d) Phase Velocity

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.4 \times 10^{-7} \times 4.6 \times 10^{-12}}}$$

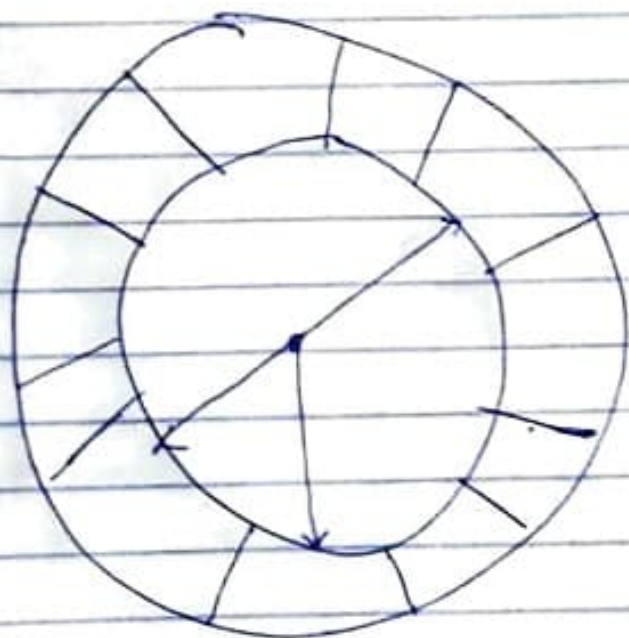
$$v = 30.10 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1} //$$

inside diameter,  $a = 3\text{mm}$ . Calculate the

- 1) Capacitance per meter,  $C$
- 2) Inductance per meter,  $L$
- 3) Characteristic Impedance,  $Z_0$
- 4) Phase velocity,  $V_p$  of an em wave propagate through it

Hint :  $C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\log_e b/a}$        $L = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \log_e b/a$ .

Solution



- a) Capacitance Per meter,  $C$   
diameter =  $a = 3\text{mm} = 0.003\text{m}$   
 $b = 10\text{mm} = 0.01\text{m}$

Using the formula  $C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\log_e b/a}$

$$C = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}}{\log_e b/a}$$