

Solving Maxwell's Equations Using Potentials: Given \mathbf{J} find (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})

- Start with:

$$\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{E}}_e = -j\omega\mu\bar{\mathbf{H}}_e \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_e = +j\omega\epsilon\bar{\mathbf{E}}_e + \bar{\mathbf{J}} \quad (2)$$

- Introduce a simple differential equation:

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}}_e = \mu\bar{\mathbf{H}}_e = \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{A}} \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{H}}_e = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{A}} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{A}} \equiv 0 \therefore \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{B}} = \nabla \cdot (\mu\bar{\mathbf{H}}) = 0$$

Substituting (4) into (1): $\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{E}}_e = -j\omega\frac{1}{\mu}\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{A}} \Rightarrow \nabla \times (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_e + j\omega\bar{\mathbf{A}}) = 0$

- Recall the old static equations: $\nabla \times \nabla\Phi = 0$, $\bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{static}} = -\nabla\Phi$

Thus, we set $\bar{\mathbf{E}}_A + j\omega\bar{\mathbf{A}} = -\nabla\Phi_e \Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{E}}_A = -\nabla\Phi_e - j\omega\bar{\mathbf{A}}$

From (2):

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{A}}}{\mu} \right) = j\omega\epsilon(-\nabla\Phi_e - j\omega\bar{\mathbf{A}}) + \bar{\mathbf{J}} = -j\omega\epsilon\nabla\Phi_e + \underbrace{\omega^2\mu\epsilon}_{k^2}\bar{\mathbf{A}} + \bar{\mathbf{J}} \quad (k = \frac{\omega}{c}) \quad (5)$$

- To simplify the double curl, note

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \bar{A} = -\nabla^2 \bar{A} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{A}) \quad (6)$$

Substitute (6) into (5): $\nabla^2 \bar{A} + k^2 \bar{A} = \nabla(j\omega\mu\epsilon\Phi_e + \nabla \cdot \bar{A}) + \mu\bar{J}$

$\therefore \nabla \times \bar{A}$ has derivatives different from $\nabla \cdot \bar{A}$ and a function is not completely defined until all derivatives (recall Taylor series) are known,

\therefore we can arbitrarily set $\nabla \cdot \bar{A} = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\Phi_e \Rightarrow \Phi_e = \frac{\nabla \cdot \bar{A}}{-j\omega\mu\epsilon}$

$$\nabla^2 \bar{A} + k^2 \bar{A} = -\mu\bar{J} \quad (\text{component form: } \nabla^2 A_a + k^2 A_a = -\mu J_a)$$

- In spherical coordinates, for one component, this becomes

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial A_a}{\partial r} \right) + k^2 A_a = 0 \quad (7)$$

- To solve (7), set $A_a(r) = \frac{f(r)}{r} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} f(r) + k^2 f(r) = 0$

whose solution is $f(r) = C_1 e^{-jkr} + C_2 e^{+jkr}$

From the Sommerfeld condition, keep only the outgoing wave:

$$A_a = C_1 \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r}$$

To account for sources, recall that from statics the solution of

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \quad \text{is} \quad V = \frac{C_1}{r}$$

- The solution of $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho(r)}{\epsilon}$

$$\text{is} \quad V(r, \phi, \theta) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon r} \rightarrow \iiint \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} dv' = \Phi_e(\vec{r}')$$

- Therefore $C_1 = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$

• Similarly, $\nabla^2 A_a = -\mu J_a$ implies $A_a(r) = \iiint \frac{\mu J_a(\vec{r}')}{4\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} dV$

The $|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|$ term provides the shift due to the off center location of the source.

• Because the fundamental solution function

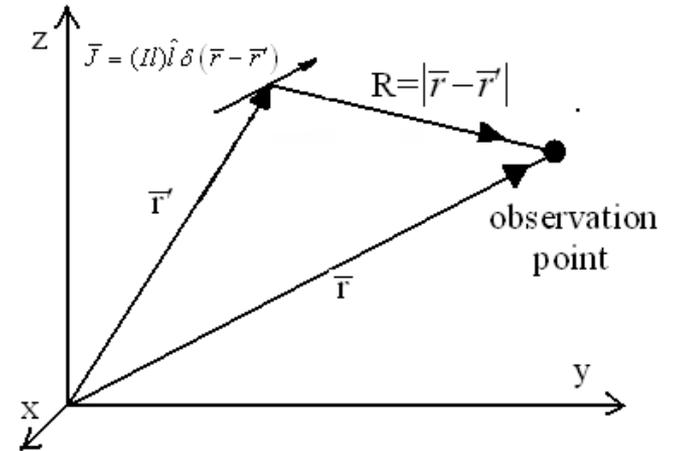
is now $\frac{e^{-jkr}}{r}$ and not $\frac{1}{r}$,

the integral for A_a is modified to read:

(Compare $A_a = C_1 \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r}$ with $V = \frac{C_1}{r}$)

$$A_a = \iiint \frac{\mu J_a(\vec{r}') e^{-jk|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}}{4\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} dV' \rightarrow \iiint \frac{\mu J_a(r) e^{-jk|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}}{4\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} dV' = \bar{A}(\vec{r}')$$

This can be a volume, surface or line integral, depending on the form of \vec{J}_a .

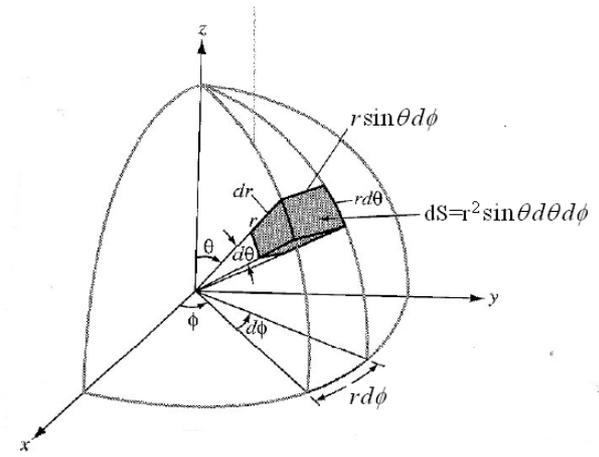


• Generally $\bar{A} = \int_{\ell} \frac{\mu \bar{J}(\bar{r}') e^{-jk|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|}}{4\pi|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|} dl'$ with $dl' = \begin{cases} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{cases}$

• Volume (not often used for antenna analysis)

$$A = \iiint \frac{\mu \bar{J}(\bar{r}') e^{-jk|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|}}{4\pi|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|} dV' \left(\begin{array}{l} dV' = dx' dy' dz' \\ dV' = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\phi d\theta \end{array} \right)$$

Note: $G(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') = \frac{e^{-jk|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|}}{4\pi|\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|}$ or $G(R) = \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R}$



Then $\bar{A} = \int_{\text{line, surface or volume}} \mu \bar{J}(\bar{r}') G(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') dV'$

• For $\iint_S \mu \bar{J}(\bar{r}') G(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') ds$ $ds = \begin{cases} dx dy \\ dy dz \\ dx dz \end{cases}$ or $ds = r^2 \underbrace{\sin \theta d\theta d\phi}_{d\Omega}$ ($\iint d\Omega = 4\pi$ steradians)

• Field Solution $\bar{E}_e = -\nabla \Phi_e - j\omega \bar{A} = -j\omega \bar{A} - \nabla \left[\frac{\nabla \cdot \bar{A}}{-j\omega \mu \epsilon} \right] = -j\omega \bar{A} - j \frac{1}{\omega \mu \epsilon} \nabla \nabla \cdot \bar{A}$