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Equations describing waves.

Self-Propagating Fields – Electromagnetic Waves

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$$k\lambda = 2\pi$$

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Period, T , time for complete oscillation:

$$\omega T = 2\pi$$

Angular frequency, $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

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In material, the speed of electromagnetic waves (light) may be slower. $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$

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There is energy in a region with electric and magnetic fields. (Recall: energy stored in a capacitor may be interpreted as being stored in the electric field.)

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The average of \vec{S} over an integer number of cycles is called wave intensity, I .

$$I = \langle S \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{\mu_0} E_{\text{max}} B_{\text{max}} \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \right\rangle$$

$$I = \frac{E_{\text{max}} B_{\text{max}}}{2\mu_0} = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c B_{\text{max}}^2}{\mu_0}$$

Energy Density

$$\langle u \rangle \equiv \frac{U}{V} = \frac{U}{Ad} = \frac{U}{A(ct)} = \frac{I}{c}$$

$$\langle u \rangle = \frac{\epsilon_0 E_{\text{max}}^2}{2} = \frac{B_{\text{max}}^2}{2\mu_0}$$

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Radiation Pressure

IF radiation is completely absorbed,

$$\langle P_{\text{rad}} \rangle = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{U}{V} = \langle u \rangle = \frac{I}{c}$$

IF radiation is completely reflected,

$$\langle P_{\text{rad}} \rangle = \frac{2I}{c}$$

Why is there a difference of a factor of 2?

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