



Characteristics of TE and TM waves

- Examination of field equations of TE and TM waves shows that for each component of E or H there is a sinusoidal or cosinusoidal standing wave distribution across the guide in the x -direction.
- In y -direction, by assumption there is no variation of either magnitude or phase of any of the field components.

Thus an x - y plane is an equiphase plane for each of the field components.

- All these equiphase surfaces progress along the guide in z direction with a velocity

$$\bar{v} = \omega / \bar{\beta} \quad , \quad \bar{\beta} \rightarrow \text{phase constant.}$$

imaginary part of the \bar{v} .

The propagation constant

$$\bar{\gamma} = \sqrt{h^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$h^2 = \bar{\gamma}^2 + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$$

$$\bar{\gamma}^2 = h^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon$$

w.k.T $h = \frac{m\pi}{a}$

$$\therefore \bar{\gamma} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \omega^2 \mu \epsilon} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \bar{\alpha} + j\bar{\beta}$$

At high frequencies $\omega^2 \mu \epsilon > \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2$



Therefore eq ② becomes

$$\bar{\gamma} = \bar{\alpha} + j\bar{\beta} = \sqrt{-(\omega^2\mu\epsilon - (\frac{m\pi}{a})^2)}$$

$$\bar{\alpha} + j\bar{\beta} = j\sqrt{\omega^2\mu\epsilon - (\frac{m\pi}{a})^2}$$

$$\therefore \bar{\alpha} = 0$$

cut off frequency $\bar{\beta} = \sqrt{\omega^2\mu\epsilon - (\frac{m\pi}{a})^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

As the frequency is decreased, a critical frequency is reached at which

$$\omega_c^2\mu\epsilon = (\frac{m\pi}{a})^2$$

$$f_c = \frac{\omega_c}{2\pi}$$

$$\omega_c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu\epsilon} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)$$

$$2\pi f_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore f_c = \frac{1}{2a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)$$

$$f_c = \frac{m}{2a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

For each value of m , there is a corresponding cut off frequency below which wave propagation can not occur.

wavelength (λ)

The distance required for the phase to shift through 2π radians is a wavelength.



$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon - \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2}} \rightarrow (5)$$

Phase velocity (or) wave velocity

$$\bar{v} = \bar{\lambda} f = \frac{2\pi f}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \rightarrow (6)$$

$$\therefore \bar{v} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon - \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2}} \rightarrow (7)$$