

Spherical Waves Lec 9 Multiple Expansion ^{2/10/11}

start with scalar wave eq.

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega$$

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] \psi(x, \omega) = 0 \quad k = \omega/c$$

Expand in spherical coordinates

$$\psi(x, \omega) = \sum_{lm} f_{lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + k^2 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] f_l(r) = 0$$

$$\text{let } f_l(r) = \frac{1}{r^{1/2}} v_l(r)$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + k^2 - \frac{(l+1/2)^2}{r^2} \right] v_l(r) = 0$$

Bessel equation 3.75 of order $\nu = l + \frac{1}{2}$

$$f_{lm}(r) = \frac{A_{lm}}{r^{1/2}} J_{l+1/2}(kr) + \frac{B_{lm}}{r^{1/2}} N_{l+1/2}(kr)$$

Define spherical Bessel functions j_l, n_l
and spherical Hankel functions $h_l^{(1)}, h_l^{(2)}$

$$j_l(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2x} \right)^{1/2} J_{l+1/2}(x)$$

$$n_l(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2x} \right)^{1/2} N_{l+1/2}(x)$$

$$h_l^{1,2}(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2x} \right)^{1/2} \left[J_{l+1/2}(x) \pm i N_{l+1/2}(x) \right]$$

for real x , $h_l^2 = h_l^*$

$$j_l(x) = (-x)^l \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^l \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$n_l(x) = -(-x)^l \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^l \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

$$j_0 = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad j_1 = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}, \quad j_2 = \left(\frac{3}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \sin x - 3 \frac{\cos x}{x^2}$$

$$n_0 = -\frac{\cos x}{x} \quad n_1 = -\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$j_l(x) \rightarrow \frac{x^l}{(2l+1)!!} \quad x \ll l \quad (2l+1)!! = (2l+1)(2l-1)(2l-3) \dots$$

$$n_l(x) \rightarrow -\frac{(2l-1)!!}{x^{2l+1}}$$

$$j_l(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \sin \left(x - \frac{l\pi}{2} \right) \quad x \gg l$$

~~The Wronskian~~
 General Solution of $[\nabla^2 + k^2] \psi(x, \omega) = 0$
 is

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{lm} \left[A_{lm}^{(1)} h_l^{(1)}(kr) + A_{lm}^{(2)} h_l^{(2)}(kr) \right] Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) (*)$$

Look at Green's func.

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] G(x, x') = -\delta(x - x')$$

$$G = \frac{e^{ik|x-x'|}}{4\pi|x-x'|}$$

Spherical wave expansion

$$G(x, x') = \sum_{lm} g_l(r, r') Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} + k^2 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] g_l = -\frac{1}{r^2} \delta(r-r')$$

Solution that is regular at origin and satisfies outgoing wave b.c. for large r is

$$g_l(r, r') = A j_l(kr_<) h_l^{(1)}(kr_>)$$

Correct $\frac{e^{ik|x-x'|}}{4\pi|x-x'|}$ discont. in slope at $r=r'$ if $A=ik$

$$= ik \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} j_l(kr_<) h_l^{(1)}(kr_>) \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

take $k \rightarrow 0$ as check

$$j_l(kr_<) \sim \frac{(kr_<)^l}{(2l+1)!!} \quad h_l^{(1)}(x) = j_l(x) + i n_l(x)$$

$$n_l^{(1)}(kr_>) \sim i n_l(kr_>) \Rightarrow \frac{-i(2l-1)!!}{(kr_>)^{l+1}}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|x-x'|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2l-1)!!}{(2l+1)!!} \frac{r_<^l}{r_>^{l+1}} \sum_m Y_{lm}^* Y_{lm}$$

$$\frac{1}{|x-x'|} = \sum_{lm} \left(\frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \right) \frac{r_<^l}{r_>^{l+1}} \sum_m Y_{lm}^* Y_{lm} \quad \checkmark (3.70)$$

Now look at angular functions in QM

$$L^2 = \frac{1}{i} (\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla})^2$$

$$L^2 Y_{lm} = l(l+1) Y_{lm} = - \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] Y_{lm}$$

$$L_+ = L_x + iL_y = e^{i\phi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$L_- = L_x - iL_y = e^{-i\phi} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$L_z = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{L} = 0$ since $L = \frac{1}{i} (\vec{r} \times \nabla)$

$$L_+ Y_{lm} = \sqrt{(l-m)(l+m+1)} Y_{l, m+1}$$

$$L_- Y_{lm} = \sqrt{(l+m)(l-m+1)} Y_{l, m-1}$$

$$L_z Y_{lm} = m Y_{lm}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r) - \frac{L^2}{r^2}$$

Multipole Expansion of E+m Fields

For Harmonic time dep. Maxwell eqs

$$\nabla \times E = ikZ_0 H \quad \nabla \times H = -ikE/Z_0$$

$$\nabla \cdot E = \nabla \cdot H = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla^2 + k^2) H = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot H = 0, \quad E = \frac{iZ_0}{k} \nabla \times H$$

$$\text{or } (\nabla^2 + k^2) E = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot E = 0, \quad H = -\frac{i}{kZ_0} \nabla \times E$$

Find multipole solutions for E, H. Consider

$$\nabla^2 (r \cdot \vec{A}) = r \cdot \nabla^2 A + 2 \nabla \cdot A$$

Define $r \cdot H_{lm}^m$ magnetic multipole of order (l, m)

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) (r \cdot \vec{E}) = 0$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) (r \cdot \vec{H}) = 0$$

$$r \cdot E_{lm}^m = 0$$

$$g_l(kr) = A_l^1 h_l^1(kr) + A_l^2 h_l^2(kr) \quad \text{from } (*)$$

Note $l(l+1)/k$ is for convenience

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{\partial g}{\partial r}) = \frac{1}{r^2} (r \nabla^2) \cdot E = L \cdot E$$

$$L \cdot \vec{E}_{lm}^m = Z_0 l(l+1) g_l(kr) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$r \cdot \vec{E}_{lm}^m = 0$$

guess $E_{lm}^m = Z_0 g_l(kr) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$

then $L \cdot E = Z_0 g_l(kr) L^2 Y_{lm} = l(l+1) Z_0 g_l Y_{lm}$

and $r \cdot L = 0$ so $r \cdot E_{lm}^m = 0$

So
$$\vec{E}_{lm}^m = Z_0 g_l(kr) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\vec{H}_{lm}^m = \frac{i}{k Z_0} \nabla \wedge \vec{E}_{lm}^m$$

Fields of order (l, m) magnetic multipoles of

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$$r \cdot \vec{E}^E = -Z_0 \frac{l(l+1)}{k} f_l Y_{lm}$$

$$r \cdot \vec{H}^E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{lm}^E = f_l(kr) L Y_{lm}$$

$$E_{lm}^E = \frac{i Z_0}{k} \nabla \wedge H_{lm}^E$$

$$f_l(kr) = A_l^1 h_l^1(kr) + A_l^2 h_l^2(kr)$$

Introduce normalized vector spherical harmonics

$$\vec{X}_{lm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \vec{L} Y_{lm} \quad \equiv 0 \quad \text{for } l=0$$

$$\int \vec{X}_{l'm'}^* \cdot \vec{X}_{lm} d\Omega = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

General solution to Maxwell equations

$$H = \sum_{lm} \left[a_{E(l,m)} f_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm} - \frac{i}{k} a_{M(l,m)} \nabla_{\perp} g_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{lm} \left[\frac{i}{k} a_{E(l,m)} \nabla_{\perp} f_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm} + a_{M(l,m)} g_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm} \right]$$

Consider outgoing wave b.c. appropriate for a localized source.

$$g_l(kr), f_l(kr) \Rightarrow h_l^{(1)}(kr)$$

work in $r \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$h_l^{(1)} \sim (-i)^{l+1} \frac{e^{ikr}}{kr}$$

book says $\nabla \times L = \frac{1}{i} \left[r \nabla^2 - \nabla \cdot \left(1 + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \right]$

$r \rightarrow \infty$

$$H_{lm}^E = \cancel{Z_0} \cdot \frac{-i^{l+1} e^{ikr}}{kr} \frac{1}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} Y_{lm}$$

$$E_{lm}^E = Z_0 \frac{i}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \nabla \cdot \frac{(-i)^{l+1} e^{ikr}}{kr} \hat{n} Y_{lm}$$

$$= \frac{Z_0}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \frac{-i^l}{kr} \left\{ \nabla \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) \wedge \hat{n} + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \nabla \wedge \hat{n} \right\} Y_{lm}$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{Z_0}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \frac{-i^{l+1}}{k} \hat{n} \wedge \hat{n} Y_{lm}}$$

$$= \frac{Z_0}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \frac{(-i)^l}{k^2} \left\{ \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} (ik) \hat{n} \wedge \hat{n} + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \left[\nabla^2 - \frac{\nabla \cdot \nabla}{r} \right] Y_{lm} \right\}$$

Y_{lm} only depends on angles so

$$\nabla^2 Y_{lm} \rightarrow \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} Y_{lm}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{Y_{lm}}{r} \rightarrow 0$$

So last term in $\{ \}$ is $O(1/r)$

$$E_{lm}^E = -Z_0 (-i)^{l+1} \frac{e^{ikr}}{kr} \hat{n} \wedge \frac{1}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} Y_{lm}$$

$$E_{lm}^E = Z_0 \vec{H}_{lm} \wedge \hat{n}$$

End
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