

Advanced Computation: Computational Electromagnetics

Diffraction Gratings & the Plane Wave Spectrum







































































Electromagnetic Power Flow

The instantaneous direction and intensity of power flow at any point is given by the Poynting vector.

$$\vec{\wp}(\vec{r},t) = \vec{E}(\vec{r},t) \times \vec{H}(\vec{r},t)$$

The RMS power flow is then

$$\vec{\wp}(\vec{r},\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left[\vec{E}(\vec{r},\omega) \times \vec{H}^{*}(\vec{r},\omega)\right]$$

This is typically just written in the frequencydomain as

$$\vec{\wp} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[\vec{E} \times \vec{H}^* \right]$$

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Power Flow Away From Grating To calculate the power flow away from the grating, it is only the *z*-component of the Poynting vector that is of interest. $\vec{\wp} = \frac{\left|\vec{E}_{0}\right|^{2}}{2k_{0}\eta_{0}}e^{-2\operatorname{Im}\left[\vec{k}\right]\cdot\vec{r}}\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{\vec{k}}{\mu_{r}}\right] \rightarrow \qquad \wp_{z}\left(z\right) = \frac{\left|\vec{E}_{0}\right|^{2}}{2k_{0}\eta_{0}}e^{-2\operatorname{Im}\left[k_{z}\right]z}\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{k_{z}}{\mu_{r}}\right]$

 $\vec{\wp} = \frac{|E_0|}{2k_0\eta_0} e^{-2\operatorname{Im}\left[\vec{k}\right] \cdot \vec{r}} \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{k}{\mu_r}\right] \rightarrow \wp_z(z) = \frac{|E_0|}{2k_0\eta_0} e^{-2\operatorname{Im}\left[k_z\right]z} \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{k_z}{\mu_r}\right]$ Note: power travelling in the *x* direction does not transport power into or away from a device that is infinitely periodic along *x*. This simplifying statement is not true for devices of finite extent.











Reflectance, Transmittance, and Absorptance

The reflectance R is the sum of the diffraction efficiencies of the reflected modes.

$$R = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{\rm DE}\left(m\right)$$

The transmittance T is the sum of the diffraction efficiencies of the transmitted modes.

$$T = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} T_{\rm DE}\left(m\right)$$

The absorptance A is the fraction of power absorbed by the device.

A + R + T = 1

A > 0materials have lossA = 0materials have no lossA < 0materials have gain

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