Electricity and Magnetism II (PHY 322)

1D EM Wave Animation Homework

This homework is all about animating EM waves in one spatial dimension. We focus on the "TE mode", in which the wave travels (or changes) in the x direction, the electric field points in the y direction, and the magnetic field points in the z direction. There is a basic traveling wave that has these properties, but we are not restricting our attention to traveling waves. We can make standing waves as well as waves produced by a changing current density. Download the file EMWave1DTE.hs from the course website.

Problem 1 (4 points) The file EMWave1DTE.hs has an example of a standing EM wave in which three half-wavelengths fit across the region we are keeping track of. Make a standing EM wave in which five half-wavelengths fit across the region we are keeping track of.

Problem 2 (4 points) The file EMWave1DTE.hs has an example of a wave produced by an oscillating current density. Change the current density to a single pulse of some shape and animate the resulting wave.

Problem 3 (4 points) The file EMWave1DTE.hs has an example of a wave produced by an oscillating current density in the middle of the region we are studying. Change this to a current density that oscillates the same way in time, but at two locations separated by half of a wavelength. You should be able to see some interference effect.

Problem 4 (4 points) The file EMWave1DTE.hs has an example of a wave produced by an oscillating current density in the middle of the region we are studying. Change this to a current density that oscillates the same way in time, but at two locations separated by a whole wavelength.