

Answer to EM Example Q24

The appropriate Maxwell eqn. is

$$\nabla \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} = j\omega \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \underline{E} = \frac{j\omega}{c^2} \underline{E}$$

$[\mu_0 \underline{J}] = 0$ because we are in free space, well away from the dipole

As $\nabla \times$ operates on positional coordinates we can take $\frac{j\mu_0 I_0 dl}{2\lambda} e^{j\omega t} = K$, constant.

Thus $\underline{B} = K \sin\theta \frac{e^{-j\omega r/c}}{r} \hat{\phi} = B_\phi \hat{\phi}$

We then have that

$$\nabla \times \underline{B} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & r\hat{\theta} & r\sin\theta\hat{\phi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ 0 & 0 & r \sin\theta B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$$

$\uparrow B_r = 0 \quad \uparrow B_\theta = 0$

$\nabla \times \underline{B}$ clearly has no $\hat{\phi}$ component

The radial (\hat{r}) component of $\nabla \times \underline{B}$ is $\frac{K}{r^2 \sin\theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r \sin\theta \cdot B_\phi) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (0) \right] = \frac{K}{r^2 \sin\theta} \cdot r e^{-j\omega r/c} \cdot 2 \sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta$

This term is $\propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ but we have already discarded terms $\propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ in the far-field limit as being insignificant cf $\frac{1}{r}$ terms (see next) so discard this one also \Rightarrow no significant \hat{r} component, ≈ 0 .

The $\hat{\theta}$ component of $\nabla \times \underline{B}$ is

$$\frac{K}{r^2 \sin\theta} \cdot r \cdot \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \sin\theta \cdot \frac{\sin\theta e^{-j\omega r/c}}{r} \right) \right] = K \sin\theta \cdot \frac{j\omega}{c r} e^{-j\omega r/c}$$

$\therefore \frac{jK \sin\theta}{c r} e^{-j\omega r/c} \hat{\theta} = \frac{j\omega}{c^2} \underline{E}$ and hence

$$\underline{E} = \frac{j c \mu_0 I_0 dl \sin\theta}{2\lambda r} e^{j\omega(t - r/c)} \hat{\theta} \quad \underline{\text{as required}}$$