

7.10 Causality in the Connection Between \underline{D} and \underline{E} . Kramers Kronig Relations.

Assuming $\epsilon = \epsilon(\omega)$ implies

$$\underline{D}(\underline{x}, \omega) = \epsilon(\omega) \underline{E}(\underline{x}, \omega) \quad (7.103)$$

$\epsilon(\omega)$ contains information about the time response.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{D}(\underline{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\epsilon(\omega) - \epsilon_0] \underline{E}(\underline{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega + \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) \end{aligned}$$

Express $\underline{E}(\underline{x}, \omega)$ in terms of $\underline{E}(\underline{x}, t)$:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{x}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t') e^{i\omega t'} dt'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) &= \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \right] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t') e^{i\omega t'} dt' \\ &= \chi_e(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t') e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= \text{electric susceptibility} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) = \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_e(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t - \tau) e^{-i\omega \tau} d\tau d\omega$$

$$\tau = t - t'$$

Reversing the order of integration,

$$\underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) = \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t-\tau) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_e(\omega) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\omega d\tau$$

Let $G(\tau)$ be the Fourier transform of $\chi_e(\omega)$

$$G(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_e(\omega) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\omega \quad (7.106)$$

then

$$\underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) = \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) + \epsilon_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t-\tau) G(\tau) d\tau \quad (7.105)$$

$G(\tau)$ represents the time response of the medium.

The displacement at t depends on the electric field applied at $t-\tau$. The integral includes $\tau < 0$, but this violates causality. Therefore, we change the lower limit from $-\infty$ to 0:

$$\underline{D}(\underline{x}, t) = \epsilon_0 \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) + \epsilon_0 \int_0^{\infty} \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t-\tau) G(\tau) d\tau \quad (7.111)$$

From (7.106),

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \chi_e(\omega) = 1 + \int_0^{\infty} G(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau \quad (7.112)$$

Since \underline{E} and \underline{D} are real, G is real, and

$$\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon(-\omega) \quad (7.113)$$

which implies $\text{Re}[\epsilon(-\omega)] = \text{Re}[\epsilon(\omega)]$

Let's also assume $G(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ for $\tau \rightarrow \infty$.
 (The present displacement in the medium doesn't depend on the electric field in the infinite past.) Then we can integrate (7.112) by parts repeatedly:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} &= 1 + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\frac{G(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau}}{i\omega} \right] d\tau - \frac{1}{i\omega} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dG}{d\tau} e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau \\ &= 1 + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\frac{G(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau}}{i\omega} \right] d\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{i\omega} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\frac{dG}{d\tau} \frac{e^{i\omega\tau}}{i\omega} \right] d\tau + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2G}{d\tau^2} e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau \\ &\quad \text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{G(0)}{i\omega} + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^2} G'(0) - + \dots$$

= asymptotic series for large ω .

Causality $\Rightarrow G(\tau) = 0$ for $\tau < 0$.

Continuity then $\Rightarrow G(0) = 0$.

\Rightarrow First term vanishes \Rightarrow

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2} G'(0) - \frac{i}{\omega^3} G''(0) \dots$$

$$\text{Re} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \right] \approx 1 - \frac{G'(0)}{\omega^2} \quad (\text{large } \omega)$$

$$\text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \right] \approx -\frac{1}{\omega^3} G''(0) \quad (\text{large } \omega)$$

In general, $\epsilon(\omega)$ is complex. (e.g., (7.51)) Its real and imaginary parts are related to one another by the Kramers-Kronig Relations. To derive these, we need the fact that $\epsilon(\omega)$ is analytic in the upper half ω -plane ($\text{Im } \omega > 0$). This follows from

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \int_0^{\infty} G(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau \quad (7.112)$$

together with the facts that (1) $G(\tau)$ is real and continuous, (2) $e^{i\omega\tau}$ is an analytic function of τ in the upper half-plane of ω , and (3) the integral of an analytic function is analytic.

We also need the Cauchy Integral Theorem, which says that if $F(\omega)$ is analytic within a closed contour C in the complex ω -plane, and if the point $\omega = z$ is inside C , then

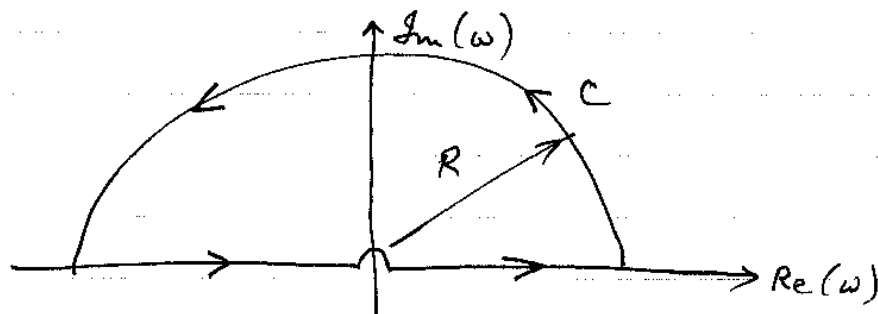
$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{F(\omega) d\omega}{\omega - z}$$

(The values of an analytic function on any closed contour determine its value at any point inside the contour. Just like a 2-D electrostatic potential.)

Setting $F(w) = \frac{\epsilon(w)}{\epsilon_0} - 1$ this gives

$$\frac{\epsilon(z)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{[\frac{\epsilon(w)}{\epsilon_0} - 1]}{w-z} dw$$

if C is in the upper half w -plane, where ϵ is analytic. In particular, take C as the real axis plus a great semicircle in the upper half w plane with $R \rightarrow \infty$:



On p. 3 we showed that $|\frac{\epsilon(w)}{\epsilon_0} - 1| \rightarrow 0$ at least as fast as $\frac{1}{|w|}$ as $|w| \rightarrow \infty$ in the upper half plane. Thus the integral along the great semicircle is 0, and

$$\frac{\epsilon(w)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{[\frac{\epsilon(w')}{\epsilon_0} - 1]}{w' - w} dw' \quad (7.115)$$

Take the limit as w' approaches the real axis:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon(w)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} & \left[\int_{-\infty}^{w-\eta} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(w')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{w' - w} dw' + \int_{w+\eta}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(w')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{w' - w} dw' \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(w')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{w' - w} dw' \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi i} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega' + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times 2\pi i \times \frac{1}{2} \text{Residue} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi i} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega' + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \right] \\ &\text{at } \omega' = \omega \\ \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\pi i} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} - 1}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega' \quad (7.118) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Re} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \right] &= 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} \right] d\omega'}{\omega' - \omega} \\ \text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \right] &= -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Re} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \right] d\omega'}{\omega' - \omega} \end{aligned} \right\} (7.119)$$

These are the Kramers Kronig Relations.

They say that causality requires a specific relationship between the real and imaginary parts of $\epsilon(\omega)$ (or any other analytic function). One can be calculated from the other.

Alternate form of K-K relations: Using the condition $\epsilon(-\omega) = \epsilon^*(\omega)$, we can convert (7.119) into an integral over positive ω' .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \right] &= 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} P \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_0^{\infty} \right] \frac{\text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} \right] d\omega'}{\omega' - \omega} \\ (\omega'' = -\omega') &= 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega'')^*}{\epsilon_0} \right] d\omega''}{-\omega'' - \omega} + \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im} \left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0} \right] d\omega'}{\omega' - \omega} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \text{Im}(z^*) = -\text{Im}(z) \rightarrow$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0}\right] = 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0}\right] \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} + \frac{1}{\omega' + \omega}\right]}_{\frac{2\omega'}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2}} d\omega'$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0}\right] = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \operatorname{Im}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0}\right] d\omega'}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} \quad (7.120 a)$$

Same procedure with imaginary part (7.119 b) gives

$$\operatorname{Im}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0}\right] = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{\epsilon(\omega')}{\epsilon_0}\right] - 1}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega' \quad (7.120 b)$$