



24.781 COMPUTATIONAL ELECTROMAGNETICS

ASSIGNMENT 2 Part A

Time Domain Electromagnetics in 1-D by Finite Difference Methods

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As was discussed in class, Maxwell's equations for the one-dimensional time-domain case can be written as

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u}(x, t) + A \partial_x \mathbf{u}(x, t) = \mathbf{0}$$

where the solution vector \mathbf{u} is given by

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} E_y \\ H_z \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e \\ m & 0 \end{bmatrix}, e = \frac{1}{\epsilon}, m = \frac{1}{\mu}, c^2 = me.$$

For the case of the grid function given by $\mathbf{u}_i^n \cong \mathbf{u}(i\Delta x, n\Delta t)$ and shown in Figure 1, write a program to calculate the value of \mathbf{u}_i^{100} using the discretized analytic solution and the Yee version of the Leap-Frog scheme. Comment the code and include it as an appendix to your assignment. The initial conditions, \mathbf{u}_i^0 , are given by the function shown in Figure 2.

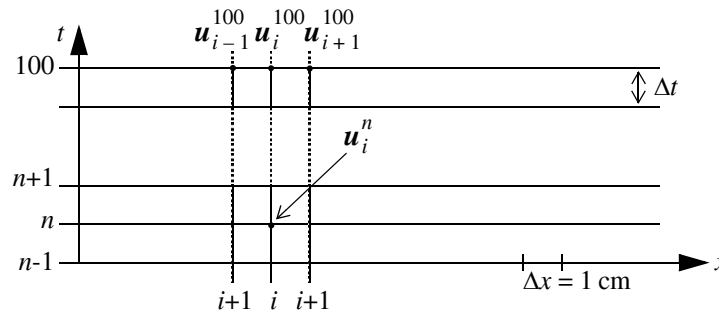


Figure 1. The 1-D FDTD Grid

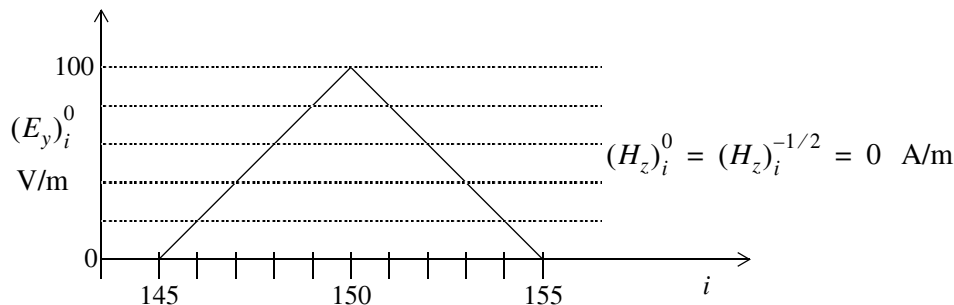


Figure 2. Initial Conditions: $(E_y)_i^0$ and $(H_z)_i^0$.

Plot the spatial distribution of the solution vector, *i.e.* both E_y and H_z , at $t = 100 \Delta t$ for both numerical methods (Note that in the Yee algorithm $n = 100$ means $(E_y)_i^{100}$ and $(H_z)_i^{100.5}$). For the Yee algorithm use a time step of $\Delta t = \Delta x/c$. What happens if in the Yee algorithm if you set $\Delta t = 1.001(\Delta x/c)$? Plot the solution vector using the Yee algorithm at $t = 100 \Delta t$ if $\Delta t = 0.8(\Delta x/c)$. Comment on the results.

Using the initial Gaussian electric field distribution shown in figure 3 as your initial conditions, modify your programs to include perfectly conducting walls at the points $i = 300$ and $i = 0$, a dielectric slab of relative permittivity $\epsilon_r = 3$ between the points $i = 200$ and $i = 250$ inclusive, and a lossy slab of conductivity $\sigma = .01$ [S/m] between the points $i = 1$ and $i = 50$ inclusive (see figure 4).

Plot the electric and magnetic fields at times $n = \{25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200\}$ across the whole x axis.

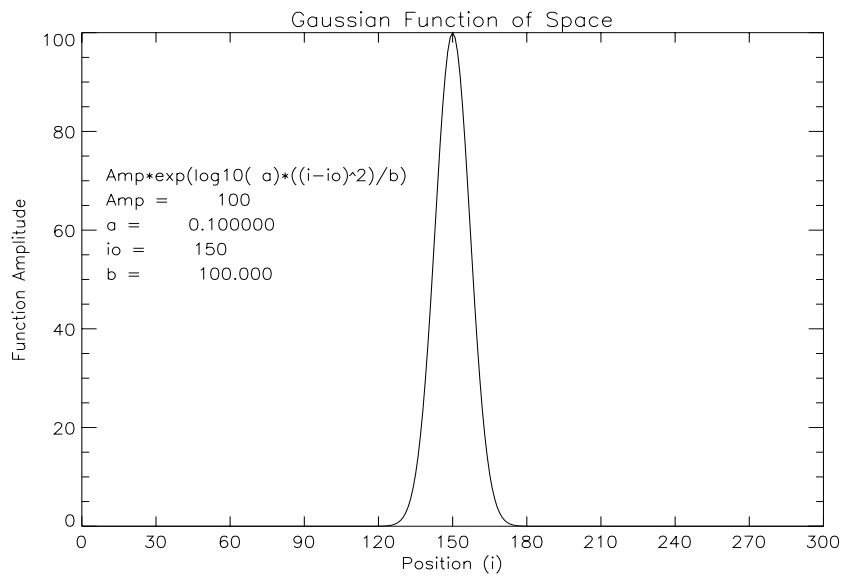


Figure 3. Initial conditions on electric field: $E_i^0 = 100 \exp\left[-\left(\frac{i-150}{100}\right)^2\right]$

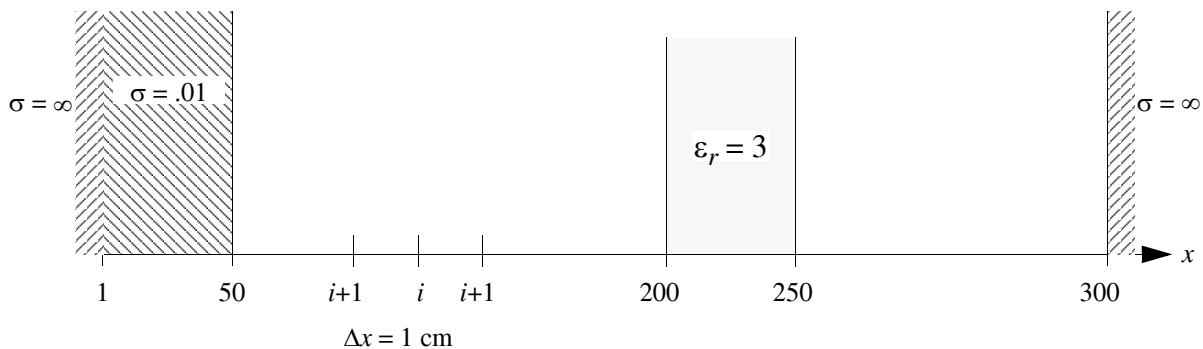


Figure 4. Dielectric slab and perfectly conducting boundaries.

Pseudo Code (Discretized Analytic Solution)

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1) declare E(300), H(300), Enew(300), Hnew(300)
2) set eps = 8.854e-12, mu = 4πe-7, Z = sqrt(mu/eps), Y = 1/Z
3) for i = 1(1)300 / initialize all fields to zero
4)     set E(i) = 0.0, H(i) = 0.0
5) end
6) for i = 146(1)150 / set triangular wave as initial conditions
7)     set E(i) = (i-145)*20, E(i+5) = (150-i)*20
8) end
9) for n=1(1)100 / time steps
10)    for i = 2(1)299 / calculate new field values from old
11)        set Enew(i) = 0.5*[E(i+1)+E(i-1)+Z*(H(i-1)-H(i+1))]
12)        Hnew(i) = 0.5*[H(i+1)+H(i-1)+Y*(E(i-1)-E(i+1))]
13)    end
14)    for i = 2(1)299 / replace old field values with new current ones
15)        set E(i) = Enew(i)
16)        H(i) = Hnew(i)
17)    end
18) end
19) output E(i), H(i), i=1(1)300 / output the field values after 100 time steps
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Pseudo Code (Yee version of Leap-Frog Scheme)

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1) declare E(300), H(300)
2) input Δx, Courant / input spatial step size and Courant number
3) set eps = 8.854e-12, mu = 4πe-7, m = 1/mu, e = 1/eps
4) coef = 0.5 / coef of 0.5 is used in the first time step
5) C = sqrt(m*e) / maximum speed of propagation
6) Δt = Δx*Courant/C / set time step
7) for i = 1(1)300 / initialize all fields to zero
8)     set E(i) = 0.0, H(i) = 0.0
9) end
10) for i = 146(1)150 / set triangular wave as initial conditions
11)     set E(i) = (i-145)*20, E(i+5) = (150-i)*20
12) end
13) for n=1(1)100
14)     if n=2 set coef = 1.0
15)     for i = 2(1)299 / be careful here: should be two loops later
16)         set H(i) = H(i) - coef*(Δt/Δx)*m*[E(i+1)-E(i)]
17)         E(i) = E(i) - (Δt/Δx)*e*[H(i)-H(i-1)]
18)     end
19) end
20) output E(i), H(i), i=1(1)300 / output field values after 100 time steps
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