התפשטות ופיזור גלים (0512.4862) - שנה"ל תשפ"א

PART I: RADIATION

1. **Basic laws of electromagnetics – Review**
2. **Plane-waves**
   - 2.1. Plane-waves in a homogeneous medium
   - 2.2. Polarization
   - 2.3. Reflection and transmission
   - 2.4. Evanescent waves
   - 2.5. Waves in a stratified medium
   - 2.6. Home projects: (a) A conducting medium - reflection and transmission; (b) A dielectric layer.
3. **Radiation in free space**
   - 3.1. Vector potentials
   - 3.2. Green's function
   - 3.3. The elementary dipole: the near and far zones (the quasi static and the radiation zones)
   - 3.4. Far field approximations (Fresnel and Fraunhofer): radiation pattern
   - 3.5. Fourier space representation
   - 3.6. Home projects: (a) Finite dipole antennas; (b) A uniform current sphere
4. **Radiation from planar apertures**
   - 4.1. The equivalence theorem
   - 4.2. Alternative field solutions
   - 4.3. Far field approximations: Explicit expressions in terms of the Fourier transform of the aperture fields
   - 4.4. Examples: Rectangular apertures - radiation pattern, beam width, spectral and spatial resolutions
   - 4.5. Home projects: (a) rectangular aperture with linear phase; (b) scattering by metallic plates
5. **Plane-wave spectrum analysis of radiation from planar apertures**
   - 5.1. Spectral wave equation
   - 5.2. Propagating and evanescent spectra
   - 5.3. The spectral integral
   - 5.4. Asymptotic evaluation of the plane-wave integral in the far field:
   - 5.5. A spectral derivation of the Green's function results in Section 4.4 and discussion.

PART II: SCATTERING

6. **Scattering: Integral representation**
   - 6.1. Kirchhhoff theorem
   - 6.2. Physical interpretation of Kirchhoff integral
   - 6.3. Sommerfeld radiation condition
   - 6.4. The scattering integral equations
   - 6.5. 2D electromagnetics - E and H polarizations
   - 6.6. Home project: Derivation of the 2D Green's function
   - 6.7. Numerical solutions - method of moments; the current, the radiated field and the Radar cross section (RCS)
   - 6.8. Exact Mie series solution for scattering by a circular cylinder.
   - 6.9. Mid-term project 1: Plane wave scattering from conducting cylinders - comparison of the method of moment, the exact Mie series and the Physical Optics solutions for the current and for the RCS.
7. **The Physical Optics approximation and asymptotic evaluations**
   - 7.1. Physical optics sources
   - 7.2. Asymptotic evaluation of integrals: stationary-point and end-point contributions, uniform asymptotics for nearby stationary and end points
   - 7.3. Example: PO solution for scattering by a conducting half plane - geometrical optics, edge diffraction, the field in the shadow transition region
   - 7.4. Example: PO solution for scattering from a conducting cylinder - geometrical optics.
8. **Radiation from apertures (aperture diffraction)**
   - 8.1. Kirchhoff integral
   - 8.2. Rayleigh-Sommerfeld representation
   - 8.3. Fraunhofer and Fresnel integrals
   - 8.4. Thin lens formula; Introduction to Fourier Optics
   - 8.5. Spectral formulation for Kirchhoff and Rayleigh-Sommerfeld representations
9. **Gaussian beams**
   - 9.1. Radiation integral formulation
   - 9.2. Parabolic equation formulation

PART III: PROPAGATION AND SCATTERING IN INHOMOGENEOUS MEDIA

10. Geometrical optics (GO) as an asymptotic solution of the wave equation

- 10.1. The wave equation in an inhomogeneous medium
- 10.2. Luneberg Kline series - asymptotic series solution
- 10.3. The Eikonal and transport equations
- 10.4. GO in inhomogeneous media: Wavefronts, rays and local plane waves. Ray tracking; ray curvature; Fermat principle. The transport equation and energy conservation. Polarization. Caustics
- 10.5. GO field in a uniform medium: caustics; wavefront curvature
- 10.6. Reflection and transmission at curved dielectric interfaces
- 10.7. GO approximation of RCS (Radar cross section).
- 10.8. Plane stratified medium
- 10.9. GO approximation for the Green's function in inhomogeneous medium

11. Geometrical Theory of Diffraction (GTD)

- 11.1. Basic rules
- 11.2. Edge diffraction (half-plane and wedges): plane-wave solutions
- 11.3. Comparison with PO solutions

12. Modal fields

- 12.1. Wave propagation in a guiding environment
- 12.2. The eigenvalue-eigenfunction problem
- 12.3. WKB approximation

Final Home Project: Solution of a complex scattering problem and/or of inhomogeneous waveguides.

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