

# 257(3): Reduction of General Solution to Capillary Plane Waves and $\underline{B}$ <sup>(3)</sup>

One general solution of the Beltrami equation is:

$$B_x = f_2 \sin 2f_z + f_3 \cos 2f_y \quad - (1)$$

$$B_y = f_3 \sin 2f_x + f_1 \cos 2f_z \quad - (2)$$

$$B_z = f_1 \sin 2f_y + f_2 \cos 2f_x \quad - (3)$$

and the compact version of another solution has been given by Dr. Horst Eckardt from computer algebra:

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_x = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = B_x \quad - (4)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_y = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = B_y \quad - (5)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_z = w = -\left(\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)^2\right) = B_z \quad - (6)$$

It follows that:

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dy^2} + \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = \frac{dB_y}{dx} - \frac{dB_x}{dy} = w \quad - (7)$$

which gives:

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_z = B_z \quad - (8)$$

this is the Z component of:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \underline{B} \quad - (9)$$

2) This solution is therefore:

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_x = B_x = \frac{dB_z}{dy} - \frac{dB_y}{dz} \quad - (10)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_y = B_y = \frac{dB_x}{dz} - \frac{dB_z}{dx} \quad - (11)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_z = B_z = \frac{dB_y}{dx} - \frac{dB_x}{dy} \quad - (12)$$

More generally:

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_x = \alpha_x B_x \quad - (13)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_y = \alpha_y B_y \quad - (14)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B})_z = \alpha_z B_z \quad - (15)$$

In the case of conjugate plane waves and  $\underline{B}^{(3)}$  we have:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)} = \kappa \underline{B}^{(1)} \quad - (16)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = \kappa \underline{B}^{(2)} \quad - (17)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(3)} = 0 \underline{B}^{(3)} \quad - (18)$$

and

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = i B^{(0)} \underline{B}^{(3)*} \quad - (19)$$

where:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} - i \underline{j}) \exp(i(\omega t - \kappa z)) \quad - (20)$$

$$\underline{B}^{(2)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} + i \underline{j}) \exp(-i(\omega t - \kappa z)) \quad - (21)$$

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = B^{(0)} \underline{k} \quad - (22)$$

3) For  $\underline{B}^{(1)}$ :

$$B_x^{(1)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\phi}, \quad B_y^{(1)} = -\frac{iB^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\phi} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\phi = \omega t - \kappa z \quad (24)$$

Therefore:

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)})_x = \kappa B_x^{(1)} = -\frac{dB_y^{(1)}}{dz} \quad (25)$$

$$(\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)})_y = \kappa B_y^{(1)} = \frac{dB_x^{(1)}}{dz} \quad (26)$$

$$\text{So } \kappa B_x^{(1)} = -\frac{dB_y^{(1)}}{dz} \quad (27)$$

$$\kappa B_y^{(1)} = \frac{dB_x^{(1)}}{dz} \quad (28)$$

For this plane wave:

$$\frac{dB_y^{(1)}}{dx} = \frac{dB_x^{(1)}}{dt} = 0 \quad (29)$$

so

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)} = 0 \quad (30)$$

with

$$B_z^{(1)} = 0 \quad (31)$$

From eqs. (27) and (28):

$$\frac{d^2 B_x^{(1)}}{dz^2} + \frac{d^2 B_y^{(1)}}{dz^2} = \kappa \left( \frac{dB_y^{(1)}}{dz} - \frac{dB_x^{(1)}}{dz} \right) \quad (32)$$

4)

so

$$\frac{d^2 B_x^{(1)}}{dz^2} + \frac{d^2 B_y^{(1)}}{dz^2} = -\kappa^2 (B_x^{(1)} + B_y^{(1)}) \quad (33)$$

and

$$\frac{d^2 B_x^{(1)}}{dz^2} = -\kappa^2 B_x^{(1)} \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{d^2 B_y^{(1)}}{dz^2} = -\kappa^2 B_y^{(1)} \quad (35)$$

These structures are part of the Proca type wave equation:

$$(\square + \kappa^2) A_\mu^a = 0 \quad (36)$$

which emerges from the ERE wave equation:

$$(\square + \kappa^2) \varphi_\mu^a = 0 \quad (37)$$

From eq. (16)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)}) &= \kappa \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)} \\ &= \kappa^2 \underline{B}^{(1)} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

this is a Trubalian type of construction, in which:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)}) = \underline{\nabla} (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B}^{(1)}) - \nabla^2 \underline{B}^{(1)} \quad (39)$$

However:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B}^{(1)} = 0 \quad (40)$$

so

$$-\nabla^2 \underline{B}^{(1)} = \kappa^2 \underline{B}^{(1)} \quad (41)$$

which combine eqs. (34) and (35), QED

The covariantly relativistic form of eq. (41) is

$$\square \underline{B}^{(1)} = \left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) \underline{B}^{(1)} \quad (42)$$

where  $\square$  is the d'Alembertian. The  $\underline{B}^{(3)}$  field implies finite photon mass, so the relation between  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  is eq. (20) is given by:

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad (43)$$

where  $m$  is the photon mass, i.e.

$$\omega^2 = c^2 \kappa^2 + \left( \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} \right)^2 \quad (44)$$

Using the quantum postulates:

$$E = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \underline{p} = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \quad (45)$$

produces:

$$\left( \square + \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right) \phi = 0 \quad (46)$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{\left( \square + \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right) \underline{B}^{(1)} = 0} \quad (47)$$

which is a Proca equation.

6) Note that:

$$\square \underline{B}^{(1)} = \left( k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \right) \underline{B}^{(1)} - (48)$$

$$= - \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \underline{B}^{(1)}$$

so

$$\left( \square + \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right) \underline{B}^{(1)} = 0 - (49)$$

The d'Alembertian is:

$$\square \underline{B}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \underline{B}^{(1)}}{\partial t^2} + \underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)}) - (50)$$

so

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)}) = \left( \square - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \underline{B}^{(1)} - (51)$$

$$= k^2 \underline{B}^{(1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{c^2} (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) \underline{B}^{(1)}$$

Here

$$\omega_0 = mc^2 / \hbar - (52)$$

which is the rest frequency of the photon.

In order to reduce eqns (1) to (3) to a plane wave note that if:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \frac{\underline{B}^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} - i\underline{j}) (\cos \phi + i \sin \phi) - (53)$$

where

$$e^{i\phi} = \cos \phi + i \sin \phi - (54)$$

7) The real parts of  $B_x^{(1)}$ ,  $B_y^{(1)}$  and  $B_z^{(1)}$  are:

$$\text{Re } B_x^{(1)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \phi - (55)$$

$$\text{Re } B_y^{(1)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi - (56)$$

$$\text{Re } B_z^{(1)} = 0 - (57)$$

From eqs. (1) to (3) and (55) to (57):

$$f_3 \cos 2f_y = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \phi - (58)$$

$$f_3 \sin 2f_x = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi - (59)$$

So:  $2f_y = 2f_x = \phi = \omega t - kZ - (60)$

$$f_3 = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}}, - (61)$$

$$f_1 = f_2 = 0, - (62)$$

QED - The real parts of  $B^{(1)}$  and  $B^{(2)}$  are the same, so the results for  $B^{(2)}$  are the same.

For the longitudinal  $B^{(3)}$  field:

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = B^{(0)} \underline{k} - (63)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(3)} = 0 \underline{B}^{(3)} - (64)$$

Here:

$$B_z = B^{(0)} - (65)$$

(comparing eqns. (3) and (65) :

$$B_z = f_1 \sin 2f_y + f_2 \cos 2f_x - (66)$$

$$= \text{constant}$$

Therefore

$$2f_x = 0 = 2f_y - (67)$$

is the simplest solution. So:

$$B_z = f_2 - (68)$$

So it is possible to express transverse plane wave and  $\underline{B}^{(3)}$  in terms of eqns (1) to (3). The transverse plane wave are:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} - \underline{j}) e^{i\phi} = f_3 (\underline{i} - \underline{j}) e^{if_x/2}$$

$$\underline{B}^{(2)} = \frac{B^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} + \underline{j}) e^{-i\phi} = f_3 (\underline{i} + \underline{j}) e^{-if_x/2} - (69)$$

$$- (70)$$

w.g.f.:

$$f_x = f_y - (71)$$

So:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = \underline{B} \times \underline{B}^* = 2i f_3^2 - (70)$$

i.e

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = B^{(0)} \underline{k} - (71)$$



9) We have:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = i \underline{B}^{(0)} \underline{B}^{(3)} = i \underline{B}^{(0)2} \underline{k}$$

$$= f_3^2 \begin{vmatrix} i & i & k \\ 1 & -i & 0 \\ 1 & i & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2i f_3^2 \underline{k} \quad - (72)$$

so

$$f_3 = \frac{\underline{B}^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad - (73)$$

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = \sqrt{2} f_3 \underline{k} \quad - (74)$$

Q.E.D.

Result

The B Cyclic Theorem:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = i \underline{B}^{(0)} \underline{B}^{(3)*} \quad - (74)$$

is obtained from eqs. (1) to (3) w/:

$$f_1 = f_2 = 0 \quad - (75)$$

$$f_3 = \underline{B}^{(0)} / \sqrt{2} \quad - (76)$$

$$\phi = \omega t - \kappa z = \frac{f \times}{2} = \frac{f \times}{2} \quad - (77)$$

with

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)} = \kappa \underline{B}^{(1)} \quad - (78)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(2)} = \kappa \underline{B}^{(2)} \quad - (79)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(3)} = 0 \underline{B}^{(3)} \quad - (80)$$

10) Conversely, eqs. (1) and (2) become a B field

Then if:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = f_3 (\underline{i} - i \underline{j}) \exp(i f_x / 2) \quad - (81)$$

$$\underline{B}^{(2)} = f_3 (\underline{i} + i \underline{j}) \exp(-i f_x / 2) \quad - (82)$$

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = \sqrt{2} f_3 \underline{k} \quad - (83)$$

$$f_x = f_y \quad - (84)$$

$$f_1 = f_2 = 0 \quad - (85)$$

$$B_x = B_x^{(1)} = f_3 \cos 2 f_x \quad - (86)$$

$$B_y = B_y^{(1)} = f_3 \sin 2 f_x \quad - (87)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \alpha \underline{B} \quad - (88)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant. We have:

$$\underline{B} = B_x \underline{i} + B_y \underline{j} \quad - (89)$$

$$\text{so } \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ B_x & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\underline{i} \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} + \underline{j} \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \quad - (90)$$

Here:

$$B_y = \int_3 \sin 2f_x = \int_3 \sin(\omega t - k z) - (91)$$

$$B_x = \int_3 \cos 2f_x = \int_3 \cos(\omega t - k z) - (92)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = -k \int_3 \cos \phi = -k \int_3 \cos 2f_x - (93)$$

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} = k \int_3 \sin \phi = k \int_3 \sin 2f_x - (93a)$$

$$\text{Therefore } \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = k \underline{B} - (94)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}^{(1)} = k \underline{B}^{(1)} - (95)$$

QED

This analysis shows that eqs. (1) to (3) can give a generalization of the B (cyclic) Theorem, which will be the subject of the next note.

It also shows that the  $\underline{B}^{(3)}$  field can be generalized to: — (96)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{B}^{(3)} &= B_z \underline{k} \\ &= \left( \int_1 \sin 2f_y + \int_2 \cos 2f_x \right) \underline{k} \end{aligned}$$

If in vacuum:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \alpha \underline{B} - (97)$$

(2) then:

$$\underline{B} = (f_2 \sin 2f_z + f_3 \cos 2f_z) \underline{i} \\ + (f_3 \sin 2f_x + f_1 \cos 2f_z) \underline{j} \quad - (98) \\ + (f_1 \sin 2f_y + f_2 \cos 2f_x) \underline{k}$$

If:  $B_z = \text{constant} \quad - (99)$   
then:  $f_x = f_y = 0 \quad - (100)$

and:  $\underline{B} = f_2 \sin 2f_z \underline{i} + f_1 \cos 2f_z \underline{j} + f_2 \underline{k} \quad - (101)$

Eq. (101) gives two conjugate plane waves and a  $B_z$  field, which in Beltrami flow is a field component along  $z$ .

Graphs and Animation

Eq. (98) and Eq. (101) can be graphed and animated. They are solutions of the Beltrami equation:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \alpha \underline{B} \quad - (102)$$