

FDTD D-H FORMULATION

THE E-H FORMULATION WE HAVE BEEN USING IS IDEAL FOR LEARNING THE BASICS, BUT HAS THE DRAWBACK THAT MIXES THE ITERATIVE EQUATIONS WITH THE MATERIAL MODEL. THE D-H FORMULATION ALLOWS FOR SEPARATE TREATMENT OF THESE TWO ASPECTS.

STARTING FROM

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \bar{H} \\ \bar{D}(\omega) = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r^*(\omega) \cdot \bar{E}(\omega) \\ \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \bar{E} \end{cases}$$

WHERE \bar{D} IS THE ELECTRIC FLUX DENSITY VECTOR, AND

$$\epsilon_r^*(\omega) = \epsilon_r + \frac{\sigma}{j\omega \epsilon_0} \quad (\text{THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE POSSIBLE FORMULATIONS FOR } \epsilon_r^*),$$

AS BEFORE, WE NORMALIZE THE \bar{E} (AND \bar{D}) FIELD BY

$$\underline{E} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \cdot \bar{E}$$

$$\underline{D} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \cdot \bar{D}$$

WHICH RESULTS IN

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \nabla \times \bar{H} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \underline{D}(\omega) = \epsilon_r^*(\omega) \cdot \underline{E}(\omega) \\ \textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \nabla \times \underline{E} \end{cases}$$

① AND ③ RESULT IN VERY SIMPLE FINITE DIFFERENCE EXPRESSIONS. BUT ② IS EXPRESSED IN THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN, AND WE USED IT IN THE TIME DOMAIN.

WE CAN WRITE ② AS:

$$\underline{D}(\omega) = \epsilon_r \cdot \underline{E}(\omega) + \frac{\nabla}{j\omega\epsilon_0} \cdot \underline{E}(\omega)$$

IN TIME DOMAIN, $\frac{1}{j\omega} \rightarrow$ INTEGRATION, SO

$$D(t) = \epsilon_r \cdot E(t) + \frac{\nabla}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^t E(\tau) d\tau$$

IN SAMPLED-TIME DOMAIN, WE APPROXIMATE THE INTEGRAL AS SUMMATION OVER TIME,

$$\underline{D}^n = \epsilon_r \cdot \underline{E}^n + \frac{\nabla \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=0}^n \underline{E}^i, \text{ WHERE } D \text{ IS CALCULATED AT } t = \Delta t \cdot n$$

SINCE FOR WE NEED D_n TO CALCULATE E_n , AND VICEVERSA, WE REWRITE THE LAST EXPRESSION AS:

$$\underline{D}^n = \epsilon_r \underline{E}^n + \frac{\nabla \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} \underline{E}^n + \frac{\nabla \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \underline{E}^i$$

AND FINALLY,

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \underline{E}^n = \frac{\underline{D}^n - \frac{\nabla \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \underline{E}^i}{\epsilon_r + \frac{\nabla \cdot \Delta t}{\epsilon_0}}$$

THEN, WE CAN CALCULATE \underline{E}^n FROM THE CURRENT VALUE OF \underline{D}^n AND PREVIOUS VALUES OF \underline{E}^i . WE DEFINE AN AUXILIARY VALUE

$$I^n = \frac{\nabla \cdot \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=0}^n \underline{E}^i$$

NOTE: I^n IS NOT IN UNITS OF CURRENT!

④ CAN NOW BE FORMULATED AS:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E^n = \frac{D^n - I^{n-1}}{\epsilon_r + \frac{\sigma \Delta t}{\epsilon_0}} \\ I^n = I^{n-1} + \frac{\sigma \Delta t}{\epsilon_0} E^n \end{array} \right.$$

WHERE ⑤ SIMPLY ACCUMULATES THE VALUE AT EACH TIME-STEP.

WRITING THIS IN TERMS OF COMPUTER CODE, ASSUMING OUR 1D E_x, D_x, H_y FORMULATION,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_x(k) = D_x(k) + 0.5 * (H_y(k-1) - H_y(k)) \\ E_x(k) = g_{ax}(k) * (D_x(k) - I_x(k)) \\ I_x(k) = I_x(k) + g_{bx}(k) * E_x(k) \\ H_y(k) = H_y(k) + 0.5 (E_x(k) - E_x(k+1)) \end{array} \right.$$

WHERE

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_{ax}(k) = 1 / (\epsilon_r + ((\sigma * dt) / \epsilon_0)) \\ g_{bx}(k) = \sigma * dt / \epsilon_0 \end{array} \right.$$