A hollow metal tube of circular cross section also supports TE and TM waveguide modes. Figure 3.11 shows the cross-section geometry of such a circular waveguide of inner radius a. Since a cylindrical geometry is involved, it is appropriate to employ cylindrical coordinates. As in the rectangular coordinate case, the transverse fields in cylindrical coordinates can be derived from  $E_z$  or  $H_z$  field components, for TM and

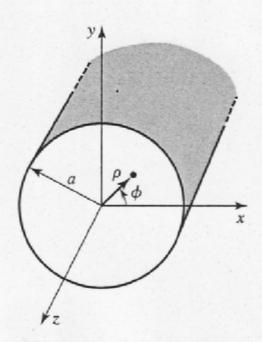


FIGURE 3.11 Geometry of a circular waveguide.

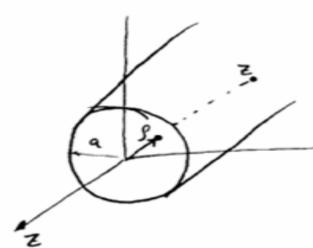
# lecture #6

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# Circular WG

Starting from Maxwell equations  $E_{\mathcal{G}}$ ,  $H_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}$ )  $H_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}$   $H_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G}}$   $H_{\mathcal{G}}E_{\mathcal{G$ 

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$$E_{g} = \frac{-j}{K_{c}^{2}} \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta} \frac{\delta E_{e}}{\delta f} + \frac{\omega N}{\beta} \frac{\delta H_{e}}{\delta p} \right) \qquad \widehat{O}$$

$$E_{g} = \frac{-j}{K_{c}^{2}} \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta} \frac{\delta E_{e}}{\delta f} - \frac{\omega N}{\delta g} \frac{\delta H_{e}}{\delta g} \right) \qquad \widehat{O}$$

$$H_{g} = \frac{j}{K_{c}^{2}} \left( \frac{\omega E}{\beta} \frac{\delta E_{e}}{\delta f} - \frac{\beta}{\delta g} \frac{\delta H_{e}}{\delta g} \right) \qquad \widehat{O}$$

$$H_{g} = \frac{-j}{K_{c}^{2}} \left( \frac{\omega E}{\beta} \frac{\delta E_{e}}{\delta f} + \frac{\beta}{\delta g} \frac{\delta H_{e}}{\delta g} \right) \qquad \widehat{O}$$

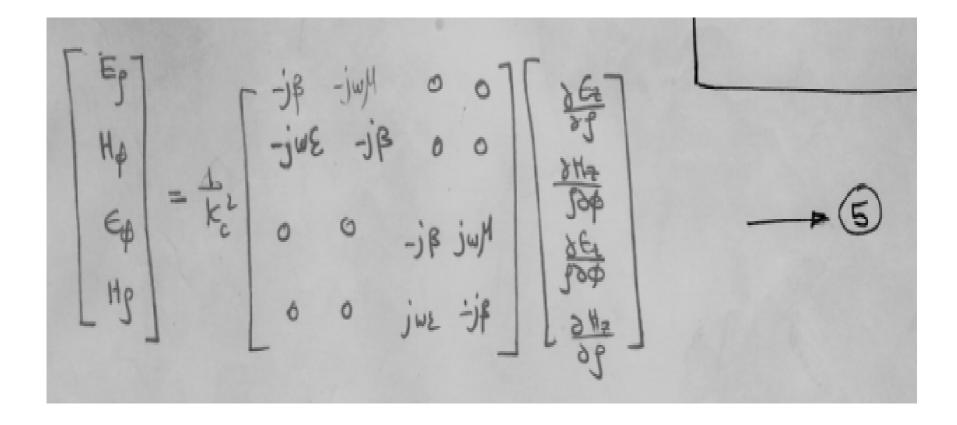
$$H_{g} = \frac{-j}{K_{c}^{2}} \left( \frac{\omega E}{\delta f} \frac{\delta E_{e}}{\delta g} + \frac{\beta}{\delta g} \frac{\delta H_{e}}{\delta g} \right) \qquad \widehat{O}$$

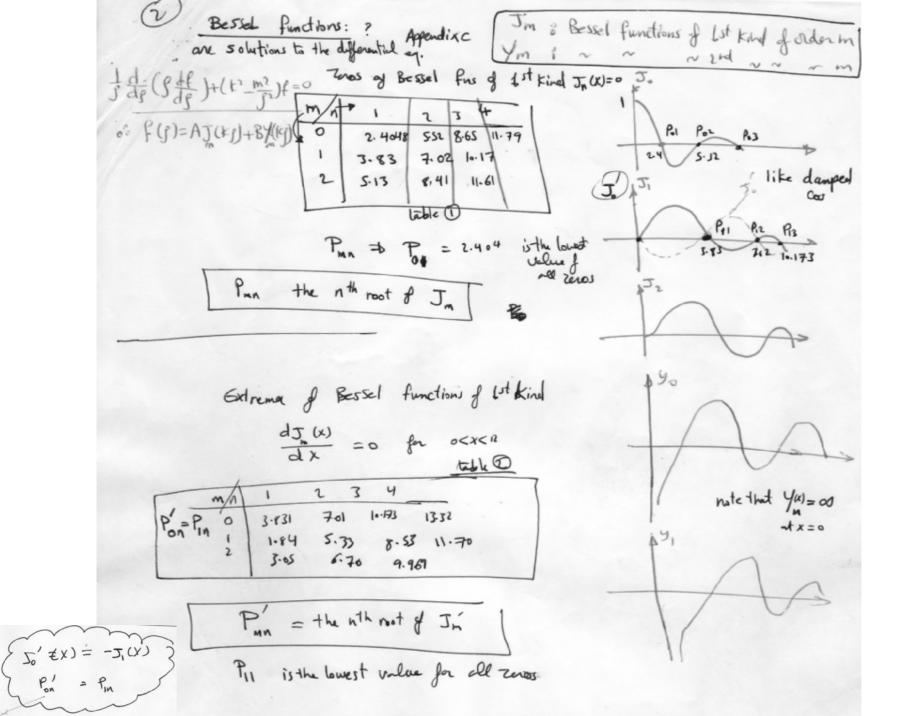
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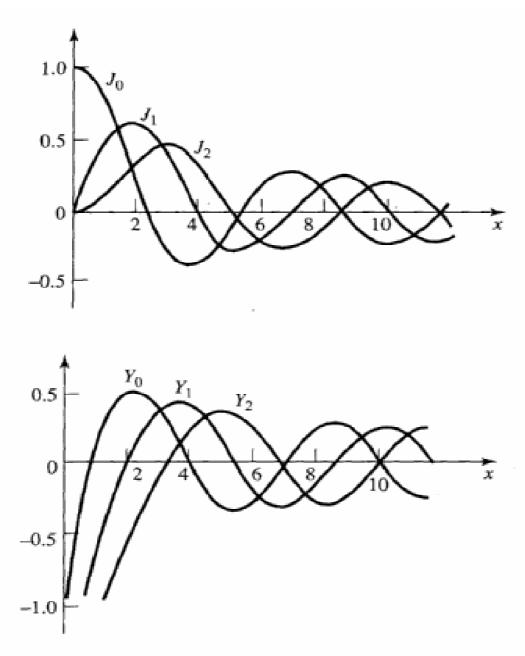


FIGURE C.1 Bessel functions of the first and second kind.

Zeros of Bessel functions of first kind:  $J_n(x) = 0$  for 0 < x < 12

$\overline{n}$	1	2	3	4
0	2.4048	5.5200	8.6537	11.7951
1	3.8317	7.0155	10.1743	
2	5.1356	8.4172	11.6198	
3	6.3801	9.7610		
4	7.5883	11.0647		
5	8.7714			
6	9.9361			
7	11.0863			

Extrema of Bessel functions of first kind:  $dJ_n(x)/dx = 0$  for 0 < x < 12

n	1	2	3	4
0	3.8317	7.0156	10.1735	13.3237
1	1.8412	5.3314	8.5363	11.7060
2	3.0542	6.7061	9.9695	
3	4.2012	8.0152	11.3459	
4	5.3175	9.2824		
5	6.4156	10.5199		
6	7.5013	11.7349	."	
7	8.5778			
8	9.6474			
9	10.7114			
10	11.7709			

22) TE modes Fr temedes Ez=0 & Hz =0 D, H5 +F3 H5 = 0 H2(5, 0, 2) = ha(5,0) e-jg2 < klzujus ( = 2 + 1 a) + 1 2 + t 2 ) hiz (5, \$) = 0 from where eq. RY) P(4) applying method of separathrof scribbles, we get 7 (4) = A sin m4 + B GB mp R(g) = c Jn(kg) + Dyntes) (the solution of Bessel's DE) Associated in A .. the general solution H<sub>Z</sub>(β, φ, ₹) = { A sin (mφ) } (kcg) e-jβ? (+ B Gs(mφ)) m (kcg) e-jβ?

Jm: Bestel function of It Find frehm D = 0 (because ym (keg) = ou at g=0)
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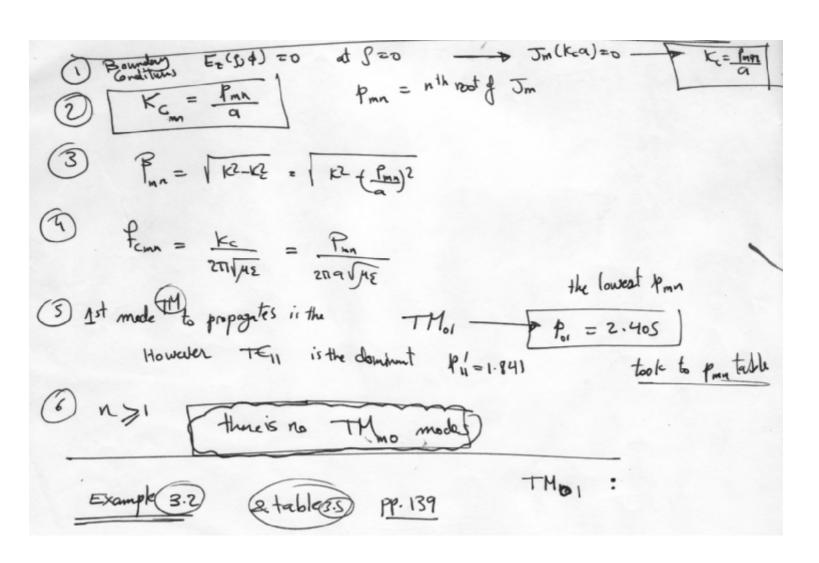
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[2.9] TM modes H2=0 = E2 =0. K= = K2-B2 solving the work og. ₹E2-B2E2=0 the general solution : ( Ez (S)A)= (A sin mp + B as mp) Jm (keg) from matrix & equations 6 - 5 Ez= B Gs (mp) Jn (Koj) e -jez Eg = jp B Gs (mb) Jm (teg) e-jp? Ep = tipm B sin(mb) Jm(kes) z-jet

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Hd= k23 B sin(mb) Jm(kes) e-jet -jw2 B colmb) Jm (kog) e-jez



TE modes, respectively. Paralleling the development of Section 3.1, the cylindrical components of the transverse fields can be derived from the longitudinal components as

$$E_{\rho} = \frac{-j}{k_c^2} \left( \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\omega \mu}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} \right), \qquad 3.110a$$

$$E_{\phi} = \frac{-j}{k_c^2} \left( \frac{\beta}{\rho} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} - \omega \mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \rho} \right), \qquad 3.1\dot{1}0b$$

$$H_{\rho} = \frac{j}{k_c^2} \left( \frac{\omega \epsilon}{\rho} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} - \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \rho} \right), \qquad 3.110c$$

$$H_{\phi} = \frac{-j}{k_c^2} \left( \omega \epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\beta}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} \right), \qquad 3.110d$$

where  $k_c^2 = k^2 - \beta^2$ , and  $e^{-j\beta z}$  propagation has been assumed. For  $e^{+j\beta z}$  propagation, replace  $\beta$  with  $-\beta$  in all expressions.

## TE Modes

For TE modes,  $E_z = 0$ , and  $H_z$  is a solution to the wave equation,

$$\nabla^2 H_z + k^2 H_z = 0. 3.111$$

If  $H_z(\rho, \phi, z) = h_z(\rho, \phi)e^{-j\beta z}$ , (3.111) can be expressed in cylindrical coordinates as

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + k_c^2\right)h_z(\rho, \phi) = 0.$$
 3.112

Again, a solution can be derived using the method of separation of variables. Thus, we let

$$h_z(\rho, \phi) = R(\rho)P(\phi), \qquad 3.113$$

and substitute into (3.112) to obtain

$$\frac{1}{R}\frac{d^{2}R}{d\rho^{2}} + \frac{1}{\rho R}\frac{dR}{d\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^{2}P}\frac{d^{2}P}{d\phi^{2}} + k_{c}^{2} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\rho^{2}}{R}\frac{d^{2}R}{d\rho^{2}} + \frac{\rho}{R}\frac{dR}{d\rho} + \rho^{2}k_{c}^{2} = \frac{-1}{P}\frac{d^{2}P}{d\phi^{2}}.$$
3.114

or

The left side of this equation depends on  $\rho$  (not  $\phi$ ), while the right side depends only on  $\phi$ . Thus, each side must be equal to a constant, which we will call  $k_{\phi}^2$ . Then,

$$\frac{-1}{P}\frac{d^2P}{d\phi^2} = k_\phi^2,$$

or

$$\frac{d^2P}{d\phi^2} + k_\phi^2 P = 0.$$

3.115

Also,

$$\rho^2 \frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \rho \frac{dR}{d\rho} + (\rho^2 k_c^2 - k_\phi^2) R = 0.$$
 3.116

The general solution to (3.115) is

$$P(\phi) = A\sin k_{\phi}\phi + B\cos k_{\phi}\phi. \tag{3.117}$$

Since the solution to  $h_z$  must be periodic in  $\phi$  (that is,  $h_z(\rho, \phi) = h_z(\rho, \phi \pm 2m\pi)$ ),  $k_\phi$  must be an integer, n. Thus (3.117) becomes

$$P(\phi) = A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi, \qquad \qquad 3.118$$

while (3.116) becomes

$$\rho^2 \frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \rho \frac{dR}{d\rho} + (\rho^2 k_c^2 - n^2) R = 0,$$
 3.119

which is recognized as Bessel's differential equation. The solution is

$$R(\rho) = CJ_n(k_c\rho) + DY_n(k_c\rho), \qquad 3.120$$

where  $J_n(x)$  and  $Y_n(x)$  are the Bessel functions of first and second kinds, respectively. Since  $Y_n(k_c\rho)$  becomes infinite at  $\rho=0$ , this term is physically unacceptable for the circular waveguide problem, so that D=0. The solution for  $h_z$  can then be written as

$$h_z(\rho,\phi) = (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi)J_n(k_c\rho), \qquad 3.121$$

where the constant C of (3.120) has been absorbed into the constants A and B of (3.121).

We must still determine the cutoff wavenumber  $k_c$ , which we can do by enforcing the boundary condition that  $E_{tan} = 0$  on the waveguide wall. Since  $E_z = 0$ , we must have that

$$E_{\phi}(\rho, \phi) = 0,$$
 at  $\rho = a.$  3.122

From (3.110b), we find  $E_{\phi}$  from  $H_z$  as

$$E_{\phi}(\rho,\phi,z) = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi) J'_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
 3.123

where the notation  $J'_n(k_c\rho)$  refers to the derivative of  $J_n$  with respect to its argument. For  $E_{\phi}$  to vanish at  $\rho = a$ , we must have

$$J_n'(k_c a) = 0. 3.124$$

If the roots of  $J'_n(x)$  are defined as  $p'_{nm}$ , so that  $J'_n(p'_{nm}) = 0$ , where  $p'_{nm}$  is the mth root of  $J'_n$ , then  $k_c$  must have the value

$$k_{c_{nm}} = \frac{p'_{nm}}{a}. 3.125$$

Values of  $p'_{nm}$  are given in mathematical tables; the first few values are listed in Table 3.3.

The  $TE_{nm}$  modes are thus defined by the cutoff wavenumber,  $k_{c_{nm}} = p'_{nm}/a$ , where n refers to the number of circumferential  $(\phi)$  variations, and m refers to the number of radial  $(\rho)$  variations. The propagation constant of the  $TE_{nm}$  mode is

$$\beta_{nm} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{p'_{nm}}{a}\right)^2},$$
 3.126

TABLE 3.3 Values of  $p'_{nm}$  for TE Modes of a Circular Waveguide

n	$p'_{n1}$	$p'_{n2}$	$p_{n3}'$	
0	3.832	7.016	10.174	
1	1.841	5.331	8.536	
2	3.054	6.706	9.970	

with a cutoff frequency of

$$f_{c_{nm}} = \frac{k_c}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{p'_{nm}}{2\pi a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}.$$
 3.127

The first TE mode to propagate is the mode with the smallest  $p'_{nm}$ , which from Table 3.3 is seen to be the TE<sub>11</sub> mode. This mode is then the dominant circular waveguide mode, and the one most frequently used. Because  $m \ge 1$ , there is no TE<sub>10</sub> mode, but there is a TE<sub>01</sub> mode.

The transverse field components are, from (3.110) and (3.121),

$$E_{\rho} = \frac{-j\omega\mu n}{k_c^2\rho} \left( A\cos n\phi - B\sin n\phi \right) J_n\left( k_c\rho \right) e^{-j\beta z}, \qquad 3.128a$$

$$E_{\phi} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} \left( A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi \right) J'_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z}, \qquad 3.128b$$

$$H_{\rho} = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c} (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi) J'_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z}, \qquad 3.128c \quad .$$

$$H_{\phi} = \frac{-j\beta n}{k^2 \rho} (A\cos n\phi - B\sin n\phi) J_n(k_c \rho) e^{-j\beta z}.$$
 3.128d

The wave impedance is

$$Z_{\text{TE}} = \frac{E_{\rho}}{H_{\phi}} = \frac{-E_{\phi}}{H_{\rho}} = \frac{\eta k}{\beta}.$$
 3.129

In the above solutions there are two remaining arbitrary amplitude constants, A and B. These constants control the amplitude of the  $\sin n\phi$  and  $\cos n\phi$  terms, which are independent. That is, because of the azimuthal symmetry of the circular waveguide, both the  $\sin n\phi$  and  $\cos n\phi$  terms are valid solutions, and can be present in a specific problem to any degree. The actual amplitudes of these terms will be dependent on the excitation of the waveguide. From a different viewpoint, the coordinate system can be rotated about the z-axis to obtain an  $h_z$  with either A=0 or B=0.

Now consider the dominant  $TE_{11}$  mode with an excitation such that B=0. The fields can be written as

$$H_z = A\sin\phi J_1(k_c\rho)e^{-j\beta z},$$
3.130a

$$E_{\rho} = \frac{-j\omega\mu}{k_c^2 \rho} A\cos\phi J_1(k_c \rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
3.130b

$$E_{\phi} = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c} A \sin\phi J_1'(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
3.130c

$$H_{\rho} = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c} A \sin \phi J_1'(k_c \rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
3.130d

$$H_{\phi} = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c^2 \rho} A \cos \phi J_1(k_c \rho) e^{-j\beta z}, \qquad (3.130e)$$

$$E_z = 0. 3.130f$$

The power flow down the guide can be computed as

$$P_{o} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_{\rho=0}^{a} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \bar{E} \times \bar{H}^{*} \cdot \hat{z} \rho \, d\phi \, d\rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_{\rho=0}^{a} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \left[ E_{\rho} H_{\phi}^{*} - E_{\phi} H_{\rho}^{*} \right] \rho \, d\phi \, d\rho$$

$$= \frac{\omega \mu |A|^{2} \operatorname{Re}(\beta)}{2k_{c}^{4}} \int_{\rho=0}^{a} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\rho^{2}} \cos^{2} \phi J_{1}^{2}(k_{c}\rho) + k_{c}^{2} \sin^{2} \phi J_{1}^{\prime 2}(k_{c}\rho) \right] \rho \, d\phi \, d\rho$$

$$= \frac{\pi \omega \mu |A|^{2} \operatorname{Re}(\beta)}{2k_{c}^{4}} \int_{\rho=0}^{a} \left[ \frac{1}{\rho} J_{1}^{2}(k_{c}\rho) + \rho k_{c}^{2} J_{1}^{\prime 2}(k_{c}\rho) \right] d\rho$$

$$= \frac{\pi \omega \mu |A|^{2} \operatorname{Re}(\beta)}{4k^{4}} \left( p_{11}^{\prime 2} - 1 \right) J_{1}^{2}(k_{c}a), \qquad 3.131$$

which is seen to be nonzero only when  $\beta$  is real, corresponding to a propagating mode. (The required integral for this result is given in Appendix C.)

Attenuation due to dielectric loss is given by (3.29). The attenuation due to a lossy waveguide conductor can be found by computing the power loss per unit length of guide:

$$P_{\ell} = \frac{R_s}{2} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} |\bar{J}_s|^2 a \, d\phi$$

$$= \frac{R_s}{2} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \left[ |H_{\phi}|^2 + |H_z|^2 \right] a \, d\phi$$

$$= \frac{|A|^2 R_s}{2} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\beta^2}{k_c^4 a^2} \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi \right] J_1^2(k_c a) a \, d\phi$$

$$= \frac{\pi |A|^2 R_s a}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{k_c^4 a^2} \right) J_1^2(k_c a).$$
3.132

The attenuation constant is then

$$\alpha_c = \frac{P_{\ell}}{2P_o} = \frac{R_s \left( k_c^4 a^2 + \beta^2 \right)}{\eta k \beta a(p_{11}'^2 - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{R_s}{ak\eta\beta} \left( k_c^2 + \frac{k^2}{p_{11}'^2 - 1} \right) \text{Np/m}.$$
3.133

#### TM Modes

For the TM modes of the circular waveguide, we must solve for  $E_z$  from the wave equation in cylindrical coordinates:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + k_c^2\right) e_z = 0,$$
3.134

where  $E_z(\rho, \phi, z) = e_z(\rho, \phi)e^{-j\beta z}$ , and  $k_c^2 = k^2 - \beta^2$ . Since this equation is identical to (3.107), the general solutions are the same. Thus, from (3.121),

$$e_z(\rho,\phi) = (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi)J_n(k_c\rho).$$
 3.135

The difference between the TE solution and the present solution is that the boundary conditions can now be applied directly to  $e_z$  of (3.135), since

$$E_z(\rho, \phi) = 0,$$
 at  $\rho = a.$  3.136

Thus, we must have

or

$$J_n(k_c a) = 0, 3.137$$

$$k_c = p_{nm}/a, 3.138$$

where  $p_{nm}$  is the mth root of  $J_n(x)$ ; that is,  $J_n(p_{nm}) = 0$ . Values of  $p_{nm}$  are given in mathematical tables; the first few values are listed in Table 3.4.

The propagation constant of the  $TM_{nm}$  mode is

$$\beta_{nm} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2} = \sqrt{k^2 - (p_{nm}/a)^2}.$$
 3.139

The cutoff frequency is

$$f_{c_{mn}} = \frac{k_c}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{p_{nm}}{2\pi a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}.$$
 3.140

Thus, the first TM mode to propagate is the  $TM_{01}$  mode, with  $p_{01} = 2.405$ . Since this is greater than  $p'_{11} = 1.841$  of the lowest order  $TE_{11}$  mode, the  $TE_{11}$  mode is the dominant mode of the circular waveguide. As with the TE modes,  $m \ge 1$ , so there is no  $TM_{10}$  mode.

From (3.110), the transverse fields can be derived as

$$E_{\rho} = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c} (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi) J'_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
 3.141a

TABLE 3.4 Values of  $p_{nm}$  for TM Modes of a Circular Waveguide

n	$p_{n1}$	$p_{n2}$	$p_{n3}$
0	2.405	5.520	8.654
1	3.832	7.016	10.174
2	5.135	8.417	11.620

$$E_{\phi} = \frac{-j\beta n}{k_c^2 \rho} (A\cos n\phi - B\sin n\phi) J_n(k_c \rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
 3.141b

$$H_{\rho} = \frac{j\omega\epsilon n}{k_c^2\rho} (A\cos n\phi - B\sin n\phi) J_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z},$$
 3.141c

$$H_{\phi} = \frac{-j\omega\epsilon}{k_c} (A\sin n\phi + B\cos n\phi) J'_n(k_c\rho) e^{-j\beta z}.$$
 3.141d

The wave impedance is

$$Z_{\text{TM}} = \frac{E_{\rho}}{H_{\phi}} = \frac{-E_{\phi}}{H_{\rho}} = \frac{\eta \beta}{k}.$$
 3.142

Calculation of the attenuation for TM modes is left as a problem. Figure 3.12 shows the attenuation due to conductor loss versus frequency for various modes of a circular waveguide. Observe that the attenuation of the TE<sub>01</sub> mode decreases to a very small value with increasing frequency. This property makes the TE<sub>01</sub> mode of interest for low-loss transmission over long distances. Unfortunately, this mode is not the dominant mode of the circular waveguide, so in practice power can be lost from the TE<sub>01</sub> mode to lower-order propagating modes.

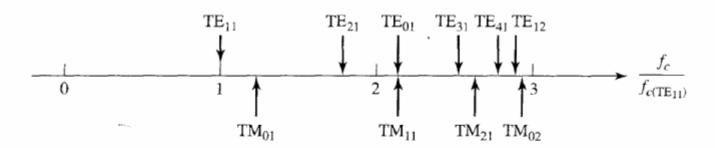
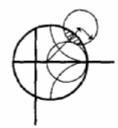


FIGURE 3.13 Cutoff frequencies of the first few TE and TM modes of a circular waveguide, relative to the cutoff frequency of the dominant TE<sub>11</sub> mode.

Figure 3.13 shows the relative cutoff frequencies of the TE and TM modes, and Table 3.5 summarizes results for wave propagation in circular waveguide. Field lines for some of the lowest order TE and TM modes are shown in Figure 3.14.



### **EXAMPLE 3.2** Characteristics of a Circular Waveguide

Find the cutoff frequencies of the first two propagating modes of a circular waveguide with a=0.5 cm and  $\epsilon_r=2.25$ . If the guide is silver plated and

the dielectric loss tangent is 0.001, calculate the attenuation in dB for a 50 cm length of guide operating at 13.0 GHz.

#### Solution

From Figure 3.13, the first two propagating modes of a circular waveguide are the  $TE_{11}$  and  $TM_{01}$  modes. The cutoff frequencies can be found using

(3.127) and (3.140):

TE<sub>11</sub>: 
$$f_c = \frac{p'_{11}c}{2\pi a\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{1.841(3\times10^8)}{2\pi(0.005)\sqrt{2.25}} = 11.72 \text{ GHz},$$

TM<sub>01</sub>: 
$$f_c = \frac{p_{01}c}{2\pi a\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{2.405(3\times10^8)}{2\pi(0.005)\sqrt{2.25}} = 15.31 \text{ GHz}.$$

So only the TE<sub>11</sub> mode is propagating at 13.0 GHz. The wavenumber is .

$$k = \frac{2\pi f \sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{c} = \frac{2\pi (13 \times 10^9) \sqrt{2.25}}{3 \times 10^8} = 408.4 \text{ m}^{-1},$$

and the propagation constant of the TE11 mode is

$$\beta = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{p'_{11}}{a}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(408.4)^2 - \left(\frac{1.841}{0.005}\right)^2} = 176.7 \text{ m}^{-1}.$$

The attenuation due to dielectric loss is calculated from (3.29) as

$$\alpha_d = \frac{k^2 \tan \delta}{2\beta} = \frac{(408.4)^2 (0.001)}{2(176.7)} = 0.47 \text{ Np/m}.$$

The conductivity of silver is  $\sigma = 6.17 \times 10^7$  S/m, so the surface resistance is

$$R_s = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_0}{2\sigma}} = 0.029 \,\Omega.$$

Then from (3.133) the attenuation due to metallic loss is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{ak\eta\beta} \left( k_c^2 + \frac{k^2}{p_{11}^{'2} - 1} \right) = 0.066 \text{ Np/m}.$$

So the total attenuation factor is

$$\alpha = \alpha_c + \alpha_d = 0.54 \text{ Np/m}.$$

Note that the dielectric loss dominates this result. The attenuation in the 50 cm long guide is

attenuation (dB) = 
$$-20 \log e^{-\alpha \ell} = -20 \log e^{-(0.547)(0.5)} = 2.38 \text{ dB}.$$

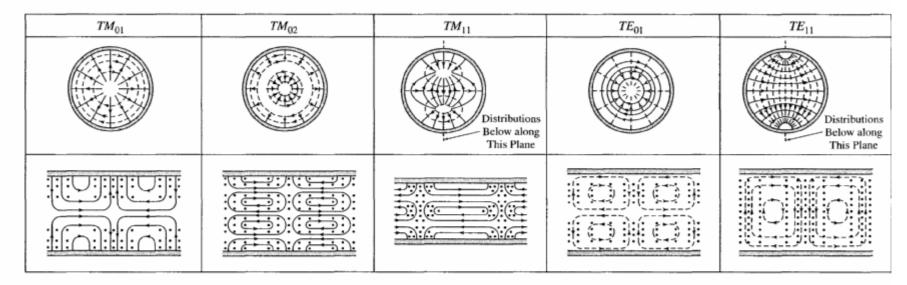


FIGURE 3.14 Field lines for some of the lower order modes of a circular waveguide.

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