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- %Increase the number of time steps
- NSTEPS=300;
- %Inside the time index loop after injecting the Gaussian pulse
- %Left ABC
- $ex(1,1)=ex_left_m2$;
- $ex_left_m2=ex_left_m1$;
- $ex_left_m1=ex(1,2)$;
- %Right ABC

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- $ex(1,KE)=ex_right_m2;$
- $ex_right_m2=ex_right_m1;$
- $ex_right_m1=ex(1,KE-1);$
- Discussion:
- For $n=1$
- $ex(1,1)=0.0;$
- $ex_left_m2=0.0;$
- $ex_left_m1=ex(1,2);$ for $t=1$

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- For $n=2$
- $ex(1,1)=0.0;$
- $ex_left_m2=ex(1,2);$ for $t=1$
- $ex_left_m1=ex(1,2);$ for $t=2$
- For $n=3$
- $ex(1,1)=ex(1,2);$ for $t=1$
- $ex_left_m2=ex(1,2);$ for $t=2$
- $ex_left_m1=ex(1,2);$ for $t=3$

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- For $n=4$
- $ex(1,1)=ex(1,2)$; for $t=2$
- $ex_left_m2=ex(1,2)$; for $t=3$
- $ex_left_m1=ex(1,2)$; for $t=4$
- We force $ex(1,1)=ex(1,2)$ for previous-to-previous time index
- We also need to store the $ex(1,2)$ for current and previous time index so that they can be used for applying ABC for the future time index
- Note that for every time index we are updating ex for all values of $k=2:KE$

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- For $\epsilon_1=1.0$ and $\epsilon_2=4.0$, we have $\Gamma = -\frac{1}{3}; \tau = \frac{2}{3}$
- *FDTD simulation of Absorbing Boundary Condition*
(fDTD_1d_ABC_boundary.m)
- (fDTD_1d_no_boundary.m)
- In calculating the E field,
 - we need to know the surrounding H values;
 - this is the fundamental assumption in FDTD
- At the edge of the problem space,
 - we will not have the value to one side,
 - but we know there are no sources outside the problem space

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- The wave moves $\Delta z/2 (=c_0 \cdot \Delta t)$ distance in one time step,
 - so it takes two time steps for a wave front to cross one cell
- Suppose we are looking for a boundary condition at the end where $k=1$
- Now if we write the E field at $k=1$ as
 - $E_x(1,n) = E_x(2, n-2)$,
 - then the fields at the edge will not reflect
- This condition must be applied at both ends

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2. FDTD Solution to Maxwell's equations in 2-D Space

- In deriving 2-D FDTD formulation, we choose between one of two groups of three vectors each:
 - (a) Transverse magnetic (TM^z) mode,
 - which is composed of E_z , H_x , and H_y or
 - (b) Transverse electric (TE^z) mode,
 - which is composed of E_x , E_y , and H_z

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- Unlike time-harmonic guided waves,
 - none of the fields vary with z so that
 - there is no propagation in the z -direction
- But in general propagation along x - or y - directions or both is possible

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- *FDTD simulation of TM mode wave propagation (fdtd_2d_TM_1.m)*
- Expanding the Maxwell's curl equations with
 - $E_x = 0, E_y = 0, H_z = 0$ and $\partial/\partial z = 0,$
- we obtain,
- 3 equations from the 6 equations

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~~$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \left(\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} \right)$$~~

~~$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \left(\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right)$$~~

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~~$$\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \right)$$~~

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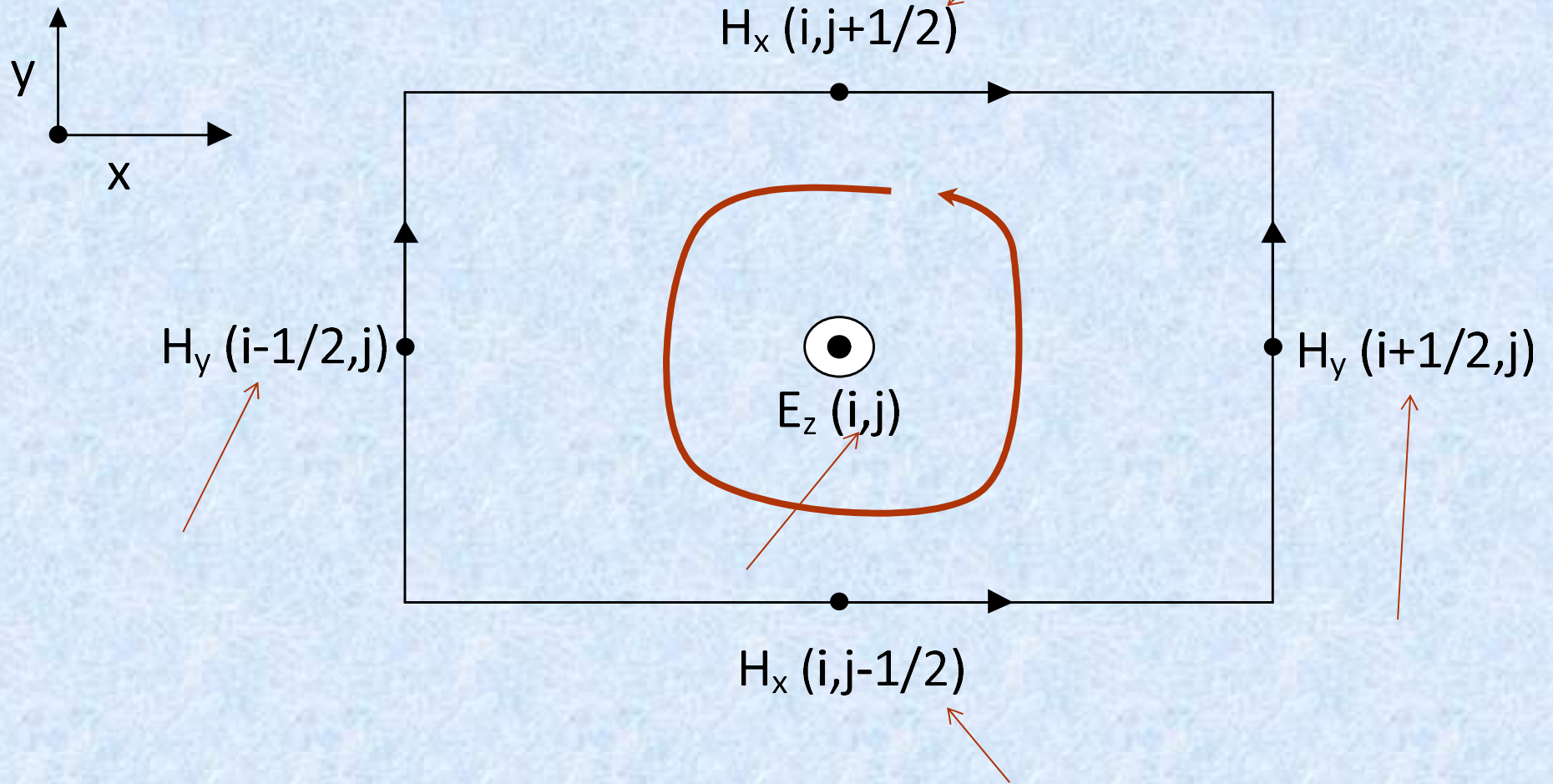
- 3 equations as follows

$$\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

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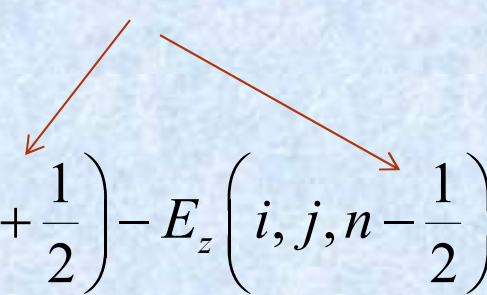
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- Observations:
 - Electric fields are calculated at integer space steps
 - Electric fields are calculated at half integer time steps
 - Magnetic fields are calculated at half integer space step and integer space step
 - Magnetic fields are calculated at integer time steps
- For example,
 - $H_y(i-1/2,j)$, $H_x(i,j-1/2)$, $H_y(i+1/2,j)$, $H_x(i,j+1/2)$

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- Central finite difference approximations of the 1st equation is as follows

$$\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

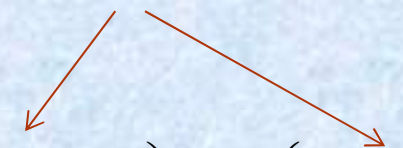
$$\frac{E_z \left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - E_z \left(i, j, n - \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Delta t}$$


$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \left[\frac{H_y \left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n \right) - H_y \left(i - \frac{1}{2}, j, n \right)}{\Delta x} - \frac{H_x \left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n \right) - H_x \left(i, j - \frac{1}{2}, n \right)}{\Delta y} \right]$$

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- Central finite difference approximations of the next equation is as follows

$$\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \right)$$


$$\frac{H_x \left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n + 1 \right) - H_x \left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n \right)}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \frac{E_z \left(i, j + 1, n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - E_z \left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Delta y}$$

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$$\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{H_y \left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n + 1 \right) - H_x \left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n \right)}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \frac{E_z \left(i + 1, j, n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - E_z \left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Delta x}$$

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- Rearranging the above equations, we can write the final 3 update equations' expressions as
- Electric field update equation

$$E_z\left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = E_z\left(i, j, n - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \left[\frac{H_y\left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n\right) - H_y\left(i - \frac{1}{2}, j, n\right)}{\Delta x} - \frac{H_x\left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n\right) - H_x\left(i, j - \frac{1}{2}, n\right)}{\Delta y} \right]$$

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- Magnetic field update equation

$$H_x\left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n + 1\right) = H_x\left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n\right) - \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \frac{E_z\left(i, j + 1, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - E_z\left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Delta y}$$

$$H_y\left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n + 1\right) = H_y\left(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, n\right) + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \frac{E_z\left(i + 1, j, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - E_z\left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Delta x}$$

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- Electric field computer update equation is (i+1/2 and i-1/2 are replaced by i or i-1)
- $ez(i,j) = ez(i,j) + \{dt / (\epsilon_0 * \epsilon_r)\} * [\{Hy(i,j) - Hy(i-1,j)\} / dx - \{Hx(i,j) - Hx(i,j-1)\} / dy]$

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$$H_x\left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n + 1\right) = H_x\left(i, j + \frac{1}{2}, n\right) - \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \frac{E_z\left(i, j + 1, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - E_z\left(i, j, n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Delta y}$$

- Magnetic field computer update equation is (j+1/2 is replaced by j, usually $\mu_r=1$)
- $H_x(i, j) = H_x(i, j) - \{dt / (\mu_0 * dy)\} * \{Ez(i, j+1) - Ez(i, j)\}$

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$$H_y\left(i+\frac{1}{2}, j, n+1\right) = H_x\left(i+\frac{1}{2}, j, n\right) + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0\mu_r} \frac{E_z\left(i+1, j, n+\frac{1}{2}\right) - E_z\left(i, j, n+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Delta x}$$

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- Some new MATLAB commands:
- image: `IMAGE(C)` displays matrix `C` as an image
- imagesc: data is scaled to use the full color map
- Colorbar: appends a vertical color scale to the current axis
- Colormap: a matrix may have any number of rows but it must have exactly 3 columns
- Each row is interpreted as a color, with the first element specifying the intensity of red, the second green and the third blue
- Color intensity is specified on the interval of 0.0 to 1.0

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- For example, $[0\ 0\ 0]$ is black
- $[1\ 1\ 1]$ is white
- $[1\ 0\ 0]$ is red
- $[0.5\ 0.5\ 0.5]$ is gray
- $[127/255\ 1\ 212/255]$ is aquamarine

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FDTD simulation of TM wave hitting a dielectric surface (right side), source at the center (2-D) (fdtd_2d_TM_dielectric.m)

(Programming Exercise 6)

- Modify the above program as follows:
- Specify the position of the dielectric surface (id=..,jd=..)
- Choose a value of $\text{eps}_r=10.0..$
- Modify the constant value C1 accordingly
- Run the program
- In free space wave is propagating freely and
- on the other side reflection and transmission of the wave at the interface