

c) Finally, let's find the radiation pressure on the metal plate, and its time-averaged value?

$$P = 2 \times \frac{\text{incident momentum}}{\text{time}} \times \frac{1}{\text{Area}}$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{\text{incident momentum}}{\text{volume}} \times \text{speed}$$

$$= 2 \frac{|\vec{S}|}{c} \leftarrow \text{(from previous chapter)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\mu_0 c} |\vec{E}_i \times \vec{B}_i| \leftarrow \text{(So I need to calculate this cross product. Here goes:)}$$

$$\vec{E}_i \times \vec{B}_i = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ E_{ix} & E_{iy} & 0 \\ B_{ix} & B_{iy} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{z} [E_{ix} B_{iy} - E_{iy} B_{ix}]$$

$$|\vec{E}_i \times \vec{B}_i| = E_{ix} B_{iy} - E_{iy} B_{ix} \leftarrow \text{This is the magnitude of the cross product.}$$

$$= [E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)] \left[\frac{E_0}{c} \cos(\omega t - kz) \right]$$

$$+ [2E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz - \frac{\pi}{2})] \left[\frac{2E_0}{c} \cos(\omega t - kz - \frac{\pi}{2}) \right]$$

- Here I have used the fact that $B_{iy} = \frac{E_{ix}}{c}$
or $-B_{ix} = +\frac{E_{iy}}{c}$

$$\bullet \text{ So } P = \frac{2}{\mu_0 c^2} \left\{ E_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz) + 4E_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t - kz - \frac{\pi}{2}) \right\}$$

- At the location of the metal plate, $z=0$, so

$$P = \frac{2E_0^2}{\mu_0 c^2} \left\{ \cos^2(\omega t) + 4 \cos^2(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}) \right\}$$