

Problem 7.16 Dry soil is characterized by $\epsilon_r = 2.5$, $\mu_r = 1$, and $\sigma = 10^{-4}$ (S/m). At each of the following frequencies, determine if dry soil may be considered a good conductor, a quasi-conductor, or a low-loss dielectric, and then calculate α , β , λ , μ_p , and η_c :

- (a) 60 Hz
- (b) 1 kHz
- (c) 1 MHz
- (d) 1 GHz

Solution: $\epsilon_r = 2.5$, $\mu_r = 1$, $\sigma = 10^{-4}$ S/m.

$f \rightarrow$	60 Hz	1 kHz	1 MHz	1 GHz
$\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}$ $= \frac{\sigma}{2\pi f\epsilon_r\epsilon_0}$	1.2×10^4	720	0.72	7.2×10^{-4}
Type of medium	Good conductor	Good conductor	Quasi-conductor	Low-loss dielectric
α (Np/m)	1.54×10^{-4}	6.28×10^{-4}	1.13×10^{-2}	1.19×10^{-2}
β (rad/m)	1.54×10^{-4}	6.28×10^{-4}	3.49×10^{-2}	33.14
λ (m)	4.08×10^4	10^4	180	0.19
u_p (m/s)	2.45×10^6	10^7	1.8×10^8	1.9×10^8
η_c (Ω)	$1.54(1 + j)$	$6.28(1 + j)$	$204.28 + j65.89$	238.27