

Both of these classes of modes are hybrid, since neither E_z nor H_z (f_z or g_z) is zero. However, the modes are TM and TE, respectively, with respect to the θ coordinate, a result due to the inverse square dependence of ϵ_r which uncoupled (5) and (8).¹ For the case that $n=0$, so that $\beta=0$, the above modes reduce to the TE and TM waves found by AhSam and Klinger.

It should also be pointed out that the "cutoff condition" of (14)¹ may more correctly be called a "killoff" condition, as discussed by Zucker.² The modes cease to exist altogether when k_0^2/l becomes less than $1+n^2$. Cutoff occurs at the frequency for which $k_z=0$, below which the wave might still exist although evanescent. The cutoff

¹ F. J. Zucker, "Electromagnetic boundary waves—an introduction," Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Bedford, Mass., Rept., June 1963.

conditions can be determined by solving (13) and (18).

Lastly, it may be noted that there have been previous "analytic solutions for both TE and TM type modes in inhomogeneous media in cylindrical coordinates." As with AhSam and Klinger's example, the previous examples were also for a special case of permittivity variation, but included full discussion of the complete sets of hybrid modes. Representative references for these examples of propagation in cylinders with inhomogeneous media are for closed waveguides³ and for open structures.⁴

³ P. J. B. Clarricoats, "Propagation along unbounded and bounded dielectric rods, pt. 2," *Proc. IEE (London)*, vol. 108C, p. 177, October 1960.

⁴ S. P. Schlesinger, P. Diamant, and A. Vigants, "On higher-order modes of dielectric cylinders," *IRE Trans. Microwave Theory and Techniques*, (Correspondence), vol. MTT-8, pp. 252-253, March 1960.

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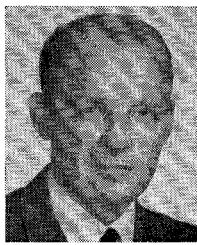


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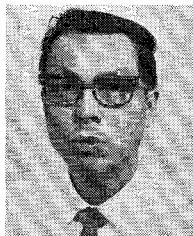
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