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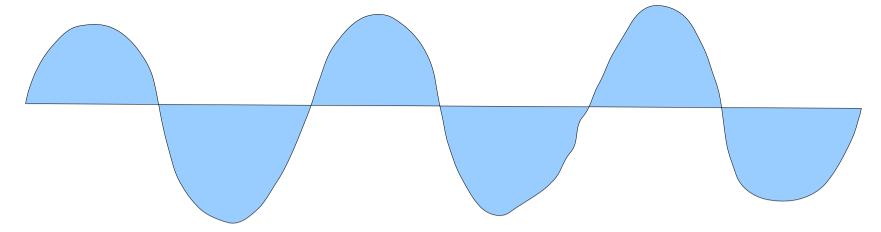
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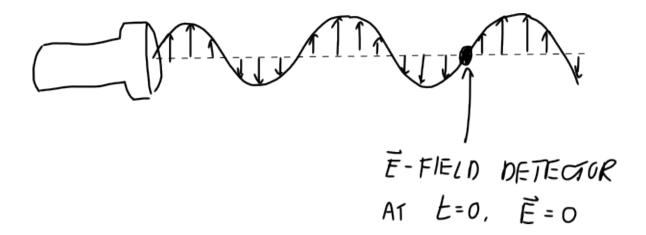
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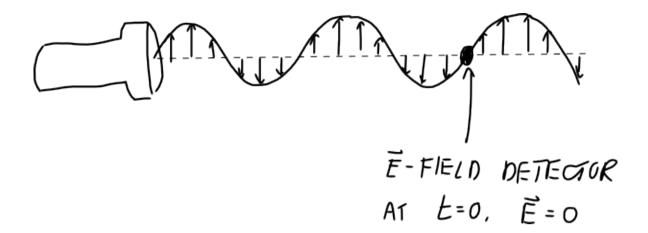
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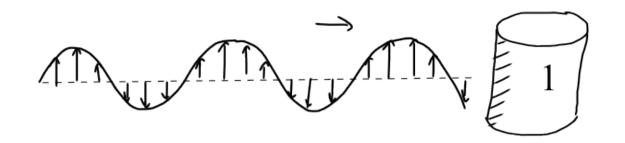


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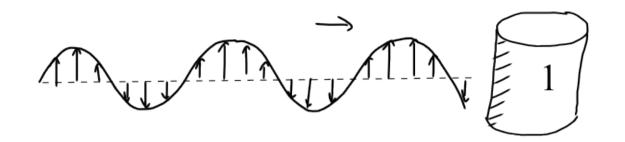
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The intensity depends only on the amplitude, and not on frequency. 1 and 2 have same amplidute and therefore same intensity, while 3 has less. Energy is intensity times time and area of exposure (assumed same in all three)

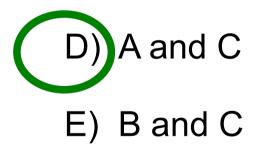
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Electron has acceleration as it orbits, and electrons in a AC circuit accelerate in response to a varying potential. In a DC circuit things are at steady state with no (net) acceleration, so no radiation is produced.