

P3320 LECTURE 16

Exam details: 7-8³⁰ pm, Thurs, G2B47.

Ground rules: 1 crib sheet, no electronics, no textbook.

Back to wave transmission/reflection at boundaries. Did normal incidence on Fridays found:

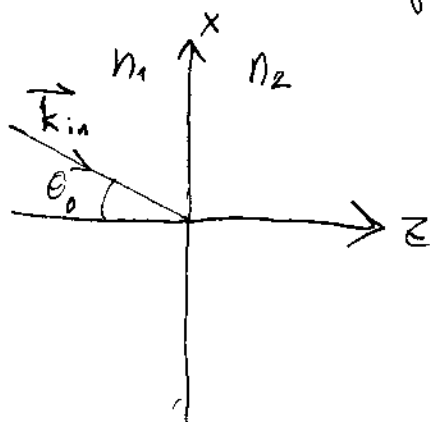
- Transmitted wave has no phase shift
- Reflected wave has phase shift of π in:

\vec{E} if going into denser medium ($n_2 > n_1$)

\vec{B} if going into less dense medium ($n_1 > n_2$)

- Power transmitted is $\frac{P_{trans}}{P_{in}} = \frac{4n_1n_2}{(n_1+n_2)^2}$

Now, consider incidence at an angle: boundary is the x-y plane



Define \vec{k}_{in} in the x-z plane. Symmetry requires reflected, transmitted waves also propagate in x-z plane. Call the reflected, transmitted waves \vec{k}_{ref} , \vec{k}_{tr} : Now:

$$\vec{E}_{in} = \vec{E}_{in}^0 \exp[i(\vec{k}_{in} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$

$$\vec{H}_{in} = \vec{H}_{in}^0 \exp[i(\vec{k}_{in} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)] \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{|\vec{H}_{in}^0|}{|\vec{E}_{in}^0|} = n_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\vec{E}_{in}^0 \times \vec{H}_{in}^0}{|\vec{E}_{in}^0| |\vec{H}_{in}^0|} = \vec{e}_{kin}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H}_{in} = n_1 \vec{e}_{kin} \times \vec{E}_{in}$$

Similarly, $\vec{E}_{ref} = \vec{E}_{ref}^0 \exp[i(\vec{k}_{ref} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$

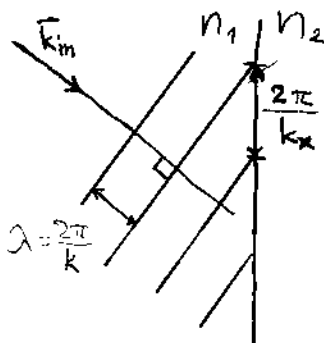
$\vec{E}_{tr} = \vec{E}_{tr}^0 \exp[i(\vec{k}_{tr} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$

$\vec{H}_{ref} = n_1 \vec{e}_{kref} \times \vec{E}_{ref}$

$\vec{H}_{tr} = n_2 \vec{e}_{ktr} \times \vec{E}_{tr}$

Note — why use \vec{H} instead of \vec{B} ? Boundary conditions on \vec{H} are easy to use, since no $\vec{j}_{free} \Rightarrow H_{||}$ continuous.

Now, consider plane wavefronts: planes of constant phase



On boundary, these wavefronts must have same spatial periodicity for $\vec{k}_{in}, \vec{k}_{ref}, \vec{k}_{tr}$,

since boundary conditions require that $E_{||1} = E_{||2}$ at all points on the plane.

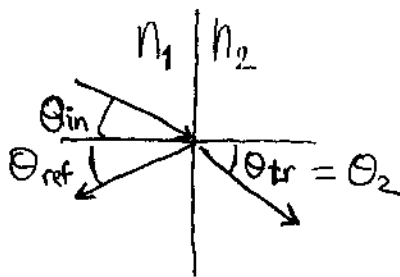
$\Rightarrow k_{inx} = k_{refx} = k_{trx}$

Define angles of waves:

$k_{inx} = k_{in} \sin \theta_{in}$

$k_{refx} = k_{ref} \sin \theta_{ref}$

$k_{trx} = k_{tr} \sin \theta_{tr}$



Since ω can't change, $|\vec{k}_{in}| = |\vec{k}_{ref}| = k_1$ and $|\vec{k}_{tr}| = k_2$

Thus $\theta_{ref} = \theta_{in} = \theta_1$

and $k_1 \sin \theta_1 = k_2 \sin \theta_2$

\Rightarrow Since $k = \frac{n\omega}{c}$ and ω fixed,

$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ Snell's Law.

Now, look at constraints on the polarization and power in the transmitted/reflected waves. These come from boundary conditions:

$$D_{\perp in} + D_{\perp ref} = D_{\perp tr}$$

$$E_{\parallel in} + E_{\parallel ref} = E_{\parallel tr}$$

$$B_{\perp in} + B_{\perp ref} = B_{\perp tr}$$

$$H_{\parallel in} + H_{\parallel ref} = H_{\parallel tr}$$

Note that specifying $|k|$, θ , and E_{\parallel} specifies $E_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} D_{\perp}$, and similarly for B_{\perp} and $H_{\parallel} \Rightarrow$ only need to work with E_{\parallel} and H_{\parallel} .

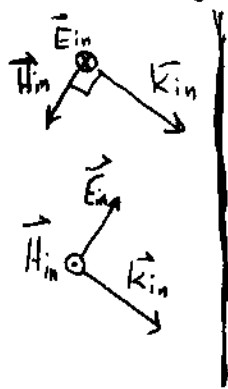
Now, consider polarizations: E_{\parallel} has two components, E_x and E_y . (Recall we have selected the coordinates such that the k vectors are all in the x - z plane - the "plane of incidence"). Can describe the polarization as superposition of two orthogonal polarization states:

- $E_{\parallel} = E_y, E_{\perp} = 0:$

(Polarization normal to plane of incidence)

- $E_{\parallel} = E_x, E_{\perp} = E_x \tan \theta$

(Polarization parallel to plane of incidence)



Normal case: $E_{\parallel in}(z=0) + E_{\parallel ref}(z=0) = E_{\parallel tr}(z=0)$.

Since $E_{\perp} = 0$, and this must be true at all points on plane, know that $E_{in}^{\circ} + E_{ref}^{\circ} = E_{tr}^{\circ}$, and the three waves have the same polarization. More detail in textbook.