

1. Prob 7.10

If for a single frequency ω , the incident wave can be expressed as

$$\psi_{\text{inc}}(x, \omega, t) = e^{ik(\omega)x - i\omega t} \quad (1)$$

the coherent superposition of many frequencies can be written as

$$\psi_{\text{inc}}(x, t) = \int d\omega A(\omega) \psi_{\text{inc}}(x, \omega, t) = \int d\omega A(\omega) e^{ik(\omega)x - i\omega t} \quad (2)$$

Applying the form of single-frequency transmitted wave

$$\psi_{\text{trans}}(x, \omega, t) = \tau(\omega) e^{i\phi(\omega)} e^{ik(\omega)(x-L) - i\omega t} \quad (3)$$

to each frequency gives the superposition of transmitted wave

$$\psi_{\text{trans}}(x, t) = \int d\omega A(\omega) \tau(\omega) e^{i\phi(\omega)} e^{ik(\omega)(x-L) - i\omega t} \quad (4)$$

If we make the following approximation

$$\tau(\omega) \approx \tau(\omega_0) \quad (5)$$

$$\phi(\omega) \approx \phi(\omega_0) + \underbrace{\left. \frac{d\phi}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega_0}}_T (\omega - \omega_0) \quad (6)$$

(4) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\text{trans}}(x, t) &\approx \tau(\omega_0) \int d\omega A(\omega) e^{i[\phi(\omega_0) - T\omega_0]} e^{ik(\omega)(x-L) - i\omega(t-T)} && \text{let } \beta \equiv \phi(\omega_0) - T\omega_0 \\ &= \tau(\omega_0) e^{i\beta} \int d\omega A(\omega) e^{ik(\omega)(x-L) - i\omega(t-T)} \\ &= \tau(\omega_0) e^{i\beta} \psi_{\text{inc}}(x-L, t-T) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

2. Prob 7.11

(a) By solution from problem 7.2, we know

$$\frac{E_{\text{trans}}}{E_{\text{inc}}} = \left(\frac{2n}{n+1} \right) e^{i[k_2(\omega) - k(\omega)]d} \cdot \left[\frac{2}{(1+r_{23}) + (1-r_{23})n} \right] \quad (8)$$

where

$$r_{23} = \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1} \right) e^{i2k_2(\omega)d} \quad (9)$$

and where $k(\omega)$ is the wave number of the incident wave in the air, and $k_2(\omega)$ is the wave number in the medium.

This gives

$$\frac{E_{\text{trans}}}{E_{\text{inc}}} = \left[\frac{4n}{(n+1)^2 - (n-1)^2 e^{i2k_2(\omega)d}} \right] e^{i[k_2(\omega) - k(\omega)]d} \quad (10)$$

Identifying $z = n\omega d/c = k_2(\omega)d$ and comparing with the form (3), we have

$$\tau(\omega) = \left| \frac{4n}{(n+1)^2 - (n-1)^2 e^{i2z}} \right| = \frac{4n}{\sqrt{[(n+1)^2 - (n-1)^2 \cos 2z]^2 + [(n-1)^2 \sin 2z]^2}} \quad (11)$$

$$\phi(\omega) = z + \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(n-1)^2 \sin 2z}{(n+1)^2 - (n-1)^2 \cos 2z} \right] \quad (12)$$

(b) For $z = 0$ or $z = \pi$, straightforward substitution into (11) and calculation of derivative of (12) will give

$$|\tau| = 1 \qquad \frac{cT}{d} = \frac{n^2 + 1}{2} \qquad (13)$$

and for $z = \pi/2$

$$|\tau| = \frac{2n}{n^2 + 1} \qquad \frac{cT}{d} = \frac{2n^2}{n^2 + 1} \qquad (14)$$

I don't understand what the remaining question means by "average over any integer number of quarter-wavelength optical paths".

(c) The $\tau \sim \omega$ and $\phi \sim \omega$ plots are shown below.

