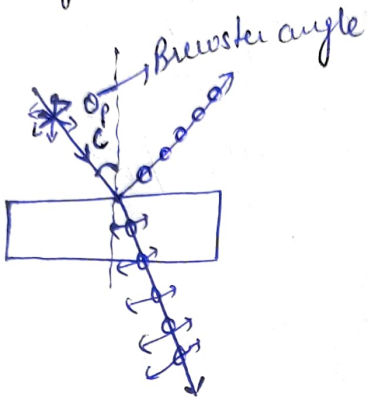


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## Polarization

Ques 1: A glass plate is to be used as polarizer. Find the angle of polarization for it. Also find the angle of refraction. Given  $\mu$  for glass as  $= 1.54$ .

Sol:



Light is unpolarized so its direction of electric & magnetic fields of all photons present in this beam of light are randomly oriented so on polarized light so there exists a particular angle of incidence for which the reflected ray will be polarized so here the plane of polarization is this plane which contains incident, reflected, & normal to the surface. Refracted ray not polarized.

$$\mu = \tan O_p$$

$$O_p = \tan^{-1} \mu = \tan^{-1} (1.54)$$

$$\text{Reflection Angle} = 57^\circ$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sin(i)}{\sin(r)}$$

$$\mu = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin O_p}{\mu} \right) \quad \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{\sin r}{\sin O_p} \right]$$

$$\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin O_p}{\mu} \right) = r$$

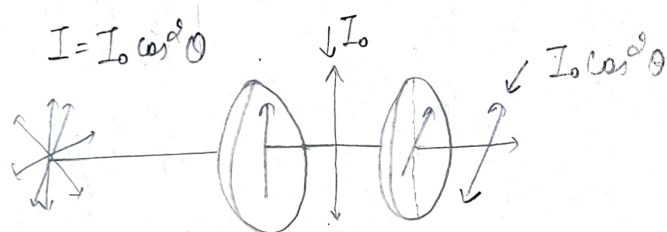
$$= \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin 57^\circ}{1.54} \right) = 33^\circ$$

$$O_p + r = 90^\circ$$

$$r = 90^\circ - 57^\circ = 33^\circ$$

Ques 2: Two polarizing sheets have ~~their~~ their polarizing directions parallel so that the intensity of transmitted light is a max. Through what angle either sheet is turned so that intensity becomes one half of initial value.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: According to malus, when completely plane polarized light is incident on the analyzer, the intensity  $I$  of the light transmitted by analyzer is directly proportional to the square of cosine of angle b/w the transmission axis of the analyzer & the polarizer.



we have

$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$I = I_0 / 2$$

$$\frac{I}{2} = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

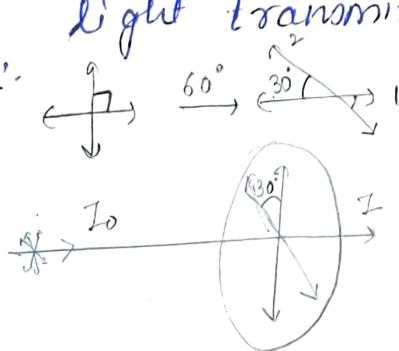
$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\theta = \pm 45, \pm 135 \dots$$

Ques 3: Two nicols are first crossed & then one of them is rotated through  $60^\circ$ . Calculate the % of incident light transmitted.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

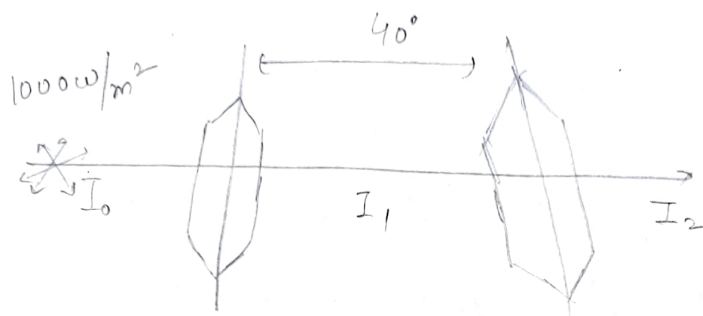


$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2} I_0 \quad I_2 = I_1 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2 (30^\circ) \\ &= \frac{3}{8} I_0 \\ &= 0.375 I_0 \end{aligned}$$

Ques 4! Light of irradiance  $1000 \text{ W/m}^2$  is shone through two polarizers, with their transmission axes placed at a relative angle of  $40^\circ$ . What is the intensity of transmitted light? If third polarizer is placed at an angle of  $20^\circ$  b/w other two, what is irradiance?

Sol<sup>n</sup>:-

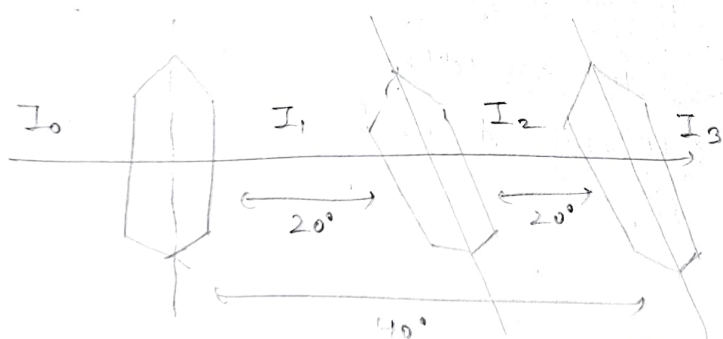


$$I_2 = \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\theta = 40^\circ$$

$$I_0 = 1000$$

$$I_2 = 1000 \cos^2(40^\circ) \\ = 293.412 \text{ W/m}^2$$



$$I_3 = I_2 \cos^2(20^\circ)$$

$$I_2 = I_1 \cos^2(20^\circ)$$

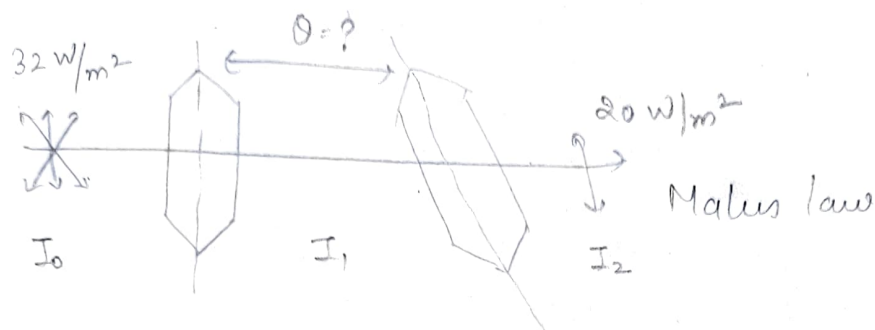
$$\Rightarrow I_3 = [I_1 \cos^2(20^\circ)] \cos^2(20^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^4(20^\circ) = \frac{1000}{2} \cos^4(20^\circ)$$

$$= 389.86 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Irradiance! It may be defined as the power incident on unit area & usually expressed as  $\text{W/m}^2$ .

Ques 5:- Unpolarized light of intensity that the  $32 \text{ W/m}^2$  passes through two polaroids such that the intensity of emerging light is  $20 \text{ W/m}^2$ . what is the angle between the axes of polaroids?



$$I_2 = I_1 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$I_2 = \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2 \theta \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 \theta = \frac{2 \times I_2}{I_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{20 \times 2}{32} = \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{40}{32} = \cos^2 \theta$$

which is  $> 1$

$\cos^2 > 1$ , so such a situation can never happen simply

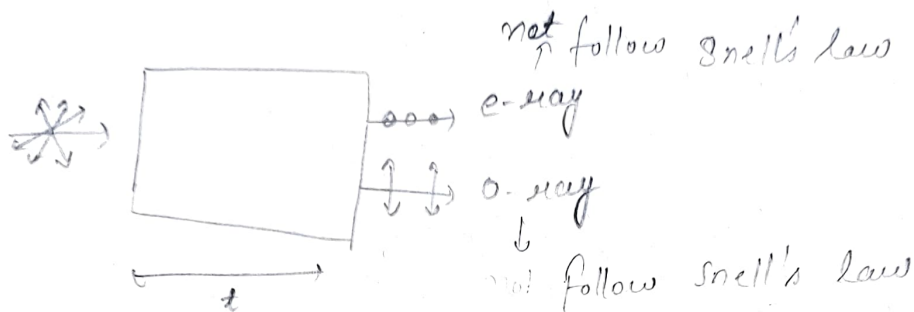
If incident is 32 then in middle it should be half is  $16 \text{ W/m}^2$ , after crossing second polaroids, intensity cannot  $\uparrow$  from 16 to 20.

So  $\cos^2 \theta > 1$  is impossible

Therefore the above configuration is not possible for any value of angle b/w axis of polaroids.

Ques 6 Calculate the thickness of double refracting crystal to introduce a path difference of  $\lambda/2$  b/w E and O rays, when  $\lambda = 6000 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu = 1.55$  &  $\mu_e = 1.54$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:



$$\mu_o = 1.55$$

$$\mu_e = 1.54$$

$$\lambda = 6000 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\Delta = \lambda/2, \phi = \pi$$

optical path for e-ray  $\rightarrow \mu_e t$

o-ray  $\rightarrow \mu_o t$

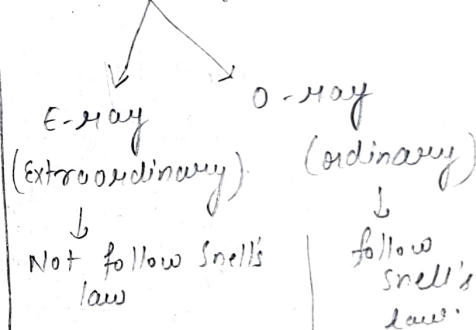
$$\text{path diff.} = (\mu_e - \mu_o) t = \lambda/2$$

$$t = \frac{\lambda}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_e - \mu_o} \right)$$

$$= \frac{6000 \text{ \AA}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1.55 - 1.54} \right)$$

$$= 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

Natural light



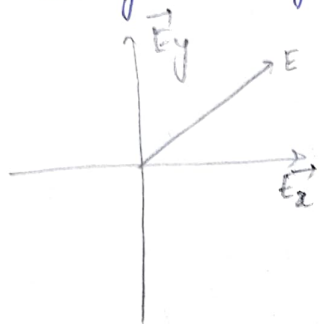
Because if angle of incident is zero, angle of reflection should also be zero. However we have seen e-ray bends even if angle of incident is zero means not follow Snell's law.



Quest :- Discuss the state of polarization where x & y component of electric fields are given by following equations

- (a)  $E_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz)$  and  $E_y = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz + \pi)$   
 (b)  $E_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz)$  and  $E_y = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz + \pi/2)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup> :- Lissajous figures



$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_x + \vec{E}_y$$

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$$\vec{E}_x = E_{x0} \cos(\omega t + kz + \phi_1) \hat{i} \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{E}_y = E_{y0} \cos(\omega t + kz + \phi_2) \hat{j} \quad (2)$$

$$\left( \frac{E_x}{E_{x0}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E_y}{E_{y0}} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{E_x}{E_{x0}} \frac{E_y}{E_{y0}} \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) = \sin^2(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \quad (3)$$

(a)  $E_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz)$

$$E_y = E_0 \cos(\omega t + kz + \pi)$$

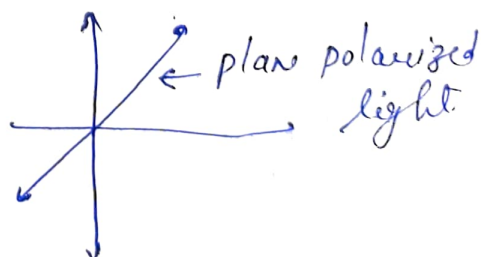
$$\phi_1 = 0, \phi_2 = \pi, \phi_2 - \phi_1 = \pi$$

from eq (3)

$$\left( \frac{E_x}{E_0} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E_y}{E_0} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{E_x E_y}{E_0^2} (-1) = 0$$

$$(E_x + E_y)^2 = 0$$

$$E_y = -E_x \quad \text{Eqn of straight line.}$$



(b)  $\phi_1 = 0, \phi_2 = \pi/2, \phi_2 - \phi_1 = \pi/2$

$$\left( \frac{E_x}{E_0} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E_y}{E_0} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{E_x E_y}{E_0^2} (0) = 1$$

$$E_x^2 + E_y^2 = E_0^2 \rightarrow \text{Eqn of circle. (circular polarization.)}$$

