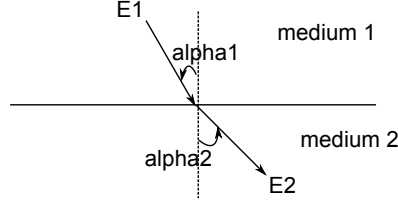


Goal: Two lossy dielectric media with permittivities and conductivities (ϵ_1, σ_1) and (ϵ_2, σ_2) are in contact. An electric field with a magnitude E_1 is incident from medium 1 upon the interface at an angle α_1 measured from the common normal, as in Fig. 5-10. Find the electric field in medium 2 E_2 and the surface charge density. How would these change if the media were perfect dielectrics?



Steps:

1. State the boundary conditions for the E-field, D-field and current density across the boundary.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{1t} &= E_{2t} \\ J_{1n} &= J_{2n} \\ D_{1n} - D_{2n} &= \rho_s \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the magnitude and direction of \mathbf{E}_2 in medium 2.

Solution: From the boundary conditions for E-field and current density:

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 \sin \alpha_2 &= E_1 \sin \alpha_1 \\ \sigma_2 E_2 \cos \alpha_2 &= \sigma_1 E_1 \cos \alpha_1 \\ E_2 &= E_1 \sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2} \quad (A) \\ \alpha_2 &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \tan \alpha_1 \right) \quad (B) \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the surface charge density at the interface.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_2 E_{2n} - \epsilon_1 E_{1n} &= \rho_s \\ \rho_s &= \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 \right) E_{1n} = \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 \right) E_1 \cos \alpha_1 \end{aligned}$$

4. Compare the results in parts (a) and (b) with the case in which both media are perfect dielectrics.

Solution: If both media are perfect dielectrics, then $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0$ and Eq. A becomes

$$E_2 = E_1 \sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2}$$

and Eq. B becomes

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} \tan \alpha_1 \right)$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 &= E_1 \sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2} \\ \alpha_2 &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \tan \alpha_1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_s = \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 \right) E_1 \cos \alpha_1$$

For perfect dielectrics:

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 &= E_1 \sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \cos \alpha_1 \right)^2} \\ \alpha_2 &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} \tan \alpha_1 \right) \end{aligned}$$