

Electromagnetic waves in matter

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For linear and homogeneous medium (no free charge or current)
the Maxwell's relations are

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \mu \rightarrow \text{permeability} & \text{In vacuum} \\ \epsilon \rightarrow \text{permittivity} & \epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \\ & \mu \rightarrow \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ N T}^2 \end{array}$$

$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$, where $\epsilon_r \rightarrow$ dielectric constant

$\mu \sim \mu_0$, for most linear, homogeneous media

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Linear: } \vec{P} = \text{Polarization (induced)} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} \quad \leftarrow \text{linear on } \vec{E} \\ \vec{M} = \text{Magnetization (induced)} = \mu_0 \chi_m \vec{H} \quad \leftarrow \text{linear on } \vec{H} \end{array}$$

Homogeneous: ϵ and μ do not depend on \vec{r} .

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M}) &= \vec{B} \\ \Rightarrow \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H} &= \vec{B} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{H} &= \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B} \\ \text{with } \mu &= \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \end{aligned}$$

To construct the wave equation we use,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

As, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$, we have,

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon}}$$

Also,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = ?$$

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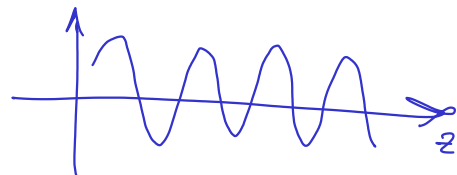
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \equiv \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k \quad \text{using Levi-Civita symbols}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) &= \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j \epsilon_{klm} \partial_l A_m \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} \partial_j \partial_l A_m \\ &= \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{klm} \partial_j \partial_l A_m \\ &= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) \partial_j \partial_l A_m \\ &= \partial_j \partial_i A_j - \partial_j^2 A_i \\ &= \partial_i \partial_j A_j - \partial_j^2 A_i \\ &\equiv \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

Consider monochromatic plane wave solutions.

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = \vec{E}_0 f(z, t)$$

$|E|$



and

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = \vec{B}_0 f(z, t)$$

[Note: no phase lag between \vec{E} and \vec{B} , as dictated by Faraday's law]

$$\text{Now, } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow E_{0z} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow B_{0z} = 0$$

The waves are transverse!

$$\text{Also, } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ E_{0x} f(z, t) & E_{0y} f(z, t) & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} (-i k E_{0y} f(z, t)) + \hat{j} (+i k E_{0x} f(z, t)) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}$$

$$= \hat{i} (+i \omega B_{0x} f(z, t)) + \hat{j} (+i \omega B_{0y} f(z, t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} -k E_{0y} &= \omega B_{0x} \\ k E_{0x} &= \omega B_{0y} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{k}{\omega} (\hat{k} \times \vec{E}_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ E_{0x} & E_{0y} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -E_{0y} \hat{i} + E_{0x} \hat{j}$$

So, we have,

$$\vec{B}_0 = \frac{1}{c} \hat{k} \times \vec{E}_0 \Rightarrow B_0 = \frac{k}{\omega} E_0 = \frac{1}{c} E_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} (\hat{k} \times \vec{E})$$

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direction of propagation

← We write \vec{B} in terms of \vec{E} and help reduce the complexity of the situation.

Energy density and flux (intensity)

$$u = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu} B^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^2 &= \frac{1}{c^2} (\hat{k} \times \vec{E}) \cdot (\hat{k} \times \vec{E}) \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot [(\hat{k} \times \vec{E}) \times \hat{k}] \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot [\hat{k} \times (\vec{E} \times \hat{k})] \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot \{ (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}) \vec{E} - (\cancel{\hat{k} \cdot \vec{E}}) \hat{k} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2} E^2 \end{aligned}$$

Use,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \\ &= \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \\ \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) \vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{C} \\ &= \vec{B} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{2} \left(\epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{E^2}{c^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\epsilon E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \epsilon \mu E^2 \right) = \epsilon E^2$$

E executes sinusoidal oscillation in time.

$$\Rightarrow \langle u \rangle = \langle \epsilon E^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E_0^2$$

Now, Poynting vector is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{E} \times \frac{1}{c} (\hat{k} \times \vec{E}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu c} \{ \hat{k} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{E} (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{k}) \} \\ &= \epsilon c E^2 \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$\mu = \frac{1}{\epsilon c^2}$

Energy flux is

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \epsilon c \langle E^2 \rangle \hat{k} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon c E_0^2 \hat{k} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{intensity}}}{I} \hat{k}$$

Boundary conditions

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We begin with the Maxwell's equations in the integral form.

$$(i) \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{\text{free, enclosed}}$$

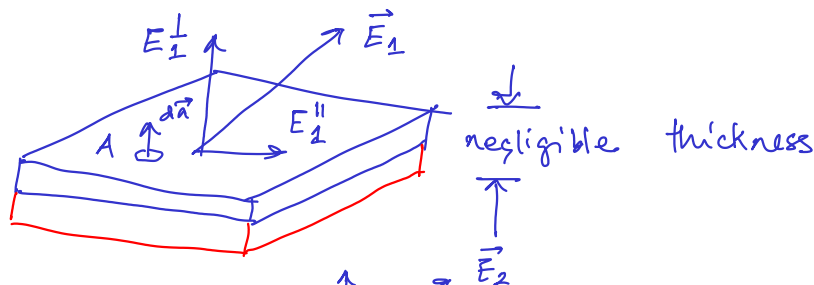
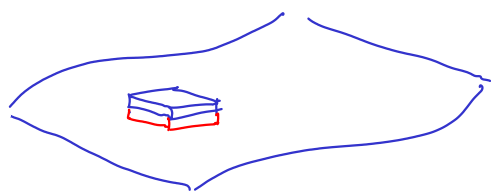
$$(ii) \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$(iii) \oint_P \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$(iv) \oint_P \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{\text{free, enclosed}} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

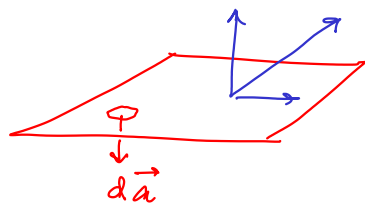
From (i)

We use a thin Gaussian box around the boundary.



$$\epsilon_1 E_1^\perp A - \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon_1 E_1^\perp = \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp} \dots \textcircled{B1}$$



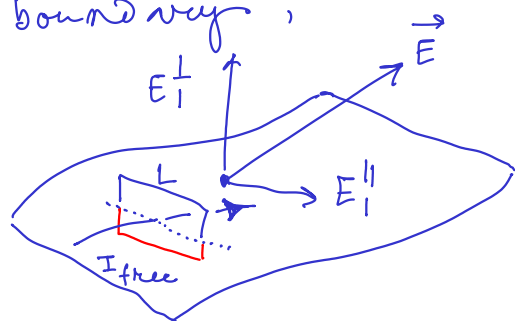
From (ii),

Exactly the same way, from (i) above we get,

$$\boxed{B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp} \dots \textcircled{B2}$$

From (iii)

We use a narrow rectangular loop around the boundary,



$$E_1^\parallel L - E_2^\parallel L = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_1^\parallel = E_2^\parallel} \dots \textcircled{B3}$$

For narrow loop the flux vanishes.

From (iv),

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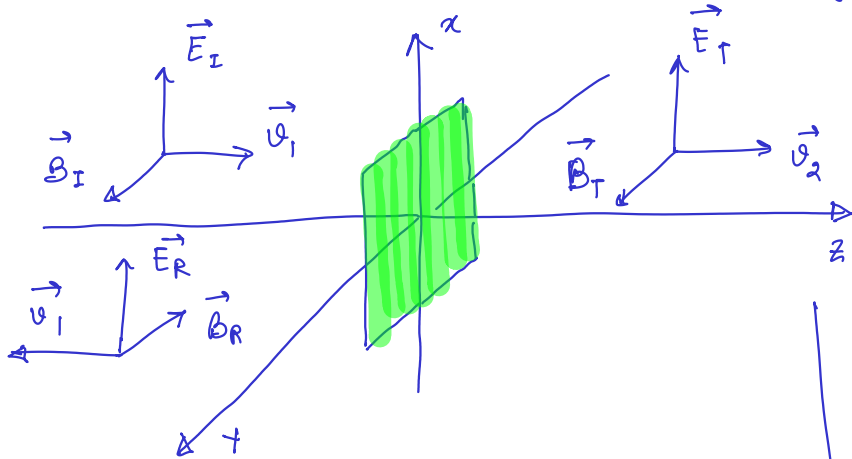
we use the narrow loop above to get,

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1'' L - \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2'' L = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{no free current and none (i) (no free charge).}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1'' = \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2''} \quad \dots (B4)$$

We shall use (B1) to (B4) to get the laws of geometric optics.

Consider the following boundary



(B1) and (B2) is trivially zero.

From (B3) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_I &= E_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{z} \\ \vec{B}_I &= B_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{y} \\ &= \frac{1}{v_1} E_{0I} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{y} \\ \vec{E}_R &= E_{0R} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{z} \\ \vec{B}_R &= -\frac{1}{v_1} E_{0I} e^{i(-k_1 z - \omega t)} \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly \vec{E}_T & \vec{B}_T

$$E_{0I} + E_{0R} = E_{0T}$$

and from (B4) we get,

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\frac{1}{v_1} E_{0I} - \frac{1}{v_1} E_{0R} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \frac{1}{v_2} E_{0T} = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} (E_{0I} + E_{0R})$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} + \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) E_{0R} = \left(\frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} - \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) E_{0I}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{0R} = \frac{1 - \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}}{1 + \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}} E_{0I} = \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} E_{0I}$$

where, $\beta = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1}$ using, $\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$

$$\Rightarrow E_{0T} = (1+R)E_{0I} = \left(1 + \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}\right) E_{0I} = \left(\frac{2}{1+\beta}\right) E_{0I} \quad (6)$$

Intensity of a light beam

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 v E_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{I_R}{I_I} = \frac{E_{0R}^2}{E_{0I}^2} = \left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}\right)^2 \sim \left(\frac{1 - n_2/n_1}{1 + n_2/n_1}\right)^2$$

as $\mu \approx \mu_0$
for most materials

$$= \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}\right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2 E_{0T}^2}{\epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0I}^2} = \frac{n_2^2 n_1}{n_1^2 n_2} \frac{(2n_1)^2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \\ \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} = \frac{\epsilon_1 \mu}{\epsilon_2 \mu} \\ = \frac{v_2^2}{v_1^2} = \frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \end{array} \right.$$

So, $R + T = 1$.

For, $n_1 = 1$, $n_2 = 1.5$, $R = 0.04$ and $T = 0.96$.

Wavevector

We have $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$

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phase

$kz \equiv \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}$ → assumption the EM wave is propagating along z .

In general, we have

instead of $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} \rightarrow k_x \hat{i} + k_y \hat{j} + k_z \hat{k} = \vec{k} = k \hat{k}$

and $\vec{r} \rightarrow x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k} = \vec{r} = r \hat{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

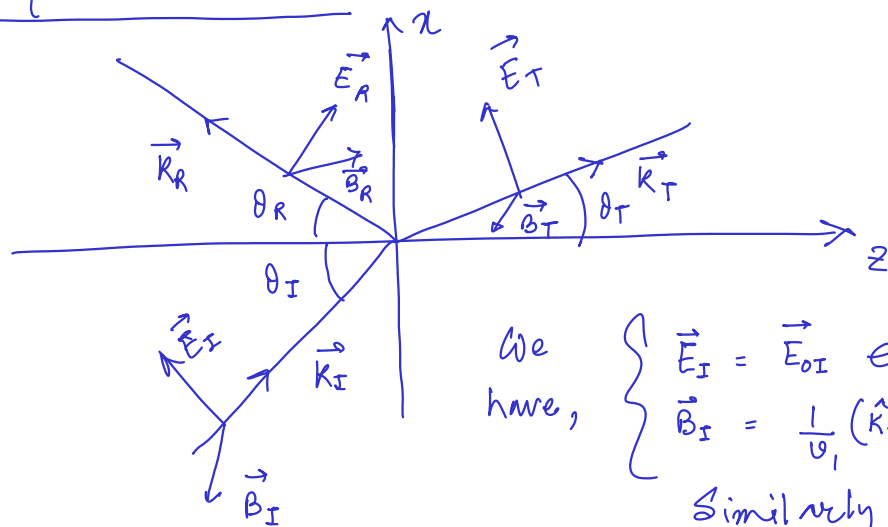
$$= \vec{E}_0 e^{i(k \hat{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

and

$$\boxed{v = \frac{\omega}{k}}$$

Oblique incidence

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We have,
$$\begin{cases} \vec{E}_I = \vec{E}_{0I} e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{B}_I = \frac{1}{v_1} (\hat{k}_I \times \vec{E}_{0I}) e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \end{cases}$$
 Similarly, for R and T

We note,

$$k_I = \frac{\omega}{v_1} = k_R \quad \text{and} \quad k_T = \frac{\omega}{v_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} k_I = \frac{n_2}{n_1} k_I$$

Matching boundary conditions will lead to

$$\left(\begin{matrix} \end{matrix} \right)_I e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + \left(\begin{matrix} \end{matrix} \right)_R e^{i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \left(\begin{matrix} \end{matrix} \right)_T e^{i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad \text{at } z=0$$

The oscillatory part must match on both sides.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} \quad \text{when } z=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x k_{Ix} + y k_{Iy} = x k_{Rx} + y k_{Ry} = x k_{Tx} + y k_{Ty}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For } y=0, \quad k_{Ix} = k_{Rx} = k_{Tx}$$

$$\text{and for } x=0, \quad k_{Iy} = k_{Ry} = k_{Ty}$$

Now, if we set $k_{Iy} = 0$ (choosing an axes for a given incidence),

$$\text{we have } k_{Ry} = k_{Ty} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{k}$ vectors are all on a single (xz in this case) plane \longleftrightarrow plane of incidence. first law.

$$\text{Now, } k_{Ix} = k_{Rx} = k_{Tx}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_I \sin \theta_I = k_R \sin \theta_R = k_T \sin \theta_T$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_I = \theta_R \quad \text{so } k_I = k_R \longrightarrow \text{Second law / law of reflection}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{k_I}{k_T} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \longrightarrow \text{Third law / Snell's law.}$$

Boundary conditions

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \textcircled{B1} \quad E_1 E_1^\perp &= E_2 E_2^\perp \rightarrow \text{for } z \\ \textcircled{B2} \quad B_1^\perp &= B_2^\perp \rightarrow \text{for } z \\ \textcircled{B3} \quad E_1^\parallel &= E_2^\parallel \rightarrow \text{for both } x, y \\ \textcircled{B4} \quad \frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1^\parallel &= \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2^\parallel \rightarrow \text{for both } x, y \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for the chosen boundary}$$

$$\textcircled{B1} \Rightarrow E_1 (-E_{0I} \sin \theta_I + E_{0R} \sin \theta_R) = E_2 (-E_{0T} \sin \theta_T) \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\textcircled{B2} \Rightarrow 0 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{B3} \Rightarrow (E_{0I} \cos \theta_I + E_{0R} \cos \theta_R) = E_{0T} \cos \theta_T \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{B4} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu_1} \frac{1}{v_1} (E_{0I} - E_{0R}) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \frac{1}{v_2} E_{0T} \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow E_{0I} - E_{0R} = \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} E_{0T} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} E_{0T} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} E_{0T} \quad \epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1^2}$$

$$= \beta E_{0T}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow E_{0I} - E_{0R} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} E_{0T} = \beta E_{0T}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow E_{0I} + E_{0R} = \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} E_{0T} = \alpha E_{0T}$$

$$E_{0R} = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right) E_{0I}, \quad E_{0T} = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \right) E_{0I}$$

Fresnel's equations

- * Transmitted beam \rightarrow always in-phase with the incident beam
- * Reflected beam \rightarrow either in-phase or out-of-phase with the incident beam

$\alpha = \beta \Rightarrow$ No reflection condition!

$$\sin^2 \theta_B = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 - \beta^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}}{\cos \theta_I}$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_I = n_2 \sin \theta_T$$

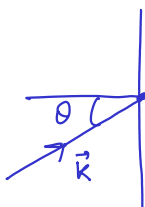
$$\sin \theta_T = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_I$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta_T = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_I \right)^2}$$

Intensity

$$I \propto \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 v E^2 \cos \theta$$

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Component
of the beam
perpendicular to the boundary



Intensity of the reflected wave,

$$\frac{I_R}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0R}^2}{\epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0I}^2} = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2$$

Intensity of the transmitted wave,

$$\frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_1 v_1 E_{0T}^2 \cos \theta_T}{\epsilon_2 v_2 E_{0I}^2 \cos \theta_I} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \cdot \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{1 + \beta} \right)^2 = \beta \cdot \alpha \cdot \frac{4}{(1 + \beta)^2}$$

* Brewster's angle

$\alpha = \beta \Rightarrow$ no reflection

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \approx \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta_T}}{\cos \theta_I} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}}{\cos \theta_I} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \beta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_I = \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2} \Rightarrow \tan \theta_I = \beta = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \Rightarrow \theta_I = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

Total internal reflection

For $n_2 > n_1$, $\theta_T < \theta_I$

For $n_2 < n_1$, $\theta_T > \theta_I$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

For a particular θ_I for $n_2 < n_1$,

if $\sin \theta_T = 1$ i.e. $\theta_T = \pi/2$, we have,

$$\sin \theta_I = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \cdot \sin \theta_T = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \Rightarrow \theta_I = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

We get this again from

$$\frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}}{\cos \theta_I} = 0$$

For α to be real,

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$$\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_i \leq 1$$

$$\text{or } \theta_i \leq \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$$

Equality \rightarrow threshold for total internal reflection

For $\forall \theta_i > \theta_i^0$, we have "exponential wave" instead of a regular transmission.

Also,

$$\frac{E_{OR}}{E_{OI}} = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{\frac{C_2 \theta_T}{C_2 \theta_I} - \frac{n_2}{n_1}}{\frac{C_2 \theta_T}{C_2 \theta_I} + \frac{n_2}{n_1}} = \left(\frac{n_1 C_2 \theta_T - n_2 C_2 \theta_I}{n_1 C_2 \theta_T + n_2 C_2 \theta_I} \right)$$

For "p-type" polarization