

PHYS 462 (optics) HW#6

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1 8.5

$$\tilde{E} = \frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} E_o e^{(\omega t + (x+y)/\sqrt{2}\lambda + \pi/2)i}$$

2 8.9

We are told that the angle between the light and the polarizer is 60° we also know that the intensity goes as $\cos^2(\theta)$ of the incident light. So the intensity will be $(\cos(60))^\circ = (\frac{1}{2})^\circ = .25$ so 25% of the light will be transmitted.

3 8.14

We will assume that the polarizer is ideal given no other information. We then see that there is a 60° angle between the polarizer and the incident light. From the previous section we know that the intensity will be quartered to $50W/m^2$.

4 8.18

If we take non-polarized light and polarize it the intensity is reduced by the average value of $\cos^2(x)$ which is $\frac{1}{2}$ so the first polarizer reduces the intensity by .5. if we then have a polarizer at 50° off of the previous one we will reduce the intensity by another $\cos^2(50)$ so our intensity will be $I = I_o \cdot .5\cos^2(50^\circ) = 207W/m^2$. With the third polarizer in place we then get $I = I_o \cdot .5\cos^2(25^\circ)\cos^2(25^\circ) = 337W/m^2$.

5 8.23

The light leaving the paper has lost its polarization since the paper absorbs the light and then transmits the light.

6 8.30

This will be the Brewster's angle so $(8.25) \tan(\theta) = n = 1.39$.

7 8.35

In the cristal the ordinary waves have a index of 1.5443 so there wevelength is $381.60nm$ and there frequency is preserved at $c/\lambda = 5.09E14Hz$. The extraordinary light has a index of 1.5534 and so will have a wevelength of $379.36nm$ and the same frequency of $5.09E14Hz$.