Summer Project



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1 POLARIZATION

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Jones formalism

1.2.1 Jones Vector

Vector form of electric field of fully polarized EM wave propagating along z-axis is given by

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x},t) = \begin{bmatrix} E_x(\mathbf{x},t) \\ E_y(\mathbf{x},t) \\ E_z(\mathbf{x},t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_x(\mathbf{x})e^{-i(kz-\omega t - \phi_x)} \\ A_y(\mathbf{x})e^{-i(kz-\omega t - \phi_y)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_x(\mathbf{x})e^{-i\phi_x} \\ A_y(\mathbf{x})e^{-i\phi_y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-i(kz-\omega t)}$$
(1)

We define normalized 1 Jones vector as

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}} \begin{bmatrix} A_x(\mathbf{x})e^{i\phi_x} \\ A_y(\mathbf{x})e^{i\phi_y} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

Such examples of usual polarization states are given below,

Polarization state	J
H angle	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
v angle	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
P angle	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$
M angle	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$
L angle	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{bmatrix}1\\i\end{bmatrix}$
$ R\rangle$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-i \end{bmatrix}$

Table 1: Usual polarization state

Some properties of Jones vector are

- 1. The intensity of the EM wave is given by $I = \frac{1}{2}c\epsilon_0(A_x^2 + A_y^2) = \frac{1}{2}c\epsilon_0(E^*E)$
- 2. For general elliptically polarized light we can measure the azimuth (α) ellipticity (ϵ) of the polarization ellipse by comparing Jones vector \mathbf{J} with

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \epsilon - i \sin \alpha \sin \epsilon \\ \sin \alpha \cos \epsilon - i \cos \alpha \sin \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

¹normalized as $\mathbf{J} \mathbf{J}^* = 1$

1.2.2 Jones Matrix & evolution of Jones vector

Jones matrix is a 2×2 matrix assigned for a particular optical element. let **M** be Jones matrix s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

then if a polarized light of Jones vector \mathbf{J}_{in} passes through that optical element then the Jones vector of output light is given by

$$\mathbf{J}_{out} = \mathbf{M} \ \mathbf{J}_{in} \tag{4}$$

To determine m_{ij} in \mathbf{M} ,

1. Pass x-polarized light and determine \mathbf{J}_{out} , then

$$\mathbf{J}_{out} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{21} \end{bmatrix} \tag{5}$$

2. Pass y-polarized light and determine J_{out} , then

$$\mathbf{J}_{out} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{12} \\ m_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (6)

Such examples of usual Jones matrix ² are given below,

Optical element	\mathbf{M}
Free space	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
x-Polariser	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
y-Polariser	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Right circular polariser	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Left circular polariser	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Linear di-attenuator	$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$
Half-wave plate	$e^{-i\pi/2}\begin{bmatrix}1&0\end{bmatrix}$
with fast axis horizontal	$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\pi/2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Quarter-wave plate	$e^{-i\pi/4}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
with fast axis horizontal	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$
General phase retarder	$\begin{bmatrix} e^{i\phi_x} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi_y} \end{bmatrix}$

Table 2: Jones matrix related to usual optical element

²For polariser the Jones matrix $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{J} \mathbf{J}^*$ where \mathbf{J} is normalized Jones vector corresponding polarization state s.t. $\mathbf{J}_{out} = \mathbf{MJ} = (\mathbf{JJ}^*)\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{J}^*\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{J}$

Some properties of Jones matrix are

1. Resultant Jones matrix for composition of n optical element is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_1 \ \mathbf{M}_2 \dots \mathbf{M}_n \tag{7}$$

2. For an optical element when its optical axis aligned at an angle θ w.r.t. x-axis then resultant Jones matrix for this rotated optical element is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_{\theta} = R(-\theta) \mathbf{M} R(\theta) \tag{8}$$

where $R(\theta)$ is passive rotation matrix s.t.

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

1.2.3 Drawback of Jones formalism

Main drawback of Jones formalism is that its application is restricted in fully polarized light. This formalism cannot explain the partially polarized or unpolished light which we frequently observe in practical use.

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