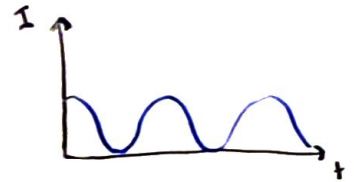
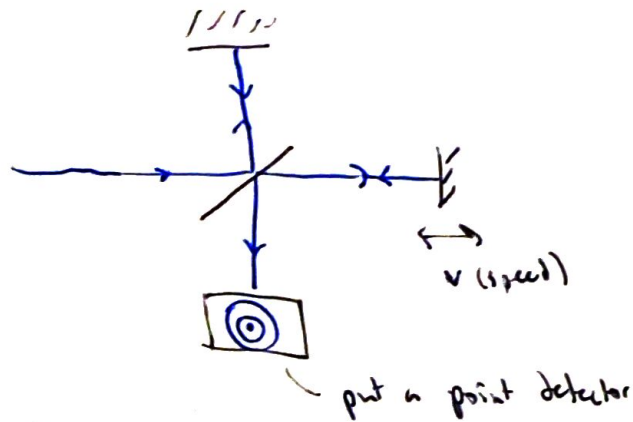


# ## Week 9 ##

Question



how many fringes per second will be seen?

$$1 \text{ fringe per } \frac{\lambda}{2} = d$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} \frac{\text{fringes}}{m} \cdot v \frac{m}{s} = \frac{2v}{\lambda} \frac{\text{fringes}}{s}$$

In terms of doppler  
emitting at  $f_0$  and moving  
at  $v \ll c$

$$\Delta f = f_0 \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)$$

so for the moving mirror  $\Delta f = 2f_0 \frac{v}{c}$

$f_0$  &  $f_0 + \Delta f$  added together beats at  $\Delta f$

$$\Delta f = 2 \left( \frac{c}{\lambda} \right) \left( \frac{v}{c} \right) = \frac{2v}{\lambda}$$

## Polarization

Representation of polarization by Jones calculus  
polarized light - transverse vibrations



$$\vec{E} = E_{0,x} e^{i(kz - \omega t + \phi_x)} \hat{x} + E_{0,y} e^{i(kz - \omega t + \phi_y)} \hat{y}$$

$$= (E_{0,x} e^{i\phi_x} \hat{x} + E_{0,y} e^{i\phi_y} \hat{y}) e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

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

write the

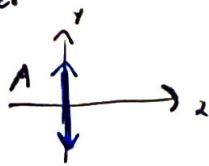
$\vec{E}_0$

as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{0,x} e^{i\phi_x} \\ E_{0,y} e^{i\phi_y} \end{bmatrix}$$

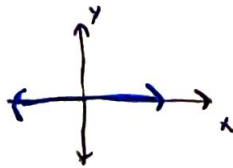
Jones vector

vertical: y-polarized



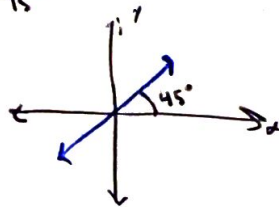
$$\vec{E}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ A \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

horizontal: x-polarized



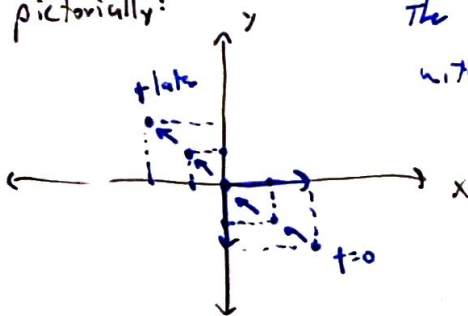
$$\vec{E}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

polarized at 45°

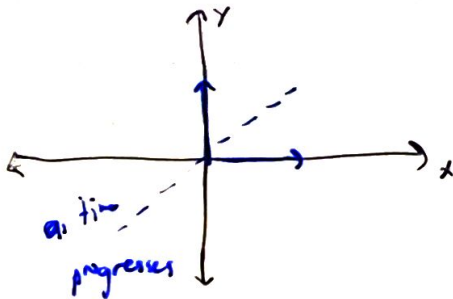


$$\vec{E}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A \cos 45^\circ \\ A \sin 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

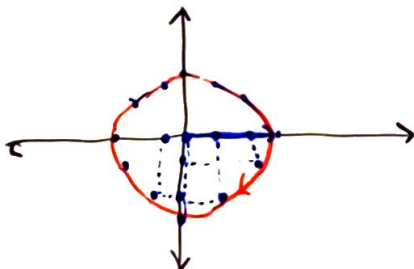
pictorially:



the x and y are vibrating 180° out of phase with each other



what if we make the y component jump ahead

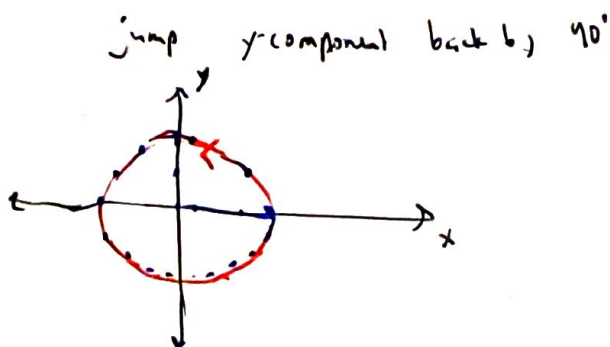


the resultant vector sweeps out a circle

vector is rotating clockwise

↳ rcp (right circularly polarized)

to tell polarization, always look into the beam



counter-clockwise rotation  
 $\hookrightarrow$  left circularly polarized (lcp)

ok, write the rep as a Jones vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\pi/2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$ ?

no, does not work

but waves are represented by  $e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$

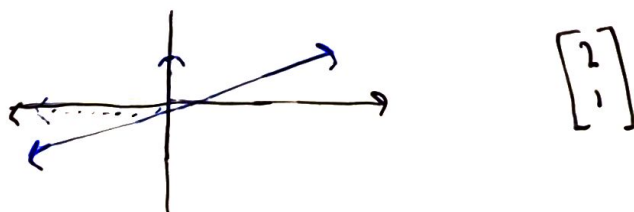
to represent rcp the Jones vector is actually  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{-i\pi/2} \end{bmatrix}$

linear vertical:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$       cwr (rcp):  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$

linear horizontal:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       cclw (lcp):  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$

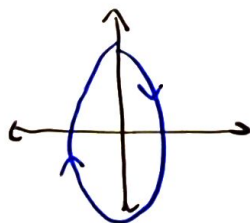
linear @  $45^\circ$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

We can change the amplitudes of the components

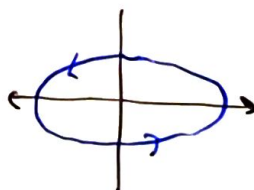


we could have right and left polarization

eg:  $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ iB \end{bmatrix}$



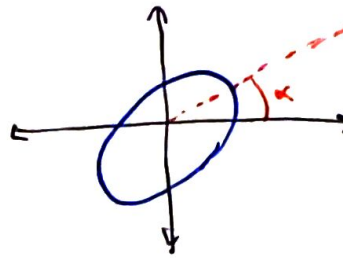
right elliptical polarization



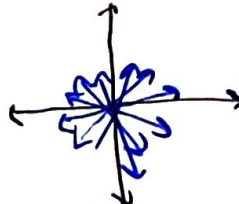
left elliptical polarized

most general case

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B + iC \end{bmatrix}$$



in unpolarized light  
or natural light



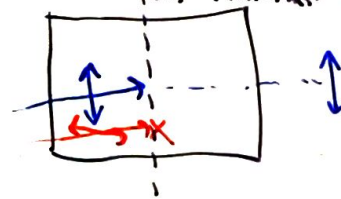
(not dealt with in the  
Jones calculus)

See table 14-1 for all the Jones vectors

We can follow the polarization through an optical path with Jones matrices

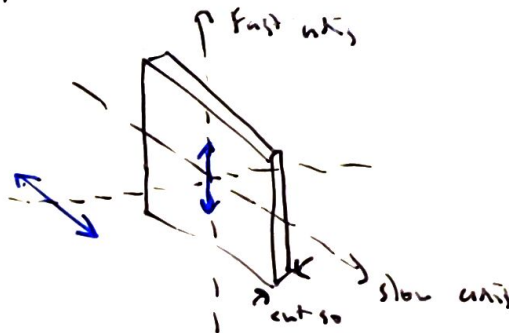
First: Some components

- polarizer (only transmits 1 component of the polarization of the light)  
transmission parallel to  
TA is allowed



Transmission perpendicular to TA is blocked

• wave plates (retarders)



that you can delay by various fractions  
of a wavelength

• we will not talk about rotators

polarizer: TA vertical

put in  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  get out  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

put in  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  get out  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



we can do this with  
a matrix like

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

this gives us the resting pol.

polarizer, TA vertical :  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

polarizer, TA horizontal :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

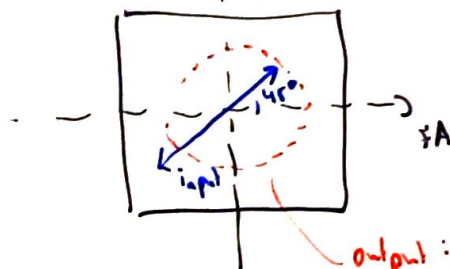
polarizer, TA  $45^\circ$  :  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

wave plates: quarter wave plate with the slow axis vertical  
↑ SA

if the input is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , output is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$



output: counter-clockwise circularly polarized

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

Quarter wave plate (QWP) with its slow axis vertical  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$

QWP with fast axis vertical :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$

More generally, write matrix as

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{i\epsilon_x} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\epsilon_y} \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\epsilon_y - \epsilon_x = \pi/2$  for slow axis ~~vertical~~ QWP  
vertical

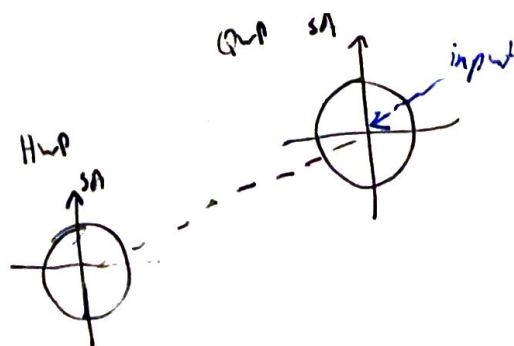
we could use  $\epsilon_x = -\pi/4$   $\epsilon_y = \pi/4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\pi/4} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix} = e^{i\pi/4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

Half wave plate (HWP)

for the case of a HWP, SA vertical  $e^{i\pi/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

eg:



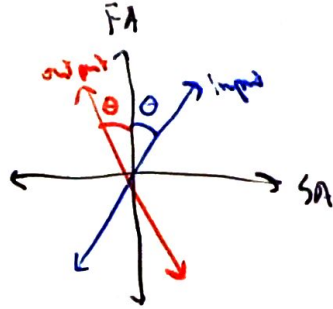
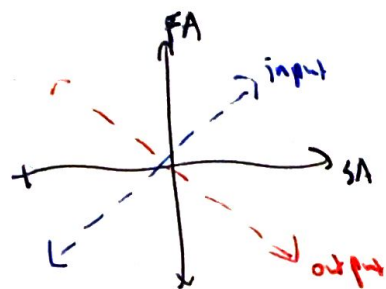
then the overall matrix would be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

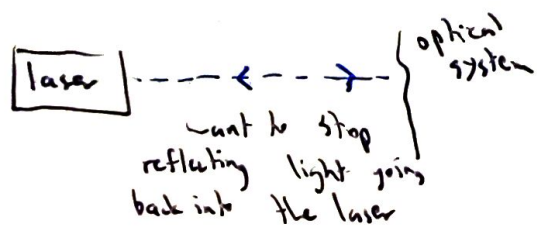
input

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

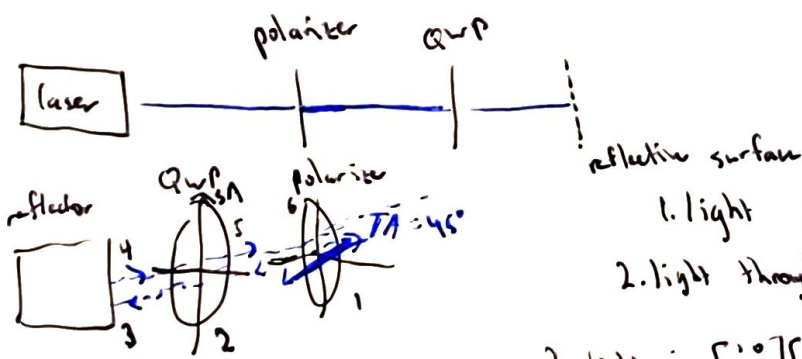
for a half wave plate



### An optical isolator



an optical isolator can effectively stop this reflection



1. light through the polarizer  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
2. light through QWP with SA vertical  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$

$$3. \text{ light is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Reflected light returns now rep (since it's bounced off the mirror)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$

$$5. \text{ pass back through the QWP, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. The polarisation angle of the polarizer now, to the beam looks like it's a  $-45^\circ$  (looks like  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ )

$$\therefore \text{ the light is totally absorbed by the beam } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



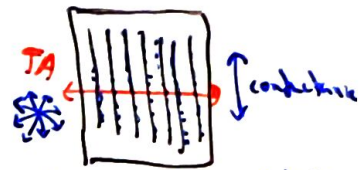
Production of polarized light

production of linearly polarized light

Absorption - polaroid: absorbs one of the polarizations

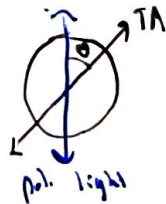
Reflection

Scattering



put in unpolarized light  
electrons are free to move  
along the conduction direction  
(light absorbed)  
↳ output horizontal polar-  
ized light

If we rotate the polaroid with the input light polarized,



$$E_0 \rightarrow E_0 \cos \theta$$

$$I_0 \rightarrow I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

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

Malus' law