

## 25 Reflection and Refraction of Plane Waves

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This is a long chapter and as such it makes sense to list the topics it covers before beginning so that you have some idea of the reasons why we are looking at various quantities.

1) Laws of reflection and refraction [Familiar in optics]

(a) Incident, reflected and transmitted rays are in the same plane

(b) Incident, reflected and transmitted rays have same frequency.

(c)  $\theta_i = \theta_r$

(d) Snell's law  $n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t$

(e) Total internal reflection and critical angle.

2) Ratios of  $(E_r/E_i)$  and  $(E_t/E_i)$  in two different scenarios  
 (a)  $E \perp$  to plane of incidence and  
 (b)  $E$  in the plane of incidence

$\Rightarrow$  reflection and transmission coefficients or what percentage of energy is reflected and transmitted.

3) Phase changes on reflection and Brewster's law (polarisation of light on reflection)

4) What happens in the "other" medium when TIR takes place?

5) Reflection from conductors [Maybe leave this till conductors are discussed]

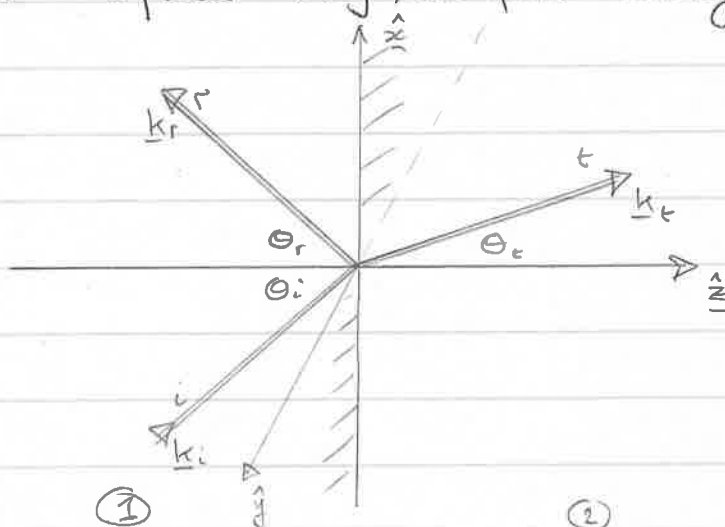
6) Radiation pressure.



In all cases, unless specified otherwise we will assume

- (i) Boundary is a plane infinite surface
- (ii) No free charges or currents on the surface ( $\rho_f = J_f = 0$ )
- (iii) Both media are l.i.h. in magnetic and electric properties (as we assumed in chapter 24)
- (iv)  $\sigma = 0$  - non-conducting media  
[N.B. the conducting case may be considered later]
- (v) We assume plane waves incident, leading to a reflected and transmitted plane wave after interaction with the boundary.

\* Imagine a plane wave incident at angle  $\theta_i$  on the boundary between two surfaces (xy plane forms boundary)



$\theta_i, \theta_r, \theta_t$  are as defined.

The  $\underline{E}$  vector of the waves may be written

$$\underline{E}_i = \underline{E}_{0i} e^{i(\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\underline{E}_r = \underline{E}_{0r} e^{i(\underline{k}_r \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\underline{E}_t = \underline{E}_{0t} e^{i(\underline{k}_t \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)}$$

The boundary conditions from Maxwell's equations (for  $\underline{E}$ ) lead to

$$[\underline{E}_i + \underline{E}_r]_{\text{tangential}} = [\underline{E}_t]_{\text{tangential}} \quad (\text{on surface})$$

for all values of  $t$  and any value of  $\underline{r}$  [ $\underline{r}$  is the position vector of the point of incidence w.r.t some arbitrary origin] (origin is defined as pt on xy plane)

$t$  appears only in the exponential and since the b.c. is true for all  $t$  we must have

$$A e^{-i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t} = C e^{-i\omega t}$$

( $A, B, C$  independent of  $t$ .)

The only way to ensure this equality for all  $t$  given

Fixed values of  $\underline{r}$  is if  $\omega_i = \omega_r = \omega_t$

$\Rightarrow$  frequencies of incident, reflected and transmitted rays are equal

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With this equality we may now write the bc as

$$\left[ \underline{E}_o e^{i(\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r})} + \underline{E}_r e^{i(\underline{k}_r \cdot \underline{r})} \right]_{\text{ray}} = \left[ \underline{E}_t e^{i(\underline{k}_t \cdot \underline{r})} \right]_{\text{ray}}$$

Once again, the only way we can satisfy this for all  $\underline{r}$  <sup>on the ray plane</sup> is if

$$\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r} = \underline{k}_r \cdot \underline{r} = \underline{k}_t \cdot \underline{r}$$

On the  $xy$  plane  $\underline{r} = \underline{x}x + \underline{y}y$  ( $z=0$ )

$\Rightarrow$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r} &= k_{ix}x + k_{iy}y \\ \underline{k}_r \cdot \underline{r} &= k_{rx}x + k_{ry}y \\ \underline{k}_t \cdot \underline{r} &= k_{tx}x + k_{ty}y \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{must all be equal for} \\ \text{all } x \text{ and all } y \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  at  $y=0$

$$k_{ix} = k_{rx} = k_{tx} \quad \{ \text{must also be true for all } y \}$$

and at  $x=0$

$$k_{iy} = k_{ry} = k_{ty} \quad \{ \text{must also be true for all } x \}$$

But if we define  $k_{iy} = 0$  - incident wave in the  $xz$  plane (as in the diagram) - then  $k_{ry} = k_{ty} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$   $\underline{k}_r$  and  $\underline{k}_t$  can have only  $x$  and  $z$  components - in other words

Incident, reflected and transmitted waves are in the same plane

\* Now  $|\underline{k}_i| = \omega / v_i = \frac{\omega n_1}{c}$  ( $n_1 = c/v_1$ )

$$|\underline{k}_r| = \omega / v_r = \frac{\omega n_1}{c} = |\underline{k}_i|$$

$$|\underline{k}_t| = \omega / v_t = \frac{\omega n_2}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k}_i = \frac{\omega n_1}{c} (\hat{x} \sin \theta_i + \hat{z} \cos \theta_i)$$

$$\underline{k}_r = \frac{\omega n_1}{c} (\hat{x} \sin \theta_r - \hat{z} \cos \theta_r)$$

$$\underline{k}_t = \frac{\omega n_2}{c} (\hat{x} \sin \theta_t + \hat{z} \cos \theta_t)$$

But we have just shown that  $k_{ix} = k_{rx} = k_{tx}$  for any  $y$ .

$$\Rightarrow n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_1 \sin \theta_r = n_2 \sin \theta_t$$

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

Angle of incidence = angle of reflection

\* and  $n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t$  — Snell's Law

\* Note that in deriving the four "boxed" relationships all we have used of Maxwell's equations is the fact that the components of  $\underline{E}$  tangential to the boundary surface are continuous. This type of condition is satisfied also for water, sand etc waves. Electrodynamics only enters the problem in a significant way when we consider the relative amplitudes of the incident, reflected, and transmitted

waves. However, before considering these amplitudes there is one remaining issue to be addressed.

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Total Internal Reflection:

$$\sin \theta_t = (n_1/n_2) \sin \theta_i$$

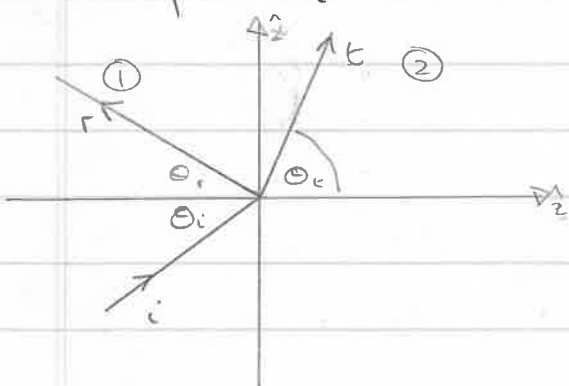
For  $n_2 > n_1$ , whatever the value of  $\theta_i$  ( $\sin \theta_i$ )  $\sin \theta_t$  will always satisfy  $0 \leq \sin \theta_t \leq 1$  [i.e., there will always be a transmitted wave]

But what if  $n_1 > n_2$ , then  $(n_1/n_2) > 1$  and there will be some values of  $\theta_i$  for which  $\sin \theta_t > 1$

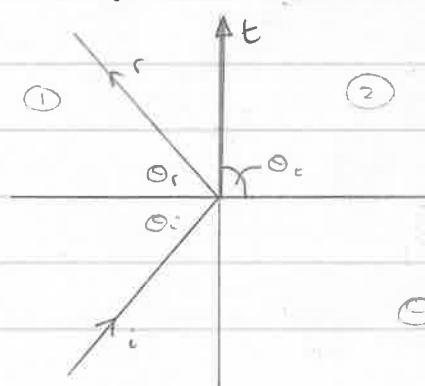
The value of  $\theta_i$  for which  $\sin \theta_t = 1$  is called the critical angle  $\theta_c$ .

$$\sin \theta_c = n_2/n_1$$

for  $\theta_i < \theta_c$  then  $\theta_t > \theta_i$  and  $\sin \theta_t < 1$   
and for  $\theta_i = \theta_c$  " $\theta_t = \pi/2$ " " $\sin \theta_t = 1$ "



$$n_1 > n_2$$



$$n_1 > n_2$$

For cases where  $n_1 > n_2$  and  $\theta_i > \theta_c$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{E}_t &= \underline{E}_{ot} e^{i(k_{tx}x + k_{ty}y + k_{tz}z - \omega t)} \\ &= \underline{E}_{ot} e^{i(k_{tx}x + k_{tz}z - \omega t)} \end{aligned}$$

But incident plane has  $y = 0$  and  $k_{tz} = \frac{\omega n_2 \cos \theta_c}{c}$

$$\text{and } k_{tx} = \frac{\omega n_2 \sin \theta_t}{c} = \frac{\omega n_1 \sin \theta_i}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{E}_t = E_{0t} e^{i \frac{\omega n_1 \sin \theta_i}{c} x - i \omega t} e^{i \frac{\omega n_2 \cos \theta_t}{c} z}$$

What about  $\cos \theta_t$ ?

$$\cos^2 \theta_t = 1 - \sin^2 \theta_t = 1 - \left( \frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_i$$

$$= 1 - \underbrace{\left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{\sin^2 \theta_c} \right)}_{> 1 \text{ since } \theta_c < \theta_i} < 0$$

$$\cos^2 \theta_t = - \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{\sin^2 \theta_c} - 1 \right]$$

$$\cos \theta_t = \pm i \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{\sin^2 \theta_c} - 1 \right]^{1/2}$$

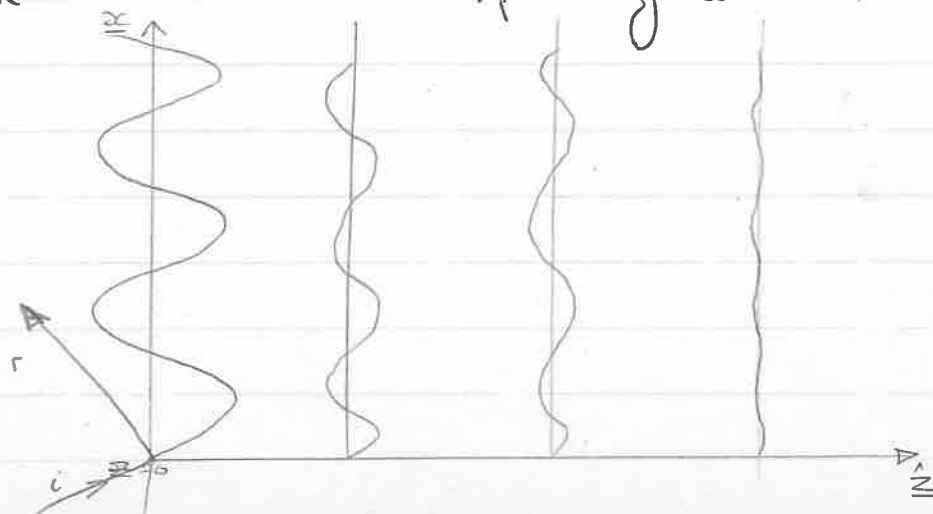
$$\Rightarrow \underline{E}_t = E_{0t} e^{i \frac{\omega n_1 \sin \theta_i}{c} x - i \omega t} e^{\pm \frac{\omega n_2}{c} \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{\sin^2 \theta_c} - 1 \right]^{1/2} z}$$

negative sign provides only physical solution.

$$\text{with } k = \frac{n_2 \omega}{c} \left[ \left( \frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_c} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\underline{E}_t = E_{0t} e^{-kz} e^{i(k_x x \sin \theta_i - \omega t)}$$

which describes a wave moving in the  $x$ -direction whose amplitude  $E_{0t} e^{-kz}$  decreases exponentially with  $z$ .



$\hat{z}$  scale greatly exaggerated.

The typical depth (in  $z$ ) of the wave is given by  $\delta = 1/k$

$$\delta = \frac{c}{n_2 \omega} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{n_2^2} - 1 \right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{k_2 \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_i - 1 \right]^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda_2 / 2\pi)}{[\sin^2 \theta_i / \sin^2 \theta_c - 1]^{1/2}}$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{n} = \frac{\omega \lambda}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{c}{n\omega} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

but typically less than unity

Remember for TIR  $\theta_i > \theta_c \Rightarrow$  denominator above is  $> 0$  and  $\delta$  will be typically a few wavelengths (for  $\theta_i$  significantly  $> \theta_c$ ). Note that when  $\theta_i \sim \theta_c$  the penetration depth  $\delta$  rapidly increases - as it must, for when  $\theta_i < \theta_c$  there is a "real" transmitted wave.

We can also show that the speed of this wave in  $x$ -direction

$$k_{tx} = \frac{\omega n_2 \sin \theta_c}{c}$$

$$= \frac{\omega n_1 \sin \theta_i}{c}$$

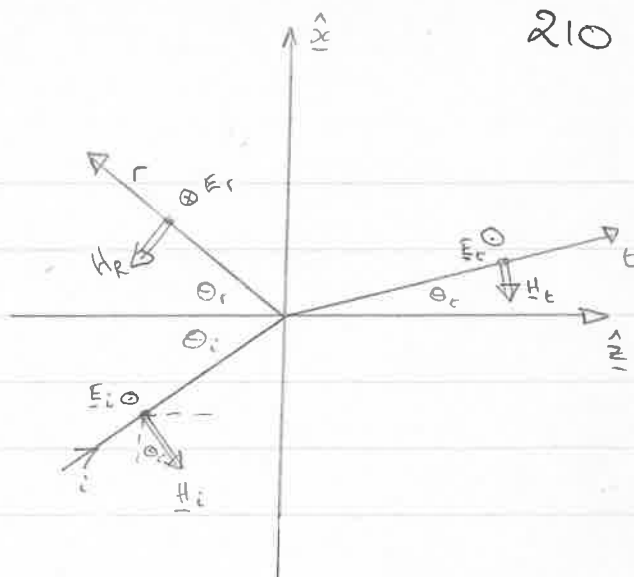
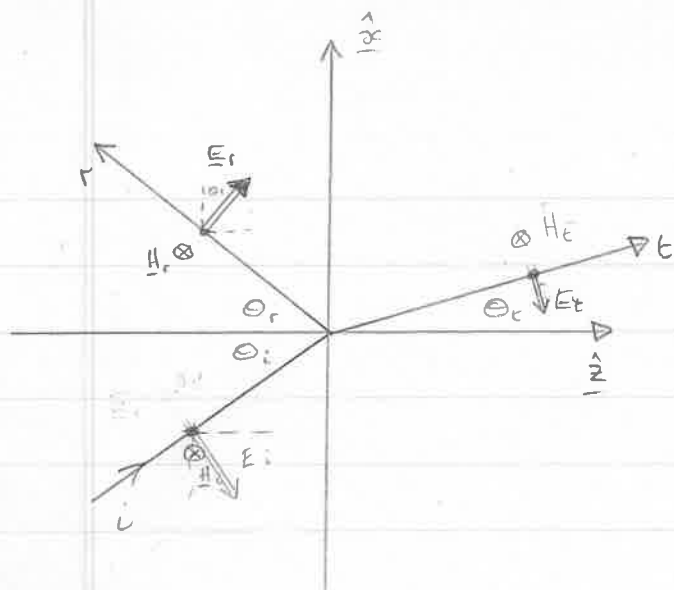
$$v_{tx} = \omega / k_{tx} = \frac{c}{n_1 \sin \theta_i} = \frac{c/n_2}{n_1/n_2 \sin \theta_i} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\sin \theta_c}{\sin \theta_i} \right)}_{< 1 \text{ } (\theta_c < \theta_i)} v_2$$

thus the transmitted wave - the evanescent wave - travels more slowly than the usual plane wave velocity  $v_2$  (in medium 2).

### \* Relative amplitudes (and intensities) of Incident, Reflected and Transmitted waves:

The behaviour of the  $\underline{E}$  field is different depending on whether  $\underline{E}$  is in the plane of incidence or perpendicular to the plane of incidence. [All other polarisations can be reduced to a linear combination of these two cases]

The two situations we will consider are shown in the diagrams below



$\underline{E}_i$  in plane of incidence

$\underline{E}_i$  @  $90^\circ$  to plane of incidence.

[N.B. we can obtain the direction of  $\underline{E}, \underline{H}$  by using  $\underline{S} = \underline{E} \wedge \underline{H} - \underline{S}$  is in the direction of energy flow]

$(\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t) \Rightarrow$  Drop the  $\omega t$  dependence for simplicity

$$\underline{E}_i = \underline{E}_{0i} e^{i(\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)} \quad \underline{E}_i = \underline{E}_{0i} e^{i \frac{n_1 \omega}{c} (x \sin \theta_i + z \cos \theta_i)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E_{xi} &= -E_{0i} \cos \theta_i \exp[ ] \\ E_{zi} &= E_{0i} \sin \theta_i \exp[ ] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} H_{yi} &= -H_{0i} \exp[ ] \\ H_{zi} &= H_{0i} \sin \theta_i \exp[ ] \end{aligned}$$

But  $|\underline{E}|/|\underline{H}| = Z$  where  $Z = (\mu/\epsilon)^{1/2}$

Therefore with  $E_{0i} = E_i$

and  $H_{0i} = H_i$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{xi} &= -E_i \cos \theta_i \exp[ ] & E_{yi} &= E_i \exp[ ] \\ E_{zi} &= E_i \sin \theta_i \exp[ ] & H_{xi} &= -(E_i/Z) \cos \theta_i \exp[ ] \\ H_{yi} &= -(E_i/Z) \exp[ ] & H_{zi} &= (E_i/Z) \sin \theta_i \exp[ ] \end{aligned}$$

For the reflected wave we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E_{xr} &= E_r \cos \theta_r e^{i \frac{n_1 \omega}{c} (x \sin \theta_r - z \cos \theta_r)} & E_{yr} &= -E_r \exp[ ] \\ E_{zr} &= E_r \sin \theta_r \exp[ ] & H_{xr} &= -(E_r/Z) \cos \theta_r \exp[ ] \\ H_{yr} &= -(E_r/Z) \exp[ ] & H_{zr} &= -(E_r/Z) \sin \theta_r \exp[ ] \end{aligned}$$

and finally for the transmitted wave

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{zct} &= -E_t \cos \theta_t e^{\frac{i n_2 \omega}{c} (x \sin \theta_t + z \cos \theta_t)} \\
 E_{zt} &= E_t \sin \theta_t \exp[ \quad ] & E_{yt} &= E_t \exp[ \frac{i n_2 \omega}{c} (x \sin \theta_t + z \cos \theta_t) ] \\
 H_{yt} &= -(E_t / Z_2) \exp[ \quad ] & H_{xt} &= -(E_t / Z_2) \cos \theta_t \exp[ \quad ] \\
 & & H_{zt} &= (E_t / Z_2) \sin \theta_t \exp[ \quad ]
 \end{aligned}$$

Maxwell's equations tell us that the tangential components of  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{H}$  are continuous across a boundary.

Therefore at  $z=0$  (all exponentials are equal at  $z=0$ )

x component:

$$-E_i \cos \theta_i + E_r \cos \theta_r = -E_t \cos \theta_t$$

y component

$$E_i - E_r = E_t$$

y component:

$$-(E_i / Z_1) - (E_r / Z_1) = -(E_t / Z_2)$$

x component

$$-(E_i / Z_1) \cos \theta_i - (E_r / Z_1) \cos \theta_r = -(E_t / Z_2) \cos \theta_t$$

Now in both cases  $\theta_i = \theta_r$  and we obtain  
 $\quad \quad \quad = \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \theta - (E_r / E_i) \cos \theta &= (E_t / E_i) \cos \theta_t & 1 - (E_r / E_i) &= (E_t / E_i) \\
 Z_2 + (E_r / E_i) Z_2 &= (E_t / E_i) Z_1 & - Z_2 \cos \theta - (E_r / E_i) Z_2 \cos \theta &= -(E_t / E_i) Z_1 \cos \theta_t
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $(E_r / E_i)$  and  $(E_t / E_i)$

$$\left( \frac{E_r}{E_i} \right) = \frac{-(Z_2 \cos \theta_t - Z_1 \cos \theta)}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta)}$$

$$\left( \frac{E_t}{E_i} \right) = \frac{-(Z_2 \cos \theta - Z_1 \cos \theta_t)}{(Z_2 \cos \theta + Z_1 \cos \theta_t)}$$

$$\left( \frac{E_t}{E_i} \right) = \frac{2 Z_2 \cos \theta}{Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta}$$

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These equations can be written in other forms using  $Z = (\mu/\epsilon)^{1/2}$  and  $n = c/v$  and  $v = 1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ .

We can also obtain expressions for normal incidence and

for non-magnetic media, where  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .

I will consider the one special case of  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

then

E in plane of incidence

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right) = \frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right) = \frac{2 \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_t}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t) \cos(\theta_i - \theta_t)}$$

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E perpendicular to plane of incidence

effect from text, see previous comments

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right) = + \frac{\sin(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right) = \frac{(n_1/n_2) \sin 2\theta_i}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

\* For  $n_1 < n_2$  (e.g. light incident from air on glass)

$$\theta_i > \theta_t$$

$(E_r/E_i)$  passes through zero, when  $\theta_i + \theta_t = \pi/2$ , in this case

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin(\pi/2 - \theta_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_i = n_2/n_1$$

This is known as Brewster's angle

at which time  $E_r = 0$

For  $\theta_i < \theta_B$   $(E_r/E_i) > 0$

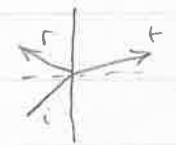
and there is no phase change

For  $\theta_i > \theta_B$   $(E_r/E_i) < 0$

phase change on reflection  
( $\theta_t < \theta_i$ )

$(E_r/E_i) > 0$  always

transmitted wave undergoes no phase change.



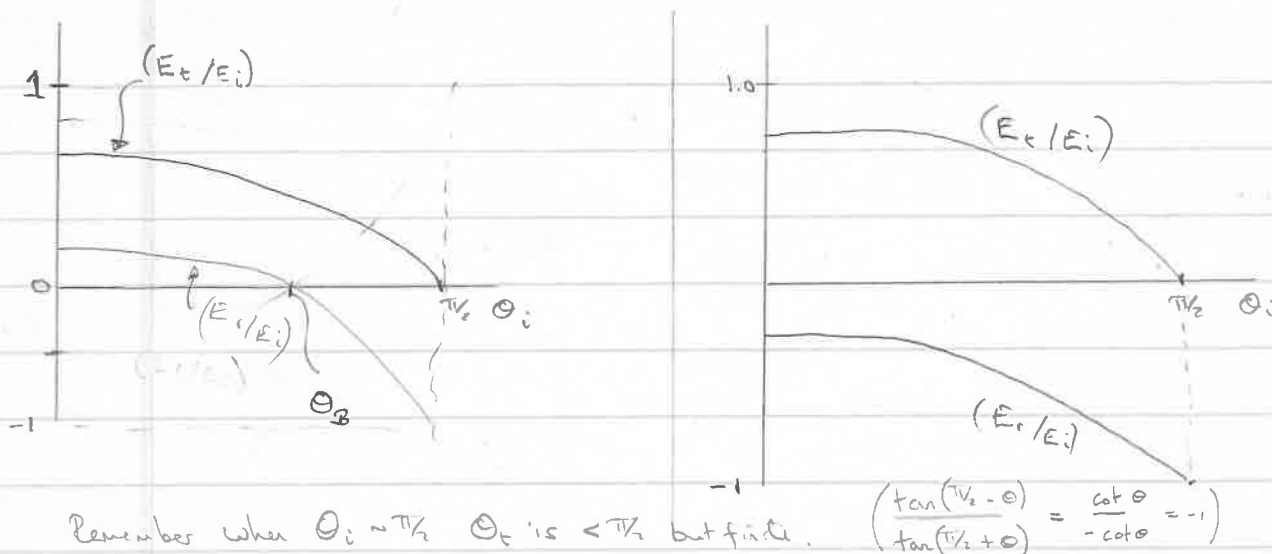
$$(E_r/E_i) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow E_r$  is opposite to  $E_i$  - in other words  $E_r$  is changed in phase by  $180^\circ$  w.r.t to  $E_i$ . (phase change on reflection)

$$(E_t/E_i) > 0$$

Transmitted wave undergoes no phase change

Due to initial direction assumption



### Conclusion on phase change:

- (a) Transmitted wave never undergoes phase change
- (b) Reflected wave undergoes phase change except for  $\theta_i < \theta_B$  and  $\underline{E}$  vector is in plane of incidence.

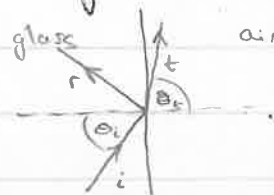
### Brewster's Law:

When  $\theta_i = \theta_B$  there is no reflected ray with  $\underline{E}$  in plane of incidence  $\Rightarrow$  for incident unpolarised light at Brewster's angle reflected wave is polarised linearly perpendicular to the plane of incidence.

### Grazing Angles:

Notice that in both cases above when  $\theta_i$  is  $90^\circ$   $(E_t/E_i) = 0$ . That is all the wave is reflected e.g. glare from headlights of oncoming cars on wet road.

\* For  $n_1 > n_2$  (e.g. light incident from glass into air)  
 $\theta_i < \theta_t$



We have already seen in this situation that when  $\theta_i > \theta_c$ , where  $\theta_c$  is the critical angle —  $\sin \theta_c = n_2/n_1$  ( $\sim 41^\circ$  for glass), the wave undergoes TIR. The disturbance in the second medium decreases exponentially with the penetration depth. Let us now investigate the behaviour of the ratios  $(E_r/E_i)$  and  $(E_t/E_i)$

E in plane of incidence

$$(E_r/E_i) = - \left( \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_t - Z_1 \cos \theta_i}{Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta_i} \right)$$

$$(E_t/E_i) = \frac{2Z_2 \cos \theta_i}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta_i)}$$

E perpendicular to plane of incidence

$$(E_r/E_i) = - \left( \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_i - Z_1 \cos \theta_t}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t} \right)$$

$$(E_t/E_i) = \frac{2Z_2 \cos \theta_i}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t)}$$

\* When  $\theta_i < \theta_c$ ,  $\theta_t$  is real and  $\theta_t > \theta_i$ ,  $\theta_t \leq \pi/2$   
and for  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

For glass  $\theta_B (\tan^{-1} n_2/n_1) = 52^\circ$  and  $\theta_c (\sin^{-1} n_2/n_1) = 41^\circ$

$$(E_r/E_i) = \frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

For  $\theta_i < \theta_c$ ,  $\theta_i < \theta_B$

When  $\theta_i < \theta_B$ ,  $\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t) > 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{E_r}{E_i} < 1 \Rightarrow$  phase change

$$(E_r/E_i) = + \frac{\sin(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$\Rightarrow (E_r/E_i) > 0$   
no phase change on reflection always  
(ever, since  $\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t) > 0$  always)  
which when included with initial assumption of  $E_r$  and  $E_i$  opposite gives

Thus for cases where  $\theta_i < \theta_c$  and  $n_1 > n_2$  there is a phase change on reflection

for E in plane of incidence  
but no phase change for E @  $90^\circ$  to plane of incidence

[Similarly we can show that the transmitted wave also undergoes no phase change]

\* When  $\theta_i > \theta_c$   $\theta_t$  imaginary, we have

$$\cos \theta_t = + i c k / n_2 \omega \quad \text{where } k = \frac{n_2 \omega}{c} \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta_i}{\sin^2 \theta_c} - 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{p 208 in notes}$$

$$= 1/5 \text{ (}\delta \text{ penetration depth)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |(E_r/E_i)| &= \frac{(i Z_2 (ck/n_2 \omega) - Z_1 \cos \theta_i)}{i Z_2 (ck/n_2 \omega) + Z_1 \cos \theta_i} \quad |(E_r/E_i)| = \frac{(Z_2 \cos \theta_i - i Z_1 ck/n_2 \omega)}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_i + i Z_1 ck/n_2 \omega)} \\ &= + \frac{(C - iD)}{(C + iD)} &= - \frac{(A - iB)}{(A + iB)} \\ &= + \frac{(C^2 + D^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-i\phi_1}}{(C^2 + D^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{i\phi_1}} &= \frac{(A^2 + B^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-i\phi_1}}{(A^2 + B^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{i\phi_1}} \\ &= + e^{-2i\phi_1} \quad \tan \phi_1 = \frac{D}{C} &= e^{-2i\phi_1} \\ &= e^{-2i\phi_1} &\tan \phi_1 = B/A \end{aligned}$$

In other words  $|E_r/E_i| = 1 \Rightarrow$  reflected amplitude has same magnitude as incident wave. The wave undergoes TIR.

The phase factors above imply that the reflected wave is out of phase with the incident wave - in fact the two polarisations ( $E_{\parallel}$ ,  $E_{\perp}$ ) have a different phase  $\Rightarrow$  elliptically polarised light.

To verify that the transmitted, evanescent, wave does in fact have zero intensity we investigate the behaviour of

$S = \underline{E} \times \underline{H}$  in the  $z$  direction at  $z=0$ . Then  $(ck/n_2 \omega)$



$$\begin{aligned} S_{zt} &= E_{xt} H_{yt} \\ &= E_t \cos \theta_t e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} (E_t/z_2) e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{zt} &= E_{yt} H_{xt} \\ S_{zt} &= -E_t e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} (E_t/z_2) \cos \theta_t e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

But  $\cos \theta_t = i k c / n_2 \omega$

$$S_{zt} = i [ \quad ] e^{-2i\omega t}$$

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Using p208 and 211  
in my notes

$$S_{zt} = E_{xt} H_{yt}$$

@  $z=0$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{xt} &= E_t \cos \theta_t e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \\ &= i E_t \frac{ck}{n_2 \omega} e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

$$H_{yt} = \frac{E_t}{Z_2} e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle S \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Real} (E_c \wedge H_c^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Real} \left( i \frac{E_t^2 ck}{Z_2} e^{-2kz} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

$$S_{zt} = E_{yt} H_{xt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{yt} &= -E_t e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \\ H_{xt} &= \frac{E_t \cos \theta_t}{Z_2} e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \\ &= i \frac{E_t ck}{Z_2 n_2 \omega} e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Real} (E_c \wedge H_c^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Real} \left( -i \frac{E_t^2 ck}{Z_2 n_2 \omega} e^{-2kz} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

In other words in both cases ( $E_{||}$  and  $E_{\perp}$ ) the <sup>time averaged</sup> energy flow in the  $z$ -direction,  $\langle S_z \rangle$ , in the second medium is purely imaginary  $\Rightarrow$  Real energy flow is zero — as expected.

\* Practically, what we measure is the intensity of the reflected and/or transmitted wave. Reflection and transmission coefficients are defined as

$$R = \frac{\underline{S}_r \cdot \hat{n}}{\underline{S}_i \cdot \hat{n}}$$

$$T = \frac{\underline{S}_t \cdot \hat{n}}{\underline{S}_i \cdot \hat{n}}$$



where  $\hat{n}$  is a normal to the surface and  $\underline{S}_r, \underline{S}_i, \underline{S}_t$  are the time averaged Poynting vectors (energy flow vectors)

$$\underline{S} = E \times H \quad Z = E/H \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{S} = E^2/Z$$

$$Z = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$$

$$\underline{S} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon/\mu)^{1/2} |E|^2 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$\hat{k}$  is wave vector in wave direction

$$\Rightarrow R = \left( \frac{E_r}{E_i} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Since } \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} = \cos \theta_i = \cos \theta_r$$

and  $\epsilon, \mu$  are same for incident + reflected waves

$$T = \left( \frac{E_t}{E_i} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon_2 \mu_1}{\epsilon_1 \mu_2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\cos \theta_t}{\cos \theta_i} = \frac{Z_1 \cos \theta_t}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i} \left( \frac{E_t}{E_i} \right)^2$$

Thus for the two possible orientations of  $\underline{E}_i$  we find

$\underline{E}$  in plane of incidence

$$R = \left( \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_t - Z_1 \cos \theta_i}{Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta_i} \right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{4 Z_2 Z_1 \cos \theta_t \cos \theta_i}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_t + Z_1 \cos \theta_i)^2}$$

$\underline{E} @ 90^\circ$  to plane of incidence

$$R = \left( \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_i - Z_1 \cos \theta_t}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t} \right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{Z_1 \cos \theta_t}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i} \frac{4 Z_2^2 \cos^2 \theta_i}{(Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t)^2}$$

For the special case of normal incidence ( $\theta_i = 0 = \theta_t$ )  
and  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  when  $(z_1/z_2) = (z_2/z_1)^{1/2} = n_2/n_1$

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

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

Equal, since at normal incidence there is no plane of incidence and hence no distinction between parallel and  $\perp$  to the plane.

Where of course  $R + T = 1$  (energy conservation)

e.g. Water  $n_2 = 4/3$  air  $n_1 = 1$   
then  $R = \left( \frac{1 - 4/3}{1 + 4/3} \right)^2 = 0.02$

2% of incident energy is reflected.

Include the following material only when waves in conductors have been discussed.

\* Reflection from the surface of a conductor Assign Chap 25 Non Cond problems  $\rightarrow$  Go to Ch 24 on conductors p 198 in notes Ch 25: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Consider only the special case;  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  - non magnetic media  
normal incidence  $\theta_i = \theta_t = \theta_r = 0$  [ $z_1/z_2 = n_2/n_1$ ]  
[Medium 2 is the conductor - metal]   
Then for either orientation of  $\underline{E}$  ( $E_\perp$  and  $E_\parallel$ ) we find that

$$(E_r/E_i) = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$(E_t/E_i) = \frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2}$$

Remember that one method of dealing with waves is a