

$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = R_{\parallel} = 1$  This confirms that material b is totally reflecting in the region of frequency where  $\epsilon_b < 0$  and  $|\epsilon_b| \gg \epsilon_a$   
 $\epsilon_b = \epsilon_{b1} + i\epsilon_{b2}$

Now consider again the special case where medium b is transparent, i.e.  $\epsilon_b$  is real and  $\epsilon_b > 0$ .

$$R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{Iz} - \mu_a k_{Tz}}{\mu_b k_{Iz} + \mu_a k_{Tz}} \right|^2 \quad \vec{E}_0 \perp \text{plane of incidence}$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} - \epsilon_a k_{Tz}}{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} + \epsilon_a k_{Tz}} \right|^2 \quad \vec{E}_0 \parallel \text{plane of incidence}$$

for a transparent medium  
 index of refraction  $n = \frac{c}{v_p} = \frac{ck}{\omega} = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$

For transparent medium b we have

$$k_{Iz} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} \cos \theta_I = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_a \cos \theta_I$$

$$k_{Tz} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b} \cos \theta_T = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_b \cos \theta_T$$

and Snell's law applies so  $\mu_a \sin \theta_I = \mu_b \sin \theta_T$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_a} = \frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T}$$

For simplicity we will also assume  $\mu_a = \mu_b = \mu_0$

then

$$R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{\mu_a \cos \theta_I - \mu_b \cos \theta_T}{\mu_a \cos \theta_I + \mu_b \cos \theta_T} \right|^2$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b \mu_a \cos \theta_I - \epsilon_a \mu_b \cos \theta_T}{\epsilon_b \mu_a \cos \theta_I + \epsilon_a \mu_b \cos \theta_T} \right|^2$$

use  $\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_b} = \frac{m_b}{c} \Rightarrow \epsilon_b = \frac{m_b^2}{c^2 \mu_0} = m_b^2 \epsilon_0$  since  $\frac{1}{c^2} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0$

similarly  $\epsilon_a = m_a^2 \epsilon_0$

$$\Rightarrow R_{||} = \left| \frac{m_b^2 \epsilon_0 m_a \cos \theta_I - m_a^2 \epsilon_0 m_b \cos \theta_T}{m_b^2 \epsilon_0 m_a \cos \theta_I + m_a^2 \epsilon_0 m_b \cos \theta_T} \right|^2$$

$$R_{||} = \left| \frac{m_b \cos \theta_I - m_a \cos \theta_T}{m_b \cos \theta_I + m_a \cos \theta_T} \right|^2$$

For normal incidence we have  $\theta_I = \theta_T = 0$   
and then we get

$$R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{m_a - m_b}{m_a + m_b} \right|^2 = R_{||} \quad \text{if } m_a = m_b \text{ then } R = 0 \text{ no reflection!}$$

$R_{\perp} = R_{||}$  since for normal incidence there is no difference between the  $\perp$  and  $||$  polarizations because  $\vec{k}_I, \vec{k}_R$  and  $\vec{k}_T$  are all co-linear

Consider now  $\theta_I > 0$ . use Snell's Law  $\frac{m_b}{m_a} = \frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T}$

$$R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{\cos \theta_I - \frac{m_b}{m_a} \cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I + \frac{m_b}{m_a} \cos \theta_T} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\cos \theta_I - \left( \frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T} \right) \cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I + \left( \frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T} \right) \cos \theta_T} \right|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{\sin \theta_T \cos \theta_I - \sin \theta_I \cos \theta_T}{\sin \theta_T \cos \theta_I + \sin \theta_I \cos \theta_T} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\sin(\theta_I - \theta_T)}{\sin(\theta_I + \theta_T)} \right|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\perp} &= \left| \frac{\cos \theta_I - \frac{n_a}{n_b} \cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I + \frac{n_a}{n_b} \cos \theta_T} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\cos \theta_I - \left( \frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} \right) \cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I + \left( \frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} \right) \cos \theta_T} \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \frac{\sin \theta_I \cos \theta_I - \sin \theta_T \cos \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I \cos \theta_I + \sin \theta_T \cos \theta_T} \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \frac{\tan(\theta_I - \theta_T)}{\tan(\theta_I + \theta_T)} \right|^2 \quad \Leftarrow \text{after lots of algebra}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta_I + \theta_T = \frac{\pi}{2}$  then  $\tan(\theta_I + \theta_T) \rightarrow \infty$  and  $R_{\perp} = 0$

This occurs at an angle of incidence  $\theta_I = \theta_B$  called "Brewster's angle"

$\theta_B$  determined by Snell's law  $n_a \sin \theta_I = n_b \sin \theta_T$   
 use  $\theta_I = \theta_B$  and  $\theta_T = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_B$

$$n_a \sin \theta_B = n_b \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_B \right) = n_b \cos \theta_B$$

$$\boxed{\tan \theta_B = \frac{n_b}{n_a}}$$

For a wave incident at  $\theta_B$ , the reflected wave will always have  $\vec{E}_R \perp$  plane of incidence, no matter what orientation of incoming  $\vec{E}_I$ , since  $R_{\parallel} = 0$ . That is only  $R_{\perp} \neq 0$ , so reflected wave can only have  $\vec{E} \perp$  plane of incidence. If incoming wave has component of  $\vec{E}_I \parallel$  to plane of incidence, this component gets purely transmitted since  $R_{\parallel} = 0$ . Only the component of  $\vec{E}_I \perp$  to plane of incidence can get reflected, since  $R_{\perp} \neq 0$ .  $\Rightarrow$  reflected wave is polarized with  $\vec{E}_R \perp$  to plane of incidence.

Generally, for all  $\theta_I$  close to  $\theta_B$ ,  $R_{\parallel} \ll R_{\perp}$ , and the reflected wave is strongly polarized with  $\vec{E}_R$  mostly  $\perp$  to plane of incidence.

This is therefore one method to create a polarized light wave.

## Radiation from moving charges

In Lorentz gauge:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$

potentials solve  $\nabla^2 V - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} \equiv \square^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} \equiv \square^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{j}$$

if we know potentials, can get fields from

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}, \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

As in electro and magneto statics, it is easier to solve for  $V$  and  $\vec{A}$  and then determine  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$ , rather than try to solve for  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  directly.

Recall solutions for statics:  $\nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$ ,  $\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{j}$

$$\Rightarrow V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(r')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \quad \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{j}(r')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3r'$$

Both solutions follow from the fact that

$$\nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \right) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')$$

$\hat{=}$  Dirac  $\delta$ -function

$\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$  is called the "Green's function" for the operator  $\nabla^2$

Similarly, if we could find the "Green's function" for the  $\square^2$  operator, is a function  $G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t')$  that solved

$$\square^2 G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \delta(t-t')$$

then the solutions to  $\square^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$ ,  $\square^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$ , would be

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') \rho(\vec{r}', t')$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') \vec{j}(\vec{r}', t')$$

How to find  $G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t')$ ? Use Fourier transf method

$$G(\vec{r}, t) = \int d^3k \int d\omega \tilde{G}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \int d^3k \frac{e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{(2\pi)^3} \quad \text{from HW}$$

$$\delta(t) = \int d\omega \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{2\pi}$$

substitute into  $\square^2 G(\vec{r}, t) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(t)$

$$\int d^3k \int d\omega \tilde{G}(\vec{k}, \omega) \left( \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} e^{-i\omega t} = -4\pi \int d^3k \int d\omega \frac{e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} e^{-i\omega t}}{(2\pi)^4}$$

$$\nabla^2 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} = -k^2 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} e^{-i\omega t} = -\omega^2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\int d^3k \int d\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} (\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2) \tilde{G}(k, \omega) = \int d^3k \int d\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \frac{(-4\pi)}{(2\pi)^4}$$

equate Fourier coefficients

$$\Rightarrow (\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2) \tilde{G}(k, \omega) = \frac{-4\pi}{(2\pi)^4}$$

$$\tilde{G}(k, \omega) = \frac{-4\pi}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{c^2}{(\omega^2 - c^2 k^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G(\vec{r}, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \tilde{G}(k, \omega) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \frac{(-4\pi c^2)}{(2\pi)^4 (\omega + ck)(\omega - ck)} \end{aligned}$$

integrand diverges when  $\omega = \pm ck$

can evaluate using methods of complex contour integration  
(see complex variables course)

$$G(\vec{r}, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{c}{r} \delta(r - ct) & t \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } r = |\vec{r}|$$

$$G(\vec{r}, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{r} \delta(t - \frac{r}{c}) & t \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{as } \delta(ax) = \frac{\delta(x)}{a}$$

$G(\vec{r}, t)$  has a reasonable form:

1)  $G(\vec{r}, t) = 0$  for  $t < 0 \Rightarrow$  no response to things in the future

2)  $G(\vec{r}, t) \sim \delta(r - ct) \Rightarrow$  response travels with speed  $c$   
 response from source at  $\vec{r}' = 0, t' = 0$ ,  
 is only felt at ~~time  $t = r$~~  position  $\vec{r}$   
 at time  $t = \frac{r}{c}$  later.

3) If take  $c \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $G(\vec{r}, t) \rightarrow \frac{\delta(t)}{r}$  response instantaneous  
 and  $\frac{1}{r}$  is Green's function of  $\nabla^2$

expected as  $\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \square^2 = \nabla^2$

Explicit check that  $G = \frac{c}{r} \delta(r - ct)$  solves  $\square^2 G = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(t)$

$$\nabla^2(ab) = a\nabla^2 b + b\nabla^2 a + 2\vec{\nabla}a \cdot \vec{\nabla}b$$

$$\nabla^2 \left[ \frac{c}{r} \delta(r - ct) \right] = \frac{c}{r} \nabla^2 \delta(r - ct) + 2 \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{c}{r} \right) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \delta(r - ct) + \delta(r - ct) \nabla^2 \left( \frac{c}{r} \right)$$

use  $\nabla^2 \delta(r - ct) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \delta(r - ct) \right)$  in spherical coords

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \delta'(r - ct) \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[ 2r \delta'(r - ct) + r^2 \delta''(r - ct) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{r} \delta'(r - ct) + \delta''(r - ct) \quad \text{here } \delta'(x) = \frac{d\delta(x)}{dx}$$

etc.

$$\vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{c}{r} \right) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \delta(r - ct) = \left( \frac{-c}{r^2} \right) \left( \delta'(r - ct) \right) \quad \text{(evaluated in spherical coords)}$$

$$\nabla^2 \left( \frac{c}{r} \right) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) c$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so } \nabla^2 \left[ \frac{c}{r} \delta(r-ct) \right] &= \frac{c}{r} \left( \frac{2}{r} \delta'(r-ct) + \delta''(r-ct) \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{2c}{r^2} \delta'(r-ct) - 4\pi c \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(r-ct) \\
 &= \frac{c}{r} \delta''(r-ct) - 4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right) \quad \text{using } \delta(r-ct) = \frac{\delta\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)}{c} \\
 &= \frac{c}{r} \delta''(r-ct) - 4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(t) \quad \uparrow \text{ since } r=0 \text{ because of } \delta(r) \text{ term}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[ \frac{c}{r} \delta(r-ct) \right] &= \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{c}{r} (-c) \delta'(r-ct) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta'(r-ct) = \frac{c}{r} \delta''(r-ct)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so } \left( \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \left( \frac{c}{r} \delta(r-ct) \right) &= \frac{c}{r} \delta''(r-ct) - 4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(t) \\
 &\quad - \frac{c}{r} \delta''(r-ct) \\
 &= -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \delta(t) \quad \text{as desired}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = \int \frac{d^3 r'}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

where  $t' = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$  "retarded time"  
depends on  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{r}'$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}', t' = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

general solution to inhomogeneous wave equation

## Summary

The Green's function solves

$$\square^2 G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \delta(t-t')$$

Therefore the solution to

$$\square^2 V(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$$

is

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \rho(\vec{r}', t') G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t')$$

check:

$$\square^2 V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \rho(\vec{r}', t') \square^2 G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t')$$

↑ since  $\square^2$  acts on  $\vec{r}$  and  $t$   
not on  $\vec{r}'$  and  $t'$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \rho(\vec{r}', t') (-4\pi) \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \delta(t-t')$$

integrate over the  $\delta$ -functions

$$= -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$$

Similarly, the solution to  $\square^2 \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_0 \vec{j}(\vec{r}, t)$  is

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \vec{j}(\vec{r}', t') G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t')$$

Now our solution for the Green's function was

$$G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = \begin{cases} 0 & t < t' \\ \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \delta\left(t-t' - \frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}{c}\right) & t > t' \end{cases}$$

So we can write our solution for  $V(\vec{r}, t)$  as

$$V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \rho(\vec{r}', t') \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \delta\left(t - t' - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}\right)$$

do integral over the  $\delta$ -function

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$\text{or } V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

where here  $t'$  is the "retarded" time

$$t' = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c} \quad \text{depends on } \vec{r}'$$

Similarly

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$t' = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$$