

use them to eliminate k_2' and get a final single equation that determines θ_2'

Define index of refraction in medium b

$$n_b = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b}$$

Then

$$\frac{\omega}{c} n_a \sin \theta_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} n_b \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_2'$$

or

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = n_b \sin \theta_2' \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2}$$

This is the analog of Snell's law for propagation into a medium with complex dielectric function ϵ

Cases

- ① For a nearly transparent material with $\epsilon_{b2} \ll \epsilon_{b1}$ we can expand in $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}}$ to get

$$m_a \sin \theta_0 = m_b \sin \theta_2' \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx m_b \sin \theta_2' \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'} \right]$$

↑
small correction to
Snell's law

for $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \ll 1$ can solve iteratively

to lowest order: $m_a \sin \theta_0 \approx m_b \sin \theta_2'$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_2' = 1 - \sin^2 \theta_2' = 1 - \left(\frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b} \right)^2$$

so to next order

$$m_a \sin \theta_0 \approx m_b \sin \theta_2' \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_b^2} \sin^2 \theta_0 \right)} \right]$$

or $\sin \theta_2' \approx \frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b}$

$$\left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_b^2} \sin^2 \theta_0 \right)} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b}$$

result is that θ_2' is smaller than Snell's law would predict.

② for a good conductor, or absorbing region of a dielectric, $\epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$

to lowest order

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1} \cos \theta_2'} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_2'$$

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2}} \frac{\sin \theta_2'}{\sqrt{\cos \theta_2'}} \quad \leftarrow \text{very different from Snell's Law!}$$

Snell's law only holds if both media are transparent

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_0 = \frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta_2'}{\cos \theta_2'} = \frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2} \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta_2'}{\cos \theta_2'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_2' + \left(\frac{2}{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}} \right) (n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_0) \cos \theta_2' - 1 = 0$$

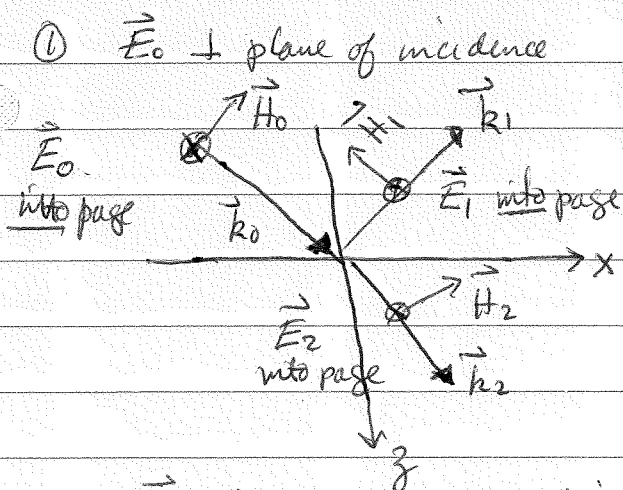
solve quadratic equation in $\cos \theta_2'$ to determine $\cos \theta_2'$. Then can use that in expressions for k_1' and k_2' to determine those. We will have in the $\epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$ case that $k_1' \approx k_2'$

Reflection coefficients

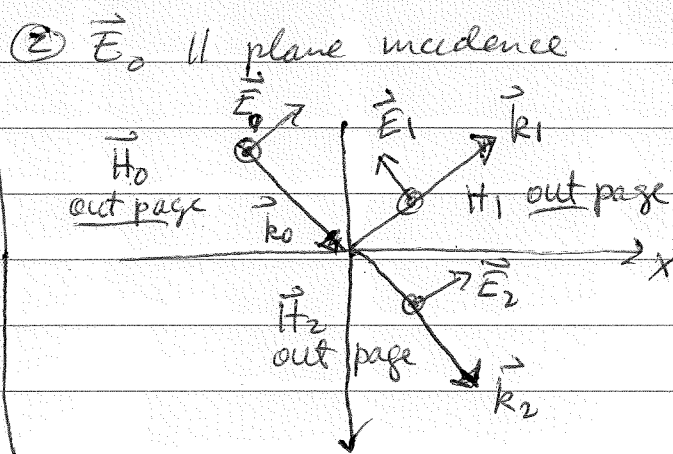
Now we compute the amplitude of the reflected wave to determine how much of incident wave is reflected and how much is transmitted.

- Consider two cases
- ① \vec{E}_0 is \perp plane of incidence
 - ② \vec{E}_0 lies in the plane of incidence

"plane of incidence" is the plane spanned by the wave vector \vec{k}_0 and the normal to the interface - in our case it is the xz plane



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continuity of x components

$$H_{0x} + H_{1x} = H_{2x}$$

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Faraday

$$\epsilon \mu \omega \vec{H} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \Rightarrow H_x = \frac{k_z c}{\omega \mu} E_y$$

Ampere

$$-\omega \epsilon \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} \Rightarrow E_x = -\frac{k_z c}{\omega \epsilon} H_y$$

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$$2) \frac{k_{0z}}{\mu_a} (E_0 - E_1) = \frac{k_{2z}}{\mu_b} E_2$$

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$$E_1 = \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + \mu_a k_{2z}} E_0$$

$$H_1 = \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + \epsilon_a k_{2z}} H_0$$

$$E_2 = \frac{2 \mu_b k_{0z}}{\mu_a k_{2z} + \mu_b k_{0z}} E_0$$

$$H_2 = \frac{2 \epsilon_b k_{0z}}{\epsilon_a k_{2z} + \epsilon_b k_{0z}} H_0$$

Define reflection coefficient in terms of the transported energy
 $R = \frac{|E_1|^2}{|E_0|^2} = \frac{|H_1|^2}{|H_0|^2}$

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① $\vec{E}_0 \perp$ plane incidence

$$R_{\perp} = \frac{|E_1|^2}{|E_0|^2} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + \mu_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

② $\vec{E}_0 \parallel$ plane incidence

$$R_{\parallel} = \frac{|H_1|^2}{|H_0|^2} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + \epsilon_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

Note: above are correct for an arbitrary medium B

i) Consider region of "total reflection"

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \text{Im } \epsilon_b &= \epsilon_{b2} \approx 0 \\ \text{Re } \epsilon_b &= \epsilon_{b1} < 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{k}_2 = i \vec{K}_2 \quad \text{where } \vec{K}_2 \text{ is real} \\ \text{ie } \vec{K}_2 \text{ pure imaginary} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - i \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + i \mu_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - i \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + i \epsilon_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

both are of the form $\left| \frac{a-ib}{a+ib} \right|^2 = 1$ when a, b real

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = R_{\parallel} = 1$$

confirms that the material is completely reflecting

ii) Next consider when medium B is transparent

ϵ_b is real and $\epsilon_b > 0$

$$k_{0z} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} \cos \theta_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_a \cos \theta_0$$

$$k_{2z} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b} \cos \theta_2 = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_b \cos \theta_2$$

Snell's law holds so $\mu_a \sin \theta_0 = \mu_b \sin \theta_2$

can write R_{\perp} and R_{\parallel} as functions of θ_0
for simplicity take $\mu_a = \mu_b = 1$

$$\textcircled{1} R_{\perp} = \left(\frac{m_a \cos \theta_0 - m_b \cos \theta_2}{m_a \cos \theta_0 + m_b \cos \theta_2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\cos \theta_0 - \left(\frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \theta_2} \right) \cos \theta_2}{\cos \theta_0 + \left(\frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \theta_2} \right) \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_0 - \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_2}{\sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_0 + \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$R_{\perp} = \left(\frac{\sin(\theta_0 - \theta_2)}{\sin(\theta_0 + \theta_2)} \right)^2$$

for $\theta_0 = 0$, i.e. normal incidence, $\theta_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = \left(\frac{m_a - m_b}{m_a + m_b} \right)^2 \quad \text{if } m_a = m_b, \text{ no reflection!}$$

(not surprising!)

$$\textcircled{2} R_{\parallel} = \left(\frac{\epsilon_b m_a \cos \theta_0 - \epsilon_a m_b \cos \theta_2}{\epsilon_b m_a \cos \theta_0 + \epsilon_a m_b \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

use $\sqrt{\epsilon_b} = m_b$
 $\sqrt{\epsilon_a} = m_a$

$$= \left(\frac{m_b \cos \theta_0 - m_a \cos \theta_2}{m_b \cos \theta_0 + m_a \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\cos \theta_0 - \left(\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_0} \right) \cos \theta_2}{\cos \theta_0 + \left(\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_0} \right) \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

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$$R_{\parallel} = \left(\frac{\tan(\theta_0 - \theta_2)}{\tan(\theta_0 + \theta_2)} \right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{after some algebra!}$$

