

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \theta_2'' = 0 \\ k_2'' = k_2'' \hat{z} \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{attenuation factor for the transmitted} \\ \text{wave is } e^{-k_2'' z} \end{array} \right.$   
 $\Rightarrow$  planes of constant amplitude are always parallel to the interface no matter what the angle of incidence  $\theta_0$ .

Having found  $\theta_2''$  there are still three quantities we must yet find in order to characterize the transmitted wave. These are  $\theta_2'$ ,  $k_2'$ ,  $k_2''$ .

To solve for these we will need 3 equations

$$\text{one is: } k_0 \sin \theta_0 = k_2' \sin \theta_2' \quad (1)$$

(from boundary condition)

$$\text{where } k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} = \frac{\omega}{c} n_a \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{dispersion} \\ \text{relation in} \\ \text{medium a} \end{array}$$

The other two come from equating the real and imaginary parts of the dispersion relation in medium b.

$$k_2^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_b = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b (\epsilon_{b1} + i \epsilon_{b2})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_2^2 &= (\vec{k}_2' + i \vec{k}_2'') \cdot (\vec{k}_2' + i \vec{k}_2'') \\
 &= (k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 + 2i \vec{k}_2' \cdot \vec{k}_2''
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 + 2i k_2' k_2'' \cos \theta_2'$$

equating real and imaginary parts

$$(k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} \quad (2)$$

$$2k_2' k_2'' \cos \theta_2' = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b2} \quad (3)$$

Use (2) and (3) to solve for  $k_2'$  and  $k_2''$  in terms of  $\theta_2'$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (k_2')^2 = (k_2'')^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} \quad (4)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow k_2'' = \frac{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2k_2' \cos \theta_2'} \quad (5)$$

plug (5) into (4)

$$(k_2')^2 = \left( \frac{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2k_2' \cos \theta_2'} \right)^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (k_2')^4 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} (k_2')^2 - \frac{\omega^4}{c^4} \frac{\mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \cos^2 \theta_2'} = 0$$

solve quadratic formula

$$(k_2')^2 = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}}{2c^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega^4 \mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b1}^2}{4c^4} + \frac{\omega^4 \mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b2}^2}{4c^4 \cos^2 \theta_2'}}$$

take (+) solution only since  $(k_2')^2$  must be positive

$$= \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b}{c^2} \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]$$

⑥

$$k_2' = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{b1} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2}$$

then get  $k_2''$  from ④

$$(k_2'')^2 = (k_2')^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}$$

⑦

$$k_2'' = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{b1} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2}$$

Note, these reduce to what we found earlier for the real and imaginary parts of the wave vector for a plane wave in a medium with complex  $\epsilon$ , IF we take  $\theta_2' = 0$ . We will have  $\theta_2' = 0$  for normal incidence  $\theta_0 = 0$ .

Both  $k_2'$  and  $k_2''$  above still depend on the angle of refraction  $\theta_2'$ . We can close the set of equations by adding in Eq ①

$$k_0 \sin \theta_0 = k_2' \sin \theta_2'$$

⑧

$$\text{or } \frac{\omega}{c} m_a \sin \theta_0 = k_2' \sin \theta_2'$$

$$\text{where } m_a = \frac{k_0 c}{\omega} = \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a}$$

Since the pair of equations ⑥ and ⑦ only involve the unknowns  $k_2'$  and  $\theta_2'$  we can

use them to eliminate  $k'_2$  and get a final single equation that determines  $\theta_2$

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  $\epsilon$

### 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

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

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

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

result is that  $\theta_2'$  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

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

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

Snell's law only holds if both media are transparent

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

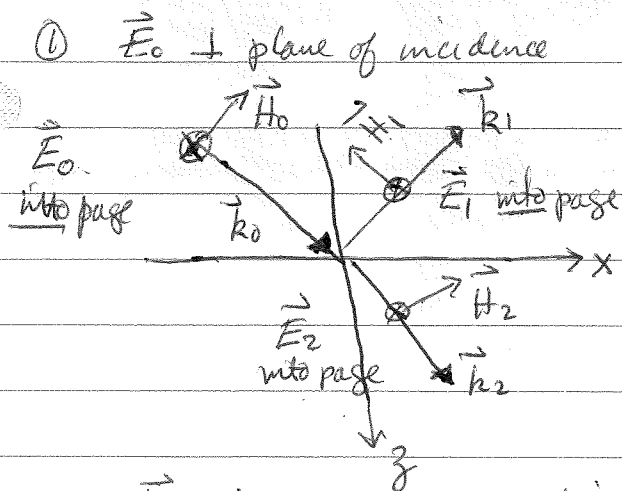
$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_2' + \left( \frac{2}{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}} \right) (n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_0) \cos \theta_2' - 1 = 0$$

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  $k_1' \approx k_2'$

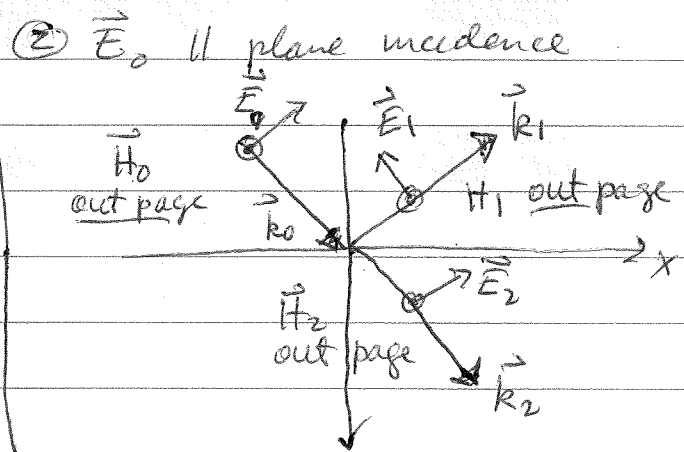
# Reflection coefficients

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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 all  $\vec{E}$ 's are in  $\hat{y}$  direction  
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$$H_{0x} + H_{1x} = H_{2x}$$

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

Faraday

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

Ampere

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

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

solve (1) and (2) for  
 $E_1$  and  $E_2$  in terms of  $E_0$

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

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

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

### Reflection coefficients

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"

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

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

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

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

$\epsilon_b$  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  $\theta_0$   
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,  $\theta_2 = 0$ , plug into  $\textcircled{1}$

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

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

