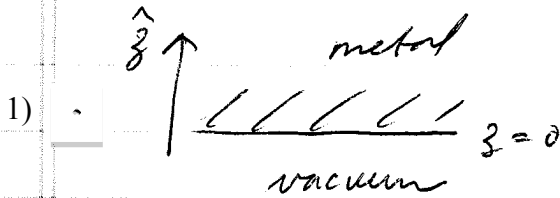


SOLUTIONS PROBLEM SET 3



For $z > 0$ write $\vec{k} = g\hat{x} + ik\hat{z}$

then $\vec{E} = (A\hat{x} + B\hat{z}) e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)}$

For $z < 0$

write $\vec{k}' = g\hat{x} - ik'\hat{z}$

then $\vec{E} = (C\hat{x} + D\hat{z}) e^{i(\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{r} - \omega t)}$

boundary conditions at $z=0$:

tangential component of \vec{E} is continuous

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = C} \quad (f)$$

normal component of $\epsilon\vec{E}$ is continuous

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon B = D} \quad (g)$$

where $\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{4\pi i \sigma(\omega)}{\omega}$ is dielectric function of the metal

Our solutions must obey Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

For $z > 0$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$$(g\hat{x} + ik\hat{z}) \cdot (A\hat{x} + B\hat{z}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow gA + ikB = 0$$

$$\boxed{B = +i \frac{g}{k} A} \quad (d)$$

For $g < 0$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k}' \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$$(g \hat{x} - i k' \hat{z}) \cdot (C \hat{x} + D \hat{z}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow gC - i k' D = 0$$

use $C = A, D = \epsilon B$

$$\Rightarrow gA - i k' \epsilon B = 0$$

$$\boxed{B = -\frac{i g}{k' \epsilon} A}$$

Comparing the last two results we get

$$\boxed{k = -k' \epsilon} \quad (c)$$

Combine Faraday's + Ampere's laws

For $g > 0$ $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = -\nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H})$

$$= -\frac{4\pi}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 \vec{E} = \frac{4\pi i \omega}{c^2} \sigma \vec{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g^2 - k^2) \vec{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left[1 + \frac{4\pi i \sigma}{\omega} \right] \vec{E}$$

$$= \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{g^2 - k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon}$$

Similarly, for $z < 0$ we get

$$g^2 - k'^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

use $k' = -\frac{k}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow g^2 - \frac{k^2}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$

$$\Rightarrow g^2 \epsilon - \frac{k^2}{\epsilon} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon = g^2 - k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g^2 (\epsilon - 1) = \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1\right) k^2 = -\left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon}\right) k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k^2 = -\epsilon g^2} \quad (b)$$

So $g^2 \epsilon - \frac{k^2}{\epsilon} = g^2 \epsilon + g^2 = g^2 (1 + \epsilon) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon$

$$\boxed{c^2 g^2 = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon}\right) \omega^2} \quad (a)$$

So (a) is the dispersion relation that gives wavevector g in terms of frequency ω

(b) knowing g , we now can find the decay length $1/k$ in the metal

(c) and $1/k'$ in the metal

(d) gives the ratio of amplitudes B/A in metal

(e) and (f) gives ratios C/A and D/A in vacuum

To have a solution where g, K, k' are all real and positive,

$$K^2 = -\epsilon g^2 \Rightarrow \text{we must have } \boxed{\epsilon < 0}$$

so K is real

But then

$$c^2 g^2 = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \right) \omega^2 \Rightarrow \text{we must have } \boxed{1+\epsilon < 0}$$

so that g is real
for real ω

For Drude model with $\omega \ll \omega_p$ we use

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

Condition $\epsilon + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow 2 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega < \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

so solution is only possible for frequencies $\omega < \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$c^2 g^2 = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \right) \omega^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}{2 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \right) \omega^2$$

when $\omega \rightarrow \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}}$, $1+\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, so

$$\frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{solution gives } g \rightarrow \infty$$

so $\boxed{\text{as } g \rightarrow \infty, \omega \rightarrow \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}}}$

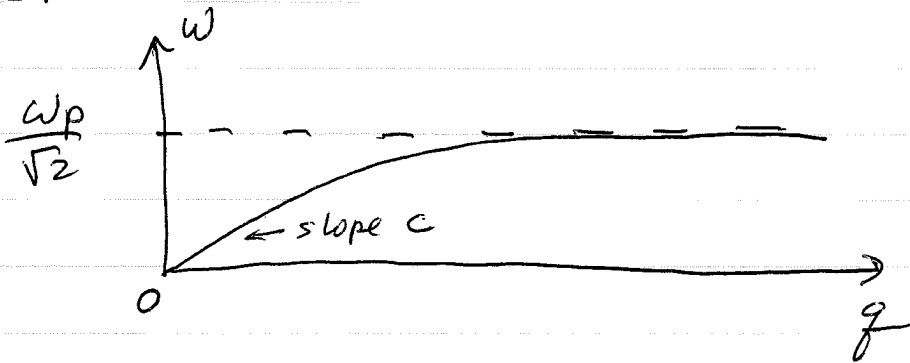
For small $\omega \ll \omega_p$,

$$\frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon} = \frac{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}{2 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \approx \frac{\omega_p^2 - \omega^2}{\omega_p^2 - 2\omega^2} \approx 1 \text{ as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

so for small $\omega \ll \omega_p$
 $c^2 q^2 \approx \omega^2$

$$c q \approx \omega \quad \text{small } \omega \ll \omega_p$$

Sketch



The surface charge density on the surface of the metal is given by:
 jump in normal component $E = 4\pi\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad \cancel{4\pi\sigma} \quad 4\pi\sigma &= \hat{z} \cdot (\vec{E}_{\text{metal}} - \vec{E}_{\text{vacuum}}) \\ &= B - D \\ &= B - \epsilon B \\ &= B(1 - \epsilon) \\ &= \frac{+iq}{\kappa} (1 - \epsilon) A \end{aligned}$$

use $k^2 = -\epsilon q^2$

$$4\pi\sigma = \frac{+i(1 - \epsilon)}{\sqrt{-\epsilon}} A$$

use $\epsilon = 1 - \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2$

$$4\pi\sigma = \frac{i \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2 - 1}} A = \frac{i \omega_p^2}{\omega \sqrt{\omega_p^2 - \omega^2}} A = 4\pi\sigma$$

"i" oscillations in σ are $\frac{\pi}{2}$ out of phase with oscillations in E_x

small $\omega \ll \omega_p \Rightarrow 4\pi\sigma \approx \frac{i \omega_p}{\omega} A$ grows as $\omega \rightarrow 0$

large $\omega \rightarrow \infty, \omega \rightarrow \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow 4\pi\sigma \approx \cancel{2i} A$

Polarization: when $\omega \rightarrow \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2}}$

then $B = \frac{i q}{k} A, k = \sqrt{-\epsilon} q$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{i}{\sqrt{-\epsilon}} A = \frac{i}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega}\right)^2 - 1}} A$$

when $q \rightarrow \infty, \omega \rightarrow \omega_p/\sqrt{2}$

$$B = iA$$

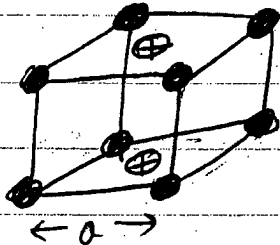
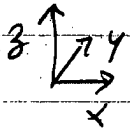
$$\Rightarrow \text{in metal, } \vec{E} = A(\hat{x} + i\hat{z}) e^{iqx} e^{-kz} e^{-i\omega t}$$

→ circularly polarized

E_z oscillates $\frac{\pi}{2}$ out of phase with E_x

2)

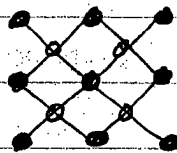
a) base centered cubic - add a site to center of all horizontal planes



yes

This is a Bravais lattice

In the xy plane the sites look like



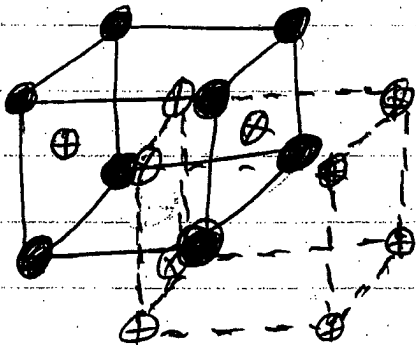
which is a square BL with lattice constant $a' = a/\sqrt{2}$

stacking such 2D square lattices in the z direction with lattice constant a thus results in a 3D BL with

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{y}), \vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} - \hat{y}), \vec{a}_3 = a\hat{z}$$

Note also that the \oplus sites in 3D picture above also form a simple cubic lattice with the \bullet sites in the center of their horizontal faces \Rightarrow all sites are equivalent - another way to prove it is a B.L.

b) side centered cubic - add a site to center of all vertical planes

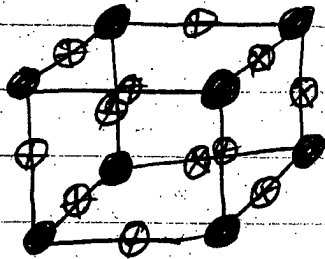


The \oplus sites do not form a simple cubic lattice, rather they form the base centered cubic of part (a) \Rightarrow \oplus sites do not look identical to the \bullet sites.

⇒ this is NOT a Bravais lattice, but rather a lattice with a basis. We can choose

primitive vectors: $\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{x}$, $\vec{a}_2 = a\hat{y}$, $\vec{a}_3 = a\hat{z}$
3 point basis: $\vec{d}_1 = 0$, $\vec{d}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{z})$, $\vec{d}_3 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{y} + \hat{z})$

c) Edge centered cubic — add a site to middle of all edges



This is NOT a Bravais lattice

each \bullet site has 6 \oplus nearest neighbors a distance $a/2$ away.
 each \oplus site has only 2 \bullet nearest neighbors a distance $\frac{a}{2}$ away. Hence \bullet sites and \oplus sites are not equivalent

primitive vectors: $\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{x}$, $\vec{a}_2 = a\hat{y}$, $\vec{a}_3 = a\hat{z}$
4 point basis: $\vec{d}_1 = 0$, $\vec{d}_2 = \frac{a}{2}\hat{x}$, $\vec{d}_3 = \frac{a}{2}\hat{y}$, $\vec{d}_4 = \frac{a}{2}\hat{z}$