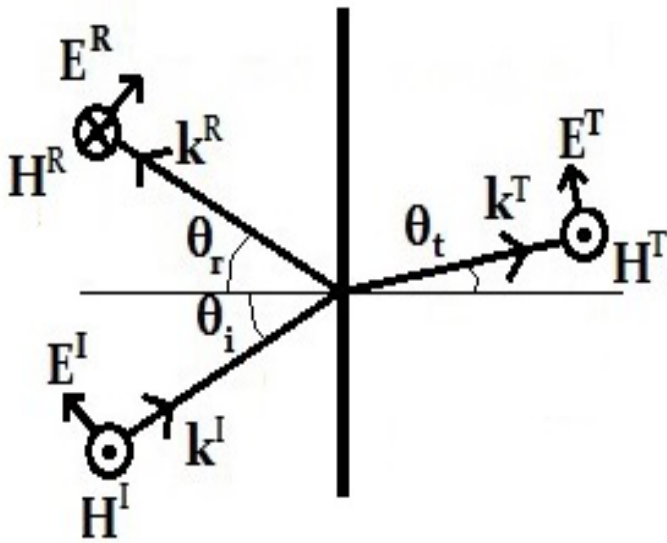


# Oblique Incidence of Plane Waves

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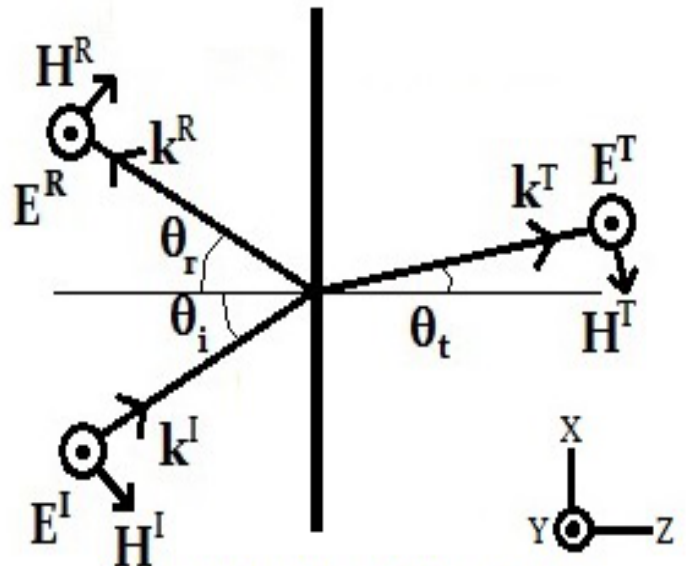
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## 1 The general problem



**Parallel Polarization**

**E-field on the paper**



**Perpendicular Polarization**

**E-field out of paper**

In time domain

$$\begin{cases} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}, t) = E_0^I \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^I \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_E^I \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}, t) = E_0^R \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^R \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_R^R \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}, t) = E_0^T \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^T \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_E^T \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}, t) = H_0^I \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^I \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^I \\ \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}, t) = H_0^R \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^R \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^R \\ \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}, t) = H_0^T \cos(\omega t - \underline{k}^T \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^T \end{cases}$$

Simplified in phasor domain

$$\begin{cases} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}) = E_0^I \exp(-j\underline{k}^I \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_E^I \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}) = E_0^R \exp(-j\underline{k}^R \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_R^R \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}) = E_0^T \exp(-j\underline{k}^T \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_E^T \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}) = H_0^I \exp(-j\underline{k}^I \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^I \\ \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}) = H_0^R \exp(-j\underline{k}^R \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^R \\ \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}) = H_0^T \exp(-j\underline{k}^T \cdot \underline{r}) \hat{k}_H^T \end{cases}$$

The problem is generalized as follows

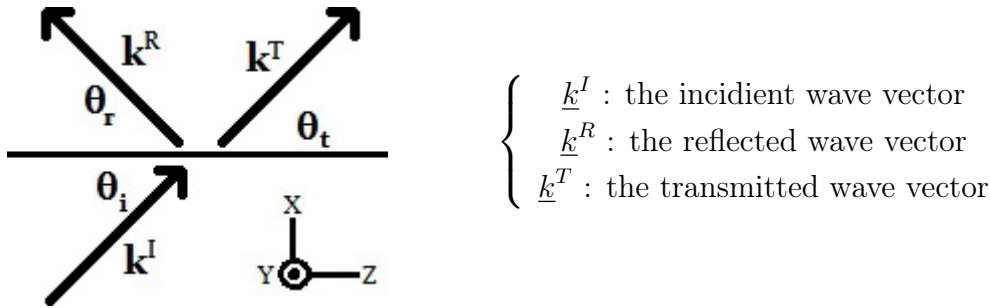
Given the following information

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Incident wave information : } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_0^I : \text{magnitude of incident wave} \\ \hat{k} : \text{direction of incident wave} \\ \omega : \text{frequency of the incident wave} \end{array} \right. \\ \\ \text{Material medium information : } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon : \text{permeativity} \\ \mu : \text{permeability} \\ \sigma : \text{conductivity} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

To find out the following unknowns

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Magnitude of reflected, transmitted wave} \\ \text{Direction of reflected, transmitted wave} \end{array} \right.$$

## 2 The Wave vector $\underline{k}$



Recall, any vector  $\underline{V} = \hat{V}|\underline{V}| = \hat{V}V$ , thus

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k^I : \text{the magnitude of } \underline{k}^I \\ k^R : \text{the magnitude of } \underline{k}^R \\ k^T : \text{the magnitude of } \underline{k}^T \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{k}^I : \text{the direction of } \underline{k}^I \\ \hat{k}^R : \text{the direction of } \underline{k}^R \\ \hat{k}^T : \text{the direction of } \underline{k}^T \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and } \underline{k} = \hat{k}k$$

Furthermore

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_1 : \text{the magnitude of wave vector in media 1} \\ k_2 : \text{the magnitude of wave vector in media 2} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{where } k_i = \omega\sqrt{\mu_i\varepsilon_i}$$

Thus

$$k^I = k^R = k_1 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_1\varepsilon_1} \quad k^T = k_2 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_2\varepsilon_2}$$

And recall, vector can be decompose into it's basis vector

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{k}^I = k_{Ix}\hat{x} + k_{Iz}\hat{z} = k^I \sin \theta_i \hat{x} + k^I \cos \theta_i \hat{z} \\ \underline{k}^R = k_{Rx}\hat{x} - k_{Rz}\hat{z} = k^R \sin \theta_r \hat{x} - k^R \cos \theta_r \hat{z} \\ \underline{k}^T = k_{Tx}\hat{x} + k_{Tz}\hat{z} = k^T \sin \theta_T \hat{x} + k^T \cos \theta_T \hat{z} \end{array} \right.$$

Thus

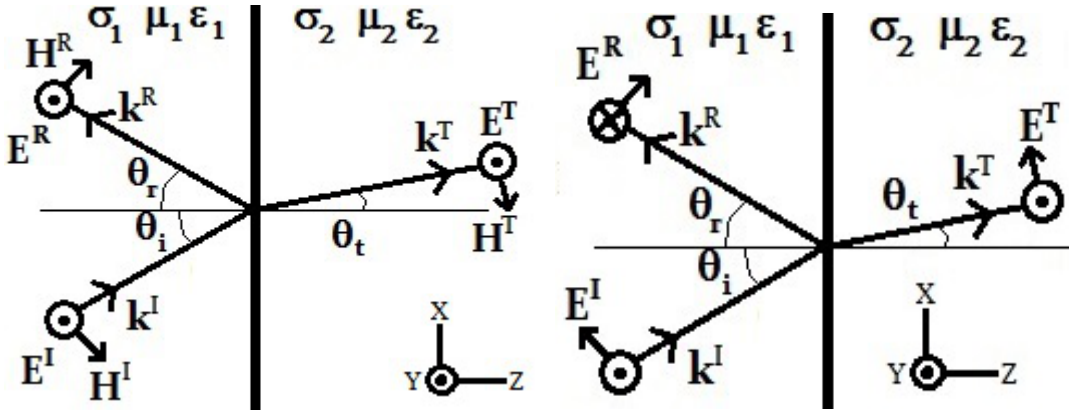
$$\begin{cases} \hat{k}^I = \frac{\underline{k}^I}{|\underline{k}^I|} = \frac{k_{Ix}\hat{x} + k_{Iz}\hat{z}}{k^I} = \sin\theta_i\hat{x} + \cos\theta_i\hat{z} \\ \hat{k}^R = \frac{\underline{k}^R}{|\underline{k}^R|} = \frac{k_{Rx}\hat{x} - k_{Rz}\hat{z}}{k^R} = \sin\theta_r\hat{x} - \cos\theta_r\hat{z} \\ \hat{k}^T = \frac{\underline{k}^T}{|\underline{k}^T|} = \frac{k_{Tx}\hat{x} + k_{Tz}\hat{z}}{k^T} = \sin\theta_T\hat{x} + \cos\theta_T\hat{z} \end{cases}$$

And

$$\begin{cases} \underline{k}^I \cdot \underline{r} = k_{Ix}x + k_{Iz}z = k^I (\sin\theta_i x + \cos\theta_i z) \\ \underline{k}^R \cdot \underline{r} = k_{Rx}x - k_{Rz}z = k^R (\sin\theta_r x - \cos\theta_r z) \\ \underline{k}^T \cdot \underline{r} = k_{Tx}x + k_{Tz}z = k^T (\sin\theta_T x + \cos\theta_T z) \end{cases}$$

### 3 Perpendicular Polarizations

- Expression of  $E^{I,R,T}$  and  $H^{I,R,T}$  and their direction term, propagation term
- Fresnel Relationship and Fresnel Coefficient
- Solving Fresnel Equations
- Special case : Normal incident and only one media



By looking at the diagram

$$\begin{cases} \text{Perpendicular case : all direction of } E \text{ are } +\hat{y}, \text{ so } \hat{k}_E^{I,R,T} = +\hat{y} \\ \text{Parallel case : direction of } H \text{ are } \pm\hat{y}, \text{ so } \hat{k}_H^{I,T} = +\hat{y}, \hat{k}_H^R = -\hat{y} \end{cases}$$

Thus

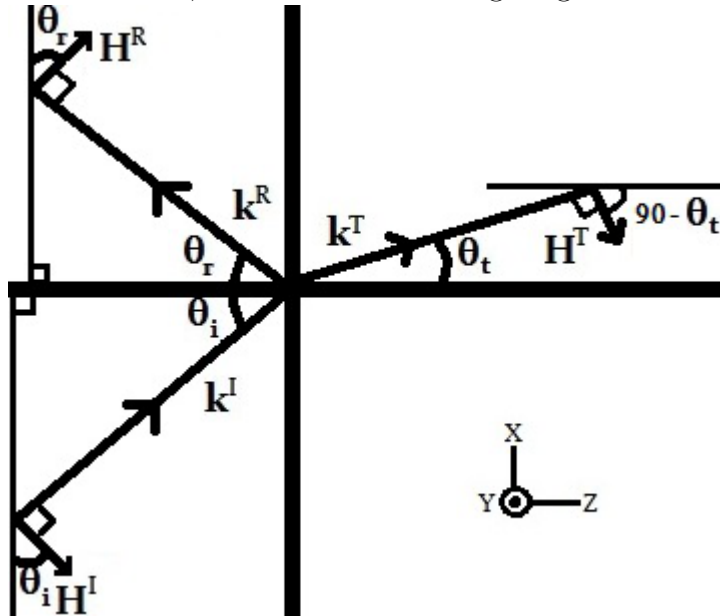
$$\perp \begin{cases} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x - k_{Iz}z) \hat{y} & \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}) = H_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x} - k_{Iz}\hat{z}) (\hat{k}_H^I) \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}) = E_0^R \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) \hat{y} & \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}) = H_0^R \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (\hat{k}_H^R) \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}) = E_0^T \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) \hat{y} & \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}) = H_0^T \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (\hat{k}_H^T) \end{cases}$$

$$\parallel \begin{cases} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x - k_{Iz}z) (\hat{k}_E^I) & \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}) = H_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x} - k_{Iz}\hat{z}) (\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}) = E_0^R \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (\hat{k}_E^R) & \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}) = H_0^R \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (-\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}) = E_0^T \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (\hat{k}_E^T) & \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}) = H_0^T \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (\hat{y}) \end{cases}$$

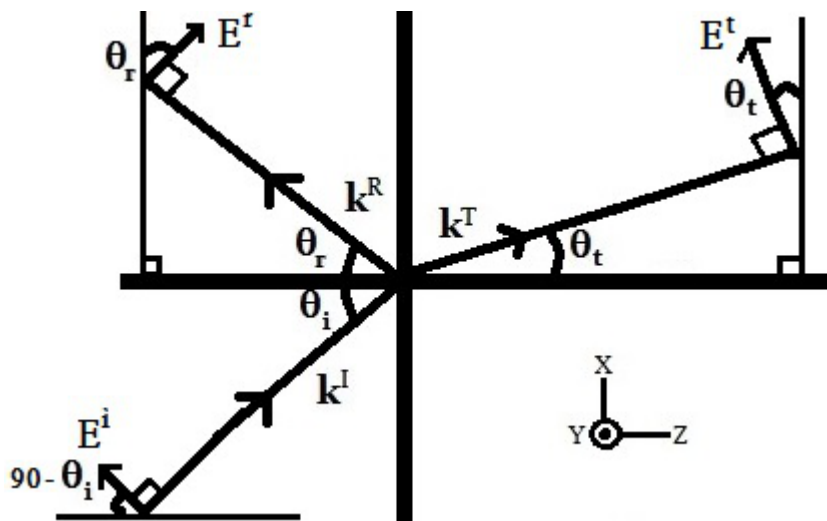
Apply Fresnel Relationship and Relationship between  $H_0$  and  $E_0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_0^R = R_E E_0^I \\ E_0^T = T_E E_0^I \end{array} \right. \text{ and } H_0 = \frac{E_0}{\eta} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} E_0^I & H_0^I = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \\ E_0^R = R E_0^I & H_0^R = \frac{\eta_1 R E_0^I}{\eta_2} \\ E_0^T = T E_0^I & H_0^T = \frac{\eta_1 T E_0^I}{\eta_2} \end{array} \right.$$

Further more, consider the following diagram to find direction of H ( $\perp$  case) and E ( $\parallel$  case)



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{k}_H^I = -\cos \theta_i \hat{x} + \sin \theta_i \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_H^R = \cos \theta_r \hat{x} + \sin \theta_r \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_H^T = -\sin \theta_T \hat{x} + \cos \theta_T \hat{z} \end{array} \right.$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{k}_E^I = \cos \theta_i \hat{x} - \sin \theta_i \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_E^R = \cos \theta_r \hat{x} + \sin \theta_r \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_E^T = \cos \theta_T \hat{x} - \sin \theta_T \hat{z} \end{array} \right.$$

Therefore

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x - k_{Iz}z) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x} - k_{Iz}\hat{z}) (-\cos\theta_i\hat{x} + \sin\theta_i\hat{z}) \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}) = R_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}) = \frac{\eta_1 R_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (\cos\theta_r\hat{x} + \sin\theta_r\hat{z}) \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}) = T_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}) = \frac{\eta_1 T_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (-\sin\theta_T\hat{x} + \cos\theta_T\hat{z}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{E}^I(\underline{r}) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x - k_{Iz}z) (\cos\theta_i\hat{x} - \sin\theta_i\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^I(\underline{r}) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x} - k_{Iz}\hat{z}) (\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^R(\underline{r}) = R_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (\cos\theta_r\hat{x} + \sin\theta_r\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^R(\underline{r}) = \frac{\eta_1 R_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x + k_{Rz}z) (-\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^T(\underline{r}) = T_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (\cos\theta_T\hat{x} - \sin\theta_T\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^T(\underline{r}) = \frac{\eta_1 T_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x - k_{Tz}z) (\hat{y}) \end{array} \right.$$

Now the remaining works to do is to find those Fresnel Coefficient :  $R$  and  $T$

Those value can be found by using boundary condition : basically, the term  $e^{-jkz}$  disappear when putting  $z = 0$

$$\perp (z = 0) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{E}^I(x) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^I(x) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x}) (-\cos\theta_i\hat{x} + \sin\theta_i\hat{z}) \\ \underline{E}^R(x) = R_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^R(x) = \frac{\eta_1 R_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) (\cos\theta_r\hat{x} + \sin\theta_r\hat{z}) \\ \underline{E}^T(x) = T_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) \hat{y} \quad \underline{H}^T(x) = \frac{\eta_1 T_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) (-\sin\theta_T\hat{x} + \cos\theta_T\hat{z}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel (z = 0) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{E}^I(x) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x) (\cos\theta_i\hat{x} - \sin\theta_i\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^I(x) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x}) (\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^R(x) = R_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) (\cos\theta_r\hat{x} + \sin\theta_r\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^R(x) = \frac{\eta_1 R_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) (-\hat{y}) \\ \underline{E}^T(x) = T_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) (\cos\theta_T\hat{x} - \sin\theta_T\hat{z}) \quad \underline{H}^T(x) = \frac{\eta_1 T_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) (\hat{y}) \end{array} \right.$$

Apply boundary condition

"Tangential component of  $E$  fields are equal"

"Tangential component of  $H$  fields are equal"

Note , Generally  $H_{t1} - H_{t2} = J_s$  , but this is the case in equilibrium

For the boundary at  $z$  , the tangential directions are  $x$  and  $y$

That is

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{y-component of } (E^I + E^R)_{\text{at } z=0} = \text{y-component of } (E^T)_{\text{at } z=0} \\ \text{x-component of } (H^I + H^R)_{\text{at } z=0} = \text{x-component of } (H^T)_{\text{at } z=0} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{x-component of } (E^I + E^R)_{\text{at } z=0} = \text{x-component of } (E^T)_{\text{at } z=0} \\ \text{y-component of } (H^I + H^R)_{\text{at } z=0} = \text{xy-component of } (H^T)_{\text{at } z=0} \end{array} \right.$$

Which is

$$\perp (z=0) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{E}^I(x) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x) & \underline{H}^I(x) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x})(-\cos\theta_i) \\ + & + \\ \underline{E}^R(x) = R_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) & \underline{H}^R(x) = \frac{R_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ \underline{E}^T(x) = T_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) & \underline{H}^T(x) = \frac{T_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(-\cos\theta_T) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel (z=0) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{E}^I(x) = E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x)(\cos\theta_i) & \underline{H}^I(x) = \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x}) \\ + & + \\ \underline{E}^R(x) = R_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r) & \underline{H}^R(x) = \frac{R_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(-1) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ \underline{E}^T(x) = T_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(\cos\theta_T) & \underline{H}^T(x) = \frac{T_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) \end{array} \right.$$

i.e.

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x) & \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x})(-\cos\theta_i) \\ + & + \\ R_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) & \frac{R_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ T_{\perp E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) & \frac{T_{\perp E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(-\cos\theta_T) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Ix}x)(\cos\theta_i) & \frac{E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x}) \\ + & + \\ R_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r) & \frac{R_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_1} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(-1) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ T_{\parallel E} E_0^I \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(\cos\theta_T) & \frac{T_{\parallel E} E_0^I}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) \end{array} \right.$$

Rearrange

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exp j(-k_{Ix}x) + R_{\perp E} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x) = T_{\perp E} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) \\ \frac{1}{\eta_1} [\exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x})(-\cos\theta_i) + R_{\perp E} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r)] = \frac{T_{\perp E}}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(-\cos\theta_T) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exp j(-k_{Ix}x)(\cos\theta_i) + R_{\parallel E} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)(\cos\theta_r) = T_{\parallel E} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x)(\cos\theta_T) \\ \frac{1}{\eta_1} [\exp j(-k_{Ix}\hat{x}) - R_{\parallel E} \exp j(-k_{Rx}x)] = \frac{T_{\parallel E}}{\eta_2} \exp j(-k_{Tx}x) \end{array} \right.$$

Since the boundary condition should hold for all  $x$ , then

$$k_{Ix} = k_{Rx} = k_{Tx} \triangleq k_x \quad (1)$$

i.e. They are Law of reflection and refraction

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_{Ix} = k_{Rx} \iff k_1 \sin\theta_i = k_1 \sin\theta_r \iff \theta_i = \theta_r \\ k_{Ix} = k_{Tx} \iff k_1 \sin\theta_i = k_2 \sin\theta_2 \end{array} \right.$$

Then since

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (k^I)^2 = k_{Ix}^2 + k_{Iz}^2 = k_1^2 = \omega^2 \mu_1 \varepsilon_1 \\ (k^R)^2 = k_{Rx}^2 + k_{Rz}^2 = k_1^2 = \omega^2 \mu_1 \varepsilon_1 \\ (k^T)^2 = k_{Tx}^2 + k_{Tz}^2 = k_2^2 = \omega^2 \mu_2 \varepsilon_2 \end{array} \right.$$

Therefore

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_{Iz} = \sqrt{k_1^2 - k_{Ix}^2} = \sqrt{k_1^2 - k_x^2} = \sqrt{k_1^2 - k_{Rx}^2} = k_{Rz} \\ k_{Tz} = \sqrt{k_2^2 - k_{Tx}^2} = \sqrt{k_2^2 - k_x^2} \end{array} \right.$$

Then

$$k_{Iz} = k_{Rz} \triangleq k_z \quad (2)$$

Therefore the Boundary Condition Equation can be simplified ( factor out common term  $e^{-jk_x x}$ )

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 + R_{\perp E} = T_{\perp E} \\ \frac{1}{\eta_1} [-\cos\theta_i + R_{\perp E} \cos\theta_r] = \frac{T_{\perp E}}{\eta_2} (-\cos\theta_T) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos\theta_i + R_{\parallel E} \cos\theta_r = T_{\parallel E} \cos\theta_T \\ \frac{1}{\eta_1} [1 - R_{\parallel E}] = \frac{T_{\parallel E}}{\eta_2} \end{array} \right.$$

And since  $\theta_i = \theta_r$  (Law of reflection), rearrange same term together

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 + R_{\perp E} = T_{\perp E} \\ 1 - R_{\perp E} = \frac{\eta_1 \cos\theta_T}{\eta_2 \cos\theta_i} T_{\perp E} \end{array} \right. \quad \parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 + R_{\parallel E} = \frac{\cos\theta_T}{\cos\theta_i} T_{\parallel E} \\ 1 - R_{\parallel E} = \frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} T_{\parallel E} \end{array} \right.$$

Solving, the Fresnel Coefficients are

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_{\perp E} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_T + \eta_2 \cos \theta_i} \\ R_{\perp E} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_T}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_T + \eta_2 \cos \theta_i} \end{array} \right. \quad \parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_{\parallel E} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i + \eta_2 \cos \theta_T} \\ R_{\parallel E} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_T - \eta_1 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i + \eta_2 \cos \theta_T} \end{array} \right.$$

## 4 Special cases

### 4.1 Normal incidence

Normal incident : When  $\theta_i = 0 = \theta_T$

$$\begin{array}{l} T_{\perp E} = T_{\parallel E} = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} \\ R_{\perp E} = R_{\parallel E} = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} \end{array} \quad \text{There are the same}$$

Further, when  $\eta_2 = \eta_1$  (only one media)

$$\begin{array}{l} T_{\perp E} = T_{\parallel E} = 1 \text{ (all transmitted)} \\ R_{\perp E} = R_{\parallel E} = 0 \text{ (No reflection)} \end{array}$$

### 4.2 Brewster Angle

$$\perp \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_{\perp E} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_T + \eta_2 \cos \theta_i} \\ R_{\perp E} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_T}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_T + \eta_2 \cos \theta_i} \end{array} \right. \quad \parallel \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_{\parallel E} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i + \eta_2 \cos \theta_T} \\ R_{\parallel E} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_T - \eta_1 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i + \eta_2 \cos \theta_T} \end{array} \right.$$

Notice that it is possible for  $R_{\perp} = 0$  and  $R_{\parallel} = 0$  when

$$\eta_2 \cos \theta_i = \eta_1 \cos \theta_T \text{ for } R_{\perp}$$

$$\eta_2 \cos \theta_T = \eta_1 \cos \theta_i \text{ for } R_{\parallel}$$

Do the following (1. turn cos into sin term, 2. Apply Law of refraction to  $\sin \theta_T = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \sin \theta_i$ )

$$\eta_2^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta_i) = \eta_1^2 \left( 1 - \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2} \sin^2 \theta_i \right) \quad \text{for } R_{\perp}$$

$$\eta_2^2 \left( 1 - \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2} \sin^2 \theta_i \right) = \eta_1^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \quad \text{for } R_{\parallel}$$

i.e.

$$\sin \theta_i = \sqrt{\frac{\eta_1^2 - \eta_2^2}{\eta_1^2 \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2} - \eta_2^2}} \quad \text{for } R_{\perp}$$

$$\sin \theta_i = \sqrt{\frac{\eta_1^2 - \eta_2^2}{\eta_1^2 - \eta_2^2 \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2}}} \quad \text{for } R_{\parallel}$$



Expand  $k$  ,  $\eta$

For  $R_{\perp}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta_i &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2}}{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} \mu_1 \varepsilon_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2} \mu_2 \varepsilon_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2}}{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} \mu_1 \varepsilon_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2} \mu_2 \varepsilon_2}} \times \frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1}} \\ \sin \theta_i &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}}}\end{aligned}$$

For  $R_{\parallel}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta_i &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2}}{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2} \mu_1 \varepsilon_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2}}{\frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2} \mu_1 \varepsilon_1}} \times \frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1}} \\ \sin \theta_i &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} - \frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1}}}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, denote this angle as Brewster Angle  $\theta_B$

$$\sin \theta_{B\perp} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}}} \quad \sin \theta_{B\parallel} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\mu_1}{\varepsilon_1}}}$$

A special case , when  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0$  ( non-magnetic material )

$$\sin \theta_{B\perp} = \infty(\text{impossible}) \quad \sin \theta_{B\parallel} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} - 1}{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_1}}{\frac{\varepsilon_2^2 - \varepsilon_1^2}{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2}}$$

By  $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 \theta} - 1}$$

Plug in  $\sin \theta_{B\parallel}$

$$\tan \theta_B = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}}$$

i.e. It is impossible for  $R_{\perp} = 0$  for non-magnetic material, but possible for  $R_{\parallel}$

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