
Homework Solutions 9 (Griffiths Chapter 9)

17 Use equations (9.101) with $(\tilde{E}_{0_I})_{x,z} = 0$. Item (i) gives $0 = 0$. Using Snell's law, (ii) results in:

$$\frac{1}{v_1} (\tilde{E}_{0_I} + \tilde{E}_{0_R}) \sin \theta_I = \frac{1}{v_2} \tilde{E}_{0_T} \sin \theta_T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{E}_{0_I} + \tilde{E}_{0_R} = \tilde{E}_{0_T}$$

That's also what is given by (iii), so that was redundant. Then, (iv) gives:

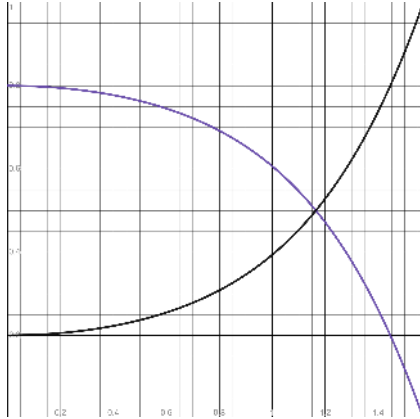
$$\frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} (-\tilde{E}_{0_I} + \tilde{E}_{0_R}) \cos \theta_I = -\frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \tilde{E}_{0_T} \cos \theta_T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{E}_{0_I} - \tilde{E}_{0_R} = \alpha \beta \tilde{E}_{0_T}$$

Adding and then subtracting the two equations, we get Fresnel's equations:

$$\tilde{E}_{0_T} = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha \beta} \tilde{E}_{0_I} \quad \tilde{E}_{0_R} = \frac{1 - \alpha \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta} \tilde{E}_{0_I}$$

Now, to draw the graph,

$$\alpha \beta = \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2 - \sin^2 \theta_I}{\cos^2 \theta_I}}$$



The upward curving line is $\tilde{E}_{0_R}/\tilde{E}_{0_I}$; note that since $\alpha \beta > 1$ for $0 < \theta_I < \pi/2$, the real amplitude ratio is the absolute value.

There is no Brewster's angle where $\tilde{E}_{0_R} = 0$. For $\alpha \beta = 1$, we need

$$1 - \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{\mu_2 v_2}{\mu_1 v_1}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

For most media, $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2$, so we get $1 \approx (v_2/v_1)^2$, but that just means there is no true interface.

$\alpha = 1$ at normal incidence, so

$$\tilde{E}_{0T} = \frac{2}{1+\beta} \tilde{E}_{0I} \quad \tilde{E}_{0R} = \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \tilde{E}_{0I}$$

which are the same as equation (9.82).

The reflection and transmission coefficients are

$$R = \left(\frac{1-\alpha\beta}{1+\alpha\beta} \right)^2 \quad T = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} \left(\frac{2}{1+\alpha\beta} \right)^2 \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I} = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{2}{1+\alpha\beta} \right)^2$$

$$R + T = \frac{(1-2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2\beta^2) + 4\alpha\beta}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = \frac{(1+2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2\beta^2)}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = 1$$

32 For TM, we want $B_z = 0$ and $E_z = X(x)Y(y)$. The boundary conditions require that $\mathbf{E}^{\parallel} = 0$, and therefore $E_z = 0$ when $x = 0, x = a, y = 0, y = a$. We have

$$X(x) = A \sin k_x x + B \cos k_x x \quad Y(y) = C \sin k_y y + D \cos k_y y$$

With the boundary conditions, $B = D = 0$, and we end up with

$$E_x = E_0 \sin \left(\frac{m\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right) \quad m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The cutoff frequencies, and the wave and group velocity results are exactly the same as with TE modes. But because now m and n start from 1, not 0, the lowest TM mode is TM_{11} , while with TE it's TE_{10} . Therefore the frequency ratio is

$$\frac{\omega_{11}}{\omega_{10}} = \frac{c\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}}}{c\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2}}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}}$$

37 Spherical waves, involving $j_1(kr - \omega t)$.

(a) Since only $E_\phi \neq 0$, and that doesn't depend on ϕ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} E_\phi = 0$$

Then the curl:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta E_\phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r E_\phi) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\ &= \frac{2A \cos \theta}{r^2} \left(\cos u - \frac{\sin u}{kr} \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{A \sin \theta}{r} \left(-k \sin u + \frac{\sin u}{kr^2} - \frac{\cos u}{r} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\end{aligned}$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{B} = \int^t dt \nabla \times \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} &= \frac{2A \cos \theta}{\omega r^2} \left(\sin u + \frac{\cos u}{kr} \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{A \sin \theta}{\omega r} \left(-k \cos u + \frac{\cos u}{kr^2} + \frac{\sin u}{r} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\end{aligned}$$

We now need to check the remaining Maxwell's equations with this \mathbf{B} :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 B_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta B_\theta) = 0$$

And then,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r B_\theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} B_r \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \frac{A \sin \theta}{cr} \left(k \sin u + \frac{\cos u}{r} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

which is the same as

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E} = \frac{A \sin \theta}{cr} \left(k \sin u + \frac{\cos u}{r} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

(b) Just grinding through the algebra, the ugly result is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \\ &= \frac{A^2 \sin \theta}{\mu_0 \omega r^2} \left\{ \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2 r^2} \right) \sin u \cos u + \frac{1}{kr} (\cos^2 u - \sin^2 u) \right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sin \theta \left[\left(-\frac{2}{r} + \frac{1}{k^2 r^3} \right) \sin u \cos u + k \cos^2 u + \frac{1}{kr^2} (\sin^2 u - \cos^2 u) \right] \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Averaging, we have $\langle \cos^2 u \rangle = \langle \sin^2 u \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\langle \sin u \cos u \rangle = 0$.

$$\mathbf{I} = \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \frac{A^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \mu_0 c} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

That's the correct direction and r -dependence for a spherical wave.

(c) Total power radiated:

$$\int d\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{I} = \frac{A^2}{2\mu_0 c} \int r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} = \frac{4\pi A^2}{3\mu_0 c}$$

41 Total internal reflection:

(a) We have $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_T = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{0T} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$. Then,

$$\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{r} = k_T(x \sin \theta_T + z \cos \theta_T) = kx + i\kappa z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_T = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{0T} e^{-\kappa z} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

(b) With complex α, β ,

$$R = \left| \frac{\tilde{E}_{0R}}{\tilde{E}_{0I}} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right|^2$$

In our case β is real, but α is imaginary: $\alpha = i|\alpha|$. Therefore, if $\beta + i|\alpha| = \mathcal{Z}$, then

$$R = \left| \frac{-\mathcal{Z}^*}{\mathcal{Z}} \right|^2 = 1$$

since that is true for any complex number.

(c) The other polarization, and again with β real and α imaginary:

$$R = \left| \frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right|^2 = 1$$

(d) Using the solutions to 9.17 and (a) here, the real part of $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_T$ is

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{-\kappa z} \cos(kx - \omega t + \delta) \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

It seems Griffiths wants us to choose the phase $\delta = 0$. We'll do so. The complex magnetic field is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{1}{v_2} \tilde{E}_{0T} e^{-\kappa z} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \left(-i \frac{c\kappa}{\omega n_2} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{ck}{\omega n_2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right)$$

Its real part is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= \frac{cE_0}{v_2 \omega n_2} \text{Re} \{ [\cos(kx - \omega t) + i \sin(kx - \omega t)] [-i\kappa \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \} \\ &= \frac{E_0}{\omega} e^{-\kappa z} [\kappa \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \end{aligned}$$

(e) Grind through the equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_y = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \kappa E_0 e^{-\kappa z} \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - k E_0 e^{-\kappa z} \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{z}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = (k^2 - \kappa^2) \frac{E_0}{\omega} e^{-\kappa z} \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Here, note that $k^2 - \kappa^2 = (n_2 \omega / c)^2 = \omega^2 \mu_2 \epsilon_2$. So

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_2 \epsilon_2 E_0 \omega e^{-\kappa z} \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mu_2 \epsilon_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E}$$

(f) Poynting vector:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu_2} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \\ &= \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_2 \omega} e^{-2\kappa z} [k \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \kappa \sin(kx - \omega t) \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \end{aligned}$$

Averaging, $\langle \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\langle \sin(kx - \omega t) \cos(kx - \omega t) \rangle = 0$, so

$$\mathbf{I} = \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \frac{E_0^2 k}{2\mu_2 \omega} e^{-2\kappa z} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Nothing is transmitted in the z -direction.