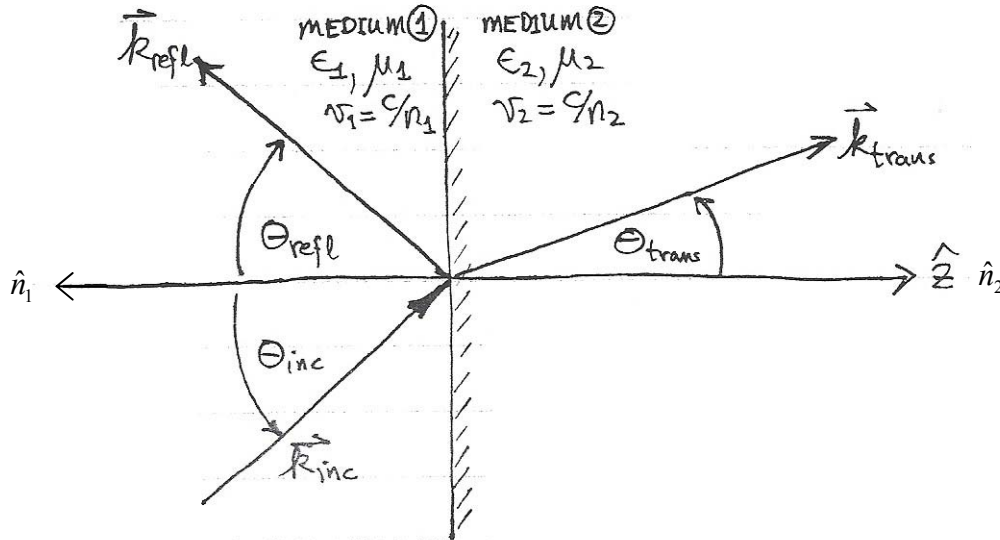


LECTURE NOTES 6.5

Reflection & Transmission of Monochromatic Plane *EM* Waves at Oblique Incidence at a Boundary Between Two Linear / Homogeneous / Isotropic Media

A monochromatic *EM* plane wave is incident at an **oblique** angle θ_{inc} on a boundary between two linear/homogeneous/isotropic media. A portion of this *EM* wave is reflected at angle θ_{refl} , a portion of this *EM* wave is transmitted, at angle θ_{trans} . The three angles are defined with respect to the unit **normals** to the interface \hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2 , as shown in the figure below:



The incident *EM* wave is: $\vec{E}_{inc}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{o_{inc}} e^{i(\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$ and: $\vec{B}_{inc}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} \hat{k}_{inc} \times \vec{E}_{inc}(\vec{r}, t)$

The reflected *EM* wave is: $\vec{E}_{refl}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} e^{i(\vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$ and: $\vec{B}_{refl}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} \hat{k}_{refl} \times \vec{E}_{refl}(\vec{r}, t)$

The transmitted *EM* wave is: $\vec{E}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} e^{i(\vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$ and: $\vec{B}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_2} \hat{k}_{trans} \times \vec{E}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t)$

Note that all three *EM* waves have the same frequency, $f = \omega/2\pi$

This is due to the fact that at the microscopic level, the energy of real photon does not change in a medium, *i.e.* $E_\gamma^{vac} = E_\gamma^{med} = E_\gamma$, and since $E_\gamma = hf_\gamma$ for real photons, then $hf_\gamma^{vac} = hf_\gamma^{med} = hf_\gamma$. Thus, the frequency of a real photon does not change in a medium, *i.e.* $f_\gamma^{vac} = f_\gamma^{med} = f_\gamma$ {*n.b.* An experimental fact: colors of objects do not change when placed & viewed *e.g.* underwater}.

However, the momentum of a real photon does change in a medium! This is because the momentum of the real photon in a medium depends on index of refraction of that medium n_{med} via the relation $p_\gamma^{med} = n_{med} p_\gamma^{vac}$ where $n_{med} = c/v_{med}$. Thus the photon momentum depends {inversely} on the speed of propagation in the medium!

From the DeBroglie relation between momentum and wavelength of the real photon $p_\gamma = h/\lambda_\gamma$ we see that $p_\gamma^{med} = n_{med} p_\gamma^{vac} = n_{med} (h/\lambda_\gamma^{vac}) = h(n_{med}/\lambda_\gamma^{vac}) = h/\lambda_\gamma^{med}$ and hence $\lambda_\gamma^{med} = \lambda_\gamma^{vac}/n_{med}$.

Thus, for **macroscopic** EM waves propagating in the two linear/homogeneous/isotropic media (1) and (2), we have $f_1 = f_2 = f$, and since $\omega = 2\pi f$ then $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega$.

But since: $\omega = kv$ then: $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega \Rightarrow k_1 v_1 = k_2 v_2$ thus: $\omega = k_{inc} v_1 = k_{refl} v_1 = k_{trans} v_2$

Now: $k_{inc} = |\vec{k}_{inc}| = 2\pi/\lambda_1$; $k_{refl} = |\vec{k}_{refl}| = 2\pi/\lambda_1$; $k_{trans} = |\vec{k}_{trans}| = 2\pi/\lambda_2$

And: $\omega = \omega_1 = \omega_2 = 2\pi(v_1/\lambda_1) = 2\pi(v_2/\lambda_2)$

Then: $\omega = 2\pi f_1 = 2\pi f_2 = 2\pi f_2 \Rightarrow f_1 = f_2 = f_{inc} = f_{refl} = f_{trans}$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ f_{inc} & f_{refl} & f_{trans} \end{matrix}$

Then: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_o/n_1$ $\lambda_2 = \lambda_o/n_2$ where: $\lambda_o = \text{vacuum wavelength} = c/f$

And: $v_1 = c/n_1$ $v_2 = c/n_2$

Thus: $k_1 = n_1 k_o$ $k_2 = n_2 k_o$ where: $k_o = \text{vacuum wavenumber} = 2\pi/\lambda_o = \omega/c$

From: $\omega = k_{inc} v_1 = k_{refl} v_1 = k_{trans} v_2$

We see that: $k_{inc} = k_{refl} = k_1 = \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) k_{trans} = \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) k_2 = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) k_{trans} = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) k_2$ Since $v_i = c/n_i$ $i = 1, 2$

The **total** (i.e. combined) EM fields in medium 1):

$$\vec{\tilde{E}}_{Tot_1}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\tilde{E}}_{inc}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{\tilde{E}}_{refl}(\vec{r}, t) \quad \text{and:} \quad \vec{\tilde{B}}_{Tot_1}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\tilde{B}}_{inc}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{\tilde{B}}_{refl}(\vec{r}, t)$$

must be matched (i.e. joined smoothly) to the total EM fields in medium 2):

$$\vec{\tilde{E}}_{Tot_2}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\tilde{E}}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t) \quad \text{and:} \quad \vec{\tilde{B}}_{Tot_2}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\tilde{B}}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t)$$

using the boundary conditions BC1) \rightarrow BC4) at $z = 0$ (in the x - y plane).

At $z = 0$, these four boundary conditions generically are of the form:

$$(\text{---}) e^{i(\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + (\text{---}) e^{i(\vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = (\text{---}) e^{i(\vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

These boundary conditions **must** hold for **all** (x, y) on the interface at $z = 0$, and also **must** hold for **arbitrary/any/all times**, t . The above relation is **already** satisfied for arbitrary time, t , since the factor $e^{-i\omega t}$ is common to **all** terms.

Thus, the following generic relation **must** hold for **any/all** (x,y) on the interface at $\underline{z=0}$:

$$\left(\text{---} \right) e^{i(\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r})} + \left(\text{---} \right) e^{i(\vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r})} = \left(\text{---} \right) e^{i(\vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r})}$$

\Rightarrow For $\underline{z=0}$ (i.e. **on** the interface in the x - y plane) we **must** have: $\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r}$

More explicitly: $k_{inc_x} x + k_{inc_y} y + \underbrace{k_{inc_z}}_{z=0} z = k_{refl_x} x + k_{refl_y} y + \underbrace{k_{refl_z}}_{z=0} z = k_{trans_x} x + k_{trans_y} y + \underbrace{k_{trans_z}}_{z=0} z$

or: $k_{inc_x} x + k_{inc_y} y = k_{refl_x} x + k_{refl_y} y = k_{trans_x} x + k_{trans_y} y$ @ $z = 0$ in the x - y plane.

The above relation can **only** hold for **arbitrary** $(x, y, z = 0)$ **iff** (= if and only if):

$$k_{inc_x} x = k_{refl_x} x = k_{trans_x} x \Rightarrow k_{inc_x} = k_{refl_x} = k_{trans_x}$$

and: $k_{inc_y} y = k_{refl_y} y = k_{trans_y} y \Rightarrow k_{inc_y} = k_{refl_y} = k_{trans_y}$

Since this problem has **rotational invariance** (i.e. rotational **symmetry**) about the \hat{z} -axis, (see above pix on p. 1), without any loss of generality we can e.g. choose \vec{k}_{inc} to lie entirely within the x - z plane, as shown in the figure below...

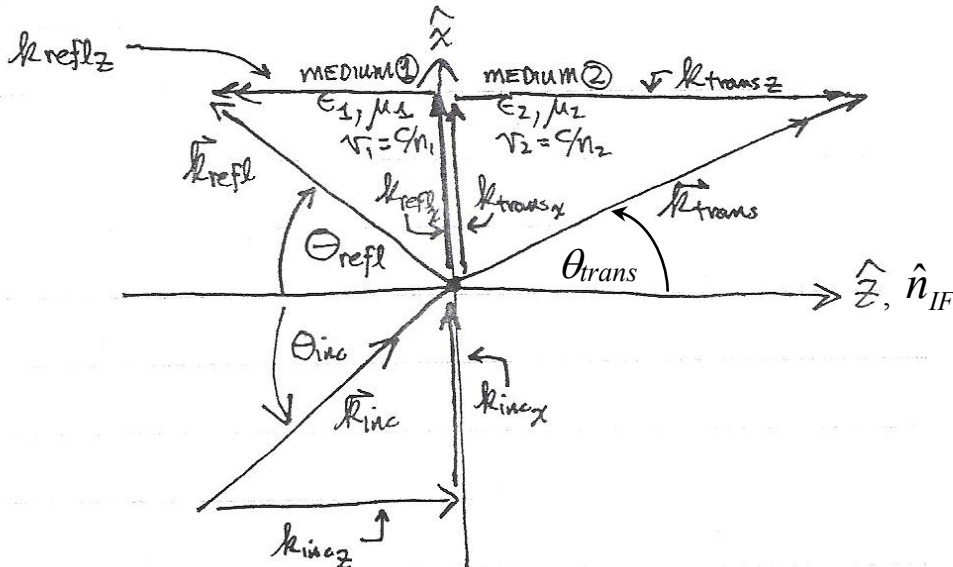
Then: $k_{inc_y} = k_{refl_y} = k_{trans_y} = 0$ and thus: $k_{inc_x} = k_{refl_x} = k_{trans_x}$.

i.e. the **transverse** components of $\vec{k}_{inc}, \vec{k}_{refl}, \vec{k}_{trans}$ are all equal and point in the {same} $+\hat{x}$ direction.

The First Law of Geometrical Optics (All wavevectors k lie in a common plane):

The above result tells us that the three wave vectors $\vec{k}_{inc}, \vec{k}_{refl}$ and \vec{k}_{trans} **ALL LIE IN A PLANE** known as the **plane of incidence** (**here**, the x - z plane) **and** that: $k_{inc_x} = k_{refl_x} = k_{trans_x}$ as shown in the figure below. Note that the plane of incidence also includes the **unit normal** to the interface **{here}**, $\hat{n}_{IF} = +\hat{z}$ -axis.

The x - z Plane of Incidence:



The Second Law of Geometrical Optics (Law of Reflection):

From the above figure, we see that:

$$\boxed{k_{inc_x} = k_{inc} \sin \theta_{inc}} = \boxed{k_{refl_x} = k_{refl} \sin \theta_{refl}} = \boxed{k_{trans_x} = k_{trans} \sin \theta_{trans}}$$

But: $\boxed{k_{inc} = k_{refl} = k_1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin \theta_{inc} = \sin \theta_{refl}}$

\Rightarrow Angle of Incidence = Angle of Reflection $\boxed{\theta_{inc} = \theta_{refl}}$ Law of Reflection!

The Third Law of Geometrical Optics (Law of Refraction – Snell’s Law):

For the transmitted angle, θ_{trans} we see that: $\boxed{k_{inc} \sin \theta_{inc} = k_{trans} \sin \theta_{trans}}$

In medium 1): $\boxed{k_{inc} = k_1 = \omega/v_1 = n_1 \omega/c = n_1 k_o}$

where $\boxed{k_o = \text{vacuum wave number} = 2\pi/\lambda_o}$ and $\boxed{\lambda_o = \text{vacuum wave length}}$

In medium 2): $\boxed{k_{trans} = k_2 = \omega/v_2 = n_2 \omega/c = n_2 k_o}$

Thus: $\boxed{k_{inc} \sin \theta_{inc} = k_{trans} \sin \theta_{trans}} \Rightarrow \boxed{k_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = k_2 \sin \theta_{trans}}$

But since: $\boxed{k_{inc} = k_1 = n_1 k_o}$ and $\boxed{k_{trans} = k_2 = n_2 k_o}$

Then: $\boxed{k_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = k_2 \sin \theta_{trans}} \Rightarrow \boxed{n_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans}}$ Law of Refraction (Snell’s Law)

Which can also be written as: $\boxed{\frac{\sin \theta_{trans}}{\sin \theta_{inc}} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}}$

Since θ_{trans} refers to medium 2) and θ_{inc} refers to medium 1) we can also write Snell’s Law as:

$$\boxed{n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2} \quad \text{or:} \quad \boxed{\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}}$$

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 (incident) (transmitted)

Because of the above **three laws of geometrical optics**, we see that:

$$\boxed{\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r} \Big|_{z=0} = \vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r} \Big|_{z=0} = \vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r} \Big|_{z=0}} \text{ everywhere at/on the interface @ } z = 0 \text{ in the } x\text{-}y \text{ plane.}$$

Thus we see that: $\boxed{e^{i(\vec{k}_{inc} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \Big|_{z=0} = e^{i(\vec{k}_{refl} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \Big|_{z=0} = e^{i(\vec{k}_{trans} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \Big|_{z=0}}$ everywhere at/on the interface at $z = 0$ in the $x\text{-}y$ plane, this relation is also valid/holds for any/all time(s) t , since ω is the same in either medium (1 or 2).

Thus, the boundary conditions BC 1) → BC 4) for a monochromatic plane EM wave incident at/on an interface at an oblique angle θ_{inc} between two linear/homogeneous/isotropic media become:

BC 1): Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{D} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface charges):

$$\boxed{\varepsilon_1 (\tilde{E}_{o_{incz}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{reflz}}) = \varepsilon_2 \tilde{E}_{o_{transz}}} \quad \left\{ \text{using } \vec{D} = \varepsilon \vec{E} \right\}$$

BC 2): Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{E} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\boxed{(\tilde{E}_{o_{incx,y}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{reflx,y}}) = \tilde{E}_{o_{transx,y}}}$$

BC 3): Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{B} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\boxed{(\tilde{B}_{o_{incz}} + \tilde{B}_{o_{reflz}}) = \tilde{B}_{o_{transz}}}$$

BC 4): Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{H} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface currents):

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\mu_1} (\tilde{B}_{o_{incx,y}} + \tilde{B}_{o_{reflx,y}}) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \tilde{B}_{o_{transx,y}}}$$

Note that in each of the above, we also have the relation $\boxed{\vec{B}_o = \frac{1}{v} \hat{k} \times \vec{E}_o}$

For a EM plane wave incident on a boundary between two linear / homogeneous / isotropic media at an **oblique** angle of incidence, there are **three** possible **polarization** cases to consider:

Case I): $\vec{E}_{inc} \perp$ plane of incidence – known as **Transverse Electric (TE) Polarization**
 $\{ \vec{B}_{inc} \parallel$ plane of incidence $\}$

Case II): $\vec{E}_{inc} \parallel$ plane of incidence – known as **Transverse Magnetic (TM) Polarization**
 $\{ \vec{B}_{inc} \perp$ plane of incidence $\}$

Case III): **The most general case:** \vec{E}_{inc} is neither \perp nor \parallel to the plane of incidence.
 $\{ \Rightarrow \vec{B}_{inc}$ is neither \parallel nor \perp to the plane of incidence $\}$

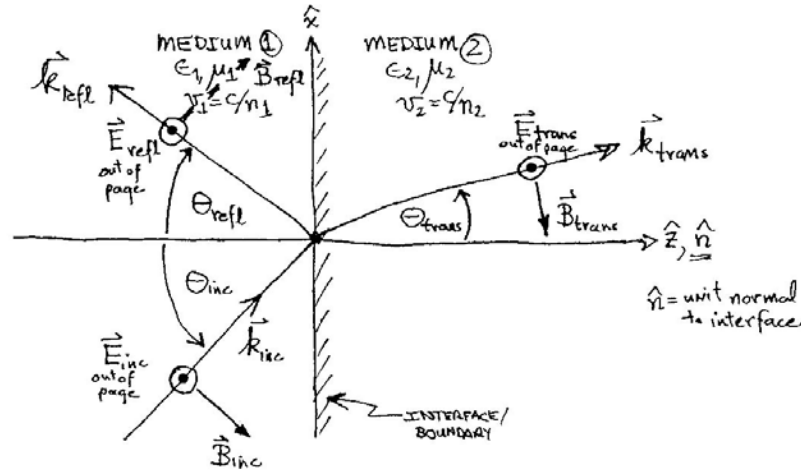
i.e. Case III is a linear **vector** combination of Cases I) and II) above!

- LP vector: $\boxed{\hat{n}_{inc}^{LP} = \cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin \varphi \hat{y} = \cos \varphi \hat{e}_{\perp} + \sin \varphi \hat{e}_{\parallel}}$
- CP vector: $\boxed{\hat{n}_{inc}^{CP} = \hat{x} \mp i \hat{y}}$, also the EP (elliptical polarization case).

\Rightarrow Simply decompose the polarization components for the general-case incident EM plane wave into its $\hat{x} = \hat{e}_{\perp}$ and $\hat{y} = \hat{e}_{\parallel}$ vector components – *i.e.* the E -field components perpendicular to and parallel to the plane of incidence (TE polarization and TM polarization respectively). Solve these separately, then combine results vectorially...

**Case D): Electric Field Vectors Perpendicular to the Plane of Incidence:
Transverse Electric (TE) Polarization**

A monochromatic plane EM wave is incident {from the left} on a boundary located at $z = 0$ in the x - y plane between two linear / homogeneous / isotropic media at an oblique angle of incidence. The polarization of the incident EM wave (*i.e.* the orientation of \vec{E}_{inc} is transverse (*i.e.* \perp) to the plane of incidence {= the x - z plane containing the three wavevectors $\vec{k}_{inc}, \vec{k}_{refl}, \vec{k}_{trans}$ and the unit normal to the boundary/interface, $\hat{n} = +\hat{z}$ }), as shown in the figure below:



Note that all three \vec{E} -field vectors are $\parallel \hat{y}$ (*i.e.* point out of the page) and thus all three \vec{E} -field vectors are \parallel to the boundary/interface at $z = 0$, which lies in the x - y plane.

Since the three \vec{B} -field vectors are related to their respective \vec{E} -field vectors by the right-hand rule cross-product relation $\vec{B} = \frac{1}{v} \hat{k} \times \vec{E}$ then we see that all three \vec{B} -field vectors lie in the x - z plane {the plane of incidence}, as shown in the figure above.

The four boundary conditions on the {complex} \vec{E} - and \vec{B} -fields on the boundary at $z = 0$ are:

BC 1) Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{D} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface charges)

$$\epsilon_1 \left(\frac{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc_z}}}{=} + \frac{\tilde{E}_{o_{refl_z}}}{=} \right) = \epsilon_2 \frac{\tilde{E}_{o_{trans_z}}}{=} \Rightarrow \boxed{0 + 0 = 0} \quad \{\text{see/refer to above figure}\}$$

BC 2) Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{E} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc_y}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl_y}} \right) = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans_y}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \quad \{\text{n.b. All } E_x \text{'s} = 0 \text{ for TE Polarization}\}$$

BC 3) Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{B} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\left(\tilde{B}_{o_{inc_z}} + \tilde{B}_{o_{refl_z}} \right) = \tilde{B}_{o_{trans_z}}$$

BC 3) {continued}: *n.b.* Since only the z-components of \vec{B} 's on either side of interface are involved here, and all unit wavevectors \hat{k}_{inc} , \hat{k}_{refl} and \hat{k}_{trans} lie in the plane of incidence (x - y plane) and all \vec{E} -field vectors are \parallel to the $+\hat{y}$ direction for TE polarization, then because of the cross-product nature of $\vec{B} = \frac{1}{v} \hat{k} \times \vec{E}$, we only need the x-components of the unit wavevectors, *i.e.*:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{k}_{inc} &= \hat{k}_{inc_x} + \hat{k}_{inc_z} = \sin \theta_{inc} \hat{x} + \cos \theta_{inc} \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_{refl} &= \hat{k}_{refl_x} + \hat{k}_{refl_z} = \sin \theta_{refl} \hat{x} - \cos \theta_{refl} \hat{z} \\ \hat{k}_{trans} &= \hat{k}_{trans_x} + \hat{k}_{trans_z} = \sin \theta_{trans} \hat{x} + \cos \theta_{trans} \hat{z} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{See/refer to} \\ \text{above figure} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\tilde{B}_{o_{inc_z}} \hat{z} + \tilde{B}_{o_{refl_z}} \hat{z} \right) &= \tilde{B}_{o_{trans_z}} \hat{z} = \frac{1}{v_1} \left(\hat{k}_{inc_x} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{inc_y}} \hat{y} + \hat{k}_{refl_x} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{refl_y}} \hat{y} \right) = \frac{1}{v_2} \left(\hat{k}_{trans_x} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{trans_y}} \hat{y} \right) \quad \{ \hat{x} \times \hat{y} = +\hat{z} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{v_1} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \sin \theta_{inc} \{ \hat{x} \times \hat{y} \} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \sin \theta_{refl} \{ \hat{x} \times \hat{y} \} \right) = \frac{1}{v_2} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \sin \theta_{trans} \{ \hat{x} \times \hat{y} \} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{v_1} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \sin \theta_{inc} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \sin \theta_{refl} \right) \hat{z} = \frac{1}{v_2} \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \sin \theta_{trans} \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

BC 4) Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{H} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface currents):

n.b. Same reasoning as in BC3 above, but here we only need the z-components of the unit wavevectors, *i.e.*:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\tilde{B}_{o_{inc_x}} \hat{x} + \tilde{B}_{o_{refl_x}} \hat{x} \right) &= \frac{1}{\mu_2} \tilde{B}_{o_{trans_x}} \hat{x} \quad \{ n.b. \text{ All } B_y \text{'s} = 0 \text{ for } TE \text{ Polarization - see above pix} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\hat{k}_{inc_z} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{inc_y}} \hat{y} + \hat{k}_{refl_z} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{refl_y}} \hat{y} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \left(\hat{k}_{trans_z} \times \tilde{E}_{o_{trans_y}} \hat{y} \right) \quad \{ \hat{z} \times \hat{y} = -\hat{x} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \cos \theta_{inc} \{ \hat{z} \times \hat{y} \} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \cos \theta_{refl} \{ -\hat{z} \times \hat{y} \} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \cos \theta_{trans} \{ \hat{z} \times \hat{y} \} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} (-\cos \theta_{inc}) + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \cos \theta_{refl} \right) \hat{x} = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} (-\cos \theta_{trans}) \hat{x} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain: $\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}$ (from BC 2))

Using the Law of Reflection $\theta_{inc} = \theta_{refl}$ on the BC 3) result: $\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta_{trans}}{\sin \theta_{inc}} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}$

Using Snell's Law / Law of Refraction:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans} \Rightarrow \frac{n_1}{c} \sin \theta_{inc} = \frac{n_2}{c} \sin \theta_{trans} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{v_1} \sin \theta_{inc} = \frac{1}{v_2} \sin \theta_{trans}$$

or: $v_2 \sin \theta_{inc} = v_1 \sin \theta_{trans}$ or: $\left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta_{trans}}{\sin \theta_{inc}} \right) = 1$

$$\therefore \boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{v_1 \cdot \sin \theta_{trans}}{v_2 \cdot \sin \theta_{inc}} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \quad \text{i.e. BC 3) gives the same info as BC 1) !}$$

From the BC 4) result:

$$\boxed{\left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} - \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \right) = \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1 \cdot \cos \theta_{trans}}{\mu_2 v_2 \cdot \cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}}$$

Thus, {again} from BC 1) → BC 4) we have **only two** independent relations, but **three** unknowns for the case of transverse electric (TE) polarization:

$$\begin{aligned} 1) & \quad \boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \\ 2) & \quad \boxed{\left(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} - \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \right) = \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1 \cdot \cos \theta_{trans}}{\mu_2 v_2 \cdot \cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \end{aligned}$$

Now: $\beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$ and we also define: $\alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right)$ {n.b. Both α and $\beta > 0$ and **real**}

Then eqn. 2) above becomes: $\boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} - \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \alpha \beta \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}}$ and eqn. 1) is: $\boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}}$

Add equations 1) + 2) to get: $\boxed{2\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} = (1 + \alpha\beta) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}} \quad \text{eqn. (1+2)}$

Subtract eqn's 2) – 1) to get: $\boxed{2\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = (1 - \alpha\beta) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{2} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}} \quad \text{eqn. (2-1)}$

Plug eqn. (2+1) into eqn. (2-1) to obtain: $\boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{2} \right) \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}}$

Thus: $\boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}}$ and $\boxed{\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) \tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}}$ or: $\boxed{\frac{\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}}}{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)}$ and $\boxed{\frac{\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}}}{\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}} = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)}$

n.b. since **both** α and $\beta > 0$ and purely **real** quantities then: $\left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right) > 0$ and hence the transmitted wave is **always** in-phase with the incident wave for TE polarization.

The ratios of electric field amplitudes @ $z = 0$ for transverse electric (TE) polarization are thus:

The Fresnel Equations for $\vec{E} \parallel$ to Interface @ $z = 0$

$\vec{E} \perp$ to Plane of Incidence = Transverse Electric (TE) Polarization

$$\boxed{\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)} \quad \text{with:} \quad \boxed{\alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right)} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{\beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right)}$$

Now because the incident monochromatic plane *EM* wave strikes the interface (lying in the *x-y* plane) at an **oblique** angle θ_{inc} , the time-averaged EM wave **intensity** is $I(z=0) \equiv \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ (*Watts/m²*) where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the unit normal of the interface, oriented in the direction of energy flow.

Because the **incident** *EM* wave is propagating in a linear / homogeneous / isotropic medium, we have the relation: $\left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle = v_1 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{inc}$. Thus, the time-averaged **incident** intensity (*aka irradiance*) for an **oblique** angle of incidence is:

$$I_{inc}(z=0) \equiv \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = v_1 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{inc} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = v_1 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cos \theta_{inc}$$

For *TE* polarization the incident, reflected and transmitted intensities are:

$$I_{inc}^{TE}(z=0) \equiv \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = v_1 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{inc}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{inc} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_1 v_1 \left(E_{o_{inc}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}$$

$$I_{refl}^{TE}(z=0) \equiv \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{refl}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = v_1 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{refl}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{inc} \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_1 v_1 \left(E_{o_{refl}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}$$

$$I_{trans}^{TE}(z=0) \equiv \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{trans}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = v_2 \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{EM}^{trans}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{trans} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{1}{2} v_2 \varepsilon_2 \left(E_{o_{trans}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{trans}$$

n.b. used law of reflection: $\theta_{refl} = \theta_{inc}$

Thus the reflection and transmission coefficients for transverse electric (*TE*) polarization (with all \vec{E} -field vectors oriented \perp to the plane of incidence) @ $z=0$ are:

$$R_{TE} \equiv \frac{I_{refl}^{TE}(z=0)}{I_{inc}^{TE}(z=0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_1 v_1 \left(E_{o_{refl}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}^{\overbrace{=\theta_{refl}}}^{\theta_{refl}}}}{\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_1 v_1 \left(E_{o_{inc}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2$$

$$T_{TE} \equiv \frac{I_{trans}^{TE}(z=0)}{I_{inc}^{TE}(z=0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_2 v_2 \left(E_{o_{trans}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{trans}}{\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_1 v_1 \left(E_{o_{inc}}^{TE} \right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} \right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2$$

But: $\beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} \right) = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$ and: $\alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \therefore T_{TE} = \alpha \beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2$

And from above (p. 8): $\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta} \right)$ and $\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha \beta} \right)$

Thus: $R_{TE} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta} \right)^2$ and: $T_{TE} = \alpha \beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \frac{4 \alpha \beta}{(1 + \alpha \beta)^2}$

Explicit Check: Does $R_{TE} + T_{TE} = 1$? (*i.e.* is EM wave **energy** conserved?)

$$\frac{(1-\alpha\beta)^2}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} + \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = \frac{1-2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2\beta^2 + 4\alpha\beta}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = \frac{1+2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2\beta^2}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = \frac{(1+\alpha\beta)^2}{(1+\alpha\beta)^2} = 1 \quad \text{Yes !!!}$$

Note that at **normal** incidence: $\theta_{inc} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_{refl} = 0$ and $\theta_{trans} = 0$ {See/refer to above figure}

Then: $\alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) = \frac{\cos 0}{\cos 0} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$

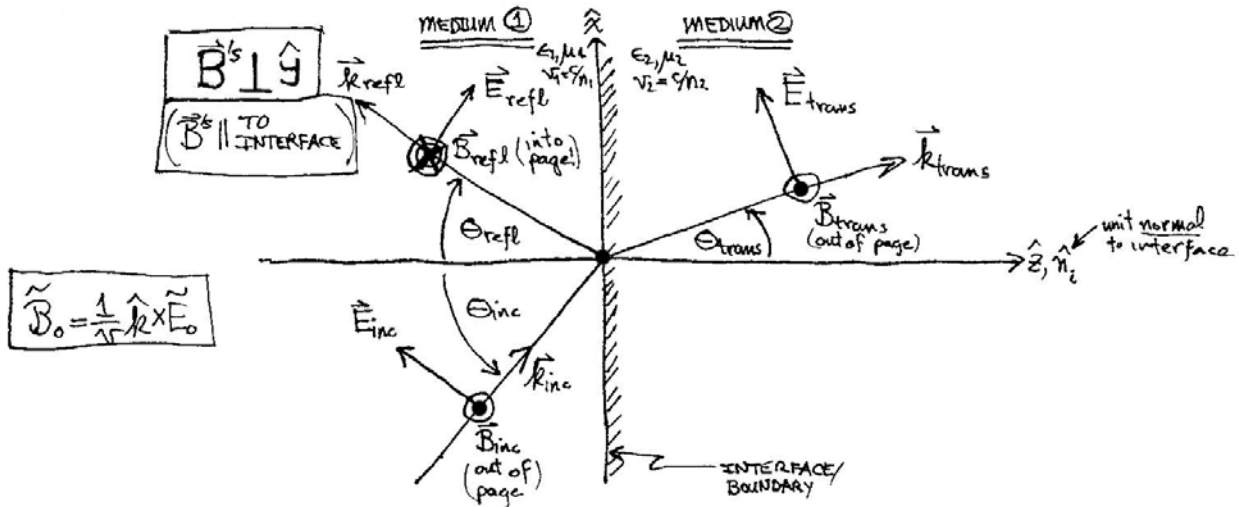
Thus, at **normal** incidence: $R_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^2$ and: $T_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \frac{4\beta}{(1+\beta)^2}$

Note that these results for $R_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0}$ and $T_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0}$ are the same/identical to those we obtained previously for a monochromatic plane EM wave at **normal** incidence on interface!!!

In the special/limiting-case situation of normal incidence, where $\theta_{inc} = \theta_{refl} = \theta_{trans} = 0$, the plane of incidence collapses into a line (the \hat{z} axis), the problem then has **rotational invariance** about the \hat{z} axis, and thus for normal incidence the polarization direction associated with the spatial orientation of \vec{E}_{inc} no longer has any physical consequence(s).

**Case II): Electric Field Vectors Parallel to the Plane of Incidence:
Transverse Magnetic (TM) Polarization**

A monochromatic plane EM wave is incident {from the left} on a boundary located at $z = 0$ in the x - y plane between two linear / homogeneous / isotropic media at an oblique angle of incidence. The polarization of the incident EM wave (*i.e.* the orientation of \vec{E}_{inc} is now parallel (*i.e.* \parallel) to the plane of incidence {= the x - z plane containing the three wavevectors $\vec{k}_{inc}, \vec{k}_{refl}, \vec{k}_{trans}$ and the unit normal to the boundary/interface, $\hat{n} = +\hat{z}$ }, as shown in the figure below:



For *TM* polarization, all three \vec{E} -field vectors lie in the plane of incidence.

Since the three \vec{B} -field vectors are related to their respective \vec{E} -field vectors by the right-hand rule cross-product relation $\vec{B} = \frac{1}{v} \hat{k} \times \vec{E}$ then we see that all three \vec{B} -field vectors are $\parallel \hat{y}$ (*i.e.* either point out of or into the page) and thus are \perp to the plane of incidence {hence the origin of the name transverse magnetic polarization}; hence note that all three \vec{B} -field vectors are \parallel to the boundary/interface at $z = 0$, which lies in the x - y plane as shown in the figure above.

The four boundary conditions on the {complex} \vec{E} - and \vec{B} -fields on the boundary at $z = 0$ are:

BC 1) Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{D} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface charges)

$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 (\tilde{E}_{o_{incz}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{reflz}}) = \epsilon_2 \tilde{E}_{o_{transz}}}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 (-\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \sin \theta_{inc} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \sin \theta_{refl}) = \epsilon_2 (-\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \sin \theta_{trans})} \quad \{n.b. \text{ see/refer to above figure}\}$$

BC 2) Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{E} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\boxed{(\tilde{E}_{o_{incx}} + \tilde{E}_{o_{reflx}}) = \tilde{E}_{o_{transx}}}$$

$$\boxed{(\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \cos \theta_{inc} + \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} \cos \theta_{refl}) = \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \cos \theta_{trans}} \quad \{n.b. \text{ see/refer to above figure}\}$$

BC 3) Normal (*i.e.* z -) component of \vec{B} continuous at $z = 0$:

$$\left(\frac{\vec{B}_{o_{inc,z}}}{=} + \frac{\vec{B}_{o_{refl,z}}}{=} \right) = \frac{\vec{B}_{o_{trans,z}}}{=} \Rightarrow \boxed{0+0=0} \quad \{n.b. \text{ see/refer to above figure}\}$$

BC 4) Tangential (*i.e.* x -, y -) components of \vec{H} continuous at $z = 0$ (no free surface currents):

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{inc,y}} + \vec{B}_{o_{refl,y}} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{trans,y}} \right) \quad \{n.b. \text{ All } B_x \text{'s} = 0 \text{ for TM Polarization}\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{inc,y}} \hat{y} + \vec{B}_{o_{refl,y}} \hat{y} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{trans,y}} \hat{y} \right) \quad n.b. \text{ Can use full cross-product(s) } \vec{B} = \frac{1}{v} \hat{k} \times \vec{E} \text{ here!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\hat{k}_{inc} \times \vec{E}_{o_{inc}} + \hat{k}_{refl} \times \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \left(\hat{k}_{trans} \times \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \right) \quad \text{Use right-hand rule for all cross-products}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} \hat{y} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \hat{y} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \left(\vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \hat{y} \right) \quad \{n.b. \text{ see/refer to above figure}\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\mu_1} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{inc,y}} + \vec{B}_{o_{refl,y}} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \left(\vec{B}_{o_{trans,y}} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu_1 v_1} \left(\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 v_2} \vec{E}_{o_{trans}}$$

From BC 1) at $z = 0$:

$$\varepsilon_1 \left(\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} \sin \theta_{inc} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \sin \theta_{refl} \right) = \varepsilon_2 \left(\vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \sin \theta_{trans} \right)$$

Redundant info – both BC's give same relation

But: $\theta_{inc} = \theta_{refl}$ (Law of Reflection) and: $n_1 = \frac{c}{v_1}$, $n_2 = \frac{c}{v_2}$

And: $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_{trans}}{\sin \theta_{inc}} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$ (Snell's Law) = $\frac{v_2}{v_1}$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_{o_{inc}} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 n_1}{\varepsilon_1 n_2} \right) \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} \right) \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} = \beta \vec{E}_{o_{trans}}$$

From BC 4) at $z = 0$:

$$\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} = \beta \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \quad \text{where: } \beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} \right)$$

From BC 2) at $z = 0$:

$$\left(\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} \cos \theta_{inc} + \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \cos \theta_{refl} \right) = \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \cos \theta_{trans} \quad \text{but: } \alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} + \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} \right) = \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} = \alpha \vec{E}_{o_{trans}}$$

Thus for the case of transverse magnetic (TM) polarization:

$$\vec{E}_{o_{inc}} - \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} = \beta \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E}_{o_{inc}} + \vec{E}_{o_{refl}} = \alpha \vec{E}_{o_{trans}} \quad \text{with} \quad \beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} \right) = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}$$

Solving these two above equations simultaneously, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} &= (\alpha + \beta)\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \Rightarrow \tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta}\right)\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}} \\
 \text{and: } 2\tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} &= (\alpha - \beta)\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \Rightarrow \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)\tilde{E}_{o_{trans}} \\
 &\Rightarrow \tilde{E}_{o_{refl}} = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta}\right)\tilde{E}_{o_{inc}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The real / physical electric field amplitudes for transverse magnetic (*TM*) polarization are thus:

The Fresnel Equations for $\vec{B} \parallel$ to Interface

$\vec{B} \perp$ to Plane of Incidence = Transverse Magnetic (*TM*) Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}}\right) = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}\right) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1}\right) = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$$

The Fresnel relations for *TM* polarization are not identical to the Fresnel relations for *TE* polarization:

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}}\right) = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \alpha\beta}\right)$$

We define the incident, reflected & transmitted intensities at oblique incidence on the interface @ $z = 0$ for the *TM* case exactly as we did for the *TE* case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{inc}^{TM}(z=0) &= \left\langle \vec{S}_{inc}^{TM}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_1 v_1 (E_{o_{inc}}^{TM})^2 \cos \theta_{inc} \\
 I_{refl}^{TM}(z=0) &= \left\langle \vec{S}_{refl}^{TM}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot (-\hat{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_1 v_1 (E_{o_{refl}}^{TM})^2 \cos \theta_{inc} \quad (\theta_{ref} = \theta_{inc}) \\
 I_{trans}^{TM}(z=0) &= \left\langle \vec{S}_{trans}^{TM}(z=0, t) \right\rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_2 v_2 (E_{o_{trans}}^{TM})^2 \cos \theta_{trans}
 \end{aligned}$$

The reflection and transmission coefficients for transverse magnetic (*TM*) polarization (with all \vec{B} -field vectors oriented \perp to the plane of incidence @ $z = 0$) are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{TM} &\equiv \frac{I_{refl}^{TM}(z=0)}{I_{inc}^{TM}(z=0)} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta}\right)^2 \\
 T_{TM} &\equiv \frac{I_{trans}^{TM}(z=0)}{I_{inc}^{TM}(z=0)} = \left(\frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1}\right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}\right) \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}}\right)^2 = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}}\right)^2 = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$i.e. \quad R_{TM} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2 \quad \text{and:} \quad T_{TM} = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right)^2 = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2}$$

Again, note that the reflection and transmission coefficients for transverse magnetic (*TM*) polarization are **not** identical/the same as those for the transverse electric case:

$$R_{TE} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)^2 \quad \text{and:} \quad T_{TE} = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(1 + \alpha\beta)^2}$$

Explicit Check: Does $R_{TM} + T_{TM} = 1$? (*i.e.* is *EM* wave **energy** conserved?)

$$R_{TM} + T_{TM} = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2 + \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} = \frac{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 + 4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} = \frac{\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} = 1 \quad \text{Yes !!!}$$

Note again at **normal** incidence: $\theta_{inc} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_{refl} = 0$ and $\theta_{trans} = 0$ {See/refer to above figure}

$$\text{Then:} \quad \alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) = \frac{\cos 0}{\cos 0} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$$

$$\text{Thus at } \underline{\text{normal}} \text{ incidence:} \quad R_{TM} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T_{TM} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \frac{4\beta}{(1 + \beta)^2}$$

These **are** identical to those for the *TE* case at normal incidence, as expected – due to rotational invariance / symmetry about the \hat{z} axis:

$$\text{At } \underline{\text{normal}} \text{ incidence:} \quad R_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T_{TE} \Big|_{\theta_{inc}=0} = \frac{4\beta}{(1 + \beta)^2}$$

The Fresnel Relations

TE Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \frac{2}{(1 + \alpha\beta)}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} = \frac{\epsilon_2 n_1}{\epsilon_1 n_2} = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$$

TM Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) = \frac{2}{(\alpha + \beta)}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{c}{n_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_1 \mu_1}}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{c}{n_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_2 \mu_2}}$$

Reflection and Transmission Coefficients R & T

$$\mathbf{R + T = 1}$$

TE Polarization

$$R_{TE} \equiv \frac{I_{refl}^{TE}}{I_{inc}^{TE}} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)^2$$

$$T_{TE} \equiv \left(\frac{I_{trans}^{TE}}{I_{inc}^{TE}} \right) = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right)^2 = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(1 + \alpha\beta)^2}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} = \frac{\epsilon_2 n_1}{\epsilon_1 n_2} = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$$

TM Polarization

$$R_{TM} \equiv \frac{I_{refl}^{TM}}{I_{inc}^{TM}} = \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2$$

$$T_{TM} \equiv \left(\frac{I_{trans}^{TM}}{I_{inc}^{TM}} \right) = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right)^2 = \frac{4\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{c}{n_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_1 \mu_1}}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{c}{n_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_2 \mu_2}}$$

Note that since $E_{o_{1,2}}^2 = \langle n_{\gamma_{1,2}}(t) \rangle E_{\gamma} / \epsilon_{1,2}$, the reflection coefficient/reflectance R can thus be seen as the statistical/ensemble average **probability** that at the microscopic scale, individual photons will be reflected at the interface: $R = \left(E_{o_{refl}} / E_{o_{inc}} \right)^2 = \langle n_{\gamma_{refl}}(t) \rangle / \langle n_{\gamma_{inc}}(t) \rangle = P_{refl}$, and since $R + T = 1$ then $T = 1 - R = 1 - P_{refl} = P_{trans}$, since we must have $P_{refl} + P_{trans} = 1$!!!

Now we want to explore / investigate the physics associated with the Fresnel relations and the reflection and transmission coefficients – comparing results for *TE* vs. *TM* polarization for the cases of **external** reflection ($n_1 < n_2$) and **internal** reflection $n_1 > n_2$)

Just as β can be written several different but equivalent ways (see above), so can the Fresnel relations, as well as the expressions for R & T using various relations including Snell's Law.

Starting with the Fresnel relations as given above, explicitly writing these out alternate versions:

Fresnel Relations

TE Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) = \frac{\left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} - \left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}{\left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + \left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}}}{\left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + \left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

TM Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) = \frac{\left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} - \left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + \left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{\mu_2} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + \left(\frac{n_1}{\mu_1} \right) \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

If we now neglect / ignore the magnetic properties of the two media – e.g. if paramagnetic / diamagnetic such that $|\chi_m| \ll 1$ then $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_o$ the Fresnel relations then become:

TE Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) \approx \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} - n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}{n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) \approx \frac{2n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}}}{n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

TM Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) \approx \frac{-n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}{n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) \approx \frac{2n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}}}{n_2 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} + n_1 \cos \theta_{\text{trans}}}$$

Using Snell's Law $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \Rightarrow n_{\text{inc}} \sin \theta_{\text{inc}} = n_{\text{trans}} \sin \theta_{\text{trans}}$ and various trigonometric identities, the above Fresnel relations can also equivalently be written as:

TE Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) \approx -\frac{\sin(\theta_{\text{inc}} - \theta_{\text{trans}})}{\sin(\theta_{\text{inc}} + \theta_{\text{trans}})}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TE}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TE}}} \right) \approx \frac{2 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} \cdot \sin \theta_{\text{trans}}}{\sin(\theta_{\text{inc}} + \theta_{\text{trans}})}$$

TM Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{refl}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) \approx -\frac{\tan(\theta_{\text{inc}} - \theta_{\text{trans}})}{\tan(\theta_{\text{inc}} + \theta_{\text{trans}})}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{\text{trans}}}^{\text{TM}}}{E_{o_{\text{inc}}}^{\text{TM}}} \right) \approx \frac{2 \cos \theta_{\text{inc}} \cdot \sin \theta_{\text{trans}}}{\sin(\theta_{\text{inc}} + \theta_{\text{trans}}) \cos(\theta_{\text{inc}} - \theta_{\text{trans}})}$$

n.b. the signs correlate to the *TE* & *TM* \vec{E} -field vectors as shown in the above figures!

We now use Snell's Law $n_{inc} \sin \theta_{inc} = n_{trans} \sin \theta_{trans}$ to eliminate θ_{trans} :

TE Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) \approx \frac{\cos \theta_{inc} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) \approx \frac{2 \cos \theta_{inc}}{\cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$$

TM Polarization

$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) \approx \frac{-\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$$

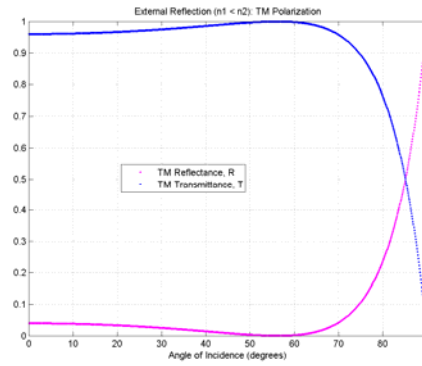
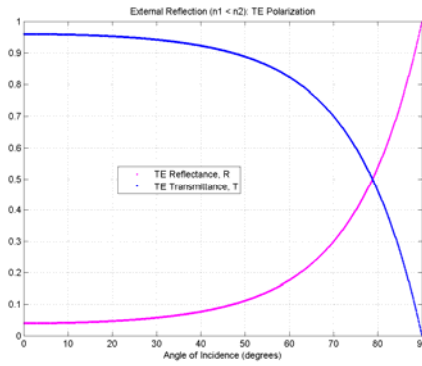
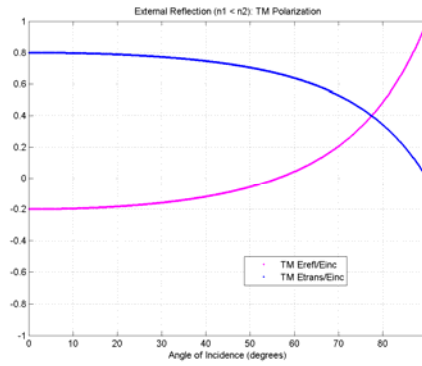
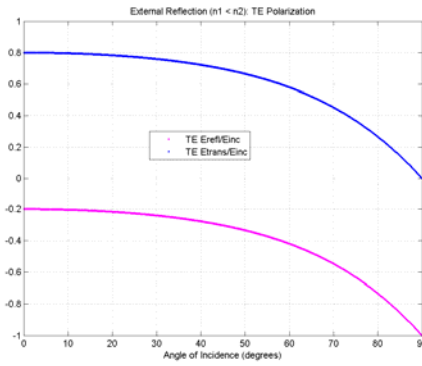
$$\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) \approx \frac{2 \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) \cos \theta_{inc}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$$

The functional dependence of $\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right)$, $\left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right)$, the reflection coefficient $R \equiv \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right)^2$

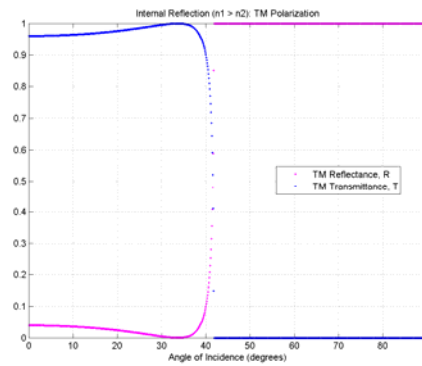
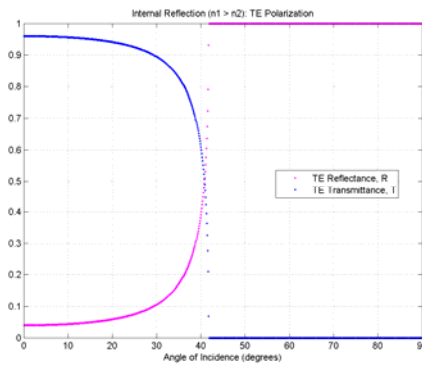
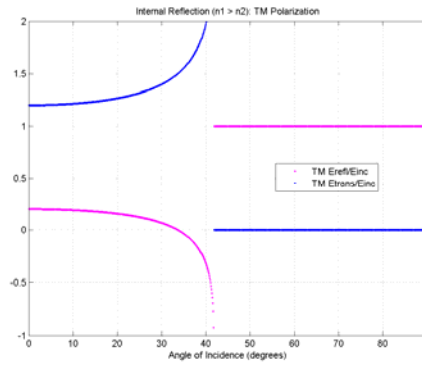
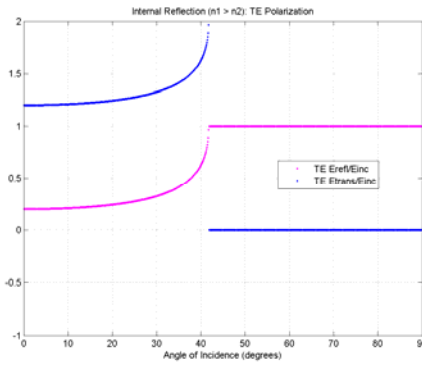
and the transmission coefficient $T = \alpha\beta \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right)^2 = \frac{\sqrt{\left(n_2/n_1\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \left(\frac{E_{o_{trans}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right)^2$

as a function of the angle of incidence θ_{inc} for **external** reflection ($n_1 < n_2$) and **internal** reflection ($n_1 > n_2$) for *TE* & *TM* polarization are shown in the figures below:

External Reflection ($n_1 = 1.0 < n_2 = 1.5$):



Internal Reflection ($n_1 = 1.5 > n_2 = 1.0$):



Comment 1):

When $(E_{refl}/E_{inc}) < 0$, $E_{o_{refl}}$ is 180° out-of-phase with $E_{o_{inc}}$ since the numerators of the original Fresnel relations for *TE* & *TM* polarization are $(1 - \alpha\beta)$ and $(\alpha - \beta)$ respectively.

Comment 2):

For *TM* Polarization (only), there exists an angle of incidence where $(E_{refl}/E_{inc}) = 0$, *i.e.* no reflected wave occurs at this incident angle for *TM* polarization! This incidence angle is known as Brewster's angle θ_B (also known as the polarizing angle θ_p - because *e.g.* an incident wave that is a linear combination of *TE* and *TM* polarizations will have a reflected wave which is 100% pure-*TE* polarized for an incidence angle $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B = \theta_p$!!). * *n.b.* Brewster's angle θ_B exists for both external ($n_1 < n_2$) & internal reflection ($n_1 > n_2$) for *TM* polarization (only). *

Brewster's Angle θ_B / the Polarizing Angle θ_p for Transverse Magnetic (TM) Polarization

From the numerator of $(E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}/E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}) = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta}\right)$ of the {originally-derived} expression for *TM* polarization, this numerator = 0 at Brewster's angle θ_B (*aka* the polarizing angle θ_p), which occurs when $(\alpha - \beta) = 0$, *i.e.* when $\alpha = \beta$.

But: $\alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}$ and $\beta \equiv \left(\frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}\right) = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} \approx \frac{n_2}{n_1}$ for $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_o$

Now: $\cos \theta_{trans} = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{trans}}$ and Snell's Law: $n_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans} \Rightarrow \sin \theta_{trans} = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) \sin \theta_{inc}$

\therefore at Brewster's angle $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B = \text{polarizing angle } \theta_p$, where $\alpha = \beta$, this relation becomes:

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} = \beta \equiv \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} \approx \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad \text{for} \quad \mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_o \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \approx \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) = \beta$$

or: $1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \sin^2 \theta_{inc} = \beta^2 \cos^2 \theta_{inc} = \beta^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc})$ ← Solve for $\sin^2 \theta_{inc}$

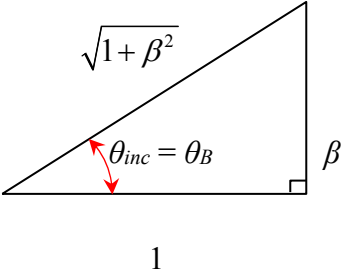
$$1 - \beta^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\beta^2} - \beta^2\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin^2 \theta_{inc} = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{\frac{1}{\beta^2} - \beta^2} = \frac{(1 - \beta^2) \beta^2}{(1 - \beta^4)}$$

But: $1 - \beta^4 = (1 - \beta^2)(1 + \beta^2)$

$$\therefore \sin^2 \theta_{inc} = \frac{(1 - \beta^2) \beta^2}{(1 - \beta^2)(1 + \beta^2)} = \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin \theta_{inc} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 + \beta^2}}$$

Geometrically:

$\sin \theta_{inc} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1+\beta^2}}$	=	$\frac{\text{opp. side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$
$\cos \theta_{inc} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\beta^2}}$	=	$\frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$
$\tan \theta_{inc} = \beta$	=	$\frac{\text{opp. side}}{\text{adjacent}} \approx \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$



Thus, at an angle of incidence $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc} \equiv \theta_P^{inc}$ = Brewster's angle / the polarizing angle for a *TM* polarized incident wave, where **no reflected** wave exists, we have:

$$\tan \theta_B^{inc} \equiv \tan \theta_P^{inc} \approx \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) \quad \text{for } \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0$$

From Snell's Law: $n_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans}$ we also see that: $\tan \theta_B^{inc} = \frac{\sin \theta_B^{inc}}{\cos \theta_B^{inc}} \approx \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

or: $n_1 \sin \theta_B^{inc} \approx n_2 \cos \theta_B^{inc}$ for $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0$.

Thus, from Snell's Law we see that: $\cos \theta_B^{inc} = \sin \theta_{trans}$ when $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc} \equiv \theta_P^{inc}$.

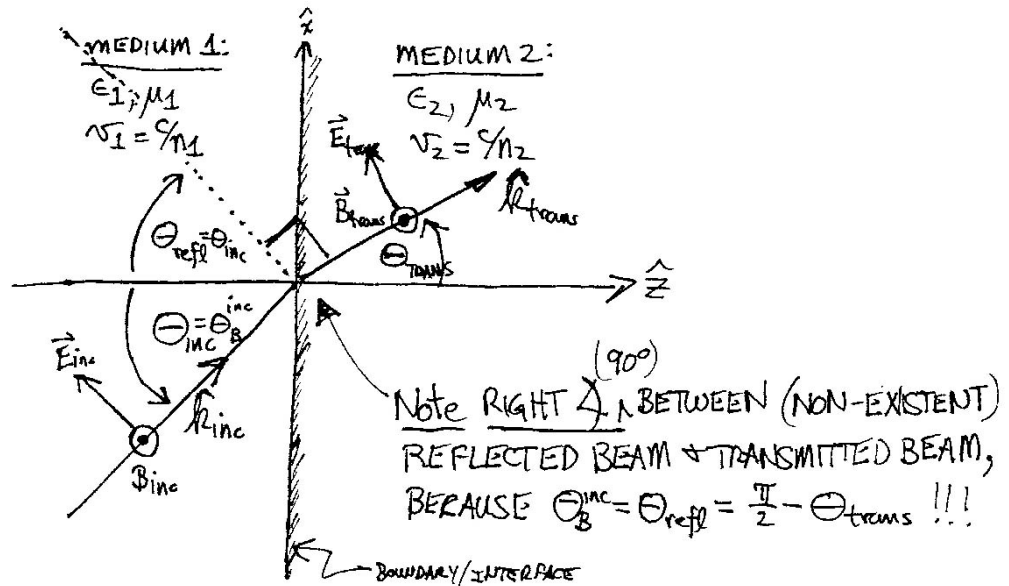
So what's so interesting about this???

Well: $\cos \theta_B^{inc} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_B^{inc}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos \theta_B^{inc} - \cancel{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}^0 \sin \theta_B^{inc} = \sin \theta_{trans}$ i.e. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_B^{inc}\right) = \sin \theta_{trans}$

\therefore When $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc} \equiv \theta_P^{inc}$ for an incident *TM*-polarized *EM* wave, we see that $\theta_{trans} = \pi/2 - \theta_B^{inc}$

Thus: $\theta_B^{inc} + \theta_{trans} = \pi/2$, i.e. $\theta_B^{inc} \equiv \theta_P^{inc}$ and θ_{trans} are **complimentary** angles !!!

TM Polarized EM Wave Incident at Brewster's Angle θ_B^{inc} :



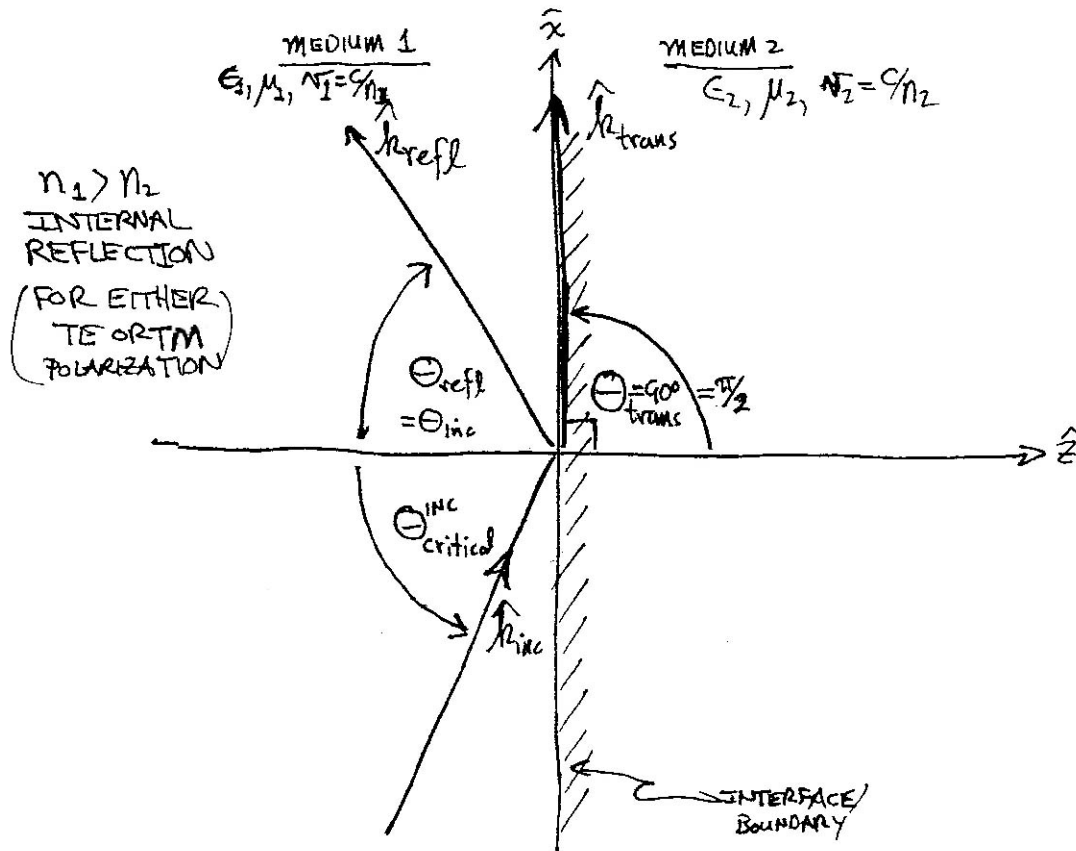
Thus, e.g. if an **unpolarized** EM wave (i.e. one which contains all polarizations/random polarizations) or an EM wave which is a linear combination of TE and TM polarization is incident on the interface between two linear/homogeneous/isotropic media **at** Brewster's angle $\theta_B^{inc} \equiv \theta_p^{inc}$, the **reflected** beam will be 100% pure TE polarization!!

Hence, this is why Brewster's angle θ_B is also known as the polarizing angle θ_p .

Comment 3):

For **internal** reflection ($n_1 > n_2$) there exists a **critical angle of incidence** $\theta_{critical}^{inc}$ past which **no transmitted beam** exists for either TE or TM polarization. The critical angle does **not** depend on polarization – it is actually dictated / defined by Snell's Law:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_{critical}^{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans}^{max} = n_2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = n_2 \quad \text{or:} \quad \sin \theta_{critical}^{inc} = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right) \quad \text{or:} \quad \theta_{critical}^{inc} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$



For $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$, **no transmitted beam** exists \rightarrow incident beam is **totally internally reflected**.

For $\theta_{inc} > \theta_{critical}^{inc}$, the **transmitted wave** is actually **exponentially** damped – it becomes a so-called

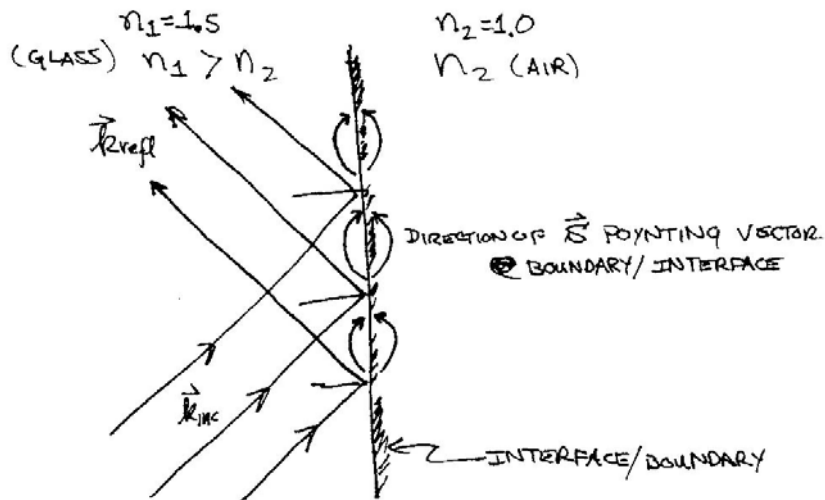
Evanescent Wave:

$$\vec{E}_{trans}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_{o,trans} e^{-\alpha z} e^{i(k_2 x \sin \theta_{inc} \frac{n_1}{n_2} - \omega t)}$$

Exponential damping in z Oscillatory along **interface** in x -direction

$$\alpha = k_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_{inc} - 1}$$

For Total Internal Reflection $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$, $n_1 > n_2$:



For total internal reflection ($\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$, $n_1 > n_2$), the **reflected** wave is actually displaced laterally, along the interface (in the direction of the evanescent wave), relative to the prediction from geometrical optics. The lateral displacement is known as the Goos-Hänchen effect [F. Goos and H. Hänchen, Ann. Phys. (Leipzig) (6) **1**, 333-346 (1947)] and is different for *TE* vs. *TM* polarization:

$$D_{TE} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\pi} \frac{\sin \theta_{inc}}{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}} \quad \text{where: } \lambda_1 = \lambda_o/n_1 \quad \text{and: } \lambda_o = c/f = \text{vacuum wavelength}$$

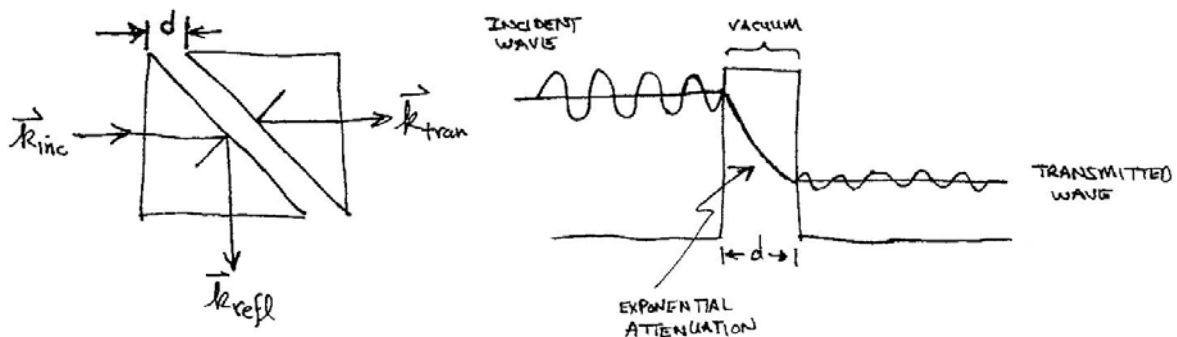
$$D_{TM} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\pi} \frac{\sin \theta_{inc}}{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta_{inc}} \right] = D_{TE} \cdot \left[\frac{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta_{inc}} \right]$$

Experiment to demonstrate that the transmitted *EM* wave for $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$ **is** exponentially damped:

Use two 45° prisms, separated by a small distance *d* as shown in the figure below – (e.g. use glass prisms {for light}; can use paraffin prisms {for microwaves} !!)

UIUC Physics 401 Experiment # 34 !!!

See e.g. D.D. Coon, Am. J. Phys. **34**, 240 (1966)



⇒ Microscopically, this experiment **is** an example of quantum mechanical barrier penetration / quantum mechanical tunneling phenomenon (using **real** photons) !!!

The above lateral displacement(s) for *TE* vs. *TM* polarization are also correlated with **phase shifts** that occur in the **reflected** wave when $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$ for total internal reflection ($n_1 > n_2$):

Using the (last) version of Fresnel Equations (p. 17 of these lecture notes):

<u>TE Polarization</u>	<u>TM Polarization</u>
$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \frac{\cos \theta_{inc} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$	$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) = \frac{-\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}}$

When $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc}$, Snell's Law is: $\sin \theta_{critical}^{inc} = (n_2/n_1)$ {since $\sin \theta_{trans} = \sin 90^\circ = 1$ }

The above *E*-field amplitude ratios become **complex** for **internal** reflection, because for $\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) < 1$,

when: $\sin^2 \theta_{inc} > \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 < 1$, then: $\sqrt{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}$ becomes **imaginary**. Thus, for $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$

for $n_1 > n_2$ (**internal** reflection), we can re-write the above \vec{E} -field ratios as:

<u>TE Polarization</u>	<u>TM Polarization</u>
$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \frac{\cos \theta_{inc} - i\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}{\cos \theta_{inc} + i\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}$	$\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) = \frac{-\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + i\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc} + i\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}$

It is easy to verify that these ratios lie on the unit circle in the complex plane – simply multiply them by their complex conjugates to show $AA^* = 1$, as they must for total internal reflection.

These formulae imply a **phase change** of the **reflected** wave (**relative** to the **incident** wave) that depends on the angle of incidence $\theta_{inc} \geq \theta_{critical}^{inc} = \sin^{-1}(n_2/n_1)$ for total internal reflection.

We set:
$$-\left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}}{E_{o_{inc}}} \right) = e^{-i\delta} = \frac{ae^{-i\alpha}}{ae^{+i\alpha}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\delta = 2\alpha} \text{ and } \boxed{\tan(\delta/2) = \tan(\alpha)}$$

Where $\delta =$ **phase change** (in radians) of the **reflected** wave **relative** to the **incident** wave.

Thus, we see that (from the numerators of the above formulae) that:

$$\boxed{\tan\left(\frac{\delta_{TE}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}{\cos \theta_{inc}}} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{\tan\left(\frac{\delta_{TM}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_{inc} - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}{\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2 \cos \theta_{inc}}}$$

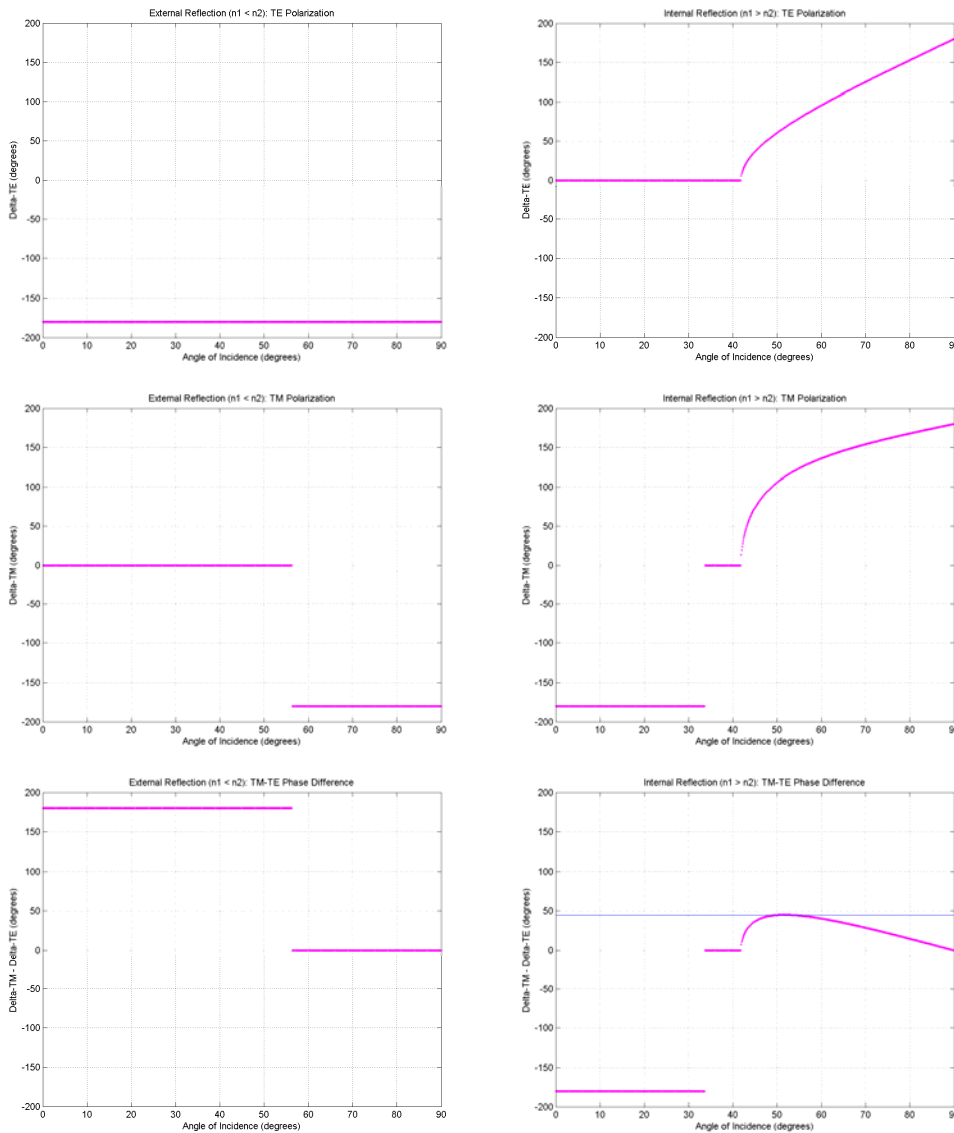
The **relative phase difference** between total internally-reflected *TM* vs. *TE* polarized waves $\Delta \equiv \delta_{TM} - \delta_{TE}$ can also be calculated:

$$\tan\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\delta_{TM} - \delta_{TE}}{2}\right) = \frac{\cos\theta_{inc} \sqrt{\sin^2\theta_{inc} - (n_2/n_1)^2}}{\sin^2\theta_{inc}}$$

Phase shifts of the **reflected** wave **relative** to the **incident** wave for external, internal reflection and for *TE*, *TM* polarization are shown in the following graphs:

Phase Shifts Upon Reflection:

External Reflection ($n_1 = 1.0 < n_2 = 1.5$): **Internal Reflection ($n_1 = 1.5 > n_2 = 1.0$):**



Note that a phase shift of -180° is equivalent to a phase shift of $+180^\circ$.

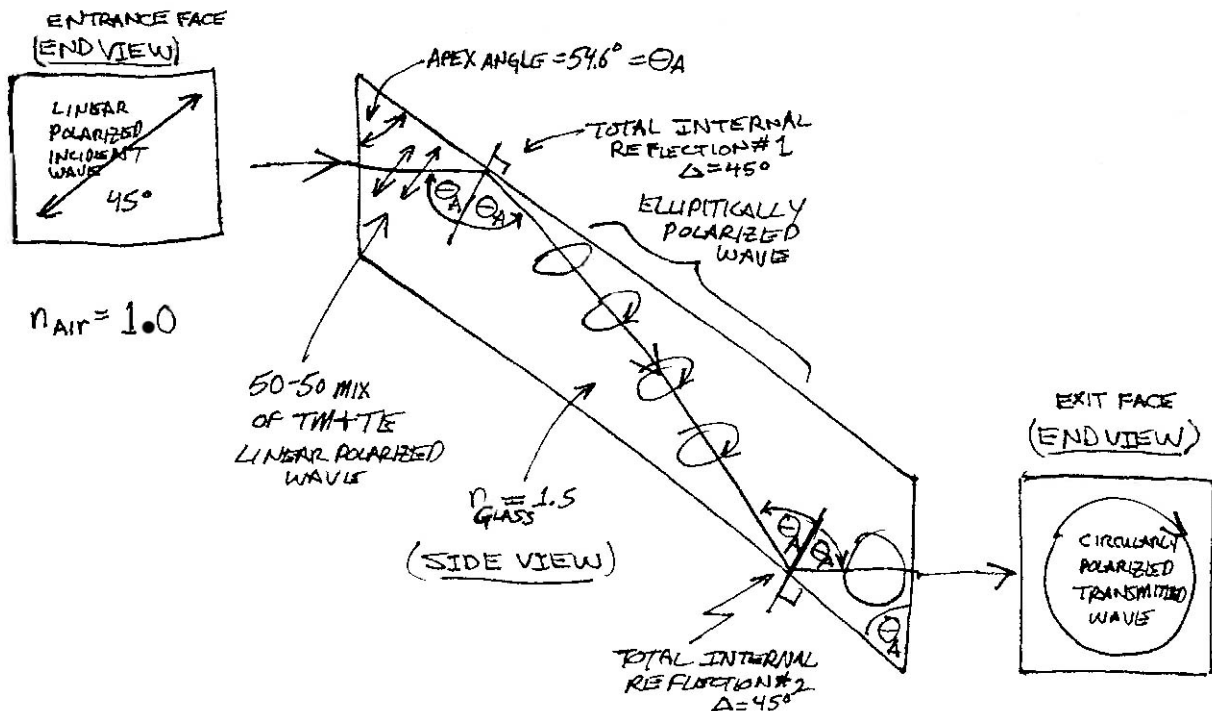
An Example of the {Clever} Use of Internal Reflection Phase Shifts - The Fresnel Rhomb:

From last graph of the internal reflection phase shifts (above), we see that the **relative difference** in TM vs. TE phase shifts for total internal reflection at a glass-air interface ($n_1 = 1.5$ {glass}, $n_2 = 1.0$ {air}) is $\Delta \equiv \delta_{TM} - \delta_{TE} = \pi/4 = 45^\circ$ when $\theta_{inc} = 54.6^\circ$

Fresnel used this TM vs. TE relative phase-shift fact associated with total internal reflection and developed / designed a glass rhomb-shaped prism that converted **linearly-polarized** light to **circularly-polarized** light, as shown in the figure below.

He used light incident on the glass rhomb-shaped prism with polarization angle at 45° with respect to face-edge of the glass rhomb (thus the incident light was a 50-50 mix of TE and TM polarization). Note that the transmitted wave actually undergoes **two** total internal reflections before emerging from rhomb at the exit face, with a -45° relative phase TM - TE phase shift occurring at **each** total internal reflection. Thus, the first total internal reflection converts a linearly polarized wave into an elliptically polarized wave, the second total internal reflection converts the elliptically polarized wave into a circularly polarized wave!!!

The total phase shift (for 2 internal reflections): $\Delta_{tot} = 2\Delta = 2(\delta_{TM} - \delta_{TE}) = \pi/2 = 90^\circ$
 (for rhomb apex angle $\theta_A = 54.6^\circ$, $n_{air} = 1.0$ and $n_{glass} = 1.5$)



NOTE: By time-reversal invariance of the EM interaction, we can also see from the above that Fresnel's rhomb can also be used to convert circularly-polarized incident light into linearly polarized light !!!

The Fresnel relations for TE / TM polarization for internal / external reflection are in fact useful for any type of polarized EM wave – linear polarization with $\hat{n} = \cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin \varphi \hat{y}$, elliptic or circular polarization – these are all **vectorial** linear combinations of the two orthogonal polarization cases - TE and TM polarization. For each case, the results associated with the TE and TM components of that EM wave, but then have to be combined vectorially.

Finally, for the limiting case of **normal** incidence (where the plane of incidence collapses) the reflection coefficient R (valid for both TE and TM polarization) at $\theta_{inc} = 0$ is:

$$R = \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)^2 \approx 4\% \text{ for } \begin{cases} n_1 = 1.0 \text{ (air)} \\ n_2 = 1.5 \text{ (glass)} \end{cases}$$

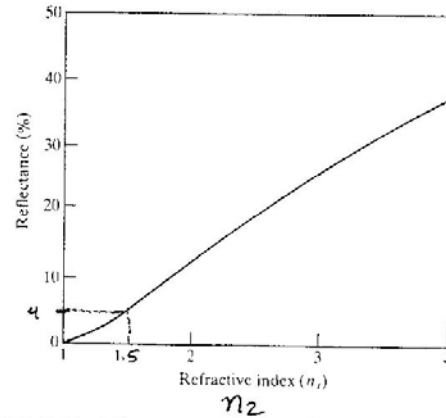


FIGURE 4.49 Reflectance at normal incidence in air ($n_1 = 1.0$) at a single interface. $n_1 = n_{A1}, R = 4.0$

Can There be a Brewster's Angle θ_B^{inc} for Transverse Electric (TE) Polarization Reflection / Refraction at an Interface?

The Fresnel Equations:

TE Polarization

$$r_{\perp} \equiv \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TE}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TE}} \right) = \left(\frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta} \right)$$

$$\text{with: } \alpha \equiv \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right)$$

TM Polarization

$$r_{\parallel} \equiv \left(\frac{E_{o_{refl}}^{TM}}{E_{o_{inc}}^{TM}} \right) = \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$$

$$\text{and: } \beta \equiv \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} = \frac{\varepsilon_2 n_1}{\varepsilon_1 n_2} = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{c}{n_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{c}{n_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}}$$

$$n_1 = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1 / \varepsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

$$n_2 = \sqrt{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2 / \varepsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

We saw P436 lecture notes above (p. 19-21) that for TM polarized EM Waves (where $\vec{B} \perp$ plane of incidence $\{i.e. \vec{B} \parallel \text{to plane of the interface}\}$, with unit normal to the plane of incidence defined as $\hat{n}_{inc} \equiv \hat{k}_{inc} \times \hat{k}_{refl}$) that when $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc} = \text{Brewster's angle (aka } \theta_P^{inc} = \text{polarizing angle)}$, that $E_{o_{refl}}^{TM} = 0$ because the **numerator** of r_{\parallel} , $(\alpha - \beta) = 0$ *i.e.* $\alpha = \beta$ when $\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc} = \theta_P^{inc}$. Thus, for an incident TM polarized monochromatic plane EM wave, when:

$$\alpha = \beta \Big|_{\theta_{inc} = \theta_B^{inc}} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}^{TM}}{\cos \theta_{inc}^{TM}} \right)_{TM} = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2} = \frac{\varepsilon_2 v_2}{\varepsilon_1 v_1} = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} = \frac{\varepsilon_2 n_1}{\varepsilon_1 n_2} = \beta$$

or: $\beta = \frac{\mu_1 n_2}{\mu_2 n_1} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}} = \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}} = \frac{\varepsilon_2 n_1}{\varepsilon_1 n_2}$

For non-magnetic media: $|\chi_m| \ll 1$ i.e. $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_0$ then: $\left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}^{TM}}{\cos \theta_{inc}^{TM}} \right) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

We also derived the Brewster angle relation for *TM* polarization: $\tan \theta_B^{inc} \equiv \tan \theta_p^{inc} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

For the case of *TE* polarization, we see that: $E_{o_{refl}}^{TE} = 0$ when the numerator of r_{\perp} , $(1 - \alpha\beta) = 0$ i.e. when: $\alpha\beta = 1$ or: $\beta = 1/\alpha$. What does this mean physically??

For *TE* Polarization: $\beta = 1/\alpha \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}} = 1 / \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) = \left(\frac{\cos \theta_{inc}}{\cos \theta_{trans}} \right)$

For non-magnetic media where: $|\chi_m| \ll 1$ i.e. $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_0$ then: $\left(\frac{\cos \theta_{trans}}{\cos \theta_{inc}} \right) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

Thus: $\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_{inc}}{\cos^2 \theta_{trans}} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_{inc}}{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{trans}} = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}}{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{trans}}$

From Snell's Law: $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ or: $n_1 \sin \theta_{inc} = n_2 \sin \theta_{trans}$

$\sin \theta_{trans} = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right) \sin \theta_{inc}$ or: $\sin^2 \theta_{trans} = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_{inc}$

Then: $\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 = \frac{(1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc})}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_{inc} \right)}$ or: $\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 - \cancel{\sin^2 \theta_{inc}} = 1 - \cancel{\sin^2 \theta_{inc}}$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 = 1$ or: $n_1 = n_2 \Rightarrow$ can get $\theta_B^{inc} = \theta_p^{inc}$ for *TE* Polarization **only** when $n_1 = n_2$

However, when $n_1 = n_2$, this corresponds to **no** interface boundary, at least for non-magnetic material(s), where $|\chi_m| \ll 1$ and $\mu_1 \approx \mu_2 \approx \mu_0$.

Is there a possibility of a Brewster's angle for incident *TE* polarization for **magnetic** materials???

For incident TE polarization, we still need to satisfy the condition $\beta = 1/\alpha$.

$$i.e. \quad \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}} = \frac{\cos \theta_{inc}^B}{\cos \theta_{trans}}} \quad \text{or:} \quad \boxed{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}\right) = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_{inc}^B}{\cos^2 \theta_{trans}} = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{trans}} = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{trans}^B}{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}}$$

$$\text{but:} \quad \boxed{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}\right)} \quad \text{thus:} \quad \boxed{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}\right) = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}{1 - \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}}$$

$$\text{thus:} \quad \boxed{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}\right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_2 \mu_2}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B = 1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2 \mu_1}{\varepsilon_1 \mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B = (1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B)} \quad \text{multiply both sides of this eqn. by } \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B = \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right) \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}$$

$$\boxed{\left[\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right] = \left[\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right] \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right]}{\left[\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right]}$$

$$\theta_{inc}^B = 0^\circ$$

$$\theta_{inc}^B = 90^\circ$$

Note: $0 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{inc}^B \leq 1$

$$\text{Define:} \quad \sin \theta_{inc}^B = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)}{\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)}} \equiv \sqrt{A} \quad i.e. \quad A \equiv \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right]}{\left[\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)\right]}$$

$$\text{Brewster's angle for } TE \text{ polarization:} \quad \theta_{inc, TE}^B = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)}{\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\right) - \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)}} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{A}$$

Let us assume that ε_1 and ε_2 are fixed $\{i.e. \text{ electric properties of medium 1) and 2) are fixed}\}$ but that we can engineer/design/manipulate the magnetic properties of medium 1) and 2) in such a way as to obtain a ratio $(\mu_1/\mu_2) \neq 1$ to give $0 \leq A \leq 1!!!$

Then if $\theta_{inc}^B = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{A}$ can be achieved, it might also be possible to engineer the magnetic properties (μ_1/μ_2) such that $A < 0$ – i.e. θ_{inc}^B becomes imaginary!!!

Note also that in the above formula that $(\mu_1/\mu_2) = 1$ does **not** mean $\sin \theta_{inc} = \infty$ because the original formula for $(\mu_1/\mu_2) = 1$ was:

$$\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta_{inc} \right) = \left(1 - \sin^2 \theta_{inc} \right)$$

which is perfectly mathematically fine/OK for $(n_2/n_1) = 1$.