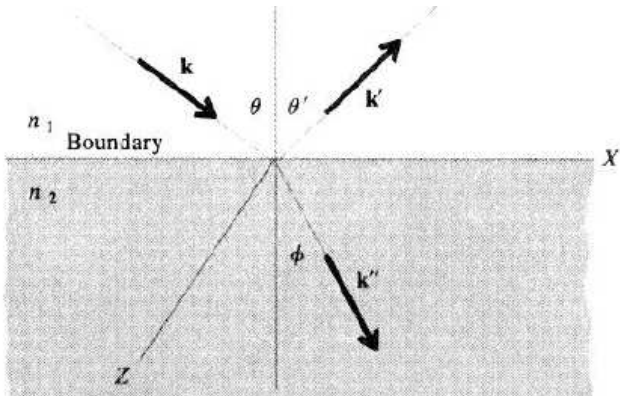


1. (10 point) (1) Derive the Maxwell wave equations for the electric field \vec{E} and magnetic field \vec{H} in the vacuum. And express the speed of light in terms of the permittivity of the vacuum ϵ_0 and the permeability of the vacuum μ_0 .

2. (20 point)

(1) Derive the Fresnel's equations for the TM polarized wave (p-polarized wave).

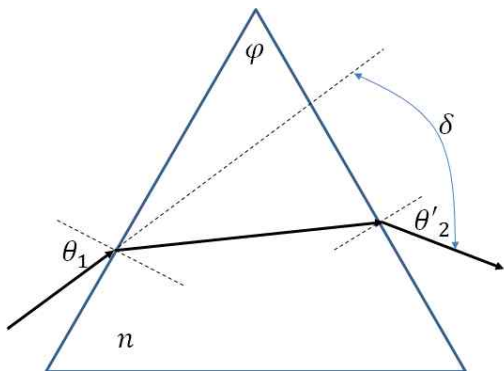


(2) Plot schematically the reflectance as a function of the incidence angle θ for the relative index of refraction $n = \frac{n_2}{n_1} > 1$. And mark the Brewster angle θ_B in the plot.

3. (20 point)

(1) Find the deflection angle δ in terms of the angle of incidence θ_1 , angle of transmission θ'_2 , and the apex angle of the prism ϕ .

(2) Show that $\sin \theta_1 = \sqrt{n^2 - 1} \sin \phi - \cos \phi$ when $\theta'_2 = 90^\circ$. The index of refraction n of the prism can be obtained using the above relation.



4. (20 point) The Jones matrix for a quarter-wave plate ($\lambda/4$ -plate) with a fast axis horizontal is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$.

(1) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Jones matrix for a $\lambda/4$ -plate.

(2) Calculate the polarization of the emerging beam when the $\lambda/4$ -plate is inserted into a beam of linearly polarized light polarized at angle θ with respect to the x-axis? What is the polarization of the emerging beam if $\theta = 45^\circ$?

5. (30 point) In Lloyd's single-mirror interference experiment shown below, the angle of incidence is $90^\circ - \alpha$, where α is very small. Assume that the mirror is halfway between the aperture and the screen.

(1) At a point P in the screen, find the difference in phase between the two waves, one directly arriving at P and the other reflected from the mirror before arriving at P.

(2) Is the first fringe at the point $y=0$ bright or dark? And explain your answer.

(3) Calculate the fringe spacing in terms of α , the wavelength λ , the slit separation h , and the aperture-to-screen distance x .

