

Homework set #8

due April 15, 11:59pm (2021)

- perpendicular to the surface
1. Calculate the energy flux of the incoming wave (at angle θ to the normal), the reflected wave and the transmitted wave. We have that $\epsilon = \mu = 1$ for $x < 0$ and $\epsilon > 1, \mu = 1$ for $x > 0$. Take the polarization vector in the scattering plane.
 2. We consider light that moves through a medium with dielectric constant $\epsilon_{ij} = \epsilon_0 \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon_1 \epsilon_{ij3}$
 - a) show that left and right polarized light can propagate in the 3-direction without absorption. Are there conditions on ϵ_0 and ϵ_1 for this to happen?
 - b) Calculate the rotation of a plane polarized beam in the 3-direction.
 3. Consider an incoming wave with \vec{e} and \vec{k} from the vacuum into a region with $\epsilon > 1$ for $z < 0$. The reflected wave has \vec{e}_R, \vec{k}_R and the transmitted wave \vec{e}_T, \vec{k}_T
 - a) show that \vec{k}, \vec{k}' and \vec{k}_R are coplanar
 - b) show that the incident angle and the reflected angle are equal
 - c) show that \vec{k}_R and \vec{e}_T are in the plane of \vec{k} and \vec{e} .
 4. The dielectric constant satisfies $\epsilon(\omega)$ is analytic for $\text{Im} \omega > 0$ and $\epsilon(\omega) \rightarrow 1$ for $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ and $\text{Im} \epsilon(\omega) > 0$ for $\omega > 0$. For $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon(-\omega)$. Using among others Cauchy's theorem show that
 - a) $\text{Im} \epsilon(\omega) < 0$ for $\omega < 0$ on the real axis
 - b) $\epsilon(\omega)$ has no zeros in the upper half ω plane, so $\sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)}$ is analytic there
 - c) Define $\sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)}$ as having a positive imaginary part for $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Show $\text{Im} \sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)} < 0$ for $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^-$
 - d) show that $\frac{\text{Im} \sqrt{\epsilon}}{\text{Re} \sqrt{\epsilon}} > 0$ for $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^+$ so that $\sqrt{\epsilon} \rightarrow 1$ for $\omega \rightarrow \infty$.