



In the above figure, an incident plane wave travelling in a nonconductive medium of permittivity ϵ and permeability μ is totally reflected at the interface with vacuum at $x = 0$. The incident and the reflected wave vectors lie in the xy-plane,

$$\vec{k}_I = (k_I \cos \theta_I, k_I \sin \theta_I, 0)$$

$$\vec{k}_R = (-k_R \cos \theta_R, k_R \sin \theta_R, 0)$$

Consider the case that the polarizations described by the E-fields of the incident wave, E_I , the reflected wave, E_R , and the wave in the forbidden regions, E_T , are all in the z-direction,

$$\vec{E}_I = (E_I)_0 e^{i\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - i\omega t} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{E}_R = (E_R)_0 e^{i\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - i\omega t} \hat{z}$$

and

$$\vec{E}_T = (E_T)_0 e^{-\kappa x + i k_T y - i\omega t} \hat{z}$$

In the forbidden region ($x > 0$), the E-field is a wave that attenuates in the x-direction, and propagates in the y-direction.

- (a) Write down (but you need not derive) the partial differential equation satisfied by the \vec{E} field in the allowed ($x < 0$) and forbidden ($x > 0$) regions, in terms of \vec{E} , x , t , v and c . Here

$$v = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon\mu} \quad c = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}$$

are the speed of light in the medium and vacuum respectively.

(b) Hence, show that

$$\omega^2 = k_I^2 v^2 = k_R^2 v^2$$

and

$$\omega^2 = c^2(k_T^2 - \kappa^2)$$

- (c) By matching the y -dependence of the three waves, obtain κ and k_T as functions of k_I , θ_I , and the index of refraction $n \equiv c/v$. Find the restriction on θ_I and n such that real κ and k_T solutions exist.
- (d) Obtain \vec{B}_T in the forbidden region ($x > 0$). Express your answer in terms of κ , k_T , ω , and $(\vec{E}_T)_0$.
- (e) Obtain \vec{B}_I and \vec{B}_R in the allowed region ($x < 0$) in terms of k_I , θ_I , $(E_I)_0$, and $(E_R)_0$.
- (f) State the boundary conditions at the interface $x = 0$ that \vec{E} and \vec{B} must satisfy.