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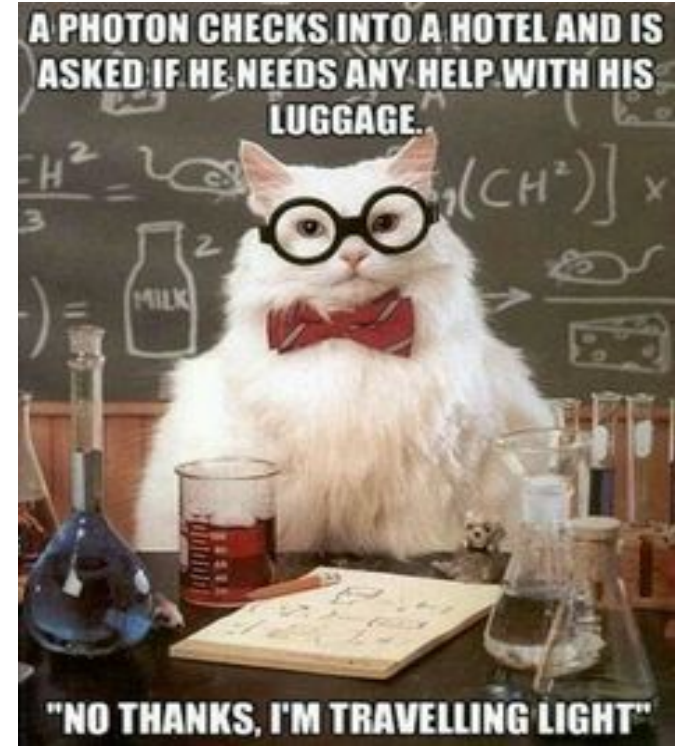
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RL Circuits

Inductors behave “oppositely” to capacitors (i.e. at $t=0$ and $t=\infty$ when charging up)

Inductors in circuits add in series and in parallel like resistors

$$L \equiv \frac{\Phi_B}{I}$$

Inductance: $L = \text{magnetic flux} / \text{current}$

Time constant: $\tau = L / R$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} \quad V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

Charging and Discharging Equations

$$I(t) = I(\infty) \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right) \quad I(t) = I(0) e^{-t/\tau}$$

RL Circuits cont.

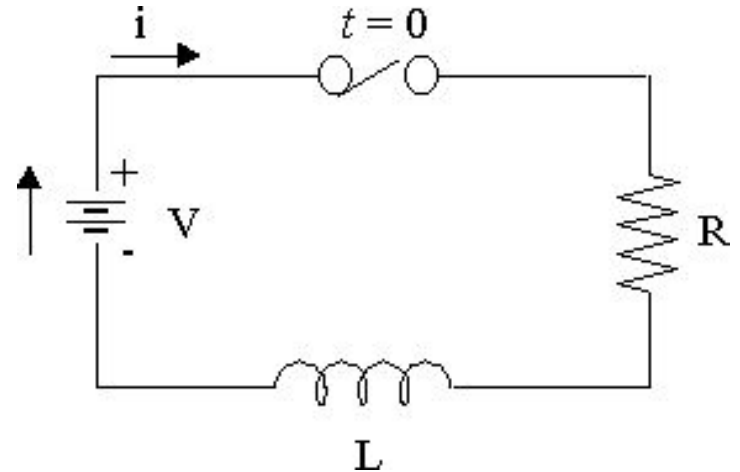
Charging

$t = 0 \rightarrow$ inductor acts like an open circuit

- $I = 0$ A, but there is a voltage

$t = \infty \rightarrow$ inductor acts like a wire (short circuit)

- $V = 0$ V, but there is a current



Discharging

$t = 0 \rightarrow$ inductor acts like a current source (I at $t = 0$ is the same as I at $t = \infty$ found when charging up)

$t = \infty \rightarrow$ inductor acts like a wire (no more current in the circuit)

LC Circuits

Inductors and capacitors are storage devices so their energies are constantly oscillating between one another (given an initial voltage/current)

Total Potential Energy: $U_{\text{total}} = U_{\text{inductor}} + U_{\text{capacitor}} = 0.5LI^2 + 0.5CV^2$

Resonance only occurs at the natural frequency: ω_0

Natural Frequency

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 \quad U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

AC Circuits (RLC)

Resistor is in phase with the current

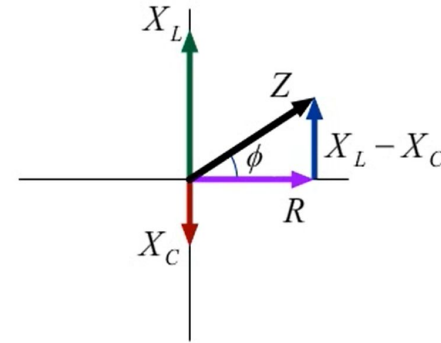
Inductor leads current by 90 degrees

Capacitor lags current by 90 degrees

Steps for AC Circuit Problems:

- 1) Find the reactances first (X_L and X_C)
- 2) Then find impedance (Z)
- 3) Now you can solve for I_m
- 4) Solve for phase of the generator
 - a) If phase is positive → generator voltage leads current
 - b) If phase is negative → generator voltage lags current

Impedance Phasor Diagram



$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$$

Phase

$$I_m = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{Z}$$

Maximum Current

Inductor Reactance $X_L = \omega L$

Capacitor Reactance $X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$

Impedance $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$

Average Power and Resonance

Resonance occurs when $\omega = \omega_0$

This makes $X_L = X_C$ thus $Z = R \Rightarrow$ this is when I_m is at its maximum value

$$\langle P_{Generator} \rangle = \mathcal{E}_{rms} I_{rms} \cos \phi$$

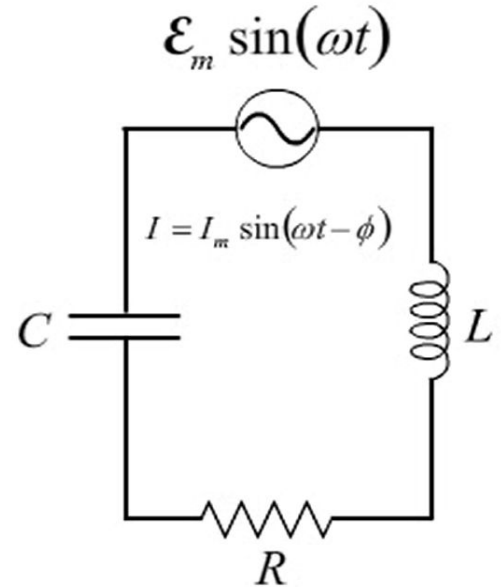
Root Mean Square (rms)

$$\mathcal{E}_{rms} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{Voltage}$$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{Current}$$

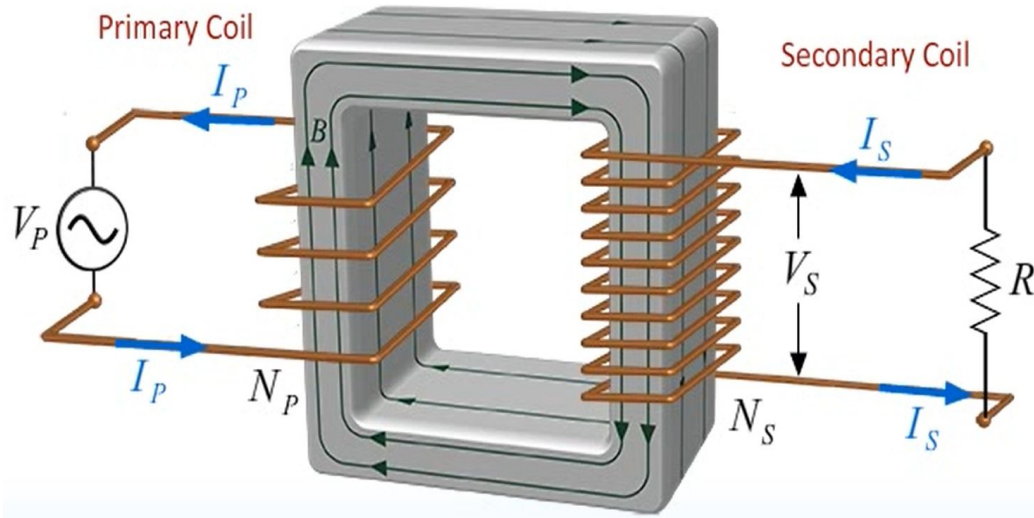
Natural Frequency

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Transformers

Transformers are used to convert from high voltages to low voltages and vice versa



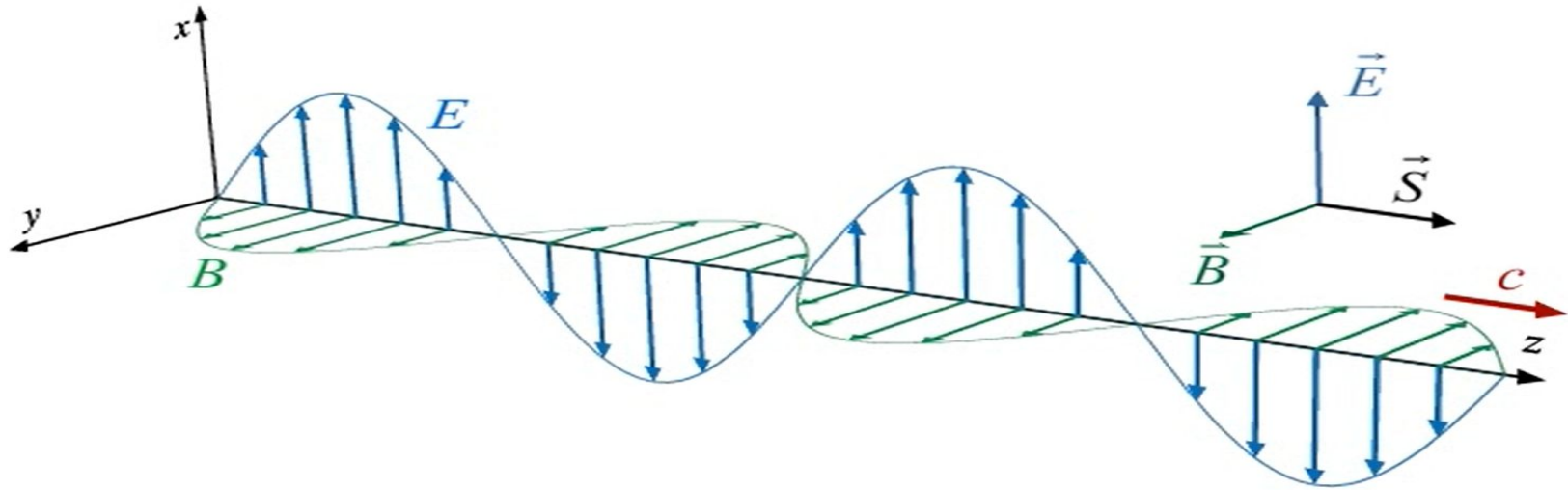
Voltage Relation

$$\frac{V_S}{V_P} = \frac{N_S}{N_P}$$

Current Relation

$$\frac{I_P}{I_S} = \frac{N_S}{N_P}$$

EM Wave Image (Remember this image!)



EM Wave Properties

$$E_x = E_o \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

E and B have the same waveform: If E is $\sin(kz - \omega t)$ then B is also $\sin(kz - \omega t)$

Magnitude of B is smaller: $B_o = E_o / c$ where c is the speed of light (3×10^8 m/s)

The “x, y, or z” variable inside the argument tells you the direction of propagation
 $\cos(kz - \omega t)$ travels in +z-direction, $\cos(kz + \omega t)$ travels in -z-direction

Wave parameters: $\omega = 2\pi f$, $v = \lambda f = \omega / k$ ($v = c$ for EM waves in free-space)

Poynting vector (S) points in the same direction the wave is traveling

$$\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) / \mu_o$$

Power = $\mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{A}$ (units: W) , **Intensity = Power / Area = \mathbf{S}** (units: W/m²)

Doppler Shift

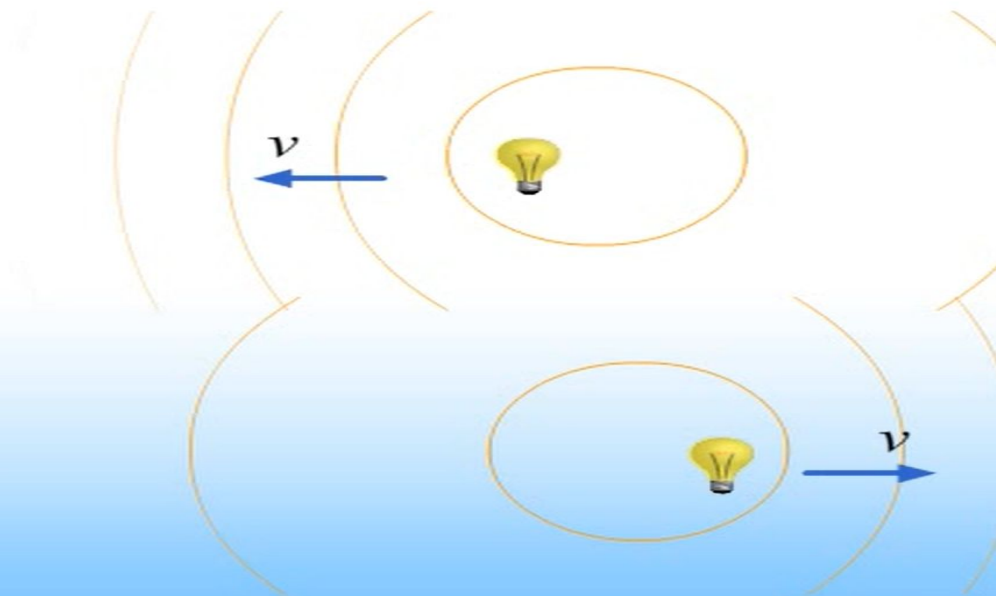
$$f' = f \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm \beta}{1 \mp \beta}} \xrightarrow{\beta \ll 1} f' \approx f(1 \pm \beta)$$

where $\beta \equiv \frac{v}{c}$

Decreasing Separation

$$f' = f \sqrt{\frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}}$$

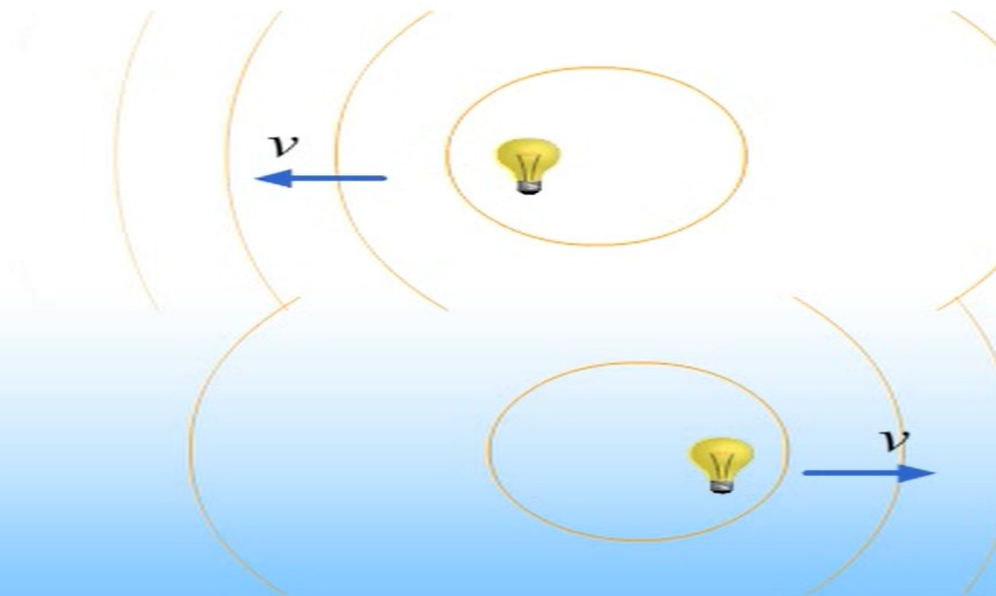
$(f' > f)$



Increasing Separation

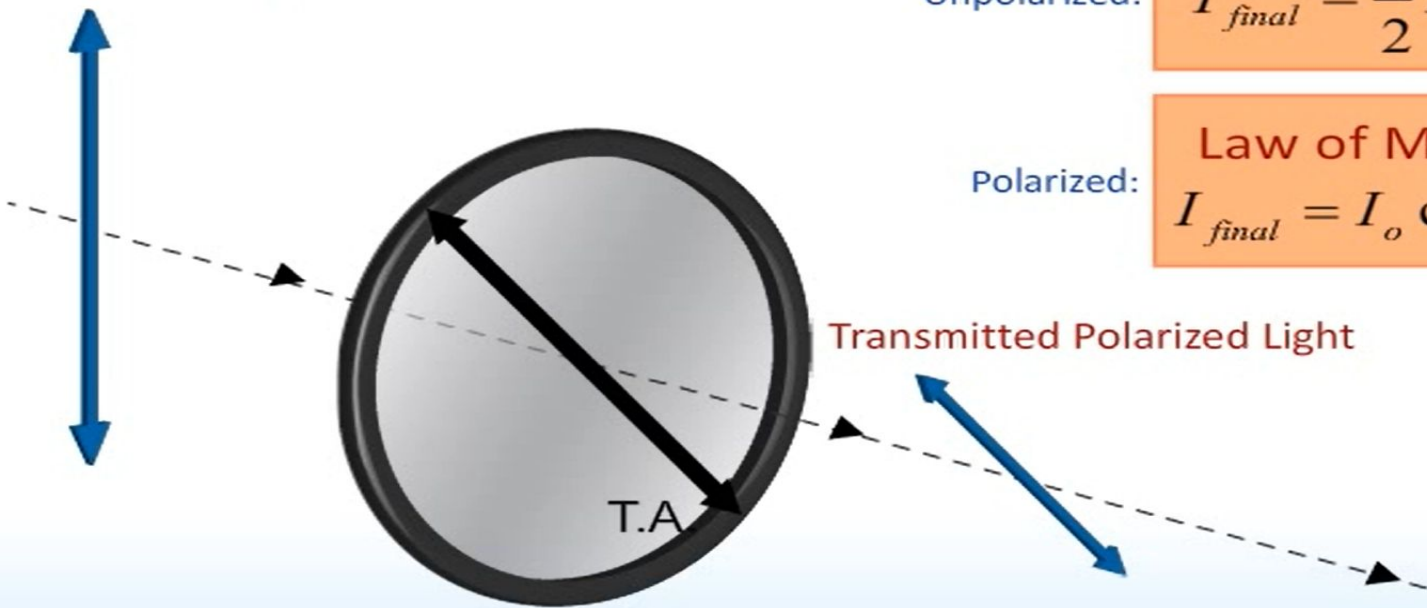
$$f' = f \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta}}$$

$(f' < f)$



Linear Polarization

Incident Polarized Light



Incident Light

Unpolarized:

$$I_{final} = \frac{1}{2} I_o$$

Polarized:

Law of Malus

$$I_{final} = I_o \cos^2 \theta$$

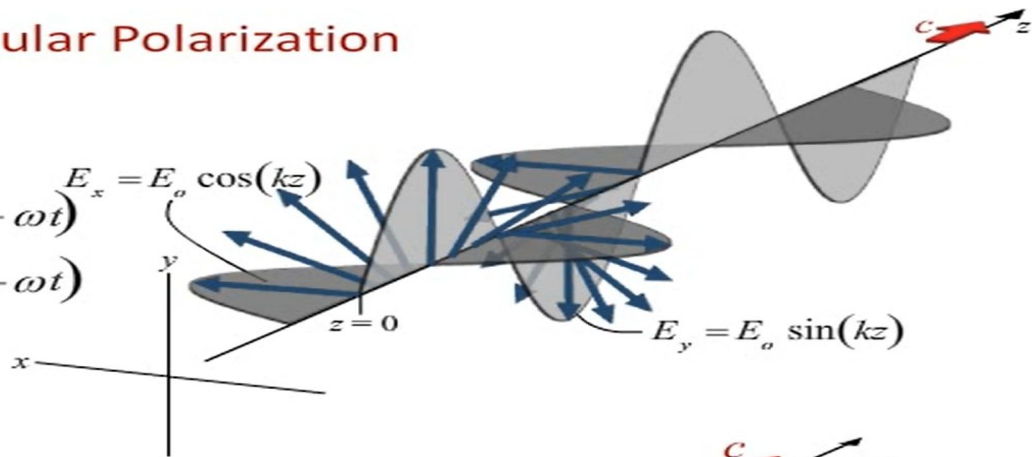
Transmitted Polarized Light

Circular Polarization

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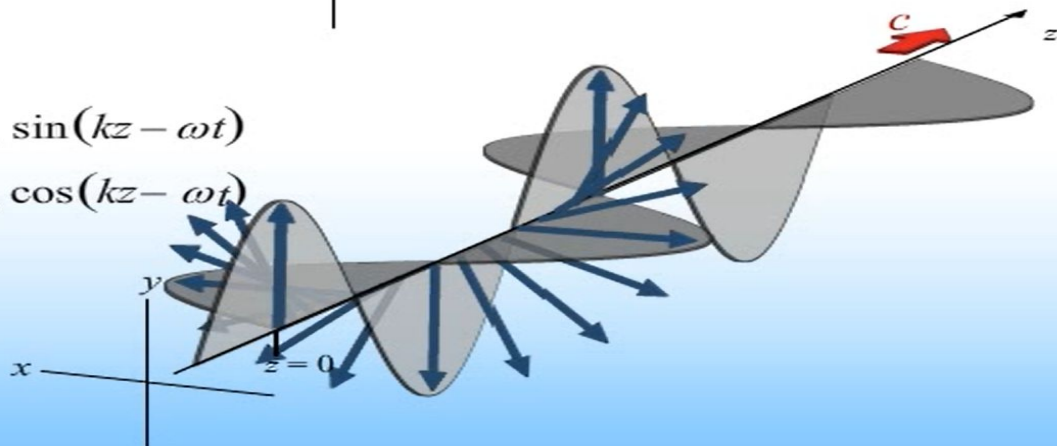
Right-handed (RCP):

$$\phi_x - \phi_y = \frac{\pi}{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Examples}} \begin{cases} E_x = E_o \cos(kz - \omega t) \\ E_y = E_o \sin(kz - \omega t) \end{cases}$$



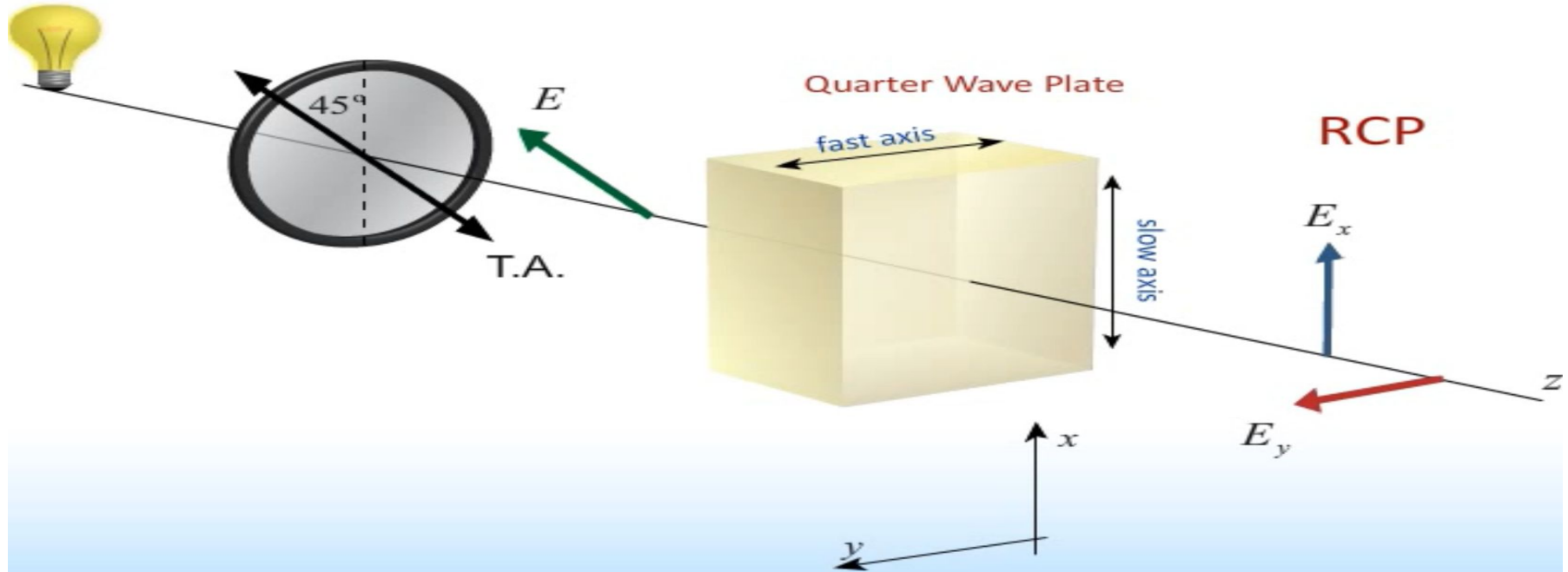
Left-handed (LCP):

$$\phi_x - \phi_y = -\frac{\pi}{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Examples}} \begin{cases} E_x = E_o \sin(kz - \omega t) \\ E_y = E_o \cos(kz - \omega t) \end{cases}$$



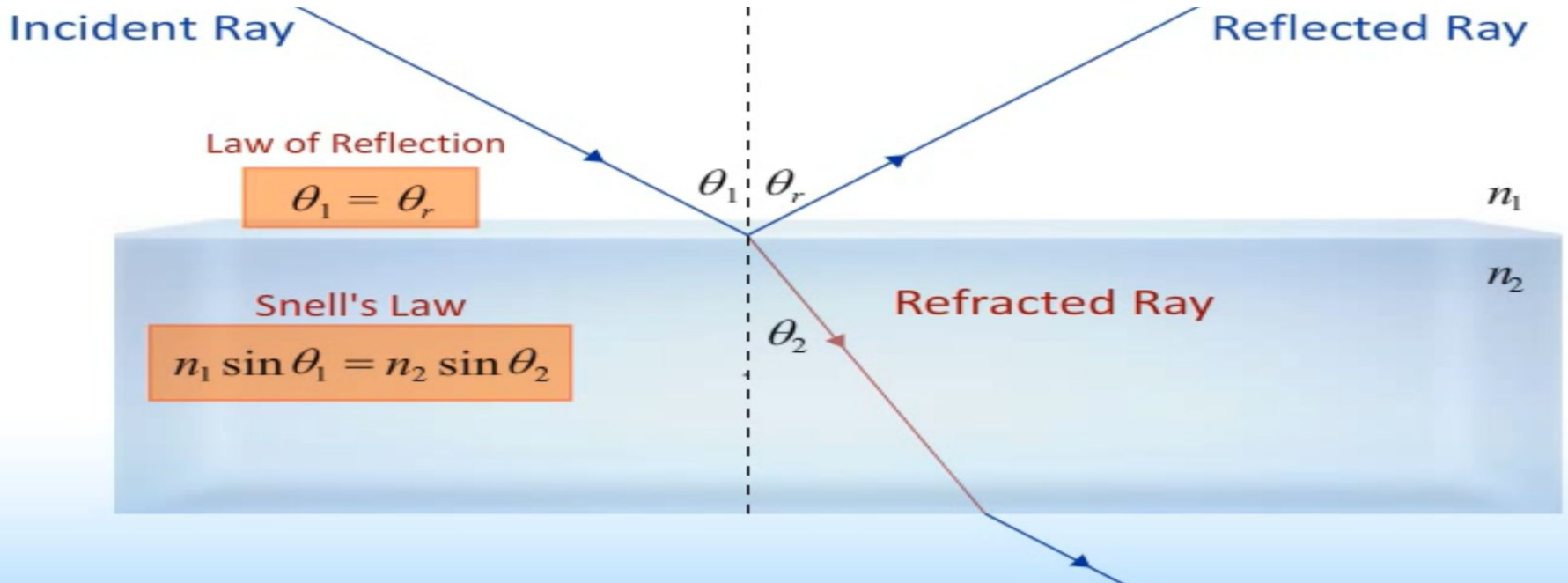
Circular Polarization cont.

- Produced by passing linear polarized light through a quarter wave plate (**only if the light isn't 100% vertically or horizontally linearly polarized beforehand**)
- If **Slow-Axis X Fast-Axis = Direction of Wave** \rightarrow RCP , otherwise LCP



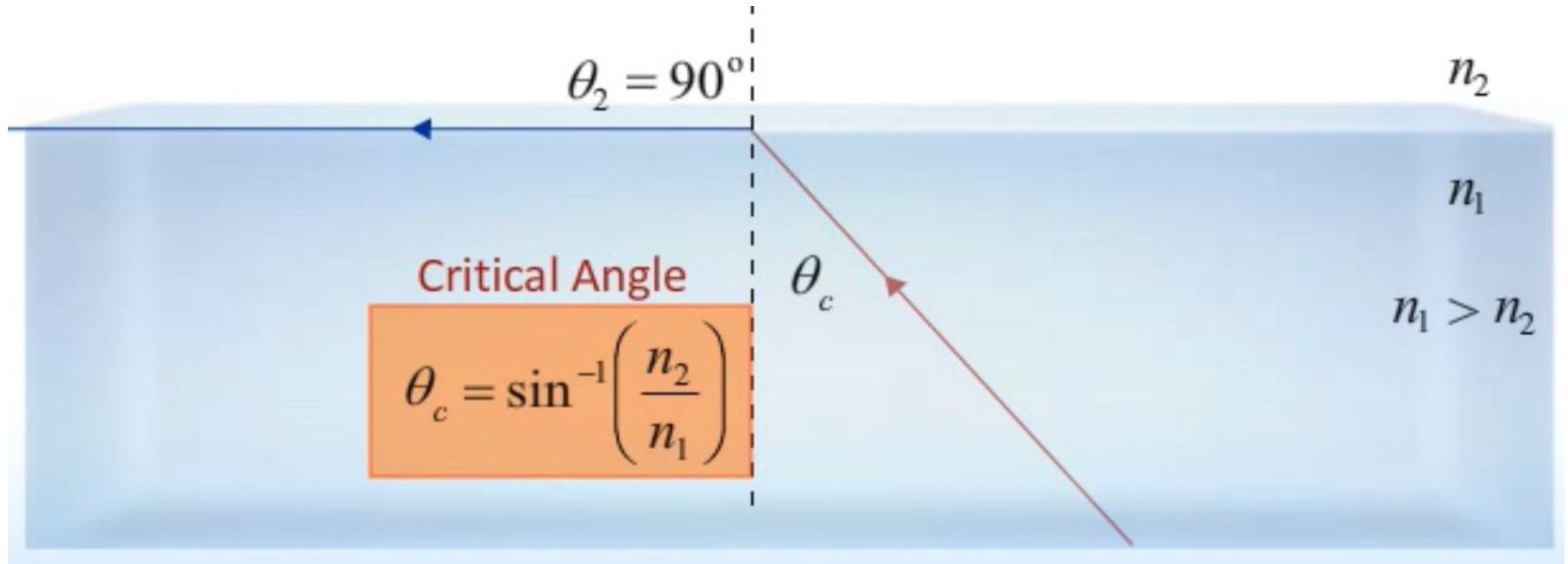
Reflection and Refraction

- **Law of Reflection** - the incident angle is equal to the reflected angle wrt the normal
- **Index of Refraction** - $n = c/v$ is material specific: for vacuum/air $n = 1$
- **Snell's Law** - used to find the angle of the refracted ray wrt the normal



Reflection and Refraction cont.

Total Internal Reflection - only happens when rays are at the critical angle or at angles larger than the critical angle



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