

The fields in the incident medium are

$$\vec{E}_I(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + \vec{E}_0'' e^{i(\vec{k}'' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

↑ incident ↓
↑ reflected ↓

$$\vec{B}_I(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0}{\omega} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + \frac{\vec{k}'' \times \vec{E}_0''}{\omega} e^{i(\vec{k}'' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

The fields in the refracted medium are

$$\vec{E}_R(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0' e^{i(\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B}_R(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\vec{k}' \times \vec{E}_0'}{\omega} e^{i(\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

When the field point \vec{r} is on the boundary, we designate it by \vec{R} . The first important result is obtained by noting that the boundary conditions can only be satisfied if all the wave phase factors are the same for all \vec{R} and t :

$$e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R} - \omega t)} = e^{i(\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{R} - \omega t)} = e^{i(\vec{k}'' \cdot \vec{R} - \omega t)}$$

The time aspect has already been dealt with (it resulted in the same frequency ω being used in each part of the wave). The spatial aspects require

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R} = \vec{k}' \cdot \vec{R} = \vec{k}'' \cdot \vec{R}$$

If we choose the origin on the interface, then we can write the previous equation as

$$\vec{k} \times \hat{n} = \vec{k}' \times \hat{n} = \vec{k}'' \times \hat{n} \quad (\hat{n} \text{ is the normal})$$

or as

$$k \sin(\theta_i) = k' \sin(\theta_o) = k'' \sin(\theta_r)$$

$$\text{But } k = \frac{\omega}{v} = k'' \quad \text{and } k' = \frac{\omega}{v'}$$

$$\text{where } v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}} \quad \text{and } v' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon' \mu'}}$$

Thus $\boxed{\theta_i = \theta_r}$ angle of incidence equals angle of reflection

and since $n = \frac{c}{v} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \mu}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$ = index of refraction of the incident medium

$$n' = \frac{c}{v'} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon' \mu'}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = \text{index of refraction of the refracted medium}$$

$$n \sin(\theta_i) = n' \sin(\theta_o) \quad \text{Snell's Law (or Snel's)}$$

Note that the medium with the larger index of refraction has the smaller relevant angle.

Now look again at the boundary conditions:

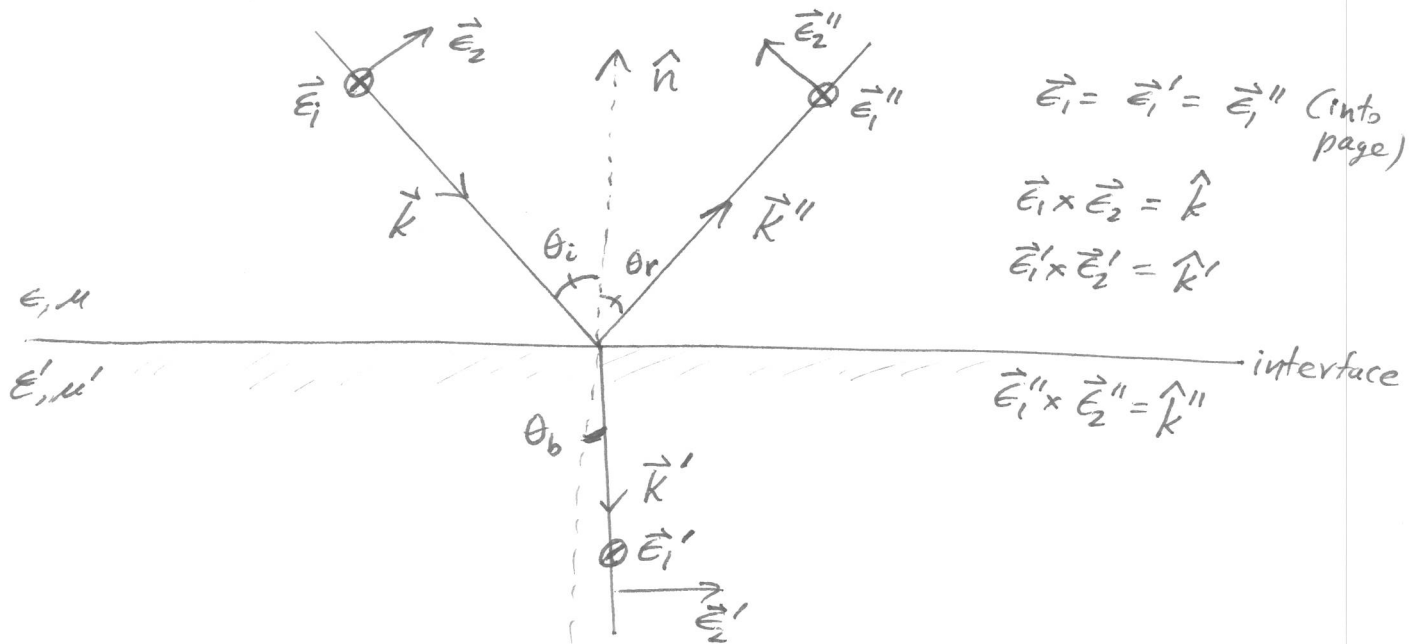
$$\hat{n} \cdot \Delta \vec{D} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{n} \cdot [\epsilon(\vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_0'') - \epsilon' \vec{E}_0'] = 0$$

$$\hat{n} \times \Delta \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{n} \times [\vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_0'' - \vec{E}_0'] = 0$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \Delta \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{n} \cdot [\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0 + \vec{k}'' \times \vec{E}_0'' - \vec{k}' \times \vec{E}_0'] = 0$$

$$\hat{n} \times \Delta \vec{H} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{n} \times \left[\frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0}{\mu} + \frac{\vec{k}'' \times \vec{E}_0''}{\mu} - \frac{\vec{k}' \times \vec{E}_0'}{\mu'} \right] = 0$$

We now define the plane of incidence as the plane containing the vectors \vec{k} and \hat{n} — in our diagram, it is the plane of the paper. We also need two polarization vectors \vec{E}_1 and \vec{E}_2 :



$$\hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}_1 = 0 \quad \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}_2 = \sin(\theta_i) = \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}_2'' \quad \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}_2' = \sin(\theta_b)$$

$$\hat{n} \times \vec{E}_2 = \vec{E}_1 \cos(\theta_i) \quad \hat{n} \times \vec{E}_2' = \vec{E}_1 \cos(\theta_b) \quad \hat{n} \times \vec{E}_2'' = -\vec{E}_1 \cos(\theta_i)$$

\vec{E}_1 is chosen to be perpendicular to the plane of incidence. Decompose the electric fields of the waves:

$$\vec{E}_0 = E_{01} \vec{E}_1 + E_{02} \vec{E}_2 \quad \text{where e.g. } E_{01} = \vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{E}_1$$

$$\vec{E}_0' = E_{01}' \vec{E}_1' + E_{02}' \vec{E}_2'$$

$$\vec{E}_0'' = E_{01}'' \vec{E}_1'' + E_{02}'' \vec{E}_2''$$

Back to the boundary conditions at the interface:

$$\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \vec{D} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon (E_{02} + E_{02}'') \sin(\theta_i) - \epsilon' E_{02}' \sin(\theta_b) = 0}$$

$$\hat{n} \times \nabla \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow (E_{01} + E_{01}'' - E_{01}') (\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{n}) - [(E_{02} - E_{02}'') \cos(\theta_i) - E_{02}' \cos(\theta_b)] \vec{E}_1 = 0$$

This is a vector equation and both perpendicular components are zero separately. That is

$$\boxed{E_{01} + E_{01}'' - E_{01}' = 0}$$

and

$$\boxed{(E_{02} - E_{02}'') \cos(\theta_i) - E_{02}' \cos(\theta_b) = 0}$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \Delta \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow (k E_{01} + k'' E_{01}'') \sin(\theta_i) - k' E_{01}' \sin(\theta_b) = 0$$

using $k = \frac{\omega n}{c} = k''$ and $k' = \frac{\omega n'}{c}$

with Snell's Law $n \sin(\theta_i) = n' \sin(\theta_b)$

This equation becomes

$$E_{01} + E_{01}'' - E_{01}' = 0 \quad \text{but we knew this already from the previous page, so nothing new here.}$$

$$\hat{n} \times \Delta \vec{H} = 0 \Rightarrow - \left[\frac{1}{\mu} (k E_{01} - k'' E_{01}'') \cos(\theta_i) - \frac{1}{\mu'} k' E_{01}' \cos(\theta_b) \right] \vec{e}_1$$

$$+ \left[\frac{1}{\mu} (k E_{02} + k'' E_{02}'') - \frac{1}{\mu'} k' E_{02}' \right] \vec{e}_1 \times \hat{n} = 0$$

↑ This is another vector equation so both terms = 0.

$$\boxed{\frac{n}{\mu} (E_{01} - E_{01}'') \cos(\theta_i) - \frac{n'}{\mu'} E_{01}' \cos(\theta_b) = 0}$$

and

$$\boxed{\frac{n}{\mu} (E_{02} + E_{02}'') - \frac{n'}{\mu'} E_{02}' = 0}$$

Now we have 5 equations (in the boxes) and only 4 unknowns $\left\{ \frac{E_{01}'}{E_{01}}, \frac{E_{01}''}{E_{01}}, \frac{E_{02}'}{E_{02}}, \frac{E_{02}''}{E_{02}} \right\}$ so the equations can not be linearly independent. (The incident amplitudes E_{01} and E_{02} are arbitrary, so ratios are the unknowns).