

Problem 2.49) a) At the mirror surface, we have $z = 0$ and the tangential E -field is along the x -axis. Adding the x -components of the incident and reflected E -fields, we find

$$E_x^{(\text{inc})} + E_x^{(\text{ref})} = E_0 \cos \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} - E_0 \cos \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} = 0.$$

Since the fields inside the perfectly-conducting mirror are zero, the continuity of the tangential E -field requires $E_x^{(\text{total})}$ at the front facet of the mirror to vanish. This is indeed the case for the tangential component of the E -field at $z = 0$.

b) At the front facet, we have $z = 0$ and the tangential H -field is along the y -axis. Adding the y -components of the incident and reflected H -fields, we find

$$H_y^{(\text{inc})} + H_y^{(\text{ref})} = 2(E_0/Z_0) \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\}.$$

Since the H -field within the perfectly-conducting mirror is zero, the discontinuity of H_y must be accounted for by the presence of a surface-current-density whose magnitude is equal to H_y at the mirror surface, and whose direction, while perpendicular to the H -field, follows the right-hand rule. We will have

$$\mathbf{J}_s(x, y, z = 0, t) = 2(E_0/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\}.$$

c) At the front facet, we have $z = 0$ and the perpendicular E -field is along the z -axis. Adding the z -components of the incident and reflected E -fields, we find

$$E_z^{(\text{inc})} + E_z^{(\text{ref})} = -2E_0 \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\}.$$

Since the E -field within the perfectly-conducting mirror is zero, the discontinuity of E_z must be accounted for by the presence of a surface-charge-density whose magnitude is equal to $\epsilon_0 E_z$ at the mirror surface. We find

$$\sigma_s(x, y, z = 0, t) = 2\epsilon_0 E_0 \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\}.$$

d) Charge-current continuity equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_s + \partial \sigma_s / \partial t &= \partial J_{s,x} / \partial x + \partial \sigma_s / \partial t = 2i(\omega/c) \sin \theta (E_0/Z_0) \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} \\ &\quad - 2i\omega \epsilon_0 E_0 \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} \\ &= 2i\omega (\epsilon_0 - \epsilon_0) E_0 \sin \theta \exp\{i(\omega/c)[(\sin \theta)x - ct]\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$