## **Opti 501 Solutions 1/1**

**Problem 4.41**) a) For the incident plane-wave in the region  $y \le 0$ , we have

$$
\mathbf{E}^{(\text{inc})}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla\psi - \partial A/\partial t = \omega_0 A_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t),
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathbf{H}^{(\text{inc})}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times A(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} (\partial A_z/\partial y) \hat{\mathbf{x}}
$$
  
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$$
= \mu_0^{-1} k_0 A_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t) = (\omega_0 A_0/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t).
$$

For the reflected plane-wave (again in the region  $y \le 0$ ), we have

$$
\mathbf{E}^{(\text{ref})}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla\psi - \partial A/\partial t = -\omega_0 A_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t),
$$
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$$
\mathbf{H}^{(\text{ref})}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times A(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} (\partial A_z/\partial y) \hat{\mathbf{x}}
$$
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$$
= \mu_0^{-1} k_0 A_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t) = (\omega_0 A_0/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t).
$$

b) In the plane  $y = 0$  at the front facet of the mirror, the total E-field and the total H-field are given by

$$
\boldsymbol{E}^{\text{(total)}}(x, y = 0, z, t) = \boldsymbol{E}^{\text{(inc)}} + \boldsymbol{E}^{\text{(ref)}} = \omega_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \cos(-\omega_0 t) - \omega_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \cos(\omega_0 t) = 0,
$$
  

$$
\boldsymbol{H}^{\text{(total)}}(x, y = 0, z, t) = \boldsymbol{H}^{\text{(inc)}} + \boldsymbol{H}^{\text{(ref)}} = 2(\omega_0 A_0 / Z_0) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \cos(\omega_0 t).
$$

There is no perpendicular E-field immediately before the mirror at  $y = 0^-$ . Also, inside the mirror, and specifically at  $y = 0^+$ , there are no E-fields. Maxwell's boundary condition relating the surface charge-density to the discontinuity of  $\varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{\perp}$  at  $y = 0$  thus yields  $\sigma_s(x, z, t) = 0$ .

The tangential H-field immediately before the mirror at  $y = 0^-$  is  $2(\omega_0 A_0/Z_0) \hat{x} \cos(\omega_0 t)$ . Since inside the mirror, and specifically at  $y = 0^+$ , there exist no *H*-fields, Maxwell's boundary condition relating the surface current-density  $J_s$  to the discontinuity of  $H_{\parallel}$  at  $y = 0$  yields  $J_s(x, z, t) = 2(\omega_0 A_0/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cos(\omega_0 t)$ . The amplitude of this surface current-density is thus given by  $J_{s0} = 2(\omega_0 A_0/Z_0)$ .

c) According to Example 10, Chapter 4, the  $E$  and  $H$  fields of the plane-wave propagating in the region  $y \ge 0$  are  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{1}{2}Z_0I_{s0}\hat{\mathbf{z}}\cos(k_0y - \omega_0t)$  and  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{1}{2}I_{s0}\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos(k_0y - \omega_0t)$ . We may also consider the vector potential of the field radiated into the shadow region, which is given by  $A(r,t) = -\frac{1}{2}(Z_0J_{s0}/\omega_0)\hat{z} \sin(k_0 y - \omega_0 t)$ . Clearly, the field radiated into the shadow region is exactly cancelled out by the continuation beyond the PEC mirror of the incident beam.