Solutions

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

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{(\text{inc})}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi - \partial\boldsymbol{A}/\partial t = \omega_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t),$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{(\text{inc})}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} (\partial A_z / \partial y) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}$$

$$= \mu_0^{-1} k_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t) = (\omega_0 A_0 / Z_0) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \cos(k_0 y - \omega_0 t).$$

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

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{(\text{ref})}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi - \partial\boldsymbol{A}/\partial t = -\omega_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t),$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{(\text{ref})}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} (\partial A_z/\partial y) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}$$

$$= \mu_0^{-1} k_0 A_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t) = (\omega_0 A_0/Z_0) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \cos(k_0 y + \omega_0 t).$$

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

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

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

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 $\varepsilon_0 E_{\perp}$ 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 $J_s(x, z, t) = 2(\omega_0 A_0/Z_0)\hat{z}\cos(\omega_0 t)$. 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 $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{1}{2}Z_0J_{s0}\hat{\mathbf{z}}\cos(k_0y - \omega_0t)$ and $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{1}{2}J_{s0}\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos(k_0y - \omega_0t)$. We may also consider the vector potential of the field radiated into the shadow region, which is given by $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{1}{2}(Z_0J_{s0}/\omega_0)\hat{\mathbf{z}}\sin(k_0y - \omega_0t)$. Clearly, the field radiated into the shadow region is exactly cancelled out by the continuation beyond the PEC mirror of the incident beam.