

**Problem 11)** a) The  $E$ - and  $H$ -fields of the incident plane-wave are given by

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(i)} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]; \quad (1a)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(i)} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]. \quad (1b)$$

The dispersion relation in free space is  $k^2 = (\omega/c)^2$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = k_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} = (\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (2)$$

The incident  $E$ -field amplitude, as shown in the figure, is given by

$$\mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(i)} = E_{p_0} (\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (3)$$

It may be readily verified that this  $E$ -field satisfies Maxwell's first equation, namely,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$ , which is equivalent to  $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(i)} = 0$ . As for the incident  $H$ -field, Maxwell's third equation,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t$ , yields

$$\begin{aligned} i\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \times \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(i)} &= i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(i)} \rightarrow (\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times E_{p_0} (\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(i)} \\ &\rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(i)} = (E_{p_0}/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{y}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

b) The  $E$ - and  $H$ -fields of the reflected wave are written

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(r)} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]; \quad (5a)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(r)} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]. \quad (5b)$$

The reflected  $k$ -vector is similar to the incident  $k$ -vector, except for the sign of  $k_z$ , that is,

$$\mathbf{k}^{(r)} = k_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} - k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} = (\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (6)$$

The reflected  $E$ -field amplitude must cancel out the tangential component of the incident  $E$ -field at the surface of the perfect conductor, as there cannot be any  $E$ -fields inside the conductor. We thus have

$$\mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(r)} = -E_{p_0} (\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (7)$$

As before, it may be readily verified that the above  $E$ -field satisfies Maxwell's first equation, namely,  $\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(r)} = 0$ . The reflected  $H$ -field is, once again, obtained from Maxwell's third equation, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} i\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \times \mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(r)} &= i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(r)} \rightarrow (\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times E_{p_0} (-\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(r)} \\ &\rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(r)} = (E_{p_0}/Z_0) \hat{\mathbf{y}}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

c) The rate of flow of energy per unit cross-sectional area per unit time is given by the time-averaged Poynting vector, namely,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{S}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(i)} \times \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(i)*}] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[E_{p_0}(\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times (E_{p_0}^*/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}}] \\
&= \frac{|E_{p_0}|^2}{2Z_0}(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \tag{9}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{S}^{(r)}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}_{p_0}^{(r)} \times \mathbf{H}_{p_0}^{(r)*}] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[-E_{p_0}(\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times (E_{p_0}^*/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}}] \\
&= \frac{|E_{p_0}|^2}{2Z_0}(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \tag{10}
\end{aligned}$$

The incident and reflected waves are seen to have a time-averaged Poynting vector  $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle$  directed along the corresponding  $k$ -vector. The magnitudes of these Poynting vectors, however, are the same, namely,  $|E_{p_0}|^2/(2Z_0)$ . Therefore, the incident and reflected energy fluxes are identical.

d) The surface-current-density  $\mathbf{J}_s(x, y, t)$  is equal in magnitude and perpendicular in direction to the total  $H$ -field at the surface of the perfect conductor. Taking into account the right-hand rule relating the direction of the surface current to that of the  $H$ -field, we will have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{J}_s(x, y, t) &= [H_y^{(i)}(x, y, z=0, t) + H_y^{(r)}(x, y, z=0, t)] \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= 2(E_{p_0}/Z_0) \exp[i(k_x x - \omega t)] \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 2(E_{p_0}/Z_0) \exp[i(\omega/c)(x \sin \theta - ct)] \hat{\mathbf{x}}. \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

e) The surface-charge-density  $\sigma_s(x, y, t)$  is given by the discontinuity in the perpendicular component of the  $D$ -field, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_s(x, y, t) &= -\epsilon_0 [E_z^{(i)}(x, y, z=0, t) + E_z^{(r)}(x, y, z=0, t)] \\
&= 2\epsilon_0 E_{p_0} \sin \theta \exp[i(k_x x - \omega t)] = 2\epsilon_0 E_{p_0} \sin \theta \exp[i(\omega/c)(x \sin \theta - ct)]. \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

f) Substituting in the continuity equation for  $\mathbf{J}_s$  from Eq.(11) and for  $\sigma_s$  from Eq.(12), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial J_{sx} / \partial x + \partial \sigma_s / \partial t &= [2i(\omega/c) \sin \theta (E_{p_0}/Z_0) - 2i\omega\epsilon_0 E_{p_0} \sin \theta] \exp[i(\omega/c)(x \sin \theta - ct)] \\
&= 2i\omega [(cZ_0)^{-1} - \epsilon_0] E_{p_0} \sin \theta \exp[i(\omega/c)(x \sin \theta - ct)] = 0. \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

The continuity equation is thus satisfied by the induced surface-charge and surface-current.

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