

Problem 36)

$$a) \vec{E}_1(\vec{r}, t) = E_{x1} \hat{x} \exp\{ik_0(y \sin\alpha + z \cos\alpha - ct)\}$$

$$\vec{E}_2(\vec{r}, t) = E_{x2} \hat{x} \exp\{ik_0(-y \sin\alpha + z \cos\alpha - ct)\}$$

$$\vec{H}_1(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{z_0} \vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{E}_1(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{E_{x1}}{z_0} (\cos\theta \hat{y} - \sin\theta \hat{z}) \exp[ik_0(y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)]$$

$$\vec{H}_2(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{z_0} \vec{\sigma}_2 \times \vec{E}_2(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{E_{x2}}{z_0} (\cos\theta \hat{y} + \sin\theta \hat{z}) \exp[ik_0(-y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)]$$

$$b) \langle \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\vec{E} \times \vec{H}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left\{ (\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2) \times (\vec{H}_1^* + \vec{H}_2^*) \right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\vec{E}_1 \times \vec{H}_1^*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\vec{E}_2 \times \vec{H}_2^*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\vec{E}_1 \times \vec{H}_2^*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\vec{E}_2 \times \vec{H}_1^*) =$$

$$\frac{|E_{x1}|^2}{2z_0} \hat{x} \times (\cos\theta \hat{y} - \sin\theta \hat{z}) + \frac{|E_{x2}|^2}{2z_0} \hat{x} \times (\cos\theta \hat{y} + \sin\theta \hat{z}) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2z_0} \text{Re} \left\{ E_{x1} e^{ik_0(y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)} E_{x2}^* e^{-ik_0(-y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)} \right\} \hat{x} \times (\cos\theta \hat{y} + \sin\theta \hat{z}) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2z_0} \text{Re} \left\{ E_{x2} e^{ik_0(-y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)} E_{x1}^* e^{-ik_0(y \sin\theta + z \cos\theta - ct)} \right\} \hat{x} \times (\cos\theta \hat{y} - \sin\theta \hat{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{|E_{x1}|^2}{2z_0} (\cos\theta \hat{z} + \sin\theta \hat{y}) + \frac{|E_{x2}|^2}{2z_0} (\cos\theta \hat{z} - \sin\theta \hat{y})$$

$$+ \frac{|E_{x1}| |E_{x2}|}{2z_0} \text{Re} \left\{ e^{i(2k_0 y \sin\theta + \phi_{x1} - \phi_{x2})} \right\} (\cos\theta \hat{z} - \sin\theta \hat{y})$$

$$+ \frac{|E_{x1}| |E_{x2}|}{2z_0} \text{Re} \left\{ e^{-i(2k_0 y \sin\theta + \phi_{x1} - \phi_{x2})} \right\} (\cos\theta \hat{z} + \sin\theta \hat{y})$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{|E_{x1}|^2 + |E_{x2}|^2}{2z_0} \cos\theta \hat{z} + \frac{|E_{x1}|^2 - |E_{x2}|^2}{2z_0} \sin\theta \hat{y} + \frac{|E_{x1}| |E_{x2}|}{z_0} \cos\theta \cos(2k_0 \sin\theta y + \phi_{x1} - \phi_{x2}) \hat{z}$$

The last term in the above expression is the interference term, modulating the Poynting Vector component $\langle S_z \rangle$ along the y -direction according to the function $\cos(2k_0 \sin\theta y + \phi_{x1} - \phi_{x2})$. The component $\langle S_z \rangle$ is thus strong when the fringes are bright and weak when the fringes are dark.