

Problem 7.51)

a) $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0 \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)], \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_0 \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)].$

Incident beam: $k_x = (\omega/c) \sin \theta, \quad k_y = 0, \quad k_z^i = -(\omega/c) \cos \theta.$

$$E_{x_0}^i = E_{z_0}^i = 0, \quad E_{y_0}^i = \text{arbitrary.}$$

$$\mathbf{k}^i \times \mathbf{E}^i = \mu_0 \mu(\omega) \omega \mathbf{H}^i \rightarrow (k_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_z^i \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times E_{y_0}^i \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mu_0 \omega (H_{x_0}^i \hat{\mathbf{x}} + H_{z_0}^i \hat{\mathbf{z}})$$

$$\rightarrow H_{x_0}^i = \frac{\cos \theta E_{y_0}^i}{Z_0}, \quad H_{z_0}^i = \frac{\sin \theta E_{y_0}^i}{Z_0}.$$

Reflected beam: $k_x = (\omega/c) \sin \theta, \quad k_y = 0, \quad k_z^r = (\omega/c) \cos \theta.$

$$E_{x_0}^r = E_{z_0}^r = 0, \quad E_{y_0}^r = \text{unknown.}$$

$$\mathbf{k}^r \times \mathbf{E}^r = \mu_0 \mu(\omega) \omega \mathbf{H}^r \rightarrow H_{x_0}^r = -\frac{\cos \theta E_{y_0}^r}{Z_0}, \quad H_{z_0}^r = \frac{\sin \theta E_{y_0}^r}{Z_0}.$$

Transmitted beam: $k_x = (\omega/c) \sin \theta, \quad k_y = 0, \quad k_z^t = -i(\omega/c) \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta}.$

$$E_{x_0}^t = 0, \quad \mathbf{k}^t \cdot \mathbf{E}^t = 0 \rightarrow E_{z_0}^t = -k_x E_{x_0}^t / k_z^t = 0; \quad E_{y_0}^t = \text{unknown.}$$

$$\mathbf{k}^t \times \mathbf{E}^t = \mu_0 \mu(\omega) \omega \mathbf{H}^t \rightarrow H_{x_0}^t = \frac{i \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta}}{Z_0} E_{y_0}^t, \quad H_{z_0}^t = \frac{\sin \theta E_{y_0}^t}{Z_0}.$$

b) Matching the boundary conditions yields $E_{y_0}^r$ and $E_{y_0}^t$, as follows:

$$\begin{cases} E_{y_0}^i + E_{y_0}^r = E_{y_0}^t \\ H_{x_0}^i + H_{x_0}^r = H_{x_0}^t \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta E_{y_0}^i}{Z_0} - \frac{\cos \theta E_{y_0}^r}{Z_0} = \frac{i \sqrt{n^2 + \sin^2 \theta}}{Z_0} (E_{y_0}^i + E_{y_0}^r)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{E_{y_0}^r}{E_{y_0}^i} = \frac{\cos \theta - i \sqrt{n^2 + \sin^2 \theta}}{\cos \theta + i \sqrt{n^2 + \sin^2 \theta}}, \quad \frac{E_{y_0}^t}{E_{y_0}^i} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\cos \theta + i \sqrt{n^2 + \sin^2 \theta}}.$$

c) The reflectance R is the absolute value of the Fresnel reflection coefficient squared, that is,

$$R = \left| \frac{E_{y_0}^r}{E_{y_0}^i} \right|^2 = \frac{\cos^2 \theta + (n^2 + \sin^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta + (n^2 + \sin^2 \theta)} = 1.$$

d) The field amplitudes decay with distance z inside the plasma-like medium as $\exp[-\text{Im}(k_z^t)z]$. The penetration-depth is thus a few times the inverse of $\text{Im}(k_z^t)$, which is on the order of $\lambda_0 / \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta}$, where $\lambda_0 = 2\pi c / \omega$ is the vacuum wavelength. Note that, if n is small, the penetration-depth at normal incidence could be large, but with an increasing θ , the penetration-

depth shrinks rapidly. The E - and H -fields, of course, carry energy, having a total energy-density $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0|\mathbf{E}^t|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_0|\mathbf{H}^t|^2$ inside the plasma-like medium. This energy-density must be integrated over the entire penetration-depth of the fields to yield the total energy content of the evanescent field. As for the time-averaged Poynting vector, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{S}^t(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}^t(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}^{t*}(\mathbf{r}, t)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \{ E_{y_0}^t \hat{\mathbf{y}} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^t \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] \times (H_{x_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + H_{z_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \exp[-i(\mathbf{k}^{t*} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] \} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \exp[-2 \text{Im}(k_z^t) z] \text{Re}(E_{y_0}^t H_{z_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - E_{y_0}^t H_{x_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \\
&= \frac{\exp\left(2(\omega/c) \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} z\right)}{2Z_0} \text{Re}\left(\sin \theta E_{y_0}^t E_{y_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + i \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} E_{y_0}^t E_{y_0}^{t*} \hat{\mathbf{z}}\right) \\
&= \frac{\exp\left(2(\omega/c) \sqrt{n(\omega)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} z\right)}{2Z_0} \sin \theta |E_{y_0}^t|^2 \hat{\mathbf{x}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the component of the Poynting vector along the z -axis is zero, indicating that, in the steady-state, no electromagnetic energy is absorbed within the plasma-like medium. This is consistent with the 100% reflectivity obtained in part (c).
