

Problem 1) a) The correct expression of the Poynting vector is given in (ii), since it takes the *physical* \mathbf{E} -field, which is the real part of the complex $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, and cross-multiplies it into the *physical* \mathbf{H} -field, which is the real part of the complex $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$. In general, the complex notation is used for mathematical convenience only; it does *not* represent the actual (i.e., physical) field.

The units of \mathbf{E} (both its real and imaginary parts) are [volt/meter], while the units of \mathbf{H} (both its real and imaginary parts) are [ampere/meter]. The cross-product of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} (in both their real and complex representations) has units of [volt · ampere/m²], which equals [watt/m²] or [joule/(sec · m²)].

$$\text{b) (i) } \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} = \text{Real}\{[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}, t) + i\mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}, t)] \times [\mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}, t) + i\mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}, t)]\} \\ = \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}, t).$$

$$\text{(ii) } \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} \times \text{Real}\{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} = \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}, t).$$

The extraneous term in (i) is $\mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}, t)$, which makes the purported Poynting vector dependent on the imaginary parts of the \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} fields, which are non-physical entities.

$$\text{c) } \text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} = \text{Real}\{[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) + i\mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r})][\cos(\omega t) - i\sin(\omega t)]\} = \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \cos(\omega t) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \sin(\omega t).$$

$$\text{Real}\{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} = \text{Real}\{[\mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) + i\mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r})][\cos(\omega t) - i\sin(\omega t)]\} = \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) \cos(\omega t) + \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}) \sin(\omega t).$$

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} \times \text{Real}\{\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)\} = \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) \cos^2(\omega t) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}) \sin^2(\omega t) \\ + [\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r})] \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t) \\ = \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r})] + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r})] \cos(2\omega t) \\ + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r})] \sin(2\omega t).$$

d) Upon time-averaging, we find that $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \cos(2\omega t) dt = 0$ and $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \sin(2\omega t) dt = 0$. Therefore,

$$\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r})].$$

e) The real part of $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})$ is readily computed, as follows:

$$\text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})\} = \text{Real}\{[\mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) + i\mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r})] \times [\mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) - i\mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r})]\} \\ = \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}''(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}''(\mathbf{r}).$$

A direct comparison with the time-averaged Poynting vector derived in part (d) now shows that

$$\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Real}\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})\}.$$

Problem 2) a) Within the incidence medium, we have

$$\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = -(\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad \mathbf{E}_0^{(i)} = E_{0x}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{H}_0^{(i)} = \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \times \mathbf{E}_0^{(i)}/(\mu_0\omega) = -(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}} = H_{0y}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{E}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0^{(i)} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i(\omega/c)(z+ct)}. \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_0^{(i)} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = -(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{-i(\omega/c)(z+ct)}. \quad (2)$$

For the reflected plane-wave, the formulas are similar to those of the incident wave, except that $\mathbf{k}^{(r)} = (\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, $\mathbf{E}_0^{(r)} = \rho E_{0x}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, and $\mathbf{H}_0^{(r)} = \mathbf{k}^{(r)} \times \mathbf{E}_0^{(r)}/(\mu_0\omega) = (\rho E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{E}^{(r)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0^{(r)} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = \rho E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} e^{i(\omega/c)(z-ct)}. \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(r)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_0^{(r)} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = (\rho E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i(\omega/c)(z-ct)}. \quad (4)$$

For the transmitted beam, the generalized Snell's law guarantees that $k_x^{(t)} = k_y^{(t)} = 0$; the dispersion relation then yields $\mathbf{k}^{(t)} = k_z^{(t)}\hat{\mathbf{z}} = [(\omega/c)^2 n^2(\omega) - (k_x^{(t)})^2 - (k_y^{(t)})^2]^{1/2}\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \pm(\omega/c)n(\omega)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$. The correct sign for $k_z^{(t)}$ is minus, since the fields must decay inside the metal as $z \rightarrow -\infty$. We also have $\mathbf{E}_0^{(t)} = \tau E_{0x}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, and $\mathbf{H}_0^{(t)} = \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \times \mathbf{E}_0^{(t)}/[\mu_0\mu(\omega)\omega] = -[\tau n(\omega)E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0]\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{E}^{(t)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \tau E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = \tau E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i(\omega/c)(nz+ct)}. \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(t)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{H}_0^{(t)} e^{i(\mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} = -[\tau n(\omega)E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0]\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{-i(\omega/c)(nz+ct)}. \quad (6)$$

b) Inside the metallic medium, we have

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \mathbf{E}^{(t)}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \partial \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t)/\partial t = -i\omega \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \tau E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{-i(\omega/c)(nz+ct)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (7)$$

Integrating the bound current density through the thickness of the metallic medium, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_s^{(e)}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) dz = -i\omega \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \tau E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{-i\omega t} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-i(\omega/c)n(\omega)z} dz \right] \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \frac{-i\omega \varepsilon_0}{-i(\omega/c)n(\omega)} [\varepsilon(\omega) - 1] \frac{2}{1+n(\omega)} E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= 2\varepsilon_0 c \left\{ \frac{n^2(\omega) - 1}{n(\omega)[1+n(\omega)]} \right\} E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 2 \left[\frac{n(\omega) - 1}{n(\omega)} \right] (E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0) e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

c) In the limit of $n''(\omega) \rightarrow \infty$, we will have $[n(\omega) - 1]/n(\omega) \rightarrow 1$, while the penetration depth inside the metallic medium approaches zero. Thus, the surface current-density of Eq.(8) becomes

$$\lim_{n''(\omega) \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{J}_s^{(e)}(t) = 2(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0) e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (9)$$

In this limit, the Fresnel reflection coefficient ρ approaches -1 , and $\mathbf{H}_0^{(r)} \rightarrow -(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. The total H -field immediately above the surface will then be $\mathbf{H}^{(i)} + \mathbf{H}^{(r)} = -2(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)e^{-i\omega t}\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. Inside the metallic medium, the transmitted H -field rapidly drops to zero as $n''(\omega) \rightarrow \infty$, so that the discontinuity of the H -field (immediately above and slightly below the surface) now equals $-2(E_{0x}^{(i)}/Z_0)e^{-i\omega t}\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. This discontinuity is equal in magnitude and perpendicular in direction to the surface-current-density $\mathbf{J}_s^{(e)}(t)$ of Eq.(9), consistent with Maxwell's 2nd boundary condition.

Problem 3) a) The incident plane-wave is homogeneous and propagates along the x -axis; therefore, $k_y^{(i)} = k_z^{(i)} = 0$. The dispersion relation now yields $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{k}^{(i)} = (k_x^{(i)})^2 = (\omega/c)^2 \mu_a \varepsilon_a = (\omega n_a/c)^2$. Consequently, $\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = k_x^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (n_a\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{x}}$.

$$\text{b) } \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{E}^{(i)} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad k_x^{(i)} E_{0x}^{(i)} + \cancel{k_y^{(i)} E_{0y}^{(i)}} + \cancel{k_z^{(i)} E_{0z}^{(i)}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad E_{0x}^{(i)} = 0.$$

$$\text{c) } \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \times \mathbf{E}_0^{(i)} = \omega \mu_0 \mu_a \mathbf{H}_0^{(i)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{H}_0^{(i)} = \frac{(n_a\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{x}} \times (E_{0y}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{y}} + E_{0z}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{z}})}{\mu_0 \mu_a \omega} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a / \mu_0 \mu_a} (E_{0y}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{z}} - E_{0z}^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{y}}).$$

$$\text{d) } k_x^{(t)} = k_x^{(i)} = n_a\omega/c; \quad k_y^{(t)} = k_y^{(i)} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{e) } \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{k}^{(t)} &= (k_x^{(t)})^2 + \cancel{(k_y^{(t)})^2} + (k_z^{(t)})^2 = (\omega/c)^2 \mu_b \varepsilon_b \rightarrow k_z^{(t)} = \pm [(n_b \omega/c)^2 - (k_x^{(t)})^2]^{1/2} \\
&\rightarrow k_z^{(t)} = \pm [(n_b \omega/c)^2 - (n_a \omega/c)^2]^{1/2} = \pm (\omega/c) \sqrt{n_b^2 - n_a^2} = \pm (\omega/c) \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a}.
\end{aligned}$$

The \pm sign in the above expression of $k_z^{(t)}$ indicates that, in principle, both signs are viable. However, since the transmittance medium is taken to be semi-infinite, the resident plane-wave's exponential factor $\exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = \exp(-k_z^{(t)} z) \exp[i(k_x^{(t)} x + k_y^{(t)} y - \omega t)]$ must decay away from the interface. The sign of the (generally complex) square root in the above expression of $k_z^{(t)}$ must be chosen such that $\exp(-k_z^{(t)} z) \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow -\infty$. We thus find

$$\mathbf{k}^{(t)} = (\omega/c)(n_a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (1)$$

Note that $k_z^{(t)}$ of the transmitted beam is *not* directly related to $k_z^{(i)}$ of the incident beam, the latter being given by $k_z^{(i)} = \pm [(n_a \omega/c)^2 - (k_x^{(i)})^2]^{1/2} = 0$.

f) Continuity of \mathbf{E}_{\parallel} at the interfacial xy -plane yields $E_{0x}^{(t)} = E_{0x}^{(i)} = 0$ and $E_{0y}^{(t)} = E_{0y}^{(i)}$.

$$\text{g) } D_{0z}^{(t)} = D_{0z}^{(i)} \rightarrow \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_b E_{0z}^{(t)} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a E_{0z}^{(i)} \rightarrow E_{0z}^{(t)} = (\varepsilon_a / \varepsilon_b) E_{0z}^{(i)}.$$

h) In the absence of surface currents, the continuity of \mathbf{H}_{\parallel} at the interfacial xy -plane yields $H_{0x}^{(t)} = H_{0x}^{(i)} = 0$ and $H_{0y}^{(t)} = H_{0y}^{(i)} = -\sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a / \mu_0 \mu_a} E_{0z}^{(i)} = -\sqrt{\varepsilon_a / \mu_a} E_{0z}^{(i)} / Z_0$.

i) Continuity of \mathbf{B}_{\perp} at the interfacial xy -plane yields $B_{0z}^{(t)} = B_{0z}^{(i)}$; therefore,

$$\mu_0 \mu_b H_{0z}^{(t)} = \mu_0 \mu_a H_{0z}^{(i)} \rightarrow H_{0z}^{(t)} = (\mu_a / \mu_b) \sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a / \mu_0 \mu_a} E_{0y}^{(i)} = \sqrt{\mu_a \varepsilon_a / \mu_b^2} E_{0y}^{(i)} / Z_0 = n_a E_{0y}^{(i)} / (Z_0 \mu_b).$$

All in all, the transmitted \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} field-amplitudes are seen to be

$$\mathbf{E}_0^{(t)} = E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (\varepsilon_a / \varepsilon_b) E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \quad (2)$$

$$Z_0 \mathbf{H}_0^{(t)} = -\sqrt{\varepsilon_a / \mu_a} E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (n_a / \mu_b) E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \quad (3)$$

In what follows, we verify that the transmitted plane-wave violates at least one of Maxwell's equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{i) } \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{D}_0^{(t)} &= (\omega/c)(n_a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_b [E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (\varepsilon_a / \varepsilon_b) E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \\
&= \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} (\omega/c) E_{0z}^{(i)} \neq 0, \quad (\text{violation occurs for } p\text{-polarized light}).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ii) } \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \times \mathbf{H}_0^{(t)} &= (\omega/c)(n_a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times [-\sqrt{\varepsilon_a / \mu_a} E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (n_a / \mu_b) E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}] / Z_0 \\
&= \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_a \omega [\sqrt{(\mu_b \varepsilon_b / \mu_a \varepsilon_a) - 1} E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - (\mu_a / \mu_b) E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} - E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}].
\end{aligned}$$

The above expression differs from $-\omega \mathbf{D}_0^{(t)} = -\omega \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_b \mathbf{E}_0^{(t)}$ in both its x and y components. The violation of this 2nd of Maxwell's equations occurs for p - as well as s -polarized light.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{iii) } \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \times \mathbf{E}_0^{(t)} &= (\omega/c)(n_a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times [E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (\varepsilon_a / \varepsilon_b) E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \\
&= -(\omega/c) [\sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + n_a (\varepsilon_a / \varepsilon_b) E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} - n_a E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}].
\end{aligned}$$

The above expression differs from $\omega \mathbf{B}_0^{(t)} = \omega \mu_0 \mu_b \mathbf{H}_0^{(t)}$ in both its x and y components. The violation of this 3rd of Maxwell's equations occurs for p - as well as s -polarized light.

$$\text{iv) } \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0^{(t)} = (\omega/c)(n_a \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sqrt{\mu_b \varepsilon_b - \mu_a \varepsilon_a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot \mu_0 \mu_b [-\sqrt{\varepsilon_a / \mu_a} E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (n_a / \mu_b) E_{0y}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}] / Z_0$$

$$= (n_a \omega / c^2) \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b - \mu_a \epsilon_a} E_{0y}^{(i)} \neq 0, \quad (\text{violation occurs for } s\text{-polarized light}).$$

Thus, under no circumstances will it be possible to have an incident plane-wave at grazing incidence *without* the corresponding reflected wave. The Fresnel reflection and transmission coefficients confirm this conclusion since, at grazing incidence, $\rho_p = \rho_s = -1$ and $\tau_p = \tau_s = 0$. The fact that the reflection coefficients are equal to -1 indicates that, at grazing incidence, the incident and reflected beams cancel each other out.
