

Problem 1 :

Calculate the transmission and reflection coefficients as functions of the incident angle for right handed circularly polarized light.

Are they the same or different for left handed circularly polarized light?

$$\text{Transmission} \equiv \frac{j'}{j} = \frac{\text{energy flux of transited wave}}{\text{energy flux of the incident wave}} ;$$

$$\text{Reflection} \equiv \frac{j''}{j} = \frac{\text{energy flux of trans. wave}}{\text{energy flux of inc. wave}} ;$$

$$\text{Energy flux} \equiv j = \text{Re}[\vec{S}] = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} |E_0|^2 \vec{n} ; \text{ where } \vec{n} = \vec{z}$$

$$T = \frac{j'}{j} \qquad R = \frac{j''}{j}$$

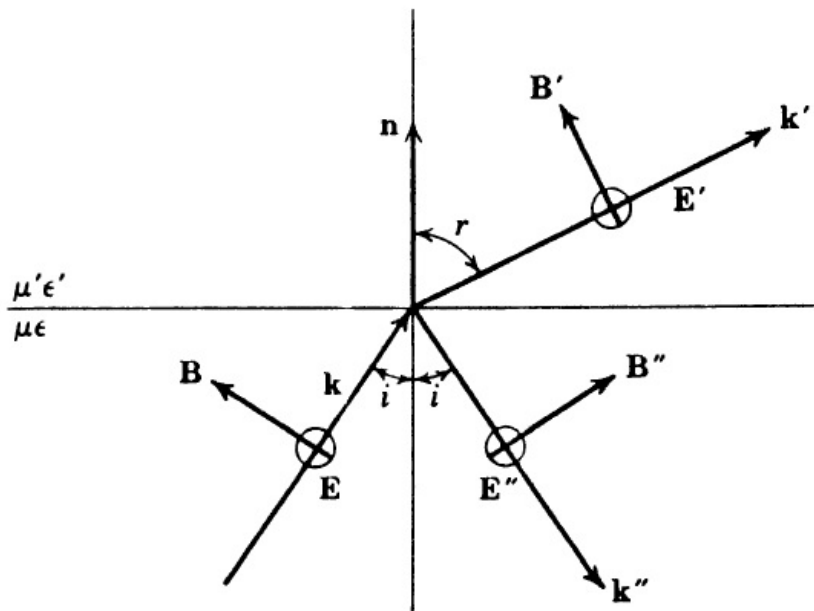


Figure 1: E-field is normal to the plane of inc.

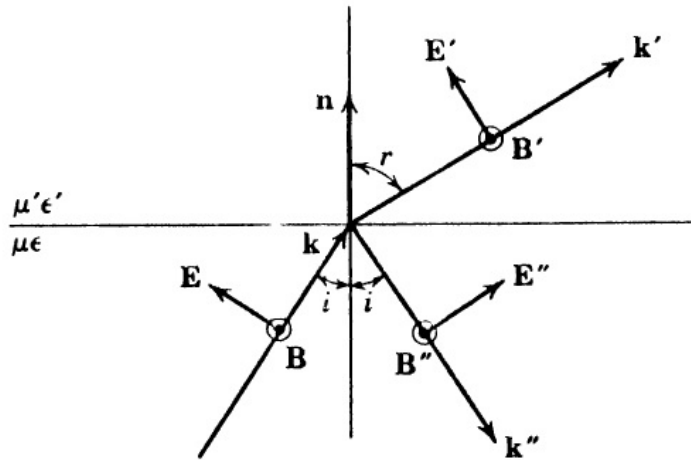


Figure 2: E-field is normal to the plane of inc.

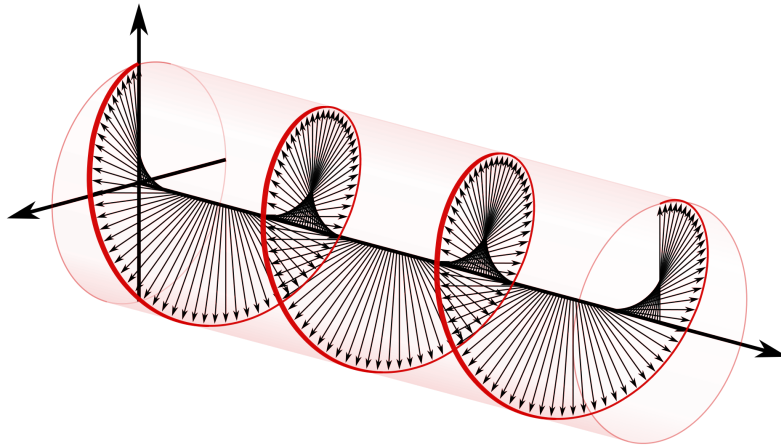


Figure 3: Propagation in z-direction

Right hand circular polarized Electric field :

$$\vec{E}_R = E_0 (\hat{x} - i\hat{y}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{z} - \omega t)}$$

Left hand circular polarized Electric field :

$$\vec{E}_L = E_0 (\hat{x} + i\hat{y}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{z} - \omega t)}$$

Note : when a circular polarized light enter a median, the transmitted wave and the reflected wave do not have to be circular, in general it is elliptical :

$$\vec{E}_e = (E'_x \hat{x} \pm E'_y \hat{y}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{z} - \omega t)}$$

Boundary Conditions (in term of \vec{E}_0) :

[1] : D_{\perp} continuous

[2] : B_{\perp} continuous

[3] : E_{\parallel} continuous

[4] : H_{\parallel} continuous

$$\begin{aligned} [\epsilon(\mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{E}_0'') - \epsilon' \mathbf{E}_0'] \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ [\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{k}'' \times \mathbf{E}_0'' - \mathbf{k}' \times \mathbf{E}_0'] \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{E}_0'' - \mathbf{E}_0') \times \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ \left[\frac{1}{\mu} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{k}'' \times \mathbf{E}_0'') - \frac{1}{\mu'} (\mathbf{k}' \times \mathbf{E}_0') \right] \times \mathbf{n} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 4: in order: [1] , [2] , [3] , and [4]

Applying the boundary conditions to E-field :

Note : on (z = 0) plane, $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{z} = 0$ for all waves $\rightarrow e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{z} - \omega t)} = 1$

[1] :

$$\left[\epsilon (\vec{E}_i + \vec{E}_r'') - \epsilon' \vec{E}_t' \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[\epsilon (E_0 (\hat{x} - i\hat{y}) + (E_x'' \hat{x} - E_y'' \hat{y})) - \epsilon' (E'_x \hat{x} - E'_y \hat{y}) \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[\epsilon (E_0 (i\hat{y}) \cos(i) + E_y'' (\hat{y}) \cos(i)) - \epsilon' (E'_y \hat{y}) \cos(r) \right] = 0$$

$$\epsilon (E_0 + E_y'') \cos(i) - \epsilon' E'_y \cos(r) = 0$$

[2]:

$$\left[\vec{K} \times \vec{E}_i + \vec{K}'' \times \vec{E}_r'' - \vec{K}' \times \vec{E}_t'' \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[k \hat{z} \times E_0 (\hat{x} - i\hat{y}) + k'' \hat{z} \times (E_x'' \hat{x} - E_y'' \hat{y}) - k' \hat{z} \times (E_x' \hat{x} - E_y' \hat{y}) \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[k E_0 (\hat{z} \times \hat{x} - i\hat{z} \times \hat{y}) + k'' (E_x'' \hat{z} \times \hat{x} + E_y'' \hat{z} \times \hat{y}) - k' (E_x' \hat{z} \times \hat{x} - E_y' \hat{z} \times \hat{y}) \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[k E_0 (\hat{y} + i\hat{x}) + k'' (E_x'' \hat{y} + E_y'' \hat{x}) - k' (E_x' \hat{y} - E_y' \hat{x}) \right] \cdot \hat{z} = 0 \checkmark$$

[3]:

$$\left[\vec{E}_i + \vec{E}_r'' - \vec{E}_t' \right] \times \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[E_0 (\hat{x} - i\hat{y}) + (E_x'' \hat{x} + E_y'' \hat{y}) - (E_x' \hat{x} - E_y' \hat{y}) \right] \times \hat{z} = 0$$

$$\left[E_0 (\hat{x} \times \hat{z} - i\hat{y} \times \hat{z}) + (E_x'' \hat{x} \times \hat{z} + E_y'' \hat{y} \times \hat{z}) - (E_x' \hat{x} \times \hat{z} - E_y' \hat{y} \times \hat{z}) \right] = 0$$

$$\left[E_0 (-\hat{y} - i\hat{x}) + (-E_x'' \hat{y} + E_y'' \hat{x}) - (-E_x' \hat{y} - E_y' \hat{x}) \right] = 0$$

$$\left[-E_0 (\hat{y} + i\hat{x}) - (E_x'' \hat{y} - E_y'' \hat{x}) + (E_x' \hat{y} + E_y' \hat{x}) \right] = 0$$

$$E_0 (\hat{y} + i\hat{x}) + (E_x'' \hat{y} - E_y'' \hat{x}) = (E_x' \hat{y} + E_y' \hat{x})$$

\perp	$E_0 (\hat{x}) - E_y'' (\hat{x}) = E_y' (\hat{x})$
\parallel	$E_0 (\hat{y}) + E_x'' (\hat{y}) = E_x' (\hat{y})$

[4]:

$$\left[\frac{1}{\mu} (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_i + \vec{k}'' \times \vec{E}_r) - \frac{1}{\mu'} (\vec{k}' \times \vec{E}_t) \right] \times \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{\mu} (k E_0 (\hat{y} + i\hat{x}) + k'' (E_x'' \hat{y} - E_y'' \hat{x})) - \frac{1}{\mu'} k' (E_x' \hat{y} + E_y' \hat{x}) \right] \times \vec{z} = 0$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{\mu} (k E_0 (\cos(i) - i) + k'' (E_x'' \cos(i) + E_y'')) - \frac{1}{\mu'} k' (E_x' \cos(r) + E_y') \right] = 0$$

\perp	$\frac{k}{\mu} E_0 \cos(i) + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_x'' \cos(i) = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_x' \cos(r)$
\parallel	$-i \frac{k}{\mu} E_0 + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_y'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_y'$

Using : Energy flux $\equiv j = \text{Re}[\vec{S}] = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} |E_0|^2 \vec{n} :$

$$T = \frac{j'}{j} = \frac{|S'|}{|S|} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) \Rightarrow$$

\perp	T_{\perp}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_x}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$
\parallel	T_{\parallel}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_y}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$

$$R = \frac{j''}{j} = \frac{|S''|}{|S|} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) \Rightarrow$$

\perp	R_{\perp}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_x}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$
\parallel	R_{\parallel}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_y}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$

The last step is to find the values of the electric field components from the boundary conditions :

I have the following equations:

$\epsilon (E_0 + E_y'') \cos(i) - \epsilon' E_y' \cos(r) = 0$	
\perp	$E_0 (\hat{x}) - E_y'' (\hat{x}) = E_y' (\hat{x})$
\parallel	$E_0 (\hat{y}) - E_x'' (\hat{y}) = E_x' (\hat{y})$
\perp	$\frac{k}{\mu} E_0 \cos(i) + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_x'' \cos(i) = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_x' \cos(r)$
\parallel	$-i \frac{k}{\mu} E_0 + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_y'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_y'$

Also, To get The answer in term of the incident angle, I need the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 k \sin(i) &= k' \sin(r) \\
 \sin(r) &= \frac{k}{k'} \sin(i) \\
 k &= \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = n \\
 \cos(r) &= \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(r)} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

the \perp case :

\perp	$E_0 - E_x'' = E_x'$
\perp	$\frac{k}{\mu} E_0 \cos(i) + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_x'' \cos(i) = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_x' \cos(r)$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 + E_x'' = \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} \Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{\mu} E_0 + \frac{k''}{\mu} E_x'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'} E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)}$$

$$k E_0 + k'' E_x'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'} \mu E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)}$$

$$\frac{k}{k'} E_0 + \frac{k''}{k'} E_x'' = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)}$$

$$\frac{k}{k'} E_0 + \frac{k''}{k'} (-E_x' + E_0) = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)}$$

$$\frac{k}{k'} E_0 - \frac{k''}{k'} E_x' + \frac{k''}{k'} E_0 = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_x' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)}$$

$$E_0 \left(\frac{k}{k'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right) = E_x' \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)$$

$$\frac{E_x'}{E_0} = \frac{\left(\frac{k}{k'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)} ; k = k''$$

$$\frac{E_x'}{E_0} = \frac{2\frac{k}{k'}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k}{k'}\right)}$$

$$\frac{E_x'}{E_0} = \frac{E_0 - E_x''}{E_0} = 1 - \frac{E_x''}{E_0} = \frac{2\frac{k}{k'}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k}{k'}\right)} =$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_x''}{E_0} = 1 - \frac{2\frac{k}{k'}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k}{k'}\right)}$$

the || case :

	$E_0 - E_y'' = E_y'$
	$-i\frac{k}{\mu}E_0 + \frac{k''}{\mu}E_y'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'}E_y'$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 + E_y'' = \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} E_y' \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} \Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} \frac{\cos(r)}{\cos(i)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow i\frac{k}{\mu}E_0 + \frac{k''}{\mu}E_y'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'}E_y'$$

$$i k E_0 + k'' E_y'' = \frac{k'}{\mu'} \mu E_y'$$

$$i \frac{k}{k'} E_0 + \frac{k''}{k'} E_y'' = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_y'$$

$$i \frac{k}{k'} E_0 + \frac{k''}{k'} (-E_{y'} + E_0) = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_{y'}$$

$$i \frac{k}{k'} E_0 - \frac{k''}{k'} E_{y'} + \frac{k''}{k'} E_0 = \frac{\mu}{\mu'} E_{y'}$$

$$E_0 \left(i \frac{k}{k'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right) = E_{y'} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)$$

$$\frac{E_{y'}}{E_0} = \frac{\left(i \frac{k}{k'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k''}{k'} \right)} ; k = k''$$

$$\frac{E_{y'}}{E_0} = \frac{\frac{k}{k'} (1 + i)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)}$$

$$\frac{E_{y'}}{E_0} = \frac{E_0 - E_{y''}}{E_0} = 1 - \frac{E_{y''}}{E_0} = \frac{\frac{k}{k'} (1 + i)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)} =$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_{y''}}{E_0} = 1 - \frac{\frac{k}{k'} (1 + i)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)}$$

Substituting these results back in R and T equations:

$$T = \frac{j'}{j} = \frac{|S'|}{|S|} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) \Rightarrow$$

\perp	T_{\perp}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_x}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{2 \frac{k}{k'}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$
\parallel	T_{\parallel}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E'_y}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon'}{\mu'}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{\frac{k}{k'} (1+i)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$

$$R = \frac{j''}{j} = \frac{|S''|}{|S|} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_0}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i) \Rightarrow$$

\perp	R_{\perp}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_x}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(1 - \frac{2 \frac{k}{k'}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2(i)}{n^2}}}{\cos(i)} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$
\parallel	R_{\parallel}	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{E''_y}{E_0} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon}} \left(1 - \frac{\frac{k}{k'} (1+i)}{\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu'} + \frac{k}{k'} \right)} \right)^2 \sin^2(i)$

? will there going to be a difference if the inc. wave was left hand circularly polarized ?

\Rightarrow Because of the symmetry between the right and the left waves, and the method used above. T and R has to be the same as for the right hand circularly polarized wave.