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Problem 1

40 points

Suppose you find or develop a material within which there can be **no magnetic field** (a superconductor, maybe). You send an electromagnetic (EM) plane wave in vacuum towards the surface of this material, with electric field

$$\vec{E}_I = E_I \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{x}.$$

All answers in this problem should be in terms of the constants E_I , k , ω , and/or c (speed of light in vacuum).

(a): 5 pts

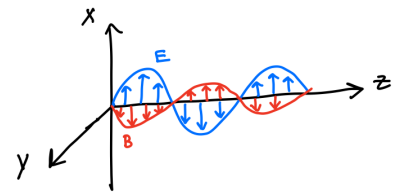
Write down the magnetic field (magnitude & direction) of the incident wave.

From equation 32.4 in the textbook:

$$E = cB, \text{ so } B = E/c$$

So $B = \frac{E_I \cos(kz - \omega t)}{c} \hat{y}$ w/ direction of **B** being parallel to the

y axis



(b): 5 pts

Is there any EM wave inside of the material? If so, write down its electric and magnetic fields.

There is **no EM wave inside**. There is **no B field** inside the material. The Meissner effect confirms this. EM waves get reflected by conductors

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(c): 8 pts

Write down the electric and magnetic fields (magnitude & direction) of the reflected wave.

After it has been reflected:

$$E_R = E_1 \cos(\omega t + kz)$$

direction: +x

$$B_R = \frac{E_1}{c} \cos(\omega t + kz)$$

direction = -y

we just flip the signs for reflected waves.

(d): 7 pts

Write down the *total* electric and magnetic fields outside the material. You may simplify the result using trig identities.

$$E_{\text{Tot}} = E_1 [\cos(\omega t - kz) + \cos(\omega t + kz)] \hat{x}$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$E_{\text{Tot}} = E_1 [\cos(\omega t) \cos(kz) + \sin(\omega t) \sin(kz) + \cos(\omega t) \cos(kz) - \sin(\omega t) \sin(kz)]$$

$$E_{\text{Tot}} = 2 E_1 \cos(\omega t) \cos(kz) \hat{x}$$

$$B_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{E_1}{c} (\cos(\omega t - kz) - \cos(\omega t + kz))$$

$$B_{\text{Tot}} = 2 \frac{E_1}{c} \sin(\omega t) \sin(kz) \hat{y}$$

(e): 7 pts

Write down the Poynting vector outside the material.

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \text{cross } E_{\text{Tot}} \times B_{\text{Tot}}$$

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{z} \times \hat{y} = -\hat{x}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[4 \frac{E_1^2}{c} \sin(\omega t) \sin(kz) \cos(\omega t) \cos(kz) \right] \hat{z}$$

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(f): 8 pts

What is the intensity of the wave outside of the material?

We can take the time average of the \vec{S} over a full period.
pointing vector

The avg becomes 0 because of the sines & the cos's.

$$I = S_{av} = 0$$

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Problem 2

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Consider a circuit consisting of a resistor, a capacitor, and an inductor all connected in series, driven by an AC source of fixed magnitude and variable frequency ω . The resistance of the resistor is R , the capacitance of the capacitor is C , and the inductance of the inductor is L . For this problem, you may use without proof any result for impedance derived in lecture, homework, or discussion.

(a): 5 pts

What is the impedance of this circuit? Express your answers in terms of R, L, C , and ω .

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

$$X_L = \omega L$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

so $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})^2}$

(b): 15 pts

(from discussion week 5 too)

At what frequencies ω_+ , ω_- will the amplitude of the current through the circuit equal *one-third* the maximum amplitude of current that can flow through the circuit? Express your answers in terms of the given parameters. [HINT 1: What does the impedance need to be for this condition to hold?]. [HINT 2: Make sure your frequencies are positive!]

To maximize I from $I = \frac{V}{Z}$, Z must be Z_{\min} . So,

$$Z_{\min} = \text{when } \omega L = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

$$\text{so, } \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \text{ and } Z = R$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \frac{V}{R} = \frac{V}{Z}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot I_{\max}$$

$$3R = Z$$

$$3R = \sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})^2}$$

$$9R^2 = R^2 + (\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})^2$$

$$8R^2 = (\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})^2$$

$$\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} = R\sqrt{8} \quad \text{or} \quad \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} = -R\sqrt{8}$$

$$\omega^2 LC - 1 = \omega CR\sqrt{8}$$

$$\omega^2 LC - \omega CR\sqrt{8} - 1 = 0$$

use quad. eq.:

$$\omega = \frac{\sqrt{2}CR \pm \sqrt{C(L+2CR^2)}}{LC}$$

$$\omega^2 LC + \omega CR\sqrt{8} - 1 = 0$$

use quad formula:

$$\omega = \frac{-\sqrt{2}CR \pm \sqrt{C(L+2CR^2)}}{LC}$$

negative ω answer

Since $\omega > 0$:

$$\omega_+ = \frac{\sqrt{2}CR + \sqrt{C(L+2CR^2)}}{LC} \quad \& \quad \omega_- = \frac{\sqrt{2}CR - \sqrt{C(L+2CR^2)}}{LC}$$

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(c): 10 pts

Describe what changes could be made to R , L , and/or C in order to *double* the maximum possible amount of current flowing through the circuit.

To double: I_{\max} happens at $I = \frac{V}{R}$

$$2I_{\max} = 2\frac{V}{R} = \frac{V}{\frac{1}{2}R}$$

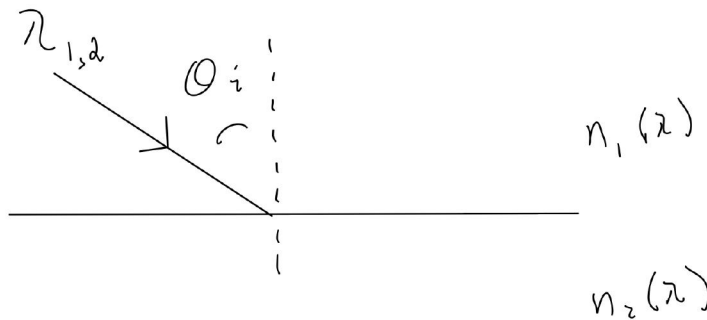
we could half our resistance

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Problem 3

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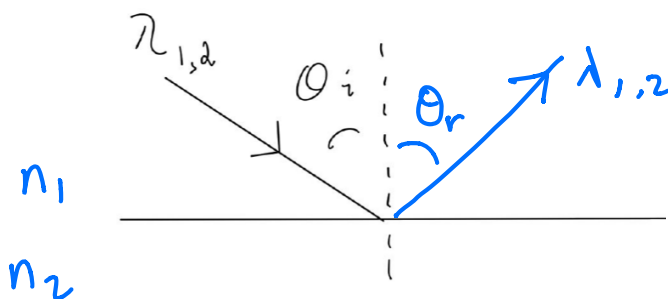
Consider two beams of light, of wavelengths λ_1 and λ_2 . The light initially travels through some material with index of refraction $n_1(\lambda) = 1 + e^{-\lambda/\lambda_0}$. Both rays are incident on a second material of refractive index $n_2(\lambda) = 2 + e^{-\lambda/\lambda_0}$ at an angle θ_i . Part of the light is reflected, and part of the light is refracted. [Here λ_0 is some fixed wavelength characteristic of the materials.]



(a): 10 pts

At what angle does each beam of light reflect off of the second material?

The Law of Reflection tells us that $\theta_r = \theta_i$ where θ_i is the angle of reflection. So both beams reflect off at an angle of θ_i



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(b): 10 pts $\theta_b = \text{angle of refraction}$

At what angle does each beam of light refract into the second material?

$$n_1(\lambda) \sin(\theta_i) = n_2(\lambda) \sin(\theta_b)$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1: (1 + e^{-\lambda/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i) = (2 + e^{-\lambda_1/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_b)$$

$$\sin(\theta_b) = \frac{(1 + e^{-\lambda_1/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i)}{2 + e^{-\lambda_1/\lambda_0}}$$

$$\theta_b = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{(1 + e^{-\lambda_1/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i)}{2 + e^{-\lambda_1/\lambda_0}} \right) \text{ for } \lambda_1$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2: (1 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i) = (2 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_b)$$

$$\sin(\theta_b) = \frac{(1 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i)}{2 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}}$$

$$\theta_b = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{(1 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}) \sin(\theta_i)}{2 + e^{-\lambda_2/\lambda_0}} \right) \text{ for } \lambda_2$$

(c): 10 pts

Do the beams bend towards or away from the normal, or does it depend on the specific values of $\lambda_{1,2}$?

if you graph n_1 vs n_2 , you see that

n_2 is always larger than n_1 , for all

wavelengths. The values of λ_1 & λ_2 do not matter

because we stay consistent on which λ we use in the law of refraction equation ($n_1(\lambda_1) \sin(\theta_i) = n_2(\lambda_1) \sin(\theta_b)$

and $n_1(\lambda_2) \sin(\theta_i) = n_2(\lambda_2) \sin(\theta_b)$). Since $n_2 > n_1$,

the beams bend toward the normal; a ray going from smaller to bigger index of refraction has a slower wave speed when passing so θ_b with the normal is smaller in the second material than θ_i in the first.