

Homework 04

SPN 4–01 – Brewster’s Angle.

- [a] Calculate Brewster’s Angle for transmission from Air into glass.
- [b] Calculate Brewster’s angle from transmission from Water into Sapphire.

SPN 4–02 – Snell’s law.

A monochromatic ray of light (e.g. a laser) is fired from glass into an unknown other substance and its angle of incidence (θ_1) and refraction (θ_2) are accurately measured. $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$. You may assume that $n_{glass} = 1.500$ exactly. You will find the following table helpful:

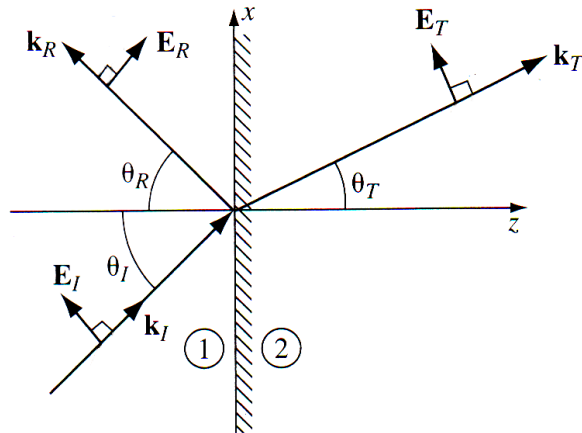
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_refractive_indices

- [a] If $\theta_2 = 34.35^\circ$, what could the unknown material be?
- [b] If $\theta_2 = 20.18^\circ$, what could the unknown material be?
- [c] Consider the unknown material from part “a”, but now increase the incidence angle so that $\theta_1 = 65^\circ$. What is θ_2 now? Explain briefly.

SPN 4–03 – Electric and Magnetic fields at Oblique incidence.

A ray of sunlight in air polarized as shown in the picture is incident on surface 2 (glass) at an oblique angle θ_I . The beam intensity before the light ray hits the glass is $I_I = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2$

- [a] If $\theta_I = 74^\circ$, what is the intensity of the incident ray when it hits the glass? (Hint: It’s less than 1000 W/m^2)
- [b] What is the incident Electric field (magnitude)?
- [c] What is the incident Magnetic field magnitude and direction?
- [d] What is the reflected Magnetic field magnitude and direction?
- [e] What is the transmitted Electric field vector? (Please give it in component form referring to the axes in the figure)
- [f] Use the answer to “e” to determine the transmitted intensity?
- [g] Now calculate T (the transmission coefficient) from the formula in the book
- [h] Do the answers to “f” and “g” agree? Should they?



Problem 2: A plane wave polarized in the x-z plane at oblique incidence.

SPN 4–04 – E_R and E_T .

Reproduce figure 9.16 for the air/glass interface. Stripped down python code is provided.

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SPN 4–05 – R and T .

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