

Assume we have two semi-infinite media w/ a sharp flat interface that 20

are: homogeneous, isotropic, linear, not time varying ( $\epsilon \neq \epsilon(t)$ )  
 {throws away a lot of interesting effects, but covers everyday optics & much technology}  
 Work w/ harmonic solutions in each medium (semi-infinite plane waves).

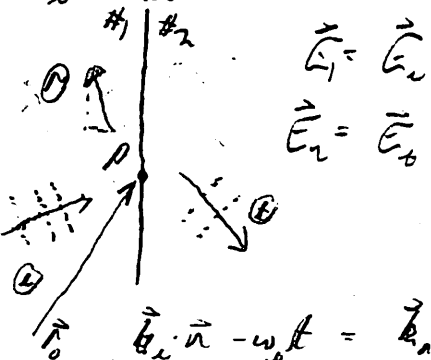
{get new fields by superposition}

Assume incident, reflected, and transmitted waves.

if we work we'll find  $\vec{E}_n = 0$ , if we get things to work, we need will exclude a 2nd transmitted beam.

{can't generally match boundary conditions w/o reflected wave

$\vec{E}_i = \vec{E}_{i0} e^{i(\vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_i t)}$      $\vec{E}_r = \vec{E}_{r0} e^{i(\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_r t)}$      $\vec{E}_t = \vec{E}_{t0} e^{i(\vec{k}_t \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_t t)}$   
 {just assuming they exist, space-time independent and linear.

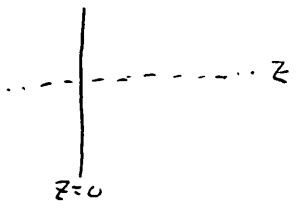


Say we match b.c. at  $\vec{r}_0, t_0$ .  
 At  $t = t_0 + \Delta t$  (on  $x = x_0 + \Delta x, \dots$ )  
 the b.c. must still be satisfied, even  
 all phases must change. For linear relationships  
 between the fields, the phases must remain in sync:

Assign  $\phi$  is from Galilean for a point

$\vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_i t = \vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_r t = \vec{k}_t \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_t t$

$\vec{r}_0, t_0$  are independent variables? (well,  $\vec{r}$  must be on the interface.  
 {With no loss of generality, we can make  $z=0$  the interface.  $\vec{r} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y}$  is now independent.



Suppose the  $\omega$ 's are different, and phases are equal at  $(\vec{r}_0, t_0)$ .  
 Then they can't be equal for  $(\vec{r}_0, t_0 + \Delta t)$ .  
 {Better: with no loss in generality, place origin at  $\vec{r}_0, t_0 = 0$  and...

so,  $\omega_i = \omega_r = \omega_t \equiv \omega$  red light in gives you red light out.

$U = \frac{\omega}{k}$      $v_i k_i = v_r k_r = v_t k_t$   
 $\frac{c}{n_1} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_1} = \frac{c}{n_2} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_2} = \frac{c}{n_2} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_2}$

$n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$

$n_1 \neq n_2$ , the larger index medium has the shorter wavelength (convention = "SSU on light" =  $\lambda = \text{SSU on } \omega$ )

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{n} = k_x \cdot \vec{n} = k_x \cdot \vec{n} \Rightarrow k_{ix} x + k_{iy} y = k_{rx} x + k_{ry} y = \dots \quad |2|$$

But,  $x$  &  $y$  are completely independent, so

$$k_{ix} x = k_{rx} x = k_{tx} x$$

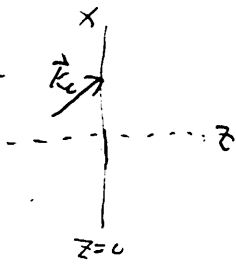
$$k_{ix} = k_{rx} = k_{tx}$$

$$k_{iy} = k_{ry} = k_{ty}$$

$$|k_{iz}| = |k_{rz}| \neq |k_{tz}|$$

Instead of setting  $\vec{n} = 0$  we can freely to just set  $y = 0$ .  
Just set  $x = 0$

$$\text{Since } k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$$

With no loss in generality, put  $\vec{k}_i$  in  $xz$  plane: all  $k_y$ 's = 0. 

All  $\vec{k}$ 's are in  $xz$  plane.

$\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_r, \vec{k}_t$  are coplanar

The common plane is the "Plane of incidence"

incident

$$\vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{n} = k_x \cos \theta = k_x \cos(90^\circ - \theta_i) = k_x \sin \theta_i$$

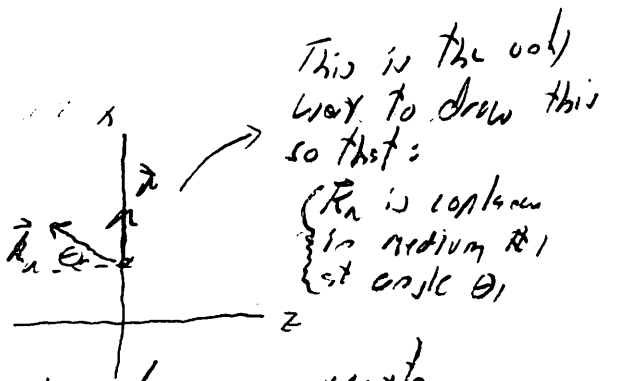
In optics, we almost always work with angles measured w.r.t the normal

reflected

$$\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$k_x \sin \theta_r = k_x \sin \theta_i$$

$$\theta_r = \theta_i = \theta_1$$



choose  $\theta_r$  to be on opposite side of the normal in medium #1

Note: usual convention is to draw tail of vector at point of consideration.

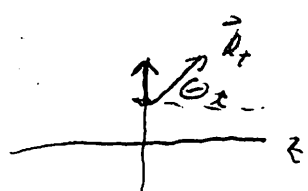
People usually use the head so  $\vec{k}_i$  is "in medium #1"

transmitted

$$k_x \sin \theta_i = k_x \sin \theta_t$$

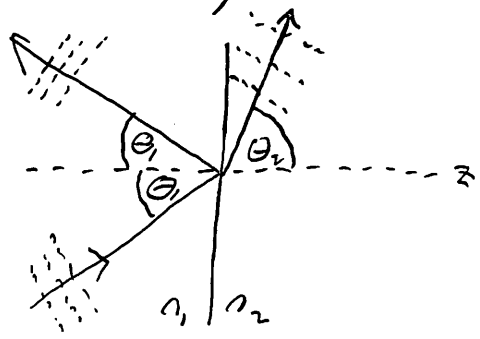
$$\frac{1}{v_1} \sin \theta_1 = \frac{1}{v_2} \sin \theta_2$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$



choose  $\theta_t$  to be on opposite side of the normal in medium #2

Here's a picture incorporating what we know for  $n_1 > n_2$



$$\vec{E}_1 = \vec{E}_r + \vec{E}_t$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = \vec{E}_t$$

These continuity set us the geometrical behavior. To go further, we need MEs.

General  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$   $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$   $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$   $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

specialized for media  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$   $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$   $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$   $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$

*Do conductors later* *not microscopic now*

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \quad \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} \quad \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E}$$

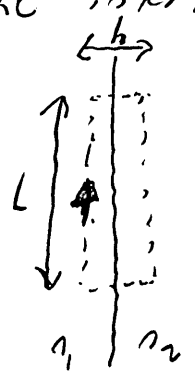
$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M} \quad \vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H} \quad \vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \vec{B}$$

linear media optical media

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E}) = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

*can pull out of derivative*

Last, to get b.c. we switch to integral form. We're not looking at local behavior but relationships across the interface, so integrals are better. Only need 2, but we'll do all 4.



$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_A \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Note:  $A \neq A(z)$

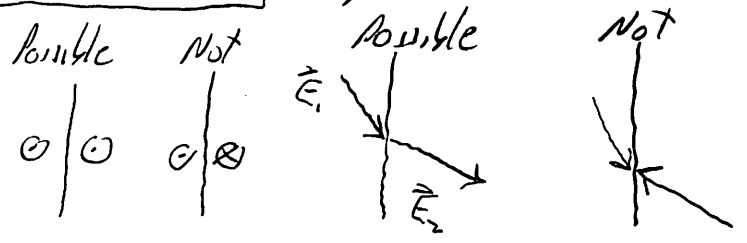
We only care about the interface, so let  $h$  be small:  $\int_A \approx 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{L}_1 + \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{L}_2 &= 0 \\ \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{L}_1 - \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{L}_1 &= 0 \\ E_{1,tan} - E_{2,tan} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{tangent defined} \\ \text{cut the interface} \\ \text{not } \epsilon. \\ \text{up = positive} \end{array}$$

$$E_{1,tan} = E_{2,tan}$$

Figures based on key figure above

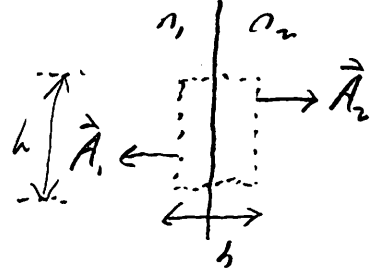
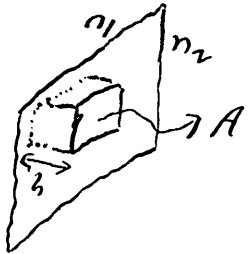
- Top & bottom don't contribute to  $\oint_C$
- Let  $L$  be small (not zero) so  $\vec{E}$  is constant.  $L \ll \lambda$  will do for any incident angle ( $0^\circ$  worst case).



$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int_A \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A} \dots \boxed{B_{1,tan} = B_{2,tan}}$$

Div eqns will yield normal components.

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$



Again, let h be small. Flux through sides is negligible, let h << b.

$$\vec{D}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1 + \vec{D}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_2 = 0$$

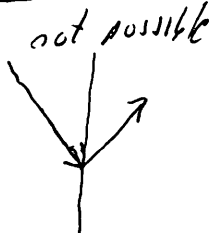
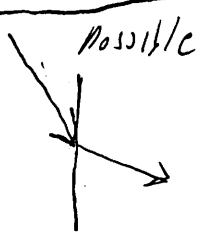
$$\vec{D}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1 - \vec{D}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_1 = 0 \text{ because } \vec{A}_1 = -\vec{A}_2$$

$$D_{1n} - D_{2n} = 0$$

$$D_{1n} = D_{2n}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}}$$

Likewise,  $\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B_{1n} = B_{2n}}$

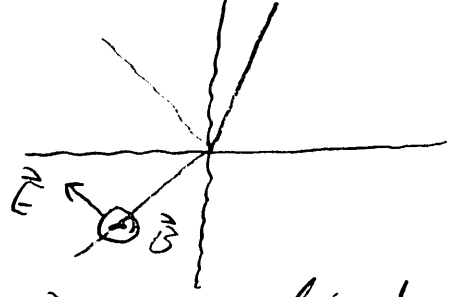
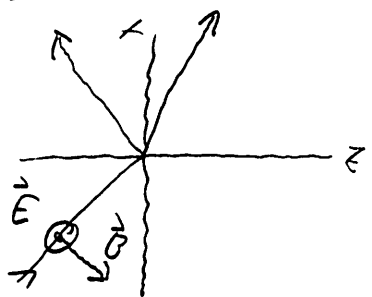


So, the normal and tangential bc. for  $\vec{E}$  are different. (and would be for  $\vec{B}$  if we used magnetic media - we won't). Even more different when we treat conductors.

In general,  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  will have both components which have to be treated simultaneously. Instead, let's treat special cases where it's easier and use superposition to get the general case.

"E-pol" "S-pol"

"H-pol" "A-pol"



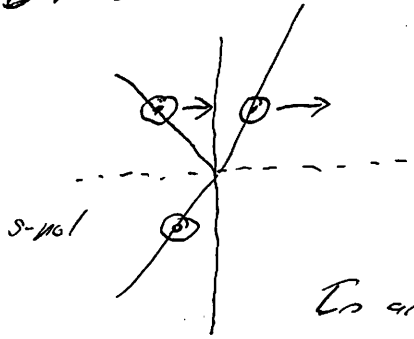
- ①  $\vec{E} \perp$  plane of incidence
- ②  $\vec{E}$  is pure tangential
- ③  $\vec{B}$  is in plane & mixed

- $\vec{B} \perp$  plane of incidence
- $\vec{B}$  is pure tangential
- $\vec{E}$  is in plane and mixed

Note: any two of the following will define the "plane of incidence":  
 $\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_r, \vec{k}_t$  interfacial normal  
 usually easiest

If the incident wave is "s", then so are the output waves. Likewise for "p". This follows from MEs.

I'll just illustrate one case: "s" input, but the transmitted wave acquires a normal component.

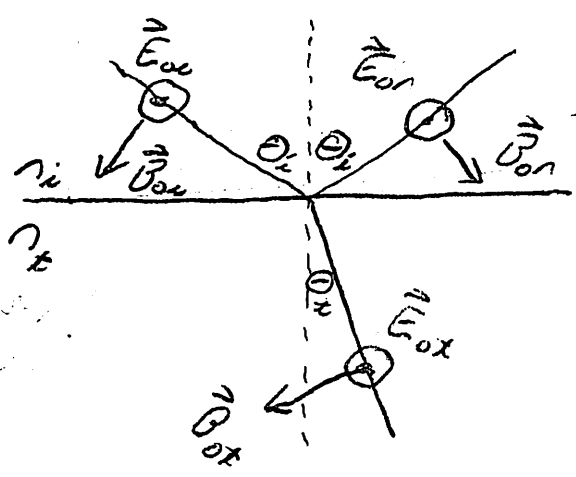


Note:  $E, E_{\parallel} = E_r, E_{r\parallel}$  and  $E_{\perp} = E_{i\perp} + E_{r\perp}$  so the reflected wave must also have a normal component.

In any case, clearly  $\vec{E}_r$  &  $\vec{k}_r$  are not perpendicular. Not possible!

### Fresnel Equations (reflected/transmitted amplitudes as a function of $\vec{E}_{oi}$ )

S-pol  
L-pol

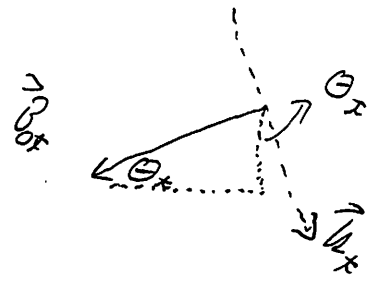
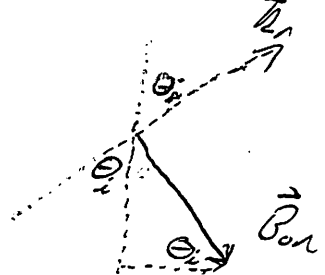


The field directions are given as they are at the interface.

I haven't shown they are all  $\odot$ . We'll assume they are. If this is wrong, the derivation will tell us w/ negative signs.

$$E_{toz} = E_{oi} + E_{or} = E_{otz}$$

$$B_{toz} = -B_{oi} \cos \theta_i + B_{or} \cos \theta_r = -B_{ot} \cos \theta_t$$



$$B = \frac{E}{v} = \frac{n}{c} E$$

$$n_1 (E_{oi} - E_{or}) \cos \theta_i = n_2 E_{ot} \cos \theta_t$$

It turns out ratios of  $E_{oi}$  are convenient so divide by  $E_{oi}$

$$1 + \frac{E_{or}}{E_{oi}} = \frac{E_{ot}}{E_{oi}} \rightarrow \frac{E_{ot}}{E_{oi}} - \frac{E_{or}}{E_{oi}} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow n_2 \cos \theta_x \frac{E_{ot}}{E_{oi}} + n_i \cos \theta_i \frac{E_{or}}{E_{oi}} = n_2 \cos \theta_i$$

$\frac{E_{ot}}{E_{oi}} = r_{\perp}$        $\frac{E_{or}}{E_{oi}} = r_{\perp}$

Two eqs in two unknowns:  $r_{\perp}, t_{\perp}$

Solving (see Ex 3.4):

$$r_{\perp} = \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_i - n_x \cos \theta_x}{n_2 \cos \theta_i + n_x \cos \theta_x}$$

$$t_{\perp} = \frac{2 n_2 \cos \theta_i}{n_2 \cos \theta_i + n_x \cos \theta_x}$$

Given  $E_{oi}, \theta_i, n_i, n_x$   
we can use Snell's Law to get  $\theta_x$ .

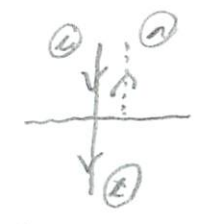
Thus, we have  $E_{or}$  &  $E_{ot}$   
and, of course, the  $\theta$ 's.

Note: These are field ratios. We don't have the reflectivity, for example.

$$r_{\perp} + t_{\perp} \neq 1 \quad \text{or even} \quad r_{\perp}^2 + t_{\perp}^2 \neq 1$$

$r_{\perp}, t_{\perp}$  for air  $\rightarrow$  glass is not the same as for glass  $\rightarrow$  air.

Example 3.2  $\rightarrow$  using  $n_g = 1.50$  and  $\theta_i = 0 \rightarrow \theta_x = 0$



"normal incidence"

$$r_{\perp} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1} \quad t_{\perp} = \frac{2n_1}{n_2 + n_1}$$

air ( $n_i = 1$ )  $\rightarrow$  glass ( $n_x = 1.5$ )

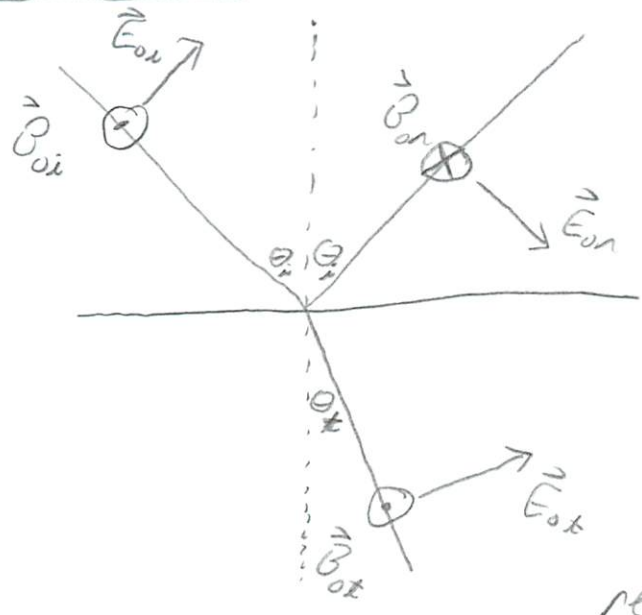
$$r_{\perp} = -0.200 \quad \text{like } \odot \otimes$$
$$t_{\perp} = 0.800 \quad \text{like } \odot$$

glass ( $n_i = 1.5$ )  $\rightarrow$  air ( $n_x = 1$ )

$$r_{\perp} = 0.200 \quad \text{like } \odot \otimes$$
$$t_{\perp} = 1.20 \quad \text{like } \odot$$

like a string wave!!!

P-pol, // pol



Why draw  $\vec{B}_{0r}$  as  $\otimes$ ?  
 We could have used  $\odot$ . Either will do.  
 But, we focused on  $\vec{E}$ , not  $\vec{B}$ .

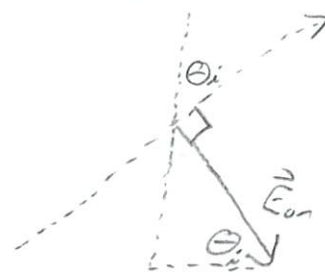
This choice keeps the  $\vec{E}$ 's pointing with positive tangential components in our reference figure.

Since the L-case also had this, we'll get similar sign conventions: reflecting off a denser medium has  $n_2 < 0$ .

$B_{\text{tan}}$ :  $B_{0i} - B_{0r} = B_{0t}$

$n_1 E_{0i} - n_1 E_{0r} = n_2 E_{0t}$

$E_{\text{tan}}$ :  $E_{0i} \cos \theta_i + E_{0r} \cos \theta_r = E_{0t} \cos \theta_t$



$n_2 \frac{E_{0t}}{E_{0i}} + n_1 \frac{E_{0r}}{E_{0i}} = n_2$

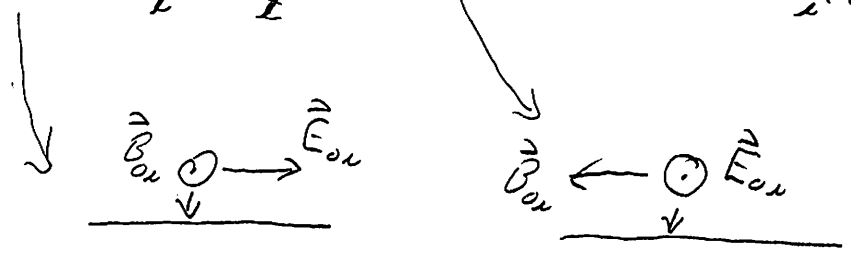
$\cos \theta_t \frac{E_{0t}}{E_{0i}} - \cos \theta_r \frac{E_{0r}}{E_{0i}} = \cos \theta_t$   
 $\equiv r_{\parallel}$                        $\equiv 1$

$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{n_t \cos \theta_t - n_i \cos \theta_i}{n_i \cos \theta_t + n_t \cos \theta_i} \quad \text{Note "mixed indices"}$$

$$t_{\parallel} = \frac{2n_i \cos \theta_i}{n_i \cos \theta_t + n_t \cos \theta_i}$$

Repeating our example  $\Rightarrow$  normal incidence  $\theta_i = 0 \rightarrow \theta_t = 0$

$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{n_i - n_t}{n_i + n_t} = r_{\perp} \quad t_{\parallel} = \frac{2n_i}{n_i + n_t} = t_{\perp}$$



In either case, the electric field interaction w/ the interface is the same:  $\vec{E}_i$  is pure tangential. The result must be the same.

We'll spend a fair amount of time, now, trying to understand the behavior predicted by these equations.

Organizational questions: When are they min or max?  
 When do they change sign?  
 Difference  $n_i > n_t$  and  $n_i < n_t$

Terminology:  $n_i < n_t$  "going from fast to slow"  
 "external incidence" text uses this a lot  
 think going air  $\rightarrow$  glass.



Brewster's Angle  $r_{||}$  can be zero at  $\theta_B$ , internal or external incidence. 28

$$r_{||} = \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_t - n_1 \cos \theta_i}{n_2 \cos \theta_t + n_1 \cos \theta_i} = 0$$

$$n_2 \cos \theta_t = n_1 \cos \theta_i \quad \text{but} \quad n_2 = \frac{n_1 \sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} \quad (\text{Snell's Law})$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_t = n_1 \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_i \quad \text{but} \quad \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\sin 2\theta_t = \sin 2\theta_i \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2\theta_t = 2\theta_i & \text{No} \\ 2\theta_t = \pi - 2\theta_i & \checkmark \end{cases} \begin{cases} \text{only solution} \\ \text{-Keep it} \\ 0 \leq \theta_t \leq 90^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$\theta_i + \theta_t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_i \right) = n_2 \cos \theta_i$$

$\theta_i = \theta_B$

$$\boxed{\tan \theta_B = \frac{n_2}{n_1}} \quad \text{p-pol only}$$

A surface coated at Brewster's angle will not reflect p-pol - no reflection losses!

air to glass:  $\tan \theta_B = \frac{1.5}{1.0} \quad \boxed{\theta_B = 56.3^\circ}$

angle in glass:

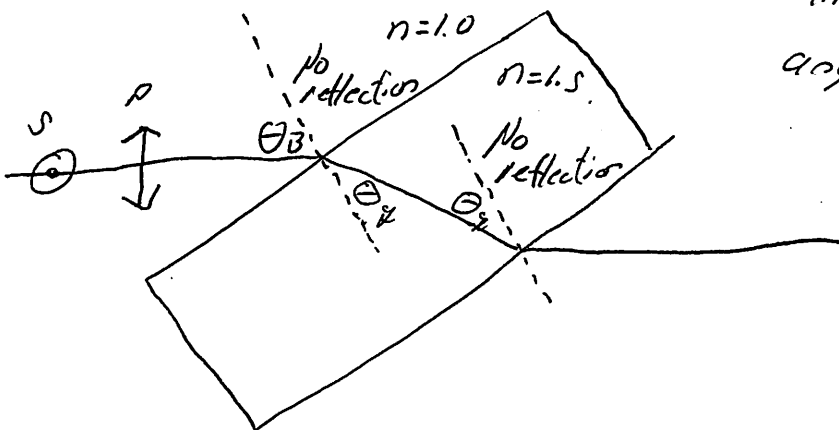
$$n_{\text{air}} \sin \theta_{\text{air}} = n_g \sin \theta_g$$

$$\sin \theta_g = \frac{n_{\text{air}} \sin \theta_{\text{air}}}{n_g}$$

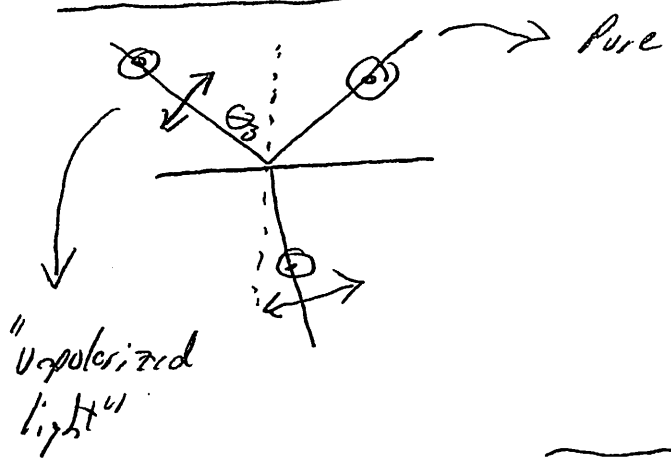
$$= \frac{\sin \theta_B}{1.5}$$

$$\boxed{\theta_g = 33.7^\circ}$$

Brewster angle glass to air:  $\tan \theta_B' = \frac{1.0}{1.5} \quad \boxed{\theta_B' = 33.7^\circ}$

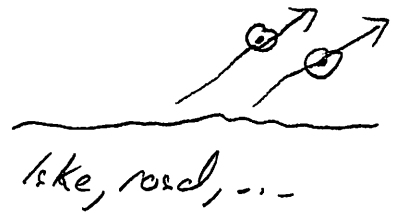


# Polarization by reflection



As we'll see, if you're close to  $\theta_B$ , you'll still get a significant effect.

"Horizontal polarization"



Some sunglasses use filters that only pass vertical polarizations: "polarizers"

Note: "s" or "p" relative to interface  
"horizontal", "vertical" relative to the floor

## Total Internal Reflection (complete reflection for $\theta > \theta_c$ , internal incidence)

well, this is subtle, as we'll see

$$n_t \sin \theta_t = n_i \sin \theta_i$$

$$\sin \theta_t = \frac{n_i \sin \theta_i}{n_t}$$

this can exceed 1 for internal incidence where  $n_i > n_t$  (glass  $\rightarrow$  air).

Define:  $\theta_c \equiv \theta_c$  when  $\sin \theta_t = 1$  or  $\theta_t = 90^\circ$

$$\theta_c = \frac{n_t}{n_i}$$

I'll just cite results from text:

s-pol }  $E_{\text{refl}} = E_{\text{inc}} e^{iQ_\perp}$   
 p-pol }  
 so  $|E_{\text{refl}}| = |E_{\text{inc}}|$

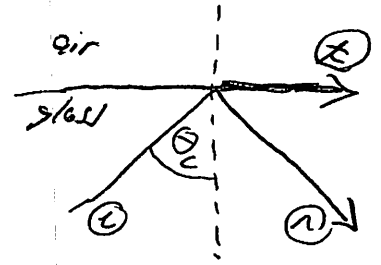
$$Q_\perp = 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n_t}{n_i} \kappa \right)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{\left( \frac{n_i \sin \theta_i}{n_t} \right)^2 - 1}}{\cos \theta_i}$$

p-pol }  $E_{\text{refl}} = E_{\text{inc}} e^{iQ_\parallel}$   
 s-pol }

$$Q_\parallel = 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n_i}{n_t} \kappa \right)$$

{same  $\kappa$ }



For  $\theta_i > \theta_c$ , TIR so this happens for grazing incidence.

There's no transmitted wave but there are fields in the  $n_t$  medium as we'll see later