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Fresnel formula  
(continued...)

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(2) E vector // to the plane of incidence:

Now we consider the el. vector ( $\vec{E}$ ) lie in the plane of incidence. The mag. vector ( $\vec{H}$ ) are along y-axis. Z-component of the el. vector represents a tangential component which should be continuous across the surface. Thus

$$E_{iz} + E_{rz} = E_{tz} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

or

$$-E_{i0} \cos \theta_i + E_{r0} \cos \theta_i = E_{t0} \cos \theta_t$$

For the continuity conditions to be satisfied, this can be also be written as in the following form

$$[E_{i0} - E_{r0}] \cos \theta_i = E_{t0} \cos \theta_t \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Further for normal incidence component of D must be continuous ( $D = \epsilon E$ ).

$$\epsilon_1 E_{iz} + \epsilon_2 E_{tz}$$

$$\text{or } \epsilon_1 [E_{i0} + E_{r0}] \sin \theta_i = \epsilon_2 E_{t0} \sin \theta_t \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\epsilon_1 [E_{i0} + E_{r0}] \sin \theta_i = \epsilon_2 \sin \theta_t \frac{[E_{i0} - E_{r0}] \cos \theta_i}{\cos \theta_t}$$

Rearranging we get the amplitude refl. coeff. for parallel component polarisation.

$$r_p = \frac{E_{r0}}{E_{i0}} = \frac{\epsilon_2 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i - \epsilon_1 \sin \theta_i \cos \theta_t}{\epsilon_2 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i + \epsilon_1 \sin \theta_i \cos \theta_t} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

amplitude transmission coeff. for || polarisation

$$t_p = \frac{E_{t0}}{E_{i0}} = \frac{2 \epsilon_1 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i}{\epsilon_2 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i + \epsilon_1 \cos \theta_t \sin \theta_i} \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

But we know that for optical frequency

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

But we know considering this fact and solving we get

$$\begin{aligned} r_p &= \frac{\sin \theta_i \cos \theta_i - \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_t}{\sin \theta_i \cos \theta_i + \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_t} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2\theta_i - \cos 2\theta_t}{\sin 2\theta_i + \cos 2\theta_t} \\ &= \tan(\theta_i - \theta_t) / \tan(\theta_i + \theta_t) \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (15)}$$

and

$$t_p = \frac{2 \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_t}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)} \quad \text{--- (16)}$$

Equ<sup>n</sup> (15) & (16) are also called Fresnel's formula or equ<sup>n</sup> for the parallel polarisation (i.e. electric vector containing the component  $\parallel$  to the plane of incidence).

These two kinds of electric vector are therefore, independent of one another. Equ<sup>n</sup> (15) & (16) lead to the following conditions :-

I :- For normal incidence  $\theta_i = \theta_r = 0$ ,  $\theta_t = 0$  |  $n = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r_n &= -\frac{n-1}{n+1} \\ t_n &= \frac{2}{n+1} \\ r_p &= \frac{n-1}{n+1} \\ t_p &= \frac{2}{n+1} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (17)}$$

This means the distinction between  $\parallel$  to  $\perp$  components disappears now.

II :- when  $n_1 = n_2$ , no reflection of wave occurs when  $n_2 = n_1$ ,  $\theta_t = \theta_i$

we get  $r_p = 0$ ,  $t_p = 1$

Thus there is no reflection of the wave, when the second medium has the same refractive indices as the first medium has.