

5.1.5 Summary to: 5.1 Optics

Know your numbers and relations for visible light!

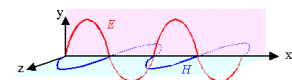
- Wavelengths: $\lambda \approx 400 \text{ nm} - 800 \text{ nm}$.
 $\lambda_{\text{mat}} = \lambda_0 / n$.
- Frequency: $\nu \approx 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$.
- Index of refraction: $n = \epsilon_r^{1/2} \approx 1,5 - 2,5$
- Energy $E \approx 1,8 \text{ eV} - 3,2 \text{ eV}$.
- Dispersion relation: $c_0 = \nu \lambda_0 = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
 $c_{\text{Mat}} = \nu \lambda_0 / n(\lambda)$

For the **propagation** of light:
use the **wave model**
For the **generation** and
disappearance (= **absorption**) of
light:
use the **photon model**

Snellius law:
 $n = \sin \alpha / \sin \beta$ with α , β the angle of
incidence
or propagation, resp.

Know your basic equations and terminology

$$\begin{matrix} \underline{E}(\underline{r}, t) \\ \underline{H}(\underline{r}, t) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \underline{E}_0 \\ \underline{H}_0 \end{matrix} \cdot \exp\{i(\underline{k}\underline{r} - \omega t)\}$$



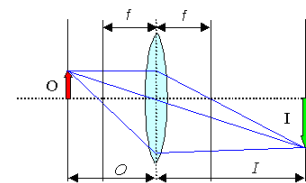
Coherent monochromatic plane wave
 \underline{E} and \underline{H} perpendicular and in phase

- Reflection** always with "angle in" = "angle out".
- Refraction** is the sudden "**bending**" or "flexing" of light beams at the interface
- Diffraction** is the continuous "**bending**" of light beams around corners; interference effects.

Geometric optics

Key parameters

- Focal length f and numerical aperture **NA** of lenses, mirrors.
- Image formation by simple geometric construction
- Various aberrations (spherical, chromatic, astigmatism, coma, ...) limit performance.

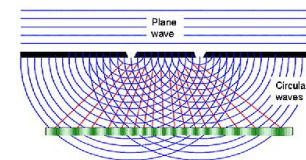


Wave optics

Huygens principle: and interference

- Ultimate limit to resolution

$$d_{\min} \approx \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$$



Know your basic types of waves:

- (Running, coherent, monochromatic) **plane wave**.
- Standing waves** = superposition of plane waves.
- Incoherent, multichromatic **real** waves

Relations between electrical field \underline{E} , magnetic field \underline{H} and **Poynting vector** (energy flow vector) $\underline{S} = \underline{E} \times \underline{H}$

$$\langle \underline{S} \rangle = \frac{E_0 H_0}{2} = \frac{E_0^2}{Z_w}$$

This equation links *energy flow* (easy in photon picture) to *field strength* in wave picture.

Z_w = wave impedance of the medium.
 $Z_w(\text{vacuum}) = 376,7 \, \Omega$

$$W_{\text{elect}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \cdot E^2}{2}$$

$$W_{\text{mag}} = \frac{\mu_0 \cdot H^2}{2}$$

$$[W_{\text{elect}}; \text{mag}] = [\text{Ws m}^{-3}]$$

$$E_0 = \left(\frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \right)^{1/2} \cdot H_0 = Z_w \cdot H_0$$

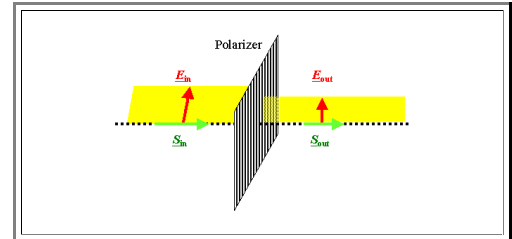
Polarization = key to "advanced" optics.

Simple case: **linear polarization**.

- Plane of polarization contains \underline{E} -vector and $\underline{S}(\underline{k})$ vector.
- Any (coherent) wave is polarized but *net polarization* of many waves with random polarization is zero!
- Light *intensity* ($\propto E^2$) between polarizers at angle α scales with $(\cos \alpha)^2$.

General case: *elliptical* polarization; important are the two extremes: *linear* and *circular* polarization.

- For circular polarization the \underline{E} -vector rotates on a circle while moving "forward". This results from a superposition of two plane waves with \underline{E} -vectors at right angles and a *phase difference* of $\pi/2$.
- Technically important (3-dim Cinema; Lab optics)



Questionnaire

Multiple Choice questions to all of 5.1