

**HW N1. Polarization (s) Theoretical Derivation.**

We derived the Fresnel equations for the p-polarization case

in class and found  $r_p$  and  $t_p$ .

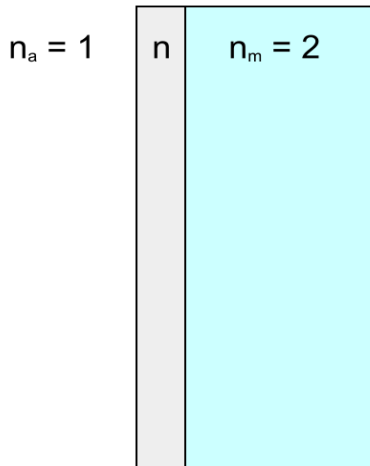
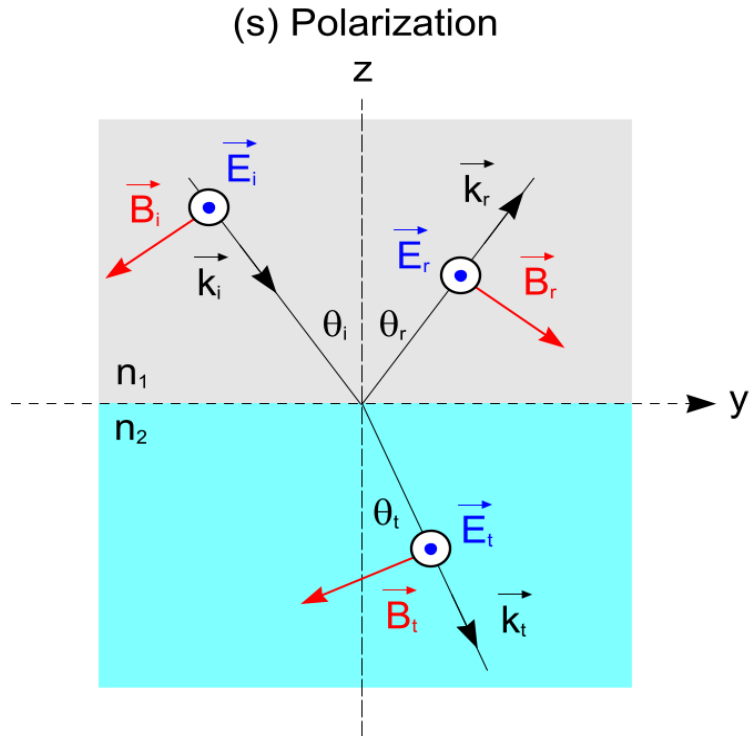
Derive the Fresnel equations for the s-polarization shown in the figure.

The answers are given below.

$$r_s = \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_1 - n_2 \cos \theta_2}{n_1 \cos \theta_1 + n_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

$$t_s = \frac{2n_1 \cos \theta_1}{n_1 \cos \theta_1 + n_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

Be particular sure to explain your angles in the analysis of the boundary conditions at the interface for the **B** fields, working out one in detail.



**HW N2. Thin-Film Engineering.**

A manufacturing firm is designing a transparent plate using a material that has index of refraction  $n_m = 2.00$ . They would like you to design a thin film with index of refraction  $n$  so that light entering from the air will have as little reflection back into the air as possible and that the transmission to the  $n_m$  material is maximized.

Use the Fresnel equations at normal incidence to minimize the reflectivity. Remember that the reflectivity  $R_p$  is equal to the square of the reflection coefficient  $r_p$  of the Fresnel equations, that  $R_s$  is the square of  $r_s$ , and

$$R = (R_p + R_s) / 2.$$

The index of refraction of air is  $n_1 = 1.00$  to 3 significant figures and you are given  $n_m = 2.00$  to 3 significant figures. Note that there are two R interfaces: reflection at the  $n_1$ - $n$  interface and reflection at the  $n$ - $n_m$  interface. You will need to incorporate these in your analysis as well as worry about  $R_p$  and  $R_s$ . Report your value  $n$  for the thin film to 3 significant figures. The following page outlines what you need to do in more detail.

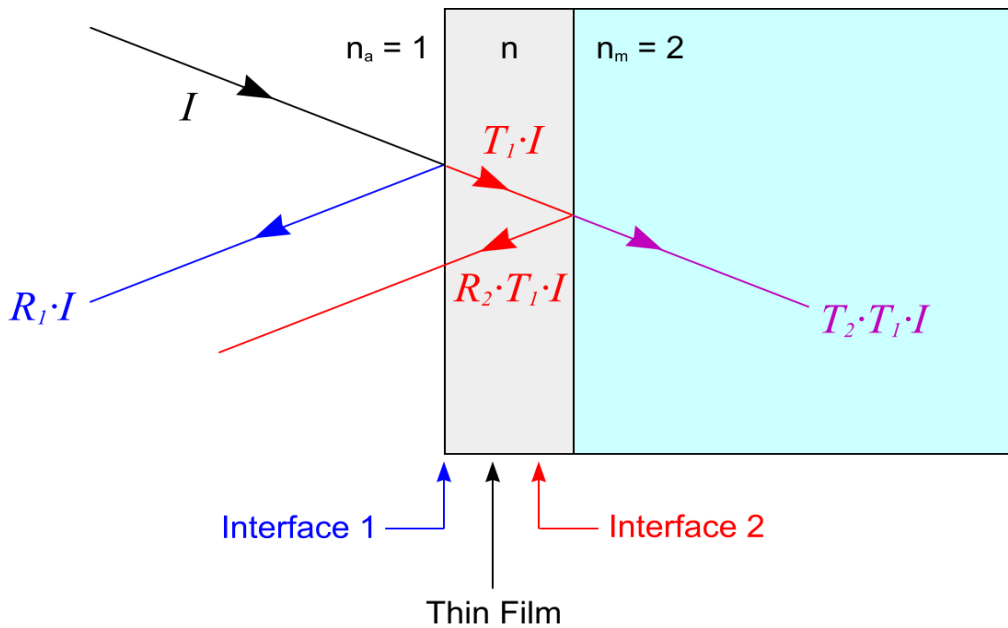
(a) First show that for normal incidence

$$R_s = R_p = \left[ \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right]^2 .$$

Then you can conclude  $R = \frac{R_s + R_p}{2} = R_s = R_p$  and use solely the  $R$  notation.

(b) Set up the reflections and transmissions.

Normal Incidence with exaggerated angles to clearly label everything.



For the first interface:  $R_1 = \left[ \frac{1 - n}{1 + n} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{n - 1}{n + 1} \right]^2$  and  $T_1 = 1 - R_1$

For the second interface:  $R_2 = \left[ \frac{n - 2}{n + 2} \right]^2$  and  $T_2 = 1 - R_2$ .

(c) You want to maximize the transmission  $T_2 \cdot T_1 \cdot I$ . Find the index of refraction  $n$  that meets this requirement.