

6.635 Solution to Problem Set 2

Solution P2.1

(a) In the laboratory frame, we obtain

$$C_{EB} = \overline{\overline{L}}_6^{-1} \overline{\overline{C}}_{EB} \overline{\overline{L}}_6 = \gamma^2 \begin{bmatrix} p' - \beta^2 q' & 0 & 0 & \ell'(1 - \beta^2) & \beta(-p' + q') & 0 \\ 0 & (p' - q'\beta^2) & 0 & \beta(p' - q') & \ell'(1 - \beta^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{p'}{\gamma^2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\ell}{\gamma^2} \\ -\ell'(1 - \beta^2) & -\beta(p' - q') & 0 & (-p'\beta^2 + q') & 0 & 0 \\ \beta(p' - q') & -\ell'(1 - \beta^2) & 0 & 0 & (-p'\beta^2 + q') & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-\ell}{\gamma^2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{q}{\gamma^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) For a biaxial medium in its rest frame S'

$$\overline{\overline{\epsilon}}' = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon'_x & & \\ & \epsilon'_y & \\ & & \epsilon'_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\overline{C}}'_{EB} = \begin{bmatrix} c\overline{\overline{\epsilon}}' & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{c\mu'} \overline{\overline{I}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

By brute force matrix multiplication, in ways exactly the same as done previously for the moving biisotropic medium, we obtain

$$\overline{\overline{C}}_{EB} = \gamma^2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} c\epsilon'_x - \frac{\beta^2}{c\mu'} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta(-c\epsilon'_x + \frac{1}{c\mu'}) & 0 \\ 0 & c\epsilon'_y - \frac{\beta^2}{c\mu'} & 0 & \beta(c\epsilon'_y - \frac{1}{c\mu'}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{c\epsilon'_z}{\gamma^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta(-c\epsilon'_y + \frac{1}{c\mu'}) & 0 & -c\epsilon'_y\beta^2 + \frac{1}{c\mu'} & 0 & 0 \\ \beta(c\epsilon'_x - \frac{1}{c\mu'}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\beta^2 c\epsilon'_x + \frac{1}{c\mu'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\gamma^2 c\mu'} \end{bmatrix}$$

We notice that both moving biisotropic medium and moving biaxial medium are bianisotropic.

Solution P2.2

(a) In \overline{E} \overline{H} representation

$$\overline{D} = \overline{\overline{\epsilon}} \cdot \overline{E} + \overline{\overline{\xi}} \cdot \overline{H} \quad (1)$$

$$\overline{B} = \overline{\overline{\zeta}} \cdot \overline{E} + \overline{\overline{\mu}} \cdot \overline{H} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\overline{\overline{\epsilon}} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_z \end{bmatrix}, \overline{\overline{\xi}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \xi & 0 \\ -\xi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \overline{\overline{\zeta}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\xi & 0 \\ \xi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \overline{\overline{\mu}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

From (1) $-\bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot (2)$ we get

$$\bar{D} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{B} = (\bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta}) \cdot \bar{E}$$

Thus

$$\bar{E} = (\bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta})^{-1} \cdot \bar{D} - (\bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta})^{-1} \cdot \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{B}$$

Similarly

$$\bar{H} = -(\bar{\mu} - \bar{\zeta} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\xi})^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}^{-1} \cdot \bar{D} + (\bar{\mu} - \bar{\zeta} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\xi})^{-1} \cdot \bar{B}$$

Comparing with $\bar{D} \bar{B}$ representation

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{E} &= \bar{\kappa} \cdot \bar{D} + \bar{\chi} \cdot \bar{B} \\ \bar{H} &= \bar{\gamma} \cdot \bar{D} + \bar{\nu} \cdot \bar{B} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{\kappa} = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa_z \end{bmatrix}, \bar{\chi} = \bar{\gamma}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \chi & 0 \\ -\chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \nu_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus from

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\kappa} &= (\bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/(\epsilon - \xi^2/\mu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/(\epsilon - \xi^2/\mu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/\epsilon_z \end{bmatrix}, \\ \bar{\chi} = \bar{\gamma}^+ &= -(\bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\zeta})^{-1} \cdot \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\mu}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\xi/(\epsilon\mu - \xi^2) & 0 \\ \xi/(\epsilon\mu - \xi^2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \bar{\nu} &= (\bar{\mu} - \bar{\zeta} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\xi})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/(\mu - \xi^2/\epsilon) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/(\mu - \xi^2/\epsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/\mu_z \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \frac{1}{\epsilon - \xi^2/\mu}, \kappa_z = \frac{1}{\epsilon_z}, \\ \chi &= \frac{-\xi}{\epsilon\mu - \xi^2}, \\ \nu &= \frac{1}{\mu - \xi^2/\epsilon}, \nu_z = \frac{1}{\mu_z}. \end{aligned}$$

For type I wave, when $k_y = 0$, the dispersion relation is

$$k_x^2 + \frac{\nu}{\nu_z} k_z^2 - \frac{(\omega - \chi k_z)^2}{\kappa \nu_z} = 0$$

Substitute ν, ν_z, χ and κ we get

$$k_x^2 + \frac{\mu_z}{\mu - \xi^2/\epsilon} k_z^2 - (\omega + \frac{\xi}{\epsilon\mu - \xi^2} k_z)^2 \mu_z (\epsilon - \frac{\xi^2}{\mu}) = 0$$

Thus

$$k_x^2 + \frac{\mu_z}{\mu} (k_z - \omega\xi)^2 = \omega^2 \mu_z \epsilon$$

Similarly, the dispersion relation for type II wave can be proved.

(b) For the critical angle we have $k_{xt} = 0$ thus

$$\frac{\nu}{\nu_z} k_z^2 - \frac{(\omega - \chi k_z)^2}{\kappa \nu_z} = 0$$

so the tangential wave vector will be

$$k_{zc1} = \frac{\omega}{\chi t + \sqrt{\kappa_t \nu_t}}$$

or

$$k_{zc1} = \frac{\omega}{\chi t - \sqrt{\kappa_t \nu_t}}$$

and the corresponding incident k_x will be

$$k_{xc1} = \sqrt{\frac{(\omega - \chi k_{zc1})^2}{\kappa \nu_z} - \frac{\nu k_{zc1}^2}{\nu_z}}$$

or

$$k_{xc2} = \sqrt{\frac{(\omega - \chi k_{zc2})^2}{\kappa \nu_z} - \frac{\nu k_{zc2}^2}{\nu_z}}.$$

Thus the critical angle will be

$$\theta_c = \arctan \frac{k_{zc1}}{k_{xc1}}$$

or

$$\theta_c = \arctan \frac{k_{zc2}}{k_{xc2}}.$$

For the incident angle θ in region 0 we have $k = \frac{k_z}{\sin \theta}$, substitute it into the dispersion relation $\omega = \chi k_z + ck/n$ we get

$$k_z = \frac{\omega}{\chi + c/n \sin \theta}.$$

Using $(\omega - \chi k_z)^2 - \kappa_t \nu_t k_z^2 \leq 0$ we have

$$\left(\omega - \chi t \frac{\omega}{\chi + c/(n \sin \theta)}\right)^2 - \kappa_t \nu_t \left(\frac{\omega}{\chi + c/(n \sin \theta)}\right)^2 \leq 0$$

For $\kappa_t \nu_t \approx \frac{c^2}{n^2}$ we get

$$\left(\omega - \chi_t \frac{\omega}{\chi + c/(n \sin \theta)}\right)^2 - \frac{c^2}{n^2} \left(\frac{\omega}{\chi + c/(n \sin \theta)}\right)^2 \leq 0.$$

Thus

$$1 - \frac{\chi_t}{\chi + c/(n \sin \theta)} \leq \frac{c}{n(\chi + c/(n \sin \theta))}$$

So

$$\sin \theta \geq \frac{c/n}{c/n_t + \chi_t - \chi}$$

Substitute $\chi \approx c\beta(1 - \frac{1}{n^2})$ and $\chi_t \approx c\beta_t(1 - \frac{1}{n_t^2})$ we get

$$\sin \theta \geq \frac{n_t/n}{1 + n_t\beta_t(1 - 1/n_t^2) - n_t\beta(1 - 1/n^2)}.$$