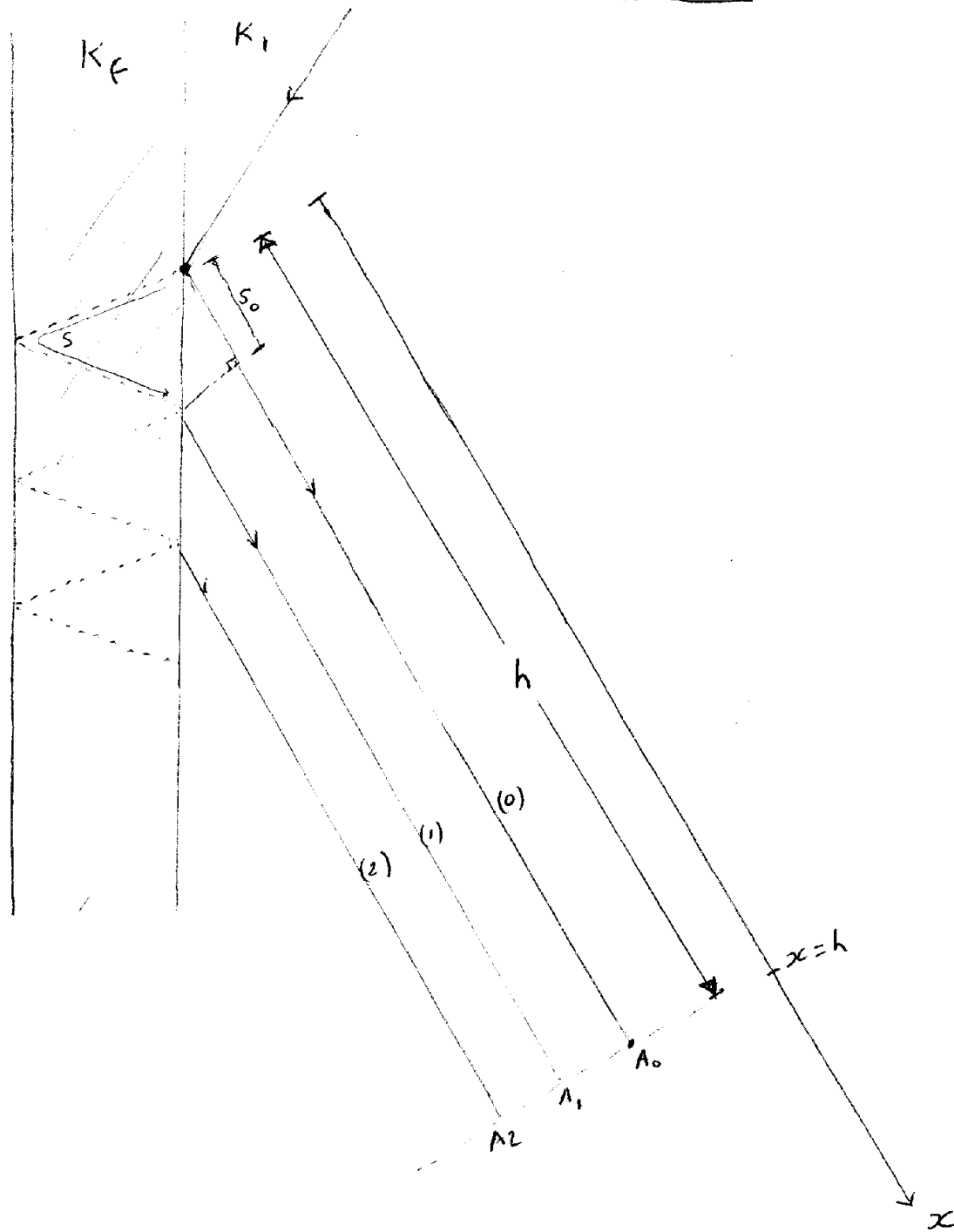
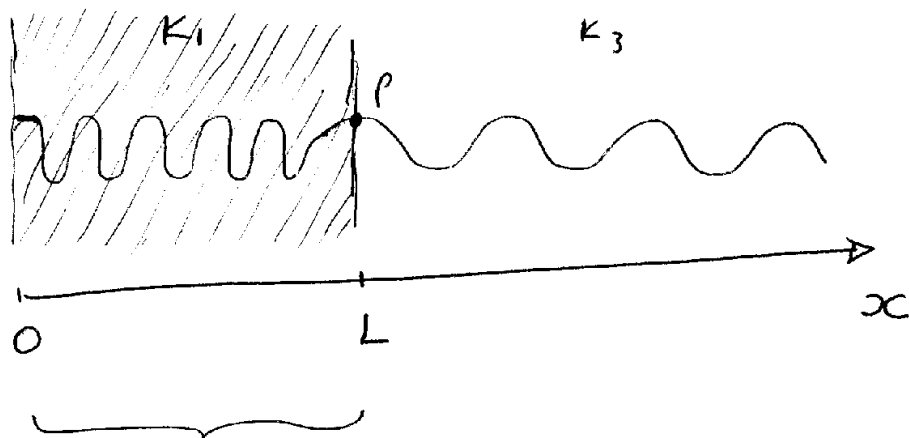


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# MULTIPLE-BEAM INTERFERENCE



We'll be using the following form to describe a wave that has undergone a phase shift



Phase at P:  $K_1 L$

$$\cos [K_3 (x-L) - \omega t + K_1 L]$$

Notice this description reflects the fact that at  $x=L$  the phase of the wave is  $K_1 L$

- Accumulated phase of ray (0) at  $A_0$  ( $x=h$ ):

$$\Lambda_0 = k_1 h$$

For  $x > h$ , the ray (0) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{i(k_1(x-h) - \omega t + \Lambda_0)} \quad \text{which verifies that} \\ & \text{at } x=h \text{ the phase is } -\omega t + \Lambda_0 \\ & = e^{i[k_1(x-h) - \omega t + k_1 h]} \\ & = e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Accumulated phase of ray (1) at  $A_1$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 &= k_f s + k_1 (h - s_0) \\ &= (k_f s - k_1 s_0) + k_1 h \end{aligned}$$

$$\Lambda_1 = \delta + k_1 h$$

where we have

$$\text{defined } \delta \equiv k_f s - k_1 s_0$$

For  $x > h$ , ray (1) can be expressed as

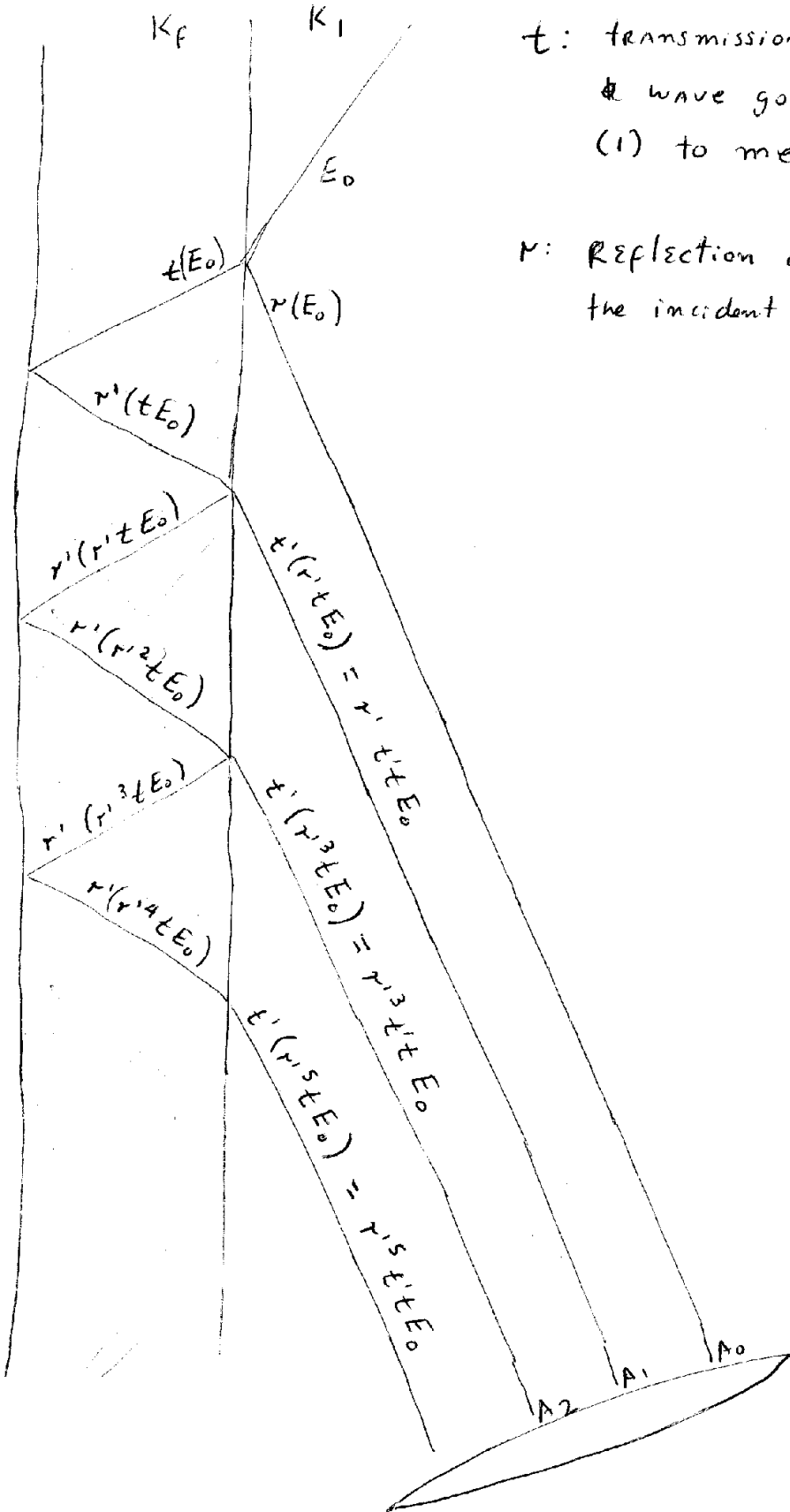
$$\begin{aligned} & e^{i(k_1(x-h) - \omega t + \Lambda_1)} \\ & = e^{i\delta} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- Accumulated phase of ray (2) at  $A_2$  is

$$\Lambda_2 = k_f 2s + k_1 (h - 2s_0) = 2\delta + k_1 h$$

For  $x > h$ , ray (2) can be expressed as

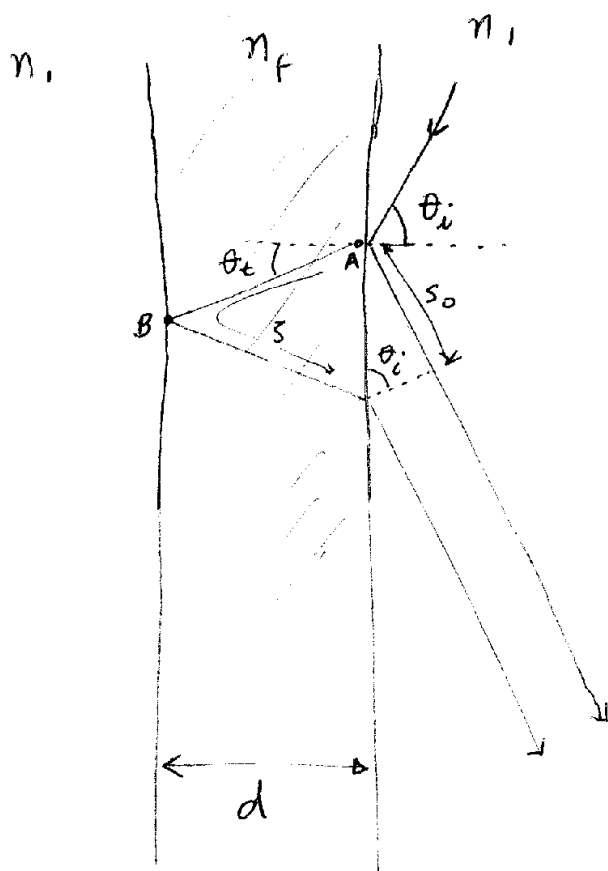
$$\begin{aligned} & e^{i(k_1(x-h) - \omega t + \Lambda_2)} \\ & = e^{i2\delta} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$



$t$ : transmission coefficient when  
 a wave goes from  ~~$K_1$~~  medium  
 (1) to medium (f)

$r$ : Reflection coefficient when  
 the incident wave is in medium (1)

(4)



$$\delta = k_f S - k_i S_0$$

$$= k_f 2AB - k_i \underbrace{(2AB \sin \theta_t)}_{S_0} \sin \theta_i$$

$$k_f = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_f} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} n_f$$

$$k_i = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} n_i$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} 2AB (n_f - n_i \sin \theta_t \sin \theta_i)$$

$$n_i \sin \theta_i = n_f \sin \theta_t$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} 2AB (n_f - n_f \sin^2 \theta_t)$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} 2AB n_f \cos^2 \theta_t$$

$$AB \cos \theta_t = d$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} 2d n_f \cos \theta_t$$

$$\delta = 2 k_f d \cos \theta_t$$

$$= 2 \frac{\omega}{c} n_f d \cos \theta_t$$

Combining the results in (1), (2), (3) and (4), the total Electric field that results from the interference is given by

$$E = r E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$r^1 (t't) E_0 e^{i\delta} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$r^{1^2} (t't) E_0 e^{i2\delta} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$= r E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$\frac{1}{r^1} t't E_0 (r^{1^2} e^{i\delta}) e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$\frac{1}{r^1} t't E_0 (r^{1^2} e^{i\delta})^2 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$\frac{1}{r^1} t't E_0 (r^{1^2} e^{i\delta})^3 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} +$$

$$\dots$$

$$= r + \frac{t't}{r^1} \left[ (r^{1^2} e^{i\delta}) + (r^{1^2} e^{i\delta})^2 + ( )^3 + \dots \right] E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

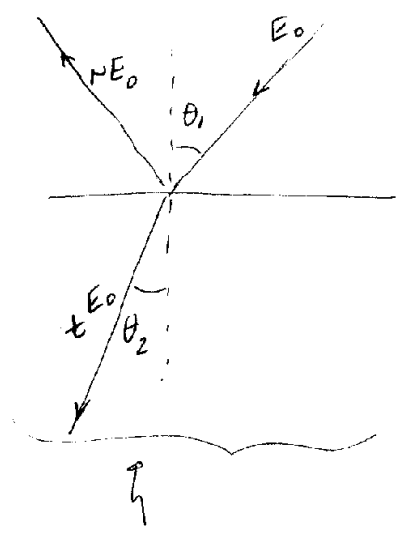
$$(\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots)(1 - \alpha) &= \alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 - \alpha^3 - \dots \\ &= \alpha \end{aligned} \right\}$$

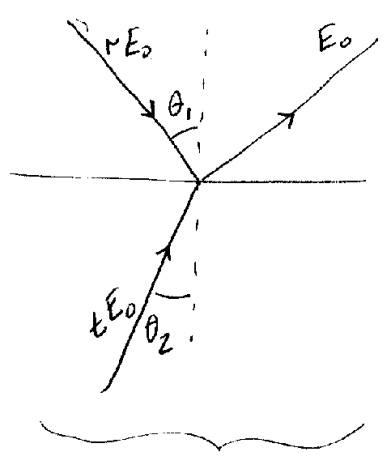
$$(\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$= \left\{ r + \frac{t't}{r^1} \frac{r^{1^2} e^{i\delta}}{[1 - r^{1^2} e^{i\delta}]} \right\} E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

there is an interesting way to relate  $r, r', t$  and  $t'$



If this is true

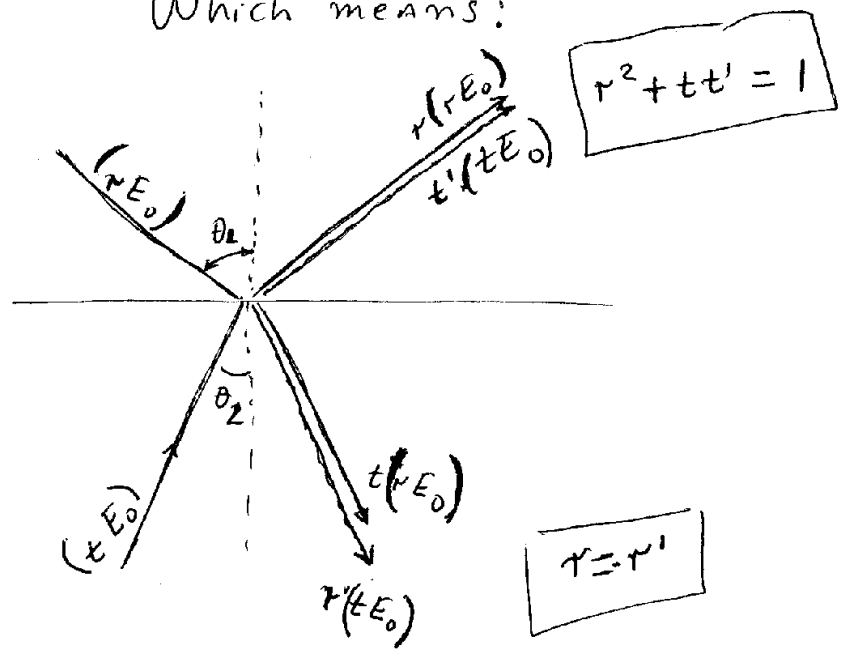


this situation should happen

symmetry considerations indicate that

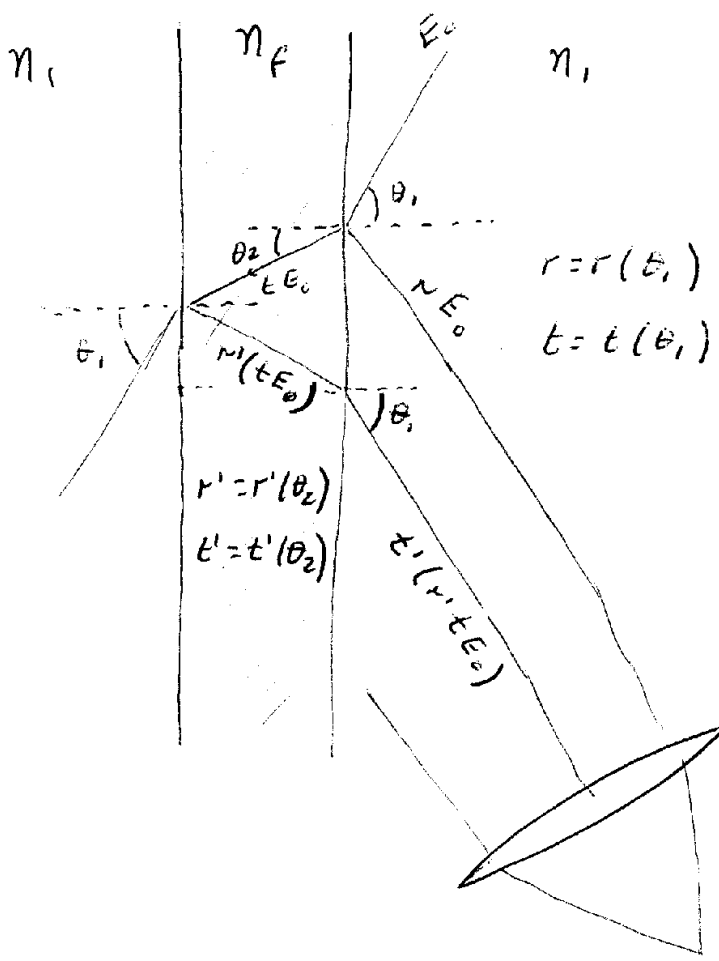
Which means:

- $r = r(\theta_1)$
- $t = t(\theta_1)$
- $r' = r'(\theta_2)$
- $t' = t'(\theta_2)$



$$r^2(\theta_1) + t(\theta_1)t'(\theta_2) = 1$$

$$r(\theta_1) = -r'(\theta_2)$$



$$r = r(\theta_1)$$

$$t = t(\theta_1)$$

$$r' = r'(\theta_2)$$

$$t' = t'(\theta_2)$$

$$E = \left\{ r + \frac{t't}{r'} \frac{r'^2 e^{i\delta}}{1 - r'^2 e^{i\delta}} \right\} E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

$$E_{refl} = \left\{ r + (1 - r^2)(-r) \frac{e^{i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}} \right\} E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

$$= r \left\{ 1 - \frac{(1 - r^2)e^{i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}} \right\} E_0 e^{i\delta} = r \left\{ \frac{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta} - e^{i\delta} + r^2 e^{i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}} \right\} E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

$$E_{refl} = r \left\{ \frac{1 - e^{i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}} \right\} E_0 e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

Reflected wave

where  $\delta = 2k_f d \cos \theta_2$

$$(AB)^* = A^* B^* , \quad (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$E_{\text{ref}} \cdot E_{\text{ref}}^* = E_0^2 r^2 \frac{1 - e^{i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-i\delta}}{1 - r^2 e^{-i\delta}}$$

$$= E_0^2 r^2 \frac{1 - e^{-i\delta} - e^{i\delta} + 1}{1 - r^2 e^{-i\delta} - r^2 e^{i\delta} + r^4} = E_0^2 r^2 \frac{2 - 2 \cos \delta}{(1+r^4) - r^2 2 \cos \delta}$$

$$= E_0^2 r^2 \frac{2(1 - \cos \delta)}{\underbrace{(1-r^2)^2 + 2r^2}_{1+r^4} - r^2 2 \cos \delta} =$$

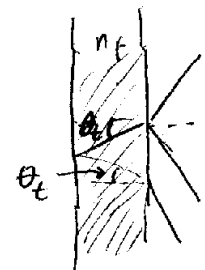
$$\boxed{|E_{\text{refl}}^*|^2 = E_0^2 r^2 \frac{2(1 - \cos \delta)}{(1-r^2)^2 + 2r^2(1 - \cos \delta)}}$$

$$\cos(a+b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$$

$$\cos 2a = \cos^2 a - \sin^2 a = 1 - 2\sin^2 a$$

$$2\sin^2 a = 1 - \cos 2a$$

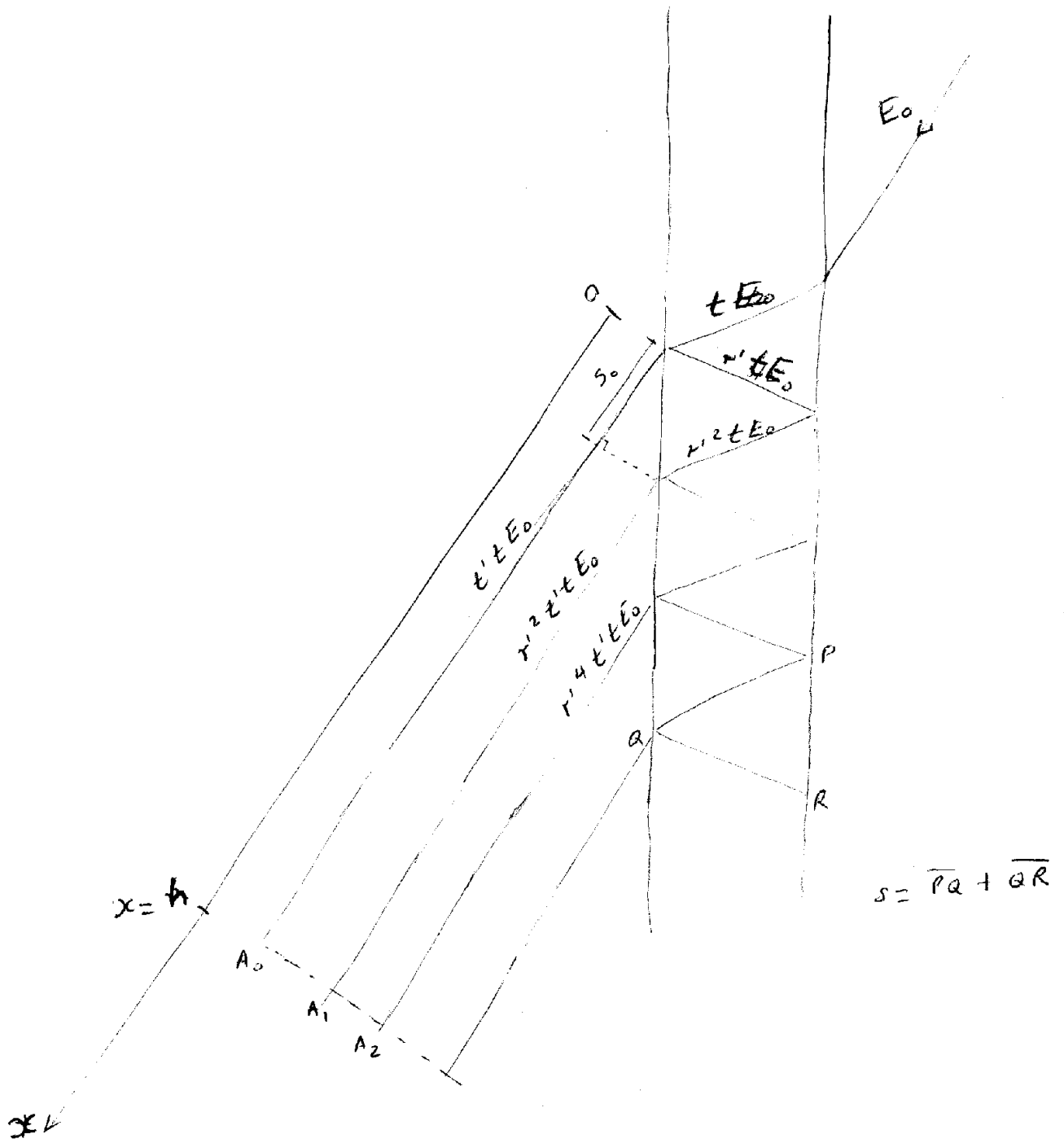
$$\boxed{|E_{\text{refl}}|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{4r^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}{(1-r^2)^2 + 4r^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}}$$



$$\delta = 2K_f d \cos \theta_t$$

$$= E_0^2 \frac{F \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}{1 + F \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}$$

$$F = \frac{2r}{1-r^2}$$



Accumulated phases (measured from the point N)

At  $A_0$ :  $\Lambda_0 = k_f \frac{s}{2} + k_i h$

$A_1$ :  $\Lambda_1 = k_f \frac{3s}{2} + k_i (h - s_0)$

$= k_f \frac{s}{2} + (k_f s - k_i s_0) + k_i h$

$= k_f \frac{s}{2} + \delta + k_i h$

$A_2$ :  $\Lambda_2 = k_f \frac{s}{2} + k_f 2s + k_i (h - 2s_0)$

$= k_f \frac{s}{2} + 2\delta + k_i h$

wave component ( $x > h$ )

$e^{i(k_i(x-h) - \omega t + \Lambda_0)}$

$= e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}}$

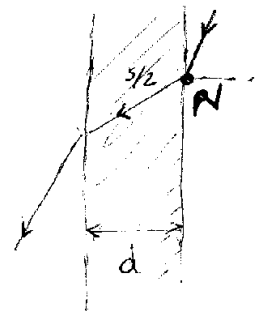
$e^{i(k_i(x-h) - \omega t + \Lambda_1)}$

$= e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}} e^{i\delta}$

$e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}} e^{i2\delta}$

$E = t t' E_0 e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}} e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} \left\{ 1 + r'^2 e^{i\delta} + r'^4 e^{i2\delta} + r'^6 e^{i3\delta} + \dots \right\}$

$E_{trans} = t t' E_0 e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}} e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} \frac{1}{1 - r'^2 e^{i\delta}}$



$= E_0 e^{i k_f \frac{s}{2}} e^{i(k_i x - \omega t)} \times \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - r^2 e^{i\delta}}$

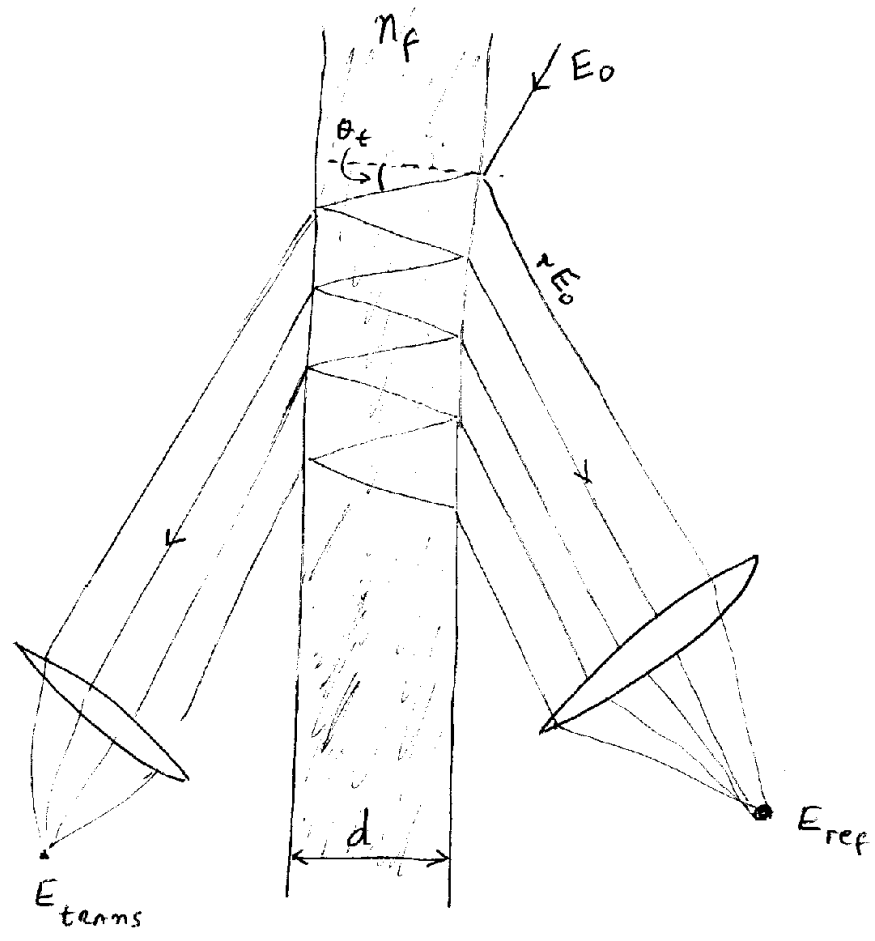
addition phase that comes from the fact that we are measuring the phase from point N

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{trans}} \cdot E_{\text{trans}}^* &= E_0^2 \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{(1-r^2 e^{i\delta})(1-r^2 e^{-i\delta})} \\
 &= E_0^2 \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{1+r^4-r^2 e^{i\delta}-r^2 e^{-i\delta}} \\
 &= E_0^2 \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{1+r^4-2r^2 \cos \delta} = E_0^2 \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{(1-r^2)^2 + 2r^2(1-\cos \delta)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| E_{\text{trans}} \right|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{(1-r^2)^2 + 4r^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}$$

$$= E_0^2 \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)}$$

$$F \equiv \frac{2r}{1-r^2}$$



$$|E_{transm}|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2(\frac{\delta}{2})}$$

$$|E_{ref}|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{F \sin^2(\frac{\delta}{2})}{1 + F \sin^2(\frac{\delta}{2})}$$

$$F \equiv \frac{2r}{1-r^2}$$

$$\delta = 2k_f d \cos \theta_t$$

•  $|E_{\text{trans}}|^2$  is **MAX** when  $\sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) = 0$

$$|E_{\text{trans}}|^2 = E_0^2 \quad \text{when} \quad \frac{\delta}{2} = m\pi \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$|E_{\text{refl}}| = 0$$

or  
 $\delta = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, \dots$

•  $|E_{\text{trans}}|^2$  is **min** when  $\sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) = 1$

$$|E_{\text{trans}}|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{1}{1+F} \quad \text{when} \quad \frac{\delta}{2} = \frac{2m+1}{2}\pi$$

$$|E_{\text{refl}}|^2 = E_0^2 \frac{F}{1+F}$$

or  
 $\delta = \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, 7\pi$

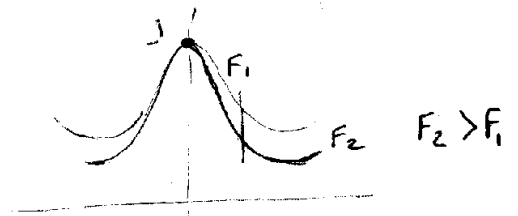
•  $F = \left(\frac{2r}{1-r^2}\right)^2 \quad \frac{dF}{dr} = 4F \frac{(1+r^2)}{(1-r^2)^2} > 0$

So,  $F$  increases as  $r$  increases

•  $\frac{|E_{\text{trans}}|^2}{E_0^2} = \frac{1}{1+\alpha F} = I(F)$

$$\frac{dI}{dF} = -\frac{\alpha}{(1+\alpha F)^2} < 0 \quad \forall F \text{ except when } \alpha = 0$$

This means



bell becomes sharper as  $F$  increases.