

# Optical reciprocity and optical diodes

dipole emission:



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\underline{r}) &= \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \left[ (\underline{r} \times \underline{d}) \times \underline{r} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \left[ r^2 \underline{d} - \underline{r}(\underline{r} \cdot \underline{d}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

example

$\underline{d} = \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{e}_x + i\hat{e}_y)$  circular polarization

for  $\underline{r} \in xy$  plane  $\underline{r} = r(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\underline{r}) &= -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \left[ \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} (x+iy) \underline{r} - r^2 \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{e}_x + i\hat{e}_y) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ x^2 \hat{e}_x + xy \hat{e}_y + ixy \hat{e}_x + iy^2 \hat{e}_y + \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (x^2+y^2) \hat{e}_x - (x^2-iy^2) i \hat{e}_y \right] \\ &= -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ x(y-ix) \hat{e}_y + y(ix-y) \hat{e}_x \right] \\ &= \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^3} \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ +ir^2 \cos\theta e^{i\theta} \hat{e}_y - imr^2 \sin\theta e^{i\theta} \hat{e}_x \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\underline{e}_z \times \underline{r} = (\cos\theta \hat{e}_y - \sin\theta \hat{e}_x) e$   
 rotates by 90° CCW

$$= i A \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}r}}{r^2} \frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta} (\hat{e}_z \times \underline{r})$$

angle-dip. phase

rotated by 90° CCW

$+i\hat{e}_y \downarrow$

$\uparrow -i\hat{e}_x$

Susceptibility

$$\vec{\chi} = (X_0 + X_1) |\sigma_+\rangle \langle \sigma_+| + (X_0 - X_1) |\sigma_-\rangle \langle \sigma_-|$$

different response in  $|\sigma_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |x\rangle + i|y\rangle ]$   
circular basis

$$\vec{\chi} = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 & -iX_1 \\ +iX_1 & X_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

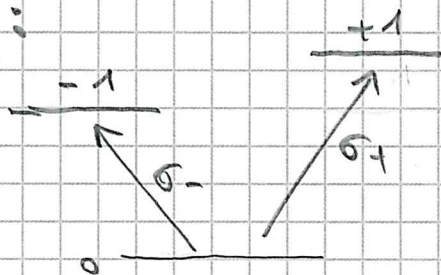
$$\vec{\chi} \hat{e}_\theta = (X_0 \cos \theta - iX_1 \sin \theta) \hat{e}_x + (iX_1 \cos \theta + X_0 \sin \theta) \hat{e}_y$$

$$= \bar{\chi} [\cos(\theta + \alpha) \hat{e}_x + \sin(\theta + \alpha) \hat{e}_y] = \hat{e}_{\theta + \alpha} \cdot \bar{\chi}$$

where  $X_0 = \bar{\chi} \cos \alpha$  ;  $X_1 = \bar{\chi} \sin \alpha$

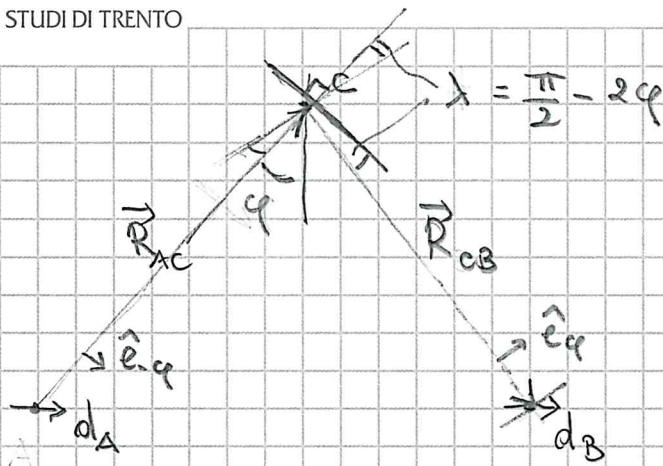
$\Rightarrow$  dipole rotated by  $\alpha$  from  $\vec{E}$ .

physical example:



Zeeman-shifted transitions

(or, also, 2D Drude-Lorentz in magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ )



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$$\vec{d}_A = \vec{d}_B = d_0 \cdot \hat{e}_x$$

No direct minor  $A \rightarrow B$  nor  $B \rightarrow A$

Best order scattering:  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$   
 $B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$

$$|\vec{R}_{AC}| = |\vec{R}_{BC}| = R$$

$A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}_B) = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{e^{i\omega R}}{R^2} (\vec{R}_{AC} \times \vec{d}_A) \times \vec{R}_{AC}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}_B) = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{e^{i\omega R}}{R^3} (\vec{R}_{CB} \times \vec{d}_C) \times \vec{R}_{CB}$$

$$\text{with } \vec{d}_C = \vec{X} \vec{E}(\vec{r}_C)$$

$$\vec{E}_C(\vec{r}_C) \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_{-\varphi}$$

$$\vec{d}_C \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_{-\varphi + \alpha}$$

parametric rotation

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}_B) \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_{\varphi} \sin(\alpha + \varphi)$$



$B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$ )

$$\vec{E}(r_c) \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_\varphi$$

$$\vec{d}_c \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_{\varphi + \alpha}$$

$$\vec{E}(r_A) \sim \cos \varphi \cdot \hat{e}_{-\varphi} \sin(\Delta - \alpha)$$

\* for  $\varphi = \pi/4 \rightarrow \Delta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E}(r_B)$  and  $\vec{E}(r_A)$  have opposite phases

\* for  $\alpha = \Delta \rightarrow \vec{E}(r_B) \neq 0$  but  $\vec{E}(r_A) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  OPTICAL DIODE

Transmission  $A \rightarrow B$  but not  $B \rightarrow A$

Generic scattering

$$\vec{E}(r_B) = \overleftrightarrow{G}_{CB} \cdot \vec{d}_c = \overleftrightarrow{G}_{CB} \cdot \chi \cdot \vec{E}(r_c) = \overleftrightarrow{G}_{CB} \chi \overleftrightarrow{G}_{AC} \vec{d}_A$$

$$\vec{E}(r_A) = \overleftrightarrow{G}_{AA} \cdot \vec{d}_A = \overleftrightarrow{G}_{CA} \chi \overleftrightarrow{G}_{BC} \vec{d}_B$$

where  $\overleftrightarrow{G}_{ij} = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{c} R_{ij}}}{R_{ij}^3} \left[ R_{ij}^2 \times \mathbf{0} - (\vec{R}_{ij} \times \mathbf{0}) \cdot \vec{R}_{ij} \right]$

NOTE:  $\vec{G}_{ij} = \vec{G}_{ji}$  (even in Rij)

$$(\vec{G}_{ij})_{\alpha\beta} = (\vec{G}_{ij})_{\beta\alpha} \text{ for } \alpha, \beta = \hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z$$

$$[(\vec{G}_{ij})_{\alpha\beta} = \langle e_\alpha | \vec{G}_{ij} | e_\beta \rangle] \rightarrow \text{symmetric} \quad (\text{not for complex vectors, e.g. } \sigma_{\pm})$$

If we assume  $(\vec{X})_{\alpha\beta} = (\vec{X})_{\beta\alpha}$ :

then  $\langle \hat{e}_\beta | G_{CB} X G_{AC} | \hat{e}_\alpha \rangle = \langle \hat{e}_\alpha | G_{CA} X G_{BC} | \hat{e}_\beta \rangle$

which means RECIPROCITY

$\hat{e}_\beta$  component @  $r_B$  from source @  $r_A$  polarised  $\hat{e}_\alpha$

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$\hat{e}_\alpha$  component @  $r_A$  from source @  $r_B$  polarised  $\hat{e}_\beta$

Zeeman-split transition  $\vec{X}$  is NOT symmetric!

$\rightarrow$  reciprocity can be broken.