

1 Problem 11.8 (part a only)

Substituting $k_0 = \omega/c$ into Jackson's equation 11.29:

$$\begin{aligned}k'_0 &= \gamma \left(k_0 - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{k} \right) \\ \frac{\omega'}{c} &= \gamma \left(\frac{\omega}{c} - \beta k \right)\end{aligned}$$

Note that since we're given that the light is either parallel or anti-parallel to the velocity of the fluid, $\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{k} = \beta k$.

Approximating this to first-order, we realize that β is small while $\gamma \approx 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\omega'}{c} &\approx \frac{\omega}{c} - \beta k \\ \omega - \omega' &\approx -c\beta \left(\frac{\omega}{u} \right) \\ &= -c\beta\omega \frac{\omega}{(c/n)} \\ \omega - \omega' &= -\beta\omega n\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Solving for $n(\omega)$:

$$n(\omega) = -\frac{\omega - \omega'}{\beta\omega}$$

Taylor expanding about $\omega = \omega'$:

$$n(\omega) \approx n(\omega') + \frac{\omega - \omega'}{1!} \left. \frac{\partial n}{\partial \omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega'}$$

Substituting in equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned}n(\omega) &\approx n(\omega') + (-\beta\omega n) \left. \frac{\partial n}{\partial \omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega'} \\ &\approx n(\omega) - \beta\omega n \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega}\end{aligned}$$

where we've let $\omega' \approx \omega$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n(\omega)} &\approx \frac{1}{n(\omega)} \left[1 - \beta\omega \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]^{-1} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{n(\omega)} \left[1 + \beta\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \right]\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

where we've used a first-order binomial series approximation.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n^2(\omega)} &\approx \frac{1}{n^2(\omega)} \left[1 - \beta\omega \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]^{-2} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{n^2(\omega)} \left[1 + 2\beta\omega \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Now, we use the velocity addition formula, noting that the velocity of the fluid is either parallel or anti-parallel to the light:

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \frac{u' + v}{1 + u'v/c^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{c}{n'} + v}{1 + \beta/n'} = \frac{c}{n'} \frac{1 + \beta n'}{1 + \beta/n'} \\ &\approx \frac{c}{n'} (1 + \beta n') \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{n'} \right) \\ &= \frac{c}{n'} \left(1 + \beta n' - \frac{\beta}{n'} \right) \\ &\approx \frac{c}{n'} + v - \frac{v}{n'^2}\end{aligned}$$

Because $n' = n(\omega')$ and $\omega \approx \omega'$, we can substitute in equations (2) and (3):

$$\begin{aligned}u &\approx \frac{c}{n(\omega)} \left[1 + \beta\omega \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right] + v - \frac{v}{n^2(\omega)} \left[1 + 2\beta\omega \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right] \\ &= \frac{c}{n(\omega)} + \frac{v\omega}{n(\omega)} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} + v - \frac{v}{n^2(\omega)} + 2\frac{\beta v\omega}{n^2(\omega)} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \\ &= \frac{c}{n(\omega)} + v \left[1 - \frac{1}{n^2(\omega)} + \frac{\omega}{n(\omega)} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} + 2\frac{\beta\omega}{n^2(\omega)} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Dropping the last term (because β is small) yields:

$$u \approx \frac{c}{n(\omega)} + v \left[1 - \frac{1}{n^2(\omega)} + \frac{\omega}{n(\omega)} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]$$

recalling that v may be either parallel (in which case v is positive) or anti-parallel (in which case v is negative) to the light.