

A SIMPLE REFUTATION OF THE MAXWELL-HEAVISIDE THEORY: NORMAL REFLECTION

Maxwell-Heaviside Theory

Normal reflection from a perfect mirror is equivalent to parity inversion, under which:

$$\omega t - \kappa Z \xrightarrow{P} \omega t - \kappa Z.$$

There cannot be a phase difference upon reflection, which is counter-indicated by interferometry.

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Normal reflection is correctly described by the non-Abelian Stokes theorem:

$$\oint \kappa \cdot d\mathbf{r} = g \iint \mathbf{B}^{(3)} \cdot d\mathbf{A}r.$$

There is a phase change upon normal reflection which is observed by interferometry.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\oint) &= -\oint ; & P(\kappa) &= -\kappa ; & P(\mathbf{r}) &= -\mathbf{r} \\ P(g) &= g ; & P(\iint) &= \iint ; & P(\mathbf{B}^{(3)}) &= \mathbf{B}^{(3)} ; \\ P(\mathbf{A}r) &= -\mathbf{A}r. \end{aligned}$$

This is one of many known counter-examples to the Maxwell-Heaviside theory.