

## Practice Problems Related to Polarization

1. Suppose that you have defined axes  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  so that the electric field as a function of time is

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{E}_x \cos(\omega t - \phi_x) + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\mathcal{E}_y \cos(\omega t - \phi_y) . \quad (1)$$

You compute the Stokes parameters  $I$ ,  $Q$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  for a monochromatic wave. Now you look at the same monochromatic wave with a different set of axes that are the original axes rotated by an angle  $\psi$  counterclockwise. What do you get when you compute  $I$ ,  $Q$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  with respect to these new axes?