

Solution to Problem 9.11

* $f(\vec{r}, t) = A \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_a) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(\vec{r}, t) = A e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_a)}$

* $g(\vec{r}, t) = B \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_b) \rightarrow \tilde{g}(\vec{r}, t) = B e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_b)}$

∴ $\tilde{f}(\vec{r}, t) \tilde{g}^*(\vec{r}, t) = AB e^{i(\delta_a - \delta_b)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\tilde{f} \tilde{g}^*] = \frac{1}{2} AB \cos(\delta_a - \delta_b)$

* the time-averaged product is

$$\langle fg \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt f(\vec{r}, t) g(\vec{r}, t) = AB \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_a) \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t + \delta_b)$$

* NB $\theta \equiv \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t \Rightarrow \cos(\theta + \delta_a) \cos(\theta + \delta_b) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta + \delta_a + \delta_b) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(\delta_a - \delta_b)$

∴ $\langle fg \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{AB}{2T} \int_0^T dt \left\{ \cos[2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - 2\omega t + \delta_a + \delta_b] + \cos(\delta_a - \delta_b) \right\}$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{AB}{2T} \left\{ \frac{\sin[2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - 2\omega t + \delta_a + \delta_b]}{-2\omega} + T \cos(\delta_a - \delta_b) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} AB \cos(\delta_a - \delta_b) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\tilde{f} \tilde{g}^*] \quad \text{QED}$$