Physics 651 Fall 2023

Worksheet # 2

(Friday, September 29, 2023)

Name

Questions (5 pts):

Light with electric field E is polarized at an angle θ with respect to x-axis, and it is incident on a polarizer set to transmit only x-polarized light to a detector that measures light intensity.

(a) How does the intensity the detector measure depend on θ ?

(b) Now you reduce the incoming light intensity until your light beam is a stream of single photons. What does the detector detect? How does the detection depend on θ ?