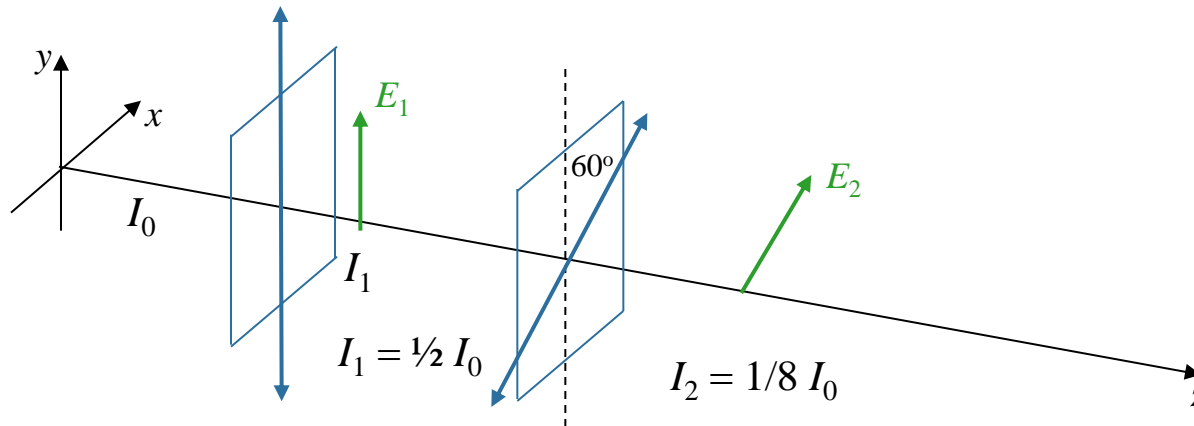


Follow-Up 3

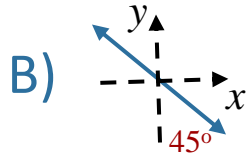


Consider light incident on two linear polarizers as shown. Suppose $I_2 = 1/8 I_0$



What is the possible polarization of the input light?

A) LCP



B)

C) un-polarized

D) all of above

E) none of above

After first polarizer: LP along y-axis with intensity I_1

After second polarizer: LP at 60° wrt y-axis

Intensity: $I_2 = I_1 \cos^2(60^\circ) = 1/4 I_1$

$I_2 = 1/8 I_0 \Rightarrow I_1 = 1/2 I_0$

Question is: What kind of light loses $1/2$ of its intensity after passing through vertical polarizer?

Answer: Everything except LP at θ other than 45°