

Lecture 41 iq36

1. Light propagation through medium

- micro- description superposition of fields – very complex
- macro-description: a light ray + wave fronts

2. Refraction phenomena

- Snell's law
- Apparent depth
- Total reflection region. Fiber optics
- Snell's law

3. Color dispersion

- Pair prisms, concepts of convergent and divergent rays
- Wave fronts in the convergent and divergent lenses.

Class announcement:

- The updated course summary of unit 4 has been posted with the date 4/21/13.
- Office hour today will be from 9:15 to 10:15. I will be available until 12:30. Let me know immediately after the class if you want to see me between 10:15 to 12:30 today.
- Mark your calendar: Review on unit4, 5-6 pm on Wed (May1). Location TBA.

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1. Light propagation thru medium

• Microscopic point of view -

Interaction between em waves + the medium
(especially with electrons in the medium -

$$a = \frac{eE}{m_e}$$

Resultant electric fields are complex -

Original field, radiation field, re-radiation field...

• Macroscopic description - Light ray + wave front

- Light particle (photon) - Speed in medium $v = \frac{c}{n}$

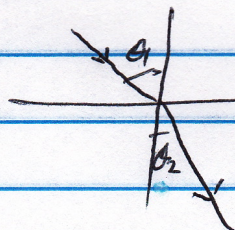
n - index of refraction

- Wavefront: $f = f'$ determined by osc. frequency of original

Source. $\lambda' = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{c}{f} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{\lambda}{n}$

2. Refraction phenomena -

• Snell's law -



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

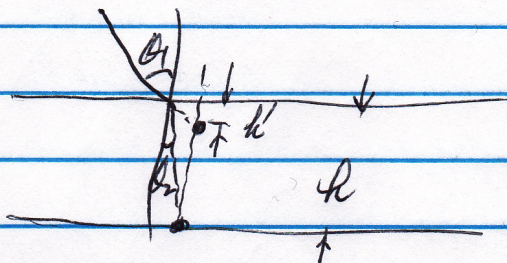
If $n_2 > n_1$, $\therefore n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$

$$\theta_2 < \theta_1$$

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Explanation -



Small angle approximation:

$$n_1 = 1$$

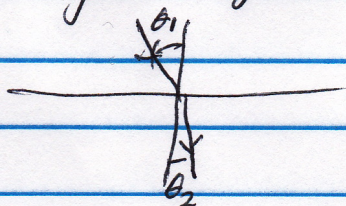
$$n_2 = n \approx 1.33$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 \approx n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

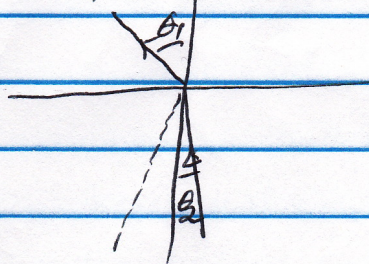
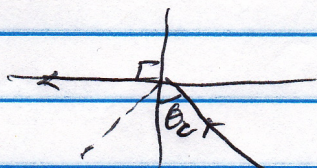
$$\Rightarrow \underset{1}{n_1} \theta_1 \approx \underset{n}{n_2} \theta_2$$

$$\frac{OC}{k'} \approx n \frac{OC}{k}, \quad k' = \frac{k}{n}.$$

Total reflection region -



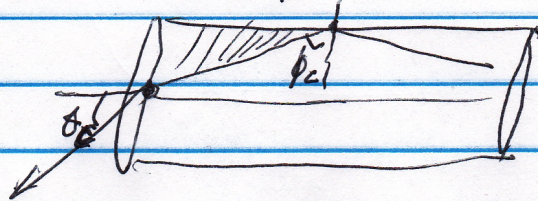
Time reversed situation

As θ_2 increases, θ_1 increases more rapidly.At critical angle: $\theta_2 = \theta_c$, $\theta_1 = 90^\circ$.

Clicked: Which angular range corresponds to the ~~entire~~ total reflection region?

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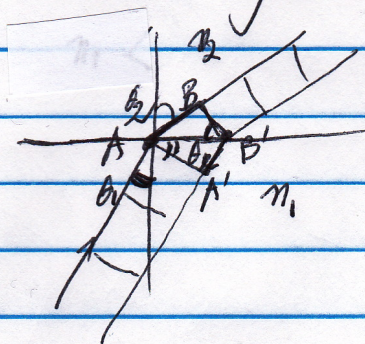
Application: Optical fiber. HW - Ch24. h4.009



$$\theta > \theta_c, \phi < \phi_c$$

$\theta < \theta_c, \phi > \phi_c$ Total reflection region,

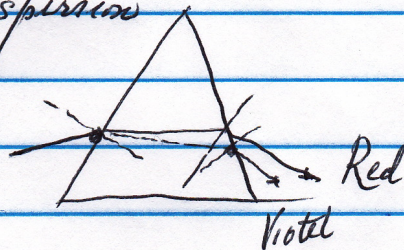
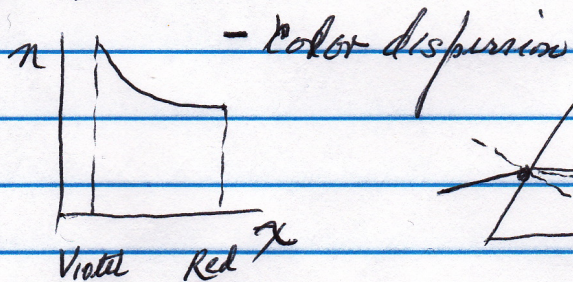
3. Derivation of Snell's law



$$\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{AB/AB'}{A'B'/AB} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \left(\frac{c}{v_1}\right) / \left(\frac{c}{v_2}\right)$$

$$\therefore n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

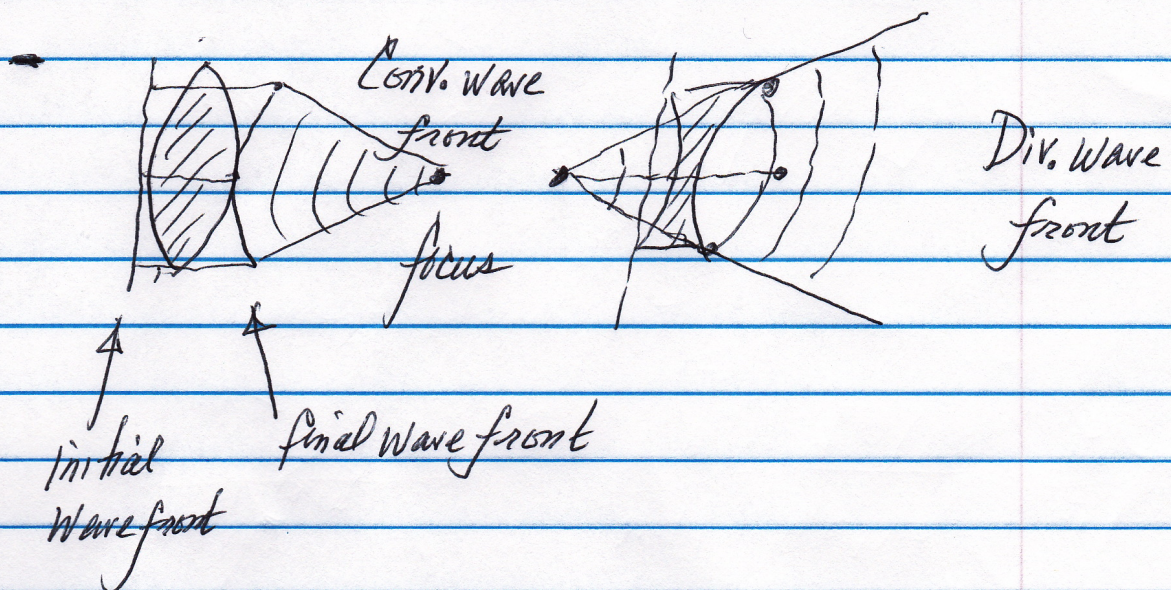
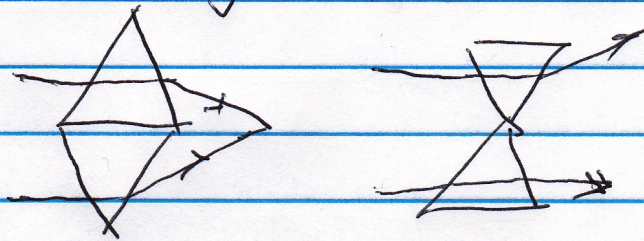
4. Prism



At each surface, the ray is bending
violet has more bending

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- A pair of prisms: Conv. vs Div.



Wave fronts in conv. & div. cases.