

# Optical Fibre Communication.

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## Basic optical laws & definitions.

### 1. Refractive index:

$$\boxed{n = \frac{c}{v}} = \frac{\text{velocity of light (EM wave) in Vacuum}}{\text{velocity of light (EM wave) in Medium.}}$$

\* It's a fundamental property of Light.

$$\boxed{c = f\lambda}$$

### Typical values of $n$ :

$n=1$ , for air  
 $n=1.33$ , for water  
 $n=1.45$ , for silica glass  
 $n=2.42$ , for diamond.

## Reflection and Refraction.

\* also  $\boxed{n = \frac{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}{\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}} = \sqrt{\mu_r\epsilon_r} \Rightarrow \text{Refractive index.}$

\* For Non-Magnetic Media,  
 $\mu_r = 1$

$$\therefore \boxed{n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$



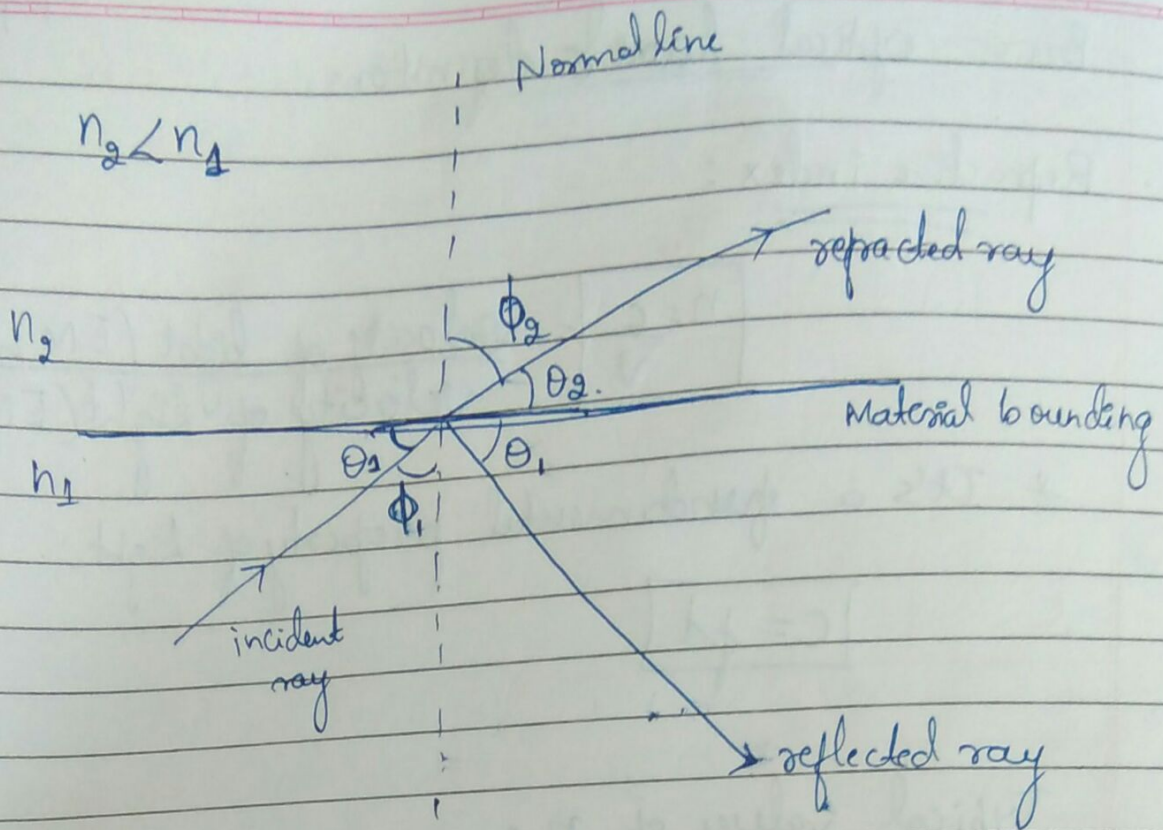


fig: (internal reflection)

\* The angle of incidence is equal to angle of reflection.

\* Reflection law = angle of incidence = angle of reflection

Snell's Law

$$n_1 \sin \phi_1 = n_2 \sin \phi_2$$

or

$$n_1 \cos \theta_1 = n_2 \cos \theta_2$$

TIR



- \* The angle  $\phi_i$  b/w the incident ray and normal to the surface is known as angle of incidence.
- \* When the light ray encounters, a boundary separating 2 different media, part of the ray is reflected back into the first medium and the remainder is bend (refracted) as it enters into the 2<sup>nd</sup> medium.  
We assume that  $n_2 < n_1$ .
- \* The bending or refraction of the light ray at the interface is the result of the difference in the speed of light that have different refractive indices.

### external reflection.

- \* When a light travelling @ a certain media is reflected off, an optically denser material, this process is referred as external reflection.
- \* The reflection of light of less optical denser material is called internal reflection.
- \* As angle of incidence ( $\theta_i$ ) is an optically denser medium because larger, the reflected approaches  $\pi/2$ , beyond this point there is no refraction is possible.  
and the light ray becomes "totally internal reflection".



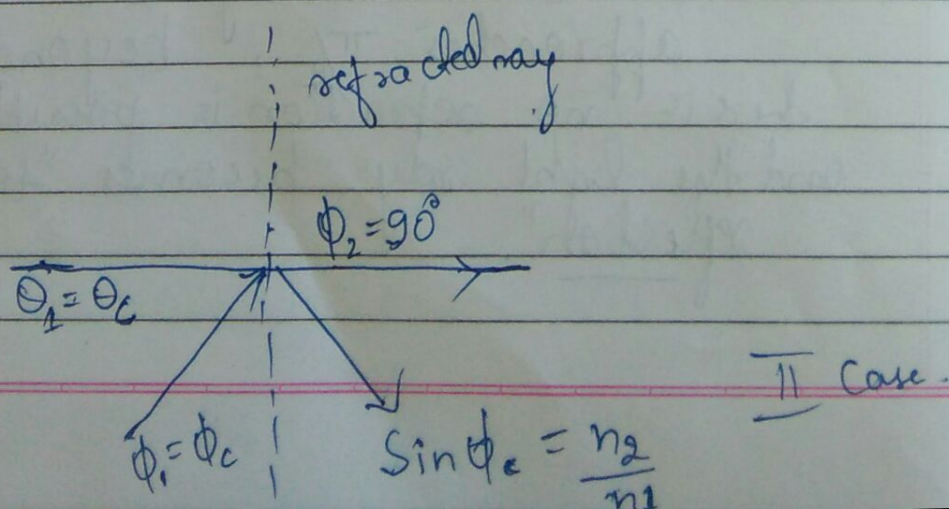
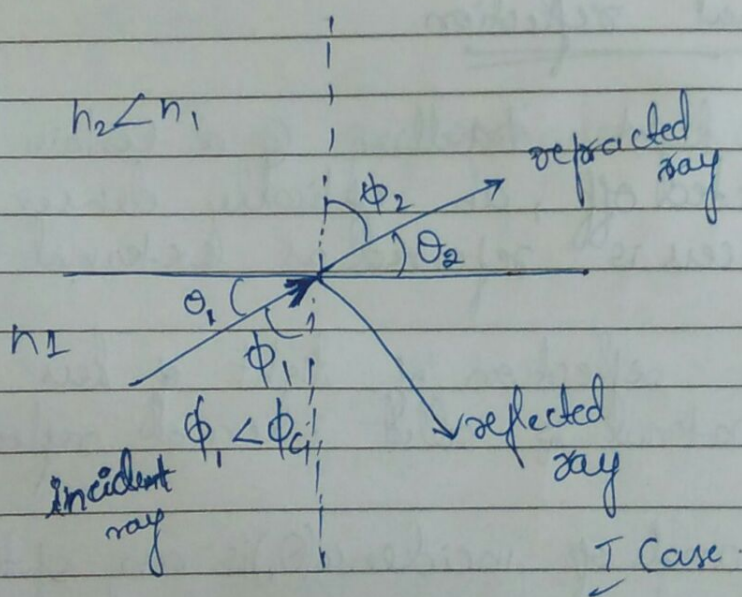
\* When applying TIR condition to Snell's law.

$$\sin \phi_1 = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \sin \phi_2$$

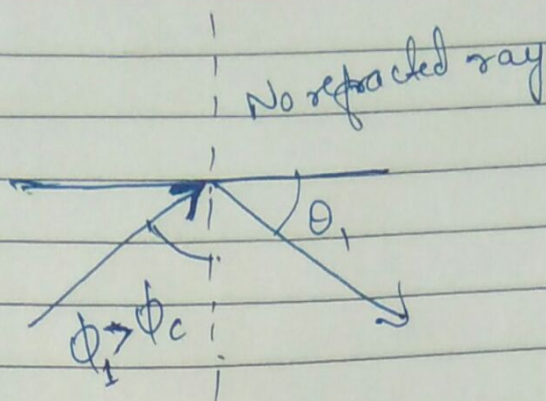
\* If the angle of incidence ( $\phi_1$ ) is increased, a point eventually increase where the light ray is ~~11~~ to material bounding for (ex: glass surface). This point is called the critical angle of incidence ( $\phi_c$ ).

\* When angle of incidence ( $\phi_1$ ) is greater than critical angle, the condition for TIR is satisfied.

→ There is no refraction, all becomes reflected.







~~When  $\theta_i < \pi/2$~~  Case.

\* When  $\theta_i < \pi/2 - \phi_c$

$$\tan \frac{\delta_N}{2} = \frac{n^2 \cos^2 \theta_i - 1}{n \sin \theta_i}$$

$$\tan \frac{\delta_P}{2} = \frac{n^2 \cos^2 \theta_i - 1}{n \sin \theta_i}$$

where  $n = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$

\*  $\delta_N$  &  $\delta_P$  are the phase shifts of the electric field components normal &  $\parallel$  to the plane of incidence respectively.

~~where  $n_1$~~   
for ex: glass air interface ( $n = 1.45$ )

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{1.45} \right)$$

$$\theta_c = 43.6^\circ //$$