



a. Critical angle for core cladding interface

$$\sin(\theta_c) = \frac{n_{cl}}{n_{cr}} = \frac{1.476}{1.5040}$$

$$= 0.9814 \Rightarrow \theta_c = \sin^{-1}(0.9814) \approx 79.64^\circ //$$

b. Refractive index difference ( $\Delta$ )

$$\Delta = \frac{n_{cr}^2 - n_{cl}^2}{2n_{cr}^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1.5040)^2 - (1.476)^2}{2 \cdot (1.5040)^2} = \frac{2.2620 - 2.1786}{2 \cdot 2.2620}$$

$$= \frac{0.0834}{4.524} \approx 0.01844 \text{ or } 1.844\% //$$

c. Numerical aperture (NA)

$$NA = \sqrt{n_{cr}^2 - n_{cl}^2} = \sqrt{2.2620 - 2.1786}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.0834} \approx 0.2889 //$$

d. Maximum radius of the core for single mode operation for 1555nm light

$$V = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} NA < 2.405$$

$$a = \frac{2.405 \cdot \lambda}{2\pi \cdot NA} = \frac{2.405 \cdot 1555 \times 10^{-9}}{2\pi \cdot 0.2888}$$

$$a \approx \frac{3.740 \times 10^{-6}}{1.814} \approx 2.061 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 2.06 \mu\text{m}$$

2. Why has telecom industry converted from copper cables to optical fibre for long and short distance transmission?

① Higher Bandwidth

Optical fibres can carry much more data than copper cables making them ideal for today high-speed internet and high data demand applications

② Faster transmission speed

Fiber optics transmit data as light which travels faster than electrical signals in copper

③ Better security

It is much harder to tap into a fiber optic cable without being detected which makes it more secure against data theft

3. A ray of light travels from air into water then into glass ( $n = 1.50$ ) as shown in the diagram. Find the angle of refraction in the glass.

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

from air to water

$$n_{\text{air}} = 1$$

$$\theta_{\text{air}} = 50^\circ$$

$$n_{\text{water}} = 1.33$$

from water to glass

$$n_{\text{water}} = 1.33$$

$$n_{\text{glass}} = 1.50$$

find angle in water

$$1 \times \sin(50^\circ) = 1.33 \times \sin(\theta_{\text{water}})$$

$$\sin(\theta_{\text{water}}) = \frac{\sin(50^\circ)}{1.33} \approx \frac{0.7660}{1.33} \approx 0.5767$$

$$\theta_{\text{water}} = \sin^{-1}(0.5767) \approx 35.2^\circ //$$

find angle in glass

$$1.33 \times \sin(35.2^\circ) = 1.50 \times \sin(\theta_{\text{glass}})$$

$$\sin(\theta_{\text{glass}}) = \frac{1.33 \times \sin(35.2^\circ)}{1.50} \approx \frac{1.33 \cdot 0.5766}{1.50} \approx \frac{0.7679}{1.50} \approx 0.5119$$

$$\theta_{\text{glass}} = \sin^{-1}(0.5119) \approx 30.8^\circ //$$

4. An optic fiber of RI 1.50 is to be clad to ensure TIR that will contain light travelling with in **50** of the fiber axis. What minimum RI is allowed for the cladding?

Minimum RI for cladding to cladding TIR  
with  $s$  Angle to axis

Angle of incident at the Interface is  $\alpha_i = 90^\circ - s = 95^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} n_c &= n_{cr} = \sin(95^\circ) \\ &= 1.50 \times 0.9962 \\ &= 1.494 // \end{aligned}$$

5. The angle of acceptance of an optical fiber is **300** when kept in air. Find the acceptance angle when the same fiber is immersed in water of RI 1.33

Acceptance angle in Water (RI = 1.33) originally  $30^\circ$  in air  
In Air

$$NA = \sin(30^\circ) = 0.5$$

In Water

$$\sin \theta_w = \frac{NA}{n_{\text{water}}} = \frac{0.5}{1.33} = 0.3759$$

$$\theta_w = 22.06^\circ //$$

6. Calculate the V- number for a fiber of core diameter  $40\mu\text{m}$  & RI of 1.55 and 1.50 respectively for its core & cladding when a light of wavelength  $1400\text{nm}$  is propagating. Also calculate the number of modes that the fiber can support for the propagation.

V- number and number of modes

$$\text{Core diameter} = 40 \mu\text{m} \quad a = 20 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$n_{c1} = 1.55 \quad , \quad n_{c2} = 1.50 \quad \lambda = 1400 \text{ nm}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{1.55^2 - 1.50^2} = \sqrt{0.1525} = 0.3905$$

$$V = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \times NA = \frac{2\pi \times 2 \times 10^{-6}}{1400 \times 10^{-9}} \times 0.3905 = 35.05 //$$

$$\text{Number of modes} = \frac{V^2}{2} = \frac{(35.05)^2}{2} = 614.25 //$$