

Markers law

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1 Introduction

2 Proof

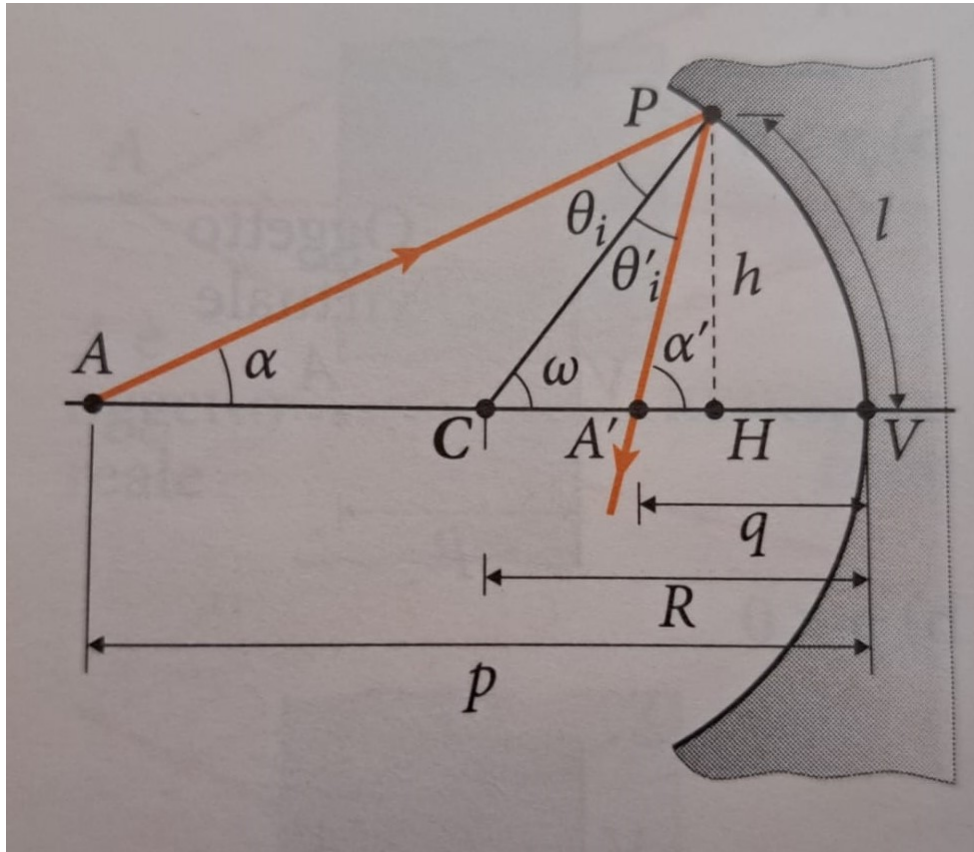


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From reflection we have

$$\theta_i = \theta'_i \quad (1)$$

From triangles angle summations we obtain

$$\alpha + \alpha' = 2\omega \quad (2)$$

Taking the tan of LHS and RHS

$$\tan(\alpha + \alpha') = \tan(2\omega) \quad (3)$$

We use this trigonometric relation

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) + \tan(\beta)}{1 - \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)} \quad (4)$$

To obtain

$$\frac{\tan(\alpha) + \tan(\alpha')}{1 - \tan(\alpha)\tan(\alpha')} = \tan(\alpha + \alpha') = \tan(2\omega) = \frac{2\tan(\omega)}{1 - \tan(\omega)^2} \quad (5)$$

We also have this relations

$$\tan(\alpha) = \frac{h}{AH} \quad \tan(\alpha') = \frac{h}{A'H} \quad \tan(\omega) = \frac{h}{CH} \quad (6)$$

We use (6) in (5)

$$\frac{\frac{h}{AH} + \frac{h}{A'H}}{1 - \frac{h}{AH}\frac{h}{A'H}} = \frac{2\frac{h}{CH}}{1 - \frac{h}{CH}\frac{h}{CH}} \quad (7)$$

We also have this relations

$$A'C = R - q = CH - A'H \quad CH^2 = R^2 - h^2 \quad AC = p - R = AH - CH \quad (8)$$

We use (8) in (7)

$$\frac{\frac{1}{p-R+\sqrt{R^2-h^2}} + \frac{1}{q-R+\sqrt{R^2-h^2}}}{1 - \frac{h^2}{(p-R+\sqrt{R^2-h^2})(q-R+\sqrt{R^2-h^2})}} = \frac{2\frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2-h^2}}}{1 - \frac{h^2}{R^2-h^2}} \quad (9)$$

Assuming $h \ll R$ we write the taylor series of h in 0 we have

$$\frac{2}{R} + h^2 \frac{3}{R^3} + o(h^3) = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + h^2 \left(\frac{p^2 + 2pR + q^2 + 2qR}{2Rp^2q^2} \right) + o(h^3) \quad (10)$$