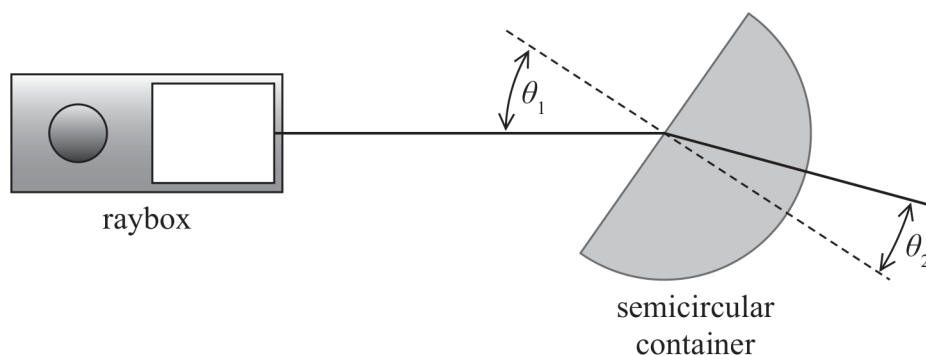


- 3 A student investigated the refraction of light as it travelled into salt solutions of different densities.

For a salt solution, as the density increases, the speed of light in the salt solution decreases.

She put the salt solution into a transparent semicircular container, as shown.



- (a) Describe a method the student could use to determine the density of the salt solution.

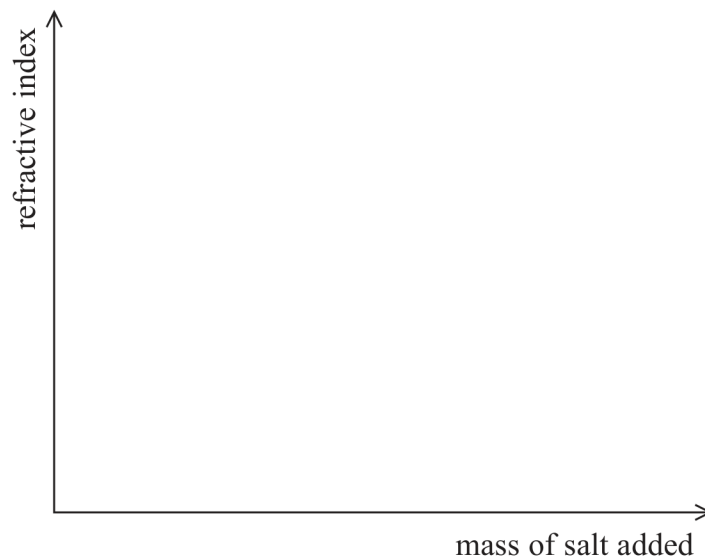
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- (b) The student increased the density of the salt solution by adding different masses of salt.

Sketch, on the axes below, a graph to show how the refractive index of the salt solution varies with the mass of salt added.

(2)



- (c) The relationship between the refractive index  $n$ , the angle of incidence  $\theta_1$  and the angle of refraction  $\theta_2$  is given by the equation

$$\sin \theta_1 = n \sin \theta_2$$

Describe a graphical method she could use to determine  $n$ .

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(d) The student measured only one pair of angles for each salt solution.

The measurements the student recorded for one salt solution were:

Angle of incidence $\theta_1$	33.0°
Angle of refraction $\theta_2$	24.0°
Refractive index $n$	1.34

(i) The uncertainty in the measurement of the angles was  $\pm 0.5^\circ$ .

Calculate the maximum and minimum values of  $n$ .

(3)

Maximum value of  $n$  = .....

Minimum value of  $n$  = .....

(ii) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the student’s value of  $n$ .

(2)

Percentage uncertainty = .....