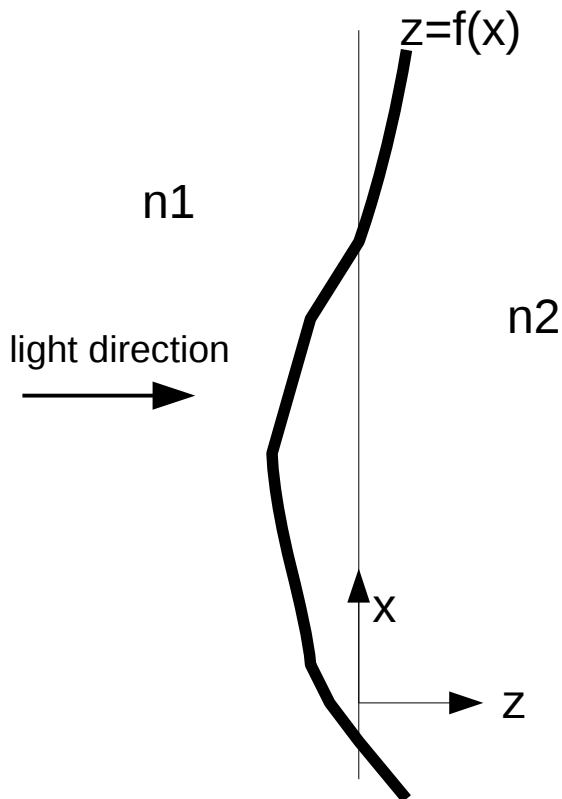


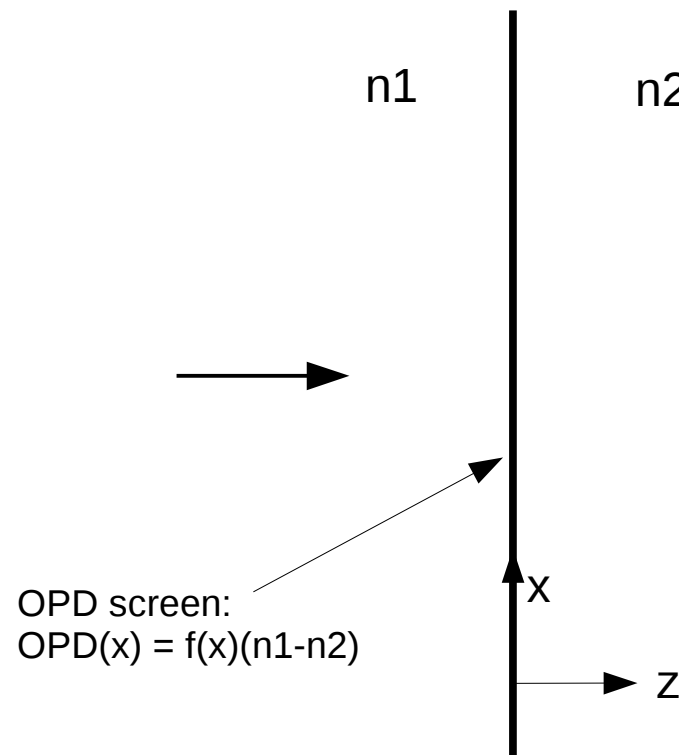
# Diffraction propagation: curved surfaces

How to approximate an optical surface as an OPD screen for diffraction propagation ?

*Actual physical optical surface*



*OPD screen Approximation*



# How much is the OPD screen approximation wrong ?

ray displacement error :  
 $\alpha f(x)$

ray OPD error :  
 $n_2 f(x) (1/\cos(\alpha) - 1)$

Example:  $f = 200$  mm mirror,  $r = 10$  mm  
sagitta =  $r^2/(4f) = 0.125$  mm  
 $\alpha = r/f = 1/20$   
 $n_1 = 1$   
 $n_2 = -1$  (mirror)

displacement error =  $6.25$   $\mu\text{m}$   
OPD error =  $4.8\text{e-}11$  m

