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INVESTIGATION - 3

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Slope of $\sin(\theta_2)$ vs. $\sin(\theta_1)$ graph

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0.45399 - 0.2588}{0.3420 - 0.1736}$$

$$= 1.159$$

$\therefore n$, found experimentally is 1.159.

But, index of refraction of water is 1.33

$$\% \text{ difference} = \frac{|1.33 - 1.159|}{\frac{1.33 + 1.159}{2}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.171 \times 100}{1.2449} = 0.137 \times 100$$

$$= \underline{\underline{13.7\% \text{ difference}}}$$

Experimentally found critical angle = 48.1°

Predicted critical angle using index of refraction provided by textbook = $\theta_{\text{crit.}} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$
 $= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.00}{1.33}\right)$

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$$= 48.75^\circ$$

$$\% \text{ difference} = \frac{|48.75 - 48.1|}{\frac{48.75 + 48.1}{2}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.65}{48.425} \times 100$$

$$= 0.013 \times 100$$

$$= \underline{\underline{1.3\% \text{ difference}}}$$