

Chs. 29/30: EM Waves, Reflection, Refraction

Tuesday November 15th

- **V. IMPORTANT: Final exam will be in HCB103/316**
 - There will be assigned seating (TBA)
- **Mini-exam 5 on Thursday (AC circuits and EM waves)**
- **55 unregistered iClickers – any takers?**
 - **Finish Electromagnetic waves (Ch. 29)**
 - Review: wave solutions and relations between quantities
 - Energy flux and intensity
 - **Reflection and Refraction (Ch. 30)**
 - Wave reflection from an interface
 - Wave transmission through an interface (refraction)
 - Snell's law
 - Total Internal reflection
 - Dispersion

Reading: up to page 540 in the text book (Ch. 29/30)

Maxwell's equations

Table 29.2 Maxwell's Equations

Law	Mathematical Statement	What It Says
Gauss for \vec{E}	$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$	How charges produce electric field; field lines begin and end on charges.
Gauss for \vec{B}	$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$	No magnetic charge; magnetic field lines don't begin or end.
Faraday	$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$	Changing magnetic flux produces electric field.
Ampère	$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$	Electric current and changing electric flux produce magnetic field.

The main thing to note here is the symmetry in the last two equations: a time varying magnetic field produces an electric field; similarly, a time varying electric field produces a magnetic field.

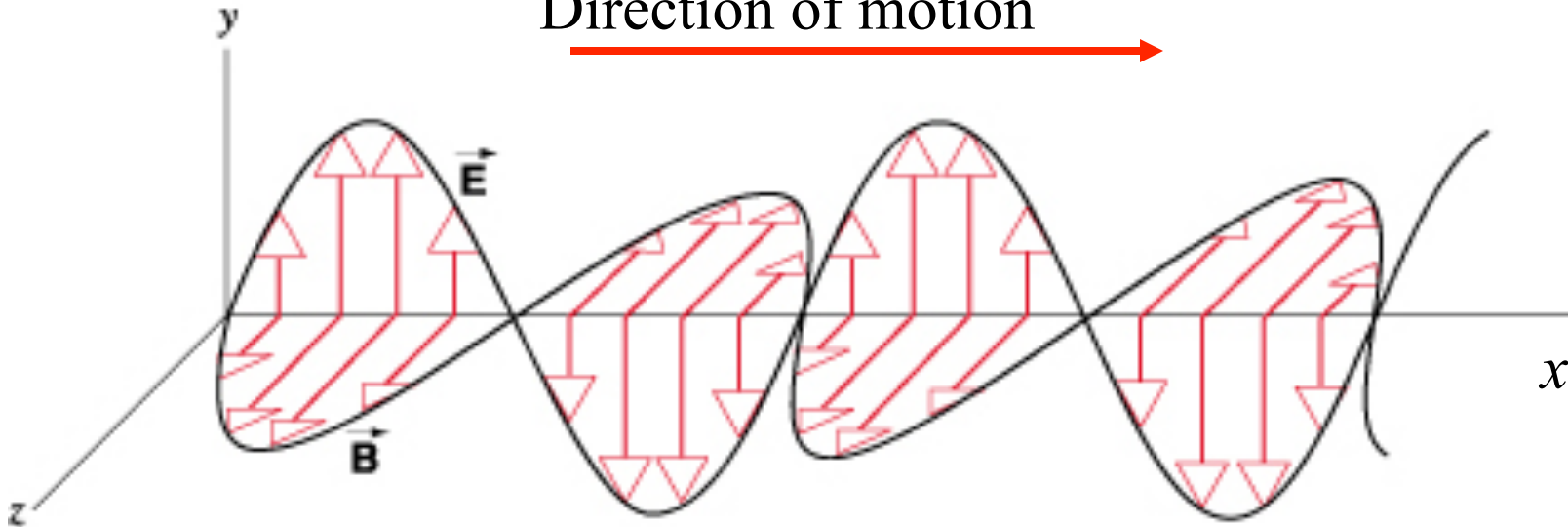
Electromagnetic waves

- The E and B fields are still related via Ampère's and Faraday's laws.
- For a plane wave traveling in the x direction (see text):

$$\vec{E}(x, t) = E_p \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}(x, t) = B_p \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{k}$$

Direction of motion



Electromagnetic waves

• Plugging these wave solutions into the wave equation:

$$\nabla^2 E_y = -k^2 E_y = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 E_y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}, \quad \text{or} \quad c = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

• Plugging these wave solutions into Faraday's law:

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = k E_p \cos(kx - \omega t) = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} = \omega B_p \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_p}{B_p} = \frac{\omega}{k} = c$$

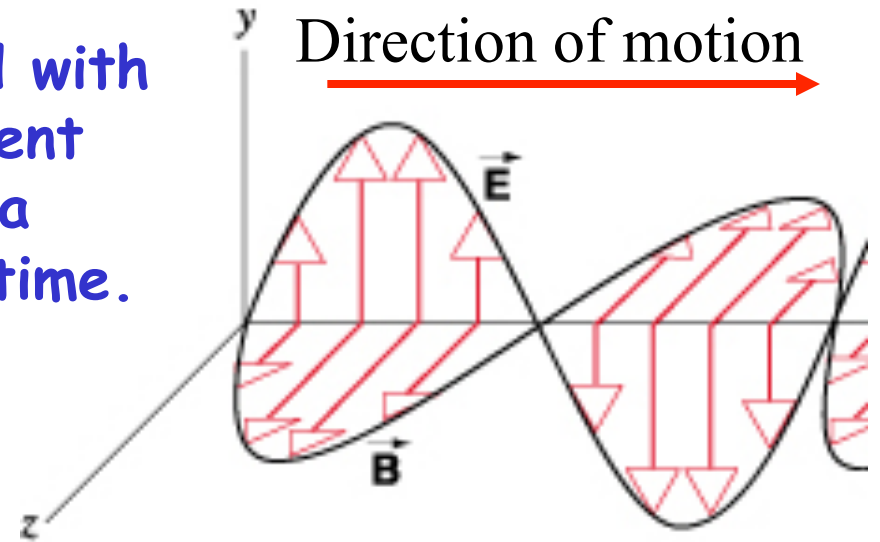
Poynting vector and light intensity

This is the energy 'flux' associated with the EM wave - like an 'energy current density' or energy crossing unit area perpendicular to the flow, per unit time.

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\mu_0} EB = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} E^2 = \epsilon_0 c E^2 = \frac{c}{\mu_0} B^2$$

Right-hand rule

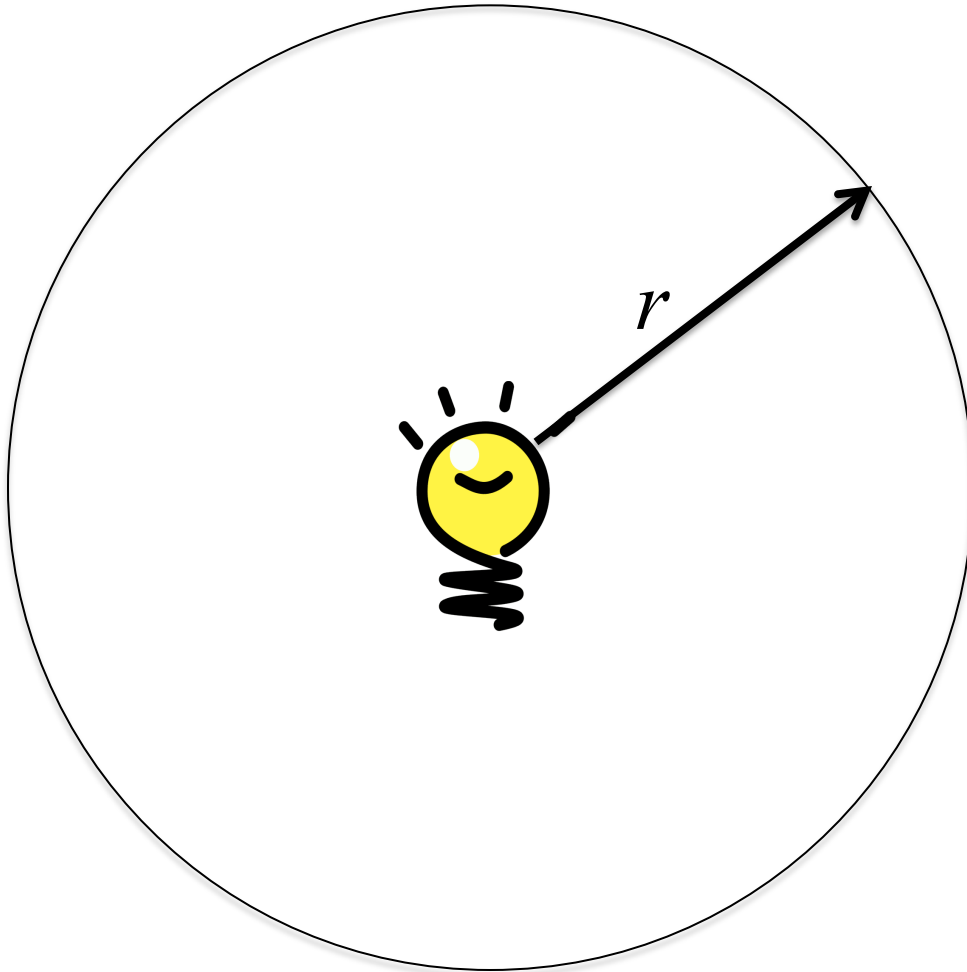


Intensity (average rate of energy incidence per unit area):

$$I = S_{\text{av}} = \langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} E_p^2 \langle \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\mu_0 c} E_p^2$$

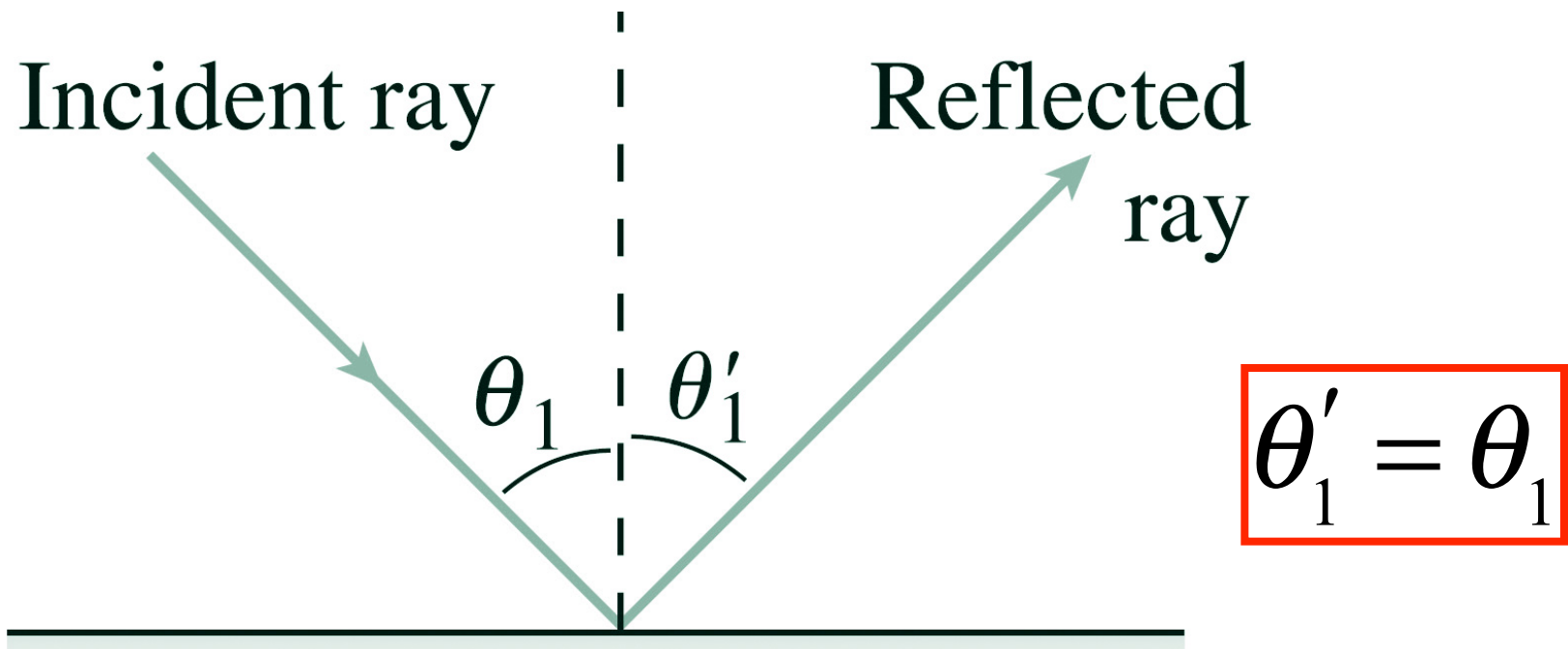
Intensity from a Point Source

Consider a light source that emits uniformly in all directions
[note: no single oscillator could do this, but a large number of oscillators can, e.g., a light bulb.]



$$I = \langle S \rangle = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$$

Wave Reflection (Ch. 30)



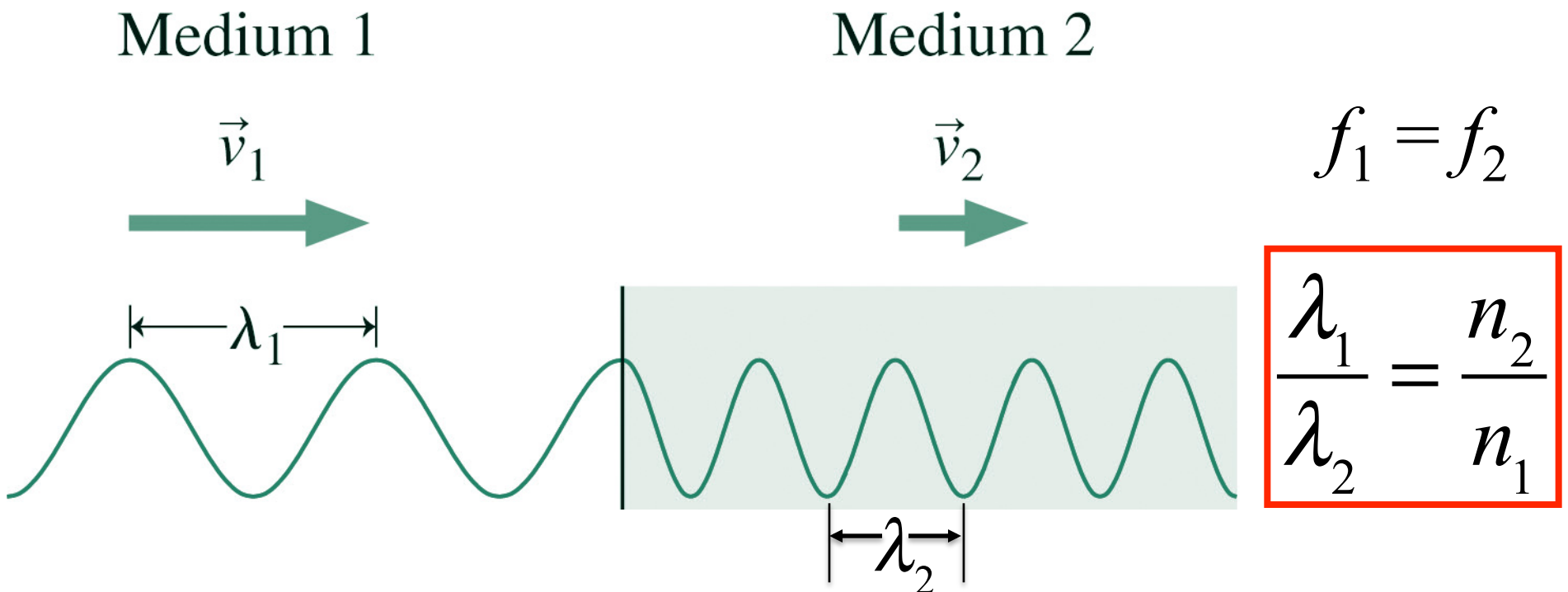
- There are a number of different ways to rationalize this, both in terms of the wave- and particle-like nature of light.
- The latter involves conservation of energy/momentum, i.e., just like a perfect elastic collision between a billiard ball and the rail.

Refractive index

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$$v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\kappa_e \kappa_m}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c \sqrt{\frac{1}{\kappa_e \kappa_m}} = \frac{c}{n},$$

where $n = (\kappa_e \kappa_m)^{1/2}$ is called the refractive index of the material.



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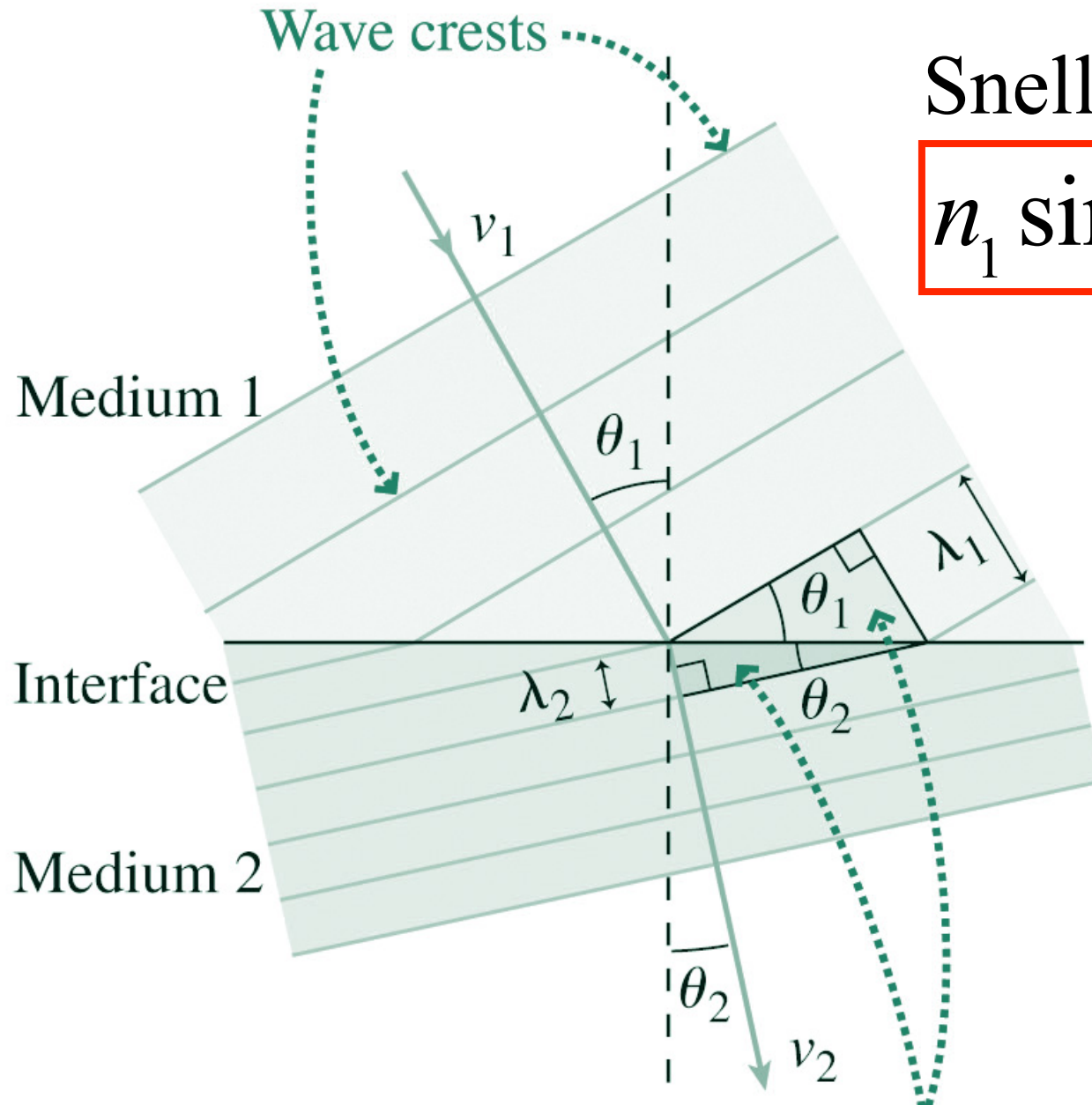
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Some Indices of Refraction^a

<i>Medium</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Index</i>
Vacuum (exactly)	1.00000	Typical crown glass	1.52
Air (STP)	1.00029	Sodium chloride	1.54
Water (20°C)	1.33	Polystyrene	1.55
Acetone	1.36	Carbon disulfide	1.63
Ethyl alcohol	1.36	Heavy flint glass	1.65
Sugar solution (30%)	1.38	Sapphire	1.77
Fused quartz	1.46	Heaviest flint glass	1.89
Sugar solution (80%)	1.49	Diamond	2.42

^a For a wavelength of 589 nm (yellow sodium light).

Refraction and Snell's law



Snell's law:

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