

must be true for all $\vec{f} \Rightarrow \vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{f} = \vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{f} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{f}$ all f

\Rightarrow projections of $\vec{k}_I, \vec{k}_R, \vec{k}_T$ in xy plane are all equal,
only z -components of $\vec{k}_I, \vec{k}_R, \vec{k}_T$ may differ

Choose coordinates as in diagram so that all \vec{k} 's lie
in xy plane.

$$k_{Ix} = k_{Rx} \Rightarrow |\vec{k}_I| \sin \theta_I = |\vec{k}_R| \sin \theta_R$$

$$|\vec{k}_I| = \omega \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} = |\vec{k}_R| \Rightarrow \boxed{\theta_I = \theta_R}$$

angle of incidence = angle of reflection

If $\sqrt{\epsilon_b}$ is also real (i.e. in region of transparent propagation)

then $|\vec{k}_T| = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b}$

$$k_{Ix} = k_{Tx} \Rightarrow |\vec{k}_I| \sin \theta_I = |\vec{k}_T| \sin \theta_T$$

$$\omega \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} \sin \theta_I = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b} \sin \theta_T$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_a \epsilon_a}{\mu_b \epsilon_b}}$$

in terms of index of refraction

$$n \equiv \frac{kc}{\omega} = \frac{\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} c}{\omega}$$

$$n \equiv \frac{c}{v_p}$$

$$n = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{n_a}{n_b}$$

Snell's law - true for all types of waves, not just EM waves

$$\sin \theta_T = \frac{n_a}{n_b} \sin \theta_I$$

If $n_a > n_b$, then $\theta_T > \theta_I$

in this case,

when θ_I is too large, we will have $\frac{n_a}{n_b} \sin \theta_I > 1$

and there is no solution for θ_T

$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_T = 0$, there is no transmitted wave.

this is called "total internal reflection" - wave does not exit medium a.

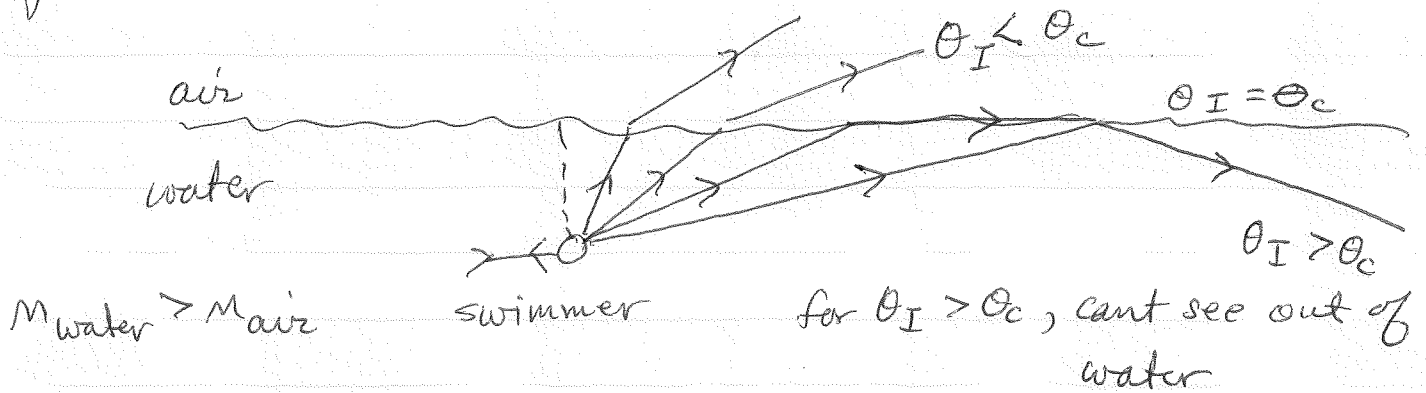
critical angle $\theta_c = \arcsin\left(\frac{n_b}{n_a}\right)$ ← $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the bigger } n_a/n_b, \\ \text{the smaller } \theta_c \end{array} \right.$
total internal reflection whenever $\theta_I > \theta_c$

total internal reflection usually happens as one goes from a denser to a less dense ~~medium~~ medium as

$$\left(\frac{n}{c}\right)^2 = \mu \epsilon \approx \mu \epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0}\right) \quad \text{where } N \text{ is density of polarizable atoms} \quad (m \text{ is electron mass})$$

total internal reflection is why diamonds sparkle!
diamond has big $n \rightarrow$ small $\theta_c \rightarrow$ light bounces around inside diamond getting totally internally reflected many times, before it is able to escape.

Can also experience total internal reflection in the swimming pool:



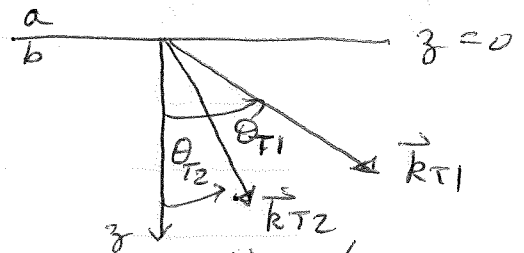
when $\theta_I = \theta_c$, transmitted wave travels parallel to interface

More general case: $\sqrt{\epsilon_b}$ can be complex $\Rightarrow \vec{k}_T$ is complex

$$\vec{k}_T = \vec{k}_{T1} + i\vec{k}_{T2}$$

$$k_{T1} \equiv |\vec{k}_{T1}|, \quad \vec{k}_{T2} \equiv |\vec{k}_{T2}|$$

\vec{k}_{T1} and \vec{k}_{T2} need not be in same direction!



$$\vec{k}_{Tx} = \vec{k}_{Ix} \Rightarrow k_{T1} \sin \theta_{T1} + i k_{T2} \sin \theta_{T2} = k_I \sin \theta_I$$

equate real and imaginary pieces \Rightarrow

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} k_{T1} \sin \theta_{T1} &= k_I \sin \theta_I \\ k_{T2} \sin \theta_{T2} &= 0 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta_{T2} = 0}$$

is attenuation factor for the transmitted wave is of the form $e^{-k_{T2} z}$

\Rightarrow planes of constant amplitude are parallel to the interface, no matter what the angle of incidence θ_I .

planes of constant phase are \perp to \vec{k}_{T1}

Now we solve for k_{T1} and k_{T2} and θ_{T1}

Dispersion relation in medium 2: $k_T^2 = \omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_b$

$$\begin{aligned} k_T^2 &= (\vec{k}_{T1} + i\vec{k}_{T2})^2 = k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 + 2i\vec{k}_{T1} \cdot \vec{k}_{T2} \\ &= k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 + 2ik_{T1}k_{T2} \cos \theta_{T1} \quad (\text{since } \theta_{T2} = 0) \\ &= \omega^2 \mu_b (\epsilon_{b1} + i\epsilon_{b2}) \end{aligned}$$

equate real and imaginary parts of both sides

$$k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 = \omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}$$

$$2k_{T1}k_{T2} = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{\cos \theta_{T1}}$$

} same equations as when we considered propagation in an infinite dielectric, only then $\theta_{T1} = 0$

Consider the above as two equations for two unknowns k_{T1} and k_{T2} . Solve for k_{T1} and k_{T2} in terms of $\cos \theta_{T1}$

$$k_{T1} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$k_{T2} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} - \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

If $\theta_{T1} = 0$, this is the same as our earlier result

Finally we use our boundary condition to determine θ_{T1}

$$k_{T1} \sin \theta_{T1} = k_I \sin \theta_I$$

$$k_I = \omega \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_a \epsilon_a}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{\omega}{c} n_a$$

↑ index of refraction

$$k_{T1} = \frac{k_I \sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_{T1}} = \frac{\omega n_a \sin \theta_I}{c \sin \theta_{T1}}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_{T1}}$$

↑
determines angle of transmission θ_{T1} in terms of angle of incidence θ_I and the physical parameters $n_a, \mu_b, \epsilon_{b1}, \epsilon_{b2}$ of the two materials

Cases ① If material b is transparent, i.e. $\epsilon_{b2} \ll \epsilon_{b1}$
define $n_b = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}} c$

$$\text{then } n_a \sin \theta_I = n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[\frac{1}{2 \epsilon_{b1}} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

expand the $\sqrt{1+\delta} \approx 1 + \delta/2$

$$\approx n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} \right]^{1/2}$$

expand the $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$n_a \sin \theta_I \approx n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} \right]$$

when $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \ll 1$, we can
solve above equation iteratively
to get approximate result

small correction to
Snell's law

$$n_a \sin \theta_I = n_b \sin \theta_{T1} [1 + \text{small}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_{T1} \approx \frac{n_a}{n_b} \sin \theta_I \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_{T1} \approx 1 - \frac{n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{n_b^2}$$

so to next order

$$n_b \sin \theta_{T1} \approx \frac{n_a \sin \theta_I}{1 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \right)^2 \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{n_b^2}} \right]}$$

$$\approx n_a \sin \theta_I \left[1 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{n_b^2}} \right]$$

this term is > 0 so...

$$\leq n_a \sin \theta_I$$

Result is that θ_{T1} is smaller than one
would predict from Snell's law.

the correction is of order $O\left(\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}}\right)^2$.

medium b is a
Case (2) good conductor or a region of
resonant absorption of a dielectric
so $\epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$

Now, to lowest order we will approx $\epsilon_{b1} \approx 0$
then

$$n_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\mu_0} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\cos \theta_{T1}} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_{T1}$$

$$n_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_{b2}}{2}} \frac{\sin \theta_{T1}}{\sqrt{\cos \theta_{T1}}}$$

determines θ_{T1} in terms of θ_I

In this case our result for θ_{T1} looks
nothing like Snell's law.

⇒ Snell's law only holds if both media
at transparent at the frequency of interest