

PHYS302 Fall 2023

Homework 3

Total possible points: 23 out of 20

1. 4.8 from Hecht

3 pts, two for a good approach, one for correctness

2. 4.15 from Hecht

3 pts, one for good set up, one for using Snell's Law, one for correctness

3. 4.23 from Hecht

3 pts, one for identifying a different refraction for red vs violet, one for attempting to find the lateral difference in red and violet beams, and one for correctness.

4. 4.39 from Hecht

3 pts; 2 for good attempt, 1 for correctness

5. 4.54 from Hecht

4 points; 1 for attempt, 1 for identifying half the power as  $P_{\perp}$ , 1 for using energy conservation, 1 for correctness

6. 4.84 from Hecht

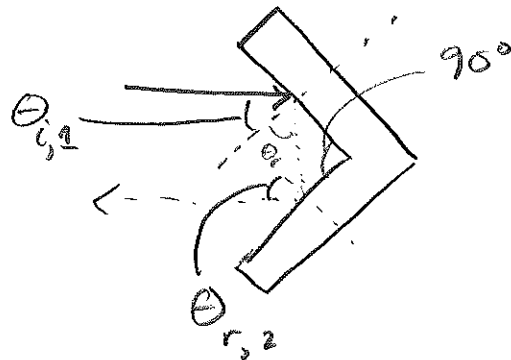
4 points, 2 for a good explanation, 1 for setting up problem well, 1 for correct answer (minus 1 if answer claims this is total internal reflection without specifying that the light is actually refracted—see solutions.)

7. (E.C.) 4.36 from Hecht

3 pts, 2 points for setting up the problem such that you minimize OPL with respect to the point (or angle) of reflection, 1 point for correctness

① (4.8)

HW # 3



2 reflections:

$$(1) \theta_{i,1} = \theta_{r,1}$$

$$(2) \theta_{i,2} = 90^\circ - \theta_{r,1} = \theta_{r,2}$$

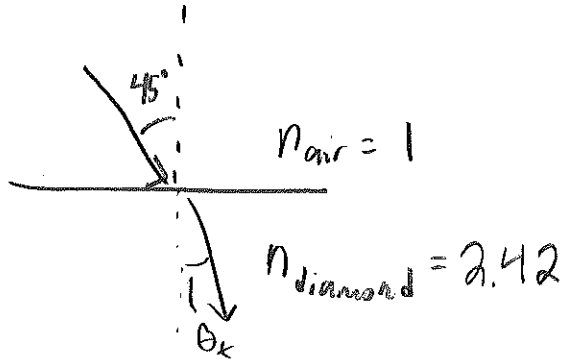
Total angle change is the sum of all  $\theta_i$  &  $\theta_r$ :



$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_{i,1} + \theta_{r,1} + \theta_{i,2} + \theta_{r,2} \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ \Rightarrow & \theta_{i,1} + \theta_{i,1} + 90^\circ - \theta_{i,1} + 90^\circ - \theta_{i,1} \\ & = 180^\circ \end{aligned}$$

The corner mirror always gives a  $180^\circ$  reflection ("retro-reflector").

② (4.15)

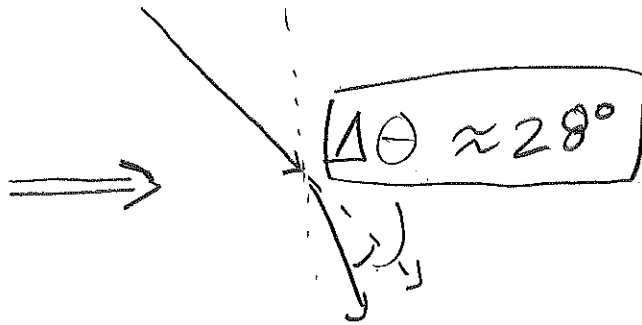


$$\sin \theta_t = \frac{n_{\text{air}}}{n_{\text{diamond}}} \sin (45^\circ)$$

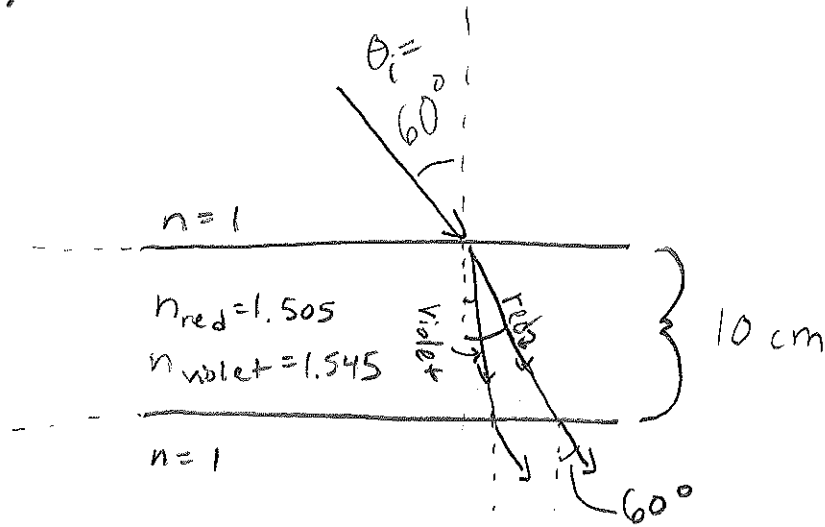
$$\theta_t \approx 17^\circ$$

Angular deviation:

$$\Delta\theta = \theta_i - \theta_t$$



③ (4.23)

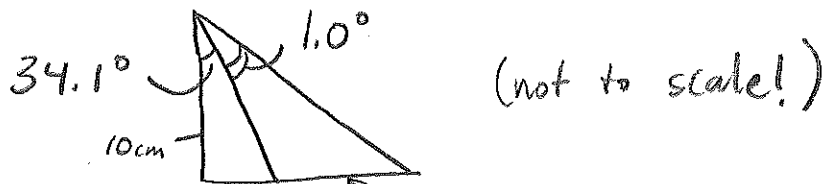


$$\theta_{t,\text{red}} = \arcsin \left[ \sin(60^\circ) \cdot \frac{1}{1.505} \right]$$

$$\approx 35.1^\circ$$

$$\theta_{t,\text{violet}} = \arcsin \left[ \sin(60^\circ) \cdot \frac{1}{1.545} \right]$$

$$\approx 34.1^\circ$$

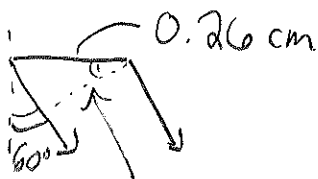


$$\tan(34.1^\circ) \cdot 10.0 \text{ cm} = 6.77 \text{ cm}$$

$$\tan(35.1^\circ) \cdot 10.0 \text{ cm} = 7.03 \text{ cm}$$

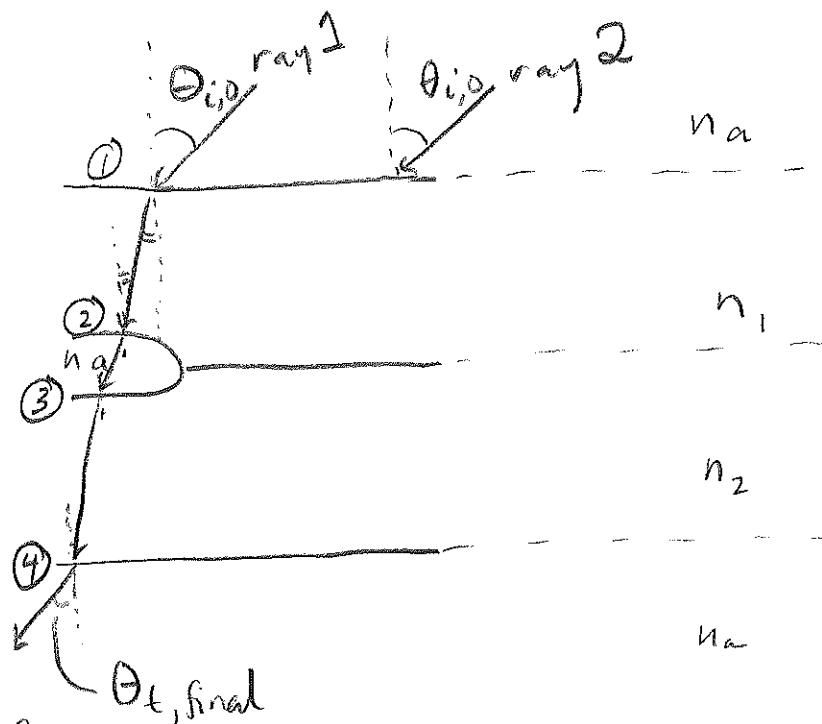
$$d = 7.03 - 6.77 = \boxed{0.26 \text{ cm}}$$

↑  
This answer is okay, too.



width of beam is  $\cos(60^\circ) \cdot 0.26 \text{ cm} = \boxed{0.13 \text{ cm}}$

(4) (4.39)



Ray 1: 4 refractions

①  $\sin \theta_{t,1} = \frac{n_a}{n_1} \sin \theta_{i,0}$

②  $\theta_{t,1} = \theta_{i,2}$

$\sin \theta_{t,2} = \frac{n_1}{n_a} \sin (\theta_{t,1})$

③ Again,  $\theta_{t,2} = \theta_{i,3}$

$\sin \theta_{t,3} = \frac{n_a}{n_2} \sin \theta_{t,2}$

④  $\theta_{t,3} = \theta_{i,4}$

$\sin \theta_{t,final} = \frac{n_2}{n_a} \sin \theta_{t,3}$

$\sin \theta_{t,final} = \frac{n_2}{n_a} \left( \frac{n_a}{n_2} \left( \frac{n_1}{n_a} \left( \frac{n_a}{n_1} \sin \theta_{i,0} \right) \right) \right)$

$\sin \theta_{t,final} = \sin \theta_{i,0}$

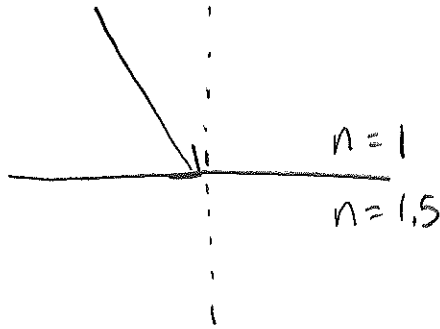
$\theta_{t,final} = \theta_{i,0}$

→ Same can be shown for ray 2:  $\theta_{t,final-ray2} = \theta_{i,0-ray2}$

→ If rays 1 & 2 are parallel to start, then  $\theta_{i,0-ray1} = \theta_{i,0-ray2}$ , and

thus  $\theta_{t,final-ray1} = \theta_{t,final-ray2}$

⑤ (4.54)



1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> of unpolarized  
light  
 $\approx$  500 W/m<sup>2</sup> each of  
 $P_{\parallel}$  &  $P_{\perp}$

$$T_{\perp} = 0.80 = 1 - R_{\perp}$$

$$R_{\perp} = 0.2$$

Since area doesn't change in reflection,

$$I_{\text{reflected}, \perp} = 0.2 \cdot I_{0, \perp}$$

$$= 0.2 \cdot 500 \text{ W/m}^2$$

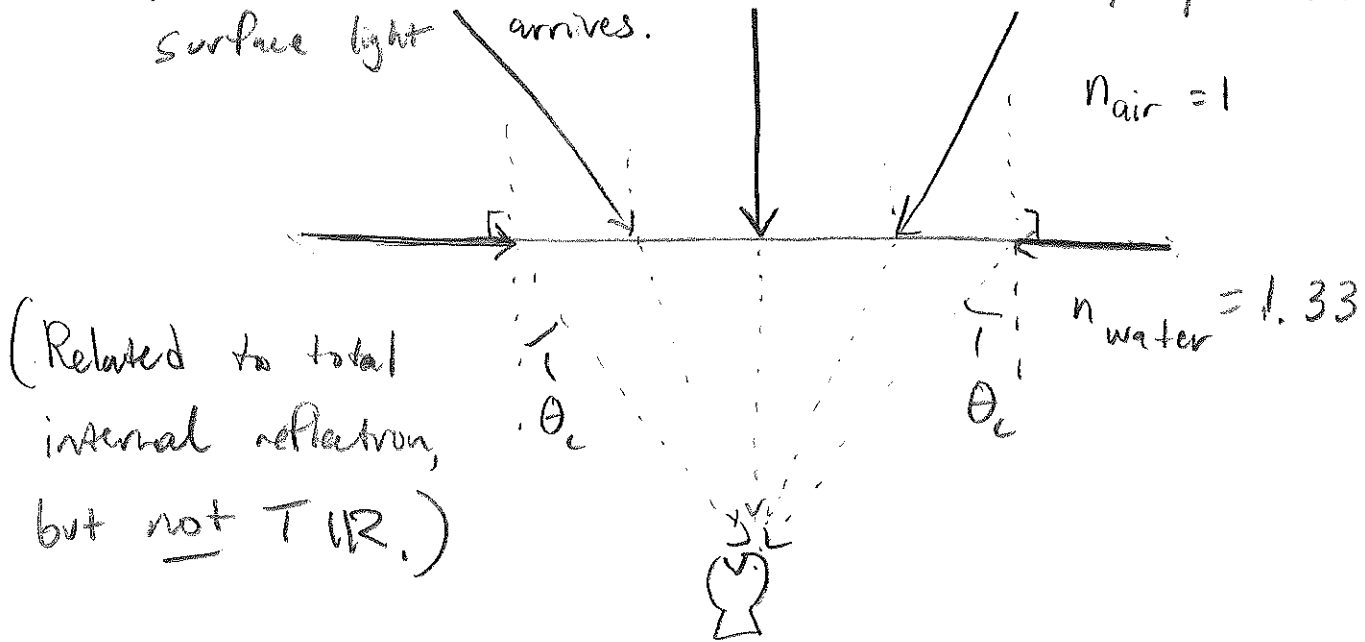
$$= \boxed{100 \text{ W/m}^2}$$

Note: In the glass, be careful when calculating  $T$ .

While the power is 80% of the incident  $P_{\perp}$ , the intensity will not be 400 W/m<sup>2</sup>, as the beam width changes!

⑥ (4.84)

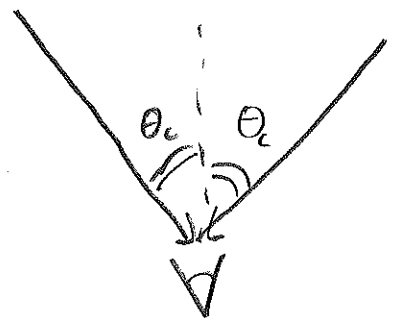
For all light entering the water with incident angle  $\theta_i$ , there is a corresponding angle  $\theta_t$  that the fish views the light. Since  $\theta_i$  can be at most  $90^\circ$  and  $\theta_t < \theta_i$ , there will be a maximum  $\theta_t$  the fish sees, beyond which no surface light arrives.



$$n_{\text{water}} \sin \theta_c = n_{\text{air}} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

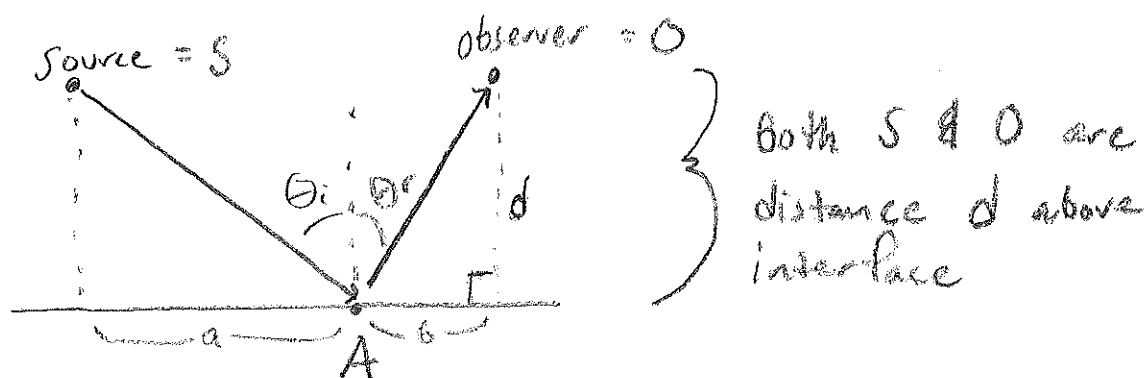
$$\theta_c \approx 49^\circ$$

Cone angle is  $2\theta_c = \boxed{98^\circ}$



Extra credit (4.36):

Derive  $\theta_i = \theta_r$  by minimizing transit time  
(i.e., Fermat's Principle).



Total path length:  $\overline{SA} + \overline{AO}$

$$\text{Path time: } t = \frac{\overline{SA}}{v} + \frac{\overline{AO}}{v}$$

→ Let distance  $\overline{SO} = x = a + b$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{d^2 + a^2}}{v} + \frac{\sqrt{d^2 + b^2}}{v}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{d^2 + a^2}}{v} + \frac{\sqrt{d^2 + (x-a)^2}}{v}$$

We want to know which  $a$  gives shortest  $t$ :

$$\frac{dt}{da} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(d^2 + a^2)^{-1/2}}{v} \cdot 2a + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(d^2 + (x-a)^2)^{-1/2}}{v} \cdot 2(x-a)(-1)$$

$$0 = \frac{a}{v\sqrt{d^2 + a^2}} + \frac{a-x}{v\sqrt{d^2 + (x-a)^2}} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{true if } a = \frac{1}{2}x \\ \text{Therefore, } \theta_i = \theta_r \end{array}$$