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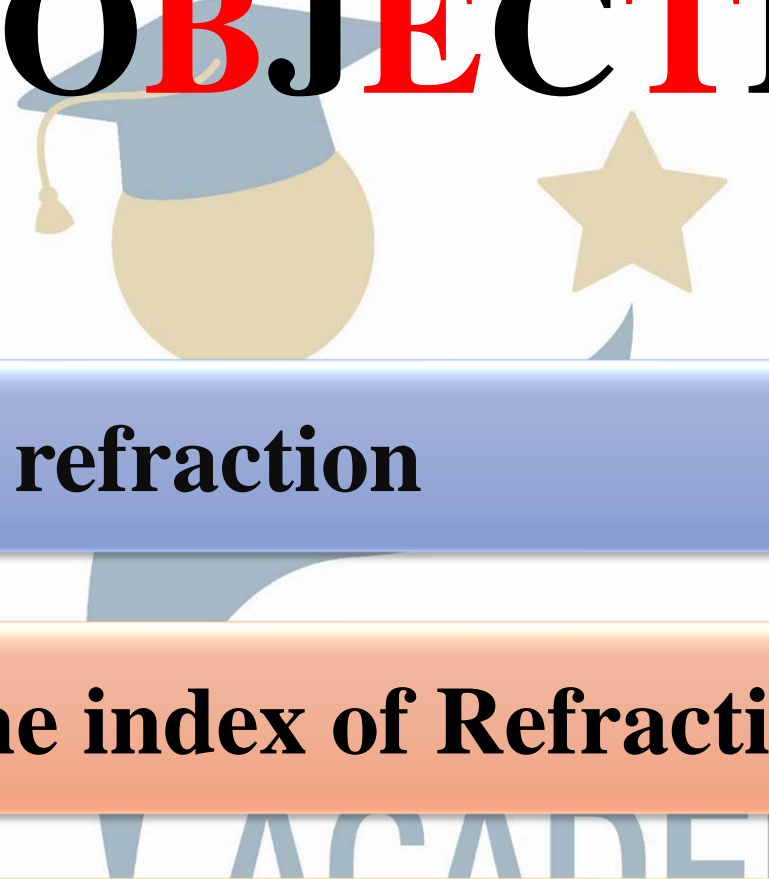
Chapter 11 – Refraction of Light

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1 Definition of refraction

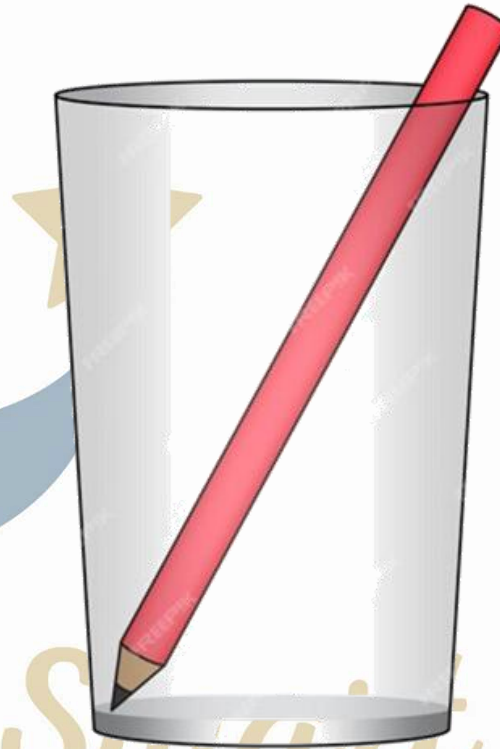
2 Determine the index of Refraction

3 Laws of Refraction

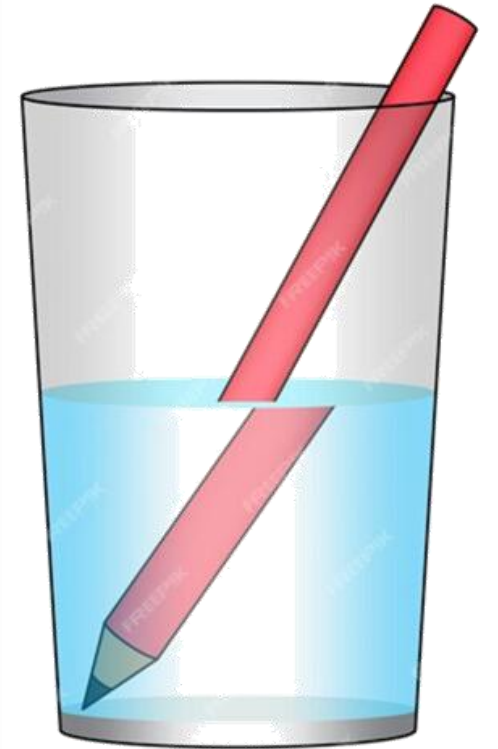
Refraction of Light

What is refraction of light?

Refraction of light is a sudden change in the direction of light, when the light crosses the surface separating two transparent mediums.



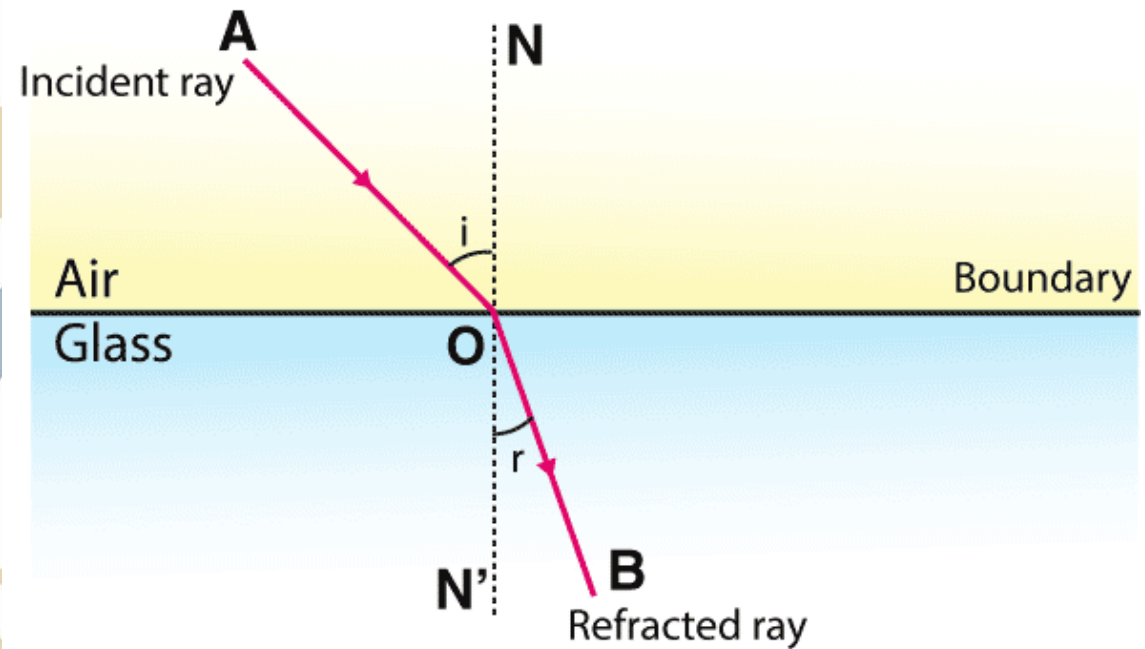
Empty Glass + Pencil



Glass + Water + Pencil

Definition of Refraction of light

- **AO**: incident ray of light.
- **OB**: Refracted ray of light
- **NN'**: Normal.
- **i** : angle of incidence
- **r** : angle of refraction



Index of Refraction

What is index of refraction?

In optics, the refractive index (or refraction index) of an optical medium is a number that gives the indication of the light bending ability of that medium.

The refractive index determines how much the path of light is bent, or refracted, when entering a material



Index of Refraction

REFRACTIVE INDEX



VACUUM

WATER

INCIDENT
ANGLE

i

REFRACTED
ANGLE

r

$$n = \frac{\text{Speed in Vacuum}}{\text{Speed in medium}}$$

Index of Refraction

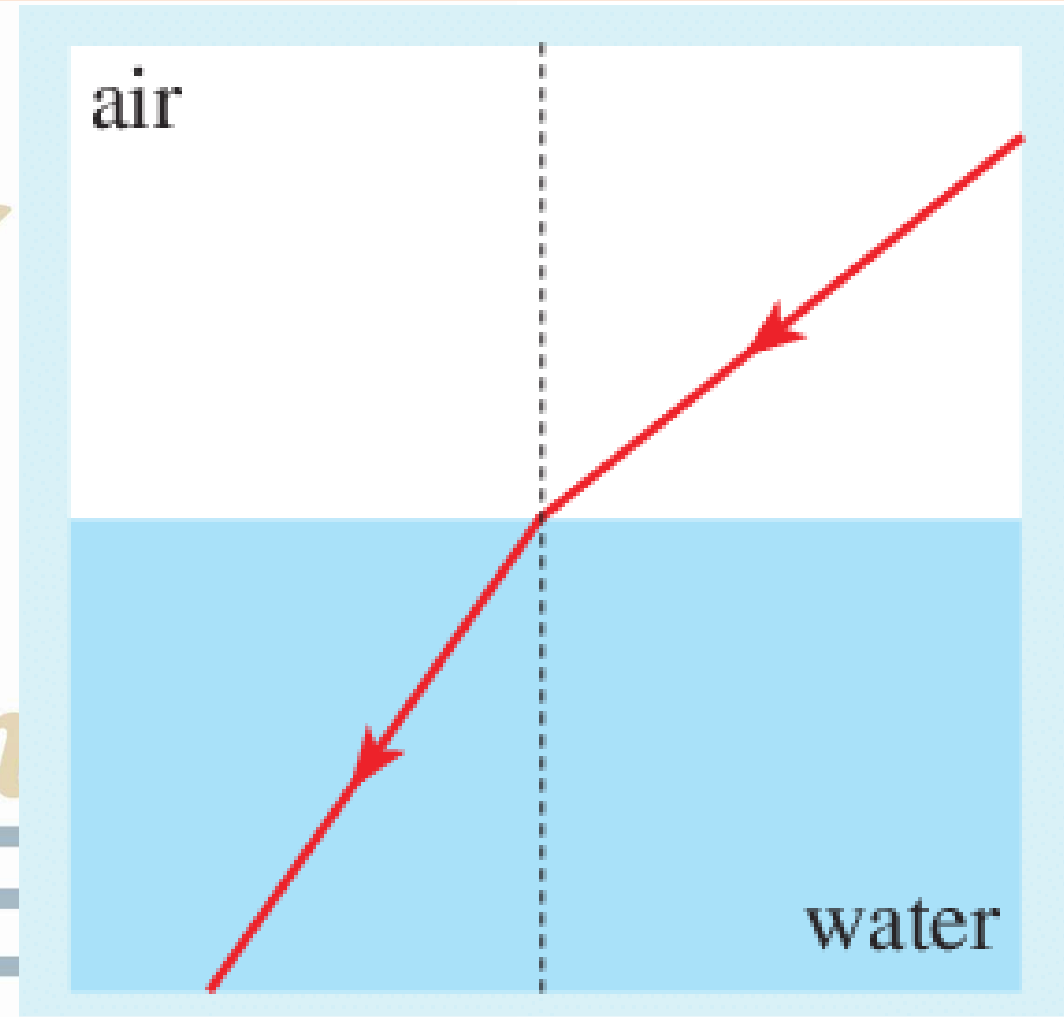
Medium	Refractive Index	Density of medium
Vacuum	1	Low Density
Helium	1.000036	
Water (typical)	1.30	
Sugar Solution (30%)	1.38	
Glass (typical)	1.5	
Diamond	2.4	High Density

Index of Refraction

Application 1:

A light ray passes from vacuum to water as shown.

The speed of light in air is $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$, while the speed of the light in water is $V = 2.25 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.



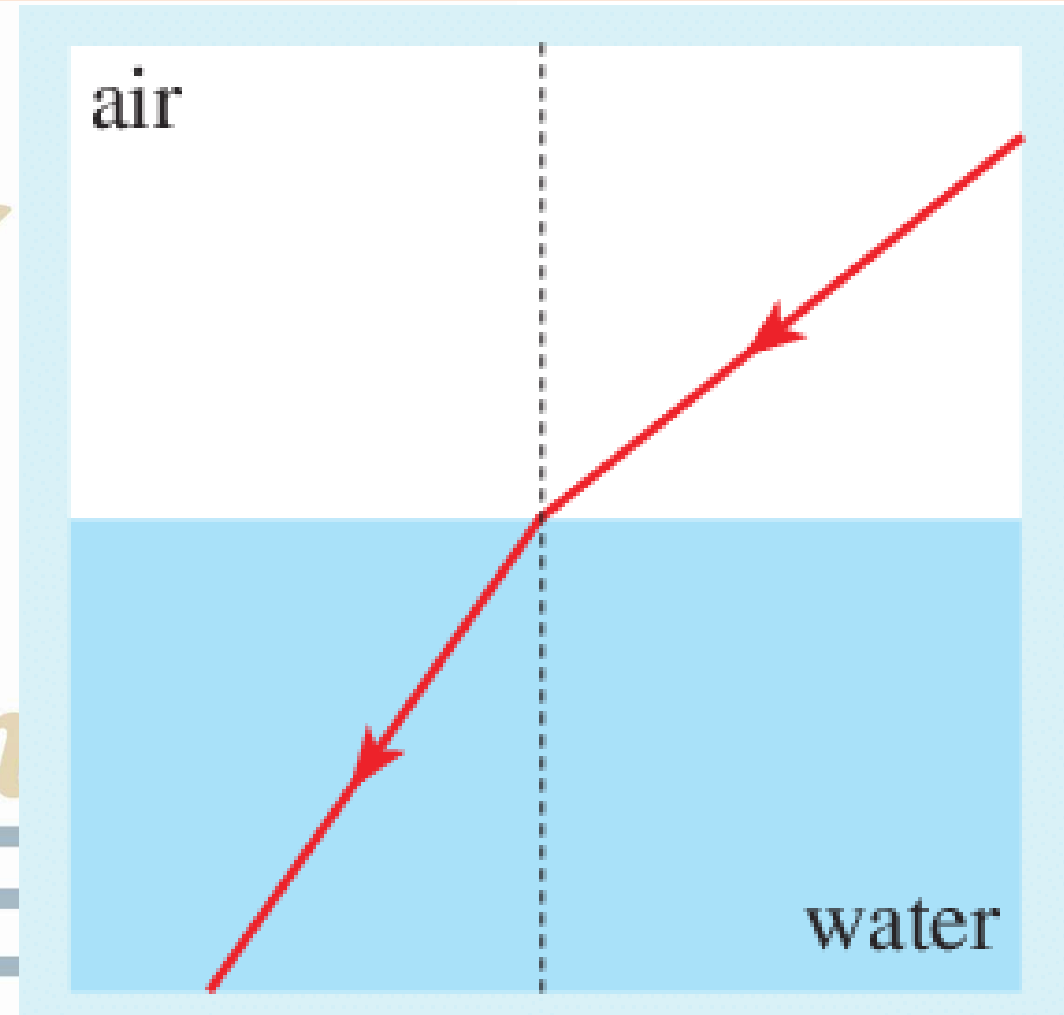
Index of Refraction

1) Calculate the index of refraction of water.

$$n = \frac{\text{speed in vacuum}}{\text{speed in water}}$$

$$n = \frac{c}{v} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2.25 \times 10^8}$$

$$n = 1.33$$



Index of Refraction

2) Calculate the speed of light when it crosses a glass prism, knowing that $n_{\text{glass}} = 1.5$.

$$n = \frac{\text{speed in vacuum}}{\text{speed in glass}}$$

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.5}$$

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$$v = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Index of Refraction



Note

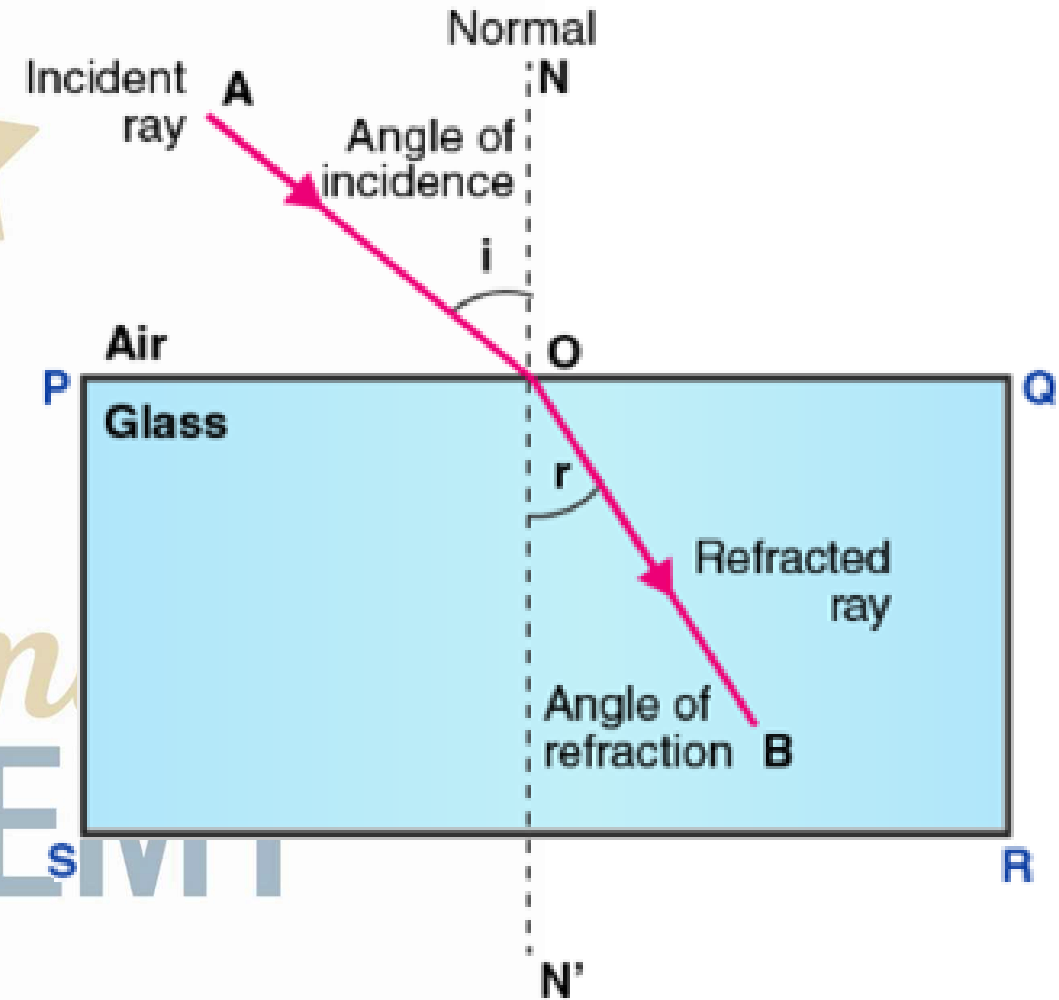
The medium with the smallest index of refraction is called the **less refractive medium**

The medium with the larger index of refraction is called the **more refractive medium or an optically denser medium**

Laws of Refraction

First law of refraction:

The incident ray, the refracted ray, and normal to the surface of separation of two media, all are in the **same plane of incidence**.

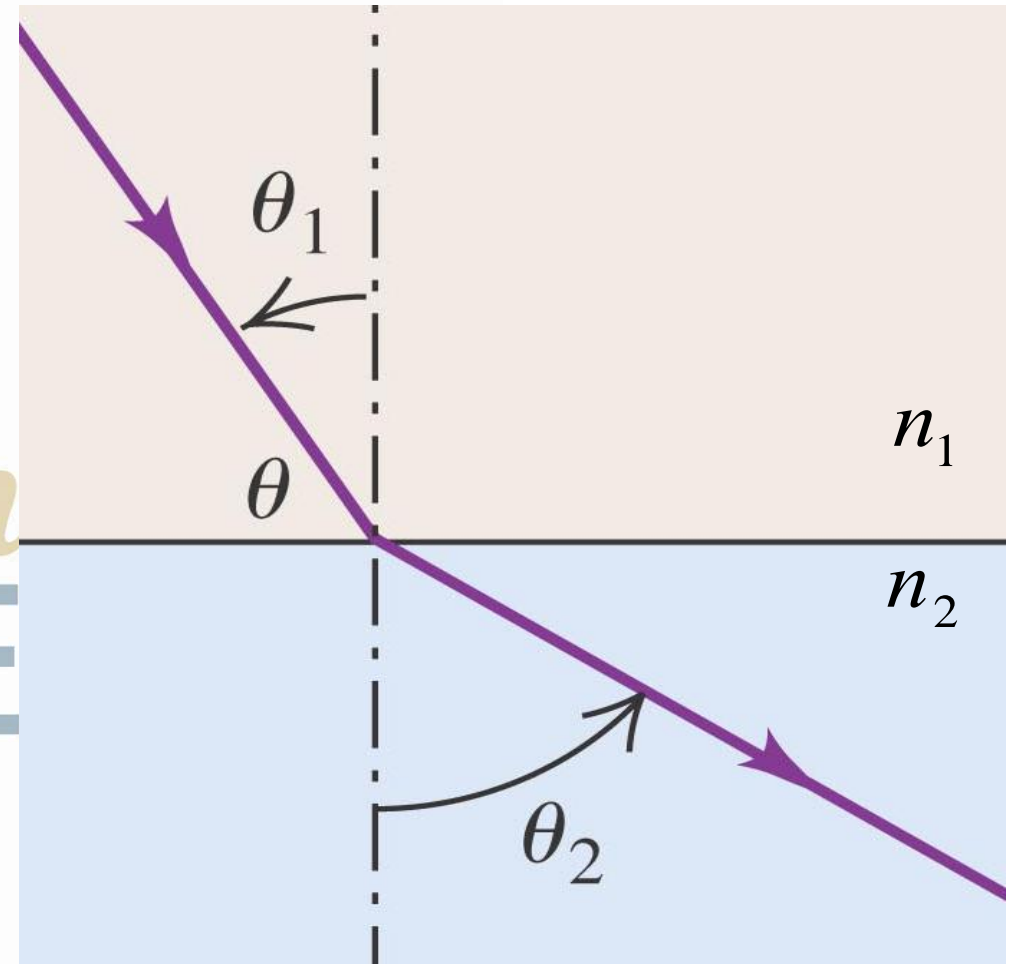


Laws of Refraction

Second Law of refraction (Snell's Law):

When light passes from medium (1) of index of refraction n_1 to medium (2) of index n_2 then:

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



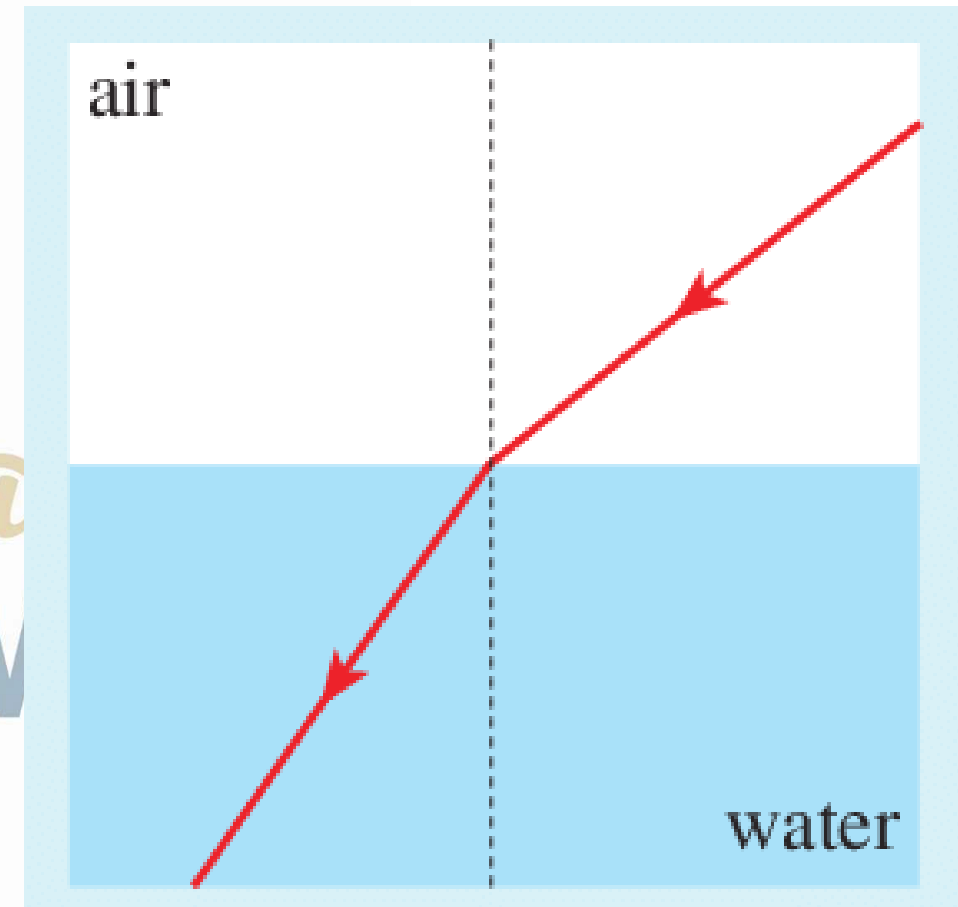
Laws of Refraction

Application 2:

A light ray in air is incident to the surface of separation between air and a medium (A).

The angle of incidence in air of the light ray is $= 60^\circ$ and emerges with an angle of 30° .

Calculate the index of refraction n_2 of medium (A).



Laws of Refraction

Apply Snell's Law of refraction:

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

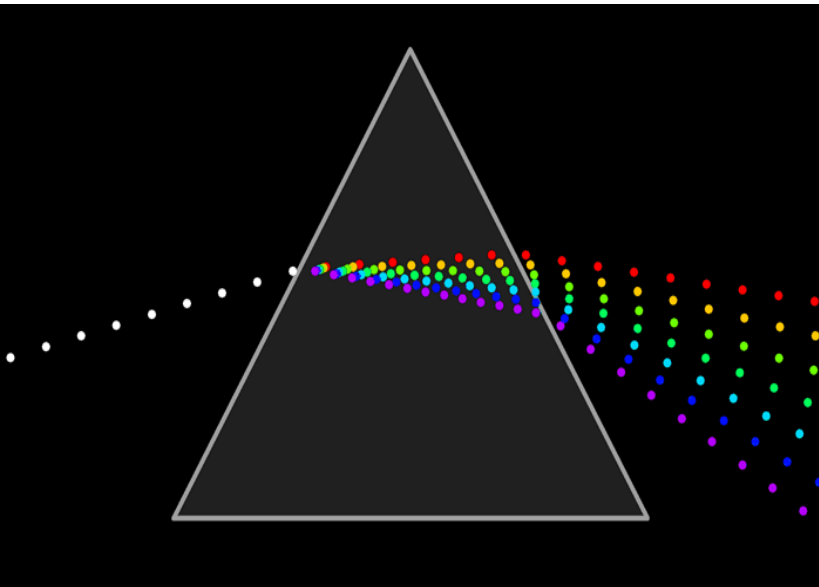
$$(1) \sin(60) = n_2 \sin(30)$$

$$n_2 = \frac{1 \times \sin(60)}{\sin(30)}$$

$$n_2 = 1.73$$

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Cases of refraction

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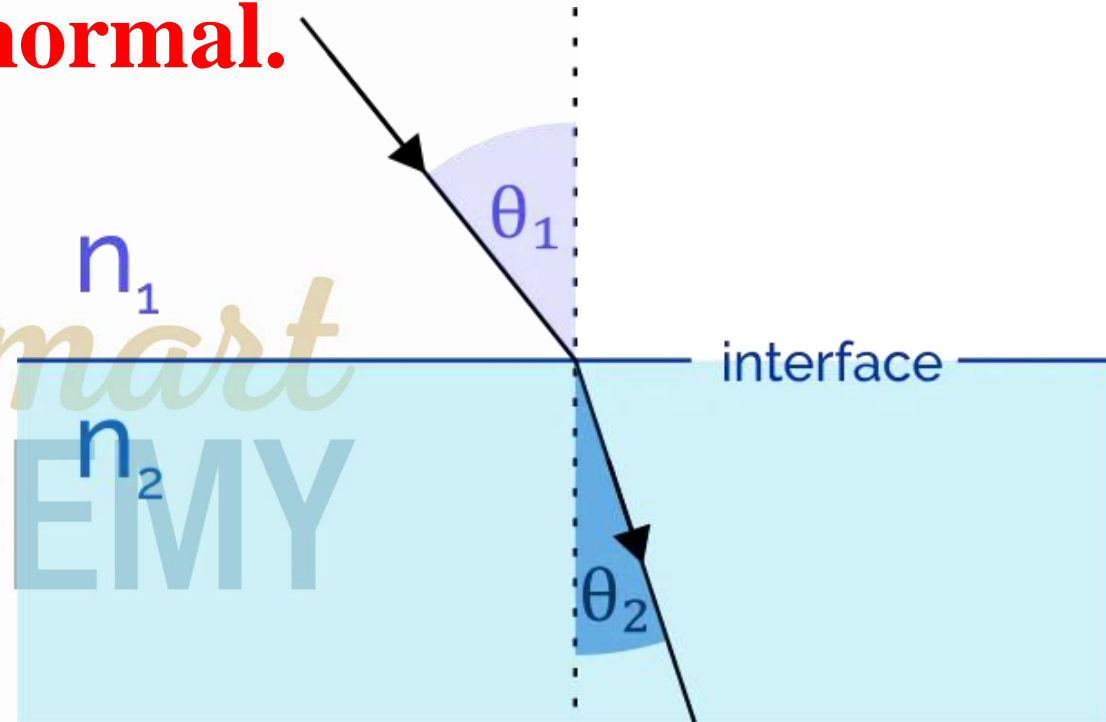
Cases of Refraction

Case 1:

If a light ray passes from a medium (1) of less index (n_1) to medium (2) of more index (n_2); that gives ($n_1 < n_2$), then the ray is refracted **towards the normal**.

We notice that the angle of refraction is smaller than the angle of incidence:

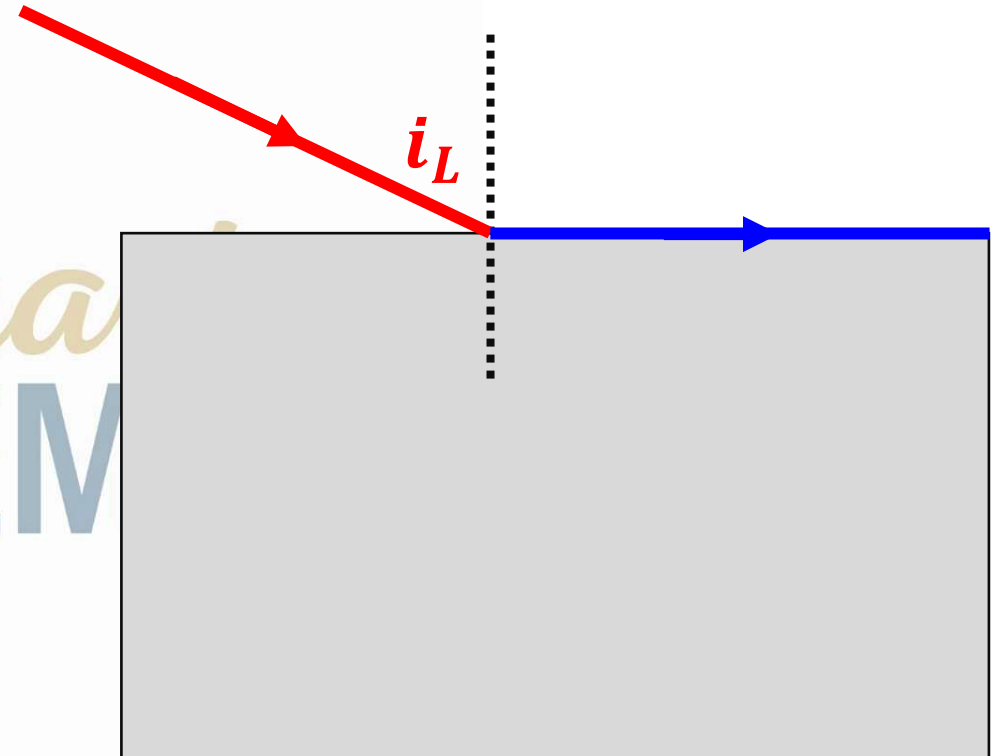
$$\theta_1 > \theta_2$$



Cases of Refraction

Case 2: If a light ray passes from a medium of more index to medium of less index: $n_1 > n_2$: compare i with i_L

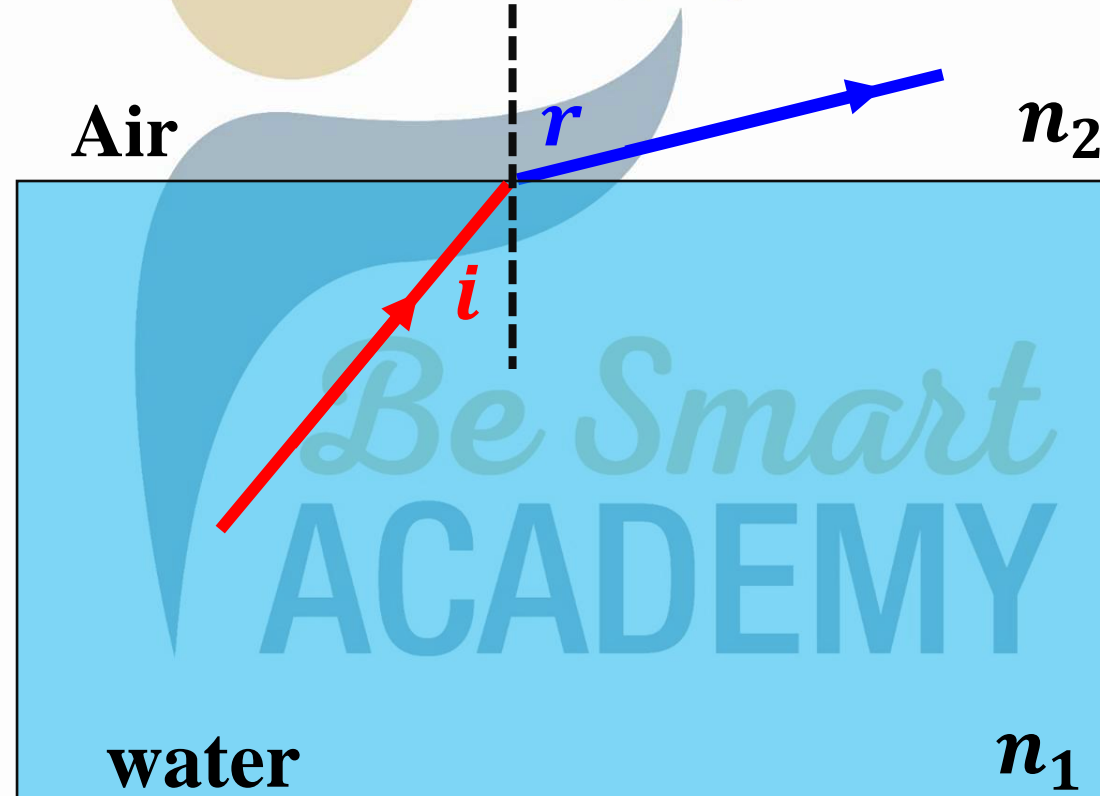
Limiting angle (i_L): is the incident angle that corresponds to an angle of refraction of 90° .



Cases of Refraction

a) If $i < i_l$ then:

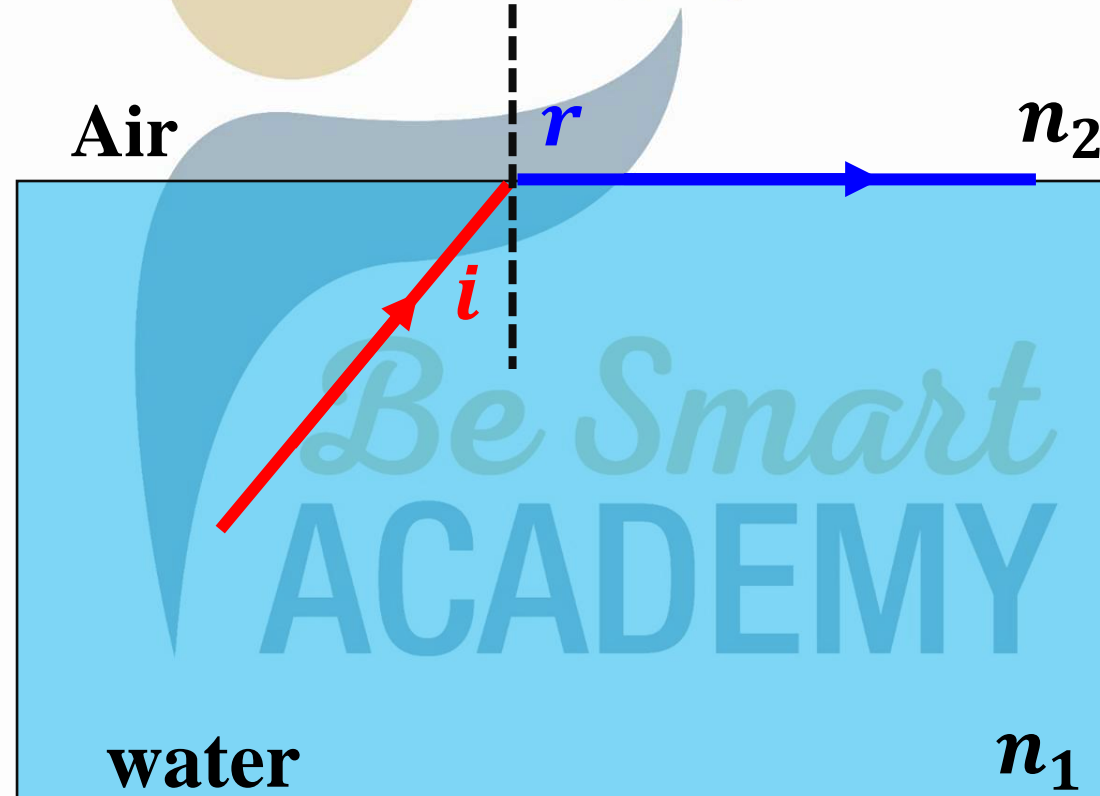
The ray is refracted away from the normal.



Cases of Refraction

If $i = i_l$:

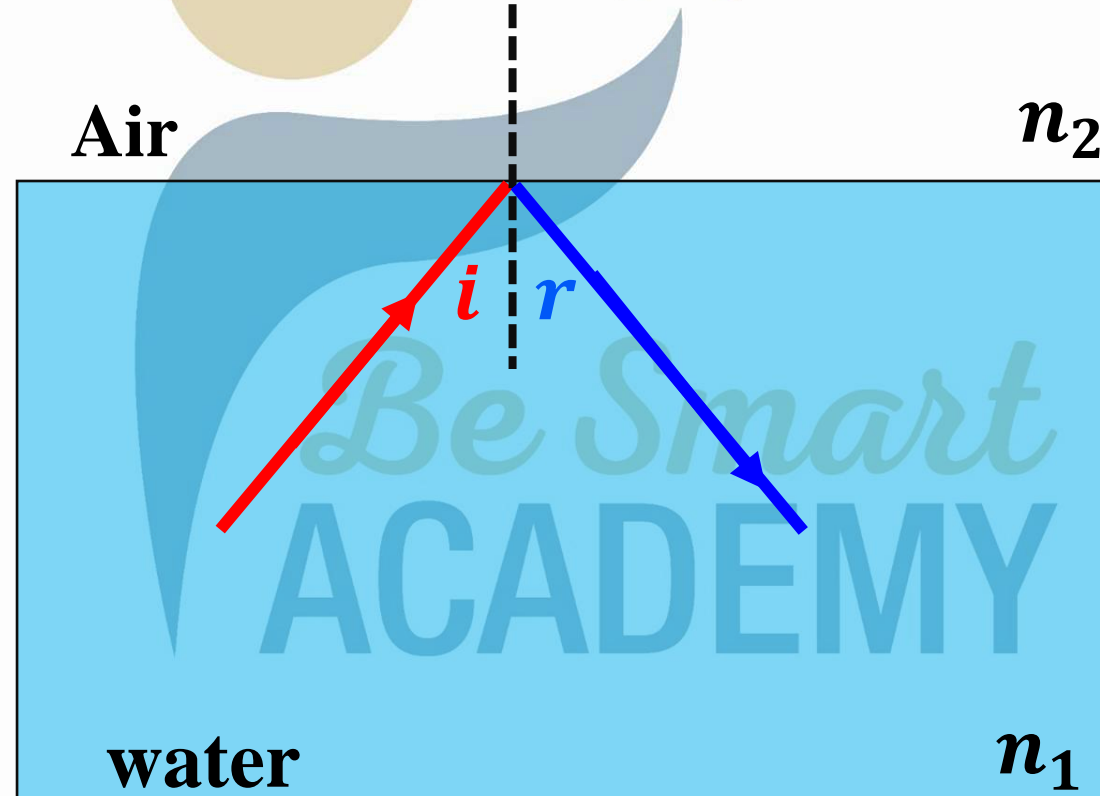
The refracted ray grazes the surface ($r = 90$).



Cases of Refraction

If $i > i_c$:

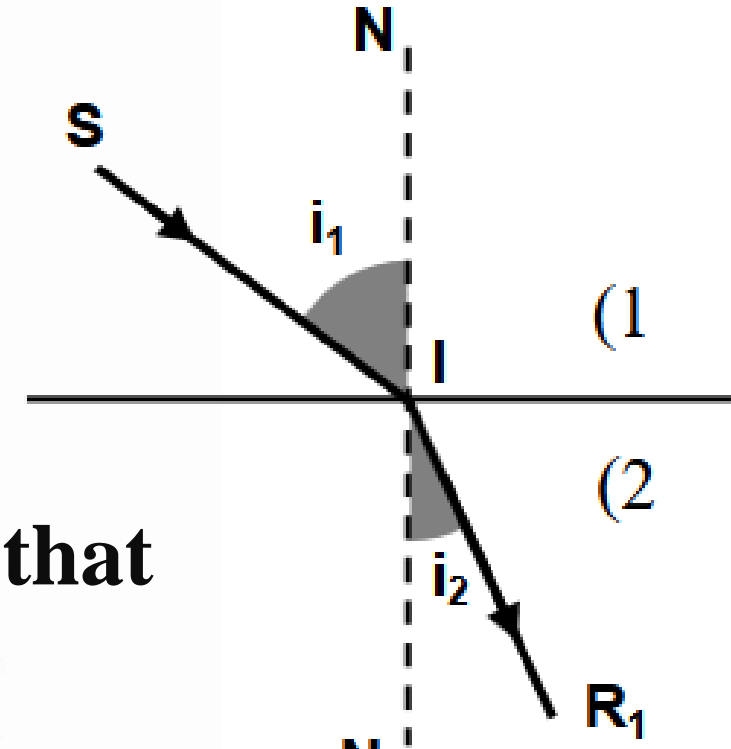
The ray undergoes **Total Internal Reflection** ($i = r$).



Cases of Refraction

Application 3: We send a luminous ray S_1I in medium (1) at an angle of incidence i_1 .

It emerges into medium (2) along the ray IR_1 that forms an angle i_2 with the normal NN' .



1. Give the name of the physical phenomenon that the ray S_1I undergoes at I .
2. S_1I represents the incident ray. What does IR_1 represent?
3. Compare i_1 and i_2 .
4. The medium (2) is more refractive than medium (1). Justify.

Cases of Refraction

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The physical phenomenon The refraction of light

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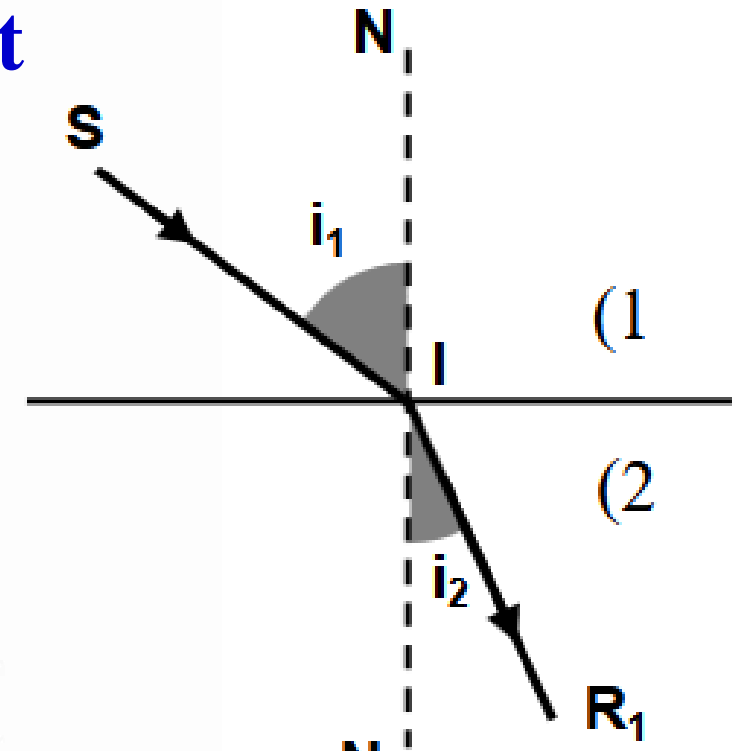
I R_1 is the refracted ray.

3. Compare i_1 and i_2 .

According to the figure, we find $i_1 > i_2$

4. The medium (2) is more refractive than medium (1). Justify.

**The refracted ray is closer to the normal than the incident ray ($i_2 < i_1$).
The medium (2) is then more refractive than the medium (1).**

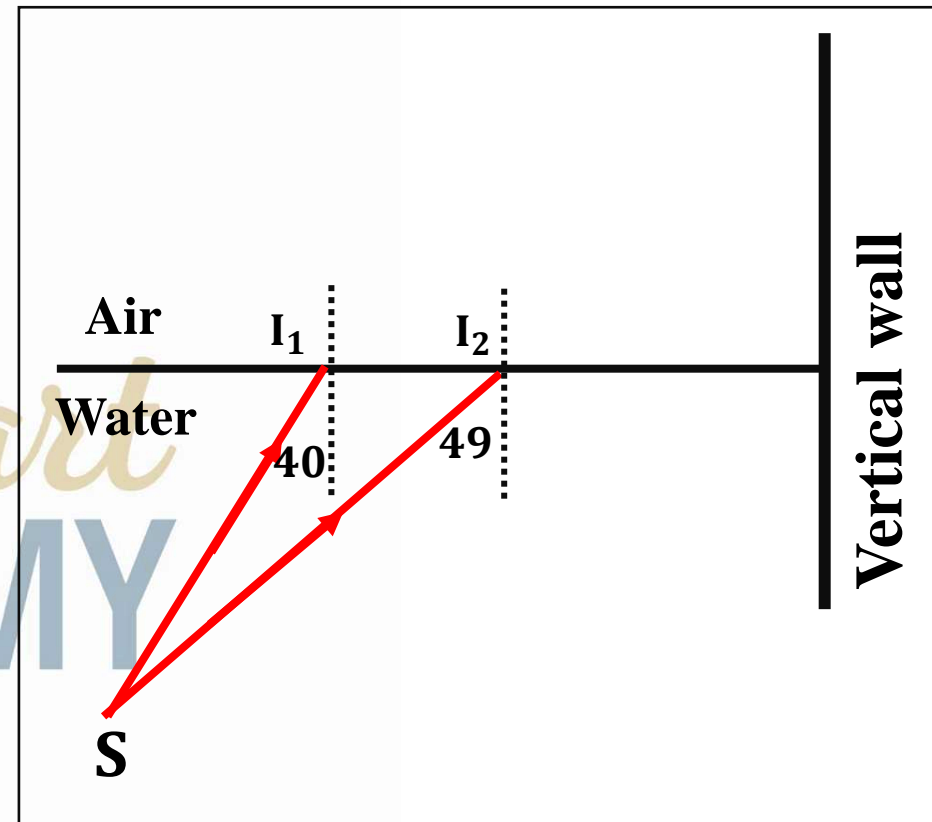


Cases of Refraction

Application 4: A source S of red light placed in water, sending a beam of luminous light rays, on the horizontal surface of separation water-air under an angle of incidence i_1 . Given $i_L = 49^\circ$

1) Study and complete the path of the ray SI_1 .

2) Study and complete the path of the ray SI_2



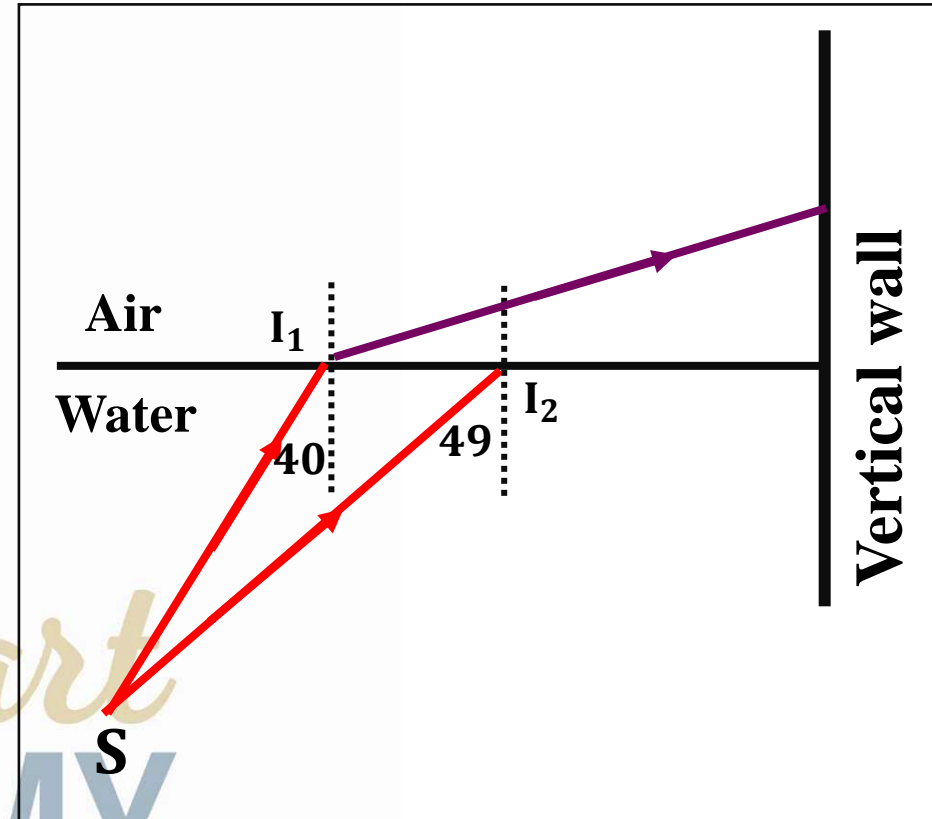
Cases of Refraction

1) Study and complete the path of the ray SI_1 .

The ray SI_1 passes from medium of more index to medium of less index ($n_1 > n_2$):

$$i_1 = 40^\circ < i_L = 49^\circ$$

Therefore the ray SI_1 crosses from water into air and **refracted away from the normal**.



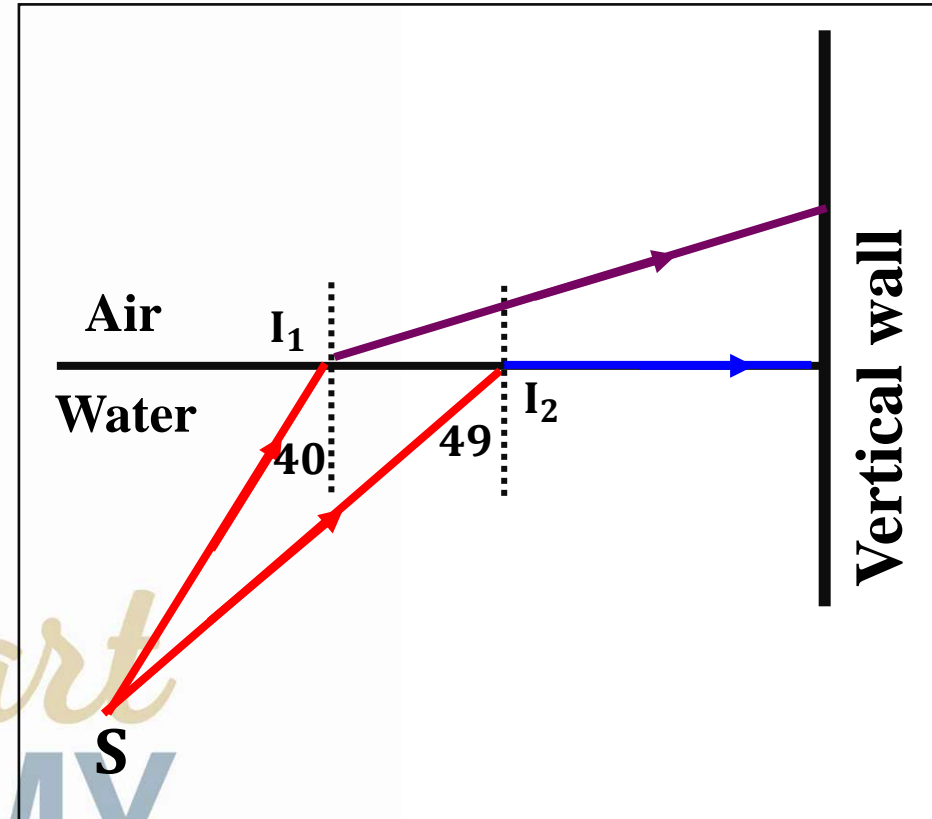
Cases of Refraction

2) Study and complete the path of the ray SI_1 .

The ray SI_2 passes from medium of more index to medium of less index ($n_1 > n_2$):

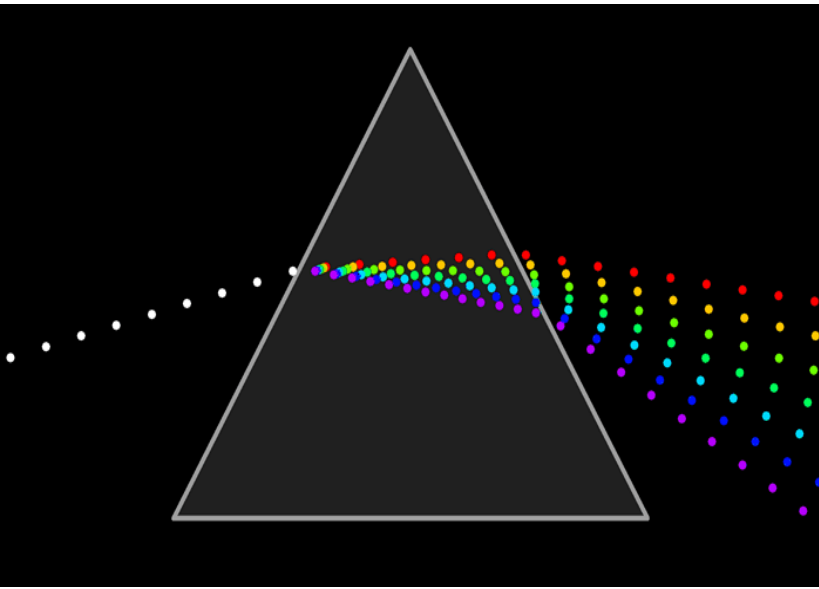
$$i_1 = 49^\circ = i_L = 49^\circ$$

Therefore the ray SI_2 grazing the surface of separation between the two mediums



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4 Limiting angle

5 Dispersion of white Light

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How to calculate limiting angle (i_L)

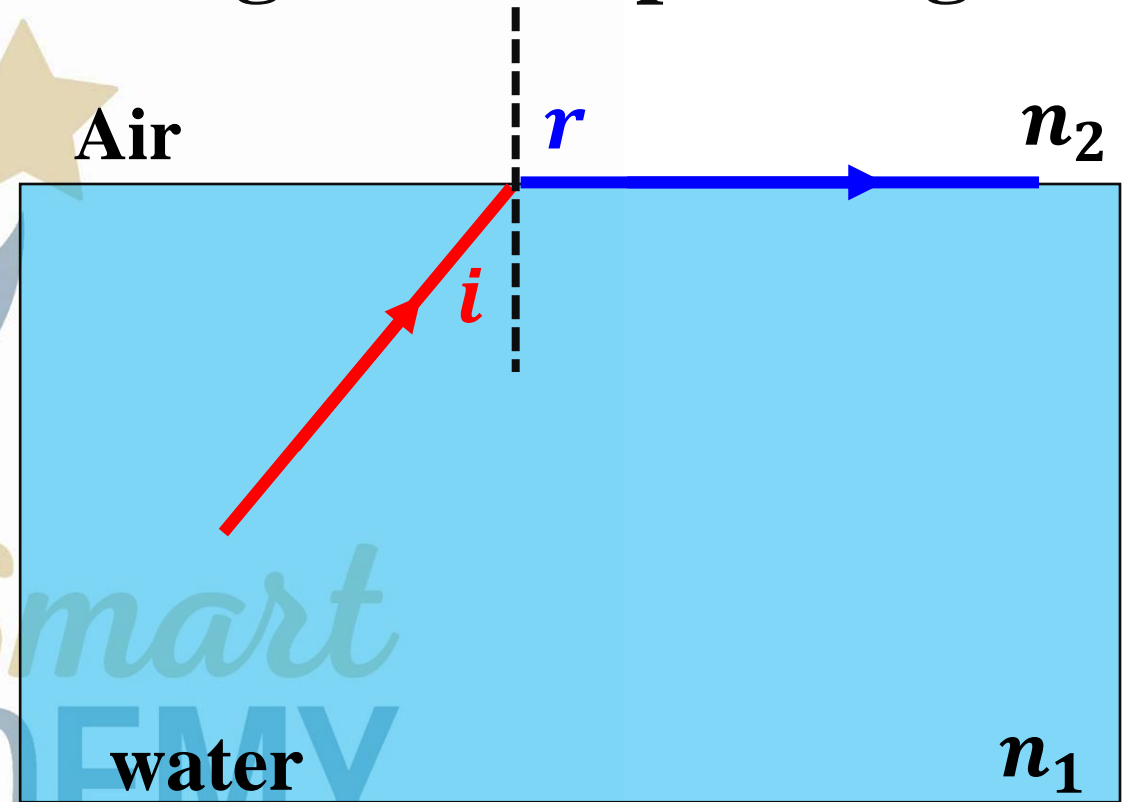
Limiting angle (i_l): is the incident angle corresponding to an angle of refraction of 90° .

Apply Snell's law:

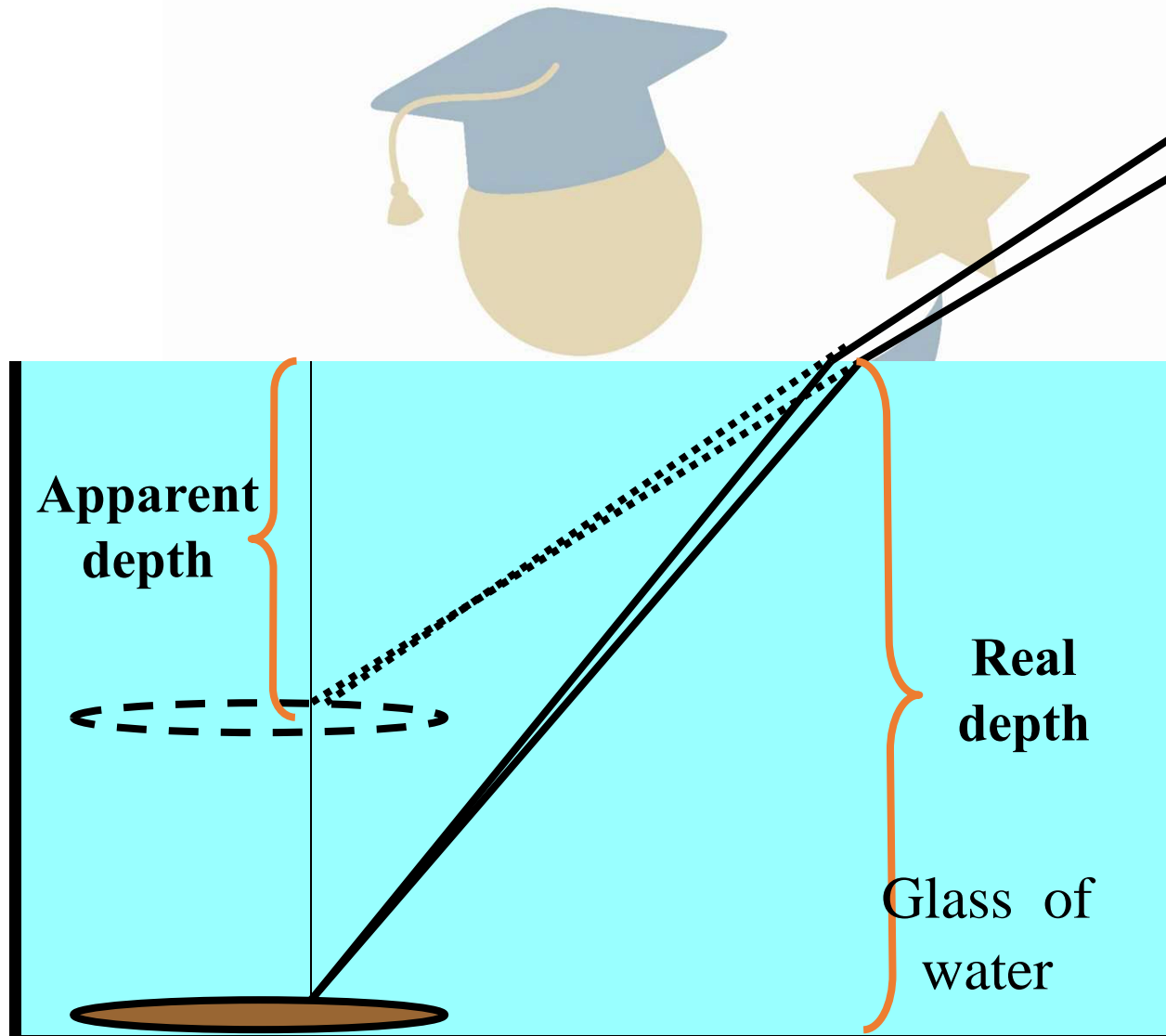
$$n_1 \sin(i_l) = n_2 \sin(r)$$

$$\sin(i_l) = \frac{n_2 \sin(90)}{n_1}$$

$$\sin(i_l) = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$



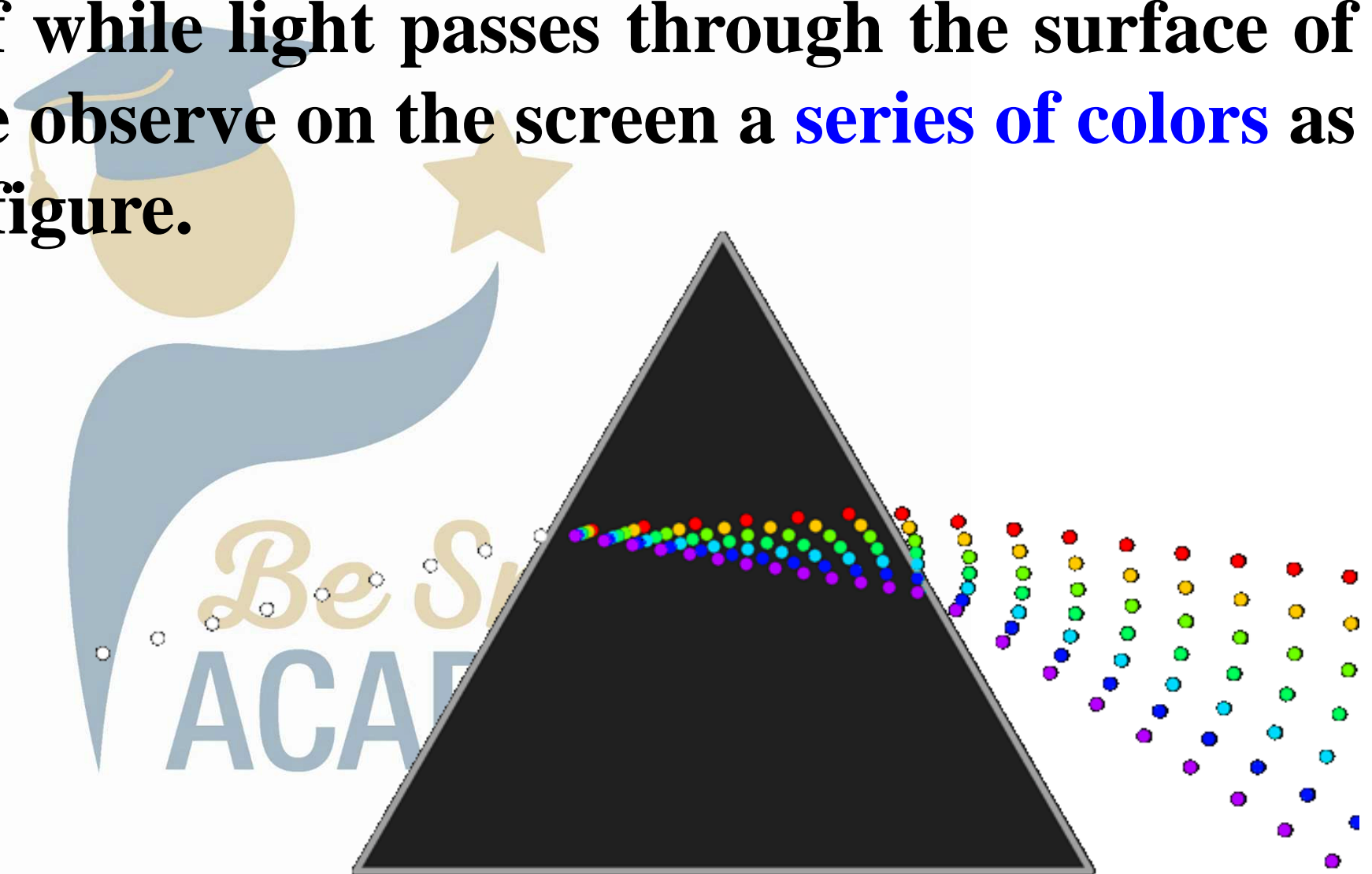
Apparent and Real depth of an object



$$n = \frac{\text{Real depth}}{\text{Apparent depth}}$$

Dispersion of white Light

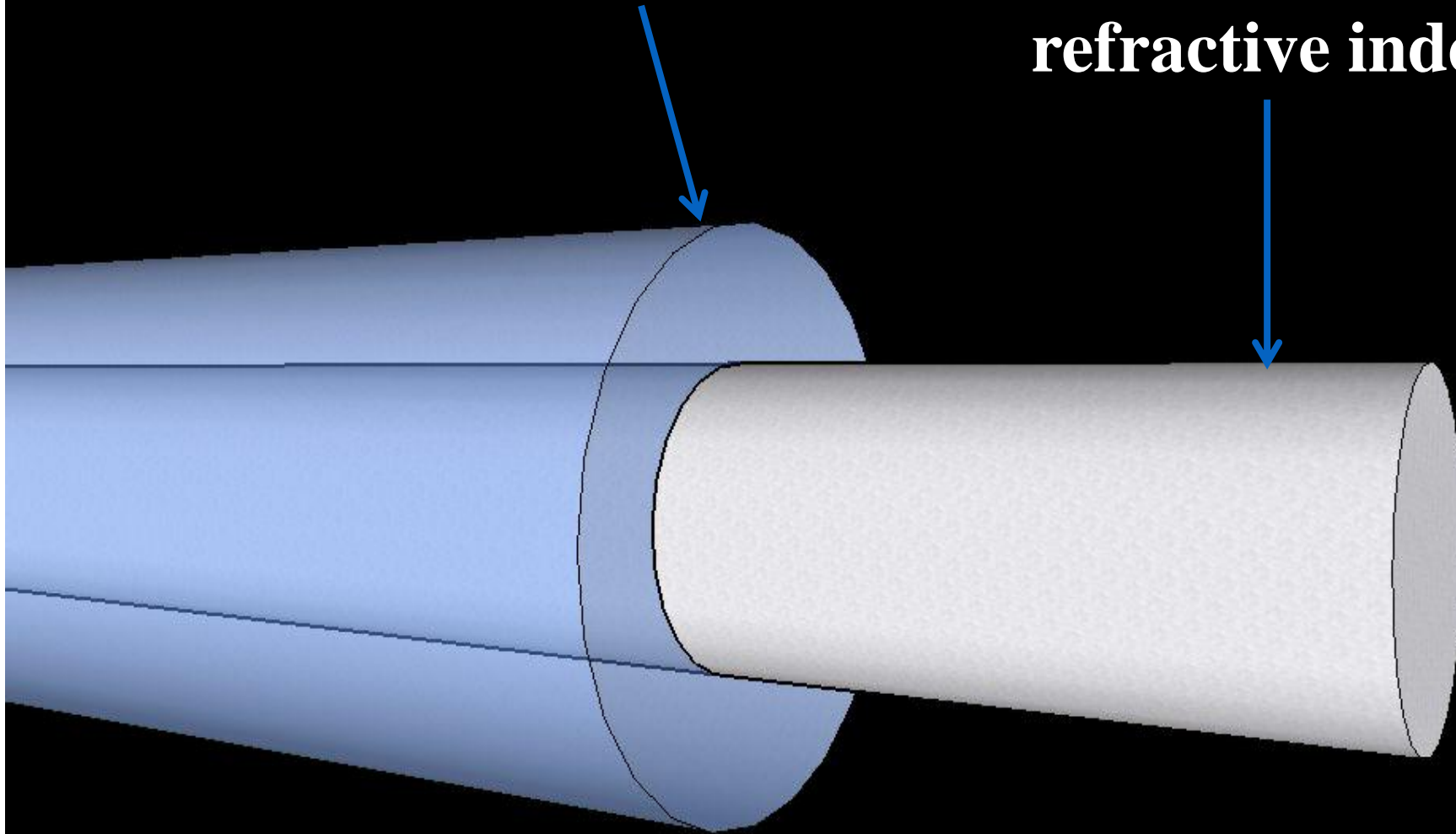
When a beam of white light passes through the surface of a glass prism, we observe on the screen a **series of colors** as indicated in the figure.

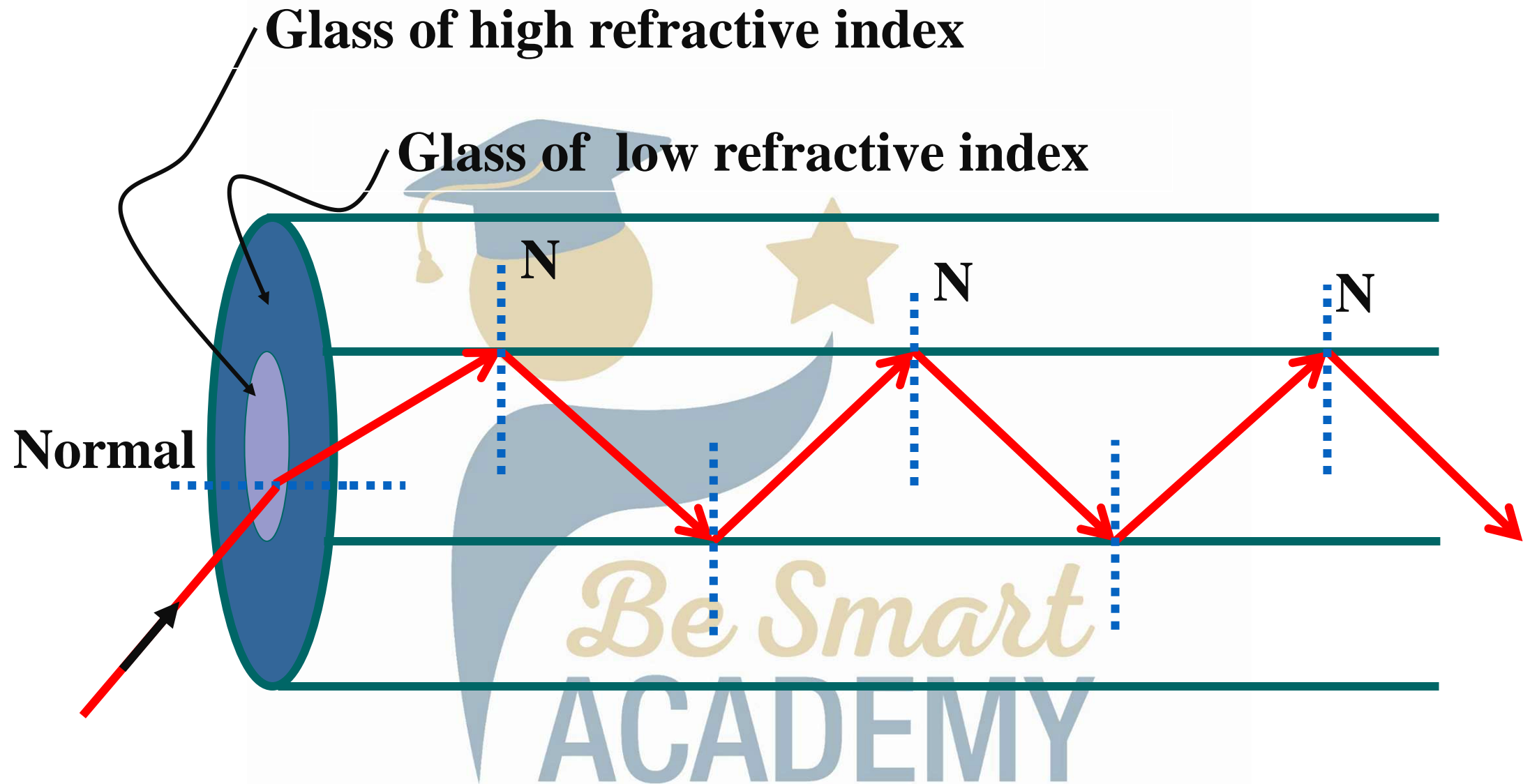


Optic Fibre

Glass of low
refractive index

Glass core of high
refractive index





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