

Physics 3600 Optics and Photonics I  
Winter 2006  
Assignment #5 Solutions

1. P&P, Problem 20-1, p. 423

$$r = 0 \Rightarrow n^2 \cos \theta - \sqrt{n^2 - \sin^2 \theta} = 0$$

$$\therefore n^2 \cos \theta = \sqrt{n^2 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$n^4 \cos^2 \theta = n^2 - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$n^4 \cos^2 \theta - n^2 + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$\therefore n^2 = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}}{2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$1 - 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta = 1 - 4(1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^2 \theta = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \sin^4 \theta = (2 \sin^2 \theta - 1)^2$$

$$\therefore n^2 = \frac{1 \pm (2 \sin^2 \theta - 1)}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = \begin{cases} \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = \tan^2 \theta & ("+" ) \\ \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = 1 & ("-"; \text{trivial}) \end{cases}$$

2. P&P, Problem 20-11, p. 424

(a) External TM:  $\theta_p = \tan^{-1} n = \tan^{-1} 2.42 = 67.55^\circ$

$\theta_c$  does not exist when  $n_2 > n_1$

External TE:  $\theta_p, \theta_c$ : none

(b) Internal TM:  $\theta_p' = \tan^{-1}(1/n) = \tan^{-1}(1/2.42) = 22.45^\circ$

$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(1/n) = \sin^{-1}(1/2.42) = 24.41^\circ$

Internal TE:  $\theta_p'$ , none

$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(1/n) = \sin^{-1}(1/2.42) = 24.41^\circ$

3. P&P, Problem 20-15, p. 424

(a) For Fresnel rhomb, it requires  $\phi_{TM} - \phi_{TE} = 90^\circ$  after two internal reflections  
or  $\phi_{TM} - \phi_{TE} = 45^\circ$  after one internal reflection.

$$\text{For } \theta > \theta_c = \sin^{-1}(1/1.65) = 37.3^\circ$$

Using eqs. (20-34) and (20-35):

$$\phi_{TM} - \phi_{TE} = 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta - n^2}}{n^2 \cos \theta}\right) - 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta - n^2}}{\cos \theta}\right) = 45^\circ$$

$$\text{Where } n = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{1}{1.65} \text{ (internal reflections)}$$

By trial and error, or aided by a calculator program or software,  
we find

$$\theta = 59^\circ 51'$$

$$(b) 5\% \cdot \theta = 0.05 \times 59.857^\circ = 2.993^\circ$$

$$\theta + 2.993^\circ = 62.85^\circ \text{ and } \Delta\phi = 41.16^\circ \times 2 = 82.32^\circ$$

$$\theta - 2.993^\circ = 56.864^\circ \text{ and } \Delta\phi = 48.50^\circ \times 2 = 97.00^\circ$$

4. P&P, Problem 24-5, p. 519

$$(a) \text{N.A.} = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} = \sqrt{1.53^2 - 1.39^2} = 0.6394$$

$$(b) n_0 \sin \theta_m = \text{N.A.} = 0.64$$

$$\therefore \theta_m = 39.75^\circ$$

$$\text{Acceptance angle (maximum cone angle)} = 2\theta_m = 79.5^\circ$$

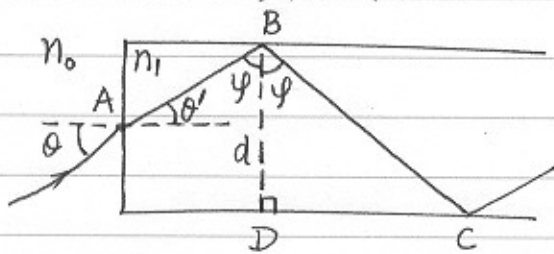
$$(c) \frac{1}{L_s} = \frac{1}{d \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_0 \sin \theta}\right)^2 - 1}} = \frac{1}{(0.0025 \text{ in}) \sqrt{\left(\frac{1.53}{\sin 39.75^\circ}\right)^2 - 1}} = 184/\text{in}$$

or 6624 reflections in 3 ft.

$$\text{At half } \theta_m, \theta = 19.87^\circ, \text{ then } \frac{1}{L_s} = 91.14 \text{ in}^{-1}$$

or 3281 reflections in 3 ft.

5. P&P, Problem 24-6, p. 519.



(a) From  $\triangle BDC$ :

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{d}{X_s} \Rightarrow X_s = \frac{d}{\cos \varphi} \quad (5.1)$$

Applying Snell's law at the entrance of the fibre:

$$n_0 \sin \theta = n_1 \sin \theta' = n_1 \sin (90^\circ - \varphi) = n_1 \cos \varphi$$

As we know  $n_0 = 1$  (air),

$$\therefore \sin \theta = n_1 \cos \varphi \Rightarrow \cos \varphi = \frac{\sin \theta}{n_1} \quad (5.2)$$

So Eq. (5.1) becomes:  $X_s = \frac{d}{\frac{\sin \theta}{n_1}} = \frac{n_1 d}{\sin \theta}$

(b)  $X_t = X_s \cdot X$  (number of skips)

$$= X_s \cdot \left( \frac{L}{L_s} \right) = \frac{n_1 d}{\sin \theta} \left[ \frac{L}{d \sqrt{\left( \frac{n_1}{n_0 \sin \theta} \right)^2 - 1}} \right] = \frac{n_1 L}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{n_1}{n_0} \right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \stackrel{n_0=1}{=} \frac{n_1 L}{\sqrt{n_1^2 - \sin^2 \theta}}$$

(c)  $X_s = \frac{n_1 d}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1.5 \times 50 \mu\text{m}}{\sin 10^\circ} = 432 \mu\text{m}$

$$L_s = d \sqrt{\left( \frac{n_1}{\sin \theta} \right)^2 - 1} = 50 \mu\text{m} \cdot \sqrt{\left( \frac{1.5}{\sin 10^\circ} \right)^2 - 1} = 4.29 \mu\text{m}$$

$$X_t = \frac{n_1 L}{\sqrt{n_1^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{1.5 \times 10 \text{m}}{\sqrt{1.5^2 - \sin^2 10^\circ}} = 10.07 \text{m}$$