

BACKGROUND OPTICS

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Notation

Fig. 1.1. A ray is incident on a flat surface at an angle i to the normal. The refracted ray is at an angle r to the normal.

a small increment in a variable (here x) approximately equal to the initial value of the variable. This is equivalent to the differential dx .

Air (at 15°C) 1.00029

Water (at 15°C) 1.333

Glass which leads to plus or minus 1.5 to 1.8

CR 39 plastic 1.4985

Flint 1.490

Refractive Index

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