

Huygen's Principle :

According to Huygen's Principle, each point of the wavefront is the source of secondary disturbance and the wavelets emanating from these points spread out in all directions with the speed of wave. The wavelets emanating from the wavefront are usually referred to as secondary wavelets.

Maxwell's Electromagnetic Theory:

needs a medium to travel, sound wave

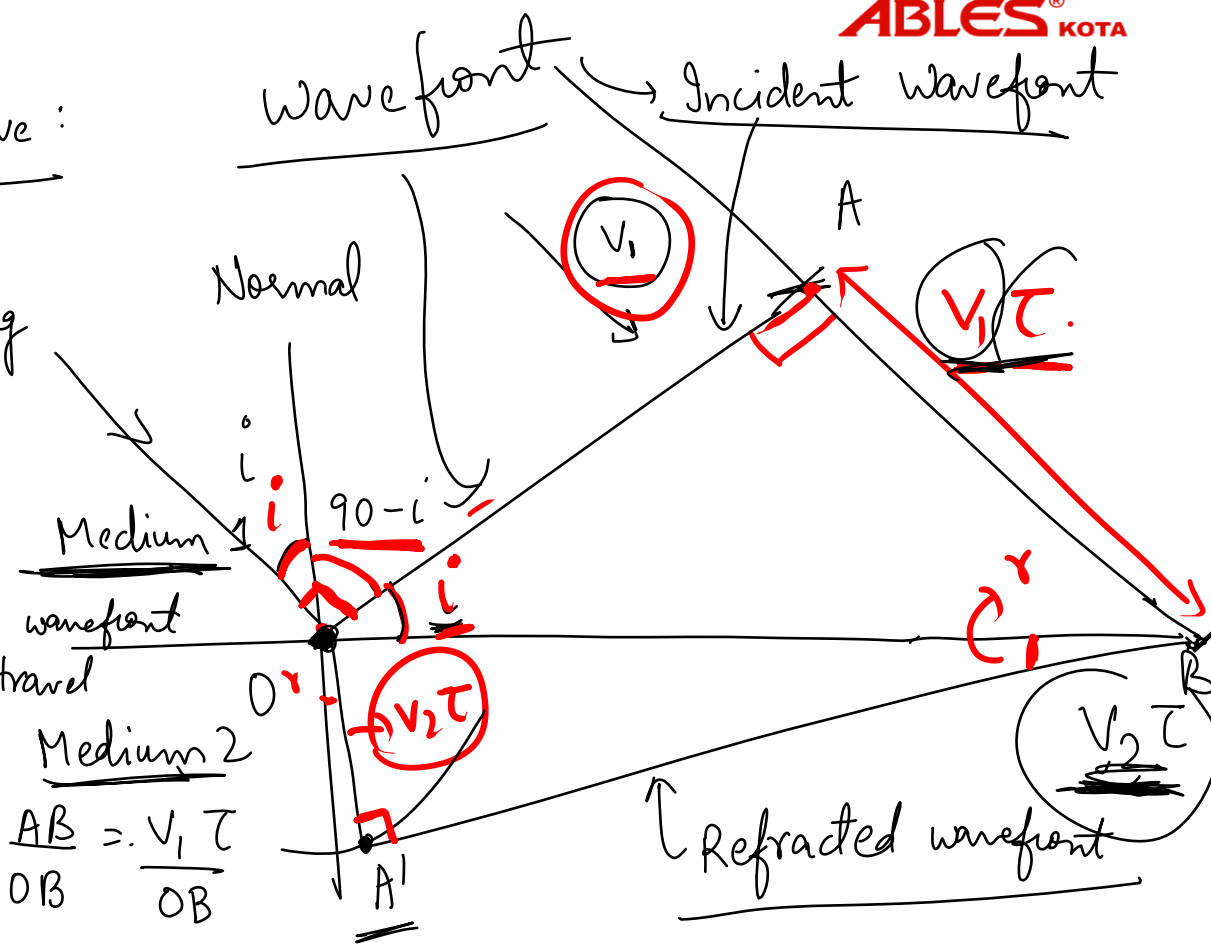
According to Maxwell, light is not a mechanical wave, It is a Electromagnetic wave, transverse in nature and travels with the speed of light.

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}}} = \underline{\underline{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}}$$

μ_0 → Permeability
 ϵ_0 → Permittivity of free space

Refraction of Plane Wave:

Light wave is traveling from rarer medium to denser medium



T be the time taken by the wavefront to travel from A to B

$$\sin i = \frac{P}{H} = \frac{AB}{OB} = \frac{V_1 T}{OB}$$

$$\sin i = \frac{v_1 \tau}{OB}$$

$$\sin r = \frac{v_2 \tau}{OB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{\frac{v_1 \tau}{\cancel{OB}}}{\frac{v_2 \tau}{\cancel{OB}}} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{c/n_1}{c/n_2}$$

Snell's law

$$n_1 = \frac{c}{v_1}, \quad v_1 = \frac{c}{n_1}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{c}{v_2}, \quad v_2 = \frac{c}{n_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n_1 \sin i = n_2 \sin r}$$

Refraction at a rarer medium:

Light travels from denser to rarer medium.

$$v \sin i = \frac{v_1 \tau}{OB}$$

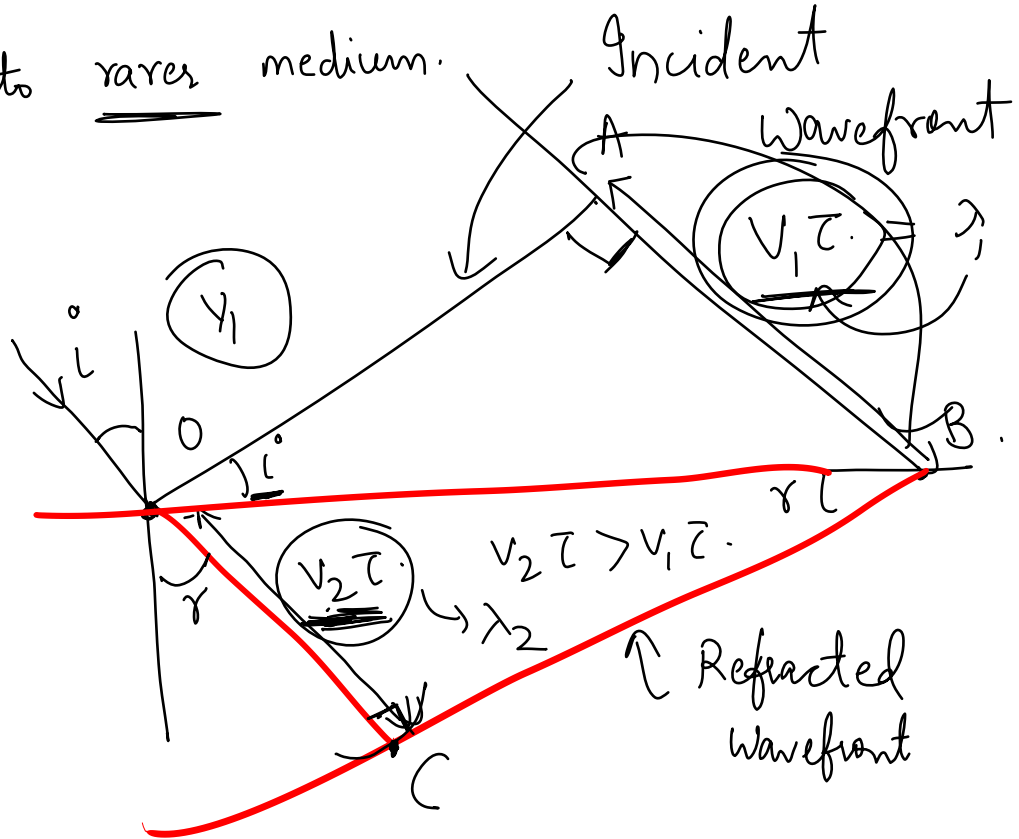
Medium 1

$$v \sin r = \frac{v_2 \tau}{OB}$$

Medium 2

$$\frac{v \sin i}{v \sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$\underline{v_2 > v_1}$$



$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$n_1 = \frac{c}{v_1}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{c}{v_2}$$

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{\cancel{c} \times n_2}{n_1 \times \cancel{c}}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 \sin i = n_2 \sin r$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} = \frac{v_1 \cancel{f}}{v_2 \cancel{f}} = \frac{AB}{OC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

Wavelength, speed of propagation changes as the medium changes but the frequency remains the same.

$$\textcircled{v_1} > v_2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{\lambda_1} > \lambda_2$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{v_1} = \frac{\lambda_2}{v_2} \rightarrow f_2$$

$$\underline{f_1} = \underline{f_2}$$

frequency remains constant
when medium changes.