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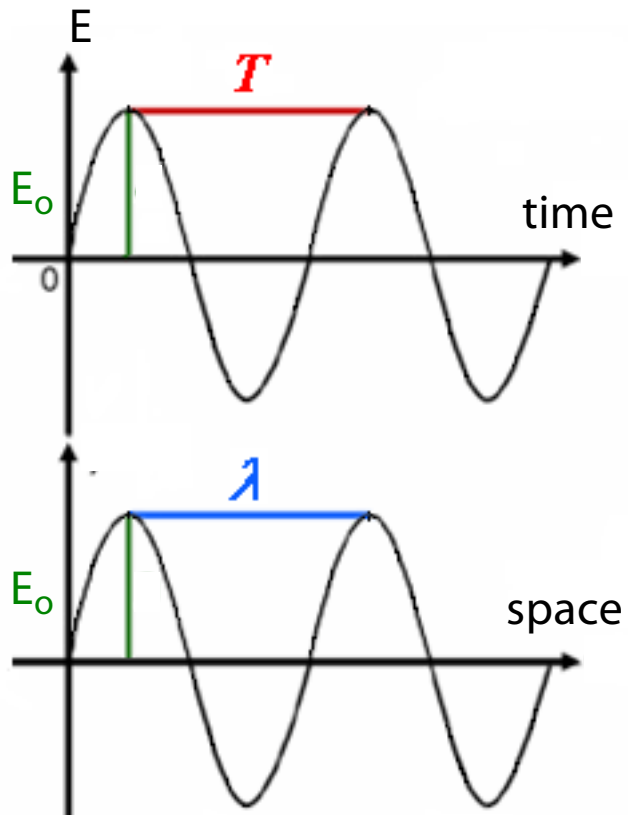
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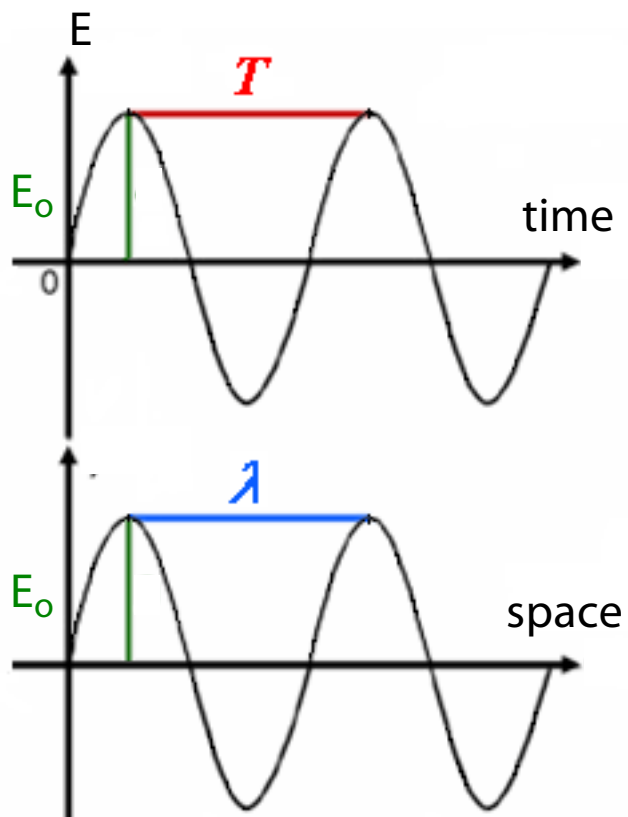
which is a solution to the wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$$

c = speed of light in vacuum

$$c = f \cdot \lambda = \omega / k$$

$$I = \text{Intensity} = (c \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot n / 2) \cdot |E|^2$$



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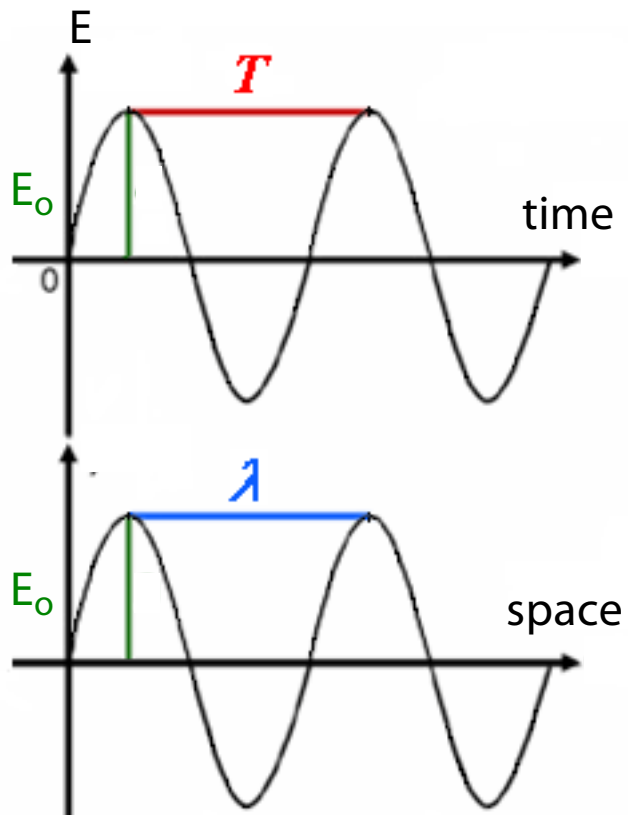
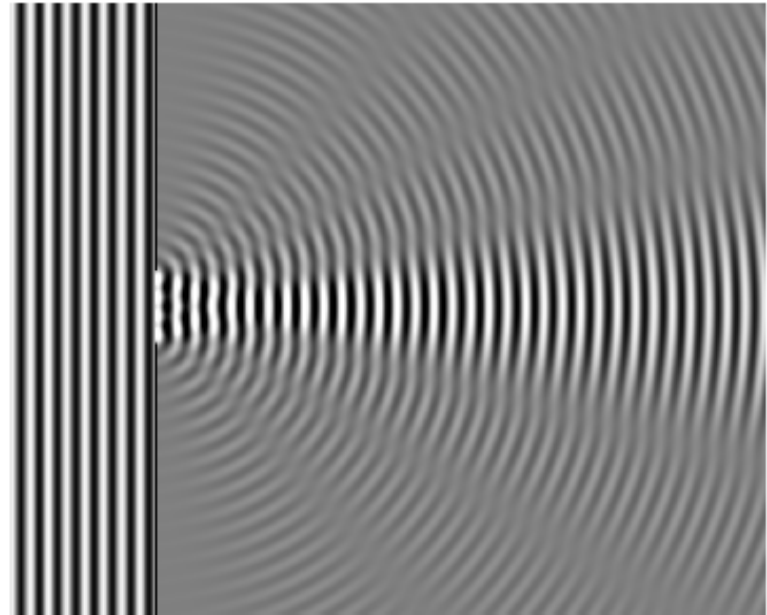
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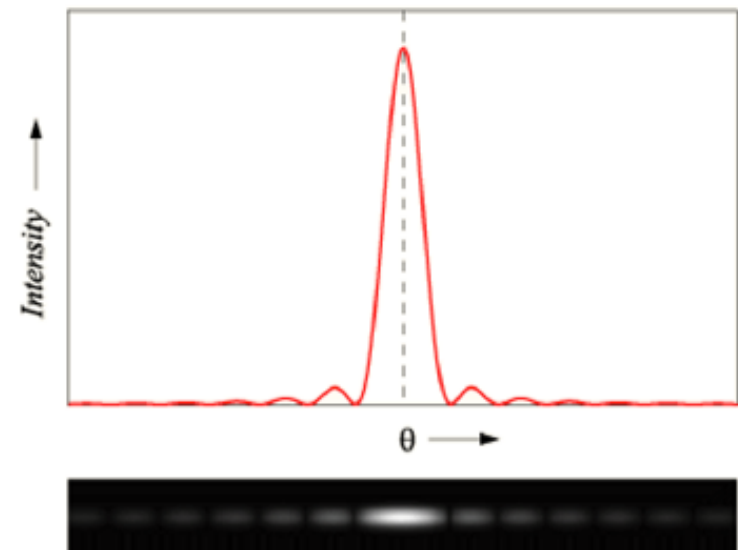
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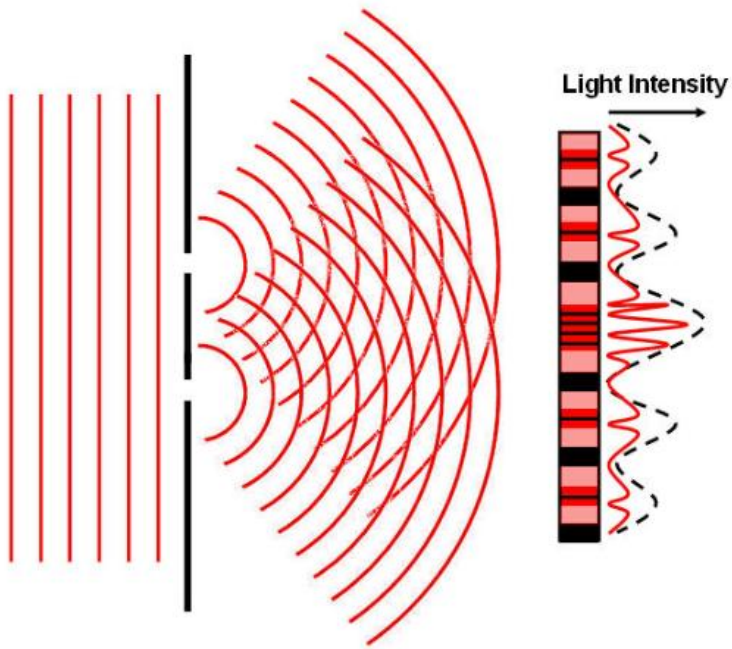


Single-slit diffraction pattern

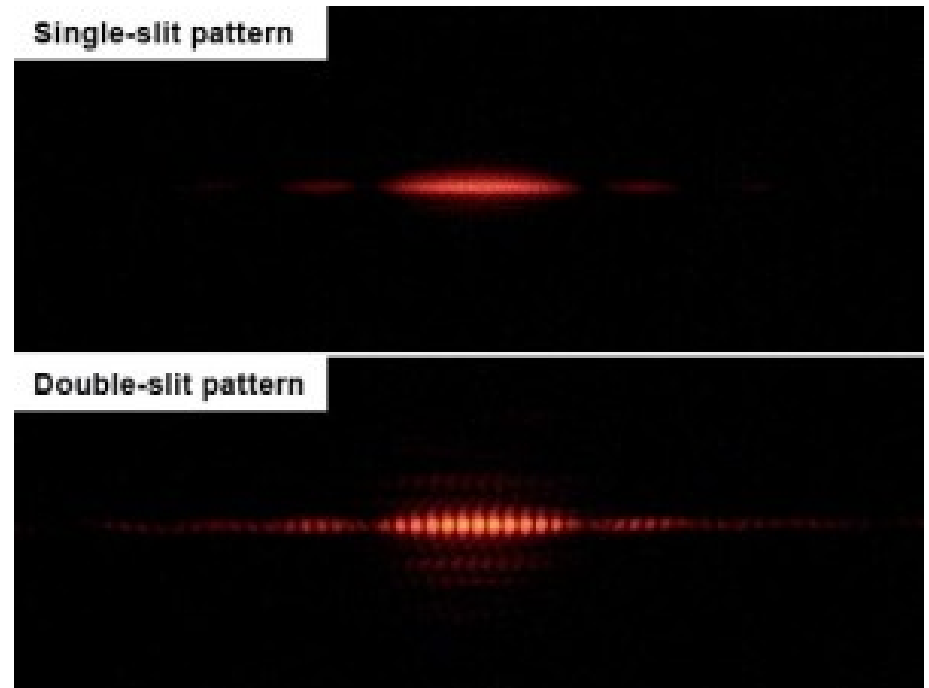


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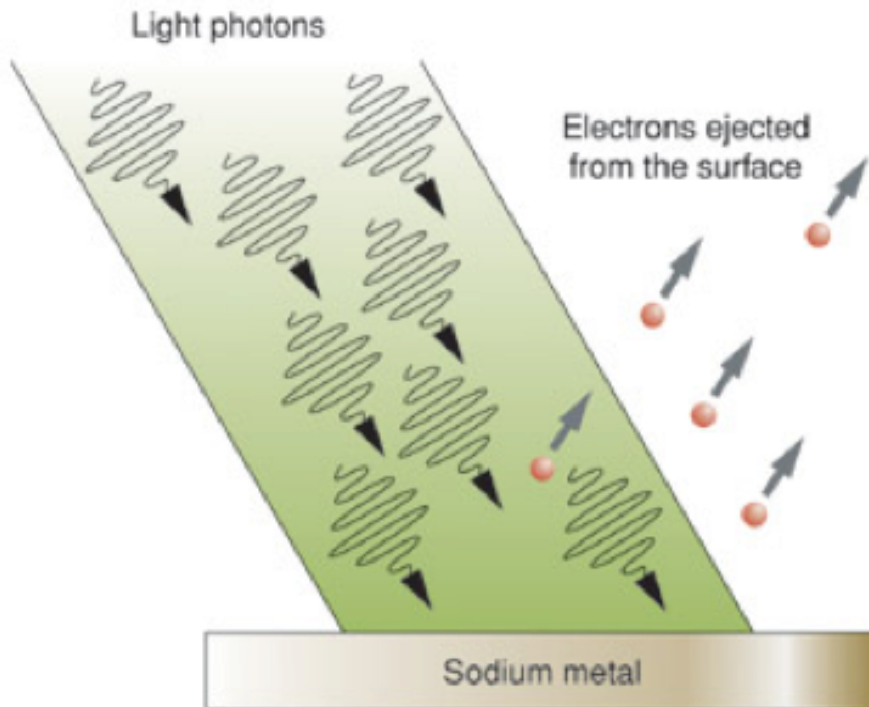


Double Slit
Diffraction Experiment



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Light can be described as discrete particles (photons)



Photoelectric Effect

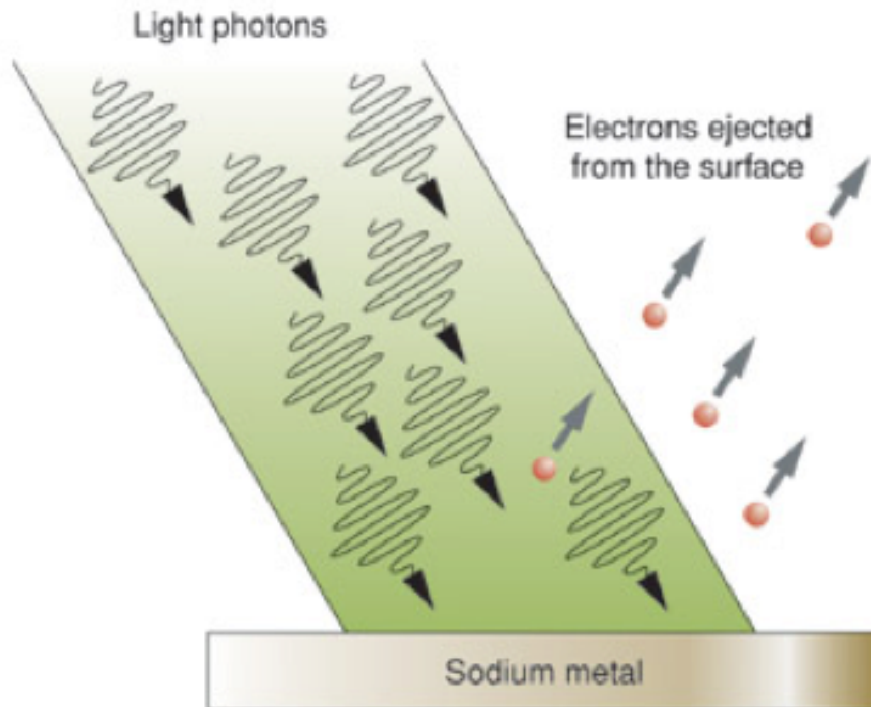
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Wave - Particle Duality

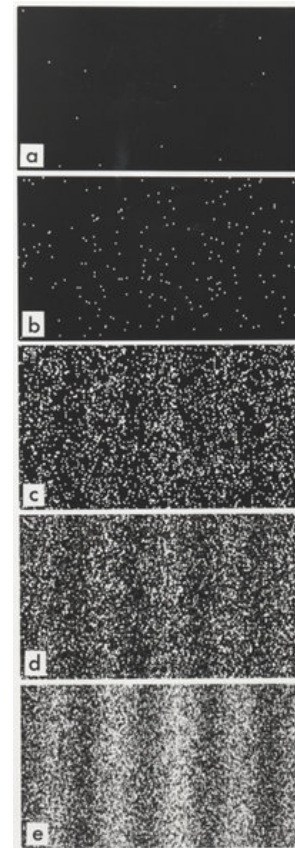


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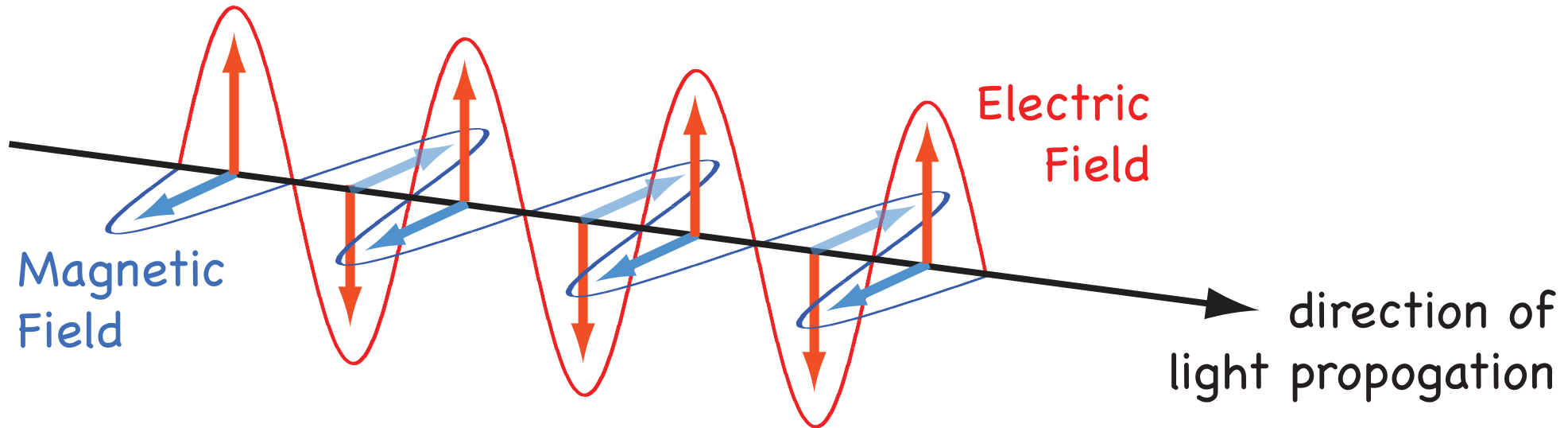
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Young's Double Slit Experiment

Light is an Electromagnetic Field

We will discuss electromagnetic fields in more detail when we cover Ch. 24



For now, the important point is that we can treat light as a transverse wave : as the light propagates forward, the electric field oscillates perpendicular to that direction of oscillation.

We will deal only with the electric field and completely ignore the magnetic field for now.

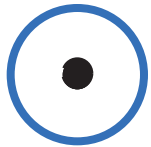
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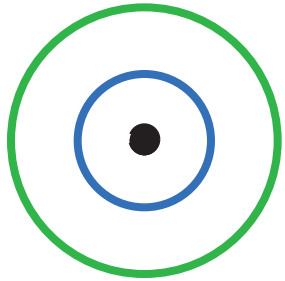
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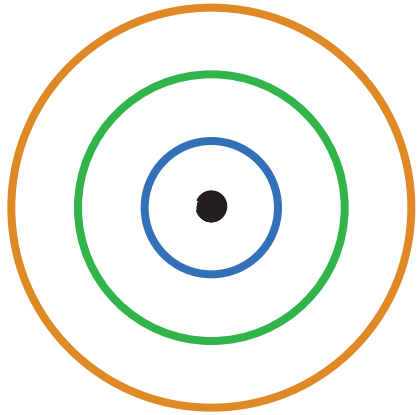
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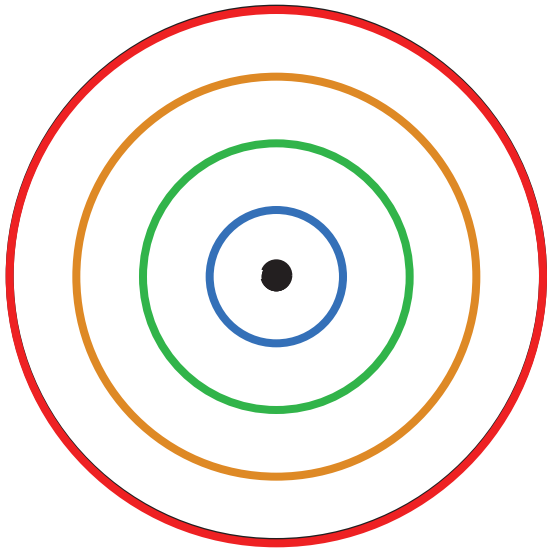
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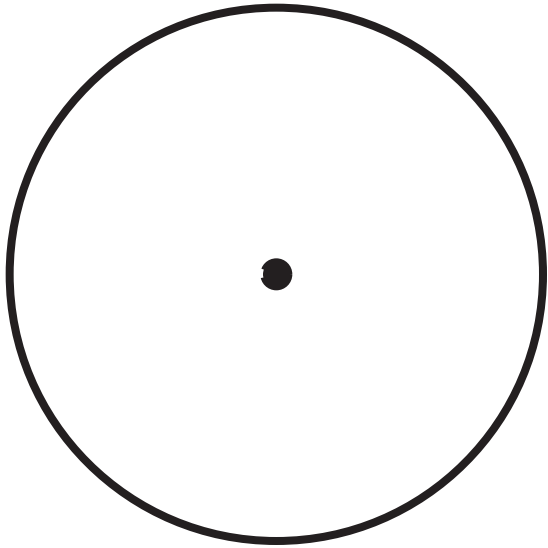
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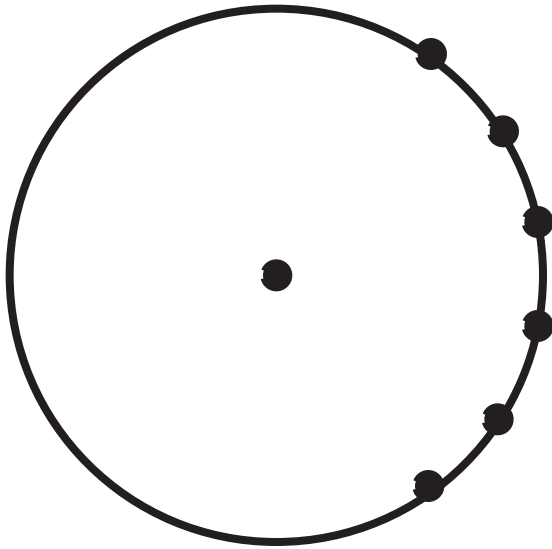


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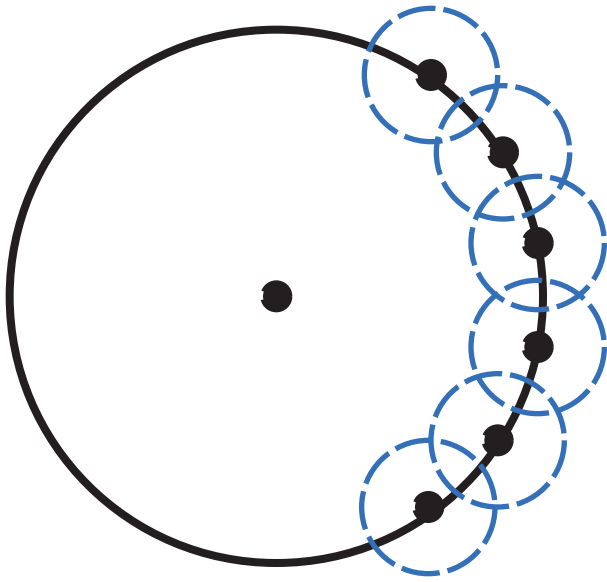


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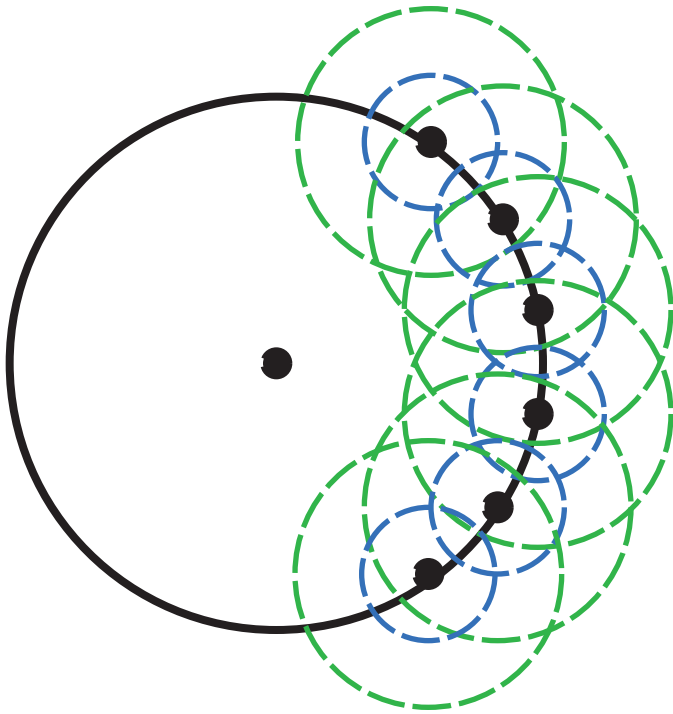


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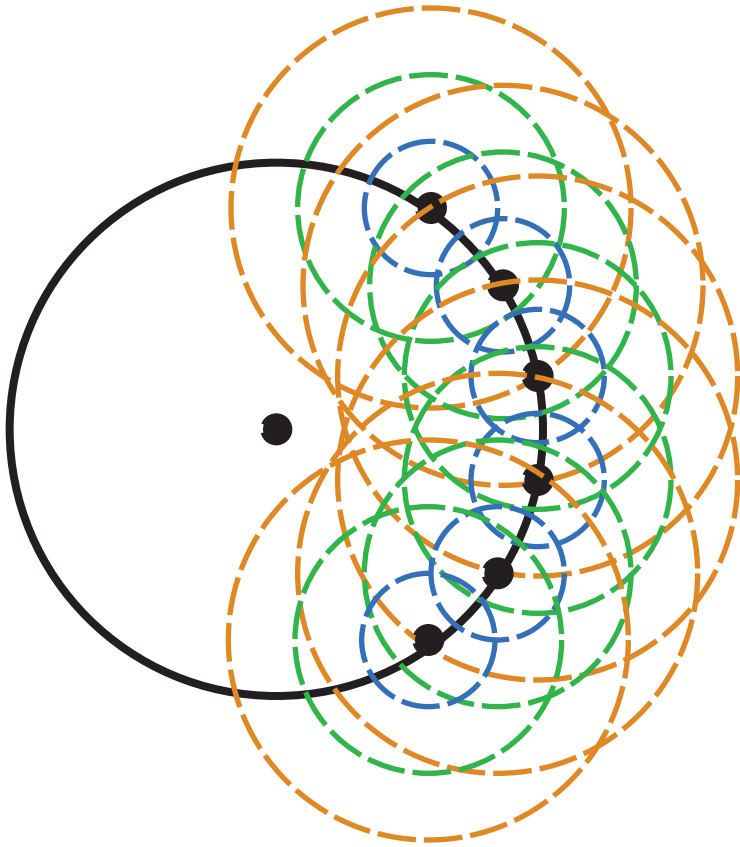


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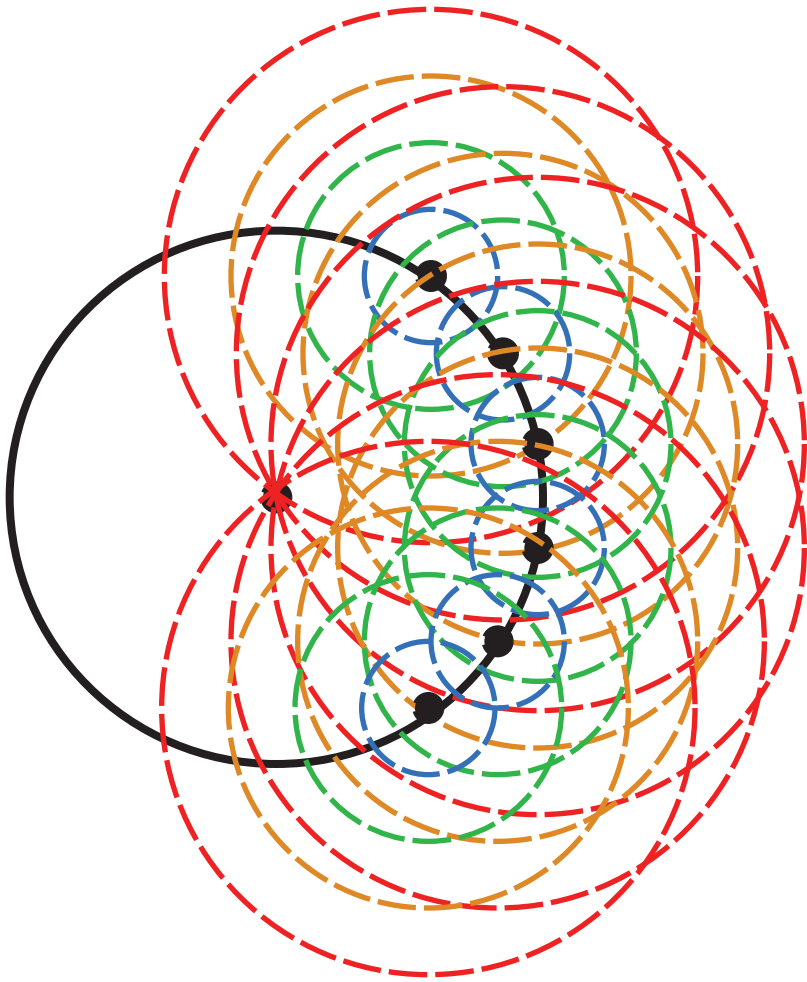


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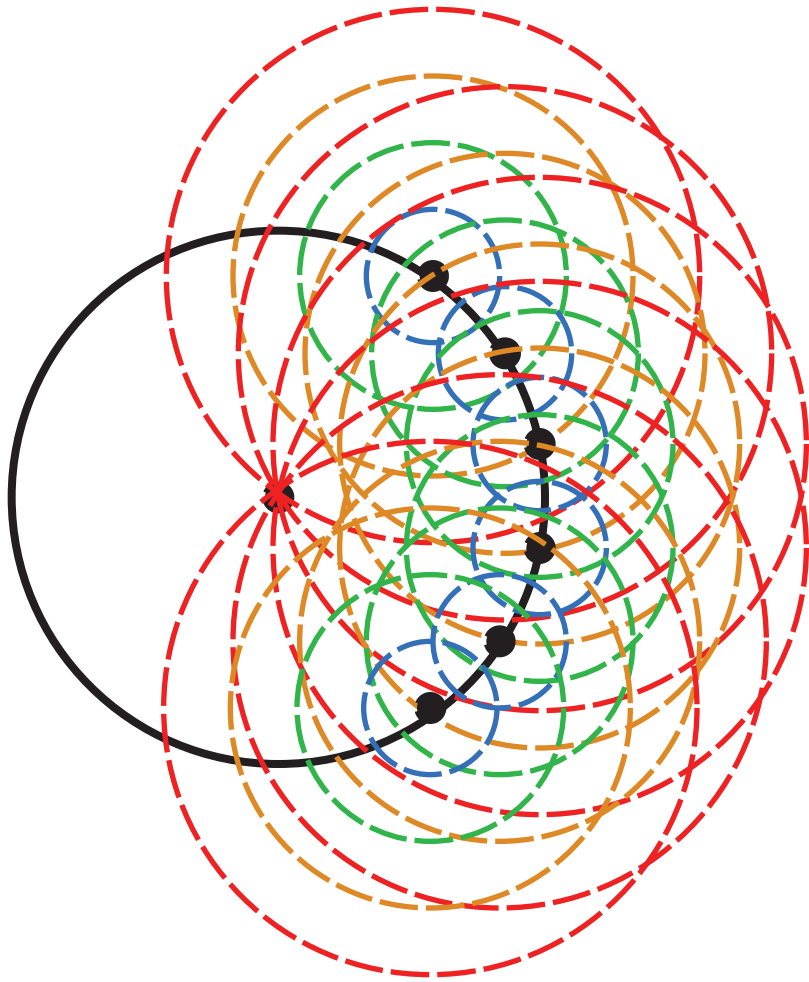
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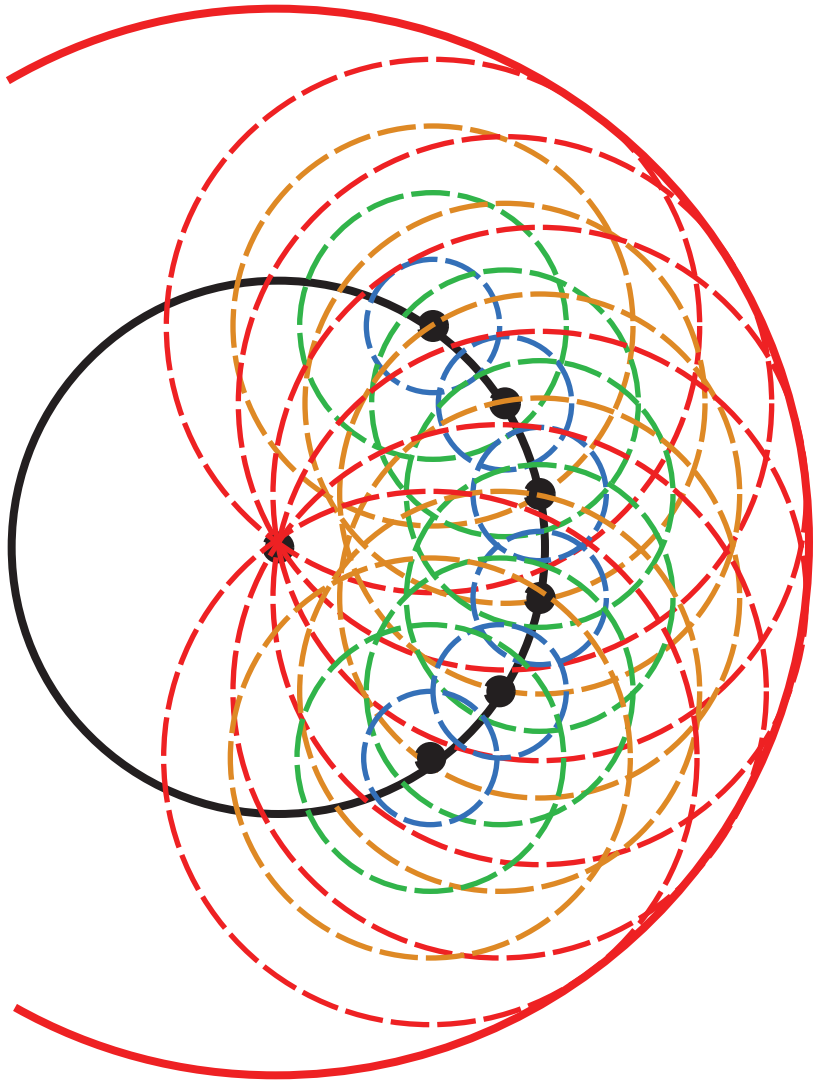
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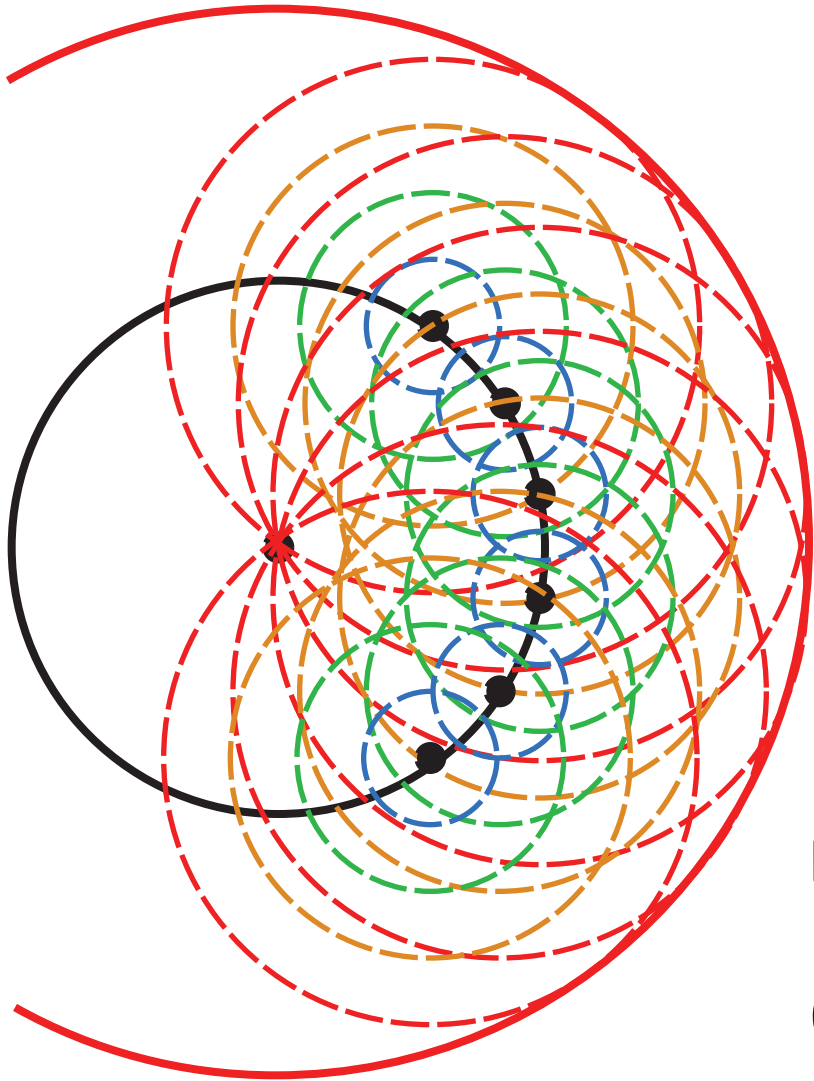
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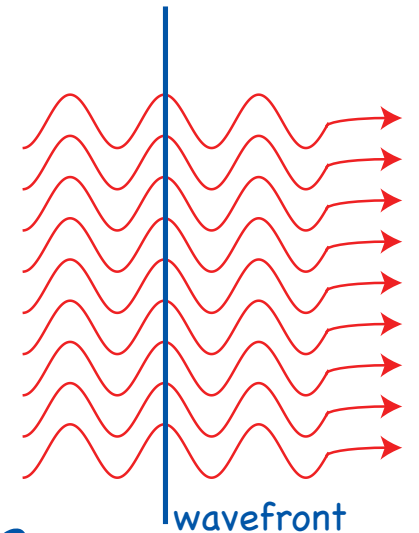


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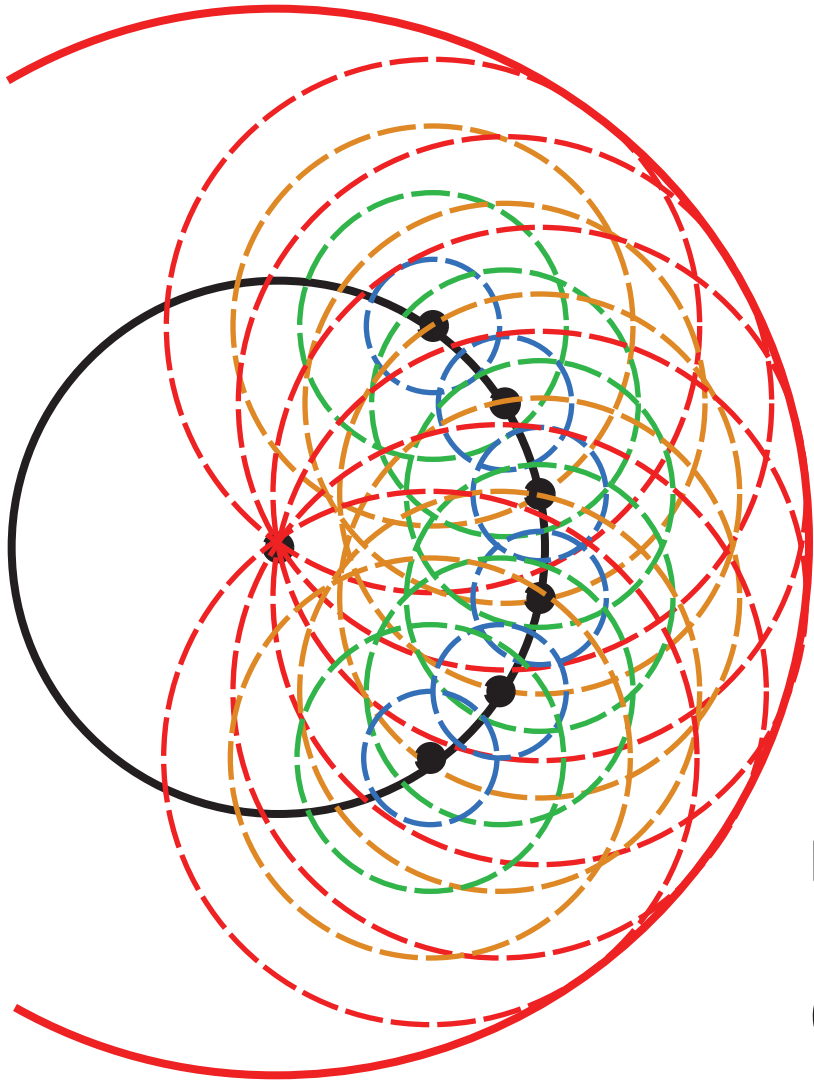
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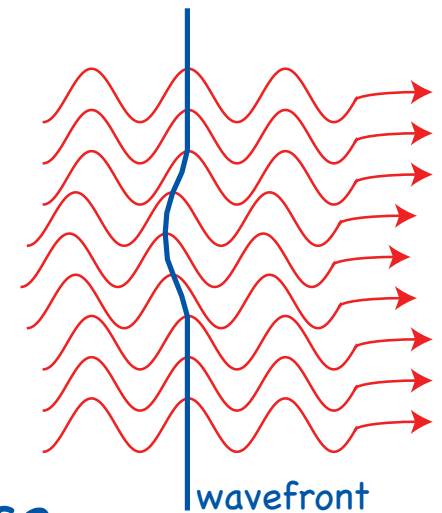


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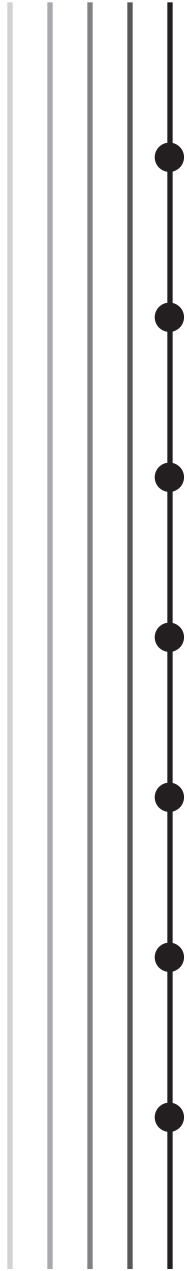
This may seem like a lot of effort to get a trivial result, but this same method will allow us to examine situations like diffraction and refraction at an interface (Ch 25)

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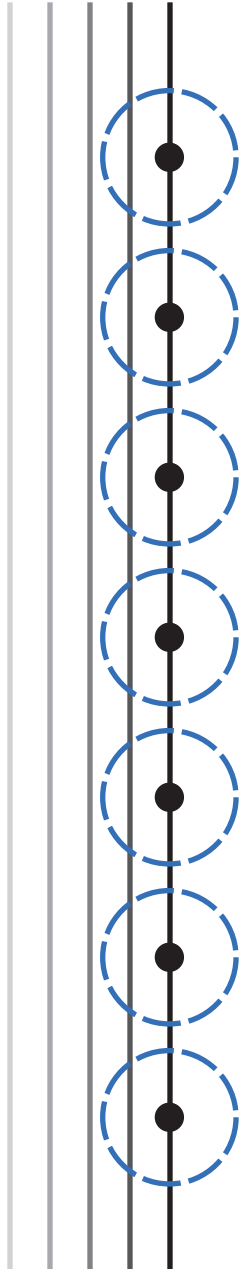


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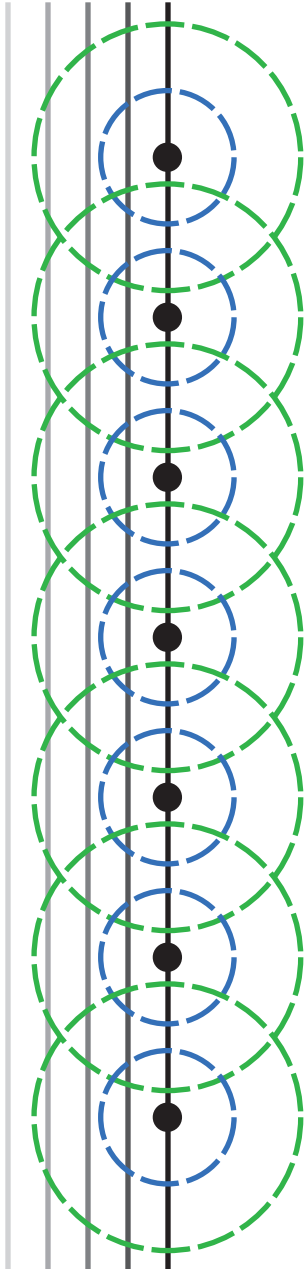
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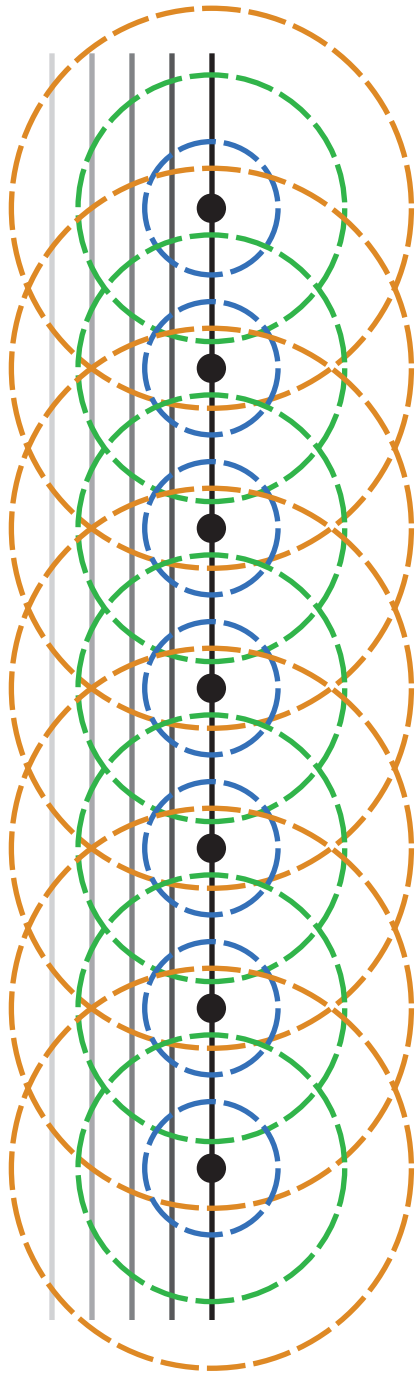
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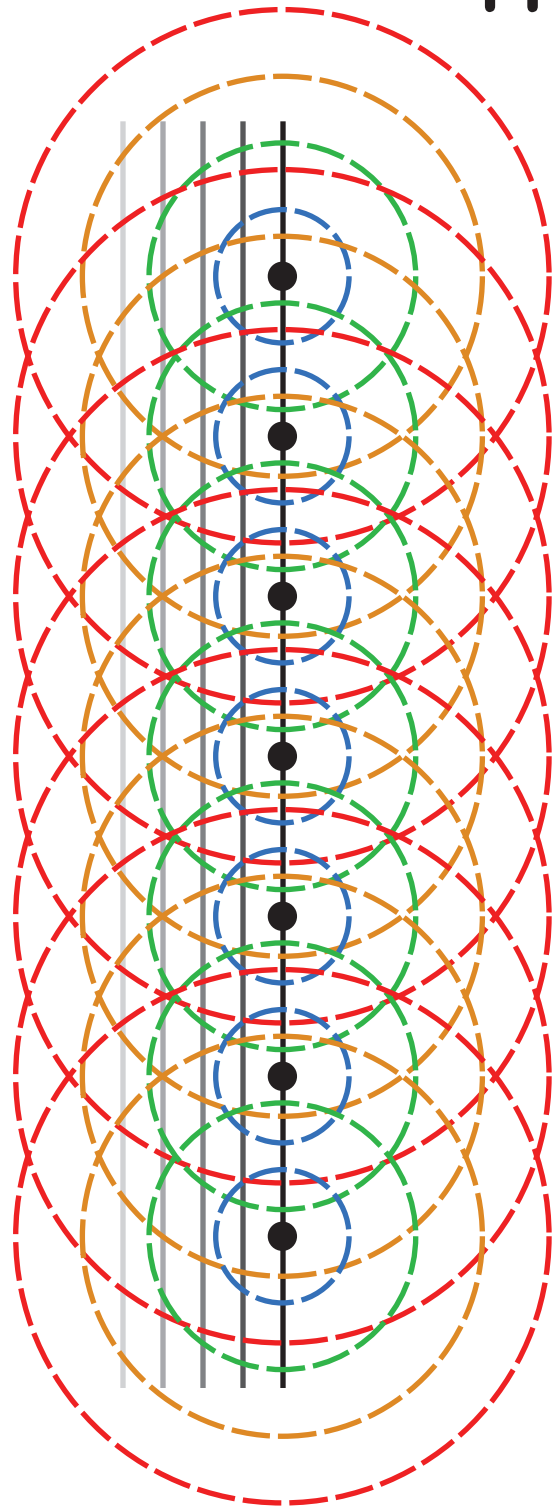
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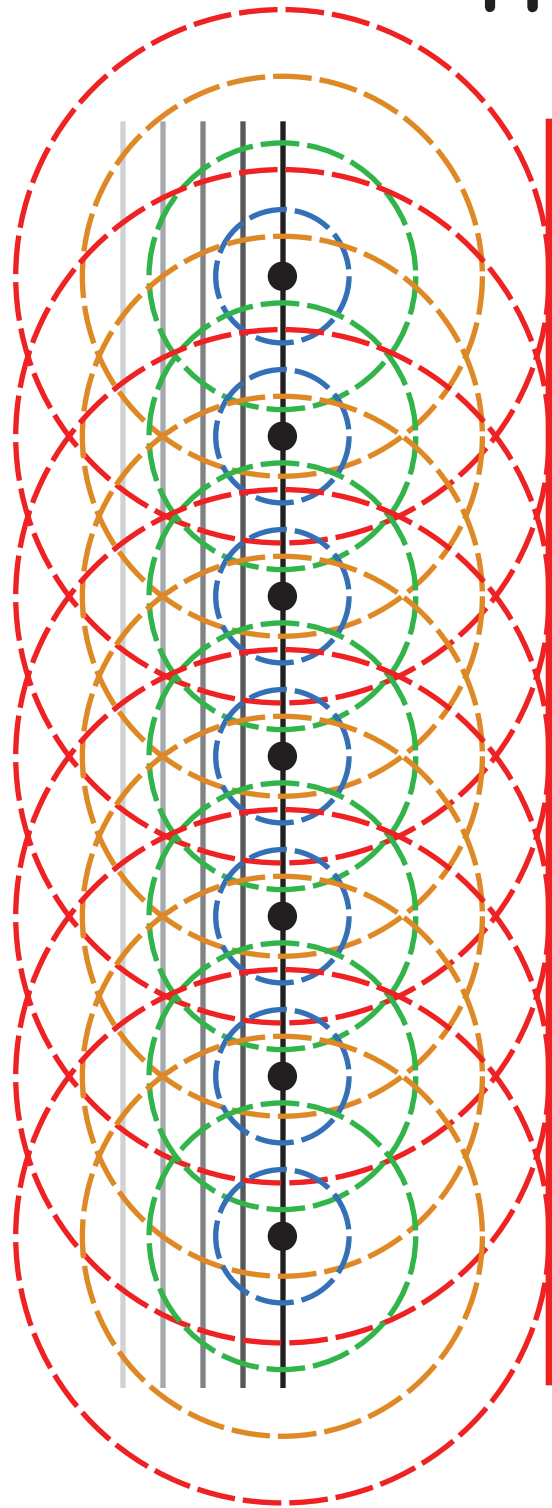
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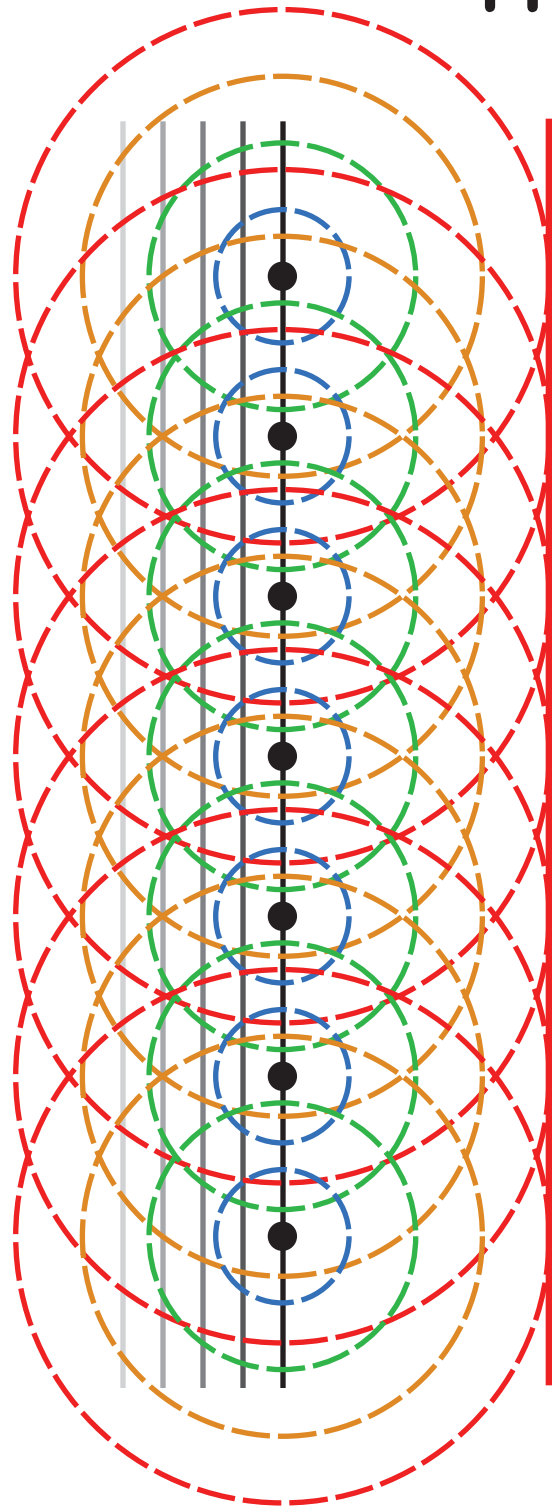
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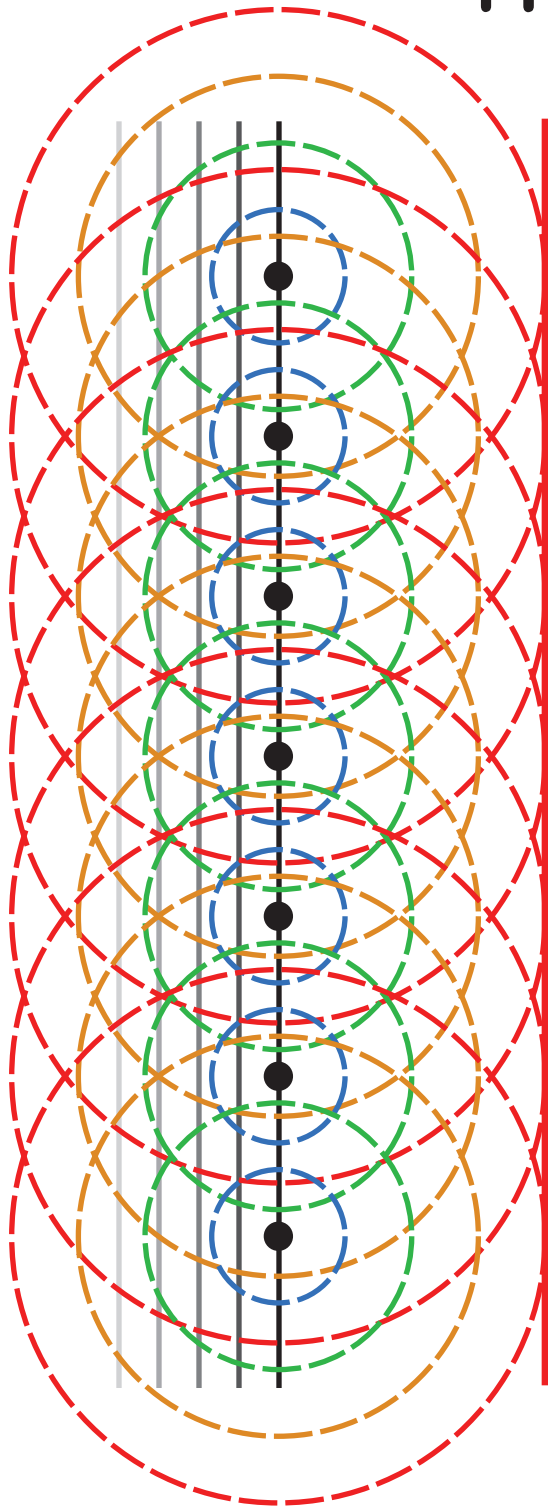
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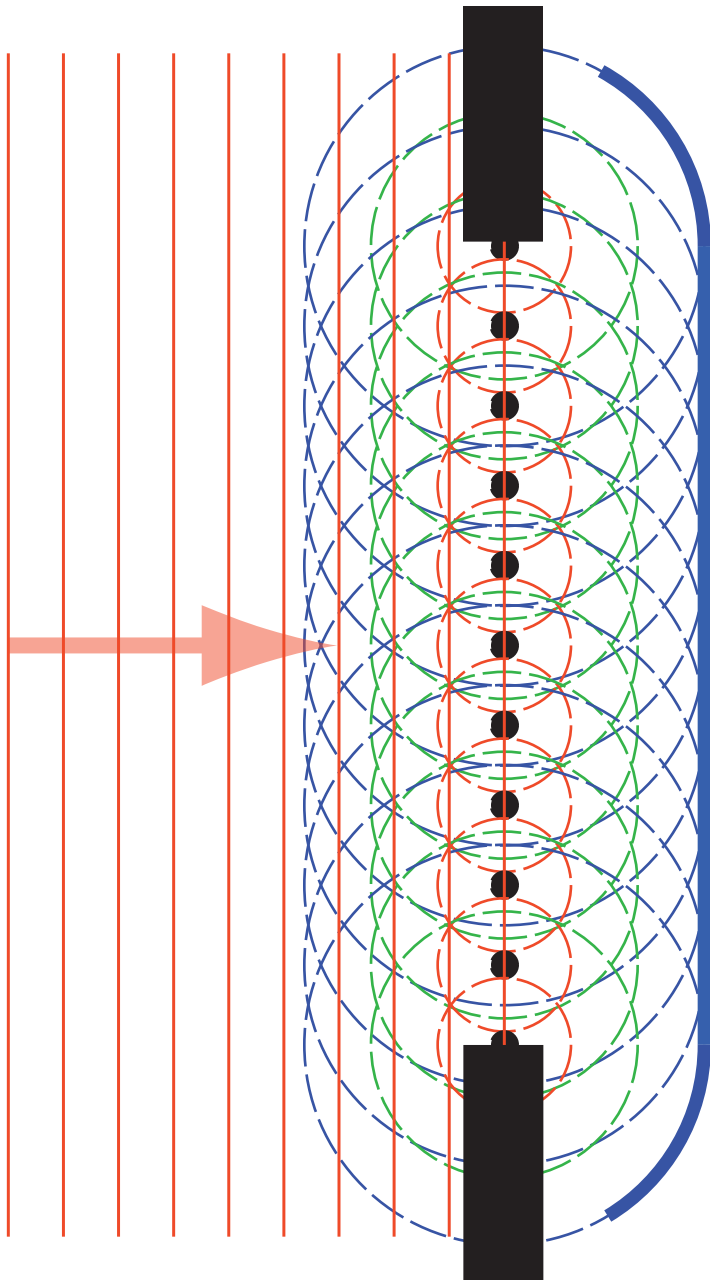


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How do we get an "infinite plane wave" to start with? Well, in reality we can never really get a truly infinite plane wave, but if we look at the light from a distant star, the radius of curvature of the wavefront is so large, that over any small area (say, this room), the wavefront appears flat, and seems to extend to infinity

Diffraction



When we pass an [infinite] wave past a barrier (for example, through a hole) we break the symmetry of the Huygen wavelets near the edges.

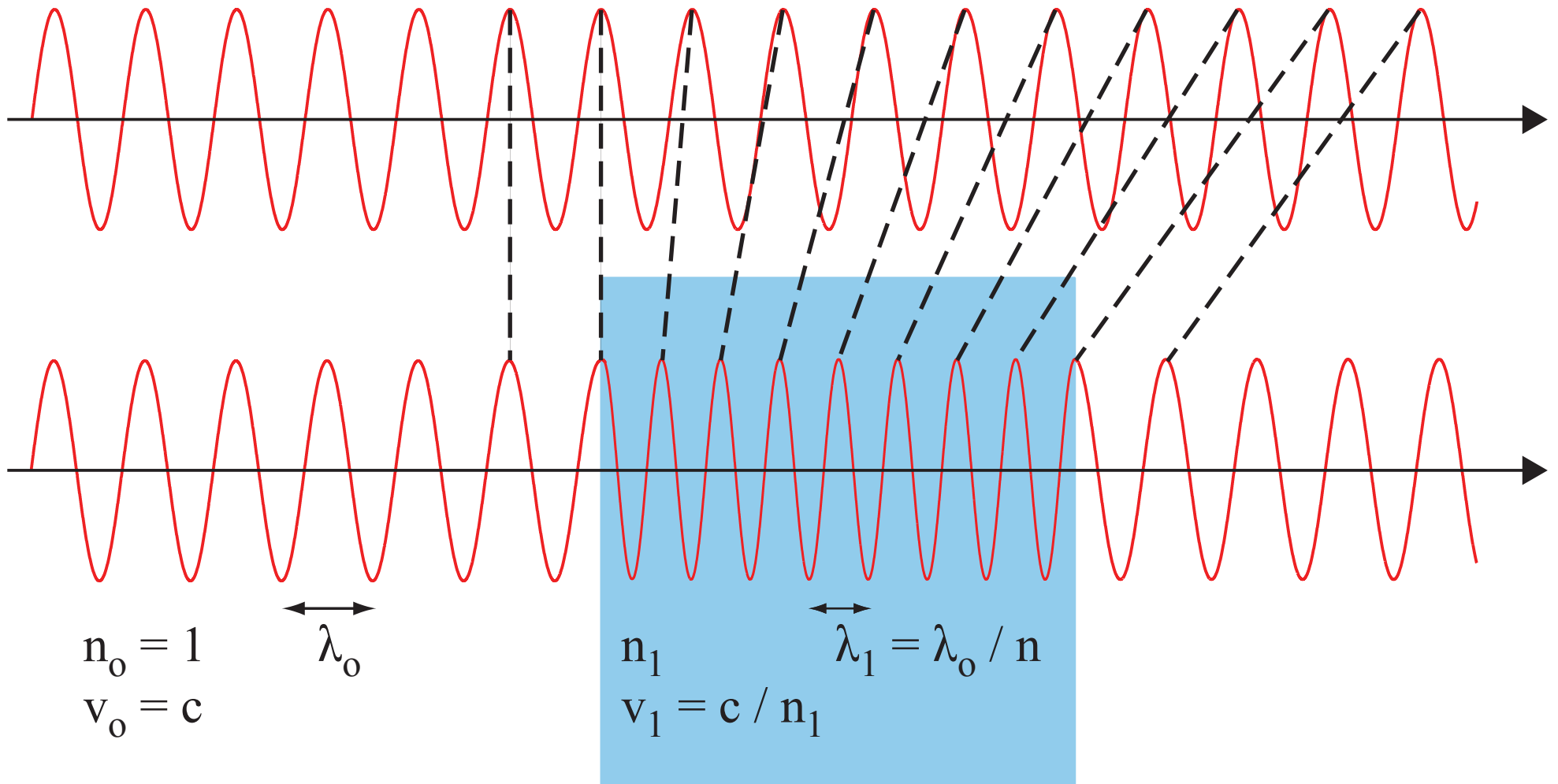
As a result, waves diffract (bend) as they pass through small openings.

How small is small?

Diffraction becomes appreciable when the opening get to be approximately the same size or smaller than a wavelength of the wave passing through it.

Index of Refraction

Light travels slower in materials with higher refractive index



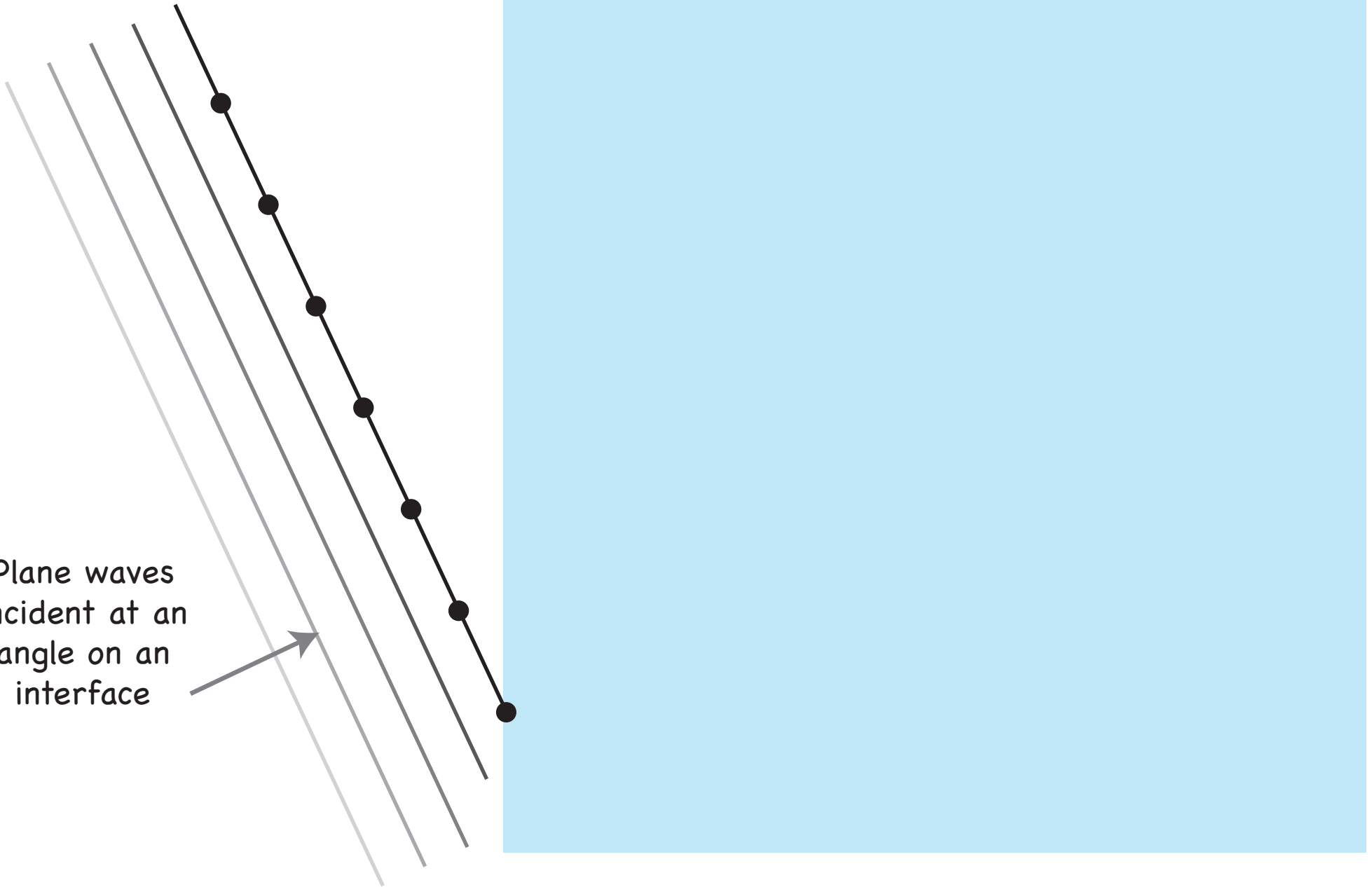
$$\text{Index of Refraction : } n = \frac{\text{speed of light in vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in medium}} = \frac{c}{v}$$

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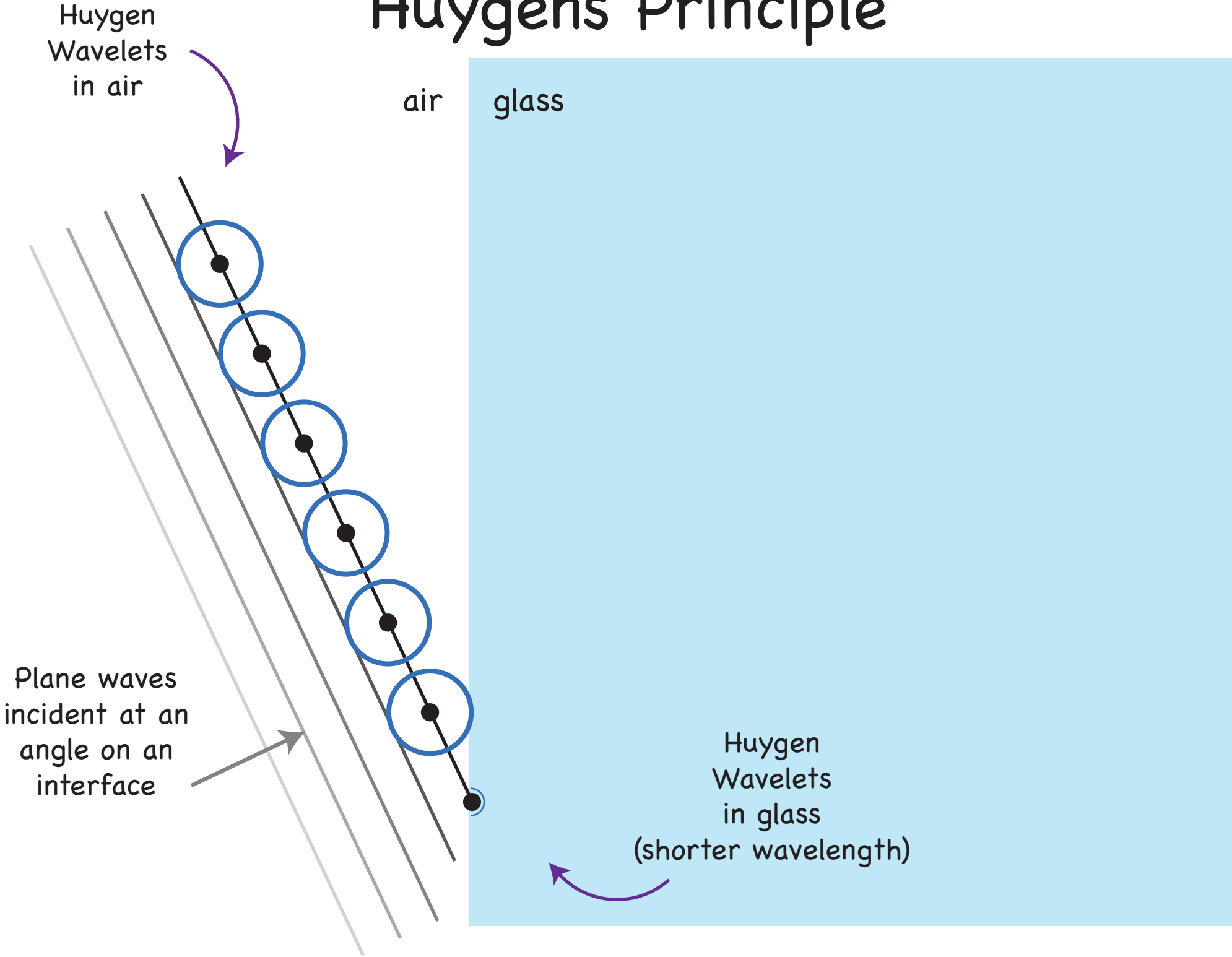
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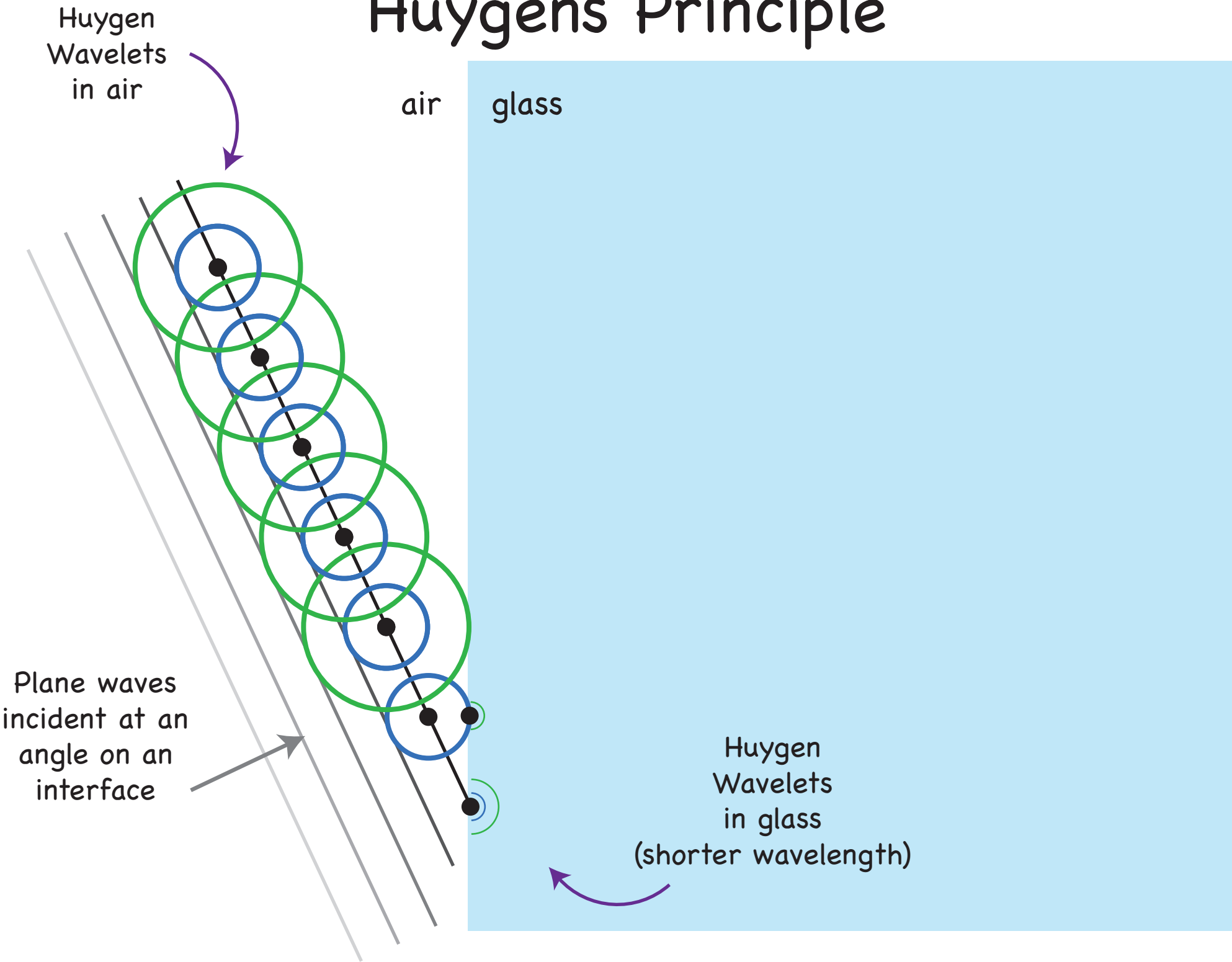
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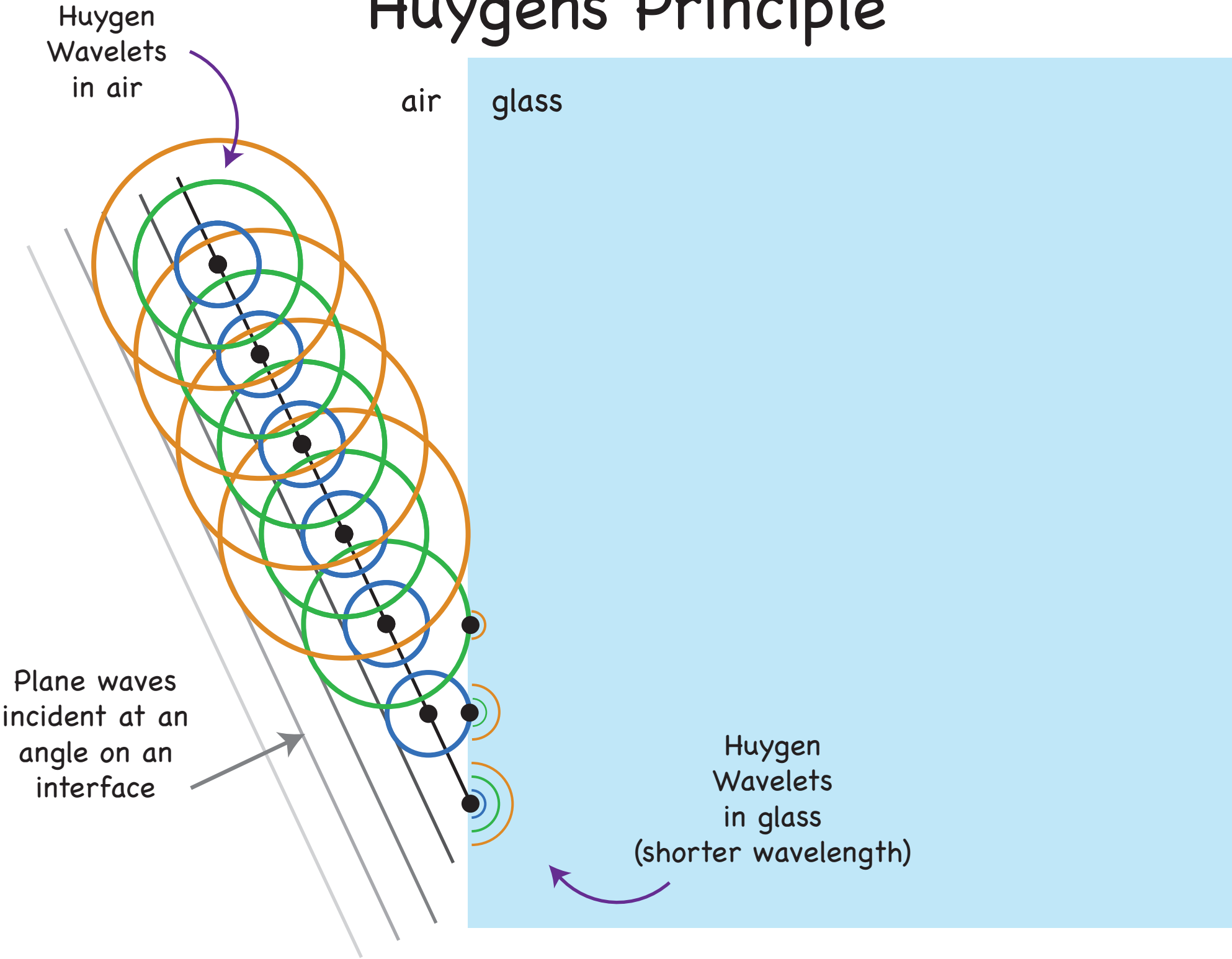
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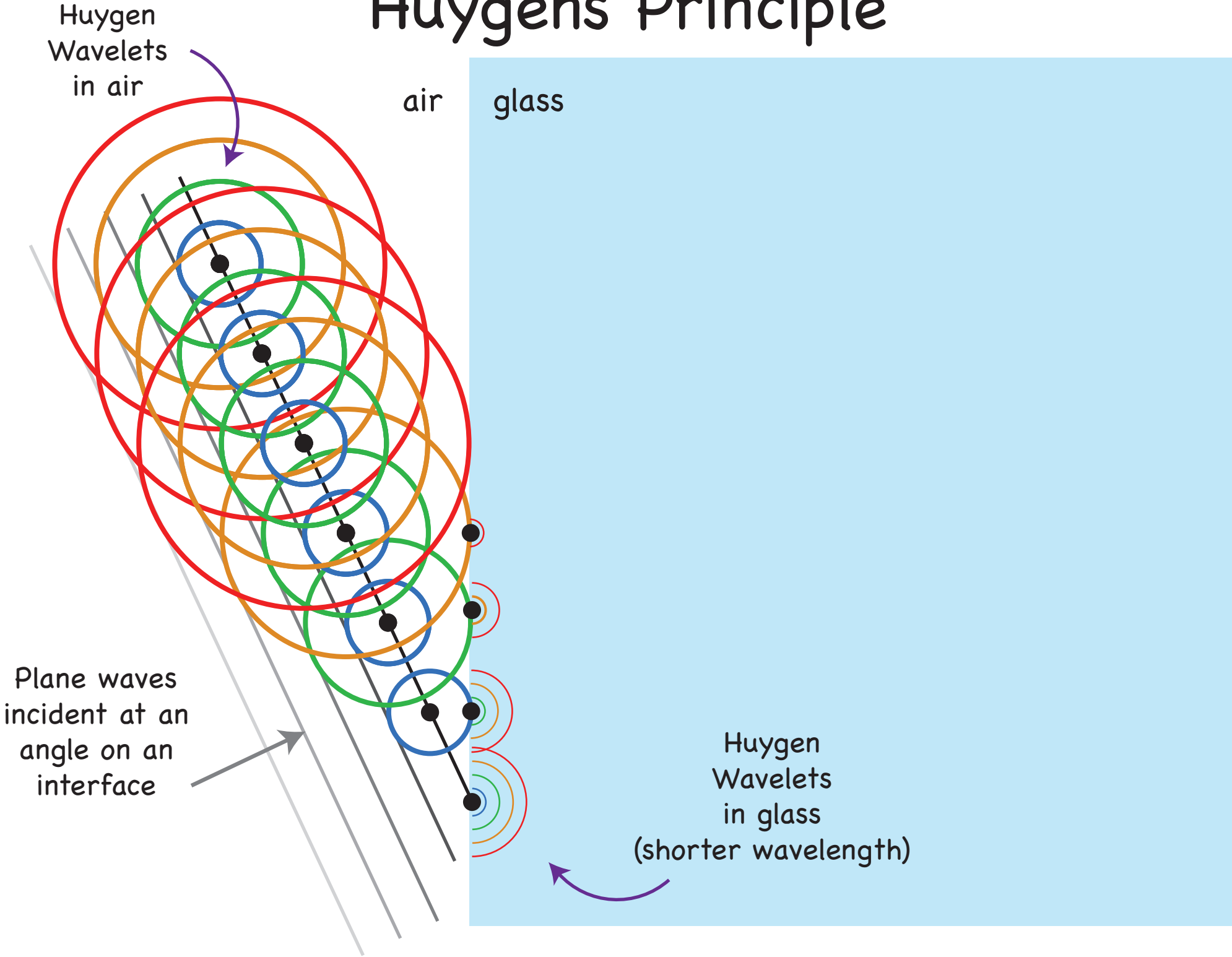
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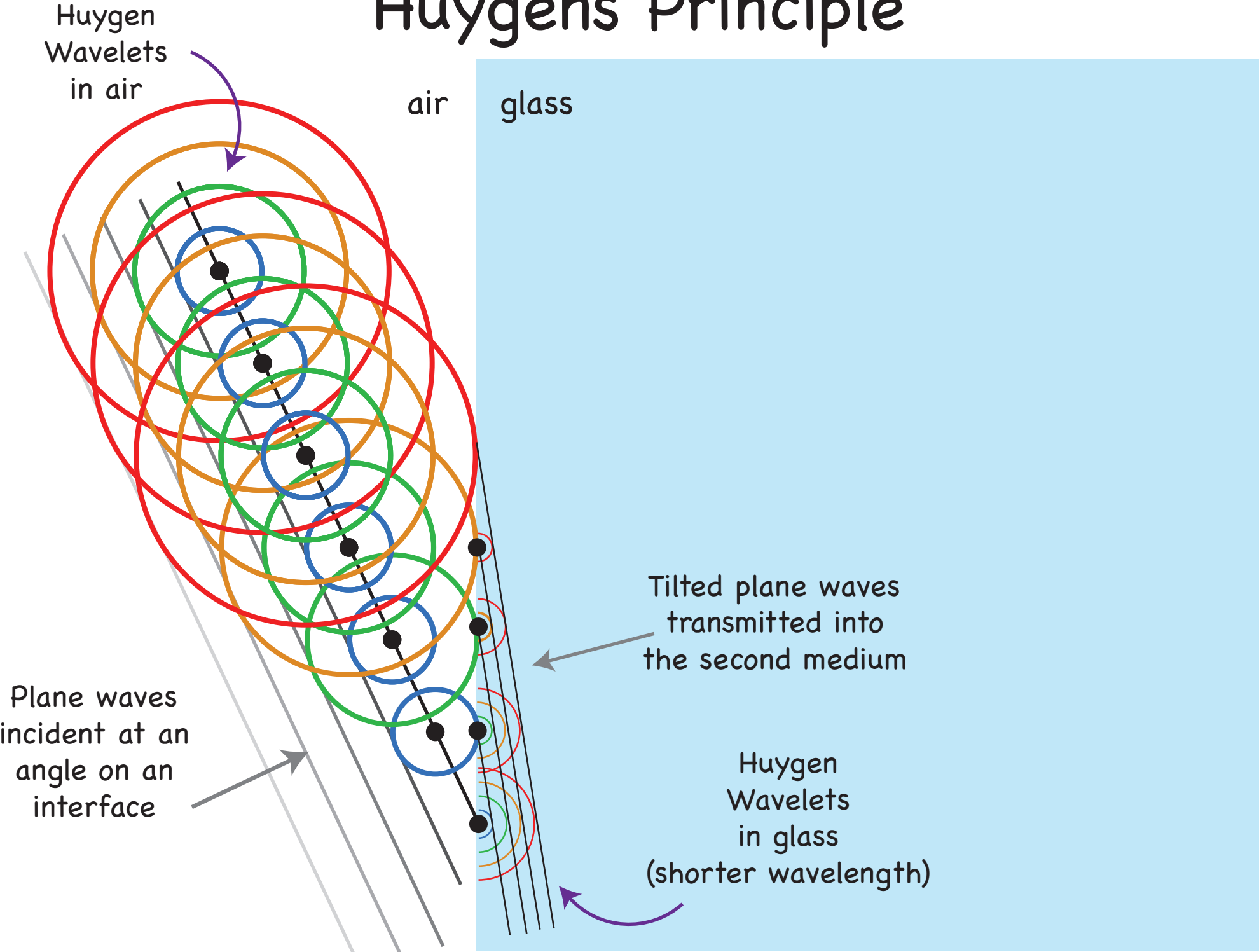
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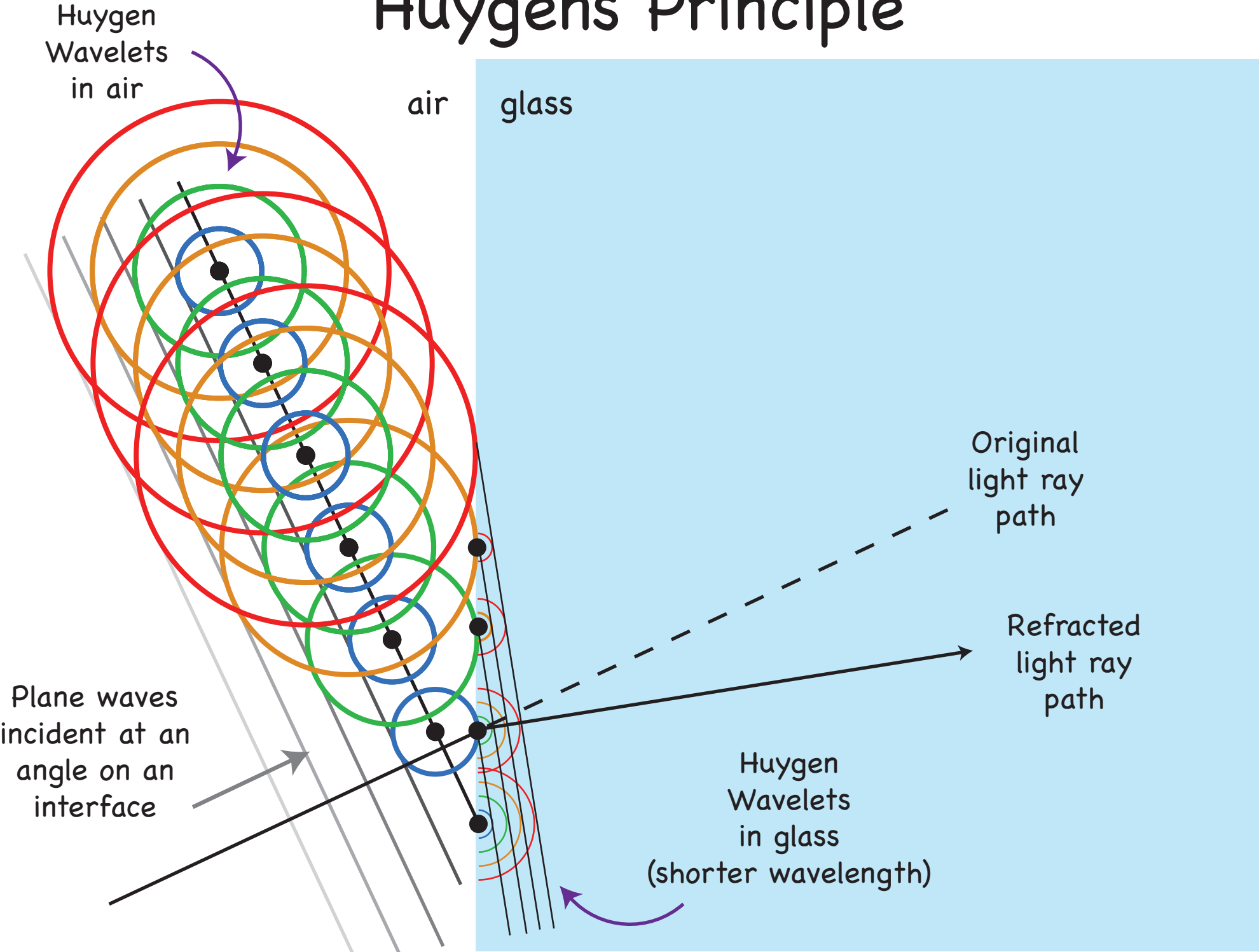
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Approximations

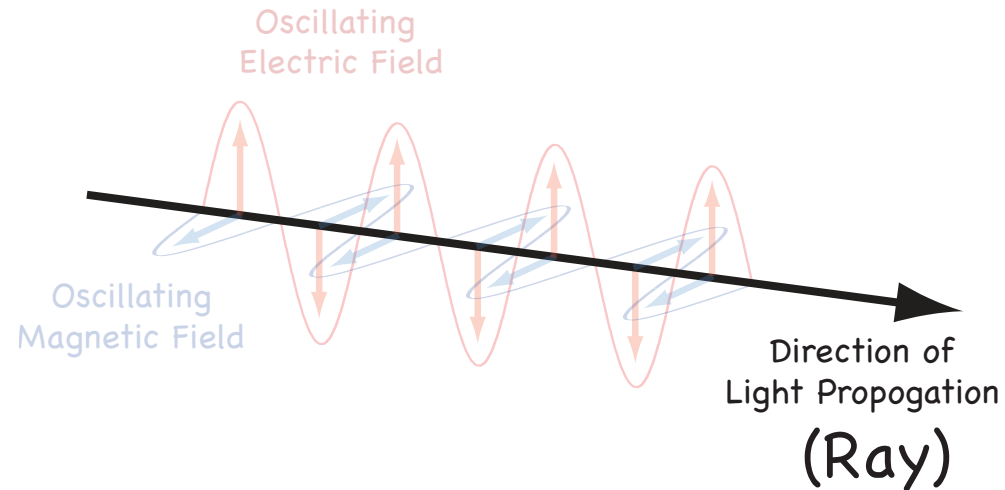
Brutalizing optics into 4 limiting regimes

- Ray (Geometric Optics) : $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
- Paraxial Approximation : $\theta \ll \pi/2$
- Thin Lens Approximation : lens thickness $\rightarrow 0$
- Lossless Approximation : scatter, absorption $\rightarrow 0$

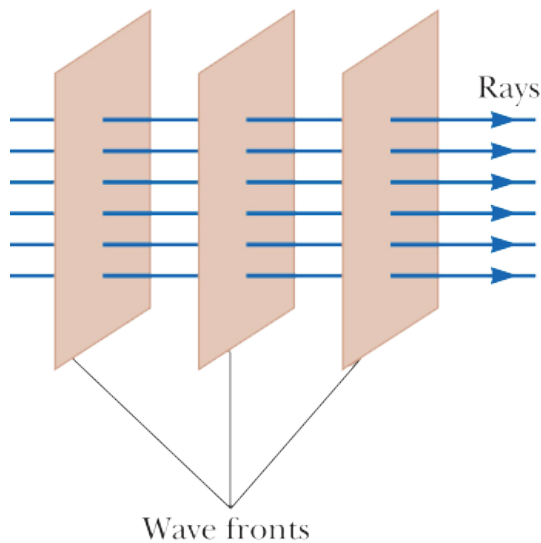
Ray Model / Geometric Optics

Assumes that ($\lambda \ll d$) so that we can ignore diffraction effects

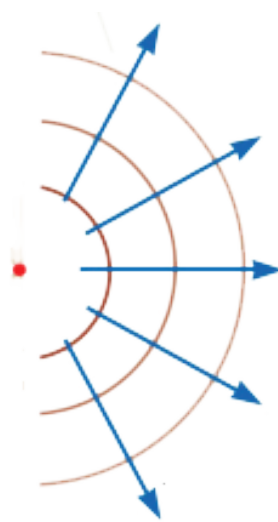
We will take our electromagnetic wave and strip it down to the ray (arrow) that points in the direction of the wave propagation.



The light rays are straight lines that are perpendicular to the wave fronts

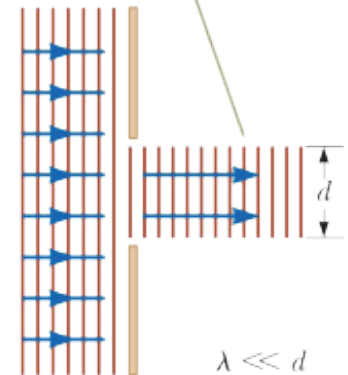


Plane Wave Fronts



Spherical Wave Fronts

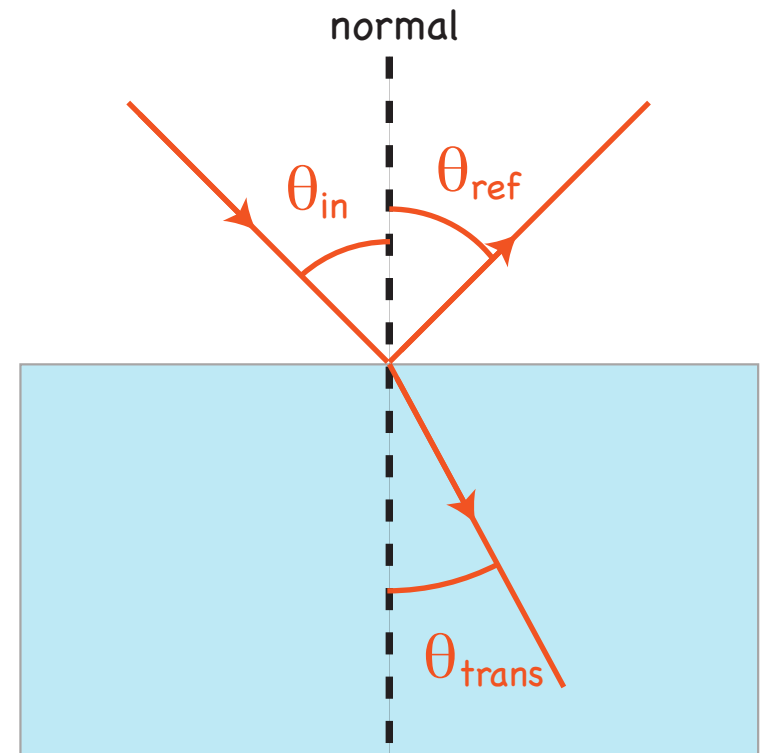
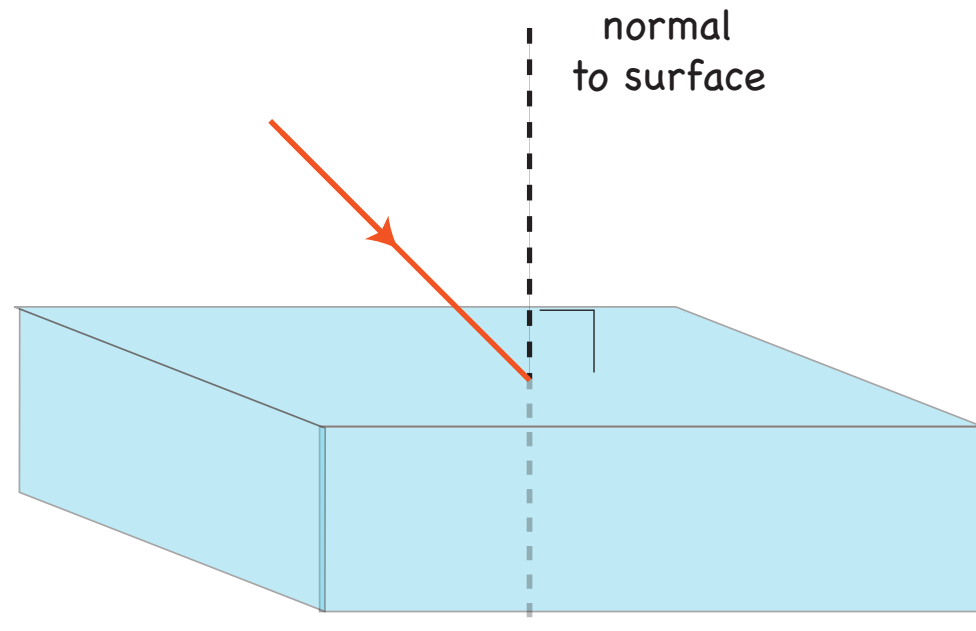
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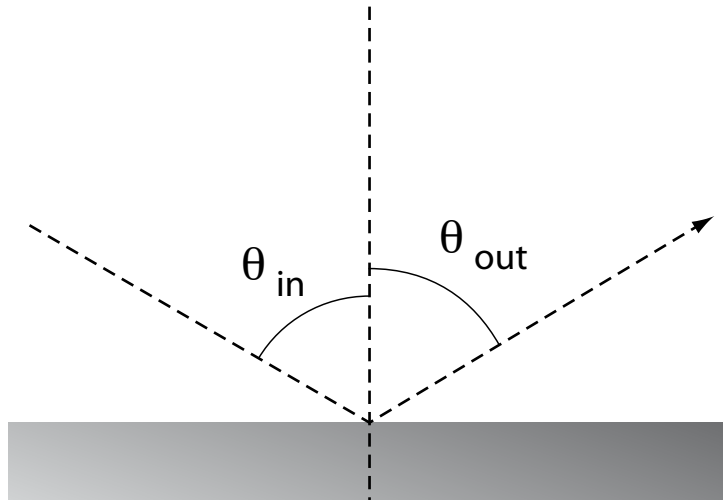
In the ray optics limit, we ignore diffraction.

Rays : The Rules

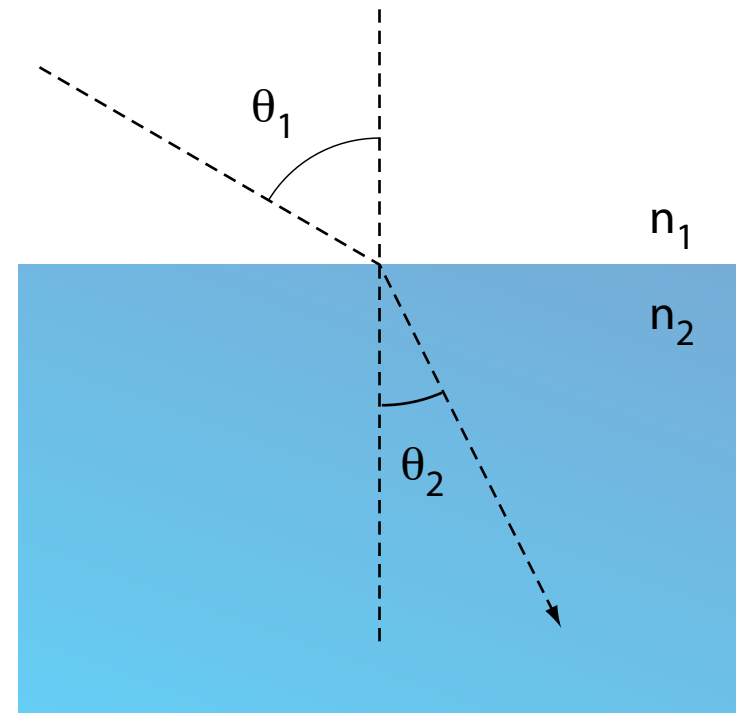
- A geometric ray will move in a straight line as long as the medium does not change.
- When a geometric ray arrives at an interface between two different materials, it can reflect or refract to a new angle
- When dealing with interfaces, the angle of a geometric ray is always taken with respect to the “normal to the surface” (an imaginary line that is perpendicular to the surface)



Laws of Reflection and Refraction



Laws of Reflection : $\theta_{in} = \theta_{out}$



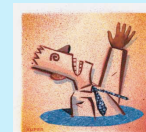
Snell's Law : $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$

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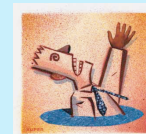


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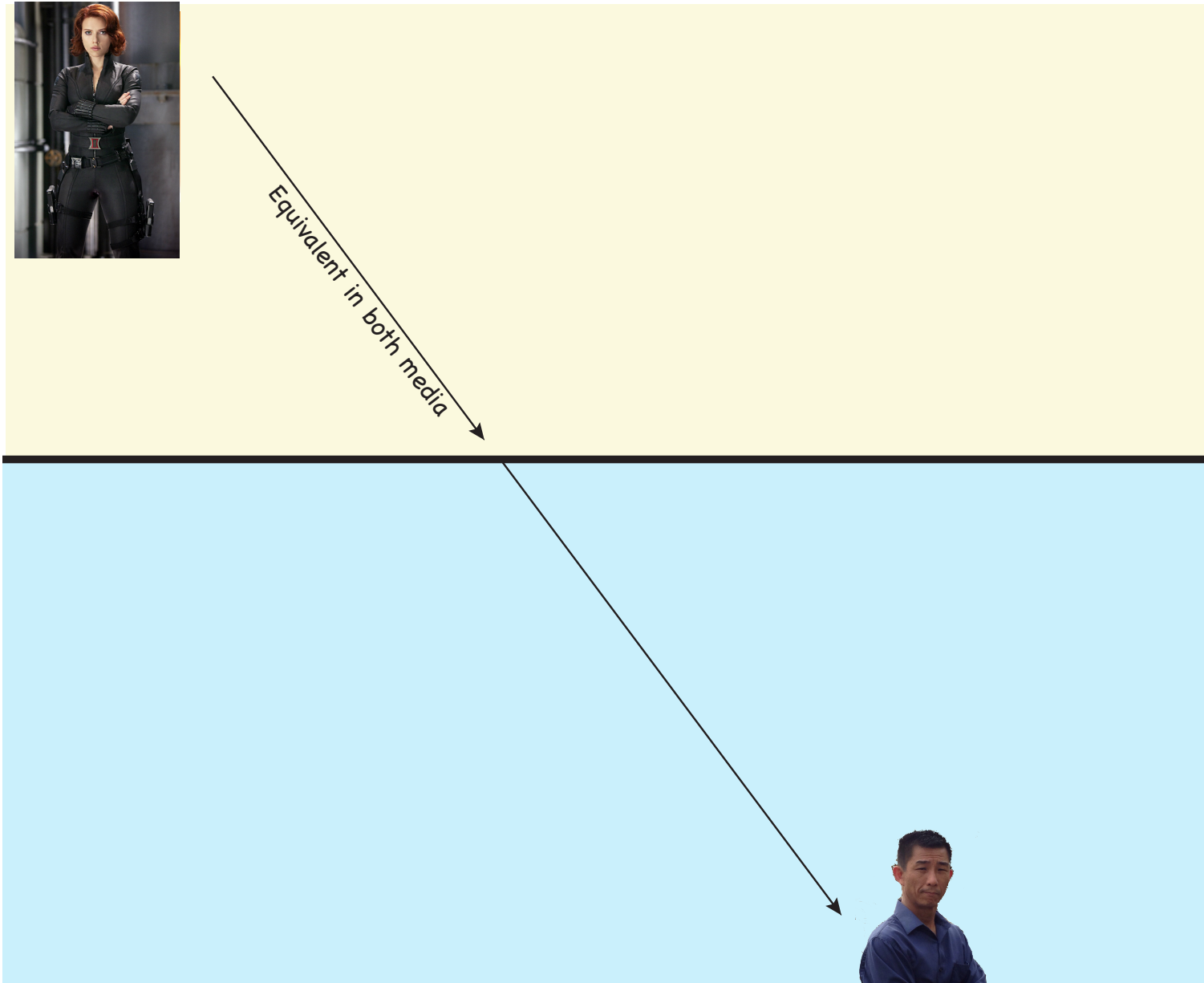


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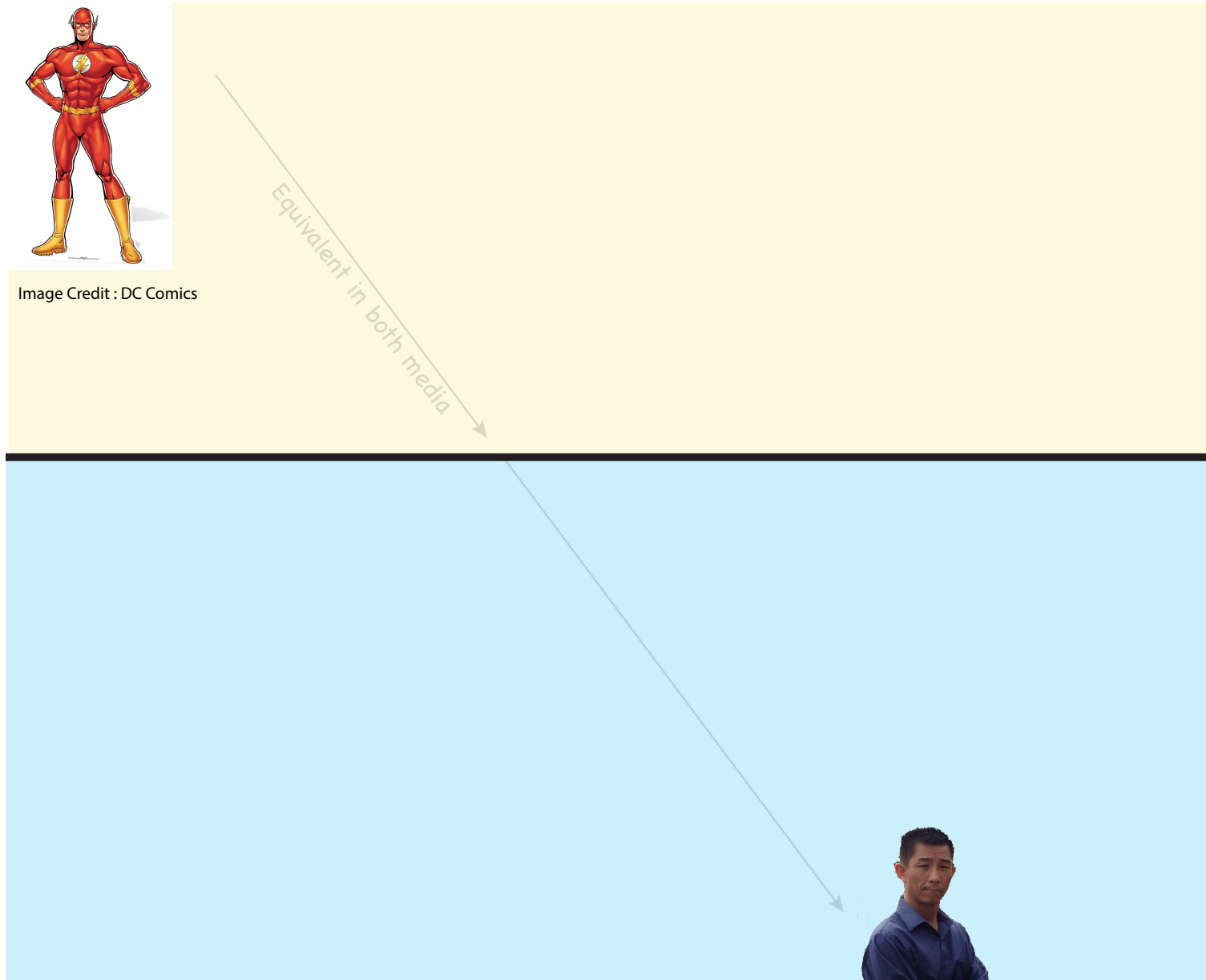


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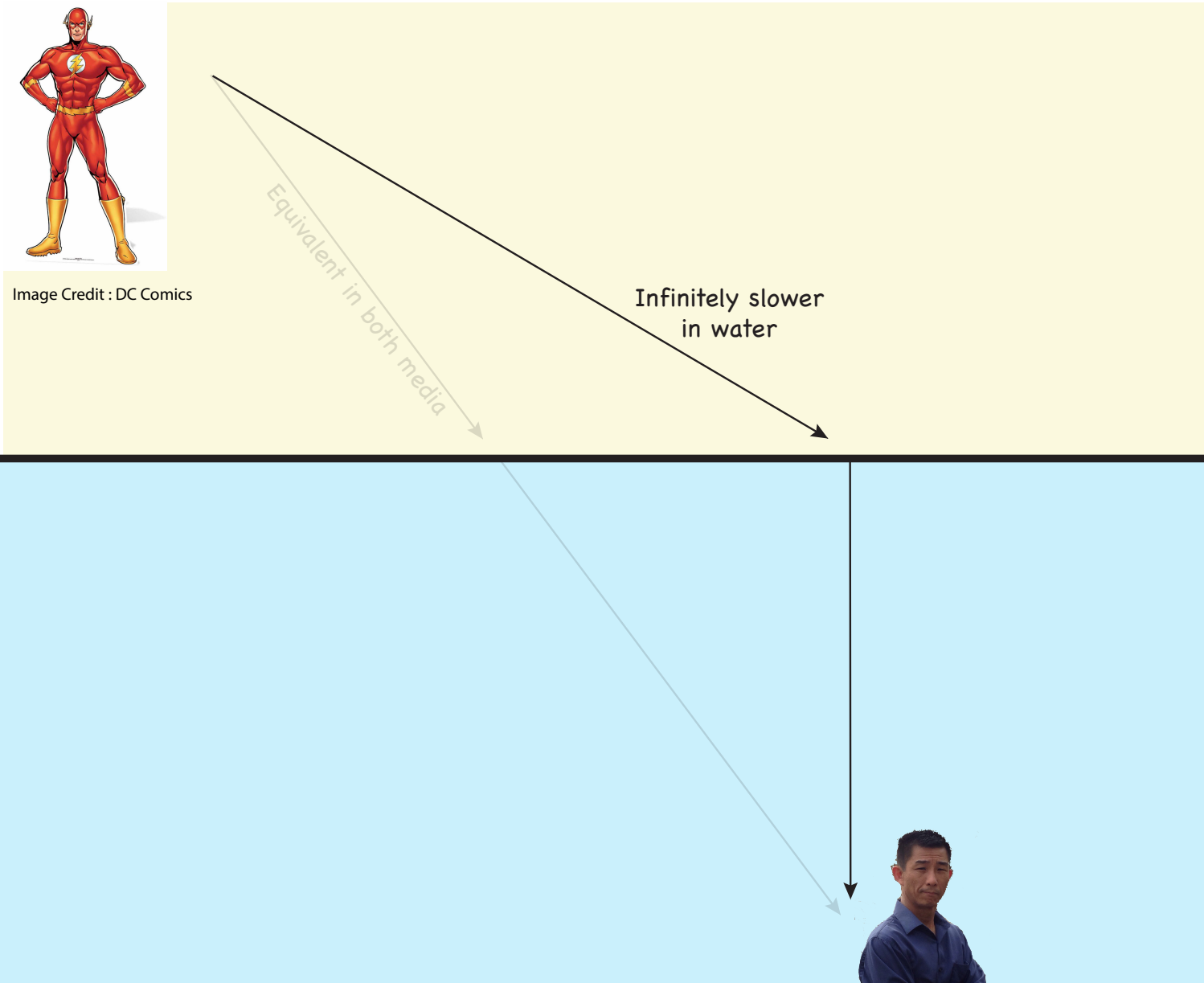


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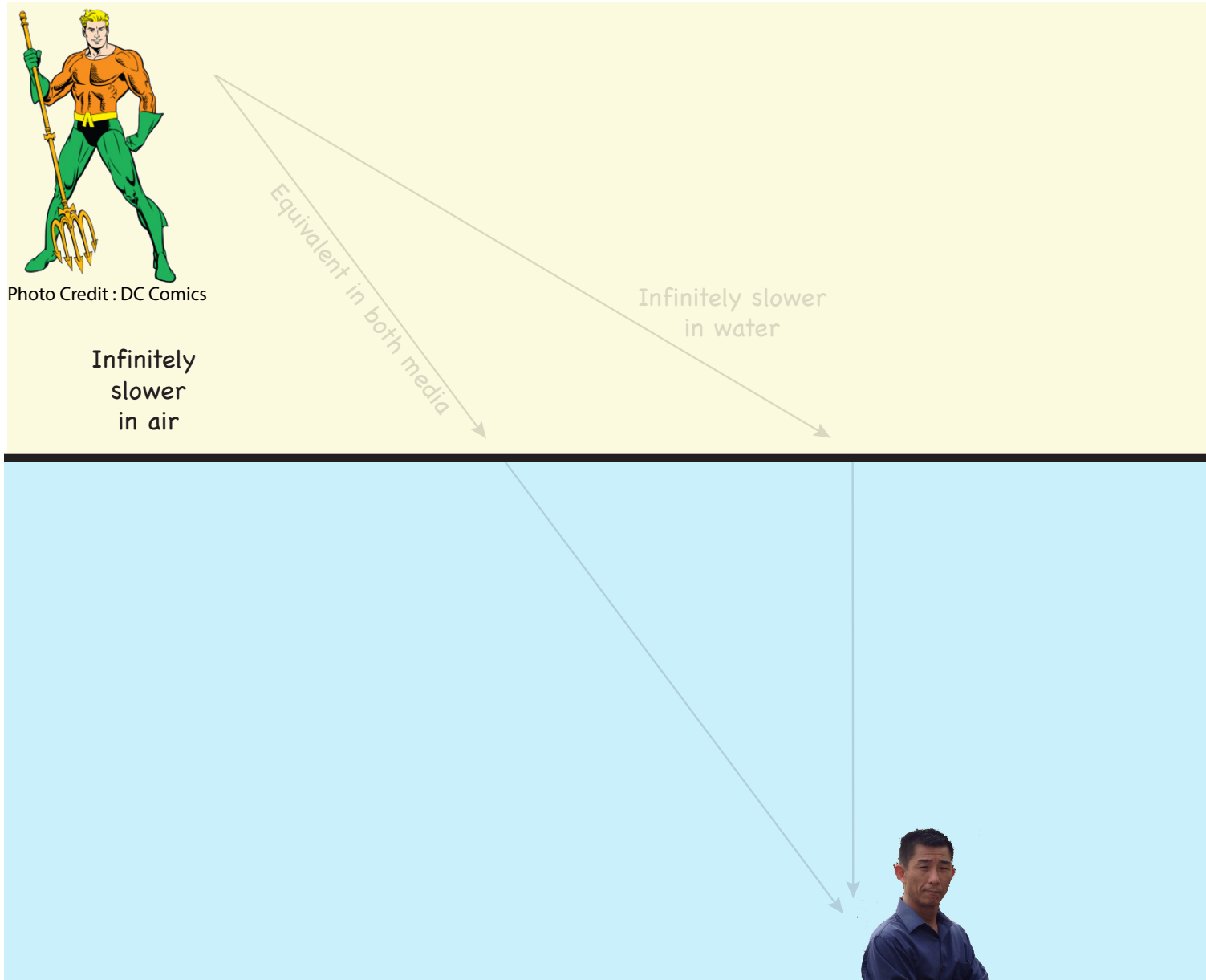
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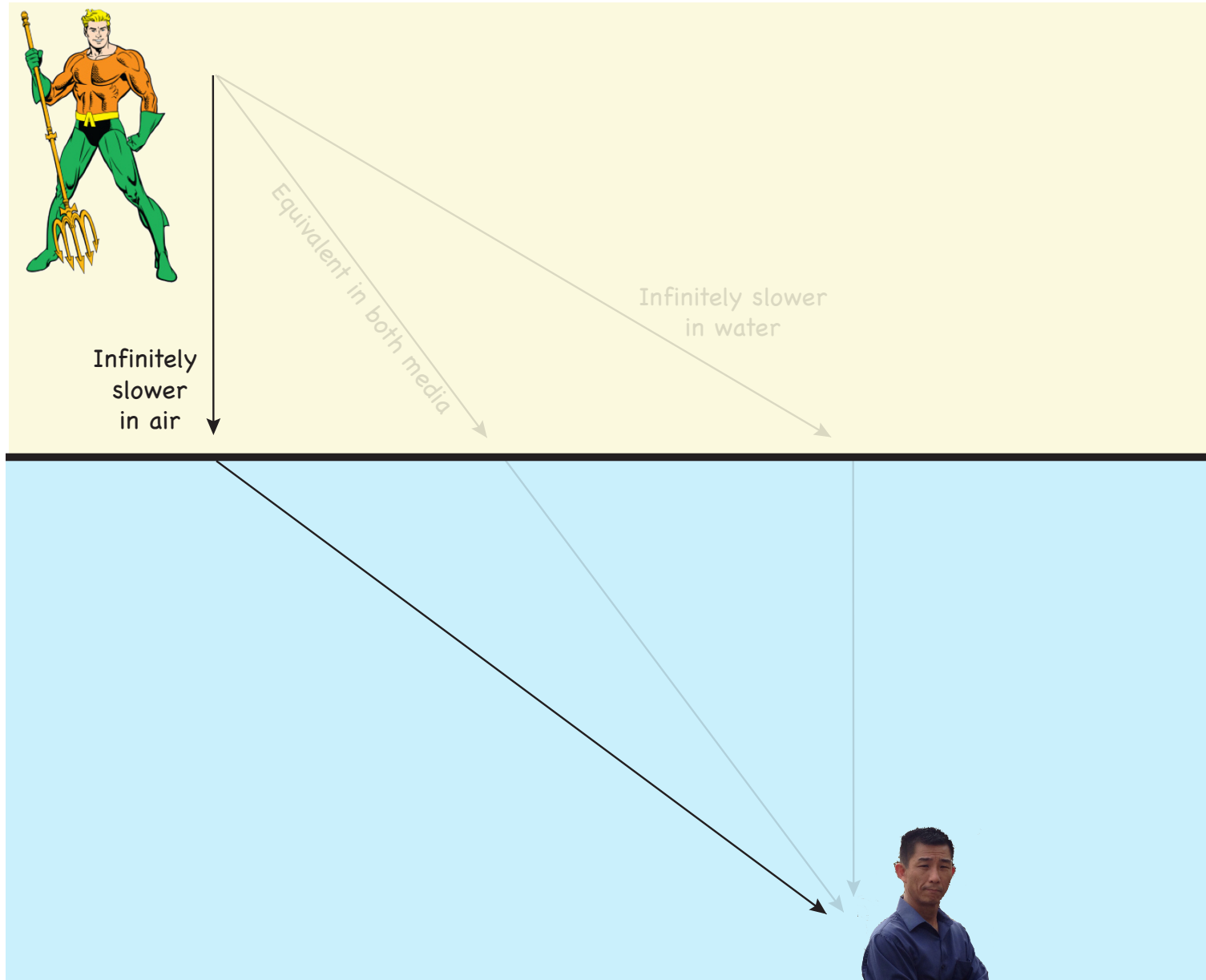
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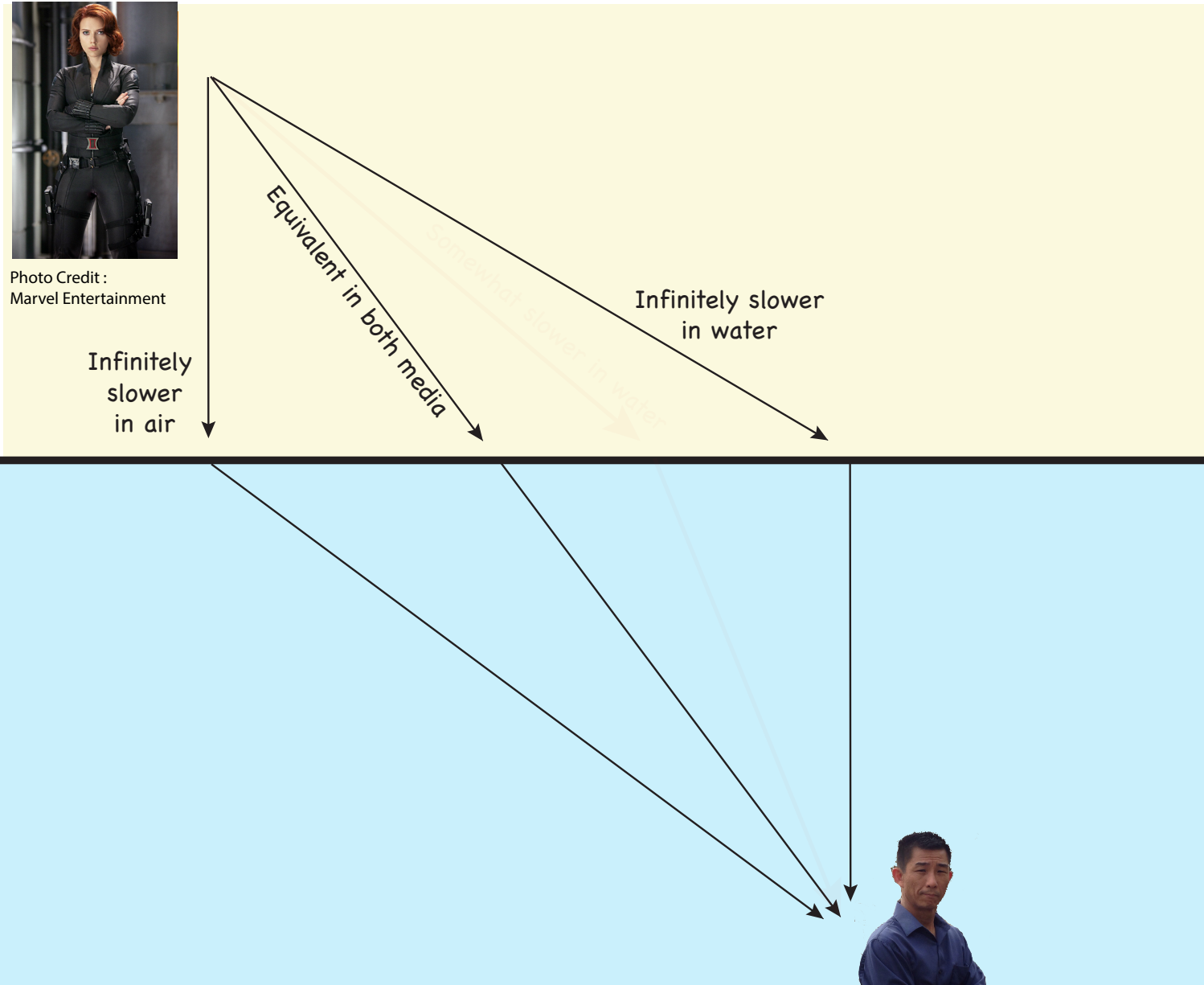
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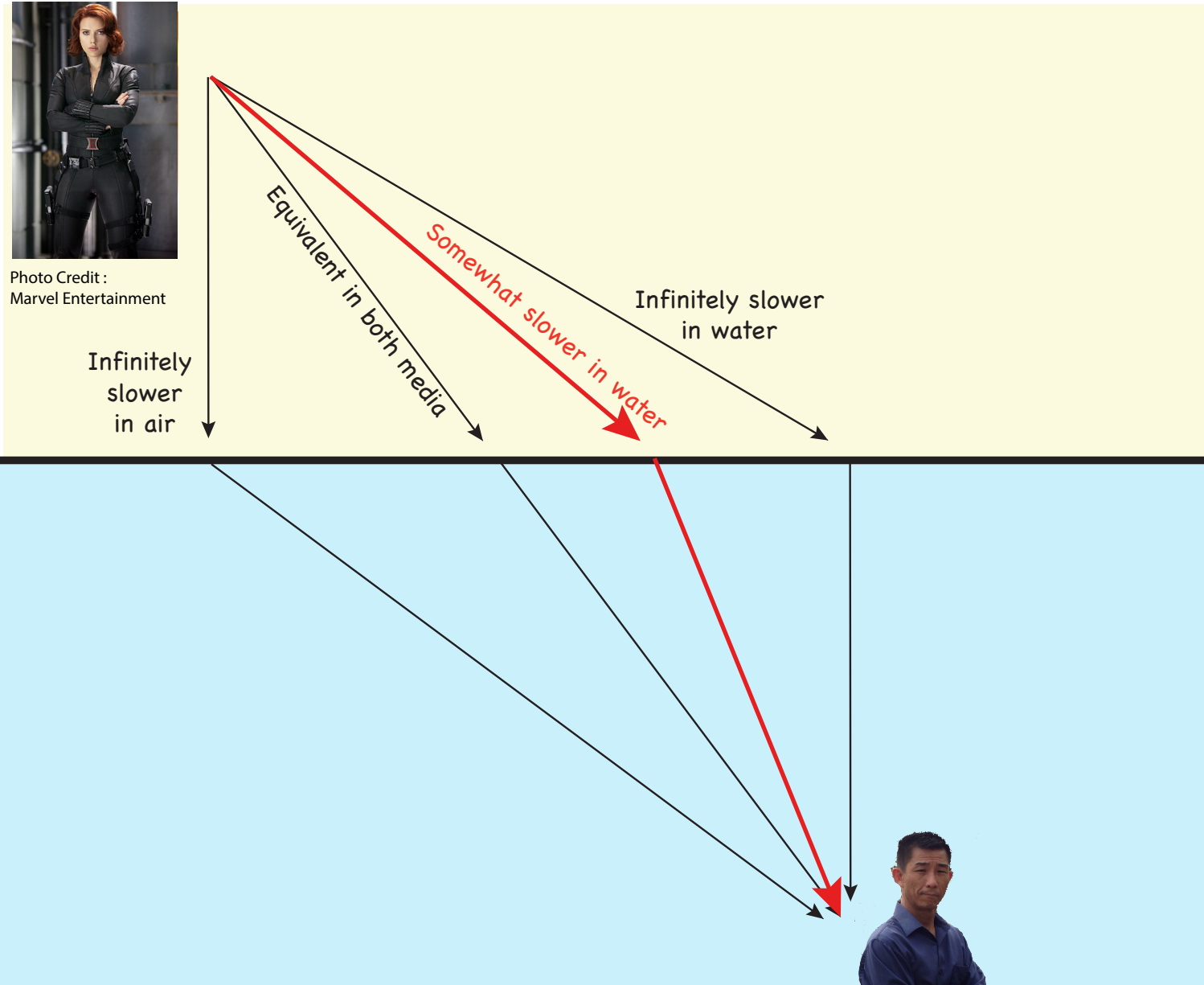
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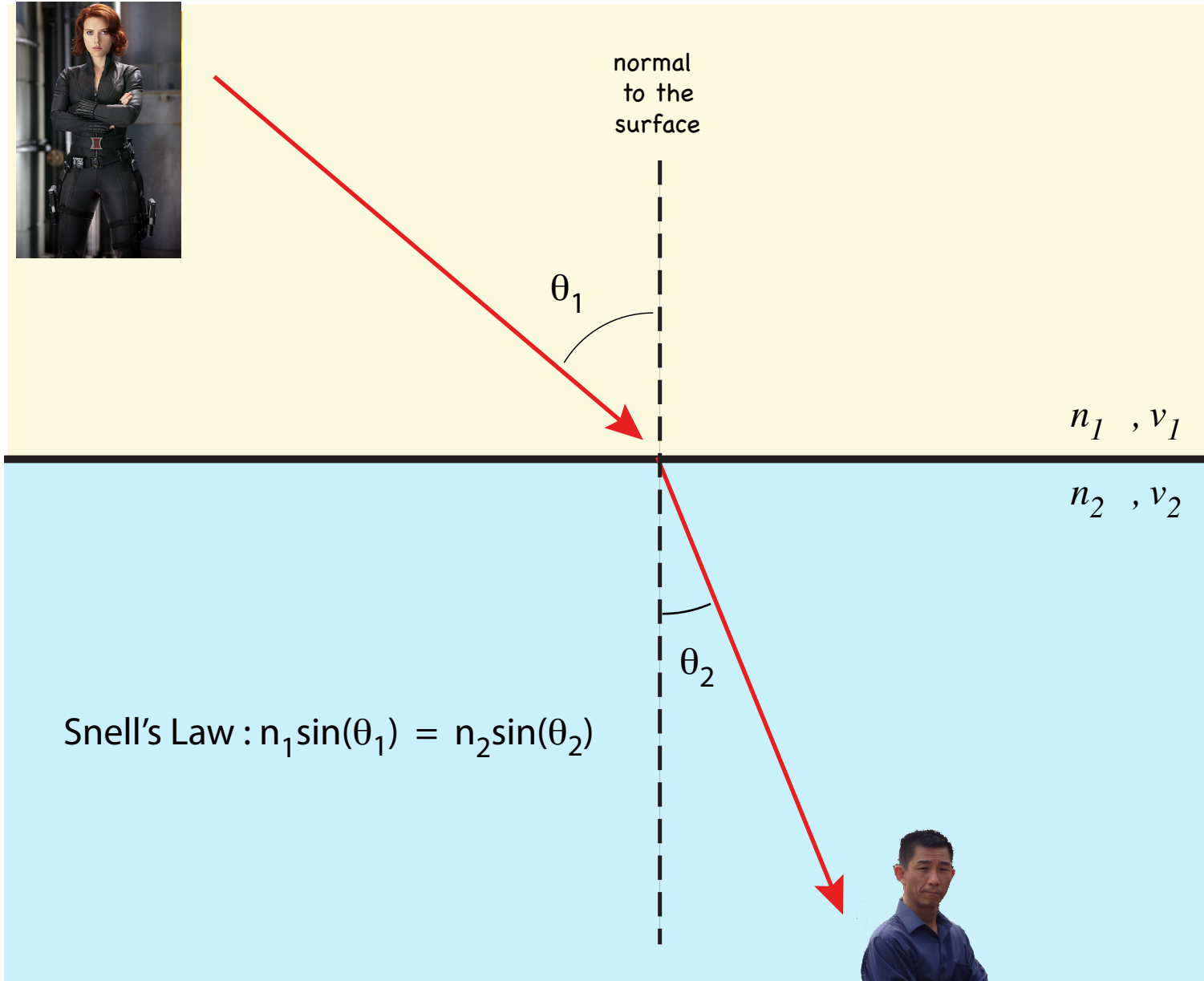
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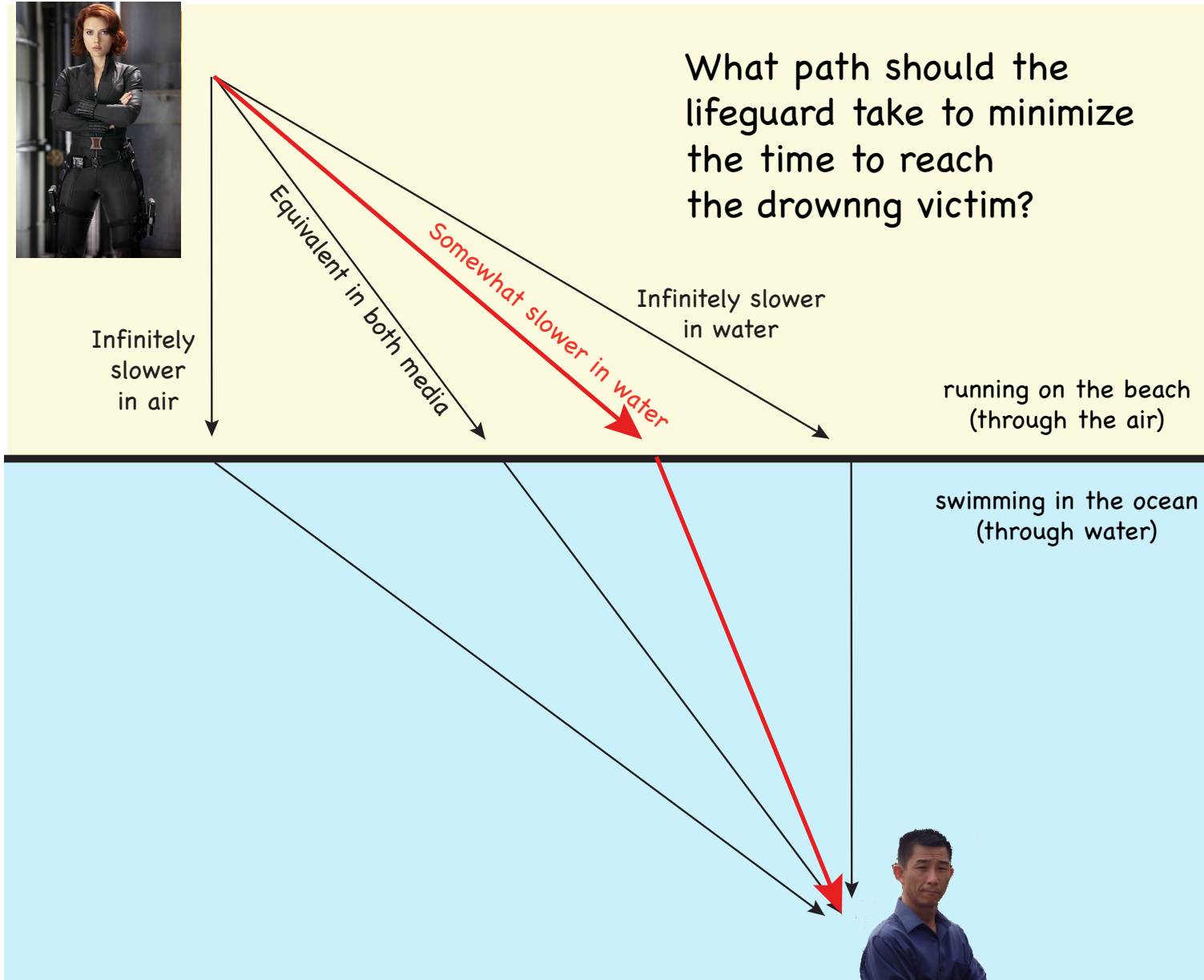
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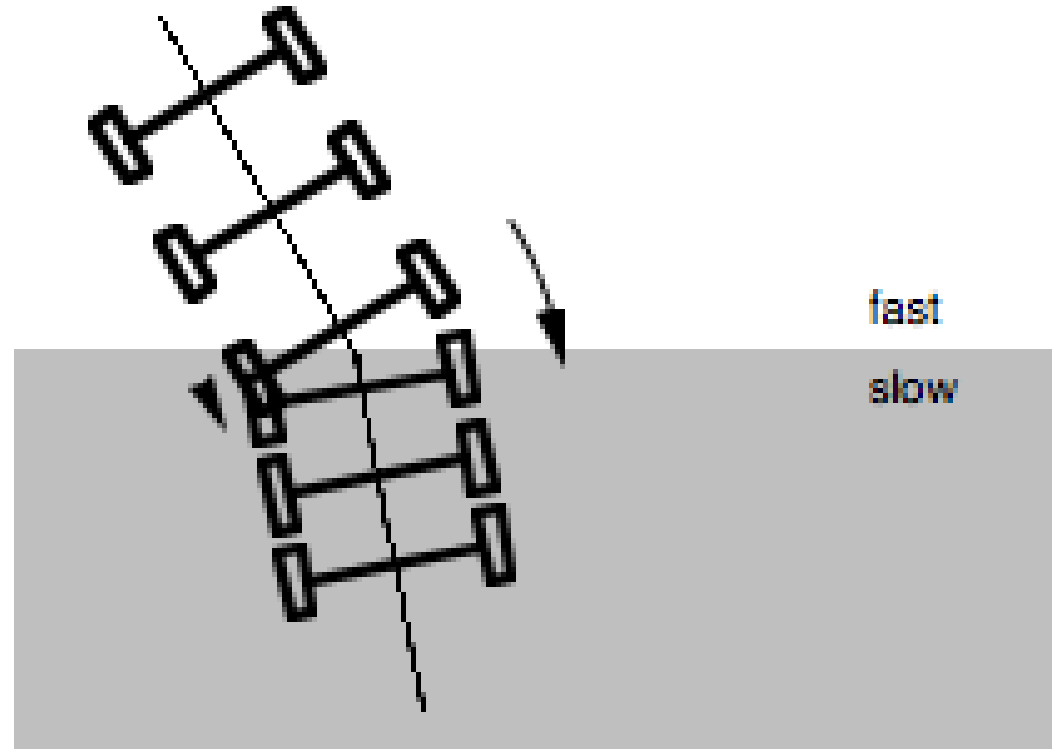


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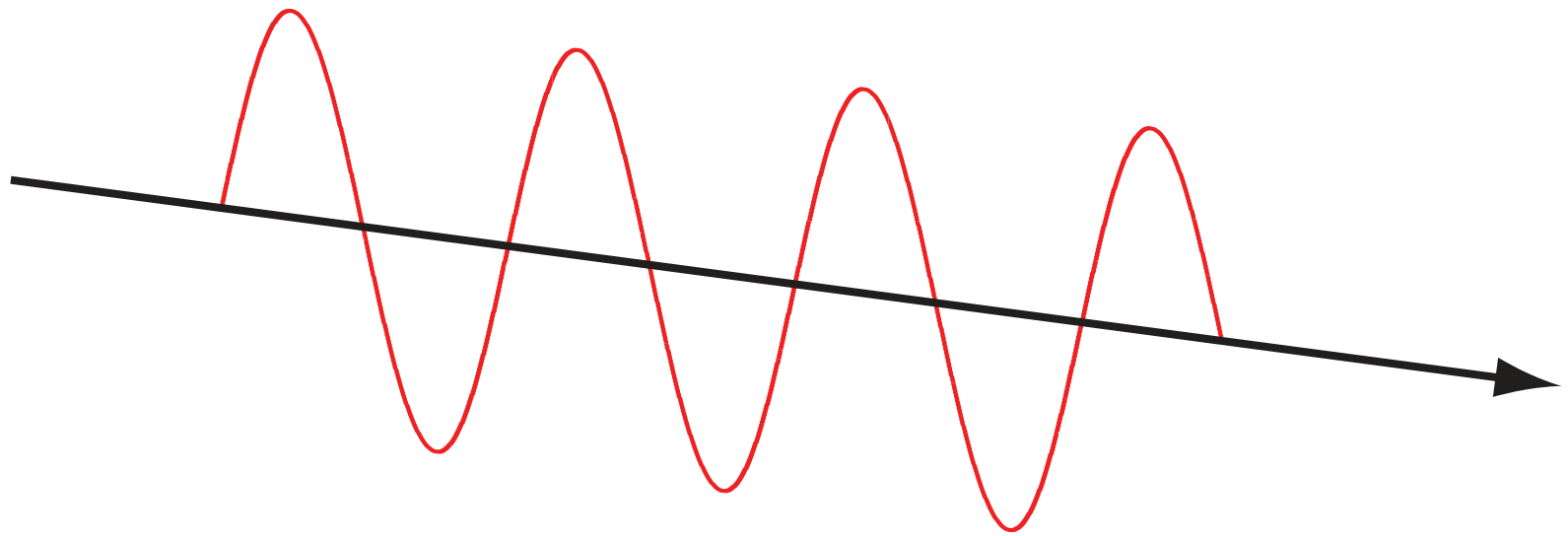
One final (easy way) to think about (and remember) Snell's law

Consider a dumbbell or car axle rolling on pavement at an angle towards a patch of mud.

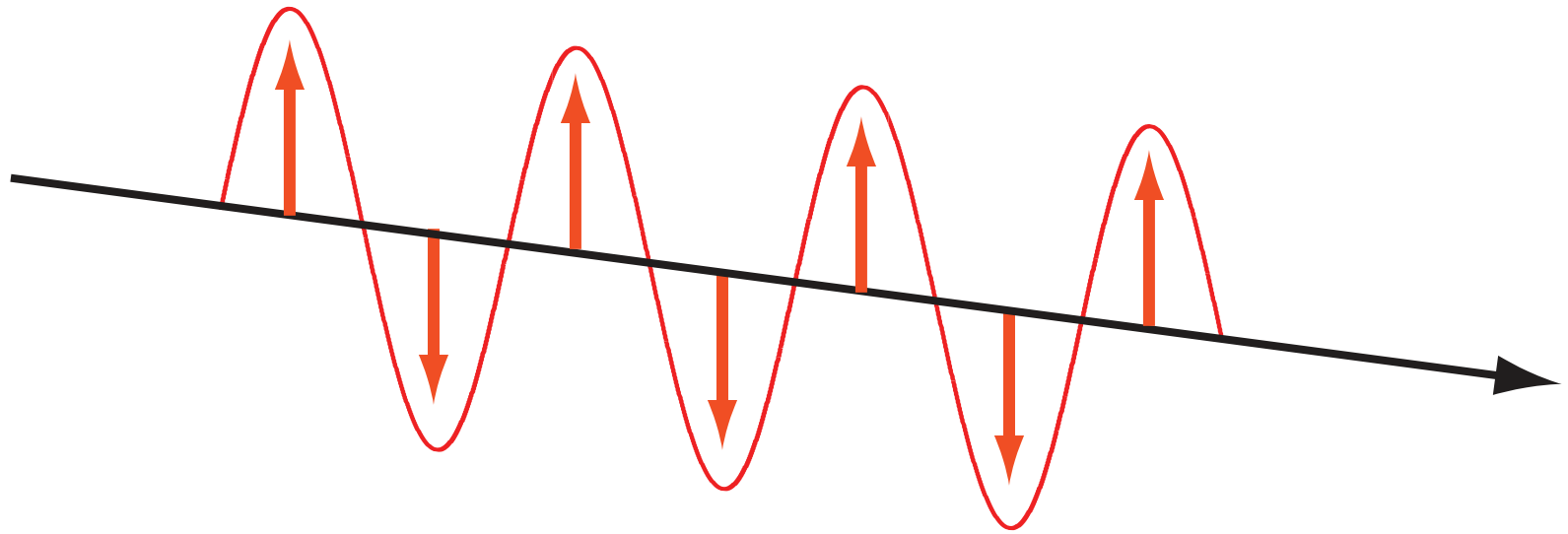
When the first wheel hits the mud, it slows down, but the other wheel is still on the fast pavement, and causes the trajectory of the axle to tilt towards the normal to the interface.



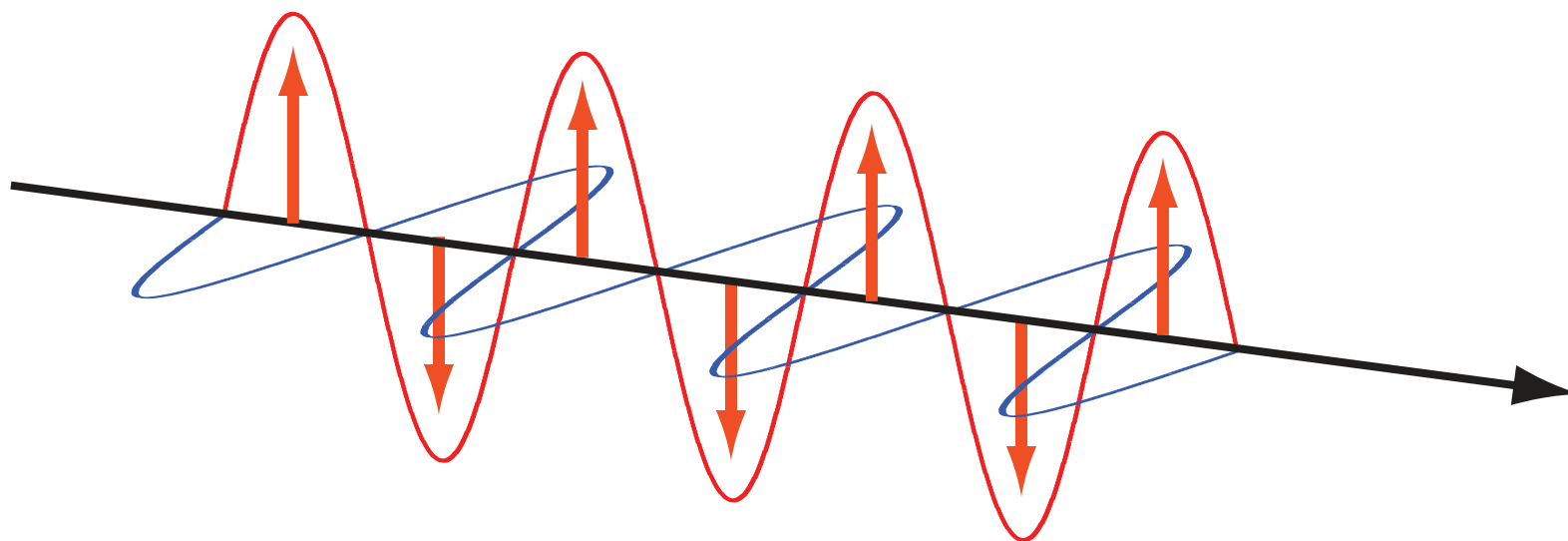
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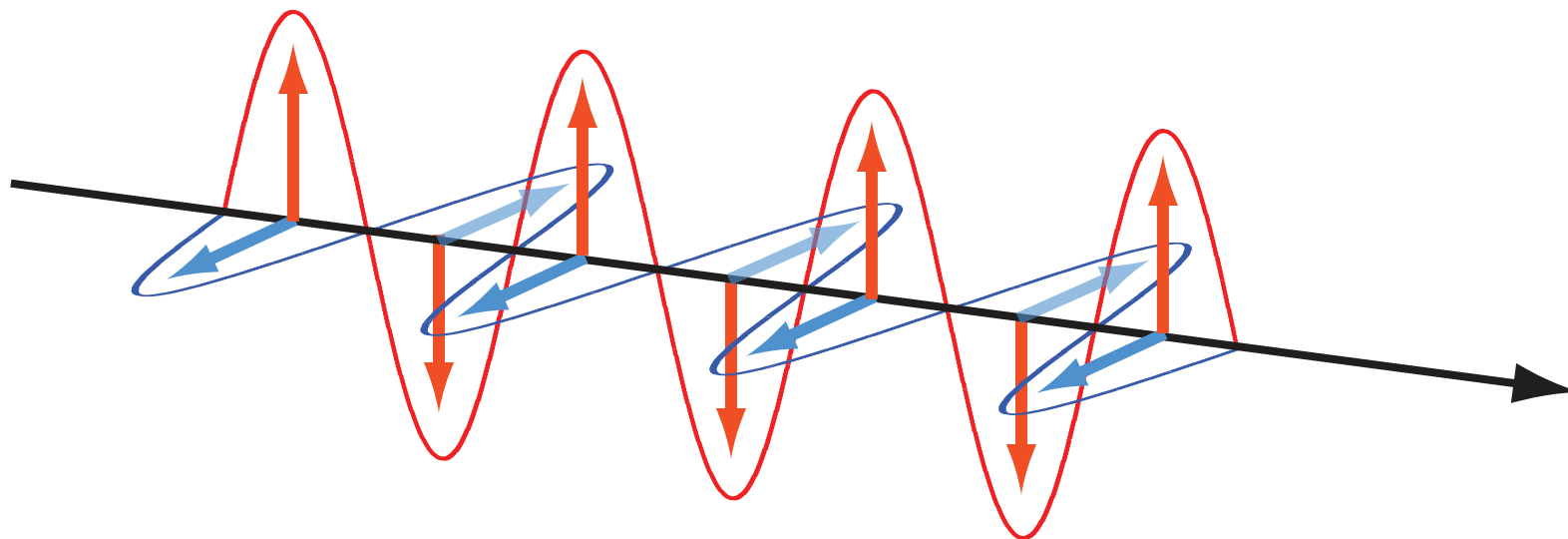
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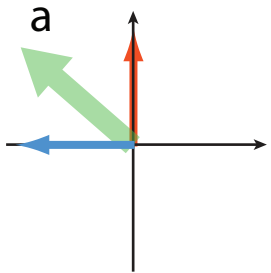
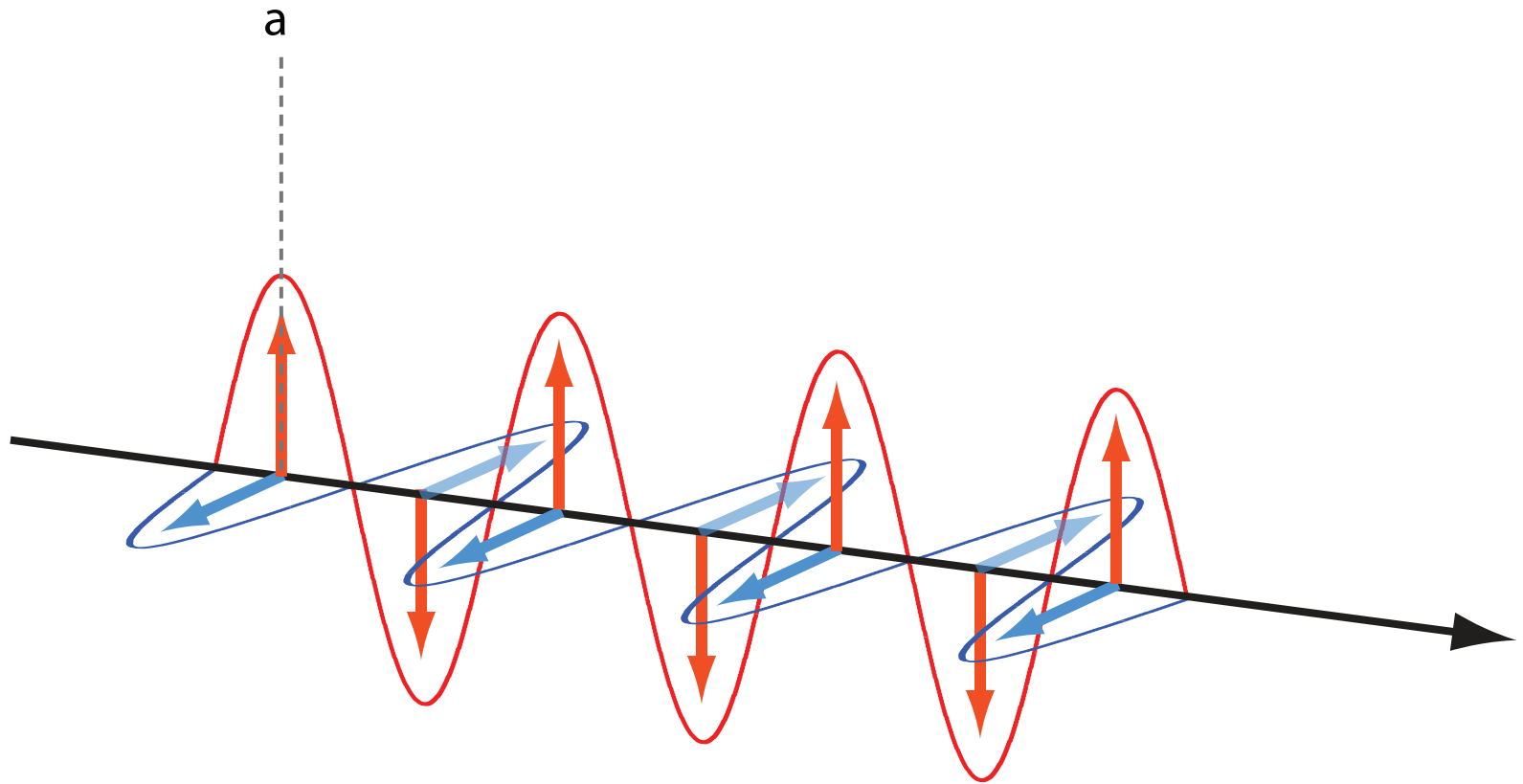
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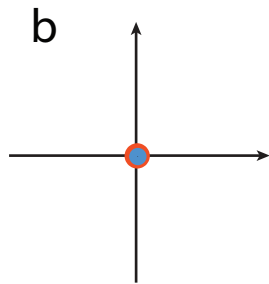
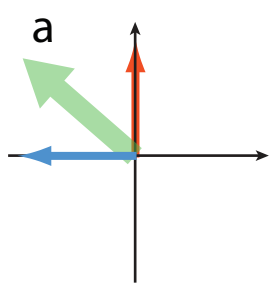
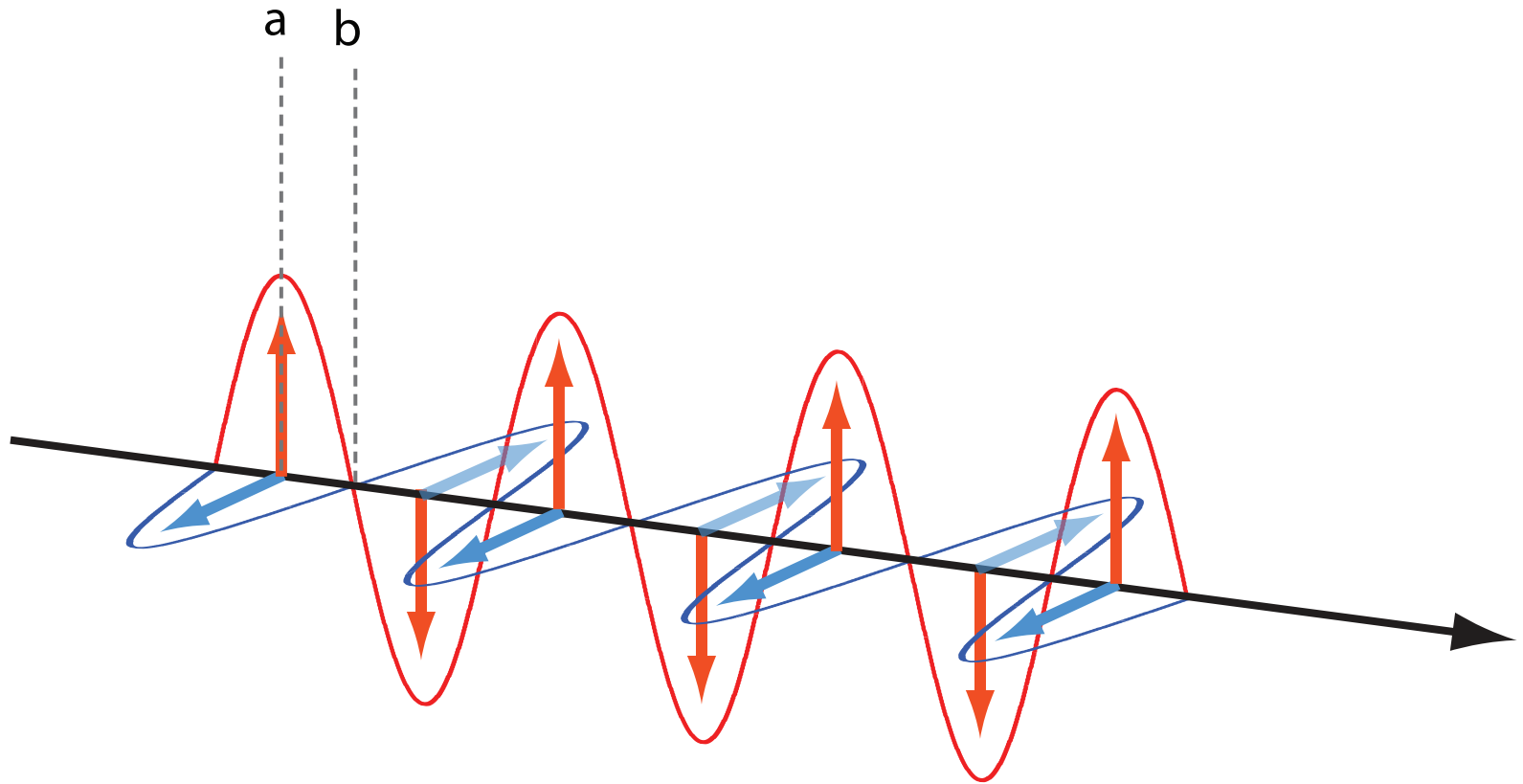
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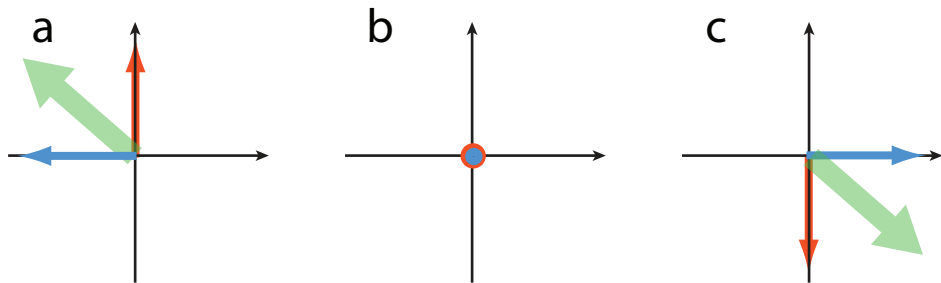
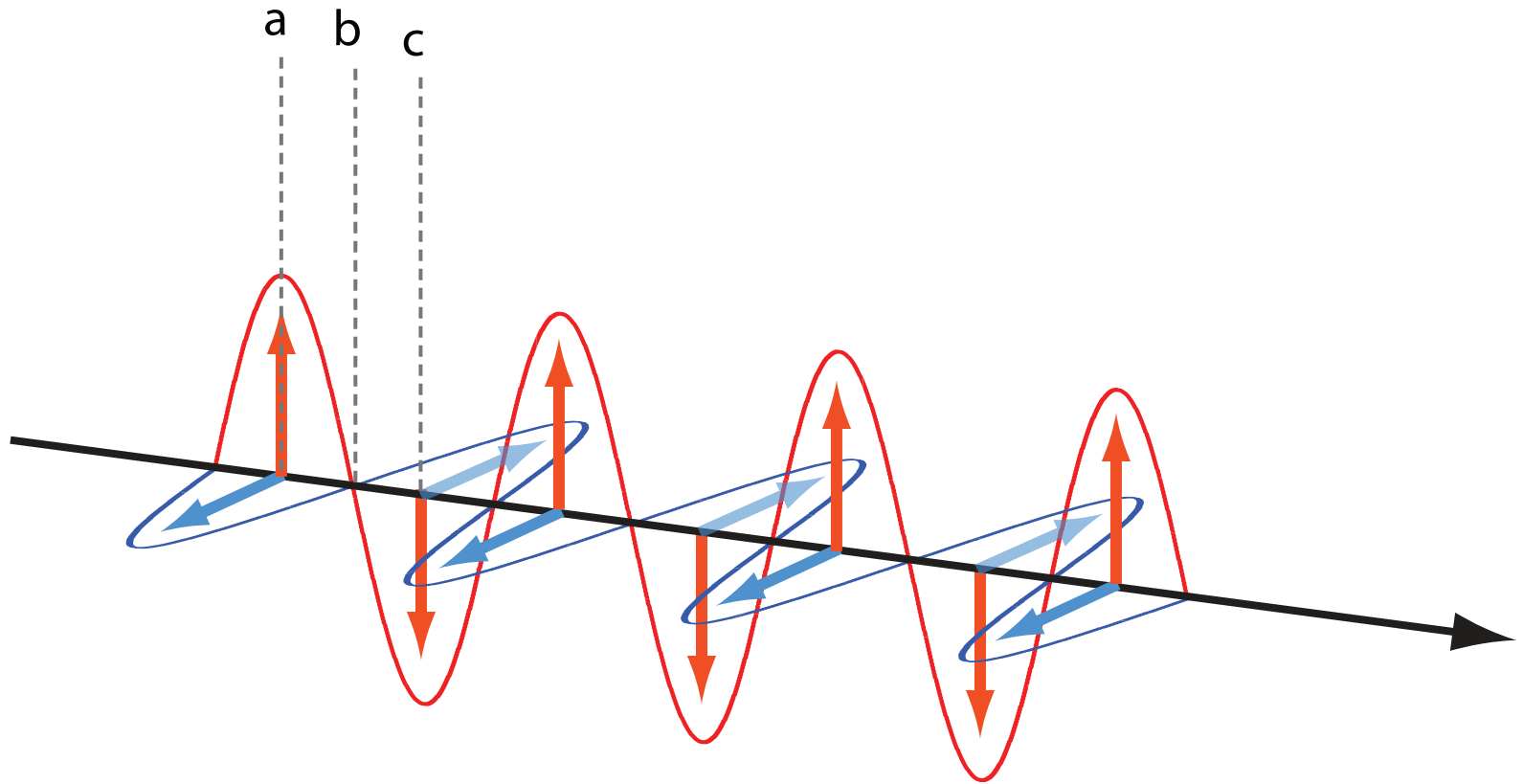
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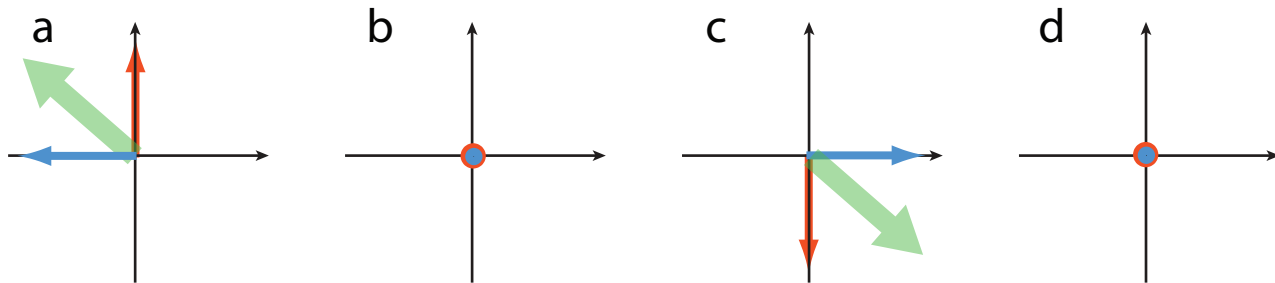
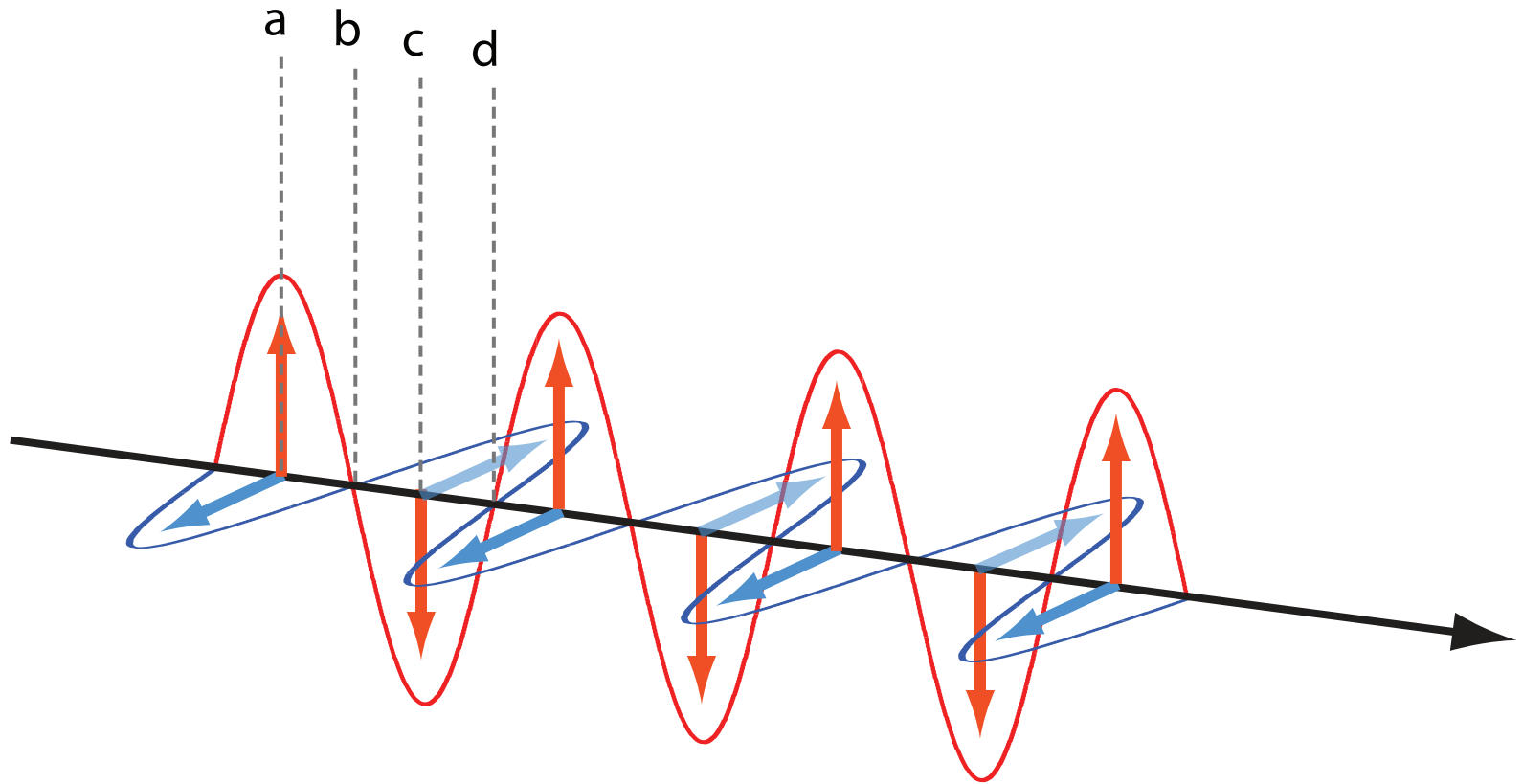
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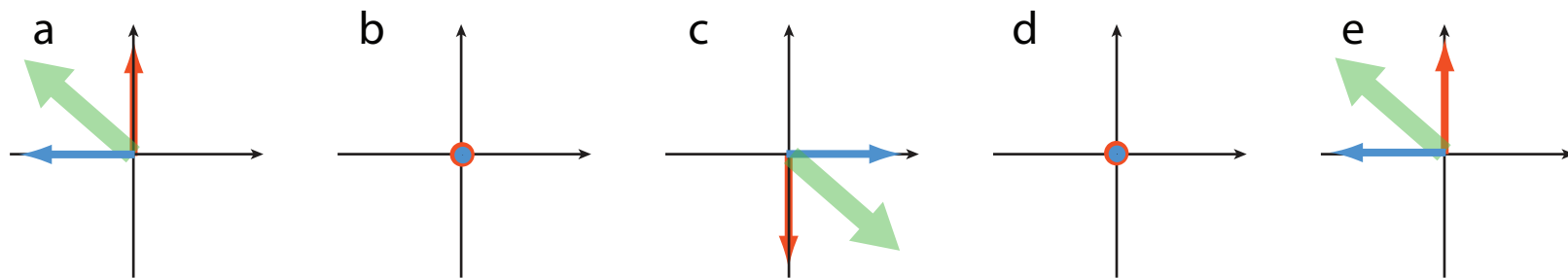
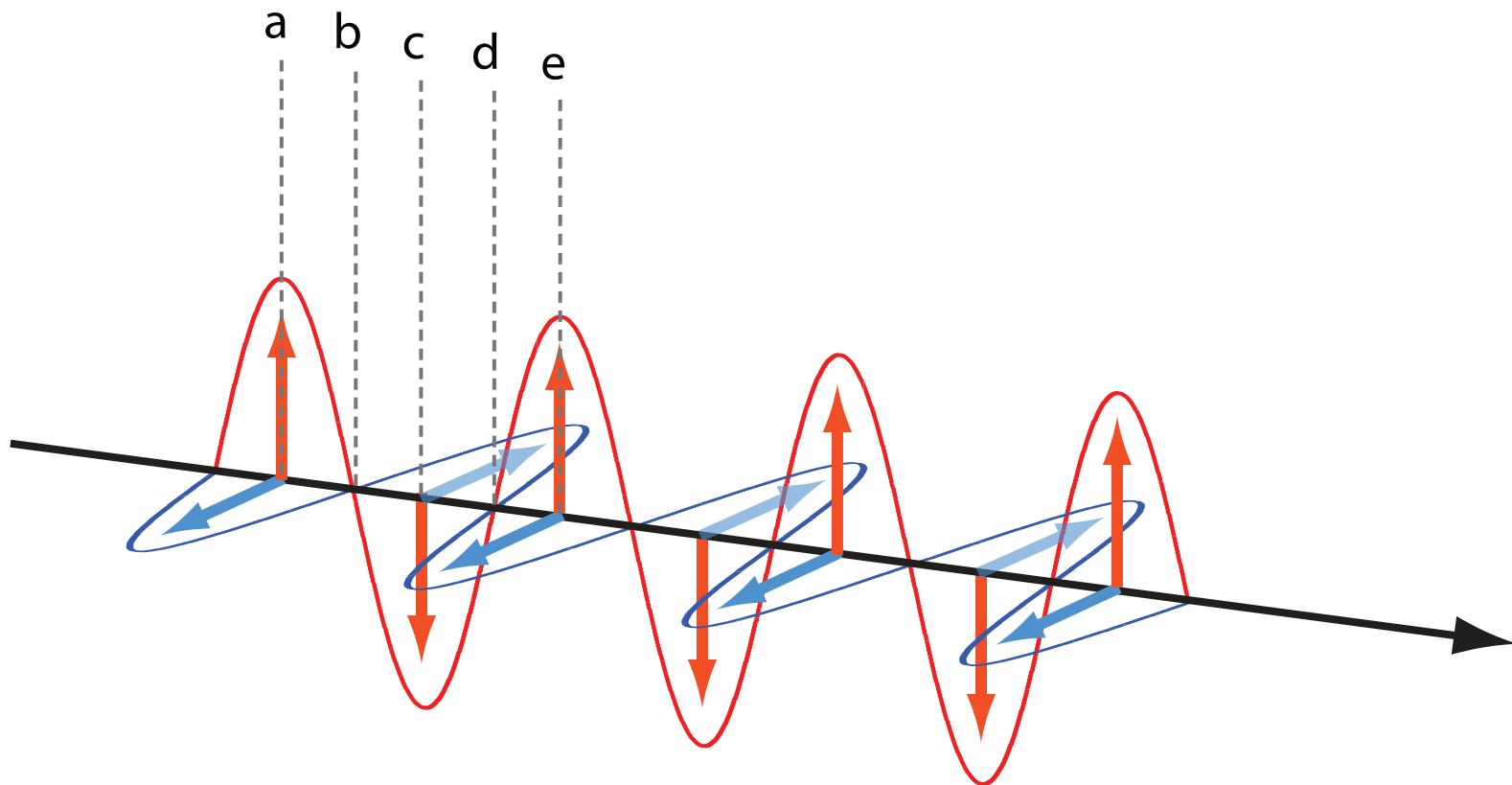
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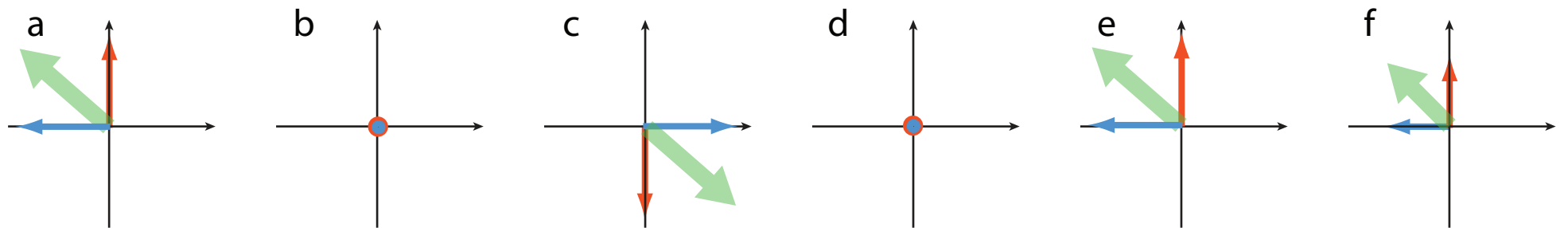
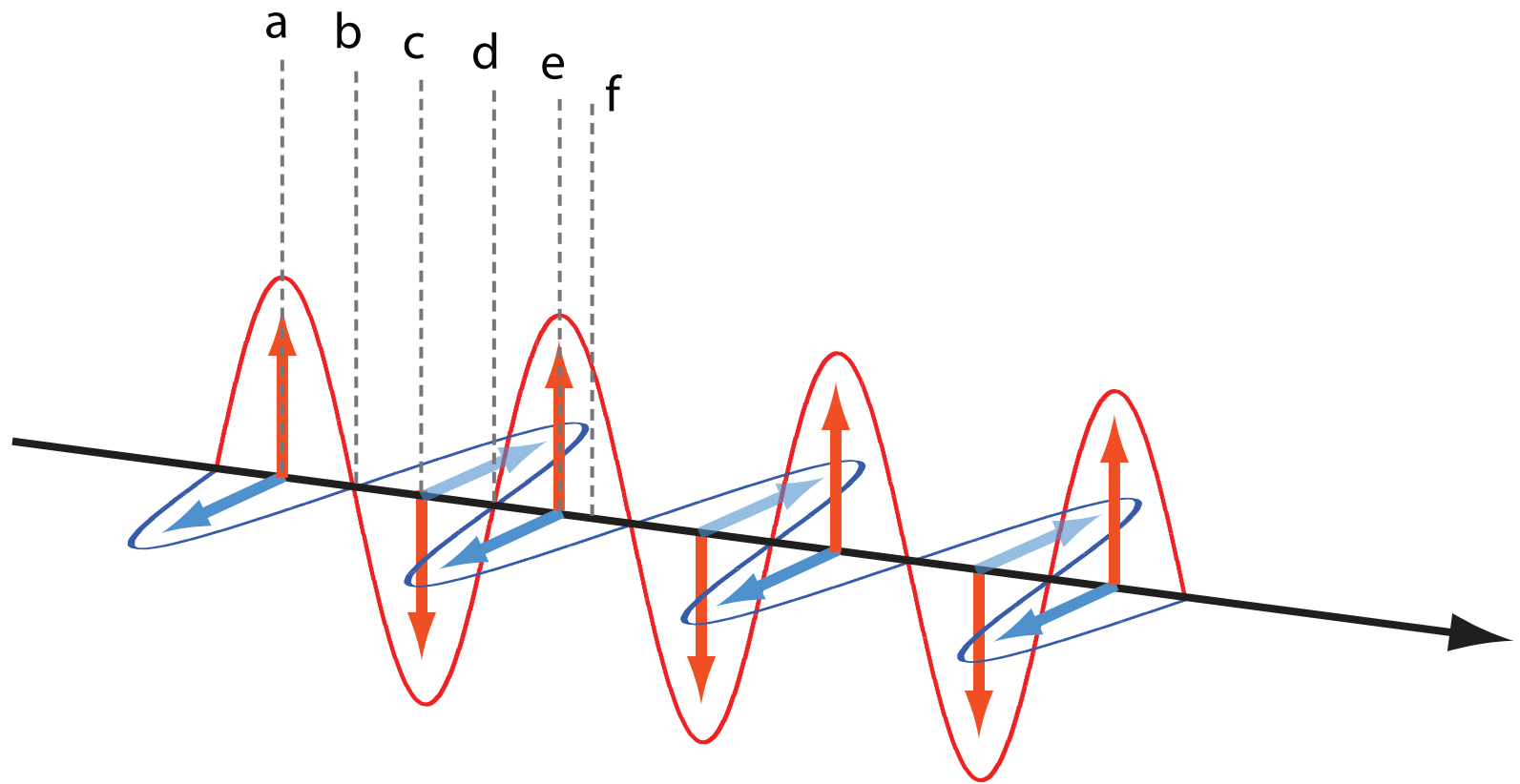
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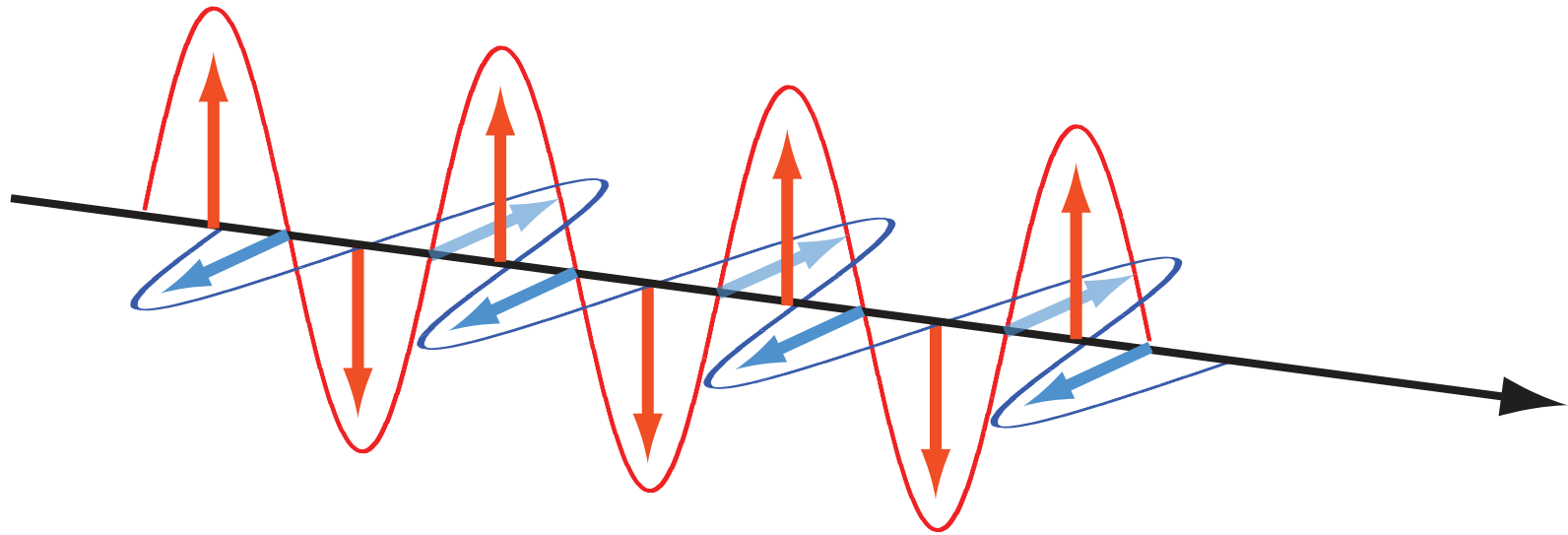
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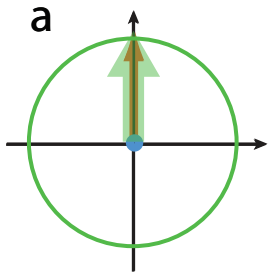
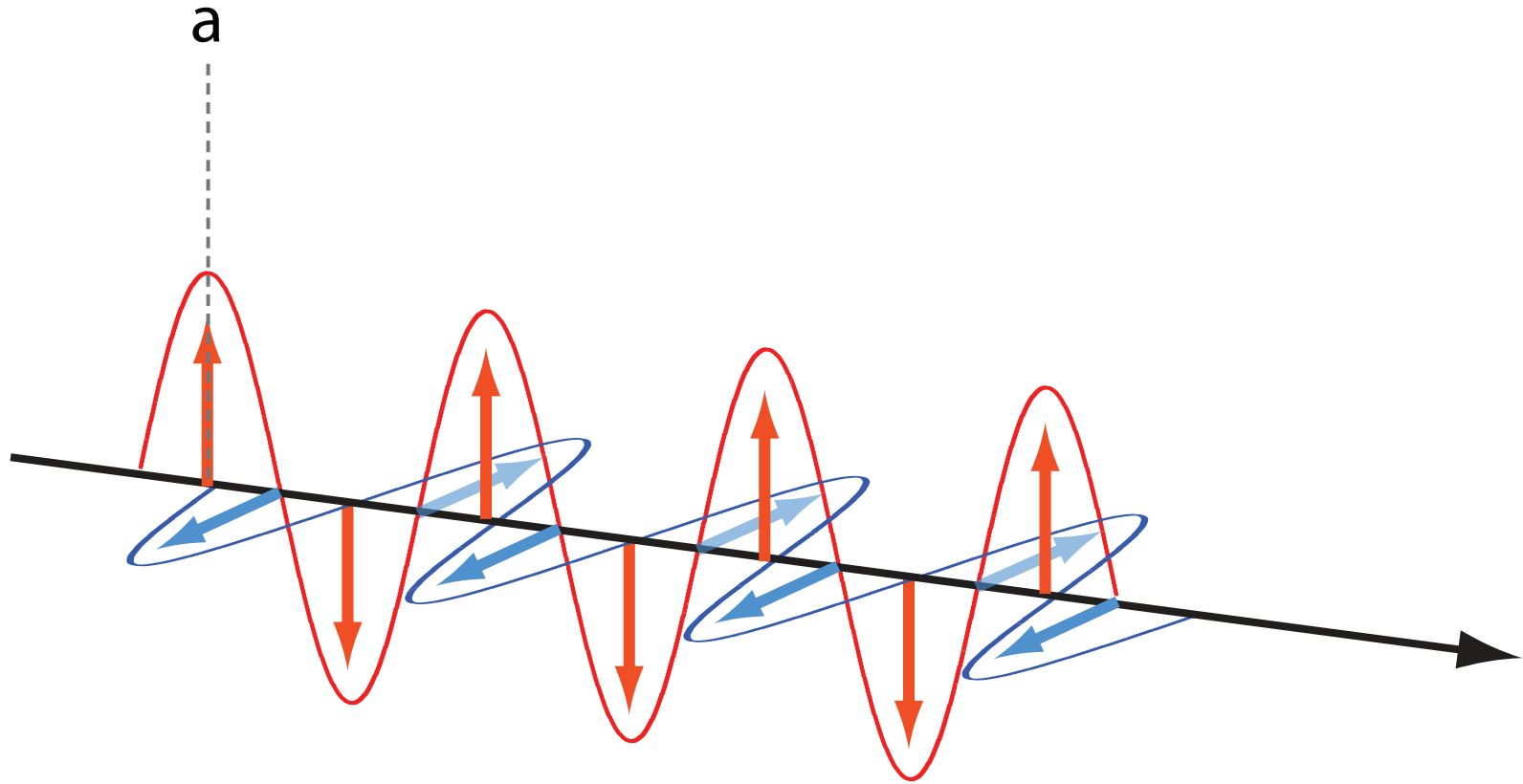
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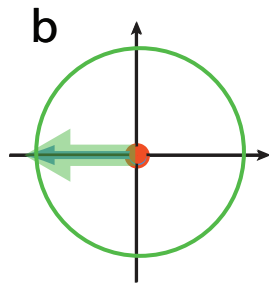
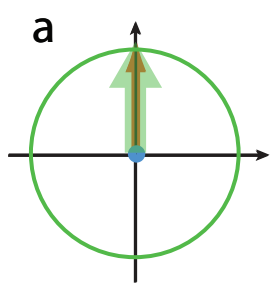
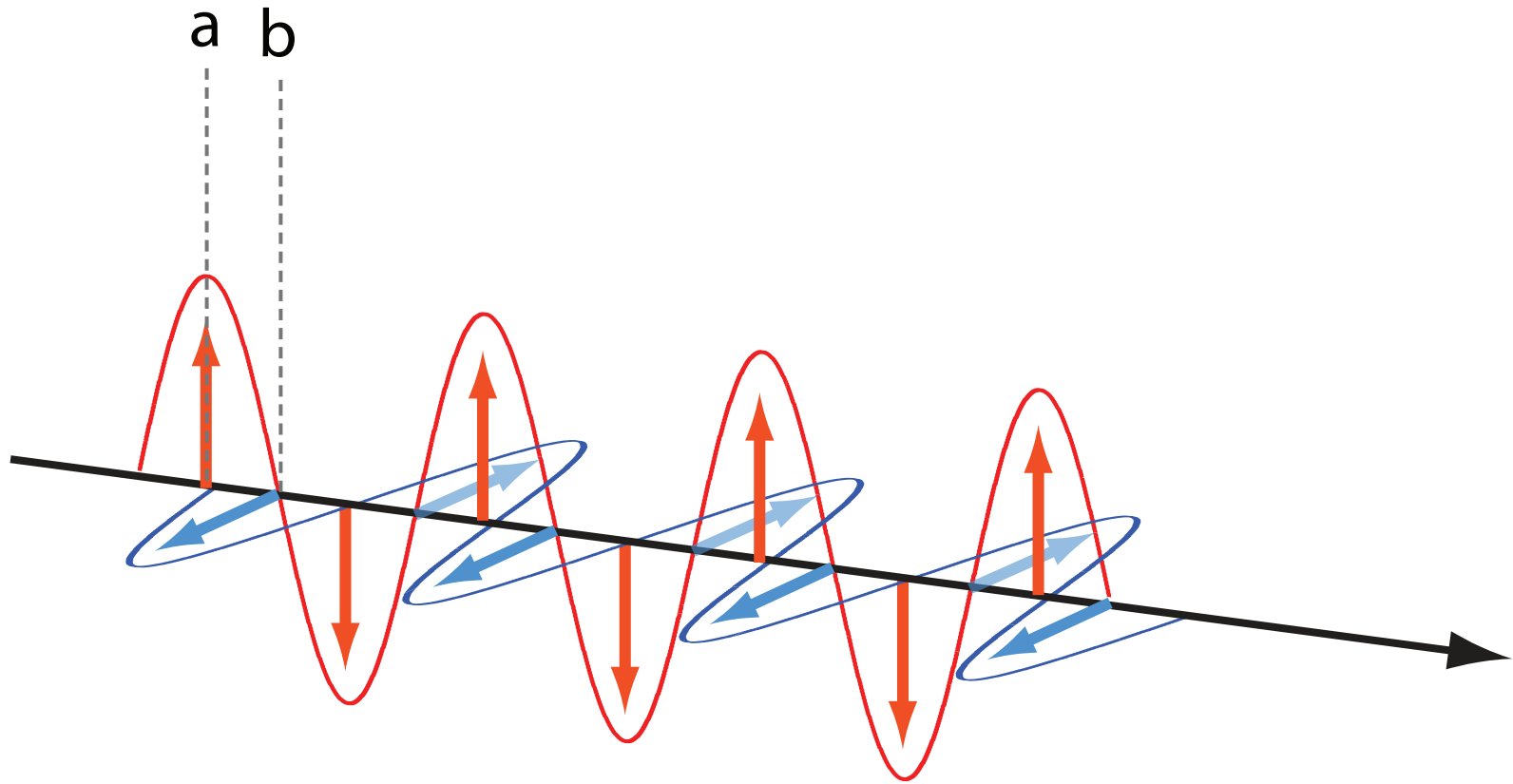
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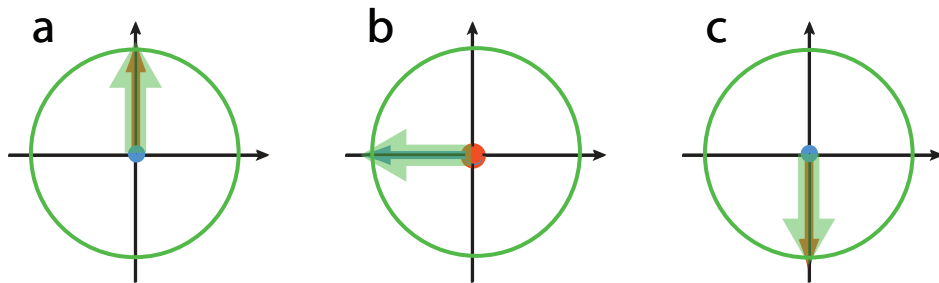
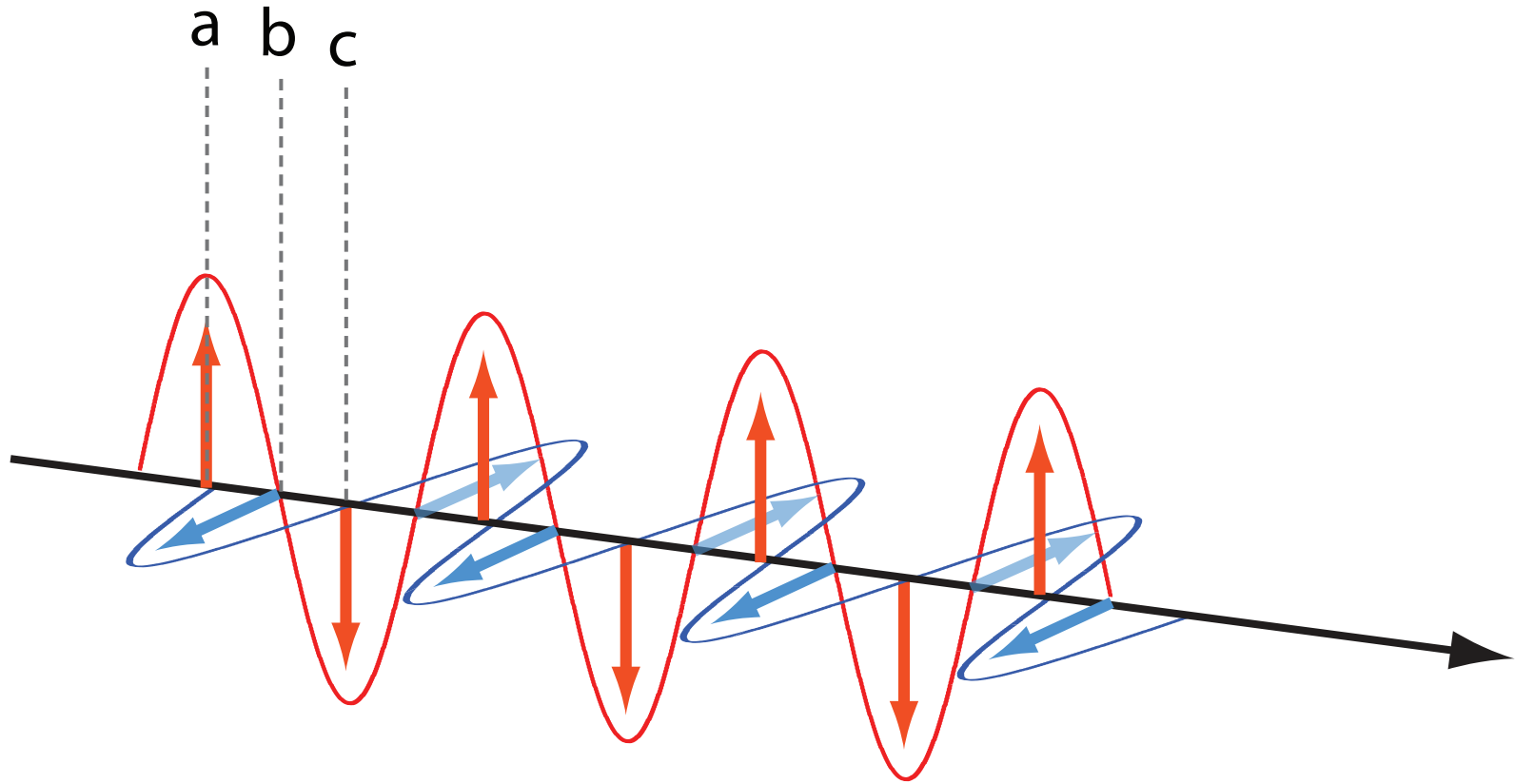
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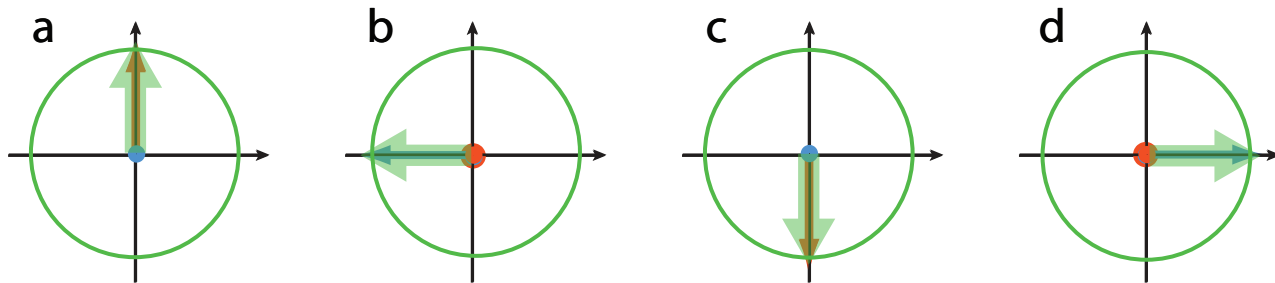
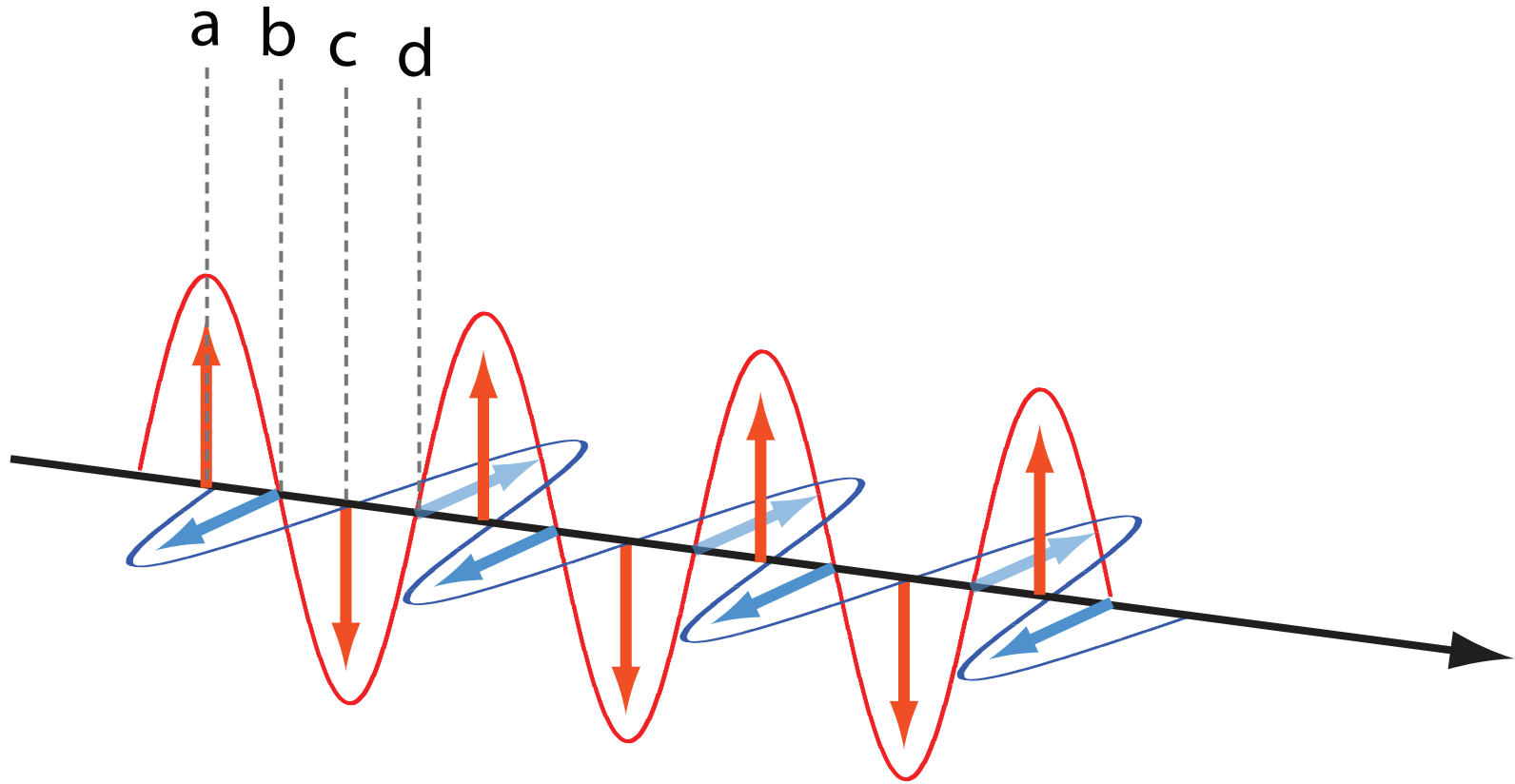
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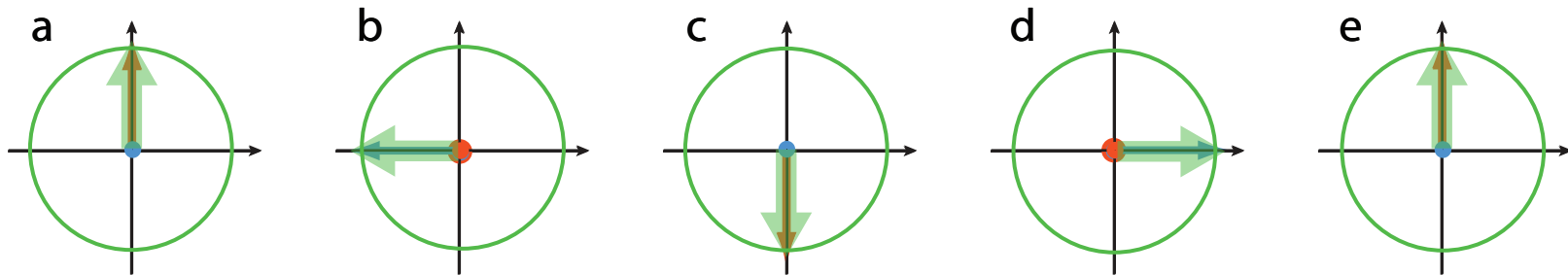
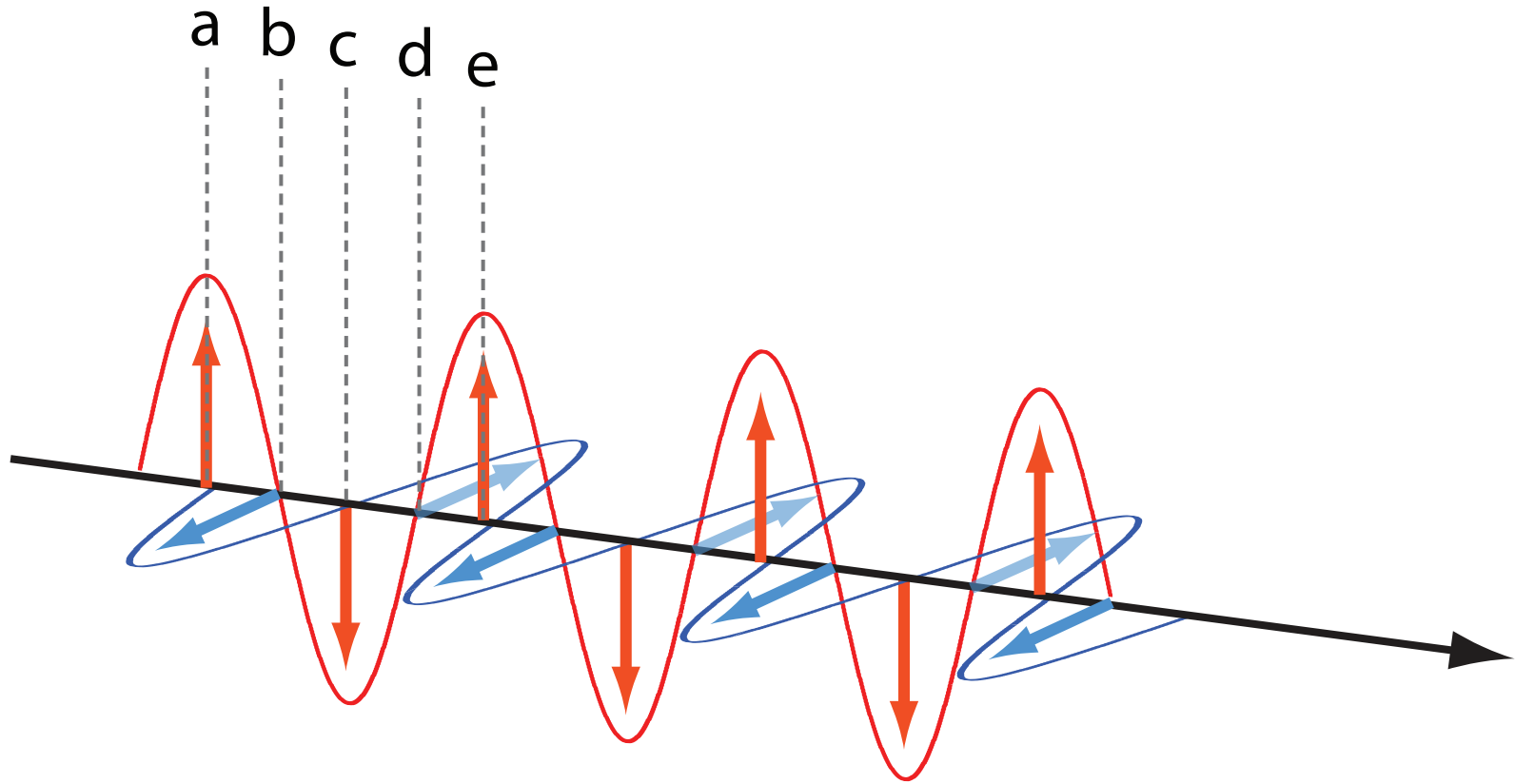
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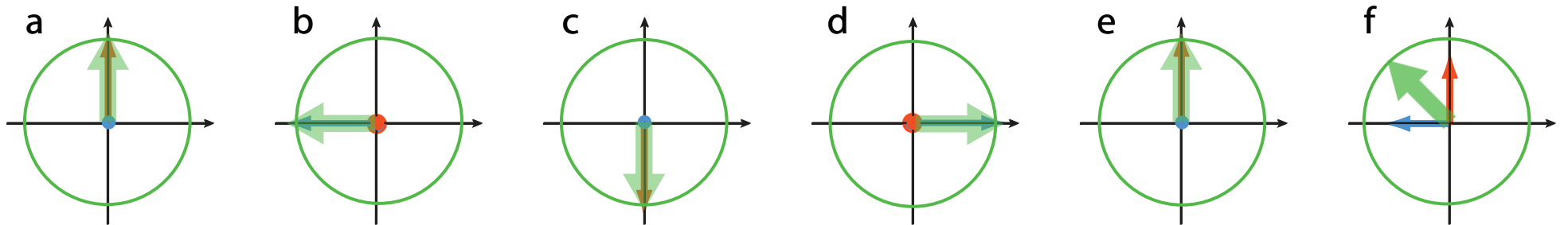
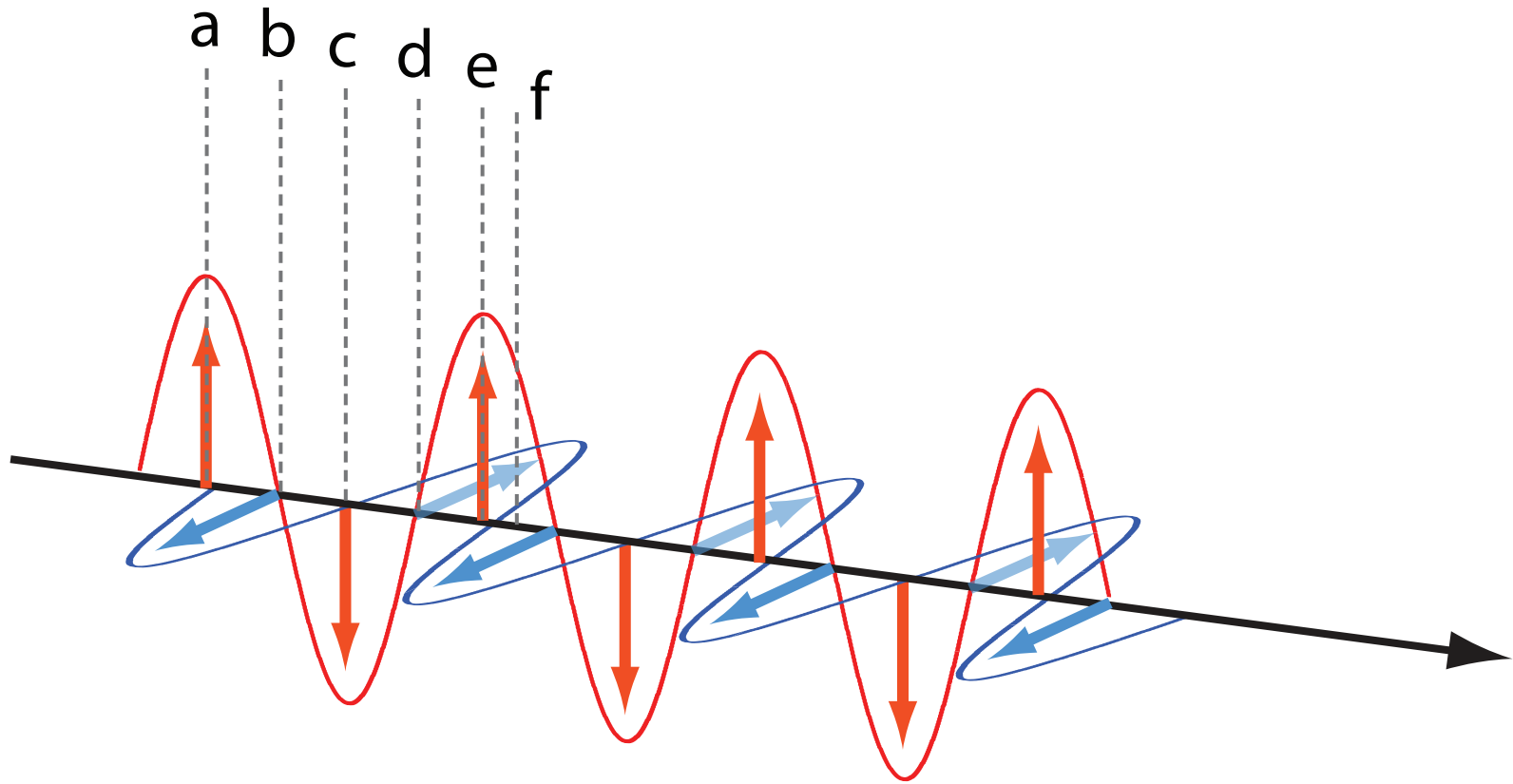
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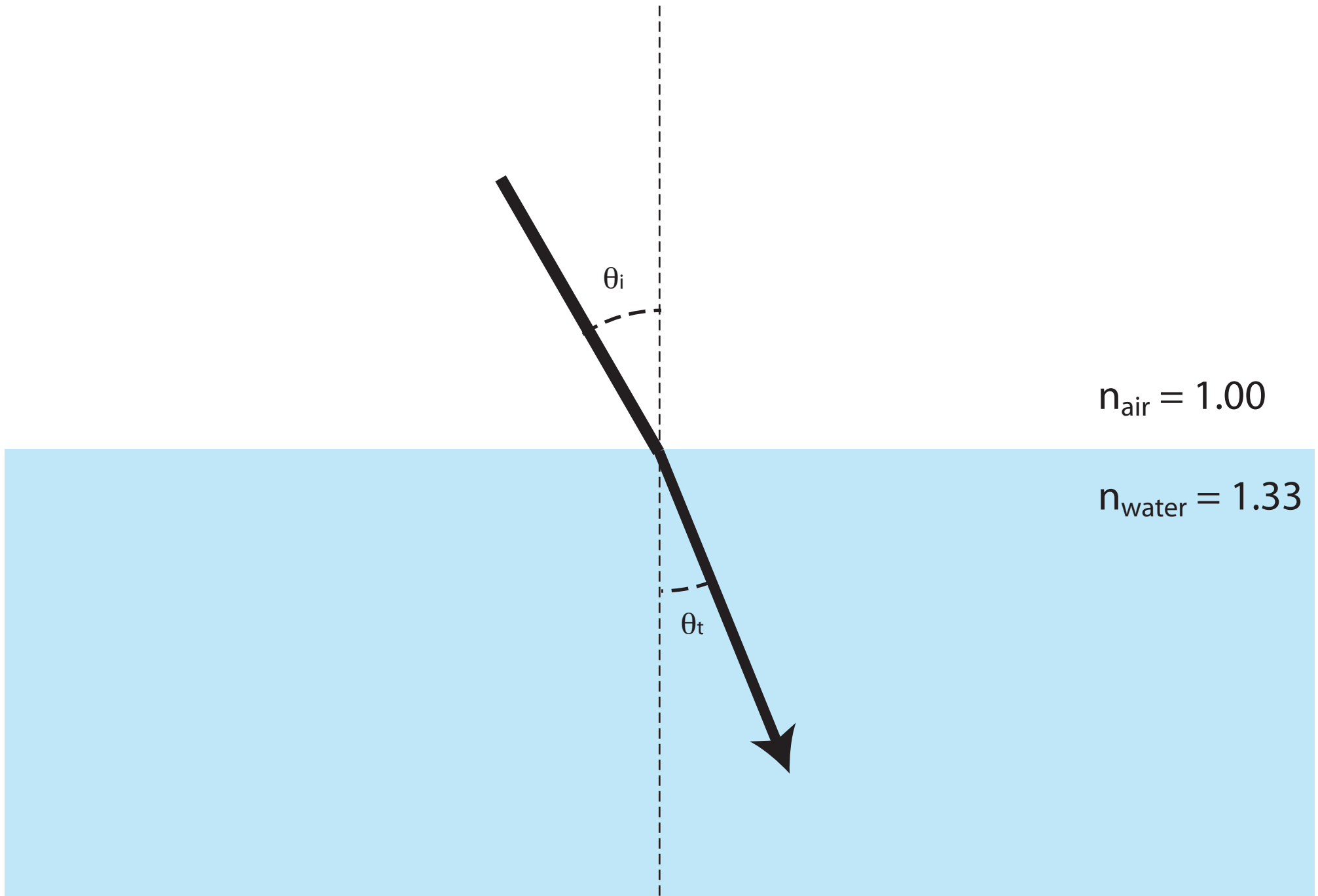
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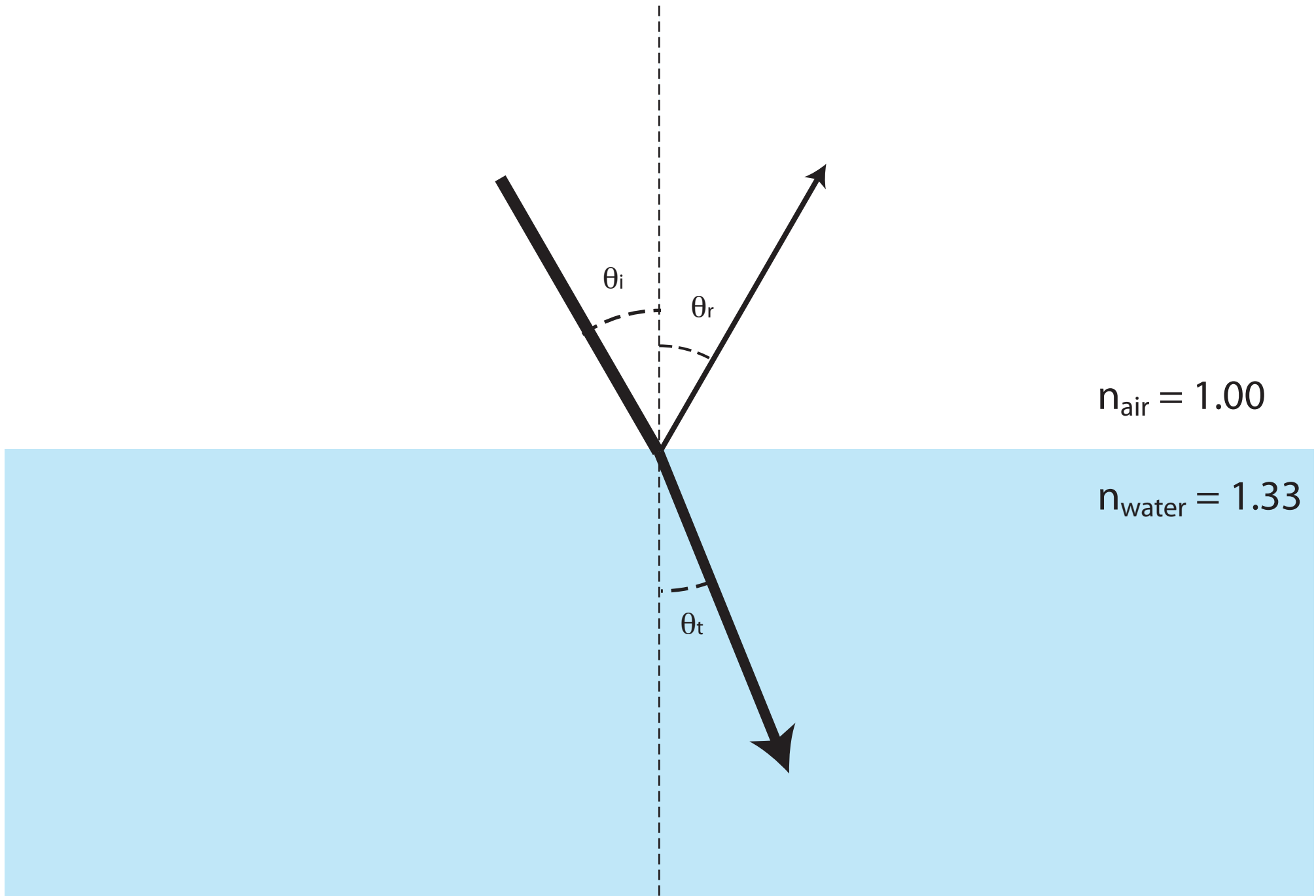
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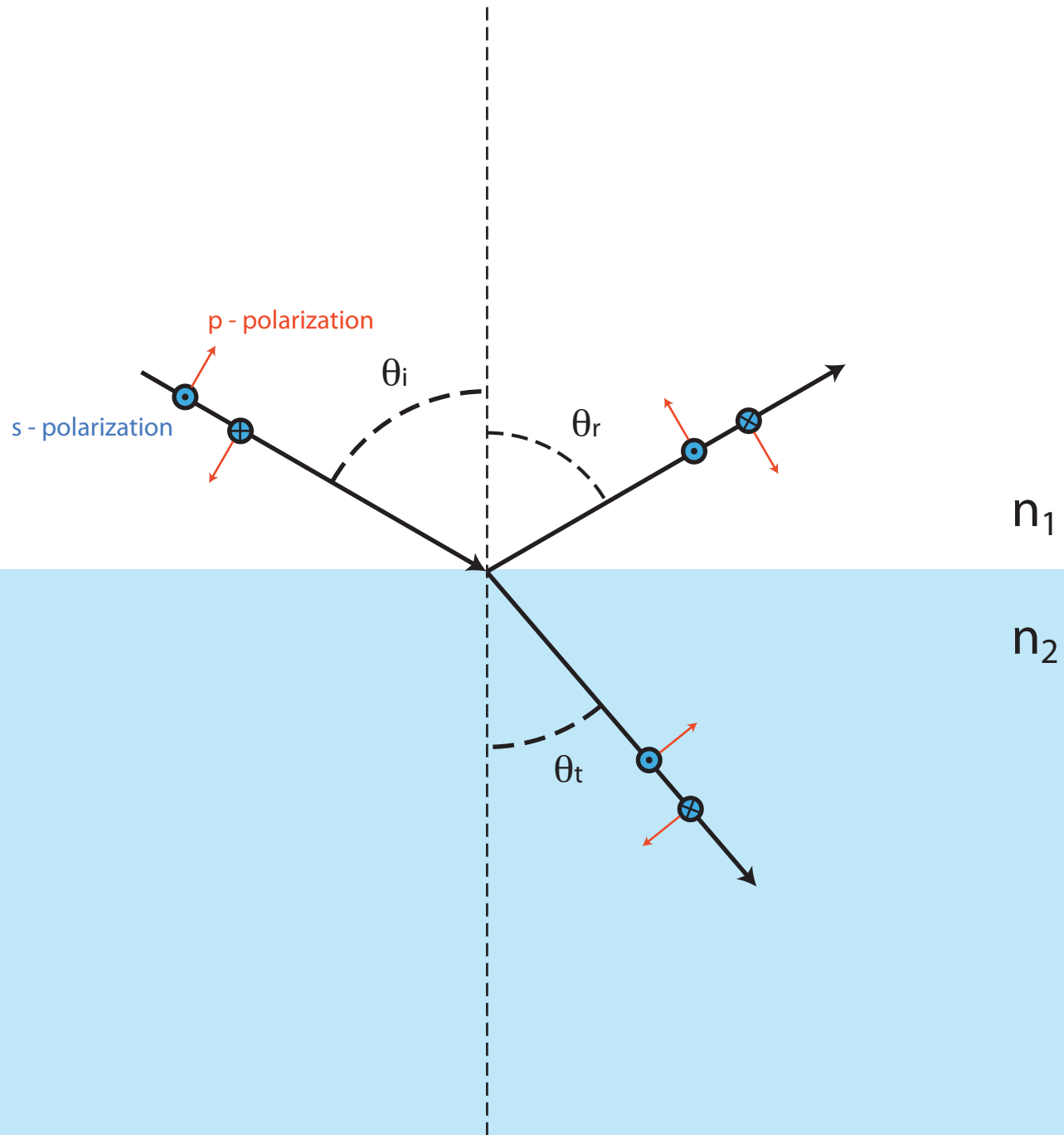
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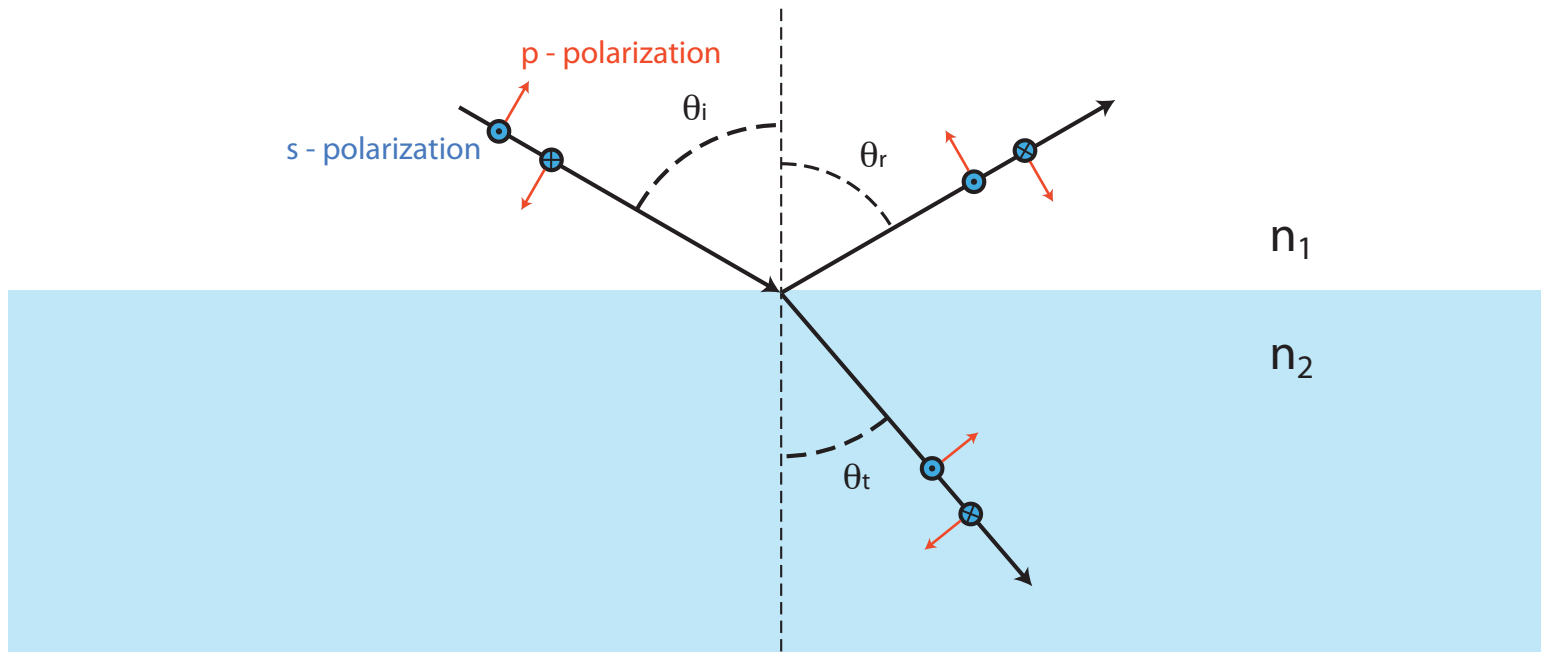
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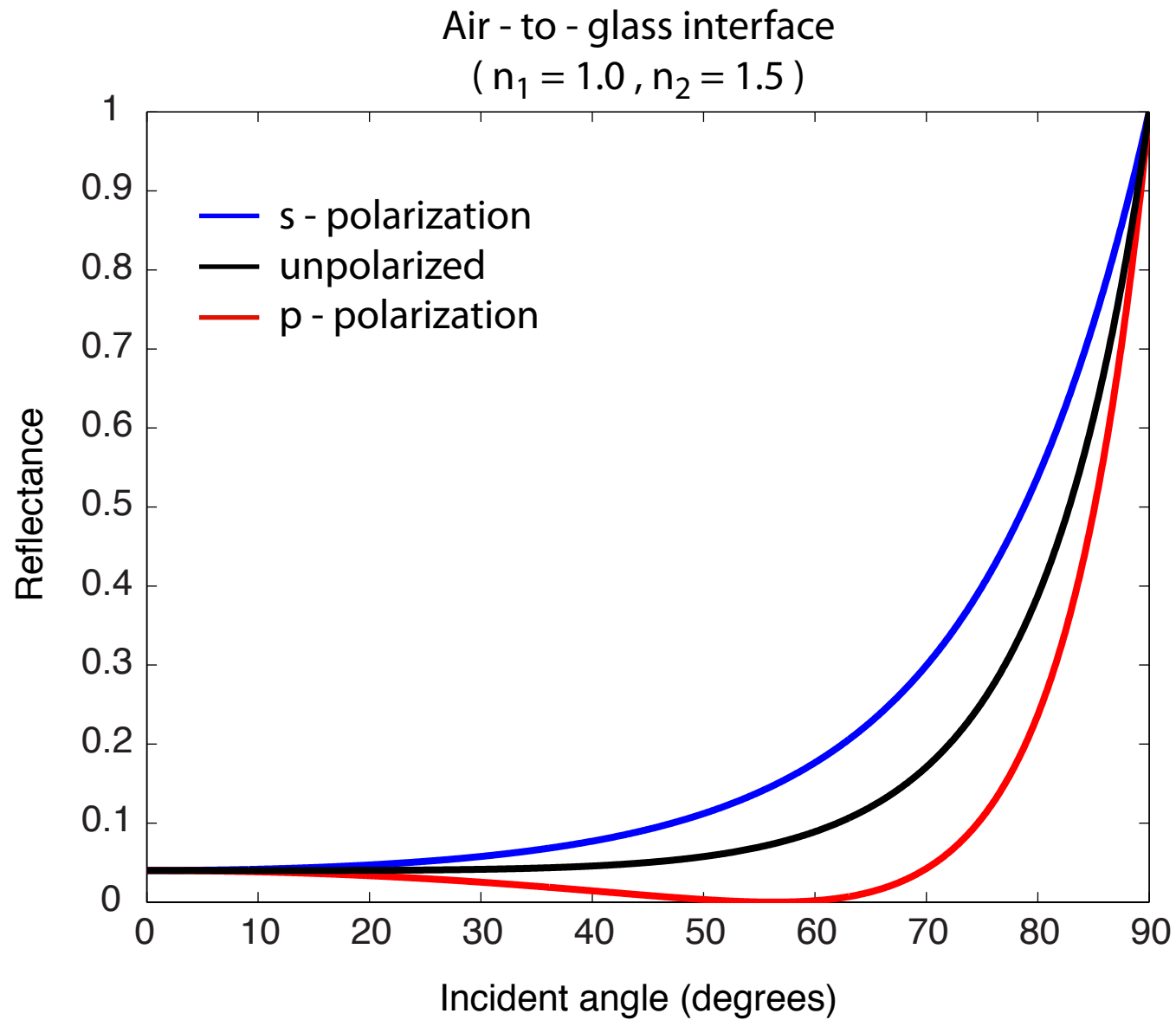
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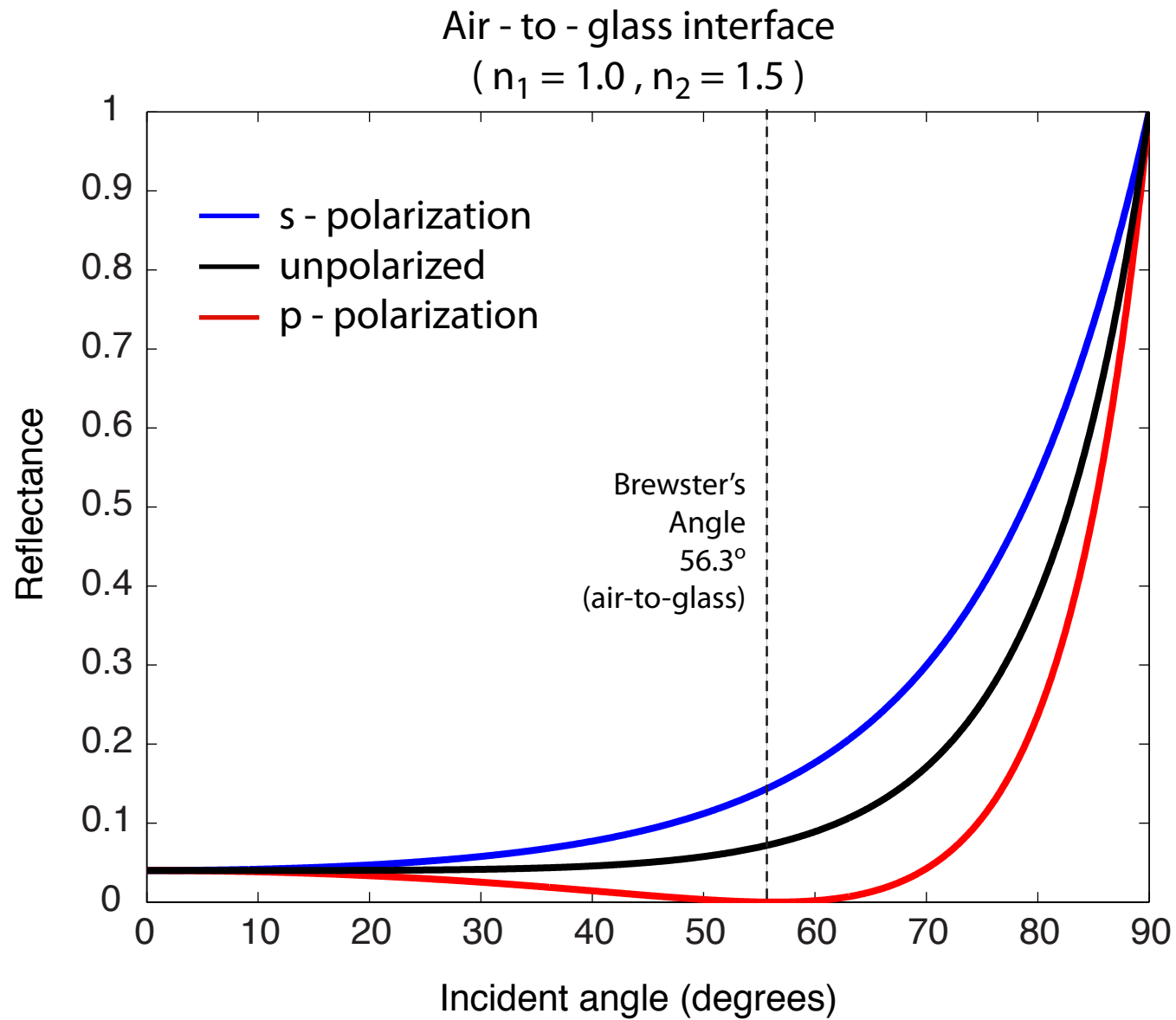
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$$R_p = \left| \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_t - n_2 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \cos \theta_t + n_2 \cos \theta_i} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{n_1 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_i\right)^2} - n_2 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_i\right)^2} + n_2 \cos \theta_i} \right|^2$$

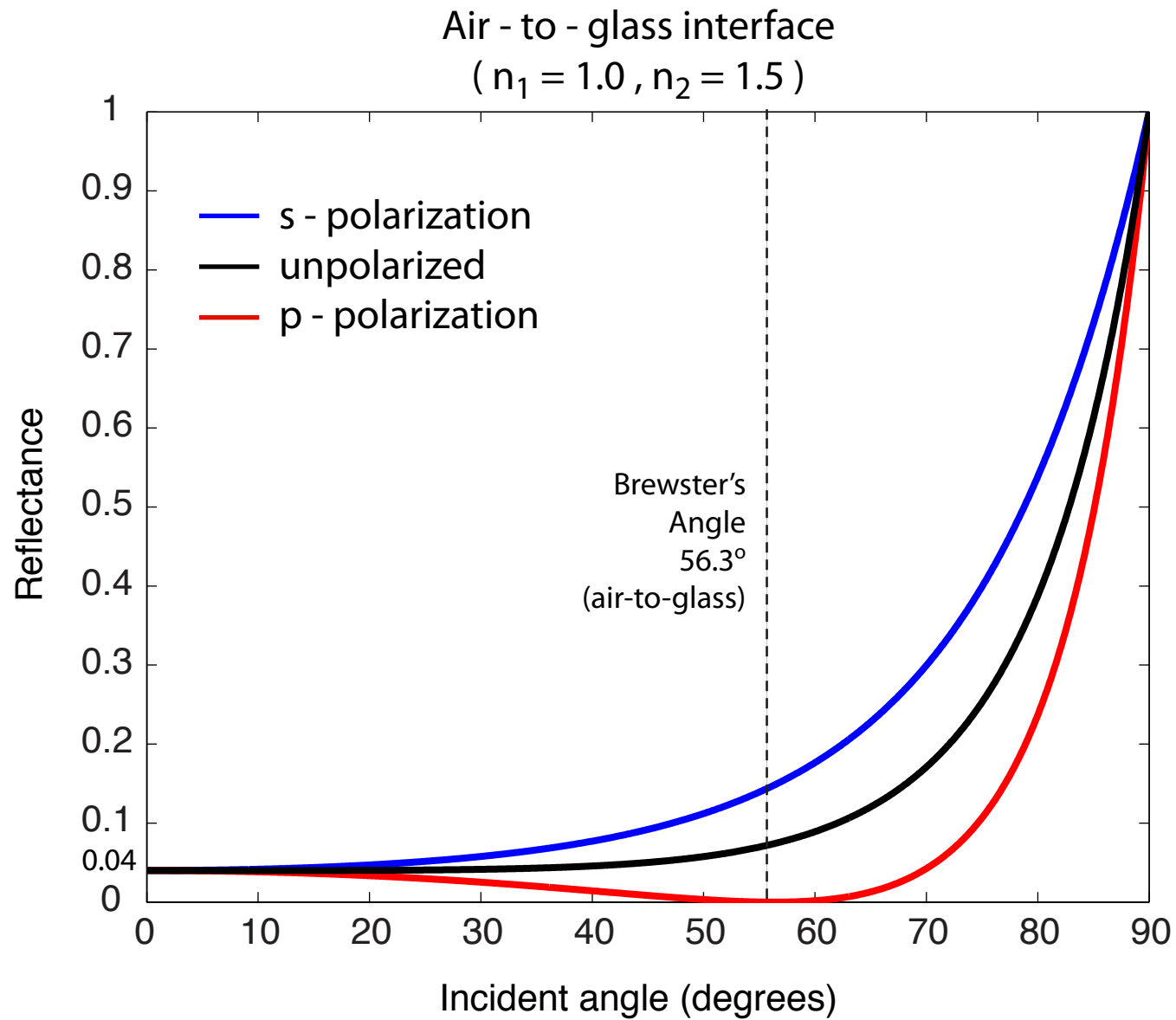
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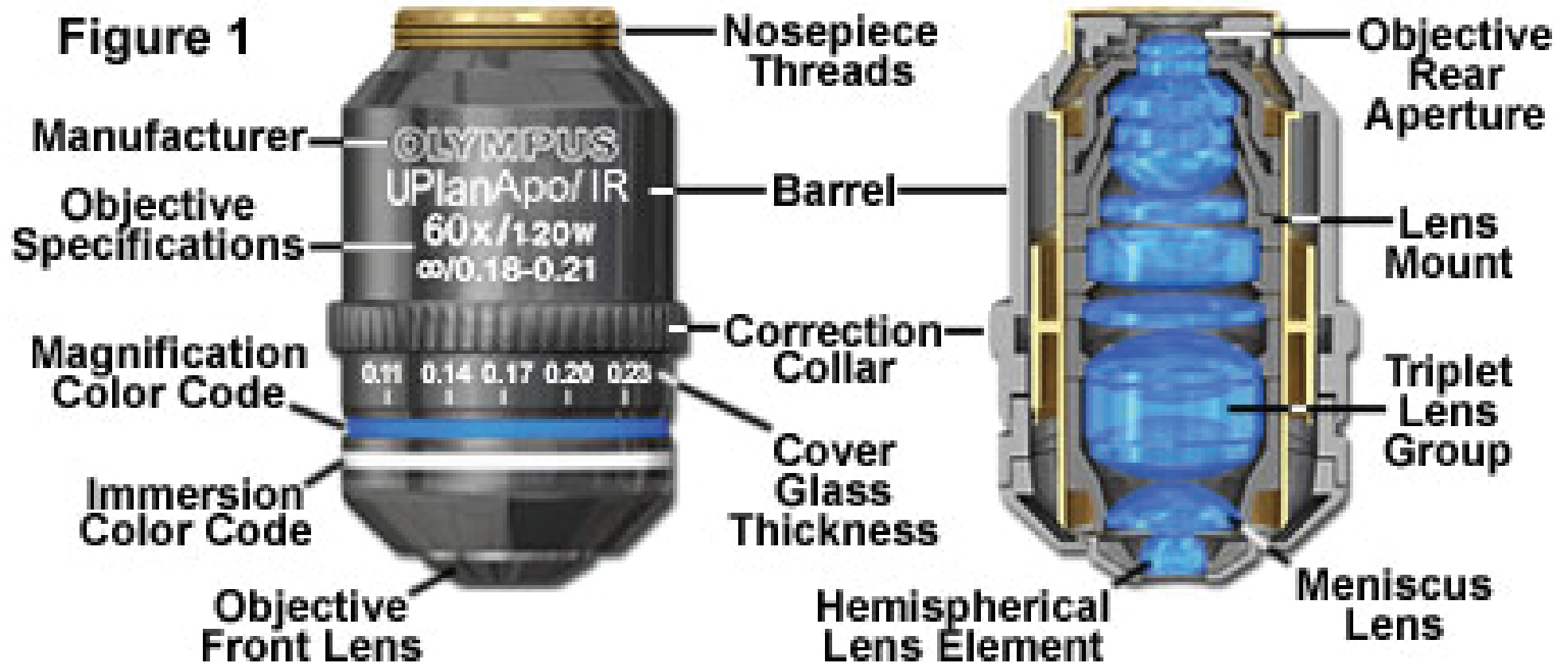


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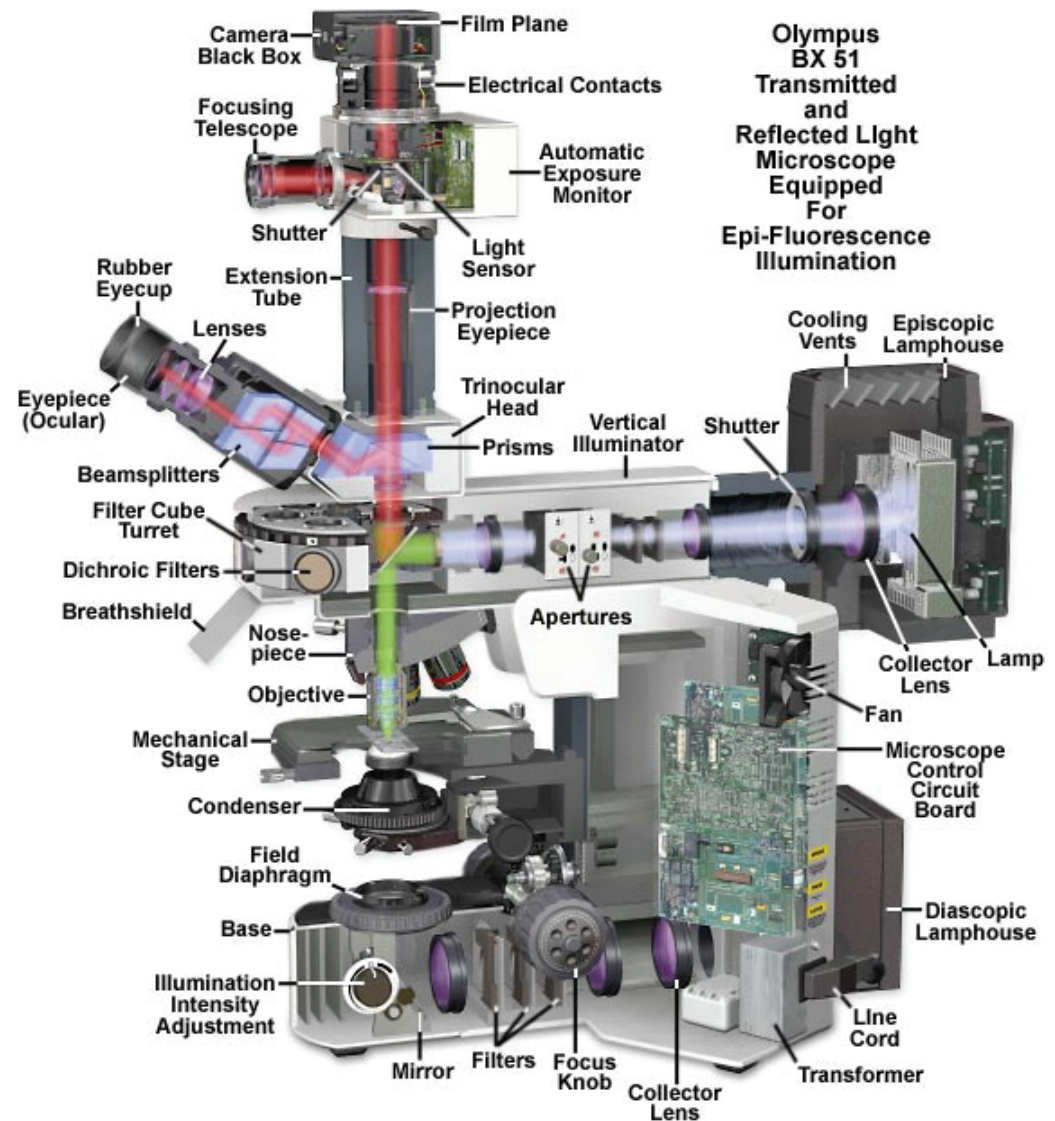


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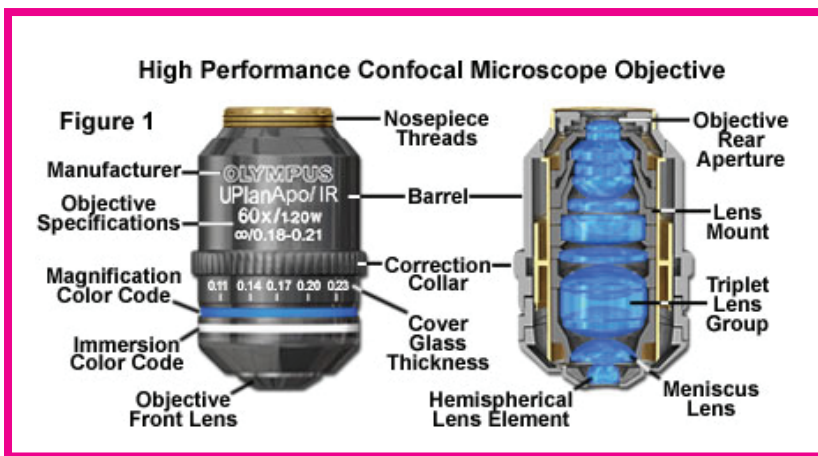
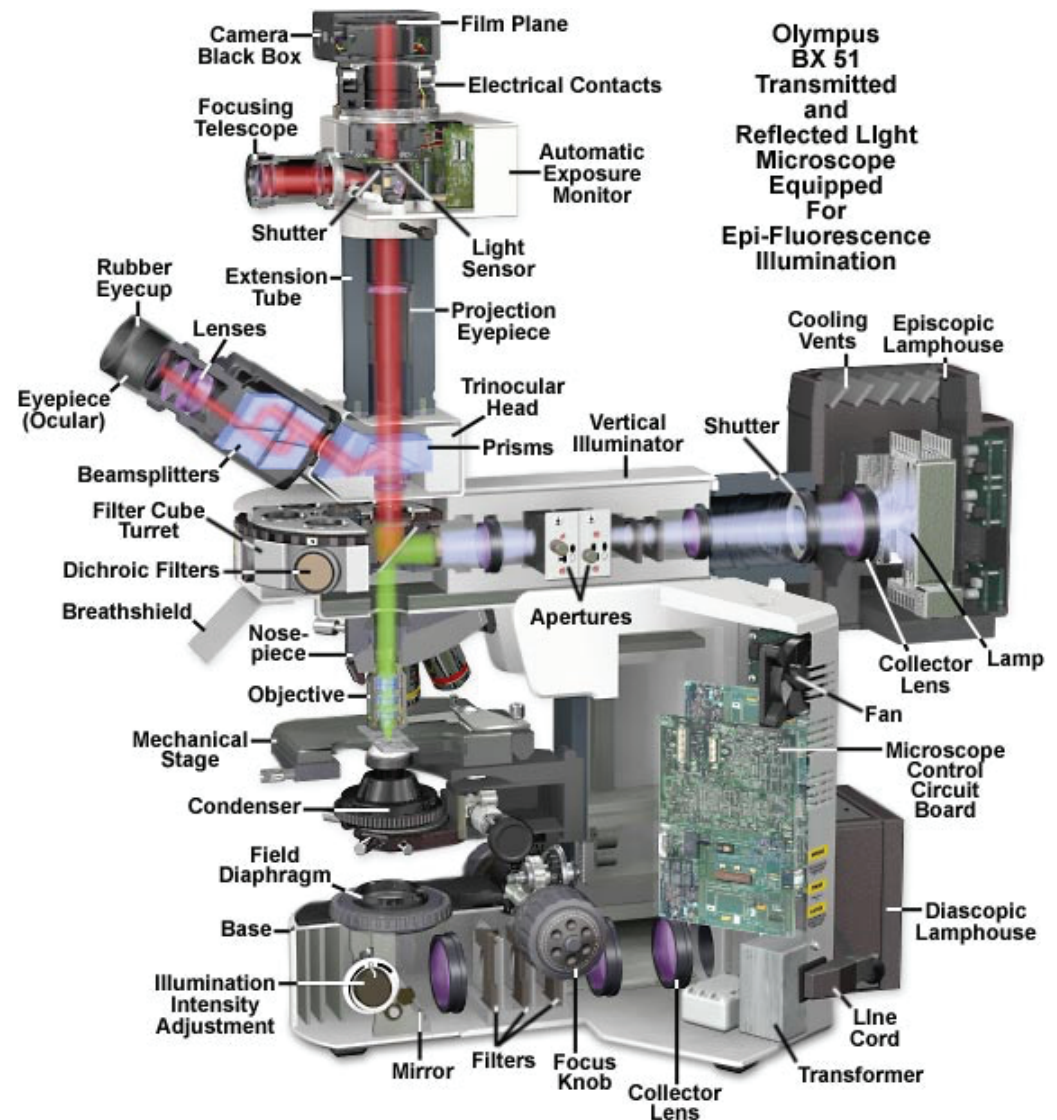
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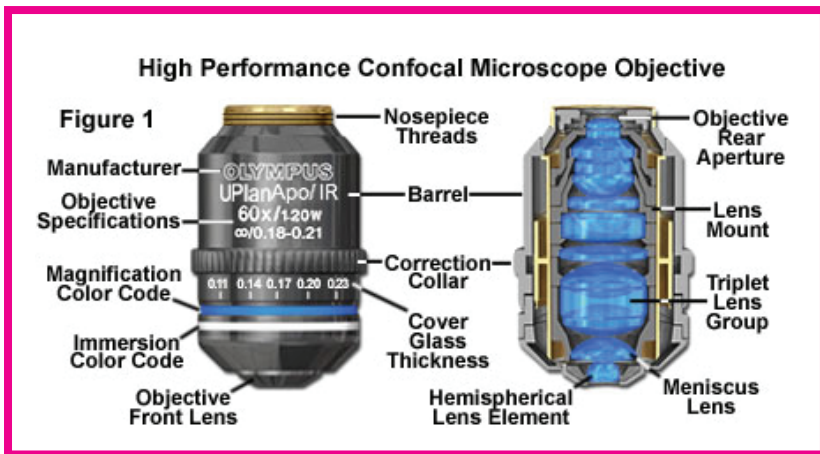
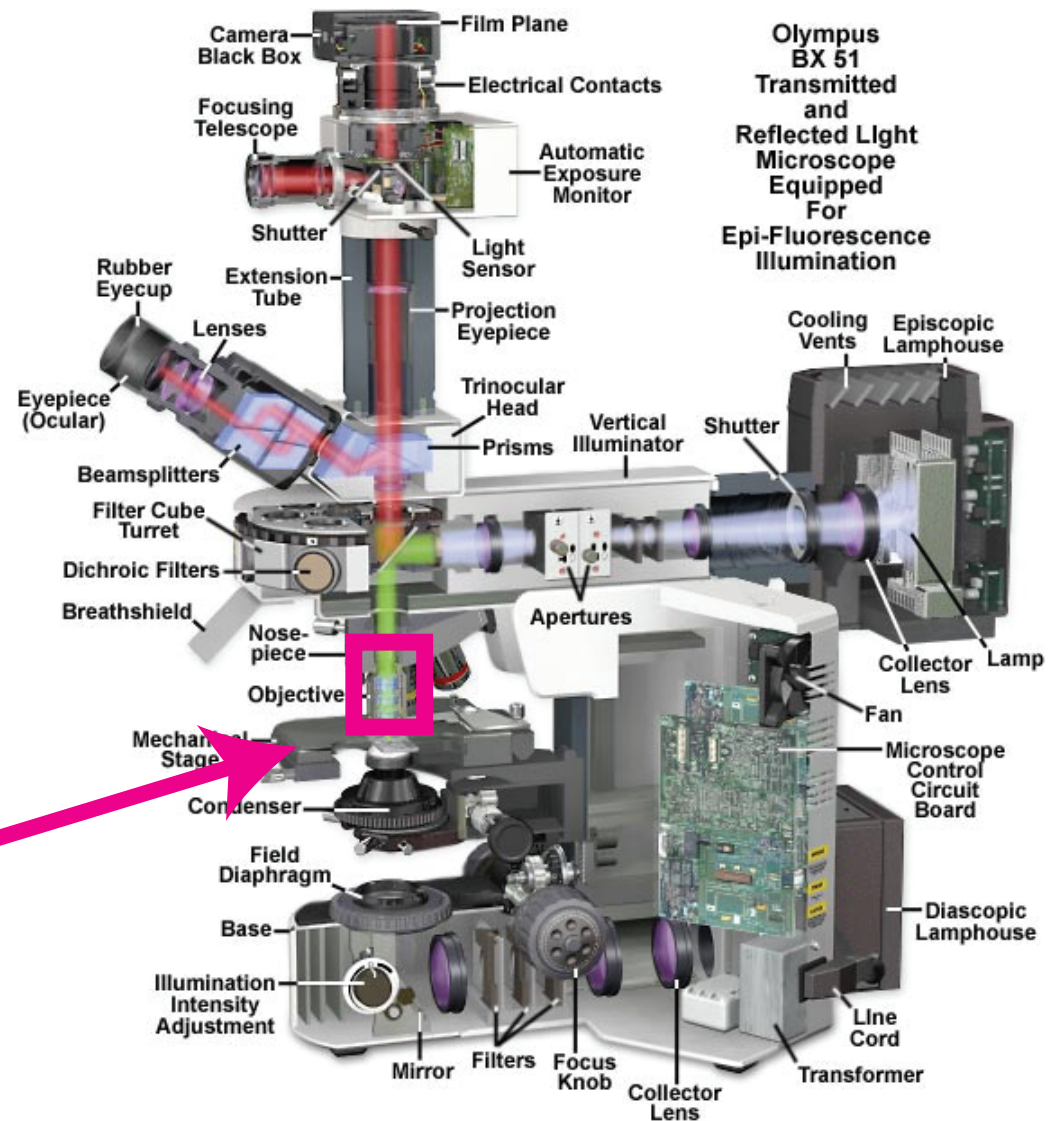
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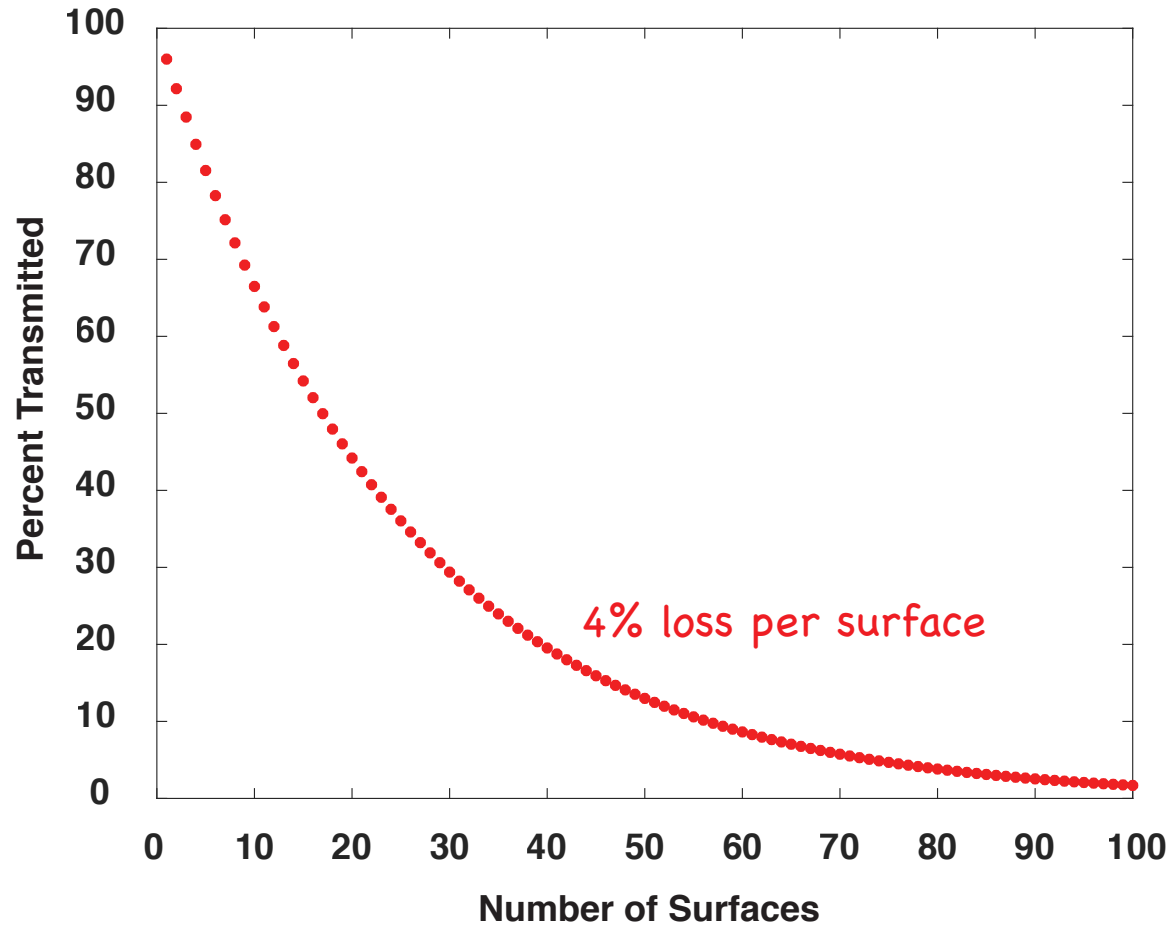
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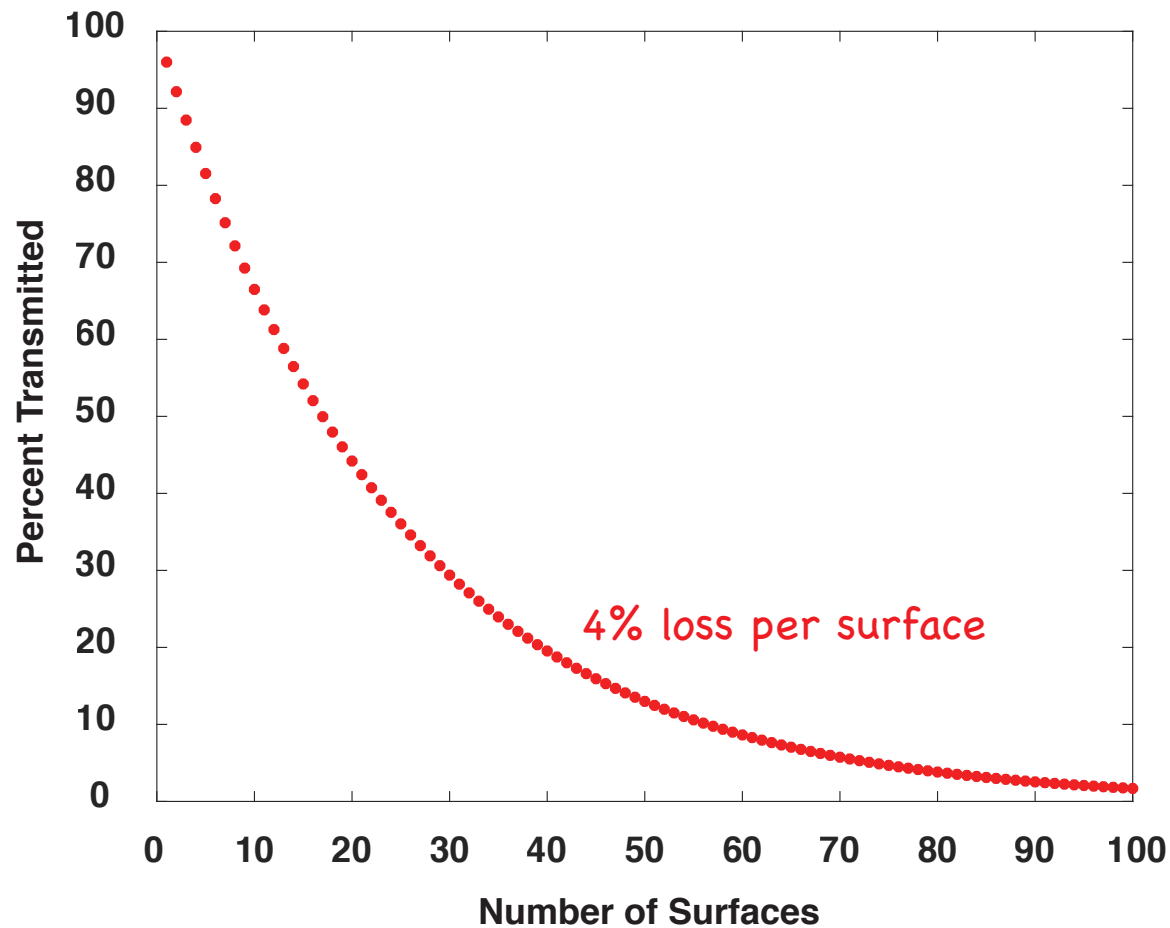
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





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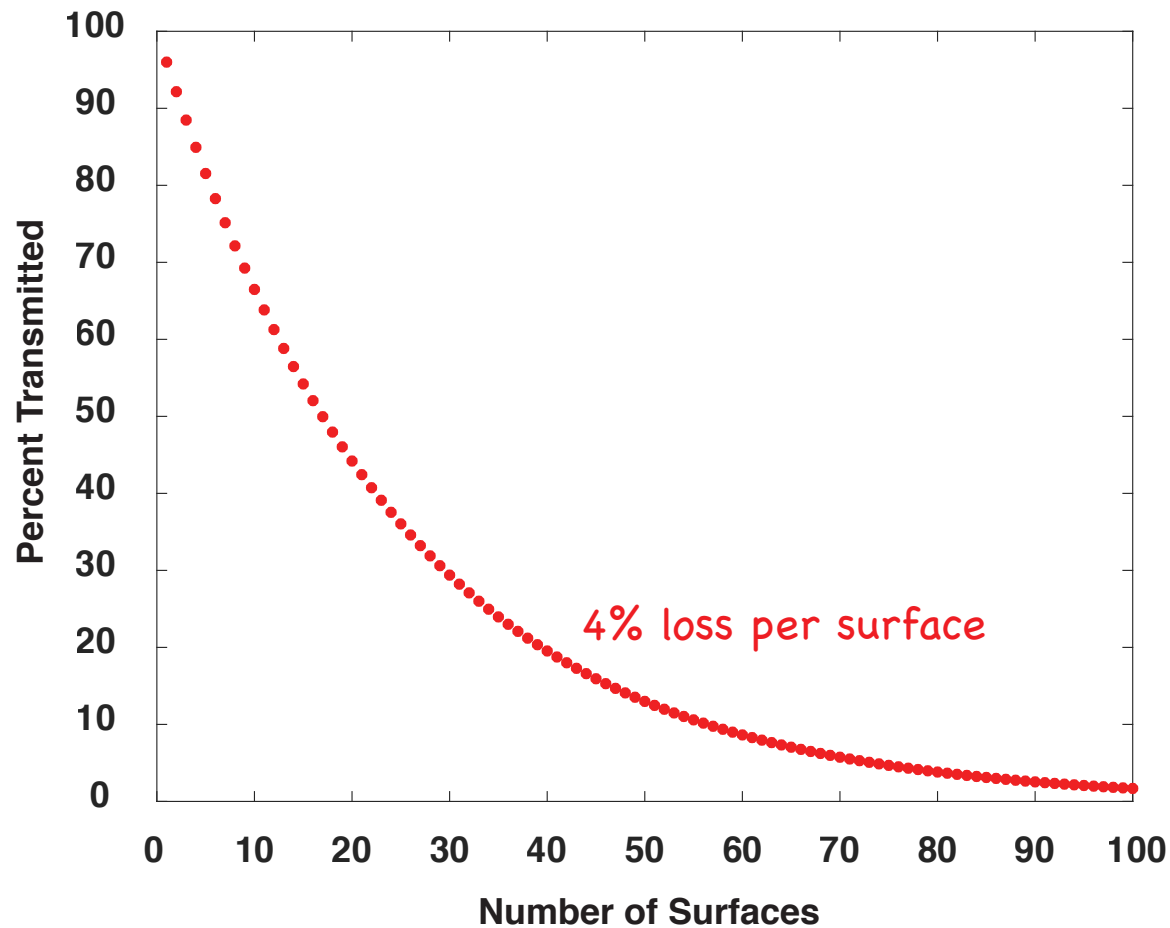






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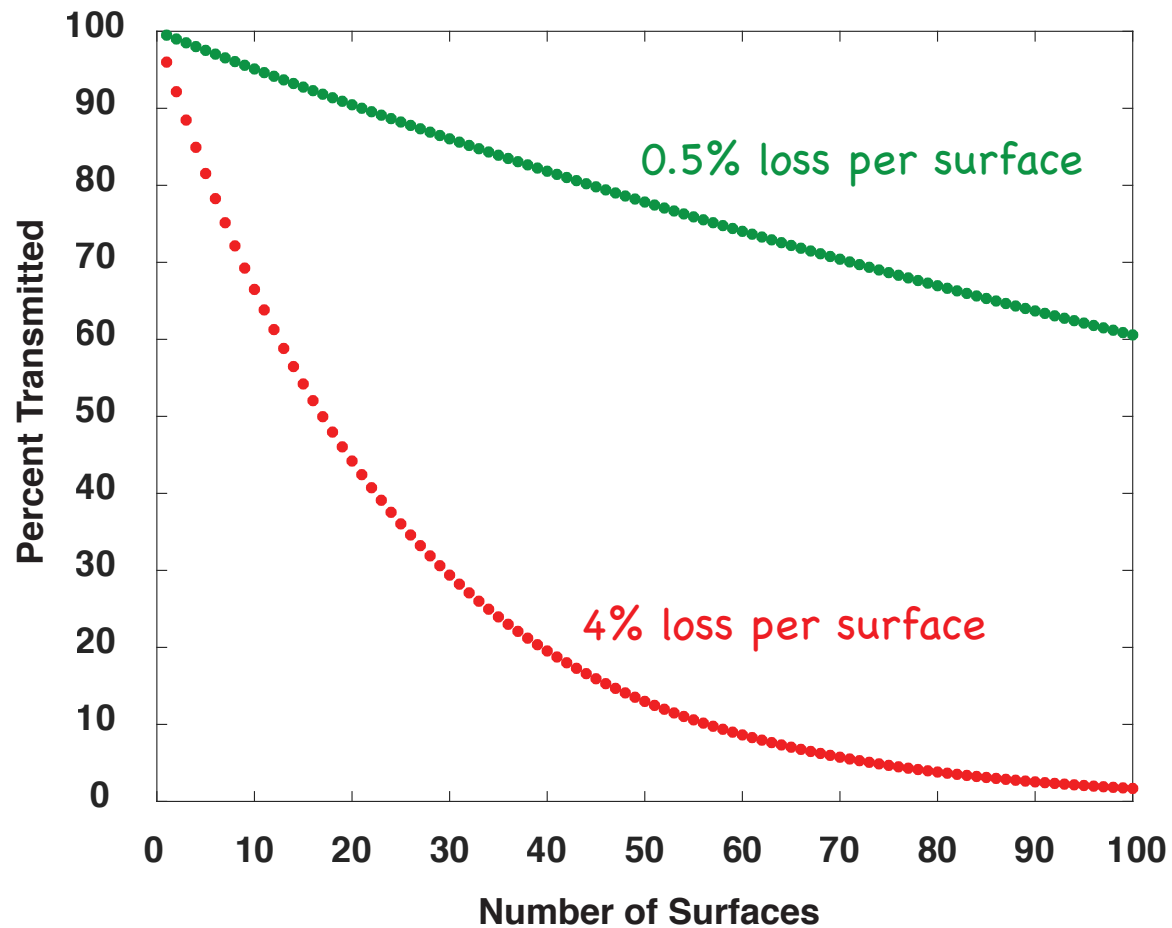
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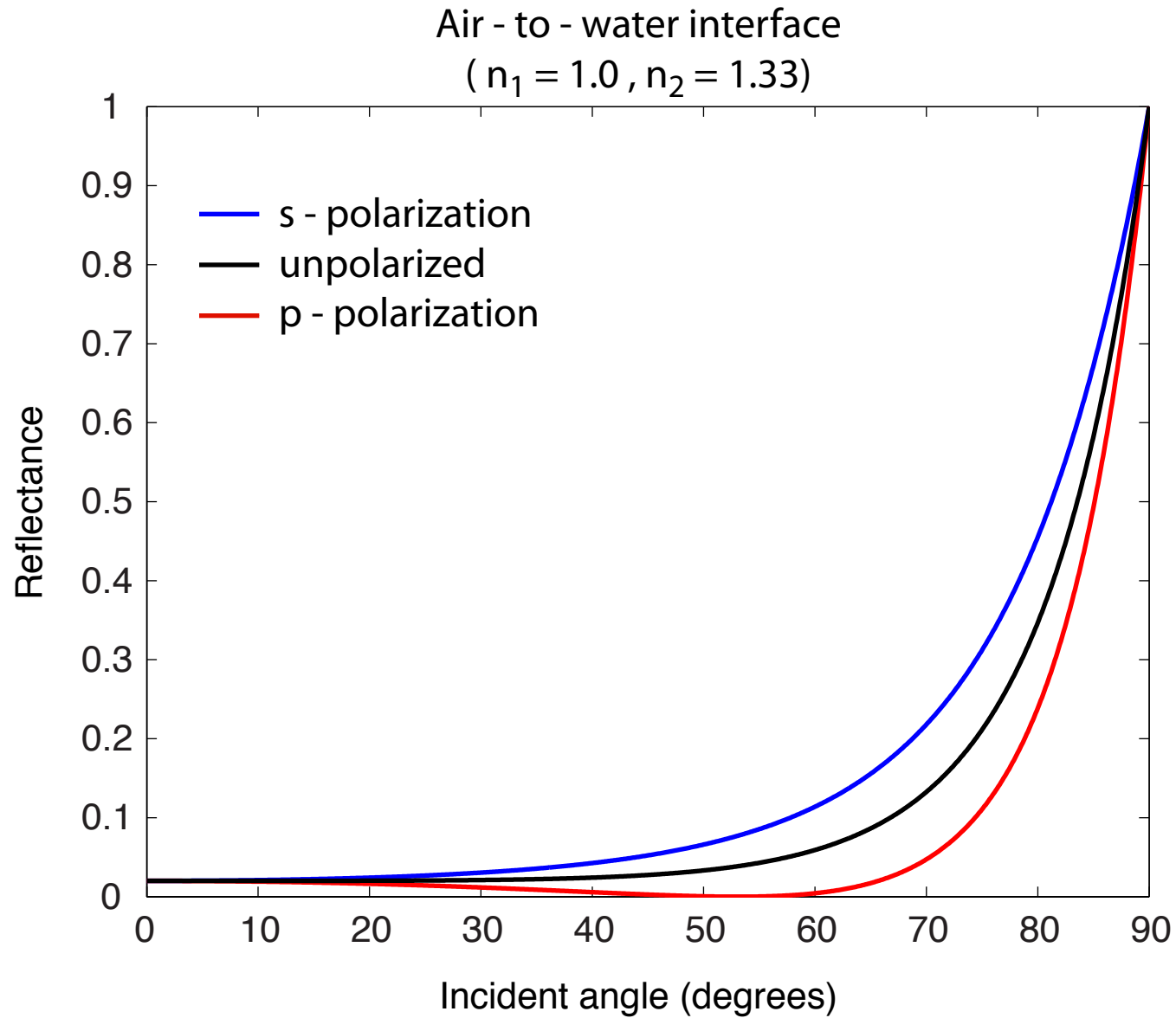
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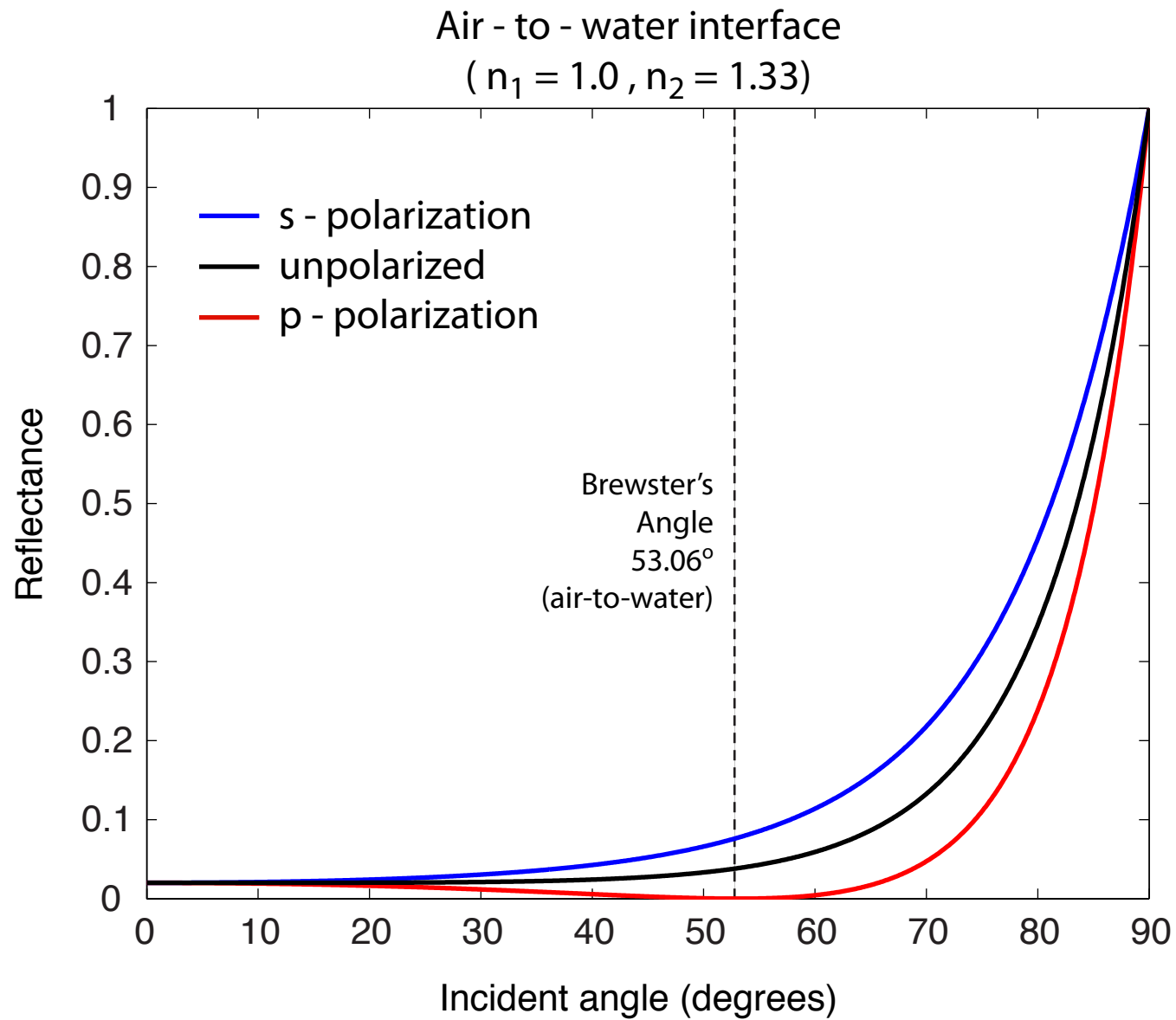
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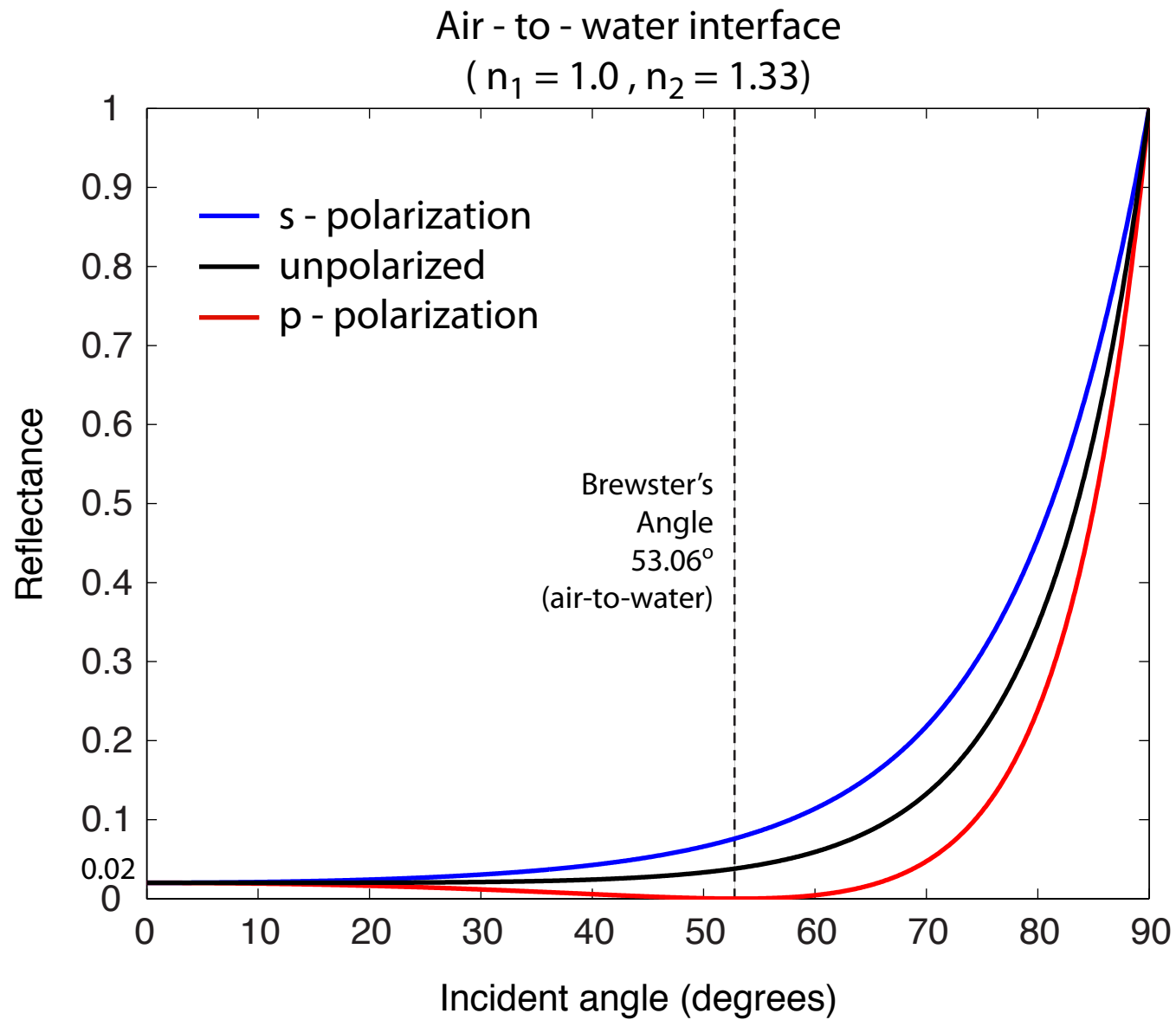
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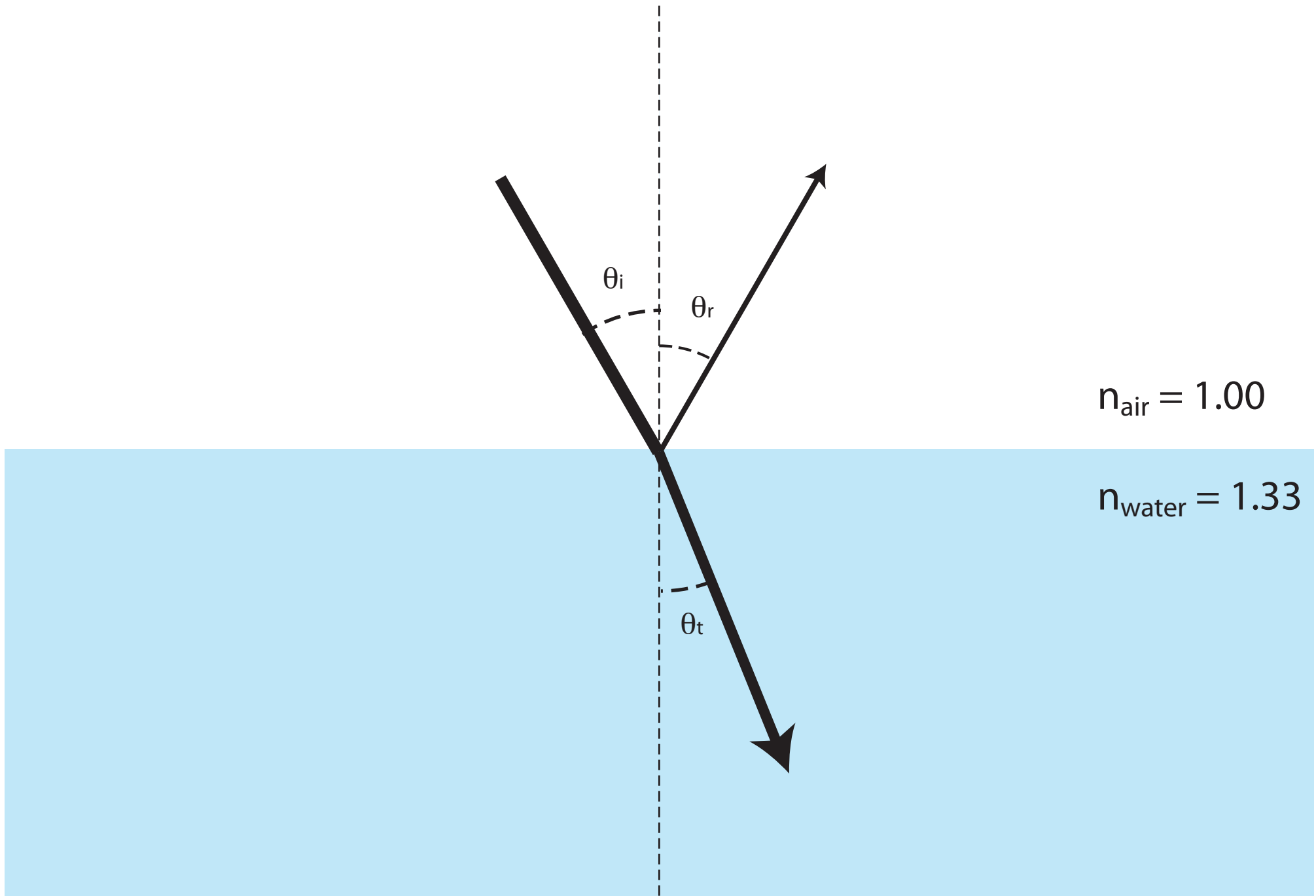
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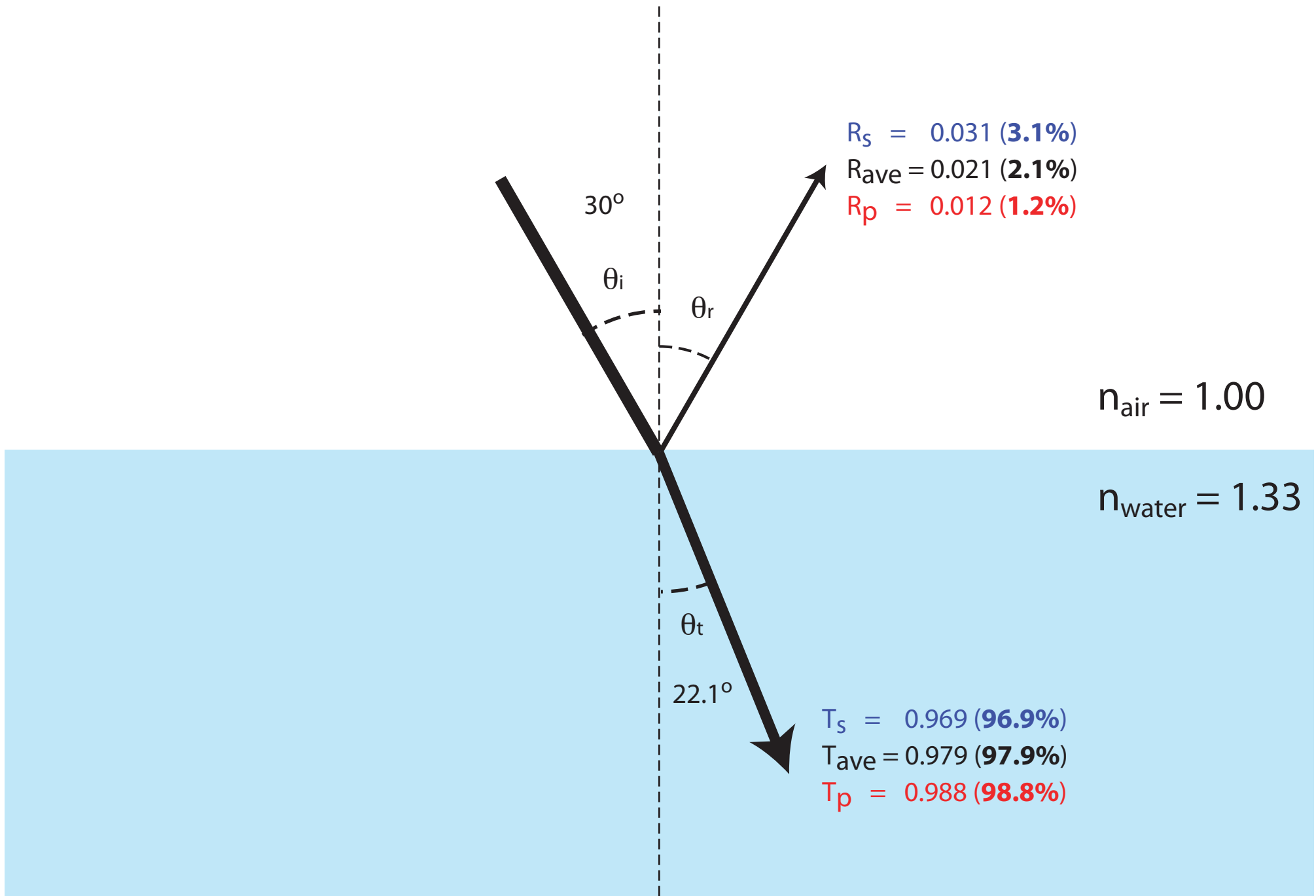
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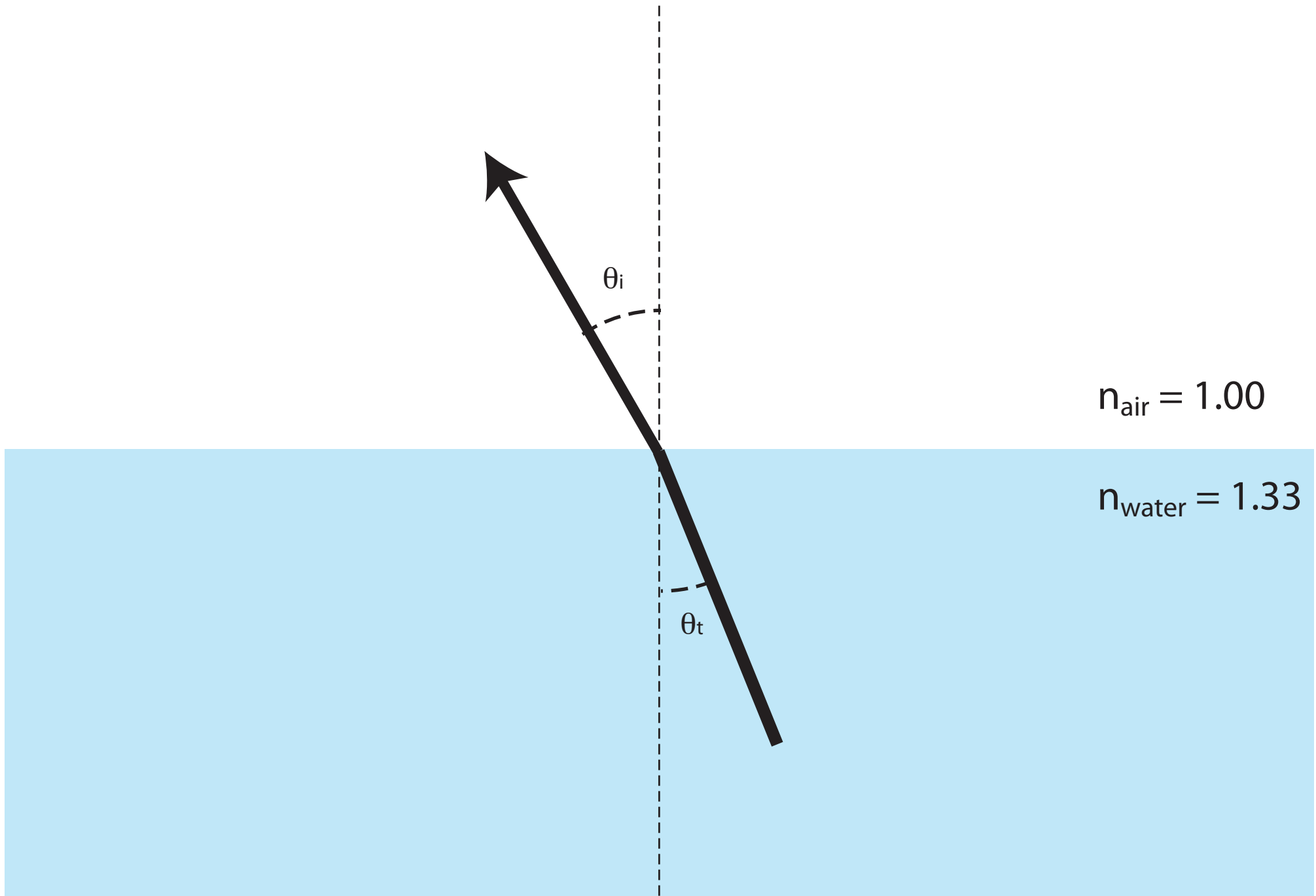
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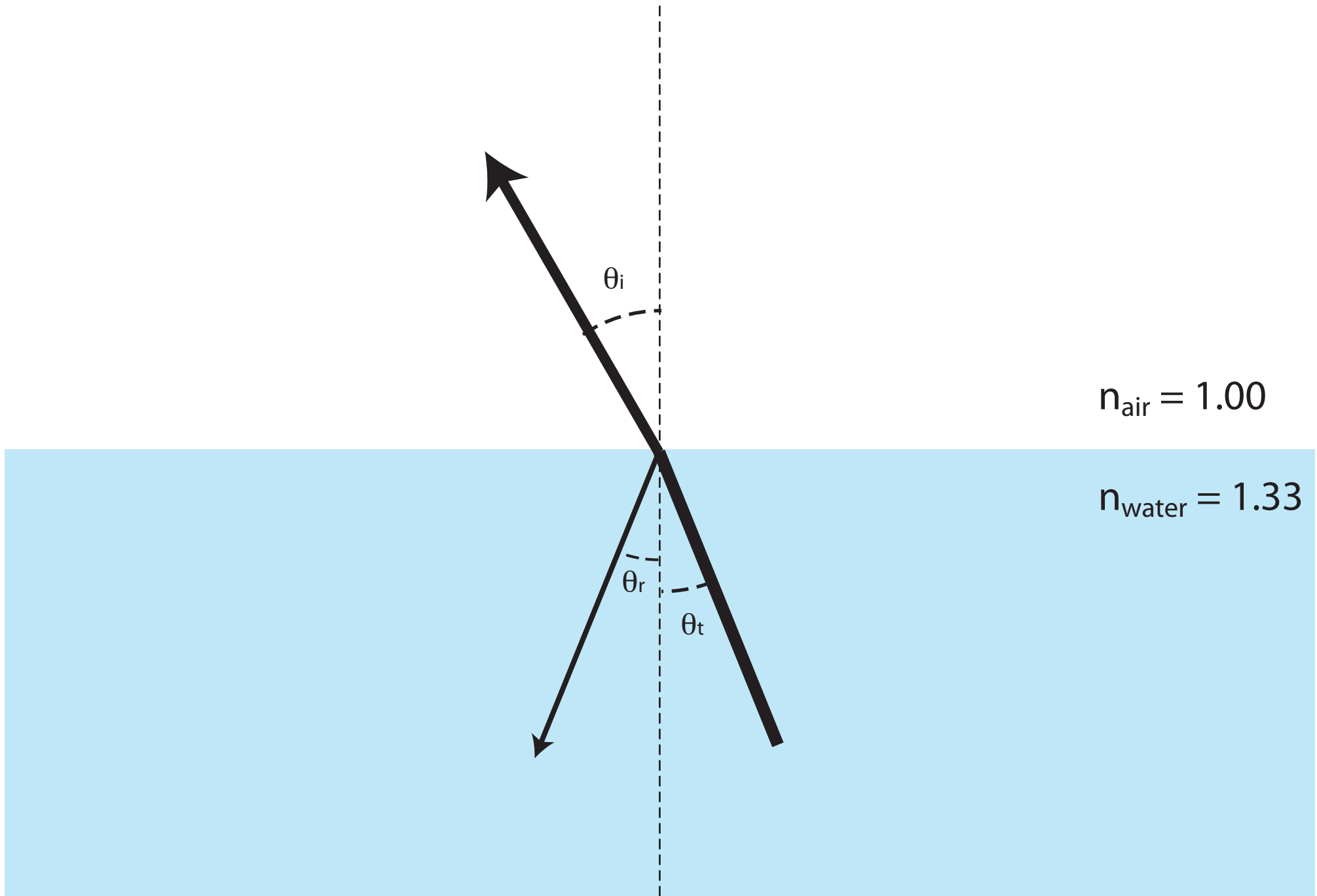
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$$T_s = 0.969 \text{ (96.9\%)}$$

$$T_{\text{ave}} = 0.979 \text{ (97.9\%)}$$

$$T_p = 0.988 \text{ (98.8\%)}$$

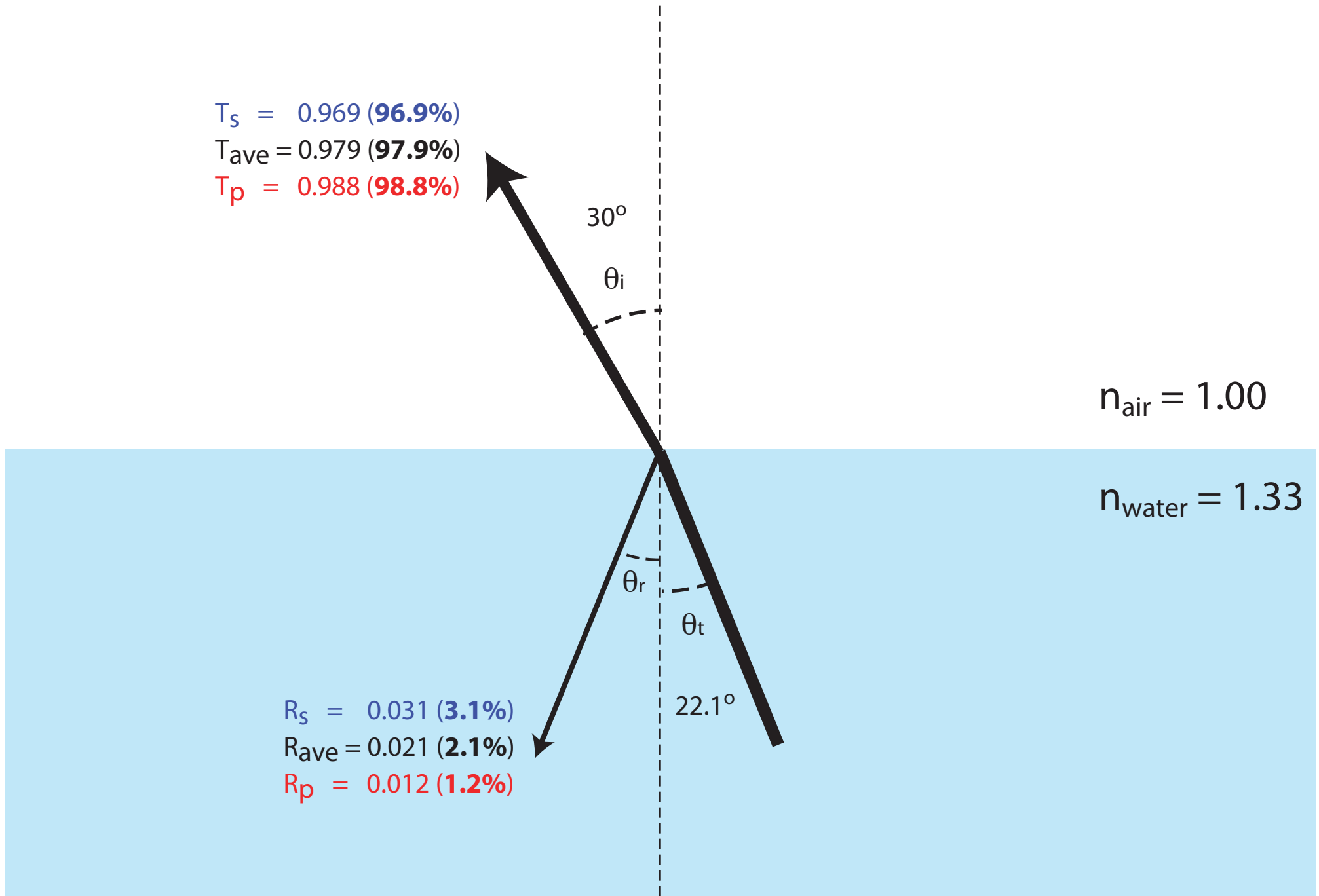
$$R_s = 0.031 \text{ (3.1\%)}$$

$$R_{\text{ave}} = 0.021 \text{ (2.1\%)}$$

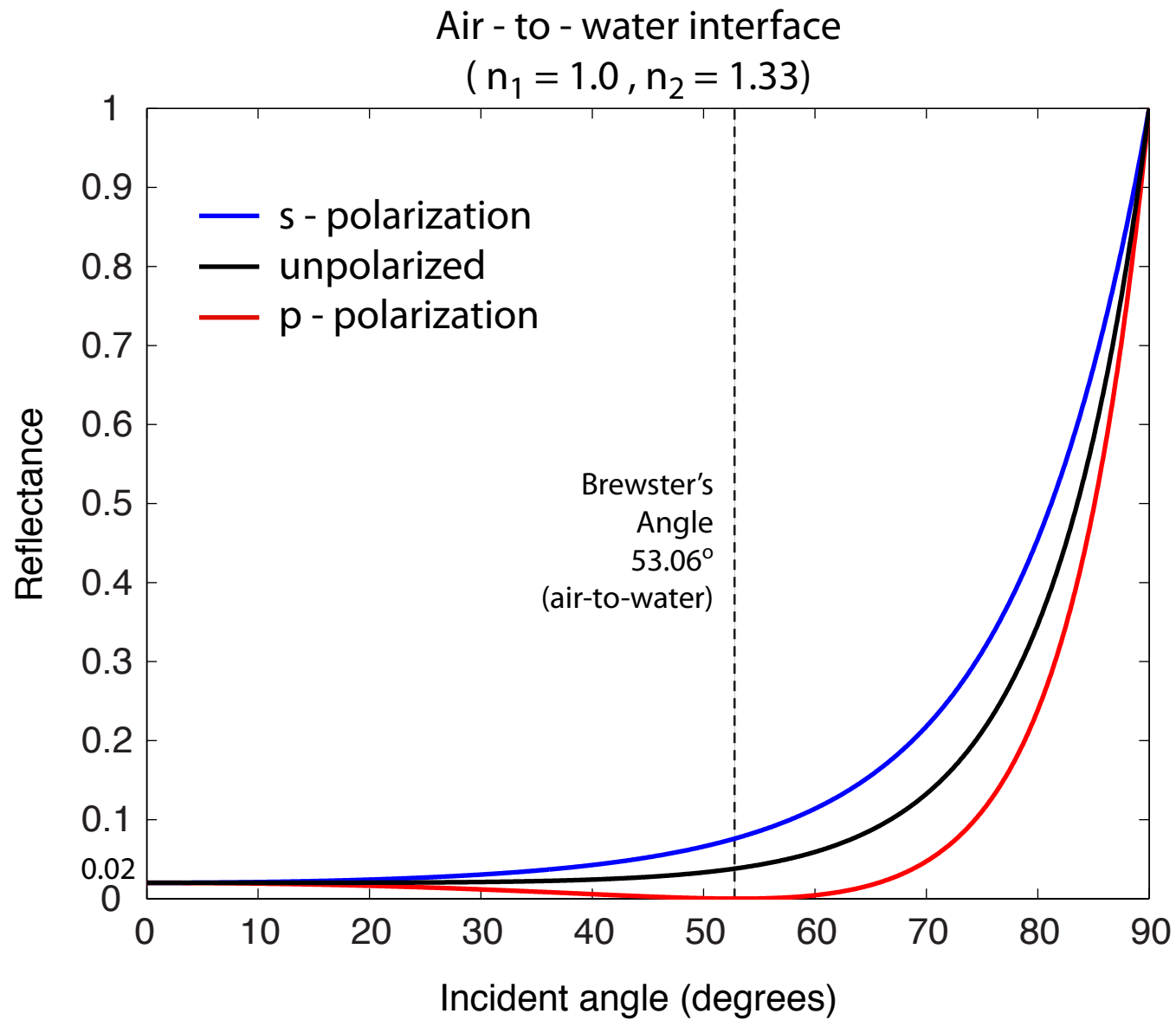
$$R_p = 0.012 \text{ (1.2\%)}$$

$$n_{\text{air}} = 1.00$$

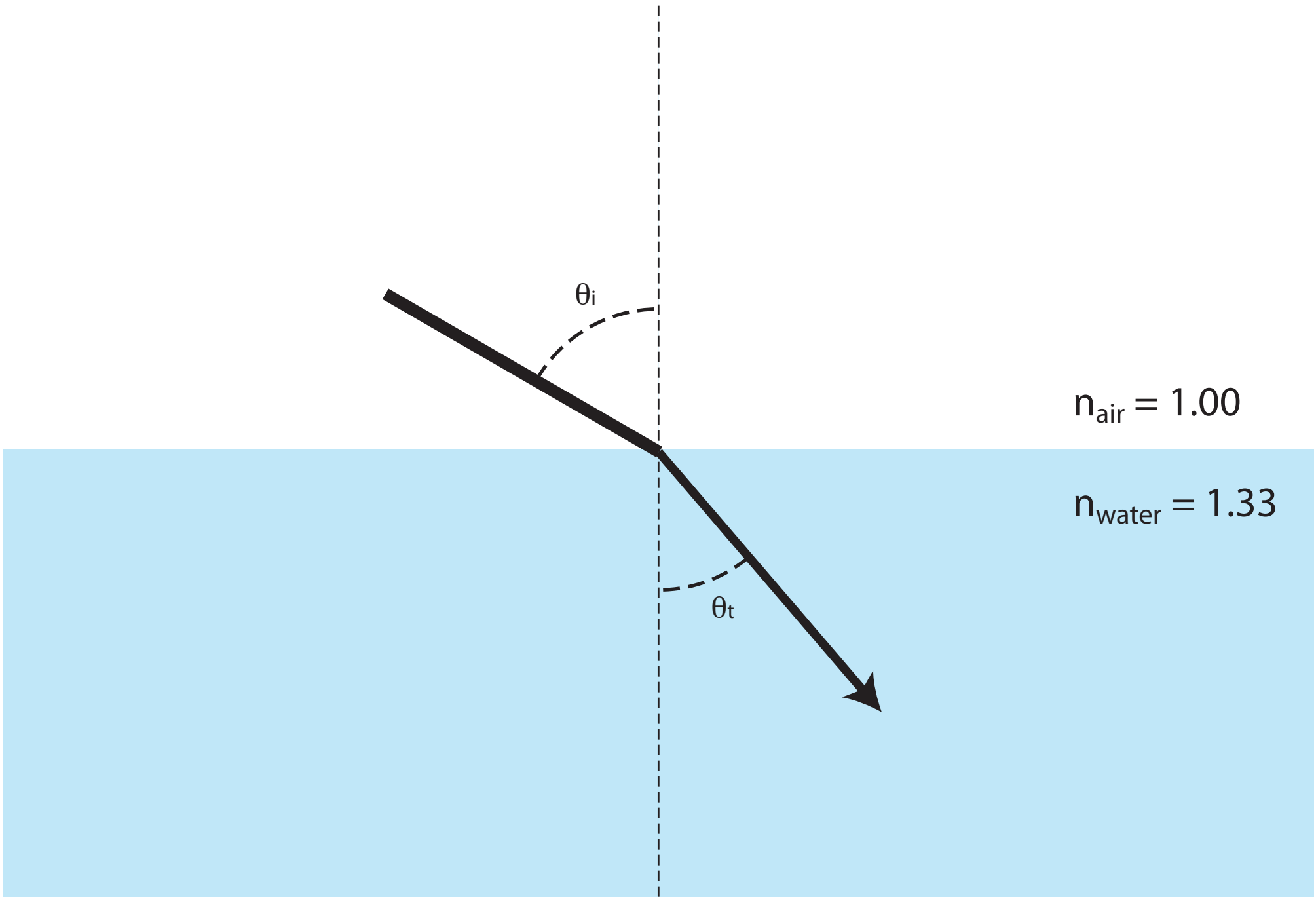
$$n_{\text{water}} = 1.33$$



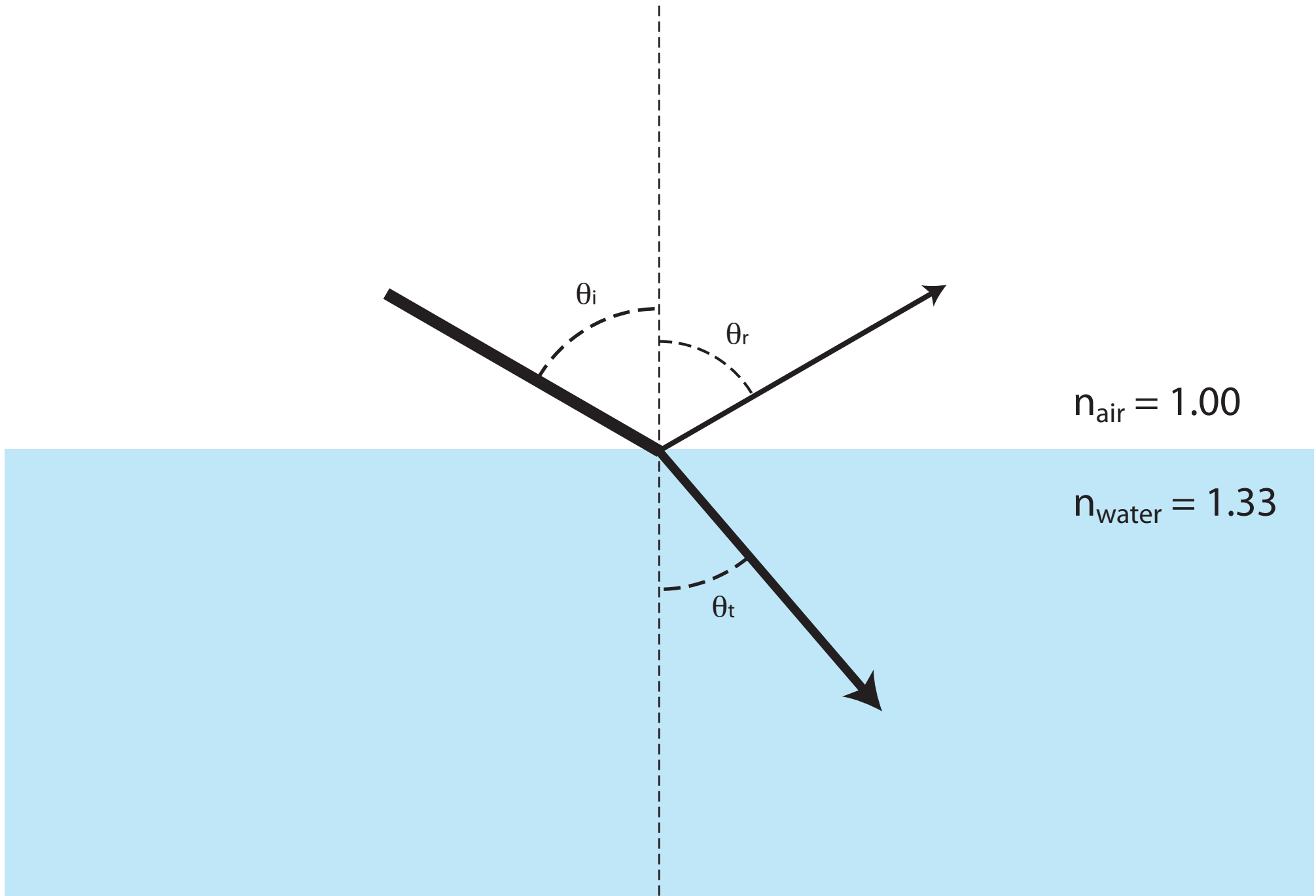
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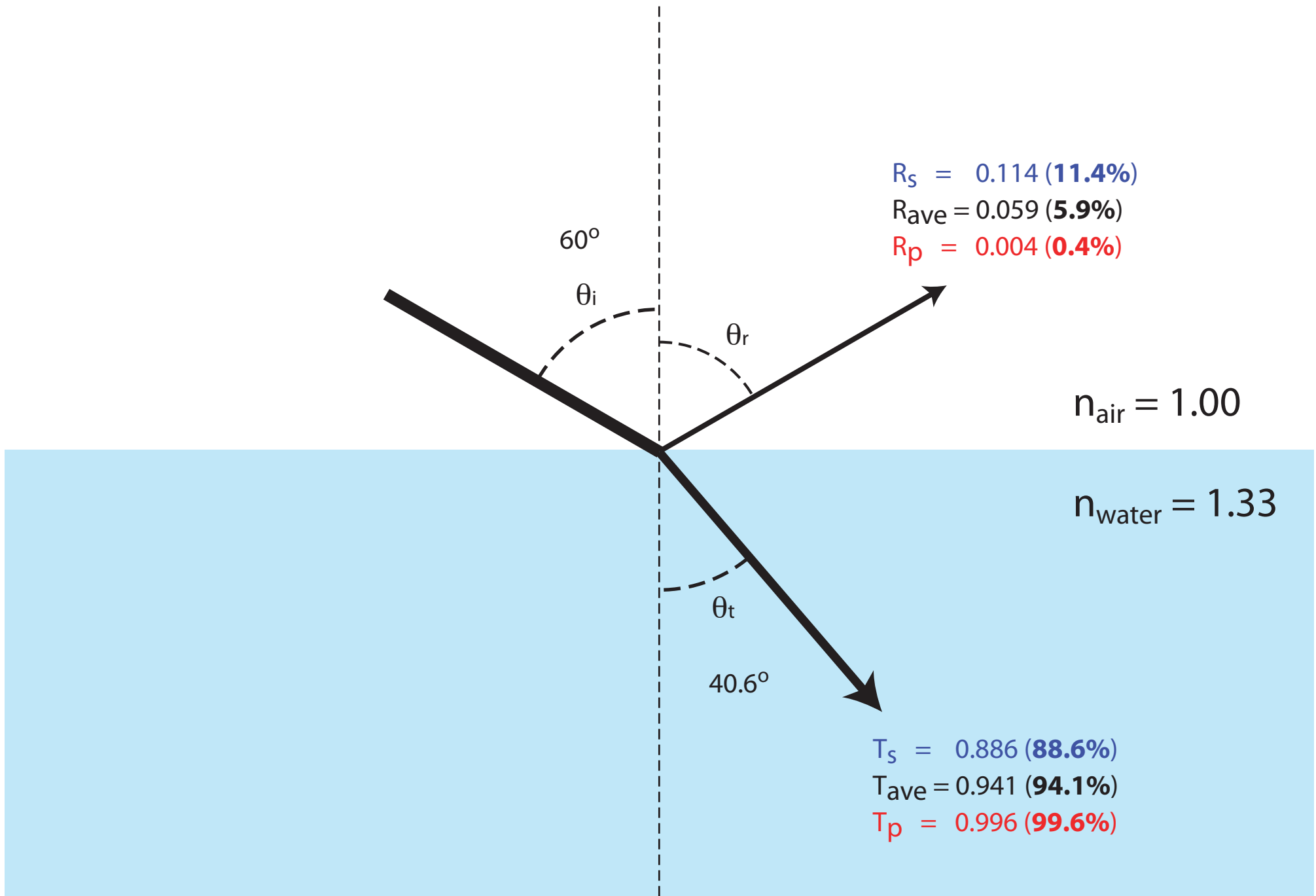
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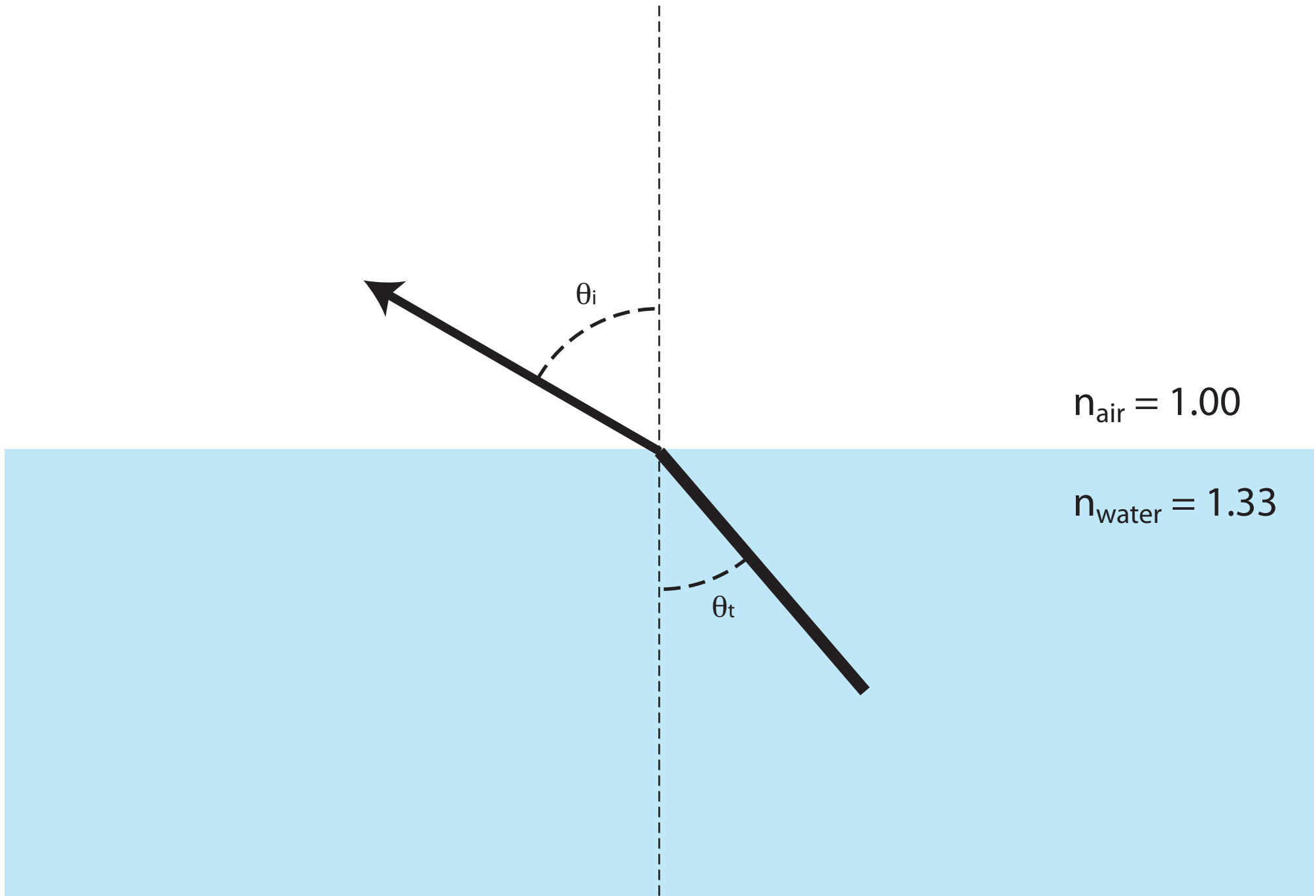
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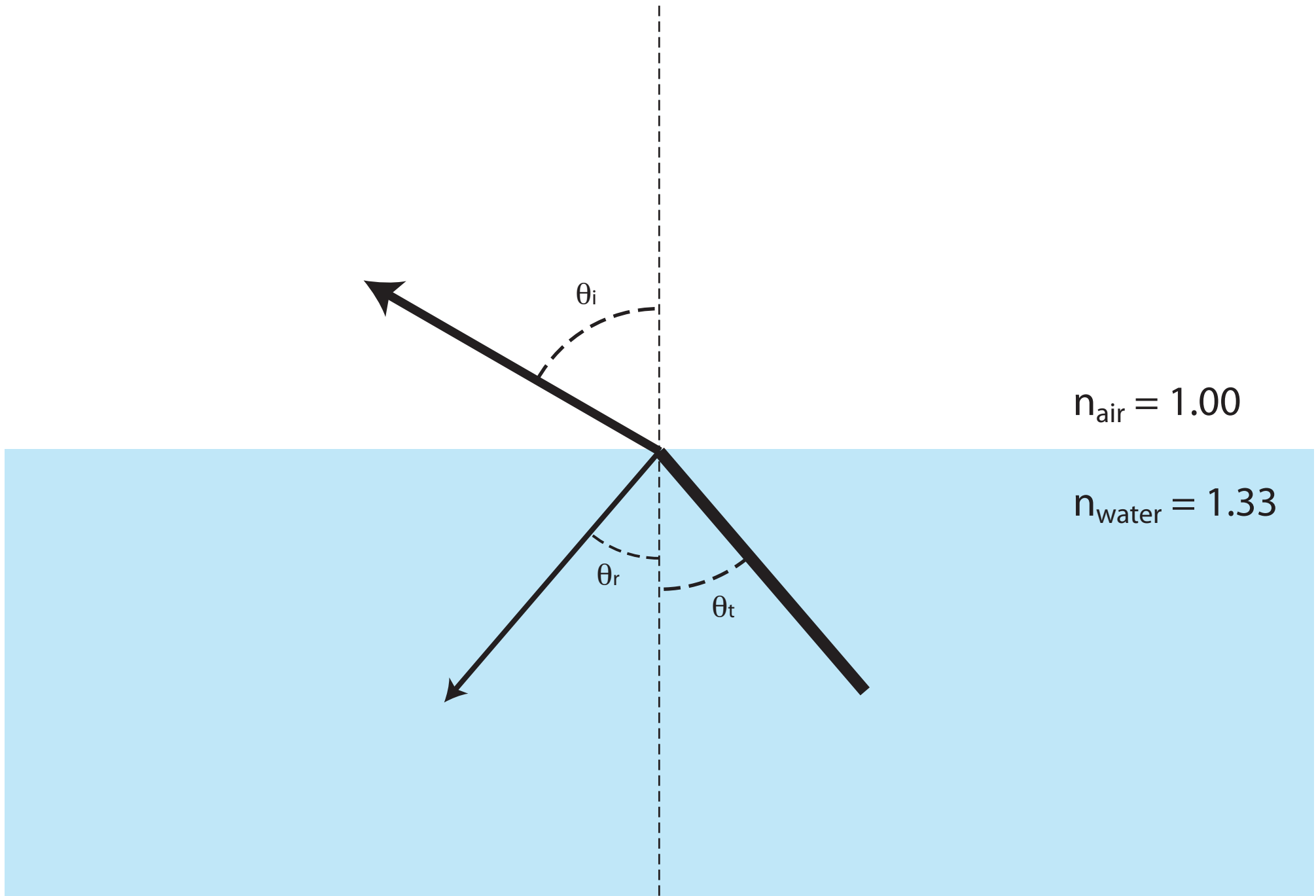
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$$T_s = 0.886 \text{ (88.6\%)}$$

$$T_{ave} = 0.941 \text{ (94.1\%)}$$

$$T_p = 0.996 \text{ (99.6\%)}$$

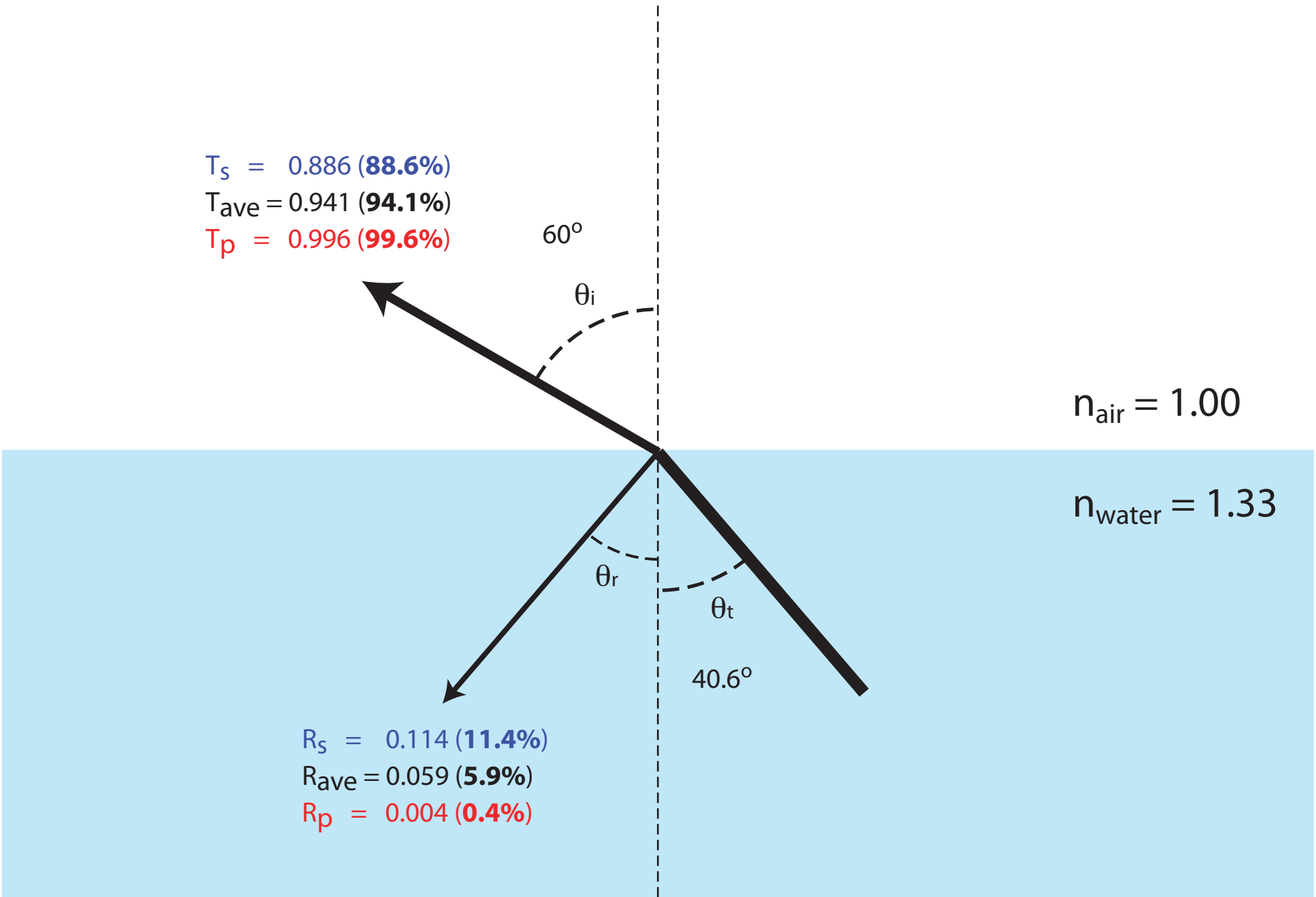
$$R_s = 0.114 \text{ (11.4\%)}$$

$$R_{ave} = 0.059 \text{ (5.9\%)}$$

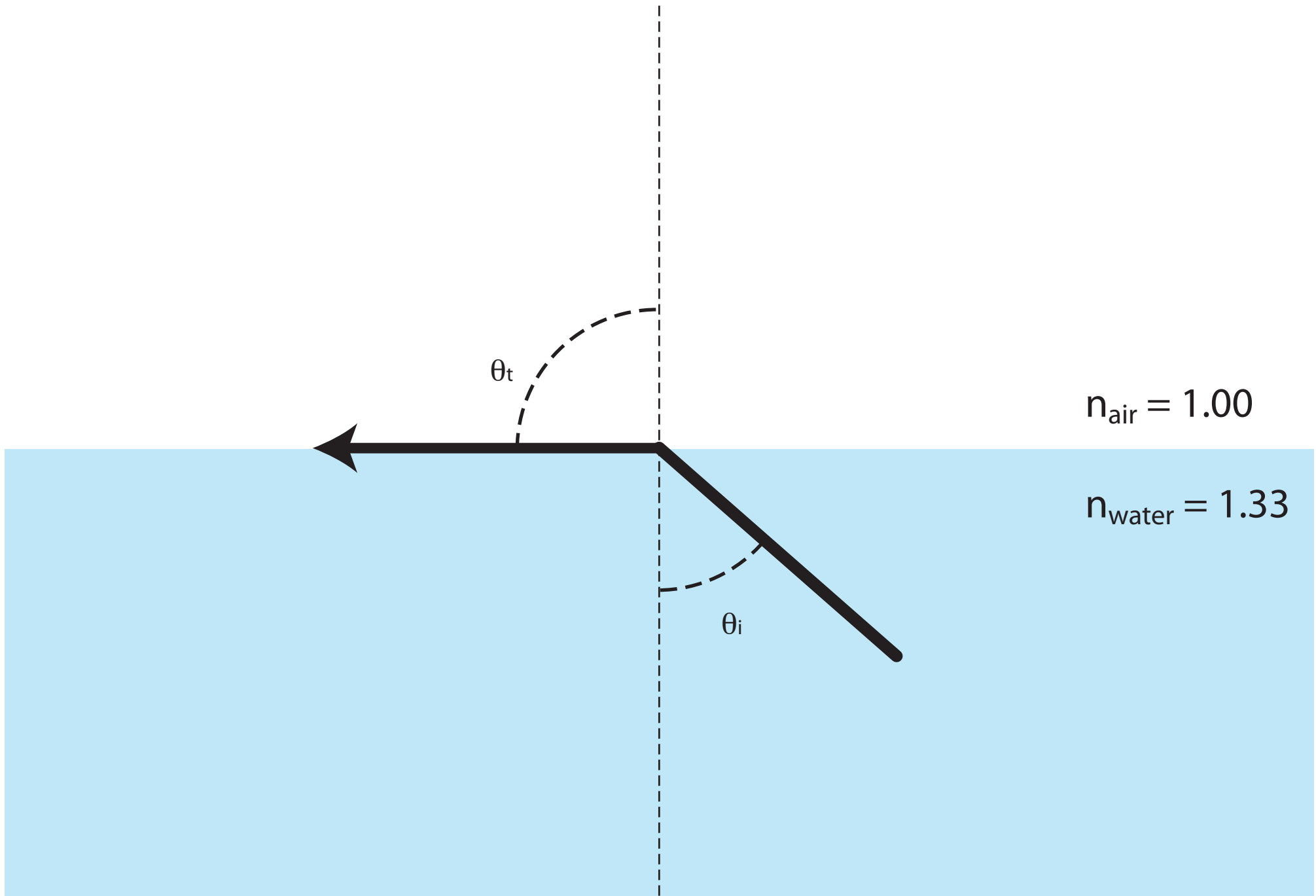
$$R_p = 0.004 \text{ (0.4\%)}$$

$$n_{air} = 1.00$$

$$n_{water} = 1.33$$

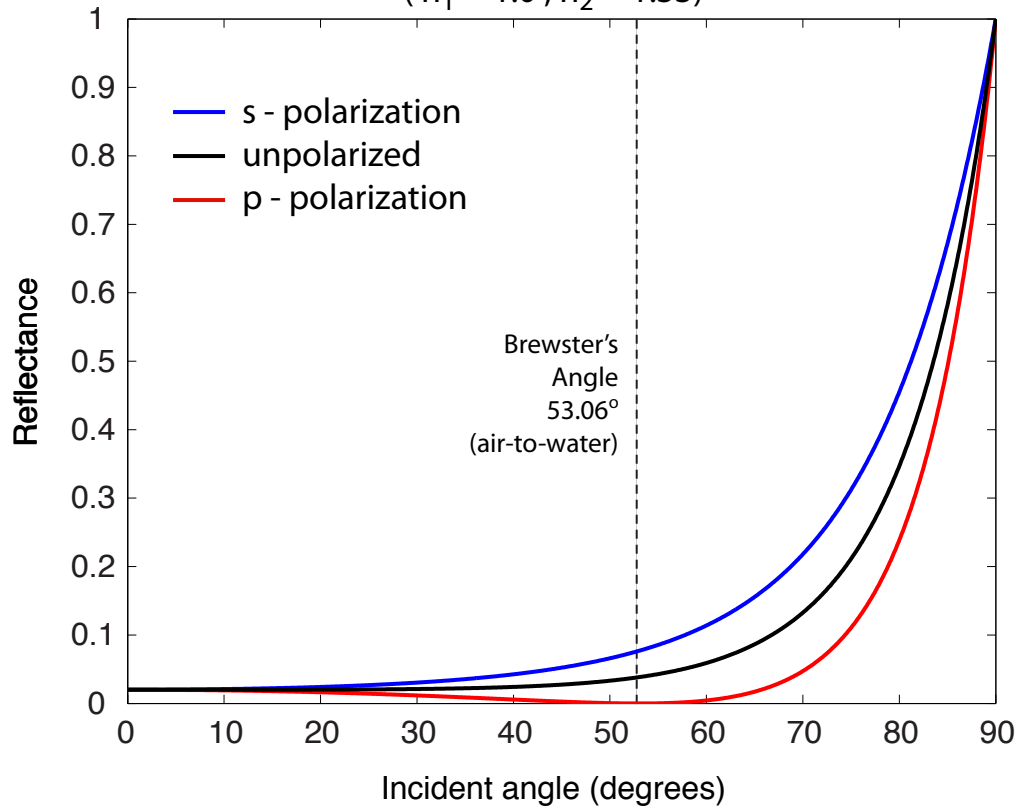


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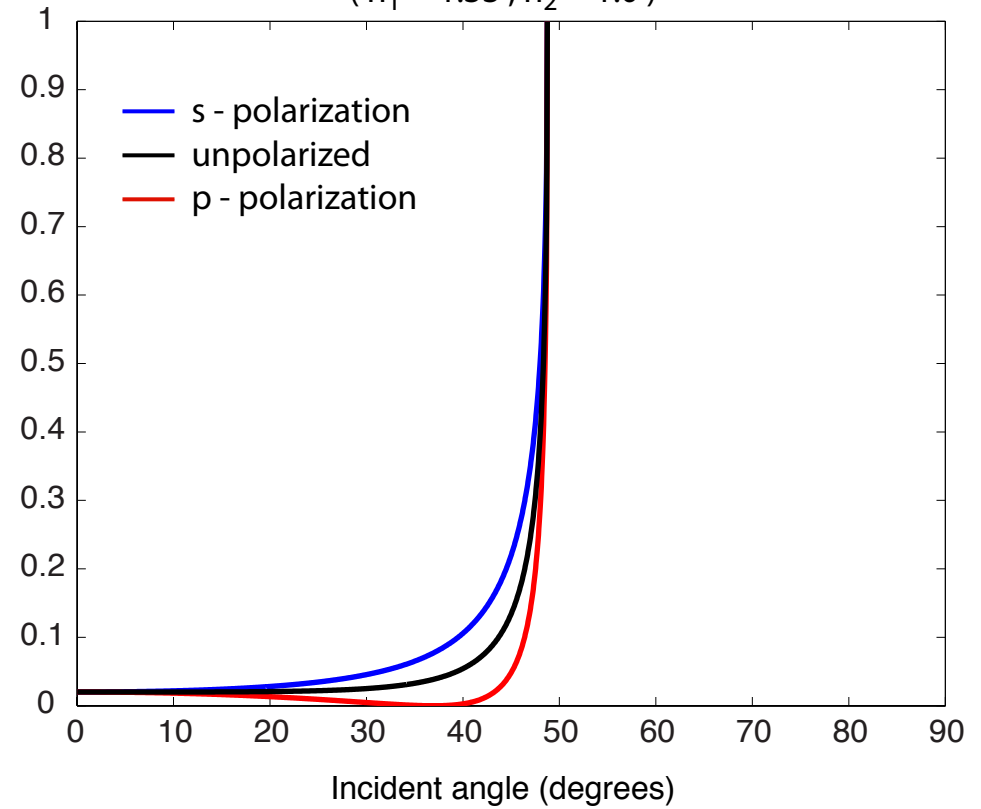


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Air - to - water interface
($n_1 = 1.0, n_2 = 1.33$)

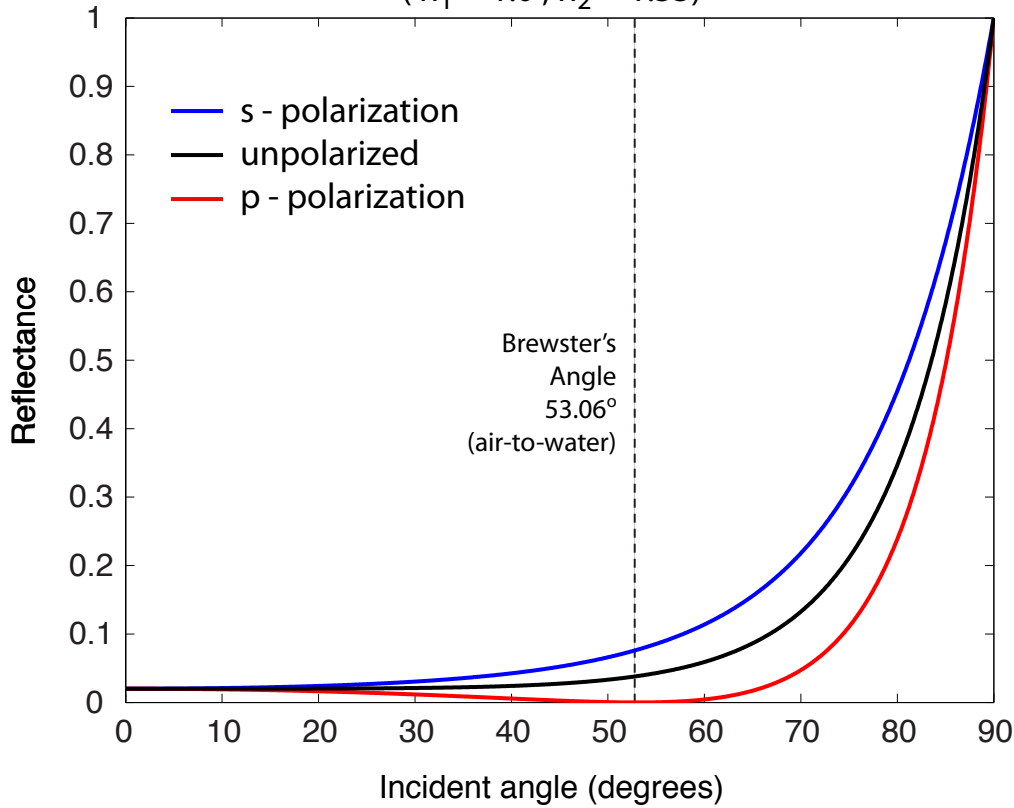


Water - to - air interface
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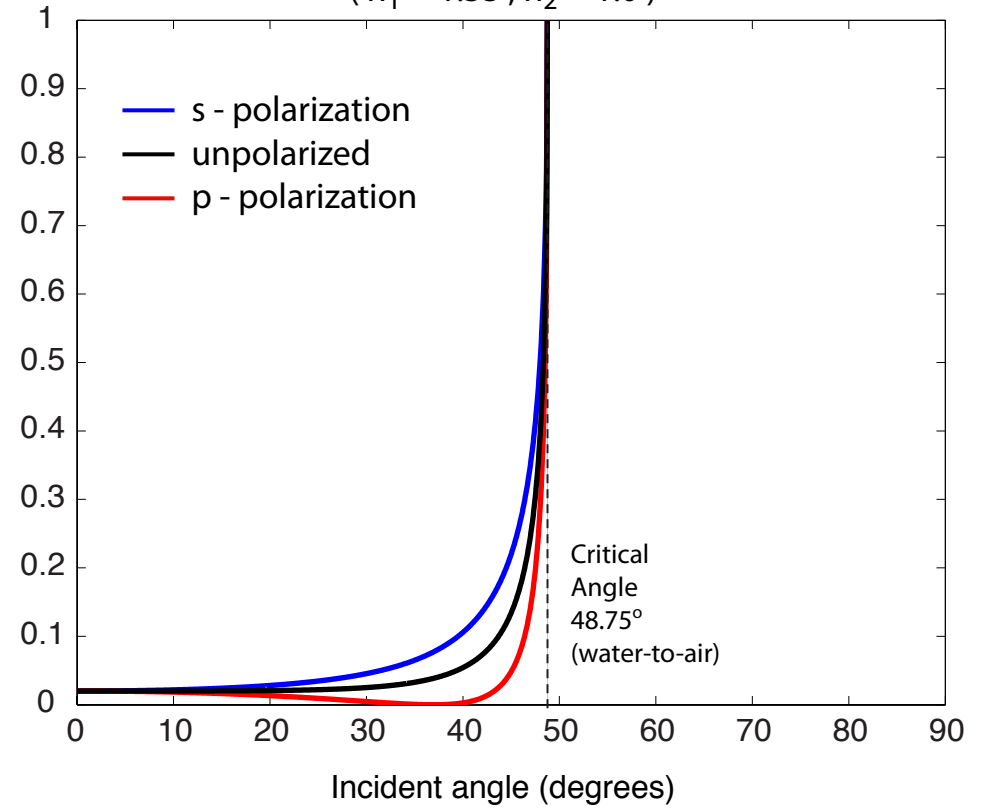


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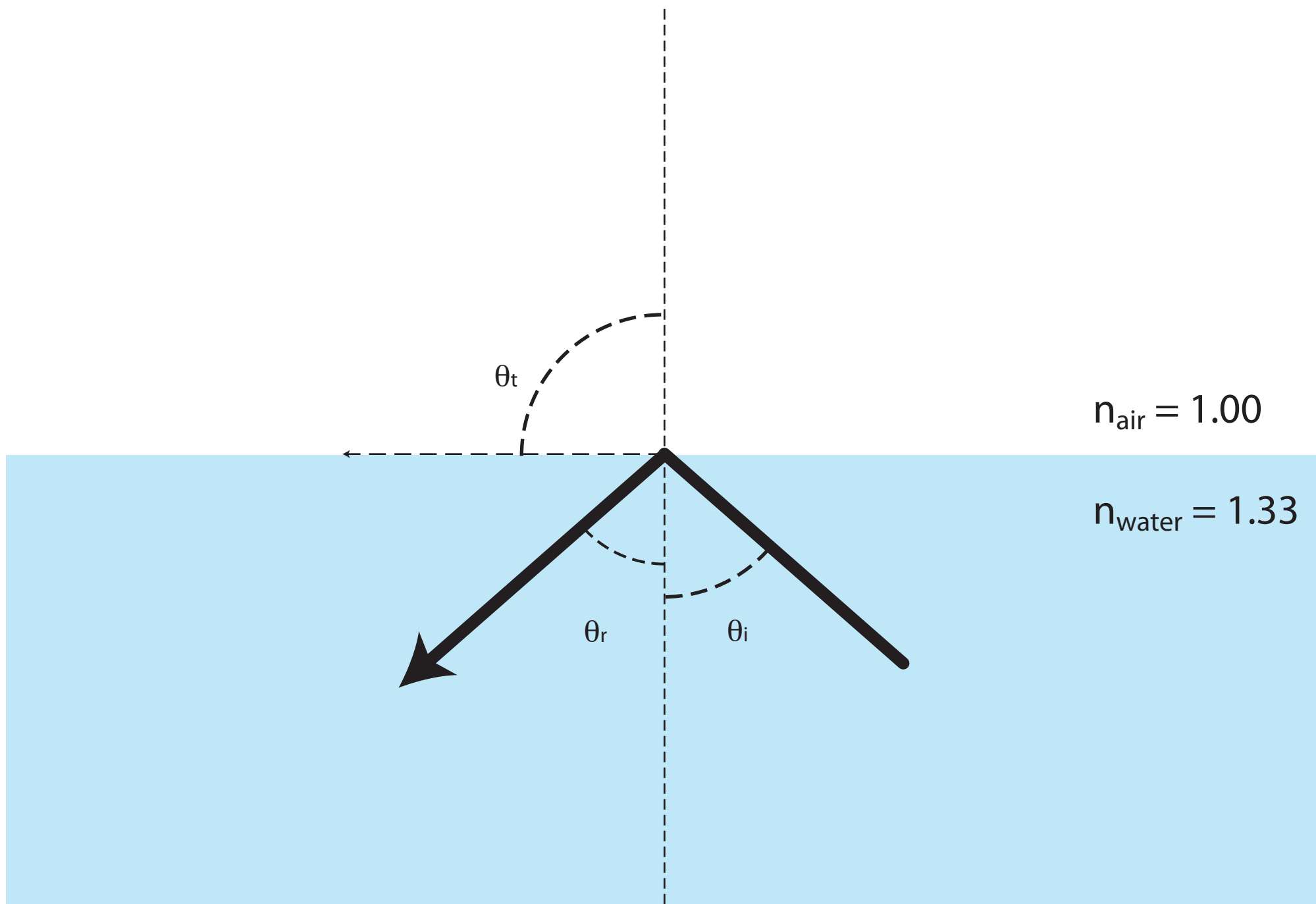
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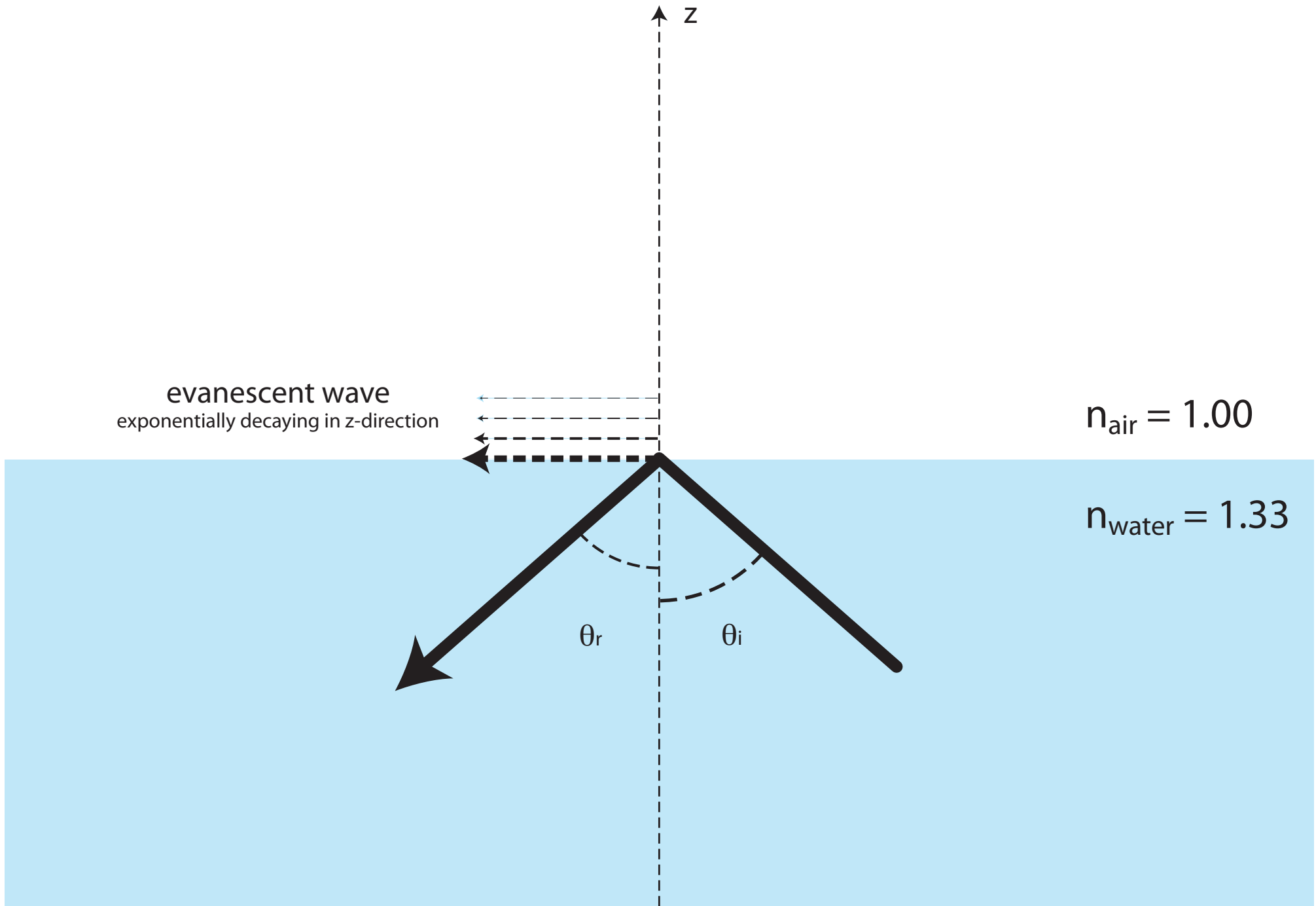
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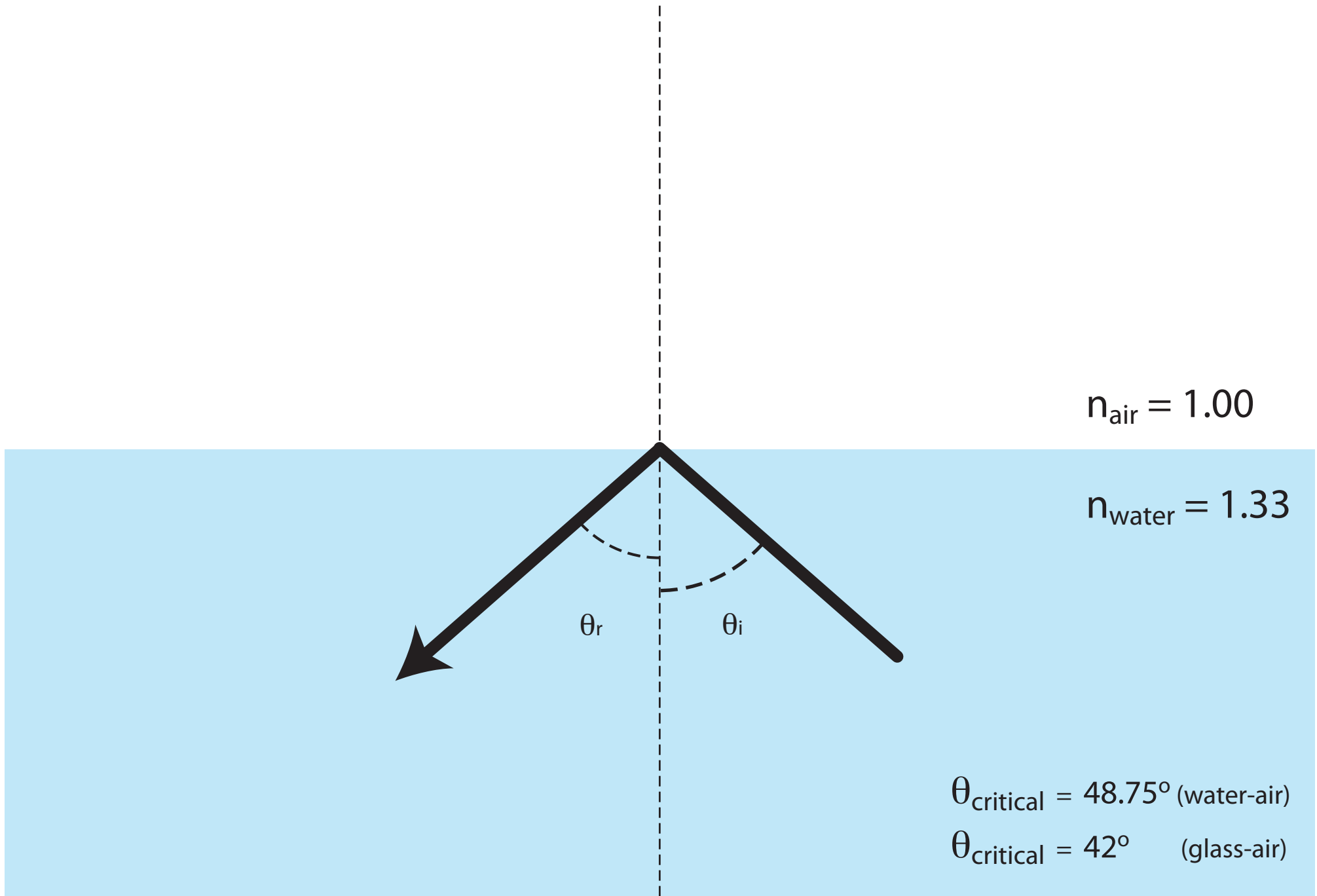
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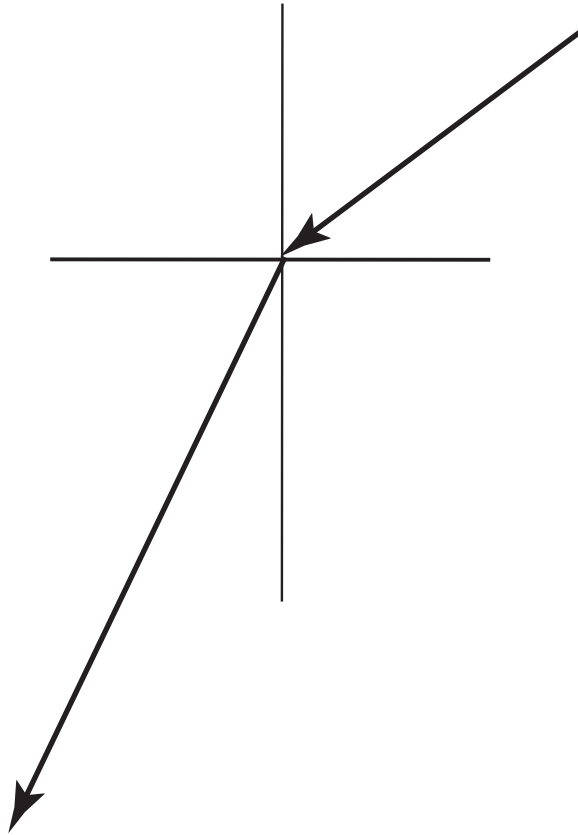


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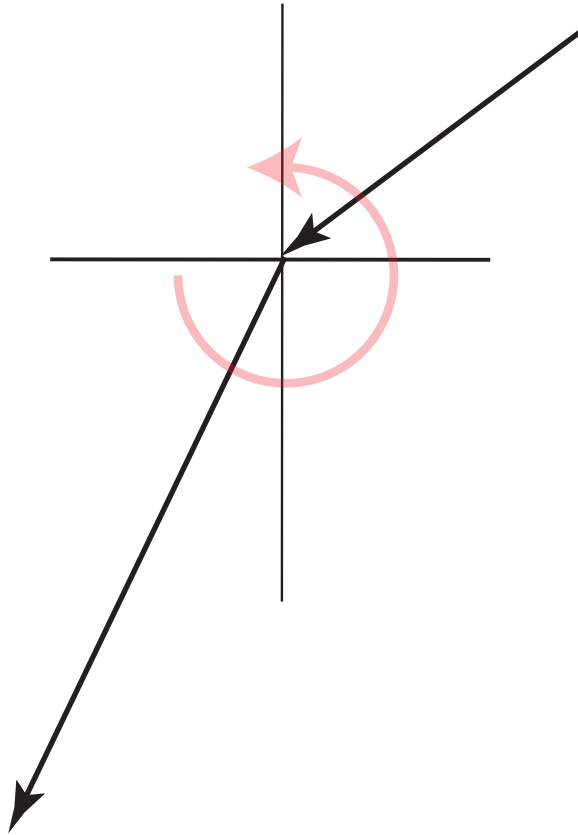
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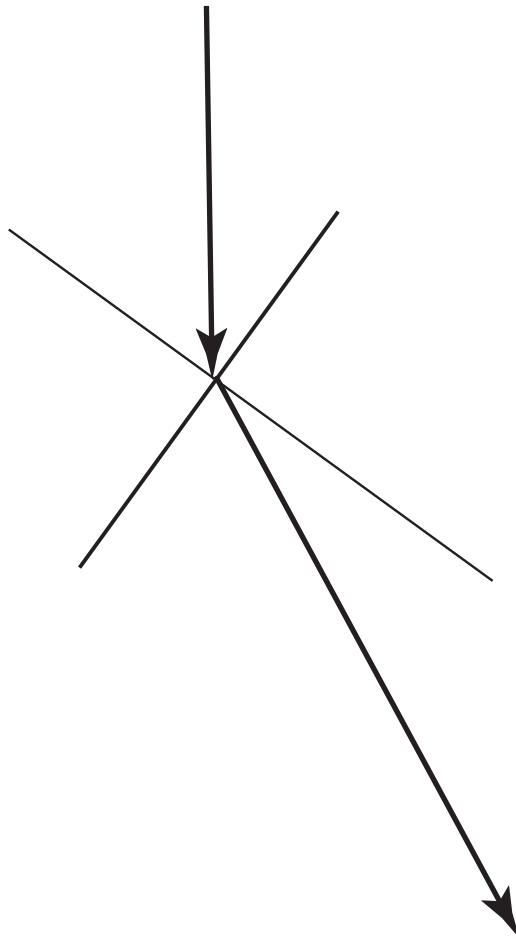
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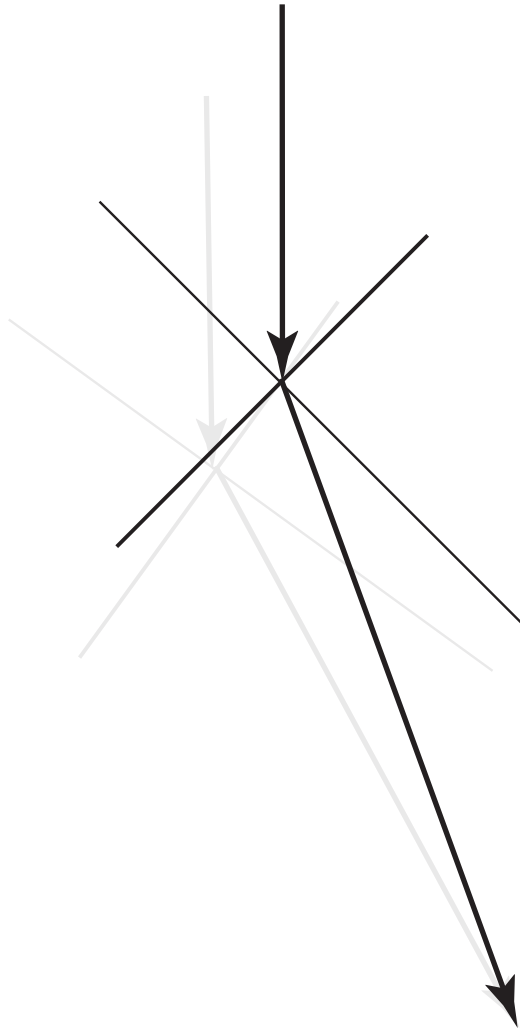
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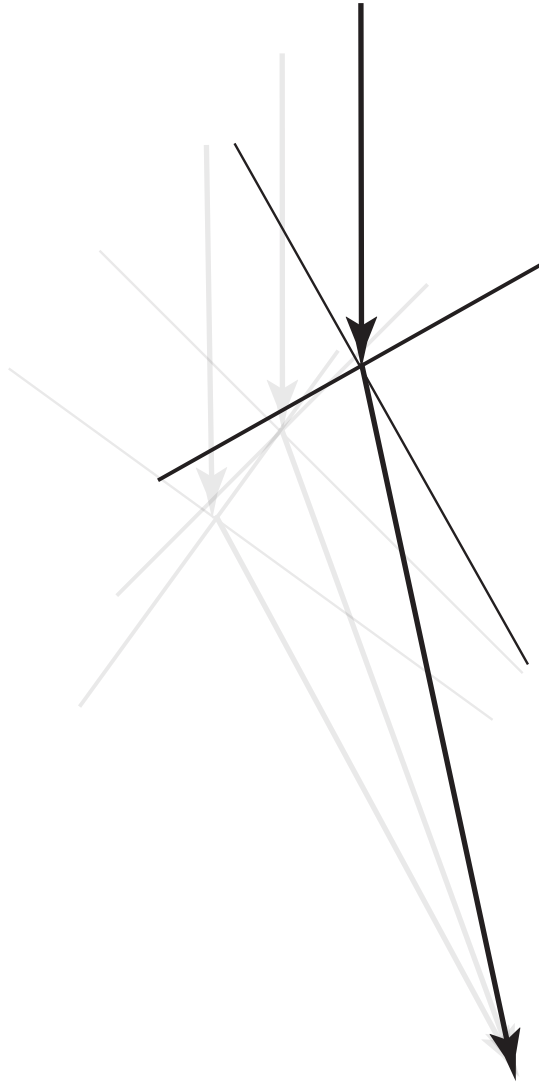
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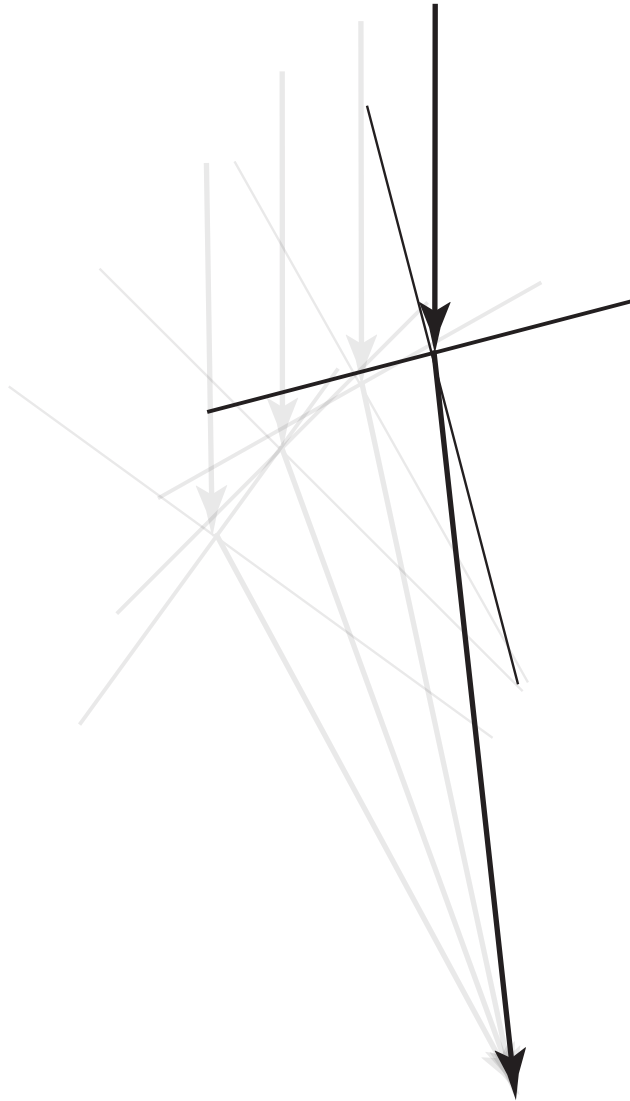
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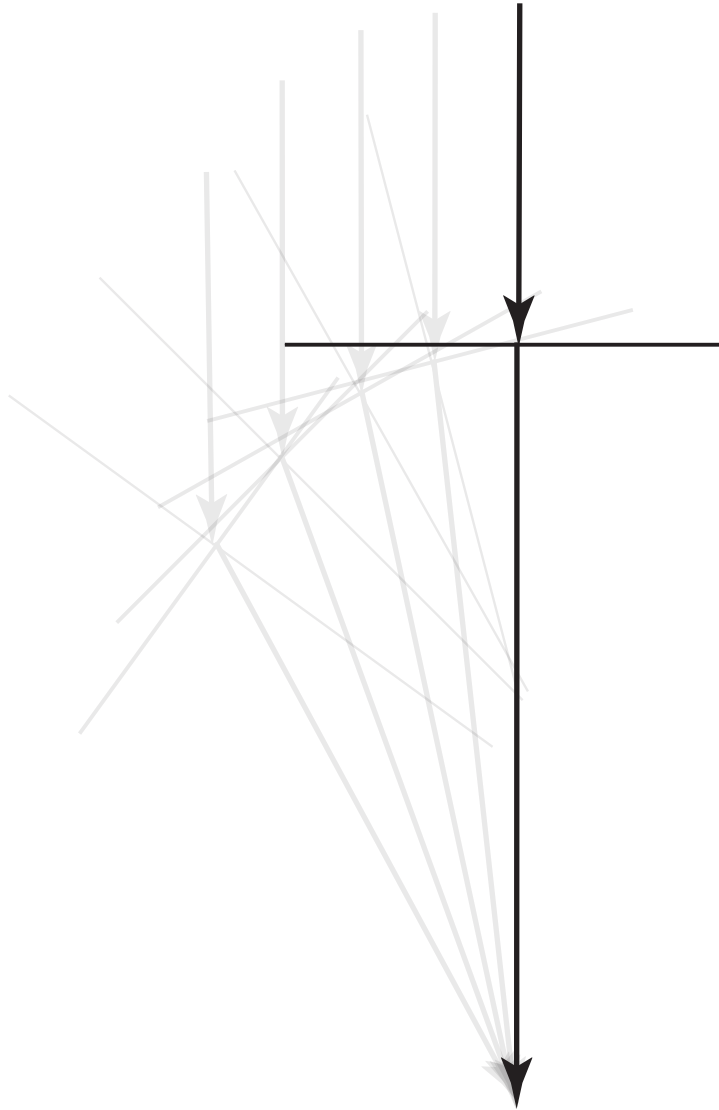
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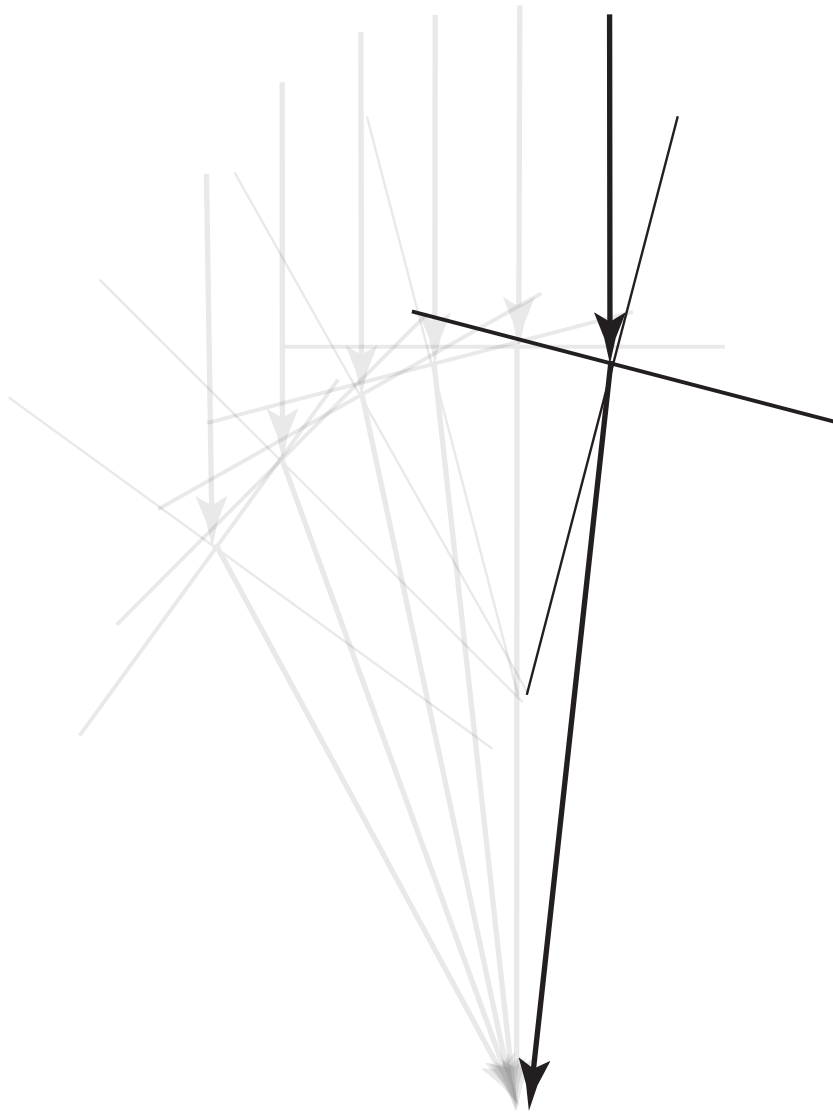
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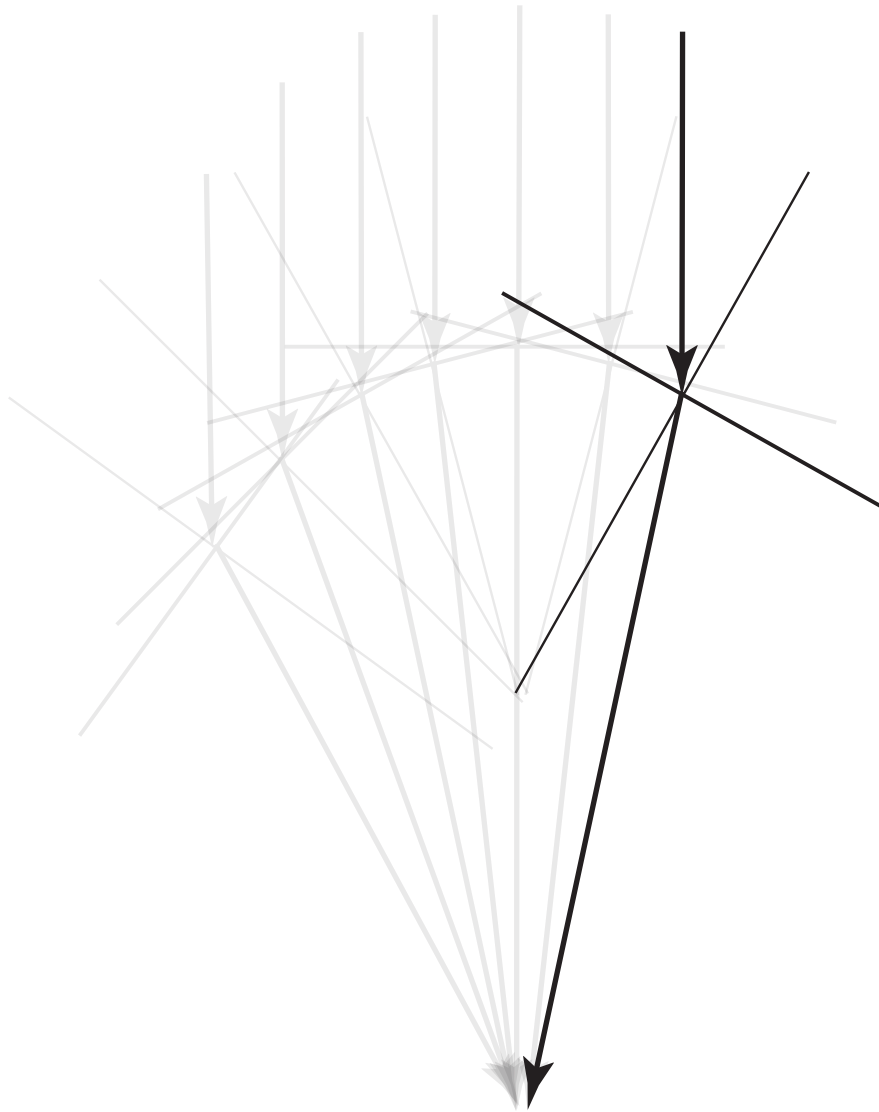
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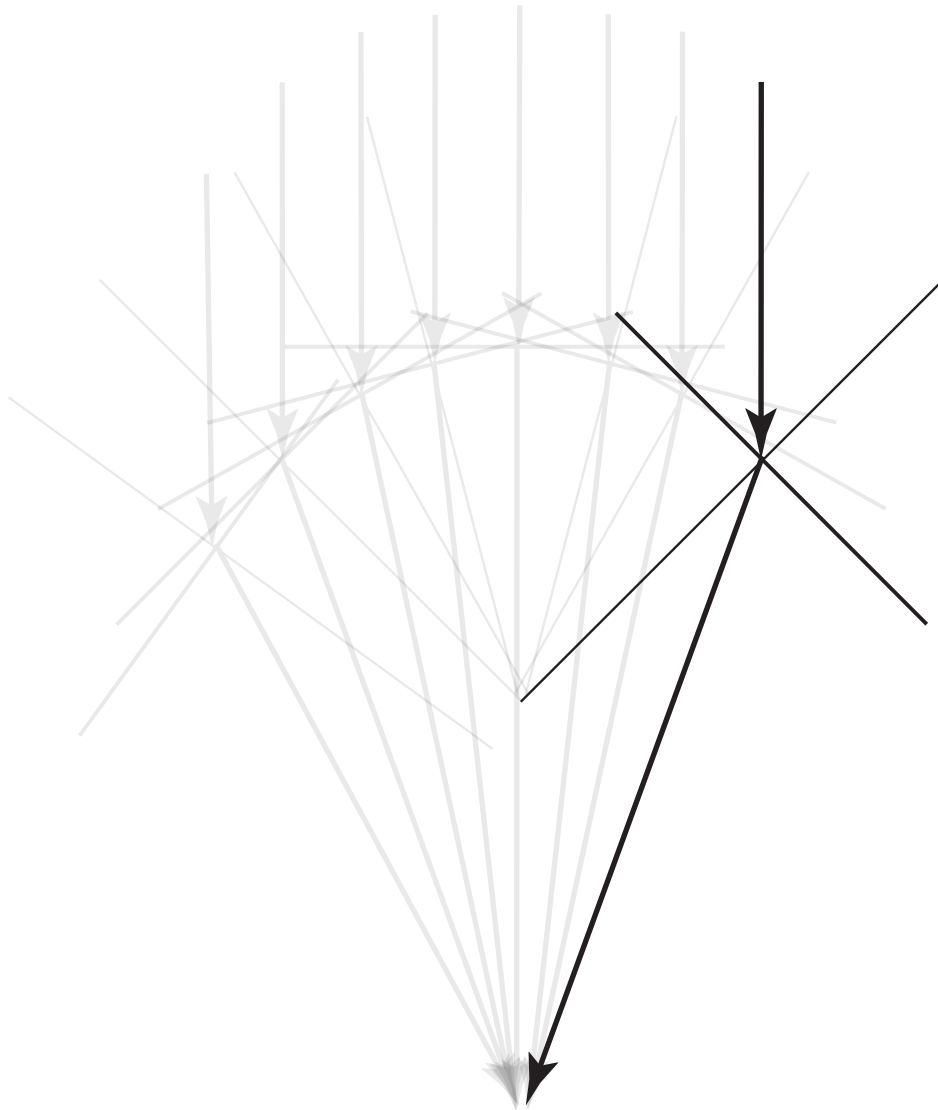
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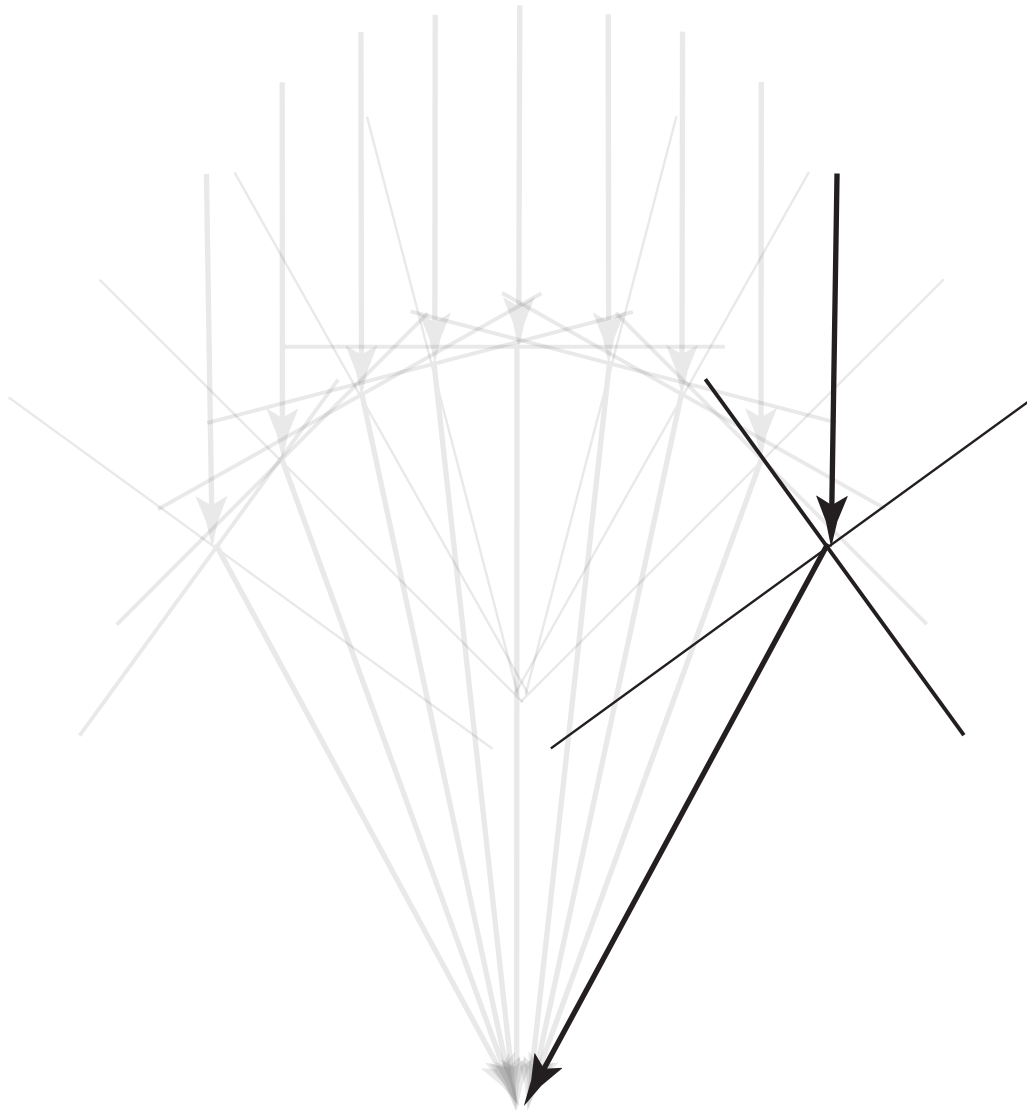
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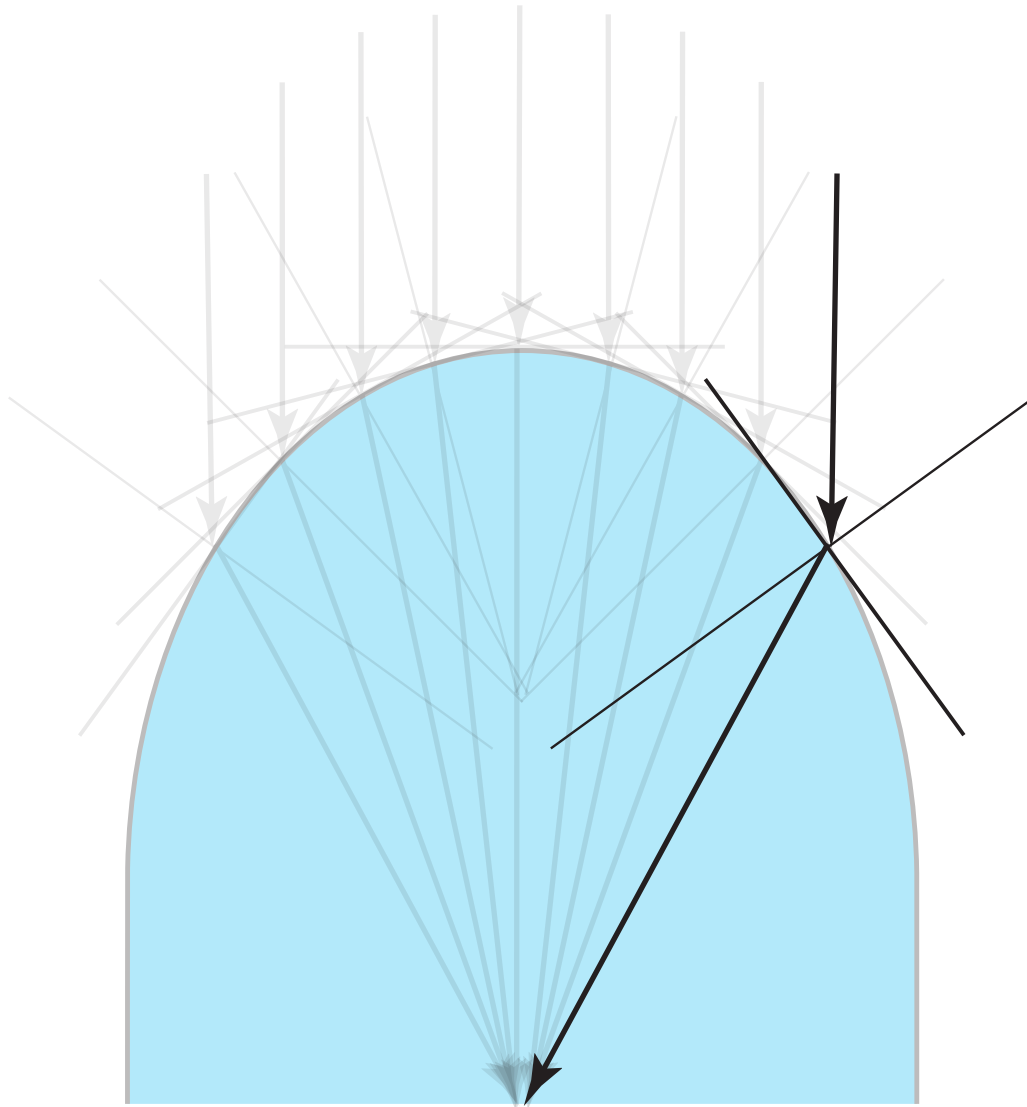
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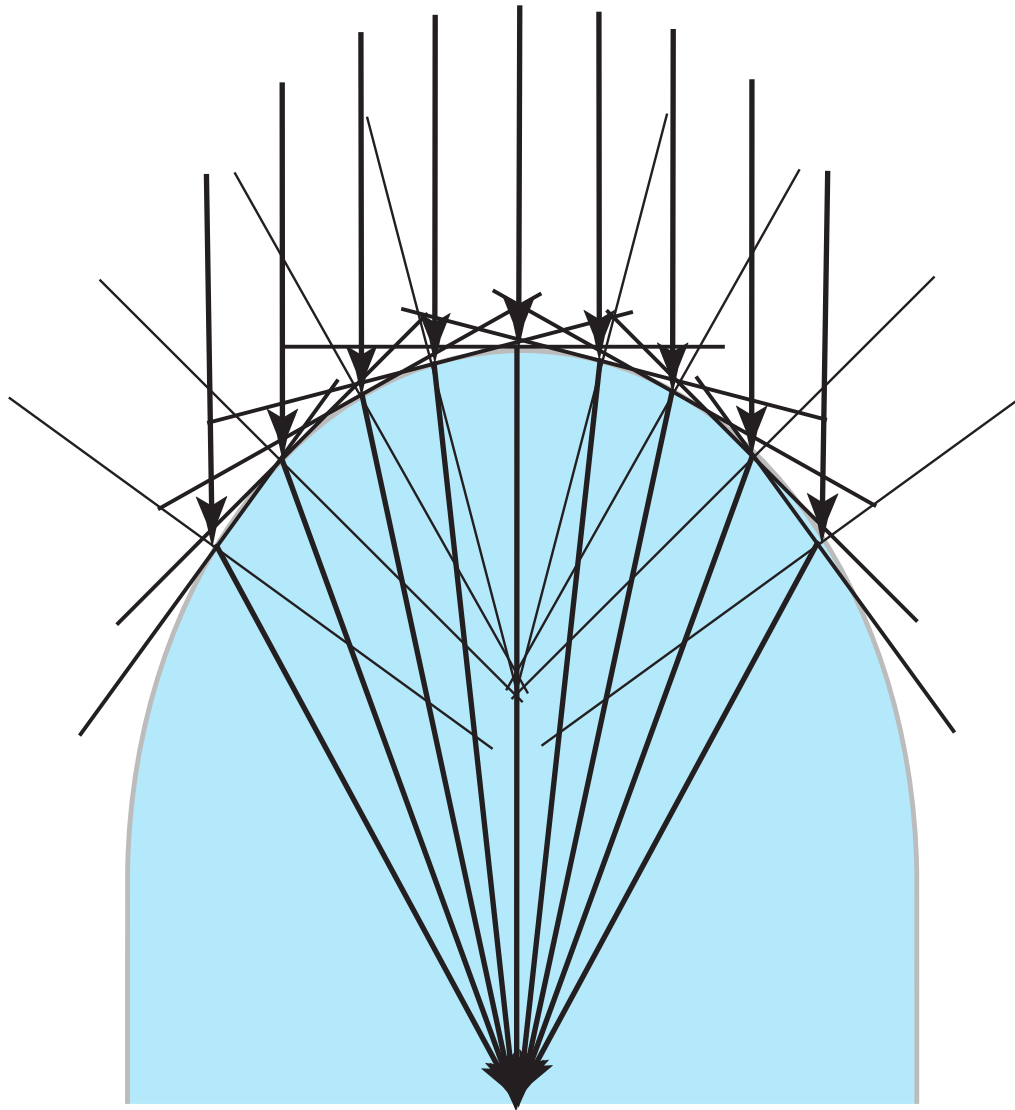
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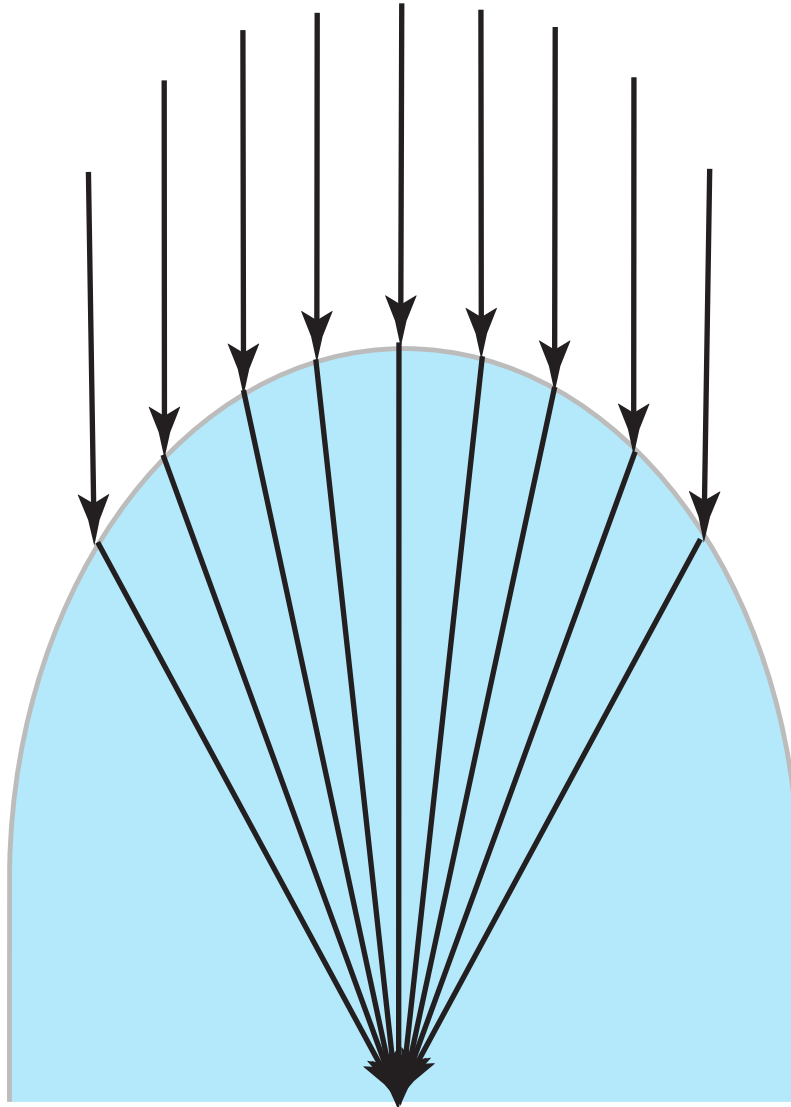
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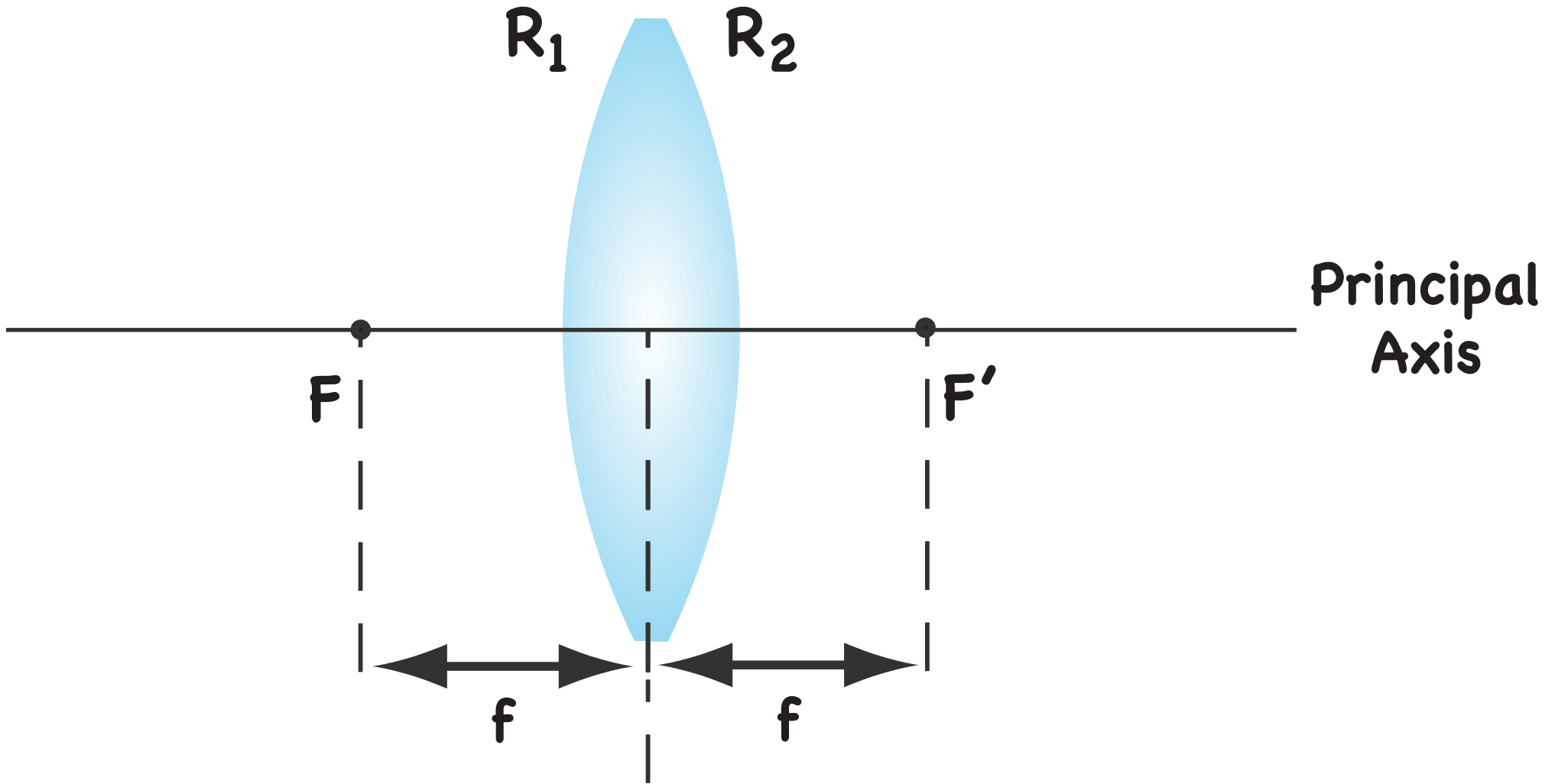
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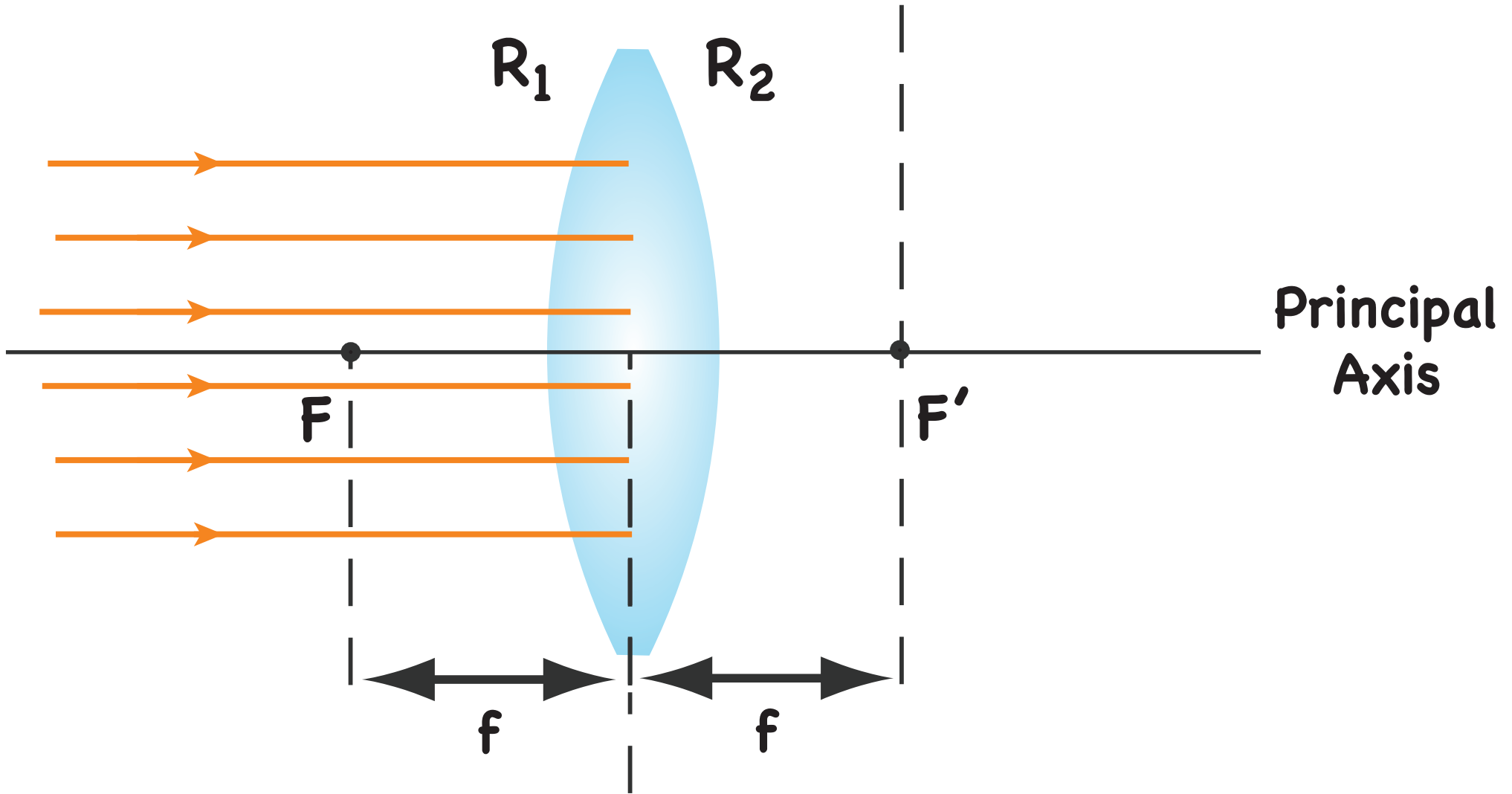
Brutalizing optics into 4 limiting regimes

- Ray (Geometric Optics) : $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
- Paraxial Approximation : $\theta \ll \pi/2$
- Thin Lens Approximation : lens thickness $\rightarrow 0$
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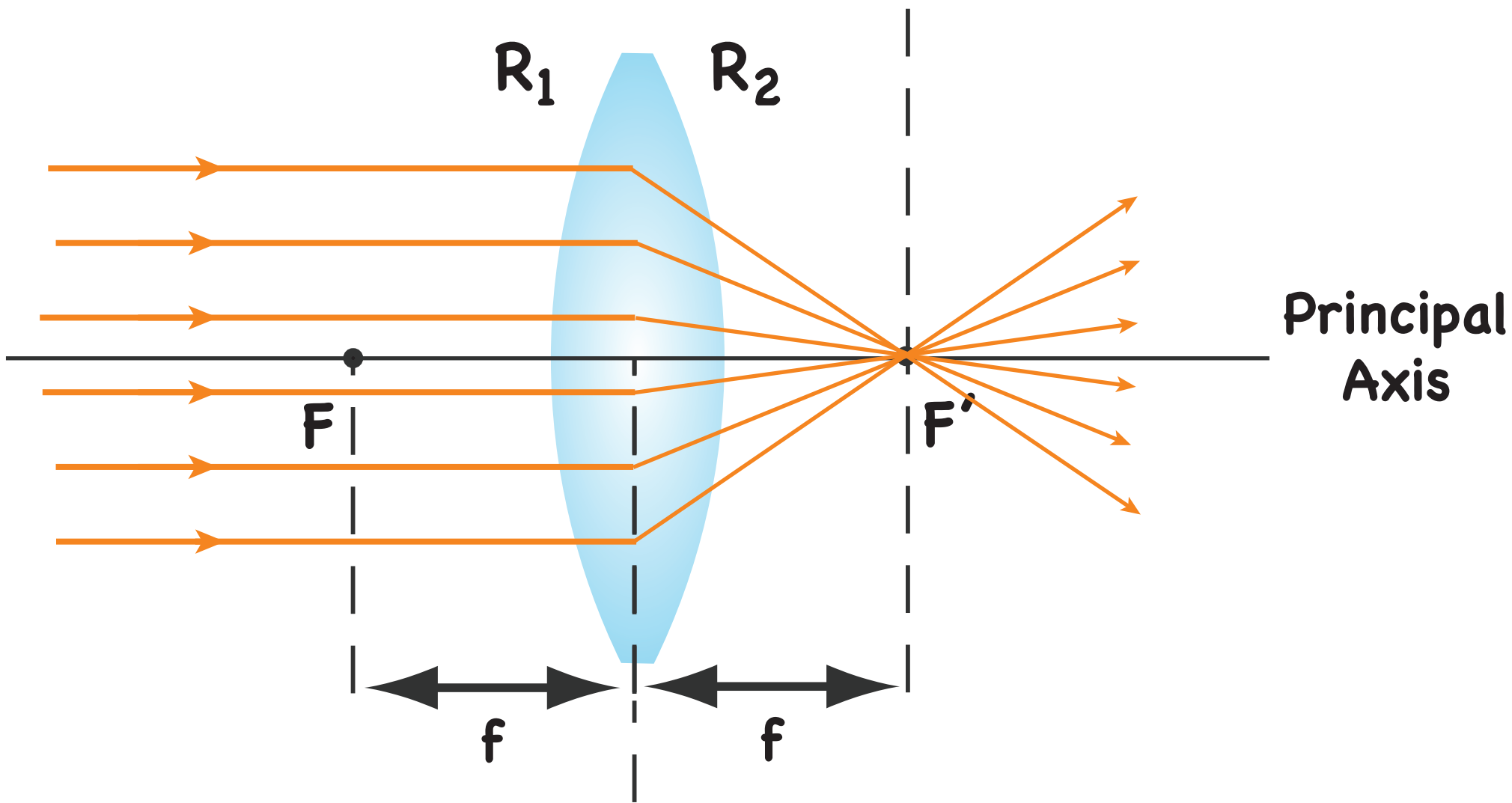
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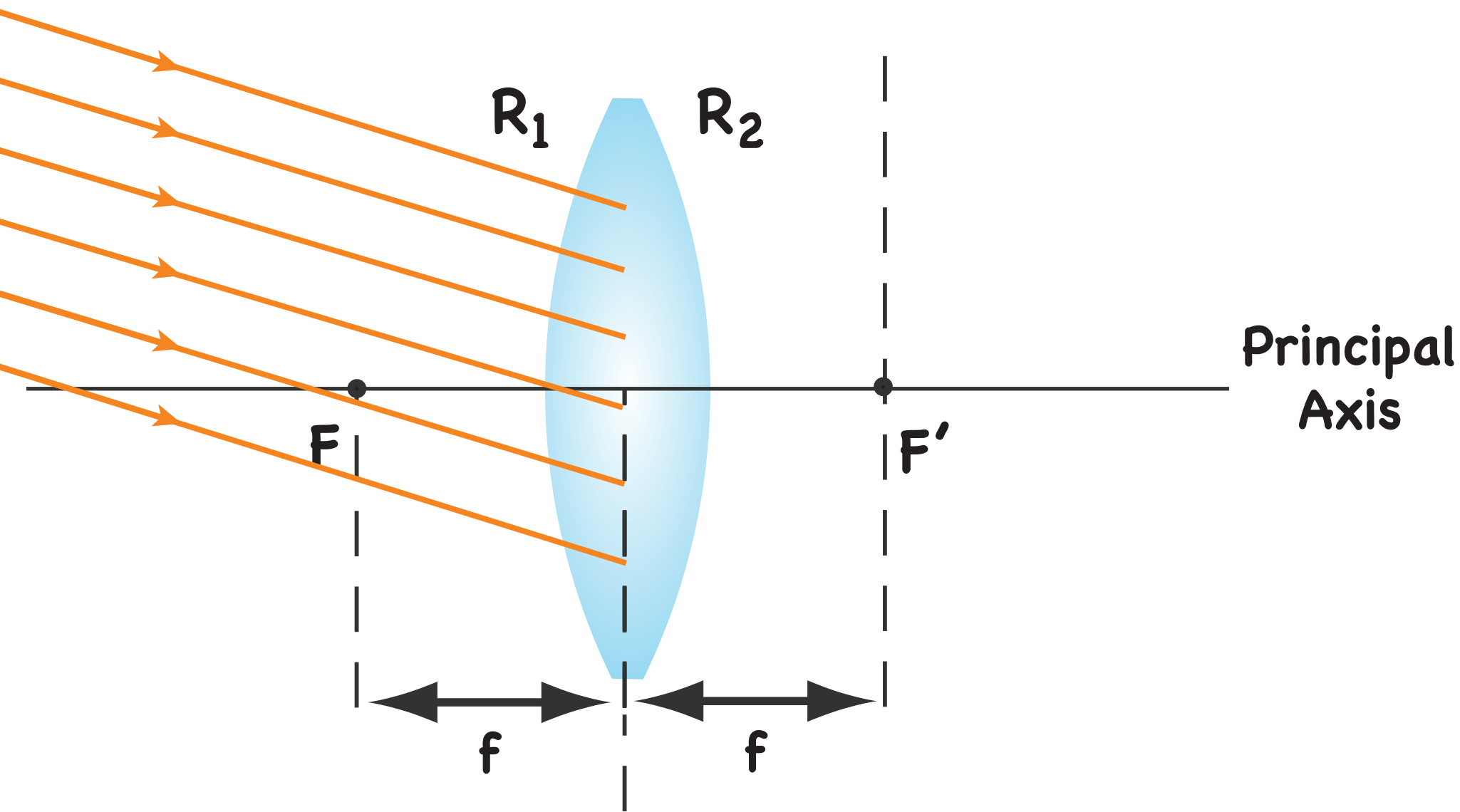
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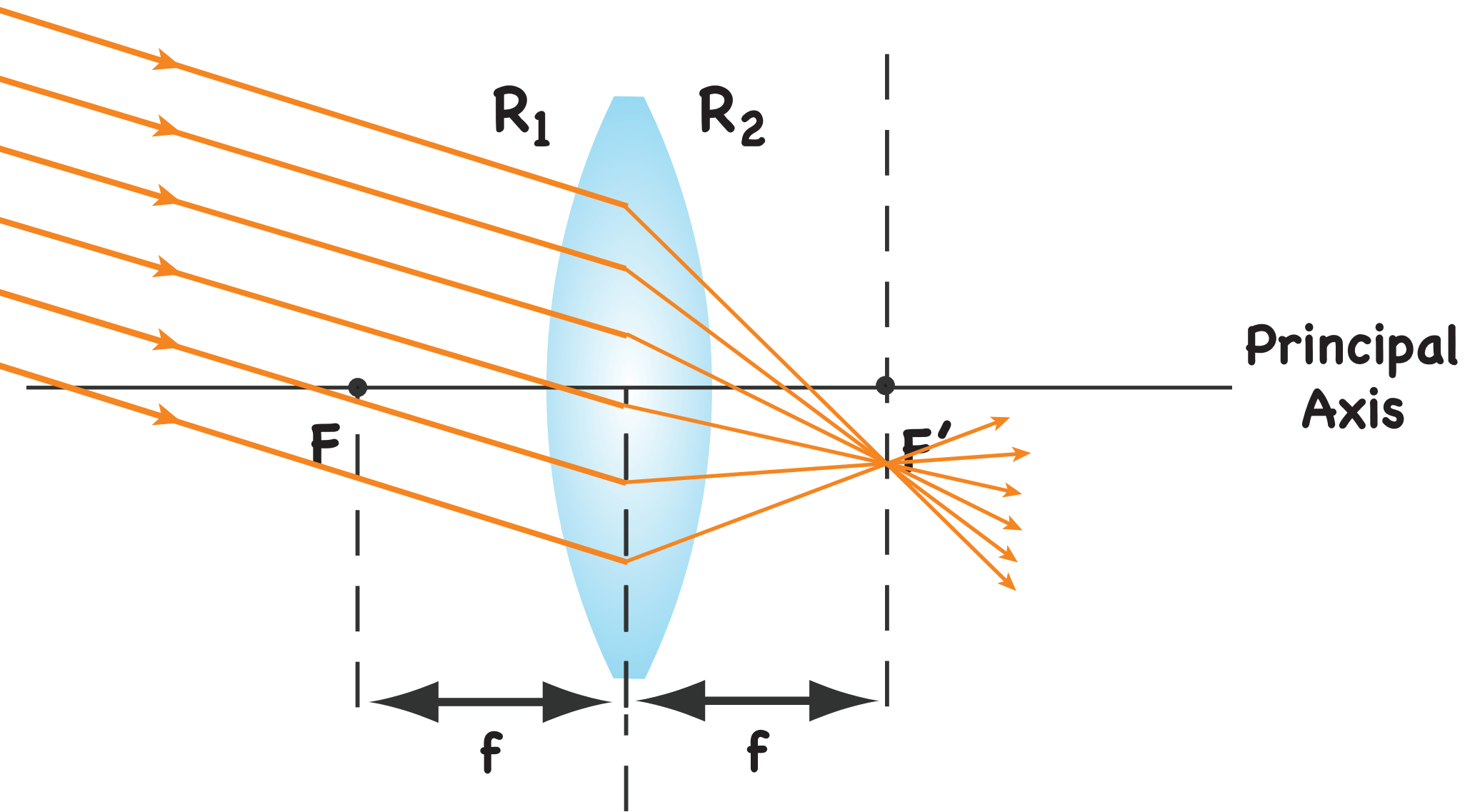
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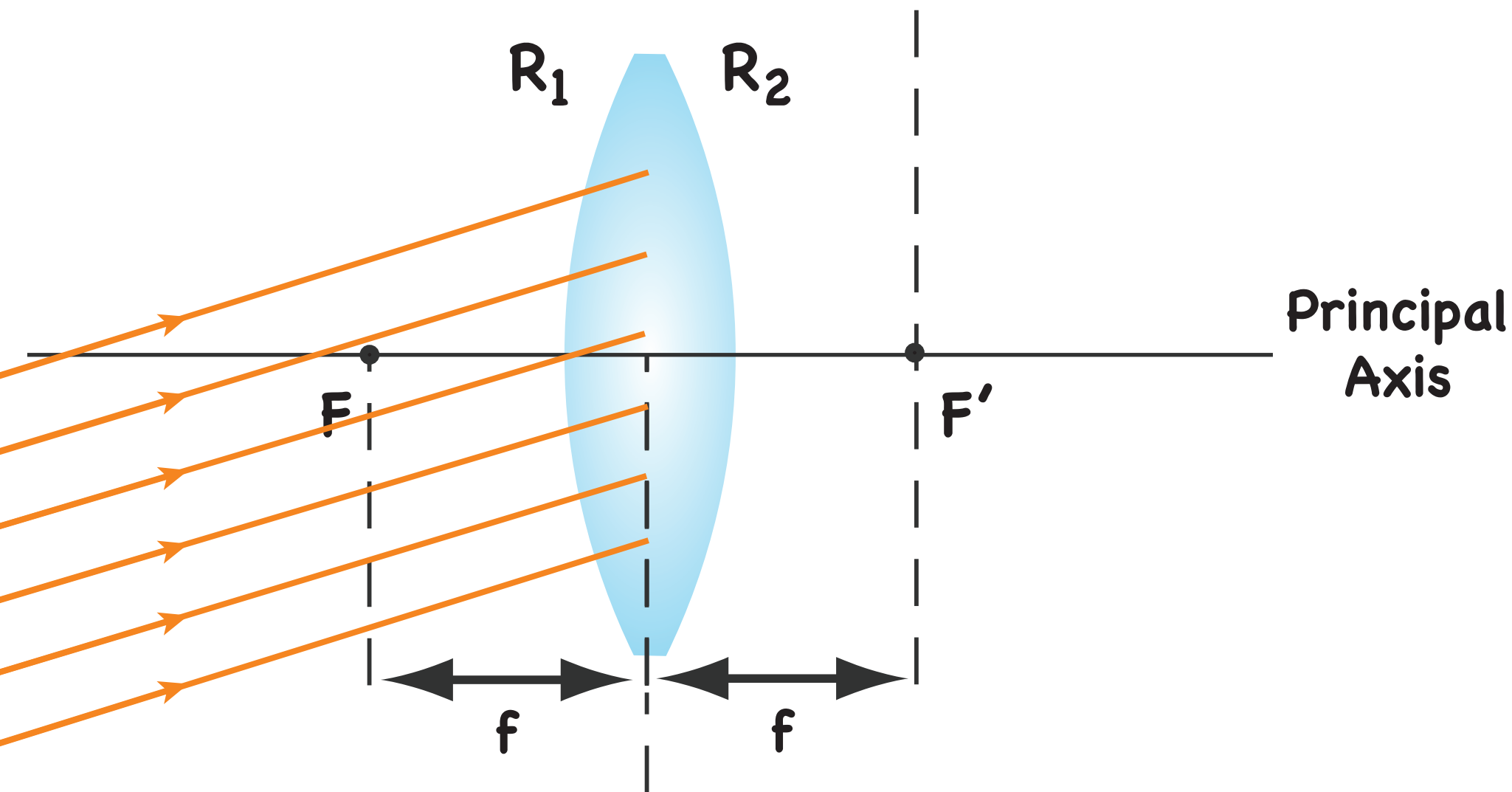
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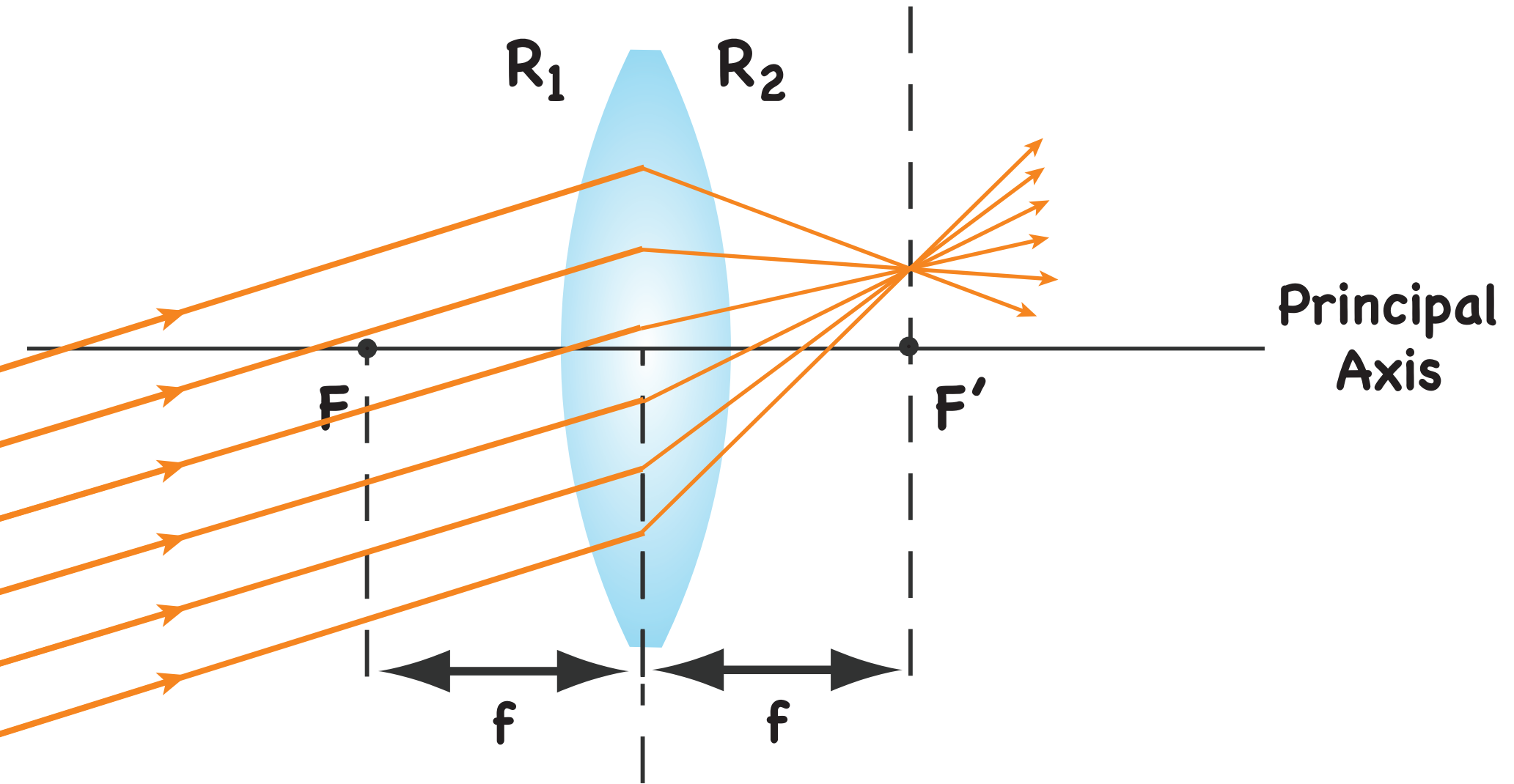
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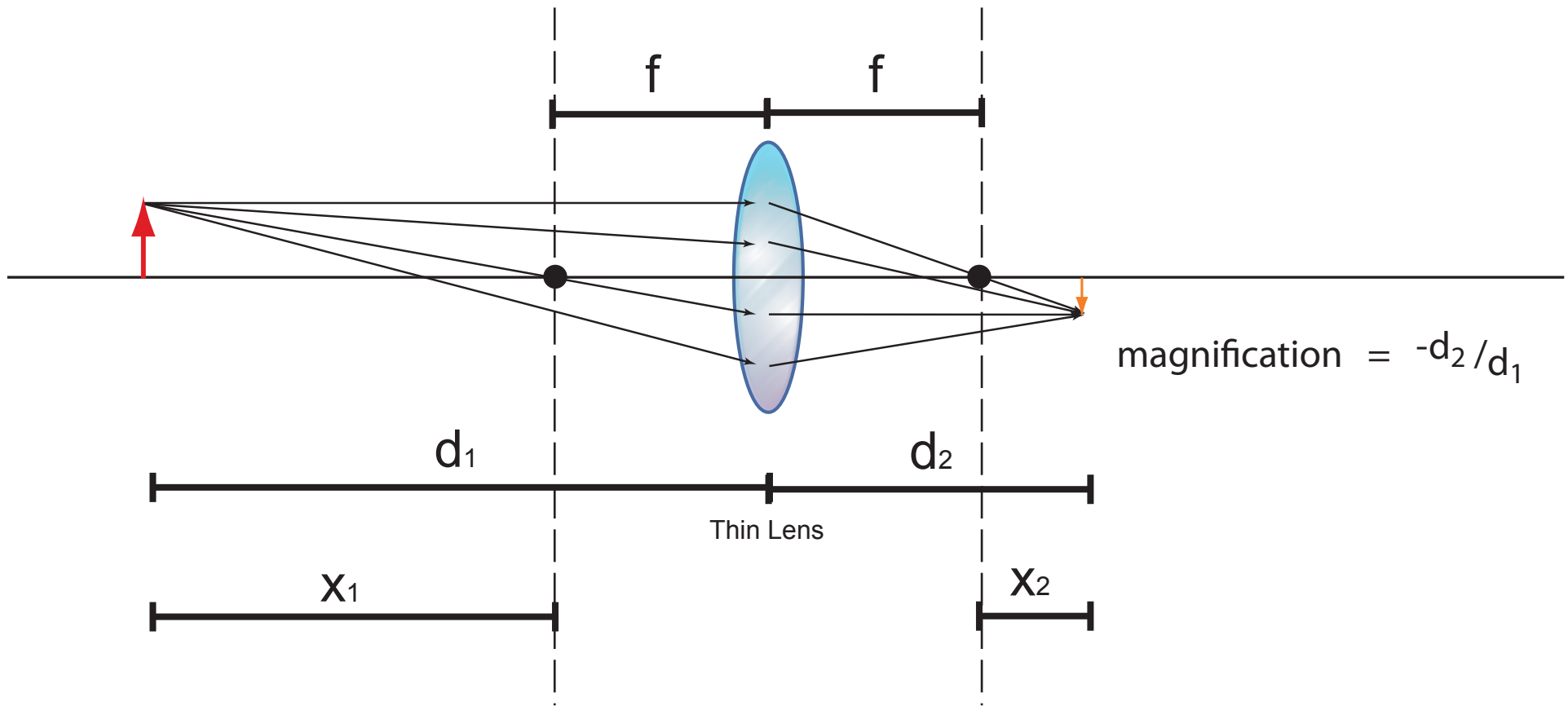
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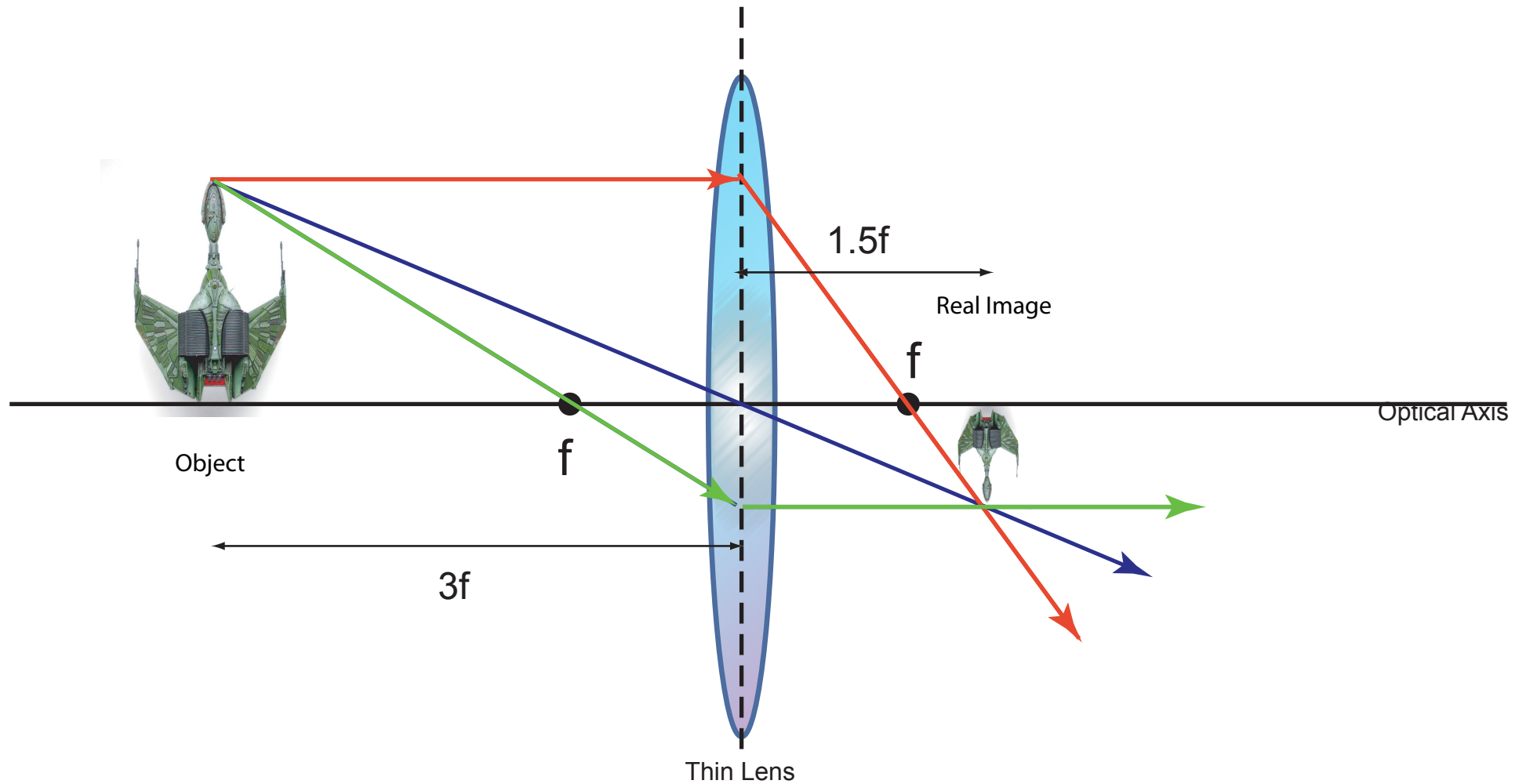


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Positive lens, Object outside the focal point

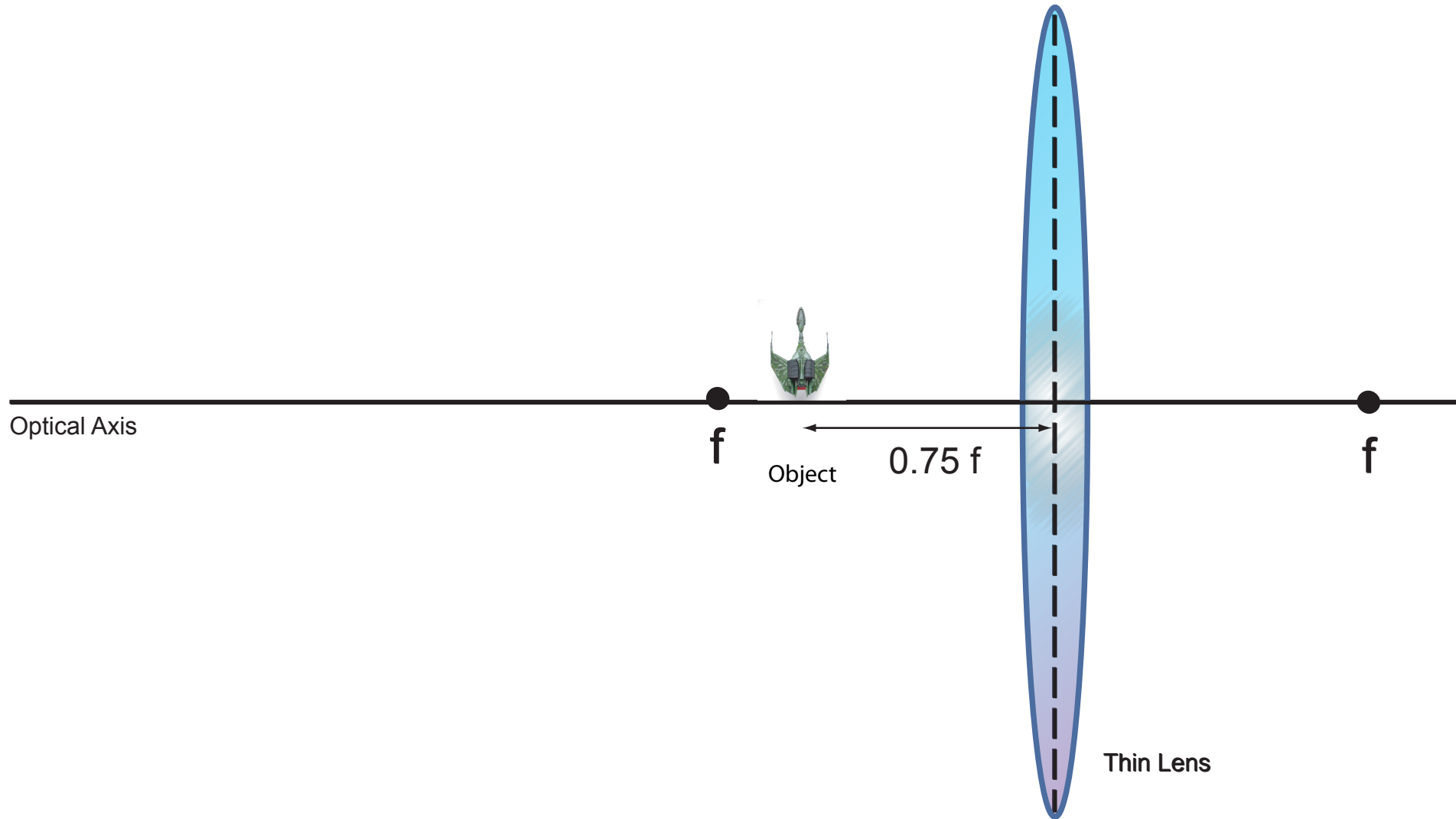


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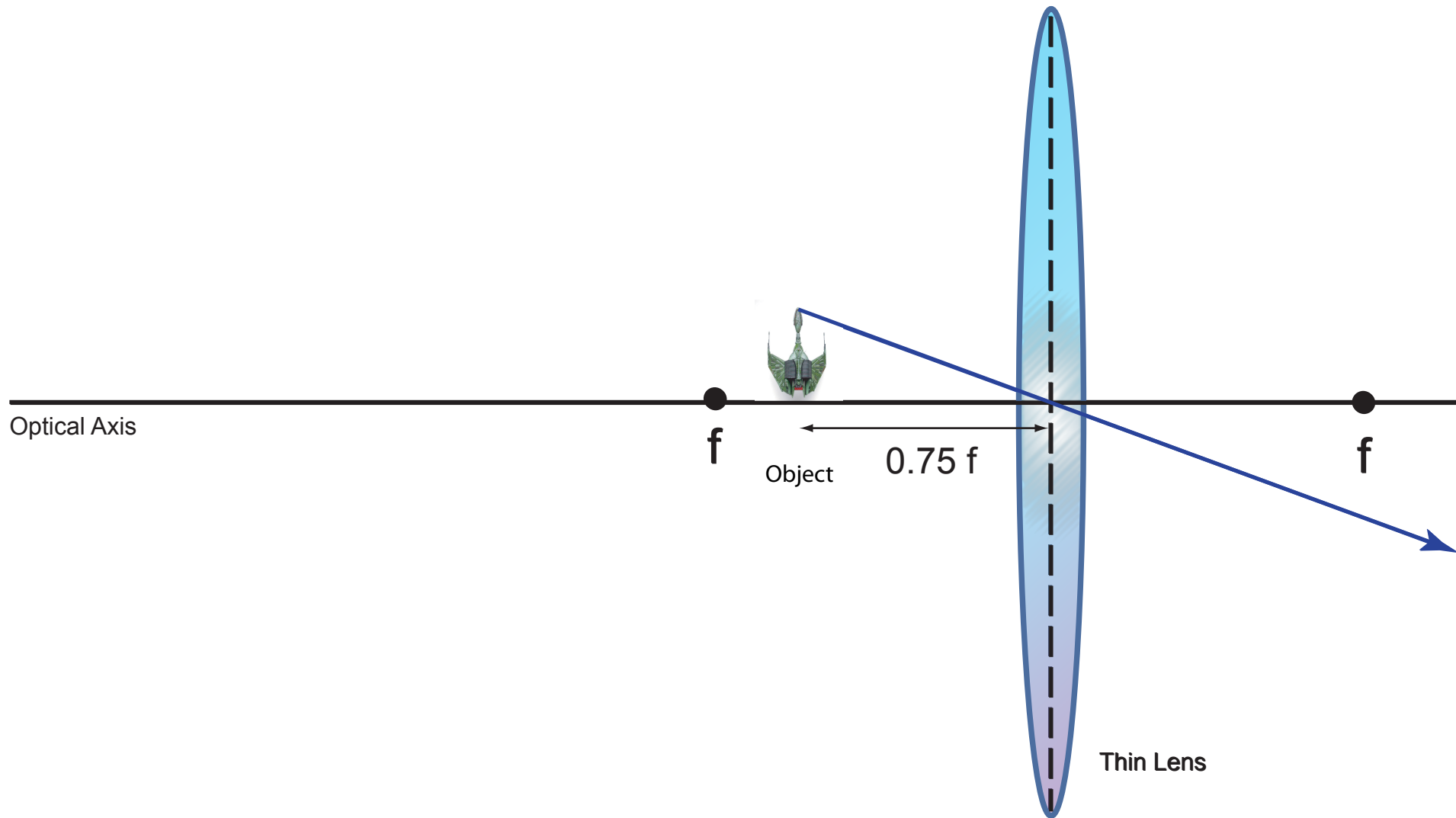


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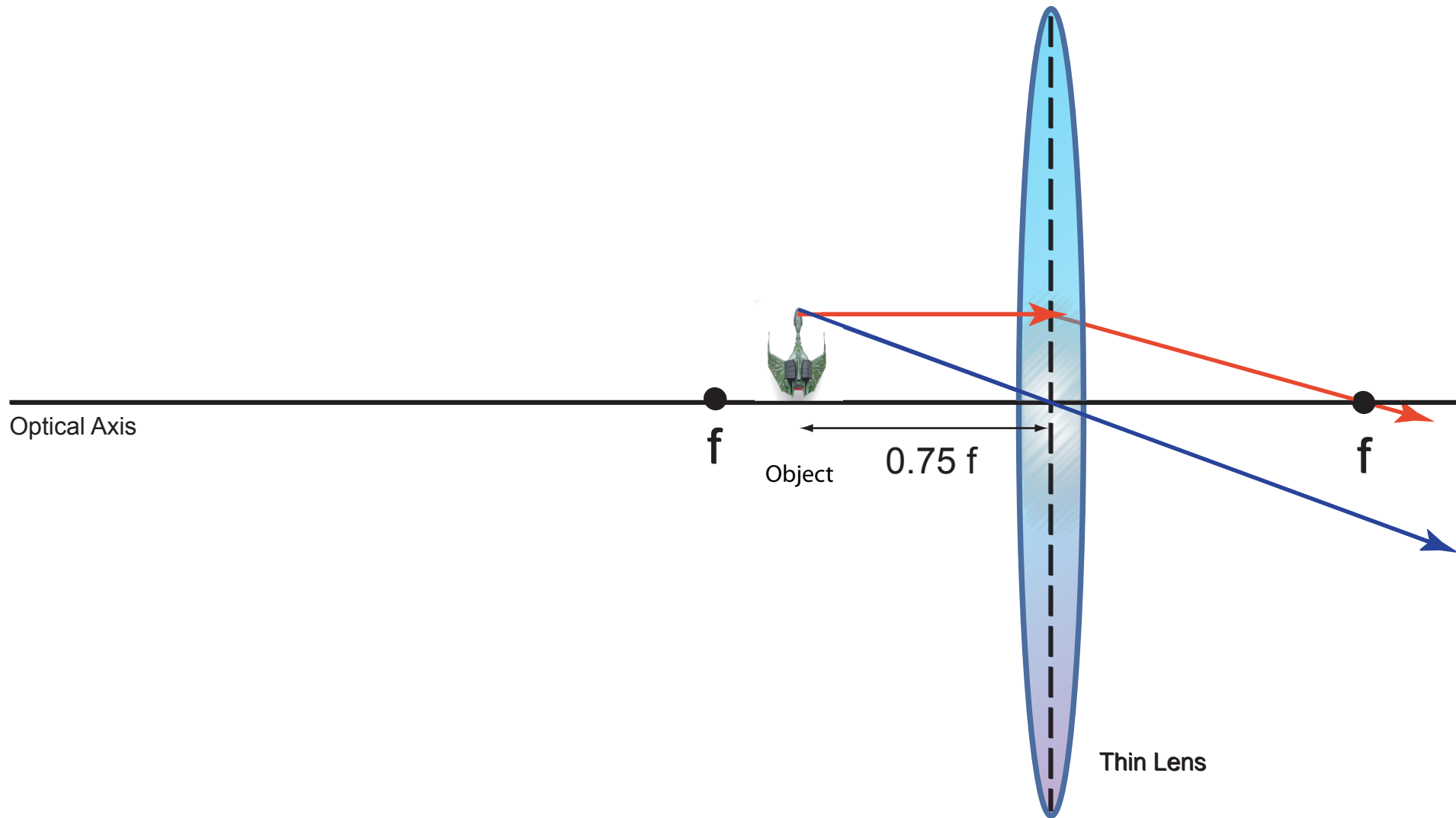


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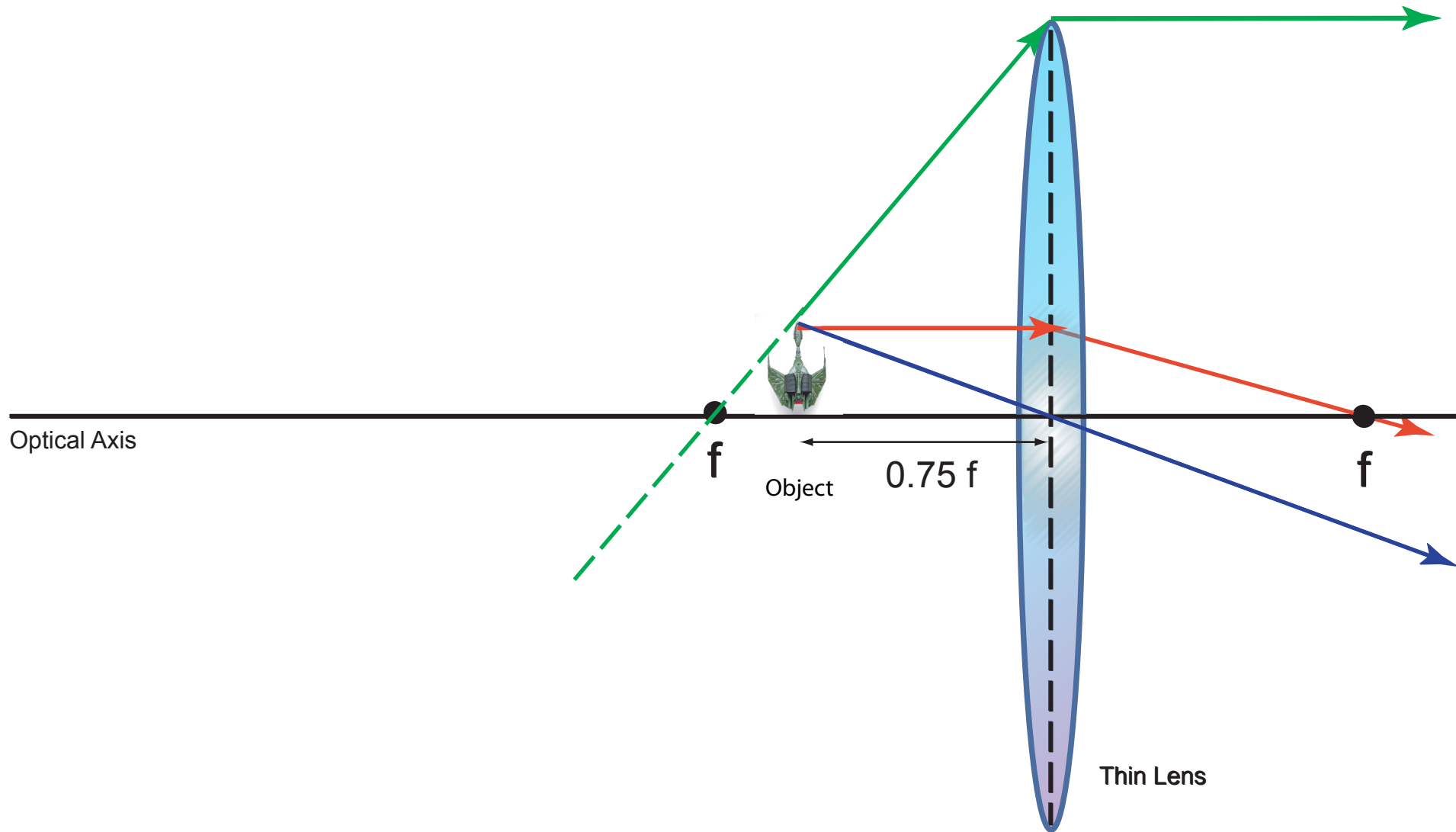


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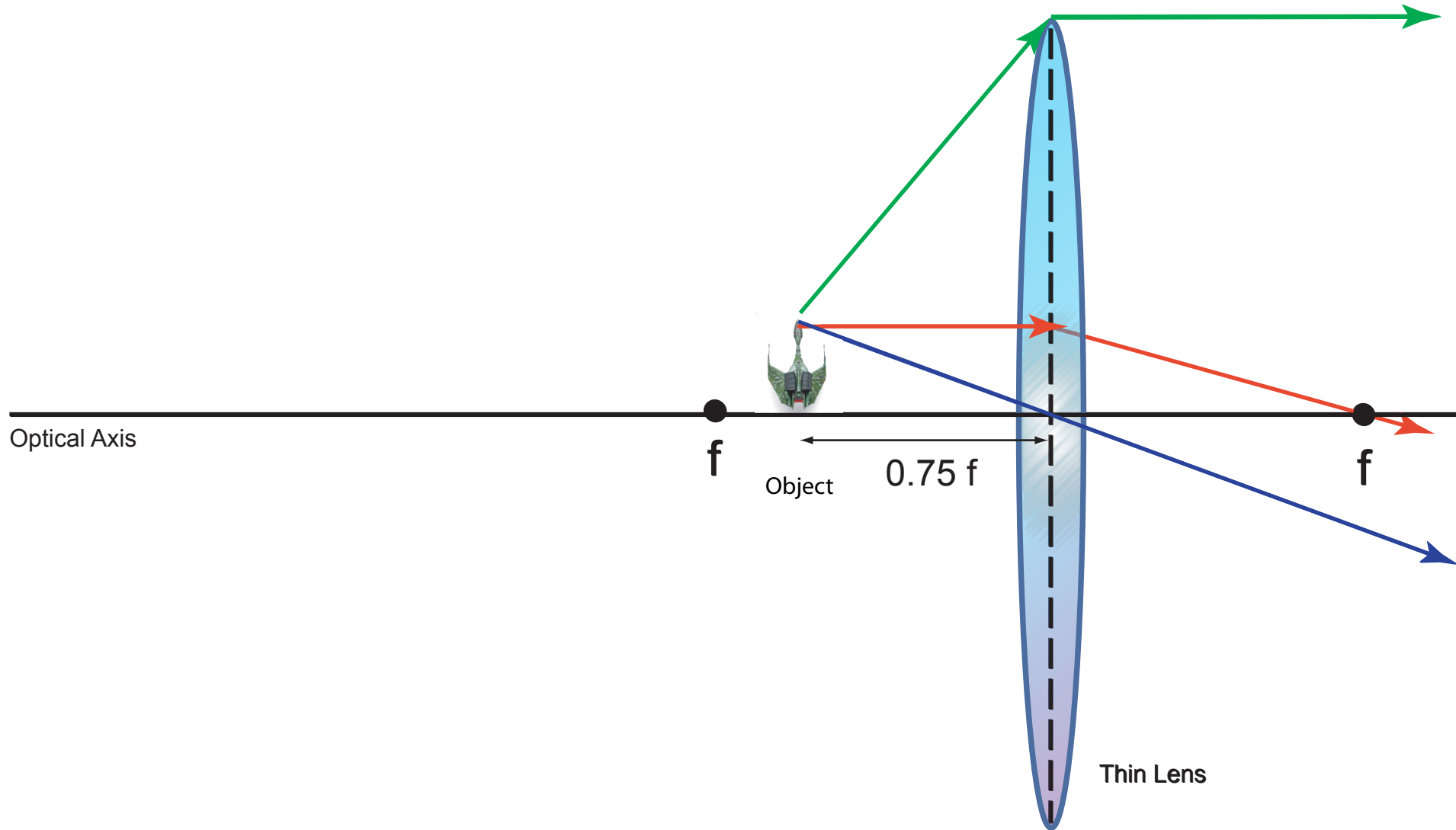


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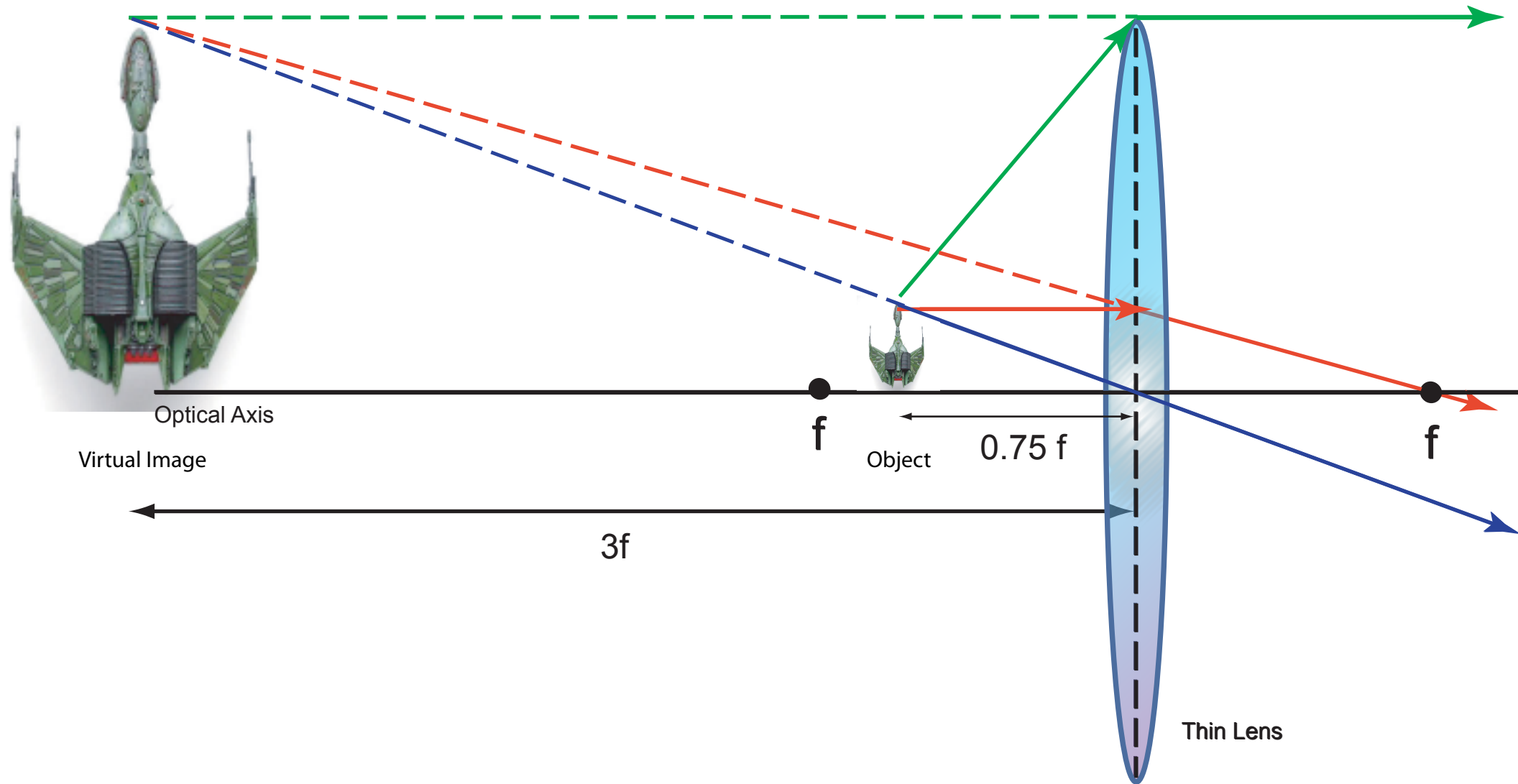


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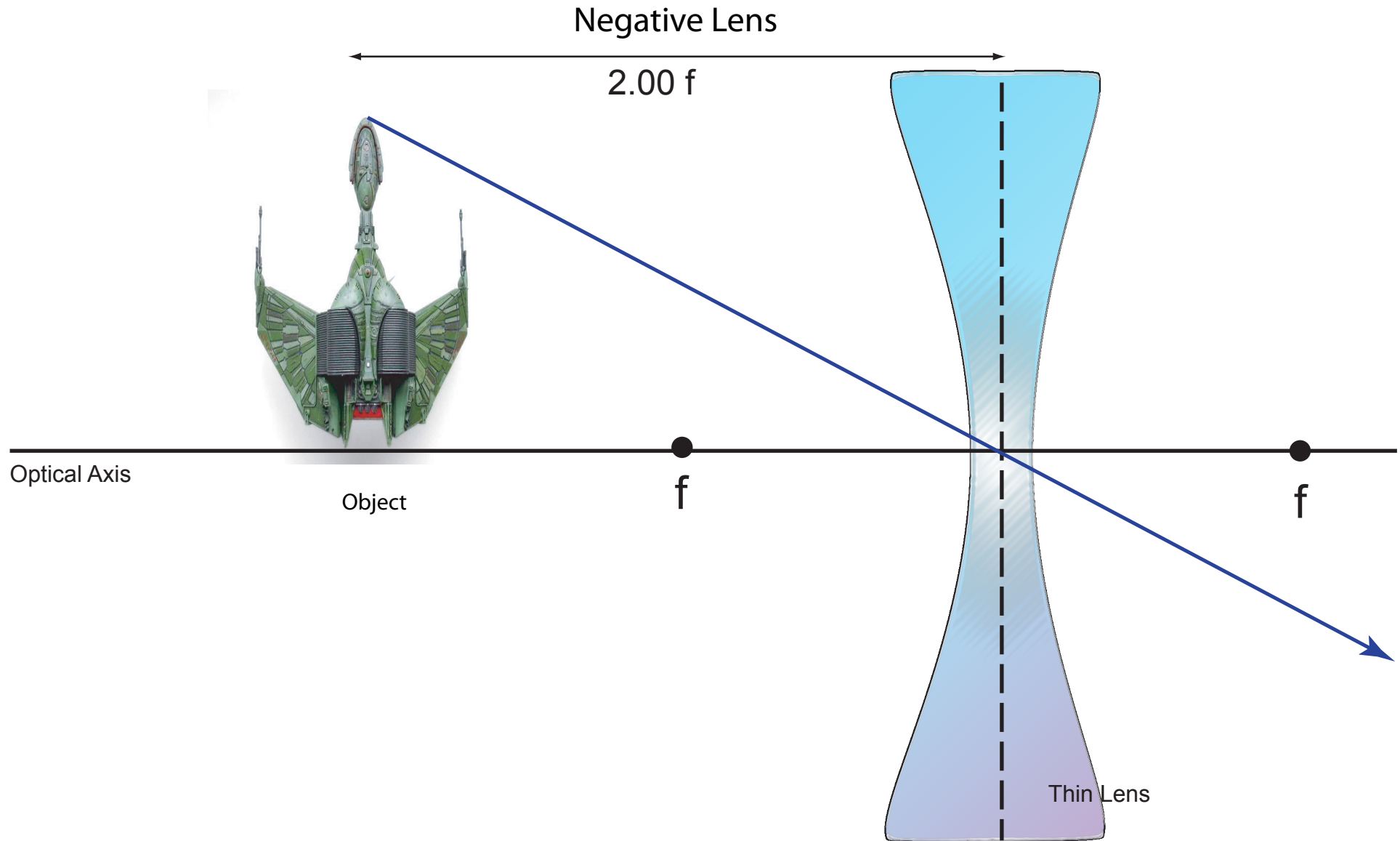
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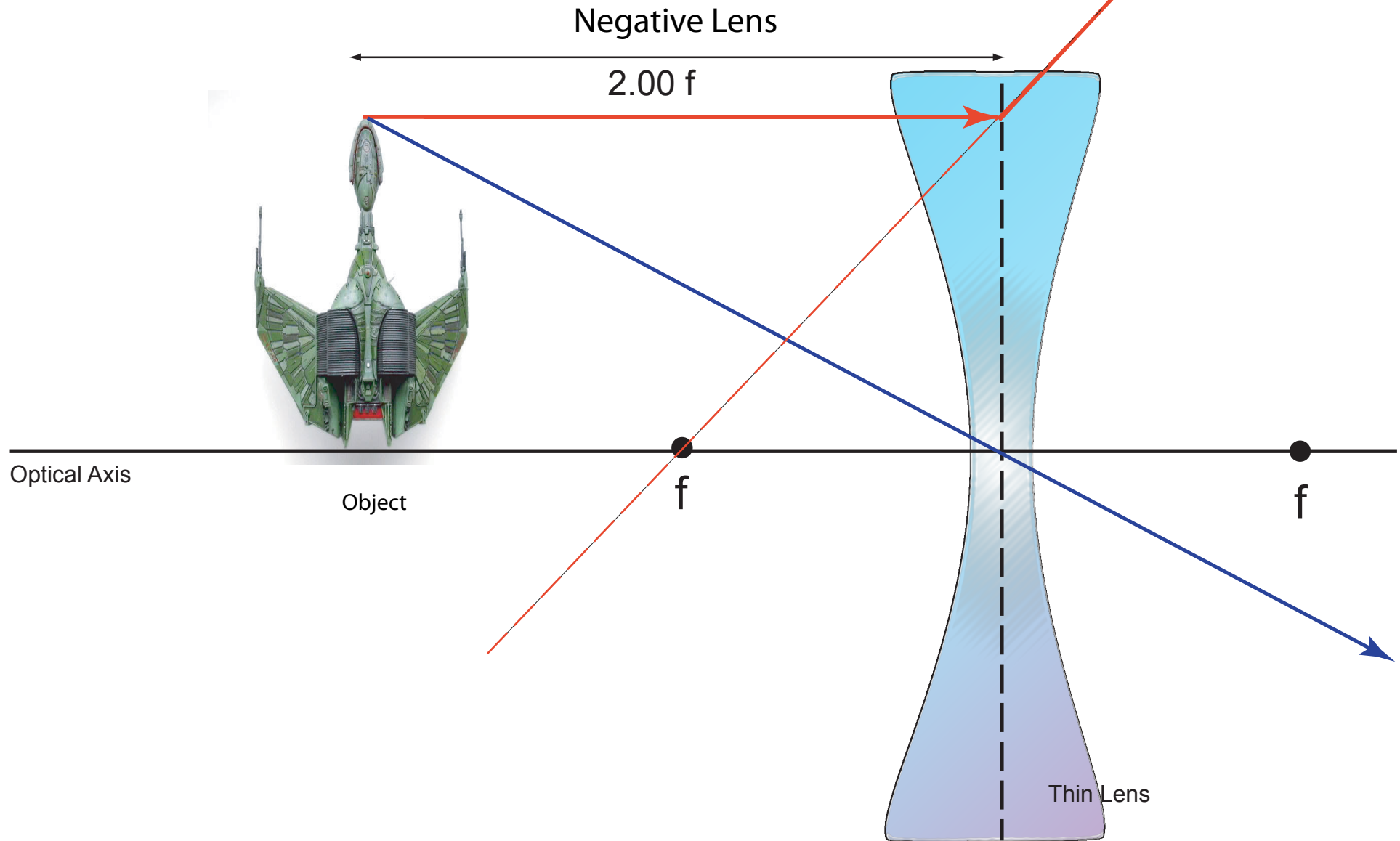
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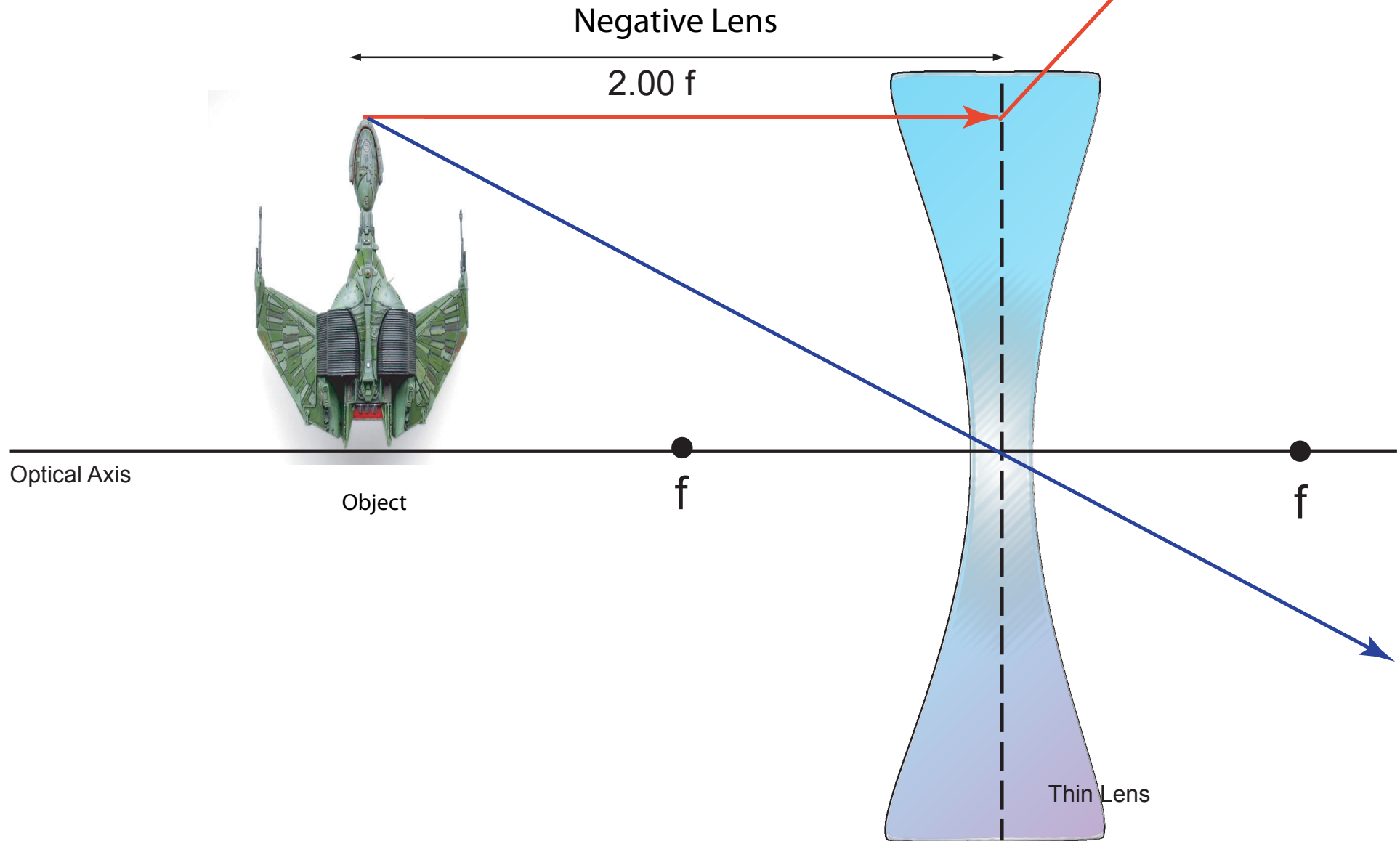
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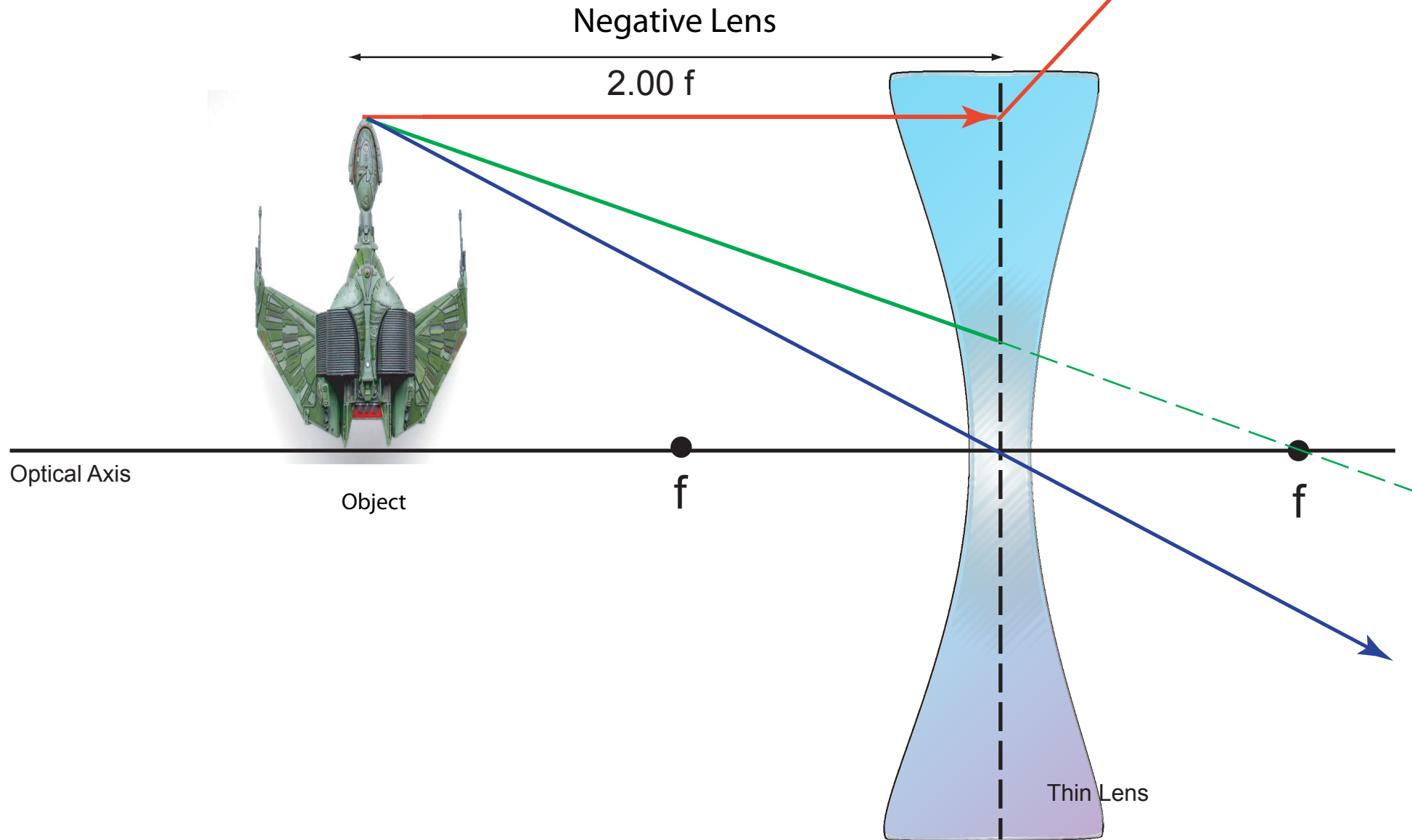
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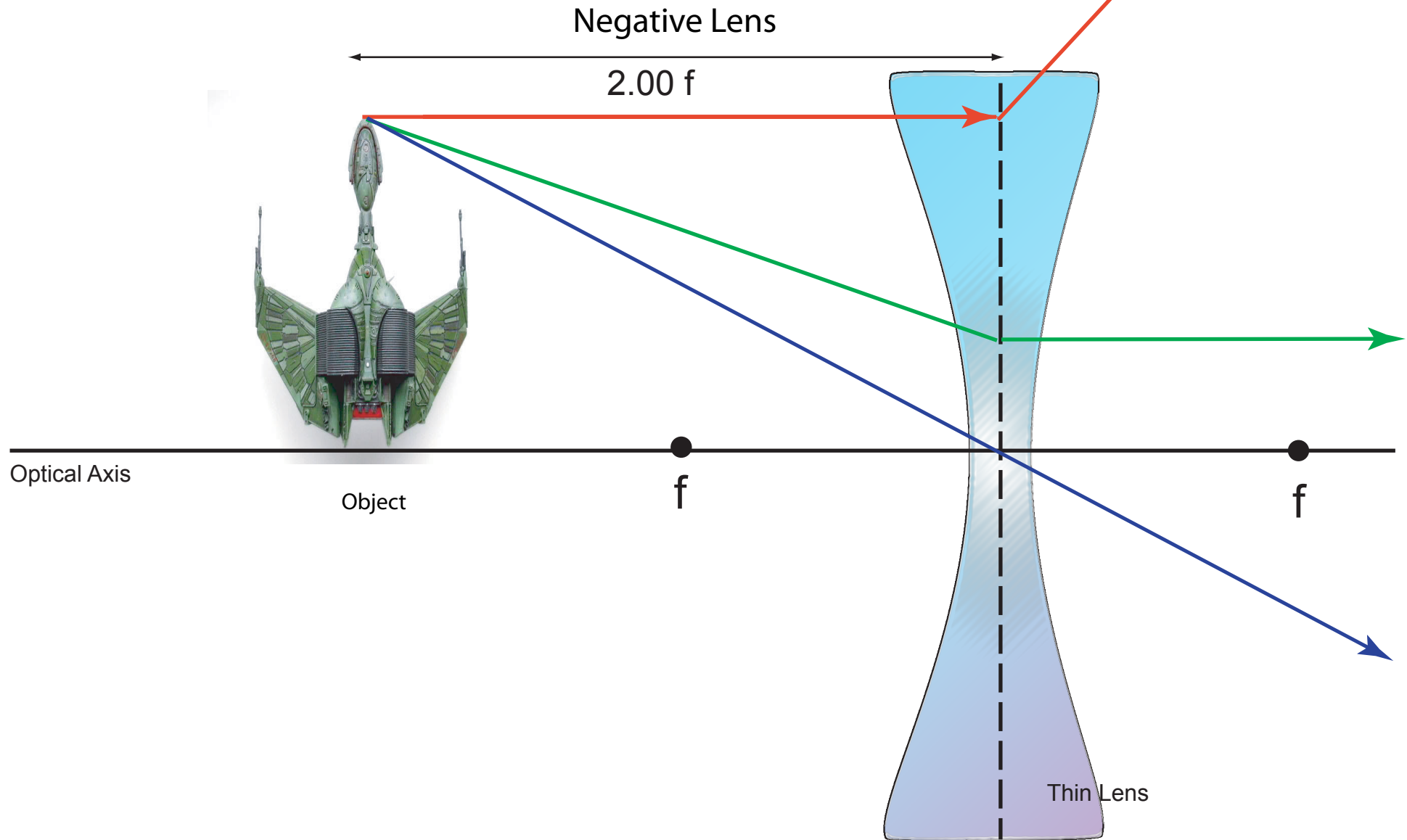
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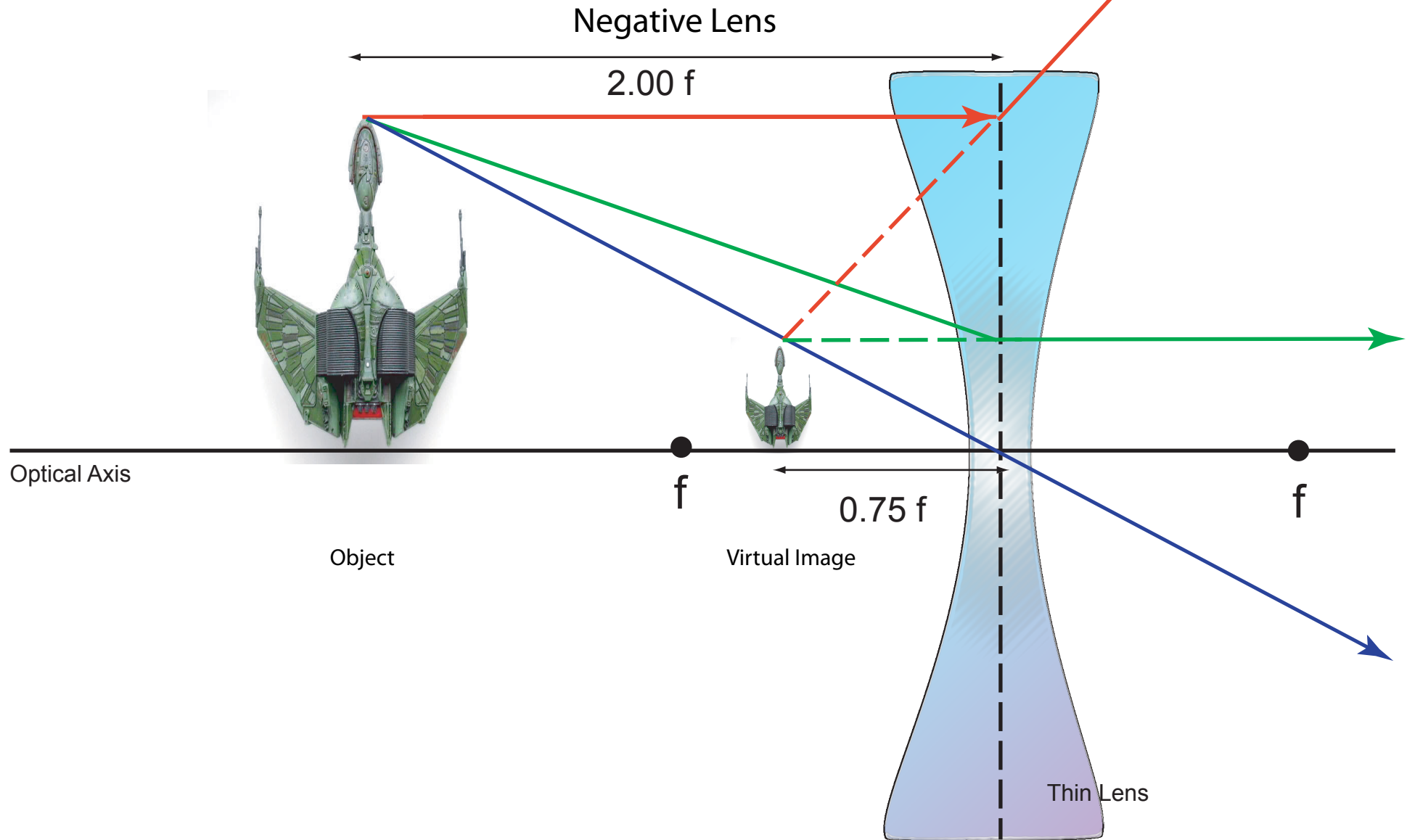
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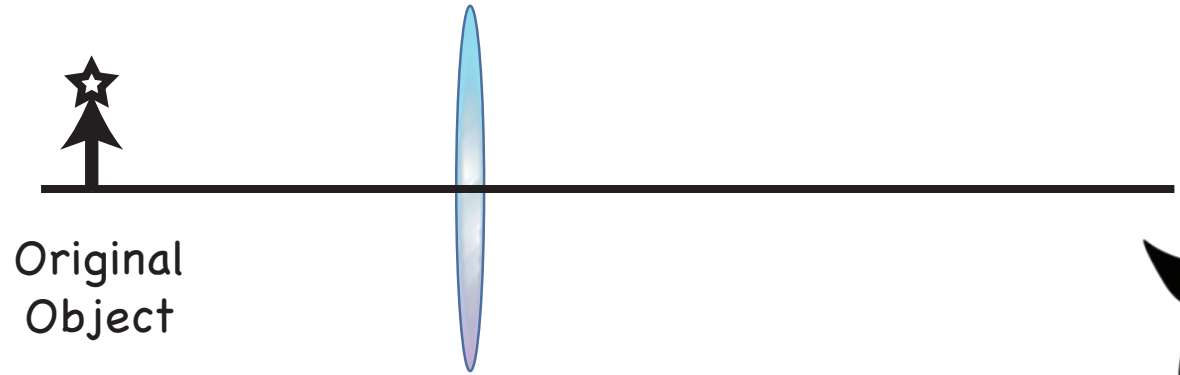


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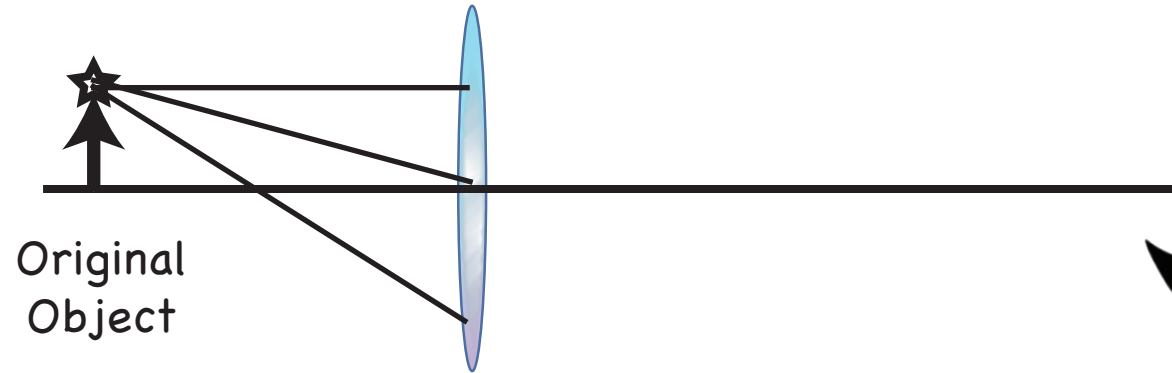
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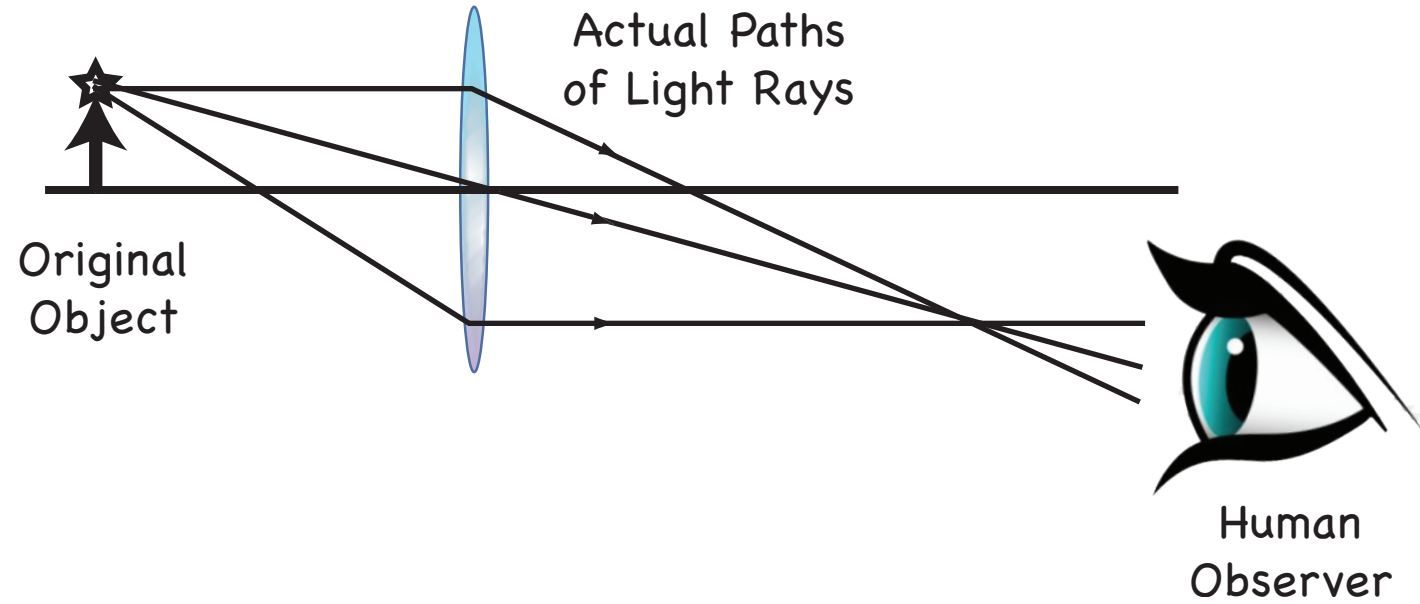
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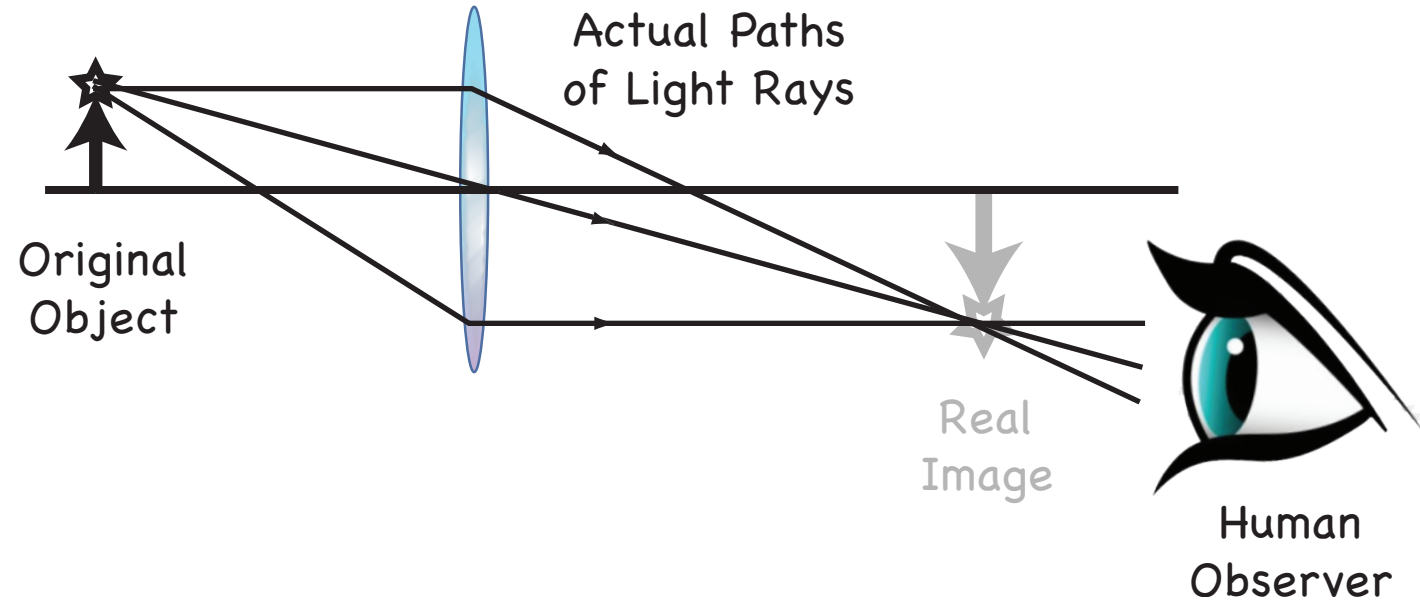
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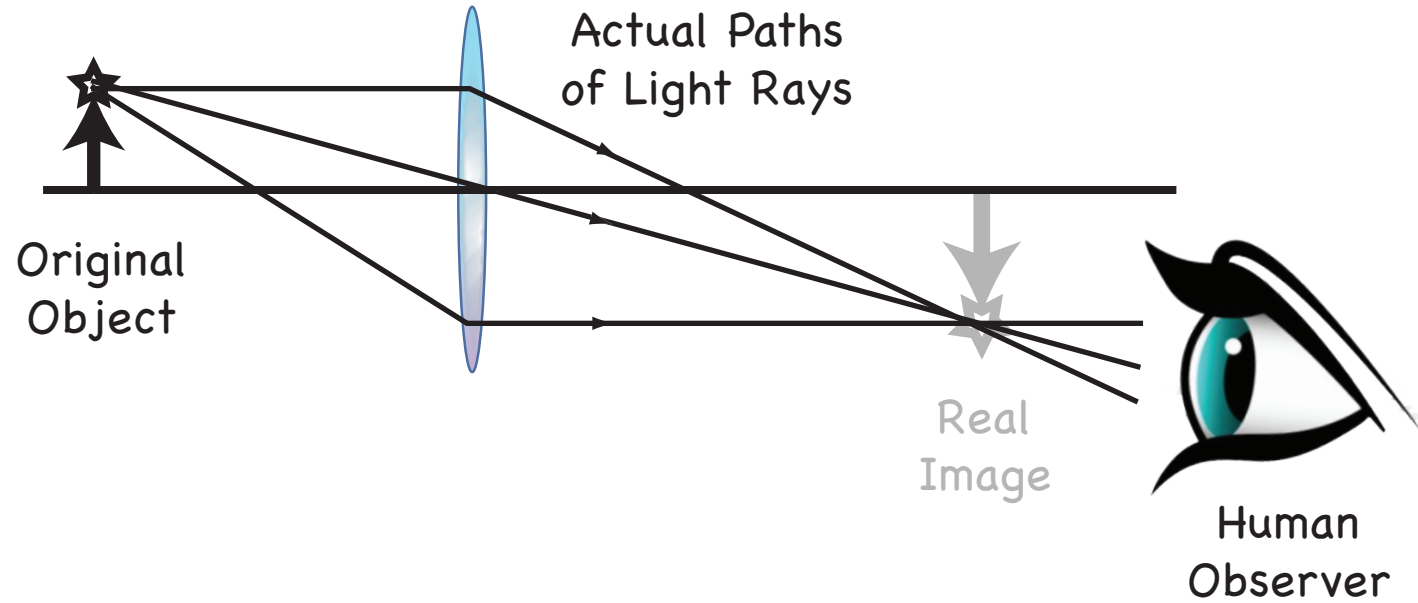
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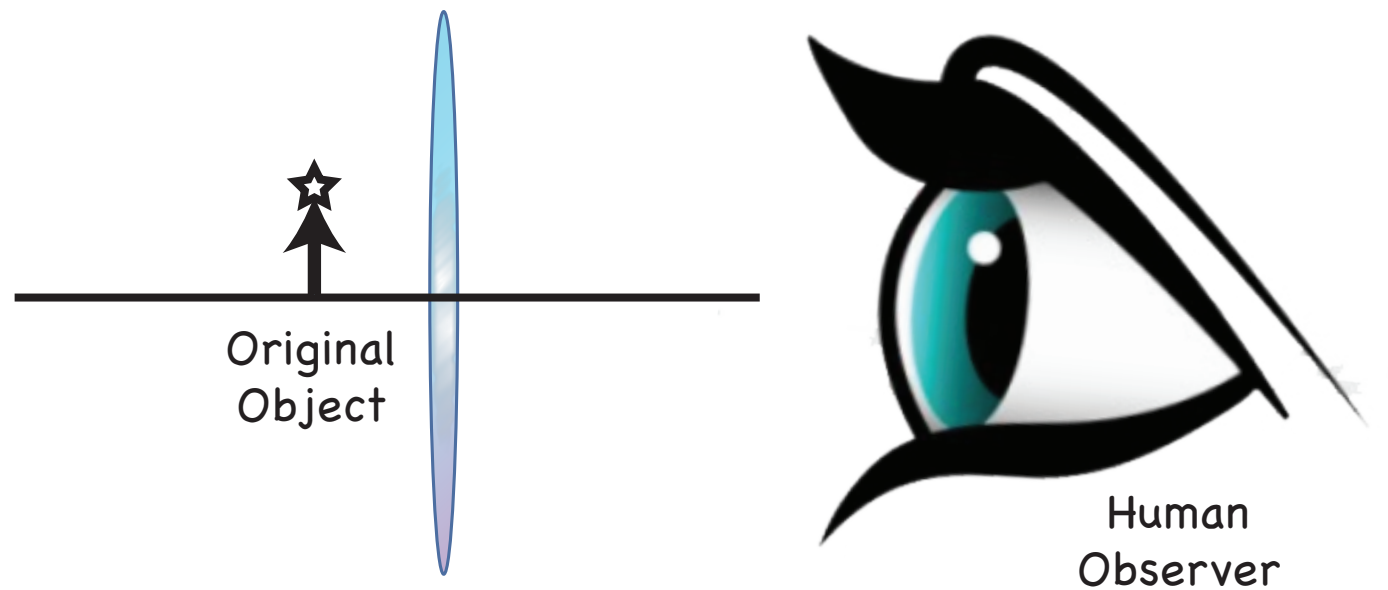


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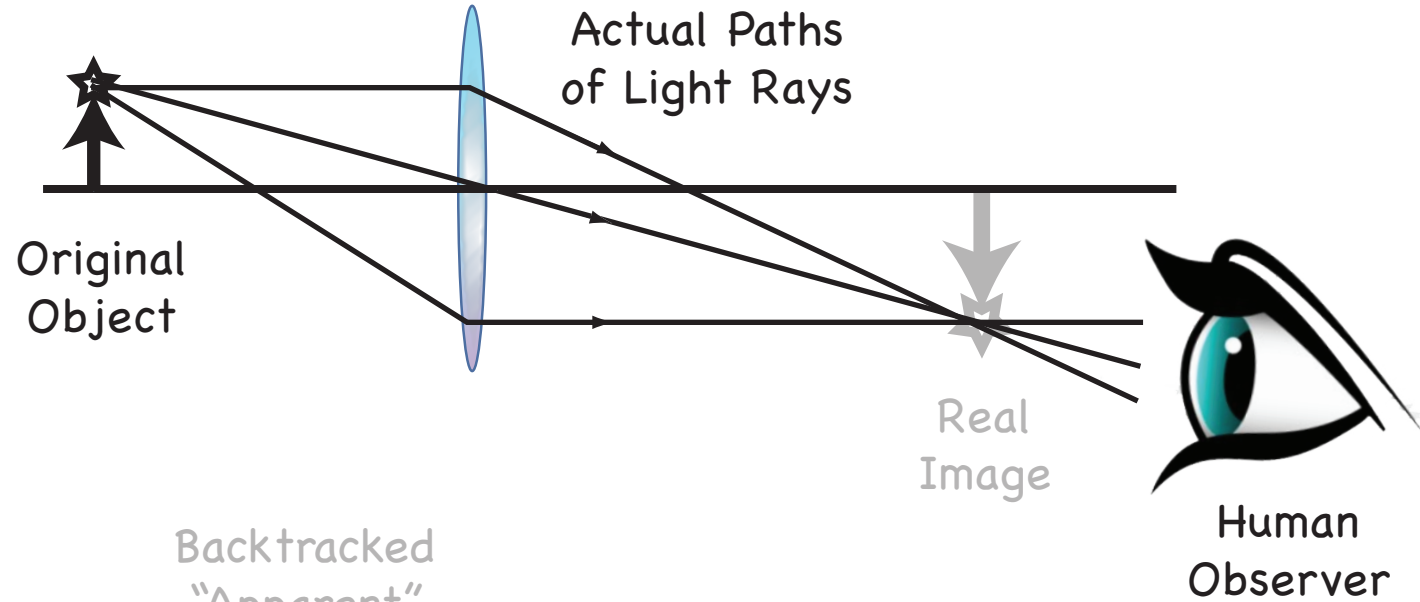


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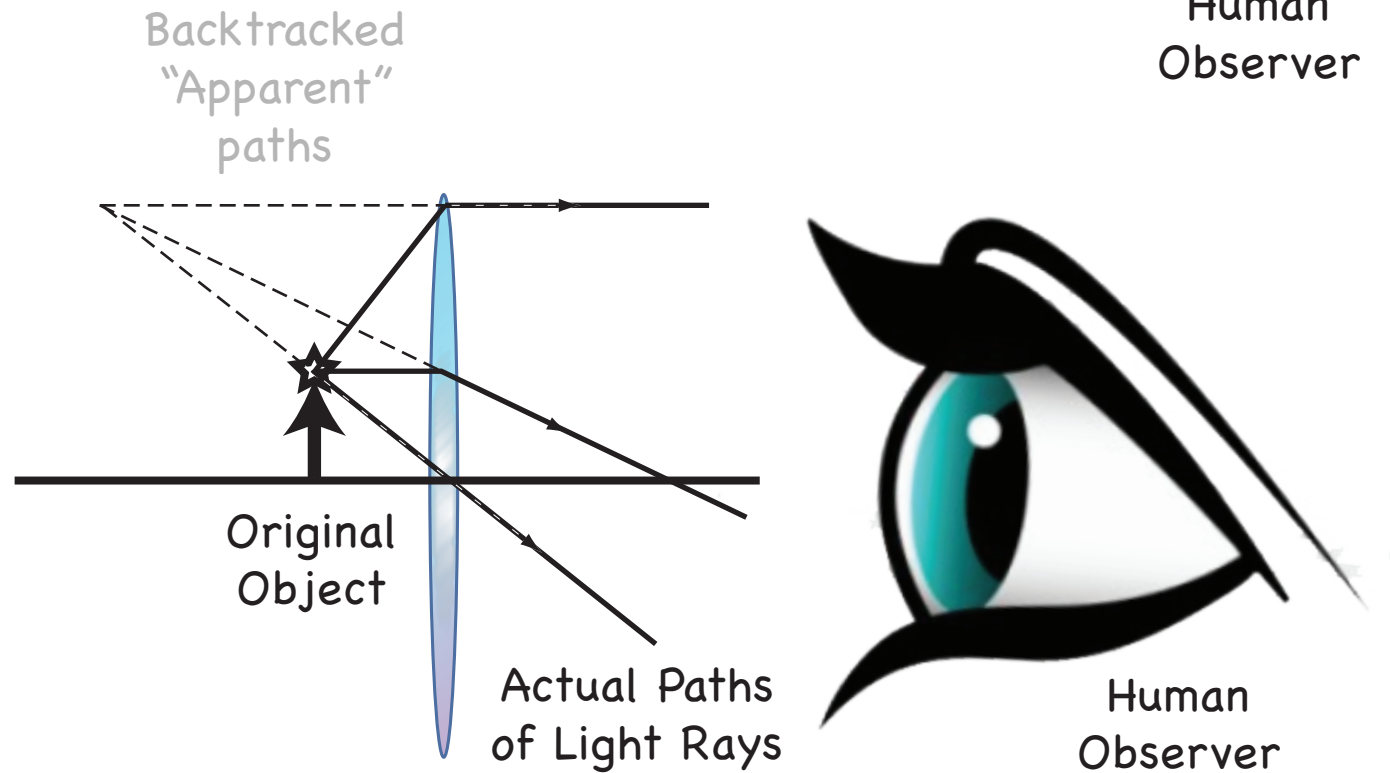


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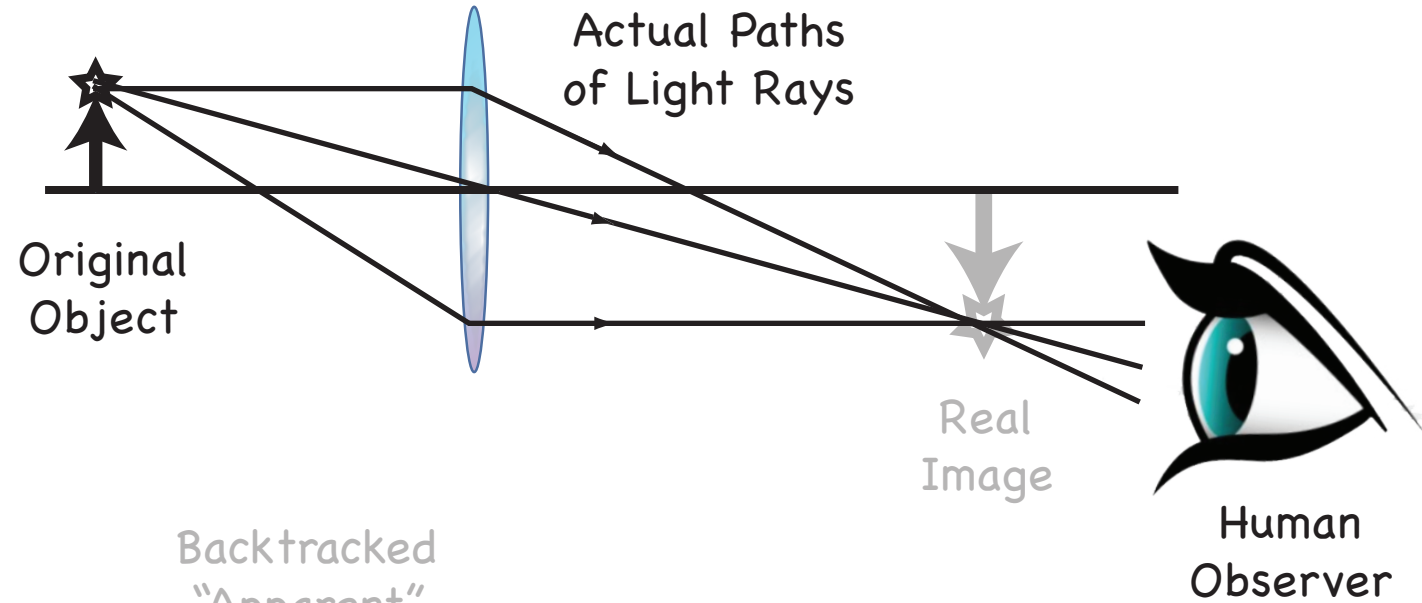


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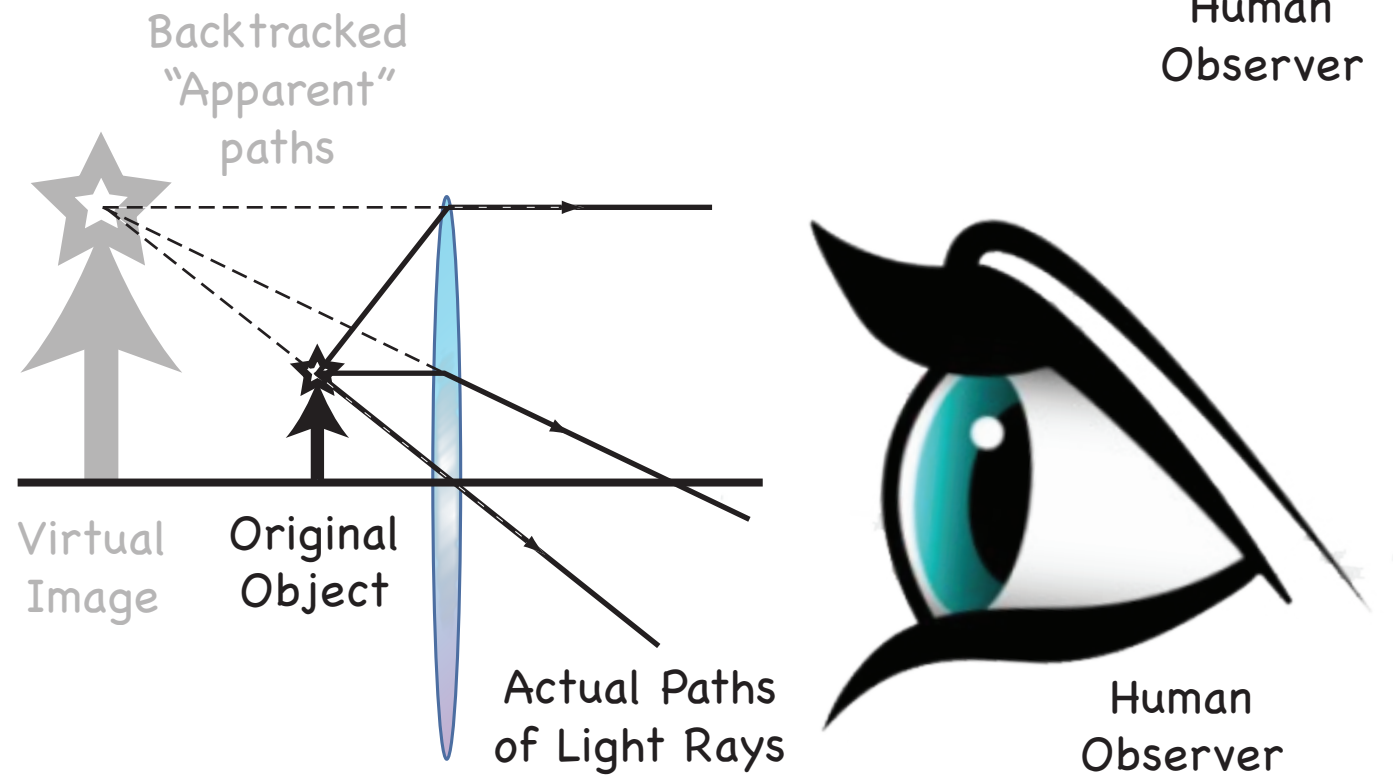


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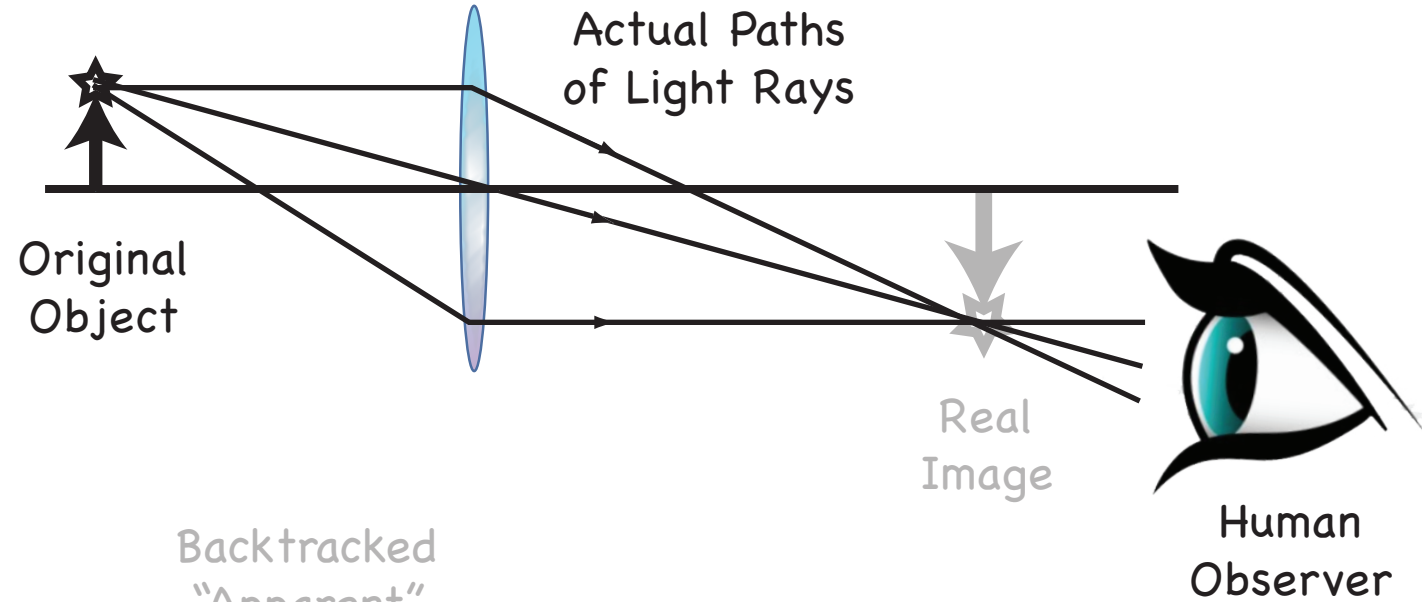


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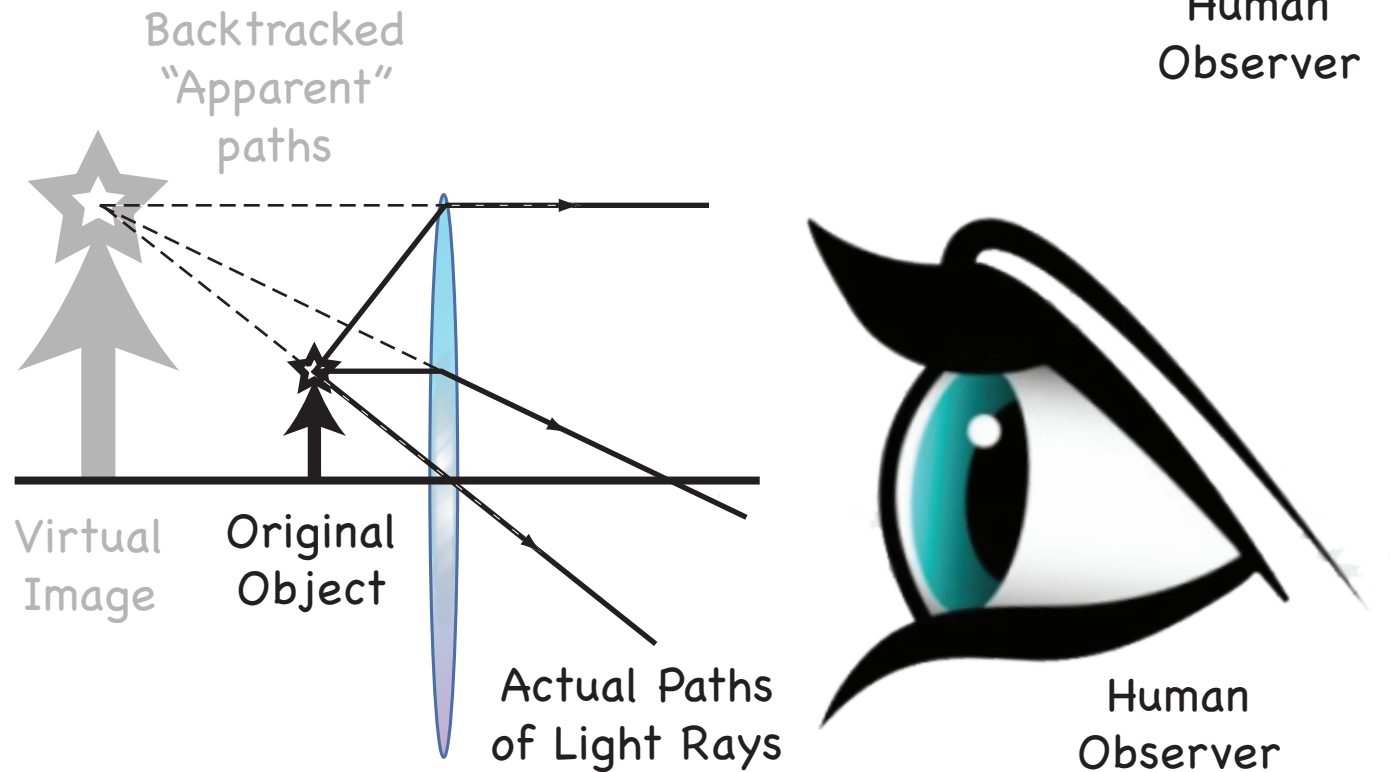
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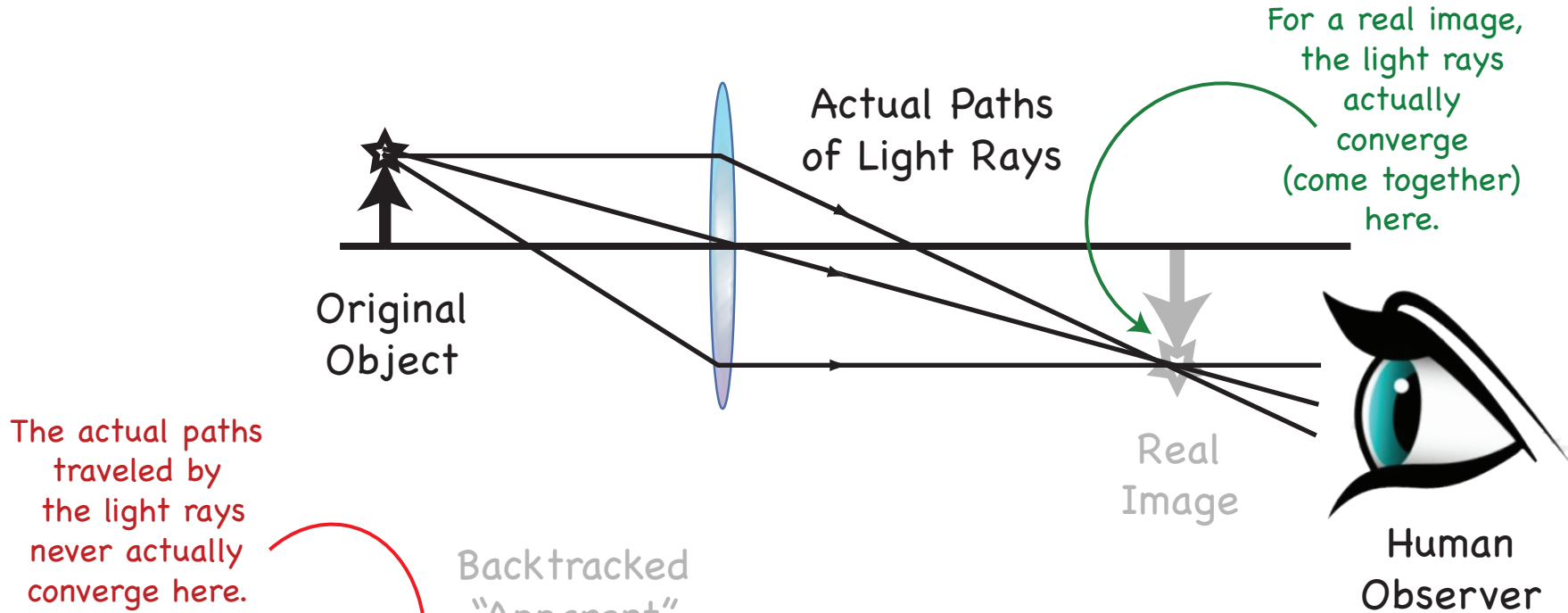
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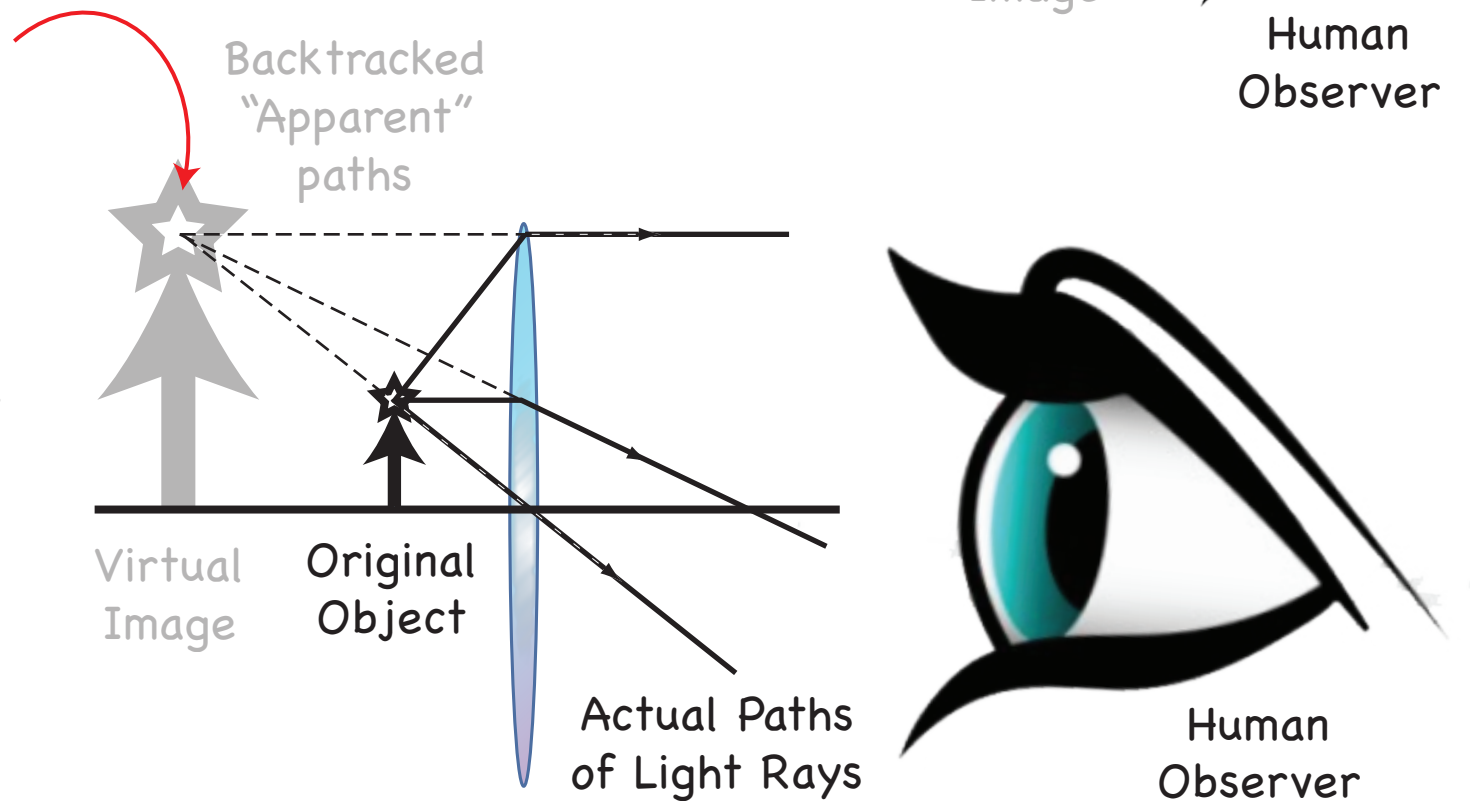
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