

Physics 250: Unquiz 09

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$$\text{at the critical angle, } \sin(\theta_2) = 1 \Rightarrow \sin(\theta_c) = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{1.2}{1.5} = 0.8 \Rightarrow \theta_c = 53^\circ$$

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$$\theta_i = \theta_r \Rightarrow \theta_r = 44^\circ$$