

PHYS 3344 SOLUTIONS

M 6.2

$$J = \int ds = \int \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2} = \int [1 + y'^2]^{1/2} dx$$

WHERE  $ds$  = ELEMENT OF PATH LENGTH

EULER'S EQN:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 0$$

$x$  = INDEPENDENT VARIABLE

NOW

$$f = [1 + y'^2]^{1/2}$$

AND

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \text{ so } \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = C_0, \quad C_0 = \text{CONST.}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [1 + y'^2]^{-1/2} 2y' = C_0$$

$$\frac{y'}{[1 + y'^2]^{1/2}} = C_0$$

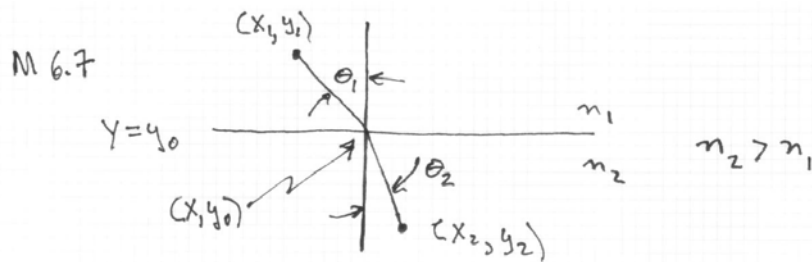
$$y'^2 = C_0^2 (1 + y'^2)$$

$$y'^2 (1 - C_0^2) = C_0^2$$

$$y' = \sqrt{\frac{C_0^2}{1 - C_0^2}} \equiv C_1$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = C_1 x + C_2}$$

$C_2 = \text{CONST}$



$$\text{TOTAL TRAVEL TIME } T = \frac{\sqrt{(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2}}{c/n_1} + \frac{\sqrt{(x - x_2)^2 + (y_0 - y_2)^2}}{c/n_2}$$

$y = y_0$  IS BOUNDARY  
BETWEEN  $n_1$  &  $n_2$  MATERIAL

~~NOT~~

FERMAT'S PRINCIPLE: MINIMIZE TOTAL TRAVEL TIME  $T$ .

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = 0 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} [(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2]^{-1/2} 2(x_1 - x)(-1)}{c/n_1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} [(x - x_2)^2 + (y_0 - y_2)^2]^{-1/2} 2(x - x_2)}{c/n_2}$$

$$\frac{n_1 (x_1 - x)}{[(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2]^{1/2}} = \frac{n_2 (x - x_2)}{[(x - x_2)^2 + (y_0 - y_2)^2]^{1/2}}$$

FROM GEOMETRY OF FIGURE

$$\therefore \underline{n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2}$$

NOTE THAT  $(x, y_0)$  IS INTERSECTION PT w/ BOUNDARY

## FERMI PROBLEM

ESTIMATE MASS OF HUMAN BODY.  
THEN CALCULATE # OF ATOMS.

$$\# \text{ ATOMS} \approx M_{\text{BODY}} * \left( \frac{\text{MOLE}}{\text{UNIT MASS}} \right) * \left( \frac{\# \text{ ATOMS}}{\text{MOLE}} \right)$$

$$M_{\text{BODY}} \approx 100^{\#} = 4.54 \times 10^4 \text{ gm}$$

HUMAN BODY MOSTLY CARBON ( $^{12}\text{C}$ )

$$\# \text{ ATOMS} \approx 4.54 \times 10^4 \text{ gm} \left( \frac{1 \text{ MOLE}}{12 \text{ gm}} \right) * \left( \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ ATOMS}}{\text{MOLE}} \right)$$

$$N \approx 2 \times 10^{27} \text{ ATOMS}$$