# EM waves and refraction

#### Homeworks

- HW 1 will be posted today, (9/1/2017)
- HW 1 will be due next Fri (9/8/2017)
  - Analytic problems must be turned in at class (or before)
  - Matlab scripts must be emailed to <u>Quant.Optics@Colorado.edu</u> before 11:30
- Office hours are:
  - Mon 1-2 PM
  - Thur 10-11 AM
  - JSCBB 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, A-wing common area

- Last class
  - What is light
  - Detection of light
  - Properties of EM waves
- This class
  - More about waves
  - Refraction
  - Lenses

### Properties of light – propagating EM wave





Waveforms of Electromagnetic Radiation States









#### Wave Interference



# Refraction

http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/geoopt/refr.html

- Wave propagates between 2 different media
- Conservation of momentum and conservation of energy
- Amount light slowed is referred to as index of refraction (n)







# Snell's law



Vacuum

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$$\lambda = \lambda_{o}/r$$

#### Back and forth...



#### Total internal reflection

• Consider moving from dense to less dense material



At critical angle, an evanescent wave exists but rapidly decays

#### What can you do with refraction?

• Prisms:







# Incident light on a curved surface (Otherwise known as a lens)

n = 1 n = 1.5  $\theta$   $\theta$   $\theta$  Biconvex Plan convex



Spherical lenses are the easiest to make – grind with a lathe

#### Lenses vs pinhole

- With pinhole cameras, there was always a trade off between sharpness and brightness set by the size of the aperture
- What we want is to collect all the rays emanating from a single spot, and put them all on the same place
- Have to change the light somehow, since light (in the absence of matter) travels in a straight line
- Lenses enable us both bright and sharp images



#### Lens makers equation



$$\frac{1}{f} = (n-1) \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{(n-1)d}{nR_1R_2} \right],$$











#### Ray optics rules



- 1. Draw a line to the center of the lens, it continues
- 2. Draw a line perpendicular to the lens axis, it goes through the focal point
- Draw a line through the focal point, it goes straight

Light is reversible (time invariant)

If it's before the focal plane, draw as if it came from the focal point, forms a virtual image

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#### On to Matlab...