

## Statement of Snell's Law

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$\theta_i$  is the angle of incidence

$\theta_r$  is the angle of refraction

$N$  is the physical constant called the “index of refraction,” a real number greater than 1.

$N = 1$  for vacuum and  $N \simeq 1$  for air.

Then, for light entering a refracting medium from air:

$$\sin \theta_i = N \cdot \sin \theta_r$$