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Foreword

We first met Dr Julio Chaves in one of the annual Nonimaging Optics International Workshops, years ago when he was still a PhD student. His scientific talent was immediately apparent, as was his keen interest in understanding nonimaging optics and its fundamentals. We realized later that his learning was mostly self-taught, resulting from an original outlook in his search for answers. His curiosity, insight, and drive toward a thorough understanding of nonimaging optics have come to great fruition in this book.

Our book, coauthored with Prof. Roland Winston, on nonimaging optics, which was the continuation and an update of the classic text in the field (first written by Walter T. Welford and Roland Winston), had just been published when we first heard about this book. Thus, our first thought was "Why another book on nonimaging optics?" When we later had the opportunity to review a draft of this book, it became clear to us that it would be of great interest to researchers and engineers as not only a thorough introduction to nonimaging optics but also as a postgraduate course. This book is perfectly complementary to ours, which is for those already acquainted with the field.

The title of this book reflects its content, having the virtue of being a clear, self-contained, and well-organized introduction to nonimaging optics. Julio Chaves, although not from academia, shows excellent didactic skills, using many examples to illustrate the concepts just after they are introduced. Part of the reasoning and explanations found in the book belong to his period of autodidacticism, revealing his interest in finding clear links to the fundamentals of geometrical optics. For this reason, the second section of this book is devoted to the fundamentals on which nonimaging optics is built. Although consulting the classics on the fundamentals of optics is always a rewarding exercise, it is usually a lengthy one. Therefore, the reader will be gratified to find the answer herein to a basic quick question that may arise in his or her mind. At the same time, the book's first section, which contains the description of nonimaging optics, is also complete by itself.

It is a pleasure for us to present the foreword to this excellent book. We believe it will strongly contribute to the spread and understanding of nonimaging optics, helping engineers to find better solutions to many optical design problems where the transfer of light energy is critical as, for example, in solid-state lighting (using LEDs) and solar energy, both of which have applications of ever-growing importance.

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Preface

This book is an introduction to nonimaging optics or anidolic optics. The term "nonimaging" comes from the fact that these optics do not form an image of an object, they are nonimaging. The word anidolic comes from the Greek (*an+eidolon*) and has the same meaning. The words *anidolico/anidolica* are mostly used in the Latin languages, such as Spanish, Portuguese, or French, whereas nonimaging is more commonly used in English.

Many optical systems are designed to form an image of an object. In these systems, we have three main components: the object, the optic, and the image formed. The object is considered as being a set of light-emitting points. The optic collects that light (or part of it) and redirects it to an image. The goal on this image is that the rays of light coming out of one point on the object are again concentrated onto a point. Therefore, it is desirable that there be a one-to-one correspondence between the points on the object and those of the image. Only a few "academic" optical systems achieve this perfectly.

Instead, in nonimaging optical systems, in place of an object there is a light source, the optic is differently designed; and in place of an image there is a receiver. The optic simply transfers the radiation from the source to the receiver, producing a prescribed radiation distribution thereupon.

Although there has been some pioneering work in nonimaging physical optics, nonimaging optics has been developed mostly under the aegis of geometrical optics. Its applications are also based on geometrical optics. Accordingly, this book deals only with nonimaging geometrical optics.

This branch of optics is relatively recent. Its development started in the mid-1960s at three different locations by V. K. Baranov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Martin Ploke (Germany), and Roland Winston (United States), and led to the independent origin of the first anidolic concentrators. Among these three earliest works, the one most developed was the American one, resulting in what nonimaging optics is today.

The applications of this field are varied, ranging from astrophysics to particle physics, in solar energy, and in illumination systems. Solar energy was the first substantial big application of nonimaging optics, but recently illumination has become the major application driving development. These two applications are of prime importance today, as lighting's cost of energy increases and awareness of its environmental consequences mounts. Nonimaging optics is the ideal tool for designing optimized solar energy collectors and concentrators, which are becoming increasingly important as we search for alternative and cleaner ways to produce the energy we need. It is also the best tool for designing optimized illumination optics, which engenders more efficient designs and, therefore, lower energy consumption. In addition, with the advent of solid-state lighting, nonimaging optics is clearly the best tool to design the optics to control the light that these devices produce. With the considerable growth that these markets are likely to have in the near future, nonimaging optics will, certainly, become a very important tool.

This book is an introduction to this young branch of optics. It is divided into two sections: the first one deals with nonimaging optics—its main concepts and methods. The second section is a summary of the general concepts of geometrical optics and some other topics. Although the first section is meant to be complete by itself, many general concepts have a different usage in nonimaging optics than in other branches of optics. That is why the second part may be very useful by explaining those concepts from the perspective of nonimaging optics. It is, therefore, a part of the book that the reader can refer to while reading the first section, should some concepts seem obscure or used differently from what he or she is used to.

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I started writing the book while still in Lisbon, Portugal, working with Manuel Collares-Pereira, who introduced me to the field and encouraged me to continue working on it.

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List of Symbols

<i>x</i> ̈́	Total derivative of $x(t)$, where t is time: $\dot{x}(t) = dx/dt$	
<i>x'</i>	Total derivative of $x(y)$, where y is a geometrical quantity:	
	x'(y) = dx/dy	
∇	Gradient of a scalar function: $\nabla F(x_1, x_2, x_2) = (\partial F/\partial x_1, \partial F/\partial x_2, \partial F/\partial x_2)$	
$\nabla \times$	× Rotational operator (curl)	
[A, B]	Distance between points A and B	
[[A, B]]	Optical path length between points A and B	
a	Absolute value of <i>a</i>	
	Magnitude of vector v	
$\langle Z \rangle$	Average value of Z	
(x_1, x_2)	Two-dimensional vector or point with coordinates x_1 and x_2	
A	Area A in a three-dimensional system	
a	Length <i>a</i> in a two-dimensional system	
с (д)	Curve with parameter σ	
F(x, y)	Function <i>E</i> of parameters <i>x</i> and y	
F.,	Shape factor from area A, to area A.	
H^{A1-A2}	Hamiltonian (when light paths are parameterized by coordinate r_{0})	
i. i. i.	Generalized coordinates	
I	Vector flux	
J.	Radiance	
L L	Lagrangian	
Laz	Luminance	
L^*	Basic radiance: $L^* = L/n^2$	
L^*_{V}	Basic luminance: $L^*_{\nu\nu} = L_{\nu\nu}/n^2$	
n	Unit vector normal to a surface or curve. It has components $\mathbf{n} =$	
	(m_1, m_2, m_2)	
п	Refractive index	
D	Optical momentum: $\mathbf{p} = n\mathbf{t}$, where <i>n</i> is the refractive index and \mathbf{t} a	
r	unit vector tangent to the light ray. It has components $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$	
$\mathbf{s}(\sigma)$	Path of a light ray with parameter σ	
S	Optical path length	
u_1, u_2, u_3	Generalized momenta	
ů ž	Étendue	
Φ	Flux (energy per unit time)	
Ω	Solid angle	
Р	Hamiltonian (when light paths are parameterized by a generic	
	parameter σ)	
Р	Point P . It has coordinates $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2, P_3)$ along the x_1, x_2, x_3 axes	
\mathbf{P}_1	Point P ₁ . It has coordinates P ₁ = (P_{11}, P_{12}, P_{13}) along the axes x_1, x_2, x_3	
v	Vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$	
x_1, x_2, x_3	Spacial coordinates	
//	Parallel to (in some figures)	

List of Abbreviations and Terms

2-D	Two-dimensional
3-D	Three-dimensional
CPC	Compound parabolic concentrator
CEC	Compound elliptical concentrator
DTIRC	Dielectric total internal reflection concentrator
TIR	Total internal reflection
TERC	Tailored edge ray concentrator
SMS	Simultaneous multiple surface (design method)
R	Refraction in the SMS design method
Х	Reflection in the SMS design method
Ι	Total internal reflection in the SMS design method
RR	SMS lens made of two refractive surfaces
RX	SMS optic made of a refractive surface and a reflective surface
XR	SMS optic made of a reflective surface and a refractive surface
XX	SMS optic made of two reflective surfaces
RXI	SMS optic in which light undergoes a refraction, then a reflection and then a TIR
Angle	Device that accepts radiation with a given angle θ_1
transformer	and puts out radiation with another angle θ_2
Angle rotator	Device that rotates light maintaining the area and angle of the light
Trumpet	Concentrator made of two hyperbolic mirrors with the same foci. All the radiation headed toward the line between the foci and intersected by the mirrors is concentrated onto the line between the vertex of the hyperbolas
Functions	nrm(), ang(), angp(), angh(), <i>R</i> (<i>α</i>), isl(), par(),
defined in	eli(), hyp(), winv(), uinv(), wmp(), ump(),
Chapter 17:	wme(), ume(), cop(), cco(), dco(), coptpt(), ccoptpt(), dcoptpt(), coptsl(), rfx(), rfr(), rfrnrm(), rfxnrm()

Part I

Nonimaging Optics

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Fundamental Concepts

1.1 Introduction

Imaging optical systems have three main components—the object, the optic, and the image it forms. The object is considered as a set of points that emit light in all directions. The light (or part of it) from each point on the object is captured by the optical system and concentrated onto a point in the image. The distances between points on the image may be scaled relative to those on the object resulting in magnification.

Nonimaging optical systems, instead of an object, have a light source and instead of an image have a receiver. Instead of an image of the source, the optic produces a prescribed illuminance (or irradiance) pattern on the receiver.

The first application of nonimaging optics was in the design of concentrators that could perform at the maximum theoretical (thermodynamic) limit. The compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) was the first two-dimensional (2-D) concentrator ever designed, and the success of the device gave birth to nonimaging optics.

This chapter introduces some of the differences between imaging and nonimaging optics, presents the CPC as a concentrator, and shows that it is ideal in two dimensions.

1.2 Imaging and Nonimaging Optics

Figure 1.1 shows a schematic representation of an imaging setup. On the left we have an object **EF**, at the center an optic **CD**, and on the right an image **AB**.

Light coming from edge point **F** on the object must be concentrated onto edge point **A** of the image. Accordingly, light coming from point **E** must be concentrated onto point **B**. This condition would still be valid for any point **P** on the object. Light leaving point **P** is concentrated onto a point **Q** in the image. The distances to the optical axis d_o and d_i from points in the object and the image, respectively, are related by the following:

$$d_i = M d_o \tag{1.1}$$



FIGURE 1.1

In an imaging optical system, light coming from any point **P** in the object is concentrated onto a point **Q** in the image in such a way that $d_i = Md_o$, d_o and d_i being the distances between **P** and the optical axis and **Q** and the optical axis, respectively. In particular, light coming from the edge points **E** and **F** of the object is concentrated onto edge points **B** and **A** of the image, respectively.



FIGURE 1.2

To solve the problem of forming an image through an optical system, we can start by trying to focus light coming from a point on the image onto a point on the object. A way to achieve this is by using a Cartesian oval. In this case, each point on the surface is crossed by just one ray of light coming from the object. It is then possible to choose the slope of the surface so that convergence is guaranteed.

where M is the magnification of the system.^{1–4} This condition requires that the relative dimensions of several parts of the object are maintained in the image.

Let us now see how to design such a system using lenses. We can start by concentrating light coming from a point in the object onto the corresponding point in the image. To solve this problem, a Cartesian oval can be used.^{1,5} We have in this case a set of rays to be focused and a surface to be defined as shown in Figure 1.2.

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The optical path length along a straight line between **P** and **Q** is given as $S = D + nD_1$. The optical path length of a light ray passing from **P** to **Q** through a point **R** on the surface must also be given by *S*, so we must have $S = d + nd_1$. This condition enables us to obtain all the points of the Cartesian oval.

If we now want, nevertheless, to focus two points of the object onto two points of the image **AB**, a surface is no longer sufficient. We then need at least two surfaces. Let us then suppose that, in fact, two surfaces are sufficient. We now have two sets of edge rays that are to be focused, those coming from **E** and **F** (that must be focused to **B** and **A** respectively), and we have two surfaces to be defined. Let us then suppose that a lens similar to the one presented in Figure 1.3 can be designed so that it focuses the two sets of edge rays of the object onto the two sets of edge rays of the image (later in this chapter, a way to design such a lens is presented).

However, this new lens does not guarantee that light coming from an intermediate point **P** in the object is concentrated onto the corresponding point **Q** in the image, because there are not enough degrees of freedom to do so. To add new degrees of freedom, however, more surfaces must be added. Since a lens can have only two surfaces, more lenses must be added. To guarantee that the light coming from more points in the object is concentrated onto the corresponding points in the image, the systems become more complex. Eventually this would lead us to systems having an infinite number of lenses.^{6,7}

If we do not intend to increase the number of lenses, a new degree of freedom must be found that allows the focusing of several points of the object onto the corresponding points in the image. One way is to consider a lens whose refractive index varies from point-to-point in its interior.^{3,6,7} This kind of solution is, nonetheless, hard to implement because it is difficult to build a material with a refractive index varying in accordance with the results of the calculations.

Owing to these and other difficulties in designing an ideal imaging device, the optical devices available do not produce perfect images, but images with aberrations. These arguments do not prove that it is impossible to make



FIGURE 1.3

(a) A lens that focuses onto **A** and **B** the light coming from **F** and **E**, respectively. Note that **E** and **F** are edges of the "object" and that **A** and **B** are edges of the "image" and (b) the same optical system but in a schematic way.

(build) a perfect imaging system, they only show that this task does not seem to be easy.

Although the lens of Figure 1.3 does not guarantee the formation of an image, it does guarantee that all the radiation exiting **EF** will eventually pass across **AB**. In fact, if the light rays exiting the edges of the source **E** and **F** pass through edges **A** and **B** of the receiver, the light rays exiting intermediate points **P** of the source must also exit between points **A** and **B**. Therefore, in this case all the radiations coming from **EF** and hitting **CD** will end up concentrated at **AB**. This lens then acts as a concentrator with **EF** as source and **AB** as receiver. This is illustrated in Figure 1.4. In this case, ray r_1 coming from edge point **F** of the source is deflected toward edge point **A** of the receiver and ray r_5 coming from edge **E** of the source is deflected to edge point **B** of the receiver. Therefore, rays r_2 , r_3 , and r_4 coming from intermediate points in the source are deflected to intermediate points on the receiver.

Generally, nevertheless, the light rays coming from a point **P** in the object, as shown in Figure 1.3, will not converge onto a point **Q** so that no image will be formed at **AB**.

As seen, many degrees of freedom are required for the design of an imaging system because the formation of an image imposes a large number of conditions that must be fulfilled simultaneously. From this results the difficulty of designing a perfect imaging device since the number of available degrees of freedom for the design of an optical system is usually not sufficient. If the objective is, nonetheless, just to transfer the energy from a source to a receiver, image formation is unnecessary. Instead, it suffices to require that the light rays coming from the edges of the source are transformed into rays going to the edges of the receiver, as shown in Figure 1.4. Now there are far fewer requirements, and only a small number of degrees of freedom will result in an ideal device.



FIGURE 1.4

If ray r_1 coming from the edge **F** of the source is deflected to edge point **A** on the receiver and ray r_5 coming from the edge **E** of the source is deflected to edge **B** of the receiver, all other rays— r_2 , r_3 , r_4 —coming from intermediate points in source **EF** will end between points **A** and **B** on the receiver.



FIGURE 1.5

The limit case of Figure 1.3b in which the edge points **E** and **F** are displaced to infinity. Now the radiation arriving to the optical system **CD** has an angular aperture θ for each side. Edge rays d_1 are concentrated onto point **A** and edge rays d_2 are concentrated onto point **B**.

If the light source is displaced to infinity, becoming infinitely large, the situation presented in Figure 1.3 becomes that of Figure 1.5.

In this case, the incoming radiation can be characterized by the angular aperture θ . This lens now works as a device concentrating onto **AB** all the radiation with half-angular aperture θ falling on **CD**. This device must be designed such that the parallel rays d_1 are concentrated onto **A** and the parallel rays d_2 are concentrated onto **B**. In this manner, all the radiation falling on the device making an angle to the optical axis smaller than θ must pass between **A** and **B**.

We can also compare the optical devices presented in Figures 1.1 and 1.3. In both the cases, the condition is such that the light coming from **EF** must pass through **AB**. In the case of the device presented in Figure 1.1, it is also required that light coming from **F** must be concentrated onto **A** and that the light coming from **E** must be concentrated onto **B**. Besides, light coming from any other point **P** must be concentrated onto a point **Q** on the image, being the distances d_a and d_i of **P** and **Q** to the optical axis related by Equation 1.1.

In the case of the device presented in Figure 1.3, the only requirement is that the light coming from **F** must be concentrated onto **A** and that the light coming from **E** must be concentrated onto **B**. The light coming from a generic point **P** of the object will not be necessarily concentrated onto any point along **AB**, so generally no image will be formed.

The device presented in Figure 1.1 is imaging and the one presented in Figure 1.3 is nonimaging. Note that both perform the same when used as radiation collectors.

1.3 The Compound Parabolic Concentrator

As described earlier, nonimaging devices can be used as concentrators. In this case, the formation of an image is not a necessary condition. The only condition is that the radiation entering the optical device ends up being concentrated at its exit.

It was mentioned earlier that optical systems have aberrations. As a matter of fact, these can be divided into several categories. The device presented in Figure 1.3 can have, for example, chromatic aberrations.^{1,2,8} This nonideality results from the fact that several wavelengths of light are refracted in different directions. One of the best known applications of this effect is the use of prisms to separate white light from the sun into its several spectral colors. To avoid this aberration, mirrors can be used because all wavelengths are reflected in the same way.

We start with a radiation source and a receiver onto which we want to concentrate as much light as possible coming out of the source. Figure 1.6a shows a source (emitter) E_1 and a receiver **AB**.

If now this source moves to the left, as shown in Figure 1.6b, and grows in size from E_1 to E_2 , ... so that its edges always touch the rays r_1 and r_2 , which make an angle 2θ between each other, the radiation field at **AB** will tend to be the one in Figure 1.7, in which the receiver **AB** is shown in a horizontal orientation. At each point, the receiver **AB** "sees" the incoming radiation contained between two edge rays that make an angle 2θ between each other. These edge rays are coming from the infinite source *E* at an infinite distance.

Our goal is to concentrate this radiation to the maximum possible extent, that is, to send the maximum power through the aperture **AB**. Our approach



FIGURE 1.6

As the source *E* moves to the left and grows so that its edges always touch the rays r_1 and r_2 , its size will be E_1 , E_2 , The radiation received at **AB** tends to be confined at every point to an angle 2θ .







FIGURE 1.8

To concentrate radiation onto **AB**, we can place mirrors at **A** and **B**. To capture the maximum amount of radiation, entrance aperture C_1D_1 must also be a maximum. Therefore, the angle β that these mirrors make with the horizontal must be a minimum. This minimum value of β is obtained when the edge ray r_1 coming from the left, and falling on D_1 , is reflected toward **A**. If β decreases, this light ray would be reflected at D_1 , then at mirror **AC**₁, and from there would be reflected away from **AB**. Mirror **AC**₁ is symmetrical to **BD**₁.

is to let **AB** be the exit aperture of the device, and then generate mirror profiles upward from points **A** and **B**. We may start with simple flat mirrors, and we place one on point **A** and another on point **B**. Owing to the symmetry of the problem about the vertical line through mid point **P**, these mirrors are also symmetrical. This situation is presented in Figure 1.8.

To deflect onto **AB** the maximum possible radiation, angle β must be as small as possible so that the entrance aperture **C**₁**D**₁ can be as large as possible. But there is a limit to the minimum value of β , which is reached when the ray of light r_1 reflected at **D**₁ is redirected to point **A**. If β is smaller, there will be rays reflected by **BD**₁ onto **AC**₁ and from there away from **AB**.


Using the same method presented in Figure 1.8, it is now possible to add new mirrors at points C_1 and D_1 , enlarging even more the dimension of the entrance aperture that now becomes C_2D_2 .

After placing the first mirror, a second one can be added above it. Figure 1.9 presents this possibility.

Also in this case, the slope of the mirrors is chosen so as to maximize the width of the entrance aperture, which is now C_2D_2 . Again this means that this mirror must redirect the edge rays coming from the left so that the ray r_2 is reflected at D_2 toward point **A**. We can now add more and more mirrors atop one another. These mirrors have a finite size, but they can be made as small as desired. As this happens, more and more smaller mirrors can be added. The mirrors together tend to adjust to a curve. This situation is presented in Figure 1.10. Angle β , which was minimized previously for each small mirror, is now the slope of the curve and must also be minimized at each point.

Considering the way this curve is defined, it must deflect onto a point **A** the edge rays *r* coming from the left. We then have a curve that deflects a set of parallel rays onto a point. The geometrical curve having this characteristic is a parabola, so that the curve is a parabola with its axis parallel to the edge rays *r* coming from the left and having its focus at point **A**. It can also be noted that this curve is the one that, at each point **P**, produces the smallest value for β , that is, the one that leads to a maximum entrance aperture **C**₃**D**₃.

As can be seen from Figure 1.11, if the parabola is extended upward, there comes a point where it starts tilting inside, reducing the size of the entrance aperture.

When this happens, the top of the right mirror starts to shadow the bottom of the left and vice versa. Since we are interested in obtaining the maximum possible entrance aperture, the parabolas must be cut at line **CD**



The procedure presented in Figure 1.9 can now be extended by adding more mirrors and diminishing their size.

where the distance between them is maximum. The final concentrator must then look like Figure 1.12.

The profile of this device consists of two parabolic arcs—**AC** and **BD**. The arc **BD** is part of a parabola having its axis parallel to direction **BC** (i.e., tilted θ to the left) and focus **A**. Arc **AC** is symmetrical to **BD**.⁹⁻¹⁴ It is called the CPC because of these two parabolic arcs.

Note that the initial goal was a concentrator having the largest possible entrance aperture. The design at which we arrived is a combination of two curves deflecting the rays coming from the edges of the source of radiation onto the receiver's edges. This is the basic principle in the design of nonimaging concentrators and is called the edge-ray principle—light rays coming from the edges of the source must be deflected onto the edges of the receiver.^{15–17} As more examples are given, the terms "edges of the source" and "edges of the receiver" will become clear.

We can now analyze an important characteristic of this device. Figure 1.13 shows how the parallel edge rays are concentrated onto the edges of the receiver.



FIGURE 1.11

As the parabolas are extended upward, the distance between the mirrors increases until a maximum **CD** is reached and then starts to decrease. Also, portions **DD**₄ and **CC**₄ of the mirror shadow the other portions of mirror **AC** and **BD**, respectively. Since the goal is to maximize the size of the entrance aperture, the parabolas must be cut at **CD**.



A CPC is a concentrator with entrance aperture **CD** that accepts radiation making a maximum angle of $\pm \theta$ with the vertical and concentrates it into **AB**.



FIGURE 1.13 Trajectories of the edge rays inside a CPC.



Trajectories of three kinds of rays inside a CPC. (a) A ray entering the CPC at an angle to the vertical of half-acceptance angle θ . This ray is reflected to the edge of the receiver. (b) A ray entering the CPC at an angle to the vertical smaller than θ is accepted (hits the receiver). (c) A ray entering the CPC at an angle larger than θ is rejected by retroreflection (ends up exiting through the entrance aperture).

Figure 1.14a shows the path of an edge ray inside a CPC. This ray enters the CPC at an angle θ to the vertical and is reflected toward the receiver's edge.

Figure 1.14b presents the case of a ray entering the CPC making an angle to the vertical $\theta_1 < \theta$. Now the ray is reflected toward the receiver. Figure 1.14c presents the case of a ray entering the CPC at an angle $\theta_2 > \theta$. The ray, after some reflections, ends up going backward and exiting through the entrance aperture.

This behavior of the rays inside a CPC is general, in the sense that all the rays entering the CPC with an angle $\theta_1 < \theta$ hit the receiver and all the rays entering the CPC with an angle $\theta_2 > \theta$ reflect on its walls until they exit the CPC through the entrance aperture. A ray ending on the receiver is said to be accepted and a ray that goes back again is said to be rejected. The ratio between the number of accepted rays and the number of rays entering the CPC is called the acceptance:

$$Acceptance = \frac{number of rays hitting the receiver}{number of rays entering the CPC}$$
(1.2)

Therefore, for $\theta_1 < \theta$ and $\theta_1 > -\theta$, the acceptance is 1 (all the rays entering the CPC hit the receiver) and for $\theta_2 > \theta$ or $\theta_2 < -\theta$, the acceptance is 0 (all the rays entering the CPC are rejected, ending with exit through the entrance aperture). Therefore, the acceptance of a CPC has the shape presented in



Angle to the vertical

Acceptance of a CPC. All the rays entering the CPC with an angle to the vertical (axis of symmetry) smaller than θ hit the receiver (acceptance = 1). All the rays entering the CPC with an angle to the vertical (axis of symmetry) larger than θ are rejected (acceptance = 0).



FIGURE 1.16

In a parabola, the path length of two light rays **ACF** and **BDF** is the same as long as **A** and **B** are placed on a line perpendicular to the optical axis and **AC** and **BD** are parallel to the optical axis.

Figure 1.15. Angle θ is called the half-acceptance angle since the CPC accepts all the radiation within the angle 2θ contained between $-\theta$ and $+\theta$.

The concentrator obtained earlier must be one capable of delivering the maximum possible concentration because it was designed so as to maximize the size of the entrance aperture without losses of radiation.

We can now calculate the concentration that such a device attains. To do this, we need to remember a property of the parabola presented in Figure 1.16. If a line passing through **A** and **B** is perpendicular to the optical axis, we have $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}] + [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{F}] = [\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}] + [\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F}]$, where **F** is the focus and **AC** and **BD** are rays parallel to the optical axis. Here, $[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]$ represents the distance between two arbitrary points **X** and **Y**.

In Figure 1.17, we have a CPC with entrance aperture a_1 and exit aperture a_2 . The half-acceptance angle is θ . Parabola **BD** has focus **A** and its axis parallel to **BC**. From the property of the parabola mentioned earlier, we can write in the following way:⁷¹⁸

$$[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}] + a_2 = [\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{D}] + [\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}] \Leftrightarrow a_2 = a_1 \sin \theta \Leftrightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$
(1.3)

since $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}] = [\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}]$ and $[\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{D}] = a_1 \sin \theta$.



(a) The maximum concentration of a CPC; (b) its height is $h = h_1 + h_2$.

We now have a relationship between the sizes of the entrance aperture and exit aperture for the concentrator we derived.

Line **CE** is perpendicular to the edge rays coming from the left. The optical path length between the wavefront **CE** and the focus **A** is the same for all the edge rays perpendicular to **CE**.

It is also possible to obtain the height h of the CPC. From Figure 1.17b, we obtain

$$h = h_1 + h_2 = \frac{a_1/2}{\tan\theta} + \frac{a_2/2}{\tan\theta} = a_1 \frac{1 + \sin\theta}{2\tan\theta}$$
(1.4)

Note that when $\theta \to 0$, $h \to \infty$; so, for small acceptance angles, the CPC becomes very tall.^{7,19}

The CPC, although ideal in two dimensions, is not ideal when made into a three-dimensional (3-D) device. Figure 1.18 shows a 3-D CPC with circular symmetry obtained by rotating the profile of a 2-D CPC around its axis of symmetry.

If now we consider a set of parallel rays at an angle α to the normal to the large aperture (vertical direction), we can trace those rays through the CPC and see how much of that light gets to the small exit aperture at the bottom. Figure 1.19 shows the result of such a calculation for CPCs designed for $\theta = 10^{\circ}$, 20°, 40°, and 60° acceptance angles. For each one of these design angles, we have a transmission curve as a function of incidence angle α . As can be seen, the transmission (acceptance) is not a perfect step function, that is, it does not fall on a vertical straight line as in Figure 1.15 for the 2-D case. Instead, it falls off on a sharp curve. Therefore, the circular 3-D CPC is close to ideal, but



Circular 3-D CPC and a set of parallel rays at an angle α to the vertical (normal to the entrance aperture).



FIGURE 1.19

Transmission curves for circular CPCs designed for acceptance angles of $\theta = 10^{\circ}$, 20°, 30°, and 60°.

not ideal. Some skew rays inside the design angle are rejected by the CPC. They keep bouncing around until they end up coming out through the entrance aperture again. Also, some rays outside the design angle end up hitting the small aperture.

If we look at the flux transmission inside the design angle θ , we see that all is not transmitted. These results are shown in Figure 1.20.

For the points of the large (entrance) aperture of the CPC, we consider all the light contained inside a vertical cone of angle θ and see how much of that flux ends on the small exit aperture of the CPC. As we can see, the light transmitted inside the design angle is not 100%. This is due to the fact that the transmission is not ideal either inside the design angle, as we can see from Figure 1.19, or some skew rays are rejected by the 3-D CPC. As the design angle θ increases, the transmission inside θ also increases. Note that as angle θ increases, the mirrors of the CPC get smaller and more light hits the small aperture directly.



Total flux transmission inside the design angle θ for circular CPCs.

1.4 Maximum Concentration

The CPC is a 2-D concentrator that was designed for maximum concentration. To verify that its concentration is, in fact, maximum, we use the second principle of thermodynamics.

We consider a trough optical system as in Figure 1.21. It extends to infinity in both directions and consists of a cylindrical black body S_R of radius r (on the left) at a temperature T and emits light into space at a temperature of 0 K. As radiation travels through space, it eventually reaches an imaginary cylinder of radius d. On the face of this imaginary cylinder there is a linear concentrator C.

A black body emitter of area dA at a temperature T emits Lambertian radiation, and the total flux (watts) emitted into a hemisphere is given by^{20,21}

$$d\Phi_{\rm hem} = \sigma T^4 \, dA \tag{1.5}$$

where σ is the Stephan–Boltzmann constant. A length l_U of the cylindrical black body then emits a radiation flux given by

$$\Phi_U = 2\pi r \sigma T^4 l_U \tag{1.6}$$

In the case where $l_U = 1$ (i.e., when we consider a unit length), we obtain the flux emitted per unit length, which is given by

$$\Phi = 2\pi r \sigma T^4 \tag{1.7}$$

The optical system of Figure 1.21 is shown again in Figure 1.22 (top view). The concentrator *C* has an entrance aperture of width a_1 and exit aperture of width a_2 . Entrance aperture a_1 can only exchange radiation with the radiation







FIGURE 1.22 Top view of linear system.

source S_R or with the rest of the universe, which is at 0 K. The amount of radiation that a_1 receives per unit length is given by

$$\Phi = \sigma T^4 \frac{2\pi r}{2\pi d} a_1 \tag{1.8}$$

This power can now be concentrated without losses onto area a_2 by concentrator *C*.

Let us suppose that on its exit aperture $a_{2'}$ concentrator *C* has a black body that absorbs radiation, and therefore gets heated up. The second principle of thermodynamics states that temperature T_{a_2} of a_2 can never be higher than the temperature *T* of the radiation source S_R , that is, $T_{a_2} \leq T$. If we had $T_{a_2} > T$, we could place a heat engine working between a_2 and the S_R and we would have perpetual motion engine, which is impossible. Let us then suppose that a_2 heats up to the maximum possible temperature, that is, the temperature *T* of S_R , where it stabilizes. In this case, it will emit a power per unit length given by To maintain a stable temperature, it is necessary that a_2 is in thermal equilibrium, that is, the radiation that it receives from S_R equals the radiation emitted to the exterior. In this case, we must have

$$\Phi = \Phi_2 \Leftrightarrow a_2 = a_1 r/d \Leftrightarrow a_2 = a_1 \sin\theta \tag{1.10}$$

Note that a_2 exchanges radiation with S_R through the entrance a_1 of the concentrator. The radiation exiting a_1 and coming from a_2 can only be headed to S_R . In fact, if a_2 could send radiation to space, it could also receive radiation from space, which is at 0 K and, in this case, it could not attain the temperature of S_R . The acceptance angle of the device having entrance aperture a_1 and exit aperture a_2 cannot be higher than angle θ represented in Figure 1.22. This means that concentrator *C* cannot accept any radiation that could come from a direction outside the angle 2θ . Accordingly, the radiation emitted by a_2 and exiting through a_1 must be confined to the same angle 2θ .

In Figure 1.22, the entrance aperture a_1 is curved with radius d. However, we can make the cylindrical source S_R larger and push it further to the left so that r/d = constant and, therefore, angle θ is also constant as shown in Figure 1.23.

As the radius d of the entrance aperture a_1 of the concentrator C increases, it tends to a flat surface (or straight line in two dimensions). In this limit case, the maximum concentration is also given by expression 1.10, that is,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \tag{1.11}$$

which is the same value we obtained for the concentration of the CPC. Thus, it can be concluded that the CPC is, in fact, an ideal concentrator.

A similar reasoning can be used to calculate the maximum possible concentration for 3-D concentrators. Now, instead of the source S_R being an infinite cylinder, it is a sphere as shown in Figure 1.24. The concentrator *C* has an entrance aperture of area A_1 and an exit aperture of area A_2 , and the source defines at A_1 a circular cone of half-angle θ . An example of one of these optical systems is when source S_R is the sun and concentrator *C* is on earth collecting and concentrating the sun's energy.

Figure 1.25 shows a vertical cut of this setup where the source S_R has a radius *r*, temperature *T*, and emits radiation into space, which is at a temperature of 0 K. As the emitted radiation travels through space, it will



FIGURE 1.23

The cylindrical radiant source S_R gets larger while maintaining the ratio r/d and, therefore, the angle θ is at the entrance aperture a_1 of concentrator C.



A concentrator C collects and concentrates radiation emitted by a spherical source S_R .



FIGURE 1.25

A vertical cut of the geometry of Figure 1.24 showing a spherical source S_R at a temperature T, emitting radiation to space, and a concentrator C whose entrance aperture A_1 is on a sphere of radius d.

eventually illuminate an imaginary spherical surface of radius d. On this spherical surface we have the entrance aperture A_1 of the concentrator C, which concentrates the radiation that falls on A_1 onto exit aperture A_2 .

The flux emitted by the spherical source S_R is given by

$$\Phi = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4 \tag{1.12}$$

and the radiation that A_1 captures is given by

$$\Phi_{A_1} = \frac{4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4}{4\pi d^2} A_1 \tag{1.13}$$

This radiation will be concentrated onto a black body placed at A_2 , which will heat up to a maximum temperature *T*, equal to that of the source S_R . The radiation that A_2 emits must equal to the one it receives to maintain thermal equilibrium. We have in this case

$$\frac{4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4}{4\pi d^2} A_1 = A_2 \sigma T^4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{d^2}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}$$
(1.14)

Although in this construction the entrance aperture A_1 is on a sphere of radius d, as d goes to infinity and the source grows in the way shown in

Figure 1.23 in which the angle θ is kept constant, the entrance aperture will tend to a flat surface.

A further generalization of this result is obtained when the concentrator *C* is made of a material of refractive index *n*. In this case, the black body at A_2 is immersed in this medium of refractive index *n* and, for its radiation emission, we must use the value of Stephan–Boltzmann constant σ in a material of refractive index *n*, which is given by²²

$$\sigma = n^2 \frac{2\pi}{15} \frac{k^4}{c_0 h^3} = n^2 \sigma_V$$
(1.15)

where $\sigma_V = 5.670 \times 10^{-8}$ W m⁻² K⁻⁴ is the value it has in vacuum (n = 1), k the Boltzmann constant, h the Planck's constant, and c_0 the speed of light in vacuum. Source S_R continues to be in vacuum and therefore we continue to use n = 1. Expression 1.14 now becomes

$$\frac{4\pi r^2 \sigma_V T^4}{4\pi d^2} A_1 = A_2 n^2 \sigma_V T^4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_2} = n^2 \frac{d^2}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{n^2}{\sin^2 \theta}$$
(1.16)

Because A_2 now emits n^2 times more light, the light concentration may then be n^2 times higher.

In 2-D geometry, this expression becomes

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{n}{\sin\theta} \tag{1.17}$$

It may be seen that the CPC attains this ideal concentration by considering the case in which the CPC is made of a material of refractive index n as shown in Figure 1.26.

In this case, when the light enters the CPC it refracts and its angular aperture diminishes from 2θ to $2\theta^*$, where $\sin \theta = n \sin \theta^*$. For the dielectric CPC, we have $a_1 \sin \theta^* = a_2$ and expression 1.17 follows.



FIGURE 1.26

The light entering a dielectric CPC refracts and its angular aperture diminishes from 2θ to $2\theta^*$. The acceptance of the CPC is still 2θ , but since it is dielectric, it must be designed for the light angular aperture $2\theta^*$ after refraction.

The maximum concentration a concentrator can provide is $C_{\text{max}} = n/\sin\theta$ (as given by expression 1.17) and, in the case where n = 1 (a concentrator filled with air), the maximum concentration becomes $C_{\text{max}} = 1/\sin\theta$. Nonimaging concentrators may reach (or get close to) this maximum limit and this makes them very important in solar energy concentration (see Section 3.12, after Equation 3.77).

1.5 Examples

The following examples use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Design a CPC for an acceptance angle of 30° and a receiver of unit length.

We start by calculating the general expression for the mirrors of a CPC and then apply them to the particular case in which the acceptance angle is 30°. A general CPC for an acceptance angle θ is shown in Figure 1.27.

It consists of two symmetrical parabolic arcs. The parabola on the right has focus **F**, passes through point **P**, and its axis *r* is tilted by an angle $\alpha = \pi/2 + \theta$ to the horizontal.

A parabola with focus $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2)$, tilted by an angle α to the horizontal and passing through a point **P** can be parameterized as

$$\frac{\sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})} - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}{1 - \cos \phi} (\cos (\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$\frac{\sin (\phi + \alpha)}{1 + (F_1, F_2)} (1.18)$$



FIGURE 1.27

A CPC is composed of two parabolic arcs tilted by an angle θ to the vertical. The right-hand side arc is tilted counterclockwise and the left-hand side one is its symmetrical.



FIGURE 1.28 Parabola with focus **F**, tilted by an angle α to the horizontal and passing through a point **P**.

where the parameter ϕ is the angle to the axis of the parabola as shown in Figure 1.28.

In the particular case of the right-hand side parabola of the CPC in Figure 1.27, we can make $\mathbf{F} = (-a, 0)$ and $\mathbf{P} = (a, 0)$ with a > 0. Replacing these values in the expression for the parabola, we get

$$\left(a\frac{1-\cos\left(\phi+2\theta\right)+2\sin\left(\phi+\theta\right)}{\cos\phi-1},a\frac{\cos\left(\phi+\theta\right)}{\sin^{2}\left(\phi/2\right)}\left(1+\sin\theta\right)\right)$$
(1.19)

with $3\pi/2 - \theta \le \phi \le 2\pi - 2\theta$. The left-hand side of the CPC is obtained by symmetry about the x_2 -axis (by changing the sign of the first component).

Now, we may apply this result to the particular case of a CPC with an acceptance angle of 30°. We assume that the small aperture **FP** has a unit length so that **F** = (-0.5, 0) and **P** = (0, 0.5). We also have $\theta = 30\pi/180$ rad. Replacing these values in the above expression for the right-hand side parabola, we obtain

$$\frac{\left(\frac{0.5(1-\cos(\pi/3+\phi)+2\sin(\pi/6+\phi))}{\cos\phi-1}, 0.75\frac{\cos(\pi/6+\phi)}{\sin^2(\phi/2)}\right)}{(1.20)}$$

for $4\pi/3 \le \phi \le 5\pi/3$. The left-hand side parabola is obtained by symmetry around the vertical axis, that is, by changing the sign of the first component of the parameterization.

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Design of Two-Dimensional Concentrators

2.1 Introduction

The compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) is a 2-D concentrator designed for capturing and concentrating a radiation field with a given angular aperture onto a flat receiver. This radiation field can be thought of as being created by an infinitely large source at an infinite distance. The edge rays of the incoming radiation come from the edges of the (infinite) source and are concentrated onto the edges of the receiver. This basic principle can be used to generate many other nonimaging devices. Its generalization is called the "edge-ray principle" and is the basis of nonimaging optics.

This chapter explores generalizations of the CPC design. These include, for example, different sources and receiver shapes, different light entrance and exit angular apertures, and nonparallel entrance and exit apertures.

2.2 Concentrators for Sources at a Finite Distance

The CPC was designed for an infinitely large source at an infinite distance. It is, however, possible to generalize the CPC design to other sources and receiver shapes. Figure 2.1 shows the case in which the radiation source has a finite size and is at a finite distance. Here we have a source EF and a receiver **AB**. We may now design an optic to concentrate as much radiation as possible coming out of EF onto AB. We will use the edge-ray principle mentioned in Section 2.1, which tells us that the light rays coming from the edges of the source must be deflected to the edges of the receiver. In this case, the edges of the source are, naturally, points E and F, and the edges of the receiver are A and B. The edge-ray principle then states that we must concentrate the rays of light coming from **E** and **F** onto **A** and **B**. Similar to what has been done in the case of the CPC, here too, we will use mirrors. As seen in Figure 2.1, the upper mirror of this new concentrator must have a slope at each point **P** such that it deflects the rays coming from edge point **E** of the source of radiation onto edge point A of the receiver. This curve is then an ellipse with foci E and A and passing through B. This construction principle ensures that any light ray coming from a point **G** on the source and reflected at any point **P** on the reflector will hit the receiver. The concentrator thus obtained is called the compound elliptical concentrator (CEC) because it is composed of two arcs of ellipses.¹

To design one of these systems, we can start, for instance, by defining the source **EF** and receiver **AB**. Then the elliptical arc having foci **E** and **A** and passing through **B** can be drawn. This elliptical arc extends from point **B** until it finds line **AF** at point **D**. Elliptical arc **CA** can be obtained by symmetry. Note that the CPC obtained earlier is a particular case of this new configuration. If points **E** and **F** are displaced to infinity along lines **CB** and **AD**, respectively, the elliptical arcs tend to become two parabolic arcs, and the CEC turns into a CPC. As was the case with the CPC, the CEC is an ideal device.

The CEC can now be compared to an imaging system such as a lens. Figure 2.2 compares a CEC with an ideal imaging lens. As can be seen, in the case of the lens, light coming from each point **P** in the source of light **EF** is concentrated onto a point **Q** in the image **AB**. Thus, an observer to the right of the image **AB** will not see light coming from the set of points **P** that forms **EF**, but instead sees light coming from points **Q** forming **AB**. Therefore, instead of seeing **EF**, the observer sees **AB**, which is an image produced by the lens.

This does not happen with the CEC, where only light coming from edge points **E** and **F** is concentrated onto points **A** and **B**. For a generic point **P** of **EF**, there is no convergence to a point of **AB**, thus no image is formed. For this reason, they are called *nonimaging* or *anidolic devices*.

Note that there is a similarity between the lens in Figure 1.3 and the CEC. The lens ideally guarantees the convergence onto point **A** of the rays of light coming from **F**, as well as the convergence to **B** of the rays of light coming from **E**, but it does not guarantee the convergence of the rays coming from **P** to **Q**. With the CEC, something similar happens: Rays coming from **E**



FIGURE 2.1

Optical device concentrating onto **AB** the radiation coming from **EF**. Each point **P** on the mirror **BD** must have a slope such that it reflects to edge point **A** of the receiver the ray of light coming from the edge **E** of the source. Mirror **DB** must then reflect to **A** the light rays coming from **E** and, therefore, it must be an elliptical arc having foci **E** and **A**. Mirror **CA** is symmetrical to **DB**. Because this receiver is composed of two elliptical arcs, it is called the CEC.



(a) The CEC is a nonimaging (anidolic) device. Thus, the rays of light exiting point **P** in the source of energy **EF** will not, in general, converge to a point on the receiver **AB**, so that no image is formed. (b) A quite different imaging system, where the rays of light exiting **P** meet at **Q** on **AB**.

converge at **A** and those coming from **F** converge at **B**, but there is no guarantee of convergence for the rays coming from **P**. These devices concentrate radiation and transmit it in an ideal way, but lose image pattern, that is, information the image might contain.

2.3 Concentrators for Tubular Receivers

Until now, only solutions for linear receivers were presented. Now consider receivers having convex shapes such as circular. This is presented in Figure 2.3, where the edge rays for the source are still those coming from E and F, but now the edge rays for the circular receiver are those tangent to it. Therefore, the edge-ray principle now states that the rays coming from the edges of the source must be reflected to become tangent to the circular receiver.

The mirror of the concentrator must be designed such that at each point **P**, its slope causes the rays of light coming from **E** to become tangent to the circular receiver. The shape of this mirror is called a macrofocal ellipse (see Chapter 17) having focus **E** and as macrofocus the circular receiver. This design method enables us to obtain the portion of the mirror from point **D** to point **B**, where it meets line **ET**₁ passing through **E** and tangent to the receiver at point **T**₁. From this point forward, the mirror takes the shape of an involute extending from point **B** to point **X**, which is on the axis of symmetry.

To justify the introduction of the involute, it is necessary to examine its optical properties. An involute can be obtained by unrolling a string of constant length around a circle as presented in Figure 2.4a. Its optical behavior is presented in Figure 2.4b. A ray of light tangent to the receiver and coming from a point \mathbf{T}' is reflected by the mirror at a point \mathbf{B}' back to \mathbf{T}' . Therefore, any ray *r* coming from the space between the receiver and the mirror will be reflected toward the receiver, as desired. Note also that this curve obeys the edge-ray principle: An edge ray leaving tangentially from \mathbf{T}' is reflected at \mathbf{B}'





Nonimaging device concentrating onto the circular receiver, the radiation coming from a source EF.



(a) An involute to a circle can be obtained by unrolling a string of constant length. One tip of the string is attached to point X_1 and the other tip describes an involute. This design method generates a curve perpendicular at every point of the tangent to the circle. (b) In optical terms, this means that a ray of light T'B' leaving the circle at point T' tangentially will be reflected back at the involute at B' returning toward T'. Therefore, any ray of light r passing through the space between the involute and the circle will be reflected at B' toward the circle.

again headed to \mathbf{T}' , that is, tangentially to the tube, and so the reflected ray at \mathbf{B}' is also an edge ray.

As mentioned earlier regarding the CEC, in the case of the concentrator in Figure 2.3 also, start by designating the source EF and the circular receiver so that the mirrors can be calculated. As mentioned earlier, the mirror must touch point **X** on the receiver. To design the concentrator, it may be simpler to start by calculating the involute to the receiver starting at point **X** and extending it until it touches (at point **B**) the line passing through **E** and **T**₁. After point **B** is determined, the remaining part of the mirror is designed according to the method presented earlier. This will extend from point **B** until it touches (at point **D**) line **FT**₂. Points **T**₁ and **T**₂ are tangency points of lines **EB** and **AF** with the receiver.

2.4 Angle Transformers

The CPC presented in Figure 2.5a has an acceptance angle θ_1 for each side and concentrates the incoming radiation to the maximum possible extent, therefore making the exit angle $\pi/2$. The device in Figure 2.5b is an angle transformer.¹



FIGURE 2.5

(a) A CPC with a half-acceptance angle θ_1 and a half exit angle $\pi/2$. (b) An angle transformer, composed of two parabolic arcs and two flat mirrors. The half-acceptance angle is θ_1 and the half exit angle is θ_2 , which is now smaller than $\pi/2$. Note that as $\theta_2 \rightarrow \pi/2$, the flat mirrors tend to disappear and the angle transformer turns into a CPC.

In this case, the concentration of the device is the maximum for the given entrance and exit angles, θ_1 and θ_2 , respectively. Each mirror in this device is composed of two portions. For the right-hand side mirror, we have parabola **DQ** and flat mirror **QB**. The parabola concentrates to edge **A** of the receiver, the incoming edge rays between r_2 and r_3 . Point **Q** is such that ray r_2 is reflected at **Q** and exits the device making an angle θ_2 to the vertical. Portion **QB** of the mirror reflects incoming edge rays between r_1 and r_2 in a direction making an angle θ_2 to the vertical.

2.5 The String Method

A simple way to obtain the shape of the mirrors consists in using the string method or the gardener's method.²

The optical device (CEC), presented in Figure 2.2, to concentrate onto a receiver **AB** the radiation coming from a source **EF** is composed of two elliptical arcs. These curves were defined point by point so as to reflect the rays of light coming from the edges of the source to the edge points of the receiver.

Another way to obtain the elliptical arc is by using the gardener's method. It has this name because it enables us to design an ellipse easily on the ground using a string and two sticks, just as gardeners do. Let us return to Figure 2.1 and presume that we have a string having length [**E**, **B**, **A**] and whose extremities are fixed at points **E** and **A**. If we stretch it with a marker and move the marker (along points **P**) so as to maintain the string stretched, we obtain an ellipse. This is because, on an ellipse, the length [**E**, **P**, **A**] (string length) is constant for all its points **P**. This method of designing an ellipse is presented in Figure 2.6.

In the case of the CEC presented in Figure 2.1, the source of radiation, **EF**, is placed at a finite distance. Suppose that the edge points **F** and **E** of the source go to infinity along lines **AD** and **BC**, respectively. The CEC will become a CPC in this case. Lines **EP** and **EB** will now be parallel and the



FIGURE 2.6

String method to design an ellipse. Fixing the string extremities at points **E** and **A** and stretching it with a marker and moving the marker so as to maintain the string stretched draws an ellipse.

elliptical arc **DB** will become a parabolic arc, with the same thing happening to the elliptical arc CA. The string method that defined the ellipses of the CEC can now be adapted to define the parabolas of the CPC. Let us then consider the construction presented in Figure 2.6. The elliptical arc was defined keeping in consideration that the distance [E, P, A] is constant. Let us now consider that from point E, the rays of light are emitted and concentrated onto point A by the elliptical arc. The wave front w_1 of these rays is a circular arc centered at point E. Therefore, the distance from **E** to w_1 is constant and the distance from w_1 to **A** must also be constant for the points of the ellipse. As point E moves away from A, the wave front w_1 tends to become a straight line and the elliptical arc tends to become a parabolic arc having focus A. The string method can, in this case, be adapted to the design of the parabolic arcs, considering the string "fixed" in the wave front w_1 and at point **A**. Figure 2.7 presents the application of the string method to the generation of the parabolic arcs of a CPC. Consider that the length $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{P}, w_1]$ is constant and the string is kept perpendicular to the wave front w_1 . If the string is kept stretched by a marker, moving the marker (along points P) draws a parabolic arc. The tip of the string on w_1 slides on it as point **P** moves on the curve BD.



FIGURE 2.7

String method for the design of a parabolic arc. A string having a constant length is fixed at point **A** and kept perpendicular to line (wave front) w_1 (its tip slides on w_1). Keeping the string stretched with a marker and moving it draws a parabolic arc. Note that this possibility results from the property of the parabola shown in Figure 1.16.

This method can now be applied to the design of the mirrors of the concentrator presented in Figure 2.3. Let us consider that the mirror presented in Figure 2.8 transforms the wave front w_1 into the wave front w_2 . The optical path length between the two wave fronts is constant (see Chapter 11). In this case, n = 1, so that the optical path equals the distance. The distance from w_1 to w_2 must then be constant. If w_1 is a circular arc having center **E**, then the distance between **E** and w_2 is constant. Now consider that the wave front w_2 has the shape of an involute to the circular receiver. The lines perpendicular to the involute are tangent to the receiver. Because the rays of light are perpendicular to the wave front, it can be concluded that, in this case, the rays of light are tangent to the receiver. An involute is, by construction, a curve w_2 such that the distance from w_2 to \mathbf{X}_1 is constant for a string attached to a point X_1 and rolled around the receiver as shown in Figures 2.4a and 2.8. Since we have already concluded that the distance from **E** to w_2 is constant, it can now be seen that the distance from **E** to **X**₁ is constant. Therefore, we can fix a string at **E** and \mathbf{X}_1 and generate the mirror by the string method.



The distance between **E** and w_1 is the same for all the rays of light, the same happening between the wave fronts w_1 and w_2 . Considering that, in an involute w_2 , the distance between w_2 and a point X_1 is constant for a string attached to X_1 and rolled on the receiver, then the distance from **E** to X_1 is constant and a string can be fixed at points **E** and X_1 and the mirror drawn by the string method.

The string method enables the generation of generic concentrator profiles for any shape of radiation source or receiver. It can then be applied to the concentrator presented in Figure 2.3 for a source **EF** and a circular receiver as presented in Figure 2.9.^{3,4} This method enables us to generate the whole mirror. In this case, a tip of the string must be fixed at point **E** of the source as before, but the other tip must be fixed at point **X** of the receiver. The length of the string must be such that the resulting mirror touches point **X** of the receiver. The string stretches from **X** around the receiver and then straight to point **P** and from there to point **E**. The string method draws a macrofocal ellipse having focus **E** and as macrofocus the circular receiver (points **P**, **P**', ...) and then the involute to the circular receiver (points **P**'').

As seen earlier, the string method can be adapted to the case where the source of radiation is placed at infinity, as shown in Figure 2.10. In this case, the string of constant length is fixed at point **X** and kept perpendicular to the wave front w_1 .

It is also convenient to note that this method enables us to find the shape of the mirrors of ideal optical devices concentrating the light from arbitrary sources to arbitrary receivers. Consider, for example, a linear receiver where the radiation is concentrated not only from above but also from below. Figure 2.11a presents such a device, for which the string must initially pass through points **C**–**B**–**X**–**B**–**A**. The string stretches from **C** to **B**, then goes underneath the receiver to point **X**, then back to **B** and then over the receiver to point **A**. The design of the concentrator then starts at point **X**. Moving the



The string method enables us to draw the entire concentrator mirror of Figure 2.3. For this, it is necessary to fix the tips of the string at E and X and to choose its length so that as the mirror is designed from P to P', it ends up touching point X. Point P'' from where edge E of the source cannot be seen is on an involute to the circular receiver. The involute portion of the mirror is also generated by the same string as rest of the mirror.



FIGURE 2.10

The string method presented in Figure 2.9 for the design of concentrators for circular receivers can be extended to the case in which the source is placed at infinity, where the string must be kept perpendicular to the wave front w_1 for the entire extent of the mirror being drawn.

string, the points (such as \mathbf{P}_1) of a circular arc having center **B** are obtained. Now the string stretches through points **C**–**B**–**P**₁–**B**–**A**. This arc ends at point \mathbf{Q}_1 where the light coming from the source starts to be visible, that is, the edge rays *r* start to illuminate the mirror. For the mirror points (such as \mathbf{P}_2) between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_2 , the string unrolls around point **B**, while being



Concentrators having a linear receiver receiving radiation from above and below (a) and having a triangular receiver (b). Both devices can be obtained using the string method. In the case of the device presented in (a), the string initially stretches through points $C-B-P_1-B-A$. Point P_1 is part of a circumference having center **B**. For points P_2 , the string passes through C_2-P_2-B-A and describes a parabola having focus **B**. For points P_3 , the string passes through C_3-P_3-A and describes a parabola having focus **A**. The parabolic arcs have axes perpendicular to the wave fronts w_1 . The mirrors for concentrator (b) are obtained in a similar manner.

kept perpendicular to the wave front w_1 . Therefore, this part of the mirror is a parabola having its axis perpendicular to w_1 and its focus at **B**. Here the string stretches through points C_2-P_2-B-A . From point Q_2 forward, the string unrolls around point **A**. Therefore, between Q_2 and **D** the mirror is a parabola having an axis perpendicular to the wave front w_1 and focus at **A**. Now the string stretches through points C_3-P_3-A .

This method can be extended to other shapes of the receiver. Figure 2.11b presents a concentrator for a triangular receiver A-J-B-A. In this case, between X and Q_1 , the mirror is shaped as a circular arc; between Q_1 and Q_2 , it is shaped as a parabolic arc having focus **B**; between Q_2 and Q_3 , it is shaped as a parabolic arc having focus **J**; and between Q_3 and **D**, it is shaped as a parabolic arc having focus **A**. All the parabolic arcs have axes perpendicular to the wave front w_1 .

The string method can also be applied in cases where the source has a given shape and is placed at a finite distance. Figure 2.12 presents a device transmitting all the light exiting a circular source onto a receiver having the same shape and size.

In this case, the string is wrapped around the source and the receiver.⁵ The mirror of the device presented in Figure 2.12 is a generalization of an ellipse. An ellipse ideally transmits all the light from a source E_1F_1 onto a receiver E_2F_2 , as presented in Figure 2.13, if F_1 and F_2 are its foci.

In this case, the light exiting the source E_1F_1 is transferred to receiver F_2E_2 .



The string method can also be extended to the case where the source has any shape. This figure presents the case in which the source and receiver are circles having the same size.



Ellipse foci **F**₁, **F**₂

FIGURE 2.13

An ellipse ideally transfers the radiation from a source E_1F_1 onto a receiver F_2E_2 , where F_1 and F_2 are its foci.

2.6 Optics with Dielectrics

The concentrators so far had mirrors with interior air (n = 1). Now consider devices made of a material having a refractive index n. Figure 2.14 depicts a CPC made of a dielectric material of refractive index n.

The design of a CPC made of a dielectric material is in every way similar to that presented earlier for the case with mirrors and interior air. In this case,



CPC of a dielectric material having index of refraction n can be built. This opens up the possibility of using total internal reflection at the walls of the CPC.



FIGURE 2.15

If a concentrator is made of dielectric, its entrance aperture no longer needs to be flat. In this case, a curved entrance aperture **CD** enables the design of more compact devices.

a CPC designed for a half-acceptance angle θ_1^* will have a half-acceptance angle θ_1 due to the refraction at the entrance of the CPC. Angles θ_1 and θ_1^* are related by $\sin \theta_1 = n \sin \theta_1^*$. It is possible, in some cases, to use total internal reflection in the walls of the CPC. For the CPC, we have $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}] \sin \theta_1^*$. Replacing $\sin \theta_1^*$, we have

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = \frac{[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]\sin\theta_1}{n}$$
(2.1)

Points on the mirror **BD** of the CPC obey $d_1 + nd_2 + nd_3 = C$, where *C* is the constant optical path length.

The CPC made of dielectric material has a useful feature: its entrance aperture **CD** does not necessarily have to be flat. It is therefore possible to design optics with curved entrance aperture and receiver immersed in dielectric.⁶ When the receiver **AB** is flat, these are usually called dielectric total internal reflection concentrators (DTIRCs).^{7,8} One such optic is presented in Figure 2.15. The advantage of this possibility is that it enables the design of more compact devices.

For example, the entrance aperture can be shaped as a circular arc. Once the shape of the entrance is defined, the shape of the lateral wall **DB** (and its symmetric **AC**) can be calculated. Rounding the entrance enables us to design more compact devices.

The optical path length between w_1 and **A** is constant. This result was used earlier to define the string method. This method can now be adjusted

to this new situation. Let us then suppose that the device is made of a material having a refractive index n. In this case, we have

$$[\mathbf{Q}^*, \mathbf{Q}] + n[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}] + n[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{A}] = \text{constant}$$
(2.2)

Given the shape of the entrance aperture, it is then possible to calculate the shape of the lateral walls. Note that the presented concentrator has an entrance whose dimension is equivalent to the distance from C to D and not to the arc CD. Its concentration is then [C, D]/[A, B], where [C, D] is the distance from C to D. Also, expression 2.1 still applies to this concentrator.

In the case of the device presented in Figure 2.15, the receiver must be immersed in a medium of refractive index *n*. If this does not happen, the device must be designed for an exit angle equal to the critical angle, so that there is no total internal reflection at the exit **AB** and the radiation leaves the device to the air between $\pm \pi/2$.

2.7 Asymmetrical Optics

A CEC is a device allowing us to concentrate radiation coming from a source at a finite distance. In the cases presented earlier, the source and receiver were arranged in a symmetrical configuration. This arrangement can, nonetheless, be generalized. Figure 2.16 presents a CEC concentrator designed for a generic set source–receiver in which the relative positions and orientations of source and receiver are asymmetrical. In this case, the CEC is designed the same way as the earlier ones. The elliptical arc **BD** has foci **E** and **A** and the elliptical arc **AC** has foci **F** and **B**.

When the source **EF** tends to infinity, the asymmetrical CEC tends to an asymmetrical CPC. Figure 2.17 presents one such CPC.^{9,10}



FIGURE 2.16

CEC for a source and receiver in asymmetrical positions. The elliptical arc **BD** has foci **A** and **E** and the elliptical arc **AC** has foci **F** and **B**.



Asymmetrical CPC. Similar to the CPC, the asymmetrical CPC is also composed of two parabolic arcs. Arc **BD** has focus **A** and axis parallel to r_1 . Arc **AC** has focus **B** and axis parallel to r_2 . When the radiation comes from direction r_2 , the area A_2 intercepted by the concentrator is larger than area A_1 intercepted when the radiation comes from direction r_1 . Therefore, this device accepts different amounts of energy and has different concentrations for different acceptance angles.

The asymmetrical CPCs were proposed for stationary collectors of solar energy, which would have different acceptance areas for winter and summer.^{1,11,12} In summer, the sun is higher in the sky and in winter, it is lower. Therefore, in the case presented in Figure 2.17, the direction r_1 could correspond to the direction of the sun in summer and the direction r_2 could coincide with the direction of the sun in winter. In this case, the CPC would accept more radiation and have a higher concentration in winter than in summer. This situation could, nonetheless, be inverted if the CPC was used, for example, in a heating system or in an air-conditioning system.

Another example of asymmetrical nonimaging optical systems is angle rotators.¹³ These are devices that can rotate the radiation without changing their angular aperture; the same way angle transformers can modify the angular aperture of the radiation without changing its direction.

Figure 2.18 shows an example of an angle rotator. It is composed of flat mirrors and an elliptical arc. The acceptance and exit angles are 2θ . The radiation is rotated by an angle ϕ .

The flat mirror $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$ is perpendicular neither to the entrance aperture at point \mathbf{F}_1 nor to the exit aperture at point \mathbf{F}_2 . This is because the elliptical arc has a focus at the edge \mathbf{F}_1 of the entrance and another at point \mathbf{F}_2 of the exit.



An angle rotator rotates the radiation by an angle ϕ without changing its angular aperture θ . The angle rotator presented here is composed of three flat mirrors and an elliptical arc.



FIGURE 2.19

An arc of circumference. (This device accepts radiation having a half-angle $\pi/2$ and rotates it by an angle ϕ .)

A particular case of this angle rotator occurs when points \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 coincide and the flat mirrors disappear. In this case, the ellipse tends to a circular arc. The acceptance and the exit angles must in this particular case be $\pi/2$ and we get the device presented in Figure 2.19, which is a circular arc with center \mathbf{C} .¹⁴

Figure 2.20 shows another example of an angle rotator.¹⁵

It is composed of a central circular light guide made of two circular arcs with center **C** bound by sections s_1 and s_2 and a compound macrofocal parabolic optic at each end. Each of these optics is made of an exterior macrofocal parabola with an axis parallel to edge rays that are parallel to



Angle rotator composed of a central circular light guide with a compound macrofocal parabolic optic at each end.

the ray r_2 and the macrofocus C_M (see Chapter 17). It reflects these edge rays in directions tangent to C_M . These rays reach the inner mirror of the central circular portion of the light guide with angle α to the normal. From there, they are reflected and reach the outer mirror of the circular portion, reaching it with an angle β to the normal. The inner macrofocal parabola has the axis parallel to the edge ray r_1 and also the macrofocus C_M . It reflects light rays parallel to r_1 in a direction such that they appear to come from the tangent to the macrofocus. These rays reach the outer mirror of the central circular portion of the light guide with an angle β to the normal.

Inside this circular portion, the edge rays keep bouncing back and forth between the two circular mirrors, hitting the inner mirror with angle α and the outer mirror with angle β . At the other end of the light guide, a symmetrical compound macrofocal parabolic optic "undoes" what the first did and we recover the radiation confined between angles $\pm \theta$. Angle ϕ for the central portion of the angle rotator can be chosen freely.

A limit case of this kind of optic is shown in Figure 2.21. Now, angle α was chosen to be 90° and, therefore, the inner circular mirror is no longer needed as edge rays would now be tangent to it.

In this optic, light is confined in the space between sections s_1 and s_2 between the circular outer mirror with center **C** and the caustic C_M of these edge rays, which is also a circle with center **C** but has a smaller radius *r*. The inner surface of the optic between s_1 and s_2 can now be chosen with any arbitrary shape as is a nonoptical surface. It can be used for mechanical applications such as holding the optic in place without introducing light losses. As seen earlier, angle ϕ can be chosen freely.



FIGURE 2.21 Angle rotator with a nonoptical surface.

2.8 Examples

The following examples use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Design a CEC for a source **RG** and a receiver **PF**, where **R** = (-3, 10), **G** = (3, 10), **P** = (-1, 0), and **F** = (1, 0).

We start by calculating the general expression for the mirrors of a CEC and then apply them to this particular case. A general CEC for source **RG** and receiver **PF** is shown in Figure 2.22.

Left-hand side ellipse **PQ** has foci **F** and **G** and, therefore, is tilted by an angle α to the horizontal. This ellipse must pass at point **P** and this defines it.

Consider now the general case of an ellipse with given foci **F** and **G** and that passes through a point **P** as shown in Figure 2.23.

From the positions of **F**, **G**, and **P**, we can calculate

$$K = t_p + d_p = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{v}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$$
(2.3)

where angh is the function that gives us the angle of a vector to the horizontal. The ellipse is then given by

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi} \left(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)\right) + \mathbf{F}$$
(2.4)



A CEC composed of two arcs of ellipses with foci at the edges of the source and the receiver. (The left-hand side ellipse **PQ** has foci **F** and **G**. The right-hand side ellipse is its symmetrical.)





This same expression can be used to describe the ellipse **PQ** in Figure 2.22. The parameter range in this case is $\phi_1 \le \phi \le \phi_2$ with

$$\phi_1 = \arg(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$

$$\phi_2 = \arg(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$
(2.5)

where ang is the function that gives the angle between two vectors.

Now we may apply these results to the particular case in which $\mathbf{R} = (-3, 10)$, $\mathbf{G} = (3, 10)$, $\mathbf{P} = (-1, 0)$, and $\mathbf{F} = (1, 0)$. Replacing these values in the earlier expressions, for the elliptical arc **PQ** we get

$$\frac{(2+2\sqrt{29})^2 - 104}{2(2+2\sqrt{29}) - 4\sqrt{26}\cos\phi} \left(\cos\left(\phi + \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}\right)\right), \\ \sin\left(\phi + \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}\right)\right) + (1,0)$$
(2.6)

for $\arccos(23/\sqrt{754}) \le \phi \le \arccos(-1/\sqrt{26})$. The right-hand side elliptical arc is symmetrical to this one and can be obtained by changing the sign of the first component of the parameterization.

Example 2

Design a concentrator for a circular receiver where the source is a line **RG** with **R** = (-5, 10) and **G** = (5, 10) and the receiver is centered at the origin and has radius r = 1.

The light emitted by a linear source **RG** can be captured and concentrated onto a circular receiver of radius r by means of a compound macrofocal ellipse concentrator (CMEC). Accordingly, if the circle is a light source, the optic will distribute the light over a receiver **RG**.

This concentrator is composed of an involute section **VP** and a macrofocal ellipse section **PQ** and their symmetrical, as shown in Figure 2.24.



FIGURE 2.24

Concentrator for a tubular receiver and finite source **RG**. (Each side is composed of an involute arc and a macrofocal elliptical arc.)

We start by calculating the involute **VP** and then use its end point **P** to calculate the macofocal ellipse **PQ**. The involute section **VP** has the equation

$$r(\cos(\phi + \alpha_l), \sin(\phi + \alpha_l)) + r\phi(\cos(\phi - \pi/2 + \alpha_l), \sin(\phi - \pi/2 + \alpha_l)) \quad (2.7)$$

with $\alpha_1 = -\pi/2$ because it touches the circle at point **V** that makes an angle $-\pi/2$ to the horizontal axis x_1 . The parameterization of the involute then becomes

$$r(-\phi\cos\phi + \sin\phi, -\cos\phi - \phi\sin\phi) \tag{2.8}$$

Point **T** on the receiver and edge point **G** on the source define a tangent line to the receiver. Point **T** can be obtained from

$$\beta = \arccos(r/\|\mathbf{G}\|)$$

$$\mathbf{T} = rR(\beta) \cdot \mathbf{G}/\|\mathbf{G}\|$$
(2.9)

where $R(\beta)$ is a rotation matrix of an angle β . Angle γ can now be calculated as

$$\gamma = ang((0, 1), \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{T})$$
 (2.10)

where ang is a function that gives the angle that the first argument vector makes relative to the second vector argument. The involute **VP** then has the parameter range $-(\pi/2 + \gamma) \le \phi \le 0$. Point **P**, where the involute ends and the macrofocal parabola starts, is obtained from the involute parametric equation at the parameter value $-(\pi/2 + \gamma)$. Angle α that the major axis of the winding macrofocal ellipse **PQ** makes to the horizontal axis x_1 is given by

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G}) \tag{2.11}$$

where the function angle gives the angle a vector makes to the horizontal. Angle ϕ_P for point **P** is given by

$$\phi_P = \operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}) \tag{2.12}$$

and distance t_p from point **T** to **P** is given by

$$t_p = \sqrt{\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{P} - r^2} = r\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \gamma\right)$$
(2.13)

We can now calculate

$$f = \sqrt{\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{G}} \tag{2.14}$$

where f is the distance between the center of the macrofocus (circular receiver) and point **G**. We can now calculate

$$K = t_p + r\phi_p + \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_p^2 - 2f(t_p \cos \phi_p + r \sin \phi_p)}$$
(2.15)

and the winding macrofocal ellipse PQ is parameterized by

$$r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha)) + \frac{(K - r\phi)^2 + 2fr\sin\phi - f^2 - r^2}{2(K - r\phi - f\cos\phi)} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha))$$
(2.16)

The parameter ranges between the values

$$\phi_1 = \operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{G})$$

$$\phi_2 = \operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G})$$
(2.17)

where **S** is symmetrical to **P** about the vertical axis x_2 . We then have $\phi_1 \le \phi \le \phi_2$.

In the particular case in which r = 1, the parameterization for the involute becomes

$$(-\phi\cos\phi + \sin\phi, -\cos\phi - \phi\sin\phi) \tag{2.18}$$

and from the positions of **R** = (-5, 10) and **G** = (5, 10), we also have $\gamma = 0.55321$ rad. Point **P** = (-1.96684, -1.28177) and the parameterization for the macrofocal ellipse is

$$(F(\phi) + \sin(1.10715 + \phi), -\cos(1.10715 + \phi) + F(\phi)\sin(1.10715 + \phi))$$
(2.19)

with

$$F(\phi) = -\frac{0.5\cos(1.10715 + \phi)\left[126 - (18.4356 - \phi)^2 - 22.3607\sin\phi\right]}{18.4356 - \phi - 11.1803\cos\phi}$$
(2.20)

The parameter range is $\phi_1 \le \phi \le \phi_{2'}$ which in this case is $1.01686 \le \phi \le 3.05203$.

Example 3

Design an angle transformer for an exit (smaller) aperture of dimension 1 (unit length), acceptance angle $\theta_1 = 30^\circ = \pi/6$ rad, and exit angle $\theta_2 = 70^\circ = 70\pi/180$ rad.

We start by placing the edge points of the exit aperture in positions $\mathbf{E} = (0.5, 0)$ and $\mathbf{F} = (-0.5, 0)$ as shown in Figure 2.25.

If a ray *r* is traced backward in a direction $\mathbf{u} = (\cos\beta, \sin\beta)$ with $\beta = \pi/2 - \theta_2$, it reflects at point **E** in a direction that makes an angle θ_1 to the vertical in direction $\mathbf{v} = (\cos\alpha, \sin\alpha)$ with $\alpha = \pi/2 + \theta_1$. The direction **t** tangent to the mirror is given by

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}}{||\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}||} \tag{2.21}$$

Intersecting a straight line that goes through point F with direction u with another straight line passing through point E with direction t,


FIGURE 2.25

The edge **P** of the flat mirror **EP** can be obtained from the directions of the incident and reflected rays at point **E** and also the position of point **F**.



FIGURE 2.26

The parabola **PA** is tilted by an angle $\alpha = \pi/2 + \theta_1$ to the horizontal, has focus **F**, and passes through point **P**.

we can find the position of point **P** as

$$\mathbf{P} = isl(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{t}) = (0.652704, 0.41955)$$
(2.22)

Point **Q** can be obtained by symmetry about the vertical axis. Mirrors **EP** and **FQ** are flat.

We can now calculate the parabola that completes the device. It has focus at point $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2)$ and an axis tilted by an angle $\alpha = \pi/2 + \theta_1$ to the horizontal and passes through point **P** as shown in Figure 2.26.

The parabola can be parameterized as

$$\frac{\sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}}{1 - \cos \phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)}$$
$$= \frac{1.43969}{1 - \cos \phi} (\cos(2.0944 + \phi) - 0.5, \sin(2.0944 + \phi))$$
(2.23)

If $\mathbf{w} = (\cos(\pi/2 - \theta_1), \sin(\pi/2 - \theta_1))$, the limits for the parameter ϕ can be obtained as

$$\phi_1 = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}) = 260^{\circ}$$

$$\phi_2 = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) = 300^{\circ}$$
(2.24)

The left-hand side parabola is symmetrical to the right-hand side one with respect to the vertical axis.

Example 4

Design a concentrator with a half-acceptance angle $\theta = 40^{\circ}$ and a circular receiver centered at the origin and with radius r = 1.

Light with an angular spread of 2θ can be captured and concentrated onto a circular receiver of radius *r* by means of a compound macrofocal parabola concentrator (CMPC). Accordingly, if the circle is a light source, the optic will distribute the light over a total angle of 2θ .

This concentrator is composed of an involute section and a macrofocal parabola section as shown in Figure 2.27.

We start by calculating the involute **VP** and then use its end point **P** to calculate the macofocal parabola **PQ**. The involute section **VP** has



FIGURE 2.27

Concentrator for a tubular receiver and acceptance angle 2θ . (Each side is composed of an involute arc and a macrofocal parabola arc.)

the equation

$$r(\cos(\phi + \alpha_{\rm I}), \sin(\phi + \alpha_{\rm I})) + r\phi(\cos(\phi - \pi/2 + \alpha_{\rm I}), \sin(\phi - \pi/2 + \alpha_{\rm I})) \quad (2.25)$$

with $\alpha_1 = -\pi/2$ because the involute touches the circle at point **V** that makes an angle $-\pi/2$ to the horizontal axis x_1 . Its equation then becomes

$$r(-\phi\cos\phi + \sin\phi, -\cos\phi - \phi\sin\phi) \tag{2.26}$$

with $-(\pi/2 + \theta) \le \phi \le 0$. Mirror **PQ** is a winding macrofocal parabola tilted by an angle $\alpha = \pi/2 - \theta$ to the horizontal. For point **P** we may get the values of

$$t_p = r\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right)$$

$$\phi_p = \pi$$
(2.27)

From the values of t_p and ϕ_p , we can calculate constant *K* by

$$K = t_{p} - t_{p} \cos \phi_{p} + r + r \phi_{p} - r \pi/2 - r \sin \phi_{p}$$
(2.28)

or

$$K = r\left(1 + \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\theta\right) \tag{2.29}$$

And now the macrofocal parabola can be calculated from

$$r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha)) + \frac{K - r(\phi - \pi/2) - r(1 - \sin\phi)}{1 - \cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha))$$
(2.30)

as

$$\frac{r}{\cos\phi - 1}(\cos\theta - \cos(\phi - \theta) + (2\pi - \phi + 2\phi)\sin(\phi - \theta),$$

(-2\pi + \phi - 2\theta)\cos(\phi - \theta) - \sin(\phi - \theta) - \sin\theta) (2.31)

with $2\theta \le \phi \le \pi$.

In the particular case where the radius of the receiver is r = 1, the parameterization of the involute becomes

$$(-\phi\cos\phi + \sin\phi, -\cos\phi - \phi\sin\phi) \tag{2.32}$$

for the parameter range $-13\pi/18 \le \phi \le 0$. Because the acceptance angle is $\theta = 40\pi/180$ rad, we obtain for the parameterization of the macrofocal parabola

$$\left(\frac{\cos(2\pi/9) - \cos(2\pi/9 - \phi) - (22\pi/9 - \phi)\sin(2\pi/9 - \phi)}{\cos\phi - 1}, \frac{(\phi - 22\pi/9)\cos(2\pi/9 - \phi) - \sin(2\pi/9) + \sin(2\pi/9 - \phi)}{\cos(\phi) - 1}\right)$$
(2.33)

for $4\pi/9 \le \phi \le \pi$.

Example 5

Design an angle rotator for a half-acceptance angle of $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ and a rotation angle of $\beta = 50^{\circ}$. The dimension of the entrance and exit apertures is d = 1.

Figure 2.28 shows the geometry of an angle rotator and the parameters that define it.

Figure 2.29 shows in more detail the geometry of the entrance aperture of the angle rotator.



FIGURE 2.28

Geometry of an angle rotator can be defined by the dimension *d* of the entrance and exit apertures, the half-acceptance angle θ , and the rotation angle β for the radiation.



FIGURE 2.29 Geometry of the entrance aperture of the angle rotator.



FIGURE 2.30

Arc **PR** is elliptical with foci **F** and **G**. It is parameterized by parameter ϕ , which is limited by the values ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 .

The distance d = [G, Q] is given and also the angles θ and β . From Figure 2.29b, we obtain

$$b \sin(\theta - \beta/2) = d \sin(\pi/2 - \beta/2)$$

$$c \cos(\beta/2) = b \cos \theta$$
(2.34)

and these expressions allow us to determine *b* and *c* as b = 2.64987 and c = 2.06744. Now, if point $\mathbf{A} = (0, 0)$, we can calculate the position of **G** as $\mathbf{G} = (c, 0)$ and then $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{G} + d(\cos(\pi/2 - \beta/2), \sin(\pi/2 - \beta/2)) = (2.49006, 0.906308)$. Point **P** can now be calculated by intersecting the straight line that passes through **G** and makes an angle $-\theta - \beta/2$ to the horizontal and the straight line that passes through point **Q** and makes an angle $-\beta/2$ to the horizontal. Point **P** can then be obtained by

$$\mathbf{P} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{u}) \tag{2.35}$$

where $\mathbf{v} = (\cos(-\theta - \beta/2), \sin(-\theta - \beta/2))$, and $\mathbf{u} = (\cos(-\beta/2), \sin(-\beta/2))$. We then get $\mathbf{P} = (1.58375, 1.32893)$. The ellipse arc **PR** can now be calculated as a portion of an ellipse that has focus **F** and **G** and passes through point **P**, where **F** is symmetrical to **G** with respect to the vertical axis as shown in Figure 2.30.

From the positions of **F**, **G**, and **P** we get $K = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + [\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}]$ and f = 2c and the ellipse is given by

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi) + \mathbf{F}$$

= $\frac{10.9899}{10.5995 - 8.26977\cos\phi} (\cos\phi - 2.06744, \sin\phi)$ (2.36)

for $\phi_1 \le \phi \le \phi_2$, where $\phi_1 = angh(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) = 0.349066$ rad and $\phi_2 = angh(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{F}) = 1.22173$ rad.

Example 6

Design a DTIRC for an acceptance angle $\theta = \pm 10^{\circ}$ and a circular entrance aperture. The refractive index of the optic is n = 1.5.



FIGURE 2.31 DTIRC for an acceptance angle $\pm \theta$.

We start by defining the circular entrance aperture (refractive surface) between points P_1 and P_2 and center C = (0, 0) as shown in Figure 2.31. We also consider a unit radius $[C, P_1]$ for the entrance aperture as this is just a scale factor. The entrance aperture is then parameterized by

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi\right)\right) \tag{2.37}$$

with $-\varphi \le \phi \le \varphi$. We choose angle $\varphi = 50^{\circ}$ and get the positions of points **P**₁ and **P**₂ as (Figure 2.31):

$$\mathbf{P}_{1} = \left(\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{9}\right), \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{9}\right)\right)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{2} = \left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right), \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right)\right)$$
(2.38)

We can now define wave front w perpendicular to the edge rays coming from the left and points W_1 and W_2 on it. Point W_1 is on the ray r_1 through P_1 making an angle θ to the vertical. We choose a unit distance from P_1 to W_1 and get

$$\mathbf{W}_1 = (-0.939693, 1.6276) \tag{2.39}$$

Position of point W_2 can now be obtained as

$$\mathbf{W}_2 = \text{isl}(\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{v}_W, \mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{v}_2) = (0.546198, 1.8896)$$
(2.40)

Normal to the receiver entrance aperture at point \mathbf{P}_1 is $\mathbf{n}_{P_1} = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{P}_1) = -\mathbf{P}_1$, and we can refract ray r_1 at point \mathbf{P}_1 and get the refracted ray r_1^* in direction \mathbf{v}_1^* as

$$\mathbf{v}_{1}^{*} = \mathrm{rfr}(-\mathbf{v}_{2}, -\mathbf{P}_{1}, 1, n) = (0.416693, -0.909047)$$
(2.41)

Now, the exit aperture size *R* of the optic is related to the entrance aperture dimension $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]$ as

$$R = [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]\sin\theta/n = 0.177363 \tag{2.42}$$

Edge point \mathbf{R}_2 of the exit aperture can now be obtained as

$$\mathbf{R}_{2} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{v}_{1}^{*}, (R/2, 0), \mathbf{e}_{2}) = (0.0886815, -1.22186)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{1} = (-0.0886815, -1.22186)$$
 (2.43)

where $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)$ and \mathbf{R}_1 is symmetrical to \mathbf{R}_2 . Edge rays parallel to \mathbf{r}_1 must now be concentrated on to point \mathbf{R}_1 after refraction on the upper surface and reflection of the side mirror. The optical path length between wave front *w* and point \mathbf{R}_1 can be obtained from the path of ray r_1 that we already know as the following:

$$S = [\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{P}_1] + n[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{R}_2] + nR = 4.34286$$
(2.44)

We now take a value for ϕ of, for example, $\phi = -10^{\circ}$ and get point **P** on the upper refractive surface as **P** = (0.173648, 0.984808). The corresponding point **W** on the wave front is given by

$$\mathbf{W} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{W}_{1}, \mathbf{v}_{W}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{v}_{2}) = (0.0301537, 1.79861)$$
(2.45)

The refracted ray *r*^{*} at **P** has direction **v**^{*} given by

$$\mathbf{v}^* = \operatorname{rfr}(-\mathbf{v}_2, -\mathbf{P}, 1, n) = (0.0554755, -0.99846)$$
(2.46)

Finally, point **Q** on the sidewall can be obtained as

$$\mathbf{Q} = \text{coptpt}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{v}^*, \mathbf{R}_1, n, S - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{W}]) = (0.273056, -0.804356)$$
(2.47)

By giving different values to angle ϕ we can calculate different points on the sidewall of the concentrator.

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3

Étendue and the Winston–Welford Design Method

3.1 Introduction

As light travels through an optical system, it requires area and angular space. Figure 3.1 shows a spherical light source S_R (e.g., the sun) of radius r emitting light into space. As the emitted light expands, it will eventually illuminate the inner face of a spherical surface A_1 of radius d_1 . When it reaches the surface, the angular spread of the light is confined to angle θ_1 defined by the tangents to S_R on the points of A_1 . This angle θ_1 can be obtained from $r/d_1 = \sin \theta_1$. The area of the spherical surface A_1 is given by $A_1 = 4\pi d_1^2$, or by using the expression obtained for $\sin \theta_1$ we get $A_1 \sin^2 \theta_1 = 4\pi r^2 = A_S$, where A_S is the area of the source S_R .

We may now compare what happens to the light as it continues to expand and illuminates a sphere A_2 of a larger radius d_2 as shown in Figure 3.2. Similarly to what we did above for A_1 , we have $A_2 \sin^2 \theta_2 = A_5$, and thus $A_1 \sin^2 \theta_1 = A_2 \sin^2 \theta_2$. As light travels through space further away from the source, the area it uses increases, but the angle it uses decreases. This happens in a way that quantity $A \sin^2 \theta$ is conserved.

Now if area A_2 separates two media of different refractive indices n_1 and n_2 as shown in Figure 3.3, light will refract as it crosses A_2 . Its angular aperture will now change from $2\theta_2$ to $2\theta_2^*$, where θ_2 and θ_2^* are related by $n_1 \sin \theta_2 = n_2 \sin \theta_2^*$ and the light will appear to come from a virtual source S_V as it travels in the new medium of refractive index n_2 .

We may therefore write $A_1 \sin^2 \theta_1 = A_2 \sin^2 \theta_2 = A_2 (n_2^2/n_1^2) \sin^2 \theta_2^*$ or $n_1^2 A_1 \sin^2 \theta_1 = n_2^2 A_2 \sin^2 \theta_2^*$ and the quantity $n^2 A \sin^2 \theta$ is conserved as light travels through space. The quantity $U = \pi n^2 A \sin^2 \theta$ is called the étendue of the radiation crossing area A within a cone of angle $\pm \theta$ and is conserved in the geometry presented earlier.

If the geometry of the system was 2-D, the source S_R would be a circle and the perimeter of another circle of radius d_1 would be $a_1 = 2\pi d_1$, or by using the expression obtained earlier for $\sin \theta_1$ we get $a_1 \sin \theta_1 = 2\pi r = a_s$, where a_s is the perimeter of the source S_R . Similarly, we have $a_2 \sin \theta_2 = a_s$, and thus $a_1 \sin \theta_1 = a_2 \sin \theta_2$. Therefore, as light travels in the plane, the quantity asin θ is conserved. If the light travels through materials of different refractive indices, the conserved quantity is $na \sin \theta$. The quantity $U_{2-D} = 2na \sin \theta$ is







As the light emitted by a spherical source S_R travels through space, the area it illuminates increases, but the angular spread of the light diminishes.

called the 2-D étendue of the radiation crossing the length *a* within an angle $\pm \theta$ and is conserved in the geometry presented earlier.

In the differential form, the 2-D geometry can be written as $dU = n \, da \cos \theta$ $d\theta$ so that, for the case of a length *a* illuminated by uniform light confined between $\pm \theta$ relative to the vertical (normal to *a*), we have (Figure 3.4)

$$U = na \int_{-\theta}^{\theta} \cos \theta \, d\theta = 2na \sin \theta \tag{3.1}$$



Light emitted by a spherical source S_R travels through space and hits surface A_2 that separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . Refraction changes the angular aperture of the light that now appears to come from a spherical virtual source S_V .





In the 3-D geometry, étendue is defined as $dU = n^2 dA \cos \theta \, d\Omega$, where $d\Omega$ is an element of a solid angle. This expression is derived in the following section.

3.2 Conservation of Étendue

A typical application of nonimaging optics is to transfer radiation from a source to a receiver by conserving étendue. From this, we can see that étendue is a central concept in this field. Conservation of étendue can be derived from optical principles (Chapter 14). However, it is also an important concept



FIGURE 3.5 Definition of radiance.

in other fields such as classical (statistical) mechanics (Liouville's theorem, Chapter 14), radiometry and photometry (geometrical extent, Chapter 16), or radiation heat transfer (reciprocity relation, Chapter 16).

Here, we present the conservation of étendue from the point of view of thermodynamics. This approach has already been used in Chapter 1 when calculating the maximum concentration an optic can provide. This proof of the conservation of étendue is not rigorous, but it is rather intuitive and therefore we use it here. A more rigorous proof can be given in the context of Hamiltonian optics (Chapter 14).

We first introduce the concept of radiance that is also presented and discussed in detail in Chapter 16 (together with luminance for photometric quantities). If an area dA emits (or is crossed) by radiation of a flux $d\Phi$ (energy per unit time) at an angle θ to its normal and this flux is contained inside a solid angle $d\Omega$, we may define a quantity *L* called radiance by (Figure 3.5a)¹⁻³

$$L = \frac{d\Phi}{dA\cos\theta d\Omega} \tag{3.2}$$

Note that $d\Phi$ is a second-order differential because it is proportional to the product of dA and $d\Omega$.

If area *dA* is in a medium of refractive index *n*, expression 3.2 for the radiance can be rewritten as

$$d\Phi = \frac{L}{n^2} n^2 dA \cos\theta \, d\Omega = L^* dU \tag{3.3}$$

where $L^* = L/n^2$ is called the basic radiance and

$$dU = n^2 dA \cos\theta \, d\Omega \tag{3.4}$$

is the étendue.



FIGURE 3.6 Solid angle in spherical coordinates.

The emitted flux per solid angle is called intensity and is given by

$$I = \frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega} = L dA \cos\theta \tag{3.5}$$

where dA is the area of the emitting surface and angle $d\Omega$ is taken in a direction making an angle θ to the normal **n** to the surface.

Generally, *L* may depend on the direction of the light being emitted, but an important case is obtained when *L* is a constant. The intensity is proportional to $\cos \theta$, that is, to the projected area in the direction θ , as shown in Figure 3.5b. A surface that emits light with this kind of angular distribution is called a Lambertian emitter.

We may now calculate the total flux emission $d\Phi_{\text{hem}}$ of an area dA immersed in a medium of refractive index n over a whole hemisphere by integrating expression (3.3) over the solid angle defined by that hemisphere. An area dA^* on the surface of a sphere of radius r defines a solid angle $d\Omega$ given by

$$d\Omega = \frac{dA^*}{r^2} = \sin\theta \, d\theta d\varphi \tag{3.6}$$

as shown in Figure 3.6 in spherical coordinates.

The light emission over a whole hemisphere for area dA is then given by

$$d\Phi_{\rm hem} = L^* n^2 dA \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi = \pi n^2 L^* \, dA \tag{3.7}$$

If area dA is a blackbody emitter at a temperature *T*, its emission will be Lambertian and the total flux (in watts) emitted into the hemisphere is given by ^{4,5}

$$d\Phi_{\rm hem} = \sigma \, T^4 dA \tag{3.8}$$

The value of the Stephan–Boltzmann constant σ in a material of refractive index *n* is given by^{5,6}

$$\sigma = n^2 \frac{2\pi}{15} \frac{k^4}{c_0 h^3} = n^2 \sigma_{\rm V} \tag{3.9}$$

where $\sigma_{\rm V} = 5.670 \times 10^{-8} \,\rm Wm^{-2} \,\rm K^{-4}$ is the value it has in vacuum (n = 1), k the Boltzmann constant, h the Planck's constant, and c_0 the speed of light in vacuum. From expressions 3.7 through 3.9, we have

$$L^* = \frac{\sigma_{\rm V} T^4}{\pi} \tag{3.10}$$

for the basic radiance of a blackbody emitter at a temperature T. With the definition of basic radiance L^* and its value as a function of temperature, we consider a few situations.

Figure 3.7 shows the first of these situations. We have two surfaces dA_3 and dA_4 that are seperated by distance *r*. The angles their normals \mathbf{n}_3 and \mathbf{n}_4 make to the direction *r* are θ_3 and θ_4 . The medium between these surfaces has a refractive index n_3 .





First situation: The étendue of the light emitted by dA_3 toward dA_4 equals that of light emitted by dA_4 toward dA_3 .

If dA_3 emits light toward dA_4 , the étendue of this light is (Figure 3.7a)

$$dU_{34} = n_3^2 dA_3 \cos\theta_3 d\Omega_{34} = n_3^2 dA_3 \cos\theta_3 \frac{dA_4 \cos\theta_4}{r^2}$$
(3.11)

If dA_4 emits light toward dA_3 , the étendue of this light is (Figure 3.7b)

$$dU_{43} = n_3^2 dA_4 \cos\theta_4 d\Omega_{43} = n_3^2 dA_4 \cos\theta_4 \frac{dA_3 \cos\theta_3}{r^2}$$
(3.12)

From expressions (3.11) and (3.12), we can conclude that

$$dU_{34} = dU_{43} \tag{3.13}$$

We now consider a second situation as shown in Figure 3.8. Now we consider that the system is in equilibrium so that the radiation flux $d\Phi_{34}$ that dA_3 emits toward dA_4 equals flux $d\Phi_{43}$ that dA_4 emits toward dA_3 .

From $d\Phi_{34} = d\Phi_{43}$ and expressions 3.3 and 3.13 we have

$$L_3^* = L_4^* \tag{3.14}$$

where L_3^* is the basic radiance at dA_3 of the light emitted from dA_3 toward dA_4 and L_4^* the basic radiance at dA_4 of the light emitted from dA_4 toward dA_3 .

We now consider a third situation as shown in Figure 3.9. Now dA_3 is a blackbody at a temperature T_3 emitting light into a medium of refractive index n_3 .

Between areas dA_4 and dA_5 we have an optic O_P that redirects the light it receives from dA_3 toward dA_5 . We consider dA_5 as another blackbody at a temperature T_5 . The temperature T_5 of dA_5 depends on the radiation exchange with source dA_3 . The blackbody dA_5 also emits light due to its temperature, and we consider that the optic between dA_5 and dA_4 redirects this light toward dA_3 .

The second principle of thermodynamics states that a process whose only result is to transfer heat from one body to another at a higher temperature



FIGURE 3.8

Second situation: At equilibrium, the basic radiance of the light emitted by dA_3 toward dA_4 equals that of the light emitted by dA_4 toward dA_3 .



Third situation: A blackbody dA_3 at a temperature T_3 emits light toward the entrance aperture dA_4 of an optic O_P . The optic redirects this light to another blackbody dA_5 . The maximum temperature dA_5 can attain is T_3 .



FIGURE 3.10

Fourth situation: A blackbody dA_1 at a temperature T_1 emits light that enters an optic through an area dA_2 . This same light exits the optic through dA_3 toward dA_4 and is redirected toward dA_5 by an optic O_P . At thermal equilibrium, $T_5 = T_1$.

is not possible (postulate of Clausius).^{7–9} The second principle of thermodynamics then sets a maximum for the temperature of dA_5 equal to that of dA_3 , that is, $T_{5max} = T_3$. Therefore, it also sets a maximum for the basic radiance L_5^* at dA_5 since temperature and basic radiance are related by Equation 3.10. In the limit case where we have a system in equilibrium at $T_5 = T_3$, we also have $L_5^* = L_3^*$ and from expression 3.14 we get

$$L_3^* = L_4^* = L_5^* \tag{3.15}$$

We finally consider a fourth situation as shown in Figure 3.10.¹⁰ Now we have a blackbody dA_1 at a temperature T_1 in a medium of refractive index n_2 . It emits light that travels in the medium of refractive index n_2 until it is captured by an area dA_2 at the entrance aperture of an optic between dA_2 and dA_3 . After crossing the optic, this light travels between dA_3 and dA_4 in a medium of refractive index n_3 and is redirected to a blackbody dA_5 by another optic O_p .

Using the same argument as for the second situation, we can conclude that $L_1^* = L_2^*$. Also in this case, the second principle of thermodynamics sets a

maximum temperature $T_5 = T_1$ for the blackbody dA_5 . We then have $L_1^* = L_5^*$. From Equation 3.15, we then get

$$L_1^* = L_2^* = L_3^* = L_4^* = L_5^* \tag{3.16}$$

and the basic radiance is conserved through the system.

In equilibrium, the flux $d\Phi_{12}$ that dA_1 emits toward dA_2 is the same as $d\Phi_{21}$ that dA_2 emits toward dA_1 , that is, $d\Phi_{12} = d\Phi_{21}$. The optic between dA_2 and dA_3 receives at dA_2 a flux $d\Phi_{12}$ from dA_1 given by $d\Phi_{12} = L_2^* dU_{21}$. Also, the flux that exit the optic through dA_3 toward dA_4 is given by $d\Phi_{34} = L_3^* dU_{34}$. If the flux is conserved, that is, $d\Phi_{12} = d\Phi_{34}$ and since the basic radiance is also conserved through the optic $(L_2^* = L_3^*)$, the étendue is also conserved through the optic, and we have

$$dU_{21} = dU_{34} \tag{3.17}$$

which states that the étendue of the light entering the optic at dA_2 equals that of the light exiting the optic at dA_3 .

3.3 Nonideal Optical Systems

We have seen that étendue and basic radiance are conserved in optical systems. This, however, is only true in "perfect" optical systems. We now give a few examples of "imperfect" optics in which étendue may be lost or increased or basic radiance may decrease.

Referring to the system in Figure 3.10, the second principle of thermodynamics states that the temperature T_5 of dA_5 cannot be higher than T_1 of the source dA_1 . If the optic between dA_2 and dA_3 would decrease the basic radiance, then $L_3^* < L_2^* = L_1^*$ and $T_5 < T_1$. This does not violate the second principle and the basic radiance may decrease as the light passes through an optic.¹¹ The basic radiance then either is conserved or decreases. We may then conclude that the second principle of thermodynamics implies that an optic that increases basic radiance is not possible.

From $d\Phi = L^* dU$, we can see that if the system conserves the flux $d\Phi$ but reduces the basic radiance L^* , then the étendue must increase. Note that étendue cannot decrease without losing flux since, for a constant flux, a lower étendue would mean a higher basic radiance and this is not possible.

We now consider a few situations of "nonideal" optical systems. In an optical system where the radiance *L* is conserved (no variations in refractive index), we may lose étendue if we lose flux. From the expression $\Phi = LU$ (the case in which n = 1), if a part of the flux Φ is lost, this means a part of the étendue *U* is also lost. One such possibility is shown in Figure 3.11, where we have a set of flashlights emitting light with angular aperture α toward a box with a hole **EF** on its side. When entering the box, part of the light is shaded by the



When there is a loss of light in a system that conserves radiance, part of the étendue is also lost.



FIGURE 3.12

Light traveling in an absorptive optical system loses flux and the radiance decreases.

walls and only a part of it passes through the hole. The étendue of the light entering the box is reduced because there is loss of light.

There are also situations in which the basic radiance may decrease. An example is when absorption of light takes place as it travels through a material as shown in Figure 3.12.

In this example, we have light with an angular aperture 2α entering a space between two parallel mirrors M_1 and M_2 . At the other side, the area and angular aperture of light are still the same and therefore étendue is also the same. If, however, the material is absorptive, the light flux decreases and from $\Phi = L^*U$ we can see that the basic radiance also decreases.

There are situations in which the étendue of the light in an optical system may increase. An example is when light hits a diffuser. The angular aperture increases and therefore the area–angle (étendue) also increases. Figure 3.13 shows the effect of placing a diffuser at the entrance aperture of a box whose interior is to be illuminated using a flashlight. The diffuser increases the angular spread of the light from α to γ without changing the area **EF** and therefore increases the étendue. We cannot, however, "undiffuse" the light



The étendue may be increased by diffusing the light, but once it has increased, it cannot be decreased. There is no "undiffuser" to undo what the diffuser has done.

once it has been diffused. This means that the étendue of light can be lost or increased, but not decreased, as we have seen earlier.

The diffuser in Figure 3.13 also decreases the basic radiance because the light flux is assumed to be conserved and the étendue is increased.

We have now seen that an optic can conserve the basic radiance (in an ideal system) or decrease it (e.g., if the optical system is absorptive), but cannot increase it. The opposite happens with étendue: an optic can conserve it or increase it, but not decrease it. Étendue can, however, be lost by losing light.

3.4 Étendue as a Geometrical Quantity

We can now give a further insight into the physical meaning of étendue. We shall first consider the case in which n = 1. Étendue is given by $dU = dA \cos \theta \, d\Omega$ and it is purely a geometrical quantity as we can see from Figure 3.14.

When light passes through an area dA, it requires "room." This space has two components: "spatial room" measured by the area and "angular room" measured by the solid angle. However, if light crosses the area dA in a direction θ to its normal, then it "sees" only the projected area $dA \cos \theta$ as the available area for it to pass through. Therefore, the étendue is the product of the available spatial room $dA \cos \theta$ and the angular room $d\Omega$ defined by the solid angle.

Conservation of étendue then tells us that the product of projected area and solid angle is constant. This means that if the area available for the light is increased, the solid angle decreases. But if the area decreases, the solid angle must increase so that étendue remains constant. For example, imagine



The étendue is a geometrical quantity that measures the amount of "room" available for the light to pass through.



FIGURE 3.15

The interior of a box is illuminated using three parallel flashlights. The hole **AB** on the side of the box is large, but the light has a small angular spread α .

we need to illuminate the interior of a box with the light of three flashlights. These flashlights emit a beam of light with an angular aperture α . We may open a large hole **AB** on the side of the box and send the light through it as in the case of Figure 3.15. In this case, the light the box receives has a small angular aperture α but is spread out over a large area **AB**.

An alternative way of illuminating the interior of the box is to open a smaller hole **CD**, tilt some of the flashlights, and make the light to pass through this smaller aperture as shown in Figure 3.16. In this case, however,



The interior of a box is illuminated using three converging flashlights. The hole **CD** on the side of the box is small, but the light has a large angular spread β .

the angular aperture of the light entering the box is larger as indicated by the angle β .

To illuminate the interior of the box we have two options: (a) either the area of the hole is large and the angle of the light is small or (b) the area is small, but the angle of the light is large. It is as if the light needed "space" to move through. Either we give it some area (physical space) for it to pass through or, if we diminish the area, we must give it angular space. This area–angle conservancy is the conservation of étendue. If the area diminishes, the angle increases and if the area increases, the angle diminishes.

We now consider the case in which $n \neq 1$. In a medium of refractive index n, we can "fit" n^2 times more light than in air (n = 1) (see expression 3.9) and that also "adds" to the room available for the light, which is now $dU = n^2 dA \cos \theta d\Omega$.

This is shown in Figure 3.17. Diffuse light traveling inside a medium of refractive index *n* refracts into a medium of refractive index n = 1 (air). The light contained inside the critical angle $\pm \alpha_{\rm C}$ refracts into air and occupies all the angular space available, spreading out to an angle of $\pm \pi/2$. Bundle b_1 outside the critical angle suffers total internal reflection and continues in medium *n* as bundle b_2 . The same happens to another bundle b_2 coming in the reverse direction and hitting the interface. It suffers total internal reflection and continues inside the material as bundle b_1 . This means that the room for the light in air is smaller and, therefore, some light traveling in the medium of index *n* does not "fit" and is "rejected" (suffers total internal reflection at the interface).

We now reverse the direction of light and consider that the diffuse light is coming from air (n = 1) into the medium of refractive index n. We can see that, as it refracts into the medium, this light is confined to the critical angle and, therefore, does not use all the angular space available.

As light travels through an optical system, if the amount of light does not change (the flux is constant) the room it needs to progress (étendue) is also





constant. This is the basis of radiation concentration. We can reduce the area that the light passes through as long as we increase the solid angle so that the available room for the light to pass through remains constant.

Also, the basic radiance given by expression 3.3 can be written as $L^* = d\Phi/dU$ and it measures the amount of light flux per unit available room for the light. It is, therefore, a measure of the light "density."

3.5 Two-Dimensional Systems

Suppose we have a 2-D system with a Lambertian light source S_R illuminating a curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ as shown in Figure 3.18. At each point **P** of the curve, the light is confined between edge rays r_A and r_B tangent to the source.

Edge rays r_A and r_B are perpendicular to wave fronts w_A and w_B . We may then think of a curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ as being illuminated by light whose edge rays are perpendicular to the two given wave fronts w_A and w_B as shown in Figure 3.19. This is a more general situation than that of Figure 3.18, as now the radiation field at $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ does not necessarily come from a Lambertian light source.

Yet another way to look at this situation is as shown in Figure 3.20. Here we only consider the curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ and the direction of the edge rays r_A and r_B at each point **P**.



FIGURE 3.18 Light emitted by a source S_R crossing a curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$.



FIGURE 3.19 Light whose edge rays are perpendicular to wave fronts w_A and w_B crossing a curve $c(\sigma)$.





In all the cases, we have a given angular distribution of light on the curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ and this light has some étendue.

3.6 Étendue as an Integral of the Optical Momentum

Étendue is often used in nonimaging optics in a different form. Instead of being defined in terms of a general area dA, it is defined in terms of an area dx_1dx_2 in the x_1x_2 plane and instead of the solid angle $d\Omega$, it is defined in terms of another quantity called optical momentum. The optical momentum is a vector defined at each point on the path of a ray. It has as its magnitude the refractive index of the medium at that point and the same direction as the light ray at that point. It is tangential to the light ray at each point. This quantity is defined and presented in detail in Chapter 11. Figure 3.21 shows a light ray traveling in a medium of varying refractive index (curved path), and the optical momentum vector **p** for two points of this light ray.

Vector \mathbf{p} can be obtained in terms of its components from the geometry shown in Figure 3.22 and can therefore be written as

$$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3) = (n \cos \theta_1, n \cos \theta_2, n \cos \theta_3)$$
$$= n(\sin \theta_3 \cos \varphi, \sin \theta_3 \sin \varphi, \cos \theta_3)$$
(3.18)

where θ_1 , θ_2 , and θ_3 are the angles that **p** makes to the x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 axes, respectively, and $||\mathbf{p}|| = n$. Angle φ is the angle the projection of **p** onto the x_1x_2 plane makes with the x_1 axis.











FIGURE 3.23 Étendue for the case in which $dA = dx_1 dx_2$.

As defined earlier, p_1 , p_2 , and p_3 are the x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 components of vector **p** given by expression 3.18 and therefore dp_1dp_2 can be written as

$$dp_1 dp_2 = \frac{\partial(p_1, p_2)}{\partial(\theta_3, \varphi)} d\theta_3 d\varphi = \left(\frac{\partial p_1}{\partial \theta_3} \frac{\partial p_2}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial p_2}{\partial \theta_3}\right) d\theta_3 d\varphi$$
$$= n^2 \cos \theta_3 \sin \theta_3 d\theta_3 d\varphi = n^2 \cos \theta_3 d\Omega$$
(3.19)

where $d\Omega$ is the solid angle as seen from Figure 3.6 in the particular case in which the normal to an area dA is in the direction of axis x_3 . We can then write

$$dU = n^2 dx_1 dx_2 \cos\theta_3 d\Omega = dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2 \tag{3.20}$$

for the case in which the area dA is in the plane x_1x_2 and is given by $dA = dx_1dx_2$ as in Figure 3.23.

We now analyze the 2-D case. Expression 3.4 simplifies in this case to

$$dU_{2-D} = nda\cos\theta \,d\theta \tag{3.21}$$

where *da* is an infinitesimal length and θ the angle to the normal to *da*. This situation in 2-D geometry is shown in Figure 3.24a for the particular case in which $da = dx_1$ is on the x_1 axis and therefore the normal to *da* is along the x_2 axis. The expression 3.21 for the étendue in this case is given by

$$dU_{2-D} = ndx_1 \cos\theta_2 \, d\theta_2 \tag{3.22}$$



FIGURE 3.24 Étendue in two dimensions.





In this particular case, the small length dx_1 is immersed in a medium of refractive index *n* and crossed by radiation confined to a small angle $d\theta_2$ making an angle θ_2 to the normal to dx_1 .

The optical momentum **p** in two dimensions is a vector with two components that is given by

$$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2) = n(\cos\theta_1, \cos\theta_2) \tag{3.23}$$

as shown in Figure 3.24b, where it is shown touching a circle of radius equal to the refractive index n at dx_1 .

Expression 3.22 for the étendue can now be written as a function of the 2-D optical momentum. Referring to Figure 3.25a for the case in which $p_2 > 0$



Étendue of the light (a) at an infinitesimal length dx_1 on the x_1 axis and (b) through an infinitesimal portion of a curve parameterized by $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$.

(since $\cos \theta_2 > 0$), we see that $(nd\theta_2)\cos \theta_2 = -dp_1$ because p_1 decreases as θ_2 increases. The result $n\cos \theta_2 d\theta_2 = -dp_1$ also holds true for the case in Figure 3.25b in which $p_2 < 0$ (since $\cos \theta_2 < 0$).

We can then write

$$dU_{2-D} = ndx_1\cos\theta_2\,d\theta_2 = -dx_1dp_1\tag{3.24}$$

If at point (*x*, 0), radiation is confined between \mathbf{p}_A and \mathbf{p}_B , the infinitesimal étendue through dx_1 is

$$dU = -dx_1 \int_{\mathbf{p}_A}^{\mathbf{p}_B} dp_1 = -dx_1(p_{B1} - p_{A1}) = (\mathbf{p}_A - \mathbf{p}_B) \cdot d\mathbf{x}_1$$
(3.25)

where $d\mathbf{x}_1$ points in the direction of the positive x_1 axis and $||d\mathbf{x}_1|| = dx_1$ as shown in Figure 3.26a.

In the more general case in which light crosses a curve *c* parameterized by $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ for $\sigma_1 < \sigma < \sigma_2$, we have the situation shown in Figure 3.26b. This situation is same as that presented in Figure 3.20. Now the étendue is

$$U = \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} (\mathbf{p}_A - \mathbf{p}_B) \cdot d\mathbf{c} = \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} (\mathbf{p}_A - \mathbf{p}_B) \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{c}}{d\sigma} d\sigma$$
(3.26)

calculated along the curve.

Another way to calculate the étendue is by rewriting expression 3.26 as

$$U = \int_{c} n(\mathbf{t}_{A} - \mathbf{t}_{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{c} = \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} - \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c}$$
(3.27)

where $||\mathbf{t}_A|| = ||\mathbf{t}_B|| = 1$. This now enables us to calculate the étendue as a function of the angles θ_A and θ_B that the edge rays make to the normal **n** to the curve *c* at each point as shown in Figure 3.27a.

We have

$$\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = -\sin\theta_{A} \, dc$$

$$\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = -\sin\theta_{B} \, dc$$
 (3.28)





(a) Edge rays of the radiation crossing curve *c* make angles θ_A and θ_B to the normal **n** to the curve. (b) Shows the particular case in which $\theta_A = -\theta$ and $\theta_B = \theta$.

where $dc = ||d\mathbf{c}||$. From expression 3.27 we then have

$$U = \int_{c} n \sin \theta_{B} dc - \int_{c} n \sin \theta_{A} dc$$

= $\frac{\int_{c} n \sin \theta_{B} dc}{\int_{c} dc} \int_{c} dc - \frac{\int_{c} n \sin \theta_{A} dc}{\int_{c} dc} \int_{c} dc$
= $\langle n \sin \theta_{B} \rangle a - \langle n \sin \theta_{A} \rangle a$ (3.29)

where $\langle \rangle$ denotes the average and *a* is the length of the curve *c*. If the refractive index *n* does not vary along the curve we have

$$U = n[\langle \sin \theta_B \rangle - \langle \sin \theta_A \rangle]a \tag{3.30}$$

If θ_A = constant and θ_B = constant on the curve *c*, then

$$U = na(\sin\theta_B - \sin\theta_A) \tag{3.31}$$

Finally, in the particular case shown in Figure 3.27b in which $\theta_B = \theta$ and $\theta_A = -\theta$ for all the points of the curve *c*, we get

$$U = 2na\sin\theta \tag{3.32}$$

which is the expression for the 2-D étendue given earlier.

3.7 Étendue as a Volume in Phase Space

Let us suppose that we have light crossing the x_1 axis in the direction of x_2 positive. Figure 3.28 shows one of those light rays on the left. It crosses the x_1 axis at position (x, 0) and has a direction defined by an optical momentum **p**. The refractive index on the x_1 axis is n.

The optical momentum has components $\mathbf{p} = (p, q)$ in space (p_1, p_2) as shown in Figure 3.28 (center). Since we know that the light is propagating toward



FIGURE 3.28

A light ray crossing the x_1 axis toward x_2 positive can be defined by a point **R** in phase space x_1p_1 .

positive x_2 and $||\mathbf{p}|| = n$, we have $p^2 + q^2 = n^2$ with q > 0. Coordinate q of the optical momentum can then be obtained as a function of p as

$$q = \sqrt{n^2 - p^2}$$
(3.33)

Note that from Figure 3.28 (center) we can also see that **p** is a vector from the origin to the semicircle of radius *n* centered at the origin and above the x_1 axis. Specifying the value of *p* fully defines (*p*, *q*) and therefore the vector **p** and the direction of the light ray.

Therefore, the p_1 coordinate of the vector **p**, given by p, is enough to define the direction of propagation of the light ray r at point (x, 0). This light ray at position (x, 0) can then be defined by a point **R** = (x, p) in space (x_1 , p_1) as shown on the right of Figure 3.28. This space (x_1 , p_1) is called phase space and a point **R** on it defines the position and direction of a light ray in a medium of refractive index n.

Let us now suppose that we have radiation contained between edge rays r_A and r_B at a point (x, 0) immersed in a medium of refractive index n at that point, as shown in Figure 3.29a. These rays have optical momentums $\mathbf{p}_A(x)$ and $\mathbf{p}_B(x)$ whose x_1 components are $p_{A1}(x)$ and $p_{B1}(x)$ as shown in Figure 3.29b. When represented in phase space (x_1 , p_1), these two light rays correspond to two points \mathbf{R}_A and \mathbf{R}_B as shown in Figure 3.29c. The rays passing through (x, 0) with intermediate directions (contained between r_A and r_B) will be represented in phase space at the same horizontal position x, but with p_1 values ranging from $p_{B1}(x)$ to $p_{A1}(x)$ as shown in Figure 3.29c. These rays are presented as a vertical line in phase space from point \mathbf{R}_B to point \mathbf{R}_A .

Let us now consider a line extending on the x_1 axis from x_m to x_M crossed by radiation with variable extreme directions from point to point. We have a situation similar to the one presented in Figure 3.30. For each value of x_1 (e.g., $x_1 = x$), the radiation is contained between the rays with momentum vectors $\mathbf{p}_A(x_1)$ and $\mathbf{p}_B(x_1)$, which have p_1 components $p_{A1}(x_1)$ and $p_{B1}(x_1)$ as shown in Figure 3.30b. The set of all the edge rays is therefore represented in phase space by a line ∂R passing through the points $(x_1, p_{A1}(x_1))$ and $(x_1, p_{B1}(x_1))$. The zone Renclosed by this line represents all the light rays crossing the line $x_m x_M$.



(a) Radiation contained between edge rays r_A and r_B crossing at point (x, 0). (b) The two edge rays r_A and r_B have x_1 components of the momentum vector given by p_{A1} and p_{B1} and are represented in phase space as two points \mathbf{R}_A and \mathbf{R}_B (c). All the rays crossing at point (x, 0) contained between r_A and r_B are represented by a vertical line between \mathbf{R}_A and \mathbf{R}_B .



FIGURE 3.30

(a) Radiation crossing line $x_m x_M$ with variable extreme directions. For each value of x_1 , the optical momentum **p** has x_1 components ranging from $p_{B1}(x_1)$ to $p_{A1}(x_1)$. (b) The zone *R* represents all the light rays crossing $x_m x_M$ and ∂R represents the edge rays of that radiation. The area inside ∂R corresponds to the étendue of that radiation.

The étendue of the light crossing $x_m x_M$ is given by

$$U = -\iint dp_1 dx_1 = -\int_{x_m}^{x_M} \left(\int_{r_A}^{r_B} dp_1 \right) dx_1 = \int_{x_m}^{x_M} [p_{A1}(x_1) - p_{B1}(x_1)] dx_1 \quad (3.34)$$

where

$$dU = [p_{A1}(x_1) - p_{B1}(x_1)]dx_1$$
(3.35)

is the area of a vertical stripe of thickness dx_1 from $p_{B1}(x_1)$ to $p_{A1}(x_1)$ as shown in Figure 3.30b for the particular case of $x_1 = x$. Therefore, $U = -\iint dp_1 dx_1$ gives us the area of zone *R* in phase space. It can therefore be concluded that the étendue of the radiation crossing $x_m x_M$ is given by the area of zone *R* in phase space enclosed by ∂R . Note that expression 3.35 is the same as expression 3.25.

3.8 Étendue as a Difference in Optical Path Length

We start with a general situation that we later apply to the calculation of étendue. We have one set of rays and the corresponding perpendicular wave fronts as in Figure 3.31. We also suppose that if we integrate the optical path length along any of the light rays from a reference wave front w to wave front w_1 , we get $S = s_1$ and $S = s_2$ if we integrate from w to w_2 .

For the particular case, for example, of ray *r*, this means that

$$\int_{w}^{w_{1}} n \, ds = s_{1} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{w}^{w_{2}} n \, ds = s_{2} \tag{3.36}$$

where the integral is taken along *r* from point **W** to points W_1 and W_2 .

We now consider the following integral along a curve *c*:

$$\int_{c} n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c} \tag{3.37}$$

where this curve *c* extends from point \mathbf{P}_1 to point \mathbf{P}_2 as shown in Figure 3.32a. Unit vector **t** has $\|\mathbf{t}\| = 1$ and is tangent to the light ray and perpendicular to the wave fronts, as shown in Figure 3.32b.

From Figure 3.32 we can see that $n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = dS$, where dS is an increment in the optical path length and therefore (see Chapter 11)

$$\int_{c} n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = s_{2} - s_{1}$$
(3.38)

We now apply this general result to the calculation of étendue. We consider the case in which the edge rays of the radiation are perpendicular to the two wave fronts as shown in Figure 3.19. Here we consider the general case of a variable refractive index in which the light rays are curved.



FIGURE 3.31 Light rays perpendicular to the corresponding wave fronts.



Integrating $n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c}$ along a curve c from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{P}_2 , we get the difference in the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , which is $s_2 - s_1$. At each point \mathbf{P} along the curve c, $\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c}$ is the projection of $d\mathbf{c}$ in the direction of \mathbf{t} and therefore $n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = dS$, where dS is an infinitesimal increment in the optical path length. (b) Shows a detailed (a) at point \mathbf{P} .

We have seen in expression 3.27 that the étendue of the light crossing a curve *c* parameterized by $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ whose edge rays have extreme directions given by unit vectors \mathbf{t}_A and \mathbf{t}_B at each point on the curve can be calculated by

$$U = \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} - \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c}$$
(3.39)

The étendue is then obtained by subtracting two integrals such as the one in expression 3.38. The first integral is relative to one set of edge rays and the second to the other set. Figure 3.33 shows a curve *c* illuminated by radiation confined between edge rays r_A and r_B , similar to that in Figure 3.19.

We now define an optical path length function $S_A(\mathbf{P})$ for the bundle of rays r_A that, for each point \mathbf{P} , gives us the optical path length from a wave front w_A to point \mathbf{P} . For example, wave fronts w_{A1} and w_{A2} are those through points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 of the curve *c*. If point \mathbf{P} is on wave front w_{A1} , then $S_A(\mathbf{P}) = s_{A1}$ and if point \mathbf{P} is on wave front w_{A2} , then $S_A(\mathbf{P}) = s_{A2}$. For example, $S_A(\mathbf{P}_1) = s_{A1}$ and $S_A(\mathbf{P}_2) = s_{A2}$.



FIGURE 3.33 Radiation confined between two bundles of edge rays r_A and r_B crossing a curve *c*.

We define the corresponding optical path length function $S_B(\mathbf{P})$ for the bundle of rays r_B that, for each point \mathbf{P} , gives us the optical path length from a wave front w_B to \mathbf{P} . For example, wave fronts w_{B1} and w_{B2} are those through points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 of the curve c. If point \mathbf{P} is on wave front w_{B1} , then $S_B(\mathbf{P}) = s_{B1}$ and if point \mathbf{P} is on wave front w_{B2} . For example, $S_B(\mathbf{P}_1) = s_{B1}$ and $S_B(\mathbf{P}_2) = s_{B2}$.

From expressions 3.38 and 3.39 we obtain

$$U = \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} - \int_{c} n\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} - \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c}$$
$$= \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n\mathbf{t}_{A} \cdot d\mathbf{c} + \int_{\mathbf{P}_{2}}^{\mathbf{P}_{1}} n\mathbf{t}_{B} \cdot d\mathbf{c} = (s_{A2} - s_{A1}) + (s_{B1} - s_{B2})$$
(3.40)

Taking the two rays r_A passing through $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{F}_2\mathbf{P}_2$ and the two rays r_B passing through $\mathbf{G}_2\mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{G}_1\mathbf{P}_2$, we can write^{12,13}

$$U = ([[\mathbf{F}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]] - [[\mathbf{F}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]]) + ([[\mathbf{G}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{G}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]])$$

= $[[\mathbf{F}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]] + [[\mathbf{G}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{F}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{G}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]]$ (3.41)

where [[A, B]] is the optical path length between A and B. We can also write

$$U = ([[\mathbf{F}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]] - [[\mathbf{G}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]]) - ([[\mathbf{F}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{G}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]])$$

= $[S_{A}(\mathbf{P}_{2}) - S_{B}(\mathbf{P}_{2})] - [S_{A}(\mathbf{P}_{1}) - S_{B}(\mathbf{P}_{1})]$ (3.42)

Defining

$$G = \frac{(S_A - S_B)}{2}$$
(3.43)

we can conclude that the étendue of the light "passing" between the two points P_1 and P_2 of the plane is given by

$$U = 2(G(\mathbf{P}_2) - G(\mathbf{P}_1)) \tag{3.44}$$

Note that if $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 + (dx_1, dx_2)$, we have

$$G(\mathbf{P}_2) = G(\mathbf{P}_1) + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2} dx_2\right) = G(\mathbf{P}_1) + dG$$
(3.45)

and therefore $G(\mathbf{P}_2) - G(\mathbf{P}_1) = dG$. In this case, the étendue of the radiation passing between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 is dU and we can write

$$dU = 2dG \tag{3.46}$$


Calculation of the étendue from a line FG to another one P_1P_2 in the case of a medium (a) having a variable refractive index from point to point and (b) having a constant refractive index.

which gives us the étendue as a function of difference in the optical path lengths.

We can now apply the general results obtained to some particular cases. Let us then suppose, for example, that the rays of light perpendicular to wave front w_A come from a point **F** and that the rays of light perpendicular to w_B come from a point **G**. This situation is presented in Figure 3.34a.

In this case, the étendue arriving at P_1P_2 coming from **GF** is given by expression 3.41 obtained earlier. We can write

$$[[\mathbf{G}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{G}_{1'} \mathbf{P}_{2}]] = [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_{2}]] + [[\mathbf{G}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - ([[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_{1}]] + [[\mathbf{G}_{1'} \mathbf{P}_{2}]])$$
$$= [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]] - [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]]$$
(3.47)

since $[[G, G_2]] = [[G, G_1]]$. Acting accordingly for $[[F_2, P_2]] - [[F_1, P_1]]$, we get

$$U = [[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_2]] + [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_1]] - [[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_1]] - [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_2]]$$
(3.48)

If the horizontal dashed line is an axis of symmetry for the system, expression 3.48 simplifies to

$$U = 2([[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_2]] - [[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_1]]) = 2(S_A(\mathbf{P}_2) - S_A(\mathbf{P}_1))$$
(3.49)

Given the symmetry of the optical system, we can write $S_A(\mathbf{P}_1) = S_B(\mathbf{P}_2)$ and therefore

$$U = 2(S_A(\mathbf{P}_2) - S_B(\mathbf{P}_2)) = 4G(\mathbf{P}_2)$$
(3.50)

The étendue is then given by a difference in the optical path lengths.¹³ In the particular case of having a medium of refractive index n = 1, the optical path lengths coincide with the distances between the points. Therefore, for the case presented in Figure 3.34b, the étendue arriving at P_1P_2 coming from the source **FG** is given by the preceding expressions, but where the optical path length [[X, Y]] between points X and Y can be replaced by the distance [X, Y] between those same points.

3.9 Flow Lines

Let us consider that we have two wave fronts, w_A and w_B , propagating through an optical system. After propagation, w_{A1} is transformed to w_{A2} and w_{B1} to w_{B2} as shown in Figure 3.35.

The optical path length between w_{A1} and w_{A2} is constant and equals, for example, S_{A1A2} . Accordingly, the optical path length between w_{B1} and w_{B2} is constant and has a value of S_{B1B2} . Now if we consider a point **P** between the



FIGURE 3.35

The wave front w_{A1} propagates through an optical system becoming w_{A2} and w_{B1} also propagates to become w_{B2} . It is possible to place a mirror *m* (mirrored on both sides) reflecting w_{A1} to w_{B2} and w_{B1} to w_{A2} when this mirror bisects at each point the rays coming from w_{A1} and w_{B1} . The points of this mirror belong to a line of constant *G*. wave fronts, and if S_{A1} , S_{B1} , S_{A2} , and S_{B2} are the optical path lengths between **P** and w_{A1} , w_{B1} , w_{A2} , and w_{B2} , respectively, we can write

$$S_{A1} + S_{A2} = S_{A1A2}$$

$$S_{B1} + S_{B2} = S_{B1B2}$$
(3.51)

Now consider a mirror *m* (mirrored on both sides) placed between the wave fronts and shaped so that it reflects the light rays coming from w_{A1} to w_{B2} and the rays coming from w_{B1} to w_{A2} . This can be accomplished if the mirror bisects at each point the rays coming from w_{A1} and w_{B1} . Now w_{A1} is reflected to w_{B2} and w_{B1} to w_{A2} . Therefore, after placing the mirror *m*, the optical path length between w_{A1} and w_{B2} is now constant and equals, for example, S_{A1B2} and is also constant between w_{B1} and w_{A2} having a value of S_{B1A2} . We can then write for the rays reflected at mirror *m* as follows:

$$S_{A1} + S_{B2} = S_{A1B2}$$

$$S_{B1} + S_{A2} = S_{B1A2}$$
(3.52)

These expressions can be used to obtain the shape of the mirror *m*. It is calculated by imposing constant optical path length between w_{A1} and w_{B2} . Alternatively, it can also be calculated by imposing constant optical path length between w_{B1} and w_{A2} .

Combining the preceding equations, we also get for the points on mirror *m*:

$$S_{A1} - S_{B1} = S_{A1} + S_{A2} - (S_{B1} + S_{A2}) = S_{A1A2} - S_{B1A2} = S_{A1B1}$$
(3.53)

where S_{A1B1} is a constant. Accordingly, and also for the points on mirror *m*:

$$S_{A2} - S_{B2} = S_{A2} + S_{B1} - (S_{B2} + S_{B1}) = S_{B1A2} - S_{B1B2} = S_{A2B2}$$
(3.54)

where S_{A2B2} is also a constant. It can then be concluded that the points of mirror *m* are those for which $S_{A1} - S_{B1} = \text{constant}$ (or $S_{A2} - S_{B2} = \text{constant}$). Therefore, this mirror is a line of constant *G*. The lines *G* = constant then bisect, at each point, the rays coming from w_{A1} and w_{B1} . They also bisect the rays going to w_{A2} and w_{B2} since these rays are the same rays coming from w_{A1} and w_{B1} . Straight or not, such lines of constant *G* are generally known as flow lines.

Now consider the particular case in which the two sets of edge rays come from the edges of a flat source, as shown in Figure 3.36. At a given point **Q**, light is confined between two edge rays making an angle α between them. As point **Q** moves closer to **AB**, angle α increases. It has a maximum of $\alpha = \pi$ for the points of **AB**. At the line **AB**, radiation is then fully Lambertian and confined between directions that make angles $\pm \pi/2$ to its normal. The lines of constant *G* are now hyperbolas. Figure 3.36 shows a Lambertian source **AB** and a flow line (line of constant *G*). Since for each point **P** on a hyperbola



The flow lines of the radiation emitted by a flat Lambertian source **AB** are hyperbolas with foci at the edges **A** and **B** of the source.

with foci **A** and **B**, we have $[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{A}] - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{B}] = \text{constant}$, we can conclude that this hyperbola is a flow line. Wave fronts w_A and w_B are in this case circles centered at **A** and **B**, respectively. Figure 3.36 shows wave front w_A at positions w_{A1} and w_{A2} and wave front w_B at positions w_{B1} and w_{B2} . Since the radiation is fully Lambertian at **AB** making angles $\pm \pi/2$ to its normal, both wave fronts w_{A1} and w_{B1} and the flow lines that touch **AB** are perpendicular to **AB** when they reach it.

We now place a mirror (mirrored on both sides) along the flow line through a point **P**. Before introducing this mirror, light at point **P** is confined between edge rays r_1 and r_2 , as shown in Figure 3.37a. After placing the mirror, we have the situation in Figure 3.37b in which the bundle of rays is now split into two.

The incoming bundle is divided into b_1 and b_3 . If the mirror was not there, b_1 would come out as bundle b_4 and bundle b_3 would come out as bundle b_2 . With the mirror, however, b_1 is reflected as b_2 and b_3 is reflected as b_4 . Since the mirror bisects the edge rays r_1 and r_2 , bundles b_1 and b_3 are symmetrical. Bundles b_2 and b_4 are also symmetrical. For the points to the left of the mirror, it shades b_3 but at the same time reflects b_1 so that these two effects cancel out. The same is true for the points to the right of the mirror. The consequence of this is that the radiation field is unaffected by introducing the mirror. This means that with or without the mirror along the flow line, points **X** and **Y** in Figure 3.36 see the same radiation field.

We now consider two flow lines with $G = G_1$ and $G = G_2$, where G_1 and G_2 are constants as shown in Figure 3.38.







The étendue of the light crossing a curve c_Q between points \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_2 is the same as that of the radiation crossing a curve c_p between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 because edges \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 on one side and \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{Q}_2 on the other are on the same flow lines.

A curve c_Q has one of the end points \mathbf{Q}_1 on the first flow line and the other end point \mathbf{Q}_2 on the second flow line. The étendue through c_Q is given by

$$U_{O} = 2(G(\mathbf{Q}_{1}) - G(\mathbf{Q}_{2})) = 2(G_{1} - G_{2})$$
(3.55)

On the other hand, we have another curve c_p that also has one of the end points \mathbf{P}_1 on the first flow line and the other end point \mathbf{P}_2 on the second flow line. The étendue through c_p is given by

$$U_{p} = 2(G(\mathbf{P}_{1}) - G(\mathbf{P}_{2})) = 2(G_{1} - G_{2})$$
(3.56)

The étendue of the radiation crossing the two curves is then the same, showing that the étendue is conserved between the flow lines.

3.10 The Winston-Welford Design Method

The fact that étendue is conserved between the flow lines can be used to design nonimaging optical devices.^{13,14} The Winston–Welford design method involves in placing two mirrors along two flow lines so that the light is guided between them, while conserving étendue. For this reason, it is also called the flow line design method. We will now consider some examples of optics designed according to this principle.

As a first example, refer to the situation presented in Figure 3.36 and consider two symmetrical flow lines Q_1P_1 and Q_2P_2 generated by a Lambertian source **AB**, as shown in Figure 3.39.

Étendue is conserved between the flow lines and therefore the étendue of the radiation at line c_p between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 is the same as the étendue at line c_Q between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_2 . At line c_Q , radiation is fully Lambertian, confined between $\pm \pi/2$. However, at a point **V** on line c_p , radiation is confined between directions r_1 and r_2 pointing to **B** and **A**.

If we make lines $\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{P}_2$ be mirrors along the flow lines, these will not change the radiation pattern. This means that point **V** will still see the radiation pattern same as that obtained without the mirrors. This radiation, however, now comes from $\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2$ guided by the mirrors, instead of coming from the whole source **AB** as earlier. The light that crosses c_p still appears to come from the source **AB**.

If we invert the direction of light, we can also think of c_p as a light source emitting toward **AB**. Mirrors $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{Q}_1$ and $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{Q}_2$ then concentrate this radiation onto $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$ where it becomes fully Lambertian. Figure 3.40 shows this possibility, in which light emitted from $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ toward **AB** bounces back and forth between the mirrors $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{Q}_1$ and $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{Q}_2$ and ends up on $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$.

For point **V**, for example, ray r_1 emitted toward point **B** is reflected by the right-hand side mirror toward point **A**. The left-hand side mirror then



The étendue is conserved between the flow lines that connect c_Q and c_P .



FIGURE 3.40

A concentrator for a source P_1P_2 emitting toward AB. The radiation is concentrated onto a receiver Q_1Q_2 where it becomes fully Lambertian.

reflects it toward **B** again. This process goes on until (after an infinite number of reflections) this ray reaches $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$. The same happens to a ray r_2 emitted from **V** toward **A**. Intermediate rays between r_1 and r_2 either bounce off the mirrors and reach $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$ or reach it directly without any reflections.



FIGURE 3.41 Wave fronts made of two different sections: circular and flat.

This concentrator is called trumpet¹⁵ and maximally concentrates onto receiver $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$ all radiation entering its aperture $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ headed toward **AB**. Since the étendue from $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ toward **AB** is the same as that of a Lambertian source $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$, this concentrator is ideal.¹⁶

As a second example consider another situation, as shown in Figure 3.41, in which the wave fronts w_{A2} and w_{B2} have different shapes. Wave front w_{A2} is made of a circle with center **A** up to ray r_1 . From that ray to the left it is flat. Wave front w_{A1} has the same geometry and results from the propagation of w_{A2} to the left. Wave front w_{B2} is symmetrical to w_{A2} and w_{B1} is symmetrical to w_{A1} . Since the sections of the wave fronts that touch **AB** are perpendicular to **AB** when they reach it, the radiation there is again fully Lambertian.

We now look at the flow lines defined by the rays perpendicular to these wave fronts. We have four different zones, shown as 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Figure 3.42. In zone 1, the edge rays come from points **A** and **B** and we have the same situation as shown in Figure 3.36. They are hyperbolas with foci **A** and **B**, as shown in Figure 3.42a.

In zone 3, the edge rays are straight and parallel to symmetrical rays r_1 and r_2 , so that the flow lines are vertical straight lines. In zone 2, one of the edge rays comes from point **A** and the other is parallel to r_2 . The flow lines are then parabolas that reflect the rays parallel to r_2 toward point **A**. Zone 4 is symmetrical to zone 2 and the flow lines are also parabolas, but with focus **B** and axis parallel to r_1 , and they reflect the rays parallel to r_1 toward point **B**.

Note that in the case of Figure 3.39 the flow lines were generated by a Lambertian source **AB**. That is not the case here because only those rays that are perpendicular to the circular sections of the wave fronts are coming

from the edges **A** and **B** of **AB**. Therefore, only the portion of the flow lines in zone 1 can be considered as being generated by a Lambertian source **AB**.

For a particular case of the flow lines that touch the edges **A** and **B**, the hyperbolas of zone 1 vanish and we are left with the parabolas of zone 2. The parabolas AP_1 and BP_2 form a compound parabolic concentrator (CPC).

When we want to design a CPC, however, we consider only the portions of the wave fronts that generate the flow line we want for the optic. Figure 3.42b shows that the possibility in which the parabola **BP**₂ is generated by the first of expressions 3.52, that is, $S_{A1} + S_{B2} = \text{constant}$. This is also the string method, whereby we attach a string of constant length to wave fronts w_{A1} and w_{B2} , keep it tight with a pencil, allow the string to slide on w_{A1} and w_{A2} so that it is always perpendicular to w_{A1} and w_{A2} , and then move the pencil; we then obtain the parabolic CPC profile, as shown in Figure 3.43. The other mirror of the CPC is generated in the same way.

As a third example, consider a different situation in which we extend the receiver **AB** in Figure 3.41 downward with, say, two vertical lines, and also define wave fronts w_A and w_B below **AB**, as shown in Figure 3.44. In Figure 3.44, wave front w_B is shown at positions w_{B0} , w_{B1} , and w_{B2} and wave front w_A is shown at positions w_{A0} , w_{A1} , and w_{A2} . Now, besides zones 1–4, we also have zone 5, between the rays r_3 and $r_{4\prime}$

Now, besides zones 1–4, we also have zone 5, between the rays r_3 and r_4 , and zone 6 between the ray r_4 and the receiver. In zone 5, one of the edge rays comes from point **B** and the other is parallel to r_2 . The flow lines are



FIGURE 3.42 The mirrors of a CPC concentrator seen as flow lines.



FIGURE 3.43 Drawing the profile of a CPC using the string method.



Wave fronts for a receiver with a horizontal section AB and two vertical sections starting at points A and B.



FIGURE 3.45 A concentrator for a receiver CABD.

then parabolas that reflect the rays parallel to r_2 toward point **B**. As we move closer to ray r_4 , both edge rays approach this ray r_4 , and the flow lines become perpendicular to r_4 . In zone 6 below r_4 , both edge rays come from point **B** and the flow lines are circles centered at **B**, perpendicular to those rays at each point (just as what happened at ray r_4).

Figure 3.45 shows a concentrator for a receiver **CABD** designed using the wave fronts w_A and w_B in Figure 3.44.¹⁷

This concentrator is composed of a parabola with focus **A** and axis parallel to r_2 in zone 2, then it has a parabola with focus **B** and axis parallel to r_2 in zone 5, and finally it also has a circle with center **B** in zone 6. Choosing other flow lines would result in a concentrator for a receiver with different positions of **C** and **D**, as shown in Figure 3.46.

The geometry of this optic is similar to that of the concentrator in Figure 3.45, except for the reflector on the right that extends with a vertical flat mirror along the corresponding flow line in zone 3.

As a fourth example, now consider another optic designed by the flow-line method. We have a receiver **AB** immersed in a medium of refractive index n and an emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ in air. These two media are separated by a curve c, which in this example is a circle. The exit angle through **AB** is 2θ , as shown in Figure 3.47.

Now we calculate point **P** and its symmetrical **Q** on the curve *c* such that the étendue from E_1E_2 to **PQ** matches that of the receiver, that is,

$$2([\mathbf{E}_{2}, \mathbf{P}] - [\mathbf{E}_{2}, \mathbf{Q}]) = 2n[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]\sin\theta \qquad (3.57)$$



FIGURE 3.46 A concentrator for an asymmetrical receiver CABD.



A receiver **AB** immersed in a medium of refractive index *n* and an emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ in air. The curve *c* that separates the two media is a circle and the exit angle through **AB** is 2 θ .



FIGURE 3.48 Wave fronts for defining the concentrator.

We now calculate the path of ray r_p starting at \mathbf{E}_1 and refracted at \mathbf{P} , as shown in Figure 3.48a.

We define wave front w_B above the curve *c* and to the right of ray r_P as a circle W_2W_4 with center E_1 . Below the curve *c*, the portion W_1W_3 is the propagation of W_2W_4 through the curve *c*. Also, we define wave front w_B below the curve *c* and to the left of ray r_P as a piecewise curve starting at W_3 and defined as flat and perpendicular to r_P , then as a circle with center **B** and as flat and perpendicular to edge ray r_2 , ending at W_5 . Above the curve *c*, the portion W_4W_6 of wave front w_{B2} is the propagation of W_5W_3 through the curve *c*.

This procedure defines wave front w_B in position w_{B1} as a curve between W_1 and W_5 and in position w_{B2} as another curve between W_2 and W_6 . Wave front w_A is symmetrical to w_B about axis of symmetry b, which is the perpendicular bisector of emitter E_1E_2 and of receiver **AB**, as shown in Figure 3.48b.

With these wave fronts, we can calculate the flow line starting at the edge **B** of the receiver. It is also a piecewise curve with several pieces, as shown in Figure 3.49, where ray r_1 is symmetrical to r_2 and ray r_Q is symmetrical to r_p .

Between points **B** and **M**₃, the flow line is flat, bisecting the rays parallel to r_p and those parallel to r_1 . Between points **M**₃ and **M**₂, the flow line bisects the edge rays coming from **E**₁ and refracted at the curve *c* and those parallel to r_1 . Between points **M**₂ and **M**₁, the flow line bisects the edge rays coming from **E**₁ and refracted at the curve *c* and those parallel to r_1 . Between points **M**₂ and **M**₁, the flow line bisects the edge rays coming from **E**₁ and refracted at the curve *c* and those parallel to **M**₂.



Flow line starting at point **B**. It defines the shape of the sidewall for the concentrator.

Between points \mathbf{M}_1 and \mathbf{Q} , the flow line bisects the edge rays coming from \mathbf{E}_1 and refracted at the curve *c* and those parallel to ray $r_{\mathbf{Q}}$. This same flow line would then continue (not shown) above the curve *c* as a hyperbola through point \mathbf{Q} and with foci \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 .

Figure 3.50 shows the complete optic, in which the side $PN_1N_2N_3A$ is symmetrical to $QM_1M_2M_3B$. Light reflected by the portion QM_1 of the right-hand side wall is reflected toward portion N_3A of the left-hand side wall, and from there toward AB.

In the example just presented, wave front w_{B2} results from propagating w_{B1} through the curve *c*. Also, wave front w_{A2} results from propagating w_{A1} through the curve *c*.

Now, we consider a possible way of calculating the propagation of wave fronts through surfaces. Consider the curve *c* separating two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 , as shown in Figure 3.51. Wave front *w* propagates through this curve *c*. We start with the wave front at position w_1 and want to calculate its shape at position w_2 . We define the optical path length between w_1 and w_2 as having a value *S*. We may, for example, take a point **P** on *c* and calculate the corresponding point **W**₁ on w_1 . Point **W**₁ is such that the perpendicular to w_1 through **W**₁ crosses *c* at point **P**. Now we can calculate the optical path length between **W**₁ and **P** as $S_1 = n_1[\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{P}]$. We now have the optical path length between **P** and the point **W**₂ on the propagated wave front w_2 , which is given by $S_2 = S - S_1$. The distance between **P** and **W**₂ is $d_2 = S_2/n_2$. Since we know the position of **W**₁ and **P**, we have the direction **t**₁ of the ray incident at **P**. We now refract this ray and obtain the direction **t**₂ (unit vector) of the refracted ray. Point **W**₂ is



A concentrator for an emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and a receiver **AB** immersed in a medium of refractive index *n*. The exit angle through **AB** is 2θ and the entrance aperture of the optic is a circle *C*.

given by $\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{P} + d_2 \mathbf{t}_2$. Repeating the process for other points on *c*, we obtain a set of points on w_2 . We can now interpolate between those points using, for example, a spline method.

Optics such as that shown in Figure 3.50 can be designed for other parameter values. Also, we do not have to calculate the shape of the wave fronts to design one of these devices. Another example is shown in Figure 3.52, where the emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ has the same size *E* as the entrance aperture size A_E of the optic. Vertical line *b* is the perpendicular bisector of emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and receiver **AB**. The system is symmetrical relative to *b*.

We start the design by determining the relative positions of the entrance aperture A_E and emitter E as presented in Figure 3.52a. Consider, for example, that the light at the receiver R is confined to an angle $\pm \alpha_C$. The étendue at the receiver R is then



Propagation of a wave front through a curve *c* that separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 .



FIGURE 3.52

An optic made of dielectric material for an emitter *E* and a receiver *R*. Light reaches the receiver confined to an angle $\pm \alpha_c$.

This étendue is the same as that exchanged between A_E and E. Considering that $A_E = E$, from Figure 3.52a it can be seen that

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{d_1}{A_E}\right)$$

$$d_2 = \frac{d_1}{\sin \alpha}$$
(3.59)

The étendue from A_E to E is then

$$U = 2(d_2 - d_1) = 2d_1 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \alpha} - 1\right) = 2d_1 \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\arctan(d_1/A_E))} - 1\right) \quad (3.60)$$

If étendue is to be conserved, we must have

$$nR\sin\alpha_C = d_1 \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\arctan(d_1/A_E))} - 1\right)$$
(3.61)

To define the device, some parameters must be established: for example, the angle α_C , the value of $R = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]$, and the value of $E = [\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2]$ (which equals A_E). Then, using expression 3.61, we can calculate the distance d_1 .

The shape of the entrance surface can be chosen as a circular arc with radius *r*. As shown in Figure 3.52b, ray r_p coming from edge \mathbf{E}_1 of the emitter can now be refracted at the edge \mathbf{P} of the circular entrance surface, and since the size of *R* is known, the receiver position can be determined. Its end point \mathbf{B} will be on the refracted ray r_p at the point whose distance to the bisector *b* is *R*/2.

We now define a flat wave front *w* that makes an angle α_c to **AB** and therefore is perpendicular to the right-hand side edge ray at **AB**, as shown in Figures 3.52b and 3.52c. The optical path length between **E**₁ and wave front *w* can now be determined from ray r_p as

$$S = [\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{P}] + n[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{B}] + n[\mathbf{B}, w]$$
(3.62)

where $[\mathbf{B}, w]$ is the distance between point **B** and wave front *w*. This optical path length now enables us to calculate the shape of the lateral mirror **QB**. Mirror **PA** is symmetrical to **QB**. Points **M**₁ between **Q** and **M** are calculated for rays r_1 from edge **E**₁ of the emitter to edge **A** of the receiver, as shown in



If a light source is placed at R_A , its light will exit the left-hand side optic, enter the right-hand side optic, and be concentrated onto R_B with no losses.

Figure 3.52c. These rays fulfill

$$S = [\mathbf{E}_{1}, \mathbf{C}_{1}] + n[\mathbf{C}_{1}, \mathbf{M}_{1}] + n[\mathbf{M}_{1}, \mathbf{A}]$$
(3.63)

Points \mathbf{M}_2 between \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{B} are calculated for rays r_2 from edge \mathbf{E}_1 of the emitter to wave front *w* at the receiver. These rays fulfill

$$S = [\mathbf{E}_{1}, \mathbf{C}_{2}] + n[\mathbf{C}_{2}, \mathbf{M}_{2}] + n[\mathbf{M}_{2}, w]$$
(3.64)

where $[\mathbf{M}_2, w]$ is the distance between point \mathbf{M}_2 and wave front w.

Now consider a particular case of this design in which α_c is the critical angle for the material of refractive index *n*. Combine two of these optics as shown in Figure 3.53. Light enters the optic on the left through its small aperture coming from a Lambertian source R_A separated from the optic by a small air gap. When the light refracts into the material of the optic, it will be confined to the critical angle $\pm \alpha_c$.

Light exits the optic on the left through its aperture $\mathbf{P}_A \mathbf{Q}_A$ and enters the optic on the right through its aperture $\mathbf{P}_B \mathbf{Q}_B$. It will then be concentrated on to its small aperture, where it is confined to the critical angle. When it exits the optic, the angular aperture widens to a fully Lambertian illumination of receiver R_B .

Source R_A and receiver R_B are of the same size and radiation is fully Lambertian at both places. Also, light travels through air between $\mathbf{P}_A \mathbf{Q}_A$ and $\mathbf{P}_B \mathbf{Q}_B$ without any guiding mirrors.

3.11 Caustics as Flow Lines

Figure 3.54 shows an angle rotator for an angle 2θ , where Figure 3.54b shows a detail of Figure 3.54a between sections s_1 and s_2 . Between these two sections, s_1 and s_2 , light is confined between circular mirror m with center **C** and circular caustic c, also centered at **C**. A flow line g between these two sections is



An angle rotator for an angle 2θ . Caustic *c* is a limit case of a flow line *g* in which the angle α that the edge rays make to the flow line becomes zero. This happens as the radius *R* of flow line *g* tends to the distance between **C** and **B**.





Optics O_A and O_B exchange light through air confined between caustics c_L on the left and c_R on the right. also a circle with radius *R* centered at **C**. The edge rays make an angle α to flow line *g*.

As the radius *R* of *g* decreases, angle *a* also decreases. In the limit case, where this angle becomes zero, the flow line tends to a caustic *c* to both sets of edge rays and *R* tends to [**C**, **B**]. A mirror placed along the caustic would no longer reflect the edge rays and light can be confined between mirror *m* and the caustic *c*. Mirror *m* is also a flow line obtained in the case in which $R = [\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}]$.

Étendue is conserved between the flow lines. Since caustic c is a limit case of flow lines g, étendue is also conserved between flow line m and caustic c.

Figure 3.55 shows another example of light confinement by caustics. Caustics c_L on the left and c_R on the right confine light as it travels through air between optics O_A and O_B , both made of material with refractive index n. In this example, emitter R_A and receiver R_B touch the medium with refractive index n. There is no air gap between R_A and optic O_A or between R_B and optic O_B .

Figure 3.56 shows the geometry of the caustics and the edge rays between the optics in detail.



The geometry of the caustics and the edge rays for the radiation exchanged between optics O_A and O_B .



FIGURE 3.57 Design for optic O_A .

Caustic c_L on the left is a circle with center \mathbf{C}_L . Edge rays between r_1 and r_2 all intersect at point \mathbf{P}_B and edge rays between r_1 and r_3 are tangent to caustic c_L . The system has top-down symmetry about horizontal line l_H and left-right symmetry about vertical line l_V .

Figure 3.57 shows the design method for optic O_A . The curved top surface between \mathbf{P}_A and \mathbf{Q}_A is a circle with center **C**. The points of the side mirrors may be defined by a string of constant optical path length. Ray r_M is tangent to caustic c_L at point \mathbf{P}_B .

For the points of the mirror above point **M**, the optical path length $[\mathbf{P}_B, \mathbf{E}] + n[\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{M}] + n[\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{A}]$ is constant, where **E** is a point on the circular top surface of the optic. For the points of the mirror below point **M**, the optical path length is still the same, but the string (still starting at \mathbf{P}_B) now rolls around the caustic c_L .

The size of emitter **AB** must be such that the étendue of the light it emits matches that exchanged between optics O_A and O_B . This étendue can be obtained from the geometry in Figure 3.58.

The étendue for the light emitted between \mathbf{P}_A and \mathbf{Q}_A is, by symmetry, twice that emitted between \mathbf{P}_A and \mathbf{X} , where \mathbf{X} is the midpoint of $\mathbf{P}_A \mathbf{Q}_A$. For each point \mathbf{P} between \mathbf{P}_A and \mathbf{X} , light is confined between edge rays r_A crossing point \mathbf{Q}_B and r_B tangent to caustic c_L at point \mathbf{T} . Caustic c_L is circular with center \mathbf{C}_L



FIGURE 3.58 The geometry for calculating the étendue of the light exchanged between the optics.

and radius R. The étendue is then given by

$$U = -2 \int_{\mathbf{P}_A}^{\mathbf{X}} (\cos \theta_B - \cos \theta_A) \, dx \tag{3.65}$$

where using function angh(...) defined in Chapter 17, we have $\theta_A = \text{angh}(\mathbf{Q}_B - \mathbf{P})$ and $\theta_B = \theta - \alpha$, where $\theta = \text{angh}(\mathbf{C}_L - \mathbf{P})$ and $\alpha = \arcsin(R/[\mathbf{C}_L, \mathbf{P}])$.

3.12 Maximum Concentration

Conservation of étendue can also be used to derive the maximum concentration an optic can provide. We now consider a 3-D situation and calculate the étendue of radiation with half-angular aperture θ_1 and crossing (or being emitted by) an area dA_1 immersed in a medium with a refractive index of n_1 , as presented in Figure 3.59.

The étendue of the radiation crossing (or being emitted by) dA_1 can be obtained from expressions 3.4 and 3.6 as

$$U_{dA1} = n_1^2 dA_1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta_1} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi = \pi n_1^2 \, dA_1 \sin^2\theta_1$$
(3.66)

If dA_1 is a part of an area A_1 , where the radiation falling on it is uniform, the total étendue of the radiation falling on A_1 is given by

$$U_1 = \pi n_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \int_{A_1} dA_1 = \pi n_1^2 A_1 \sin^2 \theta_1$$
(3.67)

We now apply this result to an optical system with entrance aperture A_1 and exit aperture A_2 , θ_1 being the half-angular aperture for the radiation at the entrance aperture and θ_2 the half-angular aperture at the exit aperture as presented in Figure 3.60.

If the refractive index at the exit aperture is n_2 , the étendue of the radiation exiting the device is given as

$$U_2 = \pi n_2^2 A_2 \sin^2 \theta_2 \tag{3.68}$$

Since the étendue is conserved in the passage through an optical system, the étendue at the entrance aperture must be equal to the one at the exit, that is, $U_1 = U_2$, therefore,

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta_2}{\sin^2 \theta_1}$$
(3.69)

the angle θ_2 at the exit aperture cannot be higher than $\pi/2$; therefore, the minimum exit area $A_{2\min}$ can be obtained for $\theta_2 = \pi/2$. This area corresponds





FIGURE 3.59 Surface dA_1 immersed in a medium with index of refraction n_1 receiving radiation with half-angular aperture θ_1 .

Optical device with an entrance aperture A_1 and exit aperture A_2 . At the entrance aperture, the refractive index is n_1 and the half-angular aperture of the radiation is θ_1 . At the exit aperture, the refractive index is n_2 and the half-angular aperture of the radiation is θ_2 .

to the maximum possible concentration:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{A_1}{A_{2\min}} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_1}$$
(3.70)

or, in the particular case in which the refractive index at the entrance of the device is $n_1 = 1$:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{n_2^2}{\sin^2 \theta_1} \tag{3.71}$$

Let us now consider a 2-D optical system with entrance aperture a_1 and exit aperture a_2 and having refractive indices n_1 and n_2 at the entrance and exit apertures, respectively, as shown in Figure 3.61.



A 2-D optical device with an entrance aperture a_1 and exit aperture a_2 . At the entrance aperture, the refractive index is n_1 and the half-angular aperture of the radiation is θ_1 . At the exit aperture, the refractive index is n_2 and the half-angular aperture of the radiation is θ_2 .

Let us further suppose that the radiation is uniform at the entrance and exit apertures. The étendue at the entrance aperture can be obtained from

$$U_1 = -a_1 \int_A^B dp_1 = -a_1 (-p_1 - p_1) = 2a_1 p_1 = 2n_1 a_1 \sin \theta_1$$
(3.72)

where the integration is taken from direction \mathbf{p}_A to \mathbf{p}_B , that is, the positive direction of the angles in Figure 3.24. Similarly, the étendue at the exit aperture is given as

$$U_2 = 2n_2 a_2 \sin \theta_2 \tag{3.73}$$

Since the étendue is conserved in the passage through the optical system, we must have $U_1 = U_2$, therefore,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \frac{\sin\theta_2}{\sin\theta_1} \tag{3.74}$$

As in the 3-D case analyzed earlier, the exit angle cannot be higher than $\pi/2$, and therefore the minimum length $a_{2\min}$ of the exit aperture can be obtained for $\theta_2 = \pi/2$. It corresponds to the maximum possible concentration:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{a_1}{a_{2\min}} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \frac{1}{\sin \theta_1}$$
(3.75)

or, in the particular case in which the refractive index at the entrance of the device is $n_1 = 1$:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{n_2}{\sin \theta_1} \tag{3.76}$$

The preceding expressions allow us to find the maximum possible concentration C_{max} as a function of the half-angular aperture θ_1 of the incoming radiation. An example of this uniform constant-angle radiation is the one coming from the sun. When observed from the earth, the sun has a very small angular aperture. Nonimaging concentrators are capable of providing high concentration of light and therefore are well suited for high concentration of solar energy. However, these devices are also useful for smaller concentrations.

Since the relations presented earlier give the maximum concentration, the real concentration must be smaller than that. Let us then consider, to simplify, that we have a concentrator whose interior is filled with air (n = 1). The concentration that it can attain must be smaller than C_{max} that is,

$$C \le \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \tag{3.77}$$

where θ is the half-angular aperture of the radiation. Expression 3.77 can now be rewritten in a different form as follows:

$$\theta \le \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{C}\right)$$
 (3.78)

and it can then be concluded that, for a given concentration *C* of a device, the half-acceptance angle cannot be higher than $\arcsin(1/C)$. The maximum value for the half-acceptance angle is therefore given by

$$\theta_{\max} = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{C}\right)$$
(3.79)

Similar expression can be obtained for 3-D systems and containing materials having an index of refraction $n \neq 1$. It can then be concluded that the nonimaging optical systems have the maximum acceptance angle 2θ for a given concentration C. This characteristic makes them very important in the concentration of solar energy.^{18,19}

Let us consider a solar concentrator having concentration *C*. Let us further consider that the concentration is low so that the acceptance angle is large. Since nonimaging concentrators have the maximum acceptance angle 2θ for a given concentration *C*, they allow us to keep the concentrator stationary for the longest time possible while the sun is moving in the sky, as presented in Figure 3.62.

As long as the sun moves inside the acceptance angle 2θ , its light is captured and transferred to the absorber (exit aperture of the device). This is an important characteristic since it alleviates the need to track the angular motion of the sun in the sky. Besides the radiation arriving at the concentrator directly from the sun, there is also some diffuse radiation from the scattering of light in the atmosphere. This radiation arrives from all directions, but with greatest strength near the sun. Since the acceptance angle is maximum, the concentrator will capture the maximum diffuse radiation as well.



A solar concentrator having a concentration *C*. An ideal anidolic device having a concentration *C* will have the maximum acceptance angle for the incident radiation. In low-concentration solar systems, this characteristic can reduce the need to follow the sun in the sky, in addition to allowing the maximum acceptance of diffuse radiation. For high-concentration solar systems where the tracking is mandatory, it alleviates the requirement for precise tracking.

Let us now consider that the concentration is high, and the acceptance angle is necessarily small so that it is mandatory to track the sun. The tracking systems are, nonetheless, as complex and expensive in proportion to their precision. But since the acceptance angle is maximum, the need for precise tracking can be relaxed.

The use of anidolic optics in solar energy systems is therefore advantageous as long as there is some need for concentration. Note that, for a high concentration, the acceptance angle is small and the acceptance of diffuse radiation is minor. In particular, when the acceptance angle equals the angular aperture of the sun, there is no longer a collection of diffuse radiation, but only of direct radiation. This is usually not done because of unavoidable tracking errors.

3.13 Étendue and the Shape Factor

One way to calculate the étendue in a homogeneous medium is by making use of the concept of shape factors, from the field of radiative heat transfer. The relation between étendue and shape factor is discussed in detail in Chapter 16,



(a) The étendue of the light emitted from an infinitesimal area dA_1 toward another infinitesimal area dA_2 . (b) The étendue for 2-D geometry.

but the results are summarized here for convenience. The étendue of the light emitted by an infinitesimal area dA_1 immersed in air toward another infinitesimal area dA_2 also in air is

$$dU = dA_1 \cos\theta_1 d\Omega = dA_1 \cos\theta_1 \frac{dA_2 \cos\theta_2}{r^2}$$
$$= \pi dA_1 \frac{dA_2 \cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2}{\pi r^2} = \pi dA_1 dF_{dA1-dA2}$$
(3.80)

as seen from Figure 3.63a. For 3-D systems, the étendue can therefore be related to the shape factor $F_{dA1-dA2}$ of an area dA_1 to another area dA_2 by

$$dU = \pi dA_1 dF_{dA1-dA2} \tag{3.81}$$

where

$$dF_{dA1-dA2} = \frac{dA_2 \cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2}{\pi r^2}$$
(3.82)

For 2-D systems, the situation is similar and is shown in Figure 3.63b.

We can now write

$$dU = da_1 \cos \theta_1 d\theta_1 = da_1 \cos \theta_1 \frac{da_2 \cos \theta_2}{r}$$
$$= 2da_1 \frac{da_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{2r} = 2da_1 F_{da1-da2}$$
(3.83)

For 2-D systems, the étendue can therefore be related to the shape factor $F_{da1-da2}$ of a length da_1 to another length da_2 by

$$dU = 2da_1 dF_{da1-da2} \tag{3.84}$$

where

$$dF_{da1-da2} = \frac{da_2 \cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2}{2r} \tag{3.85}$$

We can then use the known methods for the calculation of shape factors to help us calculate the étendue. One of these methods is the Hottel's crossed-string method.⁴ An example of this method can be applied to a system similar to that presented in Figure 3.34b. Then consider a Lambertian source of radiation **FG** with dimension a_1 and a line **P**₁**P**₂ with dimension a_2 , as presented in Figure 3.64.

The shape factor from a_1 to a_2 is given by

$$F_{a1-a2} = \frac{[[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_2]] + [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_1]] - [[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_1]] - [[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}_2]]}{2a_1}$$
(3.86)

Integrating expression 3.84, we obtain

$$U = 2a_1 F_{a1-a2} (3.87)$$

Replacing F_{a1-a2} in expression 3.87 for *U*, we again obtain expression 3.48.



FIGURE 3.64

The shape factor from a_1 to a_2 can be calculated by the Hottel's crossed-string method. The étendue can then be calculated using the relation between the two quantities: étendue and shape factor.



The étendue from a circular source having an area A_1 to a circular surface having an area A_2 can be calculated from the shape factor from A_1 to A_2 .

The relation between the shape factor and the étendue in the 3-D case enables us to calculate the étendue from a circular source A_1 having radius d to a circular surface A_2 having radius ρ . Let us consider that these two surfaces are separated by a distance h as presented in Figure 3.65.

The shape factor from A_1 to A_2 is given by⁵

$$F_{A1-A2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(Z - \sqrt{Z^2 - 4X^2 Y^2} \right)$$
(3.88)

with $X = \rho/h$, Y = h/d, and $Z = 1 + (1 + X^2)Y^2$. Integrating expression 3.81 for 3-D systems, we get

$$U = \pi A_1 F_{A1-A2}$$
(3.89)

Surface A_1 has an area πd^2 ; therefore, the étendue from A_1 to A_2 is given as

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \left(Z - \sqrt{Z^2 - 4X^2 Y^2} \right) \pi^2 d^2$$
(3.90)

Expression 3.90 can also be written in the following form:¹³

$$U = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(\sqrt{(\rho - d)^2 + h^2} - \sqrt{(\rho + d)^2 + h^2} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{4} ([\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_2] - [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}_1])^2 \quad (3.91)$$

3.14 Examples

The examples presented in this section use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Calculate the étendue of radiation with half-angle $\theta = 20^{\circ}$ illuminating a straight line **P**₁**P**₂ with length 3.

Figure 3.66 shows the straight line $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ and the wave fronts w_1 and w_2 perpendicular to the edge rays making a total angle of 2θ to one another.

The étendue of the incoming radiation is given by

$$U = [\mathbf{F}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_2] + [\mathbf{G}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_1] - [\mathbf{G}_{1'} \mathbf{P}_2] - [\mathbf{F}_{1'} \mathbf{P}_1] = 2[\mathbf{P}_{1'} \mathbf{P}_2] \sin\theta \quad (3.92)$$

In this case, $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2] = 3$ and $\theta = 20^\circ$ and we get U = 2.05212.

Example 2

Calculate the étendue of a source *a* emitting light with an angular aperture 2θ tilted by an angle *y* to the vertical. The length of *a* is equal to 3, $\gamma = 60^{\circ}$, and $\theta = 10^{\circ}$.

We present several possibilities for calculating this étendue.

Possibility 1. We may consider that the light emitted by *a* comes from a source *a** tilted by an angle *y* to the horizontal and whose light is confined by a flat mirror perpendicular to *a** until it reaches *a*, as shown in Figure 3.67.

Since the mirror is parallel to the direction of propagation of the light, it does not alter the angular aperture 2θ of the light.



FIGURE 3.66 Radiation with a half-angle θ illuminating a straight line $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$.



A source *a* emitting light with an angular aperture 2θ tilted by an angle *y* to the vertical. Light appears to come from another source *a*^{*} whose size is the projection of *a* in the direction of light emission.

The étendue of the light emitted by a must then be equal to that emitted by a^* . We have

$$U = 2a^* \sin \theta = 2a \cos \gamma \sin \theta \tag{3.93}$$

Now by replacing the values for *a*, *y*, and θ , we get U = 0.520945. *Possibility* 2. Now consider the same situation, but from a different point of view. We now assume that the same source *a* is on the x_1 axis between x_m and x_M , that is, $a = x_M - x_m$ as shown in Figure 3.68a. The étendue of the radiation is given by

$$U = \int_{x_m}^{x_M} (\mathbf{p}_A - \mathbf{p}_B) \cdot d\mathbf{c}$$
(3.94)

where $\mathbf{p}_A = (\cos(\varphi - \theta), \sin(\varphi - \theta)), \mathbf{p}_B = (\cos(\varphi + \theta), \sin(\varphi + \theta)), \text{ and } d\mathbf{c} = dc(1, 0) \text{ since } a \text{ is on the } x_1 \text{ axis. Note that } \varphi = \pi/2 - \gamma.$

In this case *dc* is an element of length *da* on *a* and we obtain

$$U = \int_{x_m}^{x_M} (\cos(\varphi - \theta) - \cos(\varphi + \theta)) \, da$$

= $a(\cos(\varphi - \theta) - \cos(\varphi + \theta)) = 2a \sin\theta \sin\varphi$ (3.95)

Replacing *a*, $\varphi = \pi/2 - \gamma$, and θ , we get U = 0.520945.

Possibility 3. Another possible way to calculate the same étendue is by using expression 3.94 differently, where we now make $\mathbf{p}_A = (p_{A1}, p_{A2})$ and $\mathbf{p}_B = (p_{B1}, p_{B2})$ to get

$$U = \int_{x_m}^{x_M} ((p_{A1}, p_{A2}) - (p_{B1}, p_{B2})) \cdot (1, 0) \, da$$
$$= \int_{x_m}^{x_M} (p_{A1} - p_{B1}) \, da = a(p_{A1} - p_{B1}) \tag{3.96}$$



If the radiation is the same for all points of $x_m x_{M'}$ its étendue can be obtained as $U = 2na \sin \theta \sin \varphi$.



FIGURE 3.69

Area in phase space of radiation with p_1 components for the edge rays p_{A1} and p_{A2} .

which can also be written as

$$U = 2a\sin\theta\sin\varphi \tag{3.97}$$

as can be seen from Figure 3.68b with n = 1.

Possibility 4. Yet another possibility is to represent the radiation emitted by *a* in phase space and calculate the area it uses. Figure 3.69 shows this possibility.

In physical space, source *a* extends from x_m to x_M and in angular space, the radiation is confined between directions that have p_1 component of the optical momentum between p_{A1} and p_{B1} . The étendue equals the area in phase space occupied by the radiation and is given by

$$U = (x_M - x_M)(p_{A1} - p_{B1}) = a(p_{A1} - p_{B1})$$
(3.98)

which is the same as expression 3.96.

Example 3

Calculate the étendue of uniform radiation with a half-angle 5° captured by a parabola of rim angle 30°, when it reaches the parabola and after reflection.

A parabola with focus $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ and a unit distance between focus and vertex $[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{V}] = 1$ is parameterized by

$$\mathbf{c}(\phi) = \frac{2}{1 - \cos\phi} \left(\cos\phi, \sin\phi\right) \tag{3.99}$$

If the rim angle $\varphi = 30^\circ$, the parameter range for the parabola is $\pi - \varphi \le \varphi \le \pi + \varphi$. Edge points **P**₁ and **P**₂ of the parabola are obtained at the edges of the parameter range and are given by **P**₁ = **c**($\pi - \varphi$) = $(6 - 4\sqrt{3}, 4 - 2\sqrt{3})$ and **P**₂ = **c**($\pi + \varphi$) = $(6 - 4\sqrt{3}, -4 + 2\sqrt{3})$ as shown in Figure 3.70. The half-angle of the light collected by the parabola is $\theta = 5^\circ$.

The étendue of the radiation captured by the parabola is (Figure 3.70)

$$U = 2[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]\sin\theta = 0.186826 \tag{3.100}$$

We may now calculate the étendue of the same radiation when it hits the parabola. Figure 3.71 shows this situation.

The étendue of the light reaching the parabola is given by

$$U = \int_{\pi-\varphi}^{\pi+\varphi} (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot d\mathbf{c} = \int_{\pi-\varphi}^{\pi+\varphi} (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{c}}{d\phi} d\phi$$
(3.101)



FIGURE 3.70 A parabola with focus **F** collects light with a half-angle *θ*.



FIGURE 3.71 Radiation with a half-angle θ hits a parabolic mirror.



Radiation with a half-angle θ after reflection of a parabolic mirror.

where momentum \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 are unit vectors since the refractive index n = 1 and are given by

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = (\cos(-\theta), \sin(-\theta))$$

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$$

(3.102)

The derivative of the parabola is a tangent vector given by

$$\frac{d\mathbf{c}}{d\phi} = \left(\frac{-2\sin\phi}{(\cos\phi - 1)^{2'}}\frac{2}{\cos\phi - 1}\right)$$
(3.103)

Inserting expressions 3.102 and 3.103 into expression 3.101, the étendue is given by

$$U = \int_{\pi-\varphi}^{\pi+\varphi} \frac{-4\sin(\pi/36)}{\cos\phi - 1} \, d\phi = 0.186826 \tag{3.104}$$

which is the same as calculated earlier.

After reflection by the mirror, \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 are now given by

$$\mathbf{p}_{1} = R(-\theta) \cdot \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{c}) = \frac{2\sin^{2}(\phi/2)}{\cos\phi - 1} (\cos(\pi/36 - \phi), \sin(\pi/36 - \phi))$$
$$\mathbf{p}_{2} = R(\theta) \cdot \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{c}) = \frac{2\sin^{2}(\phi/2)}{\cos\phi - 1} (\cos(\pi/36 + \phi), \sin(\pi/36 + \phi))$$

as shown in Figure 3.72.

The étendue of the light reflected by the mirror is also given by expression 3.101, now with the new values for \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 so that

$$U = 0.348623 \int_{\pi-\varphi}^{\pi+\varphi} \frac{1}{1-\cos\phi} \, d\phi = 0.186826$$

The values of the étendue are the same, before light reaches the parabola, at the parabola, and after reflection.

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4

Vector Flux

4.1 Introduction

We have seen that if we take the flow lines generated by a Lambertian source, we obtain an ideal trumpet concentrator. Other shapes of Lambertian sources generate other shapes of flow lines and those can be taken as concentrators with different geometries. We now consider some more simple examples of nonimaging optics obtained by taking flow lines generated by Lambertian sources.

An example of uniform illumination is that of sunlight. The sun emits light in all directions and when it reaches the earth, this light is confined to a small angle $\pm \alpha$ and therefore it appears to arrive within a cone of angle 2α as shown in Figure 4.1.

We take a plate and orient it perpendicularly to the direction of the sun, so that all its points will be illuminated by a cone of angle 2α . For point **P**₁ on the plate, for example, all radiation is confined between edge ray r_U and edge ray r_L as shown in Figure 4.2.

Imagine now that we put a thin mirror M mirrored on both sides in a direction perpendicular to plate P as shown in Figure 4.3. The mirror shades the light between rays r_{L1} and r_{L2} that would hit point \mathbf{P}_1 if the mirror had not been there.

It, however, also mirrors toward \mathbf{P}_1 the light confined between r_{U1} and r_{U2} that, without the mirror, would hit point \mathbf{P}_2 . Therefore, this mirror does not alter the radiation that reaches each of these points because what it shades on one side, it reflects on the other. The same argument could be used for any other points on the plate.

If we take two of these mirrors we get the geometry in Figure 4.4. It is a nonimaging device that accepts radiation with half-angle α and emits radiation with the same angle, maintaining the area. This is a light guide, defined by mirrors M_1 and M_2 .

As another example, we now consider the round (2-D) Lambertian radiation source S_R shown in Figure 4.5. Two edge rays that are tangent to the source bound the radiation that crosses any point **P**. A mirror *M* that is perpendicular to the source will then bisect the edge rays.

For the reasons presented above, this mirror will not alter the radiation field created by the source S_R . We may then put two radial flat mirrors M_1 and M_2 on the source as shown in Figure 4.6. These mirrors will not alter


When it reaches the earth, the sunlight is confined angularly to $\pm \alpha$ and therefore its total angular aperture is 2α .



FIGURE 4.2

A plate *P* perpendicular to the direction of the sun "sees" incoming light confined to an angle 2α . At point **P**₁, the light is confined between the edge rays r_U and r_L . Something similar happens to the light hitting the other points of plate *P*.



FIGURE 4.3

A mirror *M* perpendicular to the plate *P* bisects the edge rays of the incoming light.



FIGURE 4.4

Two parallel mirrors can be used as a nonimaging optical device that accepts radiation with half-angle α and emits radiation with the same characteristics.





A flat mirror perpendicular to a circular source bisects the edge rays at each point in space.



FIGURE 4.6

Light confined to an angle 2θ with bisector perpendicular to a_1 and headed toward S_R is concentrated by mirrors M_1 and M_2 to a_2 .

the radiation field created by the source. At arc a_1 , the source S_R creates a radiation field with an angular aperture 2θ . The presence of the mirrors will not alter that. However, the radiation that a_1 now receives comes from portion a_2 of the source since the rest of it is shadowed by the mirrors. We may then remove that portion of the source outside the mirrors, and leave only the portion a_2 that they bound. Circular arc source a_2 will then create at a_1 , with the help of M_1 and M_2 , a uniform radiation field with angular aperture 2θ .

Inverting now the direction of the radiation, we may imagine that M_1 and M_2 form a concentrator with round entrance aperture a_1 and acceptance angle 2θ , and round receiver a_2 . Since the radiation at a_2 is Lambertian (radiation angular aperture of $\pm \pi/2$), this concentrator is ideal and provides maximum concentration.

Flow lines bisect the edge rays at every point and the concentrator of Figure 4.6 was constructed by taking two flow lines of the radiation field created by the source S_R . Choosing other flow lines (radial lines coming out of S_R), we could get different size concentrators. Also, choosing different heights for these lines would lead to concentrators with different acceptance angles.



The étendue *U* is conserved between two flow lines M_1 and M_2 as can be seen from the fact that $U = 2a_2 = 2a_3 \sin \alpha = 2a_1 \sin \theta$.

Étendue is conserved in the space between these flow lines as shown in Figure 4.7a.

The étendue of the radiation confined between the mirrors (which follow the flow lines) M_1 and M_2 is given by $U = 2a_2$, since the radiation there has an angular aperture of $\pm \pi/2$. It has the same value at circular arc a_3 where $U = 2a_3 \sin \alpha = 2a_2$ and at circular arc a_1 where it has the value $U = 2a_1 \sin \theta =$ $2a_2$. Note that from Figure 4.7b, we have $a_2 = R\varphi$ and $a_1 = D\varphi$, where *R* is the radius of S_R and *D*, the distance from its center to a_1 . We then have $a_2/a_1 =$ $R/D = \sin \theta$.

If the whole source S_R is present, the étendue of the radiation crossing between a point \mathbf{P}_1 on flow line M_1 and a point \mathbf{P}_2 on flow line M_2 is constant as we move \mathbf{P}_1 on M_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 on M_2 (no mirrors). If M_1 and M_2 are mirrors, the étendue of the radiation is conserved as light travels confined by them.

Note that if we took the portion of the mirrors M_1 and M_2 between a_1 and a_3 , we would get an angle transformer with round entrance aperture a_1 and acceptance angle 2θ , with concentric exit aperture a_3 (also round) and exit angle 2α . This optic would fulfill the conservation of étendue: $2a_1\sin\theta = 2a_3\sin\alpha$.

The direction of the bisector to the edge rays and the angle between them define a direction and a magnitude and, therefore, a vector. It is called the vector flux **J** that, at each point on the plane, points in the direction of the bisector to the edge rays (the same as mirrors M_1 and M_2 mentioned earlier), with scalar magnitude $||\mathbf{J}|| = 2n \sin \theta$, when the edge rays make a mutual angle 2θ (such as at the aperture a_1 in Figure 4.7) and the refractive index at the point is *n*. Figure 4.8 shows a source *S* emitting light that crosses point **P** bound by edge rays r_1 and r_2 making an angle 2θ to each other. The vector flux **J** at **P** points in the direction of the bisector of r_1 and r_2 has magnitude $2n \sin \theta$, where *n* is the refractive index at **P**.

The vector flux points in the same direction as the flow lines. If the flow lines are straight, the direction of the vector flux is the same as that of these lines. If the flow lines are curved, then the vector flux is tangent to the flow lines.



The vector flux points in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays at each point. Its magnitude is a function of the refractive index and the angle of the edge rays. At point **P**, the edge rays r_1 and r_2 of the radiation emitted by a source *S* define a vector flux **J**.

4.2 Definition of Vector Flux

Let $d\Phi$ be the energy flux (energy per unit time) crossing a surface dA immersed in a medium with refractive index *n*, through an element of solid angle $d\Omega$. We can then write

$$d\Phi = L^* dU = L^* n^2 dA \cos\theta d\Omega \tag{4.1}$$

where dU is the étendue of the radiation and $L^* = L/n^2$, the basic radiance (or basic luminance L_V^* if photometric quantities are used). Angle θ is the angle the normal **n** to dA makes with the direction **t** defined by solid angle $d\Omega$, as shown in Figure 4.9.

If both **n** and **t** are unit vectors, then $||\mathbf{t}|| = ||\mathbf{n}|| = 1$ and the dot product of **n** and **t** is given by

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \|\mathbf{t}\| \|\mathbf{n}\| \cos \theta = \cos \theta \tag{4.2}$$

Therefore expression 4.1 can be written as

$$d\Phi = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, L^* n^2 dA \, d\Omega \tag{4.3}$$

We now consider another situation in Figure 4.10 in which we again have an area dA that has normal **n**. However, now light crosses dA in two directions, $\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{Y}}$. In the case of the light crossing dA within solid angle $d\Omega_{\mathbf{X}}$ in



Radiation flows through area dA, perpendicular to vector **n**, and through a solid angle $d\Omega$ in the direction of vector **t**.



FIGURE 4.10 The flux of the light crossing *dA* in direction \mathbf{t}_X is positive because $\mathbf{t}_X \cdot \mathbf{n} > 0$, but the flux of the light crossing *dA* in direction \mathbf{t}_Y is negative because $\mathbf{t}_Y \cdot \mathbf{n} < 0$.

direction \mathbf{t}_X we have $\mathbf{t}_X \cdot \mathbf{n} > 0$, which means that $d\Phi > 0$. On the other hand, in the case of the light crossing dA within solid angle $d\Omega_Y$ in direction \mathbf{t}_Y we have $\mathbf{t}_Y \cdot \mathbf{n} < 0$ and therefore $d\Phi < 0$.

We now consider the total energy crossing an area *dA* per unit time. It can be calculated by integrating expression 4.1 over the solid angle as

$$d\Phi = dA \int L^* n^2 \cos\theta \, d\Omega \tag{4.4}$$

Note that in this expression $d\Phi$ is a first-order differential because it is proportional to dA, while in expression 4.1 $d\Phi$ is a second-order differential because it is proportional to the product of dA and $d\Omega$.

If the radiation distribution on dA is Lambertian (isotropic, diffuse) L, and therefore L^* will not depend on the direction,^{1,2} and it can be taken out of the integral and we get

$$d\Phi = L^* dA \int n^2 \cos\theta d\Omega \tag{4.5}$$

where this integral is calculated over all directions in which there is light. Defining now

$$J_N = \frac{d\Phi}{L^* dA} \tag{4.6}$$

it can be seen that the radiation (energy) crossing dA per unit time and per unit basic radiance is proportional to the integral:

$$J_N = \int n^2 \cos \theta \, d\Omega = \int n^2 \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\Omega \tag{4.7}$$

Let us now consider $\mathbf{n} = (\cos \gamma_1, \cos \gamma_2, \cos \gamma_3)$, where γ_1, γ_2 , and γ_3 are the angles that vector \mathbf{n} makes with the axes x_1, x_2 , and x_3 , respectively. The same way, we can write $\mathbf{t} = (\cos \theta_1, \cos \theta_2, \cos \theta_3)$ where θ_1, θ_2 , and θ_3 are the angles that vector \mathbf{t} makes with axis x_1, x_2 , and x_3 , respectively. We can then write

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\cos \theta_1, \cos \theta_2, \cos \theta_3) \cdot (\cos \gamma_1, \cos \gamma_2, \cos \gamma_3)$$
$$= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \gamma_1, \cos \theta_2 \cos \gamma_2, \cos \theta_3 \cos \gamma_3)$$
(4.8)

The integral of expression 4.7 can then be written in the form:³

$$J_N = \int n^2 (\cos \theta_1 \cos \gamma_1 + \cos \theta_2 \cos \gamma_2 + \cos \theta_3 \cos \gamma_3) d\Omega$$
(4.9)

This integral can now be written in the form:

$$J_N = \cos\gamma_1 \int n^2 \cos\theta_1 d\Omega + \cos\gamma_2 \int n^2 \cos\theta_2 d\Omega + \cos\gamma_3 \int n^2 \cos\theta_3 d\Omega \quad (4.10)$$

That is,

$$J_N = \left(\int n^2 \cos\theta_1 d\Omega, \int n^2 \cos\theta_2 d\Omega, \int n^2 \cos\theta_3 d\Omega\right) \cdot \left(\cos\gamma_1, \cos\gamma_2, \cos\gamma_3\right) \quad (4.11)$$

or

$$J_N = \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} \tag{4.12}$$

where the vector

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int n^2 \cos\theta_1 \, d\Omega, \, \int n^2 \cos\theta_2 \, d\Omega, \, \int n^2 \cos\theta_3 \, d\Omega\right) \tag{4.13}$$

is called the vector flux or the light vector.⁴ From Equation 4.6, we get

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dA} = L^* \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} \tag{4.14}$$

for the flux per unit area through an area dA with normal **n**. We can then see that **J** points in the direction of maximum flux per unit area. The vector flux can also be related to the étendue. From expression 4.14 and $d\Phi = L^* dU$ we get

$$\frac{dU}{dA} = \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} \tag{4.15}$$

J being a measure of the étendue per unit area at each point, if the radiation in the optical system comes originally from Lambertian sources, since we have considered that *L** does not depend on direction.⁵

It can then be seen from Equation 4.12 that J_N is just the magnitude of the projection of vector **J** in the direction of vector **n** = $(\cos \gamma_1, \cos \gamma_2, \cos \gamma_3)$ normal to surface dA.

We have seen before in Equation 3.19 that $n^2 \cos \theta_3 d\Omega = dp_1 dp_2$. The same way, $n^2 \cos \theta_1 d\Omega = dp_2 dp_3$ and $n^2 \cos \theta_2 d\Omega = dp_1 dp_3$. We can then write vector **J** of expression 4.13 in the form:

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int dp_2 dp_3, \int dp_1 dp_3, \int dp_1 dp_2\right) \tag{4.16}$$

For 2-D systems, the flux, basic radiance, and étendue are related by the 2-D version of expression 4.1, which is

$$d\Phi = L^* dU = L^* n \, da \cos \theta \, d\theta \tag{4.17}$$

where $L^* = L/n$. An expression similar to Equation 4.13 can then be written for the 2-D case as

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int n\cos\theta_1 \,d\theta_1, \int n\cos\theta_2 \,d\theta_2\right) \tag{4.18}$$

The angles to axes x_1 and x_2 are defined as presented in Figure 4.11.

We can see from this figure that $\theta_1 = \theta_2 + \pi/2$ and therefore $\sin \theta_1 = \cos \theta_2$ and $\sin \theta_2 = -\cos \theta_1$. We can then write Equation 4.18 as

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int nd(\sin\theta_1), \int nd(\sin\theta_2)\right) = \left(\int nd(\cos\theta_2), -\int nd(\cos\theta_1)\right)$$
(4.19)

and therefore

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int dp_{2'} - \int dp_1\right) \tag{4.20}$$









For each point on the plane, we can define a vector flux **J**. This defines a vector field on the plane, as shown in Figure 4.12.

Now consider the lines that are tangent to **J** at each point, as in Figure 4.12a. We consider a point **P** on one of these lines, as shown in Figure 4.12b. The net flux through an element of length da on one of these lines is given by the 2-D version of expression 4.14 as

$$d\Phi = daL^* \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} \tag{4.21}$$

But since the line is tangent to **J**, the normal **n** to *da* is perpendicular to **J** and therefore $\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$. This means that the net flux $d\Phi$ through *da* is zero. In this

case, the flux crossing *da* from left to right cancels the flux crossing *da* from right to left, making the net flux crossing *da* zero. The flux is then conserved between two of these lines, as shown in Figure 4.12a. Since basic radiance is also conserved in an optical system, we can conclude from expression 4.1 that the étendue is also conserved between two of these lines. We have already seen that étendue is conserved between flow lines and therefore the lines tangent to J are the flow lines.

In 3-D geometry, these lines become a surface and the flux is conserved inside that surface. These surfaces are called tubes of flux.⁴

4.3 Vector Flux as a Bisector of the Edge Rays

We now calculate the direction and magnitude of the vector flux **J** at a given point **P** as a function of the directions of the edge rays crossing **P**. Let us then consider a point **P** on the plane and that all the radiation passing through **P** is contained between rays r_A and r_B , as presented in Figure 4.13.

Now consider a local coordinate system whereby the x_2 axis bisects the edge rays r_A and r_B . We can then calculate **J**, considering that



$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int_{A}^{B} dp_{2\prime} - \int_{A}^{B} dp_{1}\right) = (p_{B2} - p_{A2\prime} - (p_{B1} - p_{A1}))$ (4.22)

FIGURE 4.13

(a) When all the radiation passing through a point **P** is contained between two edge rays r_A and r_B , the vector flux **J** points in the direction of the bisector to r_A and r_B at **P**. (b) **J** has magnitude $||\mathbf{J}|| = 2n \sin \theta$, where 2θ is the angle that the edge rays make to each other.

But since $p_{A1} = n \sin \theta$ and $p_{B1} = -p_{A1}$, we get

$$\mathbf{J} = (0, -n(-\sin\theta - \sin\theta)) = (0, 2n\sin\theta)$$
(4.23)

It can then be concluded that **J** points in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays and has magnitude $||\mathbf{J}|| = 2n \sin \theta$. This result is in accordance with the fact that the lines tangent to **J** are flow lines, since these lines also bisect the edge rays of the radiation field.

It can also be seen that, in a medium of given refractive index $n(x_1, x_2)$, the paths of the edge rays are specified by the vector flux J. In fact, the magnitude of J gives us the angle between the edge rays at each point and its direction gives the orientation of these edge rays relative to the coordinate system.

4.4 Vector Flux and Étendue

We now use the result obtained earlier that the vector flux bisects the edge rays and consider the relation between the vector flux and the étendue.

For 2-D systems, in expression 4.15 instead of an area dA, we have a length dc along a curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ on the plane, so that expression 4.15 can be written as

$$dU = dc \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{J} \cdot (dc \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{c}_N$$
(4.24)

where $d\mathbf{c}_N$ has magnitude dc, that is $\|d\mathbf{c}_N\| = dc$, and is perpendicular (normal) to the curve $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ on which we are calculating the étendue.

As a particular case, we take an infinitesimal length dx_1 on the x_1 axis, the normal of which is (0, 1), and we define $d\mathbf{x}_1 = (0, dx_1)$. If $\mathbf{J} = (J_1, J_2)$, from expression 4.24 we get $dU = \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{x}_1 = J_2 dx_1$. Let us now suppose that we have radiation of half-angle θ crossing dx_1 in a medium of refractive index n and that this radiation makes an angle φ to the horizontal, as shown in Figure 4.14.

We have $J_2 = \|\mathbf{J}\| \sin \varphi$ and therefore $J_2 = 2n \sin \theta \sin \varphi$ and

$$dU = 2n\sin\theta\sin\varphi\,dx_1\tag{4.25}$$

Since from Equation 4.20 we have

$$J_2 = -\int_A^B dp_1 = p_{A1} - p_{B1}$$
(4.26)

the expression for the étendue can also be written as $dU = (p_{A1} - p_{B1})dx_1$. The geometrical construction in Figure 4.14 shows that this expression is equivalent to Equation 4.25.



The étendue of radiation with half-angle θ tilted at an angle φ to the horizontal crossing an area dx_1 can be obtained as $dU = J_2 dx_1$ where J_2 is the x_2 component of the vector flux.





We now consider the general case of light crossing a curve *c* parameterized by $\mathbf{c}(\sigma)$ on the plane. From Equation 4.24, we then have

$$U = \int_{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{c}_{N} \tag{4.27}$$

If this curve starts at point \mathbf{P}_1 and ends at point \mathbf{P}_2 , we have seen in Chapter 3 that the étendue is given by $U = 2(G(\mathbf{P}_2) - G(\mathbf{P}_1))$.

Now consider the étendue of the radiation passing between two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 such that $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 + (dx_1, dx_2)$ as presented in Figure 4.15.

Since from Equation 3.46 dU = 2dG, we have

$$dU = \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{c}_N = \mathbf{J} \cdot (-dx_2, dx_1) = 2dG$$
(4.28)

where $(-dx_2, dx_1)$ is a perpendicular vector to (dx_1, dx_2) . We can then write

$$-J_1 dx_2 + J_2 dx_1 = 2\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2} dx_2\right)$$
(4.29)

and therefore we get

$$\left(2\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2} + J_1\right)dx_2 + \left(2\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1} - J_2\right)dx_1 = 0$$
(4.30)

Since this equation must hold for any dx_1 and dx_2 , we must have

$$J_1 = -2\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2} \tag{4.31}$$

and

$$J_2 = 2\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1} \tag{4.32}$$

or⁶

$$\mathbf{J} = 2 \left[-\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1} \right]$$
(4.33)

The lines that are tangent to the vector flux **J** at each point are called lines of the vector flux **J**. From the expression 4.33, we have $\pm(-\partial G/\partial x_2, \partial G/\partial x_1) \cdot (\partial G/\partial x_1, \partial G/\partial x_2) = 0$ and therefore $\mathbf{J} \cdot \nabla G = 0$. It can then be concluded that the vector flux **J** is tangent to the lines G = constant and therefore the lines of the vector flux **J** coincide with the lines G = constant, which are the flow lines.

The vector flux lines cannot cross. If they did cross, this would mean that at a given point we would have two flux vectors pointing in different directions and this is impossible since we can only have a value of the vector flux vector at each point given by expression 4.13 in the 3-D case or expression 4.18 in the 2-D case.

The divergence of vector flux **J** is given by

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial J_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial J_2}{\partial x_2} = 2\left(-\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1}\right) = 0$$
(4.34)

in a zone free from sources or attenuators.⁴

4.5 Vector Flux for Disk-Shaped Lambertian Sources

As examples of how to calculate the vector flux for a given Lambertian source, we consider the cases of a linear source in 2-D geometry and a disk-shaped source in 3-D geometry.



The vector flux **J** produced by a linear Lambertian source between points \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 at point **P** has a magnitude $\|\mathbf{J}\| = 2n \sin \theta$ and points in the direction of the bisector of angle 2θ defined by point **P** and the edges \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 of the source.

We start with a 2-D linear Lambertian source extending between points F_1 and F_2 . At a point P, the radiation coming from this source is contained between two edge rays r_A and r_B as presented in Figure 4.16a. This system is symmetrical with respect to axis x_2 .

Since the radiation at point **P** is limited by edge rays r_A and r_B , vector **J** can be obtained from

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\int_{\mathbf{P}_{A}}^{\mathbf{P}_{B}} dp_{2\prime} - \int_{\mathbf{P}_{A}}^{\mathbf{P}_{B}} dp_{1}\right) = (\Delta p_{2\prime} - \Delta p_{1}) = (p_{B2} - p_{A2\prime} - (p_{B1} - p_{A1})) \quad (4.35)$$

as can be seen from Figure 4.16b. This vector has the same magnitude and is perpendicular to vector:

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = (\Delta p_1, \Delta p_2) = (p_{B1} - p_{A1}, p_{B2} - p_{A2}) = \mathbf{p}_B - \mathbf{p}_A$$
(4.36)

as can be seen from Figure 4.16c. Vector $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ can also be written as

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = \left(\int_{\mathbf{P}_{A}}^{\mathbf{P}_{B}} dp_{1\prime} \int_{\mathbf{P}_{A}}^{\mathbf{P}_{B}} dp_{2} \right)$$
(4.37)

From Figure 4.16b, it can be seen that

$$\|\Delta \mathbf{p}\| = 2n\sin\theta \tag{4.38}$$

and therefore

$$\|\mathbf{J}\| = 2n\sin\theta \tag{4.39}$$

where vector **J** points in the direction of the bisector of \mathbf{p}_A and \mathbf{p}_B since it is perpendicular to $\Delta \mathbf{p}$.

The vector flux **J** at point **P** then points in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays r_A and r_B of the Lambertian source $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$, as presented in Figure 4.16a. Therefore the lines of flow of the geometrical vector flux **J** (these lines are tangent at each point to the direction of **J**) are hyperbolas with foci \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 .⁵⁷⁸ These lines shown in Figure 4.17b bisect at each point of the plane the edge rays of the source $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$, that is, they bisect at each point in the plane the rays coming from the edges \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 of the source.

Now consider the étendue from source $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$ to a line defined by point \mathbf{P} and its symmetrical \mathbf{Q} as shown in Figure 4.17a. If $\mathbf{P} = (x_{P1}, x_{P2})$ then $\mathbf{Q} = (-x_{P1}, x_{P2})$ and the étendue from $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$ to \mathbf{QP} is $U(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$. In this case, we have U = 4G from Equation 3.50 and from Equation 4.33, we get

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1} \right]$$
(4.40)

which gives us the vector flux **J** at point **P**.



FIGURE 4.17

A Lambertian source $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$ produces at a point \mathbf{P} a vector flux \mathbf{J} pointing in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays r_A and r_B of the source (a). The lines of flow of the geometrical vector flux \mathbf{J} are therefore shaped as hyperbolas having foci \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 (b).

The étendue from a source $\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{F}_2$ to a line **PQ** (where **Q** is symmetrical to **P** respect to the x_2 axis) is given as

$$U = 2n([\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_1] - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_2]) \tag{4.41}$$

where $[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]$ is the distance between points \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} . If $\mathbf{P} = (x_{P1}, x_{P2})$ and $\mathbf{F}_1 = (-d, 0)$ and $\mathbf{F}_2 = (d, 0)$, we have $\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}_1 = (x_{P1} + d, x_{P2})$ and $\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}_2 = (x_{P1} - d, x_{P2})$. We have then

$$U = 2n \left(\sqrt{(x_{P1} + d)^2 + x_{P2}^2} - \sqrt{(x_{P1} - d)^2 + x_{P2}^2} \right)$$
(4.42)

Since this optical system is symmetrical respect to axis x_2 , using expression 4.40 and calculating the derivatives of *U* given by expression 4.42 we obtain the components of **J** given by

$$J_{1} = n \left(\frac{x_{P2}}{\sqrt{(x_{P1} - d)^{2} + x_{P2}^{2}}} - \frac{x_{P2}}{\sqrt{(x_{P1} + d)^{2} + x_{P2}^{2}}} \right) = n \left(\frac{x_{P2}}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_{2}]} - \frac{x_{P2}}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_{1}]} \right)$$

$$J_{2} = n \left(\frac{x_{P1} + d}{\sqrt{(x_{P1} + d)^{2} + x_{P2}^{2}}} - \frac{x_{P1} - d}{\sqrt{(x_{P1} - d)^{2} + x_{P2}^{2}}} \right) = n \left(\frac{x_{P1} + d}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_{1}]} - \frac{x_{P1} - d}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_{2}]} \right)$$
(4.43)

or

$$J_{1} = n \sin \alpha_{B} - n \sin \alpha_{A} = p_{B2} - p_{A2}$$

$$J_{2} = n \cos \alpha_{A} - n \cos \alpha_{B} = p_{A1} - p_{B1}$$
(4.44)

which is the same as expression 4.35. From expression 4.41 for the étendue, it can also be seen that

$$U = \text{constant} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_1] - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}_2] = \text{constant}$$
(4.45)

This condition defines hyperbolas having foci F_1 and F_2 . Considering a constant étendue, points **P** and **Q** must lie along the hyperbolas corresponding to the lines of flow of the vector flux.

Let us now suppose that the system considered earlier is 3-D with rotational symmetry around the axis x_3 . Let us consider the étendue from a circular source A_1 to a circular surface with radius ρ placed at a distance h as in Figure 4.18.

As can be observed from Figure 4.18a, a variation $d\rho$ in ρ coordinate corresponds to a circular strip of radius ρ and width $d\rho$ having, therefore, an area $dA = 2\pi\rho d\rho$. From expression 4.15, we get

$$dU = 2\pi\rho d\rho J_3 \tag{4.46}$$

and therefore

$$J_3 = \frac{1}{2\pi\rho} \frac{\partial U}{\partial\rho} \tag{4.47}$$



FIGURE 4.18

The étendue from a circular source A_1 to a circular surface with radius ρ and placed at a distance *h*. Variations in the coordinates ρ and *h* enable us to relate the components J_{ρ} and J_3 of vector flux **J** with the corresponding variations of étendue.

A variation dh in the distance between the source A_1 and the surface of radius ρ as shown in Figure 4.18b leads to a variation in the étendue given by

$$dU = -2\pi\rho dh J_{\rho} \tag{4.48}$$

and therefore

$$J_{\rho} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\rho} \frac{\partial U}{\partial h} \tag{4.49}$$

Note that now the variation dU in the étendue is negative, since the new surface of radius ρ obtained by variation dh is now further away from the source. The étendue passing through it is then smaller than before. This can also be seen as a flux decrease, since we have $d\Phi = L^* dU$.

The étendue from a source A_1 and radius d to a surface of radius ρ placed at a distance h has already been calculated and is given by Equation 3.91 as

$$U = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(\sqrt{(\rho - d)^2 + h^2} - \sqrt{(\rho + d)^2 + h^2} \right)^2$$
(4.50)

The components of J can now be obtained by⁸

$$J_3 = \frac{1}{2\pi\rho} \frac{\partial U}{\partial\rho} = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{d^2 - \rho^2 - h^2}{\sqrt{(d^2 + \rho^2 + h^2)^2 - 4d^2\rho^2}} + 1 \right)$$
(4.51)

and

$$J_{\rho} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\rho} \frac{\partial U}{\partial h} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{h}{\rho} \left(\frac{d^2 + \rho^2 + h^2}{\sqrt{(d^2 + \rho^2 + h^2)^2 - 4d^2\rho^2}} - 1 \right)$$
(4.52)

4.6 Design of Concentrators Using the Vector Flux

The vector flux can be used as a tool to obtain ideal concentrators. The design method involves placing mirrors along the lines of flow of vector flux $J_{,7^8}$ which as we have seen, correspond to the flow lines. These mirrors do not change the radiation pattern and, therefore, do not change the vector field of J.

This result can now be applied to the design of concentrators. We have seen already that a linear flat source generates a trumpet concentrator, whose mirrors are hyperbolic. With hyperbolas, nonetheless, it is not possible to obtain a compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) as a shape that does not disturb the field **J** since the CPC consists of two parabolic arcs and we only have hyperbolic lines of flow of **J** available. A parabola can be obtained in the limiting case of a hyperbola when one of its foci moves to infinity. Let us then consider Figure 4.17. Lines of flow of **J** shaped as parabolas can be obtained by keeping, for example, **F**₂ fixed and allowing **F**₁ to go to infinity along line **F**₁**F**₂. The Lambertian source then tends to become a straight line starting at **F**₂ and extending horizontally to infinity. The corresponding lines of flow of **J** are parabolas with focus **F**₂ and horizontal axis as presented in Figure 4.19. Again the vector flux **J** points in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays r_A and r_B of the source.

It is now possible to combine two parabolas to form a CPC. Two parabolas can be obtained from two semi-infinite straight lines. Since in a CPC the two parabolic arcs make an angle to the vertical, also the two straight lines must make an angle to the vertical. Figure 4.20 presents one such possibility. Here, a Lambertian source $F_2F_1F_3$ is used, where points F_1 and F_3 are considered to be at an infinite distance.

The visible shape of the source is different for the points in zones 1 and 2 and therefore vector **J** is calculated in a different manner in these two zones. For points **P** in the right-zone 1, only the source F_1F_3 is visible, that is, the visible edges of the source are F_1 and F_3 (note that F_3 is a point placed at an infinite distance). Therefore, the edge rays of the source in a point **P** of



FIGURE 4.19

A source shaped as a straight line starting at \mathbf{F}_2 and extending to infinity produces lines of flow of **J** shaped as parabolas with focus \mathbf{F}_2 and axis coincident with the straight line. Again the vector flux **J** points in the direction of the bisector of edge rays r_A and r_B of the source.



FIGURE 4.20 Combination of two Lambertian sources shaped as semi-infinite straight lines starting at F_1 and extending toward F_2 and F_3 (at an infinite distance).

zone 1 on the right side are r_1 and r_2 . Vector flux **J** points in the direction of the bisector to r_1 and r_2 and the lines of **J** are parabolas with focus **F**₁ and axis parallel to r_2 as can be observed in Figure 4.20a. In zone 1 on the left side, the lines of **J** are symmetrical. In zone 2 a source **F**₂**F**₃ is visible, that is, the edges of the visible source are **F**₂ and **F**₃. Vector **J** at a point **Q** of zone 2 must then point in the direction of the bisector to the edge rays of the source r_3 and r_2 . Therefore, the lines of **J** in this area are vertical. The lines of **J** generated by a Lambertian source **F**₂**F**₁**F**₃ must then be shaped according to what is represented in Figure 4.20b. The parabolic mirrors **AC** and **BD** form a CPC concentrator with a half-acceptance angle θ and an inverted V receiver **AF**₁**B**.

A CPC for a straight receiver can also be obtained. Truncating the Lambertinan source $F_2F_1F_3$ at **AB**, we get the result presented in Figure 4.21.⁷ Also in here the space must be divided into several different zones to analyze the shape of the lines of flow of **J** in each one of them. In zone 1, only the source **BF**₃ is visible (remember that F_3 is placed at an infinite distance) and therefore in here the lines of **J** are parabolas with focus **B** and axis parallel to F_3B . In zone 2, a source **ABF**₃ is visible. The Lambertian source **ABF**₃ in these points behaves as an equivalent source shaped as a straight line with origin at **A** and parallel to **BF**₃. Therefore, in here, the lines of flux of **J** are parabolas with focus **A** and axis parallel to **BF**₃. From zone 3, a lambertian source F_2F_3 is visible and it behaves as an infinite V-shaped source, therefore making the lines of flow vertical. Finally, in zone 4, only the segment of a straight line **AB** is visible and therefore here the lines of flow are shaped as hyperbolas with



Cutting the Lambertian source between points **A** and **B** in Figure 4.20, it is possible to obtain a pattern of lines of flow of **J** defining a CPC, placing mirrors along the parts **BD** and **AC** of those lines of flow.

foci at **A** and **B**. The lines of vector flux **J** from points **A** to **C** and **B** to **D** form a CPC with half-acceptance angle θ and concentrating onto **AB** the radiation falling on **CD**.

To obtain other types of nonimaging devices using the geometrical vector flux, we may need to introduce Lambertian absorbers, which act as sinks for **J**, in addition to Lambertian radiators that act as sources of **J**. That is the case, for example, of the compound elliptical concentrator (CEC).⁹

4.7 Examples

The examples presented use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Calculate the vector flux at point $\mathbf{P} = (0.5, 0.35)$ created by a linear Lambertian source between points $\mathbf{A} = (-0.5, 0)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (0.5, 0)$ emitting in air.

Angle 2θ between the lines **AP** and **BP** is given by

$$\theta = \arg(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P})/2 = 35.355^{\circ}$$

as shown in Figure 4.22.







FIGURE 4.23 Flow lines inside a CPC and vector flux **J** at a point **P**.

The vector flux at point $\mathbf{P} = (0.5, 0.35)$ is given by

$$J = 2\sin\theta \operatorname{nrm}(\operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}) + \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})) = (0.66965, 0.943858)$$

since the refractive index for air is n = 1.

Example 2

Calculate the vector flux at point $\mathbf{P} = (1, 1.5)$ inside a CPC for an acceptance angle of $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$, a small aperture of length 2 centered at the origin and made of a material of refractive index n = 1.5.

The flow lines inside a CPC, as shown in Figure 4.23, are hyperbolas with foci **A** and **B** in the triangle **AIB**, parabolas with focus **A** and axis parallel to r_1 in the area to the right of **DIB** and vertical straight lines in the area above line **CID**. Flow lines are symmetrical relative to axis x_2 , which is the perpendicular bisector of **AB** and **CD**.

The small aperture of the CPC is bounded by points $\mathbf{A} = (-1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (1, 0)$. At point **P**, one of the edge rays as direction \mathbf{AP} and the other is parallel to r_1 , that is, to direction $(\cos(\pi/2 + \alpha), \sin(\pi/2 + \alpha)) = (-\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha)$. These two edge rays make an angle 2θ to each other. Angle θ is given by

$$\theta = \operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}, (-\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha))/2 = 41.56^{\circ}$$

And vector **J** is given by

 $\mathbf{J} = 2n\sin\theta \operatorname{nrm}(\operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}) + (-\sin\alpha, \cos\alpha)) = (0.398825, 1.94984)$

since the CPC is made of material with refractive index n = 1.5.

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5

Combination of Primaries with Flow-Line Secondaries

5.1 Introduction

Heat engines are one of the means that generate electricity from a heat source. The efficiency of these engines increases with the temperature of the source, which means that, for high efficiency, we need high temperatures. Solar energy is a clean, renewable source of energy that can generate high heat if highly concentrated. Another possible way to generate clean electricity is by using solar cells. They are, however, expensive and it may be interesting to replace a large cell by a large optic combined with a small, highly efficient and less-expensive solar cell. This again means a high concentration of solar radiation. These are just two examples of application for a high concentration of radiation with a small angular aperture (such as sunlight).

Nonimaging concentrators, such as the compound parabolic concentrator (CPC), are ideal (in 2-D) for the concentration of radiation. For small acceptance angles, however, they become very tall and that makes them impractical. Imaging optics such as lenses or parabolic mirrors are much more compact but they cannot achieve high concentrations that nonimaging optics can deliver. It is then interesting to combine them into primary–secondary systems in which at the focus of the imaging primary we have a nonimaging secondary that boosts concentration. Further refinements can also be made in these optics: changing the shape of the primary to improve the efficiency or compactness.

Figure 5.1 presents the geometry of a parabolic mirror.^{1,2}

This device concentrates the radiation arriving with an angular aperture θ and falling on $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ onto a focal zone of (approximate) width $R = 2D \sin\theta/\cos\varphi$, where *D* is the distance between the focus of the mirror and edge \mathbf{P}_1 . Considering that $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2] = 2D \sin\varphi$, where φ is the rim angle of the parabolic mirror, the maximum concentration is

$$C = \frac{2D\sin\varphi}{2D\sin\theta/\cos\varphi} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{2\sin\varphi\cos\varphi}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\sin(2\varphi)}{\sin\theta}$$
(5.1)

The maximum concentration can be obtained for $\varphi = \pi/4$:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \tag{5.2}$$

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FIGURE 5.1 A parabolic mirror with a flat receiver falls short of the maximum concentration.





which is half of the maximum ideal concentration. If a 3-D parabolic mirror is considered, the maximum concentration is $C_{\max 3-D} = 1/(4 \sin^2 \theta)$, which corresponds to one-fourth of the ideal concentration. Actually, the concentration a parabolic mirror can attain is slightly higher if we displace the receiver from the focal plane slightly toward the parabolic mirror. The improvement, however, is negligible, especially for small angles (θ). The minimum size spot will be calculated in Section 5.3 when we combine a parabolic mirror with a CEC secondary. The concentration that can be obtained, both in 2-D and 3-D cases, is much lower than the ideal maximum. Similar conclusions can be reached for converging lenses.

Parabolic mirrors may be combined with kaleidoscope secondaries to produce a uniform flux distribution on the receiver.^{3,4}

In the case of circular receivers, the concentration produced by a parabolic primary is also lower than the ideal maximum. Figure 5.2 shows the geometry for this case.⁵

The radius of the circular receiver is $R = D \sin \theta$ and the maximum concentration is

$$C = \frac{2D\sin\varphi}{2\pi D\sin\theta} = \frac{\sin\varphi}{\pi\sin\theta}$$
(5.3)

The maximum is obtained for $\varphi = \pi/2$:

$$C_{\max} = \frac{1}{\pi \sin \theta} \tag{5.4}$$

which is $1/\pi$ of the maximum ideal concentration.



FIGURE 5.3

The receiver of a parabolic mirror can be reshaped to better fit the ray envelope formed by the primary and to increase the concentration.

5.2 Reshaping the Receiver

One way to increase the concentration of a parabolic primary is to reshape the receiver to better fit all the edge rays reflected by the mirror, as shown in Figure 5.3,⁶ which shows a bundle of edge rays tilted by an angle θ to the left, then reflected off the parabolic mirror.

The edges \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 of the receiver are at the intersection of edge rays r_1 and r_2 with the axis of symmetry of the parabola. From there, we design straight sections tangent to the envelope (caustic) of the edge rays. The receiver we obtain captures all the rays reflected off the primary, and is smaller than what a circular receiver would need to be to do the same.

To calculate the shape of the receiver, we first calculate the positions of E_1 and E_2 and then, from the equation of the caustic curve, we determine the points whose tangents go through these points. For this, however, we need to know the shape of the caustic curve. A caustic is the envelope of a one-parameter family of light rays. The envelope of a one-parameter family of curves is a curve that is tangent to every curve of the family. Also, each member of the family is tangent to the envelope. In general, a one-parameter family of curves is defined in parametric form by

$$(f(t,\phi),g(t,\phi)) \tag{5.5}$$

where ϕ is the parameter of the family and *t* the parameter of each curve. This means that, for a particular value of ϕ , we have a curve parameterized by ($f_{\phi}(t), g_{\phi}(t)$) in parameter *t*. The envelope can be calculated by solving

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$$
(5.6)

By giving a value to ϕ , Equation 5.6 enables us to calculate the corresponding value of *t*. Or, if we give a value to *t*, it enables us to obtain ϕ . Introducing then the pair (*t*, ϕ) into (*f*(*t*, ϕ), *g*(*t*, ϕ)), we obtain a point on the envelope.⁷

An alternative way of calculating the caustic is to describe the one-parameter family of curves implicitly by

$$C(x_1, x_2, \phi) = 0 \tag{5.7}$$

where again ϕ is the parameter of the family. For a particular value of ϕ , we get an expression, $C_{\phi}(x_1, x_2) = 0$, which implicitly defines one curve. The envelope of this family of curves in this case is given by simultaneously solving

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

$$C(x_1, x_2, \phi) = 0$$
(5.8)

If we give a value to, for example, ϕ , we can use Equations 5.8 to calculate the corresponding value of (x_1 , x_2), which is the point on the envelope.^{7–9}

Then we can solve one of these preceding equations to, for example, ϕ , obtain $\phi(x_1, x_2)$. Inserting this result into the other equation gives an expression of the form $C^*(x_1, x_2) = 0$. Giving now a value to, for example, x_1 , we can calculate the corresponding value of x_2 . Again (x_1, x_2) is a point on the envelope.

We may now use these expressions to calculate the caustic of a family of parallel light rays after being reflected by a parabolic mirror. In this case, the family of curves is a family of straight lines, because light rays travel straight (in a homogeneous medium). The caustic is the envelope of this bundle of straight lines (rays). Figure 5.4 shows a parabola with a horizontal axis and a bundle of parallel rays tilted by an angle θ to the horizontal. After reflection, these rays form a caustic around the focus **F** of the parabola.

We may now find a parameterization for the family of parallel rays after reflection on the parabola. Figure 5.5 shows a light ray (dashed line) traveling parallel to the axis of the parabola. It is reflected at a point **P** toward a focus **F** = (0, 0). Another ray, traveling at an angle θ to the axis, is also reflected at **P** in a direction tangent to the caustic. The latter ray can be parameterized after reflection as

$$\mathbf{P} - tR(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P} \tag{5.9}$$

where $R(-\theta)$ is a rotation matrix of the angle $-\theta$.

Point **P** is given by (see chapter 17)

$$\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2) = \frac{2d}{1 - \cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
(5.10)



FIGURE 5.4

A caustic of a bundle of parallel rays tilted by an angle θ after being reflected by a parabolic mirror with horizontal axis.

FIGURE 5.5 A light ray tangent to the caustic.

where *d* is the distance between the vertex **V** and the focus **F** of the parabola. Then, for the parameterization of the ray we get

$$\frac{2d}{1-\cos\phi}(\cos\phi-t\cos(\phi-\theta),\sin\phi-t\sin(\phi-\theta))$$
(5.11)

For each value of ϕ (each point **P** along the parabola), we have a ray with the parameter *t* defined by this expression. It then defines a one-parameter family of rays with the parameter ϕ . We can now calculate

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = d^2 \csc^5\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)\left(\sin\left(\theta - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) - t\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)\right) = 0$$
(5.12)

Solving for *t* we have

$$t = \csc\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2} - \theta\right) \tag{5.13}$$

Inserting 5.13 into expression 5.11, we can calculate the points of the involute as a function of ϕ . For a given θ , the involute is then

$$\mathbf{C}(\phi, \theta) = \frac{d}{2}\csc^3\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \left(\sin\left(2\theta - \frac{3\phi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\phi}{2}\right), \\ \cos\left(2\theta - \frac{3\phi}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3\phi}{2}\right)\right)$$
(5.14)

An other possible way to calculate the involute is giving the bundle of rays in an implicit form, such as expression 5.7. A straight line is given by an expression of the form $x_2 = ax_1 + b$. As shown in Figure 5.5, after reflection at point **P**, the light ray makes an angle $\phi - \theta$ to the x_1 axis and we have

 $a = \tan(\phi - \theta)$. Also, the ray must go through point **P** and we can write $P_2 = aP_1 + b$, where **P** is given by expression 5.10, giving us *b*. Then in this case we get

$$C(x_1, x_2, \phi) = ax_1 + b - x_2 = 0 \tag{5.15}$$

or

$$\frac{x_2 - 2d\sin\phi + x_1\tan(\theta - \phi) - (x_2 + (2d + x_1)\tan(\theta - \phi))\cos\phi}{\cos\phi - 1} = 0 \quad (5.16)$$

This can also be written as

$$x_2 = \frac{-2d\sin\phi + (x_1 - (2d + x_1)\cos\phi)\tan(\theta - \phi)}{\cos\phi - 1}$$
(5.17)

Since θ and *d* are given, expression 5.17 defines implicitly a straight line defining a ray after reflection by the parabola for each value of ϕ . For the points of the caustic we also have

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \phi} = \frac{-2 \sec^2(\theta - \phi)\sin(\phi/2)}{(\cos \phi - 1)^2} (d \sin(2\theta - 3\phi/2) + \sin(\phi/2)(d - x_1 + (2d + x_1)\cos \phi)) = 0$$
(5.18)

which can also be written as

$$x_1 = \frac{d}{2}\csc^3\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \left(\sin\left(2\theta - \frac{3\phi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\phi}{2}\right)\right)$$
(5.19)

Inserting this into expression 5.17 gives the corresponding x_2 coordinate for the point of the caustic, which can now be written as in expression 5.14.

The points of a parabola with a horizontal axis and a focus at the origin are given by expression 5.10 (Figure 5.6). Horizontal parallel rays such as r_1 and r_2 are focused to **F**. The distance *d* between the vertex **V** and the focus **F** is just a scale factor in the equation of the parabola. Points **P**₁ and **P**₂ at the edges are obtained for $\phi = \phi_1 = \pi - \phi$ and $\phi = \phi_2 = \pi + \phi$, respectively.



FIGURE 5.6 A parabola with horizontal axis and focus at the origin.

We can replace the parameter ϕ by another parameter α , such that $\phi = \pi + \alpha$, with $-\phi \le \alpha \le \phi$ as the new parameter range for the parabola. The caustic as a function of this new parameter is

$$\mathbf{C}(\alpha,\,\theta) = \frac{d}{2}\sec^3\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\left(\cos\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2} - 2\theta\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2} - 2\theta\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2}\right)\right) \quad (5.20)$$

and $C(\alpha, \theta)$ is symmetrical to $C(-\alpha, -\theta)$ in relative to the x_1 axis.

5.3 Compound Elliptical Concentrator Secondary

Two rays r_1 and r_2 parallel to the axis of a parabola are concentrated onto its focus **F**. We now consider another two rays r_3 and r_4 making an angle θ to the axis of the parabola, as shown in Figure 5.7. After reflection, they intersect at a point **X** of the intersection of the straight lines passing through points **P**₁ and **P**₂ with the directions of rays r_3 and r_4 after reflection. It is given by

$$\mathbf{X} = \frac{d}{\cos\varphi + \cos^2\varphi} \left(-2\sin^2\theta, \sin 2\theta\right)$$
(5.21)

The parabolic mirror $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ can be considered as a linear Lambertian source emitting toward the receiver **XY**, where **Y** is symmetrical to **X** relative to the axis x_1 . It is represented as a dashed line $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ in Figure 5.8. This approximation is not exact. If we had a Lambertian source $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ emitting towards **XY**, from midpoint **M**, we would have two edge rays headed toward **X** and **Y**. What we have instead are two rays r_1 and r_2 reflected at the vertex **V** of the parabolic mirror that do not cross **XY** at the edges.



FIGURE 5.7 The rays r_3 and r_4 making an angle θ to the axis of the parabola intersect at a point **X**.

FIGURE 5.8 Lambertian source approximation of a parabolic mirror.

That same mismatch can be seen when we calculate the étendues. The étendue received by the parabolic mirror is

$$U_P = 2[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta = 8d\sin\theta\tan\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$$
(5.22)

whereas the étendue emitted by a Lambertian source P_1P_2 toward a receiver **XY** is given by

$$U_{LS} = 2([\mathbf{P}_{2}, \mathbf{X}] - [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{P}_{1}]) = \frac{U_{P}}{\cos\varphi}$$
(5.23)

Since U_{LS} is larger than U_P , the concentration we can achieve by approximating the parabola by a Lambertian source is less than the ideal.

To the parabolic primary, we may now add a compound elliptical concentrator (CEC) secondary with an entrance aperture between **X** and its symmetry **Y** and with a receiver *R*, as shown in Figure 5.9. The CEC is an ideal concentrator for a Lambertian source $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$.^{10–13}

If we want maximum concentration on the receiver, it must be illuminated by radiation with an angular aperture $\pm \pi/2$. The receiver size *R* then fulfills $U_{LS} = 2R \sin(\pi/2)$, or $R = U_{LS}/2$, and the concentration *C* the device achieves is

$$C = \frac{[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]}{R} = \frac{\cos\varphi}{\sin\theta}$$
(5.24)

The maximum possible concentration for an optic with a total acceptance angle 2θ is $C_{\text{max}} = 1/\sin \theta$. For this optic, the ratio C_{R} between its concentration and the maximum possible is then

$$C_R = \frac{C}{C_{\max}} = \cos\varphi \tag{5.25}$$

which is also the mismatch in étendues between U_P and U_{LS} .

If there was no shading of the primary by the secondary, the smaller the φ was, the closer the concentration would be to the theoretical maximum. For example, for the concentration to be 90% of the theoretical maximum, we should have $\varphi = \arccos(0.9) = 26^\circ$.



FIGURE 5.9 A parabolic primary and a CEC secondary.

An optimistic approximation of the shading of the primary by the secondary can be obtained by (note that the CEC is wider than [X, Y])

$$S_{H} = \frac{[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]}{[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]} = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\sin 2\varphi}$$
(5.26)

which increases as φ decreases. Therefore, for smaller values of φ we not only have increased concentration, but also increased shading. The illuminated portion of the primary (not shaded) is given by

$$I_L = 1 - S_H (5.27)$$

The geometrical concentration that the CEC can provide is given by $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]/R$, but the light concentration is affected by the loss mechanism (shading) mentioned previously. It is then approximately given by

$$C = \frac{[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]}{R} I_L = \cos\varphi \csc\theta - \cos\theta \csc\varphi$$
(5.28)

It will be maximum when its derivative is zero and that means, for a given value of θ

$$\frac{dC}{d\varphi} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos\theta \cot\varphi \csc\varphi - \csc\theta \sin\varphi = 0$$
(5.29)

Solving for φ we get the value φ_{max} for maximum concentration as a function of the acceptance angle θ :

$$\varphi_{\max} = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \times 3^{1/3} \cot \theta - 2^{1/3} \xi^{2/3} \tan \theta}{6^{2/3} \xi^{1/3}} \right)$$
(5.30)

where

$$\xi = -9\cot^2\theta\csc^2\theta + \sqrt{12\cot^6\theta + 81\cot^4\theta\csc^4\theta}$$
(5.31)

For each value of θ , these expressions tell us the value for the rim angle of the primary for maximum concentration.

For example, for an acceptance angle of $\pm 1^{\circ}$, we get a rim angle for the primary of $\varphi_{\text{max}} = 14.86^{\circ}$, a concentration of C = 51.5, and a ratio to the maximum concentration of $C/(1/\sin\theta) = 90\%$. Figure 5.10 shows a parabolic primary and a CEC secondary for these parameters.

The parabolic primary may be replaced by a lens, resulting in another primary-secondary optic as shown in Figure 5.11.^{14,15}



FIGURE 5.10

A parabolic primary and a CEC secondary designed for maximum concentration.



FIGURE 5.11 CEC secondary with a lens as a primary.

5.4 Truncated Trumpet Secondary

Another way to increase the concentration of a parabolic primary is to add a trumpet secondary. Also in this case, we approximate the parabolic primary by a Lambertian source, P_1P_2 , emitting toward XY, just as we did for the CEC secondary. The trumpet is composed of two hyperbolic branches with foci X and Y as shown in Figure 5.12. The complete trumpet extends all the way from the receiver to the primary completely shading it. The figure also shows the corresponding CEC as a comparison. Both the complete trumpet and the CEC are ideal for the Lambertian source P_1P_2 , and therefore, the receiver size *R* is same in both the cases.^{16–18}

The working principle of the trumpet is as shown in Figure 5.13. Light emitted by the Lambertian source $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ toward **XY** bounces back and forth between the reflectors of the trumpet until it reaches the receiver *R*. An edge ray *r* headed toward focus **X** of the hyperbola is reflected toward the other focus **Y**. In contrast, an edge ray headed toward the focus **Y** of the hyperbola is reflected toward the other focus **X**.

As the complete trumpet totally shades the primary mirror, it must be truncated to be usable.¹⁹ The truncated trumpet will not capture some of the light reflected by the primary, and will still shade it. For example, if we truncate to the right of point \mathbf{K}_r in Figure 5.13, the ray r will not be captured. Figure 5.14 shows a truncated trumpet. The light losses by the top hyperbola branch for a Lambertian source emitting from $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ to $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}$ are given by the étendue from $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{T}$ to $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{K}$ as

$$U_{LT} = [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{X}] - [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{K}] + [\mathbf{P}_{1'}, \mathbf{K}] - [\mathbf{P}_{1'}, \mathbf{X}]$$
(5.32)

where **T** is at the intersection of the straight lines through P_1P_2 and **XK** and where the subscript *L* stands for Lost and *T* for Top.







FIGURE 5.13 Working principle of the trumpet secondary.

The trumpet secondary must be truncated to be usable. This, however, leads to some light losses.

If the trumpet was truncated to the right of point **J**, so that point **K** was also to the right of **J**, point **T** would be outside the source P_1P_2 . In that case, the lost étendue for the top hyperbola branch would be the one from P_1P_2 to **XK** given by the same expression as U_{LT} , only replacing **T** by P_2 . The fraction of the étendue lost by the secondary relative to what a Lambertian source P_1P_2 would emit is then U_I/U_{LS} and the fraction captured is

$$c_{U} = 1 - U_{L}/U_{LS} \tag{5.33}$$

The other loss of light comes from shading, which is given by

$$S_H = \frac{[\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{L}]}{[\mathbf{P}_{1'}, \mathbf{P}_2]} \tag{5.34}$$

Point L is symmetrical relative to point K. The illuminated portion of the primary is then given by

$$I_L = 1 - S_H (5.35)$$

The geometrical concentration the trumpet can provide is given by $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]/R$, but the light concentration is affected by the two loss mechanisms mentioned previously. It is then approximately given by

$$C = \frac{[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]}{R} I_L c_U = \frac{\cos\varphi}{\sin\theta} I_L c_U$$
(5.36)





FIGURE 5.15 Parametric definition of the trumpet hyperbola.

FIGURE 5.16 A parabolic primary and a truncated trumpet secondary designed for maximum concentration.

If the hyperbola is parameterized by the parameter ϕ as in Figure 5.15, for a given acceptance angle θ , concentration *C* can now be obtained as a function of the rim angle φ of the primary and the parameter ϕ of the hyperbola for point **K**.

The hyperbola (and therefore point K) can be parameterized as

$$\mathbf{K}(\phi) = \frac{R^2 - f^2}{2R - 2f\cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \pi/2), \sin(\phi + \pi/2)) + \mathbf{Y}$$
(5.37)

where *R* is the receiver size given by $R = U_{LS}/2$ and $f = [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]$.

The geometry of the system is defined by angles θ , ϕ , and φ . Parameter *d* appearing in the equation of the parabolic primary (expression 5.10) is only a scale factor that does not affect the relative sizes.

If we define the acceptance angle θ , and the rim angle φ for the primary, we can plot *C* as a function of ϕ , which defines the truncation of the primary. This curve has a maximum for a given value of ϕ . By trying different values of φ , we can optimize the design. Alternatively, we can give a value to θ and numerically search for the maximum of $C(\varphi, \phi)$. For $\theta = 1^\circ$, for example, this maximization yields C = 43.2 for $\phi = 61.9^\circ$ and $\varphi = 19.4^\circ$. This concentration corresponds to $C \sin \theta = 75.5\%$ of the maximum. For the amount of light striking the receiver we get $I_L c_U = 80\%$. Ray tracing with the parabolic primary shows 79% of light striking the receiver. Figure 5.16 shows a parabolic primary and a trumpet concentrator for these parameters, that is, for maximum concentration.

5.5 Trumpet Secondary for a Large Receiver

Another way to designing the trumpet secondary is to do it for a larger receiver R_L as shown in Figure 5.17. The hyperbola still has foci **X** and **Y** but now intersects line **XY** further away from its center as needed for a larger receiver.



FIGURE 5.17 Trumpet for a larger receiver R_L .

FIGURE 5.18 A parabolic primary and a trumpet secondary for a large absorber, designed for maximum concentration.

Now the upper branch of the hyperbola intersects line \mathbf{XP}_1 at point **H** instead of at point \mathbf{P}_1 as in Figure 5.13. The trumpet, therefore, intersects all the light emitted by the Lambertian source $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ and no light is lost. Concentration, however, will be smaller because receiver R_L is now larger.

The working principle is still the same as discussed earlier. An edge ray r headed toward focus **X** of the hyperbola is reflected toward the other focus **Y**. However, an edge ray headed toward focus **Y** of the hyperbola is reflected toward the other focus **X**. Edge rays keep bouncing back and forth between the hyperbola branches until they reach the receiver.

We may start the design by defining point **H** along the line P_1X as $H = P_1 + y(X - P_1)$, where $0 \le y \le 1$. The shading produced on the primary is

$$S_{H} = \frac{[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{I}]}{[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]} = 1 - y + \frac{y \csc \varphi \sec \varphi \sin (2\theta)}{2d}$$
(5.38)

where I is symmetrical to H. The receiver size is given by

$$R_L = [\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{H}] - [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}] \tag{5.39}$$

And the concentration is approximately given by

$$C = \frac{\left[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}\right]}{R_{L}} I_{L} \tag{5.40}$$

where $I_L = 1 - S_H$ is the portion of the primary that is illuminated. Concentration *C* is a function of parameter *y* defining the position of **H** along the line $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{X}$ and the rim angle φ of the primary. For a half-acceptance angle $\theta = 1^\circ$ and d = 1, we have C = 35.4 for y = 0.86 and $\varphi = 26.7^\circ$. The illuminated portion of the primary is in this case $I_L = 82\%$. The ratio to the maximum possible concentration is $C \sin \theta = 62\%$. Figure 5.18 shows a parabolic primary and a trumpet for a large absorber, designed with these parameters.

5.6 Secondaries with Multiple Entry Apertures

CEC secondaries attain higher concentration when the rim angle φ of the primary is small. This, however, leads to parabolic primaries with a long focal distance, and therefore, concentrators that are quite long. This is, however, precisely what we are trying to avoid by going from simple CPCs to primary–secondary arrangements. One possible way around this problem is to divide the primary and secondary into sections and have each section of the secondary collect the light from one section of the primary.²⁰ Figure 5.19 shows one such arrangement with an acceptance angle 2θ .

The primary is made of two parabolic sections P_1P_2 and P_3P_4 with a horizontal axis and foci at F_1 and F_2 , respectively. The secondary is a combination of two CECs with the receiver G_2G_3 . The top CEC is made of a top ellipse with foci P_2 and G_3 , a hyperbola with foci G_1 and G_3 and a bottom ellipse with foci P_1 and G_1 . The bottom CEC is symmetrical relative to the top one.

In this concentrator, each one of the CECs collects light from a primary subtending a small angle φ , whereas the whole primary subtends a total angle Φ .

This kind of devices has been proposed with combinations of larger number of divisions for the primary and secondary.²¹ In this case, the concentrator was designed for a high concentration of solar energy, and therefore, the acceptance angle 2θ was small ($\theta = 0.73^{\circ}$). As seen from Figure 5.20, for a small acceptance angle 2θ , light rays r_1 and r_2 are almost parallel, and therefore a CEC secondary was approximated by a CPC.



FIGURE 5.19

Primary–secondary arrangement with divided primary and secondary. The light from each section of the primary is collected by a corresponding section of the secondary.



FIGURE 5.20

Primary and secondary combination. When the acceptance angle 2θ is small, rays r_1 and r_2 are almost parallel and the secondary can be approximated by a CPC, instead of using a CEC.

The primary is bound by angles φ_1 and φ_2 to the axis of the parabola (which contains its focus **F**) as shown in Figure 5.20b). The concentrator is a combination of four of these shapes, as shown in Figure 5.21a), with the bottom half shown in greater detail in Figure 5.21b).

Angle φ_1 for the parabola $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ is 3° to eliminate the central portion of the primary that is shaded by the secondary.²¹ The angles φ_2 and φ_1 are not exactly the same for parabolas $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ and $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_3$, respectively, to avoid a gap at point \mathbf{P}_2 between these two sections of the primary. Figure 5.22 shows the details of the secondary area and also that the exit apertures of the CPCs can be combined to illuminate a circular absorber using straight, circular, and involute mirrors.²¹

The CPC on the top illuminates a part of the circular receiver, its light being channeled by a straight section 1 and a pair of involute mirrors. The CPC at the bottom illuminates another portion of the circular receiver. Its light is channeled by a circular arc with a center **C**, a straight section 2, and an involute mirror. Together, these two CPCs illuminate half of the absorber. The other half would be illuminated by the CPCs on top, which are symmetrical about the concentrator axis of symmetry. The straight section 1 could be eliminated. This, however, would push point **M** on the wall of the CPC above the concentrator axis of symmetry.²¹

These concentrators, for a half-acceptance angle of $\theta = 0.73^\circ$, can be designed to collect all the light falling on the primary mirror and attain a concentration of 82% of the ideal one, which is $1/\sin \theta$.






The two CPC secondaries can be combined to illuminate half of a circular receiver. The other half would be illuminated by two more CPCs symmetrical about the concentrator axis of symmetry.

There are other combinations of parabolic primary and nonimaging secondaries that attain high concentrations and have a high collection efficiency.²² Figure 5.23 shows one such optical system for an acceptance angle 2θ with $\theta = 0.73^{\circ}$ and a rim angle $\varphi = 90^{\circ}$.

The right half of the secondary is shown in greater detail in Figure 5.24. The left half (not shown) is symmetrical relative to the vertical line containing the center of the circular receiver *C*.

This secondary optic has a top mirror composed of an involute curve **AB** and a macrofocal parabola **BD** with a vertical axis and having as macrofocus the circular receiver *C*. The bottom mirror is made of a macrofocal parabola **EF** with a horizontal axis and having as macrofocus the circular receiver *C*, and a flat mirror **FI** tangent to **EF** at point **F**. A horizontal light ray r_1 entering the concentrator hits the flat mirror, becoming vertical, and is then reflected by the top macrofocal parabola in a direction tangential to *C*. Another







FIGURE 5.24 Secondary for parabolic primary.

horizontal light ray r_2 entering the concentrator is reflected by the bottom macrofocal parabola, also in a direction tangential to *C*. This optic may be truncated at **CG** with **C** along line **AD** and **G** along line **EI**, and it still collects all the radiation entering its entrance aperture coming from the primary.

The perimeter of *C* is chosen to match the maximum concentration, and is therefore given by $d \sin \theta$, where *d* is the size of the entrance aperture defined by the edges of the primary. For this case and the configuration with aperture **DH**, the secondary captures 90% of the radiation reflected by the primary, and therefore, attains 90% of the maximum theoretical concentration.²²

We may now increase the size of the secondary (optical and circular receiver *C*) so that the perimeter of *C* is chosen to match 82% of the maximum concentration. The secondary now captures 98% of the light reflected by the primary and attains 80% of the maximum theoretical concentration.²²

5.7 Tailored Edge Ray Concentrators Designed for Maximum Concentration

In the designs presented earlier, the primary was considered as a Lambertian source, and a nonimaging optic secondary placed close to the focus further increases the concentration. It is, however, possible to design secondaries for the edge rays across the primary. These optics are called tailored edge ray concentrator (TERC).²³

Given the parabolic primary with a focus **F** and an aperture from points \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{P}_2 , the size of the ideal receiver is given by $R = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta$, where θ is the half-acceptance angle and $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]$ is the distance from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{P}_2 , as shown in Figure 5.25.



FIGURE 5.25 Definition of a TERC mirror as a secondary for a parabolic primary.

We then reflect at point \mathbf{P}_2 , a ray making an angle θ to the optical axis of the parabola, as shown in Figure 5.25. After reflection, the ray r_1 is headed toward the optical axis and we search for the point **T** along this ray, but on the other side of the optical axis, at a distance of R/2 to the optical axis. Point **T** defines the position of one edge of the receiver. The other edge is point **G**, which is symmetrical to **T**.

All rays perpendicular to the wave front *w*, making an angle θ to the vertical, must be focused to point **G**, and the TERC mirror can be defined by the constant optical path length. For a ray r_2 , d_{wP} + [**P**, **Q**] + [**Q**, **G**] = *S*, where d_{wP} is the distance from *w* to **P** and *C* is defined.

distance from *w* to **P** and *S* is defined by the ray r_1 as $S = d_{wP_2} + [\mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{T}] + [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{G}]$, where d_{wP_2} is the distance from *w* to \mathbf{P}_2 . This condition defines the position of each point **Q** on the TERC mirror.

The TERC mirror completely shades the primary and must, therefore, be truncated, as shown in Figure 5.26.

Between point P_3 and its symmetrical P_4 , all light reflected by the primary is collected by the truncated TERC mirror, but between P_3 and P_1 , and between P_4 and P_2 there will be some light losses because some rays miss the secondary. Figure 5.27 shows these light losses.

If we place ourselves at point \mathbf{P}_4 on the primary mirror, we can calculate the corresponding point \mathbf{Q}_4 on the TERC by the constant optical path length from



FIGURE 5.26 A truncated TERC.



FIGURE 5.27 Étendue losses when the TERC is truncated.



the wave front *w* to the edge **T** of the receiver. The edge ray *r*, tilted θ to the optical axis and reflected at another point **P** between **P**₄ and **P**₂, will miss the TERC. All the rays between directions **v**_{*r*} and **v**₄ will also miss the TERC, where **v**_{*r*} is the direction of ray *r* after reflection and **v**₄ is the direction from **P** to **Q**₄. The étendue of the light that misses that mirror of the TERC can then be calculated by integration along the parabola from point **P**₄ to the edge **P**₂. If focus **F** = (0, 0), then point **P** on the parabola is given by the expression 5.10, where *d* can be seen as a scale factor. The parameter range is $\phi_1 < \phi < \phi_2$, where ϕ_1 is the parameter for point **P**₄ and $\phi_2 = \pi + \phi$, where ϕ is the rim angle of the primary. Point **P**₄ has a parameter ϕ_4 . Directions **v**₄ and **v**_r are obtained as follows:

$$\mathbf{v}_4 = \frac{\mathbf{Q}_4 - \mathbf{P}(\phi)}{\|\mathbf{Q}_4 - \mathbf{P}(\phi)\|}$$
(5.41)

and

$$\mathbf{v}_r = -R(-\theta) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{P}}{\|\mathbf{P}\|} \tag{5.42}$$

where $R(-\theta)$ is a rotation matrix of an angle $-\theta$. The étendue that is lost by that mirror can then be obtained as

$$U_{L}(\phi_{4}) = \int_{\phi_{4}}^{\phi_{2}} \left(\mathbf{v}_{r} - \mathbf{v}_{4}\right) \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{d\phi} d\phi$$
(5.43)

and the total étendue lost by both mirrors is $2U_L$.

The étendue balance then starts with that of the light intersected by the concentrator, which is $U_p = 2[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta$. The étendue of the light lost to shading is $U_{SH} = 2[\mathbf{Q}_3, \mathbf{Q}_4]\sin\theta$. The remaining light continues towards the primary, is reflected by it and an additional étendue given by $2U_L$ is lost because of light that misses the secondary mirrors. The étendue that reaches the receiver is then

$$U_R = 2[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta - 2[\mathbf{Q}_3, \mathbf{Q}_4]\sin\theta - 2U_L$$
(5.44)

If we define shading as:

$$S_{H}(\phi_{4}) = \frac{U_{SH}}{U_{P}} = \frac{[\mathbf{Q}_{3}, \mathbf{Q}_{4}]}{[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]}$$
(5.45)

the portion of the light that gets to receiver *R* is then given by

$$L_{R}(\phi_{4}) = \frac{U_{R}}{U_{P}} = 1 - S_{H} - \frac{U_{L}}{[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]\sin\theta}$$
(5.46)

If all the light got to the receiver, concentration would be the maximum possible. Since it is reduced to L_R , concentration is also reduced by the same amount. Giving values to ϕ_4 we can plot $L_R(\phi_4)$ against ϕ_4 and maximize the light getting to the receiver and, therefore, the light concentration. The value of ϕ_{4M} that maximizes $L_R(\phi_4)$ will also give us the point $\mathbf{Q}_4(\phi_{4M})$ where we should truncate the TERC.

For a half-acceptance angle $\theta = 0.01$ radians, the caustic of the edge rays will be above the TERC mirror for rim angles smaller than $\varphi = 36.6^{\circ}$. For this case we obtain $\phi_{4M} = 208.5^{\circ}$, or 28.5° to the optical axis. The optic captures 87.5% of the light, or $L_R = 0.875$. Figure 5.28 shows a TERC designed for these parameters.





FIGURE 5.28 TERC for maximum light collection.

FIGURE 5.29 TERC with a lens as the primary.

The optimum performance for a 3-D optic with a rotational symmetry is also a trade-off between light captured by the secondary and the shading it produces. Shading, however, is S_H^2 for circular symmetry, which is smaller than that in the 2-D case. In 3-D, it is then possible to increase the size of the TERC slightly, improving the collection efficiency. Increasing ϕ_{4M} by 5° to $\phi_{4M} = 213.5^\circ$, we obtain a concentration with a circular symmetry of 92% of the theoretical maximum, obtained by ray tracing.²⁴

TERC secondaries may also be designed for lens primaries, as shown in Figure 5.29. As described earlier, for the case of a parabolic mirror primary, all rays perpendicular to the wave front *w*, making an angle θ to the vertical, must be focused to point **G**, and the TERC mirror can be defined by the constancy of the optical path length. For a ray $r_{2'}d_{wP_L} + n[\mathbf{P}_{L'}\mathbf{P}_R] + [\mathbf{P}_{R'}\mathbf{Q}] + [\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{G}] = S$, where d_{wP_L} is the distance from *w* to \mathbf{P}_L on the left-hand side of the lens, \mathbf{P}_R on the right-hand side of the lens, and *S* is defined by ray r_1 as $S = d_{wP_1} + [\mathbf{P}_{1'}\mathbf{T}] + [\mathbf{T},\mathbf{G}]$, where d_{wP_1} is the distance from *w* to \mathbf{P}_1 . This condition defines the position of each point \mathbf{Q} on the TERC mirror.

TERC mirrors are flow-line mirrors. If, for example, in Figure 5.25 the optic is made of a material with refractive index n and we replace the parabolic mirror $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ by a refractive surface, we obtain a dielectric total internal reflection concentrator (DITRC).

Changing the shape of the primary from a simple parabola in the case of a reflective primary to a more elaborate design, we can improve the optical behavior of the TERC secondary.²⁴ Figure 5.30 shows one such possibility. The primary is now composed of a central flat portion V_1V_2 and a parabolic section V_2P_2 with a focus **F** at the edge of the receiver *R* and an axis parallel to edge rays *r*, which make an angle θ to the horizontal.

The portion $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$ of the secondary closer to the receiver receives parallel edge rays in a direction *r* (parallel to r_1) and it concentrates them to an edge **F** of the receiver *R*, as shown in Figure 5.31. This curve is, therefore, a parabola



A compound parabolic primary with a central flat zone.



FIGURE 5.32 Definition of a compound parabolic primary reflector for a TERC secondary.



FIGURE 5.31

Central CPC portion of the secondary and construction method by the constant optical path length of the TERC portion of the secondary.

with a focus **F** and an axis parallel to *r*. Together with its symmetrical on the other side of the receiver, this portion of the secondary is a highly truncated CPC.

The remainder of the secondary is a TERC mirror calculated by the constant optical path length. For a ray r_2 , d_{wP} + $[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}] + [\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}] = S$, where d_{wP} is the distance from a flat wave front w to \mathbf{P} and S is the optical path length defined by ray r_1 as $S = d_{wV_2} + [\mathbf{V}_2, \mathbf{Q}_2] + [\mathbf{Q}_2, \mathbf{F}]$, where d_{wV_2} is the distance from w to \mathbf{V}_2 . This condition defines the position of each point \mathbf{Q} on the TERC mirror.

The design of the whole optic can be simplified if we eliminate the central flat portion of the primary. Figure 5.32 shows the altered configuration—a compound parabolic primary.

This primary is now composed of two symmetrical parabolic arcs. The side of the primary shown in Figure 5.32 is a parabola with a focus **F** and an axis parallel to the edge rays *r*. It then concentrates to the edge **F** of the receiver one bundle of edge rays. The other side of the primary is symmetrical relative to the perpendicular bisector of the receiver *R*. The design of the primary may start by defining the position and the size of the receiver *R*. The acceptance angle 2θ enables us to calculate the point **V** that will be the vertex of the primary. It also defines the direction of rays *r* that make an angle θ to the horizontal. We now define the bottom parabola as having a focus **F**, an axis parallel to *r* and passing through **V**. It extends from **V** to a point **P**₂ at a distance *d* from the perpendicular bisector of the receiver *R*, such that $d \sin \theta = R/2$.



FIGURE 5.33 Calculation of the TERC secondary by the constant optical path length.





The secondary TERC mirror, as described earlier, is now defined so as to reflect the other bundle of edge rays to **F** (Figure 5.33).

All rays perpendicular to the wave front w, making an angle θ to the vertical, must be focused to point **F** and the TERC mirror can be defined by the constant optical path length. For a ray r_2 , $d_{wP} + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}] + [\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}] = S$, where d_{wP} is the distance from w to **P** and S the optical path length defined by ray r_1 as $S = d_{wV} + [\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{T}] + [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}]$, where d_{wV} is the distance from w to **V**. This condition defines the position of each point **Q** on the TERC mirror. This TERC also completely shades the primary and must be truncated to make it usable.

The design without the central flat portion of the primary is not only simpler, but is also more compact, with a larger rim angle for the primary. Figure 5.34 shows two of these optics superimposed, for comparison, both with the same acceptance angle and receiver size.

The optic without the central flat portion is therefore preferable. The maximum concentration this optic can achieve is similar to that obtained with a parabolic primary. The advantage is that now the primary rim angle is larger and, therefore, the optic is more compact.

For this more compact case in which the primary has no central flat section, if the half-acceptance angle is θ and the vertex **V** of the primary is at **V** = (0, 0), we have for the edge **F** of the receiver

$$\mathbf{F} = \left(\frac{R}{2\tan\theta'}\frac{R}{2}\right) \tag{5.47}$$

and the points ${\bf P}$ on the parabola from ${\bf V}$ to ${\bf P}_2$ as shown in Figure 5.32 are parametrized as

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = \left(\frac{\cos^2((\phi - 2\theta)/2)\cot\theta}{1 - \cos\phi}, \frac{\sin(\phi - 3\theta) + 3\sin(\phi - \theta) + 2\sin\theta}{8\sin^2(\phi/2)\sin\theta}\right)$$
(5.48)

The parameter range is $\pi + 2\theta \le \phi \le \phi_2$, where ϕ_2 is the parameter value for point $\mathbf{P}_2 = (P_{21}, P_{22})$, calculated such that $|P_{22} \sin \theta| = R/2$.

We can now maximize light collection using for this case the same procedure as earlier for the case of a parabolic primary. The étendue that is lost by each mirror as a result of the truncation of the TERC is again given by the expression 5.43, but now \mathbf{P}_4 is a point between \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{P}_2 . Shading can also be calculated by the expression 5.45 and light collection by the expression 5.46. For a half-acceptance angle $\theta = 0.01$ rad, the rim angle of the primary (angle that the line from the midpoint of receiver R to \mathbf{P}_2 makes with the optical axis) is 53.1°. For this case, we obtain $\phi_{4M} = 227.6^\circ$, or 47.6° to the optical axis. The optic captures 85% of the light, or $L_R = 0.85$.

Just as earlier, if we consider the 3-D case in which the optic has rotational symmetry, shading is not so high and the TERC can be extended, increasing the light collection. The maximum concentration this optic can provide in 3-D with rotation symmetry is 93% of the theoretical maximum.²⁴

TERC secondaries described earlier for linear receivers can also be designed for circular receivers, as shown in Figure 5.35. Just as in the case of a linear receiver, we start with the case of a parabolic primary.

For an acceptance angle of $\pm \theta$, if the TERC is to achieve maximum concentration, the perimeter of the circular receiver must be given by $2\pi R = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta$, where *R* is now the radius of the receiver. Given the symmetry of the optic, its center must be on the vertical axis x_2 . Its position along this axis is such that it is tangent to the ray edge r_1 reflected off the edge of the mirror, as shown in Figure 5.35.

The first section of the secondary is an involute. Its end point Q_1 is defined by the rim angle φ of the parabola. The angle φ must be adjusted such that the caustic formed by the edge rays lies above the mirror, as shown in Figure 5.35. It is now possible to calculate the TERC mirror by the constant optical path length, as shown in Figure 5.36.



FIGURE 5.35

The circular receiver is centered on the optical axis and is tangential to the edge ray r_1 reflected off the edge point \mathbf{P}_1 of the primary. The first part of the secondary is an involute section that must not intersect the caustic of the edge rays.



FIGURE 5.36 Calculation of the TERC portion of the secondary.



FIGURE 5.37

A compound primary for a circular receiver.

We can then write $d_{wP} + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}] + [\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{T}] + R\alpha = S$ for ray *r*, where d_{wP} is the distance from the wave front *w* to point **P** and the optical path length *S* is defined by ray r_1 reflected at point \mathbf{P}_1 as $S = d_{wP_1} + [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{Q}_1] + [\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{T}_1] + R\alpha_1$, where d_{wP_1} is the distance from the wave front *w* to point \mathbf{P}_1 . As described earlier, the TERC completely shades the primary and must be truncated to be usable.

Just as in the case of a TERC for a linear receiver, the shape of the primary can be modified to improve the compactness of the optic in the case of a circular receiver also. Figure 5.37 shows a primary made of two parts, a central parabolic arc and an outer macrofocal parabolic arc. The total acceptance angle for the concentrator is 2θ .²⁵

The first portion of the secondary is an involute with the end point defined by the line *s* tilted by an angle α to the vertical and tangent to the circular receiver. This line also defines the point **P** where the two curves of the primary meet. The vertex **V** of the primary mirror is defined by the edge points **F** and **G** of the involute and the acceptance angle θ . Both the primary mirror curves have their axis in the direction of the parallel rays, *r*, tilted by an



The central parabolic arc has a focus F and the macrofocal parabolic arc has a macrofocus C.





FIGURE 5.39 TERC section for the parabolic portion of the primary calculated by the constant optical path length.

FIGURE 5.40 Details of the receiver zone for the calculation of the first part of the TERC mirror.

angle θ relative to the vertical, as shown in Figure 5.38. The rays, *r*, are perpendicular to the wave front w_R . The focus of the parabolic arc is the point **F** where the left involute ends. The macrofocus of the macrofocal parabola is the circular receiver *C*.

Once the geometry of the primary and the involutes of the secondary are defined, the first portion of the TERC mirror can be calculated. Figure 5.39 shows an edge ray r_3 perpendicular to the wave front w_L and incident on a point \mathbf{P}_3 of the parabolic portion of the primary. The corresponding point \mathbf{M}_3 on the secondary as shown in Figure 5.40 can be calculated by the constant optical path length.

We have $d_{w_L P_3} + [\mathbf{P}_3, \mathbf{M}_3] + [\mathbf{M}_3, \mathbf{T}_3] + R\alpha_3 = S$, where *R* is the radius of the circular receiver *C*, $d_{w_L P_3}$ the distance between the wave front w_L and point \mathbf{P}_3 , and *S* the optical path length given by $S = d_{w_L V} + [\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{M}_V] + [\mathbf{M}_W, \mathbf{T}_V] + R\alpha_V$ defined for ray r_V where $d_{w_L V}$ is the distance between the wave front w_L and point **V**.

The outermost section of the TERC secondary is calculated in the same way, but using the macrofocal parabolic portion of the primary, as shown in



FIGURE 5.41 TERC section for the macrofocal parabolic portion of the primary calculated by the constant optical path length.





Figure 5.41. We have an edge ray r_4 perpendicular to the wave front w_L and incident on a point \mathbf{P}_4 of the macrofocal parabolic portion of the primary. The corresponding point \mathbf{M}_4 on the secondary, shown in more detail in Figure 5.42, can be calculated by the constant optical path length.

We have $d_{w_L P_4}$ + [\mathbf{P}_4 , \mathbf{M}_4] + [\mathbf{M}_4 , \mathbf{T}_4] + $R\alpha_4$ = S for ray r_4 , where $d_{w_L P_4}$ is the distance between the wave front w_L and point \mathbf{P}_4 .

As discussed earlier, the TERC completely shades the primary and must be truncated to be usable.

5.8 Tailored Edge Ray Concentrators Designed for Lower Concentration

In all the examples presented earlier, it was always necessary to truncate the TERC secondary to prevent complete shading of the primary. An alternative approach is to increase the size of the receiver. In this case, the TERC mirror no longer extends all the way to the rim of the primary, as shown in Figure 5.43, and, therefore, no longer completely shades the primary.

The secondary captures all the radiation reflected by the primary, but the concentration of the optic is lower than ideal.

Enlarging the size of the receiver to prevent complete shading of the primary can also be done for parabolic primaries with circular receivers.⁵ Figure 5.44 shows the left half of a parabolic primary with a tubular secondary. The center of the circular receiver is on the axis of symmetry *s* and it is tangent to ray r_1 reflected at the edge \mathbf{P}_1 of the parabolic primary. Before reflection, ray r_1 makes an angle θ to the left of the vertical.

The size of the circular receiver is larger than the minimum. This means its radius is given by

$$R = \delta[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_6] \sin\theta / 2\pi \tag{5.49}$$

where $\delta > 1$ and points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_6 are the edges of the primary, as shown in Figure 5.45. The central portion of the secondary mirror is an involute to the





TERC secondary for a receiver larger than the ideal. The TERC mirror does not extend all the way to the edge of the primary.



FIGURE 5.44 Position of the circular receiver relative to the parabolic primary.



FIGURE 5.45 The central portion of the secondary is an involute to the receiver.

receiver. Although the receiver is tangent to edge ray r_1 , this will not be the case for ray r_2 reflected at points (such as \mathbf{P}_2) to the right of \mathbf{P}_1 . Because we are not trying to get maximum concentration, this is not a problem. Only ray r_3 reflected at point \mathbf{P}_3 is again tangent to the receiver. The involute starts at the uppermost point of the receiver and ends at point \mathbf{Q}_4 where it intersects ray r_3 .

In this example, the caustic intersects the involute. There are, therefore, edge rays further to the right of r_3 , such as ray r_{34} in Figure 5.46, coming from a point on the primary between P_3 and P_4 , that hit the involute and are reflected by it toward the receiver in an uncontrolled way.

Only ray r_4 , reflected from point \mathbf{P}_4 by the primary, reaches the edge of the involute. Therefore, from \mathbf{P}_4 onward, it is possible to design a TERC secondary that redirects the edge rays tangentially to the receiver, as shown in Figure 5.47.

The points of the secondary can be calculated by the constant optical path length and we have d_{wP_5} + [\mathbf{P}_5 , \mathbf{Q}_5] + [\mathbf{Q}_5 , \mathbf{T}_5] + $R\alpha_5 = S$ for ray r_5 , where R is the radius of the circular receiver, d_{wP_5} the distance between the wave front w and point \mathbf{P}_5 , and S the optical path length, given by $S = d_{wP_4}$ + [\mathbf{P}_4 , \mathbf{Q}_4] + [\mathbf{Q}_4 , \mathbf{T}_4] + $R\alpha_4$ defined for ray r_4 , where d_{wP_4} is the distance between the wave front w and point \mathbf{P}_4 . Caustic

Different design parameters may lead to different ray assignments between primary and secondary.⁵

This method enables us to design simple secondary optics that attain high concentrations at large primary rim angles. For example, for a rim angle of 90°, an acceptance angle (θ) of 0.007 rad (0.4°) and a concentration of 70% of the ideal maximum, we get the concentrator as shown in Figure 5.48. The shading of the primary by the secondary is about 2%. All the light reflected by the primary reaches the secondary.

Increasing the concentration also increases the shading. If, for example, the same concentrator was designed for 90% of the ideal maximum concentration, the shading would be 15.5%.



FIGURE 5.46 Details of the rays at the end of the involute.



FIGURE 5.47 Design of the TERC mirror to the right of the central involute section.



FIGURE 5.48

Secondary for a small acceptance angle and a primary with large rim angle.



Field of heliostats reflecting light to a receiver R.



FIGURE 5.50

Minimum absorber size for a Fresnel primary.

5.9 Fresnel Primaries

Parabolic mirrors can get quite big and hard to handle, especially for large rim angles, those that yield the most compact concentrators. One way around this problem is to Fresnelize the mirror, that is, replace it by a set of small mirrors (heliostats) on a straight line, flats that mimic the optical behavior of the parabolic mirror they replace. Figure 5.49 shows a field of heliostats replacing a parabolic mirror. They reflect the incoming light to the receiver *R*.

To simplify the analysis of this optic, we consider the limit case in which we have an infinite number of infinitely small heliostats. The heliostat field then becomes a continuous Fresnel primary, as represented in Figure 5.50.

If θ is the half-angular aperture of the radiation, φ the rim angle of the primary, and *h* the distance (height) from the Fresnel primary to the receiver *R*, the minimum receiver size to capture all the light is given by

$$R = \frac{2h\sin\theta}{\cos^2\varphi} \tag{5.50}$$







FIGURE 5.52 Heliostat shading produces loss of étendue.

where $D = h/\cos\varphi$ is the distance from the center of the absorber to the rim of the primary. The maximum étendue this receiver can accept is given by $2R \sin(\pi/2) = 2R$, when it is illuminated by full Lambertian light ($\pm \pi/2$ angle). Concentration relative to the maximum is the ratio between the étendue (amount of light) it receives from the primary and the maximum it can accept:

$$C = \frac{U_R}{2R} \tag{5.51}$$

where U_R is the étendue the receiver *R* collects from the primary. To calculate the concentration, we need to determine the étendue of the light emitted by the primary. The étendue of a small area dx emitting light within a cone 2θ whose bisector **v** is tilted by an angle ϕ relative to the perpendicular to dx and points to the center of *R*, as shown in Figure 5.51, is given by

$$dU = 2dx\sin\theta\cos\phi \tag{5.52}$$

where the $\cos \phi$ factor is the projection of dx in the direction of **v**.

The factor $\cos \phi$ also corresponds to the shading of the heliostats, as shown in Figure 5.52. The illuminated area *A* in the direction of the reflected rays is $A = dx \cos \phi$ and it corresponds to the radiation between the rays r_2 and r_3 . The heliostat to the left shades the remaining radiation between the rays r_1 and r_2 .

The primary extends from $-x_M$ to x_M with $x_M = h \tan \varphi$, where φ is the rim angle of the primary. The horizontal coordinate of dx is $x = h \tan \varphi$, where h is the height of the receiver R relative to the heliostat field. Since

$$\int_0^{\varphi} \cos \phi \, dx = \int_0^{\varphi} \cos \phi \, \frac{dx}{\phi} \, d\phi = h \int_0^{\varphi} \frac{1}{\cos \phi} \, d\phi = h \ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2}\right)\right) \tag{5.53}$$



Concentration of a Fresnel primary can be increased by lowering light collection. Only the right-hand side of the Fresnel primary is shown.

the total étendue of the primary is then given by²⁶

$$U_p = 2 \times 2h \sin\theta \ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2}\right)\right)$$
(5.54)

where φ is the rim angle of the primary and the factor of 2 is due to the two sides of the primary Fresnel reflector. Since all the light is collected by the receiver *R*, we have $U_R = U_P$. Concentration can now be written as

$$C = \frac{U_R}{2R} = \cos^2 \varphi \ln \left(\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) \right)$$
(5.55)

The maximum is $C_M = 44.8\%$ of the ideal maximum obtained for a primary rim angle of $\varphi_M = 40.4^{\circ}$.

By lowering collection efficiency we can increase concentration. Consider, for example, the smaller receiver **AB** as shown in Figure 5.53, such that there will be light that misses it. All the light outside the angular space between the directions of \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 misses **AB**.

Receiver **AB** is the largest possible width that receives light from all points on the primary. For example, a point to the left of **A** does not receive light from point **V** at the center of the primary. The same thing happens to a point to the right of **B**. Height *h* acts as a scale factor for the entire optic.

The size of the receiver **AB** is now given by $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 2d = 2h \tan \theta$, where $\mathbf{A} = (-d, h)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (d, h)$. Since the refractive index is n = 1, the optical momentum of the rays from dx to the edges **B** and **A** of the receiver are unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{p}_{1} = (p_{11}, p_{12}) = \frac{\mathbf{B} - (x, 0)}{\|\mathbf{B} - (x, 0)\|}$$
(5.56)

and

$$\mathbf{p}_{2} = (p_{21}, p_{22}) = \frac{\mathbf{A} - (x, 0)}{\|\mathbf{A} - (x, 0)\|}$$
(5.57)

The étendue from the Fresnel primary to the receiver **AB** is then

$$U_{AB} = 2\int_0^{x_M} p_{11} - p_{21} \, dx \tag{5.58}$$

where $x_M = h \tan \varphi$ is the distance from the center to the edge of the heliostat field. We have

$$U_{AB} = 2d\sqrt{\csc^2\theta + \cot\theta\tan\varphi(\cot\theta\tan\varphi + 2)}$$
$$-2d\sqrt{\csc^2\theta + \cot\theta\tan\varphi(\cot\theta\tan\varphi - 2)}$$
(5.59)

Concentration is now given by

$$C = \frac{U_{AB}}{2[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]} = \frac{U_{AB}}{4d}$$
(5.60)

For a half-acceptance angle $\theta = 0.01 \text{ rad}^{26}$ and $\varphi = \varphi_M$, we get C = 64.8% of the ideal. The collection efficiency is $\eta = U_{AB}/U_P = 84\%$, which is the energy flux the receiver receives divided by the flux the Fresnel reflector emits.

The rim angle φ_M was calculated as the optimum rim angle for maximum concentration when the receiver collected all the light. Now the situation is different because the receiver is smaller and collects only part of the light emitted by the primary. Increasing the rim angle beyond φ_M will increase the concentration on **AB** since more light will be directed toward it, but the efficiency will decline because more light will also miss it. For example, for an acceptance angle $\theta = 0.01$ rad and a rim angle of $\varphi = 49.6^\circ$, we have $U_P = 2[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]$, and therefore the étendue the receiver **AB** can accept matches the étendue emitted by the primary. For that rim angle, the amount of light captured by the receiver is also the efficiency of the optic, or $C = \eta = U_{AB}/U_P$. We have in that case C = 76.2% of the ideal concentration and also $\eta = 76.2\%$ light collection efficiency.

5.10 Tailored Edge Ray Concentrators for Fresnel Primaries

The TERC secondary mirrors can also be designed for Fresnel primaries.²⁶ We Fresnelize the primary's continuous curved mirror by replacing it with a set of small mirrors (heliostats) on a straight line, reflecting the light in a way that mimics that of the mirror they replace. We take, for example, the case of the compound parabolic primary as in Figure 5.32, which results in compact primary–secondary optics. For the heliostats to mimic the optical behavior of this primary, they are oriented so that the edge ray, r_A , on the right-hand side is reflected to the left-hand side edge of the receiver **A**, as shown in Figure 5.54. The size of the receiver **AB** and TERC relative to that of the heliostats is grossly exaggerated so as to show them on the same scale.





FIGURE 5.54 Aiming strategy of the heliostats for a TERC secondary.

FIGURE 5.55 Constructing the shape of the TERC mirror progressing in small steps.

To calculate the shape of the TERC, we may use a method in which we progress along the mirror by very small steps, as shown in Figure 5.55. Again, we consider an infinite number of infinitely small heliostats so that they become a continuum.

We first choose the initial point for the mirror as $\mathbf{P}_0 = \mathbf{B}$, where **B** is the left edge of the receiver (see Figure 5.54). We know that ray r_0 coming from the heliostat field at position x_0 must be reflected to edge **A** of the receiver. This condition enables us to calculate the normal \mathbf{n}_0 to the TERC mirror at point \mathbf{P}_0 . We now move on to another point at position x_1 on the heliostat field. We know the direction of the ray r_1 and we can intersect it with the straight line passing through point \mathbf{P}_0 and tangent to the mirror (perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_0) at \mathbf{P}_0 . This yields the position of point \mathbf{P}_1 . As before, ray r_1 must be reflected at \mathbf{P}_1 toward **A** and this enables us to calculate the normal \mathbf{n}_1 at point \mathbf{P}_1 . We now move on to another point at position x_2 on the heliostat field. We know the direction of the ray r_2 and we can intersect it with the straight line passing through point \mathbf{P}_1 and tangent to the mirror (perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_1) at \mathbf{P}_1 . This yields the position of point P_2 . As earlier, ray r_2 must be reflected at P_2 toward **A** and this enables us to calculate the normal \mathbf{n}_2 at point \mathbf{P}_2 . We then move on to another point x_3 on the heliostat field and calculate a new point on the TERC mirror. If we want to design a complete TERC, this process goes on until the mirror touches the heliostat field (crosses the horizontal axis if the geometry is as shown in Figure 5.55).

For good precision in the shape of the mirror using the method described previously, we need to proceed in very small steps along the primary and calculate many points on the TERC mirror. This does not mean we need to save all those points. We may, for example, calculate 10⁶ points, but save the



TERC for an acceptance angle 2θ . It ends at a radius x_R (corresponding to a rim angle φ) for which the étendue of the primary matches what the receiver **AB** can accept.

position on the TERC only every 10⁴ points. This method will provide us with just 100 points on the mirror, but calculated with high precision.

If the TERC is complete in the sense that it extends all the way to the primary, it will touch the heliostat field at a point a distance x_R from its center, as shown in Figure 5.56. To calculate the value of x_R , we need to calculate the point of the primary where its étendue matches that of the receiver **AB**.

For a complete TERC, the illumination of the receiver **AB** will be completely Lambertian and uniform (ignoring the shading of the Fresnel reflector heliostats by the TERC and receiver **AB**). This means that the étendue of the light hitting **AB** is

$$U_{AB} = 2[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] \tag{5.61}$$

where **[A**, **B]** is the distance from **A** to **B** (size of the receiver). This must also be the étendue of the radiation captured by the TERC.

For calculating the étendue of the reflected radiation by the heliostat field, we first consider that we have an infinite number of infinitely small heliostats so that they become a continuum. The étendue of a small area dx emitting light within a cone 2θ with bisector **v** is tilted by an angle β relative to the perpendicular to dx, as shown in Figure 5.57, is given as follows:

$$dU = 2dx\sin\theta\cos\beta \tag{5.62}$$

where the $\cos\beta$ factor is the projection of *dx* in the direction of **v**.

If **A** is the edge of the receiver and is given by $\mathbf{A} = (-d, h)$, then

$$\beta = \arctan\left(\frac{x+d}{h}\right) - \theta \tag{5.63}$$

and for the étendue of the heliostat field between x_C and x_D we get

$$U(x_C, x_D) = 2\sin\theta \int_{x_C}^{x_D} \cos\left(\arctan\left(\frac{x+d}{h}\right) - \theta\right) dx = F(x_D) - F(x_C)$$
(5.64)





with

$$F(x) = 2\sin\theta \left[h\cos\theta \ln(d + x + \sqrt{h^2 + (d + x)^2}) + \sqrt{h^2 + (d + x)^2}\sin\theta \right]$$
(5.65)

Now, making $x_c = 0$ in expression 5.64 we start the integration at the midpoint **V** of the primary and we have

$$U_{x_{\rm D}} = 2U(0, x_{\rm D}) \tag{5.66}$$

where the factor of 2 in this expression is due to the two sides (left and right) of the heliostat field. By solving numerically

$$U_{AB} = U_{x_D} \tag{5.67}$$

for x_D we get the solution $x_D = x_R$ for the "radius" (length on each side) of the heliostat field and a value

$$U_{P} = 2U(0, x_{R}) = 2[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]$$
(5.68)

for the étendue emitted by the primary that matches that of the receiver. Point (x_R , 0) is where the TERC touches the primary. Figure 5.56 shows a complete TERC for an acceptance angle 2 θ .

As always for TERC secondaries, we need to truncate it to make it usable. By doing this we will have two loss mechanisms: shading and light that is not captured by the secondary.

If we truncate the TERC at a point **T**, as in Figure 5.58, the étendue of the nonshaded portion of the primary can be obtained by $2U(x_T, x_R)$, where the factor of 2 again accounts for the two sides of the optic and x_T is the horizontal coordinate of point **T**.



FIGURE 5.58 Shading of a truncated TERC for a Fresnel primary.



FIGURE 5.59 Étendue lost by truncating the TERC secondary.

We now calculate the étendue of the light that is lost because it misses the secondary. If we use the method described earlier to calculate the TERC, we have a list of points and normals for the mirror. We truncate the TERC at one of its points **T** that has normal \mathbf{n}_T . A ray *r* coming from edge **A** of the source, and reflected at point **T**, intersects the primary at point x_L , as shown in Figure 5.59. From x_L to x_R where the primary ends, there will be losses due to light that misses the secondary. To calculate these losses we need to consider the edge rays, emitted from a point **Q** on the primary, that have optical momenta \mathbf{p}_A and \mathbf{p}_B . These are unit vectors since the refractive index is n = 1. Momentum \mathbf{p}_A points in the direction from **Q** to edge **A** of the receiver and \mathbf{p}_B makes an angle 2θ relative to \mathbf{p}_A , where 2θ is the total acceptance of the optic.

The light emitted from **Q** and contained between the directions of \mathbf{p}_B and \mathbf{p}_T is lost, where \mathbf{p}_T is the optical momentum of the light ray emitted from **Q** toward **T**. If $\mathbf{p}_B = (p_{B1}, p_{B2})$ and $\mathbf{p}_T = (p_{T1}, p_{T2})$, the lost étendue can then be written as

$$U_L = \int_{x_L}^{x_R} p_{B1} - p_{T1} dx \tag{5.69}$$

as seen from Figure 5.60.

We need to calculate p_{B1} and p_{T1} now. If $\mathbf{A} = (-d, h)$ and $\mathbf{Q} = (x, 0)$, as shown in Figure 5.60, we have

$$\mathbf{p}_{A} = \frac{\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Q}}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Q}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h^{2} + (d + x)^{2}}} (-d - x, h)$$
(5.70)

Momentum \mathbf{p}_B is also a unit vector, but rotated by an angle 2θ relative to $\mathbf{p}_{A'}$ and therefore

$$\mathbf{p}_{B} = R(-2\theta) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{A} \Rightarrow p_{B1} = \frac{-(d+x)\cos(2\theta) + h\sin(2\theta)}{\sqrt{h^{2} + (d+x)^{2}}}$$
(5.71)



The étendue lost by radiation missing the secondary is calculated by the integration of $p_{B1} - p_{T1}$ along the length of the heliostat field from x_L to x_R .

where $R(-2\theta)$ is a rotation matrix of the angle -2θ . However, if **T** = (T_1 , T_2), we have for **p**_{*T*}

$$\mathbf{p}_{T} = \frac{\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{Q}}{\|\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{Q}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(T_{1} - x)^{2} + T_{2}^{2}}} (T_{1} - x, T_{2}) \Rightarrow p_{T1} = \frac{T_{1} - x}{\sqrt{(T_{1} - x)^{2} + T_{2}^{2}}}$$
(5.72)

And the étendue of the radiation that is lost because it misses the secondary from position x_L to x_R is given by

$$U_L(x_L, x_R) = \int_{x_L}^{x_R} p_{B1} - p_{T1} dx = G(x_R) - G(x_L)$$
(5.73)

with

$$G(x) = \sqrt{(T_1 - x)^2 + T_2^2} - \sqrt{h^2 + (d + x)^2} \cos(2\theta) + h \sin(2\theta) \ln(d + x + \sqrt{h^2 + (d + x)^2})$$
(5.74)

The total étendue of the light that reaches the receiver is given by

$$U_R = 2(U(x_T, x_R) - U_L(x_L, x_R))$$
(5.75)

where the factor of 2 accounts for the two sides of the optic. Optimizing the truncation means maximizing U_R relative to position of point **T**.

If we use the method described earlier to calculate the TERC, we have a list of points for the mirror. We may simply calculate U_R for each one of them and take the one that maximizes it. Concentration relative to the maximum possible is given by

$$C = \frac{U_R}{U_{AB}} = \frac{U(x_T, x_R) - U_L(x_L, x_R)}{[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]}$$
(5.76)



FIGURE 5.61 Concentration and collection efficiency as a function of the TERC truncation.



Truncated TERC for maximum concentration and collection efficiency.

since the maximum étendue the receiver **AB** can receive is U_{AB} . The efficiency of the optic is $\eta = U_R/U_P = C$ because $U_P = U_{AB}$, that is, the étendue emitted by the primary is the same as the maximum the receiver can accept.

Figure 5.61 shows the concentration *C* and the collection efficiency η as a function of the horizontal coordinate x_T of the truncation point of the TERC.

We consider, for example, a receiver of size [**A**, **B**] = 1 and an acceptance angle of θ = 0.01 rad.²⁶ The rim angle is now φ = 49.5°. With no secondary (just the receiver), the ratio to the maximum concentration and the collection efficiency are *C* = η = 75%, whereas with the truncated TERC the quantities have increased $\Delta \eta = \Delta C = 13\%$ to *C* = $\eta = 88\%$. The TERC is truncated at a distance of 2.8 from the optical axis. Figure 5.62 shows a TERC secondary designed for these parameters.

Just as with the case of the continuous compound parabolic primary, in this case of a Fresnel primary also, the TERC mirror may be designed with a CPC portion in the center, as shown in Figure 5.63.

In this case, at the central portion of the heliostat field, from point **C** to **D**, the heliostats are horizontal (as is the central heliostat in Figure 5.54) so that vertical rays are reflected vertically again. The edge rays r_p hitting the portion **BP** of the mirror are parallel and tilted by an angle θ to the vertical. These rays are reflected to the edge **A** of the receiver and that makes the



FIGURE 5.63 TERC secondary with a central CPC portion.





portion **BP** of the mirror a parabola with a focus **A** and tilted by an angle θ to the vertical. The other side of the mirror is symmetrical, and therefore the top portion of the secondary concentrator is a portion of a CPC.

To the right of point **D**, heliostats are oriented as before. They reflect one of the edge rays to the edge **A** of the receiver and the other edge ray is reflected by the TERC, also toward **A**. This portion of the mirror can be calculated by the same method as shown in Figure 5.55, starting at point **P** where the parabolic section ends. Figure 5.64 shows a comparison of two TERCs designed for the same receiver size and acceptance angle, but with and without a central CPC portion. Just as in the case of the continuous primary, in this case also the option in which the secondary has a central CPC portion is less compact than the one that does not.

The TERC secondary extends all the way to the primary and must be truncated to be usable.

5.11 Examples

The following examples use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Design a CEC secondary for a parabolic primary with a rim angle of $\varphi = 15^{\circ}$ ($\varphi = \pi/12$ rad) and a concentrator acceptance angle of $\theta = \pm 1^{\circ}$.



FIGURE 5.65 A parabolic primary.

The parabolic primary is defined by the equation

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = (P_1, P_2) = \frac{2}{1 - \cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
(5.77)

with $\pi - \pi/12 \le \phi \le \pi + \pi/12$. The edge points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 of the parabola are given as $\mathbf{P}_1 = (-0.982994, 0.260813)$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 = (-0.982994, -0.260813)$. Point **X** where two of the edge rays through \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 meet is given by

$$\mathbf{X} = \frac{1}{\cos \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi} (-2 \sin^2 \theta, \sin 2\theta)$$

= (-0.000320484, 0.0183605) (5.78)

We now have the situation as in Figure 5.65.

The entrance aperture of the CEC will be defined by point **X** and its symmetrical relative to the x_1 axis. The parabolic primary is considered a Lambertian source $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ emitting toward the entrance aperture of the CEC. The étendue from this Lambertian source is

$$U_{LS} = \frac{8\sin\theta\tan(\varphi/2)}{\cos\varphi} = 0.0188372$$
 (5.79)

If we want maximum concentration, the receiver will be illuminated completely by Lambertian radiation with angles ranging between $\pm \pi/2$. The size *R* of the receiver will then be $2R \sin(\pi/2) = U_{LS}$ or

$$R = \frac{U_{LS}}{2} = 0.00941861 \tag{5.80}$$

We can now determine the positions of the edge points of the receiver. The lower edge \mathbf{R}_1 of the receiver is at the intersection of ray r_1 through \mathbf{X} coming from \mathbf{P}_1 and a horizontal line through the point (0, -R/2):

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{P}_1, (0, -R/2), (1, 0)) = (0.0931829, -0.00470931)$$

as shown in Figure 5.66. Point \mathbf{R}_2 is symmetrical to \mathbf{R}_1 relative to the axis x_1 .



Determining the position of receiver R and calculating the ellipses that compose the CEC secondary.

We now have the foci \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 for the upper ellipse of the CEC and a point \mathbf{X} that it must go through. This completely defines the curve, which is given by

$$\operatorname{eli}(\mathbf{P}_{2}, \mathbf{R}_{1}, \mathbf{X}) = \left(-0.982994 + \frac{0.0258818 \cos(0.23363 + \phi)}{2.23574 - 2.21246 \cos\phi}, -0.260813 + \frac{0.0258818 \sin(0.23363 + \phi)}{2.23574 - 2.21246 \cos\phi}\right)$$
(5.81)

with a parameter range $\alpha_1 \le \phi \le \alpha_2$, where

$$\alpha_{1} = \arg(\mathbf{R}_{2} - \mathbf{P}_{2}, \mathbf{R}_{1} - \mathbf{P}_{2}) = 0.473627^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha_{2} = \arg(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{P}_{2}, \mathbf{R}_{1} - \mathbf{R}_{2}) = 2.47363^{\circ}$$
(5.82)

The ellipse at the bottom of the CEC is symmetrical to the one at the top relative to the x_1 axis.

Example 2

Design a trumpet secondary for a parabolic primary with a rim angle of $\varphi = 19.5^{\circ}$ (19.5 π /180 rad), a concentrator acceptance angle $\theta = \pm 1^{\circ}$, and a truncation of the hyperbola at a parameter value of $\phi = 62^{\circ}$.

The parabolic primary is defined by the equation

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = (P_1, P_2) = \frac{2}{1 - \cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
(5.83)

with $\pi - 19.5\pi/180 \le \phi \le \pi + 19.5\pi/180$. The edge points of the parabola, \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , are given by $\mathbf{P}_1 = (-0.970474, 0.343663)$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 = (-0.970474, -0.343663)$. The point **X** where two of the edge rays passing through the points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 meet is given by

$$\mathbf{X} = \frac{1}{\cos\varphi + \cos^2\varphi} \left(-2\sin^2\theta, \sin 2\theta\right) = (-0.000332661, 0.0190581) \quad (5.84)$$



FIGURE 5.67 A parabolic primary.



FIGURE 5.68 Truncated hyperbola of the secondary concentrator.

Its symmetrical **Y** relative to the x_1 axis is

$$\mathbf{Y} = (-0.000332661, -0.0190581) \tag{5.85}$$

We now have the situation as in Figure 5.67.

The receiver size *R* as shown in Figure 5.68 is given by

$$R = \frac{4\sin\theta\tan(\varphi/2)}{\cos\varphi} = 0.0127254$$
 (5.86)

The hyperbola of the trumpet concentrator is given by

$$\mathbf{K}(\phi) = \frac{R^2 - f^2}{2R - 2f\cos\phi} \left(\cos\left(\phi + \pi/2\right), \sin\left(\phi + \pi/2\right)\right) + \mathbf{Y}$$
(5.87)

where f = [X, Y] = 0.0381162.

The edge point of the truncated hyperbola is obtained as $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}(62^\circ) = (-0.110585, 0.039564)$.

The parabolic primary is considered a Lambertian source P_1P_2 emitting toward **XY**. The étendue from this Lambertian source is

$$U_{LS} = \frac{8\sin\theta\tan(\varphi/2)}{\cos\varphi} = 0.0254508$$

The amount of light that is lost due to the truncation of the hyperbola is twice the étendue from P_1T to KX (Figure 5.69). Point T can be obtained by

$$\mathbf{T} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{P}_{2}, (0, 1)) = (-0.970474, 0.199496)$$
(5.88)

The étendue lost due to the truncation of the trumpet is then given by

$$U_{L} = 2([\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{X}] - [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{K}] + [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{K}] - [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{X}]) = 0.00242781$$
(5.89)

The fraction of étendue captured by the trumpet is

$$c_{II} = 1 - U_I / U_{IS} = 0.904608 \tag{5.90}$$



The parabolic mirror is considered a Lambertian source P_1P_2 . The light emitted by P_1T toward KX is lost.

The illuminated portion of the primary is given by

$$I_L = 1 - [\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{L}] / [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2] = 0.884875$$
(5.91)

where **L** is symmetrical to **K** relative to the axis of symmetry of the optic x_1 . The concentration the optic provides is then

$$C = \frac{[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]}{R} I_L c_U = \frac{\cos \varphi}{\sin \theta} I_L c_U = 43.2348$$
(5.92)

The ratio to the maximum possible concentration is

$$C\sin\theta = 0.754552$$
 (5.93)

Example 3

Design a TERC secondary for a parabolic primary with a rim angle of $\varphi = 36.6^\circ$, a concentrator acceptance angle of $\theta = \pm 0.01$ rad and a flat receiver.

The parabolic primary is defined by the following equation:

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = (P_1, P_2) = \frac{2}{1 - \cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
(5.94)

with $\pi - \varphi \le \phi \le \pi + \varphi$. The caustic of the edge rays is given by

$$\mathbf{C}(\phi,\theta) = \frac{d}{2}\csc^{3}\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \left(\sin\left(2\theta - \frac{3\phi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\phi}{2}\right), \\ \cos\left(2\theta - \frac{3\phi}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3\phi}{2}\right)\right)$$
(5.95)

with $\pi - 36.6\pi/180 \le \phi \le \pi + 36.6\pi/180$ and $\theta = 0.01$ rad.

The edge points of the parabola \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 are

$$\mathbf{P}_{1} = \mathbf{P}(\pi - 36.6\pi/180) = (-0.890625, 0.661437)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{2} = \mathbf{P}(\pi + 36.6\pi/180) = (-0.890625, -0.661437)$$
(5.96)

The edge points of the caustic are

$$\mathbf{C}_{1} = \mathbf{C}(\pi - 36.6\pi/180, 0.01) = (-0.00962638, -0.00662272)$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{2} = \mathbf{C}(\pi + 36.6\pi/180, 0.01) = (0.00949201, -0.00681391)$$
(5.97)

as shown in Figure 5.70. The size of the ideal receiver is

$$R = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta = 0.0132285 \tag{5.98}$$

The position of the lower edge of the receiver can then be calculated by the intersection of the upper edge ray reflected at \mathbf{P}_1 with a horizontal line through the point (-R/2, 0). Note that, since the focus of the parabola is at $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$, the vector from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{F} is given by $\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{P}_1 = -\mathbf{P}_1$. A ray parallel to the axis of the parabola is reflected at \mathbf{P}_1 toward \mathbf{F} , and therefore has a direction $-\mathbf{P}_1$ after reflection. For this reason, the reflected top edge ray r_1 making an angle θ to the horizontal before reflection has a direction $-R(-\theta)\mathbf{P}_1$ after reflection at point \mathbf{P}_1 . The edge point \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver is then given by

$$\mathbf{R}_{2} = \operatorname{isl}\left(\mathbf{P}_{1}, -R(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{1}, \left(0, \frac{-R}{2}\right), (1, 0)\right)$$

= (-0.00963753, -0.00661426) (5.99)

where *R* is the size of the receiver but $R(-\theta)$ is a rotation matrix of an angle $-\theta$. The other edge $\mathbf{R}_1 = (-0.00963753, 0.00661426)$ of the receiver is symmetrical to \mathbf{R}_2 relative to the horizontal axis of symmetry x_1 , as shown in Figure 5.70.

The edge points C_1 and C_2 of the caustic are to the right (larger x_1 components) of the edge points \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver. Therefore, the caustic does not intersect the receiver or the TERC mirror that will be to the left of R.

We can now define the position of a wave front w perpendicular to the incoming edge rays, as shown in Figure 5.71. Vectors \mathbf{v}_1 (perpendicular to w) and \mathbf{v}_2 (parallel to w) are given by

$$\mathbf{v}_{1} = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$$
$$\mathbf{v}_{2} = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right)\right) = (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta)$$
(5.100)

We define point \mathbf{W}_2 of the wave front *w*, for example, as

$$\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2 + 0.2 \,\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{P}_2 + 0.2(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$$

= (-0.690635, -0.659437) (5.101)



FIGURE 5.70

(a) A parabolic primary, a receiver, and a caustic of the edge rays. (b) Details of the receiver.





Definition of a wave front, w, perpendicular to a set of edge rays.

And point \mathbf{W}_1 can then be obtained by the intersection of the straight line through \mathbf{W}_2 with a direction \mathbf{v}_2 with the straight line through \mathbf{P}_1 with direction \mathbf{v}_1 as

$$\mathbf{W}_{1} = isl(\mathbf{W}_{2}, \mathbf{v}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{v}_{1}) = isl(\mathbf{W}_{2}, (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta), \mathbf{P}_{1}, (\cos\theta, \sin\theta))$$
$$= (-0.703863, 0.663304)$$
(5.102)

We now take points along the parabolic primary and calculate the points on the TERC by the constant optical path length. The edge rays perpendicular to *w* reflect at the parabola, then on the TERC, and are



FIGURE 5.72 Calculation of a point \mathbf{Q}_4 on the TERC mirror.

redirected from there to the top edge \mathbf{R}_1 of the receiver. The optical path length *S* for these light rays is then

$$S = [\mathbf{W}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}] + [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{R}_{2}] + [\mathbf{R}_{2}, \mathbf{R}_{1}] = 1.30564$$
(5.103)

We now take a parameter value for the parabolic primary and calculate the corresponding point. For example, for $\phi_4 = \pi + 20\pi/180$, we have

$$\mathbf{P}_4 = \mathbf{P}(\pi + 20\pi/180) = (-0.968909, -0.352654)$$
(5.104)

as shown in Figure 5.72.

We can now calculate the corresponding point on the wave front *w* by

$$\mathbf{W}_4 = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{P}_4, \mathbf{v}_1) = (-0.693731, -0.349902)$$
(5.105)

Now, we can calculate the optical path length between points \mathbf{P}_4 and \mathbf{R}_1 as

$$S_4 = S - [\mathbf{W}_4, \mathbf{P}_4] = 1.03044 \tag{5.106}$$

The edge ray r_4 perpendicular to the wave front w and reflected at \mathbf{P}_4 has a direction $-R(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}_4$ after reflection. Therefore, the direction of the ray after reflection is given by

$$\mathbf{u}_4 = -\operatorname{nrm}(R(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}_4) = (0.943066, 0.332606)$$
(5.107)

where \mathbf{u}_4 is a unit vector. Finally, point \mathbf{Q}_4 on the TERC mirror is given by

$$\mathbf{Q}_{4} = \text{coptpt}(\mathbf{P}_{4}, \mathbf{u}_{4}, \mathbf{R}_{1}, n, S_{4})$$
$$= (-0.0293346, -0.0212791)$$
(5.108)

where the refractive index is n = 1 since the mirrors are in air and the optical path length was also calculated with n = 1.

Carrying out the same calculation for other values of parameter ϕ for the parabolic mirror we get other points on the TERC mirror. The complete mirror extends all the way to the edge of the primary, as shown in Figure 5.72a.

If we want to truncate the TERC at point Q_{4} , the étendue lost from not being collected by the secondary would be

$$U_{L} = \int_{\phi_{4}}^{\pi+\phi} \left[\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}}(\phi) - \mathbf{v}_{4}(\phi) \right] \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{P}(\phi)}{d\phi} \, d\phi \tag{5.109}$$

where

$$\mathbf{v}_4(\phi) = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{Q}_4 - \mathbf{P}(\phi))$$

$$\mathbf{v}_4(\phi) = \operatorname{nrm}(-R(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}(\phi))$$

(5.110)

and we get $U_L = 0.00164788$. We now define point \mathbf{Q}_3 as symmetrical to \mathbf{Q}_4 about the axis of symmetry of the system (axis x_1) as $\mathbf{Q}_3 = (-0.0293346, 0.0212791)$. Truncation of the TERC mirror at point \mathbf{Q}_3 results in an additional loss of the étendue also given by U_L (due to the symmetry of the optic). Total étendue loss is then $2U_L$. The shading produced by a TERC truncated at point \mathbf{Q}_4 (and the symmetrical mirror at point \mathbf{Q}_3) is given by

$$S_H = \frac{[\mathbf{Q}_3, \mathbf{Q}_4]}{[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]} = 0.0321711$$
(5.111)

The fraction of light captured by the receiver is then

$$L_R = 1 - S_H - \frac{2U_L}{2[\mathbf{P}_{1'}\mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta} = 0.843259$$
(5.112)

If we define the angle α such that $\phi = \pi + \alpha$ and the parabolic primary is defined by $\mathbf{P}(\alpha)$ with $-\varphi \leq \alpha \leq \varphi$, we can plot L_R as a function of truncation angle α_T (in degrees) as shown in Figure 5.73.



FIGURE 5.73

Étendue of the captured light by the truncated TERC as a function of the truncation parameter α_{T} .



FIGURE 5.74 A parabolic primary with a circular receiver.

Truncation at point \mathbf{P}_4 corresponds to truncation at $\alpha_T = \phi_4 - \pi = 20^\circ$. The maximum is 0.875 for $\alpha_T = 28.5^\circ$ giving the point where the TERC can be truncated for maximum light collection.

Example 4

Design a TERC secondary for a parabolic primary with a rim angle of $\varphi = 38^{\circ}$, a concentrator acceptance angle of $\theta = \pm 5^{\circ} (\pm \pi/36 \text{ rad})$, and a circular receiver.

The parabolic primary is defined by the equation

$$\mathbf{P}(\phi) = (P_1, P_2) = \frac{-2}{1 + \cos \alpha} (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$$
(5.113)

with $-\varphi \le \alpha \le \varphi$. The caustics of the edge rays are given by

$$\mathbf{C}(\alpha,\theta) = \frac{d}{2}\sec^3\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\left(\cos\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2} - 2\theta\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2}\right), \\ \sin\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2} - 2\theta\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3\alpha}{2}\right)\right)$$
(5.114)

with $-\varphi \le \alpha \le \varphi$ and $\theta = \pm \pi/36$ rad. Figure 5.74 shows the primary mirror with a focus at $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ and a rim angle φ . Figure 5.75 shows caustic of the edge rays.

The edge points of the parabola are

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}(-\varphi) = (-0.881438, 0.688655)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}(\varphi) = (-0.881438, -0.688655)$$
(5.115)





The edge points C_1 and C_2 of the caustic formed by the edge rays are

$$\mathbf{C}_{1} = \mathbf{C}(-\varphi, \theta) = (-0.0910376, -0.0484055)$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{2} = \mathbf{C}(\varphi, \theta) = (0.081249, -0.0634787)$$

(5.116)

A ray r_1 making an angle θ to the horizontal axis reflects at point \mathbf{P}_1 and has a direction \mathbf{v} after reflection. The vector \mathbf{v} makes an angle $\sigma = \varphi + \theta$ to the horizontal and is given by $\mathbf{v} = (\cos(-\sigma), \sin(-\sigma))$. Point \mathbf{X} where ray r_1 after reflection intersects the axis x_1 is

$$\mathbf{X} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{v}, (0, 0), (1, 0)) = (-0.142946, 0)$$
(5.117)

The circular receiver has a radius given by

$$R = \frac{2[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]\sin\theta}{2\pi} = 0.019105 \tag{5.118}$$

The center of the circular receiver is at a point

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X} + \left(\frac{R}{\sin\sigma}, 0\right) = (-0.114933, 0) \tag{5.119}$$

We can now design the involute mirror to the circular receiver as shown in Figure 5.75. It is given by

$$\mathbf{I}_{V}(\gamma) = R(\cos\gamma, \sin\gamma) - R\gamma(-\sin\gamma, \cos\gamma) + \mathbf{A}$$
(5.120)

with $-\pi/2 - \alpha \le \gamma \le 0$.

Its end point **I** is on the straight line through \mathbf{P}_1 with direction **v** and is given by

$$\mathbf{I} = (-0.0955282, -0.044218) \tag{5.121}$$

The caustic (bounded by points C_1 and C_2) is therefore to the right of the mirror and does not intersect it.



FIGURE 5.76 Definition of the wave front *w* and the optical path length for calculating the TERC mirror.

We may now calculate the TERC mirror. We start by defining the wave front w perpendicular to a set of edge rays as shown in Figure 5.76. We define point W_1 on w as

$$\mathbf{W}_{1} = \mathbf{P}_{1} + 0.1(\cos\theta, \sin\theta) = (-0.781819, 0.697371)$$
(5.122)

and point W₂ as

$$W_{2} = isl(W_{1}, (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta), P_{2}, (\cos\theta, \sin\theta))$$

= (-0.662235, -0.669477) (5.123)

The ray r_1 reflected at \mathbf{P}_1 is perpendicular to the wave front w and tangential to the circular receiver at point **T**. It has a direction **v** after reflection at \mathbf{P}_1 . If $\mathbf{t} = R(-\pi/2) \cdot \mathbf{v} = (-\sin \sigma, -\cos \sigma)$, we have

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{A} + R\mathbf{t} = (-0.127962, -0.0139725)$$
(5.124)

The optical path length is defined as

$$S = [\mathbf{W}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}] + [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{I}] + [\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{T}] + R\delta = 1.26463$$
(5.125)

where $\delta = \text{ang}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{e}_2)$, where $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)$. We can now choose a point \mathbf{P}_4 on the parabolic primary and calculate the corresponding point on the TERC mirror as shown in Figure 5.77.


FIGURE 5.77 Construction of the TERC mirror.

For example, taking $\alpha = 20^\circ$, we get

$$\mathbf{P}_4 = \mathbf{P}(20\pi/180) = (-0.950851, -0.443389)$$
(5.126)

We can now calculate the corresponding point on the wave front *w* as

$$W_4 = isl(W_1, (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta), P_4, (\cos\theta, \sin\theta))$$

= (-0.684058, -0.420048) (5.127)

The ray r_4 reflects at \mathbf{P}_4 in the direction $\mathbf{u}_4 = -\text{nrm}(-R(-\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}_4) = (0.939693, 0.34202)$. We define the position of point \mathbf{Q}_4 as

$$\mathbf{Q}_4 = \mathbf{P}_4 + x\mathbf{u}_4 \tag{5.128}$$

where *x* is unknown. The tangent point \mathbf{T}_4 on the receiver can be calculated as a function of \mathbf{Q}_4 as shown in Figure 5.78.

The angle β is given by

$$\beta = \arccos\left(\frac{R}{[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_4]}\right) \tag{5.129}$$

The vector \mathbf{t}_4 is then given by

$$\mathbf{t}_4 = R(-\beta) \cdot \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{Q}_4 - \mathbf{A}) \tag{5.130}$$

and point T_4 can be obtained as

$$\mathbf{T}_4 = \mathbf{A} + R\mathbf{t}_4 \tag{5.131}$$



FIGURE 5.78

Calculation of point \mathbf{T}_4 on the tangent line to the receiver through point \mathbf{Q}_4 on the TERC mirror.

Since $\mathbf{Q}_4 = \mathbf{Q}_4(x)$, we have $\mathbf{t}_4 = \mathbf{t}_4(x)$ and $\mathbf{T}_4 = \mathbf{T}_4(x)$. The point \mathbf{Q}_4 on the TERC mirror must fulfill the condition of constant optical path length:

$$[\mathbf{W}_{4}, \mathbf{P}_{4}] + x + [\mathbf{Q}_{4}, \mathbf{T}_{4}] + R \,\delta_{4} = S \tag{5.132}$$

where $\delta_4 = \arg(\mathbf{T}_4 - \mathbf{A}, (0, 1))$ and *x* is the distance between \mathbf{P}_4 and \mathbf{Q}_4 . Solving this equation for *x*, we get x = 0.747344. We can now calculate $\mathbf{Q}_4 = (-0.248578, -0.187783)$ on the TERC mirror and $\mathbf{T}_4 = (-0.131363, 0.00974957)$.

For other values of α we get other points on the parabolic primary mirror and the corresponding points on the TERC mirror.

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6

Stepped Flow-Line Nonimaging Optics

6.1 Introduction

Typically, optical devices designed using the flow-line method are quite large in the case of small acceptance angles, and they also need to touch the edges of the receiver. A possible way around this limitation is to consider a step curve along the flow lines, with some portions of the curve along the flow lines and others perpendicular to those lines. The portions along the flow lines are converted to mirrors and to those perpendicular to the flow lines we add optics. This results in a microstructured optic with many small optical elements combined into one. Different versions of these devices have numerous applications, such as very compact concentrators, concentrators that do not touch the receiver, backlights and frontlights, and light guides that distribute the light of a source to several receivers or those that combine the light from several small sources onto a single exit aperture (synthetic large source).

6.2 Compact Concentrators

The compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) can be derived by the flow-line method. For large acceptance angles, the size of the CPC is reasonable, but for small acceptance angles it becomes very tall. Combining several small CPCs into a single device produces an equivalent, much shorter concentrator.¹

Figure 6.1 shows a concentrator for an inverted V-shaped receiver **AFB**. Up to the dashed line *s*, the left-hand side vector flux lines f_i inside this device are parabolas having a focus **F** and an axis parallel to *r*, which is in line with **AF**. Upward from line *s*, they are all straight lines. All of them have the same shape, only scaled upward or downward, as each one of them defines the same concentrator for different receiver sizes. The right-hand side vector flux lines are symmetrical to ones on the left-hand side.

Taking two of these vector flux lines, we can obtain different concentrators. Figure 6.2 shows three examples. In the case of Figure 6.2a, the radiation is "compressed" by multiple reflections bouncing back and forth between the two parabolas into the receiver *R*. In the case of Figure 6.2b, the receiver is asymmetric. Figure 6.2c shows a CPC for a tilted receiver. This concentrator



The vector flux lines inside a CPC for an inverted V-shaped receiver are shaped as parabolas below the dashed lines and straight lines above them.



FIGURE 6.2

Different optics can be obtained by taking different flow lines inside a CPC for an inverted V-shaped receiver. (a) A concentrator with receiver *R* and composed of two parabolic arcs having the same focus and axis direction. (b) A concentrator for an asymmetrical receiver. (c) CPC for a tilted receiver. It has an acceptance angle 2α , and results from halving a CPC for an inverted V-shaped receiver with a vertical flow line.

has an acceptance angle 2α and results from taking flow line f_1 in Figure 6.1 as a mirror (which divides in half the CPC for the inverted V-shaped receiver).

It is possible, however, to take other shapes along the vector flux lines. Figure 6.3a shows one such possibility. In this case, we take a stepped line



If **AF** is now a source of radiation, its light will be divided into h_1 , h_2 , and h_3 , which can now also be considered as small sources. Each one of these sources h_i now has a distance e_i through which its radiation can exit. This means that the angular aperture of the radiation can be decreased to increase its area and fill e_i .

where the vertical lines, v_i , are along the vector flux lines, but the horizontal ones, h_i , are perpendicular to them.

If **AF** is now a source, its radiation will exit through h_1 , h_2 , h_3 , ..., and these horizontal lines can now be considered as small "sources" emitting radiation with the same angular aperture, 2α , as the acceptance angle of the concentrator. A "source" h_i will now have a maximum space, e_i , from **P**_i to **Q**_i through which its radiation can exit as shown in Figure 6.3b. This means that we can decrease the angular spread of the radiation to increase its aperture area and make it exit perpendicular to e_i filling it completely. If h_i and e_i refer now to the sizes, étendue conservation requires that $2h_i \sin \alpha = 2e_i \sin \theta$. Since we have $h_i = e_i \sin \alpha$, we obtain

$$\theta = \arcsin(\sin^2 \alpha) \tag{6.1}$$

For the device in Figure 6.3a, we can now put on top of each source h_i a concentrator such as the one shown in Figure 6.2c, but turned upside down, as shown in Figure 6.4.

This transforms the source **AF** into a set of smaller collinear sources S_i . Their added widths equal to that of **AF**. On top of each one of these exits, S_i , we can now put a CPC with an acceptance angle θ calculated according to

expression 6.1. The resulting device is a compact optic shown in Figure 6.5a. This optic can now be seen as a concentrator having an acceptance angle 2θ and a receiver **AF**. Horizontal dashed line **GF** divides the compact optic in upper optics (above **GF**) and lower optic (below **GF**). The lower optic **GA** has a parabolic shape and concentrates to **F** the edge rays parallel to *r* making an



FIGURE 6.4

Placing a CPC for a tilted receiver (as in Figure 6.2c) on top of each horizontal line, we divide the source **AF** into smaller sources S_i .

angle 2α to the horizontal. Figure 6.5b shows a similar device, except that it combines a larger number of CPCs.

Now consider a light pipe composed of two vertical parallel flat mirrors as shown in Figure 6.6a. The length of the light pipe is such that the lines that connect its opposing edges make an angle 2β . If light having an angular aperture 2α is injected at one end, it will bounce around until it exits at the other end with the same angular aperture. The vector flux lines inside this optic are straight, vertical parallel lines. We can now take a stepped line along these lines, just as we did previously. The result is shown in Figure 6.6b.

As described earlier, a source h_i will now have a maximum width e_i from \mathbf{P}_i to \mathbf{Q}_i through which its radiation can exit. Again, we can decrease the angular spread of the radiation to increase its area and make it exit perpendicular to e_i filling it completely. If h_i



FIGURE 6.5 Compact optics: concentrators that result from a combination of several CPCs into a single receiver.



A light pipe composed of two vertical flat mirrors. If light with angular aperture 2α is injected at one end, it exits at the other end with the same angular extent. The vector flux lines inside this device are vertical straight lines. A stepped vector flux line can also be taken in this case, as shown in (b).

and e_i refer now to the sizes, étendue conservation requires that $2h_i \sin \alpha = 2e_i \sin \theta$. Since $h_i = e_i \sin \beta$, we have

$$\theta = \arcsin(\sin\alpha\sin\beta) \tag{6.2}$$

As described previously, on top of each source h_i we can now put a CPC for a tilted receiver (similar to that of Figure 6.2c) but turned upside down. Because of the difference between angles α and β , we also need circular arcs with an angle $\alpha - \beta$ to make the exit apertures of these optics collinear. We can now add the CPCs with an acceptance angle 2θ , where θ is determined by expression 6.2. We end up with the device as shown in Figure 6.7a.

Figure 6.7b shows the same device, but rotated so that the CPCs are in the vertical position. This optic can now be seen as an angle transformer having an acceptance angle 2θ and an exit angle 2α . The horizontal dashed line *b* divides the optic into two. The optics above this line are called the upper optics and the optic below this line is called lower optic. Figure 6.8 shows an upper optic from Figure 6.7b.

Since these concentrators result from the combination of several small CPCs, they are much more compact than the CPCs themselves.



FIGURE 6.7

An angle transformer with an acceptance angle 2θ and an exit angle 2α . In (b), the horizontal dashed line *b* divides the device into an upper optics and a lower optic.



FIGURE 6.8 An upper optic for the device

shown in Figure 6.7.

Other such designs can combine several light sources into a single exit aperture.^{2,3} One such possibility uses a combination of several optics like the one seen in Figure 6.9.

Figure 6.9 shows a CPC with a small aperture *R* and a large aperture **AM** coupled to an angle rotator. Several conic curves form the sidewalls of this angle rotator. Between points **K** and **J** light is not confined by a mirror. The optic may then be extended to the right of line **K-J** with a nonoptical surface. This extra material between line **K-J** and the nonoptical surface has no optical function and may be used, for example, for holding the optic.

The wall **ML** of the angle rotator is flat and reflects edge rays parallel to direction r_2 into a direction parallel to r_3 . The portion **LK** is a parabola with a focus **A** and an axis parallel to r_3 . On the other side, the curve **AB** is a parabola with a focus **J** and an axis parallel to r_1 . The

curve **BC** is an ellipse with foci **M** and **J**. The curve **CD** is a parabola with a focus **J** and an axis parallel to r_3 . The curve **DE** is an ellipse with foci **K** and **J**. The curve **EG** is an ellipse with foci **K** and **N**. This side of the optic ends in a flat portion **GH**. On the other side, we have a parabola **IJ** with a focus **N** and an axis parallel to r_4 .



A CPC and an angle rotator. Between points \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{J} there is no need for a mirror to confine the light.



FIGURE 6.10

Combination of several light sources into one single exit aperture by a stepped flow-line optic.

Several of these optics can be combined using a stepped flow-line approach, as shown in Figure 6.10.

Note that if the direction of the light is reversed, we can place a large source at the exit aperture and this optic will distribute its light to several places.

Another possible application of stepped flow-line optics is in high efficiency backlights and frontlights.⁴ A simple example is to replace the horizontal steps shown in Figure 6.6 by tilted steps as shown in Figure 6.11, which reflect the light perpendicular to the direction of the light guide.

The resulting optic consists of a light source, a collimator, and a stepped flow-line optic. In the case of a backlight (Figure 6.11a), light is reflected through a transmissive screen and will be observed on the other side. In the



FIGURE 6.11 Stepped flow-line optics can be used in the design of backlights and frontlights.

case of a frontlight (Figure 6.11b), light is reflected toward a reflective screen, which is reflected back through the optic and then observed. The size of the steps may be made very small compared to the spacing between steps, making them imperceptible to the observer. The frontlight then behaves as a transparent plate that illuminates a reflective screen. More elaborate designs may illuminate a large target with a single small source, or have a thickness that is nearly constant for the whole optic.⁴

6.3 Concentrators with Gaps

Flow-line design methods typically produce designs in which the mirrors touch the source of radiation or the receiver. It is, however, possible to modify these designs to obtain ideal concentrators that do not touch either the source or the receiver.⁵

The CPC in Figure 6.8 can be seen as a concentrator for an infinite source placed at an infinite distance. If, however, the source is now, for example, a circle placed at a finite distance, a tailored concentrator for this new source can also be designed.

Let us then consider a circular Lambertian source of radius *r*, as shown in Figure 6.12a. Some of its light is captured by an optic having an acceptance angle 2θ and whose entrance aperture is a circular arc **AB** of radius *R*. The entrance aperture spans an angle δ at the center of the source and its arc length is $R\delta$. The étendue entering the optic will then be $U = 2R\delta \sin \theta$. Now, *R* and *r* are related by $r = R \sin \theta$, and therefore, we can write $U = 2r\delta$. If this radiation is transferred to the exit aperture $\mathbf{F_1F_2}$ (Figure 6.12b) and concentrated to the maximum (exit angle $\pi/2$), we have $U_2 = 2[\mathbf{F_1}, \mathbf{F_2}]$ for the étendue exiting the device, where $[\mathbf{F_1}, \mathbf{F_2}]$ is the distance between $\mathbf{F_1}$ and $\mathbf{F_2}$. We should then have $2r\delta = 2[\mathbf{F_1}, \mathbf{F_2}]$, and therefore $[\mathbf{F_1}, \mathbf{F_2}] = r\delta$. The acceptance angle 2θ of the optic is related to the angle 2γ between rays r_1 and r_2 by $\theta = \gamma + \delta/2$. We may then calculate angle 2γ from the values of θ and δ , and therefore the directions of rays r_1 and r_2 and thus determine the positions of points $\mathbf{F_1}$ and $\mathbf{F_2}$.

Figure 6.13 shows one of these devices for the acceptance angle 2 θ . Each one of its points **P** is calculated so that $l_1 + l_2 + r\varphi$ = Cte, where Cte is a constant.



A circular light source with a radius *r* and geometry for the entrance aperture **AB** of a concentrator that captures light from this circular source. Such a concentrator is seen in (b).

The whole upper optic as seen in Figure 6.8 can also be adjusted so that several component optics can be placed around the circular source. Figure 6.14a shows one of these modified upper optics. Now the parabola and flat mirror have become elliptical arcs. Figure 6.14b shows how these optics can be put around a circular source. It shows the upper optic in Figure 6.14a together with a second upper optic obtained by a rotation of an angle δ around the center **C** of the source.

The reason for the angles δ with vertices \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 in Figure 6.14a is that, when this optic is rotated by δ around center \mathbf{C} to become the next optic in the chain, the line $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_3$ of the next optic will be parallel to $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_4$ and the line $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_5$ of the next optic will be parallel to $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_4$.



FIGURE 6.13

A concentrator for a circular source of radius *r* and a receiver $\mathbf{F_1F_2}$. Its points can be drawn with a string of constant length, that is, $l_1 + l_2 + r\varphi =$ Cte, where Cte is a constant.

Let us now consider that \mathbf{v}_{jk} is a unit vector pointing from point \mathbf{P}_j to point \mathbf{P}_k as shown in Figure 6.15. This vector can also be written as $\mathbf{v}_{jk} = (\cos \theta_{jk}, \sin \theta_{jk})$, where θ_{jk} is the angle that line $\mathbf{P}_j \mathbf{P}_k$ makes to the horizontal. Point \mathbf{P}_k can then be obtained from point \mathbf{P}_j as $\mathbf{P}_k = \mathbf{P}_j + x_{jk}\mathbf{v}_{jk}$, where $x_{jk} = [\mathbf{P}_j, \mathbf{P}_k]$ is the distance between \mathbf{P}_j and \mathbf{P}_k .

Now for calculating the geometry of the upper optic shown in Figure 6.14, we first note that point $P_3 = F_2$ as in Figure 6.13. We can now make



An upper optic for a circular source. How two of these optics can be combined around the source is seen in (b).



FIGURE 6.15 Definition of vector \mathbf{v}_{jk} and angle θ_{jk} from two points, \mathbf{P}_j and \mathbf{P}_k .

v₃₅ = $(\cos \theta_{35}, \sin \theta_{35})$ and **v**₃₆ = $(\cos \theta_{36}, \sin \theta_{36})$, where angles θ_{35} and θ_{36} are unknown. Since **P**₆ is connected to point **F**₁ by a circular arc, it can be obtained as **P**₆ = [**F**₁, **F**₂]**v**₃₆. Point **P**₅ can be obtained as **P**₅ = **P**₃ + x_{35} **v**₃₅, where x_{35} is unknown. Points **P**₁ and **P**₂ can be obtained by **P**₁ = **P**₃ - x_{31} **v**₃₅ and **P**₂ = **P**₃ - x_{32} **v**₃₆, where distances x_{31} and x_{32} are unknown. Point **P**₅ by an angle δ around center **C**, and therefore, we have **P**₄ = $R(\delta) \cdot \mathbf{P}_5$, where $R(\delta)$ is a rotation matrix of an angle δ .

All the points are now defined as functions of the five unknowns: θ_{35} , θ_{36} , x_{35} , x_{31} ,

and x_{32} . We can now impose on the system the condition resulting from the curves and angles δ in Figure 6.14a. For the ellipse with foci \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{P}_3 , we have $[\mathbf{P}_3, \mathbf{P}_6] + [\mathbf{P}_6, \mathbf{P}_2] = [\mathbf{P}_3, \mathbf{P}_5] + [\mathbf{P}_5, \mathbf{P}_2]$. For the ellipse with foci \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , we have $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_3] + [\mathbf{P}_3, \mathbf{P}_2] = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_4] + [\mathbf{P}_4, \mathbf{P}_2]$. We must also impose the condition that $\mathbf{v}_{35} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{14} = \cos \delta$, and $\mathbf{v}_{25} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{24} = \cos \delta$. Vectors $\mathbf{v}_{14}, \mathbf{v}_{25}$, and \mathbf{v}_{24} can be

obtained as functions of the unknowns from the corresponding points. We then end up with four equations

$$[\mathbf{P}_{3}, \mathbf{P}_{6}] + [\mathbf{P}_{6}, \mathbf{P}_{2}] = [\mathbf{P}_{3}, \mathbf{P}_{5}] + [\mathbf{P}_{5}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]$$

$$[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{3}] + [\mathbf{P}_{3}, \mathbf{P}_{2}] = [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{4}] + [\mathbf{P}_{4}, \mathbf{P}_{2}]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{35} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{14} = \cos \delta$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{25} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{24} = \cos \delta$$
(6.3)

and five unknowns: θ_{35} , θ_{36} , x_{35} , x_{31} , and x_{32} . We can then give a value to one of the unknowns, for example, θ_{36} , and solve this system of equations to obtain the values for the four unknowns. We can then determine the position of the points by replacing this result into their expressions and then calculate the ellipses.

Once the upper optic has been defined, the corresponding lower optic can be calculated. Figure 6.16 shows an optic having two upper optics and the corresponding lower optic. The lower optic is composed of elliptical arcs concentrate the light they receive from P_1 and Q_1 to P_2 and Q_2 . Just like the whole second upper optic, also points Q_1 and Q_2 are obtained from P_1 and P_2 by a rotation of an angel δ about the center **C** of the source.

For the points of the lower optic between L_1 (point P_5 in Figure 6.14a) and $L_{2'}$ points P_1 and P_2 are "visible". The edge rays at those points on the lower optic are those appearing to come from P_1 and those headed to P_2 and therefore require an ellipse having foci P_1 and P_2 . Beyond point $L_{2'}$ point Q_2 becomes "visible".



FIGURE 6.16

The lower portion of an optic that captures light coming from a circular source is composed of a set of elliptical arcs that concentrate to P_2 and Q_2 , the edge rays it receives from P_1 and Q_1 .

Thus, there must be an ellipse with foci P_1 and Q_2 . At point L_3 , point P_1 stops being visible and point Q_1 becomes visible; hence there is an ellipse with foci Q_1 and Q_2 that extends until point L_4 , where Q_2 stops being visible.

The design of the final portion of the optic starts by defining the flat mirror **JX**, which is tangent to the upper optic at point **J**. The angle ϕ between line **Q**₁**J** and **JX** was chosen as the exit angle of the device. The étendue of the radiation entering the optic coming from the source is known, and therefore the distance [**X**, **L**₅] can be calculated. Since the exit aperture **XL**₅ is perpendicular to the flat mirror **JX**, point **L**₅ can be determined. The design is completed by a parabolic arc from **L**₄ to **L**₅.

A large number of upper optics can be placed around the source completely surrounding it.⁶ Figure 6.17 shows this possibility. The upper optics are the same as shown in Figure 6.16 and the design method of the lower optic is also the same.

This device is a gap optic and can also be viewed as a concentrator having an acceptance angle 2ϕ and a circular receiver. In this case, it can be seen that the optic does not touch the central circular receiver.

It is possible to combine a compact optic (Figure 6.5) with a gap optic (Figure 6.17). To the gap optic of Figure 6.17 we remove a portion of the lower optic (above point L_{16}), and adjust the length of the vertical flat mirror, resulting in the optic of Figure 6.18 (shown rotated by 90 degrees relative to the position in Figure 6.17).

To optically connect these two optics, we start with the flat mirror P_5C_1 , which is tangent to the upper optic at point P_5 (defined in Figure 6.14a). Its length defines angle 2α , and is chosen as to match angle 2α of the upper optics of the compact optic.



FIGURE 6.17

Gap optic: a concentrator having an acceptance angle 2α that does not touch its circular receiver.



To optically connect a gap optic and a compact optic, we start from mirror P_5C_1 , tangent to the upper optic at P_5 , and whose chosen length defines the angle 2α that matches that for the upper optics of the compact optic.



FIGURE 6.19

Combination of a compact optic and a concentrator with a gap between the optic and the receiver.

Figure 6.19 shows a combination of a compact optic and a gap optic. Point I is a mirror image of point L_{16} with P_5C_1 as the mirror. The upper optics of the compact optic are similar to the ones in Figure 6.5. The lower optic is composed of a set of parabolic arcs that redirect the edge rays coming from the gap optic in direction *r*, which makes an angle 2α to the horizontal.

Figure 6.20 shows two of the optics of Figure 6.19 placed side by side.



Two of the optics seen in Figure 6.19 placed side by side.

6.4 Examples

The following examples use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Design a stepped flow-line concentrator for a half-acceptance angle of $\theta = 20^{\circ}$.

We start by the parameterization of a CPC. The right-hand side parabola of a CPC with a half-acceptance angle θ and a small aperture of dimension 2*a* centered at the origin is given by

$$\mathbf{c}_{R}(\phi) = (c_{1}(\phi), c_{2}(\phi))$$
$$= \left(a\frac{1 - \cos(\phi + 2\theta) + 2\sin(\phi + \theta)}{\cos\phi - 1}, a\frac{\cos(\phi + \theta)}{\sin^{2}(\phi/2)}(1 + \sin\theta)\right) \quad (6.4)$$

with $3\pi/2 - \theta \le \phi \le 2\pi - 2\theta$ as shown in Figure 6.21.

The left-hand side parabola is symmetrical relative to the vertical axis x_2 and is given by $\mathbf{c}_L(\phi) = (-c_1(\phi), c_2(\phi))$. If the center of the small aperture is now at a point **M** instead of at (0, 0), then the parabolas of the CPC are given by $\mathbf{c}_R(\phi) + \mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{c}_L(\phi) + \mathbf{M}$ with the same parameter range.

To design the stepped flow-line concentrator, consider that the horizontal line separating the lower optic from the upper optic is bounded by points $\mathbf{A} = (0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (1, 0)$, as shown in Figure 6.22.

Begin with the lower optic below line **AB**. Design it as a parabola **AC** tilted by an angle $\pi - 2\alpha$ to the horizontal, that is, with its axis parallel to *r*. The half-acceptance angle for the optic is $\theta = 20^{\circ}$ and the angle α that defines the lower optic is given by

$$\alpha = \arcsin(\sqrt{\sin\theta}) = 35.7906^{\circ} \tag{6.5}$$

The parameterization of lower parabola AC is then

$$\mathbf{a}(\phi) = \operatorname{par}(\pi - 2\alpha, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A})$$
$$= \left(1 - \frac{0.68404 \cos(1.24933 - \phi)}{1 - \cos\phi}, \frac{0.68404 \sin(1.24933 - \phi)}{1 - \cos\phi}\right) \quad (6.6)$$



FIGURE 6.21 A CPC with a small aperture of dimension 2*a* centered at the origin.



FIGURE 6.22 A stepped flow-line concentrator with an upper optic (above **AB**) and a lower optic (below **AB**).

where $2\alpha \le \phi \le \pi$. Point **C** is obtained for $\phi = \pi$ as **C** = (1.10806, -0.324499). We can now calculate the position of point **F** as

$$F = isl(B, (\cos(-\alpha), \sin(-\alpha)), A, (\cos(-2\alpha), \sin(-2\alpha)))$$

= (-0.31596, 0.948773) (6.7)

Parabola AE has a horizontal axis and focus F, and is given by

$$\mathbf{b}(\phi) = \operatorname{par}(0, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{A})$$

 $\mathbf{c}_{R}(\phi) + \mathbf{M}$

$$= \left(-0.31596 + \frac{0.68404\cos\phi}{1-\cos\phi}, 0.948773 + \frac{0.68404\sin\phi}{1-\cos\phi}\right)$$
(6.8)

where $\pi \le \phi \le 2\pi - 2\alpha$. Point **E** is obtained for $\phi = \pi$ as **E** = (-0.65798, 0.948773). Finally, add the top CPC whose sidewalls are parabolas **EG** and **FH**. The midpoint of its small aperture is **M** = **E** + 0.5(**F** - **E**) = (-0.48697, 0.948773) and the parameter *a* that defines the small aperture **EF** is given by $a = [\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}]/2 = 0.17101$. The parabolas of the CPC are then

$$= \left(-0.48697 + 0.17101 \frac{1 - \cos(0.698132 + \phi) + 2\sin(0.349066 + \phi)}{\cos \phi - 1}\right),$$
$$0.948773 + 0.229499 \frac{\cos(0.349066 + \phi)}{\sin^2(0.5\phi)}\right)$$
(6.9)

for the right-hand side and

$$\mathbf{c}_{L}(\phi) + \mathbf{M}$$

$$= \left(-0.48697 - 0.17101 \frac{1 - \cos(0.698132 + \phi) + 2\sin(0.349066 + \phi)}{\cos \phi - 1}, 0.948773 + 0.229499 \frac{\cos(0.349066 + \phi)}{\sin^{2}(0.5\phi)}\right)$$
(6.10)

for the left-hand side, where $3\pi/2 - \theta \le \phi \le 2\pi - 2\theta$.

To combine several upper optics with one single lower optic, scale the lower optic and make an array of upper optics to cover it. For example, to combine 10 upper optics, scale the lower optic by a factor of 10 obtaining a parameterization $10a(\phi)$ with the same parameter range. The parabolas **AE** of the upper optics are now an array

$$\mathbf{b}(\phi) + i(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}), \quad i = 0, 1, ..., 9$$
 (6.11)

with the same parameter range as before for each one of them. The same is true for the parabolas of the CPCs that are now given by

$$\mathbf{c}_{R}(\phi) + \mathbf{M} + i(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}), \quad i = 0, 1, ..., 9$$
 (6.12)

for the right-hand side parabolas and

$$\mathbf{c}_{I}(\phi) + \mathbf{M} + i(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}), \quad i = 0, 1, ..., 9$$
 (6.13)

for the left-hand side parabolas. Figure 6.23 shows the resulting optic. This optic is composed of several upper optics and a lower optic.



FIGURE 6.23 Combination of several optics into a single concentrator.

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7

Luminaires

7.1 Introduction

A luminaire is a mirror (or an optical device) deflecting the light from a source to a receiver so as to obtain on the receiver a prescribed light distribution. If the dimension of the light source is much smaller than the dimension of the luminaire mirror such that the light source can be considered as a point source, and the distance from the luminaire to the receiver is also very large, it is possible to obtain the shape of the luminaire mirror by the traditional design methods.^{1,2} If the light source is large, it is then necessary to use anidolic optics to obtain the shape of the luminaire's mirrors.¹

In the previous analysis of nonimaging optics, we analyzed the problem of concentrating the light from a given source. The inverse problem is the illumination, where the source takes the place of the receiver or absorber and the objective is to produce, at some distance, a given distribution of radiation. The calculation of a luminaire that produces a uniform illumination on a plane is simplified if the plane is considered to be at a large distance from the luminaire. Let us consider initially an infinitesimal source *da* in a 2-D space illuminating a line, as presented in Figure 7.1.

The illuminance *E* produced by this source on the line is given by (see Chapter 16)

$$\frac{E}{E_0} = \frac{I}{I_0} \cos^2\theta \tag{7.1}$$

where E_0 is the illuminance produced at the center of the line ($\theta = 0$) and I_0 is the intensity of the radiation in the same direction.

To make the illuminance same for all its points, that is, to make $E = E_0$ for all points in the line, we must have

$$I = \frac{I_0}{\cos^2 \theta} \tag{7.2}$$

Since this relation does not depend on the distance from the infinitesimal source *da* to the line, the angular distribution of radiation must also enable us to obtain a constant illuminance on a line placed at an infinite distance. But if the line is now at an infinite distance, the size of the source is no longer an issue, and therefore it need not be infinitesimal. We can then replace the point source by a finite dimension one, as presented in Figure 7.1b.



FIGURE 7.1

Figure (a) presents an infinitesimal source *da* illuminating a straight line at a finite distance. (b) If the line is at an infinite distance, the infinitesimal source can be replaced by a luminaire producing the same angular intensity distribution. It will produce on the plane placed at infinity a uniform distribution of radiation.

A luminaire for uniform light distribution on a line placed at an infinite distance must then produce an angular intensity distribution for the light, which is given by Equation 7.2.

We could consider a compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) with an acceptance angle θ as a candidate for this luminaire if the direction of light is reversed inside of it. This is not, however, a solution to this problem because if we place a Lambertian source at the smaller aperture of the CPC, through the larger aperture the radiation will also exit having the characteristics of a Lambertian source but radiating inside an angle θ .

We must then look for another solution. In the presentation of the CPC, we started by placing flat mirrors at each side of the receiver, which were then transformed into the mirrors constituting the CPC. Here, we could start with something similar.

7.2 Luminaires for Large Source and Flat Mirrors

Let us suppose that, at each side of a Lambertian source of light, we place two flat mirrors at an angle $\pi/4$ to the horizontal, as presented in Figure 7.2. The angles are considered positive if measured clockwise relative to the vertical. Therefore, the angle θ shown in Figure 7.2a is negative and represented as $-|\theta|$.



The power emitted by a Lambertian source **OQ** in a direction making an angle θ to the vertical is proportional to the area *S* of **OQ** projected in this direction. If mirrors are placed at each side of the source, the portion **QR** of the right-side mirror reflects in direction θ a power proportional to the width *M* of the source reflection. (a) An observer, from direction θ , sees a total power proportional to *S* + *M*. (b) As angle θ takes values θ_1 , θ_2 , and θ_3 , the reflection of the source on the mirror extends to points **R**₁, **R**₂, and **R**₃, respectively.

An observer looking into the luminaire from a direction $-|\theta|$ sees the source **OQ**. The intensity produced by the source in direction θ is given by $I_s = L_v[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]\cos\theta$ or

$$I_S = L_V[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \cos \theta = L_V S \tag{7.3}$$

where $S = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \cos \theta$ is the dimension of the source when viewed from direction θ and L_v its luminance.

But the observer also sees an "image" of the source reflected on the mirror. From direction θ , this image has a dimension M. The luminance L_V is conserved on reflection and therefore the intensity corresponding to the image on the mirror is given by

$$I_M = L_V M \tag{7.4}$$

An observer looking at the luminaire in the direction θ will then see a source of radiation of width I_S and an image on the mirror of width I_M . This set is equivalent to a source having width $I_M + I_S$.^{1,3} The luminaire radiates in the direction θ a power per unit angle proportional to $I_M(\theta) + I_S(\theta)$.

The intensity produced by the luminaire as a function of angle θ is then given by

$$I(\theta) = I_M(\theta) + I_S(\theta) = L(M+S)$$
(7.5)

It is important to note that as the absolute value of θ increases, that is, takes values θ_1 , θ_2 , θ_3 , ..., point **R** moves along the mirror through points **R**₁, **R**₂, **R**₃, ... as presented in Figure 7.2b.



(a) If the angle δ made by the mirrors with the horizontal is larger than $\pi/4$, for $\theta = 0$ in addition to the source, two reflections **OR**_L and **QR**_R are visible on the mirrors. (b) If $\delta < \pi/4$, for angles with the vertical between $\pm \theta$, there will be no visible reflections on the mirrors, and the distribution of light between these angles is the one given by the source and cannot be changed.

Figure 7.3a shows the result of the slope δ of the mirrors when it exceeds $\pi/4$.

In this case, for $\theta = 0$, in addition to the radiation coming directly from the source, there are two images, one on each mirror, extending through **OR**_L on the left-side mirror and through **QR**_R on the right-side mirror. For emission angles close to $\theta = 0$ we would then have two images (one on each mirror), complicating the analysis of the system.

However, if we had chosen an angle δ smaller than $\pi/4$, as in Figure 7.3b, a ray coming from **O** would be reflected by the mirror at **Q**, making an angle $-\theta$ with the vertical. By symmetry, a ray coming from **Q** toward **O** would be reflected making an angle θ with the vertical. Therefore, for angles between $\pm \theta$ there would be no images of the source reflected on the mirrors, and in this interval only the radiation produced by the source would be available; so it would not be possible to change the distribution of light produced by the luminaire to the desired distribution.

The slope of the mirrors (making an angle $\pi/4$ to the vertical) in Figure 7.2 is chosen in such a way that a ray coming from the edge **O** of the source would be reflected at edge **Q** of the mirror and leave the luminaire in the vertical, that is, with $\theta = 0$. Therefore, for $\theta = 0$, the whole source is visible but there are no images on the mirrors. For other values of θ , the light leaving the luminaire comes directly from the source and also from one image of one of the mirrors.

The condition that the light coming from the edge of the source must be reflected by the edge of the mirror and leave the luminaire in the vertical will be used later as a boundary condition for the design of luminaires precisely for the same reasons pointed here.

The distribution of radiation that this luminaire produces on a distant target is derived next. From Figure 7.4a we can see that $\psi = \pi/4 - \theta$. Since the internal angles of the triangle **ROQ** add up to π and considering that \angle **ROQ** = $3\pi/4$, we can calculate \angle **OQR** = θ .

Now $d = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \sin \theta = [\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{O}] \sin \psi$ or

$$[\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{O}] = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \psi}$$
(7.6)



Calculation of the angular intensity distribution produced by a luminaire made of flat mirrors making an angle $\pi/4$ with the horizontal.

But $I_M = L_V[\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{O}] \sin \psi$ and therefore $I_M = L_V[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \sin \theta$. Since $I_S = L_V[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \cos \theta$ we get

$$I(\theta) = L_{\nu}[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}](\cos\theta + \sin\theta) = I_{0}(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)$$
(7.7)

for the case with image on the left-side mirror with $0 < \theta < \pi/4$ and where $I_0 = L_V$ [**O**, **Q**]. For the reflections on the right-side mirror where $-\pi/4 < \theta < 0$ and we get

$$I(\theta) = I_0(\cos\theta - \sin\theta) \tag{7.8}$$

From Figure 7.4b, we can also see that the total intensity produced by the luminaire is given by

$$I = r\cos(2\alpha - \pi/2) = r\sin(2\alpha) \tag{7.9}$$

Expression 7.7 can also be obtained from Figure 7.5. In this figure we again have a luminaire similar to the one presented in Figure 7.4, that is, mirrors **AQ** and **BO** make an angle $\pi/4$ to the horizontal.

Flat mirrors **AQ** and **OB** then create images **QO**_{*M*} and **OQ**_{*M*} of the source, respectively. In the example presented in Figure 7.5, we have an observer placed far away from the luminaire looking at it from an angle θ . This observer is looking at the optical system through the aperture **AB**. What he or she sees is the source **OQ** and the image **OQ**_{*M*}. The intensity produced by the source is given by L_V [**O**, **Q**]cos θ and the intensity produced by the mirror image **OQ**_{*M*} is L_V [**O**, **Q**]cos $\zeta = L_V$ [**O**, **Q**]sin θ since $\theta + \zeta = \pi/2$. We then obtain expression 7.7 for the intensity produced by the luminaire. The image that the observer sees on the mirror extends from **O** to **R**. Note that if the observer is looking from a direction that makes an angle to the vertical larger than β , he will only be able to see part of the image **OQ**_{*M*} as shown in Figure 7.5b. However, if the observer is looking from the vertical direction (perpendicular to the aperture **AB**), he will only be able to see the source **OQ**



(a) Mirrors **QA** and **OB** create, respectively, images \mathbf{QO}_M and \mathbf{OQ}_M of the source. When looking through the aperture **AB**, one sees the equivalent source $\mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{OQO}_M$. (b) For viewing angles larger than β only part of the image \mathbf{OQ}_M will be visible. Therefore, an observer looking into the system from direction θ sees source \mathbf{OQ} and the image \mathbf{OQ}_M , that is, he sees the equivalent source \mathbf{QOQ}_M .

and no images on the mirrors because the images are perpendicular to this viewing direction and therefore cannot be seen.

Since $cos(\pi/4) = sin(\pi/4)$, we can write expression 7.8, for the reflections on the right-side mirror with $\theta < 0$, in the following form:

$$I(\theta) = I_0 - \frac{\cos\theta\cos(\pi/4) - \sin\theta\sin(\pi/4)}{\cos(\pi/4)} = I_0 - \frac{\cos(\pi/4 + \theta)}{\cos(\pi/4)}$$
(7.10)

We then see that the intensity produced in direction θ with $\theta < 0$ is proportional to $\cos(\pi/4 + \theta)$ since $I_0/\cos(\pi/4)$ is a constant. Replacing I/I_0 in Equation 7.1 we get

$$E = \frac{E_0}{\cos(\pi/4)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right) \cos^2\theta \Longrightarrow E \propto \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right) \cos^2\theta \tag{7.11}$$

and therefore we can conclude that the illuminance on a distant target is proportional to $\cos(\pi/4 + \theta)\cos^2\theta$.¹ As seen, the illuminance on a distant plane is not constant and therefore a luminaire for this purpose cannot be built in V-shape.

Let us now consider that the flat mirror of the luminaire does not touch the source of light. This situation is presented in Figure 7.6.

If, as mentioned earlier, for $\theta = 0$ we want no images on the mirrors and for $\theta \neq 0$ we want just one image on one mirror, the edge point \mathbf{R}_0 of the mirror must have an angle such that the ray coming from **O** is reflected vertically, as shown in Figure 7.6. The reasons for choosing this condition are the same as given earlier for the case in which the mirrors touched the edges of the



Luminaire consisting of two flat mirrors that do not touch the source. The initial point \mathbf{R}_0 of the mirror is such that a ray of light coming from the edge \mathbf{O} of the source is reflected vertically.



FIGURE 7.7

(a) The points of a mirror can be described by coordinate $r(\phi)$. (b) For different angles ϕ , the light rays are reflected at different points **R**_i on the mirror in different directions θ_i . The incident and reflected rays also make different angles α_i and, in this case, it is possible to define functions $\phi(\theta)$, $\alpha(\theta)$, and $r(\phi(\theta)) = r(\theta)$.

source. That is, this condition guarantees that for $\theta \neq 0$ there is an image of the source in one mirror so that we can tailor the light distribution. But we never have a situation in which we have images in both mirrors.

A point on a mirror can be described in a coordinate system as presented in Figure 7.7a, that is, using $r(\phi)$. As seen in Figure 7.7b, for different angles ϕ , we have different rays reflected on the mirror. That is, for different values of ϕ , for example, ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 , the corresponding ray of light exiting from **O** is reflected on the mirror at points **R**₁, **R**₂, ... and leave the luminaire making angles θ_1 , θ_2 , respectively, to the vertical. And also, the incident and reflected rays at **R**₁ and **R**₂ make angles $2\alpha_1$ and $2\alpha_2$, respectively. It is therefore possible for each shape of the mirror to establish functions $\phi(\theta)$, $\alpha(\theta)$, and $r(\phi(\theta)) = r(\theta)$.



The mirror of the luminaire creates an image $\mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{O}_M$ of the source and, in direction θ , it produces an intensity given by I_M .

The size of the source **OQ** is merely a scale factor for the design of the luminaire. For a source twice the size, the luminaire would have to be twice as large. We can therefore make $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 1$ without loss of generality. Now suppose we want, for example, a constant illuminance on a distant target. We can say that the source has a luminance (brightness) L_V and that we need the luminaire to produce an intensity $I(\theta) = L_V/\cos^2 \theta$. Or we can make $L_V = 1$ for the source and say that we need the luminaire to produce an intensity $I(\theta) = 1/\cos^2 \theta$. This does not affect the shape of the luminaire. Without loss of generality, therefore, we can make $L_V = 1$ for the design of the luminaire. For a Lambertian source, we then have $I_S(\theta) = I_0/\cos\theta$ with $I_0 = 1$ or $I_S(\theta) = \cos \theta$. From now on we will then use $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 1$ and $L_V = 1$ for the source.

The image of the source produced by the mirror in Figure 7.7b is presented in Figure 7.8.

The mirror of the luminaire creates an image $\mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{O}_M$ of the source. From direction θ , only the portion $\mathbf{O}_M \mathbf{O}_R$ of the image of the source can be seen and it produces the intensity I_M in the direction θ . For different values of θ , point **R** is at different positions on the mirror and the visible portion $\mathbf{O}_M \mathbf{O}_R$ of the source image varies. Again the intensity produced by the luminaire is given by $I_M + I_{S'}$ as seen in Figure 7.9a.

For obtaining the intensity produced by the mirror, we first define a function $p(\theta)$ given by

$$p = r\sin(2\alpha) \tag{7.12}$$



The mirrors of a luminaire do not necessarily have to touch the edges of the light source. (a) A luminaire where the mirrors do not touch the source. The intensity in direction θ is still given by $I_S + I_M$. (b) The intensity of the reflection on the mirror is given by $I_M = r \sin(2\alpha) - r_0 \sin(2\alpha_0) = p - p_0$, with p given by $p = r \sin(2\alpha)$.

The intensity produced by the mirror can now be obtained from the construction presented in Figure 7.9b. For an angle θ , the image of the source in the mirror extends from point **R**₀ to point **R**. The intensity produced by the mirror in direction θ can then be obtained from⁴

$$I_{M} = r\sin(2\alpha) - r_{0}\sin(2\alpha_{0}) = p - p_{0}$$
(7.13)

Note that line *r* in Figure 7.9b represents in fact a ray of light exiting point **O**, being reflected at **R**, and exiting the luminaire making an angle θ to the vertical. Line r_0 does not, however, represent a ray of light because, as we have seen in Figure 7.6, a ray of light exiting **O** and reflected at **R**₀ leaves the luminaire vertically, that is, with an angle $\theta = 0$ to the vertical. For point **R**₀, that is, we then have $p_0(\theta) = r_0 \sin(2\alpha_0(\theta))$, where r_0 is the distance between points **O** and **R**₀, that is, $r_0 = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{R}_0]$. For point **R** we have $p(\theta) = r(\theta) \sin(2\alpha(\theta))$, so that

$$I_M(\theta) = p(\theta) - p_0(\theta) \tag{7.14}$$

The total intensity produced by the luminaire is then given by

$$I(\theta) = I_M(\theta) + I_S(\theta) = r(\theta)\sin(2\alpha(\theta)) - r_0\sin(2\alpha_0(\theta)) + I_S(\theta)$$
(7.15)

This expression is still valid even in the case where the mirrors are not flat. Note that $I_M(\theta)$ is the contribution of only one mirror because we never have images of the source on both mirrors at the same time.

Another example of a luminaire with flat mirrors is presented in Figure 7.10, where the mirror of the luminaire is defined in such a way that a ray reflected vertically at the lower edge point \mathbf{R}_0 of the mirror is coming from the near edge \mathbf{O} of the source.



(a) A luminaire with flat mirrors. A ray coming from the near edge (to the mirror) of the source is reflected vertically at \mathbf{R}_{0} . (b) The width of the image of the source on the mirror is given by $I_{M} = r_{0} \sin(2\alpha_{0}) - r \sin(2\alpha) = p_{0} - p$, with *p* given by $p = r \sin(2\alpha)$.

Then, for a different angle θ to the vertical, the observer will see an image on the mirror that extends from **R**₀ to **R**, as seen in Figure 7.10b. The mirror of the luminaire creates an image **Q**_M**O**_M of the source, as seen in Figure 7.11.

From direction θ , only the portion $\mathbf{O}_M \mathbf{O}_R$ of the image of the source can be seen and it produces the intensity I_M in the direction θ . For different values of θ , point **R** is at different positions on the mirror and the visible portion $\mathbf{O}_M \mathbf{O}_R$ of the source image varies.

In this case, as seen in Figure 7.10b, the intensity produced by the mirror will be proportional to

$$I_M(\theta) = r_0 \sin(2\alpha_0) - r\sin(2\alpha) = p_0(\theta) - p(\theta)$$
(7.16)

In contrast to the previous example, where the intensity produced by the mirror is given by expression 7.14, the total intensity produced by the luminaire in this case is given by

$$I(\theta) = I_M(\theta) + I_S(\theta) = r_0 \sin(2\alpha_0) - r\sin(2\alpha) + I_S(\theta)$$
(7.17)

Note that in this case also $I_M(\theta)$ is the contribution of only one mirror because we never have images of the source on both mirrors at the same time.

As stated earlier, the position of a point **R** on the mirror can be defined using the coordinates *r* and ϕ defined in Figure 7.7. The position of the edge point **R**₀ of the mirror can, however, be also defined using the angle *y* subtended by the source at **R**₀ and the distance from **R**₀ to the origin as parameters. If the origin **O** is the source edge further away from **R**₀, we have the far-edge case, as presented in Figure 7.12.



The mirror of the luminaire creates an image $\mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{O}_M$ of the source and, in the direction θ , it produces the intensity I_M .



FIGURE 7.12

Calculation of the angle subtended by the source at the edge point \mathbf{R}_0 of the mirror when the origin is at the far edge of the source.



Calculation of the angle subtended by the source at the edge point \mathbf{R}_0 of the mirror when the origin is at the near edge of the source.

From Figure 7.12, we can see that $\alpha = \pi - (\phi_0 - \gamma)$. In this figure, $\gamma < 0$ and therefore $\alpha = \pi - (\phi_0 + |\gamma|)$. We have $\cos \alpha = -\cos(\phi_0 - \gamma)$. Although we are considering sources for which $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 1$, in this particular calculation we will make $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = s$. We then have

$$-s\cos(\phi_0 - \gamma) = -r_0\sin\gamma \Leftrightarrow \cos(\phi_0 - \gamma) = \frac{r_0}{s}\sin\gamma$$
(7.18)

From Equation 7.18, ϕ_0 can be obtained as

$$\phi_0 = \gamma + \arccos\left(\frac{r_0}{s}\sin\gamma\right) \tag{7.19}$$

If γ and r_0 (or r_0/s) are given, the angle ϕ_0 can be determined and therefore **R**₀ can be defined as a function of these parameters.

Let us now consider the case in which the origin **O** is the source edge closer to \mathbf{R}_0 . We then have the near-edge case as presented in Figure 7.13.

From Figure 7.13, we can see that

$$[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{C}] = \sqrt{s^2 - r_0^2 \sin^2 \gamma} \tag{7.20}$$

and therefore

$$s \sin \alpha = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] - [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{O}] = [\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{C}] \cos \gamma - [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{O}]$$
$$= \cos \gamma \sqrt{s^2 - r_0^2 \sin^2 \gamma} - r_0 \sin^2 \gamma$$
(7.21)

Since $\alpha = \pi - \phi_0$, we can write for ϕ_0

$$\phi_0 = \pi - \arcsin\left(\cos\gamma\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{r_0}{s}\sin\gamma\right)^2} - \frac{r_0}{s}\sin^2\gamma\right)$$
(7.22)

As mentioned earlier, if γ and r_0 (or r_0/s) are given, angle ϕ_0 can be determined and therefore the position of \mathbf{R}_0 can be defined. By using this result, instead of defining the edge point \mathbf{R}_0 in terms of its coordinates $\mathbf{R}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02})$, we can define it by the values of r_0 and γ .

Angle γ is important because it defines the maximum angle θ for which the image of the source on the mirror extends to point $\mathbf{R}_{0\gamma}$ as seen in Figure 7.14. In Figure 14a we have the near-edge case. In this case, for $\theta > \gamma$ the image on the mirror will no longer extend to \mathbf{R}_0 because if a light ray was to leave \mathbf{R}_0 with an angle $\theta > \gamma$, it would have to come from a point on the source further to the left side than \mathbf{Q} . But the source ends at \mathbf{Q} and therefore this is not possible.

Something similar happens in the far-edge case presented in Figure 7.14b. Also in this case, for $|\theta| > \gamma$ the image in the mirror will no longer extend to \mathbf{R}_0 because if a light ray was to leave \mathbf{R}_0 with an angle $|\theta| > \gamma$, it would have to come from a point on the source further to the right side than \mathbf{Q} . But the source ends at \mathbf{Q} and therefore this is not possible.

Expressions 7.14 and 7.16 are obtained for the intensity produced by the mirror considering that the image on the mirror extends from a point **R** to the edge point \mathbf{R}_0 . These expressions are therefore valid only for values of $|\theta|$ smaller than γ . This will be important in the following analysis of luminaires with curved mirrors.



FIGURE 7.14

Angle γ defines the maximum angle θ for which the image of the source on the mirror extends to point **R**₀. In both cases, ray r_0 coming from the origin **O** is reflected vertically at **R**₀. If the image on the mirror was to extend to **R**₀ for angles θ larger than γ , the light would have to come from points at the left side of **Q** in (a) and at the right side of **Q** in (b), which is not possible.

7.3 The General Approach for Flat Sources

We can now move forward to the analysis of curved luminaire mirrors. First, we need a coordinate system for the mirror parameterizations. Figure 7.15a presents the customary coordinate system, although this coordinate system is usually presented with the x_2 -axis pointing downward, as seen in Figure 7.15b.^{1,4}

As can be seen

$$2\alpha = \phi - \theta \tag{7.23}$$

If, as discussed earlier, for different values of ϕ we have different values of θ , we can define the function $\phi(\theta)$ and therefore $r(\phi) = r(\phi(\theta)) = r(\theta)$. Also α is a function of θ designated by $\alpha(\theta)$. Now $p(\theta)$ can be written as

$$p(\theta) = r(\phi)\sin(\phi - \theta) \Leftrightarrow p(\theta) = r(\theta)\sin(2\alpha(\theta))$$
(7.24)

Then the equation of the mirror, that is, $r(\phi)$ can now be obtained from

$$r(\phi) = \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(\phi - \theta)} \Leftrightarrow r(\theta) = \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))}$$
(7.25)

There are two possible expressions for $p(\theta)$, which can be obtained from expression 7.15

$$p(\theta) = I(\theta) + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) - I_s(\theta)$$
(7.26)

or from expression 7.17

$$p(\theta) = -I(\theta) + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + I_s(\theta)$$
(7.27)

where $r_0 = r(\phi_0)$ is a constant. Note that α_0 is obtained for $\phi = \phi_0$ and is a function of θ as seen in Figures 7.9b and 7.10b. Therefore $\alpha_0(\theta) = (\phi_0 - \theta)/2$



FIGURE 7.15

(a) The coordinate system used in the parameterization of the luminaire mirrors. (b) The same coordinate system, but with the x_2 -axis pointing downward. This is the usual orientation of the axes for the presentation of the luminaires.

or $2\alpha_0(\theta) = \phi_0 - \theta$. In these expressions, $I(\theta)$ is the desired intensity distribution for the luminaire.

The expression for $p_0(\theta)$ can be obtained from the initial conditions for the design of the mirror. As shown in Figure 7.16, if the position of the edge point **R**₀ of the mirror is given, r_0 and ϕ_0 can be calculated.

Since the desired intensity distribution $I(\theta)$ is given, the expression for $p(\theta)$ can now be calculated. If the starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror is close to the source, we have a situation similar to the one in Figure 7.9 and $p(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.26. If the starting point for the design of the mirror is away from the source, we have a situation similar to the one in Figure 7.10 and $p(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.27.

Since ϕ can be expressed as a function of θ , that is, $\phi(\theta)$, we can write expression 7.25 as $r(\phi(\theta)) = p(\theta)/\sin(\phi(\theta) - \theta)$ or $r(\theta) = p(\theta)/\sin(2\alpha(\theta))$. However, this Equation 7.25 in this form cannot be solved because we still do not have the relation $\alpha(\theta)$. We then need another equation enabling us to obtain $\alpha(\theta)$.



FIGURE 7.16

The initial conditions for the design of the mirror are the position of the initial point \mathbf{R}_0 (which gives us the values of r_0 and ϕ_0) and the direction of the reflected ray coming from **O** at \mathbf{R}_0 (given by angle θ_0). In previous examples, $\theta_0 = 0$.

Let us then consider an infinitesimal portion of the mirror. This situation is presented in Figure 7.17. When $d\phi \rightarrow 0$, **OA** and **OC** tend to be parallel and Figure 7.17a tends to the situation depicted in Figure 7.17b.

From Figures 7.17a and 7.17b, we can verify that CB = dr and $AC = rd\phi$, and we can therefore write⁴

$$\frac{dr}{rd\phi} = \tan \alpha \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\ln r}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha$$
(7.28)

Equation 7.28 can be solved for $\alpha(\theta)$ using expression 7.23 to relate α and ϕ and Equation 7.24 to replace *r* by *p* (see Appendix A) resulting in

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{p(\theta)}{P(\theta) - C_m}\right)$$
(7.29)

where $P(\theta)$ the primitive of $p(\theta)$ is given by

$$P(\theta) = \int p(\theta)d\theta = \int I(\theta)d\theta + r_0 \cos(\theta - \phi_0) - \int I_s(\theta)d\theta$$
(7.30)

if $p(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.26 and by

$$P(\theta) = \int p(\theta)d\theta = -\int I(\theta)d\theta + r_0\cos(\theta - \phi_0) + \int I_s(\theta)d\theta$$
(7.31)

if $p(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.27.


(a) To obtain the differential equation describing the mirror, consider a small part of it. The origin of the coordinate system is point **O**. As $d\phi \rightarrow 0$, **OA** and **OC** tend to become parallel and (a) becomes (b), for which $dr/(r d\phi) = \tan \alpha$.

In expression 7.29, C_m is a constant of integration that must be determined from the initial conditions. Figure 7.16 shows the initial conditions for the design of the mirror. If the position of initial point \mathbf{R}_0 is given, the values of ϕ_0 and r_0 can be determined (r_0 is the distance between \mathbf{O} and \mathbf{R}_0). The expression for $p(\theta)$ can then be obtained from expressions 7.26 or 7.27 and for $P(\theta)$ from expressions 7.30 or 7.31. Let us further suppose that at point \mathbf{R}_0 , the ray coming from \mathbf{O} is reflected making an angle θ_0 to the vertical. We then have the initial conditions necessary to start designing the mirror. Constant C_m can be determined for the given value θ_0 . Note that α_0 is related to ϕ_0 and θ_0 by expression 7.23, that is, $\alpha_0 = (\phi_0 - \theta_0)/2$. Expression 7.29 can be solved for constant C_m , which can then be obtained from the following expression:

$$C_m = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan((\phi_0 - \theta_0)/2)} = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan(\alpha(\theta_0))}$$
(7.32)

The points on the mirror can now be calculated. If **O** is located at $\mathbf{O} = (O_1, O_2)$, the points in the mirror then have coordinates of the form (see Figure 7.15):

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{O} + r(\theta)(\cos\xi, \sin\xi) = \mathbf{O} + r(\theta)(\cos(\phi(\theta) - \pi/2), \sin(\phi(\theta) - \pi/2))$$
$$= (O_1, O_2) + r(\theta)(\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.33)

If we consider that **O** is located at the origin, that is, $\mathbf{O} = (0, 0)$, we have

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = r(\theta)(\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.34)

and expression 7.25 gives us $r(\theta)$.

The process can now be summarized. As initial conditions, we must give the source size **OQ**, the desired angular distribution of intensity $I(\theta)$, the

initial point \mathbf{R}_0 for the mirror, and the direction of the reflected ray on $\mathbf{R}_{0\nu}$ which comes from the origin **O**. With these initial conditions, the values of $r_{0\nu} \phi_{0\nu}$ and θ_0 are given. Expressions 7.26 or 7.27 then enables us to obtain $p(\theta)$. The expression for $P(\theta)$ is given by expressions 7.30 or 7.31. Expression 7.32 gives us C_m . The expression for $\alpha(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.29 and $r(\theta)$ can now be obtained from expression 7.25. The points of the mirror are then given by expression 7.34.

We have seen that there are two possible sets of equations for designing the mirror depending on whether the starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror is close or far from the source, that is, if $p(\theta)$ is given by expressions 7.26 or 7.27. However, the position for the origin of the coordinate system can also be chosen to be on the edge of the source closer to the mirror or away from the mirror. This creates a total of four possible configurations in the design of a luminaire for a flat source.

7.4 Far-Edge Diverging Luminaires for Flat Sources

We now have the tools needed to calculate the shape of a luminaire, which produces a constant illuminance on a distant plane.

We start with a luminaire with initial point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror close to the source, so we have a situation similar to that in Figure 7.9. This case is called far-edge diverging. Far-edge, because the edge of the source chosen for origin is the one further away from the mirror, and diverging because the rays coming from the origin **O** diverge after reflecting off the mirror. In this case, the caustic of the edge rays coming from the origin falls behind the reflector. Then, expression 7.26 is to be used for $p(\theta)$. The luminaire to be designed is presented in Figure 7.18.



FIGURE 7.18

Far-edge diverging luminaire. The design starts at point \mathbf{R}_0 and the light ray coming from \mathbf{O} is reflected vertically at this point. The design then starts at $\theta = 0$ and, as θ evolves to negative values, the design evolves to points on the mirror further away from the source.

The process summarized earlier can now be used. Consider a source **OQ** of luminance L_V . If we want a constant illuminance on a distant plane, the intensity produced by the source and the luminaire must be given by expression 7.2 where I_0 is the intensity for $\theta = 0$. But for $\theta = 0$, there are no images of the source on the mirrors, so I_0 is only from the source contribution in this direction and can be obtained from expression 7.3 with $\theta = 0$. We therefore have $I_0 = L_V$ [**O**, **Q**]. The source contribution is given by expression 7.3. Replacing these results in expression 7.26, we then have

$$p(\theta) = \frac{L_{V}[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]}{\cos^{2}\theta} + r_{0}\sin(\phi_{0} - \theta) - L_{V}[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]\cos(\theta)$$
(7.35)

When we have $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 1$ and $L_V = 1$, we can write

$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) - \cos(\theta)$$
(7.36)

and $P(\theta)$ can be obtained from expression 7.30 as

$$P(\theta) = \int p(\theta)d\theta = \tan\theta + r_0\cos(\theta - \phi_0) - \sin\theta$$
(7.37)

It is assumed that points **O** and **Q** and the initial point for the mirror \mathbf{R}_0 are given. If the coordinates of **O** and \mathbf{R}_0 are given by $\mathbf{O} = (O_1, O_2)$ and $\mathbf{R}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02}), \phi_0$ can be calculated by (see Figure 7.18)

$$\phi_0 = \arccos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_0)}}\right)$$
(7.38)

with $\mathbf{v} = (0, -1)$ and $\mathbf{r}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02}) - (O_1, O_2)$. If $\mathbf{O} = (0, 0)$ we get $\mathbf{r}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02})$. We can also obtain r_0 by

$$r_0 = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{R}_0] = \sqrt{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_0} \tag{7.39}$$

We can now impose the boundary condition $\theta = \theta_0 = 0$ for $\phi = \phi_0$, that is, the ray coming from **O** reflects at **R**₀ leaving the luminaire in the vertical direction. This is again the boundary condition used earlier. This condition guarantees that for $\theta \neq 0$, there is an image of the source on one mirror, enabling a tailoring of the intensity pattern by adjusting the shape of the mirror. We never, however, had a situation in which the images of the source appear on both mirrors at the same time. In this case, expressions 7.36 and 7.37 can be written as

$$p(\theta_0) = r_0 \sin \phi_0 \tag{7.40}$$

and

$$P(\theta_0) = r_0 \cos \phi_0 \tag{7.41}$$



Luminaire that produces a constant illuminance at a distant plane. Since the whole device should extend to infinity, it has to be truncated. The constant illuminance of a distant plane is then only achieved for $|\theta| < |\theta_m|$.

with ϕ_0 and r_0 given by expressions 7.38 and 7.39. From expression 7.32, constant C_m can now be obtained

$$C_m = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan(\phi_0/2)}$$
(7.42)

 $\alpha(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.29. From expression 7.25 it is now possible to obtain $r(\theta)$. The mirror points are given by expression 7.34. In this case, the design starts with $\theta = 0$ and evolves to negative values of θ , as seen in Figure 7.18.

A particular case occurs when point \mathbf{R}_0 is chosen to be on the edge \mathbf{Q} of the source. This situation is presented in Figure 7.19. In this case, the equations describing the mirror are simpler.

Since the mirror starts at point **Q**, we then have $\mathbf{R}_0 = \mathbf{Q}$, $r_0 = 1$, and $\phi_0 = \pi/2$. Expressions 7.36 and 7.37 can then be simplified to

$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \tag{7.43}$$

and

$$P(\theta) = \tan\theta \tag{7.44}$$

From the boundary condition $\phi_0 = \pi/2$ for $\theta_0 = 0$, we can also conclude that $\alpha_0 = (\phi_0 - \theta_0)/2 = \pi/4$. For $\theta = \theta_0 = 0$, we then have

$$p(\theta_0) = 1 \text{ and } P(\theta_0) = 0$$
 (7.45)

These results can also be obtained from expressions 7.40 and 7.41 with $r_0 = 1$ and $\phi_0 = \pi/2$. From expression 7.42, we then obtain

$$C_m = 0 - \frac{1}{\tan(\pi/4)} = -1 \tag{7.46}$$

From expression 7.29, we get

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{1/\cos^2\theta}{\tan\theta + 1}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)}\right)$$
(7.47)

From expression 7.25, we have

$$r(\theta) = \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))} = \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta\sin(2\alpha(\theta))}$$
(7.48)

and finally the equation for the mirror can be obtained from expression 7.34. Remember that θ is positive when measured clockwise. Therefore, in this case, the design starts with $\theta = 0$ and evolves to negative values of θ , as seen in Figure 7.19.

From expression 7.47, when $\theta \to -\pi/4$ we see that $\cos \theta + \sin \theta \to 0$, and therefore $\alpha(\theta) \to \pi/2$, so that $r(\theta) \to +\infty$. This means that the mirrors extend from the source of light to infinity. They must then be truncated for a realistic design to be obtained. Therefore, the points in the mirrors are given by expression 7.34 with $\theta_m < \theta < 0$, where $-\pi/4 < \theta_m < 0$.

The shape of the mirrors resulting from these calculations is presented in Figure 7.19. As can be verified, the obtained mirrors are almost flat.¹ As seen earlier, these do not produce a constant illuminance on a distant plane.

It can also be noted from the obtained result that to design a complete luminaire, it should extend to infinity. This means that, ideally, the mirrors should touch the plane at infinity. This is similar to what happens in the design of tailored edge ray concentrators (TERCs) as secondary concentrators for Fresnel primary reflectors, since the TERC should ideally extend to the primary completely covering it. The same method can, in fact, be used in both cases.¹

Truncating does not affect the uniformity inside the truncating angle, that is, does not affect the uniformity for $\theta_m < \theta < 0$. Outside the truncating angle, the intensity pattern is uncontrolled.

It can be shown that these luminaires such as the one in Figure 7.19 can be designed in the same way as TERC mirrors for Fresnel primaries.¹

Three-dimensional rotationally symmetric luminaires with a cross section similar to the one in Figure 7.19 can also be designed to enable uniform illuminance of a distant target.⁵

7.5 Far-Edge Converging Luminaires for Flat Sources

We now present a luminaire with initial point \mathbf{R}_0 being away from the source, with the origin \mathbf{O} of the coordinate system at the edge of the source and further away from the mirror. This case is called far-edge converging. Far-edge because the edge of the source chosen for the origin is the one further away from the mirror, and converging because the rays coming from the origin \mathbf{O} converge after reflecting on the mirror. In this case, the caustic



Far-edge converging luminaire. (a) The design starts at point \mathbf{R}_0 and the light ray coming from **O** is reflected vertically at this point. The design then starts at $\theta = 0$ and, as θ evolves to negative values, evolves toward the source. (b) The power emitted by the luminaire in direction θ corresponds to the reflection of the source on the mirror between points \mathbf{R}_0 and \mathbf{R} .

of the edge rays coming from the origin falls in front of the reflector. Since the starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror is far from the source, the expression 7.27 is to be used for $p(\theta)$, as seen in Figure 7.20b. The luminaire to be designed is presented in Figure 7.20a.

Let us again suppose that we are interested in designing a luminaire producing a constant illuminance on a distant plane. In this case $I(\theta) = 1/\cos^2 \theta$. The intensity produced by the source is given by $I_S(\theta) = \cos \theta$. In this case, expression 7.27 can be written as

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + \cos\theta$$
(7.49)

The primitive of this function is given by expression 7.31:

$$P(\theta) = -\tan\theta + r_0 \cos(\theta - \phi_0) + \sin\theta \tag{7.50}$$

It is assumed that points **O** and **Q** and the initial point for the mirror \mathbf{R}_0 are given. If the coordinates of **O** and \mathbf{R}_0 are given by $\mathbf{O} = (0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{R}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02})$, ϕ_0 can be calculated by expression 7.38 with $\mathbf{v} = (0, -1)$ and $\mathbf{r}_0 = (R_{01}, R_{02})$, as seen in Figure 7.20a. In the same way, r_0 is given by expression 7.39.

We can now impose the boundary condition $\theta = \theta_0 = 0$ for $\phi = \phi_0$, that is, the ray coming from **O** reflects on **R**₀ leaving the luminaire in the vertical. This is again the boundary condition used earlier. In this case, expressions 7.49 and 7.50 can also be written as expressions 7.40 and 7.41. From expression 7.42 constant C_m can now be obtained.



FIGURE 7.21

Far-edge converging luminaire. (a) The design of the mirror starts at \mathbf{R}_0 and ends at the horizontal line through the source. (b) The intensity produced can only be tailored for values of $|\theta| < \gamma$, because for larger angles the image on the mirror no longer extends to \mathbf{R}_0 .

The expression for $\alpha(\theta)$ is given by expression 7.29 with $p(\theta)$, where $P(\theta)$ is given by expressions 7.49 and 7.50. As mentioned earlier, from expression 7.25 it is now possible to obtain $r(\theta)$. The mirror points are again given by expression 7.34. In this case, the design starts with $\theta = 0$ and evolves to negative values of θ , as seen in Figure 7.20a. Figure 7.21 presents a luminaire calculated using the method just described.

The initial point for the mirror is \mathbf{R}_0 , and a ray coming from \mathbf{O} is reflected vertically at this point. These are the initial conditions for the design of the luminaire. The angle subtended by the source at this point is γ as shown in Figure 7.21a.

The design of the mirror starts at point \mathbf{R}_0 and should end, at most, at the horizontal line through \mathbf{O} and \mathbf{Q} , that is, at point \mathbf{R}_F because beyond this point the source is not visible from the mirror as seen in Figure 7.21. From point \mathbf{R}_0 , however, it is not possible for light to exit at an angle θ_1 larger than γ , since this ray of light would have to come from a point between \mathbf{Q} and $\mathbf{R}_{F'}$ and this is not possible, as seen in Figure 7.21b. The desired intensity distribution is then obtained only for values of θ smaller than γ , so there is no interest in designing the mirror beyond point \mathbf{R}_{γ} . In this case, we have $\theta_m = \gamma$. For angles θ up to the value θ_m , the intensity pattern produced will be the desired one. Outside this range, the intensity pattern is uncontrolled.

This is a serious limitation of the design because the light distribution produced by the luminaire can only be tailored for a narrow range of angles. This difficulty can, however, be overcome if we allow multiple reflections to occur on the mirrors of the luminaire. Figure 7.22 presents a luminaire calculated by the same method, but choosing a different starting point \mathbf{R}_{0} .

As discussed earlier, a ray coming from **O** is reflected vertically at \mathbf{R}_0 . The angle subtended by the source at \mathbf{R}_0 is γ . The final point \mathbf{R}_m of the mirror is now on the line connecting \mathbf{R}_0 and \mathbf{Q} . The mirror cannot be extended beyond \mathbf{R}_m because it would shade the source. Point \mathbf{R}_m can be calculated by solving the equation



Far-edge converging luminaire designed by choosing the initial point in such a way that the mirror now ends at point \mathbf{R}_m on the line connecting \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R}_0 . The mirror cannot be extended beyond \mathbf{R}_m because it would shade the source.



FIGURE 7.23

If only one reflection on the mirror is allowed for the light rays before exiting the luminaire, the image on the mirror only extends to \mathbf{R}_0 for values of θ up to γ .

This is a set of two equations with two unknowns, θ and x. The value obtained for x tells us the position of \mathbf{R}_m along line \mathbf{QR}_0 and the obtained value θ_m for θ tells us the maximum value for which the luminaire tailors the radiation pattern. For angles θ up to the value θ_m , the intensity pattern produced will be the desired one. Outside this range, the intensity pattern is uncontrolled.

From what was said earlier, the image on the mirror should extend to \mathbf{R}_0 only for θ smaller than γ . This would mean that the design method would only make sense for values of θ smaller than γ as in the example presented earlier. This is not, however, the case for this luminaire because of multiple reflections on the mirror.

When θ reaches the value of γ , we have the situation presented in Figure 7.23. Now, the ray of light reflected at **R**₀ is coming from the edge **Q** of the source.



If multiple reflections are allowed for the light rays on the mirrors, then it is possible to extend the image of the source to $\mathbf{R}_{0'}$ even for angles θ larger than *y*.

For values of θ larger than the value of γ , there are multiple reflections on the mirror, and the reflections extend the image of the source to **R**₀ as presented in Figure 7.24. The mirror can then be designed for θ beyond γ using the same equations.

The maximum angle for which we can see light coming out of point \mathbf{R}_0 is the one that is tangent to the mirror at this point.

7.6 Near-Edge Diverging Luminaires for Flat Sources

We now present a luminaire with its initial point \mathbf{R}_0 away from the source and the origin \mathbf{O} of the coordinate system at the edge of the source closer to the mirror. This case is called near-edge diverging. Near edge because the edge of the source chosen for origin is the one closer to the mirror, and diverging because the rays coming from the origin \mathbf{O} diverge after reflecting on the mirror. In this case, the caustic of the edge rays coming from the origin falls behind the reflector. Since the starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror is far from the source, the expression 7.27 is to be used for $p(\theta)$ as seen in Figure 7.25b. The luminaire to be designed is presented in Figure 7.25a. Note that now the positions of \mathbf{O} and \mathbf{Q} are inverted, since the origin \mathbf{O} must now be on the edge closer to the mirror to be designed.

The equations describing this luminaire are then the same as the ones used for the far-edge converging case presented earlier, but the design starts at $\theta = 0$ and progresses through positive values of θ . The mirror must extend until it touches the x_1 -axis, that is, the horizontal line through the source. To calculate the corresponding value of θ we can numerically solve the equation:

$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2\alpha(\theta) + \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \tag{7.52}$$



Near-edge diverging luminaire. (a) A light ray coming from the origin **O** is reflected vertically at initial point \mathbf{R}_0 at a distance r_0 from **O**. Angle θ starts at 0 and, as it evolves to positive values, the design of the mirror evolves toward the source. (b) The power emitted by the luminaire in direction θ corresponds to the reflection of the source on the mirror between points \mathbf{R}_0 and \mathbf{R} .



FIGURE 7.26

The initial point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of a near-edge diverging luminaire can be chosen so that the mirror shades the source for some values of θ . (a) The design of the mirror evolves toward the source as θ evolves from 0 to positive values. (b) The contribution of the mirror to the luminaire's intensity.

This enables us to find the maximum value θ_m for angle θ . For angles θ up to the value θ_m , the intensity pattern produced will be the desired one. Outside this range, the intensity pattern is uncontrolled.

For these luminaires, and depending on the position chosen for the initial point \mathbf{R}_{0} , the mirrors can partially shade the light coming directly from the source for a given angular interval. Figure 7.26 shows a luminaire where this shading occurs. This shading effect is presented in Figure 7.27.



For angles θ with the vertical larger than θ_1 , the mirrors shadow the source and therefore only the portion **QP** is visible. For values of θ larger than θ_2 , the source is no longer visible.

The method of design for these luminaires is similar to the previous one, with the same equations. The difference is in the expression used for the contribution of the source for the illumination. Depending on the angle θ , the expressions differ for this contribution.

For values of θ between $\pm \theta_1$, the source of light is completely visible. Its intensity must then be given by $I_S(\theta) = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \cos \theta$.

For a value of θ between θ_1 and θ_2 , only the part **PQ** of the source is visible. Therefore, only this part of the source contributes to the luminaire's intensity in this direction. The expression $I_M(\theta) = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] \cos \theta$ must then be multiplied by $[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}]/[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]$ for these values of θ . The portion of the source visible for angle θ is then given by

$$f(\theta) = \frac{[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}]}{[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]} \tag{7.53}$$

and the intensity produced by the source is given by

$$I_{S}(\theta) = [\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}]\cos\theta = \frac{[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}]}{[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]}[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]\cos\theta = f(\theta)[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]\cos\theta$$
(7.54)

for $\theta_1 < |\theta| < \theta_2$. Making **Q** = (Q_1 , 0), **P** = (P_1 , 0), and **R**₀ = (R_{01} , R_{02}), we can now calculate

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{R_{01} - Q_1}{R_{02}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{R_{01} - P_1}{R_{02}}$$
(7.55)

and conclude that

$$\tan\left(\theta_{2}\right) - \tan\theta = \frac{R_{01} - Q_{1}}{R_{02}} - \frac{R_{01} - P_{1}}{R_{02}} = \frac{P_{1} - Q_{1}}{R_{02}} = \frac{[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}]}{R_{02}}$$
(7.56)

Therefore, making $R_{02} = y_0$, we get

$$f(\theta) = (\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta) y_0 / [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]$$
(7.57)

for $\theta_1 < |\theta| < \theta_2$.

Since the source of light is completely visible for $|\theta| < \theta_1$ and completely invisible for $|\theta| > \theta_2$, and considering $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 1$, we can write

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\theta| < \theta_1 \\ (\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta) y_0 & \theta_1 < |\theta| < \theta_2 \\ 0 & |\theta| > \theta_2 \end{cases}$$
(7.58)

The design of the luminaire must then be divided into parts according to the branches of $f(\theta)$.

For constant illuminance, we must have $I(\theta) = 1/\cos^2 \theta$ as mentioned earlier. Since the starting point **R**₀ for the design of the mirror is far from the source, the expression 7.27 is to be used for $p(\theta)$, as seen in Figure 7.26b:

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + f(\theta)\cos\theta$$
(7.59)

For $\theta < \theta_1$ we have $f(\theta) = 1$, and therefore the expressions to be used in this case are the same as used in the previous example for the far-edge converging luminaire, since $p(\theta)$ is the same as obtained in expression 7.49; but in this case, the design starts at $\theta = 0$ and evolves to positive values of θ , as seen in Figure 7.26a. The point of the mirror \mathbf{R}_1 obtained for $\theta = \theta_1$ is now used as boundary condition for the next section of the mirror since it must be continuous. The boundary condition to be used in the next section of mirror is that, for $\theta = \theta_1$, we must have $\alpha = \alpha_1 = \alpha(\theta_1)$. The part of the mirror from \mathbf{R}_0 to \mathbf{R}_1 is presented in Figure 7.28.

In the new section of the mirror, we have $\theta_1 < |\theta| < \theta_2$. In this case, from expression 7.59 we obtain

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + (\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta) y_0 \cos \theta$$
(7.60)

where r_0 and ϕ_0 still have the same value as the previous section of the mirror because the image of the source on the mirror still extends to **R**₀. Integrating expression 7.60 we get

$$P(\theta) = r_0 \cos(\phi_0 - \theta) + y_0 \frac{\cos(\theta_2 - \theta)}{\cos\theta_2} - \tan\theta$$
(7.61)

Constant C_m can be obtained from expression 7.32 by making $\theta_0 = \theta_1$ and $\alpha = \alpha_1$:

$$C_m = P(\theta_1) - \frac{p(\theta_1)}{\tan \alpha_1} \tag{7.62}$$



For angles θ with the vertical smaller than θ_1 , the mirrors do not shadow the source. For this range of angles, the mirrors extend from point **R**₀ to **R**₁ and are symmetrical.

Note that, in expression 7.62, $p(\theta)$ and $P(\theta)$ are calculated for the new section of mirror and given by expressions 7.60 and 7.61; but $\alpha_1 = \alpha(\theta_1)$ for $\theta = \theta_1$ is obtained from the previous section of mirror, that is, from the function $\alpha(\theta)$ for the previous section of the mirror.

We now have $p(\theta)$, $P(\theta)$, and C_m for the new section of the mirror and a new expression for the function $\alpha(\theta)$ can then be calculated as done earlier by expression 7.29 and a new expression for $r(\theta)$ by expression 7.25. The mirror points are again given by expression 7.34.

The mirror must extend until it touches the x_1 -axis. To calculate the corresponding value of θ , we can numerically solve Equation 7.52. This enables us to find the maximum value θ_m of the angle θ . In the case presented in Figure 7.27, the second section of the mirror extends through the interval $\theta_1 < \theta < \theta_m$.

A comparison between the luminaires obtained with and without shading is presented in Figure 7.29. As seen, the luminaire without shading is smaller for the same exit aperture and maximum angle θ_m . Since the luminaire with shading is also more complex to calculate, there is no point in using it.



FIGURE 7.29

Comparison of two near-edge diverging luminaires. The top one is designed without shading and the bottom one with shading. Both have the same exit aperture and the same maximum angle θ_m . As seen, the luminaire designed with shading is larger (and also more complex to design).

7.7 Near-Edge Converging Luminaires for Flat Sources

We finally present a luminaire with initial point \mathbf{R}_0 close to the source and with the origin \mathbf{O} of the coordinate system at the edge of the source, closer to the mirror. This case is called near-edge converging. Near-edge because the edge of the source chosen for origin is the one closer to the mirror, and converging because the rays coming from the origin \mathbf{O} converge after reflecting off the mirror. In this case, the caustic of the rays coming from the origin falls in front of the reflector. Since the starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror is close to the source, the expression 7.26 is to be used for $p(\theta)$, as seen in Figure 7.30. The equations used to design these luminaires are then the same as those used to design the far-edge diverging case, but the design starts at $\theta = 0$ and evolves to positive values of θ , as seen in Figure 7.31a.



FIGURE 7.30

Contribution of the mirror to the intensity produced by a near-edge converging luminaire.



FIGURE 7.31

Near-edge converging luminaire. (a) The initial point \mathbf{R}_0 for this design is such that the light ray coming from **O** is reflected vertically at this point. As θ evolves to positive values, the design evolves to points further away from the source. (b) The maximum angle θ_m is where the mirror becomes vertical. Extending the mirror beyond this point will produce shading.

These luminaires may or may not have shading, as in the case of nearedge diverging designs presented earlier, but the designs with shading do not perform better than the ones without shading, and they are larger.⁶ This result is similar to that presented earlier for the near-edge diverging luminaires. Therefore, there are no apparent advantages in using nearedge converging luminaires with shading. Besides, this design method is much more complex, since the design of the mirror starts at \mathbf{R}_0 close to the source and therefore the final point \mathbf{R}_m of the mirror is unknown. For this reason, it is impossible to know at the beginning the shading that the mirror will produce. An iterative method is then necessary in this design. We must try in guessing the end position \mathbf{R}_m of the mirror and perform the calculations using the shading that the mirror would produce if it started at \mathbf{R}_0 and ended at \mathbf{R}_m . If, after designing the luminaire, we verify that the mirror does not end at \mathbf{R}_{m} , its position must be changed and a new mirror calculated. This iterative process must continue until a coherent solution is found, that is, until the mirror profile terminates at the chosen point **R**_m.

The designs with no shading are much simpler to calculate. Figure 7.30 presents one such luminaire. The mirror starts at \mathbf{R}_0 . As mentioned earlier, the initial condition for the design is that a ray of light coming from **O** is reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 and exits the luminaire vertically. The end point of the mirror is where the mirror becomes vertical. For this point, the light coming from the source, and making an angle θ_m to the vertical, still leaves the luminaire without blocking and the light reflected at \mathbf{R}_m leaves the luminaire also making an angle θ_m to the vertical. This point can be obtained by noting that for point \mathbf{R}_m , we have $\phi_m + \theta_m = \pi$ and solving the equation:

$$\pi - \phi = \theta \Leftrightarrow \pi - (2\alpha(\theta) + \theta) = \theta \tag{7.63}$$

This enables us to find the maximum value θ_m for angle θ . For angles θ up to the value θ_m , the intensity pattern produced will be the desired one. Outside this range, the intensity pattern is uncontrolled.

We then have four possibilities for the design of the luminaires.⁴ As for the choice of the edge of the source used as a basis for the design, we have two possibilities—near edge and far edge. As for the shape of mirrors, we also have two possibilities—converging or diverging.

Note that in the far-edge configurations, the design of the mirror starts at $\theta = 0$ and advances through negative values of θ . In the near-edge configurations, the design of the mirror also starts at $\theta = 0$ but now advances through positive values of θ .

The equations used for far-edge diverging designs and near-edge converging configurations are the same, and the equations used for far-edge converging designs and near-edge diverging configurations are also the same.

7.8 Luminaires for Circular Sources

The designs presented earlier are based on a linear Lambertian light source. It is, however, interesting to have luminaires for other forms of light sources. A case also studied is for tubular sources.^{7–9} A widely used type of these sources is the fluorescent tube.

The designs presented earlier can be immediately applied to tubes (or other kinds of source shapes) if this new source is transformed into a Lambertian linear source by means of an involute mirror.⁸ Figure 7.32 shows a tubular light source and the corresponding involute mirrors that transform it into a virtual linear Lambertian source **OQ**.

These involute mirrors can be built for any source of light, not just circular ones.

This arrangement can be directly applied to the luminaires for flat sources, as presented earlier. For example, the flat source of the luminaire presented in Figure 7.22 can be replaced by the source presented in Figure 7.32. Figure 7.33 presents one such arrangement.



FIGURE 7.32

A tubular source of radiation can be transformed into an apparent linear source **OQ** by means of two involutes. The design techniques developed for linear sources can now be applied to the source **OQ**.



FIGURE 7.33

A tubular source is transformed into an equivalent flat source **OQ** by two involute arcs. (a) A far-edge converging luminaire for flat source can tailor the intensity pattern. (b) The contribution to the luminaire's intensity by the source is $I_{S'}$ the mirror is $I_{M'}$ and the two involute arcs are I_{OM1} and I_{OM2} .



(a) In the case of linear sources of radiation, the design of the luminaires is based on one of the edges of the source, which is a point. For tubular sources, the situation is different and two cases can be considered. (b) The edge rays on which the design of the luminaire is based are those coming from the lower part of the tube. This case is called far edge. (c) The edge rays on which the design is based are those coming from the upper part of the tube. This case is called near edge.

It is nevertheless possible to develop the theory presented earlier directly for tubes as generalizations of Equations 7.28 and 7.24 for tubular sources.⁹

In the case of luminaires for linear sources presented earlier, edge rays are emitted from a point to obtain the curves (see Figure 7.34a). There are two possibilities—the edge rays could come from the near edge or the far edge of the source. In the case of tubular sources, this analysis is similar, although more complex.

The edge rays to be considered are tangents to the tube and there are two possibilities for the design—they can come from the lower part of the tube (see Figure 7.34b) or from the upper part of the tube (see Figure 7.34c). The case in which the edge rays come from the lower part of the tube is called the far edge; the case in which the edge rays come from the upper part of the tube is called the near edge.

To analyze the far-edge case, the coordinates in Figure 7.35 will be used. As seen, expression 7.23 is still valid in this case.

The equation for the shape of the mirror can now be obtained with the help of Figure 7.36.

When $d\phi \rightarrow 0$, *r* and r_1 become parallel and Figure 7.36a becomes the situation presented in Figure 7.36b.

From these figures it can be verified that $[C, B] = dr - ad\phi$ and $[A, C] = rd\phi$ and we can write

$$\frac{dr - ad\phi}{rd\phi} = \tan \alpha \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha + \frac{a}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\ln r}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha + \frac{a}{r} \qquad (7.64)$$

As seen, when $a \rightarrow 0$, the expression 7.64 tends to Equation 7.28 obtained earlier.







(a) To find the differential equation describing the mirror, consider a small portion **AB**. The origin of the coordinate system is point **O**. When $d\phi \rightarrow 0$, r and r_1 become parallel, (a) tends to the situation (b), for which $(dr - ad\phi)/(rd\phi) = \tan \alpha$.

The expression for $p(\theta)$ can also be generalized for tubular sources. From Figure 7.37 we see that $b = a/\tan \alpha$. The expression for $p(\theta)$ can now be generalized to

$$p(\theta) = \left(r + \frac{a}{\tan \alpha}\right)\sin(2\alpha) \tag{7.65}$$

When the radius of the tube approaches zero, $a \rightarrow 0$, and the expression 7.65 becomes Equation 7.24.



As in luminaires for linear sources, for tubular sources also, the intensity produced by the mirrors is defined at the cost of function $p(\theta)$.



FIGURE 7.38

Near-edge diverging configuration. (a) The edge (tangent) rays to the cylinder diverge after reflection on the mirror as presented. (b) The contribution of the mirror to the intensity is given by $I_M = p(\theta) - p_0(\theta)$ with $p(\theta)$ given by the expression 7.65.

As mentioned earlier, the expression for $p(\theta)$ can be used to calculate the contribution of the mirror to the intensity produced by the luminaire. Two different possibilities for the design can also be considered in this case, similar to the luminaires for flat sources. Figure 7.38 presents the case in which the edge rays do not intersect after reflection off the luminaire mirror. This is the diverging case, and the contribution of the mirror is given by

$$I_M = (r+b)\sin(2\alpha) - (r_0 + b_0)\sin(2\alpha_0) = p(\theta) - p_0(\theta)$$
(7.66)

with $b_0 = a/\tan \alpha_0$.



Near-edge converging configuration. (a) The edge (tangent) rays to the cylinder converge after reflection on the mirror. (b) In this case, the contribution of the mirror to the intensity is given by $I_M = p_0(\theta) - p(\theta)$ with $p(\theta)$ given by expression 7.65.

Figure 7.39 presents the case where the edge rays intersect after reflection off the luminaire mirror. This is the converging case and the contribution of the mirror is

$$I_M = (r_0 + b_0)\sin(2\alpha_0) - (r + b)\sin(2\alpha) = p_0(\theta) - p(\theta)$$
(7.67)

with $b_0 = a/\tan \alpha_0$.

In the case of linear sources, the intensity produced by the luminaire is given by expression 7.5. For tubular sources, besides the luminaire mirror we have other mirrors, usually involute mirrors, as in Figure 7.33. The expression for the intensity of the luminaire is then given by

$$I(\theta) = I_{S}(\theta) + I_{M}(\theta) + I_{OM}(\theta)$$
(7.68)

where $I_{OM}(\theta)$ is the contribution of the other mirrors, besides the mirror of the luminaire to be designed. As stated, these are usually involute arcs. In case of Figure 7.33b, we have $I_{OM}(\theta) = I_{OM1}(\theta) + I_{OM2}(\theta)$, where $I_{OM1}(\theta)$ is the contribution of the left-side involute and $I_{OM2}(\theta)$ the contribution of the right-side involute.

Expressions 7.66 and 7.67 can now be replaced in expression 7.68 and we get

$$I(\theta) = I_{S}(\theta) + p(\theta) - p_{0}(\theta) + I_{OM}(\theta)$$

$$p(\theta) = I(\theta) - I_{S}(\theta) + p_{0}(\theta) - I_{OM}(\theta)$$
(7.69)

 $I(\theta) = I_{S}(\theta) + p_{0}(\theta) - p(\theta) + I_{OM}(\theta)$ $p(\theta) = I_{S}(\theta) + p_{0}(\theta) + I_{OM}(\theta) - I(\theta)$ (7.70)

In any case, we can obtain $p(\theta)$ if the desired intensity for the luminaire $I(\theta)$, intensity produced by the source, and intensity produced by the other mirrors of the system $I_{OM}(\theta)$ are given. These other mirrors are defined as a starting point for the design. They are not calculated, so their contribution for the intensity must be determined.

As with flat sources, also in this case we must give a starting point \mathbf{R}_0 for the design of the mirror.

The expression for $r(\theta)$ can be obtained from expression 7.65 if $\alpha(\theta)$ is given. Expressions 7.64 and 7.65 together with $2\alpha = \phi - \theta$ result in expression 7.71 (see Appendix B), which defines $\alpha(\theta)$ implicitly.

$$C_m = P(\theta) - (p(\theta) - 2a)\cot\alpha - 2a\arctan(\cot\alpha)$$
(7.71)

In this expression, C_m is a constant to be determined from the initial conditions and

$$P(\theta) = \int p(\theta) d\theta \tag{7.72}$$

We can also write

$$C_m = P(\theta) - (p(\theta) - 2a)\cot\left(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2}\right) - 2a \arctan\left(\cot\left(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2}\right)\right)$$
(7.73)

Given an initial point for the mirror, we can calculate ϕ_0 . Given also a value of $\theta = \theta_0$ for this initial point, we can obtain C_m .

Now, giving values to θ , the corresponding value for α can be obtained by solving Equation 7.71. Repeating the process for different values of θ , we can obtain $\alpha(\theta)$. The expression for $r(\theta)$ can now be obtained from expression 7.65 as

$$r(\theta) = \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))} - \frac{a}{\tan(\alpha(\theta))}$$
(7.74)

The parameterization for the points of the mirror can now be obtained. From Figure 7.35 it is seen that $O_1 = a(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$ and from expression 7.33 (in which point **O** is now considered to be at position O_1) we have

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{O}_1 + r(\theta)(\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.75)

or

$$\mathbf{R} = a(\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), \sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta)) + r(\theta)(\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.76)

or

A luminaire designed for a tubular source starts with an involute. This involute may or may not touch the source. If it does, we have two possibilities—total or partial involute. Figure 7.32 shows a complete involute. In this case, the tubular source is completely transformed into a linear source and the solutions found for this kind of source can be immediately applied. The solutions with partial involute are designed for truncated involutes.⁸ Figure 7.40 presents one of these involutes truncated for an angle μ with the vertical. The case of a complete involute can be obtained for $|\mu| = \pi/2$.

The method of design for the luminaires with partial involutes is similar to the one described for linear sources. It is, however, necessary to remember that the light source has a different geometry, so the equations must adapt to this new situation.

For θ between $\pm \mu$ (both edges **O** and **Q** are visible), the source behaves as a Lambertian emitter of width **OQ**. But for $|\theta| > |\mu|$ (only **Q** is visible), the width *d* visible for the source is defined by an edge point of the involute **Q** and by a tangent point **P** to the tube⁸ as presented in Figure 7.41.



FIGURE 7.40

(a) In tubular sources, the design of a luminaire can start by two mirrors shaped as involutes touching the source. In this case, for angles with the vertical smaller than μ , this set behaves as a Lambertian source of width **OQ**. (b) The equivalent Lambertian source is shaped as a rounded wedge with edges **O** and **Q**.



FIGURE 7.41

For the case presented in Figure 7.40, if the exit angle of light is larger than μ , the tubular source plus mirrors behave as a luminous source of width *d* defined by the extremity **Q** of the mirror and tangent to the source at point **P**.



If the far edge **O** is used as the basis for the design of the luminaire, the equations used to define the mirror must be different for $|\theta| < |\mu|$ and $|\theta| > |\mu|$. For the portion $\mathbf{R}_{B}\mathbf{R}_{T}$ of the mirror, which is $\theta < \mu$, the edge **O** of the involute is visible and the mirror is described by differential equation 7.28 for linear sources. For the portion $\mathbf{R}_{T}\mathbf{R}$ of the mirror, the point **O** is no longer visible, so the differential equation defining it is now expression 7.64.

Similarly, the equations to be used for defining the mirrors will depend on this behavior and the equations for flat source or tubular source must be used accordingly.

If a far-edge luminaire is to be designed, the edge of the source serving as a basis for the design can be the involute edge **O** or the tangent to the tube. Figure 7.42 presents this situation. For the part of the mirror between points \mathbf{R}_{B} and \mathbf{R}_{T} , the edge **O** is visible. The differential equation defining the mirror is then Equation 7.28. For the points beyond \mathbf{R}_{T} , the edge of the source corresponds to the tangent to the tube and the differential equation to which the mirror must obey is expression 7.64.⁸

This problem does not exist in the design of a near-edge luminaire since, in this case, the edge \mathbf{Q} is always visible from the mirror, as seen in Figure 7.42.

Figure 7.43 shows a far-edge converging luminaire. Its design can start by the involute. Once this is done, we have the coordinates for points **O** and **Q** and therefore the size of the apparent source is $s = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]$.

We now choose a point \mathbf{R}_0 to start the design of the mirror. As seen in Figure 7.44, the edge \mathbf{O} of the involute can be seen from \mathbf{R}_0 . Therefore, the first part of the design is done in the same way as the one for a far-edge converging luminaire for a linear source \mathbf{OQ} . This enables us to design the portion of the mirror from \mathbf{R}_0 to \mathbf{R}_1 . At point \mathbf{R}_1 , the edge ray from the source becomes tangent to the tube, as seen in Figure 7.44a. Now the equations for a tubular source must be used. Also for this new portion of the mirror, the image of the source extends to \mathbf{R}_0 .



Far-edge converging luminaire. It consists of two involute arcs starting at the highest point on the tubular source and ending at O and Q, and a mirror starting at \mathbf{R}_0 and extending toward the source.



FIGURE 7.44

(a) A far-edge converging luminaire, its design starting at point \mathbf{R}_0 from where the edge \mathbf{O} of the involute can be seen. The portion $\mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{R}_1$ of the mirror is then designed as if we have a linear source \mathbf{OQ} . Beyond point \mathbf{R}_1 , the equations for a tubular source must be used. (b) The initial conditions for the design beyond point \mathbf{R}_1 .

The expression for $p(\theta)$ can then be obtained from expression 7.70 as

$$p(\theta) = \left(r_0 + a / \tan\left(\frac{\phi_0 - \theta}{2}\right)\right) \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + s \cos\theta - \frac{s}{\cos^2\theta}$$
$$= a + a \cos(\theta - \phi_0) - r_0 \sin(\theta - \phi_0) + s \cos\theta - \frac{s}{\cos^2\theta}$$
(7.77)

where $s = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]$ and r_0 and ϕ_0 are as indicated in Figure 7.44b. Distance r_0 is now the distance from point \mathbf{R}_0 to \mathbf{T}_0 on the tangent to the source through \mathbf{R}_0 .

Angle ϕ_0 is defined by line $\mathbf{T}_0 \mathbf{R}_0$ and the vertical. The expression 7.77 can now be integrated to obtain

$$P(\theta) = a\theta + \cos\theta(r_0\cos\phi_0 - a\sin\phi_0) + \sin\theta(s + a\cos\phi_0 + r_0\sin\phi_0) - s\tan\theta$$
(7.78)

Constant C_m given by expression 7.73 can now be obtained from point \mathbf{R}_1 where the first part of the mirror ends. This is the initial point for the new section of the mirror. From angle θ_1 , which the light makes to the vertical when coming from \mathbf{O} and reflecting at \mathbf{R}_1 , we can obtain $p(\theta_1)$ and $P(\theta_1)$. Replacing also the values for ϕ_1 and θ_1 in expression 7.73, we can calculate C_m . Now, for different values of θ we can obtain the corresponding values of α by solving Equation 7.71 numerically. These pairs (θ , α) can now be introduced in expression 7.74 and $r(\theta)$ is obtained. Finally, the mirror points can be calculated by expression 7.76. Figure 7.43 shows the complete luminaire.

Like the design for a far-edge diverging luminaire for a linear source **OQ**, also in this case the design can continue beyond angle γ subtended by the source at initial point **R**₀. This angle is indicated in Figure 7.45. Also in this case, this is due to multiple reflections on the mirror. The maximum angle that the light can come out of point **R**₀ corresponds to the direction of the tangent to the mirror at point **R**₀. Beyond this direction, the luminaire mirror can no longer be designed to produce the desired intensity pattern.

Let us now consider a different situation in which the central part of the luminaire consists of two involute arcs that do not touch the source, as presented in Figure 7.46. Their optical behavior is completely different from the partial involutes presented earlier in Figure 7.40. It no longer behaves as a Lambertian source with edges **O** and **Q**. To see this, a brief presentation of the optical characteristics of these involute arcs is made in Figure 7.46.

Figure 7.46 presents the contributions of the source I_s and images I_{IL} and I_{IR} on the left- and right-side involutes, respectively.

The intensity of each of the involutes for the intensity of the luminaire can be determined from its geometry as presented in Figure 7.47.



FIGURE 7.45

From initial point $\mathbf{R}_{0^{\gamma}}$ the source subtends an angle γ . The luminaire can, however, be designed for angles larger than γ due to multiple reflections on the mirror, as in far-edge converging luminaire for a flat source.



If the central part of the luminaire is made of two involute arcs, there will be reflections of the source in direction θ in both portions of the involute. Therefore, the intensity produced by the optic in direction θ is given by the intensity of the source plus the two parts resulting from reflections on both the mirrors.



FIGURE 7.47

Contribution of reflection on each of the involute mirrors for the illuminance of the luminaire.

From Figure 7.47, we have $\delta = \beta_R - \theta - \pi/2$. We then have $d_1 = a - a \cos \delta = a - a \sin(\beta_R - \theta)$ and $d_2 = a + a \cos \delta = a + a \sin(\beta_R - \theta)$ and also $d_3 = d_2 - d_1 = 2a \sin(\beta_R - \theta)$. This is the contribution of the right-side involute. In the same way, the contribution of the left-side involute is given by $2a \sin(\beta_L + \theta)$. Therefore, the sum of the contributions of source I_S and the involutes $I_I = I_{IL} + I_{IR}$ is given by

$$I_{S} + I_{I} = 2a + 2a\sin(\beta_{R} - \theta) + 2a\sin(\beta_{L} + \theta)$$
(7.79)

Nevertheless, it should be noted that expression 7.79 is valid only for θ in the interval $\pm \theta_d$, θ_d being defined in Figure 7.46. For values of θ outside this range, it is necessary to recalculate this expression since the images are disjointed.⁹ The total intensity of the luminaire can then be calculated by

$$I(\theta) = I_{S}(\theta) + I_{I}(\theta) + I_{M}(\theta)$$
(7.80)

where $I(\theta)$ is the desired intensity, $I_I(\theta)$ the intensity produced by the involutes, and $I_M(\theta)$ the intensity of the mirror of the luminaire to be designed.

The analytical method described earlier can be used to design the luminaire mirror for this kind of involute. Let us then suppose that the mirror starts at a point \mathbf{R}_0 and that, at this point, a light ray tangent to the lower part of the source is reflected vertically as presented in Figure 7.48a. This boundary condition is similar to the one used in the examples of flat-source case. The points \mathbf{R}_i of the mirror can now be obtained for $0 < \theta_i < \gamma$ and therefore, the mirror can be obtained for points between \mathbf{R}_0 and \mathbf{R}_γ . For these angles θ_i , the image of the source in the mirror extends from \mathbf{R}_0 to the point \mathbf{R}_i . The maximum value γ is the one for which the ray reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 is tangent to the upper part of the source as presented in Figure 7.48c. For angles to the vertical larger than γ , the shape of the mirror can no longer be obtained, since no light ray coming from the source can be reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 and leave the luminaire in these directions. For this reason, the image of the



FIGURE 7.48

At point \mathbf{R}_0 , the ray of light tangent to the lower part of the tube is reflected vertically (a). For $\theta \neq 0$, we have the situation presented in (b) where the image extends from \mathbf{R}_0 to another point \mathbf{R}_i on the mirror. However, this is valid only for values of $|\theta|$ smaller than γ . This limit case is presented in (c). For larger values of $|\theta|$, the image of the tube on the mirror no longer extends to \mathbf{R}_0 .



For angles θ_1 , θ_2 , ... larger than γ , the image of the source on the mirror extends only to \mathbf{P}_1 , \mathbf{P}_2 , ... and not to \mathbf{R}_0 . Knowing the desired intensity in these directions, it is possible to calculate new points \mathbf{Q}_1 , \mathbf{Q}_2 , ... of the mirror based on the part of the mirror already calculated.

source on the mirror no longer extends to \mathbf{R}_0 and therefore the intensity that this image produces can no longer be obtained by $I(\theta) = p(\theta) - p_0(\theta)$.

The mirror can, however, be extended beyond point $\mathbf{R}\gamma$ using a different design method. The part of the mirror between \mathbf{R}_0 and $\mathbf{R}\gamma$ calculated earlier is used in this extension. Let us then suppose that a light ray s_{p1} tangent to the upper part of the source hits a point \mathbf{P}_1 on the mirror $\mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{R}\gamma$ as presented in Figure 7.49. This ray will be reflected with an angle to the vertical given by θ_1 , that is, it is reflected as ray r_{p1} . If the desired intensity I_1 produced by the mirror in this direction is known, line r_{Q1} can be obtained. This line is parallel to r_{p1} and the distance between them is I_1 . Since point $\mathbf{R}\gamma$ of the mirror is known, the normal \mathbf{n}_γ to the mirror at \mathbf{R}_γ is also known. Line r_{Q1} can then be intersected with the tangent to the mirror at point \mathbf{R}_γ and point \mathbf{Q}_1 obtained. The normal \mathbf{n}_1 of the mirror at point \mathbf{Q}_1 can also be obtained, since at this point the mirror must reflect ray s_{Q1} tangent to the source into reflected ray r_{O1} leaving the luminaire.

We now consider a light ray s_{P2} tangent to the upper part of the source and hitting a point \mathbf{P}_2 on the known part of the mirror $\mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{Q}_1$. This ray will be reflected with an angle to the vertical given by θ_2 , that is, it is reflected as ray r_{P2} . If the desired intensity I_2 produced by the mirror in this direction is known, line r_{Q2} can be obtained. This line is parallel to r_{P2} and the distance between them is I_2 . Point \mathbf{Q}_1 of the mirror is known and the normal \mathbf{n}_1 to the mirror at \mathbf{Q}_1 is also known. Line r_{Q2} can then be intersected with the tangent to the mirror at point \mathbf{Q}_1 and point \mathbf{Q}_2 is obtained. The normal \mathbf{n}_2 of the mirror at point \mathbf{Q}_2 can also be obtained, since at this point the mirror must reflect ray s_{Q2} tangent to the source into reflected ray r_{Q2} leaving the luminaire.

This process can now continue for more points on the mirror. To obtain a good approximation to the shape of the mirror, it is important to proceed in very small steps.

The image of the source in the mirror now extends from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{Q}_1 for angle θ_1 and from \mathbf{P}_2 to \mathbf{Q}_2 for angle θ_2 . For these θ angles ($|\theta| > \gamma$), the image of the



(a) For $\theta < \gamma$, we obtain the portion $\mathbf{R}_0 \mathbf{R}_\gamma$ of the mirror. For point \mathbf{R}_1 on this portion of the mirror, for the corresponding value θ , the reflection of the source extends from \mathbf{R}_0 to \mathbf{R}_1 and the intensity resulting from the contribution of the mirror is given by d_1 . (b) For θ larger than γ , the reflection of the source on the mirror extends from point \mathbf{R}_T to another point \mathbf{R}_2 . Point \mathbf{R}_T is on the part of the mirror already calculated and point \mathbf{R}_2 is calculated based on \mathbf{R}_T . In this case, the intensity of the contribution of the source is given by d_2 .

source in the mirror is no longer contained between \mathbf{R}_0 and another point of the mirror. Instead of that, it is bounded by the edge rays s_p and s_Q of the source. Rays s_Q and s_p are called leading edge and trailing edge, respectively.⁷

Note that the intensity of the luminaire is given by expression 7.68, where I is the desired intensity for the luminaire, I_s the intensity produced by the source itself, I_M the intensity produced by the mirror whose construction is described earlier, and I_{OM} the contribution of other mirrors that the luminaire may contain (involute arcs).⁹

Figure 7.50 shows an example of the application of design methods presented earlier. The side mirrors are calculated from point \mathbf{R}_0 to point \mathbf{R}_γ using the analytical method and beyond point \mathbf{R}_γ using the numerical method presented in Figure 7.49. The slope of the mirror at the initial point \mathbf{R}_0 must be such that ray r_1 coming from the source is reflected and exits the luminaire in the vertical direction. This is the initial condition also used in the examples presented earlier for linear sources.

The analytical method described earlier is valid for $|\theta| < \gamma$, where γ is the angle that the tubular source subtends when seen from $\mathbf{R}_{0\gamma}$ as presented in Figure 7.50a. In this case, the image of the source on the mirror extends from \mathbf{R}_{0} to $\mathbf{R}_{1}(\theta)$ and the intensity I_{M} for $|\theta| = |\theta_{1}| < \gamma$ is represented by d_{1} . This analytical method can then be applied in the design of the mirror between \mathbf{R}_{0} and $\mathbf{R}\gamma$ and the points of the mirror obtained from expression 7.76.

From this point onward (i.e., for $|\theta| > \gamma$), the situation is different, as shown in Figure 7.50b, wherein it is impossible for the light to exit \mathbf{R}_0 in these directions. Therefore, the image of the tubular source when seen from $|\theta|$ = $|\theta_2| > \gamma$ extends from $\mathbf{R}_T(\theta)$ to $\mathbf{R}_2(\theta)$. For each θ_2 , we can then determine \mathbf{R}_T on the part of the mirror already calculated. Based on this point, we can calculate a new point \mathbf{R}_2 ahead. We then see that the new portion of the mirror to be calculated is based on the part of the mirror already calculated. As one ray goes through the part of the mirror already calculated, the other one



The central part of the luminaire has the shape of an involute (curve *i*) since this is the curve that allows more compact designs possible with no light reflected back to the source. In the case of curve *a*, the normal to the curve intersects the tubular source so that there will be light reflected back to the tube instead of to the target. In the case of curve *b*, the normal passes far from the tube and, therefore, a mirror designed according to one of these curves would be bigger than the one shaped as an involute.

enables us to calculate a new portion of the mirror.⁷⁹ In some cases, in the design of luminaires, there is an added complexity of the "shade" produced by the mirrors as in the luminaire of Figure 7.27.

In the design of a luminaire, an important aspect is to avoid radiation coming from the source being redirected back to the source. The goal is to make all the radiation to exit from the luminaire so that the exit power is maximized. However, one intends that the luminaire should be as compact as possible. The central part of the luminaire is then designed by placing two involute arcs side by side.

Then, the normal to the mirror cannot intersect the tube, because some radiation will be reflected back to the source (the case of curve *a* in Figure 7.51). If the normal to the curve passes far-off from the source (case of curve *b*), this problem no longer exists and the light is reflected far from the source. Nevertheless, the mirror obtained in this case is bigger than necessary. Involuteshaped curve *i* is the one that, avoiding the reflection of radiation back to the source, enables us to design the smallest possible mirror.

In the design method presented earlier, the central part of the luminaire does not necessarily have to consist of two arcs of involute.⁹ However, this is the solution that enables the design of the most compact devices.

Also, note that the mirror must have a wedge point. This results from the fact that the normal to the mirror cannot intersect the tube.

7.9 Examples

The examples presented as follows use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Design a far-edge converging luminaire for a unit length source and uniform illumination of a distant target.

We first define the edges of the source as $\mathbf{O} = (-0.5, 0)$ and $\mathbf{Q} = (-0.5, 0)$. We now define the edge point for the mirror as $\mathbf{R}_0 = (1.82, 1.3)$. We can now calculate

$$\phi_0 = \arg(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{O}, (0, -1)) = 2.08155$$

 $r_0 = [\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbf{O}] = 2.6594$
(7.81)

And we get

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + \cos \theta$$

= $\cos \theta - \sec^2 \theta + 2.6594 \sin(2.08155 - \theta)$
$$P(\theta) = -\tan \theta + r_0 \cos(\theta - \phi_0) + \sin \theta$$

= $2.6594 \cos(2.08155 - \theta) + \sin \theta - \tan \theta$ (7.82)

We set that the ray coming from **O** and reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 exits the luminaire in the vertical direction, and we have $\theta_0 = 0$. We then get

$$p(\theta_0) = r_0 \sin \phi_0 = 2.32$$

$$P(\theta_0) = r_0 \cos \phi_0 = -1.3$$
(7.83)

Constant C_m is now given by

$$C_m = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan(\phi_0/2)} = -2.6594$$
 (7.84)

and

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{p(\theta)}{P(\theta) - C_m}\right)$$
(7.85)

Finally, the points of the mirror are given by

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{O} + \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))} \left(\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta) \right)$$
(7.86)

To find the maximum value for θ , we numerically solve the equation:

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{Q} + x(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{Q}) \tag{7.87}$$

and get $\theta = \theta_m = -0.512409$ rad $= -29.3588^\circ$ and $x = x_m = 0.13299$. This also enables us to obtain $\mathbf{R}_m = \mathbf{R}(\theta_m)$, which is on the line connecting \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R}_0 . The mirror is finally given by $\mathbf{R}(\theta)$ with $\theta_m \le \theta \le 0$. Figure 7.52 shows the resulting luminaire.



FIGURE 7.52 Far-edge converging luminaire.



FIGURE 7.53 Geometry of far-edge converging luminaire and distant target.

The illuminance pattern on a distant target can now be determined by ray tracing. Figure 7.53 shows the geometry of luminaire and target.

The illuminance pattern on the target as a function of the angle θ is shown in Figure 7.54.

A note could now be added about how to ray trace these optics. The first thing is to generate a ray set. One way of doing it is by using the Monte Carlo integration.

The integral of a function $I(\theta)$ over an interval $\Delta\theta$ from θ_1 to θ_2 , where $\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1$ can be approximately calculated using Monte Carlo integration:

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} I(\theta) d\theta \approx \Delta \theta \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I(\theta_i)$$
(7.88)

It is given by the product of the interval $\Delta \theta$ by the mean value of the function in that interval. Its mean value is approximated by generating random values θ_i uniformly distributed in the interval $\Delta \theta$, calculating the value of the function at the points $I(\theta_i)$, and then dividing by the total number of points.

Using expression 7.88, we can generate random rays that can be used to simulate a source in a computer ray trace. Let us consider that we



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have a uniform 2-D Lambertian source of length L_s , for example, line source **OQ** in Figure 7.52, and therefore $L_s = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}]$. The intensity in each direction produced by this uniform source is given by $I(\theta) = I_0 \cos \theta$. The total flux it emits is given by

$$\Phi = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} I(\theta) d\theta = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} I_0 \cos \theta d\theta \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\pi I_0}{N} \cos \theta_i$$
(7.89)

We can then generate a set of rays, each of them defined by a point $P_i = (x_i, 0)$, a direction $\mathbf{v}_i = (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$, and a power given by $p_i = \pi I_0 \cos \theta_i / N$, where *N* is the number of rays in the ray set. The rays in the rayset are then defined by ($\mathbf{P}_i, \mathbf{v}_i, p_i$) with i = 1, ..., N. The values of x_i and θ_i can be obtained by $x_i = L_S(y_i - 1/2)$ and $\theta_i = \pi(z_i - 1/2)$, where y_i and z_i are randomly generated in the interval from 0 to 1. This simulates a source that extends from $-L_S/2$ to $L_S/2$ and emits in angles from $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$.

We may now ray trace these rays through the system. They hit the receiver and are collected there. To determine the flux distribution on the receiver, it is divided into small bins by a process called, naturally enough, binning.

Suppose that we have a receptor defined by a parameter α that varies between α_m and α_M . In the case of Figure 7.53, the receptor would be the target and the parameter α could be the horizontal coordinate x_1 . We divide this parameter space into bins of, for example, equal length as shown in Figure 7.55. In this particular case, we have seven bins, each of a length $\Delta \alpha$, and in general we have *N* bins, each of a length $\Delta \alpha = (\alpha_M - \alpha_m)/N$.

If a ray hits the receiver now at a point with a parameter value α and we want to determine to which bin it corresponds, we will calculate $b = (\alpha - \alpha_m)/\Delta \alpha$. In the particular case of Figure 7.55, *b* is 3.5 and the point



A ray with power *p* leaves the source from point **P** in a direction **v**, goes through the optic, and hits the receiver at a position defined by parameter value α .

is in bin number 4. We define sig(*b*) as a function that returns the smallest integer greater than or equal to *b*. For example, sig(3.1) = 4, sig(3.8) = 4, and sig(4) = 4. This function sig(*b*) will give us the bin number for any parameter value $\alpha > \alpha_m$. For $\alpha = \alpha_m$, the bin number is 1.

Figure 7.56 shows a ray with power p exiting the source at a point **P** in a direction **v**. It goes through the optic and hits the target at a point with parameter α .

Every time a ray hits one of these bins, we add the power of the ray to that bin. In the end, we will know how much power falls in each bin and, therefore, the power distribution on the receiver.

If we are interested in the intensity pattern instead, we would divide the angular space into bins and count how much flux falls into each bin. These bins could be, for example, at angular intervals to the optical axis from 0° to 5°, from 5° to 10° and so on. For each ray leaving the optic, we could then check the angle it makes to the optical axis and add its power to the corresponding bin. In the end, we would have a distribution of power as a function of direction to the optical axis.

Example 2

Design a near-edge diverging luminaire for a unit length source and uniform illumination of a distant target.

We first define the edges of the source as $\mathbf{O} = (-0.5, 0)$ and $\mathbf{Q} = (0.5, 0)$. We now define the edge point for the mirror as $\mathbf{R}_0 = (0.77, 0.5324)$. We can now calculate

$$\phi_0 = \arg(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{O}, (0, -1)) = 153.109^{\circ}$$

$$r_0 = [\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbf{O}] = 0.579957$$
(7.90)

And we get

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + \cos \theta$$

= $\cos \theta - \sec^2 \theta + 0.579957 \sin(2.67225 - \theta)$
$$P(\theta) = -\tan \theta + r_0 \cos(\theta - \phi_0) + \sin \theta$$

= $0.579957 \cos(2.67225 - \theta) + \sin \theta - \tan \theta$
(7.91)

We set that the ray coming from **O** and reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 exits the luminaire in the vertical direction, and we have $\theta_0 = 0$. We then get

$$p(\theta_0) = r_0 \sin \phi_0 = 0.262314$$

$$P(\theta_0) = r_0 \cos \phi_0 = -0.517244$$
(7.92)

Constant C_m is now given by

$$C_m = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan(\phi_0/2)} = -0.579957$$
(7.93)

and

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{p(\theta)}{P(\theta) - C_m}\right)$$
(7.94)

Finally, the points of the mirror are given by

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{O} + \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))} (\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.95)

To find the maximum value for θ , we numerically solve the equation:

$$2\alpha + \theta = \pi/2 \tag{7.96}$$

and get $\theta = \theta_m = 0.462083$ rad = 26.4754°, which terminates the mirror at the horizontal (x_1) axis. The mirror is finally given by **R**(θ) with $0 \le \theta \le \theta_m$. Figure 7.57 shows the resulting luminaire.

The illuminance pattern on a distant target can now be determined by ray tracing. Figure 7.58 shows the geometry of luminaire and target.

The illuminance pattern on the target as a function of the angle θ is shown in Figure 7.59.



FIGURE 7.57 Near-edge diverging luminaire.







FIGURE 7.59 Normalized illuminance pattern on a distant target.
Example 3

Design a far-edge converging luminaire for a tubular source of unit radius a = 1 and uniform illumination of a distant target.

The design of the luminaire starts with an involute to the source given by

$$\operatorname{inv}(\xi) = a(\cos(\xi - \pi/2), \sin(\xi - \pi/2)) + \xi a(\cos(\xi - \pi), \sin(\xi - \pi))$$
(7.97)

with a = 1 and

$$-(\pi/2 + \mu) \le \xi \le \pi/2 + \mu \tag{7.98}$$

We choose $\mu = 75^{\circ}$ and get $\mathbf{Q} = \text{inv}(\pi/2 + \mu) = (3.04049, 0.22058)$ and \mathbf{O} as its symmetrical point, as shown in Figure 7.60.

We now choose a point $\mathbf{R}_0 = (10.4, 6.5)$ to start the luminaire mirror. From point \mathbf{R}_0 to point \mathbf{R}_1 , the mirror "sees" the edge \mathbf{O} of the apparent source formed by the source itself and the involute mirrors as shown in Figure 7.61.







FIGURE 7.61

We choose the position of initial point \mathbf{R}_0 . The first part $\mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{R}_1$ of the mirror is designed as a far-edge converging luminaire for a linear source **OQ**.

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This portion of the mirror is then calculated as a far-edge converging luminaire for a linear source **OQ**. We calculate

$$s = [\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Q}] = 6.08097$$

$$\phi_0 = \arg(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{O}, (0, -1)) = 115.042^{\circ}$$
(7.99)

$$r_0 = [\mathbf{R}_{0'}, \mathbf{O}] = 14.835$$

And we get

$$p(\theta) = -\frac{s}{\cos^2 \theta} + r_0 \sin(\phi_0 - \theta) + s \cos \theta$$

= 6.08097(\cos \theta - \sec^2 \theta) + 14.835 \sin(2.00786 - \theta)
$$P(\theta) = -s \tan \theta + r_0 \cos(\theta - \phi_0) + s \sin \theta$$

= 14.835 \cos(2.00786 - \theta) + 6.08097(\sin \theta - \tan \theta)

We set that the ray coming from **O** and reflected at \mathbf{R}_0 exits the luminaire in the vertical direction, and we have $\theta_0 = 0$. We obtain

$$p(\theta_0) = r_0 \sin \phi_0 = 13.4405$$

$$P(\theta_0) = r_0 \cos \phi_0 = -6.27942$$
(7.101)

Constant C_m is now given by

$$C_m = P(\theta_0) - \frac{p(\theta_0)}{\tan(\phi_0/2)} = -14.835$$
(7.102)

and

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{p(\theta)}{P(\theta) - C_m}\right)$$
(7.103)

Finally, the points of the mirror are given by

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{O} + \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha(\theta))} (\sin(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta), -\cos(2\alpha(\theta) + \theta))$$
(7.104)

Vector **v** in Figure 7.61 is given by $\mathbf{v} = (\cos(\pi/2-\mu), \sin(\pi/2-\mu))$ and point \mathbf{R}_1 can be obtained by numerically solving the pair of equations (note that **O**, **v**, and **R** are two-dimensional):

$$\mathbf{O} + d\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{R}(\theta) \tag{7.105}$$

and we obtain $\theta = \theta_1 = -23.5297^\circ$ and $d = d_1 = 10.4278$. The portion of the mirror $\mathbf{R}_0 \mathbf{R}_1$ is then given by $\mathbf{R}(\theta)$ for $\theta_1 \le \theta \le 0$.

From point \mathbf{R}_1 downward, point \mathbf{O} is no longer visible and the mirror is calculated as a far-edge converging luminaire for a tubular source. The image on the mirror for this second part of the luminaire also extends all the way to \mathbf{R}_0 , so $p(\theta)$ and $P(\theta)$ are calculated relative to this position. For this new section of the mirror, we first calculate point \mathbf{P}_0 on the source







FIGURE 7.63 Complete luminaire.

that is also on the tangent line to the source through point \mathbf{R}_0 as shown in Figure 7.62.

We have $\mathbf{P}_0 = (-0.45909, 0.88839)$ and then

$$r_0 = [\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{R}_0] = 12.2233$$

$$\phi_0 = \arg(\mathbf{R}_0 - \mathbf{P}_0, (0, -1)) = 117.328^\circ$$
(7.106)

And also

$$p(\theta) = a + a\cos(\theta - \phi_0) - r_0\sin(\theta - \phi_0) + s\cos\theta - s/\cos^2\theta$$

= 1 + 16.481 cos \theta - 6.08097 sec^2\theta + 6.5 sin \theta (7.107)
$$P(\theta) = a\theta + \cos\theta (r_0\cos\phi_0 - a\sin\phi_0) + \sin\theta (s + a\cos\phi_0 + r_0\sin\phi_0)$$

= \theta - 6.5 cos \theta + 16.481 sin \theta - 6.08097 tan \theta

To calculate the value of the integration constant C_m , we use the values relative to point \mathbf{R}_1 where this new portion of the mirror starts. We have already obtained θ_1 and ϕ_1 is given by (Figure 7.61)

$$\phi_1 = \arg(\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{O}, (0, -1)) = 105^\circ$$
 (7.108)

We also have

$$p(\theta_1) = 6.28175$$

$$P(\theta_1) = -10.302$$
(7.109)

Constant C_m is now given by

$$C_m = P(\theta_1) - \cot\left(\frac{\phi_1 - \theta_1}{2}\right)(p(\theta_1) - 2a) - 2a \arctan\left(\cot\left(\frac{\phi_1 - \theta_1}{2}\right)\right)$$

= -13.2642 (7.110)

We now give a maximum value of $\theta_m = -31^\circ$ to θ . For different values of $\theta_m \le \theta \le \theta_1$, we can find the corresponding values of α by numerically solving the equation:

$$C_m = P(\theta) - \cot \alpha (p(\theta) - 2a) - 2a \arctan(\cot \alpha)$$
(7.111)

We obtain, for example, for the pairs (θ_i , α_i): ((-31, 0.94981), (-30, 0.997741), (-29, 1.0334), (-28, 1.06044), (-27, 1.08113), (-26, 1.09701), (-25, 1.10912), (-24, 1.11822)).

For each of these pairs, we can calculate

$$r_i = \frac{p(\theta_i)}{\sin(2\alpha_i)} - \frac{a}{\tan \alpha_i}$$
(7.112)

The points of the mirror are finally given by

$$\mathbf{R}_i = a(\cos(2\alpha_i + \theta_i), \sin(2\alpha_i + \theta_i)) + r_i(\sin(2\alpha_i + \theta_i), -\cos(2\alpha_i + \theta_i)) \quad (7.113)$$

as

$$\label{eq:R_i} \begin{split} \mathbf{R}_i &= ((7.67964, 8.43946), (71.0586, -260.689), (20.1508, -5.73802), (19.5833, 19.7013), (-27.6671, 94.4873), (-9.60706, 3.42271), (9.64254, 10.9493), (4.85006, -25.3726)) \end{split}$$

Figure 7.63 shows a complete luminaire.

The illuminance pattern on a distant target can now be determined by ray tracing. Figure 7.64 shows the geometry of luminaire and target.



FIGURE 7.64 Geometry of distant target and far-edge converging luminaire for a tubular source.





The illuminance pattern on a distant target is shown in Figure 7.65 as a function of angle θ as defined in Figure 7.64.

The pattern is uniform within the design angle.

Appendix A: Mirror Differential Equation 7.10 for Linear Sources

Solve the equation:

$$\frac{d\ln r(\phi)}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha(\theta) \tag{A.1}$$

for $\alpha(\theta)$, where

$$\phi = 2\alpha(\theta) + \theta$$

$$r(\theta) = \frac{p(\theta)}{\sin(2\alpha)}$$
(A.2)

in which $p(\theta)$ is known.

To solve Equation A.1 for $\alpha(\theta)$, we start by calculating the derivative of $\ln r$ and we get

$$\frac{d\ln r}{d\theta} = \frac{d\ln r}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\ln r}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta}$$
(A.3)

From the first expression of A.2 we get

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\theta} = 2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \tag{A.4}$$

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and therefore we have

$$\frac{d\ln r}{d\theta} = \tan(\alpha(\theta)) \left(2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \right)$$
(A.5)

which is a differential equation for $\alpha(\theta)$. From the second expression of A.2 we have

$$\ln(p(\theta)) = \ln(r(\phi(\theta))) + \ln(\sin(2\alpha(\theta)))$$
(A.6)

Calculating the θ derivative, we get

$$\frac{d\ln p}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} + 2 \frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
(A.7)

Considering Equations A.3 and A.5, we get

$$\frac{d\ln p}{d\theta} = \tan \alpha \left(2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \right) + \frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
$$= \left(\frac{2\sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} + \frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \right) \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$
(A.8)

which is a differential equation for $\alpha(\theta)$ since $p(\theta)$ is known. We can now write⁴

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \sin\alpha \cos\alpha \frac{d\ln(p(\theta))}{d\theta} - \sin^2\theta \tag{A.9}$$

Dividing Equation A.9 by $\sin^2 \alpha$ we get

$$-\frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{\tan \alpha} \frac{d \ln(p(\theta))}{d\theta} = 1$$
(A.10)

Equation A.10 is an equation for $\alpha(\theta)$, which can be solved by making the change of variables⁴

$$u = \frac{1}{\tan \alpha} \tag{A.11}$$

resulting in

$$\frac{du}{d\theta} + u \frac{d\ln(p(\theta))}{d\theta} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d(up(\theta))}{d\theta} = p(\theta)$$
(A.12)

Integrating both sides of this equation, we get

$$up = \int p(\theta)d\theta - C_m \Leftrightarrow u(\theta) = \frac{P(\theta) - C_m}{p(\theta)}$$
(A.13)

where C_m is the integration constant and $P(\theta)$ the primitive of $p(\theta)$ given by

$$P(\theta) = \int p(\theta) d\theta \tag{A.14}$$

We can now obtain α from Equation A.11

$$\alpha(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{p(\theta)}{P(\theta) - C_m}\right) \tag{A.15}$$

where C_m is a constant to be determined from the initial conditions of the problem.

7.11 Appendix B: Mirror Differential Equation for Circular Sources

Obtain an expression for $\alpha(\theta)$ from the expression:

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{dr}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha + \frac{a}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\ln r(\phi)}{d\phi} = \tan \alpha(\theta) + \frac{a}{r}$$
(B.1)

where *a* is a constant and this expression is subject to

$$\phi = 2\alpha(\theta) + \theta$$
$$p(\theta) = \left(r + \frac{a}{\tan \alpha}\right)\sin(2\alpha)$$
(B.2)

where the first expression relates ϕ , α , and θ , and the second expression relates *r* to a known quantity *p*.

We start by calculating the logarithm of *p*, given by

$$\ln(p(\theta)) = \ln\left(r + \frac{a}{\tan\alpha}\right) + \ln(\sin(2\alpha)) \tag{B.3}$$

Calculating the θ derivative, we get

$$\frac{d\ln p}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{r + a/\tan\alpha} \left(\frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} - a \frac{1/\cos^2\alpha}{\tan^2\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} \right) + 2 \frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
$$= \frac{r\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} - \frac{\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \frac{a}{\sin^2\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 2 \frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
(B.4)

Considering expression B.1 and the first expression of B.2, we can write

$$\frac{d\ln p}{d\theta} = \frac{r\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \left(\tan \alpha + \frac{a}{r} \right) \left(2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \right) \\ - \frac{\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \frac{a}{\sin^2 \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 2\frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} \\ = \tan \alpha \left(\frac{r\sin(2\alpha)}{p} + \frac{a\sin(2\alpha)}{p\tan \alpha} \right) \left(2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \right) \\ - \frac{\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \frac{a}{\sin^2 \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 2\frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
(B.5)

The second expression of B.2 can now be written as

$$r\sin(2\alpha) + \frac{a\sin(2\alpha)}{\tan \alpha} = p \Leftrightarrow \frac{r\sin(2\alpha)}{p} + \frac{a\sin(2\alpha)}{p\tan \alpha} = 1$$
(B.6)

and therefore

$$\frac{d\ln p}{d\theta} = \tan \alpha \left(2\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 1 \right) - \frac{\sin(2\alpha)}{p} \frac{a}{\sin^2 \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + 2\frac{\cos(2\alpha)}{\sin(2\alpha)} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
$$= \frac{2\sin^2 a}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} - \frac{(2a/p)\cos^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta}$$
$$+ \frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$
(B.7)

so it can be concluded that

$$\left(1 - \frac{2a\cos^2\alpha}{p(\theta)}\right)\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \sin\alpha\cos\alpha\frac{d\ln(p(\theta))}{d\theta} - \sin^2\theta \tag{B.8}$$

As seen, when $a \rightarrow 0$, Equation B.8 tends to Equation A.9 presented earlier for the case of a linear source. Dividing Equation B.8 by $\sin^2 \alpha$ and making $d \ln p(\theta)/d\theta = (1/p)dp/d\theta$, we get

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} - \frac{2a}{p}\cot^2\alpha\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \cot\alpha\frac{1}{p}\frac{dp}{d\theta} - 1$$
(B.9)

To solve Equation B.9, we can now make

$$\cot \alpha = \tan u \tag{B.10}$$

Note that, from expression B.10, one can obtain $\cos u \cos \alpha - \sin u \sin \alpha = 0$ or $\cos(u + \alpha) = 0$ and therefore $u + \alpha = \pi/2 + n\pi$ or $u = (2n + 1)\pi/2 - \alpha$, where *n* is an integer. Squaring both terms of expression B.10 and considering that, for any angle β , we have $\sin^2\beta + \cos^2\beta = 1$, we get

$$\frac{1-\sin^2\alpha}{\sin^2\alpha} = \frac{1-\cos^2 u}{\cos^2 u} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 u}$$
(B.11)

Calculating the θ derivative of expression B.10 and considering expression B.11, we get

$$\frac{d\cot\alpha}{d\theta} = \frac{d\tan u}{d\theta} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{\sin^2\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 u} \frac{du}{d\theta} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \frac{du}{d\theta}$$
(B.12)

Replacing expressions B.11 and B.12 in expression B.9, we get

$$\tan u \, \frac{dp}{d\theta} + \frac{p}{\cos^2 u} \, \frac{du}{d\theta} = p + 2a \tan^2 u \, \frac{du}{d\theta} \tag{B.13}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(p\tan u) = p + 2a\tan^2 u \frac{du}{d\theta}$$
(B.14)

Using $\tan^2 u = -(1 - 1/\cos^2 u)$, Equation B.14 can now be integrated with θ and we get

$$p \tan u = \int p(\theta) d\theta - 2a(u - \tan u) - C_m$$
(B.15)

where C_m is the integration constant. This expression can be rewritten as

$$\tan u(p-2a) + 2au = P(\theta) - C_m \tag{B.16}$$

with $P(\theta)$ given by expression $P(\theta) = \int p(\theta) d(\theta)$.

From expressions B.16 and B.10, we have

$$C_m = P(\theta) - (p(\theta) - 2a)\cot\alpha - 2a\arctan(\cot\alpha)$$
(B.17)

Since from expression B.2 we have $2\alpha = \phi - \theta$, we can therefore write

$$C_m = P(\theta) - (p(\theta) - 2a)\cot\left(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2}\right) - 2a\arctan\left(\cot\left(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2}\right)\right)$$
(B.18)

Given the initial values, ϕ_0 and θ_0 , we can obtain C_m from expression B.18. Now, giving values to θ , the corresponding value for α can be obtained by solving Equation B.17. This enables us to calculate $\alpha(\theta)$.

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Miñano–Benitez Design Method (Simultaneous Multiple Surface)

8.1 Introduction

This chapter describes a nonimaging optics design method known in the field as the simultaneous multiple surface (SMS) or the Miñano–Benitez design method. The abbreviation SMS comes from the fact that it enables the simultaneous design of multiple optical surfaces.¹ The original idea came from Miñano. The design method itself was initially developed in 2-D by Miñano and later also by Benítez. The first generalization to 3-D geometry came from Benítez. It was then much further developed by contributions of Miñano and Benítez. Other people have worked initially with Miñano and later with Miñano and Benítez on programming the method.

We have seen in previous chapters that in the Winston–Welford (or flowline) design method, the nonimaging optic is obtained by using the edge ray principle, in which the light rays coming from the edge of the source are redirected to the edge of the receiver. The edge rays are reflected by mirrors that channel the light, where each mirror reflects only one set of edge rays. In the Miñano–Benitez method the situation is different, and the surfaces sequentially reflect or refract both sets of edge rays.

SMS surfaces (in 2-D geometry) are piecewise curves made of several portions of Cartesian ovals, so that some of their characteristics are first detailed.

First consider, for example, that we have a point source (emitter) **E** in air (n = 1) and we want to perfectly focus its light onto another point **R** (receiver) immersed in a medium of refractive index *n*, as shown in Figure 8.1a. If we choose an optical path length *S* between **E** and **R**, we can design a surface that concentrates on **R** the light emitted by **E**. This surface is called a Cartesian oval, after Descartes, who solved the problem for spherical wave fronts (it was Levi-Civita who solved the general problem in 1900). Although it is possible to obtain an analytical expression for this curve² (or see Chapter 17), a numerical method is presented here because it will be useful for the Miñano–Benitez design method presented in this Chapter. If **v** is a given unit vector, point **P** on the Cartesian oval can be obtained by

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{E} + t\mathbf{v} \tag{8.1}$$



(a) The light emitted by a point source \mathbf{E} is concentrated on to a point \mathbf{R} inside a medium of refractive index *n*. (b) The light emitted by a point source \mathbf{E} is made parallel after entering a medium of refractive index *n*.

where *t* is the distance between **E** and **P** and $\mathbf{v} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$. The distance between **P** and **R** can now be obtained by

$$d_{PR} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})}$$
(8.2)

The distance *t* can be obtained by solving the equation

$$t + n\sqrt{(\mathbf{E} + t\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{R}) \cdot (\mathbf{E} + t\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{R})} = S$$
(8.3)

and therefore point **P** can be obtained. Point **P** is given by $\mathbf{P} = \text{ccoptpt}(\mathbf{E}, 1, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{R}, n, S)$, where ccoptpt is defined in Chapter 17. Note that we are considering that point **E** is in air (n = 1) and point **R** is in a medium of refractive index n. By doing this for different direction vectors \mathbf{v} , we can completely define the Cartesian oval curve. For each value of θ we get a point **P** on the curve.

Figure 8.1b presents another situation. Now the light rays emitted by **E** are made parallel after entering the medium of refractive index *n*. These rays will be perpendicular to wave front *w* defined by point **Q** and normal **n**. Point **P** can now be calculated as **P** = coptsl(**E**, 1, **v**, **Q**, *n*, **n**, *S*), where *S* is the optical path length between **E** and *w* (see Chapter 17). Note that we are considering that point **E** is in air (*n* = 1) and wave front *w* is in a medium of refractive index *n*. As seen earlier, varying angle θ gives different points **P** on the curve (optical surface).

Generally, we have a situation as shown in Figure 8.2. Here, we have two given wave fronts w_1 and w_2 , and we have to calculate the refractive curve c, separating two media of refraction indices n_1 and n_2 , that refracts w_1 to w_2 . Curve c is a generalized Cartesian oval.

This curve can be obtained by the constant optical path length *S*. For each point \mathbf{W}_1 on w_1 , we know the direction \mathbf{t}_1 of the light ray perpendicular to w_1 . We can then calculate the position of point \mathbf{P} along this light ray such that $n_1[\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{P}] + n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{W}_2] = S$. Repeating the process for different points on w_1 , we obtain different points on *c*. The light ray refracted at \mathbf{P} intersects wave front w_2 at point \mathbf{W}_2 and points direction \mathbf{t}_2 perpendicular to w_2 .



FIGURE 8.2 Generalized Cartesian oval.

The same method could be used to calculate a mirror that reflects one wave front to another.

8.2 The RR Optic

The ideas presented previously about the Cartesian ovals can now be used to design an SMS optic. We start with a lens, that is, an optic with two refractive surfaces. The procedure described here calculates the refractive surfaces point by point, and is related to the algorithm used by Schulz in the design of aspheric imaging lenses.^{3,4}

Figure 8.3 shows an SMS chain, the basic construction of an SMS optic. We start, for example, by defining two point sources \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 . Here, they are shown as the edges of a flat source. We also define two point receivers, \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 . Here, they are shown as the edges of a flat receiver. We assume that the system is symmetrical so that the perpendicular bisector *b* of $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ is also the perpendicular bisector of $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$. We want to concentrate the light emitted by point \mathbf{E}_2 on point \mathbf{R}_1 and the light emitted by \mathbf{E}_1 on point \mathbf{R}_2 .

Now choose the refractive index *n* of the lens we want to design. Consider, for example, that $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ are both in air (n = 1). Now choose a point \mathbf{P}_0 and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 . Given the symmetry of the system, choose point \mathbf{P}_0 on the bisector line *b* of $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 as the vertical (perpendicular to both $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$). Point \mathbf{P}_0 is on the top surface of the lens to be designed. Refract at \mathbf{P}_0 a ray r_1 coming from \mathbf{E}_2 . Choose a point \mathbf{P}_1 along the refracted ray. This point is on the bottom surface of the lens. Force ray r_1 to be refracted to \mathbf{R}_1 , this condition gives us the direction \mathbf{n}_1 of the normal at





point \mathbf{P}_1 . Also, from the path of ray r_1 we can obtain the optical path length between \mathbf{E}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 as

$$S = [\mathbf{E}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_0] + n[\mathbf{P}_{0'} \mathbf{P}_1] + [\mathbf{P}_{1'} \mathbf{R}_1]$$
(8.4)

Given the symmetry of the system, this is also the optical path length between \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 . Now, refract at \mathbf{P}_1 a ray r_2 coming from point \mathbf{R}_2 . Since we know the optical path length *S* between \mathbf{R}_2 and \mathbf{E}_1 , we can determine the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{E}_1 as

$$S_1 = S - [\mathbf{R}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_1] \tag{8.5}$$

Since we know the direction of r_2 after refraction at \mathbf{P}_1 and the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{E}_1 , we can calculate the position of another point \mathbf{P}_2 on the top surface of the lens. Calculating the position of \mathbf{P}_2 is similar to calculating a point \mathbf{P} in the case of a Cartesian oval, as shown in Figure 8.1a, but now the ray is moving from a high refractive index material into a low one. From the direction of the incident and refracted rays at point \mathbf{P}_2 , we can calculate its normal \mathbf{n}_2 .

Now refract at point \mathbf{P}_2 a ray r_3 coming from \mathbf{E}_2 . Using the same procedure as described earlier, calculate a new point \mathbf{P}_3 and its normal \mathbf{n}_3 on the bottom surface of the lens. Again, refracting at \mathbf{P}_3 a ray coming from \mathbf{R}_2 gives point \mathbf{P}_4 and its normal \mathbf{n}_4 on the top surface of the lens. Refracting at \mathbf{P}_4 a ray coming from \mathbf{E}_2 gives point \mathbf{P}_5 and its normal \mathbf{n}_5 on the bottom surface of the lens. This process goes on and on with the calculation of alternate points on the top and bottom surfaces of the lens, building an SMS chain of points and normals.

This process does not completely define the surfaces of the lens, but gives us only two sets of isolated points. A way around this limitation is by using the construction shown in Figure 8.4.

As earlier, we choose a point \mathbf{P}_0 on the axis of symmetry of the system and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 as a vertical vector. Refract at \mathbf{P}_0 a ray r_1 coming from \mathbf{E}_2 . Choose the position of a point \mathbf{P}_1 along the direction of the refracted ray. Force this ray r_1 to be refracted at \mathbf{P}_1 toward \mathbf{R}_1 and this gives us the normal \mathbf{n}_1 at \mathbf{P}_1 . Now, given the symmetry of the system, define a point Q_1 symmetrical to P_1 . The normal at \mathbf{Q}_1 is also symmetrical to \mathbf{n}_1 at point \mathbf{P}_1 . Now choose a curve that goes through P_1 and Q_1 and is perpendicular to the normals at these two points. In the case of Figure 8.4a, make this curve as a circle with center **C**. The position of **C** is obtained by intersecting a straight line through \mathbf{P}_1 with direction \mathbf{n}_1 with another straight line through \mathbf{P}_0 with direction \mathbf{n}_0 . Now we have a curve between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 and we can calculate a set of points on that curve with the corresponding normals. Now launch a set of rays coming from \mathbf{R}_2 through these points and calculate the corresponding points on a portion $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2$ of the top surface of the lens. This is done, for each ray, using the same procedure described earlier when calculating the SMS chain of Figure 8.3. For all these rays, the optical path length S is the same and is calculated as earlier by expression 8.4. Now we have a set of points and normals between \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 on the top surface of the lens. We now launch through these points a set of rays coming from point E_2 (Figure 8.4b). These rays define a new set of points between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_3 on the bottom surface of the lens. Again, this is done, for each ray, using the same procedure described earlier when calculating the SMS chain as in Figure 8.3. Now launch a set of rays coming from \mathbf{R}_{2} through these points and calculate the corresponding points on a portion $\mathbf{P}_{2}\mathbf{P}_{4}$ of the top surface of the lens (Figure 8.4c). Next launch a set of rays coming from E_2 through these points and calculate the corresponding points on a portion P_3P_5 of the bottom surface of the lens (Figure 8.4c). This process can go on as we extend the lens laterally.

Now, we have a large set of points on both surfaces. The more points we pick on the initial portion Q_1P_1 , the better defined the surfaces of the lens will be. The right-hand side of the lens is obtained by symmetry.

As can be seen from the sequence of the calculation shown in Figure 8.4a, b,c and d, this lens is calculated starting from the center and growing the surfaces toward the edge. Sometimes it may be preferable to start the calculation from the edge, since that may lead to smoother surfaces. The process is similar. We start by calculating an SMS chain as in Figure 8.3. Now take the last point calculated (in this case point P_5) and the one next to it on the same surface (in this case point P_3).

As we did earlier between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 , we can now interpolate a curve $\mathbf{c}(x)$ between points \mathbf{P}_5 and \mathbf{P}_3 ensuring that it is perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_5 at point \mathbf{P}_5 and perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_3 at point \mathbf{P}_3 , as shown in Figure 8.5a. We may choose, for example, a third-degree polynomial of the form





Definition of an SMS lens by the alternate addition of portions of the top and bottom surfaces of the lens. Calculation is done from the center to the edge.



Interpolation of a curve between points P_5 and P_3 . The curve is normal to n_5 at point P_5 and is perpendicular to n_3 at point P_3 .

Now, if points \mathbf{P}_5 and \mathbf{P}_3 are given by $\mathbf{P}_5 = (P_{51}, P_{52})$ and $\mathbf{P}_3 = (P_{31}, P_{32})$, we have

$$P_{52} = a + bP_{51} + cP_{51}^2 + dP_{51}^3$$

$$P_{32} = a + bP_{31} + cP_{31}^2 + dP_{31}^3$$
(8.7)

Also, for p(x) to have the right derivatives at points P_5 and P_3 , we must have

$$\frac{dp(P_{51})}{dx} = \tan\left(\alpha_5 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow b + 2cP_{51} + 3dP_{51}^2 = \tan\left(\alpha_5 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{dp(P_{31})}{dx} = \tan\left(\alpha_3 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow b + 2cP_{31} + 3dP_{31}^2 = \tan\left(\alpha_3 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
(8.8)

where α_5 and α_3 are the angles that \mathbf{n}_5 and \mathbf{n}_3 make to the horizontal. In this particular case, we have $\alpha_5 < 0$ and $\alpha_3 < 0$. Equations 8.7 and 8.8 give us the values of *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* and define *p*(*x*). The curve is then parameterized by

$$\mathbf{c}(x) = (x, p(x)) \tag{8.9}$$

with $P_{51} < x < P_{31}$. The normal to the curve is given by

$$\mathbf{n}_{\rm C}(x) = (dp(x)/dx, -1) \tag{8.10}$$

for the same parameter range. The expression for $\mathbf{n}_C(x)$ can also be normalized to make its length unity for all values of parameter *x*.

Now we use the same procedure as earlier to calculate the surfaces of the lens. We first define a set of points and normals on the portion of curve P_5P_3 we just defined, as shown in Figure 8.5b.

Now, using the same optical path length *S*, as was used to calculate the SMS chain of Figure 8.3, launch a set of rays from \mathbf{R}_1 through the points of $\mathbf{P}_5\mathbf{P}_3$ and calculate a set of points $\mathbf{P}_4\mathbf{P}_2$ on the top surface, as shown in Figure 8.6a.



Definition of an SMS lens by the alternate addition of portions of surface on the top and bottom surfaces of the lens. Calculation is done from the edge to the center.

Now launch a set of rays coming from \mathbf{E}_1 through the new points between \mathbf{P}_4 and \mathbf{P}_2 and calculate a new set of points on the bottom surface between points \mathbf{P}_3 and \mathbf{P}_1 (Figure 8.6b). Next, launch a set of rays from \mathbf{R}_1 through the points of $\mathbf{P}_3\mathbf{P}_1$ and calculate a set of points $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_0$ on the top surface (Figure 8.6c). Then launch a set of rays coming from \mathbf{E}_1 through the new points between \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{P}_0 and calculate a new set of points on the bottom surface between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 (Figure 8.6d). The calculation ends when the surfaces cross the axis of symmetry *b* of the system. The right-hand side of the lens is obtained by symmetry.

Figure 8.7 shows the complete lens. All the light emitted by \mathbf{E}_1 toward the entrance aperture of the lens $\mathbf{P}_4\mathbf{Q}_4$ will be redirected to \mathbf{R}_2 and the light emitted by \mathbf{E}_2 toward the entrance aperture of the lens $\mathbf{P}_4\mathbf{Q}_4$ will be redirected to \mathbf{R}_1 .

The lens, however, is not symmetrical, in the sense that if we reverse the direction of the light, the behavior of the lens is different. Suppose then that \mathbf{R}_1 is an emitter. All the light the lens receives between point \mathbf{P}_5 and \mathbf{Q}_3 is redirected to point \mathbf{E}_1 . The light received by portion $\mathbf{Q}_3\mathbf{Q}_5$, however, is not redirected. If we want the light coming from \mathbf{R}_1 and refracted at $\mathbf{Q}_3\mathbf{Q}_5$ to be redirected to \mathbf{E}_2 , we would need a further portion of the top surface of the lens to the right of \mathbf{Q}_4 . We could design this new portion of the top



FIGURE 8.7

An SMS lens with an entrance aperture P_4Q_4 that redirects to R_1R_2 all the light it receives from E_1E_2 . The lens is not symmetrical in the sense that if R_1R_2 is now the emitter, not all the light that hits the entrance aperture P_5Q_5 will end up on E_1E_2 .



As we calculate more and more points on the SMS chains, these points get closer toward the edges of the lens.



FIGURE 8.9 RR SMS lens whose surfaces touch at the end points X and Y.

surface, but then we would have the same issue for the light coming from E_1 and refracted at this new portion of the top surface. This light would not be refracted now toward R_2 .

The same thing happens for the light emitted by \mathbf{R}_2 toward the portion $\mathbf{P}_3\mathbf{P}_5$ of the bottom surface of the lens. This light is also not concentrated on to the point \mathbf{E}_1 .

There are two ways around this situation. One of them is to continue building the lens toward the edges. As we do that, the points of the SMS chains get closer and the asymmetry decreases, as shown in Figure 8.8.

As we calculate more points toward the edges of the lens and these points become closer, the étendue of the light emitted from E_1E_2 toward the entrance aperture of the lens also gets closer to the étendue from the exit aperture of the lens toward $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$.

Another possibility for calculating one of these lenses is to start both surfaces from a point, as shown in Figure 8.9.

Once we have defined the positions of \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 for the emitter and \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 for the receiver, we can define the position of point **X** where the surfaces of the lens start. Since the rays crossing

the lens at point **X** do not enter it, the optical path length between \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 , which is the same as from \mathbf{E}_2 to \mathbf{R}_1 , is given by

$$S_1 + S_2 = S_3 + S_4 \tag{8.11}$$

as shown in Figure 8.10a.



FIGURE 8.10 Starting point X of the surfaces of the RR SMS lens.

This condition can also be written as

$$S_1 - S_3 = S_4 - S_2 \tag{8.12}$$

which is the condition that states that the étendue from the emitter $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ to the entrance aperture **XY** of the lens is the same as the étendue from the lens to the receiver $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$.

Now, we can define, for example, point $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, y)$, where X_1 is chosen by us and y is calculated using expression 8.11. Once we have the position of point \mathbf{X} , we also have the directions of vectors \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_3 , \mathbf{v}_4 and \mathbf{v}_6 defined by the edges of the emitter and receiver and by point \mathbf{X} , as shown in Figure 8.10b.

Consider that the bottom surface, of the lens starting at **X** has normal \mathbf{n}_B making an unknown angle α to the vertical, as shown in Figure 8.11a. Consider also a point \mathbf{X}_1 on the bottom surface a very small distance δ away from **X**.

As $\delta \rightarrow 0$, vector \mathbf{v}_1 for a light ray emitted from point \mathbf{R}_1 is the same as in Figure 8.10b. We then refract the light ray with direction \mathbf{v}_1 at point \mathbf{X}_1 and calculate the direction of vector \mathbf{v}_2 inside the lens. This ray, after refraction



FIGURE 8.11 SMS chains for generating an RR lens from a thin edge toward the center.

of the top surface, is headed toward \mathbf{E}_2 , and again as $\delta \rightarrow 0$, this ray has direction \mathbf{v}_3 as defined in Figure 8.10b. Since we have the directions of an incident \mathbf{v}_2 and refracted \mathbf{v}_3 rays on the top surface, we can determine its normal \mathbf{n}_T . Next, refract a ray with direction \mathbf{v}_4 on the top surface with normal \mathbf{n}_T calculating the direction \mathbf{v}_5 of the light inside the lens. Then refract a light ray with direction \mathbf{v}_5 on the bottom surface with normal \mathbf{n}_B to obtain the direction of ray \mathbf{v}_{P6} . We iterate on the value of α until \mathbf{v}_{P6} is parallel to \mathbf{v}_6 as in Figure 8.10b, or $\mathbf{v}_{P6} \cdot \mathbf{v}_6 = 0$. This gives us the directions of the normals \mathbf{n}_B and \mathbf{n}_T to the bottom and top surfaces at point \mathbf{X} .

Consider that the bottom and top surfaces in the neighborhood of point **X** are flat with normals \mathbf{n}_B and \mathbf{n}_T . Consider again a point \mathbf{X}_1 very close to point \mathbf{X} , but at a distance $\delta > 0$ away. We refract at point \mathbf{X}_1 a ray with the direction of \mathbf{v}_1 on the bottom surface and calculate point \mathbf{X}_2 on the top surface. Refract at point \mathbf{X}_2 a ray with direction \mathbf{v}_4 and calculate point \mathbf{X}_3 on the bottom surface, as shown in Figure 8.11a. Between points \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_3 , consider the bottom surface to be flat with normal \mathbf{n}_B , as shown in Figure 8.11b. We now calculate the SMS chains as earlier, starting from the portion of the bottom surface $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_3$. Figure 8.11b shows the first step of this calculation. As earlier, the surfaces are calculated to the axis of symmetry and then mirrored to the other side. A complete lens is shown in Figure 8.9.

Another possibility for calculating an SMS lens is by imposing the condition that the étendues from emitter to the lens and from the lens to the receiver



An SMS lens in which the étendue from $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ to the entrance aperture of the lens **NM** matches the étendue of the exit aperture **XY** of the lens to $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$.

are equal and also that the lens has a thick edge.⁵ Now we choose the points at the edges of the surfaces of the lens by using the condition of matching the étendues from $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ toward the lens and from the lens toward $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$. Suppose that we already have one such lens as shown in Figure 8.12.

The étendue from E_1E_2 to the entrance aperture NM of the lens is given by

$$U = 2([\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_1] - [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_2])$$
(8.13)

Also, the étendue from the exit aperture of the lens **XY** to $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ is given by

$$U = 2([\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_1] - [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_2])$$
(8.14)

If we give a value to the étendue U, we want to couple light between $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ and $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ through the lens; point **N** must then be on the hyperbola h_E defined by

$$[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_1] - [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_2] = \frac{U}{2}$$
(8.15)

and point **X** on another hyperbola h_R defined by

$$[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_1] - [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_2] = \frac{U}{2}$$
(8.16)

These hyperbolas can be obtained by using the function hyp(**F**, **G**, *U*, *n*) as defined in Chapter 17, in which **F** and **G** are either \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 or \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 and n = 1 since these hyperbolas are considered to be in air. The design of the lens then begins by choosing a value for *U* and choosing point **N** on the hyperbola h_E and point **X** on the hyperbola h_R as shown in Figure 8.13.

Consider a ray r_1 emitted from \mathbf{E}_1 toward point \mathbf{N} . There it refracts toward point \mathbf{X} and from there it is redirected to point \mathbf{R}_1 . Since now we know the directions of incident and refracted rays at point \mathbf{N} , we can calculate its normal \mathbf{n}_N . Also, since we know the directions of incident and refracted rays at point \mathbf{X} , we can calculate its normal \mathbf{n}_X .



Path of a ray r_1 from E_1 to N, then to X and finally to R_1 . Its path gives the normals at points N and X.



FIGURE 8.14

Portion XX_1 of the lens concentrates to point \mathbf{R}_1 the light confined between the rays r_1 and r_2 coming from point **N**.

Point **N** will receive light emitted from \mathbf{E}_1 to $\mathbf{E}_{2'}$ as shown in Figure 8.14.

Knowing the direction of the normal at point **N**, refract at that point a ray r_2 coming from **E**₂. This ray is redirected at some point **X**₁ on the right-hand side surface of the lens toward **R**₁. We now have a situation in which the light

coming out of point **N**, confined between rays r_1 and r_2 is headed toward portion **XX**₁ of the lens and must be concentrated on to point **R**₁. The portion **XX**₁ must then be a Cartesian oval that concentrates on **R**₁ these light rays coming from **N**. Since we know the path of ray r_1 , we can calculate the optical path length between **N** and **R**₁ as

$$S_N = n[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{X}] + [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_1]$$
(8.17)

This defines portion XX_1 of the surface of the lens. Note that for each point of XX_1 we have the directions of incident and refracted rays and we can, therefore, calculate the normal for each one of its points.

Now we have the whole path of ray r_2 defined as \mathbf{E}_2 -**N**-**X**₁-**R**₁. We can, therefore, calculate the optical path length between \mathbf{E}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 as

$$S = [\mathbf{E}_{2}, \mathbf{N}] + n[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{X}_{1}] + [\mathbf{X}_{1}, \mathbf{R}_{1}]$$
(8.18)

The optic is symmetrical in the sense that if $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ was now the source of light and $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ the receiver, all the light emitted from $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ toward the lens would have to be redirected to $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$. We can then use the same reasoning to build a portion of the surface on the left-hand side of the lens (Figure 8.15).

Since we know the direction of the normal at point **X**, we now refract at that point a ray r_3 coming from **R**₂. This ray is redirected at some point **N**₁ on the left-hand side surface of the lens toward **E**₁. We now have a situation in which the light coming out of point **X** confined between rays r_1 and r_3 is



FIGURE 8.15

Portion NN_1 of the lens concentrates on point E_1 the light confined between rays r_1 and r_3 coming from point **X**.

headed toward portion NN_1 of the lens and must be concentrated on to point E_1 . The portion NN_1 must then be a Cartesian oval that concentrates on E_1 these light rays coming from **X**. Since we know the path of ray r_1 , we can calculate the optical path length between **X** and E_1 as

$$S_{\mathrm{X}} = n[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N}] + [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_{1}]$$
(8.19)

This defines portion NN_1 of the surface of the lens. Note that for each point of NN_1 we have the directions of incident and refracted rays and we can, therefore, calculate the normal for each one of its points.

Now, we have the whole path of ray r_3 defined as \mathbf{R}_2 -**X**-**N**₁-**E**₁. We can, therefore, calculate the optical path length between \mathbf{R}_2 and \mathbf{E}_1 as

$$S = [\mathbf{R}_{2}, \mathbf{X}] + n[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N}_{1}] + [\mathbf{N}_{1}, \mathbf{E}_{1}]$$
(8.20)

Given the symmetry of the system, the optical path lengths calculated by Equations 8.20 (between \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2) and 8.18 (between \mathbf{E}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1) are equal.

We now have a situation, as in Figure 8.16, that shows the curve NN_1 with a set of points and their normals and the curve XX_1 also with a set of points and their normals.

Now, we can calculate the remaining portions of the surfaces of the SMS lens using the same method as earlier for calculating the lens of Figure 8.6. As shown in Figure 8.17a, launch a set of rays from E_2 through the portion



FIGURE 8.16

The design of the surfaces of the SMS lens starts at the edge with two Cartesian ovals NN_1 and XX_1 .



FIGURE 8.17

By launching rays through the portions of the lens already calculated, we can calculate a new portion of lens on the other side.

 NN_1 of the lens already calculated. These light rays are refracted there and we know the optical path length to point R_1 , so we can calculate a new portion of lens X_1X_2 on the other side.

We can also launch a set of rays from \mathbf{R}_2 through the portion $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}_1$ of the lens already calculated. These light rays are refracted there and we know the optical path length to point $\mathbf{E}_{1\prime}$ so we can calculate a new portion of lens $\mathbf{N}_1\mathbf{N}_2$ on the other side.

We now repeat the process for the portions of lens we just calculated, as shown in Figure 8.17b. We can launch a set of rays from \mathbf{E}_2 through the portion $\mathbf{N}_1\mathbf{N}_2$ of the lens already calculated. These light rays are refracted there and we know the optical path length to point \mathbf{R}_1 , so we can calculate a new portion of lens $\mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_3$ on the other side. We can also launch a set of rays from \mathbf{R}_2 through the portion $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_2$ of the lens already calculated. These light rays are refracted there and we know the optical path length to point \mathbf{E}_1 , so we can calculate a new portion of lens $\mathbf{N}_2\mathbf{N}_3$ on the other side. These light rays are refracted there and we know the optical path length to point \mathbf{E}_1 , so we can calculate a new portion of lens $\mathbf{N}_2\mathbf{N}_3$ on the other side. This process continues to the optical axis. Figure 8.18 shows the last step of this calculation, when the surfaces of the lens cross the axis of symmetry *b*.

Since the system is symmetrical relative to line *b*, we take only the portion of the lens above *b* and mirror it on the other side, completing the lens.

When we do this, we are replacing the portion of the lens we calculated below the line *b* with the mirror image of the lens above the line *b*. This makes the lens nonideal at the center because we are replacing what we should have (what we calculated below line *b*) with something else (the mirror image of the surfaces of the lens above line *b*). Figure 8.19 shows this effect for a ray *r*. The path of the ray is calculated such that it refracts at point N_5 on the left-hand side surface of the lens and then at a point X_6 on the other side. When we mirror the surfaces of the lens above axis of symmetry *b*, ray *r* no longer refracts at point X_6 , but at the mirror image of another point X_U on the upper portion of the lens.



The design of the lens ends when the surfaces cross the axis of symmetry *b*.



FIGURE 8.19

Ray *r* after refraction at point N_5 should refract at point X_6 calculated for the other side of the lens, but when we mirror the top surface of the lens to the other side, ray *r* will be refracted at the mirror image of a point X_{II} on the upper half of the lens.

The regions of the surfaces of the lens for which perfect focusing of the light onto \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 cannot be guaranteed are shown in Figure 8.20. It is defined by the edge rays crossing the center of the lens. Such minor blurring is quite acceptable in numerous situations.

An edge ray emitted from \mathbf{E}_1 toward \mathbf{C}_L on the center point of the left-hand side surface of the lens defines point \mathbf{X}_C on the other surface. Also, an edge ray emitted from \mathbf{R}_1 toward \mathbf{C}_R on the center point of the right-hand side surface of the lens defines point \mathbf{N}_C on the other surface. Ideality cannot be guaranteed for the rays crossing the lens between \mathbf{N}_C and \mathbf{C}_L and between \mathbf{C}_R and \mathbf{X}_C .

This nonideality is, however, quite small and for practical applications the lens behaves quite well. Figure 8.21 shows a complete lens, obtained by



The region of the center of the lens for which no perfect focusing can be guaranteed is confined between points N_C and C_L for the left-hand side surface and between X_C and C_R for the right-hand side.



FIGURE 8.21 An SMS lens that focuses onto \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 the light rays emitted by \mathbf{E}_2 an \mathbf{E}_1 .

mirroring the top portion of the lens above the axis of symmetry b to the other side.

Although we have presented the lens as being perpendicular to the optical axis, this does not have to be the case. If we just take points **X** and **N** according to the conservation of étendue and design the lens, we may get a lens with a peak at the center. To avoid this, the positions of points **N** and **X** must be moved until the desired result is obtained. First point **N** is kept fixed and point **X** moved along the hyperbola h_R until the left-hand side lens surface is perpendicular to the optical axis. Then point **X** is kept fixed and point **N** is moved along the hyperbola h_E until the right-hand side surface of



An SMS lens designed for the case in which the emitter is infinitely large at an infinite distance. In this case, the lens focuses at points \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 the rays perpendicular to the flat wave fronts w_2 and w_1 . the lens is perpendicular to the optical axis. This process is repeated until both the surfaces are perpendicular to the axis of symmetry.

We now go back to the lens shown in Figure 8.7. These lenses can also be designed for infinite sources at an infinite distance. Figure 8.22 shows one such lens. This is the limit case in which the edges \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 of the emitter are moved to an infinite distance away from the lens. The rays coming from the edges of the emitter are now two sets of parallel rays perpendicular to wave fronts w_1 and w_2 . The lens focuses at point \mathbf{R}_1 the rays perpendicular to w_2 and at \mathbf{R}_2 those perpendicular to w_1 . The SMS chains are calculated in the same way as earlier.

We now consider the lens shown in Figure 8.21. These lenses can also be designed for infinite sources at an infinite distance. Figure 8.23 shows such a lens.

The edge point **X** of the lens is on the hyperbola h_R , as seen earlier, but the edge point **N** is now on a horizontal straight line l_E . The distance between

the top and bottom lines l_E is such that, if we choose points **N** and **M** on those lines, the étendue the lens intercepts (given by $U = 2[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{M}]\sin\theta$) matches that defined by the hyperbola h_R .

The design of the lens is as described earlier. An edge ray r_1 perpendicular to a flat wave front w_1 makes an angle θ to the horizontal and refracts at point **N** toward **X**. It then refracts again at **X** toward **R**₁. The deflections required along the path of this ray give us the normals at points **N** and **X**. Now refract at point **N** the rays with directions between those of r_1 and r_2 and calculate the Cartesian oval **XX**₁ that concentrates them on point **R**₁. Refract at point **X** the rays emitted from the receiver toward **X**. These rays are contained between r_1 and r_3 . Then calculate the Cartesian oval **NN**₁ that makes them perpendicular to wave front w_1 .

Next use portions NN_1 and XX_1 of the lens to calculate the SMS chains, using the same method as earlier. Also in this case, the lens surfaces are calculated as far as the optical axis and then mirrored to the other side.

The lenses described previously use two refractions. Refractions in the Miñano–Benitez design method are identified as R. These lenses are then RR devices because light going through them undergoes two refractions.



An SMS lens with a thick edge designed for the case in which the emitter is infinitely large at an infinite distance. In this case, the lens focuses at points \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 the rays perpendicular to the flat wave fronts w_2 and w_1 .

8.3 The XR, RX, and XX Optics

The RR lens presented earlier has two refractive surfaces. Other types of SMS optics can also be calculated using the Miñano–Benitez design method. For example, the case in which one of the surfaces is reflective (a mirror) and the other refractive. The resulting optic has the geometry as shown in Figure 8.24. In the Miñano–Benitez design method, refractions are denoted by R, reflections by X (from the Spanish reflexión) and total internal reflections (TIRs) by I. This new optic is, therefore, an XR because light is first reflected and then refracted before reaching the receiver. The rays perpendicular to wave front w_1 are concentrated on to the edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver and the edge rays perpendicular to w_2 are concentrated on to the receiver edge \mathbf{R}_1 . The receiver is immersed in a medium of refractive index *n*.

The algorithm for calculating this optic is the same as for the RR lens shown in Figure 8.4. During the design process we ignore the shadow the secondary (refractive element) produces on the primary (mirror). Start with the positions of the end points \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 for the receiver. Now choose a point \mathbf{P}_0 and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 , as shown in Figure 8.25. Next, refract at \mathbf{P}_0 a ray r_1 coming from the edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver and choose a point \mathbf{P}_1 along the refracted ray.



An XR SMS optic. One on the surfaces is a mirror (X) and the other surface is refractive (R). The receiver is immersed in a dielectric of refractive index n.

This edge ray must be reflected in a direction perpendicular to the wave front w_1 and this gives us the direction of the normal \mathbf{n}_1 at point \mathbf{P}_1 . The ray r_1 intersects the wave front w_1 at point \mathbf{W}_1 . Point \mathbf{Q}_1 is symmetrical to point \mathbf{P}_1 and also has a symmetrical normal. The intersection of the axis of symmetry x_2 by the straight line defined by point \mathbf{P}_1 and its normal \mathbf{n}_1 gives us point \mathbf{C} , which we take as the center of a circular arc from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{Q}_1 with normals at \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 matching those calculated for those points.

We now calculate the SMS chains as we did for the RR lens. Figure 8.26 shows some of the steps in those calculations.

The path of the ray r_1 gives us the optical path length between **R**₂ and w_1 , which is also the optical path length between **R**₁ and w_2 . It is given by

$$S = n[\mathbf{R}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_0] + [\mathbf{P}_{0'} \mathbf{P}_1] + [\mathbf{P}_{1'} \mathbf{W}_1]$$
(8.21)

Reflect off the mirror a set of rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 as shown in Figure 8.26a. By constant optical path length calculate a portion $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2$ of the refractive surface. Next refract on that surface a set of rays coming from \mathbf{R}_2 and calculate, again by constant optical path length, the points on the mirror between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_3 that reflect these rays in a direction perpendicular to wave front w_1 (Figure 8.26b). Again take a set of rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 , reflect them on the portion $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_3$ of the mirror and, by the constant optical path length, calculate a portion $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_4$ of the refractive surface (Figure 8.26c). The process continues to calculate alternate portions of the reflective (mirror) and refractive surfaces.

Just as with the case of the RR optic in Figure 8.12, also in this case also we may design an optic that matches the étendues from the emitter to the optic and from the optic to the receiver, as shown in Figure 8.27 for the case in which the emitter is a finite source E_1E_2 .⁵

The design method used to obtain this device is similar to the one described for the RR lens. It starts by defining the positions for the starting points N and X. The étendue from the source $\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{E}_2$ to the mirror is given by $U = 2([N, E_1] - [N, E_2])$. In the same way, the étendue from $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ to the refractive surface is given by $U = 2([[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_1]] - [[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_2]])$ \mathbf{R}_{2}]). Note that in the latter case, the optical path lengths $[[X, R_1]]$ and $[[X, R_2]]$ are calculated in a medium of refractive index *n*, and therefore, they are the product of this refractive index and the distance between the points. The étendue arriving at the mirror from E_1E_2 must be the same as that exiting the refractive surface toward $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$. We can then choose a value for U. Point N must be on the line defined by $[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_1] - [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_2] =$ U/2, that is, on an hyperbola having foci E_1 and E_2 . Point X must be on a line defined by $[[X, R_1]] - [[X, R_2]] = U/2$, that is, on a hyperbola having foci \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 .

Similar to the RR lens shown in Figure 8.16, in this case also the design of the curves begins with portions NN_1 of the first surface (now a mirror) and XX_1 of the second (refractive) surface. Portion NN_1 of the first surface (mirror) focuses to X the rays coming from E_1 . Now it is an ellipse with foci E_1 and X, and passing through point N. Portion XX_1 of the second surface focuses to R_1 the rays coming from N. It is a Cartesian oval with foci N and R_1 , and passing through point X. From the path of ray E_2 –N– X_1 – R_1 , we can calculate the opti-









SMS chains for calculating the shape of the optical surfaces of an XR optic.



FIGURE 8.27

XR optic that matches the étendues from the emitter to the optic and from the optic to the receiver. It comprises a mirror collecting the light from the emitter and a dielectric piece in contact with the receiver. Also in this case, the Miñano–Benitez design method does not guarantee the convergence of all the rays.

also this iterative process is continued until the surfaces reach the optical (symmetry) axis.

Also in this case there will be a central zone for both surfaces for which no perfect focusing of the rays is guaranteed. In the case of the mirror, this zone is between point N_C and its symmetrical point. Point N_C is defined by the edge ray emitted from the edge R_1 of the receiver through the center of the refractive surface. In the case of the refractive surface, this zone is between



An RX optic. The first surface is refractive (R) and the second reflective (X).

 X_C and its symmetrical point. Point X_C is defined by the edge ray emitted from the edge E_2 of the emitter through the center of the mirror.

Calculating an XR optic can often result in loops on the surface profiles caused by caustics formed between the optical surfaces. Adjusting the parameters to avoid those loops may prove to be a difficult task. One option is to calculate the optic with the offending loops and then, when defining the optical surfaces, take only those points that define smooth surfaces, removing all the loops. The resulting optical surfaces, although not ideal, may still work for some applications.

Another possibility for an SMS optic is to have the first surface as refractive (R) and the second reflective (X), as shown in Figure 8.28. This optic is called RX.^{6,7} The receiver $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_1$ is immersed in a medium of refractive index *n* and faces down (it is illuminated from below).

The calculation method is again the same shown in Figure 8.4 for an RR lens. By symmetry, start by choosing a point \mathbf{P}_0 on the perpendicular bisector of the receiver $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ and its vertical normal \mathbf{n}_0 . We refract at that point a ray r_1 perpendicular to wave front w_2 and choose a point \mathbf{P}_1 along the refracted ray, as shown in Figure 8.29. Calculate the normal \mathbf{n}_1 at \mathbf{P}_1 such that this ray is reflected to edge \mathbf{R}_1 of the receiver. Point \mathbf{Q}_1 is symmetrical to \mathbf{P}_1 and also has a symmetrical normal.

The path of the ray r_1 defines the optical path length between w_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 , which is also the optical path length between w_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 , as

$$S = [\mathbf{W}_{2}, \mathbf{P}_{0}] + n[\mathbf{P}_{0}, \mathbf{P}_{1}] + n[\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{R}_{1}]$$
(8.22)



FIGURE 8.29

Calculating the first portion of the mirror of an RX optic from which the rest of the surfaces will be derived.

FIGURE 8.30 SMS chains for calculating the shape of the optical surfaces of an RX optic.

Next, choose the curve between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 as a circle whose center is at the intersection of the axis of symmetry of the system (or point \mathbf{P}_0 and normal \mathbf{n}_0) and the straight line defined by point \mathbf{P}_1 and its normal \mathbf{n}_1 .

Reflect off that curve $\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{P}_1$ a set of edge rays coming from the edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the source and calculate portion $\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_2$ of the top surface so that they are refracted in a direction perpendicular to wave front w_1 , as shown in Figure 8.30.

Refract on $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2$ a set of rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 and calculate portion $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_3$ of the mirror so that these rays are concentrated on to the edge \mathbf{R}_1 of the receiver. The process goes on to calculate alternate portions of the reflective and refractive surfaces.

Yet another possibility for an SMS optic is to have both surfaces reflective, as shown in Figure 8.31.

In this optic, the top mirror is very large and covers the bottom mirror almost completely. One way to implement this optic is to make it as two



An XX optic. The first surface is reflective (X) and the second is also reflective (X). When designing the optic we ignore the shading the top mirror produces on the bottom mirror.



FIGURE 8.32

The XX optic can be implemented as two parts or refractive index *n* separated by a thin layer of low refractive index material (such as air). Light goes through this layer, reflects off the bottom mirror and undergoes TIR off the top mirror toward the receiver. The TIR condition is not attained along the whole top surface, where a small central mirror is required.

dielectric parts with a thin layer of low refractive index material between them, as shown in Figure 8.32.

The way this layer works is shown in Figure 8.33. A ray r_1 traveling in the medium of refractive index n and making an angle to the normal smaller than the critical angle α_c is refracted into the low refractive index layer and then again from that layer to the medium of refractive index n and continues in the same direction. Therefore, for this ray, it is as if the air gap was not there (except for a small lateral shift), but a ray r_2 making an angle to the vertical larger than the critical angle undergoes TIR and is reflected back. Thus, for this ray, it is as if the air gap was a mirror.

For the case of the XX device presented in Figure 8.32, the incoming radiation goes through the low refractive index layer as if it was not there. After reflecting on the bottom mirror, however, it is redirected toward the top mirror at large angles and undergoes TIR there toward the receiver.


A thin layer of low refractive index material (such as air) separating two parts of a high refractive index material. This layer behaves as a mirror for light making an angle larger than the critical angle to the vertical, but lets the light through if the angle to the normal is smaller than the (large) critical angle.



FIGURE 8.34

Calculating the first portion of the mirror of an XX optic from which the rest of the surfaces will be derived.

The condition of TIR is not achieved along all the top surface of the XX, and there must be a small central mirror.

The calculation method for the XX is the same as earlier. By symmetry, we start by choosing a point \mathbf{P}_0 on the perpendicular bisector of the receiver

 $\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ and its vertical normal \mathbf{n}_0 . We reflect off that point a ray r_1 coming from the edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver, as shown in Figure 8.34. We choose point \mathbf{P}_1 along the reflected ray and calculate the normal \mathbf{n}_1 at \mathbf{P}_1 so that this ray is reflected in a direction perpendicular to wave front w_1 , intersecting it at point \mathbf{W}_1 . Point \mathbf{Q}_1 is symmetrical to \mathbf{P}_1 and also has a symmetrical normal.

The path of ray r_1 defines the optical path length between \mathbf{R}_2 and w_1 , which is also the optical path length between w_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 , as

$$S = [\mathbf{R}_{2'} \mathbf{P}_0] + [\mathbf{P}_{0'} \mathbf{P}_1] + [\mathbf{P}_{1'} \mathbf{W}_1]$$
(8.23)

Choose the curve between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 as a circle whose center is defined by the intersection of the axis of symmetry of the system (or point \mathbf{P}_0 and normal \mathbf{n}_0) and the straight line defined by point \mathbf{P}_1 and its normal \mathbf{n}_1 .

Reflect off that curve $\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{P}_1$ a set of edge rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 and calculate portion $\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_2$ of the top surface so that they are reflected toward edge \mathbf{R}_1 of the receiver, as shown in Figure 8.35.

Reflect off $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2$ a set of rays coming from edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the receiver and calculate portion $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_3$ of the bottom mirror, so that these rays are redirected in a direction perpendicular to wave front w_1 . The process goes on as we calculate alternating portions of the reflective and refractive surfaces.



FIGURE 8.35 SMS chains for calculating the shape of the optical surfaces of an XX optic.

8.4 The Miñano–Benitez Design Method with Generalized Wave Fronts

The Miñano–Benitez method can be used with generalized input and output wave fronts. Figure 8.36 shows a more general situation with two input wave fronts w_1 and w_2 and two output wave fronts w_3 and w_4 . We want to design an optic that couples w_1 with w_4 and w_2 with w_3 . This optic has two optically active surfaces s_1 and s_2 . Surface s_1 separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 and surface s_2 separates two media of refraction indices n_2 and n_3 .⁸ If $n_1 = n_2$ then the first surface, s_1 , is reflective (a mirror), otherwise it is refractive. Also, if $n_2 = n_3$ then the second surface, s_2 , is reflective (a mirror), otherwise it is refractive. In any case, these surfaces deflect (either reflect or refract) light. In the following explanation, we assume that both the surfaces are refractive ($n_1 \neq n_2$ and $n_2 \neq n_3$). However, the explanation would still be the same if one or both of these surfaces were reflective ($n_1 = n_2$ or $n_2 = n_3$), by simply replacing "refract" by "reflect".

The design procedure is the same as shown in Figures 8.3, 8.4, and 8.6. Start by choosing a point \mathbf{P}_0 and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 as shown in Figure 8.37.



FIGURE 8.36

The Miñano-Benitez in the more general case in which an SMS optic couples two generalized input wave fronts w_1 and w_2 and two generalized output wave fronts w_4 and w_3 .



The design process starts by choosing a point \mathbf{P}_0 and its normal \mathbf{n}_0 . We then build the first steps of an SMS chain and interpolate a curve **c** between points \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 .

Refract at point \mathbf{P}_0 a ray r_1 perpendicular to wave front w_2 . Choose the optical path length, S_{23} , between w_2 and w_3 . With that value, calculate point \mathbf{P}_1 and its normal \mathbf{n}_1 so that ray r_1 is deflected at \mathbf{P}_1 in a direction perpendicular to wave front w_3 . Then refract at point \mathbf{P}_1 a ray r_2 perpendicular to wave front w_4 . We choose the optical path length S_{14} between w_1 and w_4 . With this value, we can calculate point \mathbf{P}_2 and its normal \mathbf{n}_2 so that ray r_2 is deflected at \mathbf{P}_2 in a direction perpendicular to w_1 .

Interpolate a curve **c** between points \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{P}_0 such that it is perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_0 at \mathbf{P}_0 and to \mathbf{n}_2 at \mathbf{P}_2 . For this curve, calculate a set of points and normals between \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 . Refract at those points a set of rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 , as shown in Figure 8.38a. Since we have the optical path length S_{23} between w_2 and w_3 , we can calculate a new portion $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_3$ of surface s_2 of the optic. Refract at those new points a set of rays perpendicular to w_4 , as shown in Figure 8.38b. Since we have the optical path length S_{14} between w_4 and w_1 , we can calculate a new portion $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_4$ of surface s_1 of the optic.

This process builds the surfaces leftward from the initial point \mathbf{P}_0 . The same process can also build the surfaces s_1 and s_2 to the right of \mathbf{P}_0 . As earlier, calculate a set of points and normals on curve **c** between \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 (e.g., the same set of points as earlier). Refract at these points a set of rays perpendicular



Starting at curve **c** between \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 , the design of the optical surfaces proceeds to the left as we calculate alternate portions of the top (s_1) and bottom (s_2) surfaces of the optic.

to wave front w_1 , as shown in Figure 8.39a. Since we have the optical path length, S_{14} , between w_1 and w_4 , we can calculate a new portion $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{Q}_1$ of surface s_2 of the optic. Refract at those new points a set of rays perpendicular to w_3 (Figure 8.39b). Having the optical path length, S_{23} , between w_3 and w_2 , calculate a new portion $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{Q}_2$ of surface s_1 of the optic. The process goes on as we calculate another portion of surface s_2 (Figure 8.39c) between points \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_3 and another portion of top surface s_1 (Figure 8.39d) between points \mathbf{Q}_2 and \mathbf{Q}_4 . This process goes on to give the optic as in Figure 8.36.

Now take a closer look at what happens when calculating the path of a ray, such as ray r_1 in Figure 8.37. Knowing the position of point \mathbf{P}_0 , we must determine from which point of wave front w_2 ray r_1 is coming. Figure 8.40 shows a similar situation. We have a point \mathbf{P} and a wave front defined by a parameterization $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$. We want to determine for what point \mathbf{Q} the perpendicular to $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$ goes through the point \mathbf{P} .

We now consider a possible way to determine the position of point **Q**. Take, for example, a point $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ on the wave front and determine its tangent *a* at that point. It has unit normal vector $\mathbf{n}(\sigma)$ and unit tangent vector $\mathbf{t}(\sigma)$. For a straight line *a*, we can determine point $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ on the line perpendicular to *a* through **P** as (see Chapter 17)

$$\mathbf{R}(\sigma) = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{n}(\sigma), \mathbf{Q}(\sigma), \mathbf{t}(\sigma)) = \mathbf{P} + \frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n}$$
(8.24)

Now varying the parameter σ on wave front $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$, we can determine its value so that $(\mathbf{R}(\sigma) - \mathbf{Q}(\sigma)) \cdot \mathbf{t}(\sigma) = 0$, or that the distance between $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ and $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ is zero $[\mathbf{R}(\sigma), \mathbf{Q}(\sigma)] = 0$. This gives us the position of point \mathbf{Q} .



Starting at curve **c** between \mathbf{P}_0 and \mathbf{P}_2 , the design of the optical surfaces proceeds to the right as we calculate alternate portions of the top (s_1) and bottom (s_2) surfaces of the optic.

In the case of ray r_1 in Figure 8.37, we could now refract it at point \mathbf{P}_0 since we know its normal \mathbf{n}_0 . The optical path length between w_2 and w_3 is S_{23} and we can calculate the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_0 and w_3 as $S_{03} = S_{23} - n_1[\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{Q}]$.

We now consider the situation in Figure 8.41 in which we have a point **F** (in the case of ray r_1 in Figure 8.37, this point would be **P**₀) emitting a light ray in the direction of the unit vector **v** (in the case of ray r_1 , this would be the direction of the ray after refraction at **P**₀), and we know the optical path



A possible way to find the ray through point **P** that is perpendicular to a wave front described by parameterization $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$.



FIGURE 8.41

A possible way to find the ray path from a point **F** to a wave front parameterized by $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$, given the direction **v** of the ray at **F** and the optical path length *S* between **F** and $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$.

length *S* between **F** and wave front $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$, which is a curve with parameter σ (in the case of ray r_1 , this wave front would be w_3). The refractive index before deflection is n_2 and is n_3 after deflection (in the case of ray r_1 , this deflection occurs at point **P**₁). We want to determine the path of this light ray. Note that this situation is also similar to that in Figure 8.2 in which we want to calculate point **P** on curve *c*.

Let us now consider a possible way to determine the path of this light ray. Take a point $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ on the wave front and determine its tangent *a* at that point. It has unit normal vector $\mathbf{n}(\sigma)$ and unit tangent vector $\mathbf{t}(\sigma)$. For a straight line *a*,

we can determine a point $P(\sigma)$ that matches the optical path length between F and *a* as (see Chapter 17)

$$\mathbf{P}(\sigma) = \text{coptsl}(\mathbf{F}, n_2, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Q}(\sigma), n_3, \mathbf{n}(\sigma), S) = \mathbf{F} + \frac{S - n_3(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{n_2 - n_3 \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{v}$$
(8.25)

Point $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ is given by the intersection between the straight lines defined by $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ and $\mathbf{t}(\sigma)$ and by $\mathbf{P}(\sigma)$, and $\mathbf{n}(\sigma)$ as (see Chapter 17):

$$\mathbf{R}(\sigma) = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{P}(\sigma), \mathbf{n}(\sigma), \mathbf{Q}(\sigma), \mathbf{t}(\sigma)) = \mathbf{P} + \frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n}$$
(8.26)

Now varying the parameter σ on wave front $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$, we can determine its value so that $(\mathbf{R}(\sigma) - \mathbf{Q}(\sigma)) \cdot \mathbf{t}(\sigma) = 0$, or that the distance between $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ and $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ is zero $[\mathbf{R}(\sigma), \mathbf{Q}(\sigma)] = 0$. This gives us the position of point \mathbf{Q} as shown in Figure 8.41b.

The tangent vector $\mathbf{t}(\sigma)$ to curve $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{t}(\sigma) = \frac{d\mathbf{w}(\sigma)/d\sigma}{\|d\mathbf{w}(\sigma)/d\sigma\|}$$
(8.27)

and the normal $\mathbf{n}(\sigma)$ to *a* is obtained by rotating this vector by either $\pi/2$ or $-\pi/2$.

For $\mathbf{P}(\sigma)$ to be calculated properly with expression 8.25, the normal to straight line *a* must point in the direction of the light ray as it crosses it. In the case of refraction, this means that the normal \mathbf{n} to *a* must fulfill $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} > 0$, as in Figure 8.42a. If it does not, its direction must be inverted.

Note that this construction is also valid in the case in which $n_2 = n_3 = n$. In this case, as in Figure 8.41b, the light ray would reflect at point **P** in a direction perpendicular to the wave front parameterized by **w**(σ). To determine



FIGURE 8.42

Determining the right normal direction to straight line a for the case of refraction (a) and reflection (b).

the right normal direction to *a* in this case, we may start by calculating point **X** at the intersection of the straight line *a* and the light ray defined by point **F** and direction **v**, as shown in Figure 8.42b. We calculate the optical path length between **P** and **X** as $S_{PX} = n[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}]$. If $S_{PX} < S$, then the reflection is on a mirror m_B further away than point **X** and we have normal \mathbf{n}_B to *a*, which fulfills $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_B < 0$. In this case, point **P** would be on m_B . However, if $S_{PX} > S$, then the reflection is on a mirror m_A closer than point **X**, and we have normal \mathbf{n}_A to *a*, which fulfills $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_A > 0$. In this case, point **P** would be on m_A .

Unless we already know that we are choosing the right normal direction to curve $\mathbf{w}(\sigma)$, we should verify it before iterating in parameter σ .

8.5 The RXI Optic

The optical surfaces of an RXI look similar to those of an XX, but it can be implemented as a single piece, instead of two pieces with an air gap between them. The RXI is a compact concentrator (or collimator) made of a material with a refractive index n. If used as a concentrator, light refracts at the top surface s_1 , then is reflected at the (mirrored) bottom surface s_2 , and again undergoes TIR at the top surface s_1 and from there redirected to the receiver **AB**, which is immersed in the medium of refractive index n.⁷⁹ Its name comes from this path of the light, along which there are deflections by refraction (R), reflection (X), and TIR (I). The center of the top surface s_1 is mirror-coated so that TIR fails in that surface portion. Figure 8.43 shows two light rays r_1 and r_2 and their paths inside an RXI.

The ray r_1 makes an angle $-\theta$ to the vertical before entering the CPC. It is redirected to left-hand side edge **A** of the receiver. The ray r_2 makes an angle $+\theta$ to the vertical before entering the CPC. It is redirected to right-hand side edge **B** of the receiver. Figure 8.44 shows the two input flat wave fronts w_1 and w_2 . The rays perpendicular to these wave fronts are concentrated on to edges **A** and **B** of the receiver, respectively.

The design process starts with the definition of the receiver size. For example, it is centered at the origin and has a length of 2 units so that $\mathbf{A} = (-1, 0)$



FIGURE 8.43 Paths of two edge rays inside an RXI.



The rays perpendicular to wave front w_1 are concentrated to point **A** and those perpendicular to wave front w_2 are concentrated on to point **B**.



FIGURE 8.45 A possible initial top curve for calculating an RXI.

and **B** = (1, 0). We choose also the refractive index *n* of the optic and its half-acceptance angle θ . With these values, we can calculate the width of the RXI, which is given by conservation of étendue as

$$w_{\rm RXI} = n[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]/\sin\theta \tag{8.28}$$

Now choose a top curve s_1 . With it we will calculate the bottom curve s_2 and then recalculate the top curve s_1 . With the new top curve s_1 , calculate bottom curve s_2 and recalculate again the top curve s_1 . This process goes on until the variation in the curves from one iteration to the other is small enough. Figure 8.45 shows the initial top curve used to generate the RXI in Figure 8.44.

In this particular case, we may first choose the position of point **R**. It must be of the form $\mathbf{R} = (-w_{RXI}/2, -y)$, where *y* is chosen. Then choose point **I** on the horizontal axis x_1 . There is no special rule for choosing portion **RI** of the upper curve, so in this example it is a straight line. We can now reflect off point **I** a horizontal ray, r_H , coming from the receiver **AB** and choose a point **F** on the reflected ray. We now choose portion **IP** of the top curve as an ellipse with foci **F** and (0, 0), which is the midpoint of the receiver **AB**. Portion **PQ** is defined as a third-degree polynomial through points **P** and **Q** (on the



FIGURE 8.46

Calculation of the first point **X** of the bottom surface.



FIGURE 8.47 Calculation of the bottom curve of the RXI.

vertical axis x_2) that has normal \mathbf{n}_P at point **P** (the normal to the ellipse at that point) and normal \mathbf{n}_Q (vertical) at point **Q**.

Having a possible top curve, calculate the bottom curve. The fist step is to calculate its left-hand side end point **X**. Refract at point **R** a ray r_1 making an angle $-\theta$ to the vertical, as shown in Figure 8.46. Intersect the refracted ray r_1 with the reflection of ray r_H at point **I** and obtain point **X**, the first point of the bottom surface.

Now we can calculate the first iteration of the bottom surface s_2 . First define the position of wave front w_1 . We may do that, for example, by choosing a point \mathbf{W}_1 along ray r_1 . Since we know the path of ray r_1 , which is \mathbf{W}_1 –**R**–**X**–**I**–**A**, we can calculate the optical path length S_1 between w_1 and edge **A** of the receiver, as shown in Figure 8.47.

Take a point \mathbf{P}_3 on the top surface s_1 and determine the position \mathbf{W}_3 on wave front w_1 of the ray through \mathbf{P}_3 , in this case perpendicular to w_1 through \mathbf{P}_3 . Now determine the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_3 and \mathbf{A} as $S_{P_3} = S_1 - [\mathbf{W}_3, \mathbf{P}_3]$. Then determine point \mathbf{Q}_3 on the bottom surface s_2 , such that ray r_3 from \mathbf{W}_3 refracts at \mathbf{P}_3 , reflects at \mathbf{Q}_3 , then reflects at some point \mathbf{S}_3 on the top surface s_1 . From there it is redirected to the edge \mathbf{A} of the receiver. Repeating this process for a set of points on s_1 , we can determine a set of points and normals for s_2 .



Refracting at point **R** of the top surface a set of rays between the directions of r_1 and r_2 enables the recalculation of the part of the top surface between points **I** and **J**.

With this new bottom surface s_2 , we can recalculate the top surface s_1 . First refract at point **R** a set of rays contained between the edge rays r_1 and r_2 . We concentrate these rays to edge **B** of the receiver. We now consider that ray r_1 , instead of ending at point **A**, continues to point **B**. Since we know the path of ray r_1 , which is now **R**–**X**–**I**–**B**, we can determine the optical path length between **R** and **B**, as shown in Figure 8.48.

The rays refracted at point **R** are reflected off the bottom surface s_2 and, using the constant optical path length, we can determine a new portion **IJ** of the top surface that concentrates these rays to the edge **B** of the receiver.

Define the position of the wave front w_2 , as shown in Figure 8.49. Since we know the path of ray r_2 (from the step in Figure 8.48), which is now W_2-R-X_2-J-B , we can determine the optical path length S_2 between the wave front w_2 and the edge **B** of the receiver.

Determine the path W_4 – P_4 – Q_4 of a ray r_4 from wave front w_2 to a point Q_4 on the bottom surface, as shown in Figure 8.49.

The optical path length between \mathbf{Q}_4 and \mathbf{B} is now $S_{Q_4} = S_2 - [\mathbf{W}_4, \mathbf{P}_4] - n[\mathbf{P}_4, \mathbf{Q}_4]$. Since we know the direction \mathbf{v}_4 or ray r_4 after reflection at point $\mathbf{Q}_{4'}$, we can determine the position of point \mathbf{S}_4 on the new top surface s_1 . Repeating this process for a set of points on s_2 , we can determine a new set of points and normals for s_1 .

With this new top surface s_1 , we repeat the process: calculate a new bottom surface s_2 and recalculate the top surface s_1 . The process ends when the latest s_1 is close enough to the previous s_1 .

Just as in the case of the XX, in the case of the RXI also the central portion of the top surface cannot reflect light by TIR to the receiver. Figure 8.50 shows this central portion, which has to be mirrored. In Figure 8.50, α_C is the critical angle inside the material of the RXI. This central mirror on the top surface completes the design of the RXI.



Refracting the rays perpendicular to wave front w_2 on the old top surface s_1 and reflecting them on the bottom surface s_2 , we can recalculate the top surface s_1 to the right of point **J**.



FIGURE 8.50

The central portion of the top surface of the RXI needs to be mirrored because light reflected by the bottom mirror should not undergo TIR there.

There are several ways to calculate the points of the bottom and top surfaces. We now consider some possible ways to do it. In the first iteration we define the top curve, but in the following iterations it is defined by a set of points and normals. These points and normals may, for example, be interpolated by a piecewise curve. Between each pair of points we may interpolate a third-degree polynomial (similar to what we did in Figure 8.5), which completely defines the top curve s_1 .

Now, for a given point \mathbf{P}_3 on the top surface s_1 , we know the direction of the refracted ray r_3 and the optical path length between \mathbf{P}_3 and \mathbf{A} . We have, therefore, the situation as in Figure 8.51, which shows a ray r_3 with a geometry similar to that of ray r_3 in Figure 8.47 after refraction at point \mathbf{P}_3 .

A light ray emitted from a point \mathbf{P}_3 in a direction **d** (the direction of the refracted ray r_3 at point \mathbf{P}_3) reflects off an unknown point \mathbf{Q}_3 toward a point



FIGURE 8.51 A possible method to calculate the points of the bottom surface of the RXI.

S₃ on a given curve $\mathbf{s}(\sigma)$ (in our case s_1), and from there it is reflected to a point **A**. We know the optical path length S_{P_3} between **P**₃ and **A**. Curve $\mathbf{s}(\sigma)$ is described as a function of the parameter σ . The ray paths are inside a medium of refractive index *n*.

To calculate the position of point \mathbf{Q}_3 , first define a straight line *w* through point \mathbf{P}_3 and perpendicular to **d**. The tangent to *w* is given by unit vector **t** and its normal by $\mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{d}$.

We now choose a point $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ on the curve $\mathbf{s}(\sigma)$. Reflect off $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ the light ray coming from **A**. After reflection, this ray has the direction of unit vector $\mathbf{v}(\sigma)$. The optical path length between $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ and w is

$$S_{Sw}(\sigma) = S_{P_3} - n[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S}(\sigma)]$$
(8.29)

The situation now simplifies to a ray *r* emitted from a point $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ with direction $\mathbf{v}(\sigma)$ that we want to reflect off a point $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ in a direction perpendicular to *w*, knowing the optical path length S_{Sw} between $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ and *w*. The analytical solution is (see Chapter 17)

$$\mathbf{Q}(\sigma) = \operatorname{coptsl}(\mathbf{S}(\sigma), n, \mathbf{v}(\sigma), \mathbf{P}_3, n, \mathbf{n}, S_{Sw}(\sigma)) = \mathbf{S} + \frac{S_{Sw} - n(\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{n - n \, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \, \mathbf{v} \quad (8.30)$$

Point $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ on w is on the perpendicular to w through $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$. Varying the parameter σ on the curve $\mathbf{s}(\sigma)$ determines its value, so that $(\mathbf{R}(\sigma) - \mathbf{P}_3) \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0$, namely, that the distance between $\mathbf{R}(\sigma)$ and \mathbf{P}_3 is zero $[\mathbf{R}(\sigma), \mathbf{P}_3] = 0$. When this happens, $\mathbf{Q}(\sigma)$ converges to the point \mathbf{Q}_3 to be determined.

For the calculation of the new top surface, and referring back to Figure 8.49, we may choose a point \mathbf{P}_4 on the existing top surface, calculate the corresponding point \mathbf{W}_4 on wave front w_2 , refract the ray at \mathbf{P}_4 , calculate the intersection point \mathbf{Q}_4 with the interpolated bottom surface s_2 , and reflect it there. Then the calculation of point \mathbf{S}_4 uses the function $S_4 = \text{coptpt}(\mathbf{Q}_4, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{B}, n, S_{Q4})$ as defined in Chapter 17. This same function can also be used to calculate the points of the top surface between **I** and **J**.

Another possible way to calculate points S_4 on the top surface is to use the points and normal we have for the bottom surface s_2 . In this case we do not need to interpolate the whole bottom surface, but only a small portion between points **X** and **X**₂, which is used to calculate portion **IJ** of the top surface s_2 . In this alternative way, we take a point **Q**₄ that we previously calculated for the bottom surface s_2 . Now we choose a point **P**(σ) on the top curve, parameterized as **s**(σ). The normal to **s**(σ) at point **P**(σ) is **n**(σ), as shown in Figure 8.52.

We refract at $\mathbf{P}(\sigma)$ the ray coming from \mathbf{Q}_4 . We vary the parameter σ until the refracted ray at $\mathbf{P}(\sigma)$ makes an angle $\alpha(\sigma) = \pi/2 + \theta$ to the horizontal, fixing the position of point \mathbf{P}_4 . Point \mathbf{W}_4 is on the perpendicular to w_2 through \mathbf{P}_4 , as shown in Figure 8.49. The calculation of \mathbf{S}_4 in this case is as described earlier.



FIGURE 8.52

A possible way to calculate the path of a light ray from wave front w_2 to a given point Q_4 on the bottom surface.

8.6 Other Types of Simultaneous Multiple Surface Optics

The RXI can also be used as a collimator. Where we had the receiver now we have an emitter, and the direction of the light inside the optic is reversed. In this case, the design may also be modified so that the emitter does not have to be immersed in a medium of refractive index n, but may be in air.¹⁰

The Miñano–Benitez design method can also be used to design a large variety of other types of optics.¹¹ Other examples of application include, a focal lenses,¹² TIR-R lenses,¹³ that is, TIR lenses with a secondary covering the receiver, or primary–secondary concentrators.^{14,15} In the latter case, one of the advantages of the SMS optics is that the secondary mirror does not have to touch the receiver, as in the case of the flow-line optics in Chapter 5.

Another possibility is to combine different geometries to form new optics, such as, for example, a combination of an RX and an RXI in one single optic.¹⁶ It is also possible to combine the SMS optics with flow-line mirrors in a single device.¹⁶

The Miñano–Benitez method can also be used in the design of SMS optics with imaging applications.^{17,18}

The design method can also be extended to 3-D geometry.¹⁹⁻²²

8.7 Examples

The following examples use expressions for the curves and functions that are derived in Chapter 17.

Example 1

Calculate an RR SMS lens that concentrates on the edge points of the receiver, $\mathbf{R}_1 = (-0.5, -2)$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = (0.5, -2)$, the light coming from the edges of the emitter, $\mathbf{E}_1 = (-1, 2)$ and $\mathbf{E}_2 = (1, 2)$. The refractive index of the lens is n = 1.5.

First decide how much étendue to couple between the emitter and receiver, say U = 1. If the dimensions were, for example, in millimeters, than the étendue would be U = 1 mm. The edges of the entrance aperture of the lens must be on a hyperbola that has foci \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 and each point \mathbf{P} on it fulfills [\mathbf{P} , \mathbf{E}_1] – [\mathbf{P} , \mathbf{E}_2] = U/2. Also, the exit aperture of the lens must be on a hyperbola that has foci \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 and each point \mathbf{P} on it fulfills [\mathbf{P} , \mathbf{R}_1] – [\mathbf{P} , \mathbf{R}_2] = U/2. These hyperbolas are given by

$$h_{E}(\phi) = \text{hyp}(\mathbf{E}_{1}, \mathbf{E}_{2}, U, n)$$

$$= -\frac{15}{4(1 - 4\cos(\phi))} (\cos(\phi), \sin(\phi)) + (-1, 2)$$

$$h_{R}(\phi) = \text{hyp}(\mathbf{R}_{1}, \mathbf{R}_{2}, U, n)$$

$$= -\frac{0.75}{1 - 2\cos(\phi)} (\cos(\phi), \sin(\phi)) + (-0.5, -2)$$

(8.31)

for the emitter and receiver, respectively. Now choose two points, one on each of these hyperbolas, as starting points for the surfaces of the lens. We choose

$$\mathbf{N} = h_E(303.3^\circ) = (0.721303, -0.620433)$$

$$\mathbf{X} = h_R(42.7^\circ) = (0.673162, -0.917437)$$

(8.32)

Design of the lens starts by defining the path of ray r_1 as \mathbf{E}_1 -**N**-**X**-**R**₁. This ray path enables us to determine the normals to the lens \mathbf{n}_N and \mathbf{n}_X at points **N** and **X**, respectively, as shown in Figure 8.53.

We start with the normal to the lens at point **N**. The ray r_1 emitted by the edge point **E**₁ of the source refracts at point **N** toward point **X** as shown in Figure 8.53. This enables us to calculate the normal to the surface **n**_N at point **N** as

$$\mathbf{n}_N = \operatorname{rfrnrm}(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{t}_1, 1, n) = (0.774292, 0.632829)$$
 (8.33)

where $\mathbf{s}_1 = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{E}_1)$ and $\mathbf{t}_1 = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{N}) = (-0.16, -0.987117)$. We may now refract the ray r_2 coming from \mathbf{E}_2 toward \mathbf{N} at this last point obtaining the direction \mathbf{t}_2 as

$$\mathbf{t}_2 = \mathrm{rfr}(\mathbf{s}_2, \, \mathbf{n}_{N'} \, 1, \, n) = (-0.387389, \, -0.921916) \tag{8.34}$$

where $\mathbf{s}_2 = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{E}_2)$. The path $\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{R}_1$ of the ray r_1 is known and the optical path length between points \mathbf{N} and \mathbf{R}_1 may be calculated as

$$S_{NR1} = n[\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{X}] + [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}_1] = 2.04764$$
 (8.35)

This enables us to calculate the Cartesian oval between points **X** and **X**₁ that focuses to point **R**₁ the rays coming from **N**. We now decide the number of points N_p that we want to calculate for the portion **X**–**X**₁. For example, $N_p = 5$. Intermediate directions between **t**₁ and **t**₂ may be calculated, for example, as

$$\mathbf{t} = \operatorname{nrm} \left(x \mathbf{t}_2 + (1 - x) \mathbf{t}_1 \right)$$
(8.36)

with $0 \le x \le 1$ varying in steps of $\Delta x = 1/N_p$. The points on the Cartesian oval **X**–**X**₁ are obtained as

$$ccoptpt(N, n, t, R_1, 1, S_{NR1})$$
 (8.37)

for each value of **t**. The list of points for this portion of the curve is $CO_1 =$ ((0.673162, -0.917437, 0.524912, -0.851157), (0.656641, -0.926966, 0.473593, -0.880744), (0.638962, -0.935759, 0.416074, -0.909331), (0.620269, -0.943542, 0.351424, -0.936216), (0.60077, -0.95003, 0.278588, -0.960411), (0.58074, -0.954948, 0.196453, -0.980513)), where the first two coordinates of each point represent the position and the second two the normal.





The same method can now be used to calculate the first portion of the upper surface of the lens. We first calculate the normal at point **X** as

$$\mathbf{n}_{X} = \operatorname{rfrnrm}(\operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{R}_{1}), \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{X}), 1, n)$$

= (0.524912, -0.851157) (8.38)

which yields the same resulting normal vector calculated for the first point (point **X**) of the Cartesian oval CO_1 for portion **X**–**X**₁ of the lens. We can also calculate the optical path length between **X** and **E**₁ as

$$S_{XE_1} = n[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N}] + [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{E}_1] = 3.58653$$
 (8.39)

We calculate also

$$t_1 = \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{X}) t_2 = \operatorname{rfr}(\operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{R}_2), \mathbf{n}_X, 1, n) = (-0.102201, 0.994764)$$
(8.40)

Again $\mathbf{t} = \operatorname{nrm}(x\mathbf{t}_2 + (1 - x)\mathbf{t}_1)$ with $0 \le x \le 1$ varying in steps of $\Delta x = 1/N_P$. The points on the Cartesian oval **N**–**N**₁ are obtained as

$$ccoptpt(\mathbf{X}, n, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{E}_{1}, 1, S_{XE1})$$
 (8.41)

for each value of **t**. The list of points for this portion of the curve is $CO_2 = ((0.721303, -0.620433, 0.774292, 0.632829), (0.707238, -0.604229, 0.735292, 0.677751), (0.69149, -0.5882, 0.690403, 0.723425), (0.674094, -0.572702, 0.638771, 0.769397), (0.655161, -0.558134, 0.579425, 0.815025), (0.63489, -0.544914, 0.511301, 0.859401)), where again the first two coordinates of each point represent the position and the second two the normal. The two portions of the lens calculated so far are shown in Figure 8.54.$

We are now ready to start calculating the SMS chains that extend the surfaces of the lens to the optical axis. Start by calculating the optical path length between points \mathbf{R}_2 and \mathbf{E}_1 as $S_{RE1} = [\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{X}] + n[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N}_1] + [\mathbf{N}_1, \mathbf{E}_1] = 4.68286$ and also the optical path length between points \mathbf{E}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 , which is $S_{ER2} = S_{RE1}$ by symmetry.

Let us then take, for example, the third point of the first portion of the lower surface of the lens CO₁ and calculate the corresponding point on the upper surface of the lens. This point has coordinates X_{13} = (0.638962, -0.935759) and normal $\mathbf{n}_{X13} = (0.416074, -0.909331)$. The optical path length between \mathbf{X}_{13} and \mathbf{E}_1 is given by $S_{13} = S_{RE1} - [\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{X}_{13}] = 3.60958$. The direction of the refracted ray at X_{13} coming from R_2 is given by $\mathbf{t}_{13} = \text{rfr}(\text{nrm}(\mathbf{X}_{13} - \mathbf{R}_2), \mathbf{n}_{X13}, 1, n) = (-0.0677209, 0.997704)$. We can now calculate the corresponding point on the upper surface of the lens as N_{13} = ccoptpt(\mathbf{X}_{13} , n, \mathbf{t}_{13} , \mathbf{E}_{1} , 1, S_{13}) = (0.611426, -0.530086). The normal at \mathbf{N}_{13} is given by $\mathbf{n}_{N13} = \text{rfrnrm}(\mathbf{t}_{13}, \text{nrm}(\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{N}_{13}), n, 1) = (0.554893, 0.831922)$. This same process must be repeated for all the points of X-X₁ resulting in a portion of the lens to the left of N_1 . Accordingly, the same process is repeated for all the points of $N-N_1$ resulting in a new portion of the lens to the left of X_1 . This same process is now repeated for the new points of the lens just calculated, resulting in new portions of the lens while moving toward the axis of symmetry of the emitter and the receiver. After five of these iterations, we reach the axis in this example. The design process grows the surfaces to the left of the vertical axis. We take only the points to the right of it. A complete list of points for both surfaces is then ((0.721303, -0.620433), (0.707238, -0.604229), (0.69149, -0.5882), (0.674094, -0.572702), (0.655161, -0.558134), (0.63489, -0.544914), (0.623548, -0.537957), (0.611426, -0.530086), (0.598783, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.573593, -0.521426), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.585999, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.58599, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.51221), (0.5859, -0.512221), (0.5859, -0.522222), (0.5859, -0.52222), (0.5859, -0.5222-0.5028), (0.551205, -0.485926), (0.526741, -0.468696), (0.500375, -0.451458), -0.389485), (0.353339, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.287099, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.287099, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.287099, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.32019, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.32019, -0.374315), (0.320157, -0.359443), (0.32019, -0.374315), (0.32019, -0.374315), (0.32019, -0.359443), (0.32019, -0.374315), (0.32019, -0.359443), (0.32019, -0.35944), (0.32019, -0.35944), (0.32019, -0.35944), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.32019, -0.3594), (0.320, -0.3594), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359), (0.320, -0.359)-0.345448), (0.242335, -0.328331), (0.193708, -0.312698), (0.142053, -0.299603),



FIGURE 8.54 The first two portions of the lens are Cartesian oval curves **X**–**X**₁ and **N**–**N**₁.

(0.0887252, -0.290082), (0.0355541, -0.284913)) for the upper surface and ((0.673162, -0.917437), (0.656641, -0.926966), (0.638962, -0.935759), (0.620269, -0.943542), (0.60077, -0.95003), (0.58074, -0.954948), (0.568433, -0.957662), (0.555116, -0.961122), (0.541026, -0.965332), (0.526515, -0.970238), (0.512055, -0.975706), (0.490197, -0.984131), (0.466905, -0.992482), (0.44246, -1.00056), (0.417302, -1.00813), (0.39205, -1.01494), (0.364609, -1.02189), (0.334999, -1.02938), (0.303642, -1.03725), (0.271216, -1.04528), (0.238675, -1.05321), (0.201091, -1.06175), (0.161133, -1.06961), (0.1196, -1.07627), (0.0776509, -1.08122), (0.036766, -1.08407)) for the lower surface. The left half of the lens



FIGURE 8.55 The complete RR SMS lens.

is obtained by symmetry relative to the central axis. The complete lens is shown in Figure 8.55.

We may now define a lens by interpolating the points using, for example, a spline. A ray trace is as shown in Figure 8.56.

A detailed analysis of the focus at point \mathbf{R}_1 shows that it is not a point, but has some finite size. There are two waists to be considered. A smaller waist, w_1 , is due to the fact that we used a less number of points (only five points per SMS section: $N_p = 5$). The more points we calculate, the smaller w_1 will be. The larger waist, w_2 , is produced by the rays that cross the center of the lens for which this SMS calculation method cannot guarantee convergence to a point. Both waists are, however, very small when compared to the size of the lens, as can be seen in Figure 8.56.

Example 2

Design an XR SMS optic that concentrates to the edge points of the receiver $\mathbf{R}_1 = (-0.5, 0)$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = (0.5, 0)$ the light reaching the reflective surface with an angular spread of $\theta = 2^\circ$, half-angle. The refractive index of the refractive element is n = 1.5.



FIGURE 8.56 Ray tracing of an RR SMS lens.

The XR SMS optic can be designed starting at the edges of the mirror and the refractive surface with Cartesian ovals and then calculating the SMS chains to build the surfaces toward the center, just as with the RR SMS lens in Example 1. The other way to design the optic is to start, for example, at the center with a prescribed curve, and then calculate the SMS chains toward the edges. This example uses the second method.

Start by specifying a point, for example, $\mathbf{P}_0 = (0, -4)$ and its normal $\mathbf{n}_0 = (0, -1)$ on the refractive surface as shown in Figure 8.57.

We can now refract at point \mathbf{P}_0 a ray r_1 coming from the edge \mathbf{R}_2 of the source. After refraction it is headed in the direction

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathrm{rfr}(\mathrm{nrm}(\mathbf{P}_0 - \mathbf{R}_2), \mathbf{n}_0, n, 1) = (-0.186052, -0.98254)$$
(8.42)

We now choose the position of point \mathbf{P}_1 in the direction of the refracted ray as

$$\mathbf{P}_{1} = \mathbf{P}_{0} + 10\mathbf{t} = (-1.86052, -13.8254)$$
(8.43)

Its normal can also be calculated because we know that, after reflection on the mirror, this ray must be parallel to \mathbf{s}_1 with $\mathbf{s}_1 = (\cos(\pi/2 + \theta))$, $\sin(\pi/2 + \theta)$). The normal at \mathbf{P}_1 is then given by

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathrm{rfxnrm}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}_1) = (-0.0760445, -0.997104)$$
 (8.44)



The design of an XR optic may start by specifying a central portion *C* and then calculating the SMS points based on this curve.

By symmetry, we can also define another point \mathbf{Q}_1 on the other side of the mirror, which will also have a normal symmetric to that of \mathbf{P}_1 . We now choose the shape of the mirror between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 as a circle *C* whose center **C** is at the intersection of the axis of symmetry x_2 and the straight line defined by point \mathbf{P}_1 and its normal \mathbf{n}_1 :

$$\mathbf{C} = \operatorname{isl}((0, 0), (0, 1), \mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{n}_1) = (0, 10.57)$$
(8.45)

We must also define the flat wave fronts w_1 and w_2 perpendicular to the two bundles of incoming parallel rays. The plane wave front w_1 is defined by a straight line passing through point **W**₁ that we choose to be at position $\mathbf{W}_1 = (W_{11}, W_{12}) = \mathbf{P}_1 + 15\mathbf{s}_1$ and tangent vector $\mathbf{v}_1 = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$. The wave front w_2 is defined by point $\mathbf{W}_2 = (-W_{11}, W_{12})$ and tangent vector $\mathbf{v}_2 = (\cos(-\theta), \sin(-\theta))$.

Now we can calculate the optical path length between w_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 as

$$S = [\mathbf{W}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{1}] + [\mathbf{P}_{1}, \mathbf{P}_{0}] + n[\mathbf{P}_{0}, \mathbf{R}_{2}] = 31.0467$$
(8.46)

By symmetry this is also the optical path length between w_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 .

We now have all the ingredients to start building the SMS chains. We can take a set of, for example, $N_p = 5$ points, on *C* at equiangular spacing between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{P}_1 and the corresponding normals to *C*. We may drop the last point \mathbf{P}_1 of this list to avoid repeated points in the SMS chains. These points are ((1.86052,-13.8254, 0.0760445,-0.997104), (1.117, -13.8707, 0.0456549,-0.998957), (0.372449,-13.8934, 0.015223,-0.999884), (-0.372449,-13.8934,-0.015223,-0.999884), (-1.117,-13.8707,-0.0456549, -0.998957)), where the first two components are the position and the second two the normal.

We now take one of the points on *C* to exemplify the calculation of the SMS chain. For example, take point $\mathbf{X} = (0.372449, -13.8934)$ and the corresponding normal, $\mathbf{n}_{X} = (0.015223, -0.999884)$. We can now reflect at this point a ray perpendicular to w_2 . To do this, we need to first determine for what point \mathbf{P}_{w2} of w_2 , the corresponding light ray passes through \mathbf{X} (see Figure 8.58). We have

$$\mathbf{P}_{w2} = \operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{v}_2) = (0.900126, 1.21728)$$
(8.47)

The optical path length between point **X** and **R**₁ is then $S_X = S - [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{P}_{w2}] = 15.9268$. The reflected ray at point **X** has direction

$$\mathbf{t}_{\rm X} = \operatorname{rfx}(-\mathbf{s}_{2}, \mathbf{n}_{\rm X}) = (-0.0653073, 0.997865)$$
(8.48)

We need to now calculate the point on the Cartesian oval that focuses to point \mathbf{R}_1 the ray coming from point \mathbf{X} in direction \mathbf{t}_X :

$$\mathbf{X}_2 = \operatorname{ccoptpt}(\mathbf{X}, 1, \mathbf{t}_X, \mathbf{R}_1, n, S_X) = (-0.274686, -4.00547)$$
 (8.49)

The normal at this point can now be calculated as

$$\mathbf{n}_{X2} = \text{rfrnrm}(\mathbf{t}_X, \text{nrm}(\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{X}_2), 1, n) = (0.0378641, -0.999283)$$
 (8.50)

We can now repeat the process for a ray coming from $\mathbf{R}_{2'}$ refracted at \mathbf{X}_2 and calculate the corresponding point on the mirror to reflect it in the direction of

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = (\cos(\pi/2 + \theta), \sin(\pi/2 + \theta)) \tag{8.51}$$



An SMS chain. A ray coming from Pw2 reflects at **X** toward **X**₂ and there it is refracted to **R**₁. Another ray coming from **R**₂ refracts at **X**₂, and then reflects off **X**₃ in direction **s**₁.

The optical path length between \mathbf{X}_2 and w_1 is $S_{X_2} = S - n[\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{X}_2] = 24.9272$. We now refract at \mathbf{X}_2 the ray coming from \mathbf{R}_2 as

$$\mathbf{t}_{X2} = \mathrm{rfr}(\mathrm{nrm}(\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{R}_2), \mathbf{n}_{X2'}, n, 1) = (-0.304544, -0.952498)$$
(8.52)

Next calculate the point on the Cartesian oval that makes the rays coming from point X_2 to become perpendicular to the straight line w_1 , for a particular direction t_{x_2} :

$$\mathbf{X}_3 = \text{coptsl}(\mathbf{X}_2, 1, \mathbf{t}_{X2}, \mathbf{W}_1, 1, \mathbf{s}_1, S_{X2}) = (-3.36293, -13.6643)$$
 (8.53)

Finally, we calculate the normal to the mirror at X_3 :

$$\mathbf{n}_{X3} = \text{frxnrm}(\mathbf{t}_{X2'} \, \mathbf{s}_1) = (-0.136846, -0.990592)$$
 (8.54)

This process must now be repeated for all other points of C and then for the new points we calculate. A complete list of points is ((-0.372449, -13.8934), (-1.117, -13.8707), (-1.86052, -13.8254), (-2.60783, -13.7569), (-3.36293, -13.6643), (-4.12466, -13.5471), (-4.89286, -13.4046), (-5.66858, -13.2358), (-6.45408, -13.0391), (-7.24813, -12.8138), (-8.04916, -12.5595), (-8.85805, -12.2751), (-9.6786, -11.9579), (-10.5035, -11.6097), (-11.3162, -11.2377),(-12.1135,-10.8449), (-12.8973,-10.4318), (-13.6756,-9.99512), -8.30809), (-16.9082, -7.90342), (-17.4391, -7.51904), (-17.8916, -7.18315), (-18.2898, -6.88175), (-18.6611, -6.59628), (-19.0324, -6.30671), (-19.3709, -6.03937), (-19.6433, -5.82238), (-19.8769, -5.63545), (-20.099, -5.45717), (-20.3351, -5.26718), (-20.5505, -5.09347), (-20.7113, -4.9639), (-20.8434), (-20.844), (-2-4.85785), (-20.972, -4.75509), (-21.1199, -4.63747), (-21.2519, -4.53291), (-21.3344, -4.46803), (-21.3905, -4.42431), (-21.4416, -4.38492)) for the mirror and ((0,-4.), (-0.135644, -4.0014), (-0.274686, -4.00547), (-0.416515, -4.01198), (-0.560526, -4.02071), (-0.706103, -4.03147), (-0.856721, -4.04432), (-1.01593, -4.05894), (-1.18322, -4.07455), (-1.35811, -4.09036), (-1.54021, -4.10571), (-1.733, -4.12013), (-1.93955, -4.13243), (-2.15893, -4.14094), (-2.39036, -4.1441), (-2.6335, -4.14049), (-2.88953, -4.1286), (-3.15683, -4.1286), (-3.15683, -4.1286)), (-3.15683, -4.1286), (-3.15683, -4.1286))-4.1064), (-3.4319, -4.07221), (-3.71228, -4.0248), (-3.9971, -4.07221)-3.96305), (-4.28097, -3.88722), (-4.55523, -3.79897), (-4.81814), -3.69882), (-5.07093, -3.58644), (-5.31653, -3.46034), (-5.54775, -3.69882)-3.32438), (-5.75639, -3.18424), (-5.94625, -3.03872), (-6.12191, -3.32438)-2.8849), (-6.28754, -2.71858), (-6.43621, -2.54643), (-6.56186, -2.37674), (-6.66913, -2.20519), (-6.76167, -2.02585), (-6.84127, -1.83188), (-6.90277, -1.63261), (-6.94319, -1.43863), (-6.96476, -1.24271),(-6.96715, -1.03605), (-6.9467, -0.808906), (-6.90058, -0.572656),(-6.82955,-0.339663), (6.72835,-0.098585), (-6.58436,0.165038)) for the lens. The profile of the optical surfaces may be obtained by the interpolation of these points using, for example, a spline fit. The optic is shown in Figure 8.59.

If we ray trace this optic with sets of parallel rays tilted $\pm\theta$ to the vertical we will not get perfect focusing onto points \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 . That is due to the small number of points ($N_p = 5$) calculated on the initial curve *c*. The higher the N_p the more accurate will be the focusing.



FIGURE 8.59 An XR optic.

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The Miñano Design Method Using Poisson Brackets

9.1 Introduction

Nonimaging optics are usually designed as 2-D profiles that are then extruded to form a trough-like optic or rotated to generate a rotational optic or crossed to form a square cross section optic. These optics are usually not ideal in 3-D geometry. The Miñano design method using Poisson brackets utilizes an extra degree of freedom to design ideal 3-D optics: a variable refractive index inside the optic. This enables, for example, the design of an ideal 3-D concentrator with flat entrance and exit apertures, acceptance angle θ , and maximum concentration.

9.2 Design of Two-Dimensional Concentrators for Inhomogeneous Media

Consider the calculation of the refractive index distribution that makes a given set of light rays on a plane possible. If we could calculate the optical path length along the rays, we could use the eikonal equation

$$n^2 = \|\nabla S\|^2 \tag{9.1}$$

to calculate the refractive index *n*, except that to calculate *S*, we need to know *n*. Although we cannot calculate *S*, we can define a set of curves on the plane which are perpendicular to the light rays. These are given by $i(x_1, x_2) = C$, where *C* is a constant. For different values of *C*, different perpendicular lines to the rays are obtained. We then have $S(x_1, x_2) = S(i(x_1, x_2))$ or S = S(i) and

$$\nabla S = \frac{dS}{di} \,\nabla i \tag{9.2}$$

 ∇i is known because the curves $i(x_1, x_2) = C$ were defined. Giving the function dS/di, n can be calculated using the eikonal equation. Replacing Equation 9.2 in Equation 9.1 we get:

$$n^2 = \left(\frac{dS}{di}\right)^2 \|\nabla i\|^2 \tag{9.3}$$

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Consider two sets of rays perpendicular to two wave fronts S_1 = constant and S_2 = constant propagating in a given medium of refractive index $n(x_1, x_2)$. For these two wave fronts, we can write

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \nabla S_1 \tag{9.4}$$
$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \nabla S_2$$

or

$$\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 = \nabla(S_1 + S_2)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2 = \nabla(S_1 - S_2)$$
(9.5)

If the refractive index is the same for both wave fronts, then $\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = \|\mathbf{p}_2\| = n$ and the vector $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$ points in the direction of the bisector of the two sets of rays.

We now have

$$\|\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2\|^2 = (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) = \|\mathbf{p}_1\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_2\|^2 + 2\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2$$
 (9.6)

or

$$2n^{2} + 2\mathbf{p}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{2} = \|\nabla(S_{1} + S_{2})\|^{2}$$
(9.7)

and

$$\|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2\|^2 = (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) = \|\mathbf{p}_1\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_2\|^2 - 2\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2$$
 (9.8)

or

$$2n^2 - 2\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 = \|\nabla(S_1 - S_2)\|^2$$
(9.9)

Summing the two preceding equations gives

$$4n^{2} = \|\nabla(S_{1} + S_{2})\|^{2} + \|\nabla(S_{1} - S_{2})\|^{2}$$
(9.10)

or

$$n^{2} = \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{S_{1} + S_{2}}{2} \right) \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{S_{1} - S_{2}}{2} \right) \right\|^{2}$$
(9.11)

We can also write

$$\nabla(S_1 + S_2) \cdot \nabla(S_1 - S_2) = (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) = \|\mathbf{p}_1\|^2 - \|\mathbf{p}_2\|^2 = 0 \quad (9.12)$$

It can then be concluded that the light rays perpendicular to two given wave fronts can coexist in a medium of refractive index *n* if Equation 9.12 is fulfilled. In this case, the refractive index $n(x_1, x_2)$ can be calculated using Equation 9.11.

Consider that the two sets of light rays are the edge rays of radiation propagating in the medium. In this case, all that light propagates between the two



FIGURE 9.1

Vector $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$ points in the direction of the bisector of the two sets of rays. (Note that $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$ points in the direction of $\nabla(S_1 + S_2) = \nabla S_1 + \nabla S_2$ and that $\|\nabla S_1\| = \|\nabla S_2\|$.)

given sets of rays. This is the same assumption used in the design of nonimaging optics by the flow-line method.

Now, having in consideration Equation 9.4, it can be seen that $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$ points in the direction of the bisector of the edge rays, and therefore, in the direction of the vector flux J also, as seen in Figure 9.1. Consider the following functions:

$$G = \frac{(S_1 - S_2)}{2}$$

$$F = \frac{(S_1 + S_2)}{2}$$
(9.13)

In this case, Equations 9.11 and 9.12 can be written as

$$n^2 = \|\nabla F\|^2 + \|\nabla G\|^2 \tag{9.14}$$

and

$$\nabla F \cdot \nabla G = 0 \tag{9.15}$$

Equation 9.15 tells us that the lines of constant *G* are tangent to the vector ∇F . Also, ∇F points in the direction of $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$ and therefore, in the direction of the vector flux **J**. We have seen (see Chapter 3) that the étendue is conserved between any two lines of constant *G*.

If we place mirrors along the flow lines, the resulting optical system conserves étendue, and the existing set of light rays is unaltered. This is true because such a mirror transforms rays of one wave front into rays of the another wave front. Note that the vector flux lines bisect the rays of the two wave fronts.

Because $\nabla F \cdot \nabla G = 0$, the lines of F = constant and G = constant are perpendicular to each other. We can then define a new coordinate system $(i_1(x_1, x_2), i_2(x_1, x_2))$ on the plane such that the lines $i_1 = \text{constant}$ coincide with the lines G = constant and the lines $i_2 = \text{constant}$ coincide with the lines F = constant. In this case, we can write $G = G(i_1)$ and $F = F(i_2)$. Note that $G(x_1, x_2) = G(i_1(x_1, x_2))$ and $F(x_1, x_2) = F(i_2(x_1, x_2))$. From $G = G(i_1)$, we can see that $i_1 = \text{constant} \Rightarrow G = \text{constant}$ and from $F = F(i_2)$, we can see that $i_2 = \text{constant} \Rightarrow F = \text{constant}$. We also have

$$\nabla G = \frac{dG}{di_1} \nabla i_1$$
 and $\nabla F = \frac{dF}{di_2} \nabla i_2$ (9.16)

so that

$$\nabla G \cdot \nabla F = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dG}{di_1} \frac{dF}{di_2} \nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_2 = 0$$
(9.17)

It can then be concluded that the coordinate system (i_1, i_2) is orthogonal. Equations 9.11 and 9.12 can then, in this coordinate system, be reduced to

$$n^{2} = \|\nabla G(i_{1})\|^{2} + \|\nabla F(i_{2})\|^{2}$$
(9.18)

or

$$n^{2} = \left(\frac{dG}{di_{1}}\right)^{2} \|\nabla i_{1}\|^{2} + \left(\frac{dF}{di_{2}}\right)^{2} \|\nabla i_{2}\|^{2}$$
(9.19)

since $\nabla F \cdot \nabla G = 0$ is already implicitly contained in the fact that we have $\nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_2 = 0$, that is, the coordinate system is orthogonal. Making $\alpha(i_1) = dG/di_1$ and $\beta(i_2) = dF/di_2$, and making $a_1 = \|\nabla i_1\|$ and $a_2 = \|\nabla i_2\|$ gives

$$n^{2} = \alpha(i_{1})^{2}a_{1}^{2} + \beta(i_{2})^{2}a_{2}^{2}$$
(9.20)

An example of an ideal 2-D concentrator will be given in Section 9.7, which is based on this equation.

Note that when the two sets of edge rays are the same, we have $S_1 = S_2 = S$ and therefore, G = 0. Accordingly, $F = (S_1 + S_2)/2 = S$. Therefore, Equation 9.19 simplifies to Equation 9.3 for the case of a single wave front.

Note that given the functions *F* and *G*, expressions 9.13 can be inverted to give S_1 and S_2 .

$$S_1 = F + G$$

$$S_2 = F - G$$
(9.21)

We now define the i_1 -lines as those for which $i_2 = \text{constant}$ (in these lines only i_1 varies). Accordingly, we define the i_2 -lines as those for which $i_1 = \text{constant}$ (in these lines only i_2 varies). The lines G = constant (i_2 -lines and $i_1 = \text{constant}$) are the vector flux lines and bisect the edge rays. The lines F = constant (i_1 -lines and $i_2 = \text{constant}$) are perpendicular to the vector flux lines.

9.3 Edge Rays as a Tubular Surface in Phase Space

Three-dimensional optical systems are described by the canonical Hamiltonian equations in which *H* is the Hamiltonian (see Chapter 10).

$$\frac{dx_1}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2}$$

$$H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}$$
(9.22)

These equations can also be written in another form for the 3-D systems in which *P* is a new Hamiltonian for the system.

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2 = 0$$
(9.23)

Two-dimensional optical systems have one less dimension (along x_3) and are described by the canonical Hamiltonian equations in which *H* is the Hamiltonian.

$$\frac{dx_1}{dx_2} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{dx_2} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1}$$

$$H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2}$$
(9.24)

These equations can also be written in another form for the 2-D systems in which *P* is a new Hamiltonian for the system.

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - n^2 = 0$$
(9.25)

To understand the essential difference between imaging and nonimaging optics, it is instructive to analyze 2-D systems, from which the conclusions can then be extended to 3-D systems. For this presentation, the formalism defined by Equation 9.24 is more appropriate than that defined by Equation 9.25. The ray trajectories are then defined by the variables (x_1, x_2, p_1) .



FIGURE 9.2

In an imaging optical system, the light coming from a point with horizontal (x_1) coordinate X at its entrance aperture a_1 must be concentrated onto a point with horizontal coordinate x at the exit aperture a_2 . An imaging optical system transforms vertical lines in phase space at the entrance aperture of the device into vertical lines in phase space at the exit. A nonimaging system transforms line ∂R_1 at the entrance aperture into line ∂R_2 at the exit, that is, transforms the edge rays at the entrance into edge rays at the exit.

Suppose that we have an optical system with entrance aperture a_1 and exit aperture a_2 , as presented in Figure 9.2. Further, suppose that the entrance aperture receives radiation with variable angular aperture from point to point.

In an imaging device, the objective is to transfer all the rays of light coming from a point with horizontal (x_1) coordinate X (object) independent of the angle of incidence to a point with horizontal (x_1) coordinate x (image). In an x_1p_1 plot, this objective is translated into transforming the vertical lines L_1 at the entrance aperture into vertical lines L_2 at the exit aperture.¹ Note that in an x_1p_1 plot, a vertical line $x_1 = x$ represents all the possible directions of incidence of light rays at x. Mathematically, the relation between X and x can be written for an imaging system as follows:

$$x = M X \tag{9.26}$$

where M is the magnification of the optical system as it tells us how many times the image is larger than the object. As can be seen, the angle of light (momentum **p**) at x does not appear in this equation. This is because the incidence direction is not important. Only the size relations between image and object are important.

In the case of nonimaging optics, the approach is completely different. If the entrance aperture a_1 is illuminated by radiation with a given angular distribution, the optic must transfer this radiation to the exit a_2 and cause it to be emitted therefrom with a different angular distribution.²

At the entrance aperture of the device, line ∂R_1 in the x_1p_1 space represents the set of its edge rays, because the line corresponds to the extreme values of p_1 for each value of x_1 . For example, for a point with horizontal coordinate X at the entrance aperture, the edge rays are represented by phase space points (X, p_{1a}) and (X, p_{1b}), which are on the line ∂R_1 . At the exit aperture of the device, the edge rays define a line ∂R_2 in the phase space x_1p_1 . What a nonimaging device does is it transforms the line ∂R_1 at the entrance aperture of the device into line ∂R_2 at the exit aperture, that is, it transforms the edge rays at the entrance aperture into edge rays at the exit aperture.³

For the following analysis, it is convenient to represent the differences between imaging and nonimaging optics in terms of representation in phase space, that is, in the 3-D space (x_1 , x_2 , p_1). Imaging and nonimaging optics can be represented in phase space in the form presented in Figure 9.3.¹

In the imaging approach, to each point with horizontal (x_1) coordinate X of the object, a corresponding vertical line L_1 is in the plane x_1p_1 , which represents the various angles that light can have when exiting X. An imaging optical instrument transforms this line L_1 into a new line L_2 on the image, corresponding to several angles the light can have when arriving at x from X.

In the case of nonimaging optics, the optical instrument transforms a given region R_1 of the phase space x_1p_1 at its entrance aperture into another region R_2 of the phase space at its exit aperture. To do so, we need to rely



FIGURE 9.3

(a) A nonimaging optics device transforms the edge rays at the entrance aperture corresponding to line ∂R_1 into edge rays at the exit aperture corresponding to line ∂R_2 in phase space. (The edge ray principle tells us that, if ∂R_1 is transformed into ∂R_2 , then all the rays going through R_1 at the entrance aperture of the device must go through R_2 at its exit aperture.) (b) An imaging optical device transforms vertical lines L_1 in phase space at the entrance aperture of the device into vertical lines L_2 at its exit aperture.



FIGURE 9.4

To guarantee that ∂R_1 is transformed into ∂R_2 , the two lines can be connected by a surface of the form $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$. The trajectories of light on this surface in phase space correspond to trajectories of the edge rays inside the device. To guarantee that the étendue is conserved, it is necessary to guarantee that the area of any cut parallel to the plane x_1p_1 has an area R_3 , which is constant and equal to R_1 and R_2 .

only on the edge ray principle. It states that to transform R_1 into R_2 , it is enough to transform the boundary ∂R_1 of R_1 into the boundary ∂R_2 of R_2 , that is, to transform the edge rays of R_1 into the edge rays of R_2 . If the light rays from ∂R_1 are transformed into ∂R_2 , then all the rays coming from R_1 will go through R_2 .⁴

Transforming one boundary into the other can be made by joining them with a surface of the form

$$\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0 \tag{9.27}$$

as presented in Figure 9.4.^{1,3,4} For example, a surface of the form $x_1^2 + p_1^2 = R^2$ would be a tube of radius *R* along axis x_2 .

Transformation of the edge rays at the entrance aperture into edge rays at the exit aperture guarantees that all rays of R_1 are transported to R_2 . In fact, for a ray of R_1 not to pass through R_2 , it would have to "escape" through the surface $\omega = 0$. Nonetheless, before it "escapes," it becomes a ray of $\omega = 0$. But the rays of $\omega = 0$ are transferred into the boundary of R_2 and therefore, $\omega = 0$ does not allow the leakage of light rays from its interior.⁵

This cannot, however, be any surface. The area of region R_1 at the entrance aperture of the optical device equals the étendue there.^{3,4} The same happens with the area of R_2 at the exit. By cutting, between the entrance and the exit, the surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ by planes parallel to the plane x_1p_1 , we obtain the regions R_3 whose area correspond to the étendue along the device. To guarantee the conservation of étendue, it is necessary that areas of R_1 , R_3 , and R_2 are equal to one another.

The surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ is made of the trajectories of the edge rays in phase space. Note that in the 2-D case analyzed here, we have

$$p_1 = n\cos\theta_1 = n\frac{dx_1}{\sqrt{dx_1^2 + dx_2^2}} = n\frac{x_1'}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2}}$$
(9.28)

with x'_1 given by $x'_1 = dx_1/dx_2$ and θ_1 is the angle the optical momentum makes to axis x_1 and (dx_1, dx_2) is an infinitesimal displacement along the path of the light ray. Expression $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ can then be written as

$$\omega\left(x_1, x_2, \frac{dx_1}{dx_2}\right) = 0 \tag{9.29}$$

This differential equation enables us to find the solutions for the trajectories $x_1(x_2)$. These can be written in the form⁶

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2, c) = 0 \tag{9.30}$$

where *c* is the integration constant. For each value of *c*, a possible trajectory is obtained. The set of all of them forms the surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$. Equation 9.30 represents a one-parameter manifold of rays, where *c* is the parameter of the family. Each value of *c* determines a trajectory on the x_1x_2 plane of one ray.

An example of a surface of the form $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ can be made with sinusoidal trajectories for the rays in the plane x_1x_2 . This kind of trajectory occurs within optical fibers with a parabolic profile of refractive index.^{1,3,6} These trajectories on the plane correspond to trajectories shaped as helices in phase



FIGURE 9.5

The sinusoidal trajectories of light inside an optical fiber (a) correspond to helicoidal trajectories in phase space (b). The set of all the possible sinusoidal trajectories with the same amplitude forms a tube in phase space.
space, as shown in Figure 9.5. Two trajectories on the plane describe two different lines in phase space. The set of all the possible sinusoidal trajectories of light in the 2-D optical fiber forms a cylindrical tube in phase space corresponding to the surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$, as presented in Figure 9.5.

corresponding to the surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$, as presented in Figure 9.5. In this case, we must have $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = x_1^2 + p_1^2 - R^2 = 0$, where *R* is the radius of the cylinder, as well as the amplitude of the sinusoids drawn

by the rays of light in their path in the plane x_1x_2 .

Consider the case in which the optical system contains mirrors as in Figure 9.6. Here light is reflected between two flat parallel mirrors. The corresponding trajectories in phase space for two rays are presented in Figure 9.7. The rays of light in phase space now move onto either a top surface or a bottom surface, being "reflected" from one to the other by vertical walls.

The surface $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ is now made up of top and bottom surfaces connected by two vertical lateral walls representing the mirrors.⁶ Note that a surface $\omega = 0$, as presented in Figure 9.7, has edges. It can be seen, however, as a limit case of a surface with no edges, as the one presented in Figure 9.5.

In the path between reflections, the angle of the ray with the x_1 axis is not altered and the ray moves in phase space on a plane $p_1 = \text{constant}$, that is, parallel to the plane x_1x_2 . When a reflection



FIGURE 9.7

Trajectories in phase space of the rays presented in Figure 9.6.



FIGURE 9.6

Trajectory of two light rays between two flat parallel mirrors in a medium with constant refractive index. occurs on one of the mirrors, the angle of the ray with the x_1 axis now becomes its symmetric version and p_1 changes sign. In phase space, the ray now moves on a plane $-p_1 = \text{constant}$ until the next reflection. In phase space, the rays move on the planes $p_1 = \text{constant}$ and $-p_1 = \text{constant}$ moving from one to the other by vertical lines corresponding to the reflections. The set of all rays forms a rectangular tube-shaped surface.

Let us now go back to the description of optics in the formalism of Equation 9.25. In this case, instead of the variables (x_1, x_2, p_1) , we will have (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) . We have, therefore, another momentum but also another equation relating these variables, which is P = 0. Therefore, when changing to this formalism, we add not only another variable (p_2) but also another equation (P = 0). The condition $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ must now be written as follows:

$$\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) = 0 \quad \text{with } P = 0 \tag{9.31}$$

Note that this new expression $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) = 0$ is not different from the earlier one $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$ because p_1 and p_2 are related by $p_1^2 + p_2^2 = n^2(x_1, x_2)$, that is, P = 0, and therefore, we can obtain $p_2 = p_2(x_1, x_2, p_1)$, which when replaced in Equation 9.31, results in $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$.

9.4 Poisson Brackets

The way light is transferred in phase space from the entrance to the exit apertures of an optical system defines its characteristic type of optics (imaging or nonimaging). This transfer must, nonetheless, always obey the general laws of optics, that is, the equation system (Equation 9.23) because it describes every optical system. A system obeying these equations must also obey the conservation of étendue law, because this law results from these equations (see Chapter 14).

The transfer of the light in phase space from the entrance aperture to the exit aperture must be characterized in mathematical terms by an equation (or possibly several), which must now be added to Equations 9.23 to form a set that describes this particular type of optics. This transfer must, nonetheless, obey the conservation of étendue, otherwise it would "conflict" with Equation 9.23 and it would not be possible to find a solution.

In the cases presented in Figure 9.2 and Figure 9.3, the optical system under consideration has entrance a_1 and exit a_2 . The light illuminating a_1 has a distribution in phase space given by region R_1 and the light illuminating a_2 has a distribution given by region R_2 . The way region R_1 is transformed into R_2 defines the type of optics (imaging versus nonimaging).

There are at least two ways of transforming R_1 into R_2 . In the imaging case, vertical lines L_1 of R_1 are transformed into vertical lines L_2 of R_2 , and the spatial coordinates are related by expression 9.26, that is, x = MX.

In the other case, nonimaging or anidolic optics, the boundary of R_1 (called ∂R_1) is transformed into the boundary of R_2 (called ∂R_2). This transformation is achieved in mathematical terms by connecting ∂R_1 with ∂R_2 by Equation 9.27, that is, $\omega(x_1, x_2, p_1) = 0$. To guarantee that this surface ensures the conservation of étendue (and therefore, that the optical system is possible), it is necessary only to guarantee constancy of the areas corresponding to cuts parallel to the plane x_1p_1 .

Consider now the case of a general 3-D nonimaging optical system. Its entrance and exit apertures are now connected by a surface of the form

$$\omega(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2, p_3) = 0 \tag{9.32}$$

Equation 9.32, characteristic of nonimaging optics, plus the general equations of optics (Equation 9.23) define a set of equations defining nonimaging optical systems in mathematical terms. From all the possible optical systems described by the general equations (Equation 9.23), we are thus interested solely in those systems that satisfy Equation 9.32, that is, nonimaging optical systems.

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3}$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$

$$\omega(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2, p_3) = 0$$
(9.33)

This system of equations can, fortunately, be simplified. Since $\omega = 0$ represents a surface in phase space where edge rays move, $d\omega/d\sigma$ represents the variation of ω as the edge rays progress in the system. But, as seen in Equation 9.33, ω is constant and equal to zero, implying $d\omega/d\sigma = 0.6$

$$\frac{d\omega}{d\sigma} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x_j} \frac{dx_j}{d\sigma} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial p_j} \frac{dp_j}{d\sigma} \right)$$
(9.34)

The term $\partial \omega / \partial \sigma$ does not appear because we are only considering surfaces ω not depending explicitly on σ .⁷ Note that Equation 9.32 is $\omega(x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma), x_3(\sigma), p_1(\sigma), p_2(\sigma), p_3(\sigma)) = 0$ and does not depend explicitly on σ . Using the first set of equations in Equation 9.33, we can now write

$$\frac{d\omega}{d\sigma} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_j} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j} \right) = \{\omega, P\} = 0$$
(9.35)

where { ω , *P*} is defined by expression 9.35 and is called a Poisson bracket.^{8–10} Expression 9.35 already "contains" the differential equations of Equation 9.33 for $dx_i/d\sigma$ and $dp_i/d\sigma$ because these have already been used in its derivation. We can then conclude that the trajectories obeying equation $\omega = 0$ and

restricted by conditions { ω , *P*} = 0 and *P* = 0 obey all the equations of Equation 9.33 and therefore, represent the rays of light in the nonimaging optical system. The final system of equations is then given by

$$\{\omega, P\} = 0$$

$$P = 0$$

$$\omega = 0$$
(9.36)

Equation 9.36 can also be written as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_j} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$

$$\omega(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2, p_3) = 0$$
(9.37)

The Hamiltonian Equations 9.23 have the same form in the coordinate systems (x_1 , x_2 , x_3) and in another generalized coordinate system

$$(i_1(x_1, x_2, x_3), i_2(x_1, x_2, x_3), i_3(x_1, x_2, x_3))$$
(9.38)

(see Chapter 10), thus Equations 9.36 are still valid in this new coordinate system.^{1,3,7} To the new coordinates (i_1 , i_2 , i_3), correspond the new moments (u_1 , u_2 , u_3), and { ω , P} = 0 can be written as

$$\{\omega, P\} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_j} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_j} \right) = 0$$
(9.39)

And in this case, P = 0 is given by the expression

$$P = u_1^2 a_1^2(i_1, i_2, i_3) + u_2^2 a_2^2(i_1, i_2, i_3) + u_3^2 a_3^2(i_1, i_2, i_3) - n^2 = 0$$
(9.40)

where $a_k = \|\nabla i_k\|$ with k = 1, 2, and 3. Because $i_k = i_k(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, we have $a_k = a_k(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ or, writing x_1, x_2 , and x_3 as functions of i_1, i_2 , and $i_3, a_k = a_k(i_1, i_2, i_3)$. Equations 9.37 can now be written as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_{j}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_{j}} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_{j}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_{j}} \right) = 0$$

$$P = u_{1}^{2} a_{1}^{2} (i_{1}, i_{2}, i_{3}) + u_{2}^{2} a_{2}^{2} (i_{1}, i_{2}, i_{3}) + u_{3}^{2} a_{3}^{2} (i_{1}, i_{2}, i_{3}) - n^{2} (i_{1}, i_{2}, i_{3}) = 0 \quad (9.41)$$

$$\omega (i_{1}, i_{2}, i_{3}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}) = 0$$

This is the general system of equations describing a 3-D nonimaging optical system.

9.5 Curvilinear Coordinate System

As mentioned earlier, the surface $\omega = 0$ is made of the trajectories of the edge rays. The calculation of these trajectories is simplified in a coordinate system, where the components p_1 and p_2 of the optical momentum **p** have simple expressions.

Let us consider, for example, the crossing of two edge rays in the interior of a compound parabolic concentrator (CPC), as presented in Figure 9.8.

Two rays r_1 and r_2 go through a point **P** in the interior of the CPC filled with air (n = 1). The projections in the directions of the coordinate axes x_1 and x_2 of the unit vectors in the directions of the edge rays are $\mathbf{p}_1 = (p_{11}, p_{12})$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = (p_{21}, p_{22})$, and enable us to conclude that the p_1 components p_{11} and p_{21} and the p_2 components p_{12} and p_{22} are different from each other and different for the two edge rays. At point **Q** at the entrance aperture, however, the situation is different. Here the coordinate axis x_2 bisects the edge rays. The projections, in the directions of the coordinate axes x_1 and $\mathbf{p}_3 = (p_{31}, q)$ and are, therefore, symmetric. Thus, at point **Q**, p_1 has symmetric values p_{31} and $p_{11} = -p_{31}$ for the two edge rays, whereas, p_2 has the same value q for both.

To simplify the expressions for p_1 and p_2 , it is advantageous to consider a curvilinear coordinate system (i_1, i_2) . The lines $i_1 = \text{constant}$ and $i_2 = \text{constant}$



FIGURE 9.8

At a point **P** in a CPC filled with air (n = 1), the optical momenta for the edge rays are $\mathbf{p}_1 = (p_{11}, p_{12})$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = (p_{21}, p_{22})$ with $p_{11} \neq p_{12} \neq p_{21} \neq p_{22}$. However, at another point **Q**, at the entrance aperture where the coordinate axis x_2 bisects the edge rays, their optical momenta are $\mathbf{p}_1 = (p_{11}, q)$ and $\mathbf{p}_3 = (p_{31}, q)$ with $p_{11} = -p_{31}$ and are, therefore, defined by fewer variables.



FIGURE 9.9

Curvilinear coordinate system which points, at each point **P**, in the direction of the bisector to the edge rays r_1 and r_2 inside a CPC.

must be orthogonal and one of them must bisect the edge rays at each point. In the case of a CPC, these lines, which bisect the edge rays at each point, have the shape presented in Figure 9.9.

As mentioned earlier, the lines of vector flux J bisect the trajectories of the edge rays. The curvilinear coordinates to be considered must then coincide with the lines of the vector flux. Note that also the lines G = constant referred to earlier are along the lines of vector flux J. Therefore, the lines G = constant and F = constant must coincide with i_1 = constant and i_2 = constant, that is, with the curvilinear coordinates to be considered. In fact, we had already considered that we would have $G = G(i_1)$ and $F = F(i_2)$ and the lines i_1 = constant would bisect the edge rays.

We must now define these new lines i_1 = constant and i_2 = constant. In fact, it suffices to define one of these sets (e.g., i_1 = constant) because the second set is made of lines perpendicular to the first ones. Figure 9.10 presents two edge rays crossing a given point on the plane.

As can be seen, the component u_2 in the direction of ∇i_2 of both edge rays is the same. The components u_1 in the direction of ∇i_1 have the same magnitude, but different signs. Therefore, u_2 is the same for both edge rays and depends only on the coordinates of the point under consideration. We have $u_2 = \beta(i_1, i_2)$ and therefore, we can write, in this case, Equation 9.27 as³

$$\omega(i_1, i_2, u_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u_2 - \beta(i_1, i_2) = 0 \tag{9.42}$$

which is a simple form of the equation $\omega = 0$.



FIGURE 9.10

In the curvilinear coordinate system i_1 , i_2 , the line i_1 = constant points in the same direction as the bisector to edge rays. In this case, the magnitude of the u_2 component of the moment is the same for both edge rays and the u_1 component is symmetrical. The edge rays form a V-shape around the line i_1 = constant.

9.6 Design of Two-Dimensional Concentrators

In case of 2-D geometry, Equations 9.41 can be written as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_{j}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_{j}} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_{j}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_{j}} \right) = 0$$

$$P = u_{1}^{2} a_{1}^{2}(i_{1}, i_{2}) + u_{2}^{2} a_{2}^{2}(i_{1}, i_{2}) - n^{2}(i_{1}, i_{2}) = 0$$

$$\omega(i_{1}, i_{2}, u_{1}, u_{2}) = 0$$
(9.43)

This is the general system of equations describing a 2-D nonimaging optical system.

We can now make use of the simplified expression 9.42 for $\omega = 0$. The system of equations to be solved can be obtained from Equations 9.43 and is in this case

$$\{\omega, P\} = \sum_{j=1}^{2} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_j} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_j} \right) = 0$$

$$P = u_1^2 a_1^2(i_1, i_2) + u_2^2 a_2^2(i_1, i_2) - n^2(i_1, i_2) = 0$$

$$\omega = u_2 - \beta(i_1, i_2) = 0$$
(9.44)

From the first of these expressions, we get

$$\{\omega, P\} = \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial u_1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_2} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial u_2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_2} = 0$$
(9.45)

From the second expression, we get

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1} = 2a_1 \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_1} u_1^2 + 2a_2 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_1} u_2^2 - 2n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_1} \qquad \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} = 2a_1^2 u_1$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_2} = 2a_1 \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_2} u_1^2 + 2a_2 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_2} u_2^2 - 2n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_2} \qquad \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_2} = 2a_2^2 u_2$$
(9.46)

and from the third expression, we get

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_1} = -\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1} \qquad \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_2} = -\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_2} \qquad \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_2} = 1$$
(9.47)

making $u_2 = \beta$, the Poisson bracket of ω and *P* can be calculated as

$$a_1^2 u_1 \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1} + a_2^2 \beta \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_2} - n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_2} + a_1 \frac{\partial a}{\partial i_2} u_1^2 + a_2 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_2} \beta^2 = 0$$
(9.48)

From the condition P = 0, we can obtain

$$u_1^2 = \frac{n^2 - a_2^2 \beta^2}{a_1^2} \Leftrightarrow u_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{n^2 - a_2^2 \beta^2}}{a_1}$$
(9.49)

where $u_2 = \beta$. Equation 9.49 gives the two values of u_1 for a given value of u_2 , as represented in Figure 9.10. Substituting for u_1^2 from Equation 9.49 into Equation 9.48 gives

$$\left(a_1^2 \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1}\right) u_1 + \left(a_2^2 \beta \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_2} - n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_2} + \frac{n^2 - a_2^2 \beta^2}{a_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_2} + a_2 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_2} \beta^2\right) = 0$$
(9.50)

This has the form $Au_1 + B = 0$. This expression must be fulfilled for both possible values of u_1 , thus $Au_1 + B = 0$ and also $-Au_1 + B = 0$ and therefore, A = B = 0. Then $a_1 = ||\nabla i_1|| \neq 0$ gives

$$\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1} = 0$$

$$a_2^2 \beta \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_2} - n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_2} + \frac{n^2 - a_2^2 \beta^2}{a_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_2} + a_2 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_2} \beta^2 = 0$$
(9.51)

From $\partial \beta / \partial i_1 = 0$, we obtain

$$\beta = \beta(i_2) \tag{9.52}$$

The second condition of Equation 9.51 can be written as

$$\frac{\left|\left(2n\frac{\partial n}{\partial i_2} - 2\beta\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_2}a_2^2 - 2a_2\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial i_2}\beta^2\right)a_1^2 - 2a_1\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_2}\left(n^2 - \beta^2 a_2^2\right)\right|}{a_1^4} = 0$$
(9.53)

that is,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial i_2} \left(\frac{n^2 - \beta^2 a_2^2}{a_1^2} \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{n^2 - \beta^2 a_2^2}{a_1^2} = \alpha(i_1)^2 \Leftrightarrow n^2 = \alpha(i_1)^2 a_1^2 + \beta(i_2)^2 a_2^2 \tag{9.54}$$

Note that $\beta(i_2)a_2 = u_2a_2$ is the component of **p** in the direction of vector ∇i_2 , and therefore, $\alpha(i_1)a_1$ must be the component of **p** in the direction of ∇i_1 . This equation corresponds to Equation 9.20 obtained earlier.

9.7 An Example of an Ideal Two-Dimensional Concentrator

An example of application of Miñano's design method in two dimensions is presented. It applies the earlier ideas in the design of a concentrator with maximum concentration and flat entrance and exit apertures. The entrance aperture will be at the x_1 axis ($x_2 = 0$) and the exit aperture will be at the line $x_2 = 1$. We choose the shape of the i_1 -lines. The i_2 -lines are perpendicular to the i_1 -lines and can be obtained from them. The refractive index can then be calculated using Equation 9.20 or 9.54 and the boundary conditions for the problem.

Figure 9.11 shows the shape of an i_1 -line (i_2 = constant). It is a circumference centered at the x_2 axis. The reason for choosing this shape for the i_1 -lines becomes apparent in Section 9.8 when we apply these results to the design of a 3-D concentrator.







FIGURE 9.12

(a) A set of i_1 - and i_2 -lines for the concentrator being designed. (b) The i_1 -lines cross the x_2 axis (optical axis) with $i_2 = x_2$ and the i_2 -lines cross the x_1 axis (entrance aperture) for $i_1 = x_1$ and the exit aperture ($x_2 = 1$) for $x_1 = x_r$.

If this circumference was centered at $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$, it would be defined by an equation of the form $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = R^2$. However, displacing its center along the axis x_2 to a position $R + i_2$, its equation is now $x_1^2 + [(R + i_2) - x_2]^2 = R^2$, that is,

$$x_2 = R(i_2) + i_2 - \sqrt{R(i_2)^2 - x_1^2}$$
(9.55)

Later an expression for $R(i_2)$ will be given. This is the equation for the i_1 -lines $(i_2 = \text{constant})$. For each value of i_2 , a value for $R(i_2)$ is defined and a circumference is obtained. It can be seen that these circumferences cross the x_2 axis at $x_2 = i_2$. Therefore, the line $i_2 = 0$ crosses the x_2 axis at $x_2 = 0$ (the x_1 axis) and the line $i_2 = 1$ crosses the x_2 axis at $x_2 = 0$ and $i_2 = 1$ correspond to the entrance and exit apertures of the concentrator, so that they are chosen to be flat. Therefore, for $x_2 = i_2 = 0$ and $x_2 = i_2 = 1$, we must have $R \to \infty$.

The i_2 -lines are perpendicular to the i_1 -lines. These i_2 -lines can be defined so that they cross the x_1 axis with $i_1 = x_1$. The i_1 - and i_2 -lines are presented in Figure 9.12.

The expression for i_1 is given by

$$i_1 = \frac{2Rx_1}{R + \sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}} \exp\left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} di_2\right)$$
(9.56)

where *R* is a function $R(i_2)$ of i_2 and obeys Equation 9.55. We are not going to derive Equation 9.56, but instead we prove that the i_1 - and i_2 -lines just defined fulfill the conditions mentioned earlier.⁷ Define a function $M(i_1)$ by

$$M(i_1) = \ln\left(\frac{i_1}{2}\right) = \ln\left[\frac{R}{R/x_1 + \sqrt{R^2/x_1^2 - 1}} \exp\left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} di_2\right)\right]$$
(9.57)

or

$$M(i_1) = \ln R - \ln \left(\frac{R}{x_1} + \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{x_1^2} - 1}\right) + \int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} di_2$$
(9.58)

Calculating the x_1 and x_2 derivatives of $M(i_1)$ gives

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial i_2 / \partial x_1}{R} \left(R' - \frac{R'R}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}} + 1 \right) + \frac{R}{x_1 \sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}$$
(9.59)

and

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial i_2 / \partial x_2}{R} \left(R' - \frac{R'R}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}} + 1 \right)$$
(9.60)

where $R' = dR(i_2)/di_2$. Note that

$$\int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{1}{R} di_{2} = F(i_{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial F(i_{2})}{\partial x_{2}} = \frac{dF}{di_{2}} \frac{\partial i_{2}}{\partial x_{2}}$$
(9.61)

where $F(i_2)$ is a function of i_2 and therefore,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} di_2 \right) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial i_2}{\partial x_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} di_2 \right) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial i_2}{\partial x_2} \tag{9.62}$$

The derivatives $\partial i_2/\partial x_1$ and $\partial i_2/\partial x_2$ can be obtained by calculating the x_1 and x_2 derivatives of Equation 9.55 and solving for $\partial i_2/\partial x_1$ and $\partial i_2/\partial x_2$. (Note that $dx_2/dx_2 = 1$ and that $dx_2/dx_1 = 0$.) These partial derivatives are

$$\frac{\partial i_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{-x_1/\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}{1 + R' - \frac{R'R}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}}$$
(9.63)

and

$$\frac{\partial i_2}{\partial x_2} = \frac{1}{1 + R' - \frac{R'R}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}}$$
(9.64)

or

$$\nabla i_2 = \left(1 + R' - \frac{R'R}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}\right)^{-1} \left(-x_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}}, 1\right)$$
(9.65)

Replacing these expressions in Equations 9.59 and 9.60 gives

$$\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{x_1^2} - \frac{1}{R^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{R^2}$$
(9.66)

Expression 9.66 can also be written as

$$\nabla M = \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{x_1^2} - \frac{1}{R^2}}, \frac{1}{R}\right) = \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{1}{x_1} \sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}, 1\right)$$
(9.67)

and then we get

$$\nabla i_2 \cdot \nabla M = 0 \tag{9.68}$$

Since $M = M(i_1)$ as given by Equation 9.57, we have

$$\nabla M = \frac{dM}{di_1} \nabla i_1 \Leftrightarrow \nabla M = \frac{1}{i_1} \nabla i_1 \tag{9.69}$$

and because $dM/di_1 \neq 0$, we have

$$\nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_2 = 0 \tag{9.70}$$

As mentioned earlier, the i_2 -lines were defined in such a way that they cross the x_1 axis ($x_2 = 0$) with $i_1 = x_1$. This can be seen in expression 9.56:

$$i_1 = \frac{2x_1}{1 + \sqrt{1 - x_1^2/R^2}} \exp\left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} \, di_2\right) \tag{9.71}$$

When $i_2 \rightarrow 0$ and $R \rightarrow \infty$ then $i_1 \rightarrow x_1$, because for $i_2 = 0$, we have

$$\exp\left(\int_{0}^{i_{2}}(1/R)di_{2}\right) = \exp\left(\int_{0}^{0}(1/R)di_{2}\right) = \exp 0 = 1$$

At the entrance aperture we then have $i_1 = x_1$.

The i_2 -lines intercept the exit aperture (receiver) for values of x_1 such that $x_1 = x_r$, where x_r can be obtained from expression 9.71 making $i_2 \rightarrow 1$ and $R \rightarrow \infty$.

$$i_1 = x_r \exp\left(\int_0^1 \frac{1}{R} di_2\right)$$
 (9.72)

Note that $R(i_2) \rightarrow \infty$ when $i_2 \rightarrow 0$ and $i_2 \rightarrow 1$, but $R(i_2)$ has finite values for $0 < i_2 < 1$. Now consider that the i_2 -lines are vector flux lines. The final device will then be limited by two of these lines, converted to mirrors. The points where these two lines cross the entrance aperture ($i_2 = 0$) will then define the entrance aperture of the final device and the points where these two lines cross the entrance aperture of the final device. Since each one of these lines crosses the entrance aperture at $x_1 = i_1$, and the exit aperture at $x_1 = x_{rr}$ the ratio between the dimensions for the entrance and exit apertures will be $C_{2\cdot D} = i_1/x_r$. The geometrical concentration for a symmetrical concentrator will then be $C_g = i_1/x_r$. From expression 9.72, we then obtain

$$C_g = \exp\left(\int_0^1 \frac{1}{R} di_2\right) \tag{9.73}$$

We still have not given an expression for $R(i_2)$. As stated earlier, this function must be such that $R \to \infty$ when $i_2 \to 0$ and $i_2 \to 1$. A possibility is to choose the following function:

$$R(i_2) = \frac{m}{i_2^2(1-i_2^2)}$$
(9.74)

where *m* is a constant. To obtain the value of *m*, we replace this expression for $R(i_2)$ in expression 9.73 for $C_{g'}$ giving

$$\ln C_g = \frac{1}{m} \int_0^1 i_2^2 (1 - i_2^2) di_2 \Leftrightarrow m = \frac{2}{15 \ln C_g}$$
(9.75)

We now have a completely defined set of i_1 -lines and the corresponding i_2 -lines.

We must next find the 2-D refractive index distribution that transforms the i_2 -lines into vector flux lines. The refractive index distribution can be found from Equation 9.20 or 9.54, that is, $n^2 = \alpha(i_1)^2 a_1^2 + \beta(i_2)^2 a_2^2$. First, we note that $a_1^2 = \|\nabla i_1\|^2$ and $a_2^2 = \|\nabla i_2\|^2$. We can then write (see Equations 9.63 and 9.64):

$$a_{2}^{2} = \left(\frac{\partial i_{2}}{\partial x_{1}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial i_{2}}{\partial x_{2}}\right)^{2} = \left[(1 + R')\sqrt{1 - \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{R^{2}}} - R'\right]^{-2}$$
(9.76)

From expression 9.66, we can see that

$$\|\nabla M^2\| = \frac{1}{x_1^2} \tag{9.77}$$

and from Equation 9.69, we get

$$\|\nabla i_1\|^2 = \frac{1}{x_1^2} i_1^2 \tag{9.78}$$

and therefore,

$$n^{2} = \frac{1}{x_{1}^{2}} \alpha^{*}(i_{1})^{2} + \left[(1 + R') \sqrt{1 - \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{R^{2}}} - R' \right]^{-2} \beta(i_{2})^{2}$$
(9.79)

where $\alpha^*(i_1) = i_1 \alpha(i_1)$ and from Equation 9.74:

$$R' = \frac{dR(i_2)}{di_2} = \frac{2m(2i_2^2 - 1)}{i_2^3(i_2^2 - 1)^2}$$
(9.80)

If we want maximum concentration at the exit aperture, the edge rays must reach it making angles $\pi/2$ with the i_2 -lines. This implies that the component a_2u_2 of the optical momentum must be zero. Since $a_2 = ||\nabla i_2||$, this component of the optical momentum is given by $||\nabla i_2|| \beta(i_2)$. If we have $\nabla i_2 = 0$, it would not be possible to define a local system of coordinates because one of the unit vectors of this local coordinate system is $\mathbf{e}_2 = \nabla i_2/||\nabla i_2||$. For this component of the optical momentum to be zero at the exit aperture, we must then have $\beta(i_2) = 0$ for $i_2 = 1$. In this case, expression 9.79 can be written as

$$n^{2}(i_{2} = 1) = \frac{1}{x_{r}^{2}} \alpha^{*}(i_{1})^{2}$$
(9.81)

For the receiver, we have $x_1 = x_r$, given by expression 9.72. Combining this expression with expression 9.73, we get $i_1 = x_r C_g$. If we want the refractive index to be $n = n_r$ at the receiver, we get from Equation 9.81

$$\alpha^*(i_1) = \frac{i_1 n_r}{C_g} \tag{9.82}$$

Expression 9.79 can now be written as

$$n^{2} = \frac{1}{x_{1}^{2}} \frac{i_{1}^{2} n_{r}^{2}}{C_{g}^{2}} + \left[(1+R') \sqrt{1 - \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{R^{2}}} - R' \right]^{-2} \beta(i_{2})^{2}$$
(9.83)

or by using expression 9.71 for i_1 as

$$n^{2} = \left[\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - x_{1}^{2}/R^{2}}} \exp\left(\int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{1}{R} di_{2}\right)\right]^{2} \frac{n_{r}^{2}}{C_{g}^{2}} + \left[(1 + R')\sqrt{1 - \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{R^{2}}} - R'\right]^{-2} \beta(i_{1})^{2}$$
(9.84)

At the optical axis, that is, for $x_1 = 0$, we have

$$n^{2}(x_{1}=0) = \beta(i_{2})^{2} + \left[\exp\left(\int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{1}{R} di_{2}\right)\right]^{2} \frac{n_{r}^{2}}{C_{g}^{2}}$$
(9.85)

If we now make for the optical axis $n = n_r$, we get

$$\beta(i_2) = n_r \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{C_g^2} \left[\exp\left(\int_0^{i_2} \frac{1}{R} \, di_2\right) \right]^2}$$
(9.86)

As we progress along the optical axis, the component of the optical momentum relative to the i_2 -lines must obey $a_2u_2 = a_2\beta(i_2) > 0$, and therefore $\beta(i_2) > 0$ between the entrance and exit apertures, that is, for $0 < i_2 < 1$. (Note that $a_2 =$ $\|\nabla i_2\| > 0$ and $\beta(i_2) = 0$ for $i_2 = 1$, because maximum concentration is required.) The expression obtained for $\beta(i_2)$ fulfills these conditions, as seen from expressions 9.86 and 9.73. The expression for the refractive index can now be written as

$$n^{2} = \frac{1}{x_{1}^{2}} \frac{i_{1}^{2} n_{r}^{2}}{C_{g}^{2}} + \left[(1+R') \sqrt{1 - \frac{x_{1}^{2}}{R^{2}}} - R' \right]^{-2} n_{r}^{2} \left[1 - \frac{\exp\left(2\int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{1}{R} \, di_{2}\right)}{C_{g}^{2}} \right]$$
(9.87)

For the entrance aperture, that is, for $i_2 = 0$, we have $R \to \infty$ and $i_1 = x_1$. This expression then simplifies to

$$n^{2}(i_{2}=0) = \frac{n_{r}^{2}}{C_{g}^{2}} + n_{r}^{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{C_{g}^{2}}\right] = n_{r}^{2}$$
(9.88)

We can thus conclude that for the points of the entrance aperture, we have a constant refractive index, $n = n_r$.

From Equations 9.84 and 9.87, the refractive index is

$$n^{2} = \frac{4R^{2} \left(n_{r}^{2}/C_{g}^{2}\right) \exp\left(2\int_{0}^{i_{2}} 1/R \, di_{2}\right)}{\left(R + \sqrt{R^{2} - x_{1}^{2}}\right)^{2}} + \frac{n_{r}^{2} - \left(n_{r}^{2}/C_{g}^{2}\right) \exp\left(2\int_{0}^{i_{2}} 1/R \, di_{2}\right)}{\left[(1 + R')\sqrt{1 - x_{1}^{2}/R^{2}} - R'\right]^{2}}$$
(9.89)

We still have to relate the geometrical concentration C_g to the acceptance angle φ of the concentrator. At the entrance aperture, the refractive index n_r



FIGURE 9.13

Refractive index distribution inside the concentrator, manifested by contours of constant refractive index.

will cause the rays to refract and therefore, to be angularly confined within a cone with half-angle φ_1 given by the law of refraction.

$$n_r \sin \varphi_1 = \sin \varphi \tag{9.90}$$

Since the concentrator has maximum concentration and the exit aperture has a refractive index of n_r , inside the device, we have a concentration (which equals the geometrical concentration) $C_g = 1/\sin \varphi_1$, so that

$$\sin\varphi = \frac{n_r}{C_g} \tag{9.91}$$

We can now write

$$n^{2} = \frac{n_{r}^{2} - \sin^{2}\varphi \exp\left(2\int_{0}^{i_{2}}(1/R)di_{2}\right)}{\left[(1+R')\sqrt{1-(x_{1}^{2}/R^{2})} - R'\right]^{2}} + \frac{4R^{2}\sin^{2}\varphi \exp\left(2\int_{0}^{i_{2}}(1/R)di_{2}\right)}{\left(R + \sqrt{R^{2} - x_{1}^{2}}\right)^{2}}$$
(9.92)

Let us, for example, presume that $n_r = 1.5$ and $C_g = 3$. We have for the acceptance angle

$$\varphi = \arcsin\left(\frac{1.5}{3}\right) = 30^{\circ} \tag{9.93}$$

Giving values to i_2 , we can calculate R and R' using expressions 9.74 and 9.80. Giving values to x_1 also, it is possible to calculate $n(x_1, i_2)$ using expression 9.92. Using the values for x_1 and i_2 , it is possible to obtain $x_2(x_1, i_2)$ using Equation 9.55 and therefore, $n(x_1, x_2)$. The resulting refractive index distribution is presented in Figure 9.13.

Using expression 9.74 for *R* in Equation 9.55, we get for x_2

$$x_2 = i_2 + \frac{m}{i_2^2 - i_2^4} - \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{i_2^4(i_2^2 - 1)^2} - x_1}$$
(9.94)

We can also write

$$\int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{1}{R} di_{2} = \int_{0}^{i_{2}} \frac{i_{2}^{2}(1-i_{2}^{2})}{m} di_{2} = \left[\frac{5i_{2}^{3}-3i_{2}^{5}}{15m}\right]_{0}^{i_{2}} = \frac{5i_{2}^{3}-3i_{2}^{5}}{15m}$$
(9.95)

Also expression 9.56 for i_1 can now be written as follows

$$i_1 = \frac{2mx_1 \exp((5i_2^3 - 3i_2^5)/15m)}{m - i_2^2(i_2^2 - 1)\sqrt{m^2/(i_2^4(i_2^2 - 1)^2) - x_1^2}}$$
(9.96)

This expression can be solved for x_1 to give

$$x_{1} = \frac{4i_{1}m^{2}\exp(i_{2}^{3}(5+3i_{2}^{2})/15m)}{i_{1}^{2}i_{2}^{4}(i_{2}^{2}-1)^{2}\exp(2i_{2}^{5}/5m)+4m^{2}\exp(2i_{2}^{3}/3m)}$$
(9.97)

Now, maintaining a fixed value for i_1 and varying i_2 , different values for x_1 can be obtained. The corresponding value for x_2 can be calculated using expression 9.94 and the i_2 -lines obtained, as presented in Figure 9.12.

Replacing expressions 9.95 and 9.80 for R' and expression 9.74 for R in expression 9.92, we get

$$n^{2} = 4m^{2}A \left(m - i_{2}^{2}(i_{2}^{2} - 1)\sqrt{\frac{m^{2}}{i_{2}^{4}(i_{2}^{2} - 1)^{2}} - x_{1}^{2}}\right)^{-2} + (n_{r}^{2} - A) \left(1 + \frac{2m(2i_{2}^{2} - 1)}{i_{2}^{3}(i_{2}^{2} - 1)^{2}}\right)^{-2} \left(1 + \frac{m(2 - 4i_{2}^{2})}{i_{2}^{3}(i_{2}^{2} - 1)^{2}} - \frac{i_{2}^{4}x_{1}^{2}(i_{2}^{2} - 1)^{2}}{m^{2}}\right)^{-1}$$
(9.98)

with $A = \sin^2 \varphi \exp[2i_2^3 (5 - 3i_2^2)/(15m)]$. Giving values to i_2 and x_1 , n can be obtained. For the same values of i_2 and x_1 , we can also obtain x_2 using expression 9.94, finally giving $n(x_1, x_2)$.

Two vector flux lines (i_2 -lines) can now be chosen as mirrors, completing this design for an ideal 2-D concentrator.

9.8 Design of Three-Dimensional Concentrators

The design method for 3-D concentrators is similar to that presented earlier for the 2-D case. Here, only systems with rotational symmetry are analyzed.^{3,7} For solving this problem, we must choose a coordinate system that is nothing more than an extension of the coordinate system used in the 2-D case. We now have a coordinate system (i_1 , θ , i_3) of space (x_1 , x_2 , x_3), where θ measures the angle around the axis of symmetry (it therefore corresponds to the angular coordinate of cylindrical coordinates). For θ = constant, we obtain a plane containing the optical axis. On this plane, the coordinates i_1 and i_3 are two curvilinear coordinates similar to the



FIGURE 9.14

(a) In a system with circular symmetry, the angle θ around the optical axis can be chosen as a coordinate. On each plane obtained with θ = constant, a curvilinear coordinate system i_1 , i_3 is used. (In this case, the edge rays form a cone around the i_3 -lines, that is, these lines point in the direction of the bisector to the edge rays.) (b) A cylindrical coordinate system. Axis x_3 points in the direction of the optical axis and ρ is the distance from a point **P** to axis x_3 .

ones (i_1, i_2) considered earlier for the 2-D case. These coordinates are represented in Figure 9.14.

The orthogonality of the new curvilinear coordinates is now ensured by

$$\nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla \theta = \nabla \theta \cdot \nabla i_3 = \nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_3 = 0 \tag{9.99}$$

We can now make

$$a_1 = \|\nabla i_1\| \quad b = \frac{1}{\rho} = \|\nabla \theta\| \quad a_3 = \|\nabla i_3\|$$
 (9.100)

Let u_1 , h, and u_3 be the momenta corresponding to these coordinates. Similar to what happened in the 2-D case, we can obtain the components of the optical momentum a_1u_1 , bh, and a_3u_3 relative to ∇i_1 , $\nabla \theta$, and ∇i_3 , respectively. Since the refractive index of the system does not depend on θ , the quantity h is a constant called the skew invariant or skewness (see Chapter 13). Note that ∇i_1 is obtained with θ = constant and i_3 = constant, $\nabla \theta$ is obtained with i_1 = constant and i_3 = constant, and ∇i_3 is obtained with i_1 = constant and θ = constant, that is, in the direction of ∇i_1 only i_1 varies; in the direction of $\nabla \theta$ only θ varies; and in the direction of ∇i_3 only i_3 varies. The lines in which only i_1 varies are called i_1 -lines, those in which only θ varies are called θ -lines, and those in which only i_3 varies are called i_3 -lines. In this coordinate system, the expression for *P* is given by

$$P = a_1^2 u_1^2 + b^2 h^2 + a_3^2 u_3^2 - n^2$$
(9.101)

where

$$bh = n\cos\phi = \frac{h}{\rho} \tag{9.102}$$

in which *h* is again the skew invariant (a constant), $b = 1/\rho$, where ρ is the distance to the axis of symmetry and ϕ is the angle between the tangent to the light ray and vector $\mathbf{e}_{\theta} = \nabla \theta / \|\nabla \theta\|$. The expression for *P* can now be written for this coordinate system in the following form:

$$P = a_1^2(i_1, i_3)u_1^2 + b^2(i_1, i_3)h^2 + a_3^2(i_1, i_3)u_3^2 - n^2(i_1, i_3)$$
(9.103)

The fact that a_1 , b, a_3 , and n do not depend on θ is a consequence of the rotational symmetry.

The Poisson bracket of ω and *P* must now be zero for $\omega = 0$ and *P* = 0.

$$\{\omega, P\} = \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_1}\frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial u_1}\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial \theta}\frac{\partial P}{\partial h} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial h}\frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_3}\frac{\partial P}{\partial u_3} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial u_3}\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_3} = 0 \quad (9.104)$$

The system of equations to be solved is then as follows:

$$\{\omega, P\} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial P}{\partial h} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial h} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial i_3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_3} - \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial u_3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_3} = 0$$

$$P = a_1^2(i_1, i_3)u_1^2 + b^2(i_1, i_3)h^2 + a_3^2(i_1, i_3)u_3^2 - n^2(i_1, i_3) = 0$$

$$\omega(i_1, \theta, i_3, u_1, h, u_3) = 0$$
(9.105)

A simple form of the equation $\omega = 0$ can also be used in this case. Here, expression 9.42 can be written in the following form:^{3,7}

$$\omega = u_3 - \beta(i_1, i_3) = 0 \tag{9.106}$$

where β depends only on i_1 and i_3 in the same way a_1 , b, a_3 , and n do. There is at this point no guarantee that an expression such as condition 9.106 for the edge rays is valid. Only if a solution for the optical system can be found, it is possible to verify that this relation is true. Condition 9.106 requires that all the edge rays at the point under consideration have a momentum **p** with the same value for the component u_3 . This means that the edge rays must form a circular cone around the i_3 -line. In the 2-D cases presented earlier, this circular cone was just a V-shape around the i_2 -line (i_1 = constant line). If the i_3 -lines point in the direction of the bisector to the edge rays, they must also coincide with the lines of vector flux **J**.

Since $\omega = \omega(i_1, i_3, u_3)$, the system of equations to be solved is then in this case as follows

$$\{\omega, P\} = \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial i_3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_3} - \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial u_3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial i_3} = 0$$

$$P = a_1^2(i_1, i_3)u_1^2 + b^2(i_1, i_3)h^2 + a_3^2(i_1, i_3)u_3^2 - n^2(i_1, i_3) = 0$$

$$\omega = u_3 - \beta(i_1, i_3) = 0$$
(9.107)

To solve this system of equations, we can start by substituting expression 9.103 for *P* and condition 9.106 for ω into expression 9.104 for { ω , *P*}, that is, substituting the second and third equations of Equation 9.107 in the first equation. Then we get

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial i_1}a_1^2u_1 + \frac{\partial\beta}{\partial i_3}a_3^2u_3 - \left(n\frac{\partial n}{\partial i_3} - a_1\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_3}u_1^2 - b\frac{\partial b}{\partial i_3}h^2 - a_3\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial i_3}u_3^2\right) = 0 \quad (9.108)$$

We can now introduce the condition P = 0 to eliminate h^2 and $\omega = 0$ to replace u_3 by β . We get

$$u_{1}^{2}\left(a_{1}\frac{\partial a_{1}}{\partial i_{3}}-\frac{\partial b/\partial i_{3}}{b}a_{1}^{2}\right)+u_{1}\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_{1}}a_{1}^{2}\right)$$
$$+\left(-n\frac{\partial n}{\partial i_{3}}+\frac{\partial b/\partial i_{3}}{b}n^{2}+a_{3}\frac{\partial a_{3}}{\partial i_{3}}\beta^{2}-\frac{\partial b/\partial i_{3}}{b}a_{3}^{2}\beta^{2}+\beta\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_{3}}a_{3}^{2}\right)=0 \qquad (9.109)$$

Note that these expressions could also be written in terms of $(\partial \rho / \partial i_3) / \rho$ instead of $(\partial b / \partial i_3) / b$ because $b = 1/\rho$; calculating the i_3 derivative

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial i_3} = -\frac{\partial \rho/\partial i_3}{\rho^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial b/\partial i_3}{b} = -\frac{\partial \rho/\partial i_3}{\rho}$$
(9.110)

Since expression 9.109 must be zero for any value of u_1 , we must have

$$\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1} = 0$$

$$a_1 \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_3} - \frac{\partial b/\partial i_3}{b} a_1^2 = 0$$

$$-n \frac{\partial n}{\partial i_3} + \frac{\partial b/\partial i_3}{b} n^2 + a_3 \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial i_3} \beta^2 - \frac{\partial b/\partial i_3}{b} a_3^2 \beta^2 + \beta \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_3} a_3^2 = 0$$
(9.111)

From the first of these equations

$$\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \beta = \beta(i_3) \tag{9.112}$$

The second equation can be written as

$$\frac{b}{a_1^3} \left(a_1 \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial i_3} - \frac{\partial b/\partial i_3}{b} a_1^2 \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\partial a_1/\partial i_3)b - (\partial b/\partial i_3)a_1}{a_1^2} = 0$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial (a_1/b)/\partial i_3}{a_1/b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial i_3} \ln\left(\frac{a_1}{b}\right) = 0 \tag{9.113}$$

which can now be integrated, resulting in

$$\ln\left(\frac{a_1}{b}\right) = F_1(i_1) \Leftrightarrow \left|\frac{a_1}{b}\right| = F_2(i_1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{b^2}{a_1^2} = F_3(i_1)^2 \tag{9.114}$$

Making now $F_3(i_1) = dM(i_1)/di_1$, we get

$$\frac{b^2}{a_1^2} = \left(\frac{dM(i_1)}{di_1}\right)^2 \tag{9.115}$$

Since *M* is a function of $i_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, we can write

$$\nabla M = \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial M}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial M}{\partial x_3}\right) = \left(\frac{dM}{di_1}, \frac{\partial i_1}{\partial x_1}, \frac{dM}{di_1}, \frac{\partial i_1}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial M}{di_1}, \frac{\partial i_1}{\partial x_3}\right) = \frac{dM}{di_1} \nabla i_1 \tag{9.116}$$

Now considering the definition of a_1 , we can write

$$\|\nabla M\|^2 = \left(\frac{dM}{di_1}\right)^2 a_1^2$$
(9.117)

Inserting Equation 9.117 into Equation 9.115 gives

$$b^{2} = \|\nabla M\|^{2} \Leftrightarrow \|\nabla M(i_{1})\|^{2} = \frac{1}{\rho^{2}}$$

$$(9.118)$$

To integrate the third equation of Equation 9.111, we can write

$$\left[\left(2n\frac{\partial n}{\partial i_{3}}-2a_{3}\frac{\partial a_{3}}{\partial i_{3}}\beta^{2}-2\beta\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial i_{3}}a_{3}^{2}\right)b^{2}-2b\frac{\partial b}{\partial i_{3}}\left(n^{2}-a_{3}^{2}\beta^{2}\right)\right]b^{-4}=0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow\frac{\partial}{\partial i_{3}}\left(\frac{n^{2}-a_{3}^{2}\beta^{2}}{b^{2}}\right)=0$$
(9.119)

Considering expression 9.103 for *P* and that P = 0, we can conclude that $n^2 - a_3^2\beta^2 = a_1^2u_1^2 + b^2h^2 \ge 0$; this expression can now be integrated resulting in

$$\frac{n^2 - a_3^2 \beta^2}{b^2} = \eta_1(i_1)^2 \tag{9.120}$$

We can then make

$$n^2 = b^2 \eta(i_1)^2 + a_3^2 \beta(i_3)^2 \tag{9.121}$$

Making use of Equation 9.114, we can write

$$n^2 = a_1^2 \alpha^2(i_1) + a_3^2 \beta^2(i_3) \tag{9.122}$$

where

$$\alpha^{2}(i_{1}) = \left(\frac{b^{2}}{a_{1}^{2}}\right)\eta^{2}(i_{1}) = F_{3}^{2}(i_{1})\eta^{2}(i_{1})$$

We then obtain the following two equations:

$$\|\nabla M(i_1)\|^2 = \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

$$n^2 = a_1^2 \alpha^2(i_1) + a_3^2 \beta^2(i_3)$$
(9.123)

These are the equations used in the example given in Section 9.9. The first step is to solve the first equation of Equation 9.123 $\|\nabla M(i_1)\|^2 = 1/\rho^2$ using the boundary conditions. This enables us to obtain the shape of the i_1 and i_3 lines. Then the second equation $n^2 = a_1^2 \alpha^2(i_1) + a_3^2 \beta^2(i_3)$ is used to obtain the refractive index distribution.

Equation 9.123 can be given other forms. One of them can be obtained by making use of Equation 9.114 to get $a_1^2 F_3^2(i_1) = 1/\rho^2$. We can then write

$$\|\nabla i_1\|^2 F_3^2(i_1) = \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

$$|\nabla i_1\|^2 \alpha^2(i_1) + \|\nabla i_3\|^2 \beta^2(i_3) = n^2$$
(9.124)

Another possible form of Equation 9.123 can be obtained by defining two functions $A(i_1)$ and $C(i_3)$ such that $dA/di_1 = \alpha$ and $dC/di_3 = \beta$. We can write

$$\|\nabla A\|^{2} = \left(\frac{dA}{di_{1}}\right)^{2} \|\nabla i_{1}\|^{2} = \alpha^{2}a_{1}^{2}$$

$$\|\nabla C\|^{2} = \left(\frac{dC}{di_{3}}\right)^{2} \|\nabla i_{3}\|^{2} = \beta^{2}a_{3}^{2}$$
(9.125)

and the second equation of Equation 9.123 can be written as³

$$n^{2} = \|\nabla A(i_{1})\|^{2} + \|\nabla C(i_{3})\|^{2}$$
(9.126)

This expression corresponds to expression 9.18 of the 2-D case. So, from the initial system of Equation 9.107, we get two equations.

$$\|\nabla M(i_1)\|^2 = \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

$$n^2 = \|\nabla A(i_1)\|^2 + \|\nabla C(i_3)\|^2$$
(9.127)

The systems of two Equations 9.123 and 9.124 or Equation 9.127 are equivalent. Either one of these systems of two equations can be used to design ideal 3-D concentrators with a variable refractive index.⁷

9.9 An Example of an Ideal Three-Dimensional Concentrator

We now present an example of application of Miñano's design method in three dimensions. We use Equations 9.123, which are rewritten here:

$$\|\nabla M(i_1)\|^2 = \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

$$n^2 = a_1^2 \alpha^2(i_1) + a_3^2 \beta^2(i_3)$$
(9.128)

The example described here can be found in the relevant literature.^{3,7,12} Begin with the first equation, which is similar to the eikonal equation $\|\nabla S\|^2 = n^2$, where S is the optical path length. In this case, S = constant represents a wave front, with the rays of light perpendicular to these surfaces. The situation is similar to the first of Equations 9.128 if *M* is seen as optical path length *S* and $1/\rho$ is seen as refractive index *n*. In this case, the surfaces M = constant are the wave fronts and the lines perpendicular to these surfaces are the rays of light. However, $M = M(i_1)$ and therefore, M = constantimplies that i_1 = constant. Thus, the surfaces i_1 = constant correspond to wave fronts and the lines perpendicular to these surfaces correspond to light rays. Lines perpendicular to surfaces i_1 = constant are the i_1 -lines, which must then have the same shape as light rays propagating in a medium of refractive index $n = 1/\rho$. Given the symmetry of the problem, i_3 - and i_1 -lines are on planes θ = constant, as seen in Figure 9.14. Also, i_3 -lines are perpendicular to i_1 -lines. Therefore, the i_3 -lines must be shaped as the wave fronts of light rays traveling in a medium having a refractive index of $n = 1/\rho$.

In a medium of refractive index $n = 1/\rho$, light rays are shaped as circles centered at the axis of symmetry of the optical system, that is, at $\rho = 0$, or, what is the same, the x_3 axis.^{7,13} These light rays are solutions of the first of Equations 9.128: $\|\nabla M(i_1)\|^2 = 1/\rho^2$. Therefore, the i_1 -lines must be circles centered at the x_3 axis. Rotating the i_1 -lines around this axis gives the $i_3 = \text{constant}$ surfaces. Two of these surfaces will be used as entrance and exit apertures. Because these surfaces are obtained by rotating circles around the x_3 axis, they are spherical surfaces centered on this axis, the radius of each being a function of i_3 and, if the entrance and exit apertures are flat, their radii must be infinite for both these apertures. Also choose the entrance aperture as the surface defined by $i_3 = 0$ and the exit aperture as the surface defined by $i_3 = 1$. We must then have $R(i_3)$ infinite for $i_3 = 0$ and $i_3 = 1$. Figure 9.15 shows the shape of an i_1 -line, a circle centered on the x_3 axis.

The equation of this circle is

$$x_3 = R(i_3) + i_3 - \sqrt{R^2(i_3) - \rho^2}$$
(9.129)

This is the equation for the i_1 -lines ($i_3 = \text{constant}$, $\theta = \text{constant}$). For each value of i_3 , a value for $R(i_3)$ is obtained and a circumference defined. Angle θ defines its angle around the x_3 axis. It can be seen that these circumferences cross the x_3 axis ($\rho = 0$) at $x_3 = i_3$. Therefore, the surface $i_3 = 0$ coincides with



FIGURE 9.15

The i_1 -lines (i_3 = constant, θ = constant) are circles centered at the x_3 axis with radius $R(i_3)$.





the surface $x_3 = 0$ and the surface $i_3 = 1$ coincides with the surface $x_3 = 1$. Remember that surfaces $i_3 = 0$ and $i_3 = 1$ correspond to the entrance and exit apertures of the concentrator, and that they were chosen to be flat.

On the planes θ = constant, the *i*₃-lines are perpendicular to the *i*₁-lines. They correspond to the wave fronts that are solutions of the first of Equations 9.128, and can be defined so that they cross the plane $x_3 = 0$ with $i_1 = \rho$. The *i*₁- and *i*₃-lines are shown in Figure 9.16.

On a plane θ = constant we have, therefore, the same shapes for the i_1 - and i_3 -lines as we chose earlier for the i_1 - and i_2 -lines in the 2-D example. The reason why we chose these (apparently strange) shapes in the 2-D case is they work in the design of a 3-D device.

The planes ρ - x_3 in the 3-D case have now the same geometry of the planes $x_1 - x_2$ in the 2-D case. We can use the results of the 2-D case or 2-D \rightarrow 3-D, which comprises $x_1 \rightarrow \rho$, $x_2 \rightarrow x_3$, and $i_2 \rightarrow i_3$. Using expression 9.71 for the 2-D case gives i_1 in the 3-D case as follows:

$$i_1 = \frac{2R\rho}{R + \sqrt{R^2 - \rho^2}} \exp\left(\int_0^{i_3} \frac{1}{R} \, di_3\right) \tag{9.130}$$

and we choose function $M(i_1)$ as

$$M(i_1) = \ln\left(\frac{i_1}{2}\right) = \ln\left[\frac{R}{R/\rho + \sqrt{R^2/\rho^2 - 1}} \exp\left(\int_0^{i_3} \frac{1}{R} \, di_3\right)\right]$$
(9.131)

which is similar to the 2-D case in Equation 9.57. We can rewrite the expression for $M(i_1)$ as

$$M(i_1) = \ln R - \ln \left(\frac{R}{\rho} + \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{\rho^2} - 1}\right) + \int_0^{i_3} \frac{1}{R} di_3$$
(9.132)

It can be verified that $M(i_1)$ given by this equation with the i_1 -lines defined by Equation 9.130 satisfies the first equation of Equation 9.128. Calculating the x_3 and ρ derivatives of $M(i_1)$ and using the expressions for $\partial i_3 / \partial x_3$ and $\partial i_3 / \partial \rho$ obtained from expression 9.129 gives

$$\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial \rho}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\rho^2} - \frac{1}{R^2} \text{ and } \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{R^2}$$
 (9.133)

as we did in expression 9.66 for the 2-D case. It can, therefore, be seen that the first of Equations 9.128 is satisfied.

As mentioned earlier, the i_3 -lines were defined in such a way that they cross the plane $x_3 = 0$ with $i_1 = \rho$. The i_3 -lines intercept the exit aperture (receiver) for values of ρ such that $\rho = \rho_r$, where ρ_r is given by (see expression 9.72)

$$i_1 = \rho_r \exp\left(\int_0^1 \frac{1}{R} di_3\right)$$
 (9.134)

The device being designed will have a circular symmetry. Because i_3 -lines are vector flux lines, the final device will be limited by two of these lines converted to mirrors (with circular symmetry). The points where these two lines cross the entrance aperture ($i_3 = 0$) will then define the entrance aperture of the final device and the points where these two lines cross the exit aperture will define the exit aperture of the final device. Because each one of these lines crosses the entrance aperture at $\rho = i_1$ and the exit aperture at $\rho = \rho_r$, the ratio between the diameters for the entrance and exit aperture will be i_1/ρ_r . The geometrical concentration for the concentrator with circular symmetry will then be $C_g = (i_1/\rho_r)^2$. From expression 9.134, we then obtain

$$C_{g} = \left[\exp\left(\int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{R} \, di_{3} \right) \right]^{2} \tag{9.135}$$

We still have not given an expression for $R(i_3)$. As stated earlier, this function must be such that $R \rightarrow \infty$ when $i_3 \rightarrow 0$ and $i_3 \rightarrow 1$. One possibility is to choose a function similar to that of the 2-D case earlier (Equation 9.74).

$$R(i_3) = \frac{m}{i_3^2(1-i_3^2)}$$
(9.136)

where *m* is a constant. To obtain the value of *m*, we replace this expression for $R(i_3)$ in the expression 9.135 for C_g . We get

$$\ln(\sqrt{C_g}) = \frac{1}{m} \int_0^1 i_3^2 (1 - i_3^2) di_3 \Leftrightarrow m = \frac{4}{15 \ln C_g}$$
(9.137)

We now have a completely defined set of i_1 -lines and the corresponding i_3 -lines. Because these lines are contained in θ = constant planes, the following step is similar to solving a 2-D problem for these lines, that is, we must now find the 2-D refractive index distribution that transforms the i_3 -lines into vector flux lines. The refractive index distribution can be found using the second expression of Equations 9.128, that is, $n^2 = a_1^2 \alpha^2 (i_1) + a_3^2 \beta^2 (i_3)$.

This problem can be solved in a manner similar to the previous 2-D problem. Again, the concentrator is designed for maximum concentration. We get the following for x_3 from expression 9.129 and Equation 9.136 for *R*:

$$x_3 = i_3 + \frac{m}{i_3^2 - i_3^4} - \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{i_3^4 (i_3^2 - 1)^2} - \rho}$$
(9.138)

This expression is similar to expression 9.94 obtained earlier for the 2-D case. The refractive index is given by

$$n^{2} = 4m^{2} A \left(m - i_{3}^{2} (i_{3}^{2} - 1) \sqrt{\frac{m^{2}}{i_{3}^{4} (i_{3}^{2} - 1)^{2}} - \rho^{2}} \right)^{-2} + (n_{r}^{2} - A) \left(1 + \frac{2m(2i_{3}^{2} - 1)}{i_{3}^{3} (i_{3}^{2} - 1)^{2}} \right)^{-2} \left(1 + \frac{m(2 - 4i_{3}^{2})}{i_{3}^{3} (i_{3}^{2} - 1)^{2}} - \frac{i_{2}^{4} \rho^{2} (i_{3}^{2} - 1)^{2}}{m^{2}} \right)^{-1}$$
(9.139)

with $A = \sin^2 \varphi \exp \left[2i_3^3 \left(5 - 3i_3^2\right)/(15m)\right]$ and where φ is the acceptance angle of the optic. Giving values to i_3 and ρ enables to obtain n. For the same values of i_3 and ρ , we can also obtain x_3 using expression 9.138. Therefore, $n(\rho, x_3)$ can be obtained.

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Part II

Geometrical Optics

10

Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Geometrical Optics

10.1 Fermat's Principle

All of geometrical optics can be derived from the Fermat's principle, which states that, given a light ray between two points and its travel time between them, any adjacent path close to it should have the same travel time. Being a principle, it is not demonstrated, but accepted as being true and used to derive the entire mathematical framework of geometrical optics. It is, however, possible to infer why it describes the behavior of light by analyzing reflection and refraction.

The law of reflection has long been known. Back in the Hellenistic age, Hero of Alexandria stated that light travels along the shortest path in a homogeneous medium.¹ His reasoning is illustrated in Figure 10.1a. A light ray is emitted from point $P_{1'}$ reflects off mirror M at point A, and is thereby redirected to point $P_{2'}$. The distance between the points P_1 and P_2 is the same as that from Q to $P_{2'}$ where Q is the mirror image of point P_1 . If light would follow a path $P_1BP_{2'}$, which equals $QBP_{2'}$, or $P_1CP_{2'}$, which equals $QCP_{2'}$ it would be traveling a longer distance. This principle explains why the angle α between the incident ray and the normal to the surface equals the angle between the normal and the reflected ray.

In mathematical terms, the distance *S* between the two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 as represented in Figure 10.1b is

$$S = \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{b^2 + (d - x)^2}$$
(10.1)

and therefore

$$\frac{dS}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(d-x)}{\sqrt{b^2 + (d-x)^2}} = \sin \alpha_1 - \sin \alpha_2$$
(10.2)

We are looking for the position *x* of point **A** for which the distance between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 is minimal. The value of *x* that minimizes *S* is obtained by making dS/dx = 0, and therefore

$$\sin \alpha_1 = \sin \alpha_2 \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \tag{10.3}$$

which is again the law of reflection.



(a) On reflection, light follows the shortest path between the emitting point \mathbf{P}_1 and the end point \mathbf{P}_2 . (b) The angles α_1 and α_2 that the incident and reflected rays make to the surface normal are equal to each another.



FIGURE 10.2

If the light would follow the shortest path between two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , then refraction would not occur, as shown by the minimum distance path in (a). Light instead follows the path of minimal time (b).

The principle that light travels between two points along the shortest possible distance does not explain refraction. This is apparent from Figure 10.2a, where we have two media of different refractive indices (e.g., air and water). If light would follow the shortest path, it would go straight from P_1 to P_2 with no refraction. It was Pierre de Fermat who first proposed that light has different speeds in different media and that it is time that is minimized when light travels between two points P_1 and P_2 .¹ Reflection would be a particular case of this principle, in which light always travels in the same medium (always with the same speed), as illustrated in Figure 10.1, and therefore minimizing time is equivalent to minimizing distance. In the case of refraction, the time *T* taken by light to go from point \mathbf{P}_1 to point \mathbf{P}_2 (as shown in Figure 10.2b) is given by

$$T = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}}{v_1} + \frac{\sqrt{b^2 + (d - x)^2}}{v_2}$$
(10.4)

where v_1 is the speed of light in the medium where \mathbf{P}_1 is located and v_2 the speed of light where \mathbf{P}_2 is located. We therefore have

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{x}{v_1 \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} - \frac{d - x}{v_2 \sqrt{b^2 + (d - x)^2}} = \frac{\sin \alpha_1}{v_1} - \frac{\sin \alpha_2}{v_2}$$
$$= \frac{(n_1 \sin \alpha_1 - n_2 \sin \alpha_2)}{c}$$
(10.5)

where n = c/v is the refractive index of the material and *c* the speed of light *in vacuum*. We therefore have $n_1 = c/v_1$ and $n_2 = c/v_2$. We are looking for the position *x* of point **A** that minimizes the time taken by the light to travel between the points **P**₁ and **P**₂. The value of *x* that minimizes *T* is obtained by making dT/dx = 0, and therefore

$$n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_2 \tag{10.6}$$

which is Snell's law of refraction. Note that when $n_1 = n_2$, we get the law of reflection.

When minimizing *T*, we used the expression dT/dx = 0. An alternative way of thinking about this minimization problem is to consider that, for a small variation dx, we must have dT = 0. Expression 10.5 may then be rewritten as

$$dT = \frac{1}{c} (n_1 \sin \alpha_1 - n_2 \sin \alpha_2) dx$$
 (10.7)

and therefore

 $dT = 0 \Leftrightarrow n_1 \sin \alpha_1 - n_2 \sin \alpha_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_2 \qquad (10.8)$

Expression dT = 0 then gives us the laws of refraction and reflection (particularly the case in which $n_1 = n_2$). Expression 10.4 may also be written as

$$T = \frac{s_1}{v_1} + \frac{s_2}{v_2} = \frac{1}{c}(n_1s_1 + n_2s_2) = \frac{1}{c}S$$
(10.9)

where s_1 is the distance between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{A} and s_2 the distance between points \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{P}_2 . Now defining a new quantity called optical path length *S* that is the product of the refractive index and distance, we can see that $S = n_1s_1 + n_2s_2$ is the optical path length between the points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . Minimizing *T* is equivalent to minimizing *S* since the latter can be obtained from the former by multiplying with the same constant *c*. Also $dT = 0 \Leftrightarrow dS = 0$ since S = cT. We then conclude that dS = 0 will yield the laws of reflection and refraction.



Path $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_2$ corresponds to a light ray and path $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P}_2$ is a varied path that deviates only infinitesimally from that light ray. If S_1 is the optical path length for $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_2$ and S_2 for $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P}_2$, then $dS = S_2 - S_1 = 0$.

The case of reflection is shown in Figure 10.3, where we have a light ray P_1AP_2 (an actual path of a light ray). The normal to the surface at **A** is **n**. We also consider a varied path P_1BP_2 (not an actual light ray) obtained by displacing point **A** by a distance dx. The refractive index in this example is considered constant with value n = 1, and therefore light will travel in straight lines. The optical path length for the light ray is $S_1 = [P_1, A] + [A, P_2]$, where [X, Y] is the distance between the points **X** and **Y**. The varied path has an optical path length $S_2 = [P_1, B] + [B, P_2] = [P_1, A] + ds_1 + [A, P_2] - ds_2$. But $ds_1 = ds_2$ and, therefore,

$$dS = S_2 - S_1 = 0 \tag{10.10}$$

for the reflection at point **A**.

The principle that light travels along the path for which the optical path length *S* is minimal still does not explain all the situations. An example that escapes this principle is the reflection by an elliptical mirror, as depicted in Figure 10.4, where a light ray is emitted from point \mathbf{P}_1 , reflected off a point \mathbf{A} , and redirected to point \mathbf{P}_2 . If we consider that light is reflected by mirror M_1 , which is an ellipse with foci \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , the optical path length is constant for all the points on the mirror. If, for example, the reflection was at point \mathbf{A}_1 , the optical path length would still be the same since from the definition of an ellipse $[\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{A}] + [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{P}_2] = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{A}_1] + [\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{P}_2]$ for any point \mathbf{A}_1 .

If, however, the light is reflected by mirror M_2 , which lies inside the ellipse, reflection at any other point A_2 would mean a smaller optical path length and, therefore, for mirror M_2 , light travels on a path that maximizes the optical path length.

Finally, if the light is reflected by mirror M_3 , which lies outside the ellipse, reflection at any other point A_3 would mean a larger optical path length and, therefore, for mirror M_3 , light travels on a path that minimizes the optical path length. In all the three cases, however, dS = 0 as can be seen by a similar reasoning to the one in Figure 10.3.



In general, the path that light follows is not necessarily the one that minimizes travel time. Mirror M_1 is an ellipse with foci \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 and the light travel time (and distance) is the same for all points \mathbf{A}_1 on the mirror. Mirror M_2 , however, is inside the ellipse and the reflection at point \mathbf{A} corresponds to a maximum in travel time and distance. Finally, mirror M_3 is exterior to the ellipse and the reflection at point \mathbf{A} corresponds to a minimum in travel time and distance.

In all the situations presented so far, we considered either a constant index of refraction *n* or two media with indices n_1 and n_2 separated by one surface. In general, however, light will travel in some path in a medium with a refractive index varying from point to point and is therefore given by $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$. The definition of optical path length between the two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 is generalized in this case to

$$S = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \, ds \tag{10.11}$$

Figure 10.5 illustrates this more general situation, showing an arbitrary ray of light going from one point \mathbf{P}_1 to another point \mathbf{P}_2 in a medium of variable refractive index.

Here, any trajectory of light is given by a curve $\mathbf{s}(\sigma) = (x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma), x_3(\sigma))$. For each value of the parameter σ there exists a point in space, so that when σ varies continuously between the values σ_1 and σ_2 there exists a space curve that mathematically represents the light ray. We then have $\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{s}(\sigma_1) = (x_1(\sigma_1), x_2(\sigma_1), x_3(\sigma_1))$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{s}(\sigma_2) = (x_1(\sigma_2), x_2(\sigma_2), x_3(\sigma_2))$. The infinitesimal curve length ds is given by

$$ds = \sqrt{dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma}\right)^2} \, d\sigma \tag{10.12}$$

and therefore the optical path length along the curve ${\bf s}$ from point ${\bf P}_1$ to point ${\bf P}_2$ is given by

$$S = \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma}\right)^2} \, d\sigma \tag{10.13}$$



In general, light will travel in a medium wherein the refractive index changes from point to point and light rays will take the shape of general curves.



FIGURE 10.6

If a light ray between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 has an optical path length S_1 and a varied path that is very close to it has an optical path length S_2 , then the variation $\delta S = S_2 - S_1 = 0$.

In the preceding examples, condition dS = 0 was used to describe the light rays in the case in which the varied path depended only on a single parameter x. In general, however, the varied path will have some complex shape that is no longer a function of only one parameter x, but is rather another independent curve that is very close to the first one. The variation to be considered in this more general case is then $\delta S = 0$, where $\delta S = S_2 - S_1$ and S_1 is the optical path length for the light ray and S_2 the optical path length for the varied path. This more general situation is depicted in Figure 10.6.

This condition ($\delta S = 0$) means that the optical path length is stationary along a light ray. In mathematical terms, we have

$$\delta S = \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds = 0 \tag{10.14}$$





From Equation 10.13, we can see that expression 10.14 can also be written as

$$\delta \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2} \, d\sigma = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1', x_2', x_3') \, d\sigma = 0$$
(10.15)

with $x'_k = dx_k/d\sigma$, where k = 1, 2, 3 and function \mathcal{L} is defined by this expression. An example of a geometrical interpretation of the principle defined by expression 10.14 is represented in Figure 10.7 for the case of refraction on a surface.² A light ray coming from a point \mathbf{P}_1 refracts at a point \mathbf{A} on the surface and is redirected toward another point \mathbf{P}_2 . The optical path length for this ray is

$$S_1 = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds = n_1 s_1 + n_2 s_2 \tag{10.16}$$
where s_1 and s_2 are, respectively, the distances between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{P}_2 , and n_1 and n_2 are the refractive indices above and below the surface, respectively.

The optical path length for path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{AP}_2$ is S_1 . Now if point **A** is moved slightly in the direction $\delta \mathbf{s}$ tangent to the surface, another (varied) path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{BP}_2$ is obtained. This path, in general, is not a possible light ray, but its optical path length S_2 is such that $\delta S = S_2 - S_1 = 0$. Path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{AP}_2$ will only be a possible light ray if this condition is met.

For the varied path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}_2$, the variation in optical path length is $\delta s_1 = \mathbf{i} \cdot \delta \mathbf{s}$ before refraction and $\delta s_2 = -\mathbf{r} \cdot \delta \mathbf{s}$ after refraction. Unit vector \mathbf{i} points in the direction of the incident ray $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{A}$ and unit vector \mathbf{r} points in the direction of the refracted ray \mathbf{AP}_2 . The variation in the optical path length from path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{AP}_2$ to path $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{BP}_2$ is then

$$\delta S = n_1 \delta s_1 + n_2 \delta s_2 = n_1 \mathbf{i} \cdot \delta \mathbf{s} - n_2 \mathbf{r} \cdot \delta \mathbf{s} \tag{10.17}$$

where $\delta \mathbf{s}$ is an infinitesimal vector tangent to the surface. It is also perpendicular to the surface (unit vector) normal \mathbf{n} . We can therefore write $\delta \mathbf{s} \cdot k\mathbf{n} = 0$, where *k* is a constant. Since we also have $\delta S = 0$, we obtain

$$(n_1 \mathbf{i} - n_2 \mathbf{r}) \cdot \delta \mathbf{s} = k \mathbf{n} \cdot \delta \mathbf{s} \Leftrightarrow n_1 \mathbf{i} - n_2 \mathbf{r} = k \mathbf{n}$$
(10.18)

and therefore \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{r} , and \mathbf{n} , that is, the incident ray, refracted ray, and surface normal are coplanar. We can therefore obtain the direction of the refracted ray \mathbf{r} as a linear combination of the direction of the incident ray \mathbf{i} and the normal to the surface \mathbf{n} as

$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda \mathbf{i} + \mu \mathbf{n} \tag{10.19}$$

where λ and μ are scalars. Taking the cross product of both terms in Equation 10.18, and noting that $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n} = 0$ we obtain Snell's law:

$$n_1 \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{n} - n_2 \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{n} = k \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow n_1 \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{n} = n_2 \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_2$$
(10.20)

where α_1 and α_2 are the angles that the incident and refracted rays make to the normal to the surface. Although the geometry shown in Figure 10.7 is 2-D, the same calculations and results still hold in 3-Ds. In the case of reflection, Equation 10.19 is also valid and Equation 10.20 would be $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$.

10.2 Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Formulations

We start with a mathematical construction and later apply the results to the particular case of optics. We define

$$S = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \sigma, x_1', x_2') d\sigma$$
(10.21)

as the integral of a given function $\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \sigma, x'_1, x'_2)$ along a path between the points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . In this expression, $x'_k = dx_k/d\sigma$. We want to find the path for which

$$\delta S = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \sigma, x_1', x_2') d\sigma = 0$$
(10.22)

Suppose that we have a given path on the plane x_1x_2 parameterized by $\mathbf{c}_1(\sigma) = (x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma))$, where σ is some parameter with $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_2$. Let us further consider that this path starts at point $\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{c}_1(\sigma_1)$ and ends at point $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{c}_1(\sigma_2)$. We define S_1 as the integral of function \mathcal{L} along this path \mathbf{c}_1 as

$$S_1 = \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \sigma, x_1', x_2') d\sigma$$
(10.23)

where $x_1(\sigma)$ and $x_2(\sigma)$ now define the curve \mathbf{c}_1 . For calculating the variation δS , we consider a different path \mathbf{c}_2 that deviates slightly from \mathbf{c}_1 but also starts at \mathbf{P}_1 and ends at \mathbf{P}_2 as shown in Figure 10.8. A new path is given by $\mathbf{c}_2(\sigma) = (x_1^*(\sigma), x_2^*(\sigma))$ also with $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_2$. These two paths are related by

$$\mathbf{c}_2(\sigma) = \mathbf{c}_1(\sigma) + (\delta x_1(\sigma), \, \delta x_2(\sigma)) \tag{10.24}$$

For example, point $\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{c}_1(\sigma_Q)$ on the curve \mathbf{c}_1 corresponds to point $\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{c}_2(\sigma_Q)$ on the curve \mathbf{c}_2 with $\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{Q}_1 + (\delta x_1(\sigma_Q), \delta x_2(\sigma_Q))$. We now write

$$\delta x_1(\sigma) = \eta_1(\sigma) \,\delta \alpha$$

$$\delta x_2(\sigma) = \eta_2(\sigma) \,\delta \alpha$$
(10.25)

in which $\delta \alpha$ is an infinitesimal constant and $\eta_1(\sigma)$ and $\eta_2(\sigma)$ are any two functions of σ . To ensure that \mathbf{c}_2 starts at \mathbf{P}_1 we must make $\eta_1(\sigma_1) = \eta_2(\sigma_1) = 0$. To assure that \mathbf{c}_2 ends at \mathbf{P}_2 we must have $\eta_1(\sigma_2) = \eta_2(\sigma_2) = 0$.



FIGURE 10.8

Path \mathbf{c}_1 for a light ray between two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 and a separate path \mathbf{c}_2 between the same two points. Path \mathbf{c}_2 can be related to \mathbf{c}_1 by $\mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{\eta} \,\delta \alpha$ in which $\mathbf{\eta} = (\eta_1(\sigma), \eta_2(\sigma))$ with $\mathbf{\eta}(\sigma_1) = \mathbf{\eta}(\sigma_2) = (0, 0)$ and $\delta \alpha$ is an infinitesimal constant.

The σ derivative of expression 10.25, that is, $\delta x_1 = \eta_1 \delta \alpha$ and $\delta x_2 = \eta_2 \delta \alpha$ can be written in the following form:

$$\delta x_1' = \eta_1' \delta \alpha$$

$$\delta x_2' = \eta_2' \delta \alpha$$
(10.26)

The integral *S* of Equation 10.21 for the path c_2 is given by

$$S_{2} = \int_{\sigma_{1}}^{\sigma_{2}} \left(\mathcal{L} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{1}} \eta_{1} \delta \alpha + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{2}} \eta_{2} \delta \alpha + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{1}'} \eta_{1}' \delta \alpha + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{2}'} \eta_{2}' \delta \alpha \right) d\sigma$$
(10.27)

Therefore, the variation of *S* is given by

$$\delta S = S_2 - S_1 = \delta \alpha \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} \eta_1 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \eta_1' + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2} \eta_2 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} \eta_2' \right) d\sigma \qquad (10.28)$$

We can now write (k = 1, 2)

$$\int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \eta'_k \right) d\sigma = \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \left[\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \eta_k \right) - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \right) \eta_k \right] d\sigma$$
$$= -\int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \left[\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \right) \eta_k \right] d\sigma$$
(10.29)

since $\eta_k(\sigma_1) = \eta_k(\sigma_2) = 0$. The expression for δS can then be written as

$$\delta S = \delta \alpha \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \left(\left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \right) \right] \eta_1 + \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2} - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} \right) \right] \eta_2 \right) d\sigma$$
(10.30)

Considering Equation 10.22 that $\delta S = 0$ and that it is true for any η_1 and $\eta_{2'}$ we can write

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2}$$
(10.31)

These are the Euler equations for the path $(x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma))$.^{3–7}

The approach described to solve Equation 10.22 is called Lagrangian formulation. We now describe an alternative formulation of the problem, called Hamiltonian formulation. We first define

$$p_{1} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{1}'}$$

$$p_{2} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{2}'}$$
(10.32)

Each of these quantities is called momentum. The Euler equations 10.31 can now be written as

$$\frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2}$$
(10.33)

We now define a new function *H* by

$$H \equiv x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - \mathcal{L}$$
(10.34)

Since $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \sigma, x'_1, x'_2)$, from expression 10.32 we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1'(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2, \sigma) \\ x_2' &= x_2'(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2, \sigma) \end{aligned} \tag{10.35}$$

and therefore from expression 10.34 we have $H = H(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2, \sigma)$. We can now obtain for the differential of *H* as follows:³

$$dH = \sum_{k} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{k}} dx_{k} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{k}} dp_{k} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \sigma} d\sigma \quad k = 1, 2$$
(10.36)

However, from the definition of *H* in expression 10.34, we can also obtain for the differential of *H* as follows:

$$dH = \sum_{k} x'_{k} dp_{k} + p_{k} dx'_{k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_{k}} dx'_{k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{k}} dx_{k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma} d\sigma \quad k = 1, 2 \quad (10.37)$$

Now considering expression 10.32 and the Euler equations 10.33 we obtain

$$dH = \sum_{k} x'_{k} dp_{k} - p'_{k} dx_{k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma} d\sigma \quad k = 1, 2$$
(10.38)

where $p'_k = dp_k/d\sigma$. Comparing Equation 10.36 with Equation 10.38 we obtain

$$x'_{k} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{k}} \qquad p'_{k} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{k}} \quad k = 1, 2$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma}$$
(10.39)

The differential equations for $dx_1/d\sigma$, $dx_2/d\sigma$, $dp_1/d\sigma$, and $dp_2/d\sigma$ are called canonical Hamilton equations in which *H* is the Hamiltonian.

In the Lagrangian formulation, paths were calculated in space (x_1, x_2) called the configuration space, defined by two second-order differential equations called the Euler equations.

In the Hamiltonian formulation, we have two more variables p_1 and p_2 . Paths are now calculated in the space (x_1 , x_2 , p_1 , p_2) called a phase space and described by four first-order differential equations called canonical Hamilton equations. Each variable p_1 and p_2 is called momentum.

An alternative way of deriving the canonical Hamilton equations is from a modified version of Equation 10.22. We replace \mathcal{L} by using expression 10.34 to obtain

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H) \, d\sigma = 0 \tag{10.40}$$

Since $H = H(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2, \sigma)$, Equation 10.40 is a particular case of a more general equation of the form:³

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} f(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2, \sigma, x_1', x_2', p_1', p_2') d\sigma = 0$$
(10.41)

which is the same form as Equation 10.22, only with more variables. The corresponding Euler equations are now

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k'} \right) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \quad k = 1, 2$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_k'} \right) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_k} \quad k = 1, 2$$
(10.42)

In our case, we have $f = x_1'p_1 + x_2'p_2 - H$ and therefore $\partial f/\partial x_k' = p_k$ and $\partial f/\partial x_k = -\partial H/\partial x_{k'}$ and we can write the first group of equations as

$$p'_{k} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{k}} \quad k = 1, 2 \tag{10.43}$$

However, *f* does not depend explicitly on p'_k and therefore $\partial f/\partial p'_k = 0$ so that the second group of equations reduces to $\partial f/\partial p_k = 0$ or

$$x'_{k} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{k}} \quad k = 1, 2 \tag{10.44}$$

These two sets of equations correspond to the canonical Hamilton equations 10.39.

10.3 Optical Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

We now apply the mathematical results obtained earlier to the particular case of optics. Consider a ray of light traveling between points P_1 and P_2 . The time *T* taken by the light ray to travel from point P_1 to point P_2 is given by

$$T = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} dt = T_2 - T_1 \tag{10.45}$$

that is, the time of arrival, (T_2) , minus the time of departure, (T_1) . A different situation occurs when, instead of knowing the time of departure, T_1 , and the time of arrival, T_2 , we know the path of the light ray and the speed of light at each point. We can now write ds = v dt in which ds is an infinitesimal displacement, v the speed of light in the medium in which it is propagating, and dt an infinitesimal interval of time. Expression 10.45 can then be written as

$$T = \frac{1}{c} \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \frac{c}{v} \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \frac{1}{c} \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds \tag{10.46}$$

where n = c/v is the refractive index and c the speed of light in vacuum. We are now calculating T by accumulating (integrating) the infinitesimal times dt taken by the light to cover the infinitesimal distances ds between the points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 .

The optical path length *S* of a light ray traveling between the two points P_1 and P_2 is given by the integral

$$S = \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n \, ds \tag{10.47}$$

in which $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is the refractive index and ds an infinitesimal displacement along the path of the light ray. From the definitions of *S* and *T*, it can be seen that they are related by the expression S = cT; therefore, if one of them is known, the other can be obtained. The expression for *S* is, however, totally geometrical since time does not appear in it.

Assume that light propagates in a direction in which x_3 increases, so that we can take x_3 as a parameter and make $x_1 = x_1(x_3)$ and $x_2 = x_2(x_3)$. The trajectories for the light rays can be written as $\mathbf{s} = (x_1(x_3), x_2(x_3), x_3)$. The optical path length can then be written as

$$S = \int n \, ds = \int n \frac{ds}{dx_3} dx_3 = \int \mathcal{L} dx_3 \tag{10.48}$$

where \mathcal{L} is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = n \frac{ds}{dx_3} = n \frac{\sqrt{dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2}}{dx_3} = n \sqrt{1 + {x_1'}^2 + {x_2'}^2}$$
(10.49)

where $x'_1 = dx_1/dx_3$ and $x'_2 = dx_2/dx_3$. Considering that $n = n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, it can be seen that $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2)$. This function \mathcal{L} is known as the Lagrangian of the optical system. The laws of geometrical optics can be obtained from Fermat's principle, which states that

$$\delta S = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds = 0 \tag{10.50}$$

or

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1', x_2') \, dx_3 = 0 \tag{10.51}$$

As we can see, Equation 10.51 has the same form as Equation 10.23. The main difference is that, instead of parameter σ we now have coordinate x_3 and therefore the paths defined by $(x_1(x_3), x_2(x_3), x_3)$ are light rays in 3-D space. The Euler equations 10.31 now become

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2}$$
(10.52)

This is the Lagrangian formulation of geometrical optics.

We now consider the Hamiltonian formulation. Since $dx_3/dx_3 = x'_3 = 1$, we can also write $\mathcal{L} = n\sqrt{x'_1^2 + x'_2^2 + x'_3^2}$. From the definition of p_k in expression 10.32 and also defining $p_3 = \partial \mathcal{L}/\partial x'_3$, we can write

$$p_{k} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_{k}} = n \frac{x'_{k}}{\sqrt{x'_{1}^{2} + x'_{2}^{2} + x'_{3}^{2}}} = n \frac{dx_{k}}{\sqrt{dx_{1}^{2} + dx_{2}^{2} + dx_{3}^{2}}} = n \frac{dx_{k}}{ds} \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$
(10.53)

or in the vector form $\mathbf{p} = n d\mathbf{s}/ds$. To interpret the physical meaning of vector \mathbf{p} , we consider an infinitesimal displacement $d\mathbf{s}$ along a light ray. It can be written in terms of its components along the x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 axes, as presented in Figure 10.9.

$$d\mathbf{s} = (dx_1, dx_2, dx_3) = (ds\cos\alpha_1, ds\cos\alpha_2, ds\cos\alpha_3)$$
(10.54)

with $ds = ||d\mathbf{s}||$ and α_1, α_2 , and α_3 being the angles that displacement $d\mathbf{s}$ makes with the axes x_1, x_2 , and x_3 , respectively.

Multiplying by the refractive index gives

$$n\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} = (n\cos\alpha_1, n\cos\alpha_2, n\cos\alpha_3) \tag{10.55}$$

From expression 10.53, the optical momentum vector \mathbf{p} is also given by

$$\mathbf{p} = n\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} = \left(n\frac{dx_1}{ds}, n\frac{dx_2}{ds}, n\frac{dx_3}{ds}\right) = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$$
(10.56)

This vector is such that $\|\mathbf{p}\| = n$, or

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = n^2 \tag{10.57}$$



FIGURE 10.9

A displacement ds along a light ray can be written as $ds = (dx_1, dx_2, dx_3) = (ds \cos \alpha_1, ds \cos \alpha_2, ds \cos \alpha_3)$.

and it points along the direction of propagation of the light. It is tangent to the light ray at each point. From Equations 10.55 and 10.56 we can also write $\mathbf{p} = n(\cos \alpha_1, \cos \alpha_2, \cos \alpha_3) = n\mathbf{t}$ with $\|\mathbf{t}\| = 1$. Note that a unit vector projected onto the x_1, x_2 , and x_3 axes has coordinates ($\cos \alpha_1, \cos \alpha_2, \cos \alpha_3$), and therefore $\cos^2 \alpha_1 + \cos^2 \alpha_2 + \cos^2 \alpha_3 = 1$.

The Lagrangian *L* defined by Equation 10.49 can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{L} = n\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2} = x_1' \frac{nx_1'}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2}} + x_2' \frac{nx_2'}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2}} + n\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2}}$$
(10.58)

or, having in consideration expression 10.53:

$$\mathcal{L} = x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 + p_3 \tag{10.59}$$

Comparing expression 10.59 with expression 10.34 we can see that

$$H = -p_3 = -n \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + {x_1'}^2 + {x_2'}^2}}$$
(10.60)

We have n > 0 and also $p_3 > 0$ and therefore H < 0. From expression $p_3 > 0$ it can be seen that we are considering rays of light with $\cos \alpha_3 > 0$. From Figure 10.9, it can be seen that we must have $0 \le \alpha_k \le \pi$, and therefore $\cos \alpha_3 > 0$ implies that $0 \le \alpha_3 < \pi/2$, which confirms the preceding assumption that the rays of light are propagating through the system in the direction of increasing x_3 .

We have seen earlier (expression 10.57) that $p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = n^2$ and therefore $p_3 = \sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}$ since $p_3 > 0$. Since $H = -p_3$, we can write

$$H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2} \tag{10.61}$$

We can finally write, combining Equation 10.61 with Equation 10.39:89

$$\frac{dx_1}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2}$$

$$H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}$$
(10.62)

Since $n = n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, we have $H = H(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2)$ and H depends explicitly on parameter x_3 .

10.4 Another Form for the Hamiltonian Formulation

Let us now consider a more general situation than the one described by Equation 10.22 and add one more dimension x_3 to the problem so that we now have

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \sigma, x_1', x_2', x_3') d\sigma = 0$$
(10.63)

where the path between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 is now parameterized as $\mathbf{c}(\sigma) = (x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma), x_3(\sigma))$. The Euler equations 10.31 of the Lagrangian formulation become

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.64)

For the Hamiltonian formulation, we define the optical momentum similarly to what we did earlier in expression 10.32 as

$$p_k \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \tag{10.65}$$

And if we also define a new Hamiltonian *P* similar to what we did earlier in expression 10.34 as

$$P \equiv x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 + x_3' p_3 - \mathcal{L}$$
(10.66)

the canonical Hamilton equations 10.39 now become

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3}$$

$$\frac{dP}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma}$$
(10.67)

where $P = P(x_1, x_2, x_3, \sigma, p_1, p_2, p_3)$. The differential equations for $dx_k/d\sigma$ and $dp_k/d\sigma$ are the canonical Hamilton equations, in which *P* is the Hamiltonian. These equations can also be obtained by replacing Equation 10.66 into Equation 10.63 to obtain

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 + x_3' p_3 - P) d\sigma = 0$$
 (10.68)

which has the same form as Equation 10.40 with a new spatial variable x_3 and a new momentum p_3 .

We may now apply this result to optics. Now, instead of considering coordinate x_3 as the parameter for the path of the light rays, we consider a generic parameter σ . We then have

$$\mathcal{L} = n \frac{ds}{d\sigma} = n \frac{\sqrt{dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2}}{d\sigma} = n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2} \quad (10.69)$$

where $x_k = x_k(\sigma)$ and $x'_k = dx_k/d\sigma$. Therefore, we obtain a Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1', x_2', x_3') \tag{10.70}$$

This is a particular case of Equation 10.63 in which the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} does not depend explicitly on parameter σ . We then have $\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial \sigma = 0$ and therefore from the last equation of Equation 10.67 we get $\partial P/\partial \sigma = 0$, and therefore *P* also does not depend explicitly on σ and we have

$$P = P(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2, p_3)$$
(10.71)

Now, from Equation 10.69 we can write

$$p_k = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} = n \frac{x'_k}{\sqrt{x'_1{}^2 + x'_2{}^2 + x'_3{}^2}} \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$
(10.72)

and therefore

$$\mathcal{L} = x_1' \frac{nx_1'}{\sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2}} + x_2' \frac{nx_2'}{\sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2}} + x_3' \frac{nx_3'}{\sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2}}$$
(10.73)

or

$$\mathcal{L} = x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 + x_3' p_3 \tag{10.74}$$

From Equation 10.66, we then get P = 0 which, together with Equation 10.71, becomes

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2, p_3) = 0 (10.75)$$

From Equation 10.72, we can see that

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$
(10.76)

The optical Hamiltonian is chosen as

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$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$
(10.77)

Expression 10.77 for *P* together with all except the last equation of 10.67 forms a set of equations that describe the light rays: 5,10-12

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3}$$

$$= p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$
(10.78)

where *P* is a new Hamiltonian for the system. In this case, σ is a parameter along the trajectories of the light rays.

Note that the choice of *P* is not unique.¹³ For example, we have a function f(x) such that f(x) = 0, only if x = 0 and that $f'(x) \neq 0$ with f' = df/dx. We may now choose f(P) as a new Hamiltonian. Replacing this in expression 10.78, we obtain

$$\frac{dx_k}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial(f(P))}{\partial p_k} = f'(P) \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_k}$$
(10.79)

Since for the light rays we must have P = 0, we can write

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$$\frac{dx_k}{d\sigma} = f'(0)\frac{\partial P}{\partial p_k} \tag{10.80}$$

We can now change coordinates to get

$$\frac{dx_k}{d\tau}\frac{d\tau}{d\sigma} = f'(0)\frac{\partial P}{\partial p_k}$$
(10.81)

And if we make $d\tau/d\sigma = f'(0)$, we obtain

$$\frac{dx_k}{d\tau} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_k} \tag{10.82}$$

which are the same as the original equations, just with a different parameterization. The same can be done for the equations for $dp_k/d\sigma$. For this new Hamiltonian f(P), we also have f(P) = 0 since f(0) = 0 and P = 0.

To verify that the systems of equations 10.62 and 10.78 are equivalent, the equation P = 0 can be used to eliminate two of the other equations. We then have

$$P = p_3^2 - (n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2) = p_3^2 - H^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow p_3 = \pm H$$
(10.83)

where $H^2 = n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2$. Of the two possible solutions of $p_3 = \pm H$, we choose (the reason for which will be presented after the derivation of Equation 10.93)

$$p_3 = -H$$
 (10.84)

Suppose that light travels along the x_3 axis in the direction of increasing x_3 , equivalent to $p_3 > 0$. We should then have H < 0, so that

$$H = -\sqrt{n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) - p_1^2 - p_2^2}$$
(10.85)

H is called the Hamiltonian and $H = H(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2)$. From expression 10.78, we then have

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} = \frac{\partial (p_3^2 - H^2)}{\partial p_3} = 2p_3 = -2H$$
(10.86)

Expression 10.86 can now be used in the calculation of

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial(p_3^2 - H^2)}{\partial p_2} = -2H \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2}$$
(10.87)

so that

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} \tag{10.88}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\frac{dx_1}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} \tag{10.89}$$

We can now make similar calculations for the remaining expressions of 10.78. We then have

$$\frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3} = 2H \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3} = -\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.90)

so that

$$\frac{dp_3}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{dH}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.91)

Similarly, we can further calculate

$$\frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2} = 2H\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = -\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma}\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{dp_2}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2}$$
(10.92)

and also

$$\frac{dp_1}{dx_3} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} \tag{10.93}$$

Equations 10.85, 10.88, 10.89, 10.92 and 10.93 can now be put together as the system of Equations 10.62. It can be noted that, if in Equation 10.84 we had chosen $p_3 = H$ instead of $p_3 = -H$, the equations for dx_k/dx_3 would be of the form $dx_k/dx_3 = -\partial H/dp_k$ and those for dp_k/dx_3 would be of the form $dp_k/dx_3 = \partial H/dx_k$ instead of the form of Equation 10.62.

From expression 10.85 for *H*, we have $H = H(x_1(x_3), x_2(x_3), x_3, p_1(x_3), p_2(x_3))$. The total x_3 derivative of *H* is then given as

$$\frac{dH}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} \frac{dp_1}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} \frac{dp_2}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.94)

By using Equation 10.62, we obtain

$$\frac{dH}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} - \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} - \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.95)

Equation 10.95 is similar to Equation 10.91. It can be seen that Equation 10.95 is implicitly contained in Equation 10.62 and thus it need not be included in this set.

10.5 Change of Coordinate System in the Hamilton Equations The general equation

$$\delta \int \mathcal{L}d\sigma = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 + x_3' p_3 - P) d\sigma = 0$$
(10.96)

in the particular case of optics, corresponds to the Fermat's principle and results in the canonical Hamilton equations 10.78:

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3}$$
(10.97)

subject to the condition that

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 - n^2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$$
(10.98)

Now we consider a change of coordinates in the Hamiltonian formulation defined by Equations 10.97 and 10.98. Since we have six independent variables— $x_1(\sigma)$, $x_2(\sigma)$, $x_3(\sigma)$, $p_1(\sigma)$, $p_2(\sigma)$, and $p_3(\sigma)$ —the change of coordinates will, in general, be given by⁴

$$i_{1} = i_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$

$$i_{2} = i_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$

$$i_{3} = i_{3}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$

$$u_{1} = u_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$

$$u_{2} = u_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$

$$u_{3} = u_{3}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}, \sigma)$$
(10.99)

where i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 are the new spatial coordinates and u_1 , u_2 , and u_3 the new momenta. We want the equations of the light rays in these new coordinates to have the same form as Equation 10.97, so the new coordinates defined by Equations 10.99 must also verify

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} (i_1' u_1 + i_2' u_2 + i_3' u_3 - Q) \, d\sigma = 0 \tag{10.100}$$

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where $i'_k = di_k/d\sigma$ and Q is the new Hamiltonian for these new variables. Equation 10.96 results in Equations 10.97 and 10.98. Also, Equation 10.100 that has the same form as Equation 10.96 merely with new variables, will result in equations of the same form as Equations 10.97 and 10.98, but with the new variables: $x_1 \rightarrow i_1$, $x_2 \rightarrow i_2$, $x_3 \rightarrow i_3$, $p_1 \rightarrow u_1$, $p_2 \rightarrow u_2$, $p_3 \rightarrow u_3$, and $P \rightarrow Q$.

Equations 10.96 and 10.100 may be combined to give^{3,4}

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} [(x_1'p_1 + x_2'p_2 + x_3'p_3 - P) - (i_1'u_1 + i_2'u_2 + i_3'u_3 - Q)]d\sigma = 0 \quad (10.101)$$

The condition $\delta \int g d\sigma = 0$ is, in general, satisfied by $g = dG/d\sigma$, where *G* is an arbitrary function.^{3,4} Applying this result to Equation 10.101 gives

$$(x_1'p_1 + x_2'p_2 + x_3'p_3 - P) - (i_1'u_1 + i_2'u_2 + i_3'u_3 - Q) = \frac{dG}{d\sigma}$$
(10.102)

The transformations of coordinates fulfilling Equation 10.102 are called canonical, and the equations of the light rays in these new coordinates i_k and u_k (k = 1, 2, 3) have the same form as Equation 10.97.

In general, the left-hand side of Equation 10.102 is a function of x_k , p_k , i_k , u_k , and σ , where k = 1, 2, 3. Function *G* would therefore, in general, be a function of all the 13 of these variables. They are, however, related by the six equations in Equation 10.99 so that we can reduce the number of independent variables to seven.⁴ Depending on whether we choose the old or the new spatial coordinates and the old and the new momenta as the parameters of *G*, we obtain different types of generating functions.

Consider a particular case of function *G* given by

$$G = G_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, u_1, u_2, u_3) - \sum_{k=1}^3 u_k i_k$$
(10.103)

Function G_2 is called a generating function of type 2. Inserting it into Equation 10.102 gives

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} x_{k}' p_{k} - P\right) - \left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} i_{k}' u_{k} - Q\right) = \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(G_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}) - \sum_{k=1}^{3} u_{k} i_{k}\right)$$
(10.104)

and

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} p_{k} - \frac{\partial G_{2}}{\partial x_{k}}\right) dx_{k} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} i_{k} - \frac{\partial G_{2}}{\partial u_{k}}\right) du_{k} + (Q - P) d\sigma = 0$$
(10.105)

Since x_k , u_k , and σ are independent variables, we have

$$p_{k} = \frac{\partial G_{2}}{x_{k}}$$

$$i_{k} = \frac{\partial G_{2}}{\partial u_{k}}$$

$$Q = P$$
(10.106)

with k = 1, 2, 3. We now choose a specific function G_2 given by

$$G_{2} = G_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3})$$

= $u_{1}i_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}) + u_{2}i_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}) + u_{3}i_{3}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3})$ (10.107)

and from Equation 10.106, we obtain

$$p_k = \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial x_k} = u_1 \frac{\partial i_1}{\partial x_k} + u_2 \frac{\partial i_2}{\partial x_k} + u_3 \frac{\partial i_3}{\partial x_k}$$
(10.108)

or in the vector form

$$\mathbf{p} = u_1 \nabla i_1 + u_2 \nabla i_2 + u_3 \nabla i_3 \tag{10.109}$$

Also, since

$$G_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{3} u_k i_k \tag{10.110}$$

we have $i_k = \partial G_2 / \partial u_k$, with k = 1, 2, 3 or

$$i_{1} = i_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3})$$

$$i_{2} = i_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3})$$

$$i_{3} = i_{3}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3})$$
(10.111)

and this set of equations gives us the transformation from the old coordinates (x_1, x_2, x_3) to the new coordinates (i_1, i_2, i_3) called a point transformation because it involves only the spatial coordinates and not the momenta.

The transformations between G_2 and G given by Equation 10.103, and that between the Lagrangian and the Hamiltonian in Equation 10.66 are called Legendre transformations.

Since the transformations of coordinates between x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , p_1 , p_2 , p_3 and i_1 , i_2 , i_3 , u_1 , u_2 , u_3 is canonical, it preserves the form of Equation 10.97. In the same way as from Equation 10.96 we get Equations 10.97 and 10.98, from Equation 10.100 we get, since Q = P,

$$\frac{di_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} \qquad \frac{du_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1}$$

$$\frac{di_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_2} \qquad \frac{du_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_2}$$

$$\frac{di_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_3} \qquad \frac{du_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_3}$$

$$P = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} - n^2 = 0$$
(10.112)

We can now rewrite the expression for the optical momentum **p** as

$$\mathbf{p} = u_1 \|\nabla i_1\| \frac{\nabla i_1}{\|\nabla i_1\|} + u_2 \|\nabla i_2\| \frac{\nabla i_2}{\|\nabla i_2\|} + u_3 \|\nabla i_3\| \frac{\nabla i_3}{\|\nabla i_3\|}$$
(10.113)

or

$$\mathbf{p} = u_1 a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + u_2 a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + u_3 a_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \tag{10.114}$$

with $a_k = \|\nabla i_k\|$ and $\mathbf{e}_k = \nabla i_k / \|\nabla i_k\|$. Vectors \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , and \mathbf{e}_3 form a basis of unit vectors. This geometry is shown in Figure 10.10 for the 2-D case. It should be



FIGURE 10.10

Components of the optical momentum **p** in a basis defined by unit vectors \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 in a 2-D geometry.

noted that, since $i_k = i_k(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $a_k = ||\nabla i_k||$, we have $a_k = a_k(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ or, writing x_1, x_2 , and x_3 as functions of i_1, i_2 , and i_3 by using Equation 10.111 we have $a_k = a_k(i_1, i_2, i_3)$.

We now further restrict the transformation of coordinates in Equation 10.111 to the case in which vectors \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , and \mathbf{e}_3 are orthogonal, that is,

$$\nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_2 = \nabla i_2 \cdot \nabla i_3 = \nabla i_1 \cdot \nabla i_3 = 0 \tag{10.115}$$

Vector ∇i_1 is perpendicular to the surface $i_1 = \text{constant}$, as shown in Figure 10.11. If, instead of having i_1 as constant, both i_2 and i_3 are kept constant simultaneously, we obtain a line along which only i_1 varies, called an i_1 -line. Such a line is perpendicular to the surface $i_1 = \text{constant}$. Vector ∇i_1 is tangent to the i_1 -line. Similar conclusions can be drawn for i_2 and i_3 .

This case in which vectors \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , and \mathbf{e}_3 form an orthogonal unit basis is presented in Figure 10.12 for 2-D geometry. Note that, in general, the i_1 - and i_2 -lines, and the light rays will be curved.

From the last expression of 10.112, we have $\|\mathbf{p}\| = n$. Multiplying expression 10.114 by 1/n gives

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\|\mathbf{p}\|} = \frac{u_1 a_1}{n} \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{u_2 a_2}{n} \mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{u_3 a_3}{n} \mathbf{e}_3$$
(10.116)

where $\mathbf{p}/||\mathbf{p}||$ is a unit vector. Thus, we can conclude that u_1a_1/n is the direction cosine of the angle α_1 that the vector \mathbf{p} makes with the vector \mathbf{e}_1 . Similarly, u_2a_2/n and u_3a_3/n are the direction cosines of the angles α_2 and α_3 that the vector \mathbf{p} makes with the vectors \mathbf{e}_2 and \mathbf{e}_3 :

$$\frac{u_1 a_1}{n} = \cos \alpha_1 \quad \frac{u_2 a_2}{n} = \cos \alpha_2 \quad \frac{u_3 a_3}{n} = \cos \alpha_3 \tag{10.117}$$



FIGURE 10.11

A system of three curvilinear orthogonal coordinates i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 . Also shown is the i_1 -line and the surface $i_1 = \text{constant}$.



FIGURE 10.12

Momentum **p** in a 2-D coordinate system i_1 , i_2 is given as $\mathbf{p} = u_1a_1\mathbf{e}_1 + u_2a_2\mathbf{e}_2$ in which $a_k = ||\nabla i_k||$ and the unit vectors \mathbf{e}_k are given as $\mathbf{e}_k = \nabla i_k/||\nabla i_k||$. Since $||\mathbf{p}|| = n$, one can conclude that $u_ka_k = n \cos \alpha_{k'}$ which can now be extended to 3-D systems.

We then obtain

$$\mathbf{p} = n\cos\alpha_1\mathbf{e}_1 + n\cos\alpha_2\mathbf{e}_2 + n\cos\alpha_3\mathbf{e}_3 \tag{10.118}$$

With expression 10.114, expression 10.112 can be finally written as

$$\frac{di_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_1} \qquad \frac{du_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_1}$$

$$\frac{di_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_2} \qquad \frac{du_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_2}$$

$$\frac{di_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_3} \qquad \frac{du_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial i_3}$$

$$P = u_1^2 a_1^2 + u_2^2 a_2^2 + u_3^2 a_3^2 - n^2 = 0$$
(10.119)

These are the canonical Hamilton equations for the generalized coordinates.

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Rays and Wave Fronts

11.1 Optical Momentum

The optical momentum vector \mathbf{p} at a point \mathbf{Q} on a light ray is tangent to the light ray at that point \mathbf{Q} . We will now see that \mathbf{p} is also perpendicular to the surfaces S = constant and, therefore, these surfaces are perpendicular to the light rays.

For the Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1', x_2')$ used in Equation 10.51, we can write

$$\frac{d\underline{\mathcal{L}}}{dx_3} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\partial \underline{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial x_k} x_k' + \frac{\partial \underline{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial x_k'} \frac{dx_k'}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \underline{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial x_3}$$
(11.1)

Considering the Euler Equations 10.52, we get¹

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dx_3} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k'}\right) x_k' + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k'} \frac{dx_k'}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3} = \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k'} x_k'\right) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3}$$
(11.2)

and therefore,

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\mathcal{L} - \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} x'_k \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3}$$
(11.3)

Considering Equation 10.49 and $dx_3/dx_3 = x'_3 = 1$, we can now write

$$\mathcal{L} - \sum_{k=1}^{2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_{k}} x'_{k} = n\sqrt{1 + x'_{1}^{2} + x'_{2}^{2}} - \sum_{k=1}^{2} n \frac{x'_{k}^{2}}{\sqrt{1 + x'_{1}^{2} + x'_{2}^{2}}} = n \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x'_{1}^{2} + x'_{2}^{2}}}$$
(11.4)

This relation can be written as

$$\mathcal{L} - \sum_{k=1}^{2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_{k}} x'_{k} = n \frac{x'_{3}}{\sqrt{x'_{1}^{2} + x'_{2}^{2} + x'_{3}^{2}}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_{3}}$$
(11.5)

Replacing it into Equation 11.3, we can finally write

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3} \tag{11.6}$$

Combining this equation with the Euler equations (Equation 10.52), we get

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k} \qquad (k = 1, 2, 3)$$
(11.7)

Since $p_k = \partial \mathcal{L} / \partial x'_k$, we can also write

$$\frac{dp_k}{dx_3} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k} \qquad (k = 1, 2, 3) \tag{11.8}$$

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In the context of Lagrangian optics, considering Equation 10.48, and the Euler equations in the form just mentioned, we can write

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \int \mathcal{L} dx_3 = \int \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_k} dx_3 = \int \frac{dp_k}{dx_3} dx_3 = p_k$$
(11.9)

or $p_k = \partial S / \partial x_k$, which can be written as

$$\mathbf{p} = \nabla S \tag{11.10}$$

From this expression, it can be concluded that vector \mathbf{p} is perpendicular to the surfaces S = constant, S being the optical path length. Since \mathbf{p} is tangent to the rays of light, it can be concluded that the surfaces S = constant are perpendicular to the rays of light. Such surfaces are called wave fronts.

The Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulations are just two alternative formulations of optics. As an example of this, Equation 11.10 relating the rays of light with the wave fronts can also be obtained in the context of Hamiltonian optics. Considering expression 10.34 and Equation 10.49, we can write

$$n\frac{ds}{dx_3} = x_1'p_1 + x_2'p_2 - H \tag{11.11}$$

and therefore,

$$S = \int n \, ds = \int n \frac{ds}{dx_3} dx_3 = \int (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H) dx_3 \tag{11.12}$$

From which we can obtain

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \int (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H) dx_3 = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H) dx_3 \quad (11.13)$$

Since we have $x_1 = x_1(x_3)$, $x'_1 = x'_1(x_3)$ and thus, $\partial x'_1 / \partial x_1 = 0$. Accordingly, $\partial x'_2 / \partial x_1 = 0$. Considering the Hamilton Equations 10.62, we get

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_1} = \int -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} dx_3 = \int \frac{dp_1}{dx_3} dx_3 = p_1 \tag{11.14}$$

The same way

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_2} = p_2 \tag{11.15}$$

From expression 10.39 with parameter σ now given by coordinate x_3 , we have $\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial x_3 = -\partial H/\partial x_3$ and therefore,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} [x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H] = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}$$
(11.16)

and, considering that $H = -p_3$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \int (x_1' p_1 + x_2' p_2 - H) dx_3 = \int -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3} dx_3 = \int \frac{dp_3}{dx_3} dx_3 = p_3 \quad (11.17)$$



Light rays are perpendicular to the wave fronts defined by $S = \text{constant. Optical momentum } \mathbf{p}$ is also perpendicular to the wave fronts.

Equations 11.14, 11.15, and 11.17 can be combined in the following equation:

$$\mathbf{p} = \nabla S \tag{11.18}$$

which is the same as Equation 11.10.

Optical momentum **p** points in the direction of the light rays at each point. Since it is perpendicular to the wave fronts defined by S = constant, the light rays are also perpendicular to the wave fronts, as shown in Figure 11.1.

In a material with continuously varying refractive index, the light rays are curved and the optical momentum vector \mathbf{p} at a point \mathbf{Q} on the light ray is tangent to the light ray and has a magnitude equal to the refractive index at \mathbf{Q} , that is, $\|\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{Q})\| = n(\mathbf{Q})$, as shown in Figure 11.2a. If the refractive index is constant and equal to *n*, the light ray is a straight line and \mathbf{p} is parallel to the light ray, with $\|\mathbf{p}\| = n$, as shown in Figure 11.2b.

For vector $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2)$, its p_1 component along the x_1 axis can then be obtained as the product of its magnitude and the cosine of the angle it makes to the x_1 axis: $p_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \alpha_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \beta_1$. The same is true for the x_2 component: $p_2 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \alpha_2 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \beta_2$, as shown in Figure 11.3.

In systems something similar happens, for vector $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$. Also in this case, $p_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \alpha_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \beta_1$, where α_1 or β_1 are the angles that the vector \mathbf{p} makes with axis x_1 . This can be seen to be the same as the situation of Figure 11.3a, if we consider the plane γ containing the x_1 axis and vector \mathbf{p} , as shown in Figure 11.4. Similar conclusions can be drawn for the x_2 and x_3 components of \mathbf{p} .



(a) In a medium of continuously varying refractive index, the light rays are curved and the optical momentum is tangent to the light rays. (b) When the refractive index is constant, the light ray is a straight line and the optical momentum has the same direction as the light ray.



FIGURE 11.3

The p_1 component of a vector **p** is given by $v_1 = ||\mathbf{p}||\cos\alpha_1 = ||\mathbf{p}||\cos\beta_1$. Also, the value of x_2 is given by $p_2 = ||\mathbf{p}||\cos\alpha_2 = ||\mathbf{p}||\cos\beta_2$.

In 2-D systems, when we specify the value of p_1 , there are two possible rays r_A and r_B that have the same value as p_1 (Figure 11.5a). The two possible p_2 values for these two light rays can be obtained in 2-D systems from $p_1^2 + p_2^2 = n^2$ as

$$p_2 = \pm \sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2} \tag{11.19}$$

Something similar happens in 3-D systems, as shown in Figure 11.5b. Specifying the values of p_1 and p_2 , we can obtain the value of p_3 as

$$p_3 = \pm \sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2} \tag{11.20}$$



Considering the plane γ defined by vector **p** and the x_1 axis, it can be seen that its p_1 component is given by $p_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \alpha_1 = \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \beta_1$, where α_1 and β_1 are the angles the vector makes to the x_1 axis.



FIGURE 11.5

(a) Specifying the value of p_1 for a light ray in a 2-D system is not enough to define a light ray, since there are two light rays that have the same p_1 value. (b) Something similar happens when specifying p_1 and p_2 in a 3-D system.

In most optical systems, however, rays propagate in a given direction. Let us say that, in the 2-D case, rays propagate in the direction in which x_2 increases, as shown in Figure 11.6.

In this case, we would have $p_2 > 0$ and, therefore, by specifying the value of p_1 , we would know the corresponding value of p_2 and could completely determine the ray of light. It would be ray r_A in Figure 11.5a for the 2-D case.

For the 3-D case, if rays propagate in a direction of increasing x_3 , then $p_3 > 0$ and specifying p_1 and p_2 will define the ray. It would be ray r_A in Figure 11.5b that has $p_3 > 0$.



In most optical systems light travels in a given direction along the optical axis. In this case, this axis is x_2 .

11.2 The Eikonal Equation

From Equations 10.56 and 11.10, we can obtain

$$\mathbf{p} = n\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} = \nabla S \tag{11.21}$$

which can be written in component form as $p_i = \partial S / \partial x_i$. From expression 10.57, it can be seen that $\|\mathbf{p}\| = n$. Equation 11.21 then enables us to write

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 = n^2 \Leftrightarrow \|\nabla S\|^2 = n^2 \tag{11.22}$$

This is the eikonal equation.^{2–5} It should be noted that, considering Equation 11.21, the eikonal equation reduces itself to the equation P = 0 of the equation system 10.78.

Another possible way to derive the eikonal equation from Equation 11.21 is by considering the third component of this expression, which is $\partial S/\partial x_3 - p_3 = 0$. Considering expression 10.60, $p_3 = -H$, we get $\partial S/\partial x_3 + H = 0$. As can be seen in expression 10.85, $H = H(x_1, x_2, x_3, p_1, p_2)$. Considering the first two expressions of Equation 11.21, we can finally write

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_3} + H\left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_2}\right) = 0$$
(11.23)

This is a differential equation for *S*, called the Hamilton–Jacobi equation.^{3,4} The eikonal equation (Equation 11.22) can now be obtained from this equation. Introducing the expression for *H* given by Equation 10.61 into expression 11.23 gives

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_3} - \sqrt{n^2 - \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_2}\right)^2} = 0$$
(11.24)

which corresponds to the eikonal equation (Equation 11.22).

11.3 The Ray Equation

Let us consider Equation 11.21 again, which in its components can be written as

$$n\frac{dx_k}{ds} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_k} \tag{11.25}$$

The derivative of this expression with respect to path length *s* is

$$\frac{d}{ds}\left(n\frac{dx_k}{ds}\right) = \frac{d}{ds}\frac{\partial S}{\partial x_k}$$
(11.26)

Considering that $S = \int n ds$, we get

$$\frac{d}{ds}\left(n\frac{dx_k}{ds}\right) = \frac{d}{ds}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\int n\,ds = \frac{d}{ds}\int\frac{\partial n}{\partial x_k}ds = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_k} \tag{11.27}$$

or

$$\frac{d}{ds}\left(n\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds}\right) = \nabla n \tag{11.28}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{ds} = \nabla n \tag{11.29}$$

which, in its components can be written as $dp_k/ds = \partial n/\partial x_k$, where k = 1, 2, 3.

To facilitate the solution of this equation, it is assumed in several applications that the light rays travel almost parallel to the optical axis of the system (paraxial). We first note that, with $x'_k = dx_k/dx_3$ and $x'_3 = 1$, we have

$$\frac{d}{ds} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2}}\right) \frac{d}{dx_3} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2}}\right) \frac{d}{dx_3}$$
(11.30)

In the paraxial approximation, it is assumed that light rays have paths through the optical system such that the trajectories keep almost parallel to the optical axis and that the changes in direction are small. This does not mean that light rays cannot spatially propagate far from the optical axis; only the angles with them are small. Light rays can become distant from the optical axis by traveling along a long path. Since x'_1 and x'_2 describe the slope of the light ray relative to the optical axis x_3 , these quantities should be small. We then have $x'_1 \ll 1$ and $x'_2 \ll 1$. From Equation 11.30, we get the following approximation:

$$\frac{d}{ds} \approx \frac{d}{dx_3} \tag{11.31}$$

If the optical axis is considered to be along the x_3 axis, we can then make $ds \approx dx_3$. The ray equation can then be written as

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(n \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dx_3} \right) = \nabla n \tag{11.32}$$

This is the paraxial ray equation.^{2,4}

Given then the refractive index $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, Equation 11.32 can be written in component form, given that $d\mathbf{s} = (dx_1, dx_2, dx_3)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} \right) = \frac{\partial n(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(n(x_1, x_2, x_3) \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} \right) = \frac{\partial n(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial x_2}$$
(11.33)

This is a system of differential equations for $x_1(x_3)$ and $x_2(x_3)$ so that, given the refractive index $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, we can calculate the paths of the light rays, which are given by $(x_1(x_3), x_2(x_3), x_3)$. Note that the third component of Equation 11.32 reduces itself to $dn/dx_3 = \partial n/\partial x_3$ since $dx_3/dx_3 = 1$ and therefore is not included in Equations 11.33.

If a function $S(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is given such that S = constant defines the wave fronts for the light rays, the refractive index $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ that makes those wave fronts possible can be obtained by the following eikonal equation:

$$n = \left\|\nabla S\right\| \tag{11.34}$$

Also, the ray equation enables us to obtain the corresponding paths for the light rays.

It should be noted, however, that in nonimaging optics, the angles of light rays to the optical axis are often large, and therefore, the paraxial approximation does not apply. In such a case, the ray equation as given by Equation 11.28 must be used to determine the ray trajectories for a given refractive index $n(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

The ray equation can also be obtained from the Lagrangian optics. In this case, making k = 1 in Equation 11.7 and considering Equation 10.49 and expression 10.53, we get

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{nx_1'}{\sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2}} \right) = \sqrt{x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 + x_3'^2} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_1} \quad (11.35)$$

and making use of Equation 11.30, we get

$$\frac{d}{ds}\left(n\frac{dx_1}{ds}\right) = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_1} \tag{11.36}$$

Writing the equations for the other components x_2 and x_3 , we get

$$\frac{d}{ds}\left(n\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds}\right) = \nabla n \tag{11.37}$$

This is again the ray equation.^{2,4} It specifies the light ray direction in terms of the refractive index. If the parameterization now is $(x_1(\sigma), x_2(\sigma), x_3(\sigma))$, the ray trajectory will be a continuous curve, **s**(σ).⁶

As mentioned earlier, the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulations are just two alternative formulations of optics. Another example of this can be given by deriving the ray equation from the Hamiltonian formulation. From Equation 10.62 and calculating the derivatives $\partial H/\partial p_i$ and $\partial H/\partial x_i$, we obtain

$$x_1' = \frac{p_1}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}} \qquad x_2' = \frac{p_2}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_1^2}}$$
(11.38)

and

$$p_1' = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_1} \qquad p_2' = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_2}$$
(11.39)

From Equation 10.91, we can also obtain

$$p'_{3} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^{2} - p_{1}^{2} - p_{2}^{2}}} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_{3}}$$
(11.40)

From expression 11.38, we can obtain

$$1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 = \frac{n^2}{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}} \quad (11.41)$$

From Equation 10.49, we can see that $ds/dx_3 = \sqrt{1 + {x'_1}^2 + {x'_2}^2}$. Combining this with Equation 11.41, we get

$$\frac{ds}{dx_3} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - p_1^2 - p_2^2}} \tag{11.42}$$

Equations 11.39 and 11.40 can now be written in a simplified form:

$$\frac{dp_1}{ds} = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_1} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{ds} = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_2} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{ds} = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_3}$$
(11.43)

These are the components of the ray equation (Equation 11.37), which can also be written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{ds} = \nabla n \tag{11.44}$$

11.4 Optical Path Length between Two Wave Fronts

The second fundamental theorem of calculus for line integrals can be written as^7

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} \nabla \varphi \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \varphi(\mathbf{P}_{2}) - \varphi(\mathbf{P}_{1})$$
(11.45)

in which the integral is calculated along a curve $\mathbf{r}(\xi)$ in space with $\xi_1 \le \xi \le \xi_2$ and $\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{r}(\xi_1)$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{r}(\xi_2)$. As a consequence the line integral of a gradient field is independent of the path chosen, depending only on the initial and final points of the path of integration. The line integral of $\nabla \varphi$ along a line connecting points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 depends only on \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , that is, on $\varphi(\mathbf{P}_1)$ and $\varphi(\mathbf{P}_2)$ and not on the path between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . In case if point \mathbf{P}_1 coincides with point \mathbf{P}_2 , then

$$\oint \nabla \varphi \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0 \tag{11.46}$$

This result can now be applied to optics. Replacing the function φ by the optical path length *S* in expression 11.46 gives

$$\oint \nabla S \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0 \tag{11.47}$$

and in expression 11.45

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \nabla S \cdot d\mathbf{r} = S(\mathbf{P}_2) - S(\mathbf{P}_1)$$
(11.48)

Equation 11.21 can be written as

$$n \, \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} = \nabla S \tag{11.49}$$

Inserting accordingly in expression 11.47 gives

$$\oint n \, \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0 \tag{11.50}$$

Consider two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 on the closed curve used for the integration. These two points divide the closed curve into two parts (curves c_1 and c_2), both starting at \mathbf{P}_1 and ending at \mathbf{P}_2 , as presented in Figure 11.7.



FIGURE 11.7 Two points P_1 and P_2 divide a closed curve into two curves c_1 and c_2 .

This integral can then be written as⁴

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \frac{d\mathbf{s}_1}{ds_1} \cdot d\mathbf{r}_1 = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \frac{d\mathbf{s}_2}{ds_2} \cdot d\mathbf{r}_2$$
(11.51)

in which the integrals are calculated along the curves c_1 and c_2 resulting from the division of the closed curve by points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . Vector $d\mathbf{s}/ds$ is a unit vector pointing in the direction of \mathbf{p} , that is, in the direction of the light ray. Making $\mathbf{t} = d\mathbf{s}/ds$ gives

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n\mathbf{t}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{r}_1 = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n\mathbf{t}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{r}_2 \Leftrightarrow \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{r}_1 = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{r}_2$$
(11.52)

The integrand $n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is the projection of vector $n\mathbf{t}$, that is, the momentum \mathbf{p} , in the direction of the curve. This result shows that the integration of $n\mathbf{t}$ along curve c_1 is the same as the integral of this quantity along curve c_2 , both beginning at \mathbf{P}_1 and ending at \mathbf{P}_2 . It can then be concluded that the integral of this quantity along a curve does not depend on the shape of the curve, but only on the initial and final points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 .

Consider two wave fronts: $S = s_1$ and $S = s_2$, as well as two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 on these wave fronts, as shown in Figure 11.8. The integral $\int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ taken along a curve between points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 does not depend on the integration path, so that we can choose the portion of the wave front $S = s_1$ between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 for the integration path and then the portion of the light ray between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . The integral between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_1 is zero because light rays are perpendicular to the wave fronts. The integral between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 equals the optical path length between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . We could, nonetheless, have chosen another path, for example, from \mathbf{P}_1 to \mathbf{Q}_2 along light ray and then from \mathbf{Q}_2 , to \mathbf{P}_2 along the wave front $S = s_2$, to generate the optical path between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_2 . It can then be concluded that the optical path lengths between \mathbf{Q}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2



FIGURE 11.8

The optical path length between the two points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 belonging to the two wave fronts $S = s_1$ and $S = s_2$ equals $s_2 - s_1$ and does not depend on the particular path between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 . and between \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{Q}_2 must be the same. This proves that the optical path length between two wave fronts must be the same along any light ray connecting them. We can then write

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = s_2 - s_1 \tag{11.53}$$

A particular case can be considered when the two wave fronts involve two points. In this case, the optical path length between these two points must be a constant for the rays connecting them.⁸

This result can also be obtained directly from Equation 11.51. Consider that the curves connecting the points P_1 and P_2 are two light rays. In this case, the displacement $d\mathbf{r}$ along the curve coincides with a displacement $d\mathbf{s}$ along the light ray. Therefore, $d\mathbf{r} = d\mathbf{s}$, and so we can write

$$S = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \, ds = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} n \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \nabla S \cdot d\mathbf{s} = S(\mathbf{P}_2) - S(\mathbf{P}_1) \quad (11.54)$$

Since we are considering integrations along the rays of light, **p** has the same direction as *d***s**. We can also write $\nabla \times \nabla S = 0$, where $\nabla \times$ is the rotational operator (curl).⁷ From this, we can obtain $\nabla \times \mathbf{p} = 0$.

While we are considering integrations along the light rays, \mathbf{t} and $d\mathbf{r}$ are parallel, such that their scalar product is simply an element ds of the light ray. Then from Equation 11.52, we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n \, ds_{1} = \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n \, ds_{2} \tag{11.55}$$

It can now be seen from this expression that if several light rays leaving P_1 meet at P_2 , their optical path lengths must be equal. Figure 11.9 shows one such situation.

This result is, nonetheless, valid only if the luminous field is continuous, so that infinite light rays smoothly fill the space between any two rays considered. This result will not be valid if, for example, a light ray travels from P_1 to P_2 directly and the other one reaches P_2 after reflecting off a mirror.⁴



FIGURE 11.9

The optical path length for the light rays connecting the points P_1 and P_2 must be the same for all of them.

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Reflection and Refraction

12.1 Reflected and Refracted Rays

A ray *i* traveling in a medium of refractive index n_1 incident on a surface *A* with normal **n** is refracted thereupon into a medium of refractive index n_2 . The angle α_1 that the ray makes with the normal before refraction is related to the angle it makes with the normal after refraction, by Snell's law of refraction:

$$n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_{2R} \tag{12.1}$$

If surface *A* was a mirror the ray would be reflected, and it would continue traveling in the medium of refractive index n_1 . In this case, expression 12.1 still holds if we make $n_1 = n_2$ and replace α_{2R} for refraction with α_{2X} for reflection, obtaining (Figure 12.1)

$$\sin \alpha_1 = \sin \alpha_{2X} \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_{2X} \tag{12.2}$$

The incident ray *i* is traveling in a direction defined by unit vector **i**, the normal to the surface is given by unit vector **n**, and the refracted ray r_R travels in a direction defined by unit vector \mathbf{r}_R . In the case of reflection, the reflected ray r_X travels in a direction defined by unit vector \mathbf{r}_R . In the case of reflection, the reflected ray r_X travels in a direction defined by unit vector \mathbf{r}_R . As seen in Chapter 10, in the case of reflection, unit vectors **i**, **n**, and \mathbf{r}_R are all in the same plane. In the case of reflection too, unit vectors **i**, **n**, and \mathbf{r}_X are all in the same plane. This means that the direction of the refracted or reflected rays can be obtained by a linear combination of the incident direction **i** and normal **n** to the surface as (Equation 10.19)

$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda \mathbf{i} + \mu \mathbf{n} \tag{12.3}$$

where $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_R$ in the case of refraction and $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_X$ in the case of reflection. Coefficients λ and μ are also different in both cases.

We can now derive the expressions for the direction of the refracted or reflected ray as a function of the direction of the incident ray.^{1,2}

If **n** is a unit vector normal to the surface, the sine of the angle between **n** and **i** can be obtained from the magnitude of the cross product of these two unit vectors. The same is true for the vectors **n** and **r**. Therefore, expressions 12.1 and 12.2 can be written as

$$n_1 \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{n} = n_2 \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{n} \tag{12.4}$$

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FIGURE 12.1

Refracted and reflected rays from an incident ray *i*. In the case of refraction, $n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_{2R}$. In the case of reflection $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{2X}$.

This is because **i**, **n**, and **r** are all contained in the same plane (expression 12.3). As mentioned earlier, in the case of reflection, $n_1 = n_2$. Expression 12.4 can be written as

$$\mathbf{p}_1 \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p}_2 \times \mathbf{n} \tag{12.5}$$

where $\mathbf{p}_1 = n_1 \mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = n_2 \mathbf{r}$ are the optical momenta of the ray before and after refraction or reflection, and where $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$.

Finding the external product of both the sides of expression 12.3 by **n**, and considering expression 12.4 and $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n} = 0$ gives

$$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{n} = \lambda \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{n} \Rightarrow \lambda = n_1/n_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = n_1/n_2 \mathbf{i} + \mu \mathbf{n}$$
 (12.6)

Squaring both the sides of Equation 12.6 and considering that $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ and these are unit vectors, so that $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 1$ gives

$$1 = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 + \mu^2 + 2\mu \frac{n_1}{n_2} \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow \mu^2 + \left(2q\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)\mu + \left[\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 - 1\right] = 0$$
(12.7)

with $q = \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}$. Equation 12.7 of second degree can be solved for μ , resulting in

$$\mu = -q \frac{n_1}{n_2} \pm \sqrt{\left(q \frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 - \left[\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 - 1\right]} = -q \frac{n_1}{n_2} \pm \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 (1 - q^2)} \quad (12.8)$$

As can be verified, we have two possible solutions. Introducing them into Equation 12.6 and replacing q gives

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}\mathbf{i} + \left(-(\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n})\frac{n_1}{n_2} \pm \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \left[1 - (\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2\right]}\right)\mathbf{n}$$
(12.9)

Choosing the solution with a positive sign gives

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}\mathbf{i} + \left(-(\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n})\frac{n_1}{n_2} + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \left[1 - (\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2\right]}\right)\mathbf{n}$$
(12.10)

which is the direction of the refracted ray as a function of the direction of the incoming ray and of the normal to the surface. Remember that in expression 12.10, we have $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{n}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$ (i.e., all are unit vectors). Expression 12.10 can also be written as

$$n_2 \mathbf{r} = n_1 \mathbf{i} - (n_1 \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} + \sqrt{n_2^2 - n_1^2 + (n_1 \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2} \mathbf{n}$$
(12.11)

or

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 - (\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} + \sqrt{n_2^2 - n_1^2 + (\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n})^2} \mathbf{n}$$
 (12.12)

To understand the meaning of the solution with a negative sign, in Equation 12.9 we must now consider that, also in the case of reflection, the reflected vector can be obtained as a linear combination of the incident vector and the normal to the surface, that is, expression 12.3 is also valid in this case. Besides, making $n_1 = n_2$, expression 12.4 can also be applied to reflection. In this case, as referred, we have $n_1 = n_2$, so that, by choosing the negative sign solution, in Equation 12.9 we obtain

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + \left(-(\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \sqrt{1 - [1 - (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2]}\right)\mathbf{n}$$
(12.13)

Expression 12.13 can be rewritten as:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 2(\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} \tag{12.14}$$

Expression 12.14 gives us the reflected ray as a function of the incident ray and the normal to the surface.

Given a surface, its normal can be given in two opposite directions, as presented in Figure 12.2 in which $\mathbf{n}_2 = -\mathbf{n}_1$. In the resulting expression for the reflected ray, the direction of the normal is actually not important, since $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 2(\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 2(\mathbf{i} \cdot (-\mathbf{n}))(-\mathbf{n})$. We can, therefore, choose either normal direction \mathbf{n}_1 or \mathbf{n}_2 when using expression 12.14.

The same, however, does not apply to expression 12.10 for refraction. In this case, the angle between the normal to the surface and the incident ray must be smaller than or equal to $\pi/2$. Therefore, given two unit vectors **i** and **n** corresponding to the incident ray and the normal to the surface, if $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n} \ge 0$, the refracted ray can be obtained using the normal **n**. If $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n} < 0$, the normal $-\mathbf{n}$ should be used in the calculation. In the case of Figure 12.2 refraction should then be calculate with normal \mathbf{n}_2 to the surface *A*.


FIGURE 12.2

A surface *A* has two normal directions \mathbf{n}_1 and $\mathbf{n}_2 = -\mathbf{n}_1$. In the expression for the reflected ray, we can either use \mathbf{n}_1 or \mathbf{n}_2 , but in the expression for the refracted ray we must use the direction $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_2$ that fulfills $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n} > 0$.



FIGURE 12.3

(a) A reflection showing the incident ray, the reflected ray, and the normal to the surface, which are all unit vectors and (b) The relationship among these three vectors.

Expression 12.14 can be interpreted geometrically.³ Figure 12.3 represents a reflection showing the incident ray, the reflected ray, and the normal to the surface, which are all unit vectors, that is, $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = \|\mathbf{n}\| = 1$, all contained in the same plane. Figure 12.3 shows that the reflected ray is related to the incident ray and the normal to the surface by expression 12.14.

From the earlier discussion it can be concluded that, although Equation 12.9 can be applied to both reflection and refraction, only the solution with a

positive sign has meaning for refraction and only the solution with a negative sign has meaning for reflection.

Expression 12.10 for refraction is only valid for

$$1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \left[1 - (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2\right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n_2}{n_1} \ge \sqrt{1 - (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2} \Rightarrow n_2 \ge n_1 \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \alpha_1} \quad (12.15)$$

Note that expression 12.15 can also be obtained from expression 12.12, making $n_2^2 - n_1^2 + (\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 > 0$. We can now write

$$n_2 \ge n_1 \sin \alpha_1 \Leftrightarrow n_2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) \ge n_1 \sin \alpha_1$$
 (12.16)

In the case of equality, we have $n_2 = n_1 \sin \alpha_1$. Since $\sin \alpha_1 < 1$, in this particular case of quality, it can be verified that we must have $n_2 < n_1$. The angle α for which the equality holds is called the critical angle and can be obtained from Equation 12.16 as

$$\alpha_C = \arcsin\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) \tag{12.17}$$

Consider the refraction of a ray of light propagating from within a medium of refractive index n_1 into a medium of refractive index n_2 , with $n_2 < n_1$, as presented in Figure 12.4.



FIGURE 12.4

Three rays of light propagating in a medium of refractive index n_1 . Ray i_1 makes an angle $\alpha_{1A} < \alpha_C$ with the normal to the surface. This ray is refracted by the surface, becoming ray r_1 propagating through the medium of refractive index $n_2 < n_1$. Ray i_C , making the angle α_C with the normal, called the critical angle, is refracted becoming ray r_C tangent to the surface of separation between the two media. Ray i_2 , making with the normal an angle larger than α_C , is reflected by TIR to become ray r_2 .

An incident ray i_1 is refracted at the surface becoming refracted ray r_1 . As the angle α_{1A} increases, the angle α_2 also increases until the limiting case where the incident ray i_C makes an angle α_C with the normal to the surface and the refracted ray r_C makes an angle $\pi/2$ with the normal to the surface, that is, the refracted ray is tangent to the surface. This case occurs when $\alpha_2 = \pi/2$, so that α_C fulfills Equation 12.17. For incidence angles α_{1B} larger than α_C the ray of light is no longer refracted, but is reflected by the surface. This phenomenon is called TIR. Therefore, the incident ray i_2 is reflected to become ray r_2 .

Given the incident and refracted or reflected rays, it is also possible to find the normal to a surface that transforms one into the other.

Consider a refraction with the incoming ray having momentum \mathbf{p}_1 and the refracted ray having momentum \mathbf{p}_2 , as presented in Figure 12.5a. In this case, the law of refraction can be written as $\|\mathbf{p}_2\|\sin\alpha_2 = \|\mathbf{p}_1\|\sin\alpha_1$. The normal to the surface has the direction of $\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2$, so that

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2}{\|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2\|} \tag{12.18}$$

Expression 12.18 enables us to obtain the normal to the surface from the incident and refracted rays.

In the case of reflection, the normal has the direction of $\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1$, as can be seen from Figure 12.5b, so that it can be written as $\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1)/||\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1||$.



FIGURE 12.5

The plane defined by the incident and refracted rays (a) or reflected rays (b) and the normal to the surface. In (a), the incident and refracted rays are represented by the momentum vectors \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 that have magnitude $\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = n_1$ and $\|\mathbf{p}_2\| = n_2$, respectively, and in (b) $\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = \|\mathbf{p}_2\|$. In both cases, the normal vector points in the direction of the subtraction of these two vectors.

Since for reflection we can choose for the normal to the surface either **n** or -n, in this case we can also write

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2}{\|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2\|} \tag{12.19}$$

Expression 12.19 is the same as that presented earlier in the case of refraction. In the case of reflection, the refractive index is the same for the incident and refracted rays. Therefore, we have $\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = \|\mathbf{p}_2\| = n$. We can then write expression 12.19 as

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{r}\|} \tag{12.20}$$

where $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{p}_1/n$ and $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p}_2/n$, and therefore $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$.

12.2 The Laws of Reflection and Refraction

The expressions to derive the directions of the refracted and reflected rays were based on expressions 12.1 through 12.3, which we now derive.

Suppose that a plane x_1x_2 separates two media of different refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . The refractive index does not vary along the plane x_1x_2 but only in its perpendicular direction. We then have in this case

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_2} = 0 \tag{12.21}$$

From the ray equation, that is, from expression 11.29, it can be concluded that p_1 and p_2 must be constant, that is,

$$p_1(n_1) = p_1(n_2)$$
 and $p_2(n_1) = p_2(n_2)$ (12.22)

Therefore, considering Equation 10.56, we can write

$$n_{1} \cos \alpha_{1n1} = n_{2} \cos \alpha_{1n2}$$

$$n_{1} \cos \alpha_{2n1} = n_{2} \cos \alpha_{2n2}$$
(12.23)

where α_{inj} is the angle that the light ray makes with axis x_i in the medium with a refractive index n_j . In the case in which $n_1 \neq n_2$, expression 12.23 represents the law of refraction for the passage of light through a surface separating two media of different refractive indices, and corresponds to Snell's law.⁴ In the case in which $n_1 = n_2$, expression 12.23 represents the law of reflection.

The angles α_{inj} are represented in Figure 12.6a for the case of refraction. Figure 12.6b presents the angles that the incident and refracted rays make with the surface normal. Note that for the incident ray *i*, the momentum (and the direction of the ray) points in the direction from **O** to **A**, and in



FIGURE 12.6

Plane x_1x_2 separates two media of different refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . A ray of light *i* traveling in the medium of refractive index n_1 is refracted at x_1x_2 and transformed into *r*. (a) The angles that *i* and *r* make with the coordinate axes x_1, x_2 , and x_3 . (b) The angles that *i* and *r* make with the normal to the surface, that is, the angles with the positive portion of axis x_3 . The rays *i* and *r* and the x_3 axis are in the same plane.



FIGURE 12.7

Plane x_1x_2 represents a mirror. A ray of light *i* is reflected at x_1x_2 and transformed into *r*. (a) The angles that *i* and *r* make with the axes x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 . (b) The angles that *i* and *r* make with the normal to the surface, that is, the angles with the positive portion of axis x_3 . The rays *i* and *r* and axis x_3 are in the same plane.

the case of the refracted ray *r*, the momentum (and the direction of the ray) points in the direction from **O** to **B**.

In the case of reflection, the situation is similar and is presented in Figure 12.7. Figure 12.7b shows the angles that the incident and reflected rays make with the normal to the surface. Angles α_{i1} and α_{i2} are those

that the ray of light makes with axis x_i before and after the reflection, respectively.

For a ray of light before and after the refraction $(n_1 \neq n_2)$ or reflection $(n_1 = n_2)$, we can write

$$p_1^2(n_1) + p_2^2(n_1) + p_3^2(n_1) = n_1^2$$

$$p_1^2(n_2) + p_2^2(n_2) + p_3^2(n_2) = n_2^2$$
(12.24)

Considering that $p_1(n_1) = p_1(n_2)$ and $p_2(n_1) = p_2(n_2)$ and subtracting Equations 12.24, we obtain

$$n_1^2 - p_3^2(n_1) = n_2^2 - p_3^2(n_2)$$
(12.25)

This expression can also be written as

$$n_1^2 - n_1^2 \cos \alpha_{3n1} = n_2^2 - n_2^2 \cos \alpha_{3n2}$$
(12.26)

that is,

$$n_1^2 \sin^2 \alpha_{3n1} = n_2^2 \sin^2 \alpha_{3n2} \tag{12.27}$$

In the case of refraction, making $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{3n1}$ and $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{3n2}$, as presented in Figure 12.6b, gives

$$n_1^2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 = n_2^2 \sin^2 \alpha_2 \tag{12.28}$$

Since $0 \le \alpha_1 \le \pi/2$ and $0 \le \alpha_2 \le \pi/2$, we have $\sin \alpha_1 \ge 0$ and $\sin \alpha_2 \ge 0$, and we can obtain

$$n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_2 \tag{12.29}$$

The surface separating two media of different indices n_1 and n_2 is the plane x_1x_2 , therefore, having as normal the axis x_3 , with unit vector $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$. It can then be seen that α_1 and α_2 are the angles that the ray of light makes with the normal to the surface before and after refraction. This is the usual form of Snell's law.

In the case of reflection, the angles that the ray of light makes with the axes x_1, x_2 , and x_3 are represented in Figure 12.7. In this case, $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{32}$ and $\alpha_1 + \alpha_{31} = \pi \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = \pi - \alpha_{31}$. Besides, $n_1 = n_2$ and expression 12.27 simplifies to

$$\sin \alpha_1 = \sin \alpha_2 \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \tag{12.30}$$

since $0 \le \alpha_1 \le \pi/2$ and $0 \le \alpha_2 \le \pi/2$. It can then be concluded that, in the case of reflection, the angle with the normal to the surface is the same before and after reflection.

In the preceding derivation of the law of refraction, we assumed that the refracted ray must be in the plane defined by the incident ray and by the normal to the surface $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ separating the two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . We assumed the same for the case of reflection in which $n_1 = n_2$. We can now verify this by showing that the refracted or reflected rays can be obtained by a linear combination of the incident ray and the normal to the surface. From expression 12.25, we obtain

$$p_3(n_2) = \pm \sqrt{p_3^2(n_1) + n_2^2 - n_1^2}$$
(12.31)

The incident ray has the direction of

$$\mathbf{p}_{I} = (p_{1}(n_{1}), p_{2}(n_{1}), p_{3}(n_{1}))$$
(12.32)

The refracted ray $\mathbf{p}_R = (p_1(n_2), p_2(n_2), p_3(n_2))$, and therefore from expressions 12.22 and 12.31, we can obtain

$$\mathbf{p}_{R} = \left(p_{1}(n_{1}), p_{2}(n_{1}), \pm \sqrt{p_{3}^{2}(n_{1}) + n_{2}^{2} - n_{1}^{2}} \right)$$
(12.33)

To see that \mathbf{p}_R is in the plane defined by \mathbf{p}_I and \mathbf{e}_3 , we can verify that \mathbf{p}_R can be obtained as a linear combination of \mathbf{p}_I and \mathbf{e}_3 , that is,

$$\mathbf{p}_R = a\mathbf{p}_I + b\mathbf{e}_3 \tag{12.34}$$

which corresponds to a system of three equations and two unknowns (*a* and *b*):

$$p_{1}(n_{1}) = ap_{1}(n_{1}) \implies a = 1$$

$$p_{2}(n_{1}) = ap_{2}(n_{1}) \implies a = 1$$

$$\pm \sqrt{p_{3}^{2}(n_{1}) + n_{2}^{2} - n_{1}^{2}} = ap_{3}(n_{1}) + b \implies b = -p_{3}(n_{1}) \pm \sqrt{p_{3}^{2}(n_{1}) + n_{2}^{2} - n_{1}^{2}}$$
(12.35)

The system of equations has a solution, and therefore $\mathbf{p}_{R'}$, $\mathbf{p}_{l'}$ and \mathbf{e}_3 are vectors in the same plane. Given that these expressions can be applied either to reflection or to refraction, it can be concluded that the reflected or refracted ray is in the plane defined by the incident ray and the normal to the surface (which can be a mirror or a surface separating two media having different refractive index).

Expression 12.29 is general and can be applied to either refraction or reflection by any surface. To verify this, again consider a surface separating two media having different refractive indices (refraction) or a mirror (reflection). Further, consider a ray of light arriving at point **P**. We can make the x_3 axis coincident with the normal to the surface at **P**. In this case, the plane x_1x_2 is tangent to the surface. In the neighborhood of **P**, the tangent plane well approximates the surface. That way, the refracted ray at **P** should refract the same way as if it was refracted in the plane tangent to the surface, and expression 12.29 is therefore still applicable. In this case, α_1 and α_2 are the angles that the incident and refracted rays make with the normal to the surface. Also in this case the incident and refracted rays and the normal to the surface are contained in the same plane.

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Symmetry

13.1 Conservation of Momentum and Apparent Refractive Index

If we refract a light ray with momentum \mathbf{p}_1 at a surface with normal \mathbf{n} , and it comes out as a ray with momentum \mathbf{p}_2 after refraction, \mathbf{p}_2 and \mathbf{p}_1 are related by (see Chapter 12)

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 - \left[(\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}) + \sqrt{n_2^2 - n_1^2 + (\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n})^2} \right] \mathbf{n}$$
(13.1)

where n_1 and n_2 are the refractive indices before and after refraction. If we had a reflection instead of refraction, the reflected ray would have momentum

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 - 2(\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} \tag{13.2}$$

where *n* is the refractive index of the material in which the reflection occurs. In any case, we can write

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 + \sigma \mathbf{n} \tag{13.3}$$

where σ is a scalar.

We now consider a different situation in which we have the general coordinate axes $i_1i_2i_3$ and obtain the mathematical relations between the angles α_1 , α_2 , and α_3 , which a ray of light makes with the coordinate axes i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 , as well as the angles β_1 and β_2 that its projection onto the plane i_1i_2 makes with the axes i_1 and i_2 , as shown in Figure 13.1.

Consider a ray of light propagating in the direction of the unit vector **v**, making angles α_1 , α_2 , and α_3 with the axes i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 , respectively. From Figure 13.1, we can see that

$$\cos \alpha_2 = \sin \alpha_3 \cos \beta_2 \tag{13.4}$$

and squaring both sides of Equation 13.4 yields

$$\sin^2\alpha_3\cos^2\beta_2 = \cos^2\alpha_2 \Leftrightarrow (1 - \cos^2\alpha_3)\cos^2\beta_2 = \cos^2\alpha_2 \tag{13.5}$$

Multiplying both sides of Equation 13.5 by the refractive index *n* gives

$$(n^2 - n^2 \cos^2 \alpha_3) \cos^2 \beta_2 = n^2 \cos^2 \alpha_2$$
(13.6)

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Projections of a unit vector **v**, that is, $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$, onto the coordinate axes i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 and onto the plane i_1i_2 .

that is,

$$(n^2 - p_3^2)\cos^2\beta_2 = p_2^2 \tag{13.7}$$

which will prove useful next.

Consider the refraction (or reflection) at a point on a surface and orient a set of coordinates $i_1i_2i_3$ such that the normal to the surface at that point and in these local coordinates point in direction i_1 . The normal to the surface is then $\mathbf{n} = (m_1, 0, 0)$ and from Equation 13.3 we can see that the i_2 and i_3 components of the momentum do not change. If $\mathbf{p}_1 = (p_1(n_1), p_2(n_1), p_3(n_1))$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = (p_1(n_2), p_2(n_2), p_3(n_2))$, then we have $p_2(n_1) = p_2(n_2)$ and $p_3(n_1) = p_3(n_2)$, that is,

$$p_2 = \text{constant}$$
(13.8)
$$p_3 = \text{constant}$$

Applying expression 13.7 to the media with refractive indices n_1 and n_2 yields

$$[n_1^2 - p_3^2(n_1)]\cos^2\beta_{2n1} = p_2^2(n_1)$$

$$[n_2^2 - p_3^2(n_2)]\cos^2\beta_{2n2} = p_2^2(n_2)$$
(13.9)

where β_{2nj} is the angle that the projection of the ray of light onto the plane i_1i_2 makes with the axis i_2 in the medium having a refractive index n_j , as presented in Figures 13.2 and 13.3. Since p_2 and p_3 are constant, that is, $p_2(n_1) = p_2(n_2)$ and $p_3(n_1) = p_3(n_2)$, we obtain

$$(n_1^2 - p_3^2)\cos^2\beta_{2n1} = (n_2^2 - p_3^2)\cos^2\beta_{2n2}$$
(13.10)

Making $n_k^{*2} = n_k^2 - p_3^2$ yields

$$n_1^{*2}\cos^2\beta_{2n1} = n_2^{*2}\cos^2\beta_{2n2} \Rightarrow n_1^*\sin\beta_1 = n_2^*\sin\beta_2$$
(13.11)



Refraction of a ray at a surface separating two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 , also showing normal **n** and the projection of the ray trajectory onto plane i_1i_2 .





where β_1 and β_2 are the angles that the projection of the ray of light onto the plane i_1i_2 makes with the axis i_1 , that is, with the normal to the surface.

It can then be concluded that the projection of the ray onto the plane i_1i_2 also fulfills the law of refraction when we replace the refractive indices n_1 and n_2 by n_1^* and n_2^* . Figure 13.3 shows this projection.

We now consider a more general situation in which the normal **n** to the refractive (or reflective) surface no longer necessarily points in the direction of i_1 , but **n** is still contained in the plane i_1i_2 (plane v) perpendicular to axis i_3 , as shown in Figure 13.4. In this case **n** = (m_1 , m_2 , 0) and p_3 is conserved on refraction (or reflection), as seen from Equation 13.3. Equation 13.11 is still



Axis i_3 is tangent to a surface separating two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . The normal **n** to the surface is perpendicular to i_3 and contained in plane *v*. The projection of the ray trajectory onto plane *v* follows the law of refraction with a modified refractive index.

valid in this case where angles β_1 and β_2 are the angles that the projection of the light ray onto the plane ν makes with the normal **n** before and after refraction (or reflection). We can then write

$$\sqrt{n_1^2 - p_3^2} \sin\beta_1 = \sqrt{n_2^2 - p_3^2} \sin\beta_2$$
 (13.12)

The i_3 component of the optical momentum is constant and this means that

$$p_3 = n_1 \cos \alpha_{3n1} = n_2 \cos \alpha_{3n2} \tag{13.13}$$

13.2 Linear Symmetry

We can now apply the result obtained earlier to the case of a system with linear symmetry along the axis x_3 , as shown in Figure 13.5. We align axis i_3 along x_3 . The normals to the optical surfaces are perpendicular to x_3 and, therefore, contained in the plane x_1x_2 (plane v, perpendicular to x_3). These normals have x_3 component as zero and, from Equation 13.3, we can then conclude that the p_3 component of the momentum (along x_3) is conserved by reflections and refractions. It is also conserved as the ray travels in a homogeneous medium of refractive index n between reflections or refractions, because the angle the ray makes with the axis x_3 is constant as it travels in a straight line. Component p_3 of the optical momentum is then always conserved in a linear system extruded along the axis x_3 .



A surface having linear symmetry along axis x_3 and normal **n**, separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . The projected trajectory of a light ray onto plane ν perpendicular to x_3 follows the law of refraction with a modified refractive index.

The result in expression 13.12 also applies to the linear system in Figure 13.5. We can then study the linear system as a 2-D system in which the refractive index is replaced by

$$n^* = \sqrt{n^2 - p_3^2} \tag{13.14}$$

and expression 13.12 is in this case

$$n_1^* \sin\beta_1 = n_2^* \sin\beta_2 \tag{13.15}$$

Then the projections of the light rays of a linear system onto plane x_1x_2 behave as a 2-D system with refractive index given by Equation 13.14.

Consider next a more general way to derive these results. A linear optical system aligned along axis x_3 may be described by the coordinate system (x_1, x_2, x_3) in which the refractive index does not depend on x_3 and $n = n(x_1, x_2)$. From expression 10.78, it can be concluded that in this case $\partial P/\partial x_3 = \partial n/\partial x_3 = 0$; therefore, $dp_3/d\sigma = 0$, and

$$p_3 = C_3$$
 (13.16)

where C_3 is a constant. However, from expression 10.78 we can also see that $\partial P/\partial p_3 = 2p_3 = dx_3/d\sigma$, and therefore

$$x_3 = 2p_3\sigma + C$$
(13.17)

that is, $x_3 = C_1 \sigma + C$, where C_1 and C are constants.

Expression 10.78 can then be written as

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$x_3 = 2p_3\sigma + C \qquad p_3 = C_3$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - [n^2(x_1, x_2) - p_3^2] = 0$$
(13.18)

where *C* and C_3 are constants. The behavior of the optical system along the axis x_3 is then known. The analysis of a 3-D system with linear symmetry can then be reduced to the analysis of the 2-D system described by the following system of equations:

$$\frac{dx_1}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_1} \qquad \frac{dp_1}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_2} \qquad \frac{dp_2}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2}$$

$$P = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - n^{*2} = 0$$
(13.19)

With $n^{*2} = n^2(x_1, x_2) - p_3^2$, that is,

$$n^* = \sqrt{n^2(x_1, x_2) - p_3^2}$$
(13.20)

where p_3 is conserved (is constant).

This is a particular result of a general case in which the Hamiltonian does not depend on one of the coordinates x_k , that is, $\partial P/\partial x_k = 0 \Rightarrow p_k = \text{constant}$. This coordinate x_k is called cyclic and the corresponding momentum is constant. The system can then be described with one less independent coordinate (one less dimension).¹ Further examples of such systems are those with circular symmetry, as described in Section 13.3.

Since $\partial P/\partial x_k = -\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial x_k$, where \mathcal{L} is the Lagrangian, we have $\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial x_k = 0$ for the cyclic coordinate x_k . The corresponding Euler equation is then

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'_k} \right) = 0 \tag{13.21}$$

which can be integrated once resulting in $\partial L/\partial x'_k$ = constant. Expression 13.21 is called a first integral of the second-order Euler equation.² Note that this first integral can also be written as p_k = constant.

13.3 Circular Symmetry and Skew Invariant

Often optical instruments have circular or axial symmetry, that is, they are symmetric around an axis of rotation, assumed here to be x_3 . Further postulate that light rays progress along the axis x_3 . Here it is convenient to

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Cylindrical coordinate system used in 3-D optical systems with circular symmetry.

choose a cylindrical coordinate system. Each point **P** in space is then defined by coordinate x_3 , by distance ρ to the x_3 axis, and by an angle θ around that axis, as presented in Figure 13.6. These coordinates define a local coordinate system \mathbf{e}_{ρ} , \mathbf{e}_{θ} , \mathbf{e}_3 . A system with circular symmetry is characterized by the fact that a cut with any vertical plane containing axis x_3 , yields the same cross section. In this case, the refractive index will be a function of ρ and x_3 because the optical surfaces do not change with θ .

A light ray is traveling in a medium of refractive index n_1 and refracts into a medium of refractive index n_2 . If $n_1 = n_2$, then the ray is reflected. Before refraction (or reflection) the ray has an optical momentum \mathbf{p}_1 and after refraction (or reflection) it has an optical momentum \mathbf{p}_2 . If the system has circular symmetry, the normals to the optical surfaces at each point have no component along \mathbf{e}_{θ} , that is, $\mathbf{n} = (m_{\rho}, 0, m_3)$. The component of \mathbf{p}_1 along \mathbf{e}_{θ} will therefore remain unchanged by refraction or reflection. This component is given by

$$p_{\theta} = n \cos \phi \tag{13.22}$$

where ϕ is the angle the light ray makes with \mathbf{e}_{θ} . We then have

$$n_1 \cos \phi_1 = n_2 \cos \phi_2 \tag{13.23}$$

as represented in Figure 13.7.

Note that although p_{θ} is conserved in a refraction (or reflection), it is not conserved as the ray propagates straight through the system between refractions or reflections. As we can see from Figure 13.8, going from point **A** to point **B** along the path of a ray causes angle ϕ to change and therefore p_{θ} also changes because the refractive index *n* is constant between refractions or reflections.

We consider again the ray as it propagates through the system between refractions or reflections. We have a situation as shown in Figure 13.9 in which Figure 13.9b is the top view of Figure 13.9a.

The projection of ray *r* onto plane x_1x_2 , parallel to the plane defined by \mathbf{e}_{ρ} and \mathbf{e}_{θ} , is line r_p . For this projection (and for ray *r*), we have



FIGURE 13.7

A light ray refracts at a point **O** of an optical system with circular symmetry. The θ component p_{θ} of the optical momentum does not change with refraction.





As a light ray travels through an optical system with circular symmetry, the θ component p_{θ} of the optical momentum changes because angle ϕ also changes.



FIGURE 13.9

(a) A light ray traveling straight on a system with circular symmetry is projected onto plane x_1x_2 perpendicular to the axis of symmetry x_3 . The quantity $\rho \sin \alpha$ is constant for this projection. (b) A top view of (a).

where *M* is a constant, ρ the distance from a point **O** on the ray to axis x_3 , and α the angle r_p makes with \mathbf{e}_{ρ} . Quantity *M* is the minimal distance between the light ray and the optical axis, and equals the length of the common perpendicular to both straight lines.

We now relate $\sin \alpha$ and $\cos \phi$ by using the construction in Figure 13.10.

For a ray r defined by a point **O** and a unit vector with direction **t**, we have

$$\mathbf{OC} = \cos\phi = \mathbf{OB}\sin\alpha = \sin\gamma\sin\alpha \tag{13.25}$$



FIGURE 13.10 Relating angle ϕ that a light ray makes with \mathbf{e}_{θ} with the angle γ it makes with \mathbf{e}_{3} .

Since $\sin \gamma$ and the refractive index are constant as the ray propagates between reflections and refractions, we can say that the quantity

$$h = n\rho \sin \alpha \sin \gamma = nM \sin \gamma = n\rho \cos \phi \tag{13.26}$$

is conserved. We can also write

$$p_{\theta} = n \cos \phi = h \frac{1}{\rho} = bh \tag{13.27}$$

where $b = 1/\rho$. From expression 13.23, we have

$$n_1 \rho \cos \phi_1 = n_2 \rho \cos \phi_2 \tag{13.28}$$

and therefore the quantity h is also conserved in refractions and reflections. This quantity is called skew invariant or skewness and we see it is conserved in a system with circular symmetry around axis x_3 .

We can rewrite expression 13.26 in another form with the help of Figure 13.11, in which the light ray is defined by a point **O** and by the optical momentum **p**, which is given by $\mathbf{p} = n\mathbf{t}$ for **t** being a unit vector in the direction of the propagation of the ray. Then $\|\mathbf{p}\| = n$ and

$$\rho = \|\mathbf{r}\|\sin\beta = \|\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{r}\| \tag{13.29}$$

where **r** is a vector from a point **Q** on the axis of symmetry to a point **O** on the ray. We can write

$$h = \|\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{r}\| \|\mathbf{p}\| \cos \phi = \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{r})$$
(13.30)

obtaining *h* as a scalar triple product of **p**, \mathbf{e}_{3} , and **r** (note that vector $\mathbf{e}_{3} \times \mathbf{r}$ points in the direction of \mathbf{e}_{θ} .



 x_3 x_1 e_3 r_2 r_2

FIGURE 13.11 Construction for writing the expression for the skew invariant h as a scalar triple product of **p**, **e**₃, and **r**, basically the volume of the parallelepiped they form.

FIGURE 13.12 The skew invariant can be calculated as a function of the projection onto the plane x_1x_2 of vectors **r** and **p**.

Yet another way to write the expression for *h* is to consider the geometry of Figure 13.12. The light ray is again defined by a point **O** and the optical momentum **p**. Vector \mathbf{p}_p is the projection of **p** in the plane x_1x_2 (parallel to the plane defined by \mathbf{e}_ρ and \mathbf{e}_θ) and has magnitude $\|\mathbf{p}_p\| = n \sin \gamma$. Also, \mathbf{r}_p is the projection of **r** onto the x_1x_2 plane with $\|\mathbf{r}_p\| = \rho$ and we can write expression 13.26 as

$$h = \|\mathbf{p}_{P}\| \|\mathbf{r}_{P}\| \sin \alpha = \|\mathbf{r}_{P} \times \mathbf{p}_{P}\|$$
(13.31)

Therefore, if we have $\mathbf{r} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_3, p_3)$, we can rewrite expression 13.31 as

$$h = \|(x_1, x_2, 0) \times (p_1, p_2, 0)\|$$
(13.32)

Just as in the case of the linear system, also in the case of the circular optics, we can use expression 13.12. Now we take coordinate i_3 as coordinate θ and we get the system in Figure 13.13. Now plane ν is defined as a surface θ = constant and is perpendicular to \mathbf{e}_{θ} .

The normals to the optical surfaces are perpendicular to \mathbf{e}_{θ} and, therefore, contained in the planes ν defined by \mathbf{e}_{ρ} and \mathbf{e}_{3} (perpendicular to \mathbf{e}_{θ}). The p_{θ} component of the optical momentum is unchanged by refraction and is given by

$$p_{\theta} = n_1 \cos \alpha_{\theta n1} = n_2 \cos \alpha_{\theta n2} \tag{13.33}$$



Projection of a light ray traveling in an optical system with circular symmetry onto a plane ν defined by θ = constant. The projected trajectory of the light ray onto plane ν follows the law of refraction with a modified refractive index.

Note, however, that p_{θ} is not constant while the ray propagates after refraction, rather what is constant is the skewness *h*. If the trajectory of the light rays is projected onto plane *v*, then expression 13.12 now becomes

$$\sqrt{n_1^2 - p_\theta^2} \sin\beta_1 = \sqrt{n_2^2 - p_\theta^2} \sin\beta_2 \tag{13.34}$$

because we are considering that i_3 is now θ . From expressions 13.22 and 13.26, we obtain $p_{\theta} = h/\rho$ and we can write

$$\sqrt{n_1^2 - (h/\rho)^2} \sin\beta_1 = \sqrt{n_2^2 - (h/\rho)^2} \sin\beta_2$$
 (13.35)

and therefore, when projected onto the plane v, the refraction appears to happen with a refractive index

$$n^* = \sqrt{n^2 - (h/\rho)^2} \tag{13.36}$$

Note that as the radius R of the circular system tends to infinity, its behavior tends to become that of a linear system.³

An alternative way to derive the conservation of *h* is from the Hamilton equations 10.119 making $i_1 \rightarrow \rho$, $i_2 \rightarrow \theta$, and $i_3 \rightarrow x_3$. Expression 10.118 for the vec-tor **p** can be written in this case as

$$\mathbf{p} = n\cos\varphi\,\mathbf{e}_{\rho} + n\cos\varphi\,\mathbf{e}_{\theta} + n\cos\gamma\,\mathbf{e}_{3} \tag{13.37}$$

where φ , ϕ , and γ are, respectively, the angles which the direction of the light ray makes with unit vectors \mathbf{e}_{ρ} , \mathbf{e}_{θ} , and \mathbf{e}_{3} , as shown in Figure 13.14a.



(a) A light ray through points **O** and **A** makes angles φ , ϕ , and γ with unit vectors $\mathbf{e}_{p'} \mathbf{e}_{\theta'}$ and $\mathbf{e}_{3\gamma}$ respectively. (b) The angle θ is a function of x_1 and x_2 .

Expression 10.114, however, states that

$$\mathbf{p} = u_1 a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + u_2 a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + u_3 a_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \tag{13.38}$$

with $a_k = \|\nabla i_k\|$ and $\mathbf{e}_k = \nabla i_k / \|\nabla i_k\|$. In this case, with $i_1 \to \rho$, $i_2 \to \theta$, and $i_3 \to x_3$

$$\mathbf{p} = u_{\rho} \|\nabla \rho\| \mathbf{e}_{\rho} + u_{\theta} \|\nabla \theta\| \mathbf{e}_{\theta} + u_{3} \|\nabla x_{3}\| \mathbf{e}_{3}$$
(13.39)

From Figure 13.14b, we can see that

$$\theta = \arccos(x_1/\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}) = \arccos(x_1/\rho)$$
 (13.40)

And we can calculate the gradient of θ as

$$\nabla \theta = \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_3}\right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{x_2^2}}{\rho^2}, \frac{x_1 x_2}{\rho^2 \sqrt{x_2^2}}, 0\right)$$
(13.41)

and therefore

$$\|\nabla\theta\| = 1/\rho = b \tag{13.42}$$

where *b* is defined by expression 13.42. Also, from $\rho = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ we obtain $\|\nabla \rho\| = 1$. We also have $\|\nabla x_3\| = 1$. This enables us to write Equation 13.39 as

$$\mathbf{p} = u_{\rho} \mathbf{e}_{\rho} + u_{\theta} b \, \mathbf{e}_{\theta} + u_3 \, \mathbf{e}_3 \tag{13.43}$$

From Equation 10.117, we can see that $u_{\theta} = h$ since

$$u_{\theta}b = n\cos\phi \Leftrightarrow u_{\theta} = n\rho\cos\phi \tag{13.44}$$

The system of differential equations 10.119 can now be rewritten, making $i_1 \rightarrow \rho$, $i_2 \rightarrow \theta$, and $i_3 \rightarrow x_3$ and renaming $u_\rho = p_\rho$ and $u_3 = p_3$ to obtain

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_{\rho}} \qquad \frac{dp_{\rho}}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u_{\theta}} \qquad \frac{du_{\theta}}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{dx_{3}}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_{3}} \qquad \frac{dp_{3}}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{3}}$$

$$P = p_{\rho}^{2} + u_{\theta}^{2}b^{2} + p_{3}^{2} - n^{2}(\rho, x_{3}) = 0$$
(13.45)

Since *P* does not depend on θ , we have $\partial P/\partial \theta = 0$ and

$$u_{\theta} = h \tag{13.46}$$

where *h* is a constant. The quantity *h* is the skew invariant or skewness. Also, from the equation for $d\theta/d\sigma$ we have

$$\frac{d\theta}{\sigma} = 2hb^2 = \frac{2h}{\rho^2(\sigma)} \tag{13.47}$$

or

$$\theta = \int \frac{2h}{\rho^2(\sigma)} d\sigma + C_{\theta} = F(\sigma) + C_{\theta}$$
(13.48)

where C_{θ} is also a constant. We, therefore, have

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_{\rho}} \qquad \frac{dp_{\rho}}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\theta = F(\sigma) + C_{\theta} \qquad u_{\theta} = h$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_3} \qquad \frac{dp_3}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3}$$

$$P = p_{\rho}^2 + p_3^2 - [n^2(\rho, x_3) - h^2 b^2] = 0$$
(13.49)

The analysis of a 3-D system with circular symmetry can then be reduced to the analysis of the 2-D system described by the following system of equations:

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_{\rho}} \qquad \frac{dp_{\rho}}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\frac{dx_{3}}{d\sigma} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial p_{3}} \qquad \frac{dp_{3}}{d\sigma} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{3}}$$

$$P = p_{\rho}^{2} + p_{3}^{2} - n^{*2} = 0$$
(13.50)

with $n^{*2} = n^2(\rho, x_3) - h^2 b^2$, that is,

$$n^* = \sqrt{n^2(\rho, x_3) - \frac{h^2}{\rho^2}}$$
(13.51)

Skew rays can then be described as rays in the plane if the refractive index n is replaced by $n^{*.4}$.

These equations enable us to obtain $\rho(\sigma)$ and $x_3(\sigma)$. By using $\rho(\sigma)$, function $\theta(\sigma)$ can be obtained. Constant C_{θ} can be obtained from the initial conditions: $\sigma = \sigma_1 \Rightarrow \theta = \theta_1$. We then have

$$C_{\theta} = \theta_1 - F(\sigma_1) \tag{13.52}$$

so that the value of C_{θ} can be calculated. The optical momentum is now given by Equation 13.43 as

$$\mathbf{p} = u_{\rho}\mathbf{e}_{\rho} + hb\,\mathbf{e}_{\theta} + u_{3}\mathbf{e}_{3} = u_{\rho}\,\mathbf{e}_{\rho} + h\frac{1}{\rho}\,\mathbf{e}_{\theta} + u_{3}\,\mathbf{e}_{3}$$
(13.53)

Yet another way to derive the conservation of *h* is directly from Fermat's principle.⁴ In this case of circular symmetry, the refractive index will be a function of ρ and x_3 with $\rho = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$. Fermat's principle written in the form of Equation 10.50, with the Lagrangian given by Equation 10.49, can now be written as

$$\delta \int n(\rho, x_3) \sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2} \, dx_3 = 0 \tag{13.54}$$

Introducing

$$x_1 = \rho \cos \theta$$

$$x_2 = \rho \sin \theta$$
(13.55)

we can write for Equation 13.54:4

$$\delta \int n(\rho, x_3) \sqrt{1 + \rho'^2 + \rho^2 \theta'^2} \, dx_3 = 0 \tag{13.56}$$

where $\rho' = d\rho/dx_3$ and $\theta' = d\theta/dx_3$. Equation 13.56 can be written in the form:

$$\delta \int F(\rho, x_3, \rho', \theta') dx_3 = 0$$
 (13.57)

with $F(\rho, x_3, \rho', \theta') = n(\rho, x_3)\sqrt{1 + {\rho'}^2 + {\rho}^2{\theta'}^2}$. The Euler equation in θ (see Equation 10.31) can now be written as

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} - \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta'} \right) = 0 \tag{13.58}$$

Since *F* does not explicitly depend on θ , we have $\partial F/\partial \theta = 0$, so that

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta'} \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{n\rho^2 \theta'}{\sqrt{1 + \rho'^2 + \rho^2 \theta'^2}} \right) = 0$$
(13.59)

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therefore,

$$\frac{n\rho^{2}\theta'}{\sqrt{1+{\rho'}^{2}+{\rho}^{2}{\theta'}^{2}}} = h$$
(13.60)

where *h* is a constant.⁴ The quantity *h* is again the skew invariant or skewness. Now, let \mathbf{e}_3 , \mathbf{e}_{θ} , and \mathbf{e}_{ρ} be the mutually orthogonal unit vectors, respectively, tangent to the lines in which only x_3 , θ , and ρ vary. We then have $\mathbf{e}_k = \nabla i_k / ||\nabla i_k||$, that is, $\mathbf{e}_3 = \nabla i_3 / ||\nabla i_3||$, $\mathbf{e}_{\theta} = \nabla i_{\theta} / ||\nabla i_{\theta}||$, $\mathbf{e}_{\rho} = \nabla i_{\rho} / ||\nabla i_{\rho}||$. From expression 13.60, we see that

$$h = n\rho \frac{\rho d\theta}{\sqrt{dx_3^2 + d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2}} = \rho n \cos \phi$$
(13.61)

where, as seen from Figure 13.14a, ϕ corresponds to the angle that the light ray passing through point **O** and **A** makes with the vector \mathbf{e}_{θ} and $\rho = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$.

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Étendue in Phase Space

14.1 Étendue and the Point Characteristic Function

Here we derive the conservation of étendue from optical first principles, utilizing a reference wave front from which we can calculate the optical path length to a given point $\mathbf{P} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$. It is then possible to define a function $S(\mathbf{P}) = S(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ that gives the optical path length between the reference wave front and any given point. The momentum or a light ray at point \mathbf{P} is given by $\mathbf{p} = \nabla S$, where $\nabla = (\partial/\partial x_1, \partial/\partial x_2, \partial/\partial x_3)$. Accordingly, if we now consider another point $\mathbf{P}^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*)$, we have $\mathbf{p}^* = \nabla^* S$, where $\nabla^* = (\partial/\partial x_1^*, \partial/\partial x_2^*, \partial/\partial x_3^*)$.

Based on the definition of function *S*(**P**), we can now define the point characteristic function, $V(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}^*) = V(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*)$, which gives the optical path length between two given points **P** and **P*** in the medium.^{1,2} It is given by

$$V(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*) = \int_{\mathbf{P}}^{\mathbf{P}^*} n \, ds = S(\mathbf{P}^*) - S(\mathbf{P})$$
$$= S(x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*) - S(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$
(14.1)

We have $\nabla V = -\nabla S$ and $\nabla^* V = \nabla^* S$. And also, as we have seen, $\mathbf{p} = \nabla S$ and $\mathbf{p}^* = \nabla^* S$. Then

$$\mathbf{p} = -\nabla V$$
 and $\mathbf{p}^* = \nabla^* V$ (14.2)

or in terms of its components:

$$(p_{1'}, p_{2'}, p_{3}) = (-V_{x1'}, -V_{x2'}, -V_{x3})$$

$$(p_{1'}^{*}, p_{2'}^{*}, p_{3}^{*}) = (V_{x1^{*'}}, V_{x2^{*'}}, V_{x3^{*}})$$
(14.3)

where $V_i = \partial V / \partial i$.

Let **P** and **P**^{*} be defined, respectively, at the entrance and exit apertures of an optical system.³ Let us further consider that **P** is located in the plane x_1x_2 of its coordinate system, as shown in Figure 14.1.



FIGURE 14.1

Plane x_1x_2 is at the entrance aperture of the optical system and the plane $x_1^*x_2^*$ is at its exit aperture. The rays of a bundle passing through $dx_1 dx_2$ in plane x_1x_2 have different directions, such that p_1 varies by dp_1 and p_2 varies by dp_2 for these rays. On another plane $x_1^*x_2^*$, these rays pass through an elemental area $dx_1^*dx_2^*$, and have different directions, such that p_1^* varies by dp_2^* for these rays. The conservation of étendue is expressed as $dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2 = dx_1^*dx_2^*dp_1^*dp_2^*$.

Considering differentials dx_1 and dx_2 for the position of **P** and dx_1^* and dx_2^* for the position of **P***, we can write for the corresponding momentum variations by using $V_{ii} = \partial(\partial V/\partial i)/\partial j$:

$$dp_{1} = -V_{x1x1} dx_{1} - V_{x1x2} dx_{2} - V_{x1x1^{*}} dx_{1}^{*} - V_{x1x2^{*}} dx_{2}^{*}$$

$$dp_{2} = -V_{x2x1} dx_{1} - V_{x2x2} dx_{2} - V_{x2x1^{*}} dx_{1}^{*} - V_{x2x2^{*}} dx_{2}^{*}$$

$$dp_{1}^{*} = V_{x1^{*}x1} dx_{1} + V_{x1^{*}x2} dx_{2} + V_{x1^{*}x1^{*}} dx_{1}^{*} + V_{x1^{*}x2^{*}} dx_{2}^{*}$$

$$dp_{2}^{*} = V_{x2^{*}x1} dx_{1} + V_{x2^{*}x2} dx_{2} + V_{x2^{*}x1^{*}} dx_{1}^{*} + V_{x2^{*}x2^{*}} dx_{2}^{*}$$
(14.4)

Equation 14.4 can be rearranged in the following matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{x1x1^{*}} & V_{x1x2^{*}} & 0 & 0 \\ V_{x2x1^{*}} & V_{x2x2^{*}} & 0 & 0 \\ V_{x1^{*}x1^{*}} & V_{x1^{*}x2^{*}} & -1 & 0 \\ V_{x2^{*}x1^{*}} & V_{x2^{*}x2^{*}} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dx_{1}^{*} \\ dx_{2}^{*} \\ dp_{1}^{*} \\ dp_{2}^{*} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -V_{x1x1} & -V_{x1x2} & -1 & 0 \\ -V_{x2x1} & -V_{x2x2} & 0 & -1 \\ -V_{x1^{*}x1} & -V_{x1^{*}x2} & 0 & 0 \\ -V_{x2^{*}x1} & -V_{x2^{*}x2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dx_{1} \\ dx_{2} \\ dp_{1} \\ dp_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B \quad \cdot \qquad M^{*} = \qquad A \qquad \cdot \qquad M$$

The determinant of matrix *B* is given by

$$\det B = V_{x1x1^*} V_{x2x2^*} - V_{x1x2^*} V_{x2x1^*}$$
(14.6)

(14.5)

The determinant of matrix A can also be obtained as

$$\det A = V_{x1^*x1} V_{x2^*x2} - V_{x2^*x1} V_{x1^*x2}$$
(14.7)

Making $V_{x1^*x1} = V_{x1x1^*}$, $V_{x1^*x2} = V_{x2x1^*}$, $V_{x2^*x1} = V_{x1x2^*}$ and $V_{x2^*x2} = V_{x2x2^*}$, we can write

$$\det A = \det B \tag{14.8}$$

Now noting that the determinant of the product of two matrices is the product of the determinants of the matrices, that is, if *C* and *D* are two matrices, we have det($C \cdot D$) = det *C* det *D*, we can write det($B^{-1} \cdot B$) = det B^{-1} det *B*. Since det($B^{-1} \cdot B$) = 1, we obtain det $B^{-1} = 1/\det B$. Or considering Equation 14.8:

$$\det B^{-1} = 1/\det A \tag{14.9}$$

Multiplying the left-hand side of Equation 14.5 by matrix B^{-1} , we obtain

$$M^* = (B^{-1} \cdot A) \cdot M \tag{14.10}$$

Considering Equation 14.9, we can write

$$\det(B^{-1} \cdot A) = \det B^{-1} \det A = 1$$
(14.11)

But Equation 14.10 can also be written as

and therefore $C = B^{-1} \cdot A$. But, we can also write

$$dx_1^* dx_2^* dp_1^* dp_2^* = \frac{\partial(x_1^*, x_2^*, p_1^*, p_2^*)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2)} dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$$
(14.13)

where

$$\frac{\partial(x_1^*, x_2^*, p_1^*, p_2^*)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2)} = \det C$$
(14.14)

since det C = 1,

$$dx_1^* dx_2^* dp_1^* dp_2^* = dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$$
(14.15)

which means that the quantity

$$dU = dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2 \tag{14.16}$$

is then conserved as light travels within optical systems. The coordinate system (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) of these special coordinates and momenta is called a phase space. A point **R** in phase space has coordinates $(x_{1R}, x_{2R}, p_{1R}, p_{2R})$, corresponding to a point (x_{1R}, x_{2R}) in the x_1x_2 plane and a direction (p_{1R}, p_{2R}) . This point in phase space then uniquely defines both a spatial point and a direction, and therefore a ray. A continuous set of points in phase space defines a region within which each point represents a ray of light, so that the region defines a bundle of rays.

The elemental region in phase space has a volume $dU = dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2$ (x_1 , x_2 , p_1 , p_2) that is called étendue, and Equation 14.15 defines the conservation of étendue in an optical system: $dU^* = dU$.

Consider an elemental area $dx_1 dx_2$ and a set of rays leaving it in different directions. For these rays, p_1 varies by a value dp_1 and p_2 varies by a value dp_2 . These rays will travel through an optical system and pass through another area $dx_1^* dx_2^*$. Now, the directions of these rays are such that p_1^* varies by a value dp_1^* and p_2^* varies by a value dp_2^* , as presented in Figure 14.1. The conservation of étendue is expressed as $dx_1^* dx_2^* dp_1^* dp_2^* = dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$. These rays passing through $dx_1 dx_2$ and $dx_1^* dx_2^*$ are called a light beam, so that étendue is conserved for light beams.

Note that $dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$ is an elementary region in phase space (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) . Therefore, the conservation of étendue states that, if a given set of rays occupies a given region of elemental volume $dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$ in phase space at a given point in an optical system, then after traveling through that optical system these rays will still occupy a region of elemental volume $dx_1^* dx_2^* dp_1^* dp_2^* = dx_1 dx_2 dp_2 dp_2$, that is, the same volume as earlier, although the new region may have a different shape. Therefore, the volume in phase space occupied by a set of light rays is constant as they travel through the optical system.

For 2-D systems, we have one less dimension and a situation similar to that shown in Figure 14.2.

In this case, the quantity that is conserved is $dU_{2-D} = dx_1 dp_1$.

14.2 Étendue in Hamiltonian Optics

Here we present the conservation of étendue from the point of view of Hamiltonian optics. Consider a volume *V* moving in space, as presented in Figure 14.3. Let *dA* be an element of its surface and **n** be a unit vector perpendicular to *dA*. Further consider that the element of area (*dA*) is moving with velocity $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{x}} = d\mathbf{x}/dt$, as shown in Figure 14.3a. During a period of time *dt*, this element of area moves **v** *dt*, producing an increase in volume. In the



FIGURE 14.2 Conservation of étendue for 2-D optical systems.



FIGURE 14.3

(a) A volume *V* moves in space. A small portion *dA* of its surface moves with it. (b) The 2-D case: if *da* moves with a velocity **v**, the increase in volume due to the movement of *da* during a time period *dt* is given by $dV = da v dt \cos y = da(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})dt$, **n** being a unit vector perpendicular to *da*. In the general 3-D case, this relation is still valid and we have $dV = dA(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})dt$.

2-D case, we have $dV = da v dt \cos \gamma = da(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})dt$, as shown in Figure 14.3b, where v is the magnitude of \mathbf{v} . In the 3-D case, we have $dV = dA(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})dt$. Integrating on the whole surface A delimiting V, the total volume variation is

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \int_{A} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dA \tag{14.17}$$

Using Gauss's theorem,⁴ we obtain⁵

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \int_{A} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dA = \int_{V} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV \tag{14.18}$$

where $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is the divergence of \mathbf{v} . The velocity is given by $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{x}}$. In case the volume under consideration moves in an *n*-dimensional space, we have $\mathbf{v} = (\dot{x}_1, \dots, \dot{x}_n)$.

This result can now be applied to Hamiltonian optical systems. A 3-D system is described by the system of equations 10.62, or:

$$x_{1}' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{1}} \qquad p_{1}' = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{1}}$$

$$x_{2}' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{2}} \qquad p_{2}' = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{2}}$$

$$H = -\sqrt{n^{2} - p_{1}^{2} - p_{2}^{2}}$$
(14.19)

where the primes represent x_3 derivatives since now x_3 takes the role of time. That is, instead of $\dot{x} = dx/dt$, we have geometrical derivatives $x'_k = dx_k/dx_3$ since we now have $x_1 = x_1(x_3)$ and $x_2 = x_2(x_3)$. Coordinate x_3 corresponds to the system optical axis, that is, the axis along which light propagates in the optical system in the direction of increasing x_{3y} so that $p_3 > 0$. Each light ray can be defined, for each value of x_3 , by (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) . A point in space (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) . p_1, p_2) defines the position (x_1, x_2) of the light ray and its direction of propagation (p_1, p_2) . Note that p_1 and p_2 enable the definition of the direction of the light ray in space x_1, x_2, x_3 since, from $p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = n^2$, p_3 can be obtained if p_1 and p_2 are given. As the light ray propagates along the axis x_3 , coordinates x_{11} , x_2 , p_1 , and p_2 vary and the light ray moves in a 4-D phase space (x_1 , x_2 , p_1 , p_2). Let us now consider a large number of light rays propagating in the system, each occupying a point in phase space, and the entire set of rays constituting a region in that space. In particular, if the rays are continuously distributed in the optical system, they will occupy a volume V in phase space. Each point of this volume moves with "velocity" $\mathbf{v} = (x_1', x_2', p_1', p_2')$ with $x_k' = dx_k/dx_3$ and $p'_{k} = dp_{k}/dx_{3}$. The result (Equation 14.18) obtained earlier can now be applied to phase space:

$$\frac{dV}{dx_3} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV \tag{14.20}$$

where, as stated earlier, axis x_3 now takes the role of time. The expression for $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$ can now be calculated from expression 14.19:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\partial x_1'}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial x_2'}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial p_1'}{\partial p_1} + \frac{\partial p_2'}{\partial p_2}\right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial p_1}\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial p_2}\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2}\right) = 0$$
(14.21)

so that

$$dV/dx_3 = 0$$
 (14.22)

This result is called Liouville's theorem⁵⁻⁷ and applies to any Hamiltonian system.

Equation 14.22 enables us to conclude that the elemental region has a constant volume $dV = dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2$ as the light propagates in the optical system, that is, along axis x_3 . In the case of Hamiltonian optics, this volume dV in phase space is called étendue and is represented by dU. We can then write dU = constant or³

$$U = \int dx_1 dx_2 dp_1 dp_2 = \text{constant}$$
(14.23)

Let us suppose, for example, that $x_3 = 0$ corresponds to the rectangular entrance aperture of a 3-D optical device. This entrance extends between $x_{1A} < x_1 < x_{1B}$ and $x_{2A} < x_2 < x_{2B}$. Let us further consider that the light entering the device makes angles with the coordinate axes such that $p_{1A} < p_1 < p_{1B}$ and $p_{2A} < p_2 < p_{2B}$. We then see that these conditions define a region in the 4-D space (x_1, x_2, p_1, p_2) at the entrance of the device. As the light progresses through the optical system, the coordinates and the angles that the light rays make with the axes change. The phase space volume, however, remains constant.

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15.1 Fermat's Principle and Maupertuis' Principle

Equation 10.51 has the form of Hamilton's principle of classical mechanics. We could then be tempted to conclude that Hamilton's principle of mechanics corresponds to the Fermat's principle of optics. In fact, this is not quite true. The correct variational principle of mechanics with which Fermat's principle can be related is Maupertuis' principle, or the principle of least action.^{1–5}

Hamilton's principle of classical mechanics is written as

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, t) dt$$
(15.1)

where \mathcal{L} is the Lagrangian, x_i are the generalized coordinates, t the time, and $\dot{x}_k = dx_k/dt$. The Euler equations are

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2} \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_3} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_3} \tag{15.2}$$

The total derivative of \mathcal{L} with respect to time *t* is

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} \frac{d\dot{x}_{k}}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{k}} \dot{x}_{k}$$
(15.3)

Let us now assume that *L* does not depend explicitly on time *t*:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3)$$
(15.4)

We then have $\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial t = 0$. We can now replace $\partial \mathcal{L}/\partial x_k$ from the Euler equations to give

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} \frac{d\dot{x}_{k}}{dt} + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} \right) \dot{x}_{k} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} \dot{x}_{k} \right)$$
(15.5)

or

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} \dot{x}_{k} - \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$
(15.6)

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Now considering that

$$p_k = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_k} \tag{15.7}$$

we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} p_k \dot{x}_k - \mathcal{L}\right) = 0 \tag{15.8}$$

The Hamiltonian *H* is defined by

$$H = \sum_{k} p_k \dot{x}_k - \mathcal{L} \tag{15.9}$$

We can then conclude that the Hamiltonian does not depend on time and therefore is constant. Equation 15.8 expresses the law of conservation of energy, since the Hamiltonian corresponds to the energy E of the system.^{3,4} We then have

$$H = \sum_{k=1}^{3} p_k \dot{x}_k - \mathcal{L} = E$$
(15.10)

where *E* is a constant. In this case, it is possible to reduce the number of dimensions from four to three by eliminating time.¹ Consider x_1 and x_2 as functions of x_3 , that is, $x_1 = x_1(x_3)$ and $x_2 = x_2(x_3)$, so that

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}\dot{x}_3$$
 $\dot{x}_2 = \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}\dot{x}_3$ (15.11)

and thus

$$\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3) = \mathcal{L}\left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}, \dot{x}_3\right)$$
(15.12)

Accordingly,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{k}} = f_{k} \left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \frac{dx_{1}}{dx_{3}}, \frac{dx_{2}}{dx_{3}}, \dot{x}_{3} \right)$$
(15.13)

and considering Equation 15.7, Equation 15.10 can be written as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{3} f_k \left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}, \dot{x}_3 \right) \dot{x}_k - \mathcal{L} \left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}, \dot{x}_3 \right) = E \quad (15.14)$$

Equation 15.14 can now be solved for \dot{x}_3 to give

$$\dot{x}_3 = \Phi \left(x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3'}, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3'}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3'}, E \right)$$
(15.15)

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From Equation 15.11, we also have

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} \Phi\left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}, E\right) \qquad \dot{x}_2 = \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} \Phi\left(x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{dx_1}{dx_3}, \frac{dx_2}{dx_3}, E\right) \quad (15.16)$$

Consider all the paths for which the system has some given constant energy *E*. We then compare only varied paths of the same energy as the real path. From Equation 15.10, we can write Equation 15.1 as¹

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^3 p_k \, \dot{x}_k - E \right) dt = \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_{k=1}^3 p_k \dot{x}_k \, dt - \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} E \, dt = 0 \tag{15.17}$$

or

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} p_k \dot{x}_k \, dt = 0 \tag{15.18}$$

since $\delta \int E dt = 0$ because *E* is a constant. Considering Equation 15.7, the integral in Equation 15.18 can be rewritten as

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_k} \dot{x}_k dt = \int_{x_{31}}^{x_{32}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_3} \right) dx_3$$
(15.19)

since we are now considering $x_k = x_k(x_3)$, and therefore

$$\dot{x}_k dt = \frac{dx_k}{dt} dt = \frac{dx_k}{dx_3} \frac{dx_3}{dt} dt = \frac{dx_k}{dx_3} dx_3$$
(15.20)

Now making

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \frac{dx_1}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_3} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_3}$$
(15.21)

and replacing for \dot{x}_1 , \dot{x}_2 , and \dot{x}_3 from Equations 15.15 and 15.16, we have⁶

$$\delta \int_{x_{31}}^{x_{32}} F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \frac{dx_{1}}{dx_{3}'}, \frac{dx_{2}}{dx_{3}'}, E\right) dx_{3} = 0$$
(15.22)

or since the energy *E* is given to be constant

$$\delta \int_{x_{31}}^{x_{32}} F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1', x_2') dx_3 = 0$$
 (15.23)

This is the Maupertuis' principle of least action. Equation 15.10 enables the elimination of time derivatives $\dot{x}_k = dx_k/dt$, which can now be expressed as geometrical derivatives, given by $x'_k = dx_k/dx_3$ (k = 1, 2), where x_3 is now independent variable. Equation 15.23 is purely geometrical and describes the
orbits, not the evolution of the system in time. The latter can be found from the canonical equations,¹ which are obtained directly from Equations 15.1, 15.7, and 15.9 as

$$\frac{dx_k}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_k} \qquad \frac{dp_k}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_k} \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \tag{15.24}$$

The differential equations derived from Equation 15.23 have the form of the Euler equations

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1'} \right) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} \qquad \frac{d}{dx_3} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2'} \right) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2}$$
(15.25)

The integral in Equation 15.18 can also be written by using Equation 15.10 as

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\mathcal{L} + E) dt = \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_k p_k \dot{x}_k dt = \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \sum_k p_k dx_k = \delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_1}^{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$
(15.26)

If *T* is the kinetic energy of the system and *V* the potential energy, then the total energy is E = T + V. Also, $\mathcal{L} = T - V$.^{3,4} Replacing this in Equation 15.10, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{3} p_k \dot{x}_k = 2T \tag{15.27}$$

Replacing this in expression 15.26, we have^{7,8}

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} 2T \, dt = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} T \, dt = 0 \tag{15.28}$$

Maupertuis' principle of least action is also presented in classical mechanics textbooks as^{3,6}

$$\Delta \int \sum_{k} p_k \dot{x}_k \, dt = 0 \tag{15.29}$$

The variation appearing in expression 15.29 for the principle of least action is the Δ variation. The δ variation corresponds to displacements in which the time is held fixed and the coordinates of the system are varied subject to the constraints imposed on the system. In contrast, the Δ variation deals with displacements in which, not only the coordinates of the system are varied, but it also involves a change in time. We are only considering cases, however, in which the energy is constant. In this case, we have seen that the dependence on time can be eliminated from the integral of expression 15.29. In this case, the Δ and δ variations can be made identical and therefore expression 15.29 can be written as expression 15.26.⁶ It can be seen that equation 15.23 is the same as Fermat's principle:

$$\delta \int_{\mathbf{P}_{1}}^{\mathbf{P}_{2}} n \, ds = \delta \int_{x_{31}}^{x_{32}} n(x_{1'} \, x_{2'} \, x_{3}) \sqrt{1 + x_{1}^{\prime 2} + x_{2}^{\prime 2}} \, dx_{3}$$
(15.30)
$$= \delta \int_{x_{31}}^{x_{32}} \mathcal{L}(x_{1'} \, x_{2'} \, x_{3'} \, x_{1'}^{\prime} \, x_{2}^{\prime}) dx_{3} = 0$$

Euler equations (Equation 15.25) are also the same as those found in optics. Maupertuis' principle is, therefore, the equivalent in mechanics of Fermat's principle of optics.

It should be noted, however, that, if we consider a mechanical system with one less dimension, Equation 15.1 can be written as

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, t) dt = 0$$
(15.31)

which is also mathematically similar to the form of Fermat's principle of optics (Equation 15.30) if time in Equation 15.31 is replaced by the independent variable x_3 .⁹ It should be noted, however, that the physical interpretations of Equations 15.31 and 15.30 are different. Equation 15.30 enables the determination of the paths of the system in 3-D space (x_1 , x_2 , x_3), but not of their evolution in time. However, Equation 15.31 enables the determination of the evolution in time of a 2-D system in space (x_1 , x_2). This analogy is used in the following section.

15.2 Skew Invariant and Conservation of Angular Momentum

There is a relation between the conservation of angular momentum in mechanics and the skew invariant in optics.

The constant h defined by expression 13.60 corresponds to the angular momentum in mechanics. To make this parallel clearer, we can give expression 13.60 a different form. Using expression 10.53, we obtain

$$x_1 p_2 - x_2 p_1 = n \frac{x_1 x_2' - x_2 x_1'}{\sqrt{1 + x_1'^2 + x_2'^2}}$$
(15.32)

which, considering expressions 13.55 and 13.60 can be written as¹⁰

$$x_1 p_2 - x_2 p_1 = \frac{n\rho^2 \theta'}{\sqrt{1 + \rho'^2 + \rho^2 \theta'^2}} = h$$
(15.33)

It can now be noted that $x_1p_2 - x_2p_1$ is the magnitude of vector $||(x_1, x_2, 0) \times (p_1, p_2, 0)|| = ||\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}|| = ||\mathbf{L}||$, where **L** is the angular momentum of a 2-D system. This analogy can also be derived from Equation 13.32. In the optics–mechanics analogy between Equations 15.30 and 15.31, the coordinate x_3

takes the role of time. If so, the analysis of a 3-D optical system in space (x_1, x_2, x_3) corresponds to the analysis of a mechanical system in space (x_1, x_2, t) , *t* being the time. The trajectories in mechanics will then be 2-D in space (x_1, x_2) , whereas in optics the corresponding light rays progress in a 3-D space (x_1, x_2, x_3) .

15.3 Potential in Mechanics and Refractive Index in Optics

The ray equation (Equation 11.29) is

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{ds} = \nabla n \tag{15.34}$$

Consider an optical system with its optical axis along x_3 . Let us further suppose that light rays make small angles with the optical axis, so that we can make $ds \approx dx_3$. As discussed in Chapter 11, this approximation is called the paraxial approximation. Since we are considering the angles of light rays with the optical axis to remain small, the variations of the refractive index must also be small (otherwise, light rays could undergo large curvatures). This being the case, we can write $n = n_0 - \Delta n$, where n_0 is a constant and Δn a small variation. In this case, expression 15.34 can be written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dx_3} = \nabla(n_0 - \Delta n) \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dx_3} = -\nabla(\Delta n)$$
(15.35)

If coordinate x_3 is replaced by time *t* and the refractive index *n* by the potential *V*, it can be verified that Equation 15.35 is similar to the equation in mechanics for the movement of a particle in a potential field:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\nabla V \tag{15.36}$$

We then verify that, in the paraxial approximation, a refractive index distribution in optics takes the role of a potential in mechanics,¹¹ the momentum in optics takes the role of a mass's momentum in mechanics, and coordinate x_3 takes the role of time.

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16

Radiometry, Photometry, and Radiation Heat Transfer

Radiometry deals with radiant quantities and applies to the entire electromagnetic spectrum. Photometry is a subdivision of radiometry that deals only with the part of the spectrum perceived by the human eye as light. In radiometry it is possible to study nonvisible radiation but in photometry only the visible part of the spectrum is considered. Radiation heat transfer, as the name suggests, deals with heat exchange by exchange of radiation, with bodies absorbing its heat much as the eye absorbs light.

Some concepts of radiometry, photometry, and radiation heat transfer are presented here briefly.

16.1 Definitions

The following definitions usually appear in books on radiometry, photometry, or optics, sometimes with entire chapters dedicated to these topics.

The central concept in radiometry is the radiation flux. It is the quantity of energy that is emitted, transmitted, or received per unit time:

$$\Phi = \frac{dQ}{dt} \tag{16.1}$$

where Q is the energy and t the time.

The human eye has differing sensitivity to different wavelengths (colors) of light. We must, therefore, distinguish two concepts. Radiant flux is the power of the radiation, measured in watts. Luminous flux is the measure of the perceived power of light by the human eye, measured in lumens. These quantities are related by the luminous efficacy function shown in Figure 16.1.¹ This function tells us how many lumens are there for each 1 W of power at a given wavelength. It has a maximum of 683 lm/W at 555 nm wavelength. For example, for 1 W power of radiation with a wavelength of 555 nm we have 683 lm of visual sensation. For 1 W power of radiation of other wavelengths, the corresponding visual sensation in lumens is given by the luminous efficacy function. For example, radiation of wavelength 900 nm (infrared) will not be visible, so its luminous efficacy is zero.



FIGURE 16.1 Human eye's sensitivity as a function of the wavelength of the light.

We may now define the luminosity function $V(\lambda)$ (or photopic luminous efficiency function) the same way as the luminous efficacy, but normalized to its maximum value of 683, which occurs at 555 nm. We then have V(555) = 1. The luminous efficacy function can then be given by $683V(\lambda)$, where $V(\lambda)$ is the luminosity function.² Note that $V(\lambda)$ is dimensionless, but is multiplied by 683 lm/W to give the luminous efficacy.

Actually, the eye's sensitivity varies with the overall light level. We call photopic vision as the vision of the eye under well-lit conditions (normal lighting conditions during the day) and call scotopic vision as the vision of the eye in dim light (low-light conditions). The curve in Figure 16.1 refers to the eye's photopic sensitivity.

If a light source emits multiwavelength light with some kind of spectrum, there will be a power distribution as a function of wavelength. The strength of the corresponding total visual sensation can be calculated by

$$\Phi_V = 683 \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda) V(\lambda) \, d\lambda \tag{16.2}$$

where $\Phi(\lambda)$ is the power in watts per unit wavelength and Φ_V the total luminous flux in lumens. The integration limits, in practice, do not need to exceed the range of appreciable values of $V(\lambda)$, for example, 380–760 nm, rather than zero to infinity.

We now define some more quantities. The radiation flux emitted per unit surface is called emittance and is defined as

$$M = \frac{d\Phi}{dA} \tag{16.3}$$

where dA is an infinitesimal area emitting radiation. The radiation flux falling on a surface is called irradiance (W/m²) and is defined by

$$E = \frac{d\Phi}{dA} \tag{16.4}$$

where dA is an infinitesimal area receiving radiation. The corresponding photometric quantity is called illuminance and is measured in lux (1 lx = 1 lm/m²).

The intensity of the radiation is defined as the flux per unit solid angle:

$$I = \frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega} \tag{16.5}$$

and again we distinguish between the radiometric quantity, which is given in watts per steradian (W/sr), and the photometric quantity, which is given in candelas where 1 cd = 1 lm/sr.

The radiation flux per unit projected area and per unit solid angle is given by

$$L = \frac{d\Phi}{dA\cos\theta d\Omega} \tag{16.6}$$

where θ is the angle that normal **n** to area *dA* makes with the direction of the solid angle $d\Omega$, as shown in Figure 16.2. This quantity is called radiance and is measured in watts per steradian per square meter (W/sr/m²). The corresponding photometric quantity is the luminance, also defined as

$$L_V = \frac{d\Phi_V}{dA\cos\theta d\Omega} \tag{16.7}$$

The quantity L_V is measured in candelas per square meter (cd/m²). The flux used to define it is the "visual" flux Φ_V .

Instead of the notation $d\Phi$, the notation $d^2\Phi$ is customarily used to stress the fact that the flux in the definition of the radiance is proportional to the product of the two differentials dA and $d\Omega$, and thus, is a second-order differential. Here, nonetheless, the notation $d\Phi$ is used instead of $d^2\Phi$.



FIGURE 16.2

Radiation emitted by a solid angle $d\Omega$ in a direction making an angle θ with the normal **n** to area dA.

Luminance or radiance may be a function of wavelength. In that case, if $L_{\lambda}(\lambda)$ is the spectral radiance, defined as the radiance per unit wavelength interval, the radiance is

$$L = \int_0^\infty L_\lambda(\lambda) \, d\lambda \tag{16.8}$$

Also, if $L_{V\lambda}(\lambda)$ is the spectral luminance, defined as the luminance per unit wavelength interval, the luminance is

$$L_V = \int_0^\infty L_{V\lambda}(\lambda) \, d\lambda \tag{16.9}$$

Luminance can be obtained from the spectral radiance as^{3,4}

$$L_V = 683 \int_0^\infty L(\lambda) V(\lambda) \, d\lambda \tag{16.10}$$

The radiation intensity emitted by an area dA is given as

$$I_{dA} = \frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega} = L\cos\theta dA \tag{16.11}$$

A similar expression could be written for the photometric quantity. Consider the particular case in which the radiance *L* (or luminance L_v) of the emitted radiation is uniform over a finite area *A*. The total intensity in direction θ can be obtained by

$$I(\theta) = L\cos\theta \int_{A} dA = L(\theta) A\cos\theta \qquad (16.12)$$

Further consider the particular case in which the radiance *L* (or luminance L_v) is independent of the direction, that is, $L(\theta) = L$, where *L* is a constant. For $\theta = 0$, the intensity is given by $I_0 = LA$, thus this expression can be written as

$$I = I_0 \cos \theta \tag{16.13}$$

This is the Lambert's cosine law. A surface is called Lambertian if it emits, or if it intercepts radiation with an intensity pattern following this cosine law solely due to variation of projected area.³

16.2 Conservation of Radiance in Homogeneous Media

Étendue conservation can be derived in many contexts. Here we present its conservation in the context of radiometry. Consider an infinitesimal area dA_1 emitting radiation in the direction of dA_2 , as presented in Figure 16.3. These two areas are separated by a distance *r*. Note that *r* is a finite quantity, but dA_1 and dA_2 are infinitesimal. Areas dA_1 and dA_2 have normals \mathbf{n}_1 and \mathbf{n}_2 that make angles θ_1 and θ_2 in the direction of *r*.









Illustration of an elementary beam of radiation.

By definition, an elementary light beam is composed of a central ray and all the rays passing through both dA_1 and dA_2 as shown in Figure 16.4.^{3,5–7}

The solid angle $d\Omega_1$ is that defined at area dA_1 by area dA_2 , and is given as

$$d\Omega_1 = \frac{dA_2 \cos \theta_2}{r^2} \tag{16.14}$$

In an equal manner, the solid angle defined by dA_1 in dA_2 is given by

$$d\Omega_2 = \frac{dA_1 \cos \theta_1}{r^2} \tag{16.15}$$

Multiplying $d\Omega_2$ by $dA_2 \cos \theta_2$ and $d\Omega_1$ by $dA_1 \cos \theta_1$, we can write

$$dA_1 \cos \theta_1 d\Omega_1 = \frac{dA_1 dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{r^2}$$

$$dA_2 \cos \theta_2 d\Omega_2 = \frac{dA_1 dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{r^2}$$
 (16.16)

Let us now consider the quantity

$$dU = dA\cos\theta d\Omega \tag{16.17}$$

We therefore have

$$dU_1 = dA_1 \cos \theta_1 d\Omega_1$$

$$dU_2 = dA_2 \cos \theta_2 d\Omega_2$$
(16.18)

For an elementary light beam, all the light passing through dA_1 (see Figure 16.3) is that passing through dA_2 . Therefore, dU, as defined in Equation 16.17 is in this case given by the first equation of expression 16.18. However, for the same elementary light beam, all the light passing through dA_2 is that coming from dA_1 . Therefore, dU, as defined by Equation 16.17 is in this case given by the second equation of expression 16.18. For an elementary light beam, dU is then conserved since, as seen from Equation 16.16,

$$dU_1 = dU_2 \tag{16.19}$$

This quantity *U* is called étendue, throughput, or geometrical extent.^{3,7–9} The étendue of the light beam as it crosses dA_1 is the same as when it crosses dA_2 .

From the definition of radiance in Equation 16.6, we can see that it is related to the étendue by

$$d\Phi = LdU \tag{16.20}$$

and, for a light beam, the same rays pass through dA_1 and dA_2 , so the flux through these two areas is the same, that is, $d\Phi_1 = d\Phi_2$. Since the étendue is also conserved, we obtain

$$L_1 = L_2$$
 (16.21)

and radiance is also conserved.^{3,5–7,10} Note that relation 16.21 is also valid for light traveling in a medium of refractive index n. The arguments used earlier are also valid in the case of photometric quantities and, therefore, the luminance L_V is also conserved.

Let us now consider two finite areas A_1 and A_2 and all the light rays passing through both A_1 and A_2 as shown in Figure 16.5.



FIGURE 16.5 The étendue is conserved for the light passing through both areas A_1 and A_2 .

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The étendue of the radiation passing through A_1 and going toward A_2 is given by the integration of the first equation of expression 16.18 in dA_1 and dA_2 . However, the étendue passing through A_2 for the light coming from A_1 is given by the integration of the second equation of expression 16.18 in dA_1 and dA_2 . But $dU_1 = dU_2$, and therefore, these integrals are also the same and the étendue is conserved from A_1 to A_2 .

16.3 Conservation of Basic Radiance in (Specular) Reflections and Refractions

Consider a light beam reflected by a mirror, as shown in Figure 16.6. This light beam is composed of a central ray and all the rays passing through dA_1 and dA_2 . Mirror M creates an image dA_1^* of area dA_1 . But our previous result on étendue conservation can be applied to elementary areas dA_1^* and dA_2 , establishing that the étendue is conserved for the light beam passing through dA_2 and the mirror image dA_1^* . Therefore, the étendue is conserved for the light beam passing through dA_2 and it can be concluded that étendue is conserved during reflection.

Consider a light beam falling on the surface dA_1 separating two media (mediums 1 and 2) with refractive indices n_1 and n_2 , respectively, as shown in Figure 16.7a. The flux coming from medium 1 and falling on dA_1 is given by

$$d\Phi_1 = L_1 dA_1 \cos\theta_1 d\Omega_1 \tag{16.22}$$



FIGURE 16.6

The étendue is conserved between area dA_2 and the mirror image dA_1^* . Therefore, it is also conserved between areas dA_1 and dA_2 . Étendue is then conserved during reflection.



FIGURE 16.7

(a) The refraction of light from a medium with refractive index n_1 to another medium with refractive index n_2 . The solid angle occupied by the radiation varies, but the quantity L/n^2 is constant. (b) A reflection, where the solid angle is constant. Since *n* does not vary either, the quantity L/n^2 is also invariant.



FIGURE 16.8

Radiation transfer between the surface dA_1 and the hemisphere above it, through all of which dA_1 radiates. The solid angle $d\Omega_1$ defined at area dA_1 by area dA_2 , is given as $d\Omega_1 = \sin \theta_1 d\theta_1 d\varphi$.

In Figure 16.8 surface dA_2 defines a solid angle $d\Omega_1$, which in spherical coordinates is given by

$$d\Omega_1 = \frac{dA_2}{r^2} = \sin\theta_1 d\theta_1 d\varphi \tag{16.23}$$

And therefore,

$$d\Phi_1 = L_1 dA_1 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_1 d\theta_1 d\varphi \tag{16.24}$$

However, the flux propagating into medium 2 is given by

$$d\Phi_2 = L_2 dA_1 \cos \theta_2 d\Omega_2 = L_2 dA_1 \cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_2 d\theta_2 d\varphi \qquad (16.25)$$

Note that angle φ is the same for both incident and refracted rays, since a refracted ray is contained in the plane defined by the incident ray and the normal to the surface. Assume that the normal to the surface points in the direction of axis x_3 .

Assuming there are no losses at the surface (i.e., Fresnel reflections are neglected or have been suppressed by antireflection coatings), we can write $d\Phi_1 = d\Phi_2$, and therefore,

$$\frac{L_1 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_1 d\theta_1}{L_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_2 d\theta_2} = 1$$
(16.26)

Snell's law is

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \tag{16.27}$$

Calculating the derivatives of both sides of the equation:

$$n_1 \cos \theta_1 d\theta_1 = n_2 \cos \theta_2 d\theta_2 \tag{16.28}$$

therefore,

$$\frac{\sin\theta_1}{\sin\theta_2} = \frac{\cos\theta_1 d\theta_1}{\cos\theta_2 d\theta_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$
(16.29)

Inserting this into expression 16.26 gives

$$\frac{L_1}{n_1^2} = \frac{L_2}{n_2^2} \Leftrightarrow L_1^* = L_2^* \tag{16.30}$$

It can then be concluded that the quantity $L^* = L/n^2$ is conserved in refraction, and therefore also conserved in optical systems containing surfaces separating two media with different indices of refraction.^{2,3,5–7,10} A similar calculation with $n_1 = n_2$, as in Figure 16.7b, enables us to conclude that L, and therefore L/n^2 , are conserved during a reflection, as previously concluded. Thus, any optical system with reflections or refractions conserves the quantity $L^* = L/n^2$, known as basic radiance.^{3,7,10} Again, these arguments are also valid in the case of photometric quantities and the basic luminance $L_V^* = L_V/n^2$ is conserved in exactly the same way.

In terms of this quantity L^* , the expression for the energy flux through an elemental area dA can be written as

$$d\Phi = L dA \cos\theta d\Omega = L^*(n^2 dA \cos\theta d\Omega)$$
(16.31)

Assuming loss-less reflections or refractions (i.e., no scattering or Fresnel reflection), flux $d\Phi$ must be conserved. Since L^* is conserved, it can be concluded that $n^2 dA \cos \theta \, d\Omega$ is conserved as well. Generalizing now the definition of étendue to

$$dU = n^2 dA \cos\theta d\Omega \tag{16.32}$$

we verify that the étendue is conserved in an optical system with reflections or refractions. Note that the previous definition given by Equation 16.17 is still valid in the particular case where n = 1.

As an example, let us consider the optical system presented in Figure 16.9.

This optical system has entrance aperture A_1 , exit aperture A_2 , and consists of two parallel flat mirrors M_1 and M_2 . Consider two elementary light beams passing through dA_1 and dA_2 at the entrance and exit apertures, respectively. The light beam b_1 is composed of a central ray and all the rays passing through dA_1 and dA_2 and the light beam b_2 is composed of a central ray and all the rays passing through dA_1 , being reflected at the mirror M_2 and then passing through dA_2 . We have seen that for beam b_1 , étendue is conserved. We have also seen that reflection conserves étendue, and therefore, it is also



FIGURE 16.9

Étendue is conserved between areas dA_1 and dA_2 either for light beams that cross them directly, as is the case of beam b_1 , or for light beams reflected by the mirrors, as is the case of beam b_2 . If étendue is conserved for any of the areas of dA_1 and dA_2 of A_1 and A_2 , then it is conserved between A_1 and A_2 .

conserved for the elementary light beam b_2 passing through dA_1 and dA_2 . Integrating now over areas A_1 and A_2 , we can conclude that étendue is conserved for the radiation passing through A_1 and A_2 . The same conclusion could be drawn if the optical system would have refractions, since refraction also conserves étendue.

The expression for the energy flux through an area dA can be written as

$$d\Phi = L^* dU \tag{16.33}$$

We then verify that, if the basic radiance is multiplied by the étendue we obtain the energy flux.

Note that, in the definition of étendue in expression 16.32, *n* is a dimensionless quantity since it is the ratio of two light speeds (*in vacuo* and *in medio*). The same happens with solid angle $d\Omega$, which is the ratio of any elemental area on a sphere and the square of the sphere's radius. The solid angle, therefore, has the units of area divided by area and is a-dimensional. Something similar happens with angle θ , which has dimensions of length divided by length and is therefore dimensionless, but nonetheless, not unitless, being expressed in degrees or radians. Therefore, *dU* has the units of *dA*, that is, units of area.

In the real world, reflections and refractions do not have the perfect characteristics as in geometric optics, because actual engineered surfaces always exhibit some scattering that adds to étendue as well as reduces basic radiance and luminance (see Chapter 3).

16.4 Étendue and Shape Factor

The energy flux per unit time that dA_1 emits in the direction of dA_2 or that passes through dA_1 in the direction of dA_2 , as shown in Figure 16.3, is given by expression 16.20 as^{3,8,10}

$$d\Phi_{12} = L_1 dA_1 \cos\theta_1 d\Omega_1 \tag{16.34}$$

Replacing the solid angle $d\Omega_1$ from expression 16.14, the flux emitted by dA_1 in the direction of dA_2 is given by

$$d\Phi_{12} = L_1 \frac{dA_1 dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{r^2}$$
(16.35)

Consider the total flux emitted by surface dA_1 , emitted into a hemisphere centered at dA_1 and covering it, as shown in Figure 16.8. For the light emitted by dA_1 we can write an expression similar to Equation 16.24 in spherical coordinates, and integrating over the entire hemisphere gives

$$d\Phi_{\rm hem} = L_1 dA_1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos\theta_1 \sin\theta_1 d\theta_1 d\varphi = \pi L_1 dA_1$$
(16.36)

where $d\Phi_{\text{hem}}$ is the flux radiated by dA_1 into the hemisphere above it. In the situation shown in Figure 16.8 and in the particular case in which dA_1 is a blackbody surface, the radiation flux emitted toward the hemisphere above it is given as

$$d\Phi_{\rm hem1} = \sigma T_1^4 \, dA_1 \tag{16.37}$$

where σ is the Stephan–Boltzmann constant ($\sigma = 5.670 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$) and T_1 the temperature of the body containing area dA_1 .^{3,11} Comparing expressions 16.36 and 16.37, it can be verified that, in this case,

$$L_1 = \frac{\sigma T_1^4}{\pi}$$
(16.38)

which is the expression for the radiance of a blackbody at a temperature T_1 .³

We can now consider again the situation presented in Figure 16.3 and calculate the ratio between the radiation emitted by dA_1 that arrives at dA_2 and all the radiation emitted by dA_1 . This ratio is given by^{3,7,8}

$$dF_{dA1-dA2} = \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{d\Phi_{hem1}} = \frac{1}{\pi L_1 dA_1} \left(L_1 \frac{dA_1 dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{r^2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2}$$
(16.39)

Note that $dF_{dA1-dA2}$ is a differential because it is proportional to an infinitesimal area dA_2 . The quantity $dF_{dA1-dA2}$ is variously called the shape factor, angle factor, or configuration factor, and is used in radiation heat transfer^{11,12} to designate the fraction of radiation leaving dA_1 that arrives at dA_2 . With this definition, the flux emitted by dA_1 and received by dA_2 can now be rewritten from expression 16.35 as

$$d\Phi_{12} = \pi L_1 dA_1 \frac{dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} = \pi L_1 dA_1 dF_{dA1-dA2}$$
(16.40)

We now consider dA_1 and dA_2 as two blackbody emitters. The flux emitted by dA_1 toward dA_2 is given by Equation 16.40, which can be rewritten with Equation 16.38 as

$$d\Phi_{12} = \sigma T_1^4 \, dA_1 dF_{dA1-dA2} \tag{16.41}$$

However, the flux $d\Phi_2$ emitted by dA_2 and arriving at dA_1 is given by

$$d\Phi_{21} = \sigma T_2^4 \, dA_2 \, dF_{dA2-dA1} \tag{16.42}$$

In thermal equilibrium, the temperatures T_1 and T_2 of dA_1 and dA_2 are the same ($T_1 = T_2$) and give $d\Phi_{12} = d\Phi_{21}$, which can be written as

$$dA_1 dF_{dA1-dA2} = dA_2 dF_{dA2-dA1}$$
(16.43)

In radiation transfer, this expression is called the reciprocity relation^{11,12} and it tells us that, in thermal equilibrium, the radiation $d\Phi_{12}$ emitted from dA_1 toward dA_2 equals $d\Phi_{21}$ emitted from dA_2 toward dA_1 .

The reciprocity relation can also be written as

$$dA_1 \frac{dA_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} = dA_2 \frac{dA_1 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} \Leftrightarrow dU_1 = dU_2 \qquad (16.44)$$

and therefore corresponds to the conservation of étendue as previously obtained. The étendue and the shape factor are, thus, related quantities.

To obtain this relation, from $dU = d\Phi/L$ and expression 16.36, we obtain $dU_{\text{hem1}} = d\Phi_{\text{hem1}}/L_1 = \pi dA_1$, and therefore, relation 16.39 can be written in terms of étendue as

$$dF_{dA_1 - dA_2} = \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{d\Phi_{\text{hem1}}} = \frac{d\Phi_{12}/L_1}{d\Phi_{\text{hem1}}/L_1} = \frac{dU_{12}}{dU_{\text{hem1}}} = \frac{dU_{12}}{\pi dA_1}$$
(16.45)

where U_{12} is the étendue of the light emitted from dA_1 toward dA_2 . This expression enables us to use the shape factors to calculate the étendue. Shape factors are sometimes listed for different geometries in textbooks of radiation transfer.¹¹

Another possible way to calculate the étendue of the light emitted from the area A_1 to the area A_2 is by using Monte Carlo method of randomized computer ray tracing.³ For this, we may also relate the étendue of the light emitted from the area A_1 toward the area A_2 with the fraction of light emitted by A_1 that reaches A_2 . From Equation 16.45, we have

$$dU_{12} = \pi dA_1 \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{d\Phi_{\text{hem1}}}$$
(16.46)

If we now consider dA_1 as part of an uniform Lambertian emitter A_1 and dA_2 as part of an area A_2 as shown in Figure 16.10, we get

$$U_{12} = \pi A_1 \frac{\Phi_{12}}{\Phi_{\text{hem1}}} \tag{16.47}$$

where U_{12} is the étendue of the light emitted from A_1 toward A_2 , Φ_{12} the portion of the flux emitted by A_1 that is captured by A_2 , and Φ_{hem1} the total flux emitted by A_1 .

The étendue U_{12} of the radiation emitted from A_1 toward A_2 can then be obtained using a ray-tracing package (Monte Carlo method). If A_1 emits unit



FIGURE 16.10 The flux emitted from A_1 toward A_2 is obtained by integration of dA_1 and dA_2 on A_1 and A_2 .

flux, so that $\Phi_{\text{hem1}} = 1$, and if we assume that A_2 is a perfect absorber, the étendue of the light emitted from A_1 to A_2 is given by $U_{12} = \pi A_1 \Phi_{12}$, where Φ_{12} is the flux absorbed by A_2 .

16.5 Two-Dimensional Systems

Consider a 2-D system, as presented in Figure 16.11.

In a 3-D system, the flux from A_1 to A_2 was given by Equation 16.34. In the 2-D geometry, the flux (energy per unit time) passing through da_2 coming from da_1 is given as

$$d\Phi_1 = L_1 da_1 \cos \theta_1 d\theta_1 \tag{16.48}$$

with

$$d\theta_1 = \frac{da_2 \cos \theta_2}{r} \tag{16.49}$$

Note that da_1 and da_2 are no longer areas in a 3-D space, but lines (infinitesimal lengths) in a plane in a 2-D space.

The flux radiated by da_1 through the entire semicircumference above it, as shown in Figure 16.12, is given by

$$d\Phi_{\text{hem1}} = L_1 da_1 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \theta_1 d\theta_1 = 2L_1 da_1$$
(16.50)



Radiation transfer between two lines da_1 and da_2 in a 2-D system.



FIGURE 16.12

Radiation transfer between a line da_1 and a semicircumference above it. All the light emitted by da_1 crosses this semicircumference.

The 2-D shape factor from da_1 to da_2 is now given by

$$dF_{da1-da2} = \frac{d\Phi_1}{d\Phi_{hem1}} = \cos\theta_1 \frac{da_2\cos\theta_2}{2r} = \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta_1 d\theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}d(\sin\theta_1) \quad (16.51)$$

This result coincides with the shape factor obtained for a 3-D system where, in Figure 16.11, lines da_1 and da_2 extend to infinity in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the text, forming two parallel surfaces.^{11,12}

The étendue given in 3-D by Equation 16.17 is now given in 2-D by

$$dU = da\cos\theta d\theta = da\,d(\sin\theta) \tag{16.52}$$

This must be conserved in the passage through an optical system. If we consider a 2-D system and the refraction on a line in the plane, we again have Snell's law of refraction:

$$n_A \sin \theta_A = n_B \sin \theta_B \tag{16.53}$$



FIGURE 16.13 Refraction by a 2-D optic.

where n_A and θ_A are the refractive index and angle to the normal to the line before refraction and n_B and θ_B the refractive index and angle to the normal to the curve after refraction as shown in Figure 16.13.

Calculating the differentials of both sides gives

$$n_A \cos \theta_A \, d\theta_A = n_B \cos \theta_B \, d\theta_B \Leftrightarrow dU_A = dU_B \tag{16.54}$$

and therefore, the 2-D étendue is conserved in 2-D refractions. In the case in which $n_A = n_{B'}$ we obtain the conservation of étendue by reflections.

Also in this case, we have $dU = d\Phi/L$, thus from Equation 16.50 we can obtain $dU_{\text{hem1}} = d\Phi_{\text{hem1}}/L_1 = 2da_1$, and the equivalent of Equation 16.45 for 2-D geometry becomes

$$dF_{da1-da2} = \frac{dU_1}{2da_1}$$
(16.55)

If light passes through media with different refractive indices, the étendue given in 3-D by expression 16.32 is now given in 2-D by

$$dU = n \, da \cos \theta \, d\theta = n \, da \, d(\sin \theta) \tag{16.56}$$

and is conserved. In this case, the flux passing through a line can be written in similar to Equation 16.33 as

$$d\Phi = L^* dU \tag{16.57}$$

where $L^* = L/n$ is the basic radiance. Again, a similar result is obtained for the basic luminance if photometric quantities are used.



FIGURE 16.14 Illumination of a plane by an infinitesimal light source dA_1 .

16.6 Illumination of a Plane

Consider the cases in which we want to illuminate a plane using an infinitesimal flat light source parallel to the plane, as shown in Figure 16.14.

Let dA_2 be an elemental area of the plane to be illuminated and dA_1 an infinitesimal source parallel to the plane and placed at a distance *D*, as shown in Figure 16.14.

In this case, dA_1 and dA_2 are parallel and we have $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta$. In addition, distance *r* between dA_1 and dA_2 can be related to distance *D* between dA_1 and the plane of dA_2 by

$$r = \frac{D}{\cos\theta} \tag{16.58}$$

Expression 16.35 can be written in this case as

$$d\Phi = L \frac{dA_1 dA_2}{D^2} \cos^4\theta \Leftrightarrow E = \frac{d\Phi}{dA_2} = L \frac{dA_1}{D^2} \cos^4\theta$$
(16.59)

where *E* is the irradiance at area dA_2 and is defined by $E = d\Phi/dA_2$. The irradiance *E* is, therefore, the energy flux per unit area passing through dA_2 . For $\theta = 0$, expression 16.59 can be written as

$$E_0 = L_0 \frac{dA_1}{D^2} \tag{16.60}$$

Dividing Equation 16.59 by 16.60 gives

$$\frac{E}{E_0} = \frac{L}{L_0} \cos^4\theta \tag{16.61}$$

In the case where *L* is independent of the direction (i.e., in the case in which dA_1 is a Lambertian source) *L* in direction θ equals L_0 in the direction perpendicular to elemental area dA_1 , giving $L = L_0$, so that^{13,14}

$$E = E_0 \cos^4\theta \tag{16.62}$$

from which we can conclude that the irradiance produced by the light emitted by an infinitesimal area on a parallel plane is proportional to $\cos^4 \theta$. This steep fall is well known in, for example, the design of image projectors.

Now, we determine the (nonuniform) intensity pattern that dA_1 must emit to produce a uniform illumination of the plane. We no longer require dA_1 to be parallel to the plane. In this case, we can write

$$d\Phi = Id\Omega \tag{16.63}$$

where *I* is the intensity of the radiation coming from dA_1 . Now, the quantity *I* characterizes the source only in terms of the direction in which the radiation is emitted. Considering expression 16.14 for $d\Omega_1$ and expression 16.58, we get

$$d\Phi = I \frac{dA_2 \cos^3\theta}{D^2} \tag{16.64}$$

so that

$$\frac{E}{E_0} = \frac{I}{I_0} \cos^3\theta \tag{16.65}$$

For constant irradiance *E* in the plane, we must have $E = E_0$, so that

$$I = \frac{I_0}{\cos^3\theta} \tag{16.66}$$

As can be verified, this expression does not depend on the distance D from point **P** to the plane. This being the case, the distance D can have any value and can even go to infinity. In this case, expression 16.66 determines the angular intensity distribution of the radiation that a source must have to produce a constant irradiance on the plane placed at infinity. This result is still valid even if the source now has a finite dimension.

Consider next the 2-D case in which an infinitesimal source da_1 illuminates a straight line, as shown in Figure 16.15. Expression 16.63 can be written in this case as

$$d\Phi = Id\theta \tag{16.67}$$



FIGURE 16.15 A 2-D system where an infinitesimal source da_1 illuminates a straight line.

From Figure 16.15, we can see that

$$d\theta = \frac{da_2 \cos \theta}{r} \tag{16.68}$$

therefore,

$$d\Phi = I \frac{da_2 \cos^2 \theta}{D} \tag{16.69}$$

and

$$\frac{E}{E_0} = \frac{I}{I_0} \cos^2\theta \tag{16.70}$$

from which it can be concluded that, in a 2-D system, for an infinitesimal source to produce a constant irradiance on a line, we must have

$$I = \frac{I_0}{\cos^2\theta} \tag{16.71}$$

As before, this expression does not depend on the distance *D* from the source to the line, so this angular distribution also enables a uniform radiation distribution produced on a line placed at an infinite distance. In this case, the dimension of the source can be taken as finite. It can then be concluded that, to have a finite-sized source producing a constant irradiance on a plane placed at an infinite distance, its angular distribution of radiation must fulfill Equation 16.71.

These arguments also apply to the case of photometric quantities and the results obtained for irradiance are also valid for illuminance.

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Plane Curves

17.1 General Considerations

This chapter presents some plane curves¹ that are useful in designing nonimaging optics.

The magnitude of a vector **v** is given by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \tag{17.1}$$

A normalized vector with the same direction as **v**, but with unit magnitude can be obtained from

nrm
$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}}$$
 (17.2)

The distance $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]$ between two points \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is given by the magnitude of the vector $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$, that is, $\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|$ or

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) \cdot (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})}$$
(17.3)

The angle between two vectors **u** and **v** is given by

$$\operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \theta = \operatorname{arc} \cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{u}\|}\right) = \operatorname{arc} \cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}}\right)$$
(17.4)

This angle, however, is $0 \le \theta \le \pi$. Consider then that vectors **u** and **v** are 2-D and that **u** = (u_1 , u_2) and **v** = (v_1 , v_2). We can define the vectors **U** = (u_1 , u_2 , 0) and **V** = (v_1 , v_2 , 0) in three dimensions. The cross product of **U** and **V** is

$$\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V} = (0, 0, u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1) \tag{17.5}$$

If the third component of $\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}$ is positive, then \mathbf{v} is in the counterclockwise direction from \mathbf{u} . Also, if the third component of $\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}$ is negative, then \mathbf{v} is in the clockwise direction from \mathbf{u} . We now define the angle in the positive direction from \mathbf{u} to \mathbf{v} as

angp(**v**, **u**) = ang(**v**, **u**) if
$$u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \ge 0$$

angp(**v**, **u**) = 2π - ang(**v**, **u**) if $u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 < 0$ (17.6)

This is the angle that **v** makes relative to **u** in the positive direction and in the range $0 \le \varphi < 2\pi$.

In the particular case where $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0)$, then angp(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) is the angle that vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ makes with axis x_1 and we define

$$angh \mathbf{v} = \arccos\left(\frac{v_1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}}\right) \quad \text{if } v_2 \ge 0$$

$$angh \mathbf{v} = 2\pi - \arccos\left(\frac{v_1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}}\right) \quad \text{if } v_2 < 0$$

$$(17.7)$$

This is the angle vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ makes with the horizontal axis x_1 . These functions are represented in Figure 17.1, where $\varphi = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$ and $\beta = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{v})$.

Now consider the rotation of a point around the origin. A point $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2)$ can be rotated by an angle α around the origin by applying a rotation matrix to it

$$R(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$
(17.8)

thus, the rotated point is given by

$$R(\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(17.9)

The effect of the rotation matrix is represented in Figure 17.2.

The intersection point between two straight lines can be obtained from the definitions of a straight line in terms of points and vectors. A point \mathbf{P} and a vector \mathbf{v} , as shown in Figure 17.3, define a straight line. Accordingly, another point \mathbf{Q} and vector \mathbf{u} define another straight line.



FIGURE 17.1

(a) Function $angp(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$ takes two vectors as parameters and gives the angle that the first makes relative to the second. (b) In the particular case where the second vector is in the x_1 direction, this function gives the angle of a vector to the x_1 axis.





FIGURE 17.2 Rotation of a point **P** by an angle α around the origin accomplished by multiplying it on the left by a rotation matrix *R*(α).

FIGURE 17.3 Intersection between two straight lines.

The intersection point **X** fulfills the following:

$$\mathbf{u}_{P} \cdot (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \tag{17.10}$$
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P} + d\mathbf{y}$$

where \mathbf{u}_{p} is a vector perpendicular to \mathbf{u} . If $\mathbf{u} = (u_{1}, u_{2})$, then

$$\mathbf{u}_P = R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \mathbf{u} = (-u_2, u_1) \tag{17.11}$$

Replacing **X** in the first expression of Equation 17.10, solving for d, and introducing the result into the second expression gives

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P} + \frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.12)

We can define a function (intersect straight lines) as follows:

$$isl(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P} + \frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_{P}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{P}} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.13)

Now consider a further situation wherein a circle of radius r is centered at point **F** and a point **P** is exterior to the circle, that is, the distance from **F** to **P** is greater than r, with $[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] > r$, as presented in Figure 17.4. Also consider point **T**^{*} on the tangent to the circle that contains point **P**. Direction **T**^{*}**P** is in the counterclockwise direction from **FP**.

Now calculate the distance t_p from **T**^{*} to **P** and angle ϕ_p that line **PT**^{*} makes to a vector **u** tilted by an angle α to the horizontal.

Distance t_p from **T**^{*} to **P** is given by

$$t_P = \sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) - r^2}$$
(17.14)



FIGURE 17.4

A circle with center **F** and radius *r* and an exterior point **P**. Distance t_p from **P** to the tangent point **T*** to the circle and the angle ϕ_p that **T*****P** makes to a direction tilted by an angle α to the horizontal. Direction **T*****P** is in counterclockwise from **FP**.



FIGURE 17.5

A circle with center **F** and radius *r* and an exterior point **P**. Distance t_p from **P** to the tangent point **T*** to the circle and the angle ϕ_p that **TP** makes to a direction tilted by an angle α to the horizontal. Direction **TP** is in the clockwise direction from **FP**.

Angle δ is given by

$$\delta = \arcsin\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})}}\right) \tag{17.15}$$

Vector **u** is given by $\mathbf{u} = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$ and angle φ is given by

$$\varphi = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{u}) \tag{17.16}$$

Angle ϕ_P can now be obtained from

$$\phi_P = \varphi + \delta \tag{17.17}$$

Now consider a similar situation, but point **T** is on the other side of the circle, as shown in Figure 17.5, that is, now **TP** is in the clockwise direction from **FP**.

The value for t_p is still given by expression 17.14. Also, angles δ and φ are still given by expressions 17.15 and 17.16, respectively. We can now obtain angle ϕ_p from φ and δ . To ensure that $0 \le \phi_p < 2\pi$, we have

$$\phi_{P} = \varphi - \delta \qquad \text{if } \varphi - \delta \ge 0$$

$$\phi_{P} = 2\pi + \varphi - \delta \qquad \text{if } \varphi - \delta < 0$$
(17.18)

We now calculate the positions of points **T**^{*} and **T** from the positions of point **P** and center **F** and radius *r* of the circle, as shown in Figure 17.6.



Circle with center **F** and radius *r* and an exterior point **P**. Tangent points **T** and **T*** for the lines that pass through **P** and are tangent to the circle.

Angle β can be obtained from $r = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] \cos \beta$ as

$$\beta = \arccos\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right) \tag{17.19}$$

and

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{F} + rR(\beta) \cdot \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})$$

$$\mathbf{T}^* = \mathbf{F} + rR(-\beta) \cdot \operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})$$
 (17.20)

17.2 Parabola

For a parabola, we have t + s = K, where *K* is a constant and *t* and *s* are defined as shown in Figure 17.7. But $s = -t \cos \phi$ and therefore $t - t \cos \phi = K$ or

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K}{1 - \cos\phi} \tag{17.21}$$

To find the value of *K*, we note that, when $\phi = \pi$, we have t = d, where *d* is the distance between the focus **F** of the parabola and its vertex **V**. Then $d - d \cos \pi = K$ or K = 2d.

The equation for a parabola in polar coordinates is then

$$t(\phi)(\cos\phi,\sin\phi) \tag{17.22}$$



In a parabola with a horizontal axis, horizontal incoming rays are concentrated at the focus. This curve also fulfills s + t = K, where K is a constant.

with

$$t(\phi) = \frac{2d}{1 - \cos\phi} \tag{17.23}$$

A parabola rotated by an angle α has the equation

$$t(\phi)\left(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)\right) \tag{17.24}$$

A parabola rotated by an angle α and with focus at a point **F** = (F_1 , F_2) has the equation:

$$t(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
 (17.25)

Now consider that we want to determine the equation of a parabola having a given focus **F**, tilted by a given angle α to the horizontal, and passing through a given point **P**, as shown in Figure 17.8. In this case, for $\phi = \phi_p$, we have $t = t_p = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}]$ and therefore the constant *K* in the equation for the parabola is given by $[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] \cos \phi_p = K$. The equation for $t(\phi)$ for this parabola is then

$$\frac{\sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}}{1 - \cos \phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$\sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
(17.26)

Note that instead of giving angle α to define the direction of the parabola's axis, we may alternatively give two points: focus **F** and another point **G** on the axis in the direction where the parabola opens, as shown in Figure 17.9.



(a) A parabola can be completely determined by the position of its focus **F**, the angle α that its axis makes to the horizontal and a point **P**. (b) The parabola can be parameterized as a function of angle ϕ to its axis.



FIGURE 17.9

The direction of the axis of a parabola can be given by its focus ${\bf F}$ and another point ${\bf G}$ on the axis.

In this case, the angle α can be calculated by

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh} \mathbf{v} \quad \operatorname{with} \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$$
 (17.27)

with angh as defined in Equations 17.7. The parabola can then be obtained by expression 17.26. We can also obtain d by d = K/2 as

$$d = \frac{t_p - t_p \cos \phi_p}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})} - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}{2}$$
(17.28)



An ellipse reflects all the light emitted by a point source **F** to a point **G**. Points **F** and **G** are the foci of the ellipse. This curve fulfills t + s = K, where *K* is a constant.

17.3 Ellipse

Let us now consider an ellipse, as in Figure 17.10, with foci $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$.

Point **P** has coordinates $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2) = t(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$, where *t* is the distance from **F** to **P**. The distance *s* from point **P** to **G** is given by

$$s = \sqrt{(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{P})} = \sqrt{f^2 + t^2 - 2ft \cos \phi}$$
(17.29)

Ellipses fulfill t + s = K, where *K* is a constant, that is, the distance between the vertices of the ellipse, as shown in Figure 17.10. This can also be written as

$$s^{2} = (K - t)^{2} \Leftrightarrow f^{2} + t^{2} - 2ft\cos\phi = (K - t)^{2}$$
 (17.30)

or

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi}$$
(17.31)

and the ellipse is given by

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi}(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.32}$$

with $0 \le \phi < 2\pi$ and K > f.

We can now write the equation for the general case of an ellipse, given foci **F** and **G**, that passes through a given point **P**, as presented in Figure 17.11.

From the positions of **F**, **G**, and **P**, we have

$$K = t_p + s = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$$
(17.33)



FIGURE 17.11 A general ellipse can be defined by the position of its two foci **F** and **G** and a point **P**.

where angh is defined in Equations 17.7. The ellipse is then given by

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi}(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.34)

17.4 Hyperbola

Let us now consider a hyperbola, as in Figure 17.12 with foci $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$.

It is also described by an expression of the form $t(\phi)$ ($\cos\phi$, $\sin\phi$). For angle ϕ corresponding to point **P** on the right-hand side hyperbola, we have t > 0 and the points on this curve are defined by the condition t - s = K, where *K* is a constant. For angle ϕ^* corresponding to point **Q** on the left-hand side hyperbola, we have t < 0 and the points on this curve are defined by the condition s - |t| = K or s + t = K, where *K* is the constant same as that for the right-hand side curve. In both the cases, we can write

$$s^2 = (K - t)^2 \tag{17.35}$$

where *K* is the distance between the two vertices of the hyperbola, as shown in Figure 17.12. The hyperbola is then given by the equation same as that of the ellipse:

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi} \left(\cos\phi, \sin\phi\right) \tag{17.36}$$

with $0 \le \phi < 2\pi$ and K < f.



(a) If **F** is a point source, the hyperbola reflects its light as if it is diverging from another point **G**. Similarly, light directed toward **G** is reflected to **F**. Points **F** and **G** are its foci. The hyperbola has two branches with similar optical characteristics. (b) For points **P** on the right branch, we have t - s = K (with t > 0) and for the left one s + t = K (with t < 0), where K is a constant.





A general hyperbola can be defined by the position of its two foci F and G and a point P.

We can now write the equation for the general case of a hyperbola, given foci **F** and **G**, that passes through a given point **P**, as presented in Figure 17.13. From the positions of **F**, **G**, and **P**, we have

$$K = \|t - s\| = |[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]|$$

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$$
(17.37)

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$$

where angh is defined in Equations 17.7. The hyperbola is then given by

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi}(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.38)

17.5 Conics

The three expressions obtained earlier for the parabola, ellipse, and hyperbola can be combined in a single expression for all the three conic curves.

For the ellipse, we have K > f and therefore, we can make K - f = 2d, where d > 0. We then have K = 2d + f and we can replace this in the expression for $t(\phi)$ for the ellipse

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi} = \frac{2d^2 + 2fd}{f + 2d - f\cos\phi}$$
(17.39)

and making g = 1/f, the ellipse is described by

$$\frac{2d^2g + 2d}{1 + 2dg - \cos\phi}(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.40}$$

Now consider a hyperbola rotated by an angle π . Its parametric representation is

$$\frac{K^2 - f^2}{2K - 2f\cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \pi), \sin(\phi + \pi))$$

= $\frac{K^2 - f^2}{-2K + 2f\cos\phi} (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$ (17.41)

For the hyperbola, we have K < f and therefore, we can make f - K = 2d, where d > 0. Then making K = f - 2d and g = 1/f, we can write for the hyperbola rotated by an angle π as

$$\frac{-2d^2g + 2d}{1 - 2dg - \cos\phi}(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.42}$$

When $f \rightarrow \infty$, $g \rightarrow 0$ and both expressions, for the ellipse and the hyperbola rotated by an angle π , converge to the same parabola. We can then write as

$$\frac{2d^2\delta g + 2d}{1 + 2d\delta g - \cos\phi}(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.43}$$

If $\delta = 1$, we have an ellipse; if $\delta = 0$, we have a parabola; and if $\delta = -1$, we have a hyperbola. Figure 17.14 shows the three curves for the same value of *d*.


An ellipse has two foci **F** and **G**. As focus **G** tends to $+\infty$, the ellipse becomes a parabola. As the focus **G** now approaches **F**, but from $-\infty$, the parabola becomes a hyperbola.

17.6 Involute

Figure 17.15 shows an involute to a circle. It reflects rays tangent to the circle back to the circle again, still tangent (as indicated by the double arrow in the line connecting T and P).

This curve can be obtained by a string of constant length attached at point **A**, wrapping around the circle up to tangent point **T**, and then going straight to point **P** on the curve. The total length of the string **A**–**T**–**P** is given by $t + r\gamma$, which is a constant value K^* for the points on the curve. Since $\phi = \gamma + \pi/2$, we have

$$t + r\gamma = K^* \Leftrightarrow t(\phi) = K^* - r\gamma = K^* - r(\phi - \pi/2) = K - r\phi \qquad (17.44)$$

where *K* is a constant. The value of *K* may be obtained if a point \mathbf{P} on the curve is given as shown in Figure 17.15b. For this point, we have

$$K = t_p + r\phi_p \tag{17.45}$$

The values of t_p and ϕ_p can be obtained from expressions 17.14 and 17.17. The curve is therefore given by

$$r(\cos{(\phi - \pi/2)}, \sin{(\phi - \pi/2)}) + t(\phi)(\cos{\phi}, \sin{\phi})$$
 (17.46)

where $t(\phi)$ is given by Equation 17.44 with *K* given by Equation 17.45. If the center of the circle is at a point **F** = (F_1 , F_2) on the plane, the curve is given by

$$r(\sin\phi, -\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) + (F_1, F_2)$$
 (17.47)



(a) An involute can be defined by a string of constant length **A**–**T**–**P**, and as angle γ increases, t decreases. Also, the string winds around the circle and, therefore, this curve is called a winding involute. (b) An involute can be defined by the center **F** of the circle, its radius r, and a point **P** on the curve.



FIGURE 17.16

(a) As angle ϕ increases, the string unwinds around the circle and the curve is called an unwinding involute. (b) An involute can be defined by the center **F** of the circle, its radius *r*, and a point **P** on the curve.

As angle ϕ increases, the string winds around the circle, thus this curve is called the winding involute through point **P**.

Another possibility is as angle ϕ increases, the string unwinds, as shown in Figure 17.16, and the curve is now called the unwinding involute through point **P**.

In this case, the string **A**–**T**–**P** has a constant length, given by $r\beta + t = K^*$, and is constant for all points **P** on the curve. Angle β is given by $\beta = 2\pi - (\phi + \pi/2) = 3\pi/2 - \phi$, giving

$$t(\phi) = K^* - r(3\pi/2 - \phi) = K + r\phi \tag{17.48}$$

If the center of the circle is at a point **F**, the curve is given by

$$r(-\sin\phi,\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi,\sin\phi) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.49)

where $t(\phi)$ is given by Equation 17.48 and *K* is obtained from the position of a point **P** on the curve as

$$K = t_p - r\phi_p \tag{17.50}$$

where t_p and ϕ_p are given by expressions 17.14 and 17.18, respectively.

Given a circle and an external point **P**, there are, therefore, two possible involutes passing through point **P** (winding and unwinding). The concepts of winding and unwinding will also be used in the definition of the macrofocal parabolas and ellipses in the following sections.

17.7 Winding Macrofocal Parabola

In a parabola, the sum of the distance *t* between its focus **F** and a point **P** and the distance *s* between the point and a line v_L perpendicular to the parabola's axis x_1 is a constant, that is, t + s = K, where *K* is a constant and *t* and *s* are defined as shown in Figure 17.17a. The points **P** on the parabola can then be generated by a string of constant length with one tip at the focus **F** and the other at line v_L in such a way that **PQ** is perpendicular to v_L .

In a macrofocal parabola,² the focus is replaced by a circle of radius *r* as shown in Figure 17.17b. In this case, the string wraps around the macrofocus in such a way that one of its tips is at point **A** and the other tip at a point **Q** on line v_L . The length of the string in this case is, $r(\phi - \pi/2) + t + s$ and it is constant for the points **P** on the curve. As angle ϕ increases, the string winds around the macrofocus and therefore this curve is called a winding macrofocal parabola.

If used as a mirror, this curve reflects parallel horizontal rays so they become tangent to a circular receiver, as shown in Figure 17.18.

Applying constant string length to this curve, we have the geometry presented in Figure 17.19, where *M* is the mirror.

In this case, we have $s_2 + s_1 + t + r(\phi - \pi/2) = K$, where *K* is a constant. But, $s_1 = -t \cos \phi$ and $s_2 = r - r \cos(\phi - \pi/2)$. We can then write

$$r - r\cos\left(\phi - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - t\cos\phi + t + r\phi = K_W \tag{17.51}$$



In the same way a parabola reflects parallel rays to a point (a), a macrofocal parabola reflects parallel rays tangent to a circular macrofocus of radius *r* (b). Just as with the parabola, the macrofocal parabola can be defined by a string of constant length **Q–P–T–A**. In this case, as angle ϕ increases, the string winds around the macrofocus, so this is called a winding macrofocal parabola.



$M = \frac{s_1}{t}$

FIGURE 17.18

A macrofocal parabola reflects parallel rays to become tangent to a circular macrofocus. These parallel rays are also parallel to its axis, which in this case is the horizontal axis x_1 .

FIGURE 17.19

The points on the macrofocal parabola fulfill the condition $s_2 + s_1 + t + r(\phi - \pi/2) = K$, where *K* is a constant. or

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K_W + r(\sin\phi - 1 - \phi)}{1 - \cos\phi}$$
(17.52)

Note that for r = 0, we obtain an equation for a parabola. Constant K_W can now be determined from a point on the curve, just as with the case of the parabola. The macrofocal parabola can now be obtained from

$$r(\cos(\phi - \pi/2), \sin(\phi - \pi/2)) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
 (17.53)

or

$$r(\sin\phi, -\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.54}$$

A macrofocal parabola rotated by an angle α around the origin and the center of the macrofocus at a position **F** = (F_1 , F_2) is given by

$$r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha)) + t(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
 (17.55)

This situation is presented in Figure 17.20 for the case in which the macrofocal parabola passes through a given point **P**.

Constant K_W can now be obtained by solving Equation 17.52 with respect to K_W , noting that for point **P**, we have $\phi = \phi_P$ and $t(\phi) = t_P$. Given the distance t_P and angle ϕ_P , K_W is given by

$$K_W = t_P (1 - \cos \phi_P) + r(1 + \phi_P - \sin \phi_P)$$
(17.56)

The values of t_p and ϕ_p can be calculated from the position of point **P** by expressions 17.14 and 17.17.



FIGURE 17.20

A general macrofocal parabola can be defined by the center \mathbf{F} of its macrofocus and its radius, the angle that its axis makes to the horizontal, and a point \mathbf{P} on the curve.

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17.8 Unwinding Macrofocal Parabola

Figure 17.21 shows another example of a macrofocal parabola. This curve can also be generated by a string of constant length. In this case, the string wraps around the macrofocus in such a way that one of its tips is at point **A** and the other tip at a point **Q** on line v_L . In this case, however, the string starts at point **A** and goes under the macrofocus instead of going over it, as in the case of the winding macrofocal parabola. The length of the string is, in this case, $r\beta + t + s$ and it is constant for the points **P** on the curve. As angle ϕ increases, the string unwinds around the macrofocus and therefore this curve is called an unwinding macrofocal parabola. Angle β is given by $\beta = 2\pi - (\phi + \pi/2) = 3\pi/2 - \phi$.

If used as a mirror, this curve reflects parallel horizontal rays to become tangent to a circular receiver of radius, as shown in Figure 17.22.

This parabola is symmetrical with respect to the x_1 axis relative to a winding macrofocal parabola, as shown in Figure 17.23.





FIGURE 17.21

Macrofocal parabola generated by a string **Q**–**P**–**T**–**A** of constant length. As angle ϕ increases the string unwinds around the macrofocus, so that this curve is called a unwinding macrofocal parabola.

FIGURE 17.22

A macrofocal parabola reflects parallel rays to become tangent to the circular macrofocus. These parallel rays are also parallel to its axis that, in this case, is horizontal axis x_1 .



The winding and unwinding macrofocal parabolas with horizontal axis are the same curve, but reflected about the horizontal axis.

Point **P** on the winding macrofocal parabola is symmetrical to point **Q** on the unwinding macrofocal parabola. For these two points, we have $t_P = t_Q$ and $\phi_Q = 2\pi - \phi_P$. Replacing in the expression for $t(\phi)$ for the winding parabola ϕ by $2\pi - \phi$, we get

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K_W - r - r((2\pi - \phi) - \sin(2\pi - \phi))}{1 - \cos(2\pi - \phi)} = \frac{K_U + r(\phi - 1 - \sin\phi)}{1 - \cos\phi}$$
(17.57)

where K_{II} is a constant and the unwinding macrofocal parabola is given by

$$r(\cos(\phi + \pi/2), \sin(\phi + \pi/2)) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
 (17.58)

or

$$r(-\sin\phi,\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi,\sin\phi) \tag{17.59}$$

where angle ϕ and *t* are defined as shown in Figure 17.24, where *M* is the mirror.

Equation 17.59 can also be derived from a constant string length, as shown in Figure 17.25.

We have $r\beta + t + s = K$, where *K* is a constant. Since $\beta = 2\pi - (\phi + \pi/2) = 3\pi/2 - \phi$ and $s = r - s_1 = r - (t \cos \phi - r \sin \phi)$, we have $t(\phi)$ given by expression 17.57.



FIGURE 17.24 The unwinding macrofocal parabola defined by angle ϕ and distance *t* from the tangent point **T** to the mirror *M*.



FIGURE 17.25 The unwinding macrofocal parabola can be obtained by a string of constant length $s + t + r\beta$.

Constant K_U can be obtained from a point **P** on the curve. If this point is defined by t_P and $\phi_{P'}$ we have

$$K_{U} = t_{p}(1 - \cos\phi_{p}) + r(1 - \phi_{p} + \sin\phi_{p})$$
(17.60)

The values of t_p and ϕ_p can be calculated from the position of point **P** by using expressions 17.14 and 17.18.

17.9 Winding Macrofocal Ellipse

In an ellipse, the sum of the distances between a point and the foci is constant for all points. Therefore, attaching a string of constant length to both foci, keeping it stretched with a marker, and moving the marker, draws an ellipse.

In a macrofocal ellipse,² a circle of radius *r*, as shown in Figure 17.26, replaces one of the foci. In this case, the string wraps around the macrofocus in such a way that one of its tips is at point **A** and the other tip at the focus **G**, which is still a point focus. The length of the string is, in this case, $r\phi + t + s$, and it is constant for the points **P** on the curve. As angle ϕ increases, the string winds around the macrofocus and this curve is accordingly called a winding macrofocal ellipse. The macrofocal ellipse is actually a spiral curve.

If used as a mirror, this curve reflects rays emitted from a point source **G** tangent to a circular receiver of radius *r*, as shown in Figure 17.27.



A macrofocal ellipse reflects the light rays emitted by a point source **G** tangent to a circular macrofocus. It can be generated by a string of constant length **G–P–T–A**. In this case, as angle ϕ increases, the string winds around the macrofocus and therefore this is a winding macrofocal ellipse.



FIGURE 17.27

The light rays emitted by a point source **G** are reflected tangent to the macrofocus of center **F** and radius *r*. The macrofocal ellipse is actually a spiral curve.

Applying constant string length to this curve, we have the geometry presented in Figure 17.28, where $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$.

Point **P** is defined by

$$\mathbf{P} = r(\cos(\phi - \pi/2), \sin(\phi - \pi/2)) + t(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$

= $(t\cos\phi + r\sin\phi, t\sin\phi - r\cos\phi)$ (17.61)

The distance *s* from point **P** to $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$ is given by

$$s = \sqrt{(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{G})} = \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t^2 - 2f(t\cos\phi + r\sin\phi)}$$
(17.62)



Geometry for determining the parameterization of a macrofocal ellipse. Its points are defined by $s + t + r\phi = K$, where *K* is a constant.

From Figure 17.28, we now have

$$r\phi + t + s = K_W \tag{17.63}$$

where *K* is a constant and therefore,

$$t(\phi) = \frac{(K_W - r\phi)^2 + 2fr\sin\phi - f^2 - r^2}{2(K - r\phi - f\cos\phi)}$$
(17.64)

The constant K_W can now be determined from any point on the curve. The macrofocal ellipse can now be obtained from

$$r(\cos(\phi - \pi/2), \sin(\phi - \pi/2)) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
 (17.65)

or

$$r(\sin\phi, -\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) \tag{17.66}$$

A winding macrofocal ellipse rotated by an angle α around the origin and with the center of the macrofocus at a position **F** = (F_1 , F_2) is given by

$$r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha)) + t(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
(17.67)

This case is shown in Figure 17.29 where the macrofocal ellipse passes through a given point **P**.

Constant *K* can now be obtained by solving expression 17.64 with respect to K_W , noting that, for point **P**, we have $\phi = \phi_P$ and $t(\phi) = t_P$. Given distance t_P and angle ϕ_P , we have two possible values for constant K_W given by

$$K_W = t_P + r\phi_P \pm \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_P^2 - 2f(t_P \cos \phi_P + r \sin \phi_P)}$$
(17.68)



A general macrofocal ellipse can be defined by the radius *r* of its macrofocus and its center **F**, the position of the other focus **G**, and a point **P**.

We choose the following positive sign solution:

$$K_W = t_P + r\phi_P + \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_P^2 - 2f(t_P \cos \phi_P + r \sin \phi_P)}$$
(17.69)

From the positions of **F** and **G**, we can calculate *f*, the distance between **F** and **G** as

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}] = \sqrt{(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G})}$$
(17.70)

From the positions of **F** and **G**, we can also calculate angle α as

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh} \mathbf{v} \quad \operatorname{with} \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$$
 (17.71)

The values of t_p and ϕ_p can be calculated from the position of point **P** by using expressions 17.14 and 17.17. Note that from these expressions we have $0 \le \phi_p < 2\pi$. If point **P** should have a different parameter value (e.g., between 2π and 4π), we must change the curve's parameterization.

17.10 Unwinding Macrofocal Ellipse

Figure 17.30 shows another example of a macrofocal ellipse. As seen earlier, this curve can also be generated by a string, but the string wraps around the macrofocus, as shown in Figure 17.30, in such a way that one of its tips is at point **A** and the other tip at a point focus **G**. As angle ϕ increases, the string unwinds around the macrofocus, and thus this curve is called an unwinding macrofocal ellipse.

If used as a mirror, this curve reflects rays emitted from a point source at **G** tangent to a circular receiver of radius *r*, as shown in Figure 17.31.



Unwinding macrofocal ellipse generated by a string **G–P–T–A** of constant length that unwinds around the macrofocus as angle ϕ increases.



FIGURE 17.31

A macrofocal ellipse reflects rays emitted by a point source ${\bf G}$ tangent to the circular macrofocus.

We can derive the unwinding macrofocal ellipse equations from the winding case in the same way as with the macrofocal parabola. Accordingly replacing ϕ by $2\pi - \phi$ in expression 17.64 gives

$$t(\phi) = \frac{(K_U + r\phi)^2 - 2fr\sin\phi - f^2 - r^2}{2(K_U + r\phi - f\cos\phi)}$$
(17.72)

where $K_U = K_W - 2\pi r$ and the unwinding macrofocal ellipse is given by

$$r(\cos(\phi + \pi/2), \sin(\phi + \pi/2)) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
 (17.73)

or

$$r(-\sin\phi,\cos\phi) + t(\phi)(\cos\phi,\sin\phi) \tag{17.74}$$

An unwinding macrofocal ellipse rotated by an angle α around the origin with the center of its macrofocus **F** displaced to a position **F** = (F_1 , F_2) is given by

$$r(-\sin(\phi + \alpha), \cos(\phi + \alpha)) + t(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
 (17.75)

Given a point **P** defined by t_p and ϕ_{p} constant K_U can be obtained from expression 17.72 as

$$K_{U} = t_{P} - r\phi_{P} \pm \sqrt{f^{2} + r^{2} + t_{P}^{2} - 2ft_{P}\cos\phi_{P} + 2fr\sin\phi_{P}}$$
(17.76)

Again we choose the solution with the positive sign

$$K_{ll} = t_p - r\phi_p + \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_p^2 - 2f(t_p \cos \phi_p - r \sin \phi_p)}$$
(17.77)

The values of t_p and ϕ_p can be calculated from the position of point **P** by using expressions 17.14 and 17.18.

17.11 Cartesian Oval for Parallel Rays

An optical refractive surface can redirect the light rays emitted by a point source **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 , in such a way that they are parallel after refraction as they enter into a medium of refractive index n_2 . This curve verifies

$$n_1 t + n_2 s = K^* \tag{17.78}$$

where K^* is a constant and t and s are defined as shown in Figure 17.32. Replacing

$$s = r - t\cos\phi \tag{17.79}$$

we get

$$t(\phi) = \frac{K^* - n_2 r}{n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi} = \frac{K}{n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi}$$
(17.80)

where *K* is another constant, since *r* is also a constant. Now for $\phi = 0$, we have $t = t_0$, and therefore we can write

$$t(\phi) = \frac{t_0(n_1 - n_2)}{n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi}$$
(17.81)

Now making

$$C = 2t_0 \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_2} \qquad f = 2t_0 \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \tag{17.82}$$



Cartesian oval curve that refracts light rays from a point source and makes them parallel. (a) The source is immersed in a medium with high refractive index and the curve is an ellipse. (b) The source is in a low-refractive index medium and the curve is a hyperbola.

We can also write

$$t(\phi) = \frac{C^2 - f^2}{2C - 2f\cos\phi}$$
(17.83)

This is the equation of an ellipse or a hyperbola, depending on whether $n_1 > n_2$ or $n_1 < n_2$, respectively. The variable *f* is the distance between the foci and *C* the distance between the vertices of the conic curves.

The limits of parameter ϕ are shown in Figure 17.32a, where α_C is the critical angle, given by $\alpha_C = \arcsin(\min(n_1, n_2)/\max(n_1, n_2))$, and where functions min and max give the minimum and maximum, respectively, between their two variables. If the incoming ray from **F** to a point **P** and the ray leaving **P** make an angle $\delta > \delta_C = \pi/2 + \alpha_C$, then refraction is possible, but for the portions of the ellipse for which $\delta < \delta_C = \pi/2 + \alpha_C$, refraction is not possible, thus, this portion of the curve cannot be used for a refractive optic. Something similar happens in the case of the hyperbola of Figure 17.32b. This condition translates to $-(\pi/2 - \alpha_C) \le \phi \le \pi/2 - \alpha_C$ for the parameter, in both the cases in Figure 17.32.

Now consider the general case of a Cartesian oval tilted by an angle α and with focus at a position $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2)$ and that passes through a given point \mathbf{P} defined by an angle ϕ_P and distance t_P to the focus, as shown in Figure 17.33.

In this case, the constant *K* can be obtained from expression 17.80 as $K = t_p(n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi_p)$, and the parameterization of the curve becomes

$$\frac{t_p(n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi_p)}{n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi} (\cos (\phi + \alpha), \sin (\phi + \alpha)) + (F_1, F_2)$$
(17.84)

for $-(\pi/2 - \alpha_C) \le \phi \le \pi/2 - \alpha_C$.

Note that not every point **P** can be chosen for the Cartesian oval to pass through. Point **P** must fulfill $\delta \ge \delta_C = \pi/2 + \alpha_C$, where δ is defined in



A general Cartesian oval that refracts the rays from a point source and makes them parallel can be defined by the position of the source **F**, the angle the parallel rays make to the horizontal, the refractive indices of the two media, and a point **P** on the curve. Cases in which $n_1 > n_2$ (a) or in which $n_1 < n_2$ (b).

Figure 17.32. In the general case presented in Figure 17.33, this condition can be written as

$$\delta = \arccos\left(\frac{(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{P})}}\right) \ge \frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha_C$$
(17.85)

This curve will also converge parallel rays traveling in a medium of refractive index n_2 and being refracted into another medium of refractive index n_1 to point **F**.

17.12 Cartesian Oval for Converging or Diverging Rays

The light emitted from a point source **F** in a medium of refractive index n_1 can be concentrated onto a point **G** in a medium of refractive index n_2 by a refractive surface, as shown in Figure 17.34. In this case, the optical path length from **F** to **G** is a constant given by $n_1t + n_2s = K$.

Also, the light emitted from **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 can be refracted into a medium of refractive index n_2 in such a way that it appears to be diverging from another point **G**, as shown in Figure 17.35. In this case, if *C* is a circle with center **G** and radius *r*, the optical path length $n_1t + n_2d = K^*$, where $K^* > 0$ is a constant. We can write d = r - s and therefore, $n_1t - n_2s = K^* - n_2r$, that is, $n_1t - n_2s = K$, where *K* is another constant.

Referring to Figure 17.34, consider that $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ so that the point \mathbf{P} is given by coordinates $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2) = t(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$. The points on the curve of Figure 17.35 can be obtained in a similar way. We also consider that $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$. The distance *s* from point \mathbf{P} to \mathbf{G} is given by

$$s = \sqrt{(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{P})} = \sqrt{f^2 + t^2 - 2ft \cos\phi}$$
(17.86)



Cartesian oval curve that refracts light rays from a point source and concentrates them onto another point **G**. It is parameterized as a function of angle ϕ to the line connecting **F** and **G**.



FIGURE 17.35

(a) Cartesian oval curve that refracts light rays from a point source and makes them diverge as if they appear to come from another point **G**. (b) It is defined by condition $n_1t + n_2d = K$ with *K* constant and is parameterized as a function of angle ϕ that line *t* makes with the line connecting **F** and **G**.

The points on these curves can be obtained from

$$n_1 t \pm n_2 s = K \Longrightarrow s^2 = \left(\frac{K - n_1 t}{n_2}\right)^2$$
 (17.87)

where *K* is a constant. We get

$$t_{1}(\phi) = \frac{Kn_{1} - f n_{2}^{2} \cos \phi - n_{2}\sqrt{D}}{n_{1}^{2} - n_{2}^{2}}$$

$$t_{2}(\phi) = \frac{Kn_{1} - f n_{2}^{2} \cos \phi + n_{2}\sqrt{D}}{n_{1}^{2} - n_{2}^{2}}$$
(17.88)

with

$$D = (f n_1 - K \cos \phi)^2 + (K^2 - f^2 n_2^2) \sin^2 \phi$$
(17.89)



Cartesian ovals may completely surround the source, but it does not mean that the whole curve can be used as a refractor. Only those portions where refraction is possible can be used optically.

The two possible plane curves C_1 and C_2 are then defined by

$$C_1 = t_1(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$

$$C_2 = t_2(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$$
(17.90)

We will consider the case in which $n_1 > n_2$. Figure 17.36 shows an example of one of these curves.

Note that in the particular case where $K^2 - f^2 n_2^2 = 0$, then $t_2(\phi)$ and $t_1(\phi)$ can be written as

$$t(\phi) = -\frac{fn_2^2 \pm Kn_2}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \cos \phi + \frac{Kn_1 \pm fn_1n_2}{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$
(17.91)

which has the form $t(\phi) = 2a \cos \phi + b$, as in the case of a Limaçon of Pascal.

Although curves C_1 and C_2 defined by Equation 17.90 completely surround the point source **F**, only some portions of the curves can be used as refractors. The portions of the curves that can be used depend on the curves' parameters. The reason for this is that, as we move along the curves, we may reach a critical point, where the light emitted from **F** hits the surface at the critical angle. Beyond that point, light rays no longer converge or appear to diverge from **G**. These critical points are **Q** for curve C_1 and **R** for curve C_2 in Figure 17.36. Figure 17.37 shows the geometry of the curves at those points.

Since the surfaces separate two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 with $n_1 > n_2$, the critical angle α_C fulfills sin $\alpha_C = n_2/n_1$. We then have the following for points **Q** and **R**:

$$f\cos\phi_{\rm C} = t \pm s\sin\alpha_{\rm C} \Leftrightarrow \cos\phi_{\rm C} = \frac{n_1t \pm n_2s}{fn_1}$$
(17.92)



The point **Q** or **R** on the curves for which the incidence angle reaches the critical angle limits the region of the Cartesian oval curves that can be used to refract the light.

and we can define

$$\phi_{C} = \arccos\left(\frac{K}{fn_{1}}\right) \quad \text{if } |\mathbf{K}| \le fn_{1}$$

$$\phi_{C} = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{if } |\mathbf{K}| > fn_{1} \qquad (17.93)$$

where the positive and negative signs are for the cases of Figures 17.37a and 17.37b, respectively.

For the converging Cartesian oval shown in Figure 17.34, its vertex **V** must be contained between the foci **F** and **G**. Vertex **V** also verifies the condition $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{V}] + n_2[\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{G}]$ that defines the curve. The maximum value of *K* is then obtained making **V** = **G**, so that $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}] = n_1 f$. The minimum value of *K* is obtained when **V** = **F**, so that $K = n_2[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}] = n_2 f$. The value of *K* must then be contained between these two extreme values. A point **P** on the curve must fulfill

$$K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}] \quad \text{with } n_2 f < K < n_1 f$$
(17.94)

In this case, the parameter range for angle ϕ is $-\phi_C \le \phi \le \phi_C$ for the portion of the curve where refraction is possible. To guarantee that the point **P** is on the portion of the curve that can be used to refract the light, we must have $\phi_P = \theta \le \phi_C$, where θ is given by expression 17.4, with $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$.

The limitations on *K* for the diverging solution of Figure 17.35 are different. When $K > fn_1$, then ϕ_C does not exist and the whole curve can be used as a refractive optic. In this case, the parameter range is $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$, as shown in Figure 17.38a, but when $K = -fn_2$, then

$$t_2(\phi) = \frac{n_2 \left[-fn_1 - fn_2 \cos \phi + \sqrt{(fn_1 + fn_2 \cos \phi)^2} \right]}{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$
(17.95)



(a) For large values of K ($K > fn_1$), the Cartesian oval does not cross the line **FG** and the entire curve can be used as a refractor. (b) As the value of K diminishes, the size of the curve that can be used as a refractor gets smaller and smaller when K tends to $-fn_2$.

and therefore, the curve C_2 described by $t_2(\phi)$ tends to a point at position **F** as $K \rightarrow -fn_2$. This case is shown in Figure 17.38b, where the value for *K* is close to $-fn_2$. This imposes a lower limit on *K*, so that $K > -fn_2$. For $-fn_2 < K < fn_1$, we can calculate the value of ϕ_C , and the parameter range for curve C_2 is $\phi_C \le \phi \le 2\pi - \phi_C$. To guarantee that a point **P** is on the portion of the curve that can be used to refract the light, we must also have $\phi_P = \theta \ge \phi_C$, where θ is given by expression 17.4 with $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$. These two parameter ranges can be written as $\phi_C \le \phi \le 2\pi - \phi_C$ for $K > -fn_2$, if ϕ_C is defined by expression 17.93.

Figures 17.39a and 17.39b show the shape of these curves for different values of *K*, for the converging (light converges to **G**) and diverging (light appears to diverge from **G**) Cartesian ovals, respectively.

The Cartesian ovals are limited to the region of space in which refraction is possible. In the case of the converging ovals of Figure 17.39a, this region is the interior of the curved dashed line. For the points **Q** on this line, the angle the incident and refracted rays make is $\delta = \pi/2 + \alpha_C$, where α_C is the critical angle, as shown in Figure 17.37a. For the points outside this curve, we would have $\delta < \pi/2 + \alpha_C$ and refraction would be impossible due to total internal reflection (TIR). For the points inside the dashed curved line angle $\delta > \pi/2 + \alpha_C$, refraction is possible, so we can design the Cartesian oval curves as shown. The shape of this dashed curve can be obtained, for example, by making $\phi = \phi_C$ in the expression for curve C_1 . The result can now be plotted as a function of *K* for $n_2 f < K < n_1 f$.

Something similar happens in the case of the diverging Cartesian ovals of Figure 17.39b, but now these curves are limited to the space outside the curved dashed line shown.

We have analyzed the case where the source **F** was in a high-refractive index medium and the focus **G** was in a low-index medium. We now consider



Regions of space where the Cartesian oval curves can be used as refractors. (a) The light emitted by point source **F** converges to point **G**. (b) The light emitted by **F** appears to diverge from **G**.



FIGURE 17.40

(a) A light ray emitted by **F** is refracted at a surface so that it appears to diverge from **G**. (b) A similar situation but now with the refractive indices interchanged. Now **G** is the source emitting a ray that is refracted as if it appears to come from **F**. In both cases, we have $n_2 \sin \alpha = n_1 \sin \beta$.

the opposite case where the source is in a low-refractive index medium and the focus is in a high-index medium.

The curves, however, are the same in both cases. From Figure 17.34 we can see that, if now **G** is considered as the point source, the refractive surface will concentrate the light emitted from **G** on to point **F**. Something similar happens for the diverging Cartesian oval of Figure 17.35.

Figure 17.40a shows point **F** immersed in a low-refractive index medium (e.g., air) of refractive index n_1 . The surface separates this medium from a

higher refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 . A ray r_1 leaves **F**, making an angle β to the normal to the surface, it refracts and enters medium n_2 with a smaller angle α to the vertical, where $n_2 \sin \alpha = n_1 \sin \beta$. After refraction, this ray now appears to come from point **G**.

Figure 17.40b shows a similar situation, but now with points **G** immersed in a high-refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 . The surface now separates this medium from a lower refractive index medium of refractive index n_1 (e.g., air). A ray r_2 leaves **G**, making an angle α to the normal to the surface, it refracts and enters medium n_1 with a higher angle β to the vertical, where $n_2 \sin \alpha = n_1 \sin \beta$. After refraction, this ray now appears to come from point **F**.

So, if we have a surface that refracts rays emitted by \mathbf{F} in such a way that they appear to be coming from \mathbf{G} , that same surface will refract rays coming from \mathbf{G} in a way that they appear to be coming from \mathbf{F} , provided that the refractive indices this surface separates are interchanged.

Figure 17.41 shows the same curve as Figure 17.35, but now with the values of the refractive indices interchanged. Point **G** is now a source and **F** the focus from where the rays appear to diverge.

In any case, the refractive index n_1 associated with **F** is larger than the refractive index n_2 associated with **G**. The same curve then describes the situations in which the light of a point source **F** in a high-refractive index medium (n_1) is refracted as if it appears to come from a point **G** in a low-refractive index medium n_2 (Figure 17.35), as well as the case in which the light of a point source **G** in a low-refractive index medium (n_2) is refracted as if it appears to come from a point (n_2) is refracted as if it appears to come from a point (n_2) is refracted as if it appears to come from a point **F** in a high-refractive index medium (n_1) (Figure 17.41).



FIGURE 17.41

The same Cartesian oval curve of Figure 17.35 but with the refractive indices interchanged. We also interchange the roles of **F** and **G**, and we have a point source **G** that emits light, which is refracted at the Cartesian oval in such a way that it appears to come from a point **F**.

We now summarize the expressions given earlier, which enable us to calculate Cartesian oval curves for some particular cases. One of the foci, **F**, is at the origin $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0)$ surrounded by a medium of refractive index n_1 . The other focus, **G**, is at a position $\mathbf{G} = (f, 0)$ and is surrounded by a medium of refractive index n_2 with $n_2 < n_1$. Now, we may give a point **P** to define the curve.

If we want to design a converging Cartesian oval, we may calculate $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$. If we have $n_2 f < K < n_1 f$, then the Cartesian oval exists and is given by $C_1(\phi) = t_1(\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$, where $t_1(\phi)$ is defined by expression 17.88 and *D* by Equation 17.89. The parameter range for this curve is $-\phi_C \leq \phi \leq \phi_C$, where ϕ_C is given by expression 17.93. Point **P** must also fulfill $\phi_P = \theta \leq \phi_C$, where θ is given by expression 17.4 with $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$. If point **F** is the source, this curve focuses the light rays to point **G**. If point **G** is the light source, this curve focuses the light rays to point **F**.

If we need to design a diverging Cartesian oval, we must calculate $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$. If we have $K > -fn_2$, then the Cartesian oval exists and is given by $C_2(\phi) = t_2(\phi)(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$, where $t_2(\phi)$ is defined by expression 17.88 and *D* by Equation 17.89. The parameter range for the curve C_2 is $\phi_C \le \phi \le 2\pi - \phi_C$, where ϕ_C is given by expression 17.93. In this case, point **P** must also fulfill $\phi_P = \theta \ge \phi_C$, where θ is given by expression 17.4 with $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$. If point **F** is the source, this curve causes the light rays to diverge from point **G**. If point **G** is the light source, this curve causes the light rays to diverge from point **F**.

Now consider the more general case of arbitrary positions for foci **F** and **G**. We start by calculating $f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$. Focus **F** is surrounded by a medium of refractive index n_1 and focus **G** is surrounded by a medium of refractive index n_2 , with $n_2 < n_1$. Now, we may point **P** to define the curve.

If we need to design a converging Cartesian oval, we must calculate $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$. If we have $n_2 f < K < n_1 f$, then the Cartesian oval exists and is given by $C_1(\phi) = \mathbf{F} + t_1(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha))$, where $t_1(\phi)$ is defined by expression 17.88, *D* by Equation 17.89, and α is the angle vector $\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$ makes to the horizontal given by $\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$. Point **P** must also fulfill ang($\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$) $\leq \phi_C$. The parameter range for this curve is $-\phi_C \leq \phi \leq \phi_C$, where ϕ_C is given by expression 17.93. If point **F** is the source, this curve focuses the light rays to point **G**. If point **G** is the light source, this curve focuses the light rays to point **F**.

If we want to design a diverging Cartesian oval, we may calculate $K = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$. If we have $K > -fn_2$, then the Cartesian oval exists and is given by $C_2(\phi) = \mathbf{F} + t_2(\phi)(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha))$, where $t_2(\phi)$ is defined by expression 17.88, D by Equation 17.89, and α is the angle vector $\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$ makes to the horizontal given by $\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$. The parameter range for the curve C_2 is $\phi_C \le \phi \le 2\pi - \phi_C$, where ϕ_C is given by expression 17.93. In this case, point \mathbf{P} must also fulfill ang($\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}$) $\ge \phi_C$. If point \mathbf{F} is the source, this curve causes the light rays to diverge from point \mathbf{G} . If point \mathbf{G} is the light source, this curve causes the light rays to diverge from point \mathbf{F} .



(a) A point source **F** in a medium of refractive index n_1 emits a light ray in a given direction. If the optical path length to another point **G** in a medium of refractive index n_2 is known, then the point **P** on the Cartesian oval curve that refracts light from **F** to **G** can be calculated by constant optical path length. (b) The same thing happens when the ray is refracted at point **P** as if it appears to come from point **G**.

17.13 Cartesian Ovals Calculated Point by Point

The Cartesian ovals presented earlier can also be calculated point by point. Figure 17.42 presents the case in which we have a light source **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 . There is also a focus **G**, immersed in a medium of refractive index n_2 , onto which the light may be concentrated, or from where it may appear to diverge.

If *t* is the distance from **F** to **P** and *s* the distance from **P** to **G**, the optical path length *S* between **F** and **G** is $S = n_1t + n_2s$ in the case where the light from **F** is refracted and concentrated to **G** (converging case).

When light appears to diverge from **G** after refraction (diverging case), we may also calculate an "optical path length" given by $S^* = n_1 t - n_2 s$. Note that quantity S^* may be negative, whereas an optical path length is always a positive quantity. S^* is the "optical path length" between **F** and a virtual "point wave front" at **G**. However, to make the functions definitions (Section 17.15) simpler, we also use *S* for this case and make $n_1 t - n_2 s = S$.

Given this optical path length, it is possible to calculate the points on the Cartesian oval by constant optical path length. Points **P** on this curve must then satisfy the following condition:

$$n_1 t \pm n_2 s = S$$
 (17.96)

For each value of angle ϕ , we can define a unit vector $\mathbf{v} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$ and point **P** is then defined by



A point source **F** in a medium of refractive index n_1 emits a light ray in a given direction **v**. We want it to be refracted perpendicular to a plane wave front in a medium of refractive index n_2 and defined by its normal vector **n** and a point **G**. The point **P** on the corresponding Cartesian oval curve can be calculated by constant optical path length.

The distance from **P** to **G** is

$$s = \sqrt{(\mathbf{F} + t\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} + t\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G})}$$
(17.98)

replacing Equation 17.98 in expression 17.96, we can solve for *t* and we get the following for point **P**:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F} + \frac{C_1 + \delta \sqrt{C_2 (n_2^2 - n_1^2) + C_1^2}}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.99)

with

$$C_{1} = n_{1}S + n_{2}^{2}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$C_{2} = S^{2} - n_{2}^{2}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G})$$

$$\delta = \pm 1$$
(17.100)

with $\delta = -1$ for $n_1 > n_2$ and $\delta = 1$ for $n_1 < n_2$ for the converging case and $\delta = 1$ for $n_1 > n_2$ and $\delta = -1$ for $n_1 < n_2$ for the diverging case. Varying the value of angle ϕ gives the points on the Cartesian oval that concentrates the light emitted by **F** onto **G**. One of these curves is presented in Figure 17.34.

Expression 17.96 can be written as $(t - S/n)^2 = s^2$ for the case in which $n_1 = n_2 = n$ (the case of reflection) and we get

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F} + \frac{(S/n)^2 - (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G})}{2(S/n + (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{v})} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.101)

for both the converging and diverging cases.

A similar procedure can be used to calculate the points of a Cartesian oval that collimates (makes parallel) the light rays emitted by a point source **F**. This situation is depicted in Figure 17.43, where a light source **F** is immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 and we are calculating the points of a

surface that refracts the light in a direction perpendicular to a plane wave front defined by a point **Q** and a unit normal vector $\mathbf{n} = (\cos \beta, \sin \beta)$ pointing in the direction of propagation of the light.

If the optical path length *S* between **F** and the wave front is given, points **P** in this curve must then satisfy the following condition:

$$n_1 t + n_2 s = S \tag{17.102}$$

where *t* is the distance from **F** to **P** and *s* the distance from **P** to the wave front. For each value of the angle α , we can define a unit vector $\mathbf{v} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$ and the point **P** is then defined by

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F} + t\mathbf{v} \tag{17.103}$$

The distance from **P** to the wave front is

$$s = (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \tag{17.104}$$

replacing expression 17.104 in Equation 17.102, we can solve for t to get point **P** as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F} + \frac{S - n_2(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{n_1 - n_2 \, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.105)

Varying the value of angle α gives the points on the Cartesian oval that collimates the light emitted by **F** in the direction **n**. These curves are shown in Figure 17.33.

17.14 Equiangular Spiral

The rays emitted by a point source **F** can be reflected by TIR at the critical angle by a curve separating two media of different refractive indices, as shown in Figure 17.44. This curve is called equiangular spiral, logarithmic spiral, or logistique.

The shape of this curve can be calculated from a differential equation. Figure 17.45a shows the geometry of an element of curve with an infinitesimal length.

The equiangular spiral can be parameterized by $t(\phi)(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$. Function $t(\phi)$ is given by a differential equation, where α_C is the critical angle:

$$\frac{dt}{td\phi} = \tan \alpha_C \Leftrightarrow \ln t = \phi \tan \alpha_C + K \Leftrightarrow t = C \exp(\phi \tan \alpha_C)$$
(17.106)

with $C = e^{K}$ where *K* and *C* are constants. If the curve must pass through a given point **P**, as shown in Figure 17.45b, the initial condition for this equation is that, for $\phi = \phi_p$ we have $t = t_p$, where $\phi_p = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F})$ and $t_p = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}]$. We then get

$$C = \frac{t_P}{\exp(\phi_P \tan \alpha_C)} \quad \text{and} \quad t(\phi) = t_P \exp((\phi - \phi_P) \tan \alpha_C) \quad (17.107)$$



An equiangular spiral reflects (by TIR) the light coming from a point source at the critical angle for all its points.



FIGURE 17.45

An equiangular spiral can be defined by a differential equation. (a) The geometry of an element of infinitesimal length on the curve. (b) Once its equation has been obtained, the position of a point **P** completely determines the shape of the curve.

In the particular case where the surface separates a medium with refractive index *n* from air (*n* = 1), the critical angle $\alpha_{\rm C}$ is related to the refractive index of the dielectric by $\sin \alpha_{\rm C} = 1/n$, so that $\cos^2 \alpha_{\rm C} = 1 - 1/n^2$, giving

$$\tan \alpha_{\rm C} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \tag{17.108}$$

and

$$t(\phi) = t_P \exp\left(\frac{\phi - \phi_P}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}\right) \tag{17.109}$$

If the focus of the spiral is at a point F, then its parameterization becomes

$$t_P \exp\left(\frac{\phi - \phi_P}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}\right) (\cos\phi, \sin\phi) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.110)

In this solution, the distance from the curve to the source **F** increases as angle ϕ increases. Another solution in which the distance from the curve to the source **F** decreases as angle ϕ increases is possible. In this case, the differential equation would be

$$\frac{dt}{td\phi} = -\tan\alpha_C \tag{17.111}$$

and the curve is described by

$$t_P \exp\left(\frac{\phi_P - \phi}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}\right) (\cos \phi, \sin \phi) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.112)

17.15 Function Definitions

The functions and curve equations given earlier can be summarized in a list of functions that can then be used to calculate a variety of nonimaging optical devices.

1. The magnitude of a vector is given by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \tag{17.113}$$

2. A unit vector (magnitude 1) in direction **v** is given by

$$\operatorname{nrm}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}}$$
(17.114)

3. The distance between two points **A** and **B** is given by

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \tag{17.115}$$

4. The angle between two vectors **u** and **v** in the range $0-\pi$ is given by

$$\operatorname{ang}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \operatorname{arc}\cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v}\cdot\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{u}\|}\right) = \operatorname{arc}\cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v}\cdot\mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v}\cdot\mathbf{v}}\sqrt{\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{u}}}\right) \quad (17.116)$$

5. The angle between two vectors $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ in the plane measured in the positive direction from \mathbf{u} to \mathbf{v} (i.e., the angle of \mathbf{v} relative to \mathbf{u} measured in the positive direction) is given in the range $0-2\pi$ by (see Figure 17.1)

angp(**v**, **u**) = ang(**v**, **u**) if
$$u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \ge 0$$

angp(**v**, **u**) = 2π - ang(**v**, **u**) if $u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 < 0$ (17.117)

6. The angle of a vector to the horizontal (axis *x*₁) is given by (see Figure 17.1)

$$\operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{v}) = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{v}, (1, 0)) \tag{17.118}$$

7. A rotation matrix $R(\alpha)$ is given by (see Figure 17.2)

$$R(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$
(17.119)

8. A vector **v** can be rotated by an angle *α* if multiplied on the left by a rotation matrix as

$$R(\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{v} \tag{17.120}$$

9. The intersection between two straight lines, one of them defined by point **P** and vector **v** and the other defined by point **Q** and vector **u** is given by (see Figure 17.3)

$$\operatorname{isl}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P} + \frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_{P}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{P}} \mathbf{v}$$
 (17.121)

where

$$\mathbf{u}_P = R(\pi/2) \cdot \mathbf{u} \tag{17.122}$$

10. A parabola tilted by an angle α to the horizontal, with focus at a point **F** and passing through a point **P** is given by (see Figure 17.8)

$$\operatorname{par}(\alpha, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}) = \frac{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}] - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)}{1 - \cos \phi} (\cos (\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$\sin(\phi + \alpha) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.123)

where ϕ is the parameter.

11. An ellipse with foci **F** and **G** and passing through a point **P** is given by (see Figure 17.11)

$$eli(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}) = \frac{([\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}])^2 - [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]^2}{2([\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]) - 2[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]\cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \\ \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.124)

where

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}) \tag{17.125}$$

and ϕ is the parameter.

12. A hyperbola with foci **F** and **G** and passing through a point **P** is given by (see Figure 17.13)

hyp(**F**, **G**, **P**) =
$$\frac{([F, P] - [P, G])^2 - [F, G]^2}{2|[F, P] - [P, G]| - 2[F, G]\cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$\sin(\phi + \alpha)) + F$$
(17.126)

where

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}) \tag{17.127}$$

and ϕ is the parameter. Alternatively, if $U = 2n|[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]|$, we can also write

hyp(**F**, **G**, *U*, *n*) =
$$\frac{(U/2n)^2 - [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]^2}{U/n - 2[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]\cos\phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$\sin(\phi + \alpha) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.128)

13. A winding involute passing through a point **P** and designed for a circle with center **F** and radius *r* is given by (see Figure 17.15)

winv(**P**, **F**, *r*) = $r(\sin \phi, -\cos \phi) + (K - r\phi)(\cos \phi, \sin \phi) + \mathbf{F}$ (17.129) where

$$\phi_{P} = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) + \operatorname{arcsin}\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right)$$

$$K = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^{2} - r^{2}} + r\phi_{P}$$
(17.130)

14. An unwinding involute passing through a point **P** and designed for a circle with center **F** and radius *r* is given by (see Figure 17.16)

$$\operatorname{uinv}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, r) = r(-\sin\phi, \cos\phi) + (K + r\phi)(\cos\phi, \sin\phi) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.131)

where

$$\phi_{P} = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}) - \operatorname{arcsin}(r/[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}])$$

If $\phi_{P} < 0$ then $\phi_{P} = 2\pi + \phi_{P}$ (17.132)
 $K = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^{2} - r^{2}} - r\phi_{P}$

 A winding macrofocal parabola tilted by an angle *α* to the horizontal, with macrofocus having center **F** and radius *r* and passing through a point **P** is given by (see Figure 17.20)

wmp(
$$\alpha$$
, F, r, P) = $r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha))$
+ $\frac{K + r(\sin\phi - 1 - \phi)}{1 - \cos\phi}(\cos(\phi + \alpha), \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + F$
(17.133)

with

$$\phi_{p} = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)) + \operatorname{arcsin}\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right)$$

$$K = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^{2} - r^{2}} (1 - \cos \phi_{p}) + r(1 + \phi_{p} - \sin \phi_{p})$$
(17.134)

16. An unwinding macrofocal parabola tilted by an angle α to the horizontal, with macrofocus having center **F** and radius *r* and passing through a point **P** is given by

$$\operatorname{ump}(\alpha, \mathbf{F}, r, \mathbf{P}) = r \left(-\sin(\phi + \alpha), \cos(\phi + \alpha)\right) + \frac{K + r(\phi - 1 - \sin\phi)}{1 - \cos\phi} \left(\cos\left(\phi + \alpha\right), \sin\left(\phi + \alpha\right)\right) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.135)

with

$$\phi_{p} = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)) - \operatorname{arcsin}\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right)$$
If $\phi_{p} < 0$ then $\phi_{p} = 2\pi + \phi_{p}$ (17.136)
$$K = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^{2} - r^{2}}(1 - \cos \phi_{p}) + r(1 - \phi_{p} + \sin \phi_{p})$$

17. A winding macrofocal ellipse with macrofocus of center **F** and radius *r*, point focus **G** and passing through a point **P** is given by (see Figure 17.29)

wme(**F**, *r*, **G**, **P**) = $r(\sin(\phi + \alpha), -\cos(\phi + \alpha))$

+
$$\frac{(K - r\phi)^2 + 2fr\sin\phi - f^2 - r^2}{2(K - r\phi - f\cos\phi)}(\cos(\phi + \alpha)),$$

 $\sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$ (17.137)

with

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$

$$f = [\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{F}]$$

$$\phi_p = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)) + \operatorname{arcsin}\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right) \quad (17.138)$$

$$t_p = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^2 - r^2}$$

$$K = t_p + r\phi_p + \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_p^2 - 2f(t_p \cos \phi_p + r \sin \phi_p)}$$

18. An unwinding macrofocal ellipse with macrofocus of center **F** and radius *r*, point focus **G** and passing through a point **P** is given by

ume(**F**, *r*, **G**, **P**) =
$$r(-\sin(\phi + \alpha), \cos(\phi + \alpha))$$

+ $\frac{(K + r\phi)^2 - 2fr\sin\phi - f^2 - r^2}{2(K + r\phi - f\cos\phi)}(\cos(\phi + \alpha),$
 $\sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$ (17.139)

with

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$

$$f = [\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{F}]$$

$$\phi_p = \operatorname{angp}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)) - \operatorname{arcsin}\left(\frac{r}{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]}\right)$$
If $\phi_p < 0$ then $\phi_p = 2\pi + \phi_p$

$$t_p = \sqrt{[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}]^2 - r^2}$$

$$K = t_p - r\phi_p + \sqrt{f^2 + r^2 + t_p^2 - 2f(t_p \cos \phi_p - r \sin \phi_p)}$$
(17.140)

19. A Cartesian oval that receives the rays emitted by a point source **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 and collimates them (makes them parallel) into a medium of refractive index n_2 and that passes through a point **P** and the axis and the emitted parallel rays of which are tilted by an angle α to the horizontal is given by (see Figure 17.33)

$$\operatorname{cop}(\mathbf{F}, n_1, n_2, \mathbf{P}, \alpha) = \frac{[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}](n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi_P)}{n_1 - n_2 \cos \phi} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \\ \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.141)

where

$$\phi_P = \arg(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)) \tag{17.142}$$

20. A converging Cartesian oval with focus **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 and another focus **G** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_2 , where $n_1 > n_2$ and passing through a point **P** is given by cco(**F**, n_1 , **G**, n_2 , **P**). See Figure 17.34, but note that points **F** and **G** are arbitrary and do not have to be on the x_1 axis. We first calculate

$$K = n_{1}[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + n_{2}[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$\phi_{C} = \begin{cases} \arccos(K/(fn_{1})) & \text{if } |K| \le n_{1}f \\ 0 & \text{if } |K| > n_{1}f \end{cases}$$
(17.143)

If $n_2 f < K < n_1 f$ and $ang(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}) \le \phi_C$, the Cartesian oval is possible through point **P** and is given by

$$cco(\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{G}, n_2, \mathbf{P}) = \frac{Kn_1 - f n_2^2 \cos \phi - n_2 \sqrt{D}}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} (\cos(\phi + \alpha)),$$
$$sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.144)

where

$$D = (fn_1 - K\cos\phi)^2 + (K^2 - f^2 n_2^2)\sin^2\phi$$

$$\alpha = \text{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$
(17.145)

Note: If **F** is a point source in a high-refractive index medium of refractive index n_1 , this curve refracts light to a point **G** in a low-refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 . If **G** is a point source in a low-refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 , this curve refracts light to a point **F** in a high-refractive index medium of refractive index n_1 .

21. A diverging Cartesian oval with focus **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 and another focus **G** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_2 , where $n_1 > n_2$ and passing through a point **P** is given by dco(**F**, n_1 , **G**, n_2 , **P**). See Figure 17.35, but note that points **F** and **G** are arbitrary and do not have to be on the x_1 axis.

We first calculate

$$K = n_{1}[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] - n_{2}[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$f = [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}]$$

$$\phi_{C} = \begin{cases} \arccos(K/(fn_{1})) & \text{if } |K| \le n_{1}f \\ 0 & \text{if } |K| > n_{1}f \end{cases}$$
(17.146)

If $K > -n_2 f$ and $ang(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}) \ge \phi_C$ the Cartesian oval is possible through point **P** and is given by

$$dco(\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{G}, n_2, \mathbf{P}) = \frac{Kn_1 - fn_2^2 \cos\phi + n_2\sqrt{D}}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} (\cos(\phi + \alpha), \\ \sin(\phi + \alpha)) + \mathbf{F}$$
(17.147)

where

$$D = (f n_1 - K \cos \phi)^2 + (K^2 - f^2 n_2^2) \sin^2 \phi$$

$$\alpha = \operatorname{angh}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F})$$
(17.148)

Note: If **F** is a point source in a high-refractive index medium of refractive index n_1 , this curve refracts light as if it appears to come from a point **G** in a low-refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 . If **G** is a point source in a low-refractive index medium of refractive index n_2 , this curve refracts light as if it appears to come from a point **F** in a high-refractive index medium of refractive index n_1 .

- 22. A ray coming from a point **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index *n*₁ in a direction **v** is refracted at a point **P**
 - a. Toward another point **G** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_2 (Figure 17.42a). The optical path length between **F** and **G** is $S = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] + n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}]$.
 - b. And appears to diverge from a point **G** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_2 (Figure 17.42b). The "optical path length" between **F** and **G** is $S = n_1[\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{P}] n_2[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}]$.

The point **P** (on a Cartesian oval) at which the refraction occurs is given by

coptpt (**F**,
$$n_1$$
, **v**, **G**, n_2 , S , γ) = **F** + $\frac{C_1 + \delta \sqrt{C_2(n_2^2 - n_1^2) + C_1^2}}{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$ **v** (17.149)

with

$$C_1 = n_1 S + n_2^2 (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$C_2 = S^2 - n_2^2 (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G})$$
(17.150)

and

$$\delta = -\gamma \quad \text{for} \quad n_1 > n_2 \\ \delta = \gamma \quad \text{for} \quad n_1 < n_2$$
(17.151)

In this function, parameter γ is

$$\gamma = 1$$
 when light converges to **F** (17.152)
 $\gamma = -1$ when light appears to diverge from **G**

We can also define

$$ccoptpt(\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, n_2, S) = coptpt(\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, n_2, S, 1)$$
 (17.153)

for the converging case ($\gamma = 1$) and

dcoptpt(
$$\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, n_2, S$$
) = coptpt($\mathbf{F}, n_1, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, n_2, S, -1$) (17.154)

for the diverging case ($\gamma = -1$). In the case where $n_1 = n_2 = n$, we have

coptpt(**F**, **v**, **G**, *n*, *S*) = **F** +
$$\frac{(S/n)^2 - (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G})}{2(S/n + (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{v})} \mathbf{v}$$
(17.155)

for both the converging and diverging cases.

23. A ray coming from a point **F** immersed in a medium of refractive index n_1 in a direction **v** is refracted into a direction perpendicular to a straight line (plane wave front) defined by a point **Q** and a normal vector **n**. The optical path length between **F** and the plane wave front is *S*. The point (on a Cartesian oval) at which refraction occurs is given by (see Figure 17.43)

coptsl(**F**,
$$n_1$$
, **v**, **Q**, n_2 , **n**, S) = **F** + $\frac{S - n_2(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{n_1 - n_2 \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{v}$ (17.156)

24. An incident ray with direction **i** is reflected at a point on the surface with normal **n**. The reflected ray is given by (see Chapter 12)

$$rfx(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{i} - 2(\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}$$
(17.157)

where $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{n}\| = 1$.

25. An incident ray with direction **i** is refracted at a point on the surface with normal \mathbf{n}_s and that separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . The direction of the refracted ray is given by

$$\operatorname{rfr}\left(\mathbf{i},\,\mathbf{n}_{S},\,n_{1},\,n_{2}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_{1}}{n_{2}}\,\mathbf{i} + \left(-(\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n})\,\frac{n_{1}}{n_{2}} + \sqrt{\Delta}\right)\mathbf{n} & \text{if }\Delta > 0\\ \operatorname{rfx}\left(\mathbf{i},\,\mathbf{n}_{S}\right) & \text{if }\Delta \le 0 \end{cases}$$
(17.158)

where the second case ($\Delta \leq 0$) refers to TIR and

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{n}_{S} & \text{if } \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{S} \ge 0\\ -\mathbf{n}_{S} & \text{if } \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{S} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = 1 - \left(\frac{n_{1}}{n_{2}}\right)^{2} \left[1 - (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n})^{2}\right]$$
(17.159)

and $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{n}_{S}\| = 1$.

26. Given an incident ray **i** and a refracted ray **r** of a surface that separates two media of refractive indices n_1 and n_2 , the normal to the surface can be calculated as

$$\operatorname{rfrnrm}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}, n_1, n_2) = \frac{n_1 \mathbf{i} - n_2 \mathbf{r}}{\|n_1 \mathbf{i} - n_2 \mathbf{r}\|}$$
(17.160)

where $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$.

27. Given an incident ray **i** and a reflected ray **r** of a surface, the normal to the surface can be calculated as

$$rfxnrm(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}) = rfrnrm(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}, 1, 1) = \frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{r}\|}$$
(17.161)

where $\|\mathbf{i}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$.

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