

**Answer on Question 38092, Physics, Optics** From the picture in attachment one can easily find that

$$h = AB \sin(\alpha - \phi) = \frac{d}{\cos \alpha} \sin(\alpha - \phi)$$

We will use this formula for displacement of beam with parallel plate

$$\Delta x = \frac{d}{\cos \alpha} \sin(\alpha - \beta)$$

where  $\alpha$  is angle of incidence,  $\beta$  is angle of refraction and  $d$  is thickness. We can find those angles for both plates easily from Snell law:

$$\beta_1 = \arcsin \frac{\sin \alpha}{n_1}, \quad \beta_2 = \arcsin \frac{\sin \alpha}{n_2}$$

So we find

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= \Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 = \frac{d_1}{\cos \alpha} \sin(\alpha - \beta_1) + \frac{d_2}{\cos \alpha} \sin(\alpha - \beta_2) = \\ &= \frac{d_1}{\cos \alpha} \sin\left(\alpha - \arcsin \frac{\sin \alpha}{n_1}\right) + \frac{d_2}{\cos \alpha} \sin\left(\alpha - \arcsin \frac{\sin \alpha}{n_2}\right) \approx 7.7 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$