

Solution

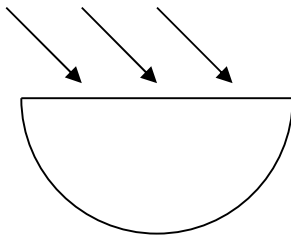


Figure 4

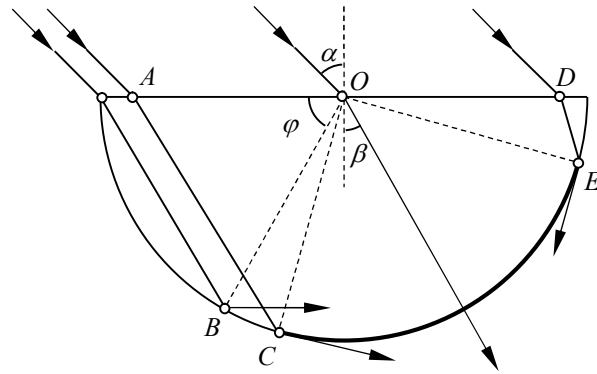


Figure 5

Let us use angle φ to describe the position of the rays in the glass (Fig. 5). According to the law of refraction $\sin 45^\circ / \sin \beta = \sqrt{2}$, $\sin \beta = 0.5$, $\beta = 30^\circ$. The refracted angle is 30° for all of the incoming rays. We have to investigate what happens if φ changes from 0° to 180° .

It is easy to see that φ can not be less than 60° ($\angle AOB = 60^\circ$). The critical angle is given by $\sin \beta_{crit} = 1/n = \sqrt{2}/2$; hence $\beta_{crit} = 45^\circ$. In the case of total internal reflection $\angle ACO = 45^\circ$, hence $\varphi = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 45^\circ = 75^\circ$. If φ is more than 75° the rays can emerge the cylinder. Increasing the angle we reach the critical angle again if $\angle OED = 45^\circ$. Thus the rays are leaving the glass cylinder if:

$$75^\circ < \varphi < 165^\circ,$$

CE, arc of the emerging rays, subtends a central angle of 90° .