

- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows a block ABCD made of glass that has a refractive index of 1.5. The block has one curved side AB and three straight sides, BC, CD and DA.

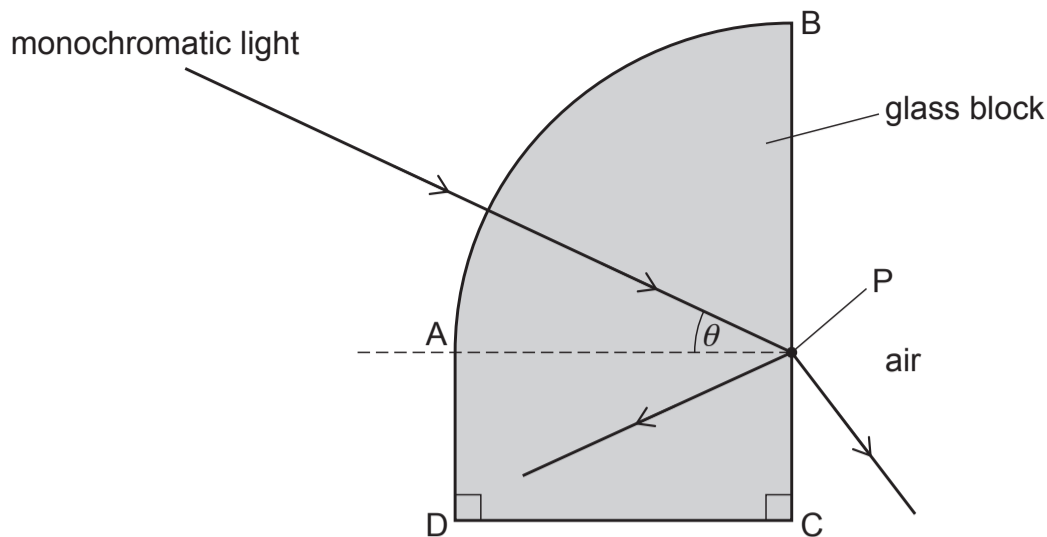


Fig. 5.1

There are right angles at C and D. The curved side AB is one quarter of the circumference of a circle that has its centre at point P.

A ray of monochromatic light enters the block through the curved side AB and strikes side BC at P. Some light emerges into the air and some is reflected.

- (a) State what is meant by monochromatic.

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- (b) Explain why the ray of light does **not** change direction when it enters the block through side AB.

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 [2]

- (c) Show that the critical angle c for glass of refractive index 1.5 is 42° .

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- (d) Fig. 5.1 shows that the angle between the ray of light and line AP is θ , where line AP is at right angles to side BC.

Angle θ increases to 45° .

- (i) State and explain what happens to the light that strikes P.

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- (ii) When $\theta = 45^\circ$, the reflected light strikes side CD.

Describe what happens when this reflected light strikes side CD.

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