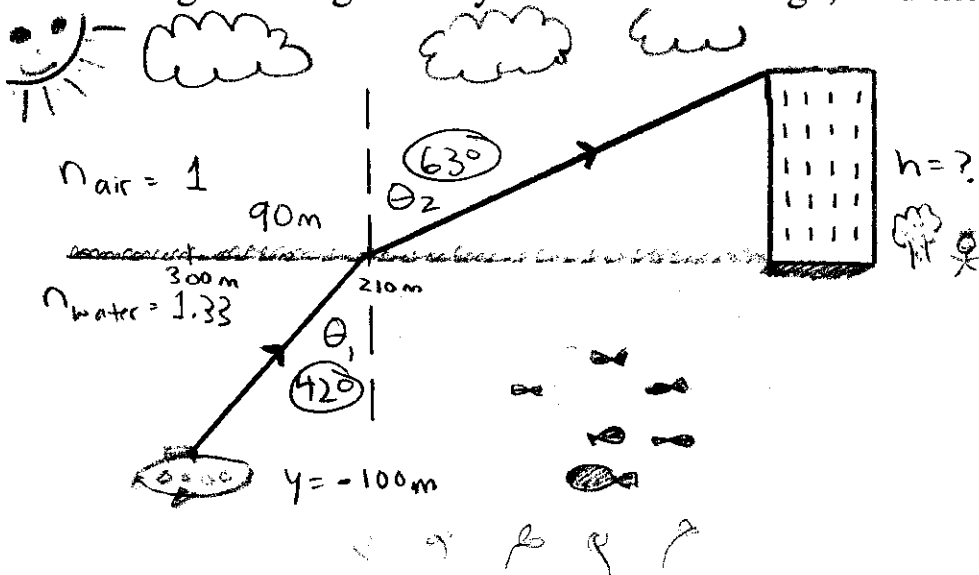


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QUIZ 9½ Refraction

A submarine is 300 m horizontally out from the shore and 100 m beneath the surface of the water. A laser beam is sent from the sub so that it strikes the surface of the water at a point 210 m from the shore. If the beam just strikes the top of a building standing directly at the water's edge, find the height of the building.



$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{90}{100} \Rightarrow \theta_1 = \arctan \frac{90}{100} = 42^\circ$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2 = \arcsin [1.33 \sin(42^\circ)] = 63^\circ$$

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{210 \text{ m}}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{210 \text{ m}}{\tan 63^\circ} = \boxed{107 \text{ m}}$$