

**Verification:**

Consider two parallel rays of light (in air) incident upon a reflecting surface as shown in figure. When **ray I** reaches to point **A**, the **ray II** reaches to point **A'**. Hence, **AA'** behave as the incident wavefront. Similarly, **BB'** behave as reflected wave front.

**First law:** As shown in figure, the incident ray (**ray I**), the normal line and the reflected ray (**ray I**), all meet at point **A** on the same plane. This verifies the first law of reflection.

**Second law:** In the time **ray I** travels from point **A** to **B'**, the **ray II** travels from point **A'** to **B**.

$$\therefore AB' = A'B = ct \dots \dots \dots (1) \quad ; c = \text{speed of light in air.}$$

In figure, in triangles  $\Delta AA'B$  and  $\Delta BB'A$ ,

$$AB = AB' \quad ; \text{Being common side}$$

$$A'B = AB' = ct \quad ; \text{Distance travelled by two light rays in same time in same medium.}$$

$$AA' = BB' \quad ; \text{Remaining sides}$$

Hence, by SSS property these two triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore \angle A'AB = \angle B'BA$$

$$\text{i.e., } i = r$$

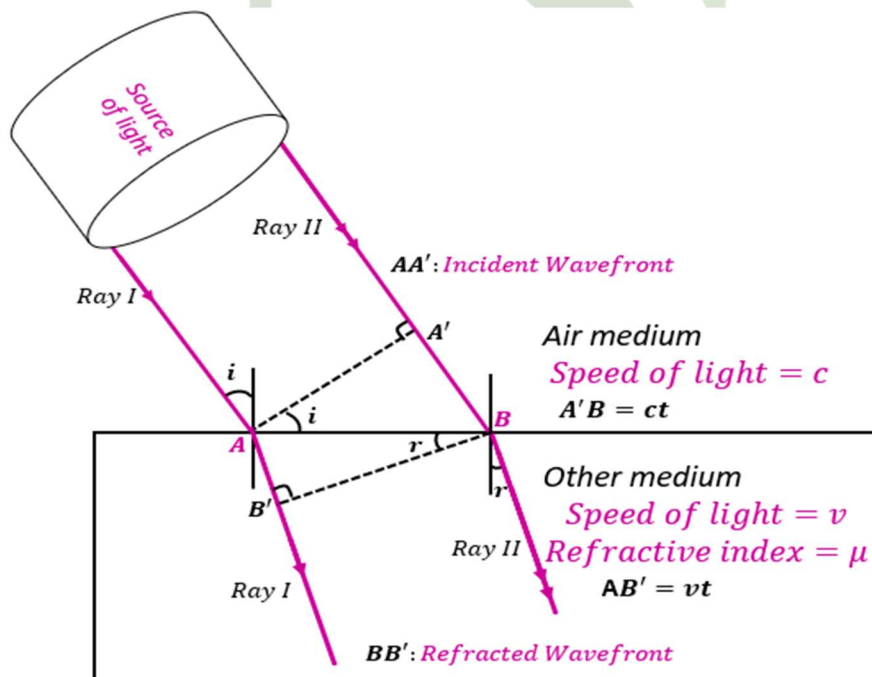
This verifies the second law of reflection of light.

**2. Verification of law refraction of light:**

The laws of refraction of light are:

- I. The incident ray, refracted ray and normal line all lie at same point in a same plane.
- II. The ratio of sine of angle of incidence to sine of angle of refraction for a medium is always constant.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \text{a constant } (\mu)$$



**Rough:**  
 Width if incident wavefront = AA'  
 Width if refracted wavefront = BB'