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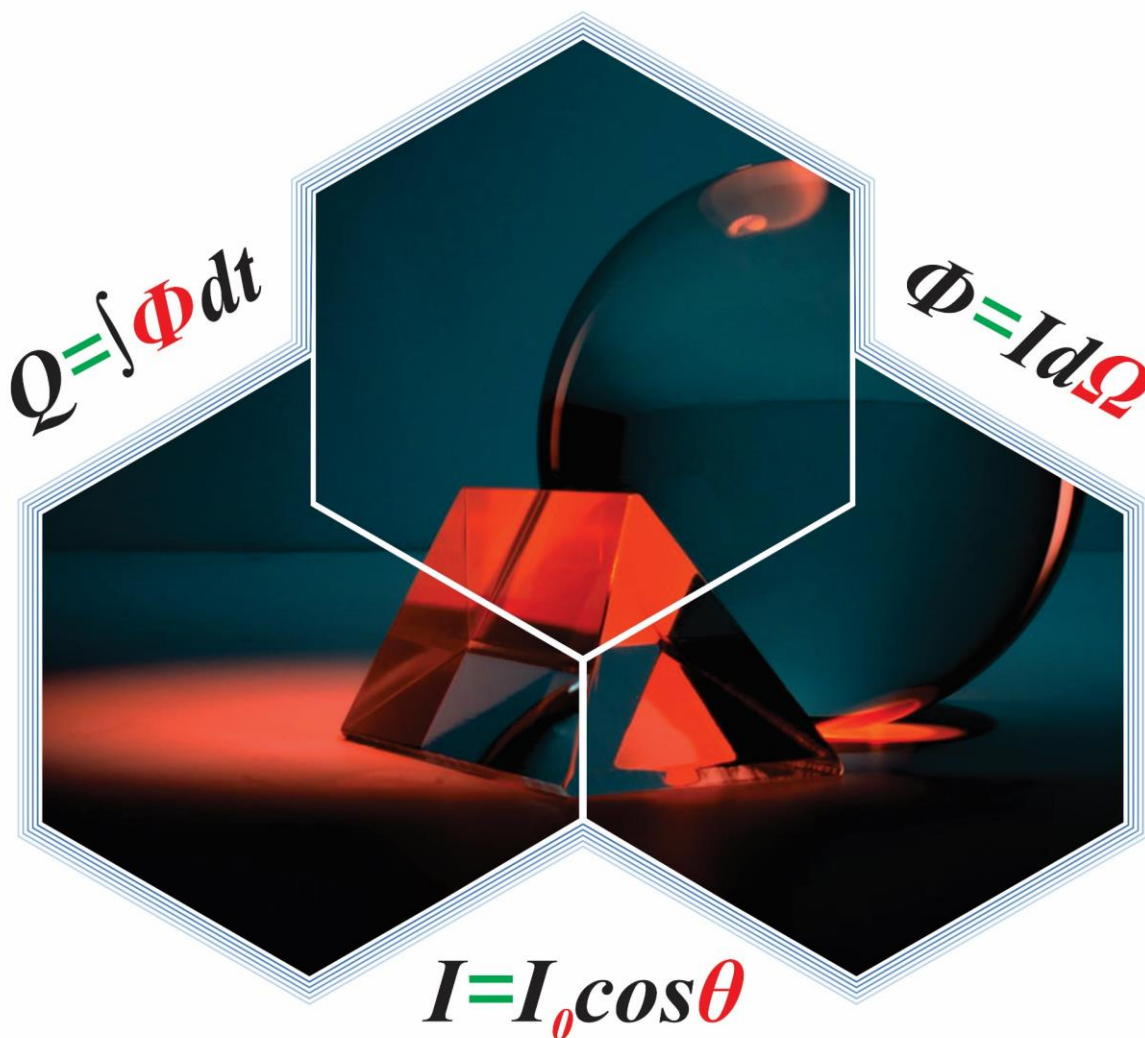
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## Chapter 1

### Introduction to Optics

**NO SOLVED PROBLEMS ARE  
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## Chapter 2

# Wave Motion

### SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 2.1-** A Nd:YAG laser puts out a beam of  $1.06 \mu\text{m}$  electromagnetic radiation in vacuum. Determine

- (a) the beam's temporal frequency.
- (b) its temporal period
- (c) its spatial frequency.

**Solution**

(a)- Since  $v = \nu\lambda$

$$\nu = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1.06 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}} = 2.82 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} = 282 \text{ THz}$$

(b)- The temporal period is

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\nu} = \frac{1}{2.82} \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} = 3.55 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s} = 3.55 \text{ fs}$$

(c)- The spatial frequency is

$$k = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{1.06} \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 943 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

That is, 943 thousands waves per meter

**Problem: 2.2-** A propagating wave at time  $t = 0$  can be expressed in SI units as  $\psi(y, 0) = (0.030 \text{ m}) \cos(\pi y/2.0)$ . The disturbance moves in the negative  $y$ -direction with a phase velocity of  $2.0 \text{ m/s}$ . Write an expression for the wave at a time of  $6.0 \text{ s}$

### Solution

Write the wave in the form

$$\psi(y, t) = A \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{y}{\lambda} \pm \frac{t}{\tau} \right)$$

Here  $A = 0.030 \text{ m}$  and

$$\psi(y, 0) = (0.030 \text{ m}) \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{y}{4.0} \right)$$

We need the period and since  $\lambda = 4.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $v = \nu\lambda = \lambda/\tau$ ;  $\tau = \lambda/v = (4.0 \text{ m})/(2.0 \text{ m/s}) = 2.0 \text{ s}$ . Hence

$$\psi(y, t) = (0.030 \text{ m}) \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{y}{4.0} + \frac{t}{2.0} \right)$$

The positive sign in the phase indicates motion in the negative  $y$ -direction. At  $t = 6.0 \text{ s}$

$$\psi(y, 6.0) = (0.030 \text{ m}) \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{y}{4.0} + 3.0 \right)$$

**Problem: 2.3-** An electromagnetic plane wave is described by its electric field  $E$ . The wave has an amplitude  $E_0$ , an angular frequency  $\omega$ , a wavelength  $\lambda$ , and travels at speed  $c$  outward in the direction of the unit propagation vector

$$\hat{k} = \frac{(4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})}{\sqrt{20}}$$

(not to be confused with the unit basis vector  $\hat{k}$ ). Write an expression for the scalar value of the electric field  $E$ .

### Solution

We want an equation of the form  $E(x, y, z, t) = E_0 e^{i\hat{k} \cdot (\vec{r} - \omega t)}$ . Here

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda\sqrt{20}} (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = \frac{\pi}{\lambda\sqrt{5}} (4x + 2y)$$

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Hence

$$E = E_0 e^{i\left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda\sqrt{5}}(4x+2y) - \omega t\right]}$$

**Problem: 2.4-** A convex lens of focal length 10 cm is used as a magnifying glass. Find the magnifying power,

- (a)- The image is formed at infinity.  
(b)- The image is formed at least distance of distinct vision (25 cm from the lens).

**Solution**

- (a)- When image is formed at infinity

$$M = \frac{D}{f} = \frac{25}{10} = 2.5$$

- (a)- When image is formed at the least distance of distinct vision (25 cm from the lens).

$$M = 1 + \frac{D}{f} = 1 + \frac{25}{10} = 3.5$$

**Problem: 2.5-** Show explicitly that when  $\vec{E}_y(z, t)$  lags  $\vec{E}_x(z, t)$  by  $2\pi$  the resulting wave is given by,

$$\vec{E} = (\hat{i}E_{0x} + \hat{j}E_{0y}) \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

**Solution**

When  $\vec{E}_y(z, t)$  lags by  $2\pi$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i}E_{0x} \cos(kz - \omega t) + \hat{j}E_{0y} \cos(kz - \omega t + 2\pi)$$

Using the identity

$$\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$$

The resultant wave becomes

$$\vec{E} = \hat{i}E_{0x} \cos(kz - \omega t) + \hat{j}E_{0y} [\cos(kz - \omega t) \cos 2\pi - \sin(kz - \omega t) \sin 2\pi]$$

And also

$$\vec{E} = (\hat{i}E_{0x} + \hat{j}E_{0y}) \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

Which was to be proven.

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## Chapter 3

# Maxwell Equations in Free Space

## SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 3.1-** Imagine a harmonic plane electromagnetic wave traveling in the  $z$ -direction in a homogeneous isotropic dielectric. If the wave, whose amplitude is  $E_0$ , has a magnitude of zero at  $t = 0$  and  $z = 0$ ,

(a) Show that its energy density is given by

$$u(t) = \epsilon E_0^2 \sin^2 k(z - vt)$$

(b) Find an expression for the irradiance of the wave.

### **Solution**

(a)- From equation  $u = u_E + u_B$  applied to a dielectric,

$$u = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu} B^2$$

Where

$$E = E_0 \sin k(z - vt)$$

Using  $E = vB$

$$u = \frac{\epsilon}{2} E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{E^2}{v^2} = \epsilon E^2 = \epsilon E_0^2 \sin^2 k(z - vt)$$

(b)- The irradiance follows from equation,

$$S = \frac{uc\Delta tA}{\Delta tA} = uc$$

namely,  $S = uv$ , and so

$$S = \epsilon v E_0^2 \sin^2 k(z - vt)$$

Whereupon

$$I = \langle S \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon v E_0^2$$

**Problem: 3.2-** The electric field of an electromagnetic plane wave is expressed as

$$\vec{E} = (-2.99 \text{ V/m}) \hat{j} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

Given that  $\omega = 2.99 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}$  and  $k = 1.00 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/m}$ , find

(a) The associated vector magnetic field.

(b) The irradiance of the wave.

**Solution**

(a)- The wave travels in the  $+z$ -direction.  $\vec{E}_0$  is in the  $-\hat{j}$  or  $-y$ -direction. Since  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  is in the  $\hat{k}$  or  $+z$ -direction,  $\vec{B}_0$  must be in the  $\hat{i}$  or  $+x$ -direction.  $E_0 = vB_0$  and  $v = \omega/k = 2.99 \times 10^{15}/1.00 \times 10^7 = 2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  and so

$$\vec{B} = \left( \frac{2.99 \text{ V/m}}{2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \right) \hat{i} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = (10^{-8} \text{ T}) \hat{i} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

(b)- Since the speed is  $2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  we are dealing with vacuum, hence

$$I = \frac{c\epsilon_0}{2} E_0^2 = \frac{(2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)}{2} (2.99 \text{ V/m})^2 = 0.0118 \text{ W/m}^2$$

**Problem: 3.3-** An electromagnetic wave travels through a homogeneous dielectric medium with a frequency of  $\omega = 2.10 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}$  and  $k = 1.10 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/m}$ . The  $\vec{E}$ -field of the wave is

$$\vec{E} = (180 \text{ V/m}) \hat{j} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

Determine,

- The direction of  $\vec{B}$ .
- The speed of the wave.
- The associated  $\vec{B}$ -field.
- The index of refraction.
- The permittivity.
- The irradiance of the wave.

### Solution

(a)-  $\vec{B}$  is in the direction of  $\hat{k}$ , since the wave moves in the direction of  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  and that is in the  $\hat{i}$  or  $+x$ -direction.

(b)- The speed is  $v = \omega/k$

$$v = \frac{2.10 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}}{1.10 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/m}} = 1.909 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \text{ or } 1.91 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

(c)-  $E_0 = vB_0 = (1.909 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})B_0$

$$B_0 = \frac{180 \text{ V/m}}{1.909 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 9.43 \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} = (9.43 \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}) \hat{k} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

(d)-  $n = c/v$

$$n = (2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (1.909 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 1.5663, \text{ Or } 1.57$$

(e)-  $n = \sqrt{K_E}$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = K_E \text{ and } K_E = 2.453$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 K_E = (8.8542 \times 10^{-12}) 2.453 = 2.172 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

(f)-  $I = \frac{c\omega}{2} E_0^2$

$$I = \frac{(2.172 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)(1.909 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(180 \text{ V/m})^2}{2} = 67.2 \text{ W/m}^2$$

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## Chapter 4

# Polarization

### SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 4.1-** If the plane of vibration of the incident beam makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the optic axis, compare the intensities of extraordinary and ordinary light

**Solution**

Intensity of the extraordinary ray

$$I_E = A^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

Intensity of the ordinary ray,

$$I_O = A^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{I_E}{I_O} = \frac{A^2 \cos^2 \theta}{A^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

Here,  $\theta = 30^\circ$

$$\therefore E = \frac{I_E}{I_O} = 3$$

**Problem: 4.2-** Calculate the thickness of a double refracting plate capable of producing a path difference of  $\frac{\lambda}{4}$  between extraordinary and ordinary waves

**Solution**

$$\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA}, \quad \mu_o = 1.53 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_E = 1.54$$

Here,  $(\mu_E - \mu_o)t = \frac{\lambda}{4}$

$$t = \frac{\lambda}{4(\mu_E - \mu_o)}$$

Here,  $\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA} = 5.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$

$$t = \frac{5.89 \times 10^{-7}}{4(1.54 - 1.53)} = 1.47 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} = 1.47 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm}$$

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## Chapter 5

# Wavefront Splitting Interferometer

## SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 5.1-** Two parallel narrow horizontal slits in an opaque vertical screen are separated center-to-center by  $2.644\text{ mm}$ . These are directly illuminated by yellow plane waves from a filtered discharge lamp. Horizontal fringes are formed on a vertical viewing screen  $4.500\text{ m}$  from the aperture plane. The center of the fifth bright band is  $5.000\text{ mm}$  above the center of the zeroth or central bright band.

- (a) Determine the wavelength of the light in air.  
(b) If the entire space is filled with clear soybean oil ( $n = 1.4729$ ), where would the fifth fringe now appear?

### **Solution**

(a)- The problem states that  $Y_5 = 5.000\text{ mm}$  and from equation,  $y_m \approx \frac{S}{a}m\lambda$  We know that in air

$$y_m \approx \frac{S}{a}m\lambda_0$$

Where  $S = 4.500\text{ m}$ ,  $a = 2.644\text{ mm}$  and  $\lambda_0$  is to be found.

Hence

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{ay_5}{s5} = \frac{(2.644 \times 10^{-3} m)(5.000 \times 10^{-3} m)}{(4.500 m)5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_0 = 587.56 \text{ nm}$$

Or to four significant figures

$$\lambda_0 = 587.6 \text{ nm}$$

(b)- When the space is filled with oil the wavelength will decrease, whereupon the new fringe location ( $y'_m$ ) will be closer to the center of the apparatus. Thus

$$y'_m = \frac{S}{a} m \left( \frac{\lambda_0}{n} \right) = \frac{y_m}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow y'_m = \frac{5.000 \times 10^{-3} m}{1.4729}$$

$$\text{Finally, } y'_5 = 3.395 \text{ mm}$$

**Problem: 5.2-** Considering the double mirror,

(a) Show that the fringe separation is given by,

$$\Delta_y \approx \frac{(R+d)\lambda}{a}$$

Where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the illumination in the surrounding medium.

(b) Prove that,

$$\Delta_y \approx \frac{(R+d)\lambda}{2R\theta}$$

### Solution

(a)- From Young's experiment

$$\Delta_y \approx \frac{S}{a} \lambda$$

And the same is true here, where  $S = \overline{DP} \approx R + d$ . Accordingly,

$$\Delta_y \approx \frac{(R+d)\lambda}{a}$$

(b)- To get  $\theta$  involved notice that in triangle  $S_1CD$



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$$\frac{a}{2} = R \sin \theta \approx R\theta$$

And so 
$$\Delta_y \approx \frac{(R+d)\lambda}{2R\theta}$$

**Problem: 5.3-** The yellow  $D_1$  line from a sodium discharge lamp has a vacuum wavelength of  $5895.923 \text{ \AA}$ . Suppose such light falls at  $30.00^\circ$  on the surface of a film of soybean oil ( $n = 1.4729$ ) suspended (within a wire frame) in air. What minimum thickness should the film have in some region if that area is to strongly reflect the light?

**Solution**

The equation  $d \cos \theta_t = (2m + 1) \frac{\lambda_f}{4}$  pertains to reflected maxima:

$$d \cos \theta_t = (2m + 1) \frac{\lambda_f}{4}$$

Here we want the minimum thickness, which corresponds to the minimum value of  $m$ , namely, zero. Hence

$$d \cos \theta_t = \frac{\lambda_f}{4}$$

It is needed to be computed both  $\lambda_f$  and  $\theta_t$ . Using Snell's law

$$n_i \sin \theta_i = n_t \sin \theta_t$$

It follows that

$$\sin \theta_t = \frac{\sin 30.00^\circ}{1.4729} = 0.3395$$

And  $\theta_t = 19.844^\circ$ . Consequently,

$$d = \frac{\lambda_f}{4} \frac{1}{\cos 19.844^\circ}$$

At this point we need to use that fact  $\lambda_f = \frac{\lambda_0}{n_f}$ , whereupon

$$d = \frac{\lambda_0}{4n_f} \frac{1}{\cos 19.844^\circ}$$

Hence

$$d = \frac{589.59 \times 10^{-9}}{4(1.4729)} \frac{1}{0.94062}$$

And

$$d = 1.064 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

The minimum thickness is a mere

$$d = 106.4 \text{ nm}$$

**Problem: 5.4-** A wedge-shaped air film is illuminated by yellow sodium light ( $\lambda_0 = 589.3 \text{ nm}$ , the center of the doublet). The center of the 173<sup>rd</sup> maximum will be how far from the apex if the wedge angle is  $0.50^\circ$ ?

**Solution**

We could use either

$$x_m = \frac{(m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda_f}{2\alpha}$$

Where  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  or

$$x_{m'} = \frac{(m' - \frac{1}{2})\lambda_f}{2\alpha}$$

Where  $m' = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . In both cases we will need  $\alpha$  in radians:

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\pi \text{ rad}}{180^\circ} \right) 0.50^\circ = 8.727 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$$

Consequently,

$$x_m = x_{172} = \frac{(172 + \frac{1}{2})589.3 \times 10^{-9}}{2(8.727 \times 10^{-3})} = 5.8 \text{ mm}$$

Or

$$x_{m'} = x_{173} = \frac{(173 + \frac{1}{2})589.3 \times 10^{-9}}{2(8.727 \times 10^{-3})} = 5.8 \text{ mm}$$

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**Problem: 5.5-** Green light of wavelength  $5100 \text{ \AA}$  from a narrow slit is incident on a double slit. If the overall separation of 10 fringes on a screen  $200 \text{ cm}$  away is  $2 \text{ cm}$ , Find the slit separation.

**Solution**

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

Hence

$$\lambda = 5100 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} \quad d = ?$$

$$D = 200 \text{ cm}$$

$$10 \beta = 2 \text{ cm}$$

Or

$$d = \frac{\lambda D}{\beta}$$
$$d = \frac{5100 \times 10^{-8} \times 200}{0.2}$$
$$d = 0.051 \text{ cm}$$

**Problem: 5.6-** Two coherent sources are  $0.18 \text{ mm}$  apart and the fringes are observed on a screen  $80 \text{ cm}$  away. It is found that with a certain monochromatic source of light, the fourth bright fringe is situated at a distance of  $10.8 \text{ mm}$  from the central fringe. Calculate the wavelength of light.

**Solution**

Here,  $D = 80 \text{ cm}$ ,  $d = 0.18 \text{ mm} = 0.018 \text{ cm}$

$n = 4$ ,  $x = 10.8 \text{ mm} = 1.08 \text{ cm}$ ,

$\lambda = ?$

$$x = \frac{n\lambda D}{d}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{xd}{nD} = \frac{1.08 \times 0.018}{4 \times 80}$$
$$= 6075 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 6075 \text{ \AA}$$

**Problem: 5.7-** Two straight and narrow parallel slits  $1\text{ mm}$  apart are illuminated by monochromatic light. Fringes formed on the screen held at a distance of  $100\text{ cm}$  from the slits are  $0.50\text{ mm}$  apart. What is the wavelength of light?

**Solution**

$$\beta = 0.50\text{ mm} = 0.05\text{ cm}$$

$$d = 1\text{ mm} = 0.1\text{ cm}$$

$$D = 100\text{ cm}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\beta d}{D} = \frac{0.05 \times 0.1}{100} = 5 \times 10^{-5}\text{ cm} = 5000\text{ \AA}$$

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## Chapter 6

# Introduction To Diffraction

## SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 6.1-** In Fraunhofer diffraction due to a narrow slit a screen is placed  $2\text{ m}$  away from the lens to obtain the pattern. If the slit width is  $0.2\text{ mm}$  and the first minima lie  $5\text{ mm}$  on either side of the central maximum, find the wavelength of light.

### **Solution**

In the case of Fraunhofer diffraction at a narrow rectangular aperture,

$$a \sin \theta = n\lambda$$
$$n = 1$$

$$\therefore a \sin \theta = \lambda$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{D}$$

$$\therefore \frac{ax}{D} = \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{ax}{D}$$

Here,  $a = 0.2\text{ mm} = 0.02\text{ cm}$

$$x = 5\text{ mm} = 0.5\text{ cm}$$

$$D = 2\text{ m} = 200\text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore &= \frac{0.02 \times 0.5}{200} \\ \lambda &= 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm} \\ \lambda &= 5000 \text{ \AA} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem: 6.2-** A single slit of width  $0.14 \text{ mm}$  is illuminated normally by a monochromatic light and diffraction bands are observed on a screen  $2 \text{ m}$  away. If the center of the second dark band is  $1.6 \text{ cm}$  from the middle of the central bright band, deduce the wavelength of light used.

**Solution**

In the case of Fraunhofer diffraction at a narrow rectangular slit,

$$a \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

Here  $\theta$  gives the direction of the minimum

$$n = 2$$

$$\lambda = ?$$

$$a = 0.14 \text{ mm} = 0.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$D = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$x = 1.6 \text{ cm} = 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{D} = \frac{n\lambda}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lambda &= \frac{xa}{nD} \\ &= \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-2} \times 0.14 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 2} \\ &= 5.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 5600 \text{ \AA} \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem: 6.3-** Diffraction pattern of a single slit of width  $0.5\text{ cm}$  is formed by a lens of focal length  $40\text{ cm}$ . Calculate the distance between the first dark and the next bright fringe from the axis. Wavelength =  $4890\text{ \AA}$ .

**Solution**

For minimum intensity

$$a \sin \theta_n = n\lambda$$
$$\sin \theta_n = \frac{x_1}{f}, \quad n = 1$$
$$\frac{x_1}{f} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

Here  $\lambda = 4890\text{ \AA} = 4890 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m}$

$$a = 0.5\text{ cm} = 5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ m}$$

$$f = 40\text{ cm} = 0.4\text{ m}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{f\lambda}{a}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{0.4 \times 4890 \times 10^{-10}}{5 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$x_1 = 3.912 \times 10^{-5}\text{ m}$$

For Secondary maximum

$$a \sin \theta_n = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2}$$

For the first secondary maximum

$$n = 1$$

$$\sin \theta_n = \frac{x_2}{f}$$

$$\frac{x_2}{f} = \frac{3\lambda}{2a}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{3\lambda f}{2a}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{3 \times 4890 \times 10^{-10} \times 0.4}{2 \times 5 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$x_2 = 5.868 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

Difference

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 - x_1 &= 5.868 \times 10^{-5} - 3.912 \times 10^{-5} \\ &= 1.956 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \\ &= 1.956 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem: 6.4-** In Fraunhofer diffraction pattern due to a single slit, the screen is at a distance of 100 cm from the slit and the slit is illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength 5893 Å. The width of the slit is 0.1 mm. Calculate the separation between the central maximum and the first secondary minimum.

**Solution**

For a rectangular slit,

$$x = \frac{f\lambda}{d}$$

Here

$$f = 100 \text{ cm},$$

$$\lambda = 5893 \text{ Å} = 5893 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$d = 0.1 \text{ mm} = 0.01 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = ?$$

$$x = \frac{100 \times 5893 \times 10^{-8}}{0.01} = 0.5893 \text{ cm}$$

**Problem: 6.5-** Imagine 12 narrow, parallel, long slits each  $b$  millimeters wide, each separated from the next slit by a center-to-center distance of  $5b$ . The apertures are illuminated normally by plane waves and produce a Fraunhofer diffraction pattern on a distant screen. Determine the relative irradiance of the first-order principal maximum compared to the zeroth-order principal maximum.

**Solution**

Using the equation  $I(\theta) = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\sin N\alpha}{\sin \alpha}\right)^2$  The principal maxima occur when  $\left(\frac{\sin N\alpha}{\sin \alpha}\right) = N$  and so here



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$$I(\theta) = I(0) \left( \frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2$$

Moreover, since  $a = 5b$

$$\beta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} b \sin \theta = \frac{\pi a}{\lambda 5} \sin \theta = \frac{\alpha}{5}$$

The first-order maximum occurs when  $\alpha = \pi$ ; hence, there  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{5}$ . And so for  $m = 1$

$$I(\theta) = I(0) \left( \frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2 = I(0) \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{5}}{\frac{\pi}{5}} \right)^2$$

Thus

$$\frac{I(\theta)}{I(0)} = \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{5}}{\frac{\pi}{5}} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{0.5878}{0.6283} \right)^2 = (0.936)^2$$

The first-order principal maximum is 0.875 times as large as the zeroth-order maximum

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