

Trace this figure also. The frequency of the electrically maintained tuning fork will be half of the frequency of signal generator.

(4) Again adjust the frequency of the signal generator such that a figure of eight is obtained in horizontal direction  $\infty$ . Trace the figure on a tracing paper. The frequency of the tuning fork will be double the frequency of signal generator in this case.

**Result :**

- (1) The waveform of the electrically maintained tuning fork is shown on the attached tracing paper.
- (2) The frequency of the electrically maintained tuning fork = ... cycles/sec.

## LIGHT

# Refraction and Dispersion of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 1

**Object :** To determine the refractive index of the material of the prism for the given colours (wavelengths) of mercury light with the help of a spectrometer.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, given prism, mercury source and reading lens.

**Formula used :**

The refractive index of the material of the prism is given by the following formula

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{A}{2} \right)}$$

where  $A$  = Angle of the prism,

$\delta_m$  = Angle of minimum deviation.

**Description of the apparatus :**

**Spectrometer :** The spectrometer consists of the following parts :

- (i) the Collimator  $C$ ,
- (ii) the prism table  $P$ , and
- (iii) the Telescope  $T$ .

(i) **The Collimator :** The collimator  $C$  consists of two hollow concentric metal tubes, one being longer than the other. The longer tube carries an achromatic lens  $L$  at one end and the smaller tube on the other end. The smaller tube is provided with a slit at the outer end (width of the slit can be adjusted with the help of a screw attached to it) and can be moved in or out the longer tube with the help of rack and pinion arrangement. The slit is adjusted in the focal plane of the lens  $L$  to obtain a pencil of parallel rays from the collimator when light is allowed to be incident upon slit. The collimator is also provided with two screws for adjusting the inclination of the axis of the collimator. This is rigidly fixed to the main part of the apparatus.

(ii) **The Prism Table :** It is a circular table supported horizontally in the centre of the instrument and the position can be read with the help of two verniers attached to it and moving over a graduated circular scale carried by the telescope. The levelling of the prism table is made with the help of three screws provided at the lower surface. The table can be raised or lowered and clamped in any desired position with the help of a screw. The prism table is also provided with a tangent screw for a slow motion. There are concentric circles and straight lines parallel to the line joining two of the levelling screws on the prism table.

(iii) **The Telescope :** The telescope consists of similar tubes as in case of collimator carrying achromatic objective lens  $O$  at one end and Ramsden eyepiece  $E$  on the other side end. The eyepiece tube can be taken in or out with the help of rack and pinion arrangement. Two crosswires are focussed on the focus of the eyepiece. The telescope can be clamped to the main body of the instrument and can be moved slightly by tangent screw.

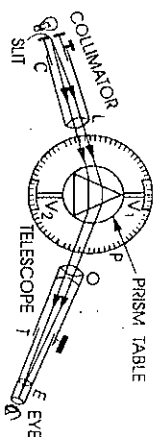


Fig. (1)

The telescope is attached to the main scale and when it rotates, the graduated scale rotates with it. The inclination of telescope is adjusted by two screws provided at the lower surface.

#### Adjustment :

Before using the spectrometer, the following adjustments must be made.

- (a) **The axis of the telescope and that of the collimator must intersect the principal vertical axis of rotation of the telescope.**

This adjustment is done by the manufacturer and can only be tested in the laboratory. For this purpose a pin is mounted vertically in the centre of prism table and observing its image in the telescope tube without eyepiece and for a wide slit in the collimator. If the image appears in the middle, then the adjustment is perfect otherwise the image is made in the centre by using the screws supporting the telescope and collimator till the pin appears in the middle.

- (b) **Prism table should be levelled.**

(i) The prism table is levelled with the help of three screws supporting the prism table. A spirit level is placed along a line joining the screws and the two screws are moved till the air bubble appears in the middle. Now place the spirit level along a line perpendicular to the previous line and adjust the third screw such that again the air bubble appears in the middle. Here one thing should be remembered that the first two screws should not be touched this time. The prism table is now levelled.

(ii) The second method which is generally used is optical levelling of the prism table. In this method the prism is placed on the prism table with its refracting edge at the centre of the prism table and one of its polished surface perpendicular to the line joining the two levelling screws *P* and *Q* as shown in fig. (2a).

Now rotate the prism table in such a way that refracting edges *AB* and *AC* face towards the collimator and light falling on the prism is usually reflected on both the sides as shown in fig. (2) b.

The telescope is moved to one side to receive the light reflected from the face *AB* and the levelling screws *P* and *Q* are adjusted to obtain the image in the centre of the field of view.

Again the telescope is moved to the other side to receive the light reflected from the face *AC* and the remaining third screw *R* is adjusted till the image becomes in the central field of view of the telescope. The procedure is repeated till the two images from both the reflecting faces are seen in the central field of view of the telescope. The prism table is now levelled.

- (c) **Telescope and collimator are adjusted for parallel light by Schuster's method.**

First of all the prism is placed on the prism table and then adjusted approximately for minimum deviation position. The spectrum is now seen through the telescope. The prism table is rotated slightly away from this position towards collimator and the telescope is brought in view. The collimator is well focussed on the spectrum.

Again rotate the prism table on the other side of minimum deviation position, i.e., towards telescope and focus the telescope for the best image of the spectrum. The process of focussing the collimator and telescope is continued till the slight rotation of the prism table does not make the image to go out of focus. This means that both collimator and telescope are now individually set for parallel rays.

#### Procedure :

- (A) **Measurement of the angle of the prism.**  
 (i) Determine the least count of the spectrometer.  
 (ii) Place the prism on the prism table with its refracting angle *A* towards the collimator and with its refracting edge *A* at the centre as shown in the fig. (3). In this case some of the light falling on each face will be reflected and can be received with the help of the telescope.

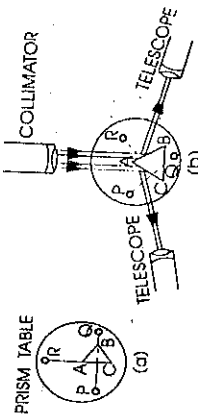


Fig. (2)

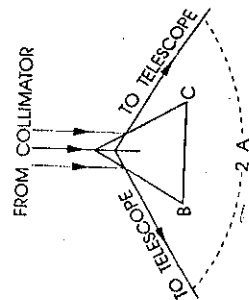


Fig. (3)

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- (iii) The telescope is moved to one side to receive the light reflected from the face *AB* and the crosswires are focussed on the image of the slit. The reading of the two verniers are taken.  
 (iv) The telescope is moved in other side to receive the light reflected from the face *AC* and again the crosswires are focussed on the image of the slit. The readings of two verniers are noted.  
 (v) The angle through which the telescope is moved or the difference in the two positions gives twice the refracting angle *A* of the prism. Therefore, half of this angle gives the refracting angle of the prism.

#### (B) Measurement of the angle of minimum deviation :

- (i) Place the prism so that its centre coincides with the centre of the prism table and light falls on one of the polished faces and emerges out of the other polished face, after refraction. In this position the spectrum of light is obtained.  
 (ii) The spectrum is seen through the telescope and the telescope is adjusted for minimum deviation position for a particular colour (wavelength) in the following way :  
 Set up telescope at a particular colour and rotate the prism table in one direction. Of course the telescope should be moved in such way to keep the spectral line in view. By doing so a position will come where the spectral line recede in the opposite direction although the rotation of the table is continued in the same direction. The particular position where the spectral line begins to recede in opposite direction is the minimum deviation position for that colour. Note the readings of two verniers.

- (iii) Remove the prism table and bring the telescope in the line of the collimator. See the slit directly through telescope and coincide the image of slit with vertical crosswire. Note the readings of two verniers.  
 (iv) The difference in minimum deviation position and direct position gives the angle of minimum deviation for that colour.  
 (v) The same procedure is repeated to obtain the angles of minimum deviation for other colours.

#### Observations :

- (i) Value of the one division of the main scale = 0.5 degree  
 Total number of vernier divisions = 30  
 Least count of the vernier =  $0.5/30 = 1 \text{ minute}$

#### (ii) Table for the angle (A) of the prism.

S. No.	Vernier	Telescope reading for reflection from first face		Telescope reading for reflection from second face		Difference $a - b = 2A$	Mean value of $2A$	Mean A Degrees
		M.S. reading	Total (a) Degree	M.S. reading	Total (b) Degree			
1.	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3.	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(iii) Table for angle of minimum deviation ( $\delta_m$ ).

S. No.	Colour	Vernier reading degree	Dispersed image, Telescope in minimum deviation position		Telescope reading for Direct image			Difference a - b	Mean deviation $\delta_m$ degree
			M.S. reading degree	V.S. reading degree	Total a degree	M.S. reading degree	V.S. reading degree	Total b degree	
1.	Violet	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.	Blue	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3.	Green	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4.	Yellow	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

## Calculations :

Angle of minimum deviation for violet = ...

$$\mu \text{ for violet} = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin (A/2)}$$

Angle of minimum deviation for blue = ...

$$\mu \text{ for blue} = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin (A/2)}$$

Similarly find the value of  $\mu$  for other colours.

Result : Refractive index for the material of the prism :

S. No.	Colour	Calculated $\mu$	Standard $\mu$	% Error
1.	Violet	...	...	...
2.	Blue	...	...	...
3.	...	...	...	...
4.	...	...	...	...
5.	...	...	...	...

## Precautions and Sources of Error :

- The telescope and collimator should be individually set for parallel rays.
- Slit should be as narrow as possible.
- While taking observations, the telescope and prism table should be clamped with the help of clamping screws.
- Both verniers should be read.

- The prism should be properly placed on the prism table for the measurement of angle of the prism as well as for the angle of minimum deviation.

## Theoretical Error :

Refractive index of the material of the prism is given by the expression.

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin (A/2)}$$

Taking logarithms of both sides and differentiating

$$\frac{\delta \mu}{\mu} = \frac{\cos \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A + \delta_m)}{2} + \cos \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A)}{2}}{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A + \delta_m)}{2} + \sin \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A)}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mu}{\mu} = \cot \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A + \delta_m)}{2} + \cot \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) \frac{\delta(A)}{2}$$

Now  $\delta A = 2'$  As the least count of the spectrometer =  $1''$  and there are two verniers.

$$\delta(\delta_m) = 2'$$

Hence  $\frac{\delta(A + \delta_m)}{2} = 2'$  and  $\frac{\delta(A)}{2} = 1'$ 

$$\frac{\delta \mu}{\mu} = \cot \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right) 2' + \cot \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) 1'$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{60 \times 180} \left\{ 2 \cot \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right) + \cot \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \dots \%.$$

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS

## EXPERIMENT (1-1)

**Object :** To study the variation of angle of deviation with the angle of incidence for a prism and to determine the refractive index of the material of the prism using ( $i - \delta$ ) curve for a given wavelength using prism spectrometer.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, prism, source of light (mercury or sodium lamp), spirit level and reading lens.

## Formula used :

The refractive index of the material of the prism is given by the following formula

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin (A/2)}$$

where  $\delta_m$  = angle of minimum deviationA = Angle of prism =  $(2i - \delta_m)$ ,  $i$  = angle of incident corresponding to  $\delta_m$

**Procedure :** (A) Adjustment of spectrometer (see experiment no. 1).

- (B) Adjustment of the prism for normal incidence. The following procedure is adopted :
- Illuminate the slit of the collimator with the given source of light. Collimator and telescope are arranged in a line and the image of the slit is focussed on the vertical cross wire. The reading of the telescope is noted on the circular scale with the help of one of the verniers attached to it. Let this reading be  $\theta$ .
  - The telescope is now rotated through  $90^\circ$  i.e., the new reading of the telescope is  $(\theta + 90)^\circ$ . In this position, the telescope and collimator are mutually perpendicular. Now the telescope is clamped.
  - Mount the prism on the prism table and rotate the prism table so that the reflected image is seen on the cross wire of the telescope (The tangent screw attached to the prism table may be used for this purpose). The face of the prism now makes an angle  $45^\circ$  with the collimator axis. Note down the position  $\phi$  of the prism table on the circular scale with the help of one of the verniers attached to prism table.
  - Turn the prism table from this position through  $45^\circ$  i.e., its reading is  $(\phi + 45)^\circ$ . Now the prism face is exactly normal to the direction of incident light. The angle of incidence in this position is zero. Read both the verniers of the prism table.

(C) Observation for obtaining  $(i - \delta)$  curve. The following procedure is adopted.

- The prism table is turned through  $30^\circ$  (angle of incidence is  $30^\circ$ ) and clamped. The reading of both verniers are noted. The telescope is unclamped and rotated to receive the emergent rays from the reflecting surface scale with the help of both verniers attached to it.
- The prism table is rotated through  $5^\circ$  so that the angle of incidence is  $35^\circ$ . The reading of both verniers are noted and prism table is clamped. The telescope is rotated to receive the emergent rays from the reflecting surface of the prism. The cross wire is adjusted on the image of the slit. The position of telescope is noted on the circular scale with the help of both verniers attached to it.
- The experiment is repeated for different angles of incidence.
- The prism is removed from the prism table and the telescope is turned to see the direct image of the slit. The cross wire is adjusted on the image of the slit. The position of telescope is recorded on both the verniers. This gives the direction of the incident beam.

**Observations :**

Least count of vernier = .....

**Table for the setting of the prism :**

S. No.	Position of telescope or prism	Angle
1.	Direct position of the telescope on one vernier ( $\theta$ )	...
2.	Position of the telescope on the same vernier when turned through $90^\circ$ ( $\theta + 90^\circ$ )	...
3.	Position of prism table for angle of incidence $45^\circ$ recorded by one vernier $\phi$	...
4.	Position of prism table for normal incidence ( $\phi + 45^\circ$ )	...

Position of the telescope for direct image of the slit

Ist vernier  $a = \dots\dots\dots$

IInd vernier  $b = \dots\dots\dots$

**Table for angle of incidence and deviation.**

S. No.	Angle of incidence	Position of telescope for emergent rays		Angle of deviation $\delta$ $= \frac{(a - a') + (b - b')}{2}$
		Ist vernier $a'$	IInd vernier $b'$	
1.	30	...	...	...
2.	35	...	...	...
3.	40	...	...	...
4.	45	...	...	...
5.	50	...	...	...
6.	55	...	...	...
7.	60	...	...	...
8.	65	...	...	...
9.	70	...	...	...
10.	75	...	...	...

**Calculations :**

- Plot a smooth graph between angle of incidence  $i$  on X-axis and angle of deviation  $\delta$  on Y-axis. The graph is shown in Fig. (4).

- From the  $(i - \delta)$  graph

Angle of minimum deviation  $\delta_m = \dots\dots\dots$

Corresponding angle of incidence  $i = \dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore$  Angle of prism  $A = 2i - \delta_m$

Now  $\mu = \frac{\sin(A + \delta_m)/2}{\sin A/2} = \dots\dots\dots$

**Result :** (i) The attached graph represents the variation of angle of deviation with the angle of incidence.

(ii) The refractive index of the material of the prism for  $\lambda = \dots\dots\dots A$  is .....

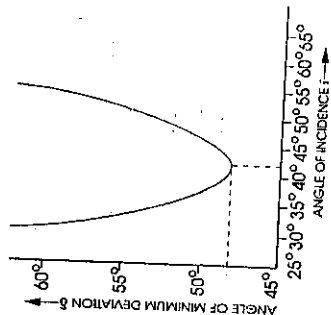


Fig. (4)

## EXPERIMENT (1-2)

**Object :** To study the variation of refractive index of the material of the prism with wavelength and to verify Cauchy's dispersion formula.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, mercury lamp, prism and reading lens.

**Formula used :**

Cauchy showed that the variation of refractive index  $\mu$  with wavelength  $\lambda$  can be represented by the relation

$$\mu = A + \frac{B}{\lambda^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are two constants whose values are given by

$$B = (\mu_1 - \mu_2) \left/ \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda_2^2} \right) \right. \quad \dots (2)$$

and

$$A = \mu_1 - B/\lambda_1^2 = \mu_2 - B/\lambda_2^2 \quad \dots (3)$$

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the refractive indices for wavelengths  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  respectively.

The value of  $\mu$  at a particular wavelength can be calculated by using the following formula

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin(A/2)} \quad \dots (4)$$

where  $A$  = Angle of prism and  $\delta_m$  = Angle of minimum deviation.

Knowing the values of  $A$  and  $B$  with the help of eqs. (2) and (3), the value of  $\mu$  can be calculated at any other wavelength with the help of eq. (1). The calculated value is compared with the help of eq. (1). The calculated value is compared with the experimental value. An agreement between theoretical and experimental value of  $\mu$  for certain value of  $\lambda$  verifies the Cauchy's dispersion relation.

**Procedure :**

- (1) Adjustment of the spectrometer : see experiment No. 1.
- (2) Measurement of  $\delta_m$  for different wavelength : see exp. No. 1.
- (3) Measurement of angle of prism  $A$  : see exp. No. 1.

**Observations :**

- (1) Table for the angle ( $A$ ) of the prism see table on page 3L.
- (2) Table for the angle of minimum deviation see table on page 4L.

**Calculations :**

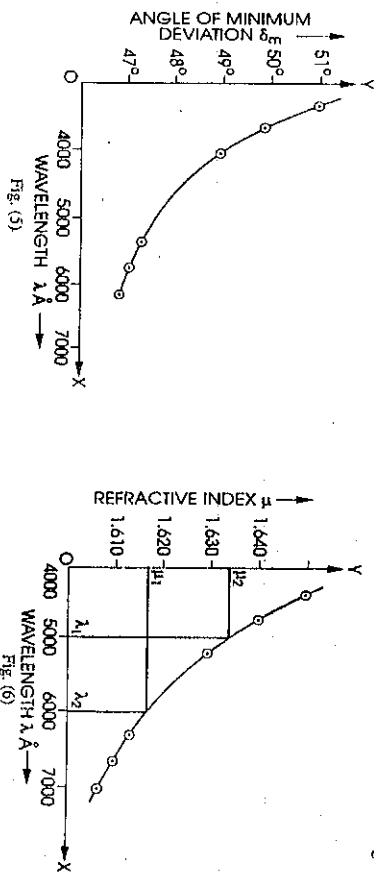
- (1) Using the following formula, calculate  $\mu$  for each line

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin(A/2)}$$

Tabulate the result like the following table.

S. No.	Colour of Line	$\delta_m$	$\mu$	$\lambda$ (Å) From the Table of Constants
1	Violet II	...	...	4047
2	Violet I	...	...	4358
3	Bluish Green	...	...	4916
4	Green	...	...	5451
5	Yellow	...	...	5770
6	Red	...	...	6234

- (2) A graph is now plotted between  $\lambda$  (along X axis) and  $\delta$  (along Y axis). The graph is shown in fig. (5).



- (3) Again draw a graph between  $\lambda$  (along the X axis) and  $\mu$  (along the Y axis). The graph is shown in fig. (6).

From the graph of Fig. (6)

$$\lambda_1 = \dots, \lambda_2 = \dots, \mu_1 = \dots \text{ and } \mu_2 = \dots$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda_1^2}\right)} = \dots \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A = \mu_1 - B/\lambda_1^2 = \mu_2 - \frac{B}{\lambda_2^2} = \dots \text{ cm}^2$$

- (4) Using the above derived values of  $A$  and  $B$  and applying the Cauchy's formula for a particular wavelength (say 5500 Å) we calculate the theoretical value of refractive index  $\mu$  i.e.,

$$\mu = A + \frac{B}{(5500 \times 10^{-8})^2} = \dots + \frac{\dots}{(3500 \times 10^{-8})^2} = \dots$$

From the graph of fig. (6), the value of  $\mu = \dots$  for wavelength 5500 Å.

**Result :** (1) Fig. (5) shows the variation of angle of minimum deviation with wavelength.

(2) Fig. (6) shows the variation of refractive index of the material of the prism with wavelength.

(3) The value of  $\mu$  for a particular wavelength calculated by Cauchy's formula is nearly same as read on  $(A - \mu)$  graph for the same wavelength. Hence Cauchy's formula is verified.

### EXPERIMENT (1-3)

**Object :** To verify Hartmann's formula using a prism spectrometer.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, prism, mercury lamp and reading lens.

**Formula used :**

According to Hartmann's formula, wavelength  $\lambda$  can be expressed by the relation

$$\lambda = A + \frac{B}{C} \quad \dots (1)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are constants for the material of given prism and  $X$  is the position of the wavelength.

**Procedure :**

- (1) Adjustment of the spectrometer : see experiment No. 1.
- (2) Measurement of the positions of various mercury lines : The procedure is as follows :
  - (i) The spectrum of the mercury source using the given prism is obtained in minimum deviation position in telescope.
  - (ii) The eyepiece is moved to the red end of the spectrum and the cross wire is fixed on the red line. The micrometer reading is noted.
  - (iii) The screw is turned in the same direction and the cross wire is fixed on various lines. The corresponding micrometer reading are recorded for each line.
  - (iv) Various wavelengths of mercury are recorded from the table of constants.

**Observations :**

Least count of micrometer = ... cm.

S. No.	Colour of the line	Position of spectral line X (cm.)	$\lambda$ (Å) From the table of constants
1	Red	$X_1 = \dots$	$\lambda_1 = 6234$
2	Yellow	$X_2 = \dots$	$\lambda_2 = 5770$
3	Green	$X_3 = \dots$	$\lambda_3 = 5441$
4	Bluish Green	$X_4 = \dots$	$\lambda_4 = 4916$
5	Violet I	$X_5 = \dots$	$\lambda_5 = 4358$
6	Violet II	$X_6 = \dots$	$\lambda_6 = 4047$

## Calculations :

From the table

$$\lambda_1 = 6234 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_1 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 5770 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_2 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 5441 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_3 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

From Hartmann's formula

$$\lambda_1 = A + \frac{B}{X_1 - C}, \quad \lambda_2 = A + \frac{B}{X_2 - C},$$

$$\lambda_3 = A + \frac{B}{X_3 - C}$$

and

Solving these three equations we get  $A = \dots \text{ cm.}$ ,  $B = \dots \text{ cm.}$  and  $C = \dots \text{ cm.}$  Now using these values of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , we calculate  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_5$  and  $\lambda_6$  with the help of Hartmann's formula by substituting  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  from the table.

$$(\lambda_4)_{\text{cal.}} = A + \frac{B}{(X_4 - C)} = \dots + \dots = \dots \text{ \AA}$$

$$(\lambda_5)_{\text{cal.}} = A + \frac{B}{(X_5 - C)} = \dots + \dots = \dots \text{ \AA}$$

$$(\lambda_6)_{\text{cal.}} = A + \frac{B}{(X_6 - C)} = \dots + \dots = \dots \text{ \AA}$$

**Result :** Since the calculated values of wavelength are nearly equal to the standard values hence Hartmann's formula is verified.

## EXPERIMENT (1-4)

**Object :** To verify Hartmann's formula using a grating.

**Apparatus used :** Spectrometer, plane transmission grating, mercury lamp, magnifying glass, small mirror and Telescope and scale arrangement.

**Formula used :**

According to Hartmann's formula, the wavelength  $\lambda$  can be expressed as

$$\lambda = A + \frac{B}{X - C}$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are constants for the material of the grating and  $X$  is the position of wavelength.

**Procedure :**

Before performing the experiment, the following adjustments are made :

- The spectrometer is adjusted.
- The grating is adjusted for normal incidence.
- A small mirror strip  $M$  as shown in fig. (7) is placed vertically on the eyepiece of the spectrometer near the eyepiece with the help of wax.
- At about one metre, set up scale and telescope  $T_2$  arrangement as shown in the figure such that the scale is horizontal. The telescope  $T_2$  is focussed on the image of the scale seen in the mirror  $M$ .

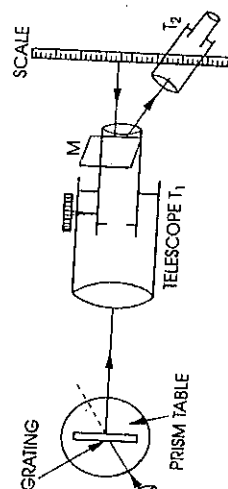


Fig. (7)

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Now the following procedure is adopted :

- After obtaining the grating spectrum, the cross-wire of the telescope  $T_1$  of spectrometer is adjusted on the violet line.
- Now looking through the telescope  $T_2$ , the scale reading that coincide with the vertical cross-wire is noted.
- Similarly, by making the vertical crosswire of the spectrometer telescope coinciding with other spectral lines, the scale readings that coincide with the vertical cross-wire of telescope  $T_2$ , are noted.
- Various wavelengths of mercury are recorded from the table of constants.

**Observations :**

S. No.	Colour of the line	Position of spectral line X (cm.)	$\lambda(\text{\AA})$ From the table of constants
1.	Red	$X_1 = \dots$	$\lambda_1 = 6234$
2.	Yellow	$X_2 = \dots$	$\lambda_2 = 5770$
3.	Green	$X_3 = \dots$	$\lambda_3 = 5441$
4.	Bluish Green	$X_4 = \dots$	$\lambda_4 = 4916$
5.	Violet I	$X_5 = \dots$	$\lambda_5 = 4358$
6.	Violet II	$X_6 = \dots$	$\lambda_6 = 4047$

**Calculations :**

From the above table

$$\lambda_1 = 6234 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_1 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 5770 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_2 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 5441 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}, X_3 = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

From Hartmann's formula

$$\lambda_1 = A + \frac{B}{X_1 - C}, \quad \lambda_2 = A + \frac{B}{X_2 - C}$$

and

$$\lambda_3 = A + \frac{B}{X_3 - C}$$

Solve these equations to obtain the values of

$$A = \dots \text{ cm.}, B = \dots \text{ cm.} \text{ and } C = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

Using these values of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , calculate  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_5$  and  $\lambda_6$  with the help of Hartmann's formula by substituting  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  from the table

$$(\lambda_4)_{\text{cal.}} = A + \frac{B}{X_4 - C} = \dots + \dots = \dots \text{ \AA}$$

Similarly, calculate  $(\lambda_5)_{\text{cal.}}$  and  $(\lambda_6)_{\text{cal.}}$

**Result :** Since the calculated values of wavelength are nearly equal to standard values and hence Hartmann's formula is verified.

**Sources of errors and Precautions :**

- All the precautions described in the Expt. 1.
- Telescope and scale arrangement should be horizontal.
- Telescope and scale arrangement must be one meter away from the mirror.

### EXPERIMENT (1-5)

**Object :** To calibrate the drum of a constant deviation spectrometer.

**Apparatus required :** Constant deviation spectrometer, condensing lens, Mercury lamp, Reading lens and Reading lamp.

#### Description of apparatus :

The constant deviation spectrometer is shown in fig. (8).

It consists of a cast iron stand with L-shaped platform. On this platform, a collimator, prism table, telescope and a wavelength drum are mounted. The collimator and telescope are at right angle to each other. A special prism of quadrilateral section ABCD (known as constant deviation prism) with angles A, B, C, D of  $75^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$  respectively is placed at the centre of prism table. When a ray of polychromatic light falls on the face BC of the prism, it is dispersed into its constituent rays. The constituent ray which is parallel to face CD of the prism falls at  $45^\circ$  on face AD and is reflected parallel to DB. The ray emerges from the prism perpendicular to the incident ray. This ray comes in the field of view of the telescope. When the prism is rotated, successive rays (having different wavelengths) fall turn by turn at  $45^\circ$  on AD and the corresponding spectral line occupies the centre of the field of view. The wavelength drum is fitted with a rotating screw which rotates the prism table in order to move a particular spectral line across the field of view. The drum is provided with a head and a scale of wavelengths to read off directly the wavelength of spectral line appearing on the cross-wire of the telescope.

Fig. (8)

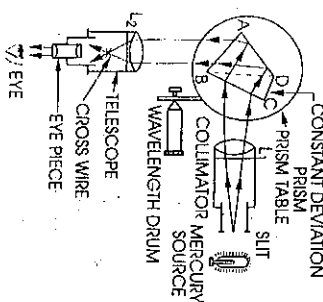


Fig. (8)

1. The mercury lamp is placed at a distance in front of the slit and switched on. Initially the slit is open wide. The eyepiece is withdrawn from the telescope. We now look through the telescope tube at the face of the prism. The position and height of the mercury lamp is adjusted in such a way that the image appears in the centre of prism face. The slit is then narrowed.
2. A condensing lens is placed between the slit and the lamp such that the image of mercury discharge is projected on the slit. Now on looking through the telescope, the entire surface of the prism appears uniformly bright.
3. The eyepiece is placed in its position in the telescope. By moving it in or out, it is focussed on the cross-wire.
4. The telescope is adjusted by its rack and pinion arrangement until the spectral lines are sharpest.
5. The wavelength drum is rotated slowly so that particular spectral line falls on the cross wire. Its wavelength is read on the drum and noted.
6. The wavelength drum is rotated slowly so that the spectral lines, turn by turn, fall on the cross wires. The corresponding wavelengths are read and noted.

#### Observations :

S. No.	Spectral line Colour	Wavelength recorded by Drum (Å)	Standard wavelength (Å)
1.	Violet - 1	...	4046.8
2.	Violet - 2	...	4077.8
3.	Blue	...	4358.5
4.	Blue-green	...	4916.0
5.	Green I	...	4991.5
6.	Green II	...	5120.5
7.	Green III	...	5554.0

**Result :** The table shown above shows the calibration of the drum of the spectrometer.

#### Sources of errors and Precautions :

- (1) The width of the slit should be adjusted at its optimum value.
- (2) The slit should be free from dust particles otherwise black horizontal lines will appear across the spectrum.
- (3) The Collimator should be adjusted for parallel rays.
- (4) The mercury lamp should be placed on the axis of collimator to obtain the best intensity.
- (5) The constant deviation prism is so placed that the light from the collimator falls on its longest face and emerges out from the shorter face in a direction at right angles to the direction of incidence.

#### Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What do you mean by refractive index?

Ans. The ratio of the sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction is constant of any two media, i.e.,

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \mu$$

a constant known as refractive index.

Q. 2. Is it essential in your experiment to place the prism in the minimum deviation position? If so, why?

Ans. Yes, it is essential because we obtain a bright and distinct spectrum and magnification is unity i.e., the distance of the object and image from the prism is same. The rays of different colours after refraction diverge from the same points for various colours.

Q. 3. Will the angle of minimum deviation change, if the prism is immersed in water?

Ans. Yes. The refractive index of glass in water is less than air hence angle of minimum deviation becomes less.

Q. 4. Does the angle of minimum deviation vary with the colour of light?

Ans. Yes, it is minimum for red and maximum for violet colour.

Q. 5. Does the deviation not depend upon the length of the base of the prism?

Ans. No it is independent of the length of the base. By increasing the length of base, resolving power is increased.

Q. 6. What do you mean by pure spectrum?

Ans. A spectrum in which there is no overlapping of colours is known as pure spectrum. Each colour occupies a separate and distinct position.

Q. 7. Can you determine the refractive index of a liquid by this method?

Ans. Yes. The experimental liquid is filled in a hollow glass prism.

Q. 8. How  $\mu$  vary with wavelengths?

Ans. Higher is the wavelength, smaller is the refractive index.

Q. 9. What is the relationship between deviation and wavelength?

Ans. Higher is deviation, smaller is wavelength i.e., deviation for violet colour is most but wavelength is least.

Q. 10. Which source of light are you using? Is it a monochromatic source of light?

Ans. Mercury lamp. It is not a monochromatic source of light. The monochromatic source contains only one wavelength.

Q. 11. Can you not use a monochromatic source (sodium lamp)?

Ans. Yes, we can use a sodium lamp but it will give only yellow lines and not the full spectrum.

Q. 12. What is construction of mercury lamp?

Ans. It consists of a long cylindrical tube which contains two electrodes. The tube contains some mercury and argon gas at a pressure of about 10 mm. of mercury. The cylindrical tube is enclosed in a vacuum jacket to reduce the loss of heat from it to surroundings.

Q. 13. Why is it that mercury lamp works at high pressure and sodium lamp works at low pressure?

Ans. In mercury lamp, the visible light results due to the transition of electron among higher orbits which are promoted at high pressure. In case of sodium, the transitions are due to electron jump from higher orbit to lower orbit which are promoted at low pressure.

Q. 14. Can a mercury lamp be run at low pressure? What will happen in this case?

Ans. The mercury lamp can run at low pressure but in this case the light emitted by the lamp will be in ultra-violet region of the spectrum.

Q. 15. After switching off mercury lamp, it can not be started again at once, why?

Ans. The starting electrode does not function before the vapourised mercury has condensed.

Q. 16. What is the working temperature of this lamp?

Ans. The working temperature is about 600°C.

Q. 17. What is the type of your mercury lamp?

Ans. It is hot cathode positive column type.

Q. 18. What is an eyepiece?

Ans. Eyepiece is a magnifier designed to give more perfect image than obtained by a single lens.

Q. 19. Which eyepiece is used in the telescope of a spectrometer?

Ans. Ramsden's eyepiece.

Q. 20. What is the construction of Ramsden's eyepiece?

Ans. It consists of two plano-convex lenses each of focal length  $f$  separated by a distance equal to  $2f/3$ .

Q. 21. What is the construction of Huygen's eyepiece?

Ans. It consists of two plano-convex lenses one having focal length  $3f$  and other with focal length  $f$  and separated at distance  $2f$ .

Q. 22. What are chromatic and spherical aberrations?

Ans. The image of white object formed by a lens is coloured and blurred. This defect is known as chromatic aberration. The failure or inability of the lens to form a point image of an axial point object is called spherical aberration.

Q. 23. How these two defects can be minimised?

Ans. The chromatic aberration can be minimised by taking the separation between two lenses  $\{d = (f_1 + f_2)/2\}$ . The spherical aberration can be minimised by taking the separation as the difference of two focal lengths  $\{d = (f_1 - f_2)\}$ .

Q. 24. What is the main reason for which Ramsden's eyepiece is used with a spectrometer?

Ans. In this eyepiece, the cross wire is outside the eyepiece and hence mechanical adjustment and measurements are possible.

Q. 25. What is a telescope? What is its construction?

Ans. It is an instrument designed to produce a magnified and distinct image of very distinct object. It consists of a convex lens and eyepiece placed coaxially in a brass tube. The lens towards the object is called objective. This is of wide aperture and long focal-length. Observations are made by eyepiece. This is fitted in a separate tube which can slide in main tube.

# Refraction and Dispersion of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 2

**Object :** To determine the dispersive power of the material of the prism for violet and yellow colours of mercury light with the help of a spectrometer.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, prism, mercury source and reading lens.

**Formula used :**

The dispersive power,  $\omega$ , of the material of the prism is given by the formula

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_v - \mu_y}{\mu - 1}$$

where  $\mu_v$  = refractive index of the material of the prism for violet colour,

$\mu_y$  = refractive index of the material of the prism for yellow colour.

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_v + \mu_y}{2}$$

and

The refractive index of the prism is given by

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

where

$A$  = Angle of the prism,

$\delta_m$  = Angle of minimum deviation.

**Procedure :** The procedure is as follows :

(i) Adjustment of the spectrometer.

(ii) Measurement of angle of prism  $A$ .

(iii) Measurement of angle of minimum deviation  $\delta_m$  for violet and yellow colours.

For details see Experiment No. 1.

**Observations :** Make the tables, similar to those in Experiment No. 1.

**Calculations :**

Find out the value of  $\mu_v$  and  $\mu_y$  using the relation,

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

$$\mu_v = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\mu_y = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_v + \mu_y}{2} = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_v - \mu_y}{\mu - 1}$$

and



Result : The dispersive power of the given prism.

Precautions and Sources of error :

Same as in the experiment No. 1.

### Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What do you mean by dispersive power? Define it.

Ans. The dispersive power of a material is its ability to disperse the various components of the incident light. For any two colours, it is defined as the ratio of angular dispersion to the mean deviation, i.e.

$$\omega = \frac{\delta_v - \delta_r}{\delta_y}$$

Q. 2. On what factors, the dispersive power depends?

Ans. It depends upon (i) material, and (ii) wavelengths of colours.

Q. 3. Out of the prism of flint and crown glasses, which one will you prefer to use?

Ans. We shall prefer a prism of flint glass because it gives greater dispersion.

Q. 4. What is a normal spectrum?

Ans. A spectrum in which angular separation between two wavelengths is directly proportional to difference of the wavelengths is called a normal spectrum.

Q. 5. Do you think that a prismatic spectrum a normal one?

Ans. No.

Q. 6. Can you find out the dispersive power of a prism with sodium light?

Ans. No. This is a monochromatic source of light.

Q. 7. How many types of spectra you know?

Ans. There are two main types of spectra (i) emission spectra and (ii) absorption spectra.

Q. 8. What type of spectra do you expect to get from (i) an incandescent filament lamp (ii) sun light (iii) mercury lamp?

Ans. (i) continuous spectrum, (ii) band spectrum, and (iii) line spectrum.

Q. 9. How do you classify emission spectrum?

Ans. (i) Continuous spectrum, given by a candle or electric bulb.

(ii) Band spectrum, given by elements of compound in molecular state.

(iii) Line spectrum, given by sodium or mercury spectrum.

Q. 10. What is difference between a telescope and a microscope?

Ans. Telescope is used to see the magnified image of a distant object. Its objective has large aperture and large focal length. The microscope is used to see the magnified image of very near object. Its objective has small focal length and aperture.

Q. 11. Without touching can you differentiate between microscope and telescope?

Ans. The objective of microscope has small aperture while the telescope has a large aperture.

Q. 12. What is that which you are adjusting in focussing the collimator and telescope for parallel rays?

Ans. In case of collimator, we adjust the distance between collimating lens and slit while in case of telescope the distance between cross wires from the objective lens is adjusted.

Q. 13. What are these distances equal to when both the adjustments are complete?

Ans. The slit becomes at the focus of collimating lens in collimator and cross wires become at the focus of objective lens in telescope.

Q. 14. How can telescope and collimator be adjusted together?

Ans. (i) The prism is set in minimum deviation for yellow colour.

(ii) Prism is rotated towards telescope and telescope is adjusted to get a well defined spectrum.

(iii) Now the prism is rotated towards collimator and the collimator is adjusted to get well defined spectrum.

(iv) The process is repeated till the spectrum is well focussed. This is known as Schuster's method.

## Refraction and Dispersion of Light

### EXPERIMENT NO. 3

Object : To determine the angle between crystal surface by spectrometer.

Apparatus required : Spectrometer, crystal and source.

Procedure : When the crystal is of bigger size, i.e. of the size of the prism, the angles between the crystal surfaces can be determined with the help of spectrometer. The procedure is as follows :

- The spectrometer is adjusted as described in Experiment No. 1.
- The crystal is placed on the prism table with one of the edges facing towards the collimator.
- The light falling on each surface will be reflected and can be received with the help of telescope. The telescope is moved to one side to receive the light reflected from one surface and the cross wires are focussed on the image of the slit. The reading of the two verniers are taken.
- The telescope is moved on other side to receive the light reflected from the other surface and again the cross wires are focussed on the image of the slit. The reading of the two verniers are noted.
- The angle through which the telescope is moved or the difference in the two positions gives twice the angle between the crystal surfaces. Half of the angle gives the angle  $\alpha$  between the two crystal surfaces.
- Proceed similarly for other pairs of surfaces.

### Viva-Voce

See the Viva-Voce of Experiment. No. 1 and 2.

# Interference

## EXPERIMENT No. 5

**Object :** To determine the wavelength of sodium light (monochromatic source) with the help of a Fresnel's Bi-prism.

**Apparatus used :** Optical bench with uprights, sodium lamp, Bi-prism, convex lens, slit and micrometer eye piece. Slit and micrometer eye piece are already fitted on the optical bench.

**Formula used :**

The wavelength  $\lambda$  of the sodium light is given by the formula in the case of Bi-prism experiment.

$$\lambda = \beta \frac{2d}{D}$$

where  $\beta$  = fringe width.

$2d$  = distance between the two virtual sources.

Again  $2d = \frac{\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1}$  = distance between the slit and screen (Eye piece upright).

where  $d_1$  = distance between the two images formed by the convex lens in one position.  
 $d_2$  = distance between the two images formed by the convex lens in the second position.

### Description of the apparatus :

Two coherent sources, from a single source, to produce interference pattern are obtained with the help of a Bi-prism. A Bi-prism may be regarded as made up of two prisms of very small refracting angles placed base to base. In actual practice a single glass plate is suitably grinded and polished to give a single prism of obtuse angle  $179^\circ$  leaving remaining two acute angles of  $30'$  each.

The optical bench used in the experiment consists of a heavy cast iron base supported on four levelling screws. There is a graduated scale along its one arm. The bench is provided with four uprights which can be clamped anywhere and the position can be read by means of vernier attached to it. Each of the uprights is subjected to the following motions :

- motion along bench,
- transverse motion (motion right angle to bench),
- rotation about the axis of the upright,
- with the help of a tangent screw, the slit and Bi-prism can be rotated in their own vertical planes.

### Action of Bi-prism :

The action of the Bi-prism is shown in fig. (2).

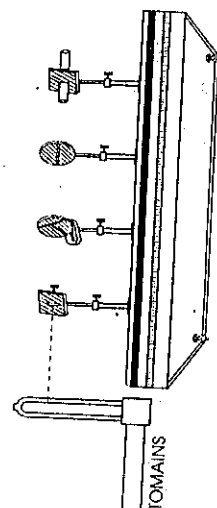


Fig. (1)

### Interference

Monochromatic light from a source  $S$  falls on two points of the prism and is bent towards the base. Due to the division of wavefront, the refracted light appears to come from  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . The waves from two sources unite and give interference pattern. The fringes are hyperbolic, but due to high eccentricity they appear to be straight lines in the focal plane of eyepiece.

### Procedure :

#### Adjustments :

- Level the bed of optical bench with the help of spirit level and levelling screws.
- The slit, Bi-prism and eye piece are adjusted at the same height. The slit and the cross wire of eye piece are made vertical.
- The micrometer eye piece is focussed on crosswires.
- With an opening provided to the cover of the monochromatic source, the light is allowed to incident avoid the loss of light intensity for the interference pattern.
- Place the Bi-prism upright near the slit and move the eye piece sideways. See the two images of the slit through Bi-prism; if they are not seen, move the upright of Bi-prism right angle to the bench till they are obtained. Make the two images parallel by rotating Bi-prism in its own plane.
- Bring the eyepiece near to the Bi-prism and give it a rotation at right angle of the bench to obtain a patch of light. As a matter of fact, the interference fringes are obtained in this patch provided that the edge of the prism is parallel to the slit.
- To make the edge of the Bi-prism parallel to the slit, the Bi-prism is rotated with the help of tangent screw till a clear interference pattern is obtained. These fringes can be easily seen even with the naked eye.
- The line joining the centre of the slit and the edge of the Bi-prism should be parallel to the bed of the bench. If this is not so, there will be a lateral shift and the removal is most important. This is shown in fig. (3).

(a) In order to adjust the system for no lateral shift, the eyepiece is moved away from Bi-prism. In this case, the fringes will move to the right or left but with the help of base screw provided with Bi-prism, it is moved at right angle to the bench in a direction to bring the fringes back to their original position.

(b) Now move the eyepiece towards the Bi-prism and the same adjustment is made with the help of eyepiece. Now using the process again and again, the lateral shift is removed.

### Measurements :

#### (A) Measurement of fringe width ( $\beta$ ) :

- Find out the least count of the micrometer screw.
- Place the micrometer screw at such a distance where fringes are distinct, bright and widely spaced. (say 120 cms.)
- The crosswire is moved on one side of the fringes to avoid backlash error. Now the cross wire is fixed at the centre of a bright fringe and its reading is noted on the main scale as well as on micrometer screw.

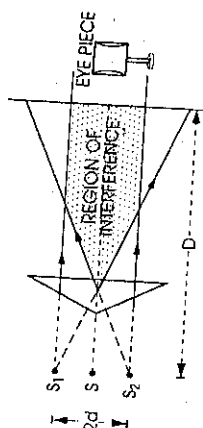


Fig. (2)

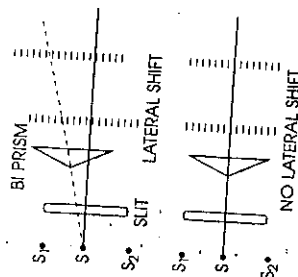


Fig. (3)

**Formula used :**Thickness of mica sheet  $t$  is given by

$$t = \frac{S\lambda}{\beta(\mu - 1)}$$

where

 $S$  = Shift of the central white fringe. $\lambda$  = wavelength of the light employed. $\beta$  = fringe width. $\mu$  = refractive index of mica.**Procedure :**

- (i) Make all the initial adjustments of the Biprism as described in Experiment No. 5.
- (ii) Using sodium light, measure the fringe width  $\beta$  as before.
- (iii) Without disturbing the adjustments, replace the sodium light source with a white light source.
- (iv) Observe the fringes in micrometer eyepiece with a central white fringe. Set up the cross wire on the white fringe and note the reading of micrometer screw.
- (v) Introduce a thin mica sheet in one of the interfering beams as shown in fig. (5). Due to the introduction of mica sheet the central fringe is shifted. Again set the crosswire on the white fringe and note the micrometer reading.
- (vi) The difference of the two micrometer reading gives the shift  $S$  of the central white fringe.

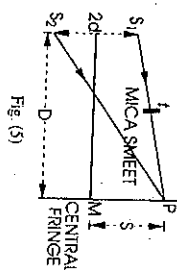


Fig. (5)

**Observations :**

S. No.	Micrometer reading			Mean $S$
	Position of central fringe without mica sheet	Position of central fringe with mica sheet	Difference	
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	
3	...	...	...	
4	...	...	...	

**Calculations :**

$$t = \frac{S\lambda}{\beta(\mu - 1)}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm.}$$

**Precautions :** Same as in previous experiment.**Viva-Voce****Q. 1. What do you mean by interference of light?**

Ans. When the two waves superimpose over each other, resultant intensity is modified. The modification in the distribution of intensity in the region of superposition is called interference.

**Q. 2. Is there any loss of energy in interference phenomenon?**

Ans. No. There is only redistribution of energy i.e. energy from dark places is shifted to bright places.

**Interference****Q. 3. What are the conditions for obtaining interference of light?**

Ans. (i) The two sources should be coherent i.e. they should vibrate in the same phase or there must be a constant phase difference between them. (ii) The two sources must emit waves of same wavelength and time period. (iii) The sources should be monochromatic. (iv) The amplitudes of the interfering waves should be equal or nearly equal.

**Q. 4. What are the different types of interference?**

Ans. (i) Division of wavefront, the incident wavefront is divided into two parts by utilising the phenomenon of reflection, refraction or diffraction. (ii) Division of amplitude, the amplitude of incoming beam is divided into two parts either by partial reflection or refraction.

**Q. 5. What are interference fringes?**

Ans. They are alternately bright and dark patches of light obtained in the region of superposition of two wave trains of light.

**Q. 6. What is a biprism?**

Ans. A biprism is a combination of two acute prisms placed base to base. This is made from an optically plane glass plate by proper grinding and polishing.

**Q. 7. Why are the refracting angles of the two prisms made so small?**

Ans. By doing so  $2d$  (distance between two virtual images) will be small and so fringe width will be large.

**Q. 8. What is the purpose of the biprism?**

Ans. The purpose of the biprism is to produce two coherent images of a given slit which are separated at a certain distance and behave as two coherent sources.

**Q. 9. On what factors does the fringe-width depend?**

Ans. The fringe width  $\beta$  is given by

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{2d}$$

where  $D$  = distance between slit and eyepiece,  $2d$  = distance between two virtual sources.

**Q. 10. How does fringe-width depend upon the angle of biprism?**

Ans. We know that  $2d = 2a(\mu - 1)A$ , here  $a$  is a distance between slit and biprism and  $A$ , the angle of biprism. Hence

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{2a(\mu - 1)A}$$

i.e., fringe width is inversely proportional to angle  $A$  of biprism.

**Q. 11. What is the effect of changing the distance between the slit and biprism on the fringe-width?**

Ans. When  $a$  is increased,  $2d$  is decreased i.e., fringe width is increased.

**Q. 12. How do you measure  $2d$ ?**

Ans. We use displacement method. In this method a convex lens is used. We use the formula  $2d = \sqrt{d_1 d_2}$ .

**Q. 13. What will happen if you replace monochromatic source by white light source?**

Ans. In case of white light, the interference pattern consists of a central white fringe surrounded by a few coloured fringes.

**Q. 14. How will you locate zero order fringe in biprism experiment?**

Ans. First of all the interference fringes are observed with monochromatic source of light. The monochromatic source is replaced by white light source. The cross wire is fixed at white fringe. White light source is replaced by monochromatic source. The fringe on cross wire is zero order fringe.

**Q. 15. How you can measure the thickness of mica sheet?**

Ans. Using a white light source, the cross wire is fixed at white fringe. Now a mica sheet is introduced in one of the interfering beams and the shift of white fringe is observed. Then

$$t = \frac{S \times 2d}{D(\mu - 1)}$$

where  $S$  is the shift.

Q. 16. Are the biprism fringes perfectly straight?

Ans. The biprism fringes are not perfectly straight but they are hyperbolic in nature. The eccentricity of the hyperbola is so large that they appear as straight in the field of view of eyepiece.

Q. 17. Why do you get only a limited number of fringes in biprism experiment?

Ans. This is due to the inhomogeneity of the light source. The various components produce their own system of fringes of slightly different fringe-width. Due to their overlapping only a limited number of fringes are observed.

Q. 18. What is the construction of sodium lamp?

Ans. It consists of a U-shaped glass tube with two electrodes of tungsten coated with barium oxide. The tube is filled with neon gas at a pressure of 10 mm of mercury and some sodium pieces. This tube is enclosed in a vacuum jacket to avoid heat losses.

Q. 19. Why does the sodium lamp give out red light in the beginning?

Ans. First of all discharge passes through neon gas.

Q. 20. Why is the neon gas filled in it at all?

Ans. Initially no discharge passes through sodium as its vapour pressure is low. First, the discharge passes through neon. Now the temperature rises and sodium vaporises. Now sodium gives its own characteristic yellow colour.

# Interference

## EXPERIMENT No. 6

**Object :** To determine the wavelength of sodium light using Lloyd's mirror.

**Apparatus used :** Optical bench with uprights, sodium lamp, Lloyd's mirror, micrometer eye-piece (may be already fitted on the optical bench), slit (may be already fitted with optical bench) and a convex lens of about 20 cms focal length.

**Formula used :**

The wavelength  $\lambda$  of sodium light using Lloyd's mirror is given by

$$\lambda = \beta \frac{2d}{D}$$

where

$\beta$  = fringe width

$2d$  = distance between two virtual sources

$D$  = Distance between the slit and micrometer eyepiece

Further  $2d = \sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2}$

where

$d_1$  = distance between the two images formed by the convex lens in one position

$d_2$  = distance between the two images formed by the convex lens in the second position.

**Description of the apparatus :**

The optical bench used in the experiment consists of a heavy cast iron base supported on four levelling screws. There is a graduated scale along its one arm. The bench is provided with four uprights which can be clamped anywhere and the position can be read by means of vernier attached to it. Each of the uprights is subjected to the following motions :

(i) motion along bench, (ii) motion right angle to bench (iii) rotation about the axis of the upright, (iv) the slit and Lloyd's mirror can be rotated in their own vertical planes. The bench arrangement is shown in fig. (1).

The action of Lloyd's mirror is shown in fig. (2). The arrangement consists of a plane mirror  $AB$  polished on the front surface and blackened at the back to avoid multiple reflections. Light from a narrow slit  $S_1$  illuminated by a monochromatic source of light is allowed to incident on the mirror almost at grazing angle. The reflected beam appears to diverge from  $S_2$  which is virtual image of  $S_1$ . Thus  $S_2$  and  $S_1$  act as two coherent sources. The direct cone of light  $PS_1Q$  and reflected cone of light  $PS_2C$  superimpose over each other and produce interference fringes in overlapping region  $PC$  of the eyepiece.

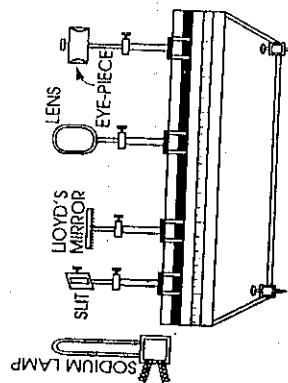


Fig. (1)

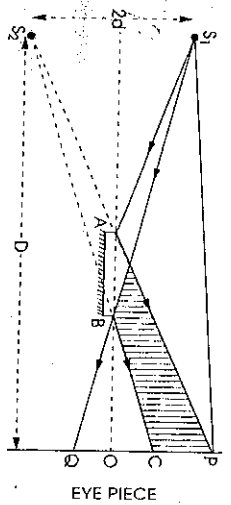


Fig. (2)

**Procedure :****Adjustments :**

- Level the bed of optical bench with the help of spirit level and levelling screws.
- Place slit, Lloyd's mirror and eyepiece at the proper uprights and adjust them at the same height.
- The slit and cross-wire of eyepiece are made vertical.
- The micrometer eyepiece is focussed on cross-wires.
- Monochromatic light is allowed to incident on the slit and bench is so adjusted that light comes straight along its length. This adjustment is made to avoid the loss of light intensity for the interference pattern.
- Move the eyepiece at right angle to the optical bench to obtain the region CP where interference fringes are obtained. There would be a patch of light where intensity is more in comparison to other places.
- Rotate the Lloyd's mirror in its own plane to obtain the clear interference fringes.

**Measurement of fringe-width  $\beta$  :**

- Find the least count of micrometer screw.
- Place the eyepiece at such a distance where fringes are distinct, bright and widely spaced.
- The cross wire is fixed at the centre of a bright fringe and its reading is noted on the main scale as well as on micrometer screw.
- The cross-wire is now moved and fixed at the centre of every bright fringe. The micrometer readings are noted. From these observations  $\beta$  can be calculated.

**Measurement of  $D$ .**

The distance between slit and eyepiece upright is noted. This distance gives  $D$ .

**Measurement of  $2d$  :**

The distance  $2d$  between two virtual sources can be measured with the help of fig. (3).

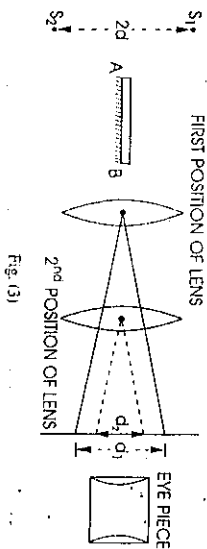


Fig. (3)

- To obtain the value of  $2d$ , the positions of slit and Lloyd's mirror uprights are not disturbed.
- A convex lens is introduced between Lloyd's mirror and eyepiece and moved in between to obtain two sharp and focussed images of source. The position is shown by first position of lens in fig. (3). The distance  $d_1$  between the two images is noted with the help of eyepiece.
- The lens is now moved towards eyepiece to obtain second position where again two sharp and focussed images are again noted with the help of eyepiece.
- Knowing  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ ,  $2d$  can be calculated by using the formula

$$2d = \sqrt{d_1 d_2}$$

**Interference****Observations :**

Pitch of the screw = ... cm.  
No. of divisions on micrometer screw = ...  
L.C. of micrometer screw = ... cm.

Position of upright carrying the eyepiece = ... cm.  
Observed value of  $D$  = ... cms.  
Position of upright carrying slit = ... cm.

**(1) Table for fringe width  $\beta$** 

No. of the fringe	Micrometer reading (a)			No. of the fringe	Micrometer reading (b)			Diff. of 5 fringes $a - b$	Mean for 5 fringes
	M.S. reading cms.	V.S. reading cms.	Total cm.		M.S. reading cms.	V.S. reading cms.	Total cms.		
1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...

**Measurement of  $2d$** 

Fringe Width  $\beta = \frac{\text{Mean for 5 fringes}}{5} = \dots \text{ cm}$

S. No.	Micrometer reading						$2d = \sqrt{d_1 d_2}$	Mean $2d$
	1st position of lens		2nd position of lens					
	1st Image	2nd Image	$d_1$	1st Image	2nd Image	$d_2$		
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Calculations :

**Calculations :**

$$\lambda = \beta \frac{2d}{D}$$

**Result :** Wavelength of sodium light  $\lambda = \dots \text{ \AA}$   
standard value = 5893  $\text{\AA}$   
Percentage error = ... %

**Precautions and sources of error :**

- The setting of the uprights at the same level is essential.
- The slit should be vertical and narrow.
- Cross-wire should be fixed at the centre of the fringe while taking observations for fringe-width.
- The fringes should be measured at fairly large distance.
- Motion of eyepiece should be perpendicular to the lengths of the bench.
- Convex lens of shorter focal lengths should be used.
- Mirror should be placed close to the slit.

# Interference

## EXPERIMENT No. 7

**Object :** To find the thickness of a wire using optical bench.

**Apparatus used :** Optical bench with uprights, sodium lamp, micrometer eyepiece, slit (may be already fitted with optical bench) and thin wire.

**Formula used :**

The thickness  $t$  of the wire can be found by using the following formula

$$t = \lambda \left[ \frac{(D_2 - D_1)}{(\beta_2 - \beta_1)} \right]$$

where  $\lambda$  = wavelength of light used

$D_1$  = first distance of eyepiece from the wire

$D_2$  = second distance of eyepiece from the wire

$\beta_1$  = average fringe width at a distance  $D_1$

$\beta_2$  = average fringe width at a distance  $D_2$

**Description of the apparatus :**

For the description of optical bench see previous experiment.

The action of the thin wire is shown in fig. (1). When the thin wire is placed in the path of monochromatic light coming from the slit S, the light is reflected. Now the interference of light takes place. The two edges of the wire act as the two sources. The interference fringes are observed on the screen AB or they can be seen in eyepiece.

**Procedure :**

**Adjustments :**

- Level the bed of the optical bench with the help of spirit level and levelling screws.
- Place slit, thin wire and eyepiece at the proper uprights and adjust them at the same height (see fig. 2).

- The wire should be adjusted vertical and parallel to the slit at its centre.

- The slit and cross wire of eyepiece are made vertical.

- The micrometer eyepiece is focussed on cross-wires.

- Monochromatic light is allowed to incident on the slit and the bench is so adjusted that light comes straight along its length.

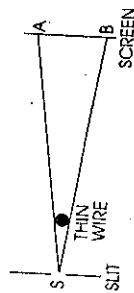


Fig. (1)

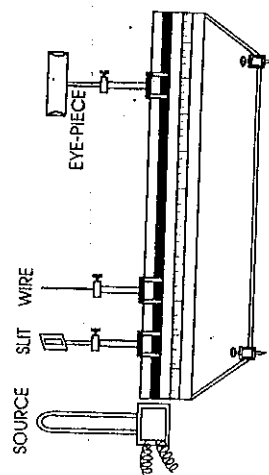


Fig. (2)

## Interference

- The micrometer eyepiece is moved away from the wire. By moving the eyepiece at right angle to the optical bench, interference fringes are observed.

**Measurement of fringe-width  $\beta$  :**

- Find out the least count of the micrometer screw.
- The micrometer eyepiece is placed in front of the thin wire. This is moved to such a distance where fringes are distinct, bright and widely spaced.
- The vertical cross wire of the eyepiece is fixed at the centre of one of the bright fringes and its reading is noted on the main scale as well as on micrometer screw.
- The cross-wire is moved to different fringes and the corresponding readings are noted. The width of five fringes is found on an average and then fringe width  $\beta_1$  is calculated.
- The distance  $D_1$  of the eyepiece from thin wire is noted.
- The micrometer eyepiece is moved to another distance  $D_2$  where distinct and bright fringes are observed. Repeat procedure (iv) to obtain the fringe-width  $\beta_2$  at this distance.

**Observations :**

Wavelength of light used  $\lambda = 5893 \times 10^{-8}$  cm.

First distance of the eyepiece from the wire  $D_1 = \dots$  cm.

Second distance of the eyepiece from the wire  $D_2 = \dots$  cm.

Pitch of the screw =  $\dots$  cm.

No. of divisions on micrometer screw =  $\dots$

L.C. of micrometer screw =  $\dots$  cm.

**Table for fringe width  $\beta_1$  when eyepiece is at a distance  $D_1$  from the wire**

No. of fringe	Micrometer reading			No. of fringe	Micrometer reading			Width of 5 fringes	Mean for 5 fringes	Fringe width $\beta_1$
	M.S. cm.	V.S. cm.	Total a cm.		M.S. cm.	V.S. cm.	Total b cm.			
1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Table for fringe width  $\beta_2$  when eyepiece is at a distance  $D_2$  from the eyepiece**

No. of fringe	Micrometer reading			No. of fringe	Micrometer reading			Width of 5 fringes	Mean for 5 fringes	Fringe width $\beta_2$
	M.S. cm.	V.S. cm.	Total a cm.		M.S. cm.	V.S. cm.	Total b cm.			
1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...

$$t = \lambda \left[ \frac{(D_2^2 - D_1^2)}{(8\lambda - \beta_1)} \right]$$

Result : The thickness of the given wire = ... cms.

Precautions and sources of error :

- (i) The diffraction fringes formed on either side of the interference fringes should be clearly differentiated.
- (ii) The wire should be vertical and parallel to the slit at its centre.
- (iii) The distance  $D$  should be taken as large as possible.
- (iv) The setting of uprights should be at the same level.
- (v) Cross wire should be fixed at the centre of the fringe while taking observations for fringe width.

### EXPERIMENT NO. 8

## Interference

**Object :** To determine the wavelength of sodium light by Newton's ring.

**Apparatus required :** A plano-convex lens of large radius of curvature, optical arrangement for Newton's rings, plane glass plate, sodium lamp and travelling microscope.

**Formula used :**

The wavelength  $\lambda$  of light is given by the formula

$$\lambda = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4pR}$$

where

$D_{n+p}$  = diameter of  $(n+p)$ th ring,

$D_n$  = diameter of  $n$ th ring,

$p$  = an integer number (of the rings),

$R$  = radius of curvature of the curved face of the plano-convex lens.

**Description of apparatus :**

The optical arrangement for Newton's ring is shown in fig. (1). Light from a monochromatic source (sodium lamp) is allowed to fall on a convex lens through a broad slit which renders it into a nearly parallel beam. Now the vertical, thus the parallel beam is reflected from the lower surface. Due to the air film formed by a glass plate and a plano convex lens of large radius of curvature, interference fringes are formed which are observed directly through a travelling microscope. The rings are concentric circles.

**Procedure :**

- (i) If a point source is used only then we require a convex lens otherwise using an extended source, the convex lens  $L_1$  is not required.
- (ii) Before starting the experiment, the glass plates  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and the plano convex lens should be thoroughly cleaned.
- (iii) The centre of lens  $L_2$  is well illuminated by adjusting the inclination of glass plate  $G_1$  at  $45^\circ$ .
- (iv) Focus the eyepiece on the cross-wire and move the microscope in the vertical plane by means of rack and pinion arrangement till the rings are quite distinct. Clamp the microscope in the vertical side.

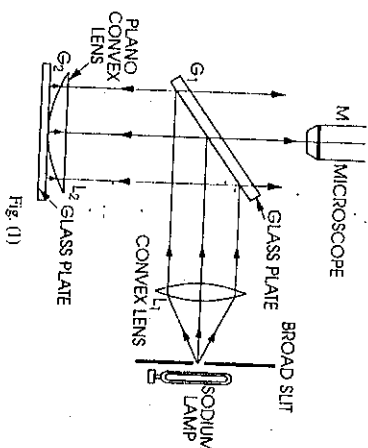


Fig. (1)

(v) According to the theory, the centre of the interference fringes should be dark but sometimes the centre appears white. This is due to the presence of dust particles between glass plate  $G_2$  and plano-convex lens  $L_2$ . In this case the lens should be again cleaned.

(vi) Move the microscope in a horizontal direction to one side of the fringes. Fix up the crosswire tangential to the ring and note this reading. Again the microscope is moved in the horizontal plane and the cross wire is fixed tangentially to the successive bright fringes noting the vernier readings till the other side is reached. This is shown in fig. (2).

(vii) The radius of curvature of the plano-convex lens is determined by Boy's method as discussed below : If an object is placed at the principal focus of convex lens placed over a plane mirror, its image is formed at same point and the distance from the lens is equal to the focal length  $f$  of the lens as shown in fig. (3i).

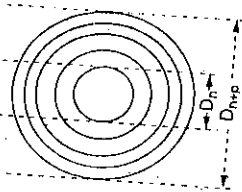


Fig. (3)

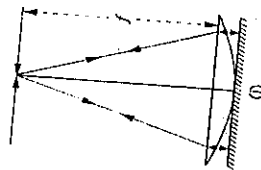


Fig. (3)

If the mirror is removed and the object is moved along the axis, a position will come where the image of the object formed by the lens coincides with object as shown in fig. (3 ii). If the direction of a ray starting from image at the same point. Since the refracted ray is normally incident on the surface, it appears to come from the centre of curvature  $C$ . Hence in this case  $TO = u$  and  $TC = v = R$  we have

$$\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{u} = -\frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{f-u}{uf}$$

$$R = \frac{uf}{f-u}$$

or

Knowing the value of  $u$ , the value of  $R$  can be calculated because the value of  $f$  is already known with the help of fig. (3 i).

The radius of the curvature can also be determined by using a spherometer. In this case

$$R = \frac{l^2}{6h} + \frac{h}{2}$$

where  $l$  is the distance between the two legs of the spherometer as shown in fig. (4).  
 $h$  is the difference of the readings of the spherometer when it is placed on the lens as well as when placed on plane surface.

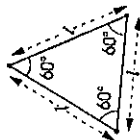


Fig. (4)

## Interference

### Observations :

Value of one division of the main scale = ... cm.  
 No. of divisions on the vernier scale = ...  
 Least count of the microscope = ...

Table for the determination of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$

No. of the rings	Micrometer reading		Diameter $D$ (a-b) cm.	$D^2$ (a-b) <sup>2</sup> cm <sup>2</sup>	$(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$ cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean cm <sup>2</sup>	$p$
	Left end a cm.	Right end b cm.					
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Table for the determination of  $R$  :

(Either use Boy's method or spherometer method)  
 Using Boy's method :

S. No.	Position of object	Position of lens placed on plane mirror	f cm.	Position of lens in absence of plane mirror	$u$	$R = \frac{uf}{f-u}$ cm.
1						
2						
3						

### Using spherometer method :

L.C. of spherometer = ... cm.

S. No.	Spherometer Reading						$h = (b - a)$ cm.	Mean $h$ cm.	
	Zero reading on plane surface			Reading on lens					
	V.S.		Total cm.	M.S.		V.S.			Total cm.
	M.S.	V.S.		M.S.	V.S.				
1	...	...	(a)	...	...	(b)	...	...	
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Distance between the two legs of spherometer  $l = \dots$  cms.



Using Boy's method

$$R = \frac{uf}{f-u}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm.}$$

Using Spherometer method

$$R = \frac{f^2}{h} + \frac{h}{2}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm.}$$

The wavelength of sodium light is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4pR}$$

$$= \dots \text{ A.U.}$$

The value of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$  can also be obtained using a graph as shown in fig. (5). The graph is plotted between the square of diameter of the ring along Y-axis and corresponding number of ring along X-axis.

Result : The mean wavelength  $\lambda$  of sodium light

$$\text{Standard mean wavelength} = \dots \text{ A.U.}$$

$$\lambda = \dots \text{ A.U.}$$

Percentage error

$$= \dots \%$$

Sources of Error and Precautions :

- Glass plates and lens should be cleaned thoroughly.
- The lens used should be of large radius of curvature.
- The source of light used should be an extended one.
- Before measuring the diameter of rings, the range of the microscope should be properly adjusted.
- Crosswire should be focussed on a bright ring tangentially.
- Radius of curvature should be measured accurately.

Theoretical error :

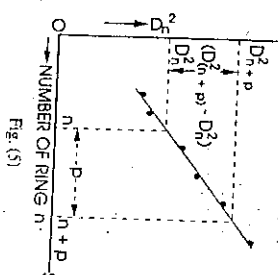
In our case

$$\lambda = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4pR}$$

Taking logarithm of both sides and differentiating

$$\frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\delta(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2} + \frac{\delta R}{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2(D_{n+p} + D_n)(\delta D_{n+p} + \delta D_n)}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2} + \frac{\delta R}{R} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \dots \% \end{aligned}$$



### ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS

#### EXPERIMENT (8-1)

**Object :** The determine the refractive index of a liquid by Newton's rings.

**Apparatus used :** Optical arrangement for Newton's rings, plane glass plate, a plano-convex lens of large radius of curvature, experimental liquid, metal container and travelling microscope.

**Formula used :**

The refractive index  $\mu$  of the liquid is given by

$$\mu = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 + D_n^2}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}$$

where

$D_{n+p}$  = diameter of  $(n+p)^{\text{th}}$  ring in air film between glass plate and plano-convex lens

$D_n$  = diameter of  $n^{\text{th}}$  ring in air film.

$D'_{n+p}$  = diameter of  $(n+p)^{\text{th}}$  ring in liquid film between glass plate and plano-convex lens.  
 $D'_n$  = diameter of  $n^{\text{th}}$  ring in liquid film.

**Description of apparatus :**

See Experiment No. (8).

**Procedure :**

- If a point source is used only then we require a convex lens otherwise using an extended source, the convex lens  $L_1$  is not required.
- Before starting the experiment, the glass plates  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and the plano convex lens should be thoroughly cleaned.
- The centre of lens  $L_2$  is well illuminated by adjusting the inclination of glass plate  $G_1$  at  $45^\circ$ .
- Focus the eyepiece on the cross-wire and move the microscope in the vertical plane by means of rack and pinion arrangement till the rings are quite distinct. Clamp the microscope in the vertical side.
- According to the theory, the centre of the interference fringes should be dark but sometimes the centre appears white. This is due to the presence of dust particles between glass plate  $G_2$  and plano-convex lens  $L_2$ . In this case the lens should be again cleaned.
- Move the microscope in a horizontal direction to one side of the fringes. Fix up the crosswire tangential to the ring and note this reading. Again the microscope is moved in the horizontal plane and the cross wire is fixed tangentially to the successive bright fringes noting the vernier readings till the other side is reached. This is shown in fig. (2).
- Take the experimental liquid in a metal container and place the plano-convex lens and glass plate system in it such that the air film is replaced by experimental liquid.
- Focus the eyepiece on the cross wire and move the microscope by means of rack and pinion arrangement till the rings are quite distinct. Clamp the microscope in the vertical side.
- Move the microscope in a horizontal direction to one side of the fringes. Fix up the cross-wire tangential to the ring and note this reading. Again the microscope is moved in the horizontal plane and the cross-wire is fixed to the successive bright fringes noting the vernier readings till the other side is reached.

**Observations : For air film between glass plate and plano-convex lens**  
 Value of one division of the main scale = ... cm.  
 No. of divisions on the vernier scale = ...  
 Least count of the microscope = ...

Table for the determination of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$ :

No. of the rings	Micrometer reading		Diameter $(a-b)$ cm.	$D^2 = (a-b)^2$ cm <sup>2</sup>	$(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$ cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean cm <sup>2</sup>	p
	Left end a cm.	Right end b cm.					
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Table for the determination of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$ :

No. of the rings	Micrometer reading		Diameter $D' = (a-b)$ cm.	$D'^2 = (a-b)^2$ cm <sup>2</sup>	$(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$ cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean cm <sup>2</sup>	p
	Left end a cm.	Right end b cm.					
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## Interference

### Calculations :

$$\mu = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}$$

The value of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$  or  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$  for the same value of  $p$  can be obtained with the help of graphs shown in fig. (6). The graphs are plotted between the square of diameter of ring along Y-axis and corresponding number of rings along X-axis.

**Result :** The refractive index of the given liquid = ...  
**Standard result :** The refractive index of the liquid = ...  
**Percentage error =** ... %

### Sources of error and Precautions :

1. Glass plates and lens should be clean thoroughly.
2. The lens used should be of large radius of curvature.
3. The liquid should be pure.
4. The source of light used should be an extended one.
5. Before measuring the diameters of rings, the range of the microscope should be properly adjusted.
6. The value of  $p$  should be taken same in both parts of the experiment.

### Theoretical error :

$$\mu = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}$$

Taking logarithm of both sides and differentiating

$$\frac{d\mu}{\mu} = \frac{\delta(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)}{(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)} + \frac{\delta(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)}{(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2(D_{n+p} + D_n)(\delta D_{n+p})}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2} + \frac{(D_{n+p}(\delta D_{n+p}) + D_n(\delta D_n))}{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}$$

$$= \dots + \dots = \dots \%$$

### EXPERIMENT (8-2)

**Object :** To determine the radius of curvature of the given concave lens by forming Newton's rings with the combination of convex and concave lenses.

**Apparatus used :** Newton's ring arrangement, convex lens, concave lens, microscope, reading lens and sodium lamp.

### Formula used :

The radius of curvature of concave lens  $R_2$  is given by

$$R_2 = \left( \frac{R R_1}{R_1 - R} \right)$$

... (1)

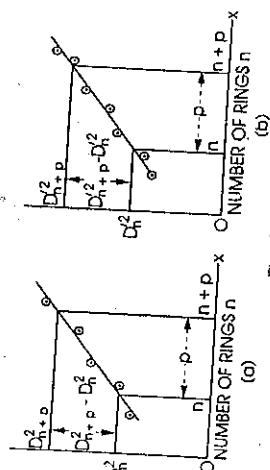


Fig. (6)

Where  $R_1$  = radius of curvature of convex lens  
 $R$  = Radius of curvature of the combination of concave and convex lens.

The value of  $R_1$  is obtained with the help of formula

$$R_1 = \left[ \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4p\lambda} \right]$$

where

$D_{n+p}$  = diameter of  $(n+p)^{\text{th}}$  ring

$D_n$  = diameter of  $n^{\text{th}}$  ring

$p$  = an integer number (of the ring)

$\lambda$  = wavelength of light used ( $5893 \times 10^{-8}$  cm).

Similarly, the radius of curvature  $R$  of the lens combination may be obtained using the above formula.

Description of apparatus :

See Experiment No. (8).

Procedure :

(i) Formation of Newton's rings with convex lens.

(i) If a point source is used only then we require a convex lens otherwise using an extended source, the convex lens  $L_1$  is not required.

(ii) Before starting the experiment, the glass plates  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and the plano convex lens should be thoroughly cleaned.

(iii) The centre of lens  $L_2$  is well illuminated by adjusting the inclination of glass plate  $G_1$  at  $45^\circ$ .

(iv) Focus the eyepiece on the cross-wire and move the microscope in the vertical plane by means of rack and pinion arrangement till the rings are quite distinct. Clamp the microscope in the vertical side.

(v) According to the theory, the centre of the interference fringes should be dark but sometimes the centre appears white. This is due to the presence of dust particles between glass plate  $G_2$  and plano-convex lens  $L_2$ . In this case the lens should be again cleaned.

(vi) Move the microscope in a horizontal direction to one side of the fringes. Fix up the cross-wire tangential to the ring and note this reading. Again the microscope is moved in the horizontal plane and the cross wire is fixed tangentially to the successive bright fringes noting the vernier readings till the other side is reached. This is shown in fig. (2).

(vii) A graph is drawn between the number of rings and the square of corresponding diameters as shown in fig. (3). From the graph, the diameters of  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  and  $n^{\text{th}}$  rings are obtained. The radius of curvature of the convex lens  $R_1$  is calculated by using the formula

$$R_1 = \left( \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4p\lambda} \right)$$

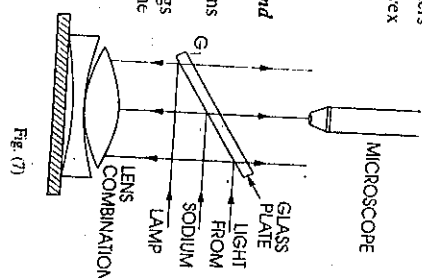
(2) Formation of Newton's rings with the combination of convex and concave lenses.

(i) The plane glass plate is replaced by concave lens i.e., the convex lens is placed over the concave lens as shown in fig. (7).

(ii) The procedure mentioned above for the formation of Newton's rings with convex lens is repeated to obtain the radius of curvature  $R$  of the combination of lenses.

Thus using the following formula,  $R$  is calculated

$$R = \left[ \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4p\lambda} \right]$$



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### Observations :

When convex lens is used

Value of one division of the main scale = ... cm.

No. of divisions on the vernier scale = ...

Least count of the microscope = ...

Table for the determination of  $(D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2)$  :

No. of the rings	Micrometer reading		Diameter D (a-b) cm.	$D^2 = (a-b)^2$ cm <sup>2</sup>
	Left end a cm.	Right end b cm.		
20	...	...	...	...
19	...	...	...	...
18	...	...	...	...
17	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
14	...	...	...	...
13	...	...	...	...
12	...	...	...	...
11	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...
9	...	...	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
7	...	...	...	...
6	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...

When combination of lenses is used

No. of the rings	Micrometer reading		Diameter D (a-b) cm.	$D^2 = (a-b)^2$ cm <sup>2</sup>
	Left end a cm.	Right end b cm.		
20	...	...	...	...
19	...	...	...	...
18	...	...	...	...
17	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
14	...	...	...	...
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10	...	...	...	...
9	...	...	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
7	...	...	...	...
6	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...

Calculation :  $R_1 = \dots$  cm and  $R = \dots$  cm.

$$R_2 = \left( \frac{R R_1}{R_1 - R} \right)$$

Result : The radius of curvature of the given concave lens = ... cm.

## Sources of Error and Precautions :

- Glass plates and lens should be cleaned thoroughly.
- The lens used should be of large radius of curvature.
- The source of light used should be an extended one.
- Before measuring the diameters of rings, the range of the microscope should be properly adjusted.
- Crosswire should be focussed on a bright ring tangentially.

## Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What are Newton's ring ?

Ans. When a plano-convex surface is placed on a glass plate, an air film of gradually increasing thickness is formed between the two. When monochromatic light is allowed to fall normally on film and viewed in reflected light, alternate dark and bright rings are observed. These are known as Newton's ring.

Q. 2. Why are these rings circular ?

Ans. These rings are foci of constant thickness of the air film and these foci being concentric circle hence fringes are circular.

Q. 3. Why do you use an extended source of light here ?

Ans. To view the whole air film, an extended source is necessary.

Q. 4. Why do the rings get closer as the order of the rings increases ?

Ans. This is due to the fact that the radii of dark rings are proportional to square root of natural numbers while those of bright rings are proportional to square root of odd natural numbers.

Q. 5. On what factors does the diameter of ring depend ?

Ans. The diameter depends upon (i) wavelength of light used (ii) refractive index  $\mu$  of enclosed film (iii) radius of curvature  $R$  of convex lens.

Q. 6. Do you get rings in the transmitted light ?

Ans. Yes, in this case the colour of rings is complimentary of the reflected light.

Q. 7. Why is the centre of the ring dark ?

Ans. Although at centre, the thickness of air film is zero but at the point of contact the two interfering rays are opposite in phase and produce zero intensity.

Q. 8. Sometimes the centre is bright. Why ?

Ans. This happens when a dust particle comes between the two surfaces at the point of contact.

Q. 9. What will happen when the glass plate is silvered on its front surface ?

Ans. In this case, the transmitted system of the fringes will be reflected and due to superposition of reflected and transmitted systems there will be uniform illumination.

Q. 10. What will happen when sodium lamp is replaced by white light source ?

Ans. Few coloured fringes will be observed near the centre.

Q. 11. What will happen if a few drops of a transparent liquid are introduced between the lens and plate ?

Ans. The diameter of fringes is reduced by a factor of  $\sqrt{\mu}$ .

Q. 12. Why do you make the light fall on the convex lens normally ? What will happen if the light incident obliquely ?

Ans. The light is allowed to fall normally so that angles of incident and reflection may be zero so that  $\cos \theta$  may be taken as unity. In case of oblique incidence, the diameter of rings will increase.

Q. 13. How can you determine  $R$  ?

Ans. This can be determined either by spherometer or by Boy's method.

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## EXPERIMENT No. 9

**Object :** To determine (i)  $\lambda$ , the wavelength of sodium yellow light and (ii)  $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$ , the difference between the wavelengths of two sodium D-lines, with the help of Michelson interferometer.

**Apparatus used :** Michelson interferometer, sodium lamp, condensing lens and a pin.

**Formula used :**

(i) The wavelength  $\lambda$  of sodium light is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{2(x_2 - x_1)}{N} \quad \dots (1)$$

where

$x_1$  = initial position of mirror  $M_1$  of Michelson interferometer.

$x_2$  = final position of mirror  $M_1$  of Michelson interferometer

i.e.,  $(x_2 - x_1)$  = distance moved by mirror  $M_1$ .

$N$  = number of fringes appeared at the centre of field corresponding to distance  $(x_2 - x_1)$ .

(ii) The difference of two wavelengths of sodium lines  $(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)$  is given by

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) = \frac{\lambda^2 x}{2x} \quad \dots (2)$$

where

$\lambda_{av}^2 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$  = (mean of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ )<sup>2</sup>

$x$  = distance between the two indistinct positions of mirror  $M_1$ .

**Description of apparatus :**

Michelson interferometer is shown in (fig. 1). It consists of two excellent optically plane, highly polished plane mirrors  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  which are right angles to each other. There are two optically flat glass plates  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  of the same thickness and of the same material placed parallel to each other. These plates are also inclined at an angle  $45^\circ$  with mirror  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . The face of  $G_1$  towards  $G_2$  is semisilvered. The mirror  $M_1$  is mounted on a carriage which can be moved forward or backward. The motion is controlled by a very fine micrometer screw (capable of reading upto  $10^{-5}$  cm.). The mirrors  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are provided with three levelling screws at their backs. With the help of these screws the mirrors can be tilted about horizontal and vertical axes so that they can be made exactly perpendicular to each other.  $T$  is a telescope which receives the reflected lights from mirrors  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

**Adjustment of the interferometer :** In order to obtain the circular fringes, the following adjustments are made :

- The distance  $G_1 M_1$  is made nearly equal to  $G_2 M_2$  with the help of drum head  $H_1$  i.e., movable mirror  $M_1$  is moved by turning the drum head until the two distances are nearly equal.

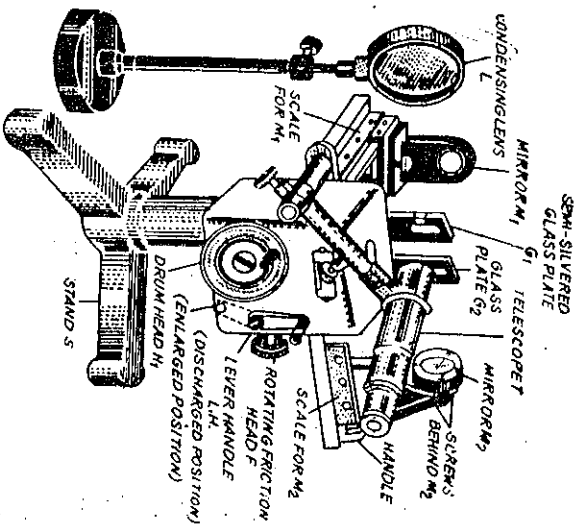


Fig. (1)

(ii) Light coming from sodium lamp is rendered parallel by condensing lens  $L$ . Now a pin is introduced between condensing lens  $L$  and glass plate  $G_1$ . On looking through the telescope (being towards glass plate  $G_1$  for receiving the emergent light from  $M_1$ ), four images  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  and  $R_4$  are observed as shown in fig. (2). The images  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are brighter while  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are fainter. By adjusting the screws behind the mirror  $M_2$ , the brighter images  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are made coincided.

(iii) The pin is now removed. Usually localised fringes appear in the field of view. To obtain the circular fringes, the mirror  $M_2$  is further tilted with the help of screws attached behind it in such a way that the spacing between the fringes increases. After a slight adjustment circular fringes appear in the centre of the field of view. If the centre of the fringes is not at the centre of field of view, then it is also adjusted by screws.

(iv) By moving the eye in linear or lateral direction, the fringes should not converge or diverge. If they do so, then again by a final tilt of mirror  $M_2$  the fringes are made stationary.

**Procedure : (1) For the wavelength of monochromatic light :**

(i) The position of mirror  $M_1$  is adjusted by turning drum head  $H_1$  so that a bright spot of circular fringes appears at the centre of field of view. The micrometer reading is noted.

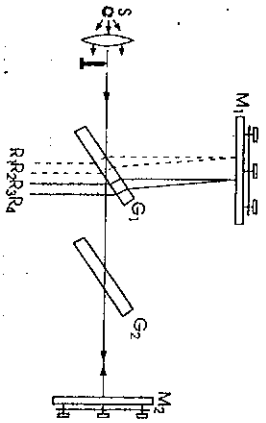


Fig. (2)

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(ii) The mirror  $M_1$  is moved away so that a good number of fringes (say 25) appear at the centre of the field. The micrometer screw reading is again noted.

(iii) The procedure is repeated to take 20 readings.

**(2) For difference of wavelengths :**

(i) The interferometer is adjusted for circular fringes. The mirror  $M_1$  is moved till there is maximum indistinctness of the fringe pattern. The micrometer screw reading is noted.

(ii) By further movement of mirror  $M_1$ , the fringe pattern becomes clear. Again the mirror is moved until the next position of maximum indistinctness is obtained. The micrometer reading is noted.

(iii) The procedure is repeated for a number of consecutive positions of maximum indistinctness.

**Observations : (1) Table for wavelength of monochromatic light.**

Leastcount of rough micrometer screw = 0.001 cm.  
Leastcount of fine micrometer screw =  $10^{-5}$  cm.

S. No.	No. of fringes appeared	Position of mirror $M_1$				Difference x for 200 fringes (cm.) (200 x)	Mean difference x (cm.)
		Main scale reading (cm.)	R.M.S. reading (cm.)	F.M.S. reading (cm.)	Total (cm.)		
1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	400	...	...	...	...	...	...

**(2) Table for difference of wavelengths ( $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2$ ).**

S. No.	Position of mirror $M_1$ for maximum indistinctness				Difference between 5 consecutive positions 5 (x)	Mean 5x (cm.)	Mean x (cm.)
	Main scale reading (cm.)	R.M.S. reading (cm.)	F.M.S. reading (cm.)	Total (cm.)			
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Calculations :**

$$(1) \quad \lambda = \frac{2x}{N} = \frac{2(\dots)}{200} = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{av}^2}{2x} = \frac{(5893 \times 10^{-8})^2}{2(\dots)} = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

where  $\lambda_{av} = 5893 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}$

**Result :** (1) The wavelength of sodium light = ... Å  
(2) The difference of wavelengths = ... Å

#### Precautions and Sources of Error :

- (1) Glass plate  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  and mirrors  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  should not be touched or cleaned.
- (2) The micrometer screw should be handled carefully.
- (3) The screws behind mirror  $M_2$  should be rotated through a very small angle.
- (4) There should not be linear or lateral displacement of circular fringes when viewed by eye.
- (5) In the position of maximum indistinctness, the fringes should almost disappear.
- (6) There should be no disturbance near the experiment.

#### Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What do you mean by interferometer ?

Ans. Interferometer is a device used to determine the wavelength of light utilising the phenomenon of interference.

Q. 2. Are two mirrors simply plane mirrors ?

Ans. They are excellently optically plane and highly silver polished plane mirrors.

Q. 3. What type of glass plates are  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and how are they mounted ?

Ans. The two plates are optically flat glass plates of same thickness and of the same material. They are parallel to each other and inclined at an angle  $45^\circ$  with the two mirrors.  $G_1$  is semisilvered at the face towards  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is known as compensating plate.

Q. 4. What shapes of fringes do you get ?

Ans. The fringes may be straight, circular, parabolic etc. depending upon the path difference between the two rays and angle between the two mirrors.

Q. 5. How do you get circular fringes ?

Ans. The circular fringes are obtained when the two mirrors are exactly perpendicular to each other (or they enclose an air film of uniform thickness). The screws provided at the back of mirror  $M_2$  are adjusted for this purpose.

Q. 6. Where the circular fringes are formed ?

Ans. They are formed at infinity and that is why a telescope is used to receive them.

Q. 7. What will you observe with white light source ?

Ans. With white light source, we observe a central white fringe and some coloured fringes placed symmetrical on both sides of central fringe.

Q. 8. What are localised fringes ?

Ans. When the two mirrors are not exactly perpendicular to each other then either straight or parabolic fringes are observed. These are known as localised fringes.

Q. 9. When the mirror is moved through a distance  $\lambda/2$ , how many fringes appear or disappear ?

Ans. One.

Q. 10. Can you measure the difference of two wavelengths with Michelson's interferometer ?

Ans. Yes. By moving the mirror  $M_1$ , the positions of two consecutive maximum indistinctness are observed. If  $x$  be the distance between them, then

$$\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \lambda_n^2 / 2x$$

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## EXPERIMENT No. 10

**Object :** To determine the separation between the plates of a Fabry Perot Etalon.

**Apparatus required :** Fabry-Perot Etalon spectrometer, condensing lens, reading lamp, sodium lamp.

#### Formula used :

The condition of maxima in Fabry-Perot Etalon is given by

$$2d \cos \theta_n = n \lambda$$

or

$$d = \frac{n \lambda}{2 \cos \theta_n}$$

where  $d$  = separation between the plates

$n$  = order of interference

$\theta$  = angle of incidence

$\lambda$  = wavelength of light used (5890 Å).

#### Experimental arrangement and adjustment :

The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1). In figure,  $S$  is a broad source of monochromatic light and  $S$  is an adjustable slit. Etalon  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  is placed on the turn table of an ordinary spectrometer. The collimator, collimates the beam which side suffers multiple reflections in the

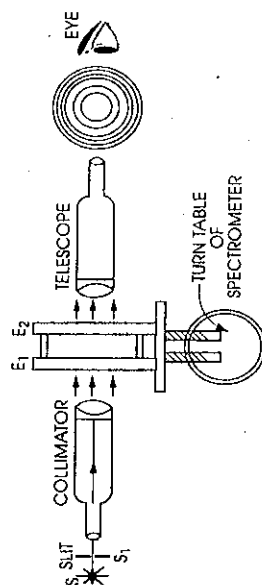


Fig. (1)

air film of Etalon. The transmitted light is collected by telescope. When viewed through the telescope, circular fringes are observed. Sometimes the fringes are not very clear. To obtain a clear fringe pattern, the following adjustment is made : The spectrometer is turned in such a way that light directly from the source falls on the etalon i.e. collimator removed from the light path. An oily paper with a fine pin hole is placed in front of the source. Now circular fringes are clearly observed through telescope.

#### Procedure :

- (1) The fringe pattern is brought at the centre of the field of view by adjusting the levelling screws provided at the base of the etalon.

- (2) The turn table is fixed and the telescope is moved towards right of the fringe pattern. The cross wire of the telescope is made tangential to the first dark ring and the turn table reading is noted. By moving the telescope, the procedure is repeated for successive dark fringes till the clearly visible fringe is reached.
- (3) Procedure no. 2 is repeated towards the left side of fringe pattern.
- (4) The angular diameter  $2\theta_n$  of the rings are measured as shown in the table below.

Observations :

Least count of spectrometer = ...

Table for plotting  $\cos \theta_n$  against  $n$ .

Plotting $\cos \theta_n$ against $n$ .								
Ring Num-ber	Angular diameter $2\theta_n$				Difference $c - a$ $2\theta_n$ $d - b$ $2\theta_n$	Mean $2\theta_n$	$\theta_n$	$\cos \theta_n$
	Reading on left		Reading on right					
	1st scale (a)	2nd scale (b)	1st scale (c)	2nd scale (d)				
1	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...		...	...	...

Calculations : A graph is plotted between  $\cos \theta_n$  as a function of  $n$ . The

**Calculations :** A graph is plotted between  $\cos \theta_n$  as a function of  $n$ . The graph is shown in fig. (2).  
From graph

$$\frac{n}{\cos \theta_n} = \frac{BC}{AB}$$

$$d = \frac{BC}{AB} \times \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

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

Hence the value of  $d$  can be calculated.

**Result :** The thickness of the etalon = ... cm.

**Precautions and sources of error :**

- The centre of the fringe pattern should be made at the centre of field of view.
- While taking readings, the turn table should be fixed.
- Before measuring the diameters of the rings, the telescope should be properly adjusted.
- Cross wire should be focussed tangentially.

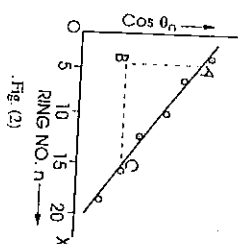


Fig. (2)

### Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What is a Fabry-Perot etalon?

Ans. This is a multiple beam high resolution interferometer designed by Fabry and Perot.

Q. 2. What is its construction?

Ans. This consists of two semi-silvered (inner side) optically plane and parallel glass plates which are separated at a fixed distance.

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Q. 3. What is the shape of fringes?

Ans. The fringes are circular which are widely separated at the centre while crowded for longer radii.

Q. 4. What is the difference between these fringes and those obtained in Michelson's interferometer?

Ans. These fringes are much narrower, sharper and brighter than those of Michelson's interferometer.

Q. 5. Where are these fringes formed?

Ans. They are formed at infinity.

Q. 6. What do you mean by sharpness of fringes?

Ans. The sharpness of fringes defines that how rapidly the intensity diminishes on either side of maximum.

Q. 7. What is half width of a ring?

Ans. This is the total width of a fringe at those points where the intensity has fallen to half the maximum intensity.

Q. 8. On what factors the sharpness of maxima depend?

Ans. The sharpness depends upon half fringe width, smaller is the half fringe width, sharper is the maxima. Moreover half fringe width decreases as reflection coefficient increases.

Q. 9. Instead of spectrometer, can you use a Michelson's interferometer arrangement of Fabry Perot Etalon?

Ans. Yes. In this case, mirror  $M_1$  of Michelson's interferometer is removed and Fabry Perot Etalon is mounted on the carriage so that required separation between the two plates may be adjusted.

Q. 10. Can you measure the difference of two wavelengths with the help of above arrangement?

Ans. Yes. As in case of Michelson's interferometer.

# Interference

## EXPERIMENT No. 11

**Object :** To determine the thickness of the given wire by wedge method.

**Apparatus used :** Two optically glass plates of same size, black paper, sodium lamp, microscope, wooden frame and one glass plate.

**Formula used :**

The diameter (thickness) of the wire can be calculated with the help of following formula

$$d = \left( \frac{\lambda x}{2\beta} \right)$$

where  $\lambda$  = wavelength of light used =  $5893 \times 10^{-8}$  cm.  
 $x$  = distance between the point of contact of two glass plates and the axis of wire fixed between them  
 $\beta$  = fringe-width

### Description of apparatus :

The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1). Two optically plane glass plates (well cleand) are taken. The given wire is fixed between them such that the two glass plates touch at one end and are separated at the other end. In this way a wedge shaped film is formed. This set is placed on a wooden frame covered at lower surface with a black paper. Another glass plate is fitted to the wooden frame at about  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. The light falling on this plate is reflected down to fall on the wedge shaped film. For this purpose sodium light from extended source is used. The interference fringe are observed with the help of microscope.

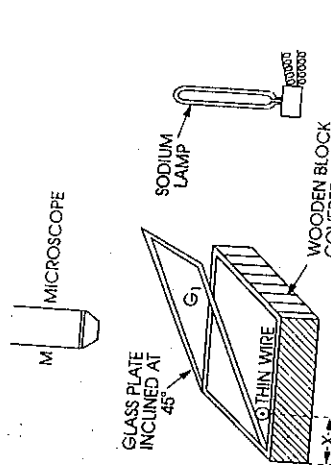


Fig. (1)

**Procedure :** (i) The wedge shaped film is well illuminated by sodium light by switching on the sodium lamp.

(ii) Focus the eyepiece on the cross wire and move the microscope in the vertical plane by means of distinct. Clamp the microscope in the vertical side.

(iii) The cross-wire is now moved and fixed at the centre of a bright fringe. The reading of microscope is noted.

(iv) The cross-wire is now moved and fixed at the centre of every bright fringe. The corresponding microscope readings are noted. From these observations  $\beta$  can be calculated.

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#### Observations :

- (1) Value of one division of the main scale = ... cm.  
 No. of divisions on the vernier scale = ...  
 Least count of the microscope = ... cm.

- (2) The distance of the wire from the point of contact of the two plates  $x =$  ... cm. See table on below :

No. of fringe	Microscope reading			No. of fringe	Microscope reading			Width of 5 fringes $a - b$	Mean Width of fringes	$\beta$
	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total a cm.		M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total b cm.			
1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...

#### Calculation :

$$d = \left( \frac{\lambda x}{2\beta} \right) = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

**Result :** The thickness of the given wire = ... cm.

#### Sources of error and Precautions :

- (1) The wire used should be thin.
- (2) The glass plates should be very clean and thin.
- (3) The source of light used should be an extended one.
- (4) Crosswire should be focussed on a bright ring.
- (5) The microscope should be moved in the same direction while taking the observations for fringes.



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## EXPERIMENT No. 12

**Object :** To determine the value of Young's modulus  $Y$  for the material of a rod by Searle's optical interference method.

**Apparatus used :** Searle's apparatus, convex lens of large focal length, 50 gm weights, vernier-callipers, screw gauge, sodium lamp.

**Formula used :**

The Young's modulus  $Y$  of the material of the experimental rod is given by

$$Y = \frac{2Wl(4Dd - d^2)}{\lambda \pi d^4}$$

where  $W$  = weight loaded on the rod

$l$  = perpendicular distance between two plates attached to the experimental rod.

$D$  = perpendicular distance of the weight  $W$  from the axis of experimental rod

$d$  = distance between the axis of experimental rod and the centre of the ring system.

$a$  = radius of experimental rod

$\lambda$  = wavelength of monochromatic light used

$n$  = number of fringes appearing or disappearing for weight  $W$ .

### Description of apparatus :

The different parts of the Searle's apparatus are shown in fig. (1). As shown in fig. (1b),  $AB$  is the experimental circular rod held vertically and fixed to a firm base. The upper portion of the rod  $AB$  is connected to another horizontal rod  $AC$  by means of screw  $S_1$ . With the help of hook  $H$ , desired weight  $W$  can be suspended. Two metallic plates  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are attached to rod  $AB$  by means of screws  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ . A pillar is attached to plate  $P_1$  which passes through the hole of plate  $P_2$ . The upper surface of the pillar is spherical so that a convex lens on the springs. With the help of springs, a fine contact between lens and glass plate  $P$  can be made. A glass plate  $G$ , which can be adjusted to an inclined position, is also attached to the experimental rod by means of screw  $S_4$ . This helps the monochromatic light to incident normally on the lens system. The fringes are observed with the help of microscope.

### Procedure :

- (1) The following procedure is adopted.  
(a) The convex lens is placed on the pillar attached to plate  $P_1$ . Now the pillar is moved upward so that the lens just touches the circular glass plate  $P$ . The fine adjustment is done with the help of screws attached to plate  $P_2$ . In this way an air film is enclosed between the lens and plate  $P$ .
- (2) The extended monochromatic source of light is switched on. The inclination of glass plate is adjusted so that the light is incident normally on lens system. Newton's rings are now formed. The eye-piece of the microscope  $M$  is focussed on the fringe-system.
- (3) The most important adjustment is the free movement of the fringe-system. This is tested by applying a little pressure by means of finger tip on the unloaded rod  $AC$ . This causes the movement of fringe system. If there is no free movement of the fringe-system, the screws of the plate  $P_2$  should be worked out. When this is adjusted, the lens touches the glass plate at a single point.

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- (4) The weights of different masses say 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 kg ..... etc. are hanged in succession at the hook  $H$ . For each weight, the number of fringes  $n$  which disappear at the centre are counted.
- (5) The constants  $a$ ,  $d$ ,  $l$  and  $D$  are measured with the help of screw gauge and vernier-callipers. Here  $a$  should be determined very accurately as it occurs in fourth power.

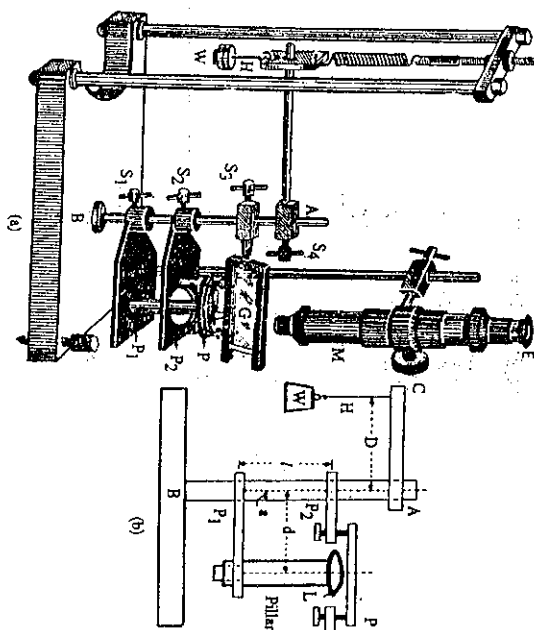


Fig. (1)

### Observations :

#### 1. For number of fringes $n$ disappeared

S. No.	Weight applied $W = mg$ Newton	Fringes disappeared
1	...	...
2	...	...
3	...	...
4	...	...
5	...	...

#### 2. Determination of radius $a$ of the rod $AB$

Least count of screw gauge = ... cm.

S. No.	Diameter along one direction cm.	Diameter along perpendicular direction cm.	Mean diameter cm.	Mean radius $a$ cm.	Mean $a$ cm.
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...

Mean  $a$  = ..... meter

3. Length  $l$  between plates  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ 

Least count of vernier callipers = ..... cm.

S. No.	Distance between outer surface of plates $P_1$ and $P_2$ $l_1$ cm.	Distance between inner surface of plates $P_1$ and $P_2$ $l_2$ cm.	$l = \frac{l_1 + l_2}{2}$ cm.	Mean $l$ cm.
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...

 $l = \dots\dots\dots$  meter4. Length  $d$  between the point of contact of lens  $L$  and the axis of the rod

Least count of vernier callipers = ..... cm.

S. No.	Outer distance between pillar and rod $AB$ $d_1$ cm.	Inner distance between pillar and rod $AB$ $d_2$ cm.	$d = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$ cm.	Mean $d$ cm.
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...

 $d = \dots\dots\dots$  meter5. Distance  $D$  between axis of rod  $AB$  and the line of action of load $D =$  distance between hook and rod  $AB +$  radius  $a$  of the rod $= \dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$  meter

## Calculations :

$$Y = \frac{2 W l (4 D d - a^2)}{\lambda n \pi a^3}$$

When  $W = 50$  gm, then  $n = \dots\dots\dots$ 

$$Y = \dots\dots\dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/m}^2$$

Calculate  $Y$  for different values of  $W$  and then take the mean value of  $Y$ .

Result : Young's modulus of the material of the rod

$$Y = \dots\dots\dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/m}^2$$

Standard value :  $Y$  for ..... = .....  $\times 10^{11}$  Newton/m<sup>2</sup>

## Precautions and sources of error :

- (1) The plates  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  should be adjusted near the end  $B$  of the rod  $AB$ .
- (2) With the help of screws, the fringe system is adjusted for free movement.
- (3) By applying the different weights, the centre of the fringe pattern should not be shifted.
- (4) The focussing should be accurate.
- (5) The radius  $a$  of the rod should be measured very accurately as it occurs in fourth power in the formula.

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## EXPERIMENT No. 13

Object : To determine the Young's modulus  $Y$  of glass by Carnu's method.Apparatus used : Wooden frame to carry the experimental glass beam, a small rectangular glass plate, glass plate fitted in a stand and inclined at an angle of  $45^\circ$ , sodium lamp, hangers, weights, travelling microscope, screw gauge and vernier callipers.Formula used : The Young's modulus  $Y$  of glass is given by

$$Y = \frac{12 (W - W') d}{b t^3 \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_1'} \right)}$$

where

 $W$  and  $W'$  = different weights applied on glass beam $d$  = distance of the hanger from knife edge $b$  = breadth of the beam $t$  = thickness of the beam $R_1$  = longitudinal radius of curvature of the beam due to weight  $W$  $R_1'$  = longitudinal radius of curvature of the beam due to weight  $W'$ The longitudinal radius of curvature of the beam due to weight  $W$  is given by

$$R_1 = \frac{(X_2^2 - X_1^2)}{4 \lambda (n - 1)}$$

 $X_2$  = distance between the  $n^{\text{th}}$  pair of fringes in longitudinal direction. $X_1$  = distance between first pair of fringes in the longitudinal direction.

Similarly,

$$R_1' = \frac{X_2'^2 - X_1'^2}{4 \lambda (n - 1)}$$

where  $X_2'$  and  $X_1'$  are the above mentioned distances corresponding to weight  $W'$ .

## Description of apparatus :

The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1). The experimental glass beam  $AB$  (about 50 cm. long, 3 cm. in breadth and 1.5 mm in thickness) is supported on two knife edges  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  formed in a wooden frame. By means of thread loops, two hangers are suspended symmetrically near the ends of experimental rod. A square glass plate  $P$  (side 2 cm and thickness 2 mm) is placed at the middle of beam  $AB$ . Light from the sodium lamp is allowed to incident on plate  $P$  by means of glass plate  $G$  inclined at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the horizontal. The interference hyperbolic fringes

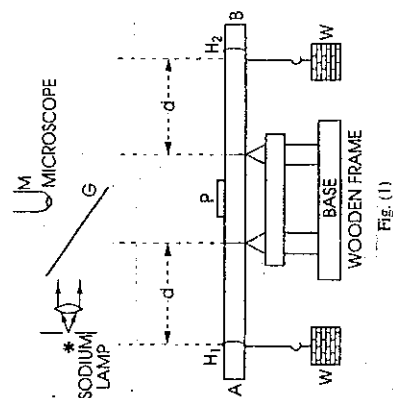


Fig. (1)

formed between the lower face of the plate  $P$  and upper curved surface of the beam are viewed with the help of travelling microscope.

**Procedure :** (1) Weights of certain masses say 200 gms are placed on each hanger at both the ends of the experimental beam and plate  $P$  is illuminated by sodium light.

(2) The travelling microscope is focussed on the hyperbolic fringes (fig. 2).

(3) The distance between the first pair of fringes and  $n^{\text{th}}$  (say  $5^{\text{th}}$ ) pair of fringes is determined in the longitudinal direction by means of microscope. These readings give  $X_1$  and  $X_n$  respectively.

(4) Different sets of readings ( $X_n$  and  $X_1$ ) are taken for different weights.

(5) Remove all the weights from experimental rod.

(6) The breadth  $b$  of the experimental beam  $AB$  is measured with the help of vernier callipers.

(7) The thickness  $t$  of the experimental beam  $AB$  is measured with the help of screw gauge.

(8) The distances of the knife edges  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  from their respective hangers are measured. The average of two gives the distance  $d$ .

**Observations :**

(1) Distances  $X_n$  and  $X_1$  measured in longitudinal direction

Least count of travelling microscope = ..... cm.

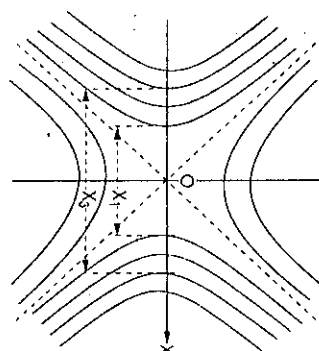


Fig (2)

Set No.	Weight Mirror	No. of Fringe	Distance (Diameter)		Difference $X$ cm.	Distance $X^2$ cm <sup>2</sup>	Distance $X^2$ m <sup>2</sup>
			Left end cm.	Right end cm.			
1st	$W = 0.2$ kg	1 $n$ (say 5)	...	...	$X_1 = \dots$ $X_n = \dots$	$(X_1)^2 = \dots$ $(X_n)^2 = \dots$	...
2nd	$W = 0.25$ kg	1 $n$ (say 5)	...	...	$X_1' = \dots$ $X_n' = \dots$	$(X_1')^2 = \dots$ $(X_n')^2 = \dots$	...
3rd	$W = 0.3$ kg	1 $n$ (say 5)	...	...	$X_1'' = \dots$ $X_n'' = \dots$	$(X_1'')^2 = \dots$ $(X_n'')^2 = \dots$	...
4th	$W = 0.35$ kg	1 $n$ (say 5)	...	...	$X_1''' = \dots$ $X_n''' = \dots$	$(X_1''')^2 = \dots$ $(X_n''')^2 = \dots$	...

(2) Breadth  $b$  of the beam (for weight zero)

Least count of Vernier callipers = ..... cm.

S. No.	Main scale reading cm.	Vernier scale reading cm.	Total reading cm.	Mean $b$ cm.	$b$ meter
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...

(3) Thickness  $t$  of the beam (for weight zero)

Least count of screw gauge = ..... cm.

S. No.	Main scale reading cm.	Circular scale reading cm.	Total reading cm.	Mean $t$ cm.	$t$ meter
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...

(4) Distance  $d$  between knife edge and hanger (for  $W = 0$ )

L.C. of Vernier Callipers = ..... cm.

S. No.	Distance $K_1 H_1$ cm.	Distance $K_2 H_2$ cm.	$d = \frac{K_1 H_1 + K_2 H_2}{2}$	Mean $d$ cm.	$d$ meter
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...

**Calculations :**

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{4\lambda(n-1)}{(X_n^2 - X_1^2)} = \dots \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ for } 0.2 \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_1'} = \frac{4\lambda(n-1)}{(X_n'^2 - X_1'^2)} = \dots \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ for } 0.25 \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_1''} = \frac{4\lambda(n-1)}{(X_n''^2 - X_1''^2)} = \dots \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ for } 0.3 \text{ kg}$$

Similarly

$$\frac{1}{R_1'''} = \frac{4\lambda(n-1)}{(X_n'''^2 - X_1'''^2)} = \dots \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ for } 0.35 \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_1'''} = \frac{4\lambda(n-1)}{(X_n'''^2 - X_1'''^2)} = \dots \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ for } 0.35 \text{ kg}$$

Now

$$Y = \frac{12(W' - W')d}{b^2 \left( \frac{1}{R_1'} - \frac{1}{R_1'} \right)}$$

$$= \dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/meter}^2$$

$$\text{(For } W = 0.2 \text{ kg and } W' = 0.25 \text{ kg)}$$

$$Y = \frac{12(W'' - W''')d}{b^2 \left( \frac{1}{R_1''} - \frac{1}{R_1'''} \right)}$$

$$= \dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/meter}^2$$

$$\text{(For } W'' = 0.3 \text{ kg and } W''' = 0.35 \text{ kg)}$$

And

$$\text{Mean value of } Y = \dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/meter}^2$$

$$\text{Result : Young's modulus } Y \text{ for glass} = \dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/meter}^2$$

$$\text{Standard result : Young's modulus } Y \text{ for glass} = \dots \times 10^{11} \text{ Newton/meter}^2$$

**Sources of error and Precautions :** (1) The beam should be placed symmetrically on two knife edges.

(2) The glass plates should be optically plane and clean.

(3) Constants of the apparatus should be determined only when the beam is unloaded.

(4) The experimental beam should not touch the wooden stand.

# Diffraction of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 14

**Object :** To determine the wavelength of prominent lines of mercury by plane diffraction grating.  
**Apparatus required :** A diffraction grating, spectrometer, mercury lamp, prism, reading lens.

**Formula used :**

The wavelength  $\lambda$  of any spectral lines can be calculated by the formula

$$(a+b) \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{n}$$

or

where  $(a+b)$  = grating element.

$\theta$  = angle of diffraction.

$n$  = order of the spectrum.

**Adjustments :**

(A) Before using the spectrometer, the following adjustments are made :

(i) The axis of the telescope and that of the collimator must intersect the principal vertical axis of rotation of telescope.

(ii) Prism table should be levelled.

(iii) Telescope and collimator are adjusted for parallel light by Schuster's method.

For the details of these points, see the experiment of refraction and dispersion of light.

(B) Grating should be normal to the axis of collimator :

This adjustment is shown in fig. (1).

(i) Collimator and telescope are arranged in a line and the image of the slit is focussed on the vertical cross wire. The reading is noted on both the verniers.

(ii) The telescope is now rotated through  $90^\circ$ .

(iii) Mount the grating on the prism table and rotate the prism table so that the reflected image is seen on the vertical cross wire. Take the reading of the verniers.

(iv) Turn the prism table from this position through  $45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$ . In this position the grating is normal to the incident beam.

(C) The slit should be adjusted parallel to the lines of the grating :

For this setting, the slit is rotated in its own plane till the spectral lines become very sharp and bright.

**Procedure for the determination of angles of diffraction :**

The spectrum obtained in a grating is shown in fig. (2).

(i) Rotate the telescope to the left side of direct image and adjust the different spectral lines (violet, green and red) turn by turn on the vertical cross wire for 1st order. Note down the reading of both the verniers in each setting.

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(ii) Rotate the telescope further to obtain the second order spectrum and again the spectral lines on the vertical cross wire and note the readings.

(iii) Now rotate the telescope to the right of the direct image and repeat the above procedure for first order as well as for second order.

(iv) Find out the difference of the same kind of verniers ( $V_1$  and  $V_2$  from  $V_1$ ) for each spectral line in the first order and then in the second order. The angle is the twice the angle of diffraction for that particular colour. Half of it will be angle of diffraction.

(v) Find out the angles of diffraction for other colours in first and second orders.

**Observations :**

No. of rulings per inch on the grating,  $N = \dots\dots\dots$

Least count of spectrometer =  $\dots\dots\dots$  cm.

Reading of telescope for direct image =  $\dots\dots\dots$

Reading of telescope after rotating it through  $90^\circ = \dots\dots\dots$

Reading of circular scale when reflected image is obtained on the cross wire =  $\dots\dots\dots$

Reading after rotating the prism table through  $45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ = \dots\dots\dots$

**Determination of angles of diffraction :**

Order of Spectrum	Colour of light	Kinds of vernier	Spectrum on left side		Spectrum on right side		Mean $\theta$ Degrees
			M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total (a) Degrees	Total (b) Degrees	
First	Violet	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...
	Green	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...
	Red	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...
Second	Violet	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...
	Green	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...
	Red	$V_1 V_2$	...	...	...	...	...

**Calculations :** Grating element  $(a+b) = 2.54/N = \dots\dots\dots$  per cm.

where  $N$  = number of rulings per inch on the grating.

The wavelength of various spectral lines in the first order ( $n = 1$ ) can be calculated by

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{(a+b) \sin \theta} = (a+b) \sin \theta$$

$\lambda$  violet =  $\dots\dots\dots$  A.U.

Calculate  $\lambda$  for other spectral lines.

Wavelength in second order is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{2}$$

$\lambda$  violet =  $\dots\dots\dots$  A.U.

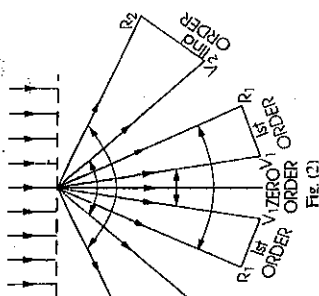


Fig. (2)

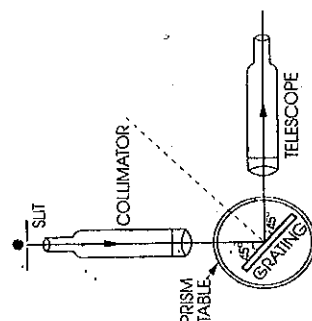


Fig. (1)

Calculate  $\lambda$  for other spectral lines.

Mean value of  $\lambda$  violet = ..... Å.U.

Result : The wavelength are given in the table.

Colour of Spectral line	$\lambda$ Observed Å.U.	$\lambda$ Standard Å.U.	% Error
Violet I	...	...	...
Violet II	...	...	...
Blue	...	...	...
Blue green	...	...	...
Green	...	...	...
Yellow I	...	...	...
Yellow II	...	...	...
Red	...	...	...

#### Sources of error and Precautions :

- Before performing the experiment, the spectrometer should be adjusted.
- Grating should be set normal to the incident light.
- Grating should not be touched by fingers.
- While taking observations, telescope and prism table should be kept fixed.

#### Theoretical error :

$$\lambda = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{n}$$

Taking logarithm and differentiating

$$\frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \cos \theta \frac{\delta \theta}{\sin \theta} = \cot \theta \delta \theta$$

$$= \cos \theta \delta \theta \left( \frac{3.14}{180} \right) \quad (180^\circ = \pi \text{ radian}) \quad \delta \theta = 2'$$

$$= \cos \theta \left( \frac{2}{60} \right) \left( \frac{3.14}{180} \right) \text{ Least count of spectrometer} = 1'$$

$$= \dots \%.$$

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENT

##### EXPERIMENT No. (14-1)

**Object :** To determine the dispersive power of a plane transmission diffraction grating.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, sodium lamp, grating and reading lens.

**Formula used :** The dispersive power of a grating  $d\theta/d\lambda$  is given by

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{d\lambda}{(a+b) \cos \theta}$$

where  $(a+b)$  = grating element

$n$  = number of spectrum

$\theta$  = angle of diffraction.

#### Adjustments :

- Adjustment of the spectrometer : As described in experiment No. 1.
- Grating is adjusted normal to the axis of collimator : See experiment No. 14.
- The slit is adjusted parallel to the lines of grating : See experiment No. 14.

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**Procedure :** For the determination of angles of diffraction, the following procedure is adopted :

- Rotate the telescope to the left side of direct image and adjust the spectral lines  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  one by one on the cross wire in first order. Note down the readings of both verniers for  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ .
- Rotate the telescope further to obtain the second order spectrum. Adjust the cross wire on the spectral lines  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  one by one in second order. Note down the readings of both verniers for  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ .
- Now rotate the telescope to the right of direct image and repeat the above procedure for first order as well as for second order.
- Find the difference of same kind of verniers for the spectral lines in first order and then in the second order. The angle is twice the angle of diffraction. Half of this angle will be the angle of diffraction. In this way the angles of diffraction for  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  in first order and in second order are known.

**Observation :** No. of rulings per inch on the grating,  $N$  = .....

Least count of the spectrometer = ..... cm.

Reading of telescope for direct image = .....

Reading of circular scale when reflected image is obtained on the cross wire = .....

Reading after rotating the prism table through  $45^\circ$  = .....

#### Table for determination of angle of diffraction.

Order of Spect-run	Kinds of Vernier	Spec-ification of the line	Spectrum on left side Reading of Telescope		Spectrum on right side Reading of Telescope		Total $\theta$ $2\theta = a - b$	Mean $\theta$	$d\theta$	$\cos \theta$
			M.S. reading	V.S. reading	M.S. reading	V.S. reading				
First	$V_1$	$D_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	$D_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_1$	$D_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	$D_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second	$V_1$	$D_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	$D_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_1$	$D_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	$D_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

#### Calculations : Grating element

$$(a+b) = \frac{2.54}{N} = \dots \text{ per cm.}$$

For 1st order:

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{(a+b) \cos \theta} = \dots$$

Also

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} = \dots$$

For second order

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{2}{(a+b) \cos \theta} = \dots$$

Also

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} = \dots$$

**Result :** The dispersive power of grating in first order = ..... and the second order = .....  
The theoretical and experimental values are approximately equal.

## Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What do you mean by diffraction of light ?

Ans. When light falls on obstacle or small aperture whose size is comparable with the wavelength of light, there is a departure from straight line propagation, the light bends round the corners of obstacles or apertures. The bending of light is called diffraction.

Q. 2. What is difference between interference and diffraction ?

Ans. Interference of light takes place due to the superposition of two waves coming from two different coherent sources while diffraction is due to the mutual interference of secondary wavelets originating from the various points of the wavefront which are not blocked off by the obstacle.

Q. 3. What is a diffraction grating ?

Ans. An arrangement consisting of a large number of parallel slits of same width and separated by equal opaque spaces is known as diffraction grating.

Q. 4. What are the requisites of a good grating ?

Ans. The lines should be exactly parallel, uniform, equidistant and of equal width.

Q. 5. What is grating element ?

Ans. The distance between the centres of two successive slits is called grating element. This is denoted by  $(a + b)$  where  $a$  is width of transparent part and  $b$  is width of opaque part.

Q. 6. How many orders do you get here ? Why ?

Ans. We know that  $(n)_{\max} = \frac{a+b}{\lambda}$ . The grating which we are using have 15,000 lines per inch. Hence

$$(a + b) = \frac{2.54}{15,000} \cdot \lambda = 5893 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$(n)_{\max} = \frac{2.54}{15,000 \times 5893 \times 10^{-8}} = 2.875 < 3$$

Thus we get only two orders.

Q. 7. What is main difference between a prism spectrum and a grating spectrum ?

Ans. In grating spectrum red colour is deviated most and violet least while this order is reversed in prism spectrum.

Q. 8. Why is the prism spectrum more intense than the grating spectrum ?

Ans. In case of a prism, the light is concentrated in one spectrum while in case of grating, the incident light is diffracted into spectra of various orders moreover most of the light is concentrated in direct image where no spectrum is formed.

Q. 9. What is dispersive power of grating ?

Ans. The rate of change of angle of diffraction with wavelength is defined as the dispersive power of grating. This is expressed as

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{n}{(a+b) \cos \theta}$$

Dispersive power is more for higher orders.

Q. 10. On what factors does the dispersive power of a grating depend ?

Ans. The dispersive power depends upon (i) grating element, (ii) angle of diffraction and (iii) order of spectrum.

Q. 11. What will happen if the width of clear space and ruled space is made equal ?

Ans. Even order spectra (2, 4, 6, 8, ... etc.) will be absent.

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## EXPERIMENT No. 15

**Object :** To determine the diameter of lycopodium particles by forming diffraction fringes.

**Apparatus used :** Optical bench, glass plate, lycopodium powder, sodium lamp and a metal plate having a small hole at centre and provided with pin holes along two perpendicular lines passing through the centre of hole.

**Formula used :**

The diameter of the lycopodium powder  $d$  can be calculated by the formula

$$d = \frac{1.22 \lambda D}{r}$$

where  $\lambda$  = wavelength of light used = 5893 Å

$D$  = distance of glass plate from the metal plate

$r$  = distance of the first set of pin holes from the central hole.

**Procedure :**

(i) Mount the metal plate on the upright of an optical bench.

(ii) The glass plate is dusted with lycopodium powder. The dusted plate is mounted on the upright of the optical bench at a certain distance from metal plate as shown in fig. (1).

(iii) The metal plate is illuminated with sodium light. Viewing through the dusted glass plate, a series of circular fringes of yellow colour are observed.

(iv) The dusted glass plate is moved in such a way that the first ring of diffraction pattern coincides with the first set of pin holes. The Distance  $D$  of glass plate from metal plate is noted.

(v) The experiment is repeated for other sets of equidistant pin holes.

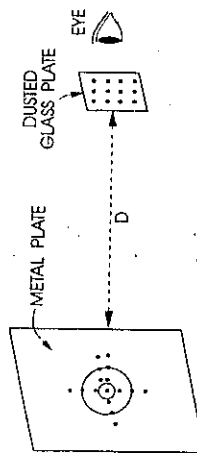


Fig. (1)

**Observations :**

Wavelength of sodium light  $\lambda = 5893 \times 10^{-8}$  cm.

Table for the determine of  $d$

S. No.	$D$ cm	$r$ cm	$d = \frac{1.22 \lambda D}{r}$ cm	Mean $d$ cm
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...

Calculations : The diameter  $d$  is given by

$$d = \frac{1.22 \lambda D}{r}$$

(d) For first set of pin holes = . . . . .

Calculate  $d$  for other sets of pin holes.

Result : The mean diameter of lycopodium powder = . . . . . cm.

Precautions :

- (1) The optical bench should be levelled.
- (2) The glass plate and metal plate should be adjusted at the same level.
- (3) The glass plate should be parallel to metal plate.
- (4)  $r$  should be measured accurately.
- (5) The central hole of metal plate and eye should be at the same level.

## Diffraction of Light

### EXPERIMENT No. 16

**Object :** To determine the wave-length of monochromatic light by diffraction at a straight edge.

**Apparatus required :** Optical bench, a straight edge (say a razor blade) slit, stand and travelling microscope.

**Description of apparatus and theory :**

The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1).

The optical bench used in the experiment consists of a heavy iron base supported on four levelling screws. There is a graduated scale along one of its arms. The bench is provided with three uprights which can be clamped any where and the position can be read by means of vernier attached to it. Each of the uprights is subjected to the following motions :

- (i) motion along bench.
- (ii) transverse motion.
- (iii) rotation about the axis of upright.

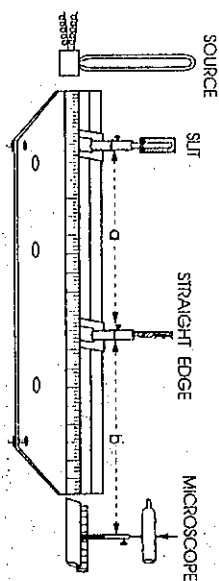


Fig. (1)

The straight edge is set up in one of stands on optical bench, parallel to the length of the slit which is illuminated by monochromatic light. The fringes are observed with the help of travelling microscope.

For first maximum,

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{b(a+b)\lambda}{a} \right\}}$$

and for  $n$ th maximum,

$$x_n = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{b(a+b)(2n-1)\lambda}{a} \right\}}$$

Subtracting, we get

$$x_n - x_1 = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{b(a+b)\lambda}{a} \right\}} \left[ \sqrt{(2n-1)} - 1 \right]$$

$$(x_n - x_1)^2 = \frac{b(a+b)\lambda}{a} \left[ \sqrt{(2n-1)} - 1 \right]^2$$

or

or

$$\lambda = \frac{(x_n - x_1)^2 a}{(a+b) \{ \sqrt{(2n-1)} - 1 \}^2}$$

Using the above formula  $\lambda$  can be calculated.

**Procedure :**

- The experiment is divided into the following two parts :
- Obtaining perfect fringes,
  - Measurement of  $(x_n - x_1)$ .

**(i) Adjustment for getting perfect fringes :**

In order to secure well defined fringes in the field of view of eyepiece, the following adjustments are made :

- the optical bench should be levelled,
- the eyepiece should be focussed on the cross wires,
- axis of the slit should be made vertical,
- slit, straight edge and micrometer eyepiece should be adjusted to the same height,
- the edge of the razor blade and the slit are made parallel, and
- the lateral shift is removed.

**Procedure for the various adjustments :**

- Level the bed of the optical bench with the help of spirit level and levelling screws.
- Point the micrometer eyepiece towards a white wall. By moving the tube containing the eye lens in or out focus the eyepiece on the cross-wire till they are distinctly visible. Set one of them vertical by rotating the eyepiece as a whole.

(c) Illuminate the slit with the help of sodium lamp. Now see the slit in the micrometer eyepiece and rotate the slit in its own plane with the help of tangent screw, till it becomes vertical.

(d) The upright carrying the straight edge is placed as close to the slit as possible. The edge of the razor blade is made vertical approximately with the help of tangent screw attached with it. See the diffracted images of the slit and adjust the height of slit and razor blade so to obtain the maximum length of the images of the slit. Adjust the height of the micrometer eyepiece such images of the slit are visible in the centre of the field of view of the eyepiece.

(e) Put the upright carrying the micrometer eyepiece near the straight edge. Fringes will be visible in the field of view. They are made clear by gradually narrowing the slit.

In case the fringes are not sharp, rotate the edge of the razor blade in its own plane with the help of tangent screw till the fringes are sharp. In this case slit and the edge of razor blade will be parallel to each other.

(f) The lateral shift will exist so long as the line joining the slit and the edge of the razor blade is not parallel to the bed of the bench.

In order to adjust the system for no lateral shift, the eyepiece is moved away from the straight edge. In this case the fringes will move to the right or left, but with the help of the base screw provided with straight edge it is moved at right angle to the bench in a direction to bring the fringes back to their original position.

Now move the eyepiece towards the straight edge and same adjustment is made with the help of eyepiece. Using the process again and again, the lateral shift is removed.

**(ii) Measurement of  $x_n - x_1$  :**

- Find out the least count of the microscope and adjust it on the first maximum. Note down this reading.
- Now adjust the microscope on a clearly visible maximum and again note down its position.
- The distance between slit and straight edge (a) is noted.
- The distance between straight edge and microscope (b) is also noted.

**Observations :**

- Distance between slit and straight edge (a) = ... cms.  
Distance between straight edge and microscope (b) = ... cms.

**Diffraction of Light****(ii) Table for the determination of  $(x_n - x_1)$ .**

Least count of the microscope = ... cms.

S. No.	Microscope reading for $x_1$			Microscope reading for $x_n$			$x_n$	n	$(x_n - x_1)$
	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total cms.	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total cms.			
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Calculations : The wave-length of monochromatic light is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{(x_n - x_1)^2 a}{(a+b) \{ \sqrt{(2n-1)} - 1 \}^2}$$

$$= \dots \text{A.U.}$$

Standard Result : A.U.

Percentage error : = ... %.

**Sources of error and Precautions :**

- The straight edge should be parallel to the slit.
- Make the slit as narrow as possible until the fringes are most clear.
- The cross wire of the microscope should be well focussed on the fringes.
- Distance (a) and (b) should be measured accurately.

**Viva-Voce**

Q. 1. What do you use for straight edge ?

Ans. We use razor blade as straight edge.

Q. 2. Where you place the razor blade ?

Ans. We place the razor blade on the bench of biprism experiment between slit and eyepiece.

Q. 3. What are two kinds of diffraction ?

Ans. (i) Fresnel's diffraction, in this class the source and screen are placed at finite distances from diffracting system.  
(ii) Fraunhofer diffraction, in this class the source and screen are placed at infinity or effectively at infinity by using convex lenses.

Q. 4. Give example of Fresnel's diffraction and Fraunhofer diffraction.

Ans. The diffraction at straight edge comes under Fresnel's class while diffraction at grating is the example of Fraunhofer class.

Q. 5. What is the nature of fringes observed in this experiment ?

Ans. Inside the geometrical shadow, the intensity of light falls off rapidly without any maxima and minima while outside the geometrical shadow there are diffraction bands of diminishing intensity.

Q. 6. What type of a source are you using in this experiment ?

Ans. Monochromatic source of light.

Q. 7. What will happen if the source is not monochromatic ?

Ans. The bands will be coloured where blue bands appearing near the edge.

Q. 8. What is the importance of this experiment with regards to the wave theory of light ?

Ans. As the shadow cast by straight edge is not sharp, so the propagation is not rectilinear.



# Resolving Power of A Telescope

## EXPERIMENT No. 17

**Object :** To determine the resolving power of a telescope.

**Apparatus required :** Telescope with a rectangular adjustable slit, a black cardboard with narrow white strips on it, travelling microscope and metre scale.

**Formula used :**

The theoretical and practical resolving powers are given by

$$\text{Theoretical resolving power} = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

$$\text{Practical resolving power} = \frac{D}{d}$$

where  $\lambda$  = mean wavelength of light employed.

$d$  = width of the rectangular slit for just resolution of two objects.

$D$  = separation between two objects.

$d$  = distance of the objects from the objective of the telescope.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{\lambda}{d} = \frac{D}{d}$$

**Theory of the experiment :**

**Rayleigh's criterion of resolution :** According to Rayleigh's criterion, two equally bright sources can be just resolved by any optical system when their distance apart is such that in the diffraction pattern, the maximum due to one falls on the minimum due to the other.

**Resolving power of Telescope :** The resolving power of a telescope may be defined as the inverse of the least angle subtended at the objective by two distant point objects which can be just distinguished as separate in its focal plane.

Let a beam of monochromatic light starting from a distant object  $O$  (not shown) be incident normally on a rectangular aperture  $AB$  fitted in front of the telescope objective. Let  $AQ$  represents the incident wavefront which is brought to a focus  $F$  and observed magnified by means of eyepiece. The intensity pattern at  $F$  is shown by thick curved line.

Consider again an object  $O'$  towards the right of  $O$  whose pattern is formed towards left of the  $F$ . The pattern is formed at  $F$  as shown by dotted curve. The wave-front due to the incident light is shown by  $AN$ . According to the Rayleigh criterion, the two objects can only be resolved when the maximum due to one falls on the minimum due to the other as shown in figure (1).

As the aperture is rectangular the minimum due to one will fall on the maximum of the other when  $QN = \lambda$ . The angle between the two wavefronts, is,

$$\theta = \frac{AQ}{AN} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

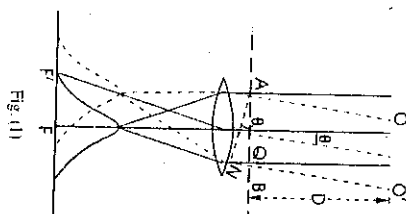


Fig. (1)

## Resolving Power of A Telescope

where  $a$  is the aperture and  $\theta$  is the angle subtended by two objects  $OO'$  at the objective of telescope.

Again

$$\theta = \frac{OO'}{D} = \frac{d}{a}$$

where  $d$  is the distance between two objects and  $D$  is their distance from the objective of telescope.

**Procedure :**

(i) Mount the telescope on a stand such that its axis lies horizontal and the rectangular lines marked on cardboard or glass on the another stand such that they are vertical. Place the two stands at a suitable distance (say about 5 or 6 ft.) fig. (2).

(ii) Illuminate the object with source of light.

Now open the slit with the help of micrometer screw and move the telescope in the horizontal direction such that the images of two vertical sources are in the field of view of the eyepiece.

(iii) Gradually reduce the width of the slit till the two images just cease to appear as two. Note down the reading of the micrometer. Again close the slit completely and note down the micrometer reading. The difference of the two readings gives the width of the slit ( $a$ ) just sufficient to resolve the two images.

Or

If the slit is not provided with micrometer arrangement, the slit is gradually reduced till the two images cease to appear two. Take the slit and measure its width with the help of travelling microscope.

(iv) Measure the width ( $d$ ) of white or black rectangular strips with the help of travelling microscope.

(v) Measure the distance between the object and the slit which gives  $D$ .

(vi) The experiment is repeated for different values of  $D$ .

**Observations :**

(i) Mean value of  $\lambda = 5000 \times 10^{-8}$  cms.

(ii) Table for width ( $a$ ) of slit when micrometer arrangement is attached.

L.C. of screw = ... cms.

S. No.	Slit when images cease			Slit reading			Width of the slit $a$ ( $\lambda \cdot a$ )	Theoretical resolving power $\frac{\lambda}{a}$	Distance $D$ cms.
	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total X	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total Y			
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

When micrometer arrangement is not used.

Table for the width of slit ( $a$ ).

Least Count of microscope = ... cms.

S. No.	Distance $D$	Micrometer reading						$a = Y - X$ cms.
		ONE END			OTHER END			
		M.S.	V.S.	Total X	M.S.	V.S.	Total X	
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

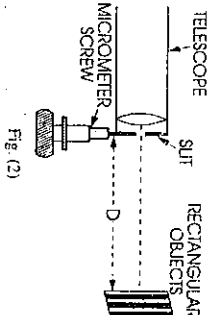


Fig. (2)

(ii) Table for the distance between two Objects ( $d$ )

Least count of microscope = ... cms.

Micrometer reading						$d = Y - X$ cms.
ONE END			OTHER END			
M.S.	V.S.	Total X	M.S.	V.S.	Total Y	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Result :** The theoretical and practical resolving powers of the telescope is shown in the table.  
**Theoretical and Practical Resolving Powers :**

Distance	Theoretical ( $\lambda/a$ ) resolving power	Practical ( $d/D$ ) resolving power
...	...	...
...	...	...

**Precaution and Sources of error :**

- The axis of telescope should be horizontal.
- The rectangular object drawn on the card-board should be vertical.
- Backlash error in the micrometer screw should be avoided.
- The plane of the slit should be parallel to the objects.
- The width  $a$  should be measured carefully.
- The minimum width of slit for resolution should be adjusted very carefully.
- The distance  $D$  should be measured from the slit of the telescope to the card-board.

Viva-Voce

**Q. 1. What do you mean resolving power of a telescope ?**

**Ans.** The resolving power of a telescope is defined as the reciprocal of the smallest angle subtended at the objective by two distinct points which can be just seen as separate one through the telescope.

**Q. 2. On what factors does the resolving power depend ?**

**Ans.** The resolving power of a telescope is given by

$$\frac{1}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{1.22\lambda}$$

Resolving power is directly proportional to  $d$  i.e., a telescope with large diameter of objective has higher resolving power and inversely proportional to  $\lambda$ .

**Q. 3. Define the magnifying power of the telescope.**

**Ans.** The magnifying power of a telescope is defined as the ratio of angle subtended at the eye by the final image of the angle subtended at the eye by object when viewed at its actual distance.

**Q. 4. What is Rayleigh criterion of resolution ?**

**Ans.** According to Rayleigh criterion, two point sources are resolvable by an optical instrument when the central maximum in the diffraction pattern of one falls over the first minimum in the diffraction pattern of the other and vice versa.

**Q. 5. Why have the objectives of telescopes large apertures ?**

**Ans.** The resolving power is increased.

**Q. 6. What is the resolving power of a normal eye ?**

**Ans.** The resolving power of normal eye is about one minute.

**Q. 7. What does indicate the term 200 inch written on a telescope ?**

**Ans.** This indicates that the diameter of the objective of a telescope is 200 inches.

**Q. 8. What will be the resolving power of this telescope ?**

**Ans.** It is about 1/40th of a second for sunlight.

# Resolving Power of A Grating

## EXPERIMENT No. 18

**Object :** To determine the resolving power of a grating.  
**Apparatus used :** Plane diffraction grating, spectrometer, mercury lamp, prism, a rectangular aperture of adjustable width, reading lens.  
**Formula used :**

The resolving power  $\lambda/d\lambda$  of a plane diffraction grating is given by

$$\frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = N_0 n$$

Where  $d\lambda$  is the smallest wavelength difference between the two spectral lines, which are just resolved by the grating.

$N_0$  = Total number of lines in the exposed width of the grating in just resolution position, and  
 $n$  = order of the spectrum

**Procedure :**

- (1) The spectrometer adjustments are made as described under the spectrometer head in the general section on refraction and dispersion of light.
- (2) Procedure (B) of expt. no. 9 is then adopted for normal incidence setting of the grating on the prism table.
- (3) The slit should be adjusted parallel to the ruling of the grating [procedure (c) of expt. no. 14].
- (4) Mount the rectangular aperture of adjustable width on the prism table in front of the grating or on the collimating lens of the collimator such that its axis is parallel to the slit.
- (5) Now keep the aperture fully opened and turn the telescope to the left to the direct image of slit till two yellow lines of first order of mercury spectrum are seen in the field of view.
- (6) Gradually reduce the width of the aperture till the two spectral lines just cease to appear or to separate. Measure this width of the aperture with the help of a travelling microscope.
- (7) Again put the aperture in the same position and open it fully. Now turn the telescope to the right of the direct slit image till the two yellow lines of the 1st order of Hg spectrum are seen, and again reduce the width of the aperture till the two lines cease to appear as separate. Again measure this width of aperture by microscope.
- (8) Repeat the same procedure for two yellow lines in the second order.
- (9) Note the number of lines ruled per cm. on the grating.

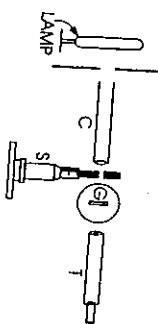


Fig. (1)

## Resolving Power of A Grating

**Observations :**

- (1) No. of lines per cm. of the grating. (grating element) =  $\frac{2.54}{N}$  = ... per cm.
- (2) Table for the measurement of rectangular aperture for just resolution :

S. No.	Side	Microscope reading when its cross wire is set at		Exposed width of the aperture for just resolution (x-y)	Mean aperture width (x-y)	No. of lines of grating in this width $N_0$	Order of spectrum $n$
		One end of the aperture x cms.	Other end of the aperture y cms.				
1	Left Side	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Right Side	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Left Side	...	...	...	...	...	1
4	Right Side	...	...	...	...	...	2

**Calculations :**

- (1) The difference in wavelengths of the two yellow lines of Hg spectrum,  
 $= 5790 - 5770$

- (2) Mean wavelength,  
 $= 20 \text{ A.U.}$

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} = \frac{5770 + 5790}{2}$$

- (3) Therefore theoretical resolving power,  
 $= 5780 \text{ A.U.}$

$$\frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = \frac{6780}{20} = 289$$

- (4) We have calculated already that the number of lines per cm. of grating =  $2.54/N$ . Therefore :

Order of spectrum $= n$	No. of lines in mean width $x - y = N_0$	Product $N_0 n$	$\lambda/d\lambda$	Difference
1	$\frac{2.54}{N} \times (x - y)$ = ...	...	...	...
2	$\frac{2.54}{N} \times (x - y)$ = ...	...	...	...

**Result :** Comparison of theoretical and practical resolving power is shown in the table.  
**Sources of error and Precautions :**  
 Same as in experiment No. 14.

## Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What do you mean by resolving power of grating?

Ans. The resolving power of grating is defined as the capacity to form separate diffraction maxima of two wavelengths which are very close to each other.

Q. 2. How the resolving power of a grating is measured?

Ans. This is measured by  $\lambda/\delta\lambda$ . The value is  $N_0 n$ , where  $n$  is order of spectrum and  $N_0$  the number of lines on grating.

Q. 3. Upon what factors does the resolving power of a grating depend?

Ans. The resolving power depends upon the total number of rulings  $N$  in the grating and the order of spectrum.

Q. 4. Does the resolving power of a grating depends upon the spacing between the ruling?

Ans. No, when the number of lines in a given width increase the order of the spectrum in a given direction decrease such that the product  $N_0 n$  remains constant.

Q. 5. How the resolving power can be increased?

Ans. This can be done by increasing the total number of ruling without decreasing the grating element.

Q. 6. If double the number of lines are ruled in the same space in a grating, what will happen to its resolving power?

Ans. The resolving power will not change because the grating element will be halved which will make the order of the spectrum half in a particular direction.

Q. 7. What is a normal spectrum?

Ans. A spectrum for which  $d\theta \propto d\lambda$  (spectral lines differ in angle by amounts which are directly proportional to difference in wavelength) is known as normal spectrum.

Q. 8. How can you obtain a normal spectrum?

Ans. We can obtain a normal spectrum by using a concave grating in Rowland's mounting in which  $\theta = 0$  i.e.  $\cos \theta = 1$ .

# Polarisation of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 19

**Object :** To determine the specific rotation of cane sugar solution with the help of polarimeter.

**Apparatus used :** Polarimeter, a balance, measuring cylinder, beaker and source of light.  
If the polarimeter is employing a half shade device, a monochromatic source should be used, and if bi-quartz device is used then white light can be used.

**Formula used :**

The specific rotation of the plane of polarisation of sugar dissolved in water can be determined by the following formula,

$$S = \frac{\theta}{l \times c} = \frac{\theta \times V}{l \times m}$$

where

$\theta$  = rotation produced in degrees.

$l$  = length of the tube in decimeter.

$m$  = mass of sugar in gms. dissolved in water.

$V$  = volume of sugar solution.

**Description of apparatus :**

The polarimeter is shown in fig. (1).

$S$  is a source of light placed at the focus of convex lens. Thus the beam becomes parallel after passing through lens and then passes through the polariser. The polarised light passes through the half shade and travels the length of the polarimeter tube made of glass. The light is analysed with the help of the analyser which can be rotated about a horizontal axis and its position can be read by a vernier moving over a fixed graduated scale. The light is now viewed with the help of telescope. The analyser and telescope are placed in the same tube. A filter is also used after the source to allow only a particular wavelength to pass through the polarimeter.

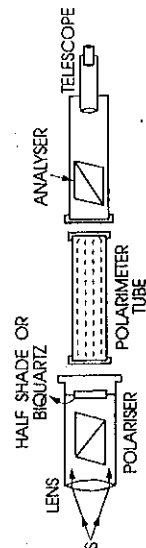


Fig. (1)

**Procedure :**

- If the polarimeter is employing a half shade device, a monochromatic source should be used and if bi-quartz device is used then white light can be used.
- Take the polarimeter tube and clean well both the sides such that it is free from dust. Now fill the tube with pure water and see that no air bubble is enclosed in it. Place the tube in its position inside the polarimeter.
- Switch on the source of light and look through the eyepiece. Two halves of unequal intensity are observed. Rotate the analyser until two halves of the field appear equally bright. Take the reading of main scale as well as vernier scale and find out the total reading.
- Prepare a sugar solution of known strength. The procedure for preparing it can be seen under the heading observations.
- Take the polarimeter tube and remove the pure water. Fill it with the prepared sugar solution and again place it in the polarimeter.



where  $\theta$  is angle of rotation in degrees,  $l$  the length of solution in decimeter and  $c$ , the concentration of solution in gm. per c.c.

Q. 10. What is a polarimeter?

Ans. It is an instrument used for measuring the angle of rotation of the plane of polarisation by an optically active substance.

Q. 11. What is a saccharimeter?

Ans. A polarimeter used in case of sugar analysis is called saccharimeter.

Q. 12. What do you mean by dextro and laevo-rotatory substances?

Ans. When the optically active substance rotates the plane of polarisation of light towards right, it is called as right handed or dextro-rotatory. If the substance rotates the plane of polarisation towards left, it is called as left handed or laevorotatory.

Q. 13. What is half shade or a Laurent's plate?

Ans. The Laurent's half shade plate consists of a semicircular half wave plate of quartz cut parallel to optic semi-circular glass plate with thickness such that it absorbs the same amount of light as quartz plate. Both are cemented along diameter. It is prepared to suit for one particular wavelength.

Q. 14. Explain the working of a half shade.

Ans. See any optics book.

Q. 15. Where is the half-shade plate fitted in the polarimeter?

Ans. This is fitted between the polarising Nicol and the polarimeter tube containing the solution.

Q. 16. Is there any arrangement which can work with white light?

Ans. Yes, bi-quartz arrangement.

Q. 17. What is bi-quartz plate?

Ans. A bi-quartz plate consists of two semi-circular plates of quartz (one left handed and other right handed). Both are cut perpendicular to optic axis and joined together along diameter.

Q. 18. Can you find from your experiment, the direction of rotation of polarisation?

Ans. No.

Q. 19. How can you modify your present experiment to find the direction of rotation?

Ans. The apparatus is modified in such a way that we can study the rotation produced by two different lengths of the solution. When  $\theta$  is larger for longer lengths, then the direction of rotation gives the direction of solution?

Q. 20. What will be the resultant if plane polarised light is passed through a number of optically active separately.

Ans. The resultant rotation will be algebraic sum of individual rotations produced by each solution separately.

Students are advised to study the action of bi-quartz plate and Nicol's prism (Construction, Polariser and Analyser).

## Practical Physics

# Polarisation of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 20

**Object :** To study the polarisation of light by simple reflection.

**Apparatus required :** A simple glass plate, photo voltaic cell, 60 watt incandescent lamp, micrometer, polaroid, convex lens.

**Theory and Formula used :**

It was discovered that when a beam of ordinary light is incident at particular angle, about  $57^\circ$ , on a glass plate, the reflected light is plane polarised. Plane polarised light means that the light vector in the reflected light is vibrating transversely to the direction of transmission, in a fixed plane through this direction. At angles other than  $57^\circ$ , the reflected beam is not completely plane polarised. It will consist vibrations parallel to the plane of incidence as well as those perpendicular to the plane of incidence. The percentage reflection for the parallel vibrations actually decreases with increasing the angle of incidence and falls to zero at an angle  $\theta_p$  (polarising angle, about  $57^\circ$ ). Therefore at  $\theta_p$  only perpendicular vibrations remain and the reflected light is completely plane polarised. Intensity variation of parallel and perpendicular vibrations with angle of incidence is shown in graph-1. This intensity measurement is done with the help of polaroid and photo voltaic cell. From these observations, one can calculate the degree of polarisation  $p$  given by

$$p = \frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}$$

at different values of  $\theta$ . A graph between  $p$  and  $\theta$  can then be plotted (See graph 2). The value of  $\theta$  which corresponds to the maximum of the curve gives Brewster's angle.

As another part of the experiment, we keep  $\theta = \theta_p$  and rotated the polaroid in its own plane. The intensity variation follows the cosine law (Graph 3).

**Procedure :**

Set the lamp, lens, photo voltaic cell and glass plate as shown in fig. (1). The position of polaroid and photo voltaic cell are adjusted so as to receive the full beam of reflected light.

(2) Now we rotate polaroid in its own plane and note  $I_{\max}$  and  $I_{\min}$  as given by microammeter. Repeat this observation by increasing each time the angle of incidence by say  $10^\circ$  (by setting the plate at different angles).

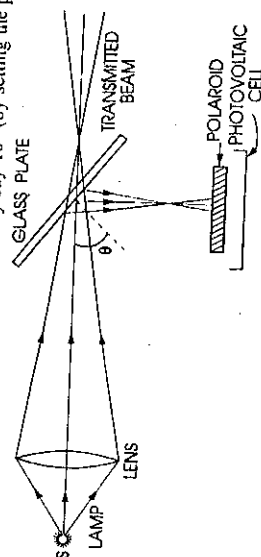


Fig (1)

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$I_{\max}$  corresponds to perpendicular vibrations and  $I_{\min}$  corresponds to parallel vibrations and thus we plot the graph 1, and get  $\theta_p$ .

(3) From the above observations, calculate the value of  $p$  at different  $\theta$  and plot the graph no. 2, and also find  $\theta_p$ .

(4) Now keeping  $\theta = \theta_p$ , rotate the polaroid in its own plane, angle  $\beta$  being measured now and intensity  $I$  is observed at each setting of  $\beta$ . A plot of  $I$  against  $\beta$  is sketched and at the maximum we set  $\beta = 0$ , making other angles relative to this. Thus new angles  $\beta$  are obtained (See Table-2). Then we calculate  $I_{\max} \cos^2 \beta$  and check these values against, observed  $I$  values.

Observations :

Table 1 : Reading of  $I_{\max}$  ( $L'$  vib) and  $I_{\min}$  ( $I'$  vib) with  $\theta$  :

Angle of incidence $\theta$ in degrees	Photo electric current		$p = \frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}$
	$I_{\max}$ or $R_{L'}$	$I_{\min}$ or $R_{I'}$	
...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...

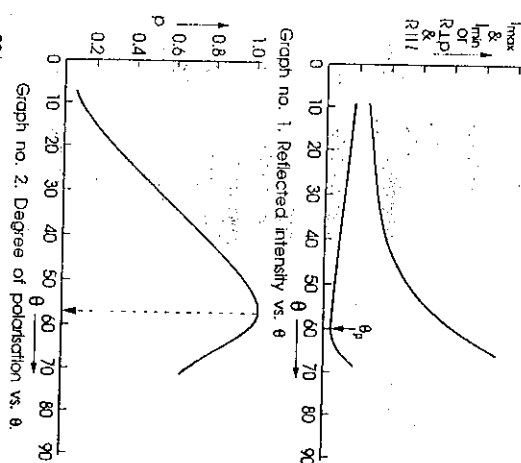
Table 2 : Variation of transmitted intensity through polaroid with angle of rotation in its own plane.

Angular positions $\beta$ of polaroid (degree)	$I$ (obs) in terms of current (in $\mu A$ )	Angle for $I_{\max} \approx 170^\circ$ (from graph) (degrees) Therefore $\beta = \theta - 170^\circ$	$\cos^2 \beta$	$I_{\max} \cos^2 \beta$
110	6	-60	0.248	5
120	9	-50	0.413	7
130	12	-40	0.587	11
...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...

Calculation : (1) In order to find  $p$ , make calculation using

$$p = \frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}$$

(2) Find  $\beta' = \beta - 170^\circ$  and calculate  $I_{\max} \cos^2 \beta'$  and compare this product with  $I$  (observed) values.  
Result : Graphs 1, 2, 3 are plotted as shown in fig. (2).



Graph no. 2. Degree of polarisation vs.  $\theta$ .

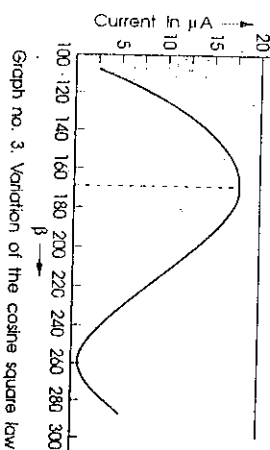


Fig. (2)

Some points to note :

(1) Before starting the experiment with glass plate, one can make the following observations :  
Light from lamp is made to fall directly on polaroid and through it to photo voltaic cell. Then by rotating the polaroid in its own plane we check that there is no variation of the reading in micrometer connected with the photovoltaic cell i.e. the beam is unpolarised.

(2) While working with glass plate in position, distances of polaroid and photovoltaic cell do not matter so long as full width of the beam is covered by them.

(3) In procedure at no. 2 it may be noted that  $I_{\max}$  and  $I_{\min}$  are observed for angular rotations of the polaroid  $90^\circ$  apart, and always in same positions.

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENT

#### EXPERIMENT (20-1)

Object : To determine Brewster's angle for a glass surface and hence to determine refractive index of glass.  
Apparatus required : Spectrometer, monochromatic source of light, glass prism and polaroid attachment to telescope objective.

**Formula used :**

According to Brewster's law

where  $\mu = \text{refractive index of the material of prism}$   
 $p = \text{angle of polarisation}$

$$\mu = \tan p$$

**Procedure :**

- (1) First of all the mechanical and optical adjustments of the spectrometer are made as usual by removing the polaroid attachment from the telescope.
- (2) Place the prism on prism table and mount the polaroid attachment on the telescope objective. Turn the telescope in such a way that the light reflected from one of the polished face of the prism is received in the telescope as shown in fig. (3).
- (3) The telescope is adjusted to obtain the reflected light on the cross wire. The polaroid is slowly rotated through one complete cycle and variation in the intensity of reflected light is observed. The intensity may or may not be zero in a particular position of polaroid. Let the intensity is not zero in one complete rotation of polaroid.
- (4) Procedure (3) is repeated a number of times by increasing the angle of incidence till reflected light, on being examined by rotating polaroid shows the zero intensity (i.e., complete darkness in the field of view of telescope).
- (5) The readings of two verniers are noted to record the position of telescope.
- (6) The prism is removed from the prism table and the telescope is turned to receive the direct image of the slit. The image of the slit is adjusted on the cross wire of the telescope and the readings of the two verniers are noted.
- (7) The difference of the positions of telescope gives the angle  $\theta$ . The angle of polarisation  $p$  is given by  $p = (90 - \theta/2)$ .
- (8) The experiment is repeated a number of times and mean  $\theta$  is obtained.

**Observations :**

Least count of vernier = ... sec.

**Table for Polarising angle**

S. No.	Vernier	Telescope reading for complete extinction of reflected image			Telescope reading for direct image			Difference $a - b$	Mean	Mean $\theta$
		M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total $a$ (degrees)	M.S. reading	V.S. reading	Total $b$ (degrees)			
1	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	$V_1$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	$V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Calculations :**Polarising angle  $p = (90 - \theta/2)$ Again  $\mu = \tan p = \tan \dots = \dots$ **Polarisation of Light****Result :** Polarising angle  $p = \dots$ Refractive index for the material of the prism  $\mu = \dots$ **Precautions and Sources of error :**

- (i) See the precautions of experiment 1.
- (ii) Prism surface must be very clean.
- (iii) Near polarising angle, the angle of incidence should vary slowly and carefully.
- (iv) The test for the complete extinction of reflected light should be done carefully.

**Viva-Voce****Q. 1. What was the discovery of Brewster ?**

Ans. For a particular angle of incidence, known as angle of polarisation, the reflected light is completely plane polarised.

**Q. 2. Define Brewster's law.**

Ans. The tangent of the angle of polarisation ( $p$ ) is numerically equal to the refractive index of the medium, i.e.,

$$\mu = \tan p.$$

this is known as Brewster's law.

**Q. 3. What is a polaroid ?**

Ans. This is device to produce plane polarised light. It consists of ultra-microscopic crystals of quinine iodo-sulphate which are embedded in nitro-cellulose films in such a way that their optic axes are parallel to each other.

**Q. 4. What is the characteristic of a polaroid ?**

Ans. It absorbs the ordinary ray while allows the extraordinary rays pass through them.

**Q. 5. What do you mean by optic axis of a crystal ?**

Ans. It is a direction parallel to the line drawn through any one of the blunt corners and making equal angles with the three edges meeting there.

**Q. 6. What do you mean by principal section of a crystal ?**

Ans. A plane containing the optic axis and perpendicular to the opposite faces of the crystal, is called its principal section.

**Q. 7. How can you produce plane polarised light ?**

Ans. The plane polarised light can be produced by the following methods :

- (i) By reflection—when the light is reflected at the plane surface it is partly polarised. If the angle of incidence is equal to Brewster angle then reflected light is perfectly plane polarised light.
- (ii) By double refraction—when ordinary light is passed through doubly refracting crystals it is broken into ordinary and extra ordinary rays and each of them is plane polarised in planes perpendicular to each other.



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## EXPERIMENT NO. 21

**Object :** To verify the cosine square law (Malus law) for plane polarised light with the help of a photo voltaic cell.

**Apparatus required :** Photo voltaic cell, moving coil galvanometer, lamp and scale arrangement, source of light, convex lens and two polaroids.

**Formula used :**

According to Malus law or cosine square law, when a beam of completely plane polarised light is incident on the analyser, then the intensity  $I$  of the emergent light is given by

$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \phi$$

where

$I_0$  = intensity of plane polarised light incident on the analyser.

$\phi$  = angle between planes of transmission of polariser and the analyser.

From this law, when  $\phi = 0$ ,  $I = I_0$  maximum intensity.

when  $\phi = 90^\circ$ ,  $I = 0$  minimum intensity.

To verify this law, the light from the analyser is made to enter in a photo voltaic cell. The current output of photo voltaic cell is connected to moving coil galvanometer. The deflection of galvanometer  $\theta$  is directly proportional to the intensity of light falling on photo voltaic cell. According to cosine law  $\theta \propto \cos^2 \phi$ . Hence if a graph is plotted between  $\theta$  and  $\cos^2 \phi$ , it should be a straight line, thus verifying cosine law.

**Description of Apparatus :** The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1).  $P$  is a polariser and  $A$  is an analyser. These two are fitted at the ends of a metallic tube. Both are capable of rotation about a common

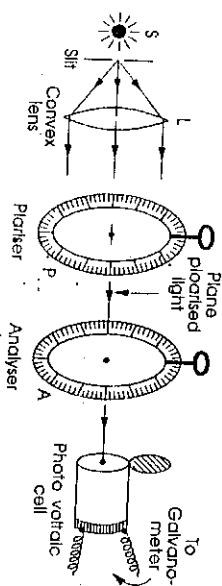


Fig. (1)

axis. The rotation can be read on a circular scale provided with each of them. Light from the source  $S$  rendered parallel with the help of convex lens  $L$ , is allowed to fall on polariser  $P$ . The light after passing through  $P$  becomes polarised. The polarised light then passes through analyser  $A$ . It is then allowed to fall on a photo voltaic cell inside the photo voltaic cell. The experiment is performed in a dark room to avoid any external light to enter

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### Procedure :

(i) The experimental arrangement is made according to fig. (2). In this arrangement, the source  $S$ , convex lens, Polariser  $P$ , analyser  $A$  and the window of photo voltaic cell should be at the same height. Adjust the lamp and scale arrangement in such a way that the spot of light would be at zero of the scale.

(ii) Now open the window of photo voltaic cell. For any orientation of the polariser  $P$ , the analyser is rotated till there is a maximum deflection in the galvanometer. The position of analyser is noted on the circular scale. The corresponding galvanometer deflection is also recorded. This position analyser corresponds to  $\phi = 0$ .

(iii) The analyser is rotated through a small angle say  $10^\circ$  and the steady galvanometer deflection is noted.

(iv) The experiment is repeated by rotating the analyser through  $10^\circ$  each time and noting the corresponding galvanometer deflection till it becomes practically zero.

### Observations :

S. No.	Angle through which analyser is rotated $\phi$	Steady galvanometer deflection $\theta$	$\cos \phi$	$\cos^2 \phi$	$\frac{\theta}{\cos^2 \phi}$
1	$0^\circ$	...	...	...	...
2	$10^\circ$	...	...	...	...
3	$20^\circ$	...	...	...	...
4	$30^\circ$	...	...	...	...
5	$40^\circ$	...	...	...	...
6	$50^\circ$	...	...	...	...
7	$60^\circ$	...	...	...	...
8	$70^\circ$	...	...	...	...

**Calculations :** Find the value of  $\theta / \cos^2 \phi$  from each observation. It remain practically constant.

Draw a graph between  $\cos^2 \phi$  on X axis and  $\theta$  on Y axis. The graph comes a straight line as shown in fig. (3). The graph verify the cosine square law (Malus law).

### Sources of error and precautions :

- The position of the polariser  $P$  should not be disturbed throughout the experiment.
- Source of light, lens, polariser, analyser and window of photo voltaic cell should be adjusted to the same height.
- Galvanometer should be of low resistance.
- The voltage applied to the source of light should be constant throughout the experiment.
- The experiment should be performed in a dark room.

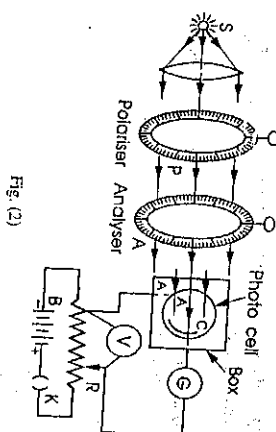


Fig. (2)

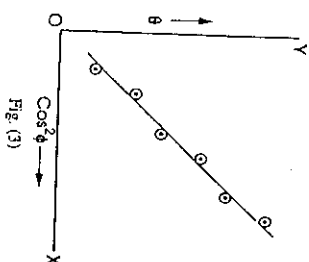


Fig. (3)

## Viva-Voce

Q.1. What do you mean by plane polarised light?

Ans. When the vibrations of light are confined in a single plane, then the light is known as plane polarised light.

Q.2. What do you mean by elliptically and circularly polarised light?

Ans. If light vector rotates along ellipse i.e. changes in magnitude while rotating the light is elliptically polarised light or elliptically polarised light is the resultant of two waves of unequal amplitudes vibrating at right angles to each other and having a phase difference of  $\pi/2$ .

If the light vector rotates along a circle i.e., it does not change magnitude while rotating, the light is circularly polarised light or circularly polarised light is the resultant of two waves of equal amplitudes, vibrating at right angles to each other and having a phase difference of  $\pi/2$ .

Q.3. What is Brewster's law?

Ans. Brewster discovered that when the light is reflected from a transparent material, then for a particular angle of incidence known as angle of polarisation, the reflected light is completely polarised in the plane of incidence. The tangent of the angle of polarisation ( $p$ ) is numerically equal to the refractive index ( $\mu$ ) of the medium i.e.,  $\mu = \tan p$ . This known as Brewster's law.

Q.4. What is the angle between reflected and refracted light?

Ans.  $90^\circ$ .

Q.5. What is Malus law?

Ans. According to Malus law, when a completely plane polarised light is incident on analyser, the intensity of polarised light transmitted through the analyser varies as the square of cosine of the angle between the plane of transmission of the analyser and the plane of polariser.

Q.6. How do you get a plane polarised light?

Ans. A plane polarised light is obtained with the help of polariser (Nicol's prism).

Q.7. How do you prove Malus law?

Ans. The light from analyser is made to enter in photovoltaic cell connected to a galvanometer. The galvanometer deflection  $\theta$  is directly proportional to the intensity falling on voltaic cell. We draw a graph between  $\theta$  and  $\cos^2 \phi$  ( $\phi$  is the angle between planes of transmission of polariser and analyser) which comes out to be a straight line, thus verifying cosine law.

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## EXPERIMENT No. 22

**Object :** To analyse elliptically-polarised light by means of Babinet's compensator, i.e.,  
(A) Calibration of micrometer screw  
(B) Measurement of phase difference between components of elliptical vibration produced by  $\lambda/4$  plate, and  
(C) Determination of positions and ratio of the axes of the ellipse.

**Apparatus used :** Babinet's compensator, sodium lamp (monochromatic source), white light source, quarter wave plate, Nicols or polaroids, eyepiece, reading lens and plumb line.

### Experimental arrangement :

The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. (1). In the figure  $S$  is a monochromatic source of light i.e., sodium lamp.  $L_1$  is a collimating lens. In front of  $L_1$ , polaroid or Nicol  $N_1$  is placed which can be rotated in its own plane. After  $N_1$  a quarter wave plate ( $\lambda/4$  plate) placed in a suitable mount is introduced. The  $\lambda/4$  plate can

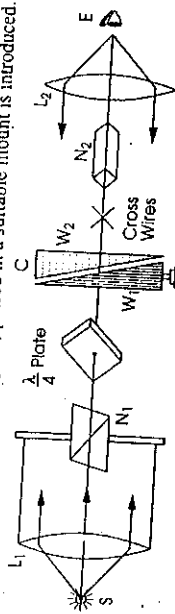


Fig. (1)

be rotated in its own plane and the rotation can be read on the graduated circular scale. Beyond this the Babinet compensator  $C$ , analyser Nicol or polaroid  $N_2$ , and an eyepiece  $L_2$  are introduced. Actually the Babinet compensator, Nicol and eyepiece are mounted in a single mount, of course, the compensator is removable. The cross wires of the compensator are in a sharp focus of  $L_2$ . Moreover, the compensator can be rotated about the optical axis of the instrument and its rotation can be read on the graduated circular scale. The Nicol  $N_2$  can also be rotated.

The Babinet compensator  $C$  consist of two quartz wedges  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of equal acute angles. The two are placed in such a way so that they form a small rectangular block. The optic axis in the two wedges are perpendicular to each other as shown by straight lines in  $W_1$  and dots in  $W_2$ . The wedge  $W_2$  is fixed while the wedge  $W_1$  can be slid in its own plane by means of a micrometer screw. Cross wires are placed in front of the fixed wedge  $W_2$ .

### Procedure :

(A) Calibration of micrometer screw :

(i) The Nicols  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are adjusted in the crossed position by the following procedure :

First of all the Babinet compensator  $C$ , polariser  $N_1$  and  $\lambda/4$  plate are removed from their mounts. The light from sodium lamp is collimated by the analyser  $N_2$ . The analyser is rotated so that the minimum intensity is

observed. Now the polariser  $N_1$  is placed in its mount and it is rotated in such a way that after looking through the eyepiece the minimum intensity is observed. The two Nicols are then in a crossed positions.

(ii) The compensator  $C$  is now introduced between  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . On looking through the eyepiece, bright and dark bands are observed. The compensator is now rotated exactly through  $45^\circ$ . The bright and dark bands of maximum contrast are now observed.

(iii) One of the dark bands is taken on the cross wire by moving the wedge  $W_1$  of the compensator by means of micrometer screw. The reading of the screw is noted.

(iv) The successive dark bands are adjusted on cross wire by micrometer screw and the micrometer reading are noted.

(v) The distance between two successive bands is found out. Let it be  $2b$ . This distance corresponds to a change of  $2\pi$  in phase difference produced by the compensator. In this way the compensator is calibrated in terms of phase difference.

### (B) Measurement of the phase difference :

(i) The monochromatic source of light is replaced by white light source. The micrometer screw is adjusted so that the central band is under the cross wire. In this position the phase difference at the cross wire is zero. The micrometer reading is noted.

(ii) The quarter wave plate with its optic axis making nearly  $25^\circ$  angle with the vertical is introduced between polariser and compensator. The light falling on compensator is elliptically polarised. The central dark band now shifts from the cross wire. Here it should be remembered that the intensity (blackness) of the central bands decreases. The blackness is restored by rotating the compensator. The micrometer screw is now rotated such that the central band is again at the cross wire. This reading of micrometer is also noted.

(iii) The difference between the micrometer readings in step (i) and in step (ii) give the distance  $x$  through which the wedge is moved. The phase difference is then calculated by the following formula :

$$\text{Phase difference} = \frac{\pi x}{b} \text{ rad.}$$

(iv) The process is repeated for other inclinations (see table 2) of  $\lambda/4$  plate.

### (C) Determination of positions and ratio of the axes of the ellipse :

(i) White light source is used for this part.

(ii) The  $\lambda/4$  plate is removed and the light is allowed to fall on the compensator so that the light is plane polarised. The wedge  $W_1$  of the compensator is adjusted in such a way that the central black band comes under the cross wire. The micrometer reading is noted.

(iii) The micrometer screw is now moved exactly through a distance  $b/2$ . The central dark band is no more under the cross wire.

(iv) The  $\lambda/4$  plate is inserted between polariser and compensator. With the help of plumb line,  $\lambda/4$  plate is made vertical and then it is rotated through an angle  $25^\circ$  (say).

(v) The compensator is rotated until the central band is under cross wire. Here the analyser may also be rotated so that the central band is maximum black. In this case the axes of the incident elliptical vibration are parallel to the axes of the wedges. The orientation of the compensator  $\theta$  is noted on the circular scale.

(vi) Now the compensator is slowly rotated until the bands just disappear. The field of view will be of uniform illumination. The orientation of compensator  $\theta_2$  is noted.

(vii) The difference of the two readings of compensator i.e.,  $(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$  gives the angle  $\theta$  of rotation.

(viii) The experiment is repeated for different inclinations of  $\lambda/4$  plate.

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### Observations :

Table 1

(A) For the calibration of micrometer screw (band width  $2b$ ) :

Least count of micrometer screw = ... cm.

S. No.	Band number	Screw reading	Width of 4 bands	Band width ( $2b$ ) cm.	Mean ( $2b$ ) cm.
1	First				
2	Second				
3	Third				
4	Fourth				
5	Fifth				
6	Sixth				
7	Seventh				
8	Eighth				

(B) For the measurement of phase difference :

S. No.	Inclination of $\lambda/4$ plate from vertical	Screw reading without $\lambda/4$ plate ( $p$ ) cm.	Screw reading with $\lambda/4$ plate ( $q$ ) cm.	Linear displacement $x = (p - q)$ rad.	Phase difference $= \pi x / b$ rad.	Mean Phase difference rad.
1	$25^\circ$	...	...	...	...	...
2	$30^\circ$	...	...	...	...	...
3	$35^\circ$	...	...	...	...	...
4	$40^\circ$	...	...	...	...	...
5	$45^\circ$	...	...	...	...	...

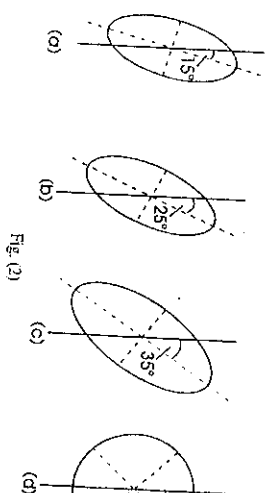
(C) For the position and ratio of axes :

Table 3

S. No.	Inclination of $\lambda/4$ plate from vertical	Position of compensator in maximum contrast $\theta_1$ (degrees)	Position of compensator in uniform illumination $\theta_2$ (degrees)	Angle $\theta = \theta_1 - \theta_2$ (degrees)	Tan $\theta = b/a$ Ratio of the axes
1	$15^\circ$	...	...	...	...
2	$25^\circ$	...	...	...	...
3	$35^\circ$	...	...	...	...
4	$45^\circ$	...	...	...	...

**Graph :** The ellipse of different eccentricities corresponding to different orientations of  $\lambda/4$  plate are shown in fig. (2). When  $\theta = 45^\circ$ , the circle so obtained corresponds to circularly polarised light.

**Results :** (i) The phase difference between two components of the elliptical vibration = ... rad. (This is nearly equal to  $\pi/2$ ).



(ii) For various inclinations the ratios of the axes of the ellipses are shown in fig. (2). The value of  $\theta$  is approximately equal to the inclination of  $\lambda/4$  plate.

#### Sources of error and Precautions :

- It is not possible to locate the middle point of dark band correctly and hence the cross wire should be adjusted at one end.
- For the measurement of phase difference and for the ratio of the axes, the monochromatic source of light should be replaced by white light source.
- Plumb line should be used to make the  $\lambda/4$  plate vertical.
- In determining  $\theta_1$  the position of maximum contrast should be adjusted carefully.
- For the measurement of the ratio of axes, the experiment should be repeated for different inclinations of  $\lambda/4$  plate.

#### Viva-Voce

Q. 1. What is Babinet compensator ?

Ans. See experimental arrangement part of the experiment.

Q. 2. What is  $\lambda/4$  plate ?

Ans. This is a calcite plate with optic axis in the surface of crystal of such a thickness so that it introduces a path difference of  $\lambda/4$  or phase difference of  $\pi/2$  between ordinary and extra-ordinary rays.

Q. 3. What is advantage of a Babinet compensator over a simple quarter wave plate ?

Ans.  $\lambda/4$  plate can be used only for a particular frequency while Babinet compensator may be used over a wide range of frequencies.

Q. 4. What do you mean by elliptically polarised light ?

Ans. When two plane polarised waves at right angle to each other superimpose over each other, then the resultant light vector rotates with a constant magnitude in a plane perpendicular to the direction of propagation. If the light vector rotates along ellipse i.e., changes its magnitude while rotating, the light is known as elliptically polarised light.

Q. 5. What do you mean by analysis of elliptically polarised light ?

Ans. The analysis of elliptically polarised light includes :

- Measurement of phase difference between components of elliptical vibration produced by  $\lambda/4$  plate.
- Determination of positions and ratio of the axes of the ellipse.

Q. 6. Why do you get dark and bright bands ?

Ans. Due to the variation in thickness of the wedges, we get dark and bright bands.

Q. 7. What will happen if monochromatic source is replaced by white light source ?

Ans. The central band will appear dark while other band on both sides will be coloured.

Q. 8. Describe a Nicol prism.

Ans. This is an optical device made from calcite crystal to produce and analyse the plane polarised light. A calcite crystal whose length is three times as its width is taken. The end faces are cut in such a way that the principal section become  $68^\circ$  and  $112^\circ$ . The crystal is then cut along a direction perpendicular to both the principal section and end face. The cut surfaces are grounded, polished and cemented by a layer of Canada balsam. The crystal is then enclosed in a tube.

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## EXPERIMENT No. 23

**Object :** To verify Fresnel's formulae for the reflection of light.  
**Apparatus used :** Spectrometer, prism, sodium lamp, a pair of polaroids fitted inside circular stands provided with circular scales which may be clamped on the telescope and collimator tubes, reading lens, etc.

### Theory of the experiment :

According to Fresnel's formulae

$$\tan \theta = - \frac{\cos(i-r)}{\cos(i+r)}$$

where,

- $\theta$  = Angle between the direction of reflected light and the plane of incidence
- $i$  = Angle of incidence of plane polarised light.
- $r$  = corresponding angle of refraction.

A graph is plotted between  $\tan \theta$  and  $[-\cos(i-r)/\cos(i+r)]$ . If the graph comes out to be a straight line inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the axes, then this may be taken as a verification of the Fresnel's formulae.

**Procedure :** The experiment is performed in the following three parts :

- Determination of refractive index  $\mu$  of the material of the prism and then to calculate the polarising angle.
- Setting of the collimator polaroid to make the plane of vibration of plane polarised light (incident light) inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the plane of incidence.
- Determination of  $\theta$  for various values of  $i$ .

(1) **Determination of refractive index  $\mu$  of the material of the prism and then to calculate the polarising angle :**

- The slit of collimator is illuminated with sodium light.
- Without polaroids, the spectrometer is adjusted for parallel rays using Schuster's method.
- The angle of the prism ( $A$ ) is determined as usual.
- The angle of minimum deviation ( $\delta_m$ ) for sodium light is determined in usual way.
- The refractive index ( $\mu$ ) of the material of the prism is calculated by using the following formula :

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

- The polarising angle ( $\phi$ ) is calculated from Brewster's law  

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \mu$$

- Setting of the collimator polaroid to make the plane of vibration of plane polarised light inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the plane of incidence.**

- The prism is removed from the prism table and the telescope is adjusted for the direct image of the slit. The position of the telescope is noted.

- (iii) The telescope is turned through an angle  $(180 - 2\theta)^\circ$  from the direct position as shown in fig. (1) and clamped.
- (iv) The prism is placed on the prism table. The prism table is rotated slowly to receive the reflected image of the slit on the cross-wire of the telescope. In this position, the light incident on the prism face is at polarising angle  $\phi$ . Now the light is plane polarised. The vibration of plane polarised light is perpendicular to the plane of incidence.
- (v) The polaroid (Analyser) is mounted on the objective of the telescope. Viewing through the telescope and rotating the polaroid slowly, the image of the slit is reduced to a minimum. The position of the pointer of the polaroid in its graduated scale is noted. Let it be  $\beta$ .
- (vi) The prism is removed from the prism table and the telescope is brought in the line of collimator to receive the direct image of slit on the cross wire. The second polaroid (Polariser) is mounted on the collimator lens. This is rotated till the direct image of the slit in the telescope reduces to minimum intensity. The reading of polariser is read on the circular scale attached with it. Further the polaroid is rotated through  $45^\circ$ . Now the polaroid is transmitting light whose plane of vibration is inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the plane of incidence.

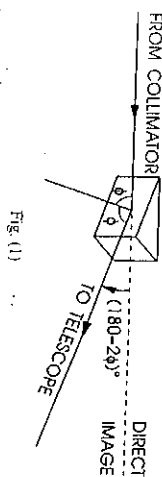


Fig. (1)

### (3) Determination of $\phi$ for various values of $i$ :

- (i) The telescope is rotated through a small angle  $\alpha$  (say, about  $10^\circ$ ) and clamped.
- (ii) The prism is placed on the prism table and the prism table is rotated to receive the image of the slit on the cross wire of the telescope.
- (iii) The analyser (Polaroid on telescope) is rotated from its initial setting  $\beta$  until the intensity of image of slit in telescope reduces to minimum. The angle of rotation will be  $\theta$  i.e., the angle which the reflected vibration makes with the plane of incidence. The angle of incidence (as shown in fig. (2)) for this setting will be

$$i = \frac{180 - \alpha}{2}$$

$$\text{For } \alpha = 10^\circ, i = \frac{180 - 10}{2} = 85^\circ$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \quad \text{or} \quad r = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin i}{\mu} \right)$$

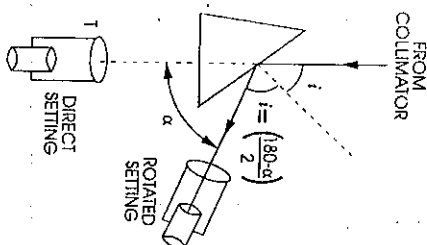
- (iv) The angle of incidence is varied in steps of  $10^\circ$  by turning the telescope and angle  $\theta$  is measured for all values of  $i$ .

### Observations and Calculations:

#### (1). Table for the angle of prism (A)

S. No.	Position of telescope for the image of slit from one face	Position of telescope for the image of slit from other face	Difference 2A		Mean 2A
	Vernier $V_1$	Vernier $V_2$	Vernier $V_1$	Vernier $V_2$	Mean
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...

Fig. (2)



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#### (2) Table for the angle of minimum deviation ( $\delta_m$ )

S. No.	Position of telescope for the minimum deviation	Position of telescope for direct image of the slit	Difference		Mean $\delta_m$
	Vernier $V_1$	Vernier $V_2$	Vernier $V_1$	Vernier $V_2$	Mean
1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a-c)
2	...	...	...	...	(b-d)
3	...	...	...	...	...

Angle of the prism  $A = \dots$

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A + \delta_m}{2} \right)}{\sin (A/2)}$$

$$\text{and } \phi = \tan^{-1} \mu = \dots$$

### (3) Readings for setting the plane of vibration of incident light at $45^\circ$ with the plane of incidence.

- (i) Position of telescope on vernier  $V_1$  for direct image of slit = ...
- (ii) The angle through which the telescope is rotated =  $(180 - 2\theta) = \dots$
- (iii) New position of telescope on vernier = ...
- (iv) Reading of analyser for minimum intensity  $\beta = \dots$
- (v) Reading of polariser for minimum intensity = ...
- (vi) Reading of polariser after rotation of  $45^\circ = \dots$

#### (4) Table for finding $\theta$ for different values of $i$ .

S. No.	Angle of rotation of telescope $\alpha$	Reading of analyser for minimum intensity $\beta$	Initial reading of analyser $\beta$	$\theta = (\beta' - \beta)$	$\tan \theta$
1	$10^\circ$	...	...	...	...
2	$20^\circ$	...	...	...	...
3	$30^\circ$	...	...	...	...
4	$40^\circ$	...	...	...	...
5	$50^\circ$	...	...	...	...
6	$60^\circ$	...	...	...	...
7	$70^\circ$	...	...	...	...
8	$80^\circ$	...	...	...	...
9	$90^\circ$	...	...	...	...

#### (5) Table for calculation of $[-\cos(i-r)/\cos(i+r)]$

S. No.	Angle of incidence $i = \left( \frac{180 - \alpha}{2} \right)$	Angle of refraction $r = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin i}{\mu} \right)$	$(i-r)$	$(i+r)$	$-\frac{\cos(i-r)}{\cos(i+r)}$
1	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...
6	...	...	...	...	...
7	...	...	...	...	...
8	...	...	...	...	...
9	...	...	...	...	...

A graph is plotted between  $\tan \theta$  and corresponding values of  $\frac{\cos(i-r)}{\cos(i+r)}$ . The graph comes out to be a straight line inclined at an angle  $45^\circ$  to the axes as shown in fig. (3).

**Result :** The graph between  $\tan \theta$  and  $\frac{\cos(i-r)}{\cos(i+r)}$  is a straight line passing through origin and inclined at an angle  $45^\circ$  with the axes. This shows the verification of Fresnel's formulae for reflection.

#### Sources of error and Precautions :

- (1) Spectrometer should be adjusted properly.
- (2) The reflecting face of the prism should be absolutely clean.
- (3) The angle  $\theta$  should be measured for several values of  $i$  at interval of  $10^\circ$ .
- (4) To find the value of  $\theta$ , the analyser is set several times to minimise the intensity inside telescope and then mean value should be recorded.
- (5) The setting of polariser should not be disturbed throughout the part third of the experiment.

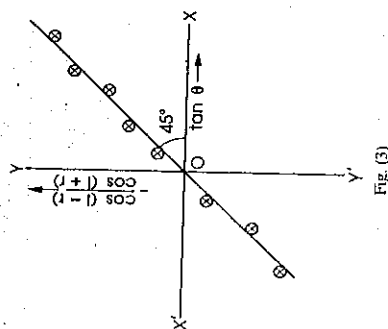


Fig. (3)

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## EXPERIMENT No. 24

**Object :** To study elliptically polarised light by means of a photo-electric cell.

**Apparatus used :** Photo-electric cell, optical bench with suitable uprights, dead beat galvanometer, source of light, doubly refracting plate, polaroids or nicols, lamp and scale arrangement, slit, etc.

**Theory of the experiment :** The intensity of the light transmitted by the analyser is given by  $I = (a^2 - b^2) \cos^2 \theta + b^2$  ... (1)

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the semi-major and semi-minor axes of the elliptical vibration and  $\theta$ , the angle between the major axis and the plane of transmission for the analyser.

For  $\theta = 0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ ,  $I = I_{\max} = a^2$  ... (2)

and for  $\theta = 90^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$ ,  $I = I_{\min} = b^2$  ... (3)

So during a complete rotation of the analyser, the intensity will be maximum twice and also minimum twice. It is obvious from eq. (1) that if a graph is drawn between  $I$  and  $\cos^2 \theta$ , it would be a straight line. The slope of the straight line with  $\cos^2 \theta$  axis will give  $(a^2 - b^2)$ . Moreover,  $a^2$  can be found by observing the maximum intensity (intensity is measured in terms of galvanometer deflection). With the help of above data  $b^2$  and hence the ratio of  $a/b$  can be obtained.

**Experimental arrangement :** The experimental arrangement is shown in fig. 1. An electric bulb (fed either by a battery cell or by mains through step down transformer), slit, converging lens  $L$ , polariser nicol  $N_1$ ,  $\lambda/4$  plate, analyser nicol  $N_2$  and photo cell (connected to galvanometer  $G$ ) are mounted in suitable uprights of an optical bench. Polariser  $N_1$ ,  $\lambda/4$  plate and analyser  $N_2$  can be rotated in their own planes about the axis of light beam and their positions can be read on circular scales.

Light after passing through polariser  $N_1$  becomes plane polarised as shown in figure. The  $\lambda/4$  plate makes the plane polarised light as elliptically polarised (if plane polarised light is not incident at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with optic axis of  $\lambda/4$  plate). The elliptically polarised light is then transmitted through analyser  $N_2$ . The intensity of transmitted light is different for different orientations of analyser. Now the transmitted light is received by photo-cell which converts it into a current. The current produces a deflection in the galvanometer. Obviously, the deflection of the galvanometer is different for different orientations of  $N_2$ .

Fig. (1)

#### Procedure :

- (1) First of all, by adjusting polariser  $N_2$  and  $\lambda/4$  plate, elliptically polarised light is obtained. For this purpose the photo-cell is removed from the optical bench. The transmitted light is viewed by rotating the analyser  $N_2$ . The orientation of  $\lambda/4$  plate adjusted in such a way that intensity varies between maximum and minimum but never zero. Now the light emerging from  $\lambda/4$  plate is elliptically polarised. It should be remembered that the position of  $\lambda/4$  plate should not be disturbed throughout the experiment.

- (2) The coil of the galvanometer is made free. Keeping the source of light (bulb) switched off, the initial position of the spot of light is adjusted on zero of the scale.
- (3) Place the photo-cell at its proper place of the optical bench. The pointer of the analyser  $N_2$  is adjusted to read zero on the circular scale.
- (4) The source of light is switched on. Note down the deflection of the spot of light on the scale.
- (5) The source of light is switched off and the spot of light is brought to zero position. The analyser is rotated through  $20^\circ$ .
- (6) The source of light is switched on. The deflection of spot of light is noted.
- (7) By rotating the analyser in steps of  $20^\circ$  and following procedure 5th and 6th, the corresponding deflections of spot of light are noted.

Observations :

Table for orientation of analyser and galvanometer deflection

S. No.	Orientation of analyser $\alpha^\circ$	Galvanometer deflection (Intensity $I$ )	S. No.	Orientation of analyser $\alpha^\circ$	Galvanometer deflection (Intensity $I$ )
1	0	...	11	308	...
2	20	...	12	220	...
3	40	...	13	340	...
4	60	...	14	260	...
5	80	...	15	280	...
6	100	...	16	300	...
7	120	...	17	320	...
8	140	...	18	340	...
9	160	...	19	360	...
10	180	...			

**Calculations :** A graph is drawn between galvanometer deflection (Intensity  $I$ ) and various orientations of analyser ( $\alpha$ ). The graph is shown in fig. (2). The shape of the graph is like a figure of eight. The maximum value of radius vector defines  $\theta = 0^\circ$  (or  $180^\circ$ ) and minimum defines  $\theta = 90^\circ$  (or  $270^\circ$ ).

Now we draw radius vectors (like  $OB$ ) at angles  $\theta = 0^\circ, 20^\circ, \dots, 90^\circ$  with respect to longest radius vector  $OP$  and measure their lengths. The radius vectors give the intensity. The values are tabulated below :

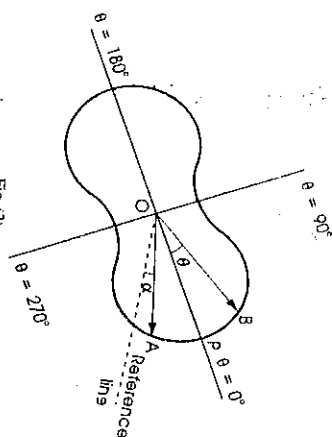


Fig. (2)

S. No.	$\theta^\circ$	$\cos \theta$	$\cos^2 \theta$	$I$ (in cm.)
0	0	...	...	...
1	10	...	...	...
2	20	...	...	...
3	30	...	...	...
4	40	...	...	...
5	50	...	...	...
6	60	...	...	...
7	70	...	...	...
8	80	...	...	...
9	90	...	...	...
10	100	...	...	...

Finally a graph is drawn between  $I$  and  $\cos^2 \theta$ . This comes out to be a straight line as shown in fig. (3).

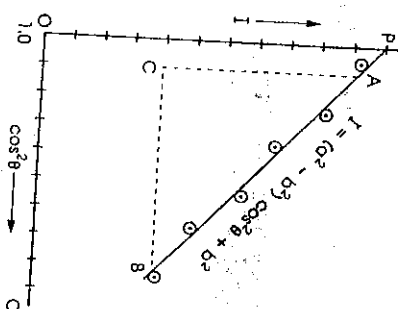


Fig. (3)

From graph,  $a^2 = I_{\max}$  (for  $\theta = 0$ ; i.e.,  $\cos^2 \theta = 1.0000$ )  
 $= OP = \dots$

$(a^2 - b^2) = \text{slope of the line} = AC/CB = \dots$   
 $b^2 = \dots$  Further  $a^2/b^2 = \dots$

Now  $\frac{a}{b} = \dots$

**Result :** The ratio of  $\frac{a}{b} = \dots$

**Precautions and sources of error :**

- (1) The heights of the uprights should be properly adjusted.
- (2) The source of light should be switched on only when the reading is to be taken.
- (3) The galvanometer used should have a very high sensitivity.
- (4) After each observation, the galvanometer coil should be brought to rest (i.e., initial position of spot of light should be at zero).
- (5) Experiment should be performed in a dark room.

# Rydberg's Constant

EXPERIMENT No. 25

**Object :** To determine the value of Rydberg's constant with the help of diffraction grating and a hydrogen tube.

**Apparatus required :** Spectrometer, grating, hydrogen discharge tube and induction coil.

**Theory and Formula used :**

The value of the Rydberg's constant can be obtained with the help of Bohr's theory of Hydrogen spectrum. This theory is mainly based on the following postulates :

- An electron moves round the nucleus in circular orbit, the nucleus being stationary. The centripetal force required for circular motion is provided by electrostatic attraction between the positively charged nucleus and the negatively charged electron.

Hence,

$$\frac{m v^2}{a} = \frac{e^2}{a^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

where  $m$  = mass of the electron,

$v$  = its linear velocity,

$a$  = radius of the electron orbit,

$e$  = negative charge on the electron.

- The electron revolves around the nucleus in various circular orbits for which the angular momentum of the electron is an integral multiple of  $h/2\pi$ , where  $h$  is the Planck's constant. Hence

$$m v a = \frac{n h}{2 \pi} \quad \dots (2)$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3$  etc. gives the quantum number.

- When an electron jumps from a lower energy state to a higher energy state it absorbs energy and when it jumps from a higher energy level to lower energy level it gives out electromagnetic radiation of a particular frequency

$$W_2 - W_1 = h \nu$$

where  $W_2$  is the energy of the  $n_2$  energy level,  $W_1$  is the energy of  $n_1$  energy level and  $\nu$  is the frequency of radiations.

Squaring (2) and dividing by (1), we have

$$a = \frac{n^2 h^2}{4 \pi^2 m e}$$

The energy  $W_n$  of the electron in an orbit is the sum of the potential and kinetic energies. The potential energy, which is equal to the workdone in bringing the electron from infinity to  $a$  is

$$P.E. = \int_{\infty}^a \frac{e^2}{a^2} da = -\frac{e^2}{a}$$

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$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{e^2}{2a}$$

$$W_n = P.E. + K.E. = -\frac{e^2}{a} + \frac{e^2}{2a} = -\frac{e^2}{2a}$$

Substituting the value of  $a$  from equation (4), we have

$$W_n = -\frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{n^2 h^2} \quad \dots (5)$$

Let  $W_{n_1}$  and  $W_{n_2}$  be the energies corresponding to  $n_1$ th and  $n_2$ th the orbits respectively, then

$$W_{n_1} = -\frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{n_1^2 h^2} \quad \dots (6)$$

and

$$W_{n_2} = -\frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{n_2^2 h^2} \quad \dots (7)$$

Now from equation (3),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W_{n_2} - W_{n_1}}{h} &= \frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{h^2} \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the wave numbers of the emitted lines are given by

$$\frac{\nu}{c} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{c h^3} \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$$

where  $R_H = \frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{c h^3}$  (Rydberg's constant for hydrogen).

**Spectral series of hydrogen atom :**

- Lyman series :** When an electron jumps from an outer orbits to the first orbit, the spectral lines are in the ultra violet region

$n_1 = 1$  and  $n_2 = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$  etc.

- Balmer series :** When an electron jumps from outer orbits to the second orbit, we obtain the Balmer series  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 = 3, 4, 5, \dots$  etc. This series lies in the visible region of the spectrum.

- Paschen series :** When  $n_1 = 3$  and  $n_2 = 4, 5, 6$ , etc. we obtain the Paschen series.

- Brackett series :** When  $n_1 = 4$  and  $n_2 = 5, 6, 7$ , etc. we obtain the Brackett series.

- Pfund series :** When  $n_1 = 5$  and  $n_2 = 6, 7, 8, \dots$  etc. we obtain the fund series.

**Formula used :**

In Balmer series, the wavelength corresponding to the quantum number  $n_2$  is given by

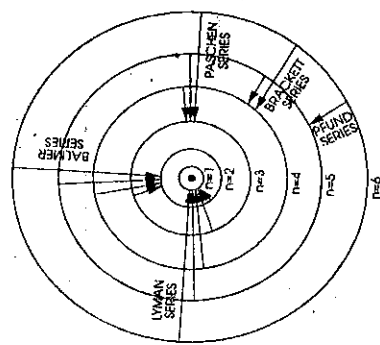


Fig. (1)



where  $R_H$  = Rydberg's constant.

Some of the prominent lines corresponding to  $n_2 = 3, 4, 5, 6$ , are as follows :

$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right]$	
$H_\alpha$	Red
$H_\beta$	Green Blue
$H_\gamma$	Blue
$H_\delta$	Violet
$\lambda = 6563 \text{ \AA.U.}$	
$\lambda = 4861 \text{ \AA.U.}$	
$\lambda = 4342 \text{ \AA.U.}$	
$\lambda = 4102 \text{ \AA.U.}$	

Thus the value of the Rydberg's constant can easily be calculated by experimentally determining the wavelength of the above prominent lines for the corresponding value of  $n_2$ .

#### Procedure :

##### (A) Make the following preliminary adjustments of the spectrometer :

- Focussing of the eyepiece of the telescope on the crosswire.
- The axis of the telescope and that of collimator must intersect the principal vertical axis of rotation of the telescope.
- Prism table should be levelled.
- Telescope and collimator are adjusted for parallel light by Schuster's method.

##### (B) Grating should be normal to the axis of collimator :

The adjustment is shown in figure (2).

- Collimator and telescope are arranged in a line and the image of the slit is focussed on the vertical cross wire. The reading is noted on both the verniers.
- The telescope is now rotated through  $90^\circ$ .
- Mount the grating on the prism table and rotate the prism table so that the reflected image is seen on the vertical cross wire. Take the reading of the verniers.
- Turn the prism table from this position through  $45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$ .

In this position the grating is normal to the incident beam.

##### (C) Procedure for the determination of angle of diffraction :

The spectrum obtained in a grating is shown in figure (3).

- Rotate the telescope to the left side of the direct image and adjust the different spectral lines (violet, green and red) of 1st order on the vertical cross wire. Note down the readings of both the verniers in each settings.
- Rotate the telescope further to obtain the second order spectrum and again adjust the spectral lines on the vertical cross wire and note the readings.
- Now rotate the telescope to the right of direct image and repeat the above procedure for first order as well as for second order.
- Find out the difference of the same kind of verniers for the same spectral lines in the first order and in the second order. The angle is the twice the angle of diffraction for that particular colour. Half of it will be the angle of diffraction.
- Find out the angles of diffraction for other colours in first and second order.

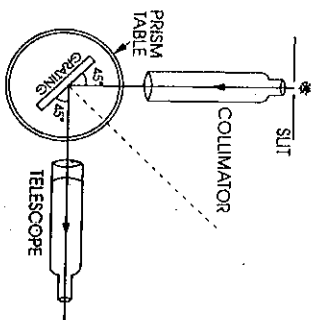


Fig. (2)

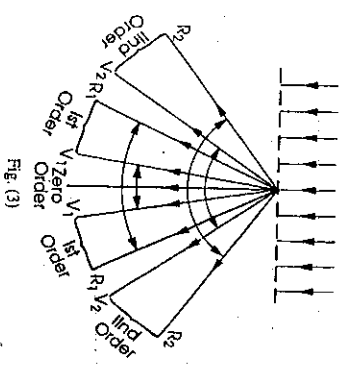


Fig. (3)

#### Rydberg's Constant

##### Observations :

- No. of lines,  $N$ , per inch on the grating = ...
- Least count of spectrometer = ... cm.
- Reading of telescope for direct image = ...
- Reading of telescope after rotating it through  $90^\circ$  = ...
- Reading of circular scale when reflected image is obtained on the cross wire = ...
- Reading after rotating the prism table through  $45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$  = ...

##### Determination of angles of diffraction :

Order of Spectrum	Colour of light	Kinds of vernier	Spectrum on left side			Spectrum on right side			2\theta = a - b	Mean \theta
			M.S. Reading	V.S. Reading	Total Degrees	M.S. Reading	V.S. Reading	Total Degrees		
First	Violet	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		V <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Green	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		V <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second	Red	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		V <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Violet	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		V <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second	Green	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Red	V <sub>1</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

##### Calculations :

$$(a+b) = \frac{2.54}{N} = \dots \text{ per cm.}$$

where  $N$  is the number of ruling per inch on the grating surface.

Wavelength of  $H_\alpha$  line :

For first order  $\lambda_\alpha = (a+b) \sin \theta$ , because  $n = 1$  for first order

$$= \dots \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}$$

For second order

$$\lambda_\alpha = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{2}$$

$$= \dots \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm.}$$

Hence, mean wavelength  $\lambda_\alpha$  for  $H_\alpha$  line = ...  $\times 10^{-8}$  cm.

Similarly, calculate the wavelength of  $H_\beta$ ,  $H_\gamma$  and  $H_\delta$  lines.

Now, for  $H_\alpha$  line

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha} = R_H \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{3^2} \right]$$

$$R_H = \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha} \times \frac{36}{5}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

For  $H_\beta$  line

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_\beta} = R_H \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} \right]$$

$$R_H = \frac{1}{\lambda_\beta} \times \frac{16}{12}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

For  $H_\gamma$  line

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_\gamma} = R_H \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{5^2} \right]$$

$$R_H = \frac{1}{\lambda_\gamma} \times \frac{16}{21}$$

$$= \dots \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

∴ Mean value of

$$R_H = \dots \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Theoretically,

$$R_H = \frac{2\pi^2 m e^4}{c h^3}$$

where

$$m = 9.10660 \times 10^{-28} \text{ gm.}$$

$$h = 6.624 \times 10^{-27} \text{ ergs sec.}$$

$$e = 4.8025 \times 10^{-10} \text{ e.s.u.}$$

$$c = 2.9980 \times 10^{10} \text{ cms./sec.}$$

$$R_H = \dots \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Result : The value of Rydberg's constant = ...  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .Standard value : Standard value of  $R_H = \dots \text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Percentage error : ... %.

Sources of error and Precautions :

- (i) Before performing the experiment, the spectrometer should be adjusted.
- (ii) Grating should not be touched by fingers.
- (iii) Grating should be set normal to the incident light.
- (iv) Both Verniers should be read.
- (v) While taking observations, telescope and prism table should be kept fixed.

Experiment with Prism :

If instead of using grating, we use prism, then we perform the experiment in two parts.

**First Part with Hydrogen tube :** Set the telescope and collimator for parallel rays and then place the prism in the position of minimum deviation and then calculate the deviations ' $\delta$ ' for the following four lines of hydrogen :

1. Red ( $H_\alpha$ )
2. Green Blue ( $H_\beta$ )
3. Blue ( $H_\gamma$ )
4. Violet ( $H_\delta$ )

and then using the relation,

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \frac{A+\delta}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \quad (\text{where } A \text{ is the angle of prism})$$

calculate  $\mu$  for all the aforesaid four lines. Let they be  $\mu_R, \mu_{BG}, \mu_B$  and  $\mu_V$ .

Observation table :

S. No.	Colour	Vernier	Dispersed Image			Direct Image			Difference $a-b$	Minimum deviation $\delta$
			M.S.	V.S.	Total (a)	M.S.	V.S.	Total (b)		
1	Red	$V_1$ $V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Blue Green	$V_1$ $V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Blue	$V_1$ $V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Violet	$V_1$ $V_2$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Second part with Hg Source :** Replace hydrogen source by a mercury source and then calculate the deviations for the different colours observed in the spectrum. Calculate the values of refractive index,  $\mu$ , for every colour. Standard wavelengths in mercury spectrum are noted below :

Orange I	6234 Å
Orange II	6152 Å
Yellow I	5791 Å
Yellow II	5770 Å
Green	5461 Å
Blue Green	4916 Å
Blue	4358 Å
Violet I	4078 Å
Violet II	4047 Å

Then plot a graph in these wavelength values and corresponding  $\mu$  values. From this graph, corresponding  $\mu_R, \mu_{BG}, \mu_B$  and  $\mu_V$  calculated in first part, the wavelength for the four lines i.e.,  $\lambda_{red}, \lambda_{blue\ green}, \lambda_{blue}$  and  $\lambda_{violet}$  can be obtained. This gives the wavelength values of  $H_\alpha, H_\beta, H_\gamma$  and  $H_\delta$  lines. Knowing the values of wavelengths, calculate the values of  $R_H$  as calculated on page 100L.

Observation table :

(To note the deviation of mercury lines, similar table as in first part is prepared).

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Q. 1. What do you mean by a spectral series ?

Ans. The sequence of the lines emitted by an element is known as spectral series.

Q. 2. Describe the nature of hydrogen spectrum ?

Ans. The hydrogen spectrum consists of Lyman series, Balmer series, Paschen series, Brackett series and Pfund series. The Balmer series lies in the visible range. It consists of four prominent lines as  $H_\alpha, H_\beta, H_\gamma$  and  $H_\delta$ .

Q. 3. How will you find out Rydberg's constant from the spectrum ?

Ans. We know that  $\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left( \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)$

where  $R_H$  is Rydberg's constant. The wavelength of a line corresponding  $n_2$  is determined by using a grating.

Q. 4. What is theoretical value of Rydberg's constant ?

Ans.  $R_H = \frac{2\pi^2 m e^4}{c h^3} = 109678 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

# Reflection of Light

## EXPERIMENT No. 26

**Object :** To determine the height of a tower with the help of a sextant.

**Apparatus required :** Sextant and measuring tape.

**Formula used :**

The height  $h$  of a tower is given by the following formula :

$$h = \frac{x}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha}$$

where

$x$  = distance between the two points of observation.

$\beta$  = angular elevation of the tower from one point of observation.

$\alpha$  = angular elevation at a point distant  $x$  from the previous point towards the tower.

**Description and theory of the experiment :**

**Description of sextant :** Sextant is shown in fig. (1). The sextant consists of a graduated circular arc of about  $60^\circ$  having two radial fixed arms A and B. There is another arm known as third moving arm C (index arm) which moves over the circular graduated scale. It carries a vernier scale V on one side and plane mirror  $M_1$  (index glass) on the other side. This arm is fitted with clamp and tangent screw, so that it can be adjusted in any desired position. The plane of the mirror  $M_1$  is perpendicular to the plane of the arc. A second mirror  $M_2$ , called the horizon glass, is fixed to the arm whose lower half is silvered while the upper half is transparent. The plane of this mirror is also perpendicular to the circular arc. A telescope T is fitted to the arm B with its axis perpendicular to the horizon glass. The telescope receives the direct rays through the transparent portion of  $M_2$  and the twice reflected rays from  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

**Principle of working :** The distant object is viewed directly through the clean part of mirrors  $M_2$  and then the movable arm is so rotated that the mirror  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  become parallel. In this position the telescope receives rays from distant object in two paths as shown in fig. (2). One set of rays  $PM_2T$  through clear part of  $M_2$  and other set of rays starting from R reflected from mirror  $M_1$  and then from the silvered portion of mirror  $M_2$  enter the telescope. Now the zero of the main scale should coincide with the zero of the vernier scale and if it is not so then there is a zero error in the instrument which should be noted with proper sign.

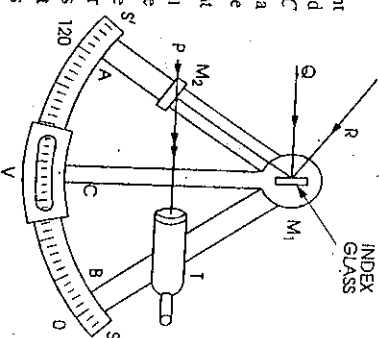


Fig. (1)

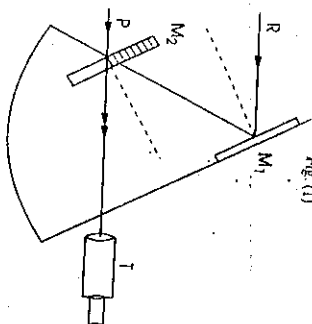


Fig. (2)

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In order to calculate the angle between two objects situated in the direction  $M_1R$  and  $M_2P$  as shown in fig. (3), the movable arm containing mirror  $M_1$  is moved such that the rays coming directly from P towards telescope and rays coming through the paths  $RM_1M_2$  and  $M_2T$  coincide with each other. The angle  $RM_1Q$  is the angle between the directions of the two objects which is twice the angle  $BM_1C$ . To facilitate this, the circular scale is directly marked as twice the actual degrees.

The difference between this reading and zero reading gives the required angle.

**Theory :** Let  $h$  be the height of the tower  $MN$  with point N as the top. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the angles subtended by the top of the wall at E and F, distant  $x$  in a line passing through M and perpendicular to the plane  $MN$  as shown in fig. (4).

In  $\triangle NME$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{NM}{ME} = \frac{h}{ME}$$

$$ME = \frac{h}{\tan \alpha} = h \cot \alpha$$

In  $\triangle NMF$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{NM}{MF} = \frac{h}{MF}$$

$$MF = h \cot \beta$$

or

$$MF - ME = h \cot \beta - h \cot \alpha$$

$$x = h \cot \beta - h \cot \alpha$$

$$h = \frac{x}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha}$$

## Adjustments :

Before performing the experiment following adjustments are made.

- Plane of the index glass should be perpendicular to the plane of the arc.
- In the zero reading the index glass and the horizon glass should be parallel.
- The axis of the telescope must be parallel to the plane of the graduated circular scale and must pass through the centre of the horizon glass.

## Procedure :

- First of all determine the vernier constant of the scale provided with the instrument i.e. by dividing the value of one division of main scale by the total number of vernier divisions.
- Draw a short horizontal line on the tower with a piece of chalk in the level of your eye and place the sextant at a fairly large distance from the tower. Mark this position on the ground. This will be the first point of observation.
- See a part of horizontal line through the transparent portion of the horizon glass and the other portion of the same line through the reflecting part of this mirror. Now turn the movable arm such that the horizontal line is seen continuous. Note down the main scale and vernier scale readings. The reading will be the zero reading and should coincide with zero of main scale. If not so, note down the zero with proper sign.
- Now rotate the movable arm gradually so that the wall begins to descend down. Continue till the image of top coincide with the image of marked line. Note down the reading. The difference of this reading and previous reading will be angular elevation  $\alpha$ .

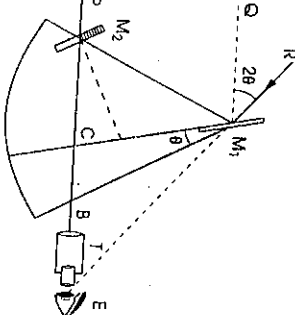


Fig. (3)

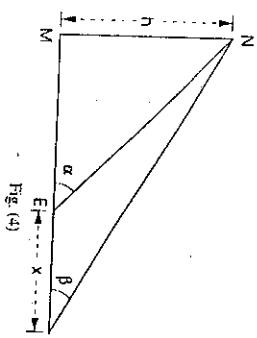


Fig. (4)

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(v) From the point of observation move a known distance  $x$  say about 10 feet away the tower. Again record the zero error with proper sign at this point and then repeat the above procedure mentioned in (v) point to find the angular elevation  $\beta$  at the point.

(vi) Calculate the height of the tower with the help of the derived formula. Measure the distance of the horizontally marked line from the ground. Add this reading to height of tower calculated with the formula, which will give the total height.

## Observations :

(A) Value of one main scale division = ...

No. of divisions on the vernier = ...

Least count of the instrument = ...

(B) Table for angular elevation  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Distance	Zero error		Angular elevation		Angle of elevation ( $\beta - \alpha$ )	$(\beta + \alpha)$ for different distances
	M.S.	V.S.	M.S.	V.S.	Total ( $\beta$ )	
... (0 ft.) initial position	...	...	...	...	...	...
... (6 ft.)	...	...	...	...	...	...
... (12 ft.)	...	...	...	...	...	...
... (18 ft.)	...	...	...	...	...	...

## Calculations :

The height of the tower is given by.

$$h = \frac{x}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha}$$

Height of the chalk mark from the foot of tower  
 $h' = \dots$  ft.

Result : Total height ( $h + h'$ ) = ... ft.

## Precautions and Sources of error :

- Before performing the experiment the adjustment should be made carefully.
- Zero reading must be found separately at different places.
- The foot of the tower and two points of observations should be in a straight line.
- To find out the actual height of the tower, the height of the chalk mark from the foot of tower should be added.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS

## EXPERIMENT (26-1)

Ex. 1. To determine the height of a distant object with the help of a sextant by artificial horizon.

- First of all the sextant is held with its plane vertical. Now the inverted image of the top of the distant object (say a tower) formed in the artificial horizon (like water surface or mercury surface) is seen through the transparent portion of glass  $M_2$  as shown in fig. (5).

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- The index arm is rotated till the image of the top of the tower as reflected from mirror  $M_1$  and silvered portion of  $M_2$  is also seen. The index arm is clamped.
- The tangent screw is adjusted in such a way that the images coincide and the reading is noted.
- The object is directly seen through transparent portion of horizon glass  $M_2$ . The index arm is moved till the image of the object formed by reflection in  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is observed. Index arm is clamped.
- The tangent screw is adjusted in such a way that the two images coincide and the reading is noted. This is the zero reading of the sextant.
- The angle of elevation of the object is the difference of two readings.
- Now move through a distance  $x$  and measure the angle of elevation at this place as described above.
- Calculate the height of the tower with the help of the derived formula.

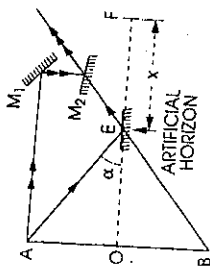


Fig. (5)

## EXPERIMENT (26-2)

To determine the altitude of the sun :

- To determine the altitude of the sun, artificial horizon is required. For this purpose a dish full of mercury is used.
- To determine the zero error of the sextant, the movable arm  $C$  is turned till the image of sun seen by reflection from the two mirrors  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  coincides with the image seen directly through the transparent portion of the horizon glass. Let this reading be  $\theta$ .
- Now artificial horizon  $AB$  be placed in such a position so that the image  $S'$  of the sun can be seen directly as well as by reflection. Gradually rotate the movable arm  $C$  till the image formed by reflection from the two mirrors coincides with the direct image. Let this reading be  $\theta'$ . Then angular elevation of the sun ( $\alpha$ ) is given by

$$2\alpha = \theta' - \theta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\theta' - \theta).$$

## EXPERIMENT (26-3)

To determine the angular diameter of sun :

- To determine the angular diameter of sun, the sextant is held vertical and sun-glasses are used to reduce the intensity.
- See the direct image of the sun through the transparent portion of horizon glass. This is denoted by  $S$  in the fig. (7).
- Turn the movable arm  $C$  of the sextant such that the image  $B$  obtained by double reflection from the two mirrors just touches the rim of  $S$ . Note this reading also.

- Now again rotate the movable arm such that the image  $B$  may be on the other side of  $S$  in the position  $A$  just touching the image  $S$ . Note this reading also.
- The difference of the two readings gives  $2d$  and half of it will be the angular diameter of sun.

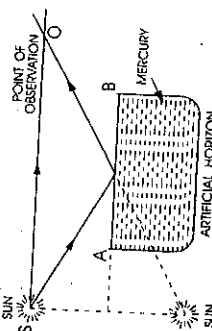


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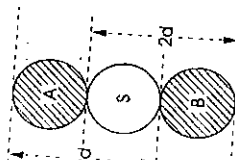


Fig. (7)

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Q. 1. Why this instrument is called a sextant?

Ans. The circular scale of the instrument is only one sixth of a circle i.e., an arc of  $60^\circ$ .

Q. 2. On what principle does the working of a sextant depend?

Ans. This is based on the principle that when a plane mirror is rotated through an angle  $\theta$ , the reflected ray is turned through  $2\theta$ .

Q. 3. Why do you see two images formed in the telescope when the sextant is pointed towards an object?

Ans. One image is formed by the rays directly entering the telescope through the transparent portion of horizon glass and the second by those rays which enter the telescope after reflections from index glass and silvered portion of horizon glass.

Q. 4. Is the incident ray fixed here as mirror is rotated? Then?

Ans. Here the incident ray is not fixed but the reflected ray is fixed. Due to the reversibility of light path, the two rays (incident and reflected) are interchangeable.

Q. 5. What are these coloured glasses meant for?

Ans. These are used when measurements are made with sun or any other bright object.

Q. 6. What do you mean by zero error of sextant?

Ans. When direct image of a distant object seen through transparent portion of the horizon glass is made to coincide with the image formed by reflections at the index and horizon glasses, the two glasses are parallel. The reading of index arm on the scale should be zero. If it is not zero, then there is zero error.

Q. 7. What is the relative setting of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  when the scale reads zero?

Ans. The two mirrors are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the bed of the apparatus.

Q. 8. What are other uses of sextant?

Ans. This is used by mariners to find latitude and longitude at a particular place during their voyage.

Q. 9. What is meant by angular diameter  $\theta$  of the sun?

Ans. The angle subtended by sun's disc at the earth is called angular diameter  $\theta$  of the sun.

Q. 10. How the angular diameter of the sun is related to the actual diameter?

Ans. The actual diameter  $D$  of the sun is related to angular diameter  $\theta$  by the relation  $D = x\theta$ , where  $x$  is the distance between earth and sun.

## Photometry

## EXPERIMENT NO. 27

**Object :** To compare the illuminating powers of two given sources of light with a Lummer-Brodhun photometer and to study the variation of illuminating power of a filament lamp with the applied voltage.

**Apparatus required :** Lummer-Brodhun photometer, optical bench, two sources of light and auto transformer.

**Formula used :**

If the illuminating powers of two sources of light be  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and their respective distances from the photometer be  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , then

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{d_1^2}{d_2^2}$$

The distances  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are such that they produce equal illumination.

**Description of the Apparatus and Theory :**

**Illuminating power :** The illuminating power of a source is the quantity of light falling per second on a unit area placed at a unit distance from the source in a direction normal to the rays. It is measured in candle power.

**Intensity of Illumination :** The intensity of illumination at a point is defined as the light falling per second on a unit area of the surface placed at a point under consideration.

$$\text{Intensity of illumination} = \frac{\text{Candle power}}{(\text{Distance})^2}$$

**Description of photometer :** The Lummer-Brodhun photometer is shown in fig. (1).

It consists of a magnesium carbonate slab  $AB$  arranged such that each face is illuminated by the sources  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the two right angled prisms which receive the light after the reflection from the slab  $AB$ . The light now reflected from these prisms, enter into a double prisms  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ . The two prisms are placed with their hypotenuse faces together and separated by a thin air film cemented with Canada balsam. The rays striking the cemented part are totally transmitted while those striking the air film are totally reflected. This is shown in the left adjoining figure. The rays 1 and 3 coming from prism  $P_1$  are reflected while ray 2 is transmitted. Similarly rays 4 and 6 coming from the prism  $P_2$  are reflected while ray 5 is transmitted. In this way light

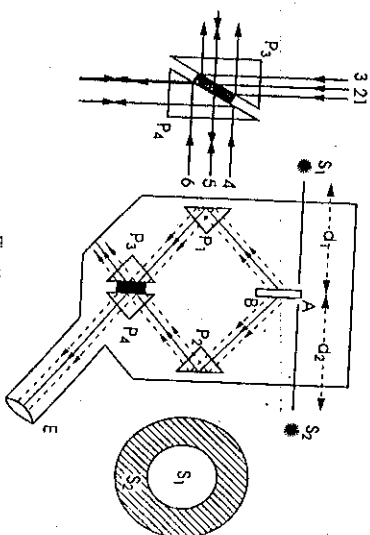


Fig. (1)

reflected from prism  $P_1$  and transmitted through  $P_3$  illuminate the central portion of the field of view and light reflected from  $P_2$  and again reflected from  $P_4$  illuminate the rest of the field of view of the telescope as shown at the right in figure (1). Due to the different illuminating powers of the two sources, the intensities of the two portions are different. When the distances of the sources are so adjusted that the two parts are equally bright, then

$$\frac{P_1}{d_1^2} = \frac{P_2}{d_2^2}$$

**Principle :** To compare the illuminating powers of any two sources of light we make them illuminate two neighbouring surfaces. The distance of one or the other of the sources is adjusted until the two portions appear equally bright. In this way the intensity of illumination due to both the sources is same. Now if  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are illuminating powers of the sources, and  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  their respective distances from the surface they illuminate, the intensity of illumination due to each respectively, is

$$\frac{P_1}{d_1^2} \text{ and } \frac{P_2}{d_2^2}$$

When these two are equal

$$\frac{P_1}{d_1^2} = \frac{P_2}{d_2^2} \text{ or } \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{d_1^2}{d_2^2}$$

Hence the illuminating powers of the two sources are directly proportional to the square of the distances at which they respectively produce equal intensity of illumination. Note if  $P_2$  and  $d_1$  are fixed then  $P_1 \propto 1/d_2^2$ .

#### Procedure :

##### First Part :

(i) The photometer upright is mounted nearly in the middle of an optical bench and adjusted in such a way that photometer head becomes normal to the line joining the two sources as shown in figure (2).

(ii) Remove the shutters from both sides of photometer and allow the light to fall on each face of the head.

(iii) The positions of one lamp and photometer head are noted. For one set of observation, position of photometer head should not be disturbed.

(iv) Move the other lamp from one end of the bench towards photometer till the field of view in photometer is equally illuminated. Note down the position of the lamp.

(v) The distance of the first lamp is changed by 5 cms. and the other lamp is adjusted till again the field of view is equally illuminated. The experiment is repeated for several times and the mean value of  $P_1/P_2$  is determined.

##### Second Part :

In order to study the variation of candle power of the lamp with applied voltage, the auto transformer is used as shown in fig. (3). In this case one of the lamp (say  $S_1$ ) is fixed with respect to photometer ( $d_1$  is fixed) and the bulb is subjected to desired voltage with the help of auto transformer. For a particular voltage, the distance (say  $d_2$ ) of the second lamp (say  $S_2$ ) is so adjusted that the field of view is equally illuminated. The voltage of  $S_1$  is now varied and again the distance of  $S_2$  is adjusted for equal illumination. Now for each voltage, the illuminating power of this lamp is calculated in terms of the

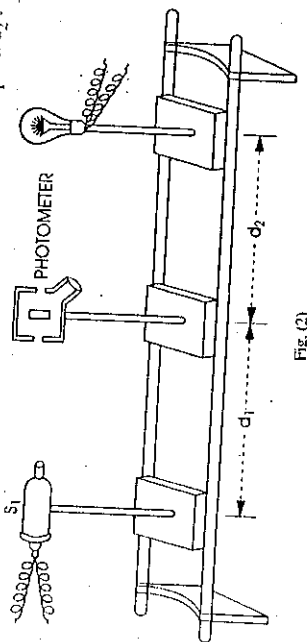


Fig. (2)

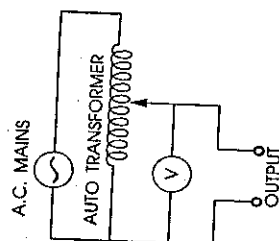


Fig. (3)

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illuminating power of first lamp. A graph is now plotted between illuminating power and applied voltage which comes out a straight line showing thereby that the illuminating power is directly proportional to the applied voltage.

#### Observations :

##### First Part :

(a) Table for the comparison of illuminating powers.

S. No.	Position of Source $S_1$	Position of Photometer	Position of Source $S_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{d_1^2}{d_2^2}$	Mean
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

##### Second Part :

(b) Table for variation of illuminating power with voltage.

S. No.	Applied Voltage to Source $S_1$ in volts	Position of Source $S_1$	Position of photometer	Position of Source $S_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$1/d_2^2$
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

#### Graph :

A graph is plotted between applied voltages and corresponding illuminating power in terms of source  $S_1$ . This graph is shown in fig. (4). Or plot a graph in applied voltages and  $1/d_2^2$  (provided source  $S_1$  and hence distance  $d_1$  remains constant).

**Result :** (a) The ratio of illuminating powers of two sources is = ...

(b) The illuminating power is proportional to the applied voltage.

#### Precautions and Sources of Error :

- Heights of the two sources and photometer should be adjusted carefully.
- The field of view should be matched carefully.
- The distances  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  should be measured accurately.

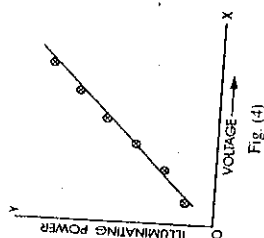


Fig. (4)

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENT

#### EXPERIMENT (27-I)

**Object :** To determine the transmission coefficient of a given transmitting plate.

#### Formula used :

The transmission coefficient  $t$  is given by

$$t = d^2/d_2^2$$

where  $d_2$  and  $d$  are the respective distances of the source from the photometer without introducing the transmitting plate and by introducing the plate for equal illumination.

**Procedure :** (i) Adjust the photometer uprights as shown in fig. (2). Keeping the sources  $S_1$  at a distance  $d_1$ , adjust  $S_2$  at a distance  $d_2$  till the field of view in photometer is equally illuminated.

(ii) Now interpose the transmitting plate between photometer and source  $S_2$ . Move  $S_2$  till the field of view in photometer is equally illuminated. Note the distance  $d$  of source from photometer.

(iii) Repeat above procedure by changing the distance  $d_1$  of source  $S_1$  from photometer.

**Observations :**

S. No.	$d_1$	Position of Photometer $a$	Position of source $S_2$		$d_2 = (b - a)$	$d = (c - a)$	$t = d^2/a_2^2$	Mean $t$
			Without Plate $b$	With Plate $c$				
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Result :** The transmission coefficient of given plate = ...

Viva-Voce

**Q. 1. What do you mean by photometry?**

**Ans.** The branch of the optics which deals with the comparison and measurements of the quantity of radiant energy, emitted or received or absorbed by light bodies.

**Q. 2. Define illuminating power?**

**Ans.** The illuminating power of a source is the quantity of light falling per second on a unit area placed at a unit distance from the source in a direction normal to the rays. It is measured in candle power.

**Q. 3. What is intensity of illumination?**

**Ans.** The intensity of illumination at a point is defined as the light falling per second on a unit area of the surface placed at a point under consideration.

**Q. 4. What is a candle power?**

**Ans.** The candle power is the ratio of illuminating power of a given source of light and that of a standard candle.

**Q. 5. What is inverse square law?**

**Ans.** The intensity of illumination  $I$  at a point due to a point source varies inversely as the square of the distance  $r$  of the given point from the source,  $I \propto 1/r^2$ .

**Q. 6. Is eye equally sensitive to all colours in the visible range of radiations?**

**Ans.** In visible range of the spectrum, eye is not equally sensitive to all colours i.e., wavelengths. It has maximum sensitivity at  $\lambda = 5550 \text{ \AA}$  in yellow region.

**Q. 7. What is the sensitivity of the eye in comparing illuminance of two surfaces?**

**Ans.** The eye can distinguish between two surfaces, placed side by side and seen simultaneously which differ in brightness by one percent.

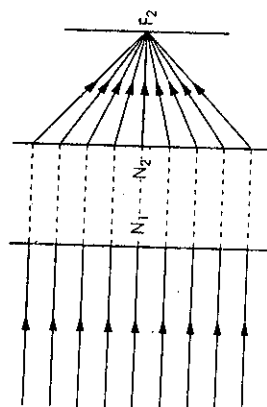


Fig. (2)

**Procedure :**

- One of the lenses  $L_1$ , the source of light, cross slit and mirror are mounted on uprights of the optical bench and the heights of uprights are adjusted in such a manner that the line joining the centres of each part is parallel to the bed of the bench.
- Illuminate the cross slit and adjust the plane of the plane mirror to get the image of cross slits very near to it. The image may be blurred but the well defined image is formed by moving the upright of nodal slide away or towards the cross slits.

(In this case light from the source after passing through the cross slits emerges from the lens as a parallel beam which is reflected again as parallel beam from plane mirror and brought to a focus on the plane of cross slits.)

- The lens is now rotated slightly about the vertical axis which shifts the position of image either towards the left or right but no shift of the image is obtained by moving the carriage carrying the lens axially. In this situation the cross slits are in the focal plane of the lens. The distance between cross slits and lens gives the focal length of the lens.

- Remove the first lens and mount the second lens on the upright. As described above, find the focal length of this lens.

- Mount both the convex lenses on the nodal slide arrangement and note down their positions. This gives the distance between the two lenses.

- Move the upright carrying the lenses towards or away from the cross slits to obtain a well defined image. Now rotate the carriage on its upright by a few degrees and if there is a shift of the image, move the carriage on its upright by means of rack and pinion arrangement till there is no shift. Note down the positions of the uprights carrying the cross slits and nodal slide assembly on the optical bench. This distance gives the combined focal length of the two lenses.

- Rotate the lens system by  $180^\circ$  and repeat the above procedure.

- Alter this distance between two lenses and find out the combined focal lengths.

- Find out the bench error between the uprights carrying cross slits and nodal assembly.

**Observations :****Table for focal length of a lens :**

Bench error = ... cms.

S. No.	Light incident on	Lens $L_1$		Mean $f_1$		Lens $L_2$		Mean $f_2$	
		Position of cross slit (a)	Position of lens (b)	$f_1$ $a - b$		Position of cross slit (a)	Position of lens (b)	$f_2$ $a - b$	
1	one face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	other face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	one face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	other face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	one face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	other face	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

# Nodal Slide

**EXPERIMENT No. 28**

**Object :** To determine the focal length of the combination of two lenses separated by a distance with the help of a nodal slide and to verify the formula :

$$\frac{1}{F} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{x}{f_1 f_2}$$

where

 $F$  = focal length of the combination, $f_1, f_2$  = focal lengths of the given lenses, $x$  = separation of the two lenses.

**Apparatus required :** Nodal slide arrangement (optical bench, plane mirror, cross slit and a lamp) and two convex lenses.

**Description of apparatus and theory :**

**Description :** The nodal slide arrangement is shown in figure (1).

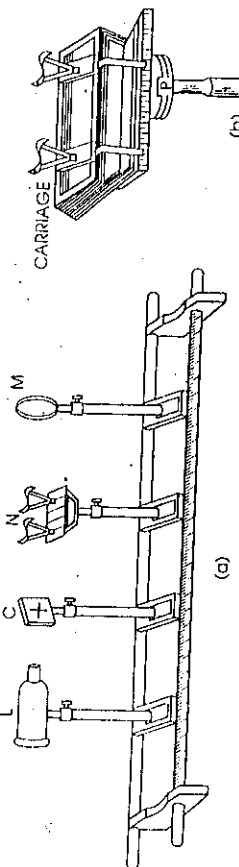


Fig. (1)

The nodal slide assembly consists of an optical bench provided with four uprights. The one upright carries a bulb placed in a metallic cover having a circular aperture; which illuminates a cross slit in the adjacent upright. The third upright carries the nodal slide. Nodal slide is essentially a horizontal metal support capable of rotating about a vertical axis; and lens or lenses can be mounted upon the support. The metallic support can be fixed or it can be moved back and forth by means of a screw so that the relative position of the two lenses can vary with respect to this upright. The support can be rotated in a horizontal plane. The fourth upright carries a plane mirror which can be rotated about a horizontal axis perpendicular to the bed of the bench.

**Theory :** If parallel beam of light is incident on a converging lens system thus forming an image on screen in its second focal plane, the image does not shift laterally when the system is rotated about a vertical axis passing through its second nodal points.

The principle is based on the property of nodal points, i.e., when a ray of light passes through one of them, its conjugate ray passes through the other and is always parallel to the incident ray. If the system is now rotated slightly about a vertical axis, the image will not be shifted from its position as shown in fig. (2).

The distance of the screen from the axis of rotation gives the principal focal length of the lens system.





# Verification of Newton's Formula

## EXPERIMENT No. 29

**Object :** To verify the Newton's formula  $x_1 x_2 = f^2$  for lenses separated by a given distance.

**Apparatus required :** Optical bench, two convex lenses of nearly equal focal lengths, plane mirror, two pins and uprights.

**Theory :** Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  represent two lenses separated at fixed distance and  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are the first and second focal points on the axis of lens [Fig. 1].

If for a source at  $O$ , distant  $x_1$  from  $F_1$ , the image is formed at  $O'$  distant  $x_2$  from  $F_2$  then according to Newton's formula

$$x_1 x_2 = f^2$$

where  $f$  is the focal length of the combination. As shown in figure.

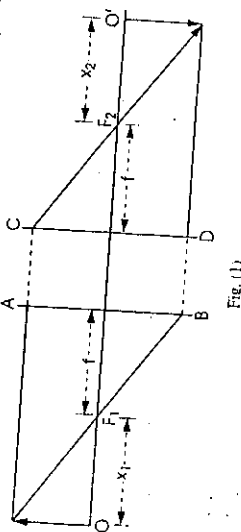


Fig. (1)

$$u = (f + x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad v = (f + x_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f + x_1} + \frac{1}{f + x_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{(f + x_1) + (f + x_2)}{(f + x_1)(f + x_2)}$$

$$2f^2 + f x_1 + f x_2 = f^2 + x_1 x_2 + f(x_1 + x_2)$$

$$f^2 = x_1 x_2$$

Knowing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , the focal length can be determined.

### Procedure :

This experiment is performed in two parts :

(A) **Determination of focal length  $f$  of the lens system by Newton's formula.**

(i) Both the convergent lenses  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are mounted on the optical bench at a certain fixed distance  $d$  apart. The positions of the uprights carrying these lenses are noted on the optical bench. These positions are not disturbed throughout this part of the experiment.

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(ii) A plane mirror  $M$  is mounted on one side of the lens system while a pin  $P$  on other side of the lens system as shown in fig. (2).

(iii) The distance of the pin is so adjusted that there is no parallax between the pin and its inverted image. The tip of the pin locates the position of first focal point  $F_1$ . Its position is read on the optical bench.

(iv) Keeping the positions of lenses fixed, the positions of pin and mirror are interchanged. Again the position of the pin is so adjusted that there is no parallax between the pin and its inverted image. The tip of the pin therefore locates the position of second focal point  $F_2$ . Its position is also noted on the optical bench. This situation is shown in fig. (3).

(v) Now the plane mirror  $M$  and pin  $P$  are removed from the optical bench. Two pins  $P$  and  $Q$  are placed on two sides of the system one away from  $F_1$  and other away from  $F_2$ . The position of pin  $Q$  is adjusted for no parallax. In this way the first pin serves as object while the second as image. The positions of the pins are noted on optical bench from which  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are obtained as shown in fig. (4).

(vi) By changing the distance  $x_1$  of the object pin from  $F_1$ , and determining the corresponding positions of the image pin  $Q$  for no parallax, several sets of observations are taken.

(vii) Calculate the focal length of the lens system by Newton's formula  $f = \sqrt{x_1 x_2}$  for each set and find the mean value of  $f$ .

(B) **Determination of the individual focal lengths  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  of the two lenses and then to evaluate the equivalent focal length of the lens system by theoretical formula :**

(i) The convergent lens  $L_1$  is mounted on the optical bench together with a pin  $P$  on one side and a plane mirror  $M$  on the other side as shown in fig. (5). Adjust the position of pin  $P$  on the optical bench by moving it backward or forward so that there is no parallax between the pin and its inverted image.

(ii) The positions of the uprights carrying the pin and the convergent lens are noted. The difference of the two readings gives the focal length  $f_1$  of the lens  $L_1$ .

(iii) The experiment is repeated twice or thrice and the mean value of  $f_1$  is calculated.

(iv) The first lens  $L_1$  is replaced by second lens  $L_2$  and its mean focal length  $f_2$  is determined by the procedure explained above.

(v) The focal length  $f$  of the lens combination is calculated by theoretical formula for the known value of  $d$ . This value is compared with the experimentally obtained value by Newton's formula.

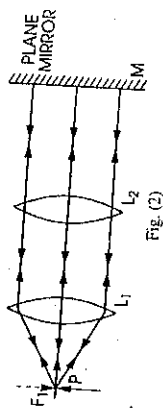


Fig. (2)

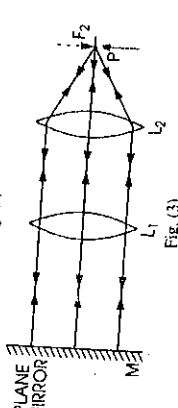


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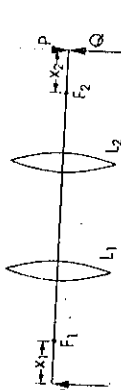


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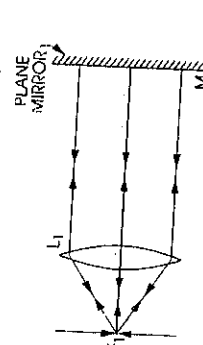


Fig. (5)

# Location of Cardinal Points

## EXPERIMENT NO. 30

**Object :** To locate the cardinal points of a system of two thin convergent lenses separated by a distance and then to verify the formulae

$$L_1 H_1 = + \frac{x F}{f_2} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 H_2 = - \frac{x F}{f_1}$$

**Apparatus required :** Nodal slide assembly and two thin convergent lenses.  
**Formula used :**

(1) The distance of the first principal point  $H_1$  from the first lens  $L_1$  is given by

$$L_1 H_1 = + \frac{x F}{f_2}$$

(2) The distance of the second principal point  $H_2$  from the second lens is given by

$$L_2 H_2 = - \frac{x F}{f_1}$$

where  $f_1, f_2$  = Focal length of the two lenses  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively.  
 $x$  = The distance between two lenses.  
 $F$  = Focal length of the lens combination.

**Procedure :**

- (1) Determine the focal lengths  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  of the two lenses separately as described in experiment no. 29.
- (2) Mount the two convex lenses on the carriage of nodal slide upright provided with scale so that position of lenses can be read over it. This upright can also be rotated about its support in horizontal plane. The support stand represents the axis of rotation. As shown in fig. (1) keep lens  $L_1$  towards plane mirror and lens  $L_2$  towards cross slit. Then as described in experiment no. 28 proceed to calculate the focal length of the combination of optical bench are adjusted to obtain 'no lateral shift' position of the cross slit. In this position cross slit lies in the second focal plane and the axis of rotation of the nodal slide passes through the second nodal point of the lens combination. When the system is situated in air, nodal points and principal points coincide. Therefore distance between lens  $L_2$  and axis of rotation is  $H_2 L_2$ . Note the distance  $H_2 F_2$  between axis of rotation and cross slit. This is  $F$ , the focal length of combination. By convention,  $F$  is positive whereas  $L_2 H_2$  is negative as it lies left to the lens  $L_2$  (taking the reference direction of light from plane mirror).

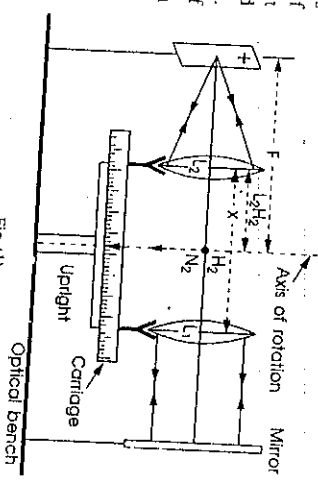


Fig. (1)

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- (3) Now rotate the carriage through  $180^\circ$  and again obtain 'no lateral shift' position. Again note  $L_1 H_1$  and focal length of combination  $F$  (distance  $H_1 F_1$ ). According to sign convention  $L_1 H_1$  will be positive and  $F$  negative.
- (4) Find the mean values of  $F$  from the values obtained in procedure (2) and (3).

**Observations :**

- (1) Focal length of first lens,  $f_1 = \dots$  cm.
- (2) Focal length of second lens,  $f_2 = \dots$  cm.
- (3) Focal length,  $F$ , of combination and practical values of distance  $L_1 H_1$  and  $L_2 H_2$  between the two lenses =  $\dots$  cm.

Lens towards cross slit	S. No.	Position of cross slit (a) cm.	Position of the axis of rotation of nodal slide (b) cm.	Focal length of combination $F$ cm. = (a - b)	Mean $F$ cm.	Distance between lens towards cross slit and axis of rotation of nodal slide in cm.	Mean distance between lens towards cross slit and axis of rotation of nodal slide in cm.	Practical value
$L_2$	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
$L_1$	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
				$H_2 F_2 = \dots$		$L_2 H_2 = \dots$		
				$H_1 F_1 = \dots$		$L_1 H_1 = \dots$		

**Calculations :** (i) Take Mean value of focal length  $F$  of combination. Then calculate theoretical values of  $L_1 H_1$  and  $L_2 H_2$  by the relations :

$$L_1 H_1 = + \frac{x F}{f_2}$$

$$L_2 H_2 = - \frac{x F}{f_1}$$

**Result :** (i) Comparison of theoretical and practical values of  $L_1 H_1$  and  $L_2 H_2$  :

$L_1 H_1$	Theoretical value	Practical value	Difference
$L_2 H_2$	...	...	...

Since the two values nearly agree, relations  $L_1 H_1 = + \frac{x F}{f_2}$  and  $L_2 H_2 = - \frac{x F}{f_1}$  are verified.

(2) **Location of Cardinal Points :**

Draw two lenses  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  at a known distance  $x$  apart. Then make the position of first and second principal points  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  at distance  $L_1 H_1$  from lens  $L_1$  and at distance  $L_2 H_2$  from lens  $L_2$  on the common axis, respectively, with

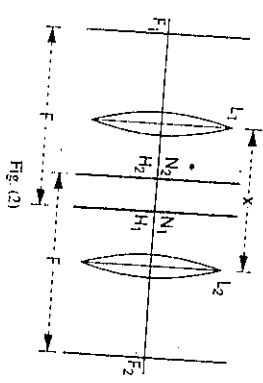


Fig. (2)

## Observations :

- (1) Thickness of the lens by screw gauge  $t = \dots$  cm.
- (2) Focal length of the convex lens of  $f = \dots$  cm.
- (3) Table for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$

Surface of the lens	Distance $d$ of pin from the top of the lens cm.	$u = d + \frac{t}{2}$	$R = \frac{uf}{f-u}$	Mean cm.
First surface	...	...	...	$R_1 = \dots$
Second surface	...	...	...	$R_2 = \dots$

## Calculations :

$$R_1 = \frac{u_1 f}{f - u_1} = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{u_2 f}{f - u_2} = \dots \text{ cm.}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2} \right)$$

$$\mu = \left[ 1 + \frac{f(R_1 R_2)}{(R_1 + R_2)} \right]$$

Further,

Result : The refractive index of the material of the given lens = .....

## Sources of error and Precautions :

- (i) Mercury taken should be pure.
- (ii) Parallax should be removed very carefully.
- (iii) Surfaces of the lens should be clean.
- (iv) Half of the thickness of lens should be added in  $d$  to obtain the value of  $u$ .
- (v) Focal length should be measured accurately.

## Refractive Index

## EXPERIMENT No. 32

**Object :** To determine the refractive index of the material of a concave lens.

**Apparatus used :** Optical bench, Pins, concave lens, metre scale, plane mirror, spherometer.

## Formula used :

The refractive index  $\mu$  of the material of a concave lens is given by

$$\frac{1}{f} = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

where,

$f$  = focal length of the concave lens

$R_1$  = radius of curvature of first surface

$R_2$  = radius of curvature of second surface

The radius of curvature  $R$  is given by

$$R = \frac{f^2}{6h} + \frac{h}{2}$$

where

$l$  = distance between the two legs of the spherometer

$h$  = difference of readings of the spherometer when it is placed on the lens as well as when placed on plane surface.

## Procedure :

## (A) Determination of the focal length of concave lens :

- (i) The given concave lens is mounted on one of the uprights of optical bench. A bright vertical pin  $O$  (mounted on the upright of optical bench) is placed at a certain distance from concave lens as shown in fig. (1).
- (ii) The image of  $O$  is viewed through the lens from the other side. Another pin  $I$  is placed on the object side. The pin  $I$  is moved and adjusted such that there is no parallax between the image of  $O$  and pin  $I$ . Then  $I$  is the position of image of  $O$ .

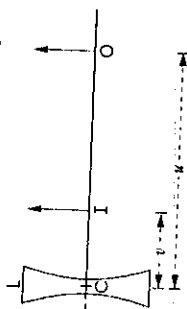


Fig. (1)

- (iii) The positions of  $C$ ,  $I$  and  $O$  are noted.
- (iv) The experiment is repeated three or four times.

## (B) Determination of radius of curvature :

- (i) Determine the least count of the spherometer.
- (ii) The spherometer is placed on the plane surface and the screw is lowered until it just touches the surface.

Note down the reading of spherometer.

- (iii) Next, the spherometer is placed on one surface of the concave lens and the screw is turned until it touches the lens surface. The spherometer reading is noted.
- (iv) Procedure (iii) is repeated for the second surface of the concave lens.

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**Result :** The refractive index of concave lens = .....

**Precautions and sources of error :**

- (i) Optical bench should be levelled.
- (ii) Object pin and Image pin heights should be upto the centre of concave lens.
- (iii) Radius of curvature of both the surfaces should be determined.
- (iv) Spherometer readings should be taken carefully.
- (v) At least three or four readings should be taken for the determination of focal length of the lens.

# Refraction

## EXPERIMENT No. 33

**Object :** To determine the refractive index of a liquid using Pulfrich refractometer.  
**Apparatus used :** Pulfrich refractometer, glass cell, liquid, source of light, right angled prism.  
**Formula used :**  
 The refractive index of liquid is given by

$$\mu = \sqrt{(\mu_0 - \sin^2 i)}$$

where  $\mu_0$  = refractive index of the material of the prism.  
 $i$  = minimum angle of emergence.

### Description of apparatus :

Pulfrich refractometer is shown in fig. (1). It consists of a right angled prism A having its two faces perfectly plane. The liquid whose refractive index is to be determined is taken in a glass cell B and placed on prism A. Light is incident in a direction parallel to the horizontal surface so that light entering prism A is incident at the critical angle C with the normal. Finally it emerges from the prism at an angle  $i$ . The emergent light is viewed with the help of telescope T which can be moved on a graduated circular scale.

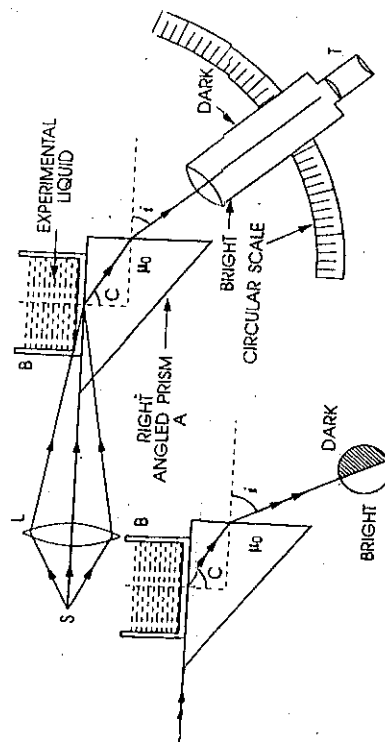


Fig (1)

### Procedure :

- The glass cell is cleaned and experimental liquid is filled in it. This is properly placed at its place in the apparatus.
- The source of light is switched on and light is allowed to incident on the prism-cell system.

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(iii) The emergent light from the prism is viewed by telescope T. The telescope is moved on the circular scale. One side of field of view appears dark while the other side appears bright. The telescope is adjusted so that the cross wire lies on the dark edge of the field of view. This gives the position of the minimum angle of emergence  $i$ .

(iv) The experiment is repeated for three or four times to obtain the minimum angle of emergence. Then mean  $i$  is calculated.

**Note :** In modern instruments, the circular scale is calibrated in terms of the refractive index. So the readings of  $\mu$  corresponding to  $i$ .

### Observations :

- Refractive index of the material of the prism,  $\mu_0 = \dots\dots$
- Table for the minimum angle  $i$  of emergence

S. No.	Minimum angle of emergence $i$ degrees	Mean $i$ degrees	$\sin i$
1	...	...	...
2	...	...	...
3	...	...	...
4	...	...	...

### Calculation :

$$\mu = \sqrt{\mu_0^2 - \sin^2 i}$$

**Result :** The refractive index of given liquid =  $\dots\dots$

### Precautions and sources of error :

- There should be no air bubble in the liquid.
- The glass cell should be clean.
- The field of view should be judged correctly.
- The position of the cross-wire should be set on field of view carefully.
- A number of readings should be taken for the measurement of  $i$ .

Voltage Vols	No. of counts	Background counts	Net no. of counts
1150	.....	.....	.....
1200	.....	.....	.....
1250	.....	.....	.....
1300	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

**Result :** A graph is plotted in number of counts and applied voltage. This is plateau characteristic of G.M. counter.

**Precautions :** Radioactive sources should be placed in supporting blocks. Every care should be taken to shield one self from radiations.

(1)

### PHYSICAL CONSTANTS AND MATHEMATICAL TABLES

#### Universal Physical Constants :

Gravitational constant $G$	$= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ newton-m}^2/\text{kg}^2$
Boltzmann constant	$= 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ joule/K}$
Mass of $\text{H}_2$ atom ( $m_{\text{H}}$ )	$= 1.67399 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Mass of proton ( $m_{\text{H}}$ )	$= 1.67399 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Mass of electron ( $m_e$ )	$= 9.1083 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Charge on electron	$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ coulomb}$
Velocity of light in vacuum	$= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
Planck's constant	$= 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}$

#### Densities

At ordinary temperature ( $17^\circ\text{--}23^\circ$ )

Substance	Density $\times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$	Substance	Density $\times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
<b>Metals and alloys</b>		<b>Liquids</b>	
Aluminium	2.7	Alcohol	0.80
Iron: Pure	7.88	Benzene	0.88
Wrought	7.85	Ether	0.74
Cast	7.6	Glycerine	1.26
Steel	7.7	Lubricating oil	0.91
Brass	8.4-8.7	Mercury	13.60
Chromium	6.92	Aniline	1.02
Copper	8.89	Ether	0.736
Gold	19.3	Turpentine	0.87
Antimony	6.02		
Bismuth	9.78		
Silver	10.5		
Mica	2.6-3.2		
Platinum	21.45		
Tungsten	19.3		
Tin	7.3		
Lead	11.34		
Magnesium	1.74		
Nickel	8.8		
Selenium	4.8		
Cerium	5.3		
Bronze	8.8-8.9		
Constantan	8.88		
Manganin	8.50		
Asbestos	2.0-2.8		
Cork	0.22-0.26		
Glass Crown	2.0		
Flint	4.0		
Zinc	7.1		

#### Gases :

Air	0.00129
Carbon dioxide	0.00198
Hydrogen	0.00009
Steam ( $100^\circ\text{C}$ )	0.00091
Helium	0.000179

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Acceleration due to gravity :

Place	g	Place	g
Pole	9.8222	Allahabad	9.7895
Equator	9.7803	Gorakhpur	9.7905
Delhi	9.7915	Gwalior	9.7897
Meerut	9.7915	Indore	9.7860
Dehra Dun	9.7907	Jaipur	9.7852
Lucknow	9.7900	Ajmer	9.7890
Kanpur	9.7901	Bombay	9.7865
Varanasi	9.7899	Calcutta	9.7878
Agra	9.7606	Madras	9.7828
Aligarh	9.7808		

Elastic Constants :

Substance	Young's Modulus Y Newton/m <sup>2</sup> × 10 <sup>11</sup>	Modulus of rigidity η Newton/m <sup>2</sup> × 10 <sup>11</sup>	Poisson's ratio σ
Aluminium	0.69-0.72	0.25-0.27	0.33-0.35
Brass	0.9-1.0	0.34-0.23	0.39-0.40
Copper	1.1-1.29	0.34-0.46	0.25-0.35
Iron Wrought	1.9-2.2	0.77-0.83	0.27-0.29
Cast	1.0-1.3	0.35-0.53	0.24-0.31
Steel Cast	1.9-2.1	0.74-0.76	
Mild	2.1-2.3	0.80-0.89	0.25-0.31
Zinc	0.8-1.1	0.39-0.38	0.23-0.31
Glass Crown	0.6-0.78	0.26-0.32	0.25-0.27
Flint	0.5-0.6	0.2-0.25	0.21-0.26

Viscosity of Water :

Temperature °C	Viscosity (Poise)	Temp. °C	Viscosity (Poise)
0	0.01793	60	0.00469
10	0.01311	70	0.00406
20	0.01000	80	0.00356
30	0.00800	90	0.00316
40	0.00657	100	0.00284
50	0.00550		

Surface tension of water :

Temperature °C	Surface tension Newton/m × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	Temperature °C	Surface tension Newton/m × 10 <sup>-2</sup>
0	7.5	60	6.56
10	7.35	70	6.38
20	7.21	80	6.20
30	7.06	90	6.02
40	6.89	100	5.82
50	6.73		

(iii)

Velocity of Sound (meter/sec):

Substance	Velocity	Substance	Velocity
<b>Solid :</b>		<b>Liquid :</b>	
Aluminium	5100	Alcohol	1275
Brass	3400	Mercury	1407
Copper	3560	Water	1447
Glass	5000	<b>Gases :</b>	
Iron	5130	Air	331.1
Steel	4990	Hydrogen	1262
		Nitrogen	338
		Oxygen	316

Refractive Index of Substances at 15°C for D-line of Sodium relative to air :

Substance	μ	Substance	μ
<b>Solids :</b>		<b>Liquid :</b>	
Glass crown	1.50	Aniline	1.590
Glass flint	1.55	Benzene	1.504
Diamond	2.417	Chloroform	1.53
Mica	1.56-1.69	Glycerin	1.449
Sugar	1.56	Sulphuric acid	1.47
Quartz	1.544	Turpentine	1.43
		Water	1.333

Wavelength of spectral lines (A.U.) :

Hydrogen :	Mercury :	Neon :
6562.784	4047 V	5765 Y
4861.327	4078 V	5853 Y
4340.466	4358 V	5882 O
4101.736	4916 bg	6507 R
<b>Sodium :</b>	<b>Cadmium :</b>	
5890 D <sub>1</sub>	4960 g	
5896 D <sub>2</sub>	5461 g	
	5770 Y	
<b>Helium :</b>	5791 Y	
3889		
4026		
4471		
5876		

Specific rotation:

Optically active substance	Solvent	Specific rotation
Cane sugar	Water	+ 66.5°C
Glucose	Water	+ 52°
Fructose	Water	- 91°
Camphor	Alcohol	+ 41°
Turpentine	Pure	- 37°
Nicotine	Pure	- 122°



Thermal constants : (C.G.S. units)

(iv)

Substance	Melting point, °C	Boiling point, °C	Specific heat	Latent heat	Thermal Conductivity
Aluminium	658	1800	0.22	92.4	0.504
Bismuth	269	1560	0.03	13.4	0.0194
Copper	1084	2360	0.093	43	0.918
Gold	1063	2360	0.032	16	0.7
Ice	0	100	0.5	79	0.005
Iron (wrought)	1530	2450	0.12	49	0.144
Lead	327	1755	0.031	5	0.083
Platinum	1774	4300	0.032	27	0.166
Silver	961	2152	0.056	22	0.974
Tungsten	3387	4830	0.03	.....	0.35
Steel	1400	.....	0.11	.....	0.115
Benzene	5.5	80.2	0.34	95	3.3
Water	0	100	1.00	539	14.7
Mercury	-38.9	357	0.033	68	.....
Ether	-132	34.6	0.56	88	3.1

Magnetic Elements :

Station	Dip	H observed	Station	Dip	H observed
Agm	40° 41'	0.348	Gorakhpur	39° 40'	0.358
Aligarh	41° 50'	0.346	Jaipur	40° 30'	0.347
Allahabad	37° 10'	0.353	Kampur	38° 39'	0.363
Delhi	42° 52'	0.345	Khurja	42° 10'	0.343
Mernu	43° 30'	0.359	Lucknow	40° 00'	0.354
Varanasi	37° 10'	0.364	Bareilly	42° 20'	0.344
Dehra Dun	45° 50'	0.352	Bombay	25° 30'	0.376
Gwalior	39° 00'	0.353	Calcutta	31° 30'	0.382

Wire Resistances :

S.W.G. No.	Diameter m.m.	Resistance (ohm/meter)		
		Copper	Constantan	Manganin
10	3.25	0.0021	0.057	0.051
12	2.64	0.0032	0.086	0.077
14	2.03	0.0054	0.146	0.131
16	1.63	0.0083	0.228	0.205
18	1.22	0.0148	0.495	0.361
20	0.914	0.0260	0.722	0.645
22	0.711	0.0235	1.20	1.07
24	0.559	0.070	1.93	1.73
26	0.457	0.105	0.89	2.58
28	0.374	0.155	4.27	3.82
30	0.315	0.222	6.08	5.45
32	0.274	0.293	8.02	7.18
34	0.234	0.404	11.1	9.9
36	0.193	0.590	16.2	14.5
38	0.152	0.950	26.2	23.2
40	0.122	1.48	40.6	36.3

Specific Resistance and Temperature Coefficient of Resistance :

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Substance	Composition	Sp. resistance ohm $\times$ cm $\times 10^{-6}$	Temperature coefficient of resistance per $^{\circ}\text{C} \times 10^{-4}$
Constantan	60% Cu, 40% Zn	49.0	-0.4 to +0.1
Silver	.....	1.64	36.0
German Silver	62% Cu, 15% Ni, 22% Zn	26.6	2.3 to 6.0
Copper	80% Ni, 20% Cr	1.78	42.8
Nichrome	.....	110.0	1.7
Mercury	70% Cu, 30% Zn	99.8	9.0
Brass	.....	6.6	10.0
Platinum	.....	11.0	37.0
Manganin	84% Cu, 4% Ni, 12% Mn	43.0	0.02 to 0.5

Electro-chemical Equivalent :

Element	Atomic weight	Valency	E.C.E. gm./coulomb
Aluminium	26.97	3	0.000935
Oxygen	16.00	2	0.000829
Silver	107.88	1	0.0011180
Copper	63.57	2	0.0003294
Zinc	65.38	2	0.0003383
Gold	197.20	3	0.0006809
Nickel	58.69	2	0.000304
Hydrogen	1.007	1	0.000105

Thermo E.M.F.

Thermocouple	Thermo e.m.f.
Copper-constantan	41.8 Microvolt/°C
Copper-iron	8.6 Microvolt/°C
Antimony-Bismuth	11.3 Microvolt/°C

Internal Resistance and E.M.F. of Cells :

Cell	Internal resistance (ohms)	E.M.F. (volts)
Cadmium	900 $\Omega$ (very high)	1.0183 volt at 20°C
Daniel	3-4 $\Omega$ (fairly constant)	1.08
Leclanche	High, increases with usage	.....
Alkali accumulator	Low	.....
Lead accumulator	Very Low	1.46 2.1

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x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Am	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
50	6900	6908	7007	7016	7024	7033	7042	7050	7059	7067	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
51	7076	7084	7093	7101	7110	7118	7126	7135	7143	7152	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
52	7160	7168	7177	7185	7193	7202	7210	7218	7226	7235	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
53	7243	7251	7259	7267	7275	7284	7292	7300	7308	7316	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
54	7324	7332	7340	7348	7356	7364	7372	7380	7388	7396	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
55	7404	7412	7419	7427	7435	7443	7451	7459	7466	7474	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
56	7482	7490	7497	7505	7513	7520	7528	7536	7543	7551	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
57	7559	7566	7574	7582	7589	7597	7604	7612	7619	7627	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
58	7634	7642	7649	7657	7664	7672	7679	7686	7694	7701	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
59	7709	7716	7723	7731	7738	7745	7752	7759	7766	7774	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
60	7782	7789	7796	7803	7810	7818	7825	7832	7839	7846	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
61	7853	7860	7868	7875	7882	7889	7896	7903	7910	7917	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
62	7924	7931	7938	7945	7952	7959	7966	7973	7980	7987	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
63	7993	8000	8007	8014	8021	8028	8035	8041	8048	8055	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
64	8062	8069	8075	8082	8089	8096	8102	8109	8116	8122	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
65	8129	8136	8142	8149	8156	8162	8169	8176	8182	8189	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
66	8195	8202	8209	8215	8222	8228	8235	8241	8248	8254	7	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
67	8261	8267	8274	8280	8287	8293	8299	8306	8312	8319	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
68	8325	8331	8338	8344	8351	8357	8363	8370	8376	8382	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
69	8388	8395	8401	8407	8412	8419	8426	8432	8439	8445	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
70	8451	8457	8463	8470	8476	8482	8488	8494	8500	8506	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
71	8513	8519	8525	8531	8537	8543	8549	8555	8561	8567	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
72	8573	8579	8585	8591	8597	8603	8609	8615	8621	8627	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
73	8633	8639	8645	8651	8657	8663	8669	8675	8681	8686	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
74	8692	8698	8704	8710	8716	8722	8727	8733	8739	8745	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
75	8751	8756	8762	8768	8774	8779	8785	8791	8797	8802	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
76	8808	8814	8820	8825	8831	8837	8842	8848	8854	8859	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
77	8865	8871	8876	8882	8887	8893	8899	8904	8910	8915	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
78	8921	8927	8932	8938	8943	8949	8954	8960	8965	8971	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
79	8976	8982	8987	8993	8998	9004	9009	9015	9020	9025	6	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80	9031	9036	9042	9047	9053	9058	9063	9069	9074	9079	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
81	9085	9090	9096	9101	9106	9112	9117	9122	9128	9133	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
82	9138	9143	9149	9154	9159	9165	9170	9175	9180	9186	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
83	9191	9196	9201	9206	9212	9217	9222	9227	9232	9238	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
84	9243	9248	9253	9258	9263	9269	9274	9279	9284	9289	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
85	9294	9299	9304	9309	9315	9320	9325	9330	9335	9340	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
86	9345	9350	9355	9360	9365	9370	9375	9380	9385	9390	5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
87	9395	9400	9405	9410	9415	9420	9425	9430	9435	9440	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
88	9445	9450	9455	9460	9465	9470	9475	9480	9485	9490	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
89	9494	9499	9504	9509	9515	9520	9525	9530	9535	9540	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
90	9542	9547	9552	9557	9562	9567	9571	9576	9581	9586	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
91	9590	9595	9600	9605	9609	9614	9619	9624	9628	9633	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
92	9638	9643	9647	9652	9657	9661	9666	9671	9675	9680	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
93	9685	9689	9694	9699	9703	9708	9713	9717	9722	9727	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
94	9731	9736	9741	9745	9750	9754	9759	9763	9768	9773	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
95	9777	9782	9786	9791	9795	9800	9804	9809	9814	9818	5	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
96	9823	9827	9832	9836	9841	9845	9850	9854	9859	9863	4	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
97	9868	9872	9877	9881	9886	9890	9894	9899	9903	9908	4	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
98	9912	9917	9921	9926	9930	9934	9939	9943	9948	9952	4	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
99	9956	9961	9965	9969	9974	9978	9983	9987	9991	9996	4	0	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Am	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0003	0006	0008	0012	0016	0021	0026	0034	0037	42	4	8	13	17	21	25	29	34	38
11	0041	0043	0046	0051	0059	0067	0074	0082	0091	0099	40	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
12	0102	0108	0114	0120	0128	0136	0145	0154	0163	0172	39	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
13	0183	0191	0199	0208	0217	0226	0235	0245	0254	0264	37	4	7	11	15	19	22	26	30	33
14	0275	0284	0293	0303	0312	0322	0332	0342	0352	0362	35	4	7	11	14	18	21	25	28	32
15	0373	0383	0393	0403	0413	0423	0433	0443	0453	0463	33	3	7	10	13	16	20	23	26	30
16	0474	0484	0494	0504	0514	0524	0534	0544	0554	0564	32	3	6	10	13	16	19	22	26	29
17	0575	0585	0595	0605	0615	0625	0635	0645	0655	0665	30	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
18	0676	0686	0696	0706	0716	0726	0736	0746	0756	0766	28	3	6	8	11	14	17	20	22	25
19	0777	0787	0797	0807	0817	0827	0837	0847	0857	0867	26	3	5	8	10	13	16	18	21	23
20	0878	0888	0898	0908	0918	0928	0938	0948	0958	0968	25	2	5	7	10	12	15	17	20	22
21	0979	0989	0999	1009	1019	1029	1039	1049	1059	1069	24	2	5	7	10	12	14	17	19	22
22	1079	1089	1099	1109	1119	1129	1139	1149	1159	1169	22	2	4	7	9	11	13	15	18	20
23	1179	1189	1199	1209	1219	1229	1239	1249	1259	1269	21	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
24	1279	1289	1299	1309	1319	1329	1339	1349	1359	1369	20	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
25	1379	1389	1399	1409	1419	1429	1439	1449	1459	1469	19	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
26	1479	1489	1499	1509	1519	1529	1539	1549	1559	1569	18	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
27	1579	1589	1599	1609	1619	1629	1639	1649	1659	1669	17	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
28	1679	1689	1699	1709	1719	1729	1739	1749	1759	1769	16	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
29	1779	1789	1799	1809	1819	1829	1839	1849	1859	1869	15	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
30	1879	1889	1899	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949	1959	1969	14	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
31	1979	1989	1999	2009	2019	2029	2039	2049	2059	2069	13	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	

## ANTILOGARITHMS

for

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	+	ADD
00	1000	1002	1005	1007	1009	1012	1014	1016	1019	1021	2	0
01	1023	1026	1028	1030	1033	1035	1038	1040	1042	1045	2	0
02	1047	1050	1052	1054	1057	1059	1062	1064	1067	1069	2	0
03	1072	1074	1076	1079	1081	1083	1086	1089	1091	1094	2	0
04	1096	1099	1102	1104	1107	1109	1112	1114	1117	1119	3	0
05	1122	1125	1127	1130	1132	1135	1138	1140	1143	1146	3	0
06	1148	1151	1153	1156	1159	1161	1164	1167	1169	1172	3	0
07	1175	1178	1180	1183	1186	1189	1191	1194	1197	1199	3	0
08	1202	1205	1208	1211	1213	1216	1219	1222	1225	1227	3	0
09	1230	1233	1236	1239	1242	1245	1247	1250	1253	1256	3	0
10	1259	1262	1265	1268	1271	1274	1276	1279	1282	1285	3	0
11	1288	1291	1294	1297	1300	1303	1306	1309	1312	1315	3	0
12	1318	1321	1324	1327	1330	1333	1337	1340	1343	1346	3	0
13	1349	1352	1355	1358	1361	1365	1368	1371	1374	1377	3	0
14	1380	1384	1387	1390	1393	1396	1400	1403	1406	1409	3	0
15	1413	1416	1419	1422	1426	1429	1432	1435	1439	1442	3	0
16	1445	1449	1452	1455	1459	1462	1466	1469	1472	1476	3	0
17	1479	1483	1486	1489	1493	1496	1500	1503	1507	1510	4	0
18	1514	1517	1521	1524	1528	1531	1535	1538	1542	1545	4	0
19	1549	1552	1556	1560	1563	1567	1570	1574	1578	1581	4	0
20	1585	1589	1592	1596	1600	1603	1607	1611	1614	1618	4	0
21	1622	1626	1629	1633	1637	1641	1644	1648	1652	1656	4	0
22	1660	1666	1667	1671	1675	1679	1683	1687	1690	1694	4	0
23	1698	1702	1706	1710	1714	1718	1722	1726	1730	1734	4	0
24	1738	1742	1746	1750	1754	1758	1762	1766	1770	1774	4	0
25	1778	1782	1786	1791	1795	1799	1803	1807	1811	1816	4	0
26	1820	1824	1828	1832	1837	1841	1845	1849	1854	1858	4	0
27	1862	1866	1871	1875	1879	1884	1888	1892	1897	1901	4	0
28	1905	1910	1914	1919	1923	1928	1932	1936	1941	1945	4	0
29	1950	1954	1959	1963	1968	1972	1977	1982	1986	1991	4	0
30	1995	2000	2004	2009	2014	2018	2023	2028	2032	2037	5	0
31	2042	2046	2051	2056	2061	2065	2070	2075	2080	2084	5	0
32	2089	2094	2099	2104	2109	2113	2118	2123	2128	2133	5	0
33	2138	2143	2148	2153	2158	2162	2168	2173	2178	2183	5	1
34	2188	2193	2198	2203	2208	2213	2218	2223	2228	2234	5	1
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36	2291	2296	2301	2307	2312	2317	2323	2328	2333	2339	5	1
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27	.4540	.4545	.4571	.4586	.4602	.4617	.4633	.4648	.4664	.4679	3	5	8	10	13
28	.4695	.4710	.4725	.4741	.4756	.4772	.4787	.4802	.4818	.4833	3	5	8	10	13
29	.4848	.4863	.4879	.4894	.4909	.4924	.4939	.4955	.4970	.4985	3	5	8	10	13
30	.5000	.5015	.5030	.5045	.5060	.5075	.5090	.5105	.5120	.5135	3	5	8	10	13
31	.5150	.5165	.5180	.5195	.5210	.5225	.5240	.5255	.5270	.5284	2	5	7	10	12
32	.5299	.5314	.5329	.5344	.5358	.5373	.5388	.5402	.5417	.5432	2	5	7	10	12
33	.5446	.5461	.5476	.5490	.5505	.5519	.5534	.5548	.5563	.5577	2	5	7	10	12
34	.5592	.5606	.5621	.5635	.5650	.5664	.5678	.5693	.5707	.5721	2	5	7	10	12
35	.5736	.5750	.5764	.5779	.5793	.5807	.5821	.5835	.5850	.5864	2	5	7	9	12
36	.5878	.5892	.5906	.5920	.5934	.5948	.5962	.5976	.5990	.6004	2	5	7	9	12
37	.6018	.6032	.6046	.6060	.6074	.6088	.6101	.6115	.6129	.6143	2	5	7	9	12
38	.6157	.6170	.6184	.6198	.6211	.6225	.6239	.6252	.6266	.6280	2	5	7	9	11
39	.6293	.6307	.6320	.6334	.6347	.6361	.6374	.6388	.6401	.6414	2	4	7	9	11
40	.6428	.6441	.6455	.6468	.6481	.6494	.6508	.6521	.6534	.6547	2	4	7	9	11
41	.6561	.6574	.6587	.6600	.6613	.6626	.6639	.6652	.6665	.6678	2	4	7	9	11
42	.6691	.6704	.6717	.6730	.6743	.6756	.6769	.6782	.6794	.6807	2	4	6	8	11
43	.6820	.6833	.6845	.6858	.6871	.6884	.6896	.6909	.6921	.6934	2	4	6	8	11
44	.6947	.6959	.6972	.6984	.6997	.7009	.7022	.7034	.7046	.7059	2	4	6	8	10

## NATURAL SINES

	0° 0'.0	6' 0'.1	12' 0'.2	18' 0'.3	24' 0'.4	30' 0'.5	36' 0'.6	42' 0'.7	48' 0'.8	54' 0'.9	Mean Differences				
											1 2 3	4 5			
45	7.071	7.083	7.096	7.108	7.120	7.133	7.145	7.157	7.169	7.181	2 4 6	8 10			
46	7.391	7.406	7.418	7.430	7.442	7.454	7.466	7.478	7.490	7.502	2 4 6	8 10			
47	7.714	7.735	7.755	7.775	7.795	7.815	7.835	7.855	7.875	7.895	2 4 6	8 10			
48	8.031	8.055	8.078	8.101	8.124	8.147	8.170	8.193	8.216	8.239	2 4 6	8 10			
49	8.347	8.375	8.403	8.431	8.459	8.487	8.515	8.543	8.571	8.599	2 4 6	8 9			
50	8.660	8.692	8.724	8.756	8.788	8.820	8.852	8.884	8.916	8.948	2 4 6	7 9			
51	8.971	9.007	9.043	9.079	9.115	9.151	9.187	9.223	9.259	9.295	2 4 5	7 9			
52	9.280	9.320	9.360	9.400	9.440	9.480	9.520	9.560	9.600	9.640	2 4 5	7 9			
53	9.586	9.630	9.674	9.718	9.762	9.806	9.850	9.894	9.938	9.982	2 3 5	7 8			
54	9.892	9.940	9.988	10.036	10.084	10.132	10.180	10.228	10.276	10.324	2 3 5	7 8			
55	10.000	10.052	10.104	10.156	10.208	10.260	10.312	10.364	10.416	10.468	2 3 5	7 8			
56	10.108	10.164	10.220	10.276	10.332	10.388	10.444	10.500	10.556	10.612	2 3 5	6 8			
57	10.216	10.276	10.336	10.396	10.456	10.516	10.576	10.636	10.696	10.756	2 3 5	6 8			
58	10.324	10.388	10.452	10.516	10.580	10.644	10.708	10.772	10.836	10.900	2 3 5	6 8			
59	10.432	10.498	10.564	10.630	10.696	10.762	10.828	10.894	10.960	11.026	2 3 5	6 7			
60	10.540	10.608	10.676	10.744	10.812	10.880	10.948	11.016	11.084	11.152	2 3 5	6 7			
61	10.648	10.718	10.788	10.858	10.928	10.998	11.068	11.138	11.208	11.278	2 3 5	6 7			
62	10.756	10.828	10.896	10.964	11.032	11.100	11.168	11.236	11.304	11.372	2 3 5	6 7			
63	10.864	10.938	11.012	11.086	11.160	11.234	11.308	11.382	11.456	11.530	2 3 5	6 7			
64	10.972	11.048	11.124	11.200	11.276	11.352	11.428	11.504	11.580	11.656	2 3 5	6 7			
65	11.080	11.158	11.236	11.314	11.392	11.470	11.548	11.626	11.704	11.782	2 3 5	6 7			
66	11.188	11.268	11.348	11.428	11.508	11.588	11.668	11.748	11.828	11.908	2 3 5	6 7			
67	11.296	11.378	11.460	11.542	11.624	11.706	11.788	11.870	11.952	12.034	2 3 5	6 7			
68	11.404	11.488	11.572	11.656	11.740	11.824	11.908	11.992	12.076	12.160	2 3 5	6 7			
69	11.512	11.598	11.684	11.770	11.856	11.942	12.028	12.114	12.200	12.286	2 3 5	6 7			
70	11.620	11.708	11.796	11.884	11.972	12.060	12.148	12.236	12.324	12.412	2 3 5	6 7			
71	11.728	11.818	11.908	11.998	12.088	12.178	12.268	12.358	12.448	12.538	2 3 5	6 7			
72	11.836	11.928	12.020	12.112	12.204	12.296	12.388	12.480	12.572	12.664	2 3 5	6 7			
73	11.944	12.038	12.132	12.226	12.320	12.414	12.508	12.602	12.696	12.790	2 3 5	6 7			
74	12.052	12.148	12.244	12.340	12.436	12.532	12.628	12.724	12.820	12.916	2 3 5	6 7			
75	12.160	12.258	12.356	12.454	12.552	12.650	12.748	12.846	12.944	13.042	2 3 5	6 7			
76	12.268	12.368	12.468	12.568	12.668	12.768	12.868	12.968	13.068	13.168	2 3 5	6 7			
77	12.376	12.478	12.580	12.682	12.784	12.886	12.988	13.090	13.192	13.294	2 3 5	6 7			
78	12.484	12.588	12.692	12.796	12.896	12.996	13.096	13.196	13.296	13.396	2 3 5	6 7			
79	12.592	12.698	12.804	12.910	13.016	13.122	13.228	13.334	13.440	13.546	2 3 5	6 7			
80	12.700	12.808	12.916	13.024	13.132	13.240	13.348	13.456	13.564	13.672	2 3 5	6 7			
81	12.808	12.918	13.028	13.138	13.248	13.358	13.468	13.578	13.688	13.798	2 3 5	6 7			
82	12.916	13.028	13.140	13.252	13.364	13.476	13.588	13.696	13.808	13.920	2 3 5	6 7			
83	13.024	13.138	13.252	13.366	13.480	13.594	13.708	13.822	13.936	14.050	2 3 5	6 7			
84	13.132	13.248	13.364	13.480	13.596	13.712	13.828	13.944	14.060	14.176	2 3 5	6 7			
85	13.240	13.358	13.476	13.594	13.712	13.830	13.948	14.066	14.184	14.302	2 3 5	6 7			
86	13.348	13.468	13.588	13.708	13.828	13.948	14.068	14.188	14.308	14.428	2 3 5	6 7			
87	13.456	13.578	13.696	13.816	13.936	14.056	14.176	14.296	14.416	14.536	2 3 5	6 7			
88	13.564	13.688	13.812	13.936	14.060	14.184	14.308	14.432	14.556	14.680	2 3 5	6 7			
89	13.672	13.798	13.924	14.050	14.176	14.302	14.428	14.554	14.680	14.806	2 3 5	6 7			
90	13.780	13.908	14.036	14.164	14.292	14.420	14.548	14.676	14.804	14.932	2 3 5	6 7			

## Practical Physics

	Mean Differences											
	1 2 3					4 5						
	0°	0° 1	0° 2	0° 3	0° 4	0° 5	0° 6	0° 7	0° 8	0° 9		
45	.7071	.7083	.7096	.7108	.7120	.7133	.7145	.7157	.7169	.7181	2 4 6	8 10
46	.7191	.7206	.7218	.7230	.7242	.7254	.7266	.7278	.7290	.7302	2 4 6	8 10
47	.7314	.7325	.7337	.7349	.7361	.7373	.7385	.7396	.7408	.7420	2 4 6	8 10
48	.7431	.7443	.7455	.7466	.7478	.7490	.7501	.7513	.7524	.7536	2 4 6	8 10
49	.7547	.7559	.7570	.7581	.7593	.7604	.7615	.7627	.7638	.7649	2 4 6	8 9
50	.7660	.7672	.7683	.7694	.7705	.7716	.7727	.7738	.7749	.7760	2 4 6	7 9
51	.7771	.7782	.7793	.7804	.7815	.7826	.7837	.7848	.7859	.7869	2 4 5	7 9
52	.7880	.7891	.7902	.7912	.7923	.7934	.7944	.7955	.7965	.7976	2 4 5	7 9
53	.7986	.7997	.8007	.8018	.8028	.8039	.8049	.8059	.8070	.8080	2 3 5	7 9
54	.8090	.8100	.8111	.8121	.8131	.8139	.8151	.8161	.8171	.8181	2 3 5	7 9
55	.8192	.8202	.8211	.8221	.8231	.8241	.8251	.8261	.8271	.8281	2 3 5	7 8
56	.8290	.8300	.8310	.8320	.8329	.8329	.8348	.8358	.8368	.8377	2 3 5	6 8
57	.8387	.8396	.8406	.8415	.8425	.8434	.8443	.8453	.8462	.8471	2 3 5	6 8
58	.8470	.8480	.8490	.8500	.8517	.8526	.8536	.8545	.8554	.8563	2 3 5	6 8
59	.8572	.8581	.8590	.8607	.8616	.8626	.8635	.8644	.8653	.8662	2 3 5	6 8
60	.8660	.8669	.8678	.8686	.8695	.8704	.8712	.8721	.8729	.8738	1 3 4	6 7
61	.8746	.8755	.8763	.8771	.8780	.8788	.8796	.8805	.8813	.8821	1 3 4	6 7
62	.8829	.8838	.8846	.8854	.8862	.8870	.8878	.8886	.8894	.8902	1 3 4	5 7
63	.8910	.8918	.8926	.8934	.8942	.8949	.8957	.8965	.8973	.8980	1 3 4	5 6
64	.8988	.8996	.9003	.9011	.9018	.9026	.9033	.9041	.9048	.9056	1 3 4	5 6
65	.9063	.9070	.9078	.9085	.9092	.9100	.9107	.9114	.9121	.9128	1 2 4	5 6
66	.9135	.9143	.9150	.9157	.9164	.9171	.9178	.9184	.9191	.9198	1 2 3	5 6
67	.9205	.9212	.9219	.9225	.9232	.9239	.9245	.9252	.9259	.9265	1 2 3	4 6
68	.9272	.9278	.9285	.9291	.9298	.9304	.9311	.9317	.9323	.9330	1 2 3	4 5
69	.9336	.9342	.9348	.9354	.9361	.9367	.9373	.9379	.9385	.9391	1 2 3	4 5
70	.9397	.9403	.9409	.9415	.9421	.9426	.9432	.9438	.9444	.9449	1 2 3	4 5
71	.9455	.9461	.9466	.9472	.9478	.9483	.9489	.9494	.9500	.9505	1 2 3	4 5
72	.9511	.9516	.9521	.9527	.9532	.9537	.9542	.9548	.9553	.9558	1 2 3	4 5
73	.9563	.9568	.9573	.9578	.9583	.9588	.9593	.9598	.9603	.9608	1 2 3	3 4
74	.9613	.9617	.9622	.9627	.9632	.9636	.9641	.9646	.9650	.9655	1 2 3	3 4
75	.9659	.9664	.9668	.9672	.9677	.9681	.9686	.9690	.9694	.9699	1 1 2	3 4
76	.9705	.9707	.9711	.9715	.9720	.9724	.9728	.9732	.9736	.9740	1 1 2	3 3
77	.9744	.9748	.9751	.9755	.9759	.9763	.9767	.9770	.9774	.9778	1 1 2	3 3
78	.9781	.9785	.9789	.9792	.9796	.9799	.9803	.9806	.9810	.9813	1 1 2	2 3
79	.9816	.9820	.9823	.9826	.9829	.9833	.9836	.9839	.9842	.9845	1 1 2	2 3
80	.9848	.9851	.9854	.9857	.9860	.9863	.9866	.9869	.9871	.9874	0 1 1	2 2
81	.9877	.9880	.9882	.9885	.9888	.9890	.9893	.9895	.9898	.9900	0 1 1	2 2
82	.9903	.9905	.9907	.9910	.9912	.9914	.9917	.9919	.9921	.9923	0 1 1	2 2
83	.9926	.9928	.9930	.9932	.9934	.9936	.9938	.9940	.9942	.9943	0 1 1	1 2
84	.9945	.9947	.9949	.9951	.9952	.9954	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	0 1 1	1 2
85	.9962	.9963	.9965	.9966	.9968	.9969	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974	0 0 1	1 1
86	.9976	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9980	.9981	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9985	0 0 1	1 1
87	.9986	.9987	.9988	.9989	.9990	.9991	.9992	.9993	.9993	.9993	0 0 0	1 1
88	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998	.9998	0 0 0	0 0
89	.9998	.9999	.9999	.9999	.9999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0 0 0	0 0
90	1.000					1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0 0 0	0 0

## NATURAL TANGENTS

	0° 0'.0	6° 0'.1	12° 0'.2	18° 0'.3	24° 0'.4	30° 0'.5	36° 0'.6	42° 0'.7	48° 0'.8	54° 0'.9	Mean Differences				
											1	2	3	4	5
0	.0000	.0017	.0035	.0052	.0070	.0087	.0105	.0122	.0140	.0157	3	6	9	12	15
1	.0175	.0192	.0209	.0227	.0244	.0262	.0279	.0297	.0314	.0332	3	6	9	12	15
2	.0349	.0367	.0384	.0402	.0419	.0437	.0454	.0472	.0489	.0507	3	6	9	12	15
3	.0524	.0542	.0559	.0577	.0594	.0612	.0629	.0647	.0664	.0682	3	6	9	12	15
4	.0699	.0717	.0734	.0752	.0769	.0787	.0805	.0822	.0840	.0857	3	6	9	12	15
5	.0875	.0892	.0910	.0928	.0945	.0963	.0981	.0998	.1016	.1033	3	6	9	12	15
6	.1051	.1069	.1086	.1104	.1122	.1139	.1157	.1175	.1192	.1210	3	6	9	12	15
7	.1228	.1246	.1263	.1281	.1299	.1317	.1334	.1352	.1370	.1388	3	6	9	12	15
8	.1405	.1423	.1441	.1459	.1477	.1495	.1512	.1530	.1548	.1566	3	6	9	12	15
9	.1594	.1602	.1620	.1638	.1656	.1673	.1691	.1709	.1727	.1745	3	6	9	12	15
10	.1763	.1781	.1799	.1817	.1835	.1853	.1871	.1890	.1908	.1926	3	6	9	12	15
11	.1944	.1962	.1980	.1998	.2016	.2035	.2053	.2071	.2089	.2107	3	6	9	12	15
12	.2126	.2144	.2162	.2180	.2199	.2217	.2235	.2254	.2272	.2290	3	6	9	12	15
13	.2309	.2327	.2345	.2364	.2382	.2401	.2419	.2438	.2456	.2475	3	6	9	12	15
14	.2493	.2512	.2530	.2549	.2568	.2586	.2605	.2623	.2642	.2661	3	6	9	12	15
15	.2679	.2698	.2717	.2736	.2754	.2773	.2792	.2811	.2830	.2849	3	6	9	12	15
16	.2867	.2886	.2905	.2924	.2943	.2962	.2981	.3000	.3019	.3038	3	6	10	13	16
17	.3057	.3076	.3096	.3115	.3134	.3153	.3172	.3191	.3211	.3230	3	6	10	13	16
18	.3249	.3269	.3288	.3307	.3327	.3346	.3365	.3385	.3404	.3424	3	6	10	13	16
19	.3443	.3463	.3482	.3502	.3522	.3541	.3561	.3581	.3600	.3620	3	6	10	13	16
20	.3640	.3659	.3679	.3699	.3719	.3739	.3759	.3779	.3799	.3819	3	6	10	13	16
21	.3839	.3859	.3879	.3899	.3919	.3939	.3959	.3989	.4000	.4020	3	6	10	13	16
22	.4040	.4061	.4081	.4101	.4122	.4142	.4163	.4183	.4204	.4224	3	6	10	13	16
23	.4245	.4265	.4286	.4307	.4327	.4348	.4369	.4390	.4411	.4431	3	6	10	13	16
24	.4452	.4473	.4494	.4515	.4536	.4557	.4578	.4599	.4621	.4642	3	6	10	13	16
25	.4663	.4684	.4706	.4727	.4748	.4770	.4791	.4813	.4834	.4856	3	6	10	13	16
26	.4877	.4899	.4921	.4942	.4964	.4986	.5008	.5029	.5051	.5073	3	6	10	13	16
27	.5095	.5117	.5139	.5161	.5184	.5206	.5228	.5250	.5272	.5295	3	6	10	13	16
28	.5317	.5340	.5362	.5384	.5407	.5430	.5452	.5475	.5498	.5520	3	6	10	13	16
29	.5543	.5566	.5589	.5612	.5635	.5658	.5681	.5704	.5727	.5750	3	6	10	13	16
30	.5774	.5797	.5820	.5844	.5867	.5890	.5914	.5938	.5961	.5985	3	6	10	13	16
31	.6009	.6032	.6056	.6080	.6104	.6128	.6152	.6176	.6200	.6224	3	6	10	13	16
32	.6248	.6273	.6297	.6322	.6346	.6371	.6395	.6420	.6445	.6469	3	6	10	13	16
33	.6494	.6519	.6544	.6569	.6594	.6619	.6644	.6669	.6694	.6720	3	6	10	13	16
34	.6745	.6770	.6796	.6822	.6847	.6873	.6899	.6924	.6950	.6976	3	6	10	13	16
35	.7002	.7028	.7054	.7080	.7107	.7133	.7159	.7186	.7212	.7239	3	6	10	13	16
36	.7265	.7292	.7319	.7346	.7373	.7400	.7427	.7454	.7481	.7508	3	6	10	13	16
37	.7536	.7563	.7590	.7618	.7646	.7673	.7701	.7729	.7757	.7785	3	6	10	13	16
38	.7813	.7841	.7869	.7898	.7926	.7954	.7983	.8012	.8040	.8069	3	6	10	13	16
39	.8098	.8127	.8155	.8185	.8214	.8243	.8273	.8302	.8332	.8361	3	6	10	13	16
40	.8391	.8421	.8451	.8481	.8511	.8541	.8571	.8601	.8632	.8662	3	6	10	13	16
41	.8693	.8724	.8754	.8785	.8816	.8847	.8878	.8910	.8941	.8972	3	6	10	13	16
42	.9004	.9036	.9067	.9099	.9131	.9163	.9195	.9228	.9260	.9293	3	6	10	13	16
43	.9325	.9358	.9391	.9424	.9457	.9490	.9523	.9556	.9589	.9623	3	6	10	13	16
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## NATURAL TANGENTS

	0° 0'.0	6° 0'.1	12° 0'.2	18° 0'.3	24° 0'.4	30° 0'.5	36° 0'.6	42° 0'.7	48° 0'.8	54° 0'.9	Mean Differences				
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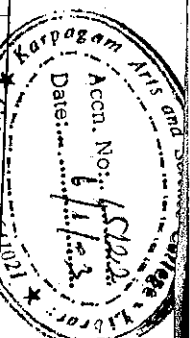
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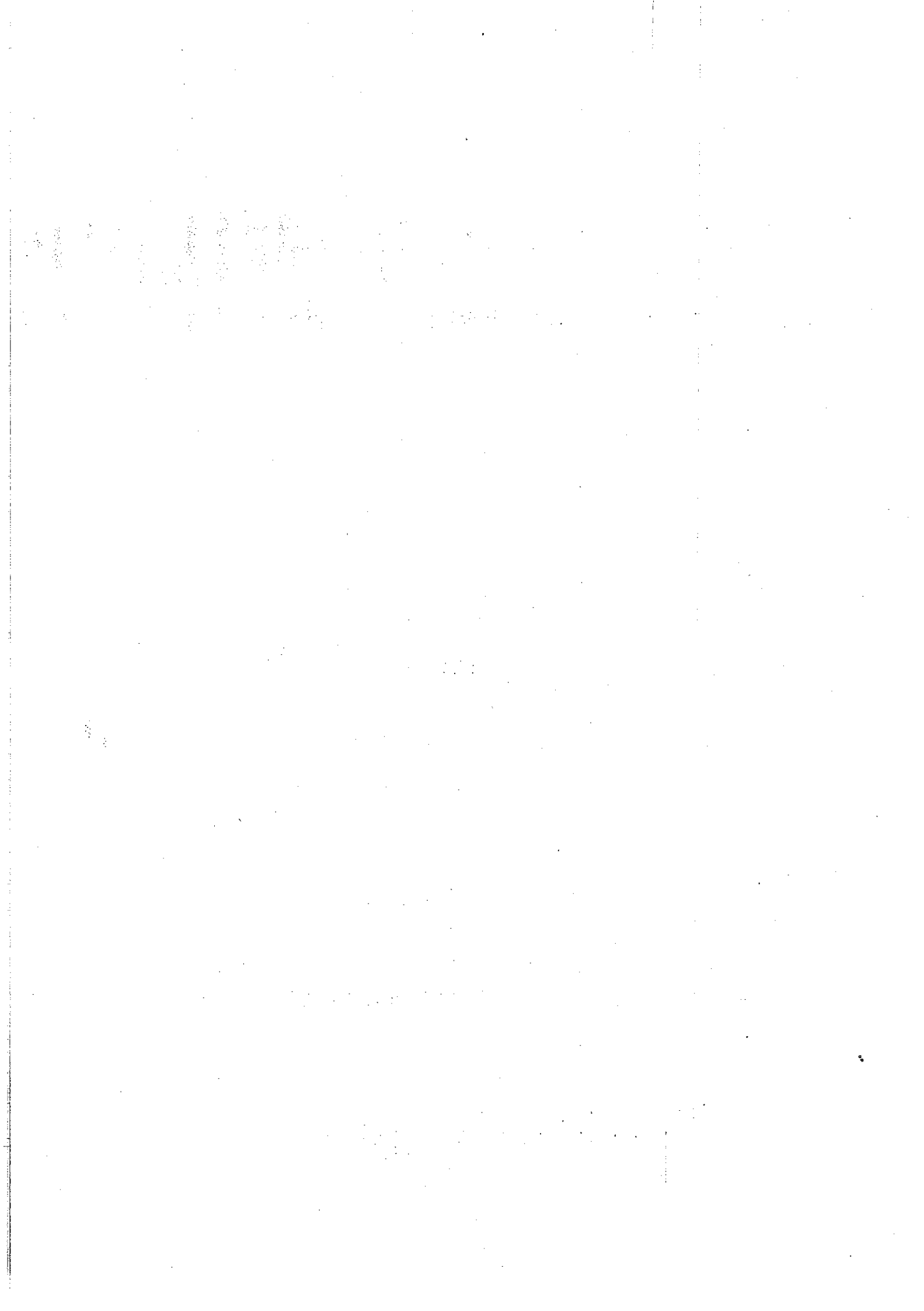
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### REFRACTIVE INDEX OF A PRISM

**Aim:**

To determine the refractive index of a given prism by using a Na Light.

**Apparatus Required:**

Spectrometer, prism, mercury vapour lamp, spirit level and reading lens.

**Formula Used:**

The refractive index  $\mu$  of the prism is given by the following formula:

$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

Where  $A$  = angle of the prism,  $\delta_m$  = angle of minimum deviation.

**Procedure:**

The following initial adjustments of the spectrometer are made first.

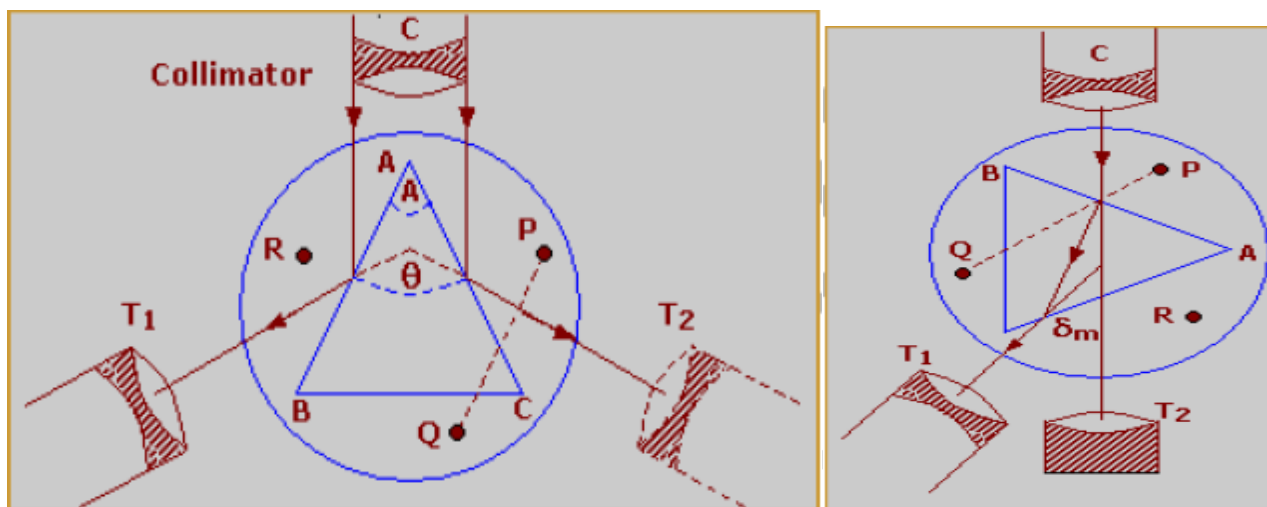
- The spectrometer and the prism table are arranged in horizontal position by using the levelling screws.
- The telescope is turned towards a distant object to receive a clear and sharp image.
- The slit is illuminated by a mercury vapour lamp and the slit and the collimator are suitably adjusted to receive a narrow, vertical image of the slit.
- The telescope is turned to receive the direct ray, so that the vertical slit coincides with the vertical crosswire.

**(A) Measurement of the angle of the prism:**

- Determine the least count
- Place the prism on the prism table with its refracting angle  $A$  towards the collimator and with its refracting edge  $A$  at the centre. In this case some of the light falling on each face will be reflected and can be received with the help of the telescope.
- The telescope is moved to one side to receive the light reflected from the face  $AB$  and the cross wires are focused on the image of the slit. The readings of the two verniers are taken.
- The telescope is moved in other side to receive the light reflected from the face  $AC$  and again the cross wires are focused on the image of the slit. The readings of the two verniers are taken.
- The angle through which the telescope is moved; or the difference in the two positions gives twice of the refracting angle  $A$  of the prism. Therefore half of this angle gives the refracting angle of the prism.

**(B) Measurement of the angle of minimum deviations:**

- Place the prism so that its centre coincides with the centre of the prism table and light falls on one of the polished faces and emerges out of the other polished face, after refraction. In this position the spectrum of light is obtained.
- The spectrum is seen through the telescope and the telescope is adjusted for minimum deviation position for a particular colour (wavelength) in the following way: Set up telescope at a particular colour and rotate the prism table in one direction, of course the telescope should be moved in such a way to keep the spectral line in view. By doing so a position will come where a spectral line recede in opposite direction although the rotation of the table is continued in the same direction. The particular position where the spectral line begins to recede in opposite direction is the minimum deviation position for that colour. Note the readings of two verniers.
- Remove the prism table and bring the telescope in the line of the collimator. See the slit directly through telescope and coincide the image of slit with vertical crosswire. Note the readings of the two verniers.
- The difference in minimum deviation position and direct position gives the angle of minimum deviation for that colour.
- The same procedure is repeated to obtain the angles of minimum deviation for the other Colours.



**Figure: Left:** Arrangement to determine the angle of prim.  
**Right:** Arrangement to determine the angle of minimum deviation.

**Observations:**

(i) Value of the one division of the main scale = ..... degrees

Total number of vernier divisions = .....

Least count of the vernier = ..... degrees = ..... second

(ii) Table for the angle (A) of the prism.

S.No	Vernier	Telescope reading for reflection						Difference $\theta = a - b = 2A$	Mean value of 2A	A	Mean A degrees
		from first face			from second face						
		MSR	VSR	TR (a)	MSR	VSR	TR (b)				
1	V <sub>1</sub>								}		
	V <sub>2</sub>										
2	V <sub>1</sub>								}		
	V <sub>2</sub>										
3	V <sub>1</sub>								}		
	V <sub>2</sub>										

MSR = Main Scale Reading, VSR = Vernier Scale Reading, TR = MSR+VSR = Total Reading.

(iii) Table for the angle of minimum deviation ( $\delta_m$ ).

S.No	Colour	Vernier	Telescope reading for minimum deviation			Telescope reading for direct image			Difference $\delta_m = a - b$	Mean value of $\delta_m$
			MSR	VSR	TR (a)	MSR	VSR	TR (b)		
1	Violet	V <sub>1</sub>								}
		V <sub>2</sub>								
2	Yellow	V <sub>1</sub>								}
		V <sub>2</sub>								
3	Red	V <sub>1</sub>								}
		V <sub>2</sub>								

MSR = Main Scale Reading, VSR = Vernier Scale Reading, TR = MSR+VSR = Total Reading.

**Calculations:**

Refractive index for yellow = .....

Angle of minimum deviation for red = .....

Refractive index for red = .....

**Result:** Refractive index for the material of the prism \_\_\_\_\_

## DISPERSIVE POWER OF A PRISM

### Aim:

To determine the dispersive power of a prism using Hg light

### Apparatus:

A spectrometer, a glass prism, mercury lamp, reading lamp and a magnifying lens.

**Formula used:** The dispersive power of the medium of the prism is given by

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_b - \mu_r}{\mu_y - 1}$$

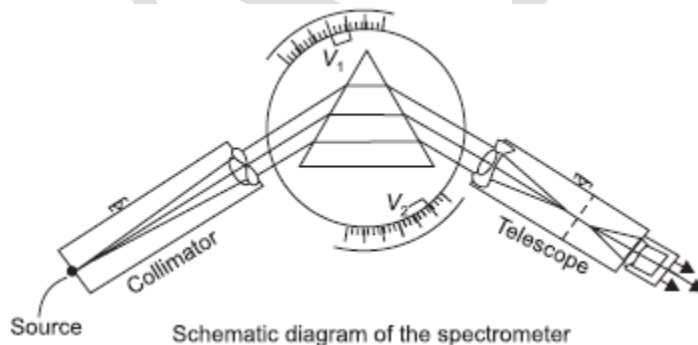
Where  $\mu_b$  and  $\mu_r$  are the refractive indices of the medium for blue and red lines respectively and  $\mu_y$  refers to the refractive index for the  $D$  yellow line of sodium and may be written as:

$$\mu_y = \frac{\mu_b + \mu_r}{2}$$

The refractive indices  $\mu_b$  and  $\mu_r$  can be determined by using the formulae

$$\mu_r = \frac{\sin(A + \delta_r)/2}{\sin A/2}, \quad \mu_b = \frac{\sin(A + \delta_b)/2}{\sin A/2}$$

Where  $A$  is the angle of the prism and  $\delta_b$  and  $\delta_r$  are the angles of minimum deviation for the blue and red respectively.



### Manipulations:

1. Determine the vernier constant of the spectrometer.
2. Turn the telescope towards some brightly illuminated white background and move the eyepiece in or out till the cross-wire is sharply focused.
3. Switch on the neon lamp.
4. Bring the telescope and collimator in the same straight line and move the lamp right and left and up and down and fix its position when the illumination of the slit is maximum.
5. If the image of the slit is not bisected by the horizontal cross-wire in the telescope, adjust the leveling screws of the telescope or collimator till the slit is bisected.
6. Place the prism in the centre of the small prism table in such a way that one of its refracting face is at right angle to the line joining two of the levelling screws on the small prism table.

### Optical Leveling:

7. Turn the table till the edge of the prism is opposite to the middle of the collimator lens. The image of slit will now be reflected from each of the two faces.
8. First get the image of the slit from that face of the prism, which has been kept at right angles to the line joining the two leveling screws on the prism table. If it is not bisected by the horizontal cross-wire it should be made to do so by adjusting either of the two screws. This is done to ensure that the faces of the prism are vertical.
9. Now view the slit through the telescope, as it is reflected from the other face of the prism. If it is not bisected, adjust the third screw. This operation makes the edge of the prism vertical and parallel to the slit.
10. The prism table is thus leveled and the two faces of the prism are made vertical.
11. Turn the prism table till the beam of parallel light from the collimator enters the prism at one face and emerges from the other. Now the refractive image of the slit will be seen. The prism table is moved in a direction to increase the angle of incidence. As we increase the angle of incidence, the refractive ray will move in a particular direction. At one particular angle of incidence, the refractive ray will cease to move. This gives the position of minimum deviation for the prism. If the prism is moved still further, the refractive ray will begin to move in opposite direction. Turn the telescope a little to one side of the image and fix it. It is evident that there are now two positions of the prism, one on each side of that of minimum deviation, which will bring the image of the line again into view in the center of the field of the telescope.
12. The prism is first turned to the position where the angle of incidence is greater than that corresponding to minimum deviation. The telescope is now focused while looking at the spectrum through the telescope.
13. Now rotate the prism table in the opposite direction till the image is again visible through the telescope.
14. Focus the collimator.
15. Turn the prism table again so as to increase the angle of incidence till the refracted rays after going out of the field of view are again visible.
16. Focus the telescope.
17. Again rotate the prism table so as to decrease the angle of incidence and when the image reappears focus the collimator.
18. If all the above operations have been performed correctly, you will find that the refracted image will always be in sharp focus, no matter in which direction the prism is turned. This is known as Schuster's method of focusing the telescope and collimator.
19. Find the angle of the prism.
20. Find the angle of minimum deviation for bright red and greenish blue line of the mercury spectrum.

### Observations:

1. Vernier constant of the spectrometer =
2. Readings for the angle of the prism 'A'

Sl No.	Readings for the Image Reflected				2A		A
	From Right Face		From Left Face		c - a	d - b	
	Venier A a	Venier B b	Venier A c	Venier B d			
1.							
2.							
3.							

Mean A =

3. Readings for the angle of minimum deviation

Sl. no.	Colour of Light	Direct Reading		Reading for the Position of Minimum Deviation		$\delta_m$
		A	B	A	B	
1.	Red					
2.	Red					
3.	Red					
1.	Blue					
2.	Blue					
3.	Blue					

Mean:  $\delta_m$  (red) =  $\delta_r$ ,  $\delta_m$  (Blue) =  $\delta_b$  =

**Calculations :**

$$\mu_r = \frac{\sin(A + \delta_r) / 2}{\sin A / 2} =$$

$$\mu_b = \frac{\sin(A + \delta_b) / 2}{\sin A / 2}$$

$$\mu_y = \frac{\mu_r + \mu_b}{2} =$$

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_b - \mu_r}{\mu_y - 1}$$

**Result:**

The dispersive power of a prism =

## RESOLVING POWER OF PRISM

**Aim :**

To determine the resolving power of a prism.

**Apparatus Required:**

Spectrometer, prism, prism clamp, mercury lamp, lens.

**Principle:**

If a spectrograph can just resolve two lines near wavelength with a separation of, the resolving power is defined as  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$ .

Resolving power for yellow and blue is given by

$$\omega = \frac{n_b - n_y}{n - 1}$$

Where  $n_b$  and  $n_y$  are the refractive index of blue and yellow, and  $n = \frac{n_b + n_y}{2}$

**Procedure:**

Preliminary adjustments:

1. Focus Telescope on distant object.

2. When focus is correct, start button is activated. Then click Start button.
3. Switch on the light by clicking Switch On Light button.
4. Focus the slit using Slit focus slider.
5. Adjust the slit width using Slit width slider.
6. Coincide the slit with cross wire in the telescope.

### Performing Real Lab:

1. Turn the telescope towards the white wall or screen and looking through eye-piece, adjust its position till the cross wires are clearly seen.
2. Turn the telescope towards window, focus the telescope to a long distant object.
3. Place the telescope parallel to collimator.
4. Place the collimator directed towards sodium vapour lamp. Switch on the lamp.
5. Focus collimator slit using collimator focusing adjustment.
6. Adjust the collimator slit width.
7. Place prism table, note that the surface of the table is just below the level of telescope and collimator.
8. Place spirit level on prism table. Adjust the base leveling screw till the bubble come at the centre of spirit level.
9. Clamp the prism holder.
10. Clamp the prism in which the sharp edge is facing towards the collimator, and base of the prism is at the clamp.

### Least Count of Spectrometer:

One main scale division (N) = .....minute

Number of divisions on vernier (v) = .....

L.C =  $\frac{v}{c}$  = .....minute

### **To determine the Angle of minimum deviation:**

#### Direct method :

#### Performing simulator:

1. Rotate prism table so as to get the refracted light through the prism.
2. Make the slit coincide with telescope cross wire.
3. Slowly rotate the vernier table by using vernier fine adjusting slider.
4. Note the position where the slit is stationary for some moment.
5. Using telescope fine adjusting slider, make coincide the slit with cross wire.

### Performing Real Lab:

1. Rotate the prism table so that the light from the collimator falling on one of the face of the prism and emerges through the other face.
2. The telescope is turned to view the refracted image of the slit on the other face.
3. The vernier table is slowly turned in such a direction that the image of slit is move directed towards the directed ray; ie., in the direction of decreasing angle of deviation.
4. It will be found that at a certain position, the image is stationary for some moment. Vernier table is fixed at the position where the image remains stationary.
5. Note the readings on main scale and vernier scale.
6. Carefully remove the prism from the prism table.
7. Turn the telescope parallel to collimator, and note the direct ray readings.

8. Find the difference between the direct ray readings and deviated readings. This angle is called angle of minimum deviation (D).

**To determine the Resolving power of prism :**

1. Rotate the vernier table so as to fall the light from the collimator to one face of the prism and emerged through another face. (refer the given figure ).
2. The emerged ray has different colors.
3. Turn the telescope to each color, and note the readings for different colors.
4. Remove the prism, hence note direct ray reading.
5. Find the angle of minimum deviation for different color.(Say ,violet, blue, green, yellow).
6. Find the refractive index for these colors. Using equation (3).
7. Resolving power for yellow and blue

$$\omega = \frac{n_b - n_y}{n - 1}$$

Where  $n_b$  and  $n_y$  are the refractive index of blue and yellow, and  $n = \frac{n_b + n_y}{2}$

Line	Vernier	Refracted ray readings	Direct readings	Difference (Minimum Deviation)	Mean D	n
	V <sub>1</sub>					
	V <sub>2</sub>					
	V <sub>1</sub>					
	V <sub>2</sub>					
	V <sub>1</sub>					
	V <sub>2</sub>					
	V <sub>1</sub>					
	V <sub>2</sub>					

Refractive index for the line \_\_\_\_\_ n<sub>1</sub> =

Refractive index for the line \_\_\_\_\_ n<sub>2</sub> =

Average refractive index  $n = \frac{n_1 + n_2}{2}$

Resolving power for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ line  $= \omega = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n - 1}$

**Result:**

Angle of the Prism = .....Degrees

Angle of minimum deviation of the prism = .....Degrees

Refractive index of the material of the prism = .....

Dispersive power of the prism = .....

## SPECTROMETER – DETERMINATION OF CAUCHY'S CONSTANT

**Aim:**

To determine the value of Cauchy constants of a material of a prism



## Apparatus Required:

Spectrometer, Prism, Mercury vapour lamp.

## Formula

The refractive index  $n$  of the material of the prism for a wavelength  $\lambda$  is given by.

$$n = A + \frac{B}{\lambda^2}$$

Where A and B are called Cauchy's constants for the prism.

If the refractive indices  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  for any two known wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are determined by a spectrometer, the Cauchy's constants A and B can be calculated from the above equation.

## Procedure:

### Preliminary adjustments:

1. Focus Telescope on distant object.
2. When focus is correct, start button is activated. Then click Start button.
3. Switch on the light by clicking Switch On Light button.
4. Focus the slit using Slit focus slider.
5. Adjust the slit width using Slit width slider.
6. Coincide the slit with cross wire in the telescope.

### Performing Real Lab:

1. Turn the telescope towards the white wall or screen and looking through eye-piece, adjust its position till the cross wires are clearly seen.
2. Turn the telescope towards window, focus the telescope to a long distant object.
3. Place the telescope parallel to collimator.
4. Place the collimator directed towards sodium vapor lamp. Switch on the lamp.
5. Focus collimator slit using collimator focusing adjustment.
6. Adjust the collimator slit width.
7. Place prism table, note that the surface of the table is just below the level of telescope and collimator.
8. Place spirit level on prism table. Adjust the base leveling screw till the bubble come at the centre of spirit level.
9. Clamp the prism holder.
10. Clamp the prism in which the sharp edge is facing towards the collimator, and base of the prism is at the clamp.

### Least Count of Spectrometer :

One main scale division (N) = .....minute

Number of divisions on vernier (v) = .....

$$L.C = \frac{N}{v} = \dots\dots\dots\text{minute}$$

### To determine the angle of the Prism:

1. Prism table is rotated in which the sharp edge of the prism is facing towards the collimator.



2. Rotate the telescope in one direction up to which the reflected ray is shown through the telescope.
3. Note corresponding main scale and vernier scale reading in both vernier (vernier I and vernier II).
4. Rotate the telescope in opposite direction to view the reflected image of the collimator from the second face of prism.
5. Note corresponding main scale and vernier scale reading in both vernier (vernier I and vernier II).
6. Find the difference between two readings, i.e.  $\theta$
7. Angle of prism,  $A = \theta/2$

Reading of reflected ray from	Vernier 1			Vernier 2		
	MSR	VSR	Total	MSR	VSR	Total
face 1 (say a)						
face 2 (say b)						
Difference between a & b						

Mean  $\theta$  = .....Degrees

Angle of prism = .....Degrees

### To determine the Cauchy's constants for the prism:

#### Performing Real Lab

The angle of the prism A and the angle of minimum deviation D for different wave length are determined. From this the refractive index n for these colours are calculated. Taking the value of  $\lambda$  from the mathematical table, the Cauchy's constants A and B are calculated for different pairs of spectral colours using the equation.

The Cauchy's constants can also be determined graphically. A graph is drawn with n along the y-axis and  $1/\lambda^2$  along x-axis with zero as the origin for both axes. The graph is a straight line. The Y intercept gives A and the slope gives B.

#### Performing simulator :

1. Rotate the vernier table so as to fall the light from the collimator to one face of the prism and emerged through another face. (refer the given figure ).
2. The emerged ray has different colors.
3. Turn the telescope to each color, and note the readings for different colors.
4. Remove the prism, hence note direct ray reading.
5. Find the angle of minimum deviation for different color. (Say ,violet, blue, green, yellow).
6. Find the refractive index for these colors. Using equation (3).
7. Draw the graph with n along the y-axis and  $1/\lambda^2$  along x-axis with zero as the origin for both axes.

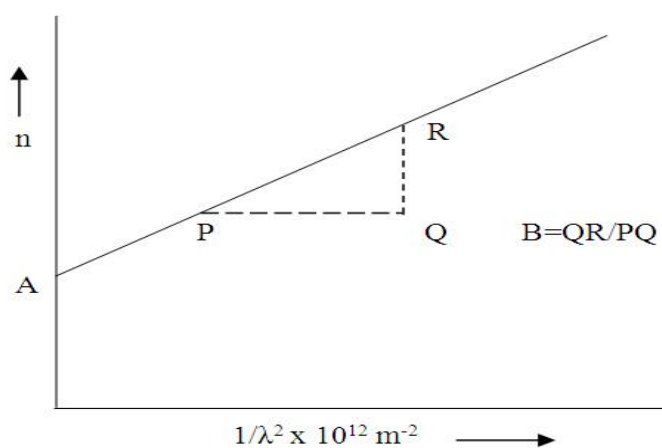
Table (1): To calculate A and B.

Pair of Colors	$\lambda_1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$	$\lambda_2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$	$n_1$	$n_2$	A	B
Yellow1 & Blue						
Green & Violet						

Table (2): To find A and B graphically.

Colour	$\lambda \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$	$(1/\lambda^2) \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-2}$	n
Yellow	579.1	2.988	
Green	546.1	3.353	
Blue	435.8	5.265	
Violet 2	404.7	6.103	

**Graph:**



**Result:**

Cauchy's constants

A = .....

B = ..... m<sup>2</sup>

## WAVELENGTH OF LASER USING DIFFRACTION GRATING

### Aim:

TO find a wavelength of laser source using diffraction grating.

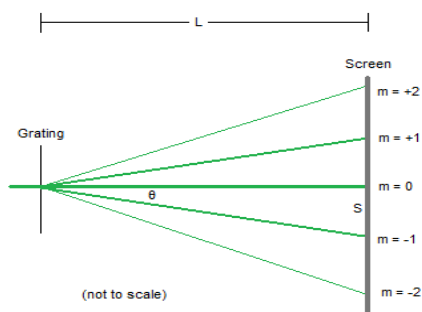
### Apparatus required:

Diffraction grating, Laser source, Large screen, Stand with grating mount, metre scale

### Formula

$$\sin \theta_n = Nn\lambda$$

$$\sin \theta_n = x_n / \sqrt{x_n^2 + d^2}$$



### Procedure:

Laser, grating and a screen are arranged in a line as shown in a figure. Switch on the laser and pass through the grating so that the diffraction pattern can be seen on screen. The pattern consists of bright diffraction bands of orders  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  etc. On either side of the central spot. For normal incidence, the grating is aligned such that the separation between the central spot to the first order spot on both sides are equal. Adjust the spacing between the grating and the screen  $d$  to 0.23 m. Find the distance to the  $n$ th order ( $n=1, 2$ ) diffracted spot from the central spot on both sides of it on the screen as  $x_n$ . From the mean value of  $x_n$ , calculate  $\sin \theta_n = x_n / \sqrt{x_n^2 + d^2}$  for each order. The number of lines per metre of the grating  $N$  is also noted. Then the wavelength given by  $\lambda = \sin \theta_n / Nn$  is calculated. The experiment is repeated for various distances  $d = 0.5, 0.75$  and 1 m and the mean value of wave length is calculated.

**Table :**

Number of lines per metre on the grating  $N = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  lines / m

s.no	Order n	Distance to the diffracted spot from the central spot $x_n$ (m)			$\sin \theta_n = x_n / \sqrt{x_n^2 + d^2}$	Mean $\sin \theta_n$	$\lambda = \sin \theta_n / Nn$ (m)
		Left	Right	Mean			
1	I						
2							
3							
1	II						
2							
3							

**Result :**

Wavelength of the laser light =

## MELDE'S APPARATUS FREQUENCY OF VIBRATOR(TUNING FORK)

**Aim:**

To determine the frequency of vibrator or tuning fork of Melde's Apparatus by measuring the frequency of  
1)transverse vibrations 2)longitudinal vibrations of a string.

**Apparatus:**

Melde's apparatus of electrically maintained vibrator or tuning fork with a long uniform string, scale pan, weight box etc.

### 1) TRANSVERSE MODE OF VIBRATIONS

**Procedure:**

In Melde's apparatus, a long string is attached to one of the prongs of the tuning fork(or vibrator). The other end of the string carrying scale pan is passed over a smooth pulley. The pulley is rigidly fixed to the edge of the table. The electrically maintained tuning fork is placed so that its prong is along the length of the string as shown in Fig28.1 below.

When the circuit is closed, the fork is set into vibration, at right angles to the length of the string. A mass of, say, 5g is placed on the pan. The transverse stationary waves are produced in the string due to the superposition of the traveling wave and reflected wave at the pulley. The length of the string is adjusted to get well defined loop of standing waves. Leaving the loops formed at the ends of the string, total number of loops is counted and total length of the loop is measured using meter scale. The length  $l$  of then is calculated. The experiment is repeated by adding the mass into the pan in step of 5g. The mass of entry pan  $m_p$  is determined and is added to the mass placed in it. The readings are tabulated as given in table 28.1. The linear density  $m$  of string that is, mass per unit length of the string is calculated by knowing the mass of the specimen string 10m in length.

Table 28.1: To determine  $(M/l^2)$

Load in scale pan: $M$ g	Total mass $M'=(M+m_p)g$	Number of loop $N$	Total length of loops $m$	Length of one loop $l$ m	$(M'/l^2)$ $\text{kg.m}^{-2}$

$$\text{Mean } (M'/l^2) = \quad \text{Kg m}^{-2}$$

$$\text{Mean } (M'/l^2)^{1/2} = \quad \text{Kg m}^{-1}$$

A graph can be drawn connecting  $M'$  and  $L^2$  as shown in fig 28.2 and the slope  $(M'/l^2)$  can be determined.

$M'$ kg	$L^2$ m <sup>2</sup>

### Formula:

In transverse mode of vibration of the string of the loop length  $L$  under the tension  $T$ , its frequency of vibration is equal to that of vibrating tuning fork. Therefore frequency of the fork

$$n = 1/2l [T/m]^{1/2} = 1/2 [(g/m)(M'/l^2)]^{1/2}$$

where  $T$  is the tension in the string  $= (M+m_p)g = M'g$ . Here  $M'$  is the load including the mass of the pan  $m_p$  and  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity.

### Observation:

Mass of the scale pan $m_p$	=	kg
Mass of 10m of string	=	kg
Mass per meter of string $m$	=	$\text{kg m}^{-1}$
Mean $(M'/l^2)^{1/2}$ by calculation	=	$\text{kg}^{1/2}\text{m}^{-1}$

$$2) \text{by graph} = \text{kg}^{1/2} \text{m}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Frequency of the fork} \quad n = 1/2[(g/m)(M/l^2)]^{1/2} \text{ Hz}$$

**Result:**

Frequency of tuning fork in transverse mode of vibration of string

- 1) By calculation =                      Hz  
2) By graph =                      Hz

**2) LONGITUDINAL MODE OF VIBRATIONS:**

**Procedure:**

In the longitudinal mode, the fork vibrates in a direction parallel to the length of the string. The experiment is performed as in the case of transverse mode of vibrations. Observations are tabulated for various tensions. The table is identical to the table 28.1 which is already given. Here it should be noted that for same tension, the length of one loop is twice as that for transverse mode. Experiment is also repeated to find the relative density of the given solid and liquid.

Table 28.2: To determine  $(M/l^2)$

Load in scale pan: M g	Total mass $M=(M+m_p)g$	Number of loop N	Total length of loops m	Length of one loop l m	$(M/l^2) \text{ kg.m}^{-2}$

**Formula:**

In longitudinal mode, each and every point of the string makes one complete oscillation during which of fork completes two oscillations. Therefore,

$$\text{Frequency of the fork} \quad n = [(g/m)(M/l^2)]^{1/2}$$

As in the case of transverse mode, using the same formulae, the relative densities of solid and liquid are determined.

**Observation:**

- Mass of the scale pan  $m_p$  =                      kg  
Mass of 10m of string =                      kg  
Mass per meter of string m =                       $\text{kg m}^{-1}$   
Mean  $(M/l^2)^{1/2}$  1) by calculation =                       $\text{kg}^{1/2} \text{m}^{-1}$   
2) by graph =                       $\text{kg}^{1/2} \text{m}^{-1}$

$$\text{Frequency of the fork} \quad n = [(g/m)(M/l^2)]^{1/2} \text{ Hz}$$

**Result:**

Frequency of tuning fork in longitudinal mode of vibration of string

- 1) By calculation =                      Hz
- 2) By graph                      =                      Hz

## LISSAJOUS FIGURES

### Aim:

To use Lissajous figures to take phase measurements.

### Apparatus:

General purpose oscilloscope (10MHz) , Function generators (1 Hz to 1 MHz) ,Digital multimeter.

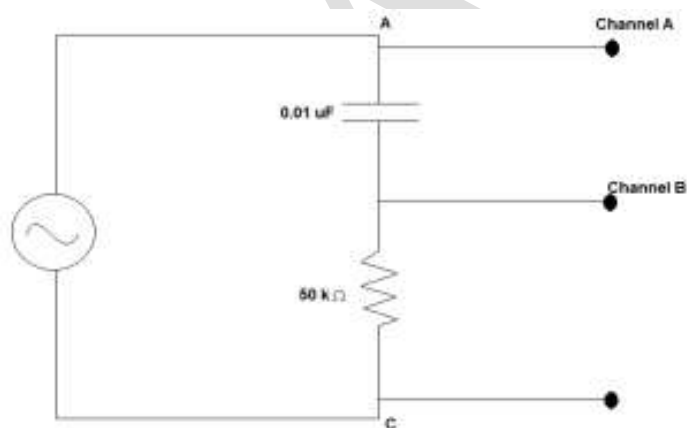
### Theory:

A lissajous figure is produced by taking two sine waves and displaying them at right angles to each other. This easily done on an oscilloscope in XY mode. If the oscilloscope has the x-versus-y capability, one can apply one signal to the vertical deflection plates while applying a second signal to the horizontal deflection plates. The horizontal sweep section is automatically disengaged at this time. The resulting waveform is called Lissajous figure. This mode can be used to measure phase or frequency relationships between two signals.

### Procedure:

1. The circuit was connected as in Figure 3.8.

2. The frequency of  $E_{in}$  was set at 1 kHz. R was set at 0  $\Omega$ . The signal voltage was set at 4 V peak-to-peak. The display was centered. R was changed to 10 k $\Omega$  and the pattern in was recorded in Table 3.3. The measured and calculated values was recorded in Table 3.3, for different values of R.



### Observation:

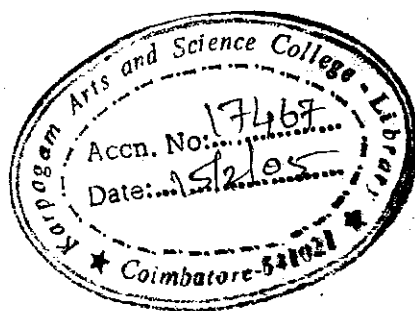
S NO	X	Y	$\phi = \sin^{-1}(Y/X)$



**Result:**

The phase difference of lissajoue's figure =

## Huygens' Principle and Its Applications



*Christiaan Huygens, a Dutch physicist, in a communication to the Academie des Science in Paris, propounded his wave theory of light (published in his Traite de Lumiere in 1690). He considered that light is transmitted through an all-pervading aether that is made up of small elastic particles, each of which can act as a secondary source of wavelets. On this basis, Huygens explained many of the known propagation characteristics of light, including the double refraction in calcite discovered by Bartholinus.*

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### 10.1 INTRODUCTION

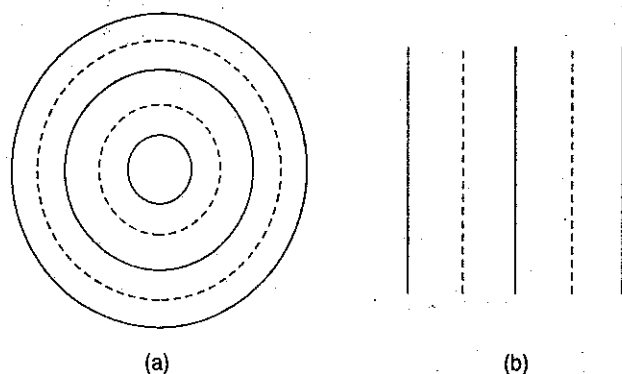
The wave theory of light was first put forward by Christiaan Huygens in 1678. During that period, everyone believed in Newton's corpuscular theory, which had satisfactorily explained the phenomena of reflection, refraction, the rectilinear propagation of light and the fact that light could propagate through vacuum. So empowering was Newton's authority that the scientists around Newton believed in the corpuscular theory much more than Newton himself; as such, when Huygens put forward his wave theory, no one really believed him. On the basis of his wave theory, Huygens explained satisfactorily the phenomena of reflection, refraction and total internal reflection and also provided a simple explanation of the then recently discovered birefringence (see Ch. 19). As we will see later, Huygens' theory predicted that the velocity of light in a medium (like water) shall be less than the velocity of light in free space, which is just the converse of the prediction made from Newton's corpuscular theory (see Sec. 1.2).

The wave character of light was not really accepted until the interference experiments of Young and Fresnel (in the early part of the nineteenth century) which could only be explained on the basis of a wave theory. At a later date, the data on the speed of light through transparent media were also available which was consistent with the results obtained by using the wave theory. It should be pointed out that Huygens did not know whether the light waves were longitudinal or transverse and also how they propagate through vacuum. It was only in the later part of the nineteenth century, when Maxwell propounded his famous electromagnetic theory, could the nature of light waves be understood properly.

### 10.2 HUYGENS' THEORY

Huygens' theory is essentially based on a geometrical construction which allows us to determine the shape of the wavefront at any time, if the shape of the wavefront at an earlier time is known. A wavefront is the locus of the points which are in the same phase; for example, if we drop a small stone in a calm pool of water, circular ripples spread out from the point of impact, each point on the circumference of the circle (whose center is at the point of impact) oscillates with the same amplitude and same phase and thus we have a circular wavefront. On the other hand, if we have a point source emanating waves in a uniform isotropic medium, the locus of points which have the same amplitude and are in the same phase are spheres. In this case we have spherical wavefronts as shown in Fig. 10.1(a). At large distances from the source, a small portion of the sphere can be considered as a plane and we have what is known as a plane wave [see Fig. 10.1(b)].

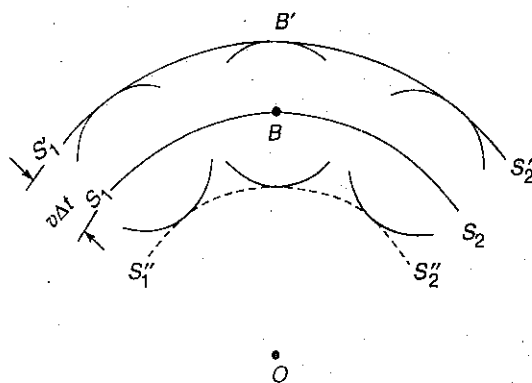
Now, according to Huygens' principle, each point of a wavefront is a source of secondary disturbance and the wavelets emanating from these points spread out in all directions with the speed of the wave. The envelope of these wavelets gives the shape of the new wavefront. In Fig. 10.2,  $S_1S_2$  represents the shape of the wavefront (emanating from the point  $O$ ) at a particular time which we denote as  $t = 0$ . The medium is assumed to be homogeneous and isotropic, i.e., the medium is characterized by the same property at all points and the speed of propagation of the wave is the same in all directions. Let us suppose we want to determine the shape of the wavefront after a time interval of  $\Delta t$ . Then, with each point on the wavefront as center, we draw spheres of radius  $v \Delta t$ , where  $v$  is the speed of the wave in that



**Fig. 10.1** (a) A point source emitting spherical waves. (b) At large distances, a small portion of the spherical wavefront can be approximated to a plane wavefront thus resulting in plane waves.

medium. If we draw a common tangent to all these spheres, then we obtain the envelope which is again a sphere centered at  $O$ . Thus the shape of the wavefront at a later time  $\Delta t$  is the sphere  $S'_1S'_2$ .

There is, however, one drawback with the above model, because we also obtain a backwave which is not present in practice. This backwave is shown as  $S''_1S''_2$  in Fig. 10.2. In Huygens' theory, the presence of the backwave is avoided by assuming that the amplitude of the secondary wavelets is



**Fig. 10.2** Huygens' construction for the determination of the shape of the wavefront, given the shape of the wavefront at an earlier time.  $S_1S_2$  is a spherical wavefront centered at  $O$  at a time, say  $t = 0$ .  $S'_1S'_2$  corresponds to the state of the wavefront at a time  $\Delta t$ , which is again spherical and centered at  $O$ . The dashed curve represents the backwave.

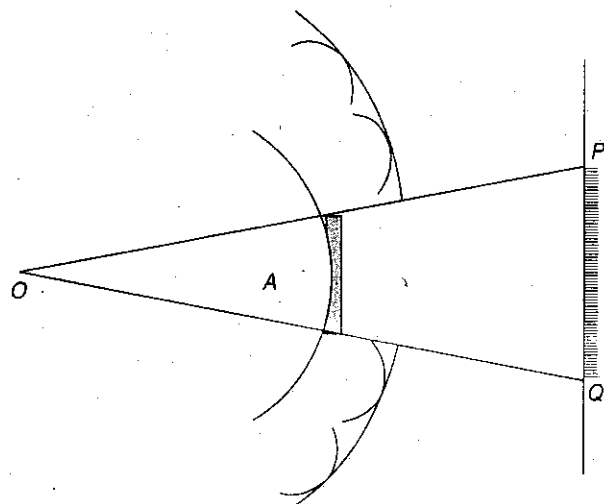
\* Indeed it can be shown from diffraction theory that one does obtain (under certain approximations) an obliquity factor, which is of the form  $\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta)$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between the normal to the wavefront and the direction under consideration. Clearly when  $\theta = 0$ , the obliquity factor is 1 (thereby giving rise to maximum amplitude in the forward direction) and when  $\theta = \pi$ , the obliquity factor is zero (thereby giving rise to zero amplitude in the backward direction).

not uniform in all directions; it is maximum in the forward direction and zero in the backward direction\*. The absence of the backwave is really justified through the more rigorous wave theory.

In the next section we will discuss the original argument of Huygens to explain the rectilinear propagation of light. In Sec. 10.4 we will derive the laws of refraction and reflection by using Huygens' principle. Finally, in Sec. 10.5 we will show how Huygens' principle can be used in inhomogeneous media.

### 10.3 RECTILINEAR PROPAGATION

Let us consider spherical waves emanating from the point source  $O$  and striking the obstacle  $A$  (see Fig. 10.3). According to the rectilinear propagation of light (which is also predicted by corpuscular theory) one should obtain a shadow in the region  $PQ$  of the screen. As we will see in a later chapter, this is not rigorously true and one does obtain a finite intensity in the region of the geometrical shadow. However, at the time of Huygens, light was known to travel in straight lines and Huygens explained this by assuming that the secondary wavelets do not have any amplitude at any point not enveloped by the wavefront. Thus, referring back to Fig. 10.2, the secondary wavelets emanating from a



**Fig. 10.3** Rectilinear propagation of light.  $O$  is a point source emitting spherical waves and  $A$  is an obstacle which forms a shadow in the region  $PQ$  of the screen.

same time. If the distance of the source is small [Fig. 7.12 (i)] the wavefront is spherical. When the source is at a large distance, then any small portion of the wavefront can be considered plane [Fig. 7.12 (ii)]. Thus rays of light diverging from or converging to a point give rise to a spherical wavefront and a parallel beam of light gives rise to a plane wavefront.

According to Huygens principle, all points on the primary wavefront (1, 2, 3 etc., Fig. 7.12) are sources of secondary disturbance. These secondary waves travel through space with the same velocity as the original wave and the envelope of all the secondary wavelets after any given interval of time gives rise to the secondary wavefront. In Fig. 7.12 (i),  $XY$  is the primary spherical wavefront and in Fig. 7.12 (ii)  $XY$  is the primary plane wavefront. After an interval of time  $t$ , the secondary waves travel a distance  $vt$ . With the points 1, 2, 3 etc. as centres, draw spheres of radii  $vt$ . The surfaces  $X_1Y_1$  and  $X_2Y_2$  refer to the secondary wavefront.  $X_1Y_1$  is the forward wavefront and  $X_2Y_2$  is the backward wavefront. But according to Huygens principle, the secondary wavefront is confined only to the forward wavefront  $X_1Y_1$  and not the backward wavefront  $X_2Y_2$ . However, no explanation to the absence of backward wavefront was given by Huygens.

### 7.13 REFLECTION OF A PLANE WAVE FRONT AT A PLANE SURFACE

Let  $XY$  be a plane reflecting surface and  $AMB$  the incident plane wavefront. All the particles on  $AB$  will be vibrating in phase. Let  $i$  be the angle of incidence (Fig. 7.13).

In the time the disturbance at  $A$  reaches  $C$ , the secondary waves from the point  $B$  must have travelled a distance  $BD$  equal to  $AC$ . With the point  $B$  as centre and radius equal to  $AC$  construct a sphere. From the point  $C$ , draw tangents  $CD$  and  $CD'$ . Then  $BD = BD'$ .

In the  $\Delta$ s  $BAC$  and  $BDC$

$BC$  is common

$$BD = AC$$

$$\text{and } \angle BAC = \angle BDC = 90^\circ$$

$\therefore$  The two triangles are congruent,

$$\therefore \angle ABC = i = \angle BCD = r.$$

$$\therefore i = r$$

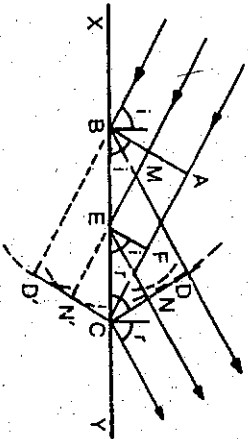


Fig. 7.13

Thus, the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection. Hence,  $CD$  forms the reflected plane wavefront. It can be shown that all the points on  $CD$  form the reflected plane wavefront. In the time the disturbance from  $F$  reaches the point  $C$ , the secondary waves from  $E$  must have travelled a distance  $EN = FC$ . With  $E$  as centre and radius  $FC$  draw a sphere and draw tangents  $CN$  and  $CN'$  to the sphere. It can be shown that the triangles  $EFN$  and  $ENC$  are congruent.

But

$$AC = AF + FC$$

$$AF = ME$$

and

$$FC = EN$$

$\therefore$

$$AC = ME + EN$$

Thus, all the secondary waves from different points on  $AB$  reach the corresponding points on  $CD$  at the same time. Therefore,  $CD$  forms the reflected plane wavefront and also the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection.

### 7.14 REFLECTION OF A PLANE WAVEFRONT AT A SPHERICAL SURFACE

Let  $APB$  be a convex reflecting surface and  $QPR$  the incident plane wavefront (Fig. 7.14). By the time the disturbance at  $Q$  and  $R$  reaches the points  $A$  and  $B$  on the reflecting surface, the secondary waves from  $P$  must have travelled a distance  $PK$  back into the same medium such that  $QA = RB = PL = PK$ .

Then  $AKB$  forms the reflected spherical wavefront whose centre of curvature is  $F$ . Similarly, the secondary waves corresponding to the points lying on the incident wavefront  $QPR$  will reach the surface  $AKB$  in the same time after reflection.  $F$  is called the focus of the spherical mirror  $APB$ .  $PF$  is the focal length of the mirror.

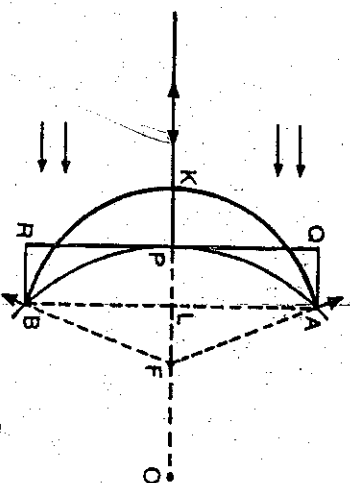


Fig. 7.14

In Fig. 7.14,  $APB$  is a small arc of a circle of radius  $PO = R$  and  $ALB$  is a chord.  $PL$  is called the sagitta of the arc. From geometry,

$$AL^2 = PL(2R - PL)$$

$$= 2RPL - PL^2$$



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} = 0$$

$$\text{or } y = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)x \quad \dots (v)$$

This represents the equation of a straight line  $BD$  (Fig. 7.9) i.e., the particle vibrates simple harmonically along the line  $DB$ .

$$(ii) \text{ If } \alpha = \pi; \sin \alpha = 0;$$

$$\cos \alpha = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{2xy}{ab} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b}\right) = 0$$

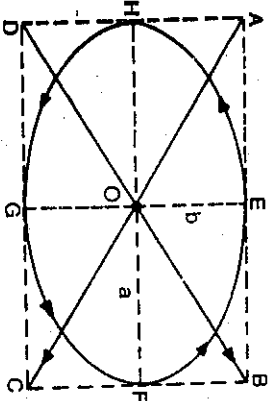


Fig. 7.9

$$y = -\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)x \quad \dots (vi)$$

This represents equation of a straight line  $AC$  (Fig. 7.9).

$$(iii) \text{ If } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2}; \sin \alpha = 1;$$

$$\cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

This represents the equation of an ellipse  $EHGF$  (Fig. 7.9) with  $a$  and  $b$  as the semi-major and semi-minor axes.

$$(iv) \text{ If } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$a = b$$

$$\text{then } \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

This represents the equation of a circle of radius  $a$  (Fig. 7.10).

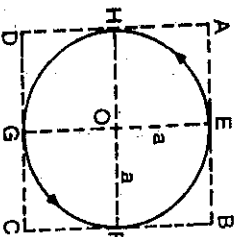


Fig. 7.10

(a) If  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$  or  $\frac{7\pi}{4}$  the resultant vibration is an oblique ellipse  $KLMN$  as shown in Fig. 7.11 (i)

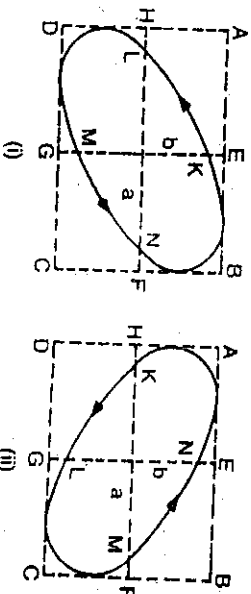


Fig. 7.11

On the other hand if  $\alpha = \frac{3\pi}{4}$  or  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ , the resultant vibration is again an oblique ellipse  $KLMN$  is shown in Fig. 7.11 (ii). The cycle of changes is repeated after every time period.

### 7.12 HUYGENS PRINCIPLE

According to Huygens, a source of light sends out waves in all directions, through a hypothetical medium called ether. In Fig. 7.12 (i),  $S$  is a source of light sending light energy in the form of waves in all directions. After any given interval of time ( $t$ ), all the particles of the medium on the surface  $XY$  will be vibrating in phase. Thus,  $XY$  is a portion of the sphere of radius  $vt$  and centre  $S$ .  $v$  is the velocity of propagation of the wave.  $XY$  is called the primary wavefront. A wavefront can be defined as the locus of all the points of the medium which are vibrating in phase and are also displaced at the

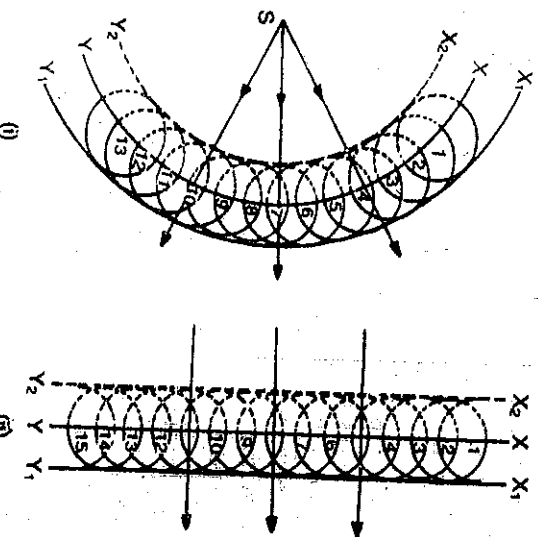


Fig. 7.12

negligible.

$$AL^2 = 2R \cdot PL$$

$$R = \frac{AL^2}{2PL} \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly for the spherical surface AKB

$$KL = \frac{AL^2}{2KF}$$

$$KF = \frac{AL^2}{2KL} = f \text{ approximately}$$

$$KL = KP + PL = 2PL$$

But

$$f = \frac{AL^2}{2 \times 2PL} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{AL^2}{2PL} \right)$$

$$= \frac{R}{2}$$

Thus, the incident plane wavefront QPR is reflected as the spherical wavefront AKB with the centre of curvature at F. Further the focal length of the mirror is equal to half the radius of curvature of the mirror.

### 7.15 REFLECTION OF A SPHERICAL WAVEFRONT AT A PLANE SURFACE

Let XY be the plane reflecting surface and O a point source of light at a distance OP from it. APB is the incident spherical wavefront meeting the surface XY at P. By the time the disturbance at the points A and B reaches C and D, the secondary waves from P must have travelled a distance PM = AC = BD. In the absence of the reflecting surface, the wavefront must have advanced a distance PL and taken the position CLD (Fig. 7.15). Also PL = PM. The secondary waves from the points in between A and B will reach the corresponding points on the reflected spherical wavefront CMD in the same time. I is the centre of curvature of the surface CMD. Hence I is the image of O. Further the curvature of the incident spherical wavefront is the same as the reflected wavefront.

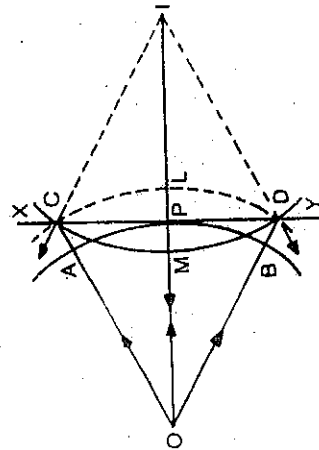


Fig. 7.15

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For the surface CLD,

$$PL = \frac{CP^2}{2LO}$$

and for the surface CMD

$$MP = \frac{CP^2}{2MI} \quad \dots(ii)$$

But

$$PL = MP$$

$$LO = MI$$

$$\therefore OP + PL = MP + PI$$

$$\text{or } OP = PI$$

i.e., the image is formed as far behind the mirror as the object is in front of it.

### 7.16 REFLECTION OF A SPHERICAL WAVEFRONT AT A SPHERICAL SURFACE

Let XPY be a concave reflecting surface whose radius of curvature is R and centre of curvature is C. O is a point source of light on the axis of the mirror and ALB is the incident spherical wavefront touching the surface at the points A and B (Fig. 7.16). By the time the disturbance at L reaches P, the secondary waves from A and B must have travelled a distance AE = BD = PL. Therefore, EPD is the reflected spherical wavefront whose centre of curvature is I. I is the image of the object O. Take PO = u, PI = v and PC = R. Considering the aperture to the small, for the spherical surface ALB,

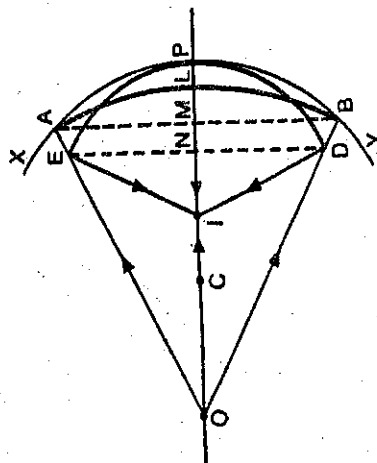


Fig. 7.16

$$LM = \frac{AM^2}{2LO} = \frac{AM^2}{2PO} = \frac{AM^2}{2u} \quad \dots(i)$$

For the spherical surface EPD,

$$PN = \frac{EN^2}{2PI} = \frac{EN^2}{2v} = \frac{AM^2}{2v} \quad \dots(ii)$$

[EN = AM approximately]

For the spherical surface  $XPY$

$$PM = \frac{AM^2}{2PC} = \frac{AM^2}{2R} \quad \dots (iii)$$

Also,

$$PL = AE = MN \text{ approximately}$$

$$PN = PM + MN = PM + PL$$

$$= PM + PM - LM$$

$$\therefore PN + LM = 2PM \quad \dots (iv)$$

Substituting the values of  $LM$ ,  $PN$  and  $PM$  in equation (iv)

$$\frac{AM^2}{2v} + \frac{AM^2}{2u} = \frac{2AM^2}{2R}$$

$$\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{f}$$

According to the sign convention,  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $f$  are all negative.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f} \quad \dots (v)$$

### 7.17 REFRACTION OF A PLANE WAVEFRONT AT A PLANE SURFACE

Let  $XY$  represent the surface separating the media 1 and 2 of refractive indices  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  respectively (Fig. 7.17).  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are the velocities

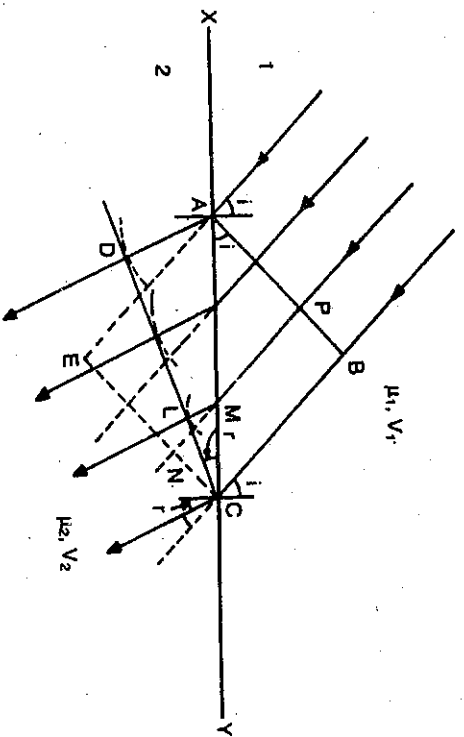


Fig. 7.17.

of light in the two media. The second medium is optically denser than the first and hence  $v_1 > v_2$ .  $APB$  is the incident plane wavefront. By the

time the disturbance at  $B$  reaches  $C$ , the secondary waves from  $A$  must have travelled a distance  $AD = v_2 t$  where  $t$  is the time taken by the waves to travel the distance  $BC$ .

$$\therefore BC = v_1 t$$

and

$$AD = v_2 t$$

With  $A$  as centre and radius  $AD$  ( $= v_2 t$ ) draw a sphere. Draw a tangent  $CD$  to the sphere from the point  $C$ . Then  $CD$  represents the refracted plane wavefront. To prove that  $CD$  is the common wavefront, it is enough to show that in the time the disturbance travels from  $B$  to  $C$  or  $A$  to  $D$ , the disturbance at  $P$  reaches  $L$ . With the point  $M$  as centre, draw a sphere such that  $CD$  happens to be the tangent to the sphere. From the  $\Delta s ACD$  and  $MCL$

$$\frac{AD}{ML} = \frac{AC}{MC} \quad \dots (i)$$

Similarly from the  $\Delta s ACE$  and  $MEN$

$$\frac{AE}{MN} = \frac{AC}{MC} \quad \dots (ii)$$

From equation (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{AD}{ML} = \frac{AE}{MN}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{AE}{AD} = \frac{BC}{AD} = \frac{v_1 t}{v_2 t} = \frac{MN}{ML}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{BC}{AD} = \frac{MN}{ML} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} \quad \dots (iii)$$

Hence, if  $AD$  is the radius of the secondary wavefront for the point  $A$ , then  $ML$  is the radius of the secondary wavefront for the point  $M$ .

Let  $i$  and  $r$  be the angles of incidence and refraction respectively.

From the  $\Delta s ABC$  and  $ACD$

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{BC}{AC} \div \frac{AD}{AC}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{BC}{AD} = \frac{v_1 t}{v_2 t} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

$$\therefore \mu_1 \sin i = \mu_2 \sin r$$

This is the Snell's law of refraction.



$$\frac{PM}{PE} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_1} = 1$$

(i) If  $\mu_2 > \mu_1$ ,  $r < i$ , i.e., when a ray of light travels from a rarer to a denser medium, the ray is bent towards the normal.

(ii) If  $\mu_2 < \mu_1$ ;  $r > i$ , i.e., when a ray of light travels from a denser to a rarer medium it is refracted away from the normal.

(iii) If the incident beam is normal to the refracting surface, the angle of incidence is zero and hence the angle of refraction is also zero. The secondary waves from all the points start at the same instant and the refracted waves travel in a direction perpendicular to the refracting surface.

(iv) **Total internal reflection.** If the velocity of light  $v_2$  in the second medium is greater than the velocity of light  $v_1$  in the first medium and  $AD > AC$  (Fig. 7.17), then no tangent can be drawn from the point  $C$  to the sphere drawn with  $A$  as centre. There will be no refracted wavefront. In the limiting case,  $AD = AC$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= AC \sin i \\ v_1 t &= AD \cdot \sin i \\ &= v_2 t \sin i \end{aligned}$$

$$v_1 = v_2 \sin i$$

$$\frac{v_1}{\sin i} = \frac{v_2}{\sin r} = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

where  $\mu_1$  is the refractive index of the first medium with respect to the second medium. Here  $i = c$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sin c} = \frac{1}{\mu_1}$$

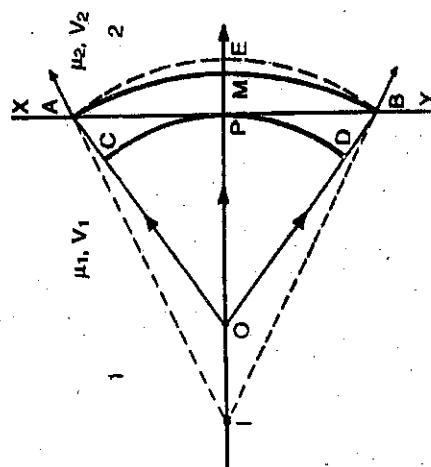
$c$  is called the critical angle and is defined as the angle of incidence in the denser medium for which the corresponding angle of refraction in the rarer medium is  $90^\circ$ .

### 7.18 REFRACTION OF A SPHERICAL WAVEFRONT AT A PLANE SURFACE

Let  $XPY$  represent the surface separating two media of refractive indices  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ ,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are the velocities of light in the two media respectively.  $O$  is a point in the first medium at a distance  $u$  from the surface  $XPY$  (Fig. 7.18).  $CPD$  is the incident spherical wavefront. In the absence of the surface  $XPY$ , the wavefront should have occupied the position  $AEB$  after a time  $t$ . By the time the disturbance at the points  $C$  and  $D$  reaches the surface at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively, the secondary waves at  $P$  must have travelled a distance  $PM$  where  $PM = v_2 t$  and  $CA = DB = PE = v_1 t$ .

$$\frac{\text{Actual distance}}{\text{Apparent distance}} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} = \frac{1}{\mu_2}$$

where  $\mu_2$  represents the refractive index of the second medium with respect to the first. If the second medium is denser than the first  $v > u$  and if the first medium is denser than  $u > v$ .



**Fig. 7.18**

For the surface  $AEB$ ,

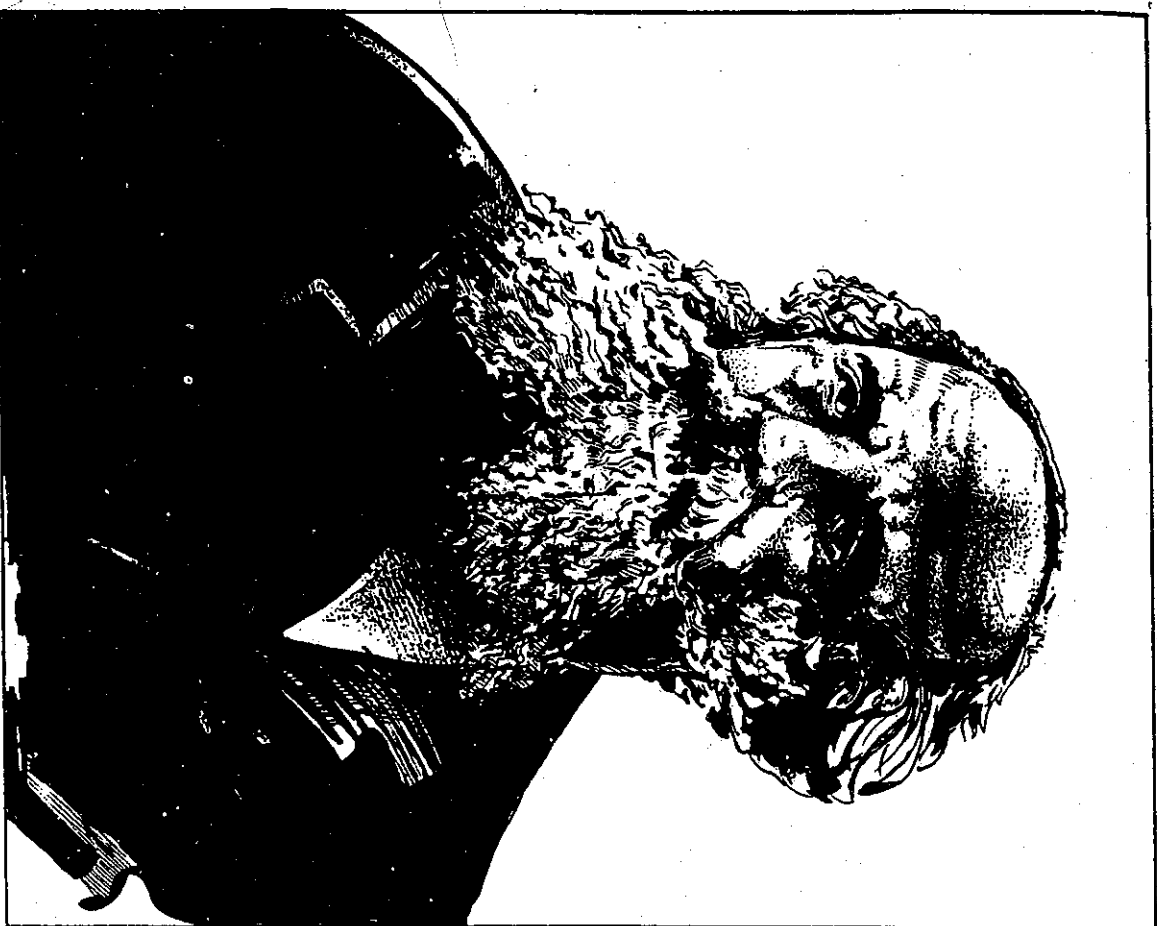
$$PE = \frac{AP^2}{2EO} = \frac{AP^2}{2PO} = \frac{AP^2}{2u} \quad (\text{approximately})$$

$$\therefore \frac{PM}{PE} = \frac{u}{v} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From equations (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{PM}{PE} = \frac{u}{v} = \frac{H_1}{H_2}$$

Here,  $u$  is the distance of the object and  $v$  is the distance of the image.



JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1831-1879)

He did fundamental work in colour vision and colour photography. He is well known for the discovery of the Electromagnetic Theory of Light.

$$\therefore \mu AC = LP + \mu PQ + QN$$

$$\text{But, } AC = KM \text{ (approximately)}$$

$$\therefore \mu KM = LP + \mu PQ + QN$$

$$\mu [KP + PQ + QM] = LP + \mu PQ + QN$$

$$\text{or } \mu [KP + QM] = (KP - KL) + (QM + MN) \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Here } AL = CM = h \text{ (approximately)}$$

$$\therefore KP = \frac{h^2}{2R_1}; \quad QM = \frac{h^2}{2R_2}$$

$$KL = \frac{h^2}{2u} \text{ and } MN = \frac{h^2}{2v}$$

Substituting these values in equation (i)

$$\mu \left[ \frac{h^2}{2R_1} + \frac{h^2}{2R_2} \right] = \frac{h^2}{2R_1} - \frac{h^2}{2u} + \frac{h^2}{2R_2} + \frac{h^2}{2v}$$

$$\mu \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right] = \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = (\mu - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right]$$

According to the convention of signs,  $u$  is  $-ve$ ,  $v$  is  $-ve$ ,  $R_1$  is  $-ve$  and  $R_2$  is  $+ve$

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = (\mu - 1) \left( -\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{If } u = \infty, v = f$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{f} = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \quad \dots (iii)$$

## 7.22 NATURE OF LIGHT

(i) **Corpuscular theory.** Rectilinear propagation of light is a natural deduction on the basis of corpuscular theory. This theory can also explain reflection and refraction, though the theory does not clearly envisage why, how and when the force of attraction or repulsion is experienced perpendicular to the reflecting or refracting surface by a corpuscle. Newton assumed that the corpuscles possess fits which allow them easy reflection at one stage and easy transmission at the other. According to Newton's

corpuscular theory the velocity of light in a denser medium is higher than the velocity in a rarer medium. But the experimental results of Foucault and Michelson show that the velocity of light in a rarer medium is higher than that in a denser medium. Interference could not be explained on the basis of corpuscular theory because two material particles cannot cancel one another's effect. The phenomenon of diffraction *viz.*, bending of light round corners or illumination of geometrical shadow cannot be conceived according to corpuscular theory, because a corpuscle travelling at high speed will not be deviated from its straight line path. Certain crystals like quartz, calcite etc. exhibit the phenomenon of double refraction. Explanation of this has not been possible with the corpuscle concept. The unsymmetrical behaviour of light about the axis of propagation (*viz.* polarization of light) cannot be accounted for by the corpuscular theory.

(ii) **Wave theory.** Huygens wave theory could explain satisfactorily the phenomena of reflection and refraction. Applying the principle of secondary wave points, rectilinear propagation of light can be correlated. The phenomenon of interference can also be understood considering that light energy is propagated in the form of waves. Two wave trains of equal frequency and amplitude and differing in phase can annul one another's effect and produce darkness. Similar to sound waves, bending of waves round obstacles is possible, thus enabling the understanding of the phenomenon of diffraction. Double refraction can also be explained on the basis of wave theory. According to Huygens, propagation of light is in the form of longitudinal waves. But in the case of longitudinal waves, one cannot expect the unsymmetrical behaviour of a beam of light about the axis of propagation. This difficulty was overcome when Fresnel suggested that the light waves are transverse and not longitudinal. On the basis of this concept, the phenomenon of polarization can also be understood. Finally, on the basis of wave theory it can be shown mathematically, that the velocity of light in a rarer medium is higher than the velocity of light in a denser medium. This is in accordance with the experimental results on the velocity of light.

(iii) **Conclusion.** The controversy between the corpuscular theory and the wave theory existed till about the end of the eighteenth century. At one time the corpuscular theory held the ground and at another time the wave theory was accepted, the discovery of the phenomenon of interference by Thomas Young in 1800, the experimental results of Foucault and Michelson on the velocity on light in different media and the revolutionary hypothesis of Fresnel in 1816 that the vibration of the ether particles is transverse and not longitudinal gave, in a way, a solid ground to the wave theory.

The next important advance in the nature of light was due to the work of Clerk Maxwell. Maxwell's electromagnetic theory of light lends support to Huygens wave theory whereas quantum theory strengthens the

particle concept. It is very interesting to note, that light is regarded as a wave motion at one time and as a particle phenomenon at another time.

## EXERCISES VII

1. What is Huygens principle in regard to the conception of light waves ? Using Huygens conception show that  $\mu$  is equal to the ratio of wave velocities in the two media.
2. Obtain an expression for refraction of a spherical wave at a spherical surface.
3. State Huygens principle for the propagation of light. Using the same, deduce the formula connecting object and image distances with the constants of a thin lens.
4. Explain how the phenomena of reflection and refraction of light are accounted for on the wave theory and point out the physical significance of refractive index. (Mysore 1991)
5. What is a wavefront ? How is it produced ? Derive the lens formula for a thin lens on the basis of the wave theory of light.
6. Write a short note on the wave theory of light. How is refraction explained on this theory ? (Delhi 1992)
7. Explain Huygens principle. Derive the refraction formula for a thin lens on the basis of wave theory. (Agra 1992)
8. Write a short discussion on the nature of light. Deduce, with the help of Huygens wave theory of light, an expression for the focal length of a thin lens in terms of the radii of curvature of its two surfaces and the refractive index of the material of which it is made. (Rajasthan 1991)
9. Write short notes on :  
(i) Wave theory of light. (Punjab 1985)  
(ii) Huygens principle. [Delhi (Hons.) 1993]  
(iii) Newton's corpuscular theory.
10. Show how the wave theory and the corpuscular theory of light account for (a) refraction and (b) total internal reflection of light. How was the issue decided in favour of the wave theory ? (Rajasthan 1990)
11. Discuss the nature of light. How do you explain the phenomenon of reflection, refraction and rectilinear propagation of light on the basis of wave theory ? (Mysore 1990 ; Rajasthan 1986)
12. Write an essay on the nature of light. (Agra 1986)
13. What is Huygens principle ? Obtain the laws of reflection and refraction on the basis of wave theory of light. (Gorakhpur 1987)

14. Apply Huygens principle to derive the relation

$$\frac{1}{f} = (\mu - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

for a thin lens.

(Mysore 1990)

15. State and explain Huygens principle of secondary waves. Apply this principle for explaining the simultaneous reflection and refraction of a plane light wave from a plane surface of separation of two optical media.

[Delhi 1984 ; Delhi (Hons.) 1984]

16. Explain Huygens principle of wave propagation and apply it to prove the laws of reflection of a plane wave at a plane surface.

[Delhi B.Sc.(Hons.) 1991]

17. State the principle of superposition. Give the mathematical theory of interference between two waves of amplitude  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  with phase difference  $\phi$ . Discuss some typical cases.

[Rajasthan 1985]

18. Deduce the laws of reflection with the help of Huygens theory of secondary wavelets.

(Rajasthan 1985)

19. What is Huygens principle ? How would you explain the phenomenon of reflection and refraction of plane waves at plane surfaces on the basis of wave nature of light ?

[Delhi (Sub.) 1986]

20. State and explain Huygens principle of secondary waves.

(Delhi 1988)

21. State and explain Huygens principle of secondary waves.

[Delhi : 1992]

# 8

## INTERFERENCE

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

The phenomenon of interference of light has proved the validity of the wave theory of light. Thomas Young successfully demonstrated his experiment on interference of light in 1802. When two or more wave trains act simultaneously on any particle in a medium, the displacement

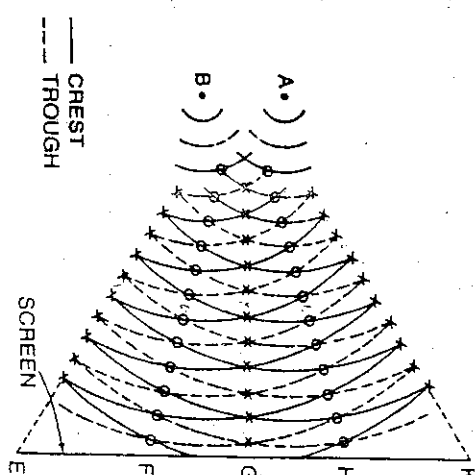


Fig. 8.1

of the particle at any instant is due to the superposition of all the wave trains. Also, after the superposition, at the region of cross over, the wave trains emerge as if they have not interfered at all. Each wave train retains its individual characteristics. Each wave train behaves as if others are absent. This principle was explained by Huygens in 1678.

The phenomenon of interference of light is due to the superposition of two trains within the region of cross over. Let us consider the waves produced on the surface of water. In Fig. 8.1 points *A* and *B* are the two sources which produce waves of equal amplitude and constant phase difference. Waves spread out on the surface of water which are circular in shape. At any instant, the particle will be under the action of the displacement due to both the waves. The points shown by circles in the diagram will have minimum displacement because the crest of one wave falls on the trough of the other and the resultant displacement is zero. The points shown by crosses in the diagram will have maximum displacement because, either the crest of one will combine with the crest of the other or the trough of one will combine with the trough of the other. In such a case, the amplitude of the displacement is twice the amplitude of either of the waves. Therefore, at these points the waves **reinforce** with each other. As the intensity (energy) is directly proportional to the square of the amplitude ( $I \propto A^2$ ) the intensity at these points is four times the intensity due to one wave. It should be remembered that **there is no loss of energy due to interference**. The energy is only transferred from the points of minimum displacement to the points of maximum displacement.

## 8.2 YOUNG'S EXPERIMENT

In the year 1802, Young demonstrated the experiment on the interference of light. He allowed sunlight to fall on a pinhole *S* and then at some distance away on two pinholes *A* and *B* (Fig. 8.2).

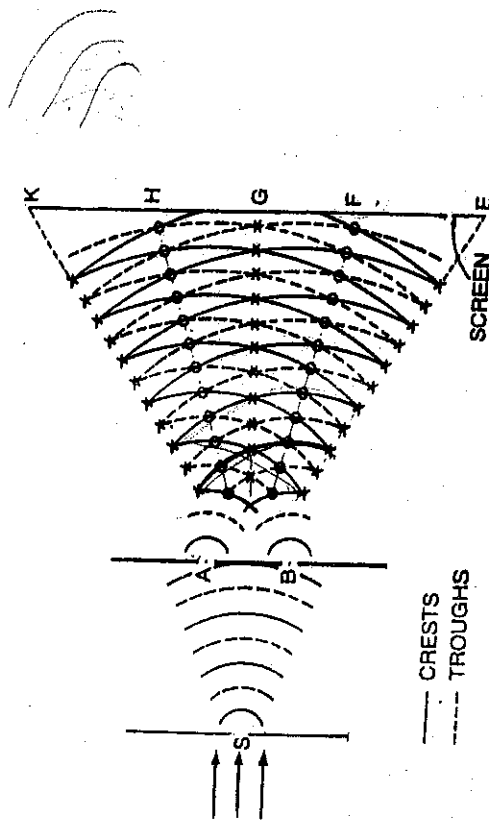


Fig. 8.2

*A* and *B* are equidistant from *S* and are close to each other. Spherical waves spread out from *S*. Spherical waves also spread out from *A* and *B*. These waves are of the same amplitude and wavelength. On the screen interference bands are produced which are alternatively dark and bright. The points such as *E* are bright because the crest due to one wave coincides with the crest due to the other and therefore they reinforce with each other. The points such as *F* are dark because the crest of one falls on the trough of the other and they neutralize the effect of each other. Points, similar to *E*, where the trough of one falls on the trough of the other, are also bright because the two waves reinforce.

It is not possible to show interference due to two independent sources of light, because a large number of difficulties are involved. The two sources may emit light waves of largely different amplitude and wavelength and the phase difference between the two may change with time.

## 8.3 COHERENT SOURCES

Two sources are said to be coherent if they emit light waves of the same frequency, nearly the same amplitude and are always in phase with each other. It means that the two sources must emit radiations of the same colour (wavelength). In actual practice it is not possible to have two independent sources which are coherent. But for experimental purposes, two virtual sources formed from a single source can act as coherent sources. Methods have been devised where (i) interference of light takes place between the waves from the real source and a virtual source (ii) interference of light takes place between waves from two sources formed due to a single source. In all such cases, the two sources will act, as if they are perfectly similar in all respects.

Since the wavelength of light waves is extremely small (of the order of  $10^{-5}$  cm), the two sources must be narrow and must also be close to each other. Maximum intensity is observed at a point where the phase difference between the two waves reaching the point is a whole number multiple of  $2\pi$  or the path difference between the two waves is a whole number multiple of wavelength. For minimum intensity at a point, the phase difference between the two waves reaching the point should be an odd number multiple of  $\pi$  or the path difference between the two waves should be an odd number multiple of half wavelength.

## 8.4 PHASE DIFFERENCE AND PATH DIFFERENCE

If the path difference between the two waves is  $\lambda$ , the phase difference  $= 2\pi$ .

Suppose for a path difference  $x$ , the phase difference is  $\delta$ .

For a path difference  $\lambda$ , the phase difference  $= 2\pi$

$\therefore$  For a path difference  $x$ , the phase difference  $= \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}$

Phase difference  $\delta = \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times (\text{path difference})$

### 8.5 ANALYTICAL TREATMENT OF INTERFERENCE

Consider a monochromatic source of light  $S$  emitting waves of wavelength  $\lambda$  and two narrow pinholes  $A$  and  $B$  (Fig. 8.3).  $A$  and  $B$  are equidistant from  $S$  and act as two virtual coherent sources. Let  $a$  be the amplitude of the waves. The phase difference between the two waves reaching the point  $P$ , at any instant, is  $\delta$ .

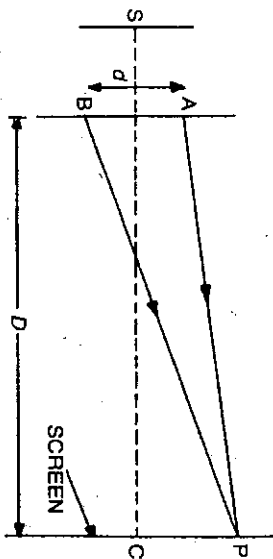


Fig. 8.3

If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the displacements

$$y_1 = a \sin \omega t$$

$$y_2 = a \sin (\omega t + \delta)$$

$$\therefore y = y_1 + y_2 = a \sin \omega t + a \sin (\omega t + \delta)$$

$$y = a \sin \omega t + a \sin \omega t \cos \delta + a \cos \omega t \sin \delta$$

$$= a \sin \omega t (1 + \cos \delta) + a \cos \omega t \sin \delta.$$

Taking  $a(1 + \cos \delta) = R \cos \theta$  ... (i)

$$a \sin \delta = R \sin \theta$$

$$y = R \sin \omega t \cos \theta + R \cos \omega t \sin \theta$$

$$y = R \sin (\omega t + \theta)$$

... (ii)

which represents the equation of simple harmonic vibration of amplitude  $R$ .

Squaring (i) and (ii) and adding,

$$R^2 \sin^2 \theta + R^2 \cos^2 \theta = a^2 \sin^2 \delta + a^2 (1 + \cos \delta)^2$$

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or

$$R^2 = a^2 \sin^2 \delta + a^2 (1 + \cos^2 \delta + 2 \cos \delta)$$

$$R^2 = a^2 \sin^2 \delta + a^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \delta + 2 a^2 \cos \delta$$

$$= 2a^2 + 2a^2 \cos \delta = 2a^2 (1 + \cos \delta)$$

$$R^2 = 2a^2 \cdot 2 \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2} = 4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$$

The intensity at a point is given by the square of the amplitude

$$\therefore I = R^2$$

$$I = 4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$$

... (iv)

**Special cases :** (i) When the phase difference  $\delta = 0, 2\pi, 2(2\pi), \dots, n(2\pi)$ , or the path difference  $x = 0, \lambda, 2\lambda, \dots, n\lambda$ .

$$I = 4a^2$$

Intensity is maximum when the phase difference is a whole number multiple of  $2\pi$  or the path difference is a whole number multiple of wavelength.

(ii) When the phase difference,  $\delta = \pi, 3\pi, \dots, (2n + 1)\pi$ , or the path difference  $x = \frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{3\lambda}{2}, \frac{5\lambda}{2}, \dots, (2n + 1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$ ,

$$I = 0$$

Intensity is minimum when the path difference is an odd number multiple of half wavelength.

(iii) **Energy distribution.** From equation (iv), it is found that the intensity at bright points is  $4a^2$  and at dark points it is zero. According to

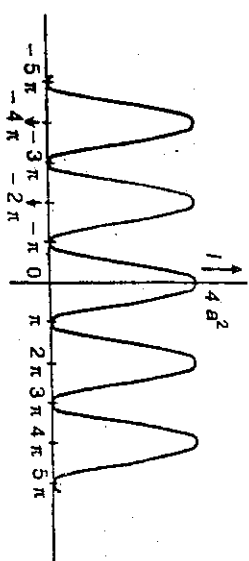


Fig. 8.4

the law of conservation of energy, the energy cannot be destroyed. Here also the energy is not destroyed but only transferred from the points of minimum intensity to the points of maximum intensity. For, at bright

the back of the mirrors. The polishing should extend up to the line of intersection of the two mirrors and the line of intersection must be parallel to the line source (slit).

The distance between the two virtual sources  $A$  and  $B$  can be calculated as follows. Suppose the distance between the points of intersection of the mirrors and the source  $S$  is  $Y_1$ .

$\theta$  is known. The angle of separation between  $A$  and  $B$  is  $2\theta$ .

$$\therefore d = 2\theta Y_1$$

When white light is used the central fringe  $C$  is white whereas the other fringes on both sides of  $C$  are coloured because the fringe width ( $\beta$ ) depends upon the wavelength. Only the first few coloured fringes are observed and the other fringes overlap. Therefore, the number of fringes seen in the field of view with a monochromatic source of light are more, than with white light.

### 8.8 FRESNEL'S BIPRISM

Fresnel used a biprism to show interference phenomenon. The biprism  $abc$  consists of two acute angled prisms placed base to base. Actually, it is constructed as a single prism of obtuse angle of about  $179^\circ$  (Fig. 8.7A). The acute angle  $\alpha$  on both sides is about  $30'$ . The prism is placed with its refracting edge parallel to the line source  $S$  (slit) such that  $Sa$  is normal to the face  $bc$  of the prism. When light falls from  $S$  on the lower portion of the biprism it is bent upwards and appears to come from

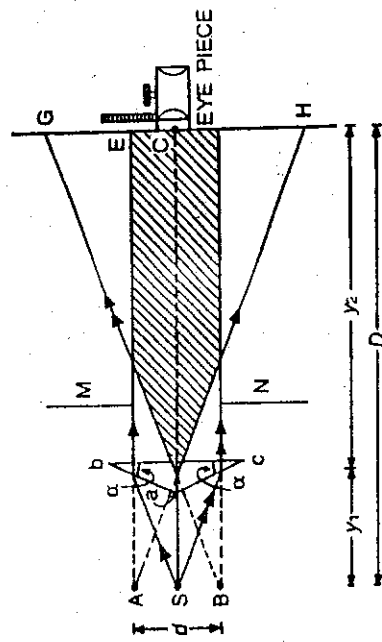


Fig. 8.7A

the virtual source  $B$ . Similarly light falling from  $S$  on the upper portion of the prism is bent downwards and appears to come from the virtual source  $A$ . Therefore  $A$  and  $B$  act as two coherent sources. Suppose the distance between  $A$  and  $B = d$ . If a screen is placed at  $C$ , interference

fringes of equal width are produced between  $E$  and  $F$  but beyond  $E$  and  $F$  fringes of large width are produced which are due to diffraction.  $MN$  is a stop to limit the rays. To observe the fringes, the screen can be replaced by an eye-piece or a low power microscope and fringes are seen in the field of view. If the point  $C$  is at the principal focus of the eyepiece, the fringes are observed in the field of view.

**Theory.** For complete theory refer to Article 8.6. The point  $C$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$ . Therefore, it has maximum intensity. On both sides of  $C$ , alternately bright and dark fringes are produced. The width of the bright fringe or dark fringe,  $\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$ . Moreover, any point on the screen will be at the centre of a bright fringe if its distance from  $C$  is  $\beta = \frac{n\lambda D}{d}$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$  etc. The point will be at the centre of a dark fringe if its distance from  $C$  is

$$\frac{(2n+1)\lambda D}{2d},$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$  etc.

**Determination of wavelength of light.** Fresnel's biprism can be used to determine the wavelength of a given source of monochromatic light.

A fine vertical slit  $S$  is adjusted just close to a source of light and the refracting edge is also set parallel to the slit  $S$  such that  $bc$  is horizontal

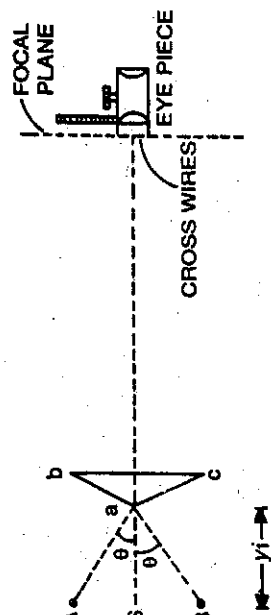


Fig. 8.8

(Fig. 8.8). They are adjusted on an optical bench. A micrometer eyepiece is placed on the optical bench at some distance from the prism to view the fringes in its focal plane (at its cross wires).

Suppose the distance between the source and the eyepiece =  $D$  and the distance between the two virtual sources  $A$  and  $B = d$ . The eyepiece is moved horizontally (perpendicular to the length of the bench) to determine the fringe width. Suppose, for crossing 20 bright fringes from the field of view, the eyepiece has moved through a distance  $l$ .

Then the fringe width,  $\beta = \frac{l}{20}$

But the fringe width  $\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{\beta d}{D} \quad \dots(i)$$

In equation (i)  $\beta$  and  $D$  are known. If  $d$  is also known,  $\lambda$  can be calculated.

#### Determination of the distance between the two virtual sources ( $d$ ).

For this purpose, we make use of the displacement method. A convex lens is placed between the biprism and the eyepiece in such a position, that the images of the virtual sources  $A$  and  $B$  are seen in the field of view of the eyepiece. Suppose the lens is in the position  $L_1$  (Fig. 8.9). Measure the distance between the images of  $A$  and  $B$  as seen in the eyepiece. Let it be  $d_1$ .

In this case,

$$\frac{d_1}{d} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{n}{m} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Now move the lens towards the eyepiece and bring it to some other position  $L_2$ , so that again the images of  $A$  and  $B$  are seen clearly in the

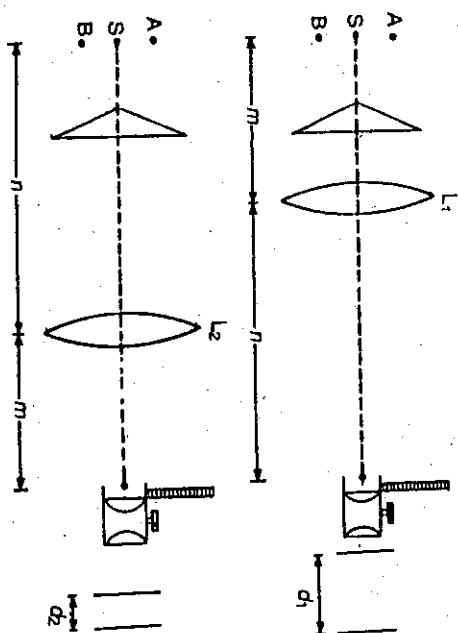


Fig. 8.9

field of view of the eyepiece. Measure the distance between the two images in this case also. Let it be equal to  $d_2$ .

Here,  $v = m$  and  $u = n$ ,

$$\therefore \frac{d_2}{d} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{m}{n} \quad \dots(iii)$$

From equations (ii) and (iii),

$$\frac{d_1 d_2}{d^2} = 1$$

$$\text{or } d = \sqrt{d_1 d_2}$$

Here  $d_1$  will be greater than  $d_2$  and  $d$  is the geometrical mean of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ . Therefore  $d$  can be calculated. Substituting the value of  $d$ ,  $\beta$  and  $D$  in equation (i), the wavelength of the given monochromatic light can be determined.

The second method to find  $d$  is to measure accurately the refracting angle  $\alpha$ . As the angle is small, the deviation produced  $\theta = (\mu - 1)\alpha$ . Therefore the total angle between  $Aa$  and  $Ba$  is  $2\theta = 2(\mu - 1)\alpha$ . If the distance between the prism and the slit  $S$  is  $y_1$ , then  $d = 2(\mu - 1)\alpha y_1$ . Therefore  $d$  can be calculated.

#### 8.9 FRINGES WITH WHITE LIGHT USING A BIPRISM

When white light is used, the centre of the fringe at  $C$  is white while the fringes on both sides of  $C$  are coloured because the fringe width ( $\beta$ ) depends upon wavelength. Moreover, the fringes obtained in the case of a biprism using white light are different from the fringes obtained with Fresnel's mirrors. In a biprism, the two coherent virtual sources are produced by refraction and the distance between the two sources depends upon the refractive index, which in turn depends upon the wavelength of light. Therefore, for blue light the distance between the two apparent sources is different to that with red light. The distance of the  $n$ th fringe from the centre (with monochromatic light)

$$x = \frac{n\lambda D}{d}, \quad \text{where } d = (2\mu - 1)\alpha y_1$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{n\lambda D}{2(\mu - 1)\alpha y_1}$$

Therefore for blue and red rays, the  $n$ th fringe will be,

$$x_b = \frac{n\lambda_b D}{2(\mu_b - 1)\alpha y_1} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x_r = \frac{n\lambda_r D}{2(\mu_r - 1)\alpha y_1} \quad \dots(ii)$$



$$d = 2(\mu - 1) \alpha y_1$$

Here

$$\mu = 1.5, \quad \alpha = 1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ radian}$$

$$y_1 = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$d = \frac{2(1.5 - 1) \pi \times 20}{180} = \frac{2 \times 0.5 \times 22 \times 20}{7 \times 180} = 0.35 \text{ cm}$$

**Example 8.17.** Calculate the separation between the coherent sources formed by a biprism whose inclined faces make angles of  $2^\circ$  with its base, the slit source being 10 cm away from the biprism ( $\mu = 1.50$ .)

Here

$$d = 2(\mu - 1) \alpha y_1$$

$$\mu = 1.50$$

$$\alpha = 2^\circ = \frac{2 \times \pi}{180} = \frac{\pi}{90} \text{ radian}$$

$$y_1 = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$d = \frac{2(1.5 - 1) \times 10}{90} = \frac{2 \times 0.5 \times \pi \times 10}{90} = 0.35 \text{ cm}$$

**Example 8.18.** In a biprism experiment, the eye-piece is placed at a distance of 1.2 m from the source. The distance between the virtual sources was found to be  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  m. Find the wavelength of light, if the eye-piece is to be moved transversely through a distance of 1.888 cm for 20 fringes. (Delhi 1985)

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}; \quad \beta = \frac{l}{n}$$

$$\frac{l}{n} = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{ld}{nD}$$

$$l = 1.888 \text{ cm} = 0.01888 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 2.0 \\ D &= 1.2 \text{ m} \\ \lambda &= \frac{0.01888 \times 7.5 \times 10^{-4}}{20 \times 1.2} \\ &= 5900 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \\ &= 5900 \text{ \AA} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 8.19.** The inclined faces of a biprism of refractive index 1.50 make angle of  $2^\circ$  with the base. A slit illuminated by a monochromatic light is placed at a distance of 10 cm from the biprism. If the distance between two dark fringes observed at a distance of 1 cm from the prism is 0.18 mm, find the wavelength of light used.

[Delhi (Hons) 1991]

$$\text{Here,} \quad \beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d} \quad \therefore \quad \lambda = \frac{\beta d}{D}$$

$$\beta = 0.18 \text{ mm} = 0.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$d = 2(\mu - 1) \alpha y_1$$

$$m = 1.5$$

$$\alpha = 2^\circ = \frac{2 \times \pi}{180} = \frac{\pi}{90} \text{ radian}$$

$$y_1 = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.1 \text{ m}; \quad y_2 = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$D = y_1 + y_2 = 0.1 + 1 = 1.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = ?$$

$$d = \frac{2(1.5 - 1) \pi \times 0.1}{90} = 3.49 \times 10^{-3}$$

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

$$\lambda = \frac{0.18 \times 10^{-3} \times 3.49 \times 10^{-3}}{1.1} = 5.711 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = 5711 \text{ \AA}$$

## 8.10 DETERMINATION OF THE THICKNESS OF A THIN SHEET OF TRANSPARENT MATERIAL

The biprism experiment can be used to determine the thickness of a given thin sheet of transparent material e.g., glass or mica.

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two virtual coherent sources. The point  $C$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$ . When a transparent plate  $G$  of thickness  $t$  and refractive index  $\mu$  is introduced in the path of one of the beams (Fig. 8.10),

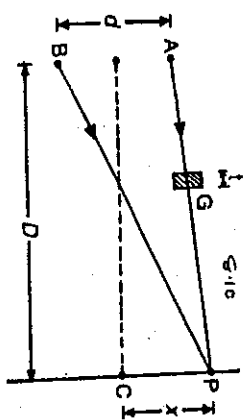


Fig. 8.10.

the fringe which was originally at  $C$  shifts to  $P$ . The time taken by the wave from  $B$  to  $P$  in air is the same as the time taken by the wave from  $A$  to  $P$  partly through air and partly through the plate. Suppose  $c_0$  is the velocity of light in air and  $c$  its velocity in the medium

$$\therefore \quad \frac{BP}{c_0} = \frac{AP - t + t}{c_0}$$

$$BP = AP - t + \frac{c_0}{c} t. \quad \text{But } \frac{c_0}{c} = \mu$$

or

$$\therefore \quad BP - AP = \mu t - t = (\mu - 1)t$$

If  $P$  is the point originally occupied by the  $n$ th fringe, then the path difference

$$BP - AP = n\lambda$$

$$\therefore \quad (\mu - 1)t = n\lambda \quad \dots (i)$$

Also the distance  $x$  through which the fringe is shifted

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

where  $\frac{\lambda D}{d} = \beta$ , the fringe width.

$$\therefore \quad x = \frac{n\lambda D}{d}$$

$$\text{Also,} \quad n\lambda = \frac{xd}{D}$$

$$\text{or} \quad (\mu - 1)t = \frac{xd}{D} \quad \dots (ii)$$

Therefore, knowing  $x$ , the distance through which the central fringe is shifted,  $D$ ,  $d$  and  $\mu$ , the thickness of the transparent plate can be calculated. If a monochromatic source of light is used, the fringes will be similar and it is difficult to locate the position where the central fringe shifts after the introduction of the transparent plate. Therefore, white light is used. The fringes will be coloured but the central fringe will be white. When the cross wire is at the central white fringe without the transparent plate in the path, the reading is noted. When the plate is introduced, the position to which the central white fringe shifts is observed. The difference between the two positions on the micrometer scale of the eyepiece gives the value of the shift which is equal to  $x$ . Now, with the monochromatic source of light, the micrometer eyepiece is moved through the same distance  $x$  and the number of fringes that cross the field of view is observed. Suppose  $n$  fringes cross the field of view. Then from the relation  $(\mu - 1)t = n\lambda$

the value of  $t$  can be calculated. The value of  $t$  can also be calculated from equation (ii). However, if  $t$  is known,  $\mu$  can be calculated.

This experiment also shows that light travels more slowly in a medium of refractive index  $\mu > 1$ , than in air because the central fringe shifts towards the side where the transparent plate is introduced. Had it been opposite, the shift should have been to the other side. The optical path in air  $= \mu \times t$ , for a medium of thickness  $t$  and refractive index  $\mu$ .

**Example 8.20.** When a thin piece of glass  $3.4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm thick is placed in the path of one of the interfering beams in a biprism arrangement, it is found that the central bright fringe shifts through a distance equal to the width of four fringes. Find the refractive index of the piece of glass. Wavelength of light used is  $5.46 \times 10^{-5}$  cm.

Here  $t = 3.4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm

[Delhi (Hons.)]

$$n = 4$$

$$\lambda = 5.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$$

$$\mu = ?$$

$$(\mu - 1)t = n\lambda$$

