

Chapter 20

Light: Wave Nature

20.1 Electromagnetic Spectrum/Refraction of Light Homework # 161

Electromagnetic Spectrum

01. A radar signal has a frequency of 12.25 GHz (1 GHz = 1.0×10^9 Hz). What is its wavelength?
02. What is the frequency of a microwave whose wavelength is 2.75 cm?
03. What is the wavelength of K-Rock's carrier wave at 92.3 MHz on the FM dial? (1 MHz = 1.0×10^6 Hz)
04. An X-ray has a wavelength of 2.50 Å (1 Å = 1×10^{-10} m). What is its frequency?
05. What is the wavelength range of the visible portion of the EM spectrum?
06. Find the frequency for each of the following colors of light.
a.) red ($\lambda = 700$ nm) b.) violet ($\lambda = 400$ nm) c.) yellow ($\lambda = 589$ nm) d.) green ($\lambda = 550$ nm)
07. What portion of the EM spectrum has wavelengths _____ than visible light?
a.) shorter b.) longer

Refraction of Light

For problems 08-10, refer to [Homework #151](#) for the table of "Indices of Refraction ($\lambda = 589$ nm)" in "Chapter 19-Light: Geometric Optics".

08. A source of light has a wavelength of 650 nm in air. What is the wavelength of light in crown glass?
09. A source of light has a wavelength of 650 nm in air. What is the wavelength of light in water?
10. A source of light has a wavelength of 650 nm in air. What is the wavelength of light in diamond?
11. The wavelength of light from a sodium lamp is 589 nm when in air. If the light from this lamp is determined to have a wavelength of 366 nm when traveling through turquoise, what is the index of refraction of turquoise?

ANSWERS: **01.** 2.45 cm **02.** 10.9 GHz **03.** 3.25 m **04.** 1.20×10^{18} Hz **05.** 400-700 nm
06. a.) 4.29×10^{14} Hz b.) 7.50×10^{14} Hz c.) 5.09×10^{14} Hz d.) 5.45×10^{14} Hz
07. a.) ultraviolet b.) infrared **08.** 428 nm **09.** 489 nm **10.** 269 nm **11.** 1.61

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20.2 Diffraction and Interference-Double Slit Phenomenon

Homework # 162

I

01. A beam of 475-nm light strikes two closely-spaced slits. A third-order fringe is produced at angle of 32.5° to the direction of the initial beam. How far apart are the slits?
02. Monochromatic light falls on a two slits that are $12.3 \mu\text{m}$ apart. A diffraction and interference pattern is observed with a fifth-order fringe appearing at an angle of 12.4° with the original path of the light. What is the wavelength of this light?

II

03. A beam of 450-nm light strikes two slits that are $23.7 \mu\text{m}$ apart producing a diffraction and interference pattern on a screen 4.25 m away. How far apart are the fringes on the screen?
04. Monochromatic light falls on two slits that are 0.0525 mm apart producing a diffraction and interference pattern on a screen 6.50 m away with fringes that are 7.36 cm apart. What is the wavelength of light?
05. A parallel beam of 525-nm light passes through a double slit onto a screen that is 3.35 m away creating fringes that are 4.28 cm apart. How far apart are the slits?
06. Monochromatic light passes through two slits that are 0.025 mm apart onto a screen that is 2.85 m away. For each of the following wavelengths, determine the distance between fringes produced on the screen.
a.) 400 nm b.) 500 nm c.) 600 nm d.) 700 nm
07. A beam of 550-nm light passes through a double-slit onto a screen that is 2.85 m away and the distance between the fringes is measured. Once the measurement is made, the first double-slit is replaced by a second with a different distance between the slits. This experiment is repeated with a third and fourth trial, each time changing the double-slit spacing distance. For each of the following double-slit spacings, determine the distance between fringes produced on the screen.
a.) $25.0 \mu\text{m}$ b.) $50.0 \mu\text{m}$ c.) $75.0 \mu\text{m}$ d.) $100.0 \mu\text{m}$
08. Light with a wavelength of 480 nm strikes two slits that are 5.35×10^{-2} mm apart and illuminate a screen 3.95 m away with a diffraction and interference pattern. How far from the central fringe will the sixth-order fringe appear?
09. Visible white light hits two slits that are $80.0 \mu\text{m}$ apart producing successive rainbow patterns on a screen 4.75 m away.
a.) How far from the central fringe will the second order appear for the longest-wavelength red light?
b.) How far from the central fringe will the third order appear for the shortest-wavelength violet light?
c.) What can be said of the second and third "rainbows" produced?
10. Light with a wavelength of 650 nm strikes two slits that are 7.65×10^{-5} m apart and produce a diffraction and interference pattern on a screen 4.00 m away. How wide will the central fringe be that appears on the screen?

ANSWERS: **01.** $2.65 \mu\text{m}$ **02.** 528 nm **03.** 8.07 cm **04.** 594 nm **05.** $41.1 \mu\text{m}$
06. a.) 4.56 cm b.) 5.70 cm c.) 6.84 cm d.) 7.98 cm **07.** a.) 6.27 cm b.) 3.14 cm c.) 2.01 cm
07. d.) 1.57 cm **08.** 21.3 cm **09.** a.) 8.31 cm b.) 7.13 cm c.) overlap of 2nd & 3rd rainbows **10.** 3.40 cm

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20.3 Diffraction and Interference-Single Slit Phenomenon

Homework # 163

I

01. What is the angular width of the central diffraction peak when 490-nm light falls on a slit 40 μm wide?
02. Monochromatic light passes through a slit with a width of 36.0×10^{-3} mm creating a diffraction and interference pattern where the angle between the dark fringes on either side of the central maximum is 1.80° . What is the wavelength of light used?
03. Monochromatic light with a wavelength of 630 nm passes through a slit creating a central angular width of 38.4° . What is the width of this slit?

II

04. How wide is a central diffraction peak on a screen 3.60 m behind a slit, with a width of 0.0344 mm, when illuminated by 440-nm light?
05. If 530-nm light diffracts through a single slit producing a central-fringe width of 6.42 cm on a screen 3.40 m away, what must be the width of the slit?
06. Monochromatic light passes through a single slit with a width of 38 μm creating a central fringe that is 9.30 cm wide on a screen 4.20 m away. What is the wavelength of light used?

ANSWERS: **01.** 1.40° **02.** 565 nm **03.** 1.92 μm **04.** 9.21 cm **05.** 56.4 μm **06.** 421 nm

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20.6 Polarization of Light

Homework # 166

Refer to the table of "Indices of Refraction ($\lambda = 589 \text{ nm}$)" found on [Homework #151](#) in "Chapter 19-Light: Geometric Optics".

I

01. Two polarizers have polarizing axes at a 45.0° angle to one another. What fraction of unpolarized light directed at this pair of polarizers will be transmitted through the pair?
02. Light passes through a polarizer blocking half of the light. What fraction of this **REMAINING** light will pass through a second polarizer at an angle of 45.0° to the first?
03. What is Brewster's angle for a flat piece of glass crown glass sitting in a room filled with air?
04. What is Brewster's angle for a flat piece of glass crown glass submerged in water?

II

05. At what angle should the polarizing axes of two polarizers be oriented so that one-eighth of the original intensity of light passes through?
06. Unpolarized light with an intensity of 240 foot-candles strikes two polarizers with polarizing axes at 35.0° to one another. What intensity of light will pass through the two polarizers?
07. The intensity of light that passes through a polarizer is 25.0 candelas. What intensity of this light will pass through an analyzer with a polarizing axis oriented at a 25.0° angle to the axis of the polarizer?
08. Polarized light with an intensity of 4200 foot-candles encounters a polarizer with an axis that is 18.0° with direction of the oscillating electric field of the polarized light. What intensity of this light will pass through the polarizer?
09. If 340 foot-candles of light falls upon a pair of polarizers reducing the intensity of light that exits the pair to 120 foot-candles, what is the angle between the polarizing axes of these two polarizers?
10. Sunlight strikes the surface of a lake.
 - a.) At what incident angle will light be totally polarized?
 - b.) What is the angle of refraction for the incident angle determined in part a.)?

ANSWERS: **01.** $\frac{1}{4}$ **02.** $\frac{1}{2}$ **03.** 56.7° **04.** 48.8° **05.** 60.0° **06.** 80.5 ft-can **07.** 20.5 cd **08.** 3800 ft-can
09. 32.8° **10.** a.) 53.1° b.) 36.9°