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Diffraction of Light

Example

1. A slit of width 0.15 cm is illuminated by light of wavelength 5×10^{-5} cm and a diffraction

pattern is obtained on a screen 2.1 m away

.Calculate the width of the central maxima.



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2. Calculate the resolving power of a telescope, whose objective lens has an aperture of 1.0 m for the wave-length of light 500 nm?



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3. A beam of light of wavelength 600 nm from a distant source falls on a single slit 1.00 mm wide and the resulting diffraction pattern is observed on a screen 2m away. What is the distance between the first dark fringes on either side of the central fringe?



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4. A slit of width a is illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength 650 nm at

normal incidence .Calculate the value of a when the first minimum falls at an angle of diffraction of 30° ,



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5. A slit of width a illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength 650 nm at normal incidence .Calculate the value of a when

the first maximum falls at an angle of diffraction of 30° .



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6. Two wavelengths of sodium light of 590 nm and 596 nm are used in turn to study the diffraction taking place at a single slit of aperture $2 \times 10^{-6} m$. Calculate the separation between the positions of first maxima of the diffraction pattern obtained in the two cases.



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7. In a simple slit diffraction experiment, first minimum of red light (660 nm) coincides with first maximum of some other wavelength λ' . Find the value of λ' .



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8. For a single slit of width a , the first minimum of the interference pattern of a monochromatic light of wavelength λ occurs at an angle of λ/a . At the same angle of λ/a , we

get a maximum for two narrow slits separated by a distance a . Explain.



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9. Light of wavelength 550nm is incident as parallel beam on a slit of width 0.1 mm . Find the linear width and the angular width of the principal maxima in the resulting diffraction pattern on a screen kept at a distance of 1.1 m from the slit. Which of these widths would not

change,if the screen were moved to a distance of 2.2 m from the slit?



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10. Light of wavelength 600 nm is incident on an aperture of size 2 mm. Calculate the distance upto which the ray of light can travel, such that its spread is less than the size of the aperture.



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11. A telescope is used to resolve two stars separated by 4.6×10^{-6} radian. If the wavelength of light used is $5,460 \text{ \AA}$, what should be the aperture of the objective of the telescope?



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12. Diameter of human eye lens is 2 mm. What will be the minimum distance between two points to resolve them, which are situated at a

distance of 50 m from eye? The wavelength of light is $5,000\text{\AA}$.



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13. Angular width of central maximum in the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of a slit is measured. The slit is illuminated by light of wavelength $6,000\text{\AA}$. When the slit is illuminated by light of another wavelength, the angular width decreases by 30%. Calculate the wavelength of this light.

The same decrease in the angular width of central maximum is obtained, when the original apparatus is immersed in a liquid. Find refractive index of the liquid.



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14. What is diffraction of light?



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15. Does diffraction of light give information about the nature (transverse or longitudinal) of light waves.



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16. Which phenomena establish the wave nature of light?



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17. What are the reasons to believe that light is a wave motion?



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19. State the necessary condition for diffraction of light to occur?



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20. What should be the order of size of obstacle/aperture for diffraction of light?



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22. For a given single slit, the diffraction pattern is obtained on a fixed screen, first by using red light and then with blue light. In which case, will the central maxima, in the observed diffraction pattern, have a larger angular width?





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23. Yellow light is used in a single slit diffraction experiment with slit width of 0.6 mm. If yellow light is replaced by X-rays, how will the diffraction pattern be affected?



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24. What is the condition for first minimum in case of diffraction due to single slit?



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25. Distinguish between interference and diffraction?



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26. A diffraction grating has 5000 lines per cm. what is its grating element?



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28. Define resolving power of an optical instrument. How does it depend on wavelength?



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29. Define resolving power of a compound microscope. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope change when wavelength of radiation used is increased.



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30. Define resolving power of telescope.



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31. What is meant by the term angular resolution of a telescope?



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32. How does magnifying power of a telescope change on decreasing the aperture of its objective lens? Justify your answer.



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33. What is difference between diffraction and interference?



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34. Why is the diffraction of sound more evident in daily life than that of the light waves?



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35. Why can sound waves be diffracted more easily than light waves?



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36. Which of the following phenomenon is not common to sound and light waves?



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37. Radio waves diffract pronouncedly around building while light waves do not why?



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38. Coloured spectrum is seen,when we look through a muslin cloth.Why?



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39. General instruction same as in chapter 1.

Assertion: If we look through a muslin cloth, a coloured spectrum is seen.

It is due to diffraction of white light on passing through fine slits.



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40. Why can we not get diffraction from a wide slit illuminated by a monochromatic light?



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41. A slit of width a is illuminated by monochromatic light at normal incidence. Draw the intensity distribution curve observed on the screen due to diffraction.



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42. Draw the intensity pattern for single slit diffraction and double slit interference. Hence, state differences between interference and diffraction.



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43. Answer the following questions: When a tiny circular obstacle is placed in the path of light from a distant source, a bright spot is seen at the centre of the shadow of the obstacle. Explain why?



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44. What two main changes in diffraction pattern of a single slit will you observe, when the monochromatic source of light is replaced by a source of white light?



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45. Show that the central maximum in the single slit diffraction is twice as wide as the second maxima and the pattern becomes narrow as the width of slit is increased.





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46. In a single slit diffraction pattern, how is the width of central bright maximum changed, when the slit width is decreased,



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47. In a single slit diffraction pattern, how is the width of central bright maximum changed, when the distance between the slit and the screen is increased



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48. In a single slit diffraction pattern, how is the width of central bright maximum changed, when light of smaller wavelength is used. Justify your answer.



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49. In the diffraction of a single slit experiment, how would the width of and the

intensity of central maximum change,if

slit width is halved and



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50. In the diffraction of a single slit experiment, how would the width of and the intensity of central maximum change,if visible light of longer wavelength is used?



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51. Answer the following questions: In a single slit diffraction experiment, the width of the slit is made double the original width. How does this affect the size and intensity of the central diffraction band?



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52. Give two differences between fringes formed in single slit diffraction and Young's double slit experiment.





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53. Give two points of differences between the phenomenon of interference and diffraction.



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54. Distinguish between interference and diffraction?



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58. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope get affected on decreasing the diameter of its objective?



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59. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope get affected on increasing the focal length of its objective?





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60. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope change of decreasing the wave length of light used, and



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66. Two convex lenses of same focal length but of aperture D_1 and D_2 ($D_2 < D_1$), are used as the objective lenses in two astronomical telescopes having identical eyepieces.

what is the ratio of their resolving powers?

Which telescope will you prefer and why ? Give reason.



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67. You are given the following three lenses. Which two lenses will you use as an eye piece and as an objective to construct an astronomical telescope? Give reasons.

Lenses	Power (D)	Aperture (cm)
L_1	3	8
L_2	6	1
L_3	10	1



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68. How will the resolving power of a compound microscope be affected, when

the frequency of light used to illuminate the object is increased, and



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69. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope get affected on increasing the focal length of its objective?



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70. Why are diffraction effects more prominent through a slit formed by two blades than through a slit formed by two fingers?



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71. In a single slit diffraction experiment, the third minimum due to red light of wavelength 720 nm coincides with the fourth maximum

due to light of some unknown wavelength. Find the value of the unknown wavelength.



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72. The diameter of the pupil of the human eye is 2 mm and it is most sensitive to the light of wavelength 555 nm.

Find the angular limit of resolution of the eye.



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74. Stars are often photographed through a blue filter. What is the advantage of this?



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Exercise

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2. What is meant by diffraction ? Explain diffraction at a single slit.



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6. Discuss fully diffraction at a single slit and derive the relation for the linear width of central maximum.



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this affect the size and intensity of the central diffraction band?



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8. What is dispersion of light? Explain it with a diagram. Also explain the cause of dispersion.



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second maxima and the pattern becomes narrow as the width of slit is increased.



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12. A parallel beam of monochromatic light falls normally on a single narrow slit. How does the angular width of the central maximum in the resulting diffraction pattern depend on the wavelength of the incident light?



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14. Discuss the diffraction produced by a narrow slit which is illuminated by a monochromatic light.



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22. Define the term 'resolving power of a telescope'. How will the resolving power be affected with the increase in wavelength of light used?



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23. How will the resolving power of a compound microscope be affected, when the frequency of light used to illuminate the object is increased, and



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25. Explain with reasons, how the resolving power of a compound microscope will change when aperture of the objective lens is increased.



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26. Define the term resolving power of an astronomical telescope. How does it get affected on increasing the aperture of the objective lens?





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27. Define the term resolving power of an astronomical telescope. How does it get affected on increasing the wavelength of light used?



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28. Explain with reason, how the resolving power of an astronomical telescope will change when

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29. Explain with reason, how the resolving power of an astronomical telescope will change when focal length of the objective lens is increased and



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30. Explain with reason, how the resolving power of an astronomical telescope will change when aperture of the objective lens is halved.



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31. What do you mean by deviation of light?



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40. Two nearby narrow slits are illuminated by a single monochromatic source. Name the pattern obtained on the screen. One of the slits is now covered. What is the name of the pattern now obtained on the screen? Write two differences between the patterns obtained in the two cases.



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41. Show with the help of a diagram, how to obtain the diffraction pattern by a single slit .Draw a plot of intensity distribution.



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44. The light of wavelength 600 nm is incident normally on a slit of width 3 mm. Calculate the linear width of central maximum on a screen kept 3 m away from the slit.



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45. The light of wavelength $6,000\text{\AA}$ falls normally on a slit of width 2 mm. Calculate the linear width of central maximum on a screen kept 4 m away from the slit.





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46. Light of wavelength 600 nm is incident on a single slit of width 0.5 mm at normal incidence. Calculate the separation between two dark bands on either side of the central maximum, if the diffraction pattern is observed on a screen placed at 2 m from the slit.



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47. Red light of wavelength $6,500\text{\AA}$ from a distant source falls on a slit 0.5 mm wide. What is the distance between two dark bands on each side of central bright band of diffraction pattern observed on a screen placed 1.8 m from the slit?



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48. A screen is placed 2 m away from a narrow slit. Find the slit width, if the first minimum lies

5 mm on either side of the central maximum, when plane waves of 5×10^{-7} m are incident on the slit.



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49. A slit 4.0 cm wide is irradiated with microwaves of wavelength 2.0 cm. Find the angular spread of central maxima assuming incidence normal to the plane of the slit.



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50. Light of wavelength $5.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$ passes through a slit 0.12 cm wide and forms a diffraction pattern on a screen 2.7 m away. What is the width of the central maxima?



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51. If the apparatus is immersed in a liquid of refractive index 1.35, what would be the width of the central fringe?



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52. Determine the angular separation between central maximum and first order maximum of the diffraction pattern due to a single slit of width 0.25 mm, when light of wavelength $5,890 \text{ \AA}$ is incident on it normally.



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53. A parallel beam of light of wavelength 500 nm falls on a narrow slit and the resulting diffraction pattern is observed on a screen 1 m

away. It is observed that the first minimum is at a distance of 2.5 mm from the centre of the screen. Find the width of the slit.



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54. A parallel beam of light of wavelength 600 nm is incident normally on a slit of width d . If the distance between the slit and the screen is 0.8 m and the distance for the second order maximum from the centre of the screen is 15 mm, calculate the width of the slit.



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55. A slit of width a is illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength 650 nm at normal incidence. Calculate the value of a when

the first minimum falls at an angle of diffraction of 30° ,



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60. Light of wavelength 600 nm is incident on an aperture of size 2 mm. Calculate the distance upto which the ray of light can travel, such that its spread is less than the size of the aperture.



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61. What is the minimum angular separation between two stars, if a telescope is used to

observe them with an objective of aperture 0.2 m? The wavelength of light used is $5,900\text{\AA}$.



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62. A telescope has an objective of diameter of 60 cm. The focal lengths of the objective and eye piece are 2.0 m and 1.0 cm respectively. The telescope is directed to view two distant almost point sources of light (e.g. two stars of a binary). The sources are at roughly the same distance ($= 10^4 \text{lightyears}$) along the line of

sight but separated transverse to the line of sight by a distance of $10^{10}m$. what will the telescope resolve the two objects i.e. will it see two distinct stars?



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63. Two slits are 1 m apart and the same slits are 1 m from a screen. Find out fringe separation, when light of wavelength 500 nm is used.



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64. What should be the width of each slit to obtain 10 maxima of the double slit interference pattern, within the central maximum of the single slit diffraction pattern?



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