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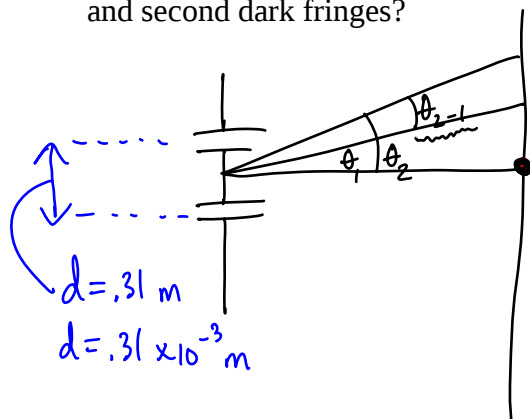
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Physics



Diffraction II

1. Light of wavelength 440 nm falls on two slits spaced 0.31 mm apart. What is the angle between the first and second dark fringes?



$$\theta_2$$

$$d \sin \theta_2 = m \lambda$$

$$(.31 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}) \sin \theta_2 = 2(440 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})$$

$$\sin \theta_2 = .00284^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = .1626^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 - \theta_1 = .0813^\circ$$

$$\theta_1$$

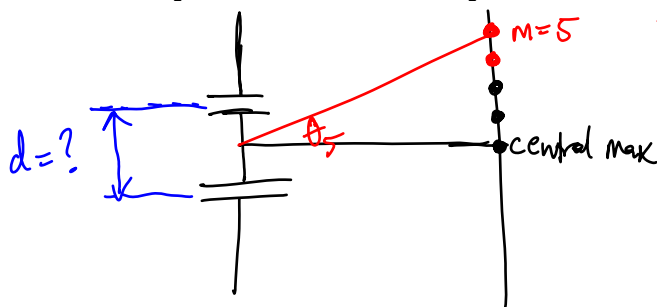
$$d \sin \theta_1 = m \lambda$$

$$(.31 \times 10^{-3}) \sin \theta_1 = (1)(440 \times 10^{-9})$$

$$\sin \theta_1 = .00142$$

$$\theta_1 = .0813^\circ$$

2. A double-slit interference experiment is performed using blue light from a hydrogen discharge tube ($\lambda = 460 \text{ nm}$). The fifth-order bright fringe in the interference pattern is 0.594° from the central maximum. How far apart are the two slits separated?



$$\theta_5 = .594^\circ$$

$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

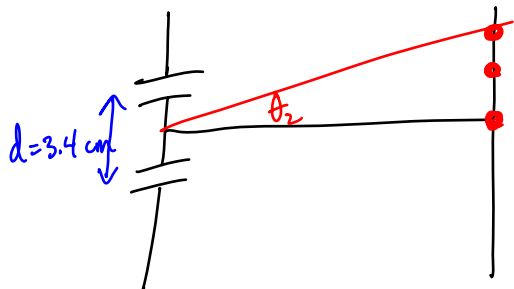
$$d = \frac{m \lambda}{\sin \theta_5}$$

$$d = \frac{5(460 \times 10^{-9})}{(\sin .594)}$$

$$d = 2.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$d = .222 \text{ mm}$$

3. All but two gaps within a set of venetian blinds have been blocked off to create a double-slit system. These gaps are separated by a distance of 3.4 cm. Infrared radiation with a wavelength of $158 \mu\text{m}$ is then passed through the two gaps in the blinds. What is the angle between the central and the second-order maxima in the interference pattern?



$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m \lambda}{d}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2(158 \times 10^{-6})}{(3.4 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$\sin \theta = .00929$$

$$\theta_2 = .5325^\circ$$