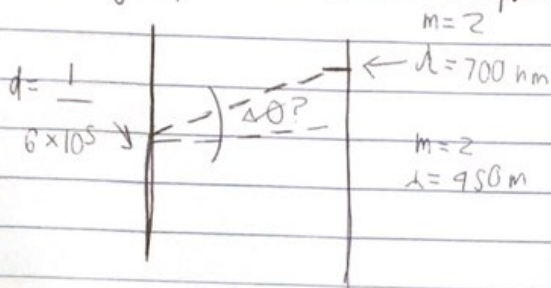


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## PHYSICS 5B - MIDTERM 2

1. I will calculate angular spread by calculating the difference in diffraction angles for the red and blue light produced with the equation  $d \sin \theta = m \lambda$



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

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

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{6 \times 10^5}$$

$$700 \text{ nm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{10^9 \text{ nm}} = 7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

$$450 \text{ nm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{10^9 \text{ nm}} = 4.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{m \lambda}{d} \right) = \arcsin \left( \frac{2 \times 7 \times 10^{-7}}{\frac{1}{6 \times 10^5}} \right) = \arcsin(0.84)$$

$$\theta = 57.1^\circ$$

$$\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{2 \times 4.5 \times 10^{-7}}{\frac{1}{6 \times 10^5}} \right) = \arcsin(0.54)$$

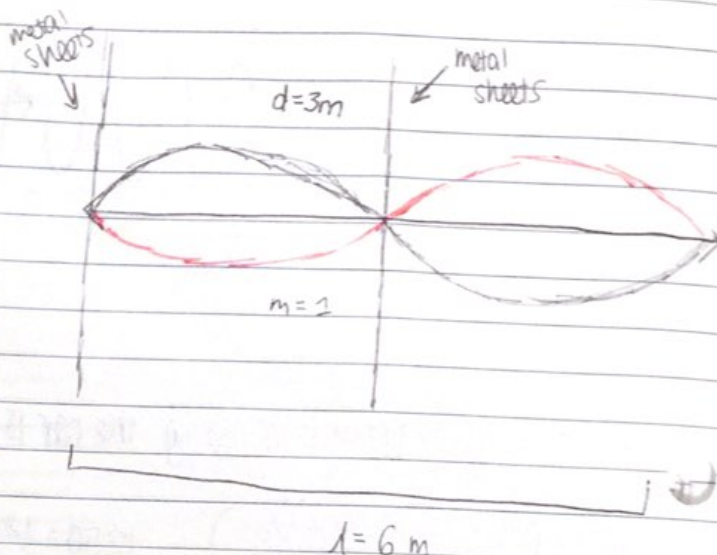
$$\theta = 32.7^\circ$$

$$57.1 - 32.7 = 24.4^\circ = \Delta\theta$$

\* There is an angular spread of  $24.4^\circ$

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I will use the known wavelength and speed of light to calculate the frequency of the radio waves



$$c = \lambda v$$

$$v = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

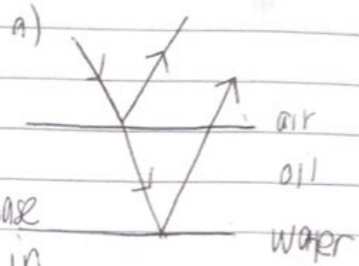
$$v = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{(3)(2)} = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1} = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz} = f$$

The frequency is  $5 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$  for  $d = 3$  between the two metal sheets.

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a) To find the most strongly reflected light, I want to make the inverted wave in phase by adding a wavelength of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the out-of-phase wave. Then, I will see what wavelengths fall in the visible light range.

• constructive interference  $+ \frac{1}{2}$  wavelength



$$2t = m \frac{\lambda}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{n}$$

~~$$5303 \frac{m \lambda}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{n}$$~~

$$2t = \frac{\lambda}{n} \left( m + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{2tn}{m + \frac{1}{2}} = \lambda$$

• possible m values

wavelength ( $\lambda$ )

0

1624 nm

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541 nm

2

324 nm

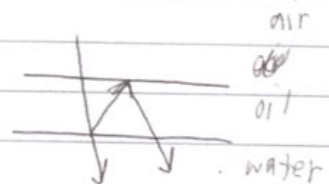
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232 nm

• visible light = ~~380~~  $\rightarrow$  700

380 nm  $\rightarrow$  700 nm

b)



\* The wavelength of 541 nm is most strongly reflected, corresponding to green.

b. I will find the transmitted waves in phase (i.e. constructive interference), and choose the wavelength in the visible light spectrum.

$$2t = m \frac{\lambda}{n} \rightarrow \frac{2tn}{m} = \lambda$$

• possible m values

wavelength ( $\lambda$ )

0

n/a

1

812 nm

★ 2

406 nm

3

271 nm

\* The wavelength of 406 nm is most strongly transmitted, corresponding to violet.

3. To calculate the  $v_0$  value, I have to consider that there are two Doppler shifts occurring, first where the object is the observer and then where the Doppler effect of the moving car reflecting the sound, where  $v_0 = 0$  and  $v_s$  is decreasing.

a) Since the frequency is increasing, the car is moving towards the police car.

b)

$$f_{\text{obs}} = f \left( \frac{v + v_0}{v} \right) \left( \frac{v}{v \pm v_0} \right)$$

$$1250 = 1220 \left( \frac{343 + v_0}{343} \right) \left( \frac{343}{343 \pm v_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{1250}{1220} = \left( \frac{343 + v_0}{343} \right) \left( \frac{343}{343 \pm v_0} \right)$$

$$(343 \pm v_0)^2$$

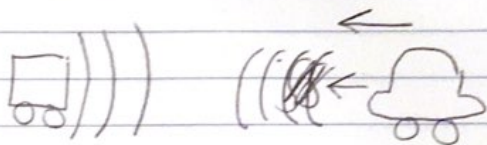
$$\frac{1250}{1220} = \frac{343 + v_0}{343 - v_0}$$

$$1250(343 - v_0) = 1220(343 + v_0)$$

$$428750 - 1250v_0 = 418460 + 1220v_0$$

$$10290 = 2470v_0$$

$$v_0 = 4.17 \text{ m/s}$$



waves  
are  
reflected  
back

The observer is moving at 4.17 m/s towards the police car.