## SPH4U 9.1 Properties of Waves and Light

## 1. Geometric wave characteristics

Periodic wave:
Wave front:


Amplitude:
Wavelength:
Phase:

## 2. Time-based wave characteristics



Period:
Frequency:
equation
Wave speed:
equation

## 3. Reflection

| Ray <br> approximation: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Reflection: |  |
| normal |  |
| angle of <br> incidence |  |
| angle of <br> reflection |  |
| Law of <br> reflection: |  |


(a)

(b)

## SPH4U 9.2 Refraction and Total Internal Reflection

## 1. Refraction

| Refraction: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Principle of <br> reversibility: |  |
| Optical density: |  |
| Index of <br> refraction: |  |
| affected by |  |


| Medium | Index of <br> refraction | Speed of <br> light $(\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{s})$ | Medium | Index of <br> refraction | Speed of <br> light $(\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{s})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| vacuum | 1.00 | $2.9979 \times 10^{8}$ | lens of human eye | 1.41 | $2.1262 \times 10^{8}$ |
| air | 1.0003 | $2.9970 \times 10^{8}$ | quartz crystal | 1.46 | $2.0534 \times 10^{8}$ |
| ice | 1.30 | $2.3061 \times 10^{8}$ | Pyrex glass | 1.47 | $2.0394 \times 10^{8}$ |
| liquid water | 1.33 | $2.2541 \times 10^{8}$ | Plexiglas (plastic) | 1.51 | $1.9854 \times 10^{8}$ |
| aqueous humour (liquid <br> between the lens and cornea) | 1.33 | $2.2541 \times 10^{8}$ | benzene | 1.50 | $1.9986 \times 10^{8}$ |
| cornea of human eye | 1.38 | $2.1724 \times 10^{8}$ | zircon | 1.92 | $1.5601 \times 10^{8}$ |
| vitreous humour (liquid <br> between the lens and retina) | 1.38 | $2.1724 \times 10^{8}$ | diamond | 2.42 | $1.2388 \times 10^{8}$ |



Angle of refraction:

Snell's Law:
wavelengths

Light moves from a vacuum into a plate of glass with index of refraction 1.47. The angle of incidence is $40.0^{\circ}$.
a. Calculate the angle of refraction.
b. The light continues through the glass and emerges back into a vacuum. Calculate the angle of refraction when the light exits the glass.
c. Suppose the light exits into water instead of a vacuum. Calculate the angle of refraction for the light moving from glass into water ( $n_{\text {water }}=1.33$ ).

Light travels at $3.0 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. Laser light with a wavelength of 520 nm enters a sheet of plastic. The index of refraction for the plastic is 1.49.
a. Calculate the speed of the laser light in the plastic.
b. Calculate the wavelength of the laser light in the plastic.
c. Calculate the frequency of the laser light in the plastic.

## 2. Total internal reflection



Light passes through water ( $n=1.33$ ) into air ( $n=1.0003$ ).
a. Calculate the critical angle.
b. What does an underwater swimmer see if she looks toward the surface at angles $40^{\circ}, \theta_{c}$, and $60^{\circ}$ relative to the normal?

## SPH4U 9.3 Diffraction and Interference of Water Waves

## 3. Diffraction

Diffraction:
depends On

Determine and explain the difference between the diffractions observed in the figure.


## 4. Interference

| Interference: |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| constructive |  |
| interference |  |
| destructive |  |
| interference |  |
| Node: |  |
| nodal line |  |



## 5. Interference in two dimensions

| nth nodal line: |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| Finding $\lambda:$ |  |
| equation |  |



Two identical point sources are 5.0 cm apart, in phase, and vibrating at a frequency of 12 Hz . They produce an interference pattern. A point on the first nodal line is 5 cm from one source and 5.5 cm from the other.
a. Determine the wavelength.
b. Determine the speed of the waves.

|  |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| When P is |  |
| far away: |  |$\quad$|  |
| :---: |
| $\theta_{\mathrm{n}}$ |
| $\lambda$ |

The distance from the right bisector to a point P on the second nodal line in a twopoint interference pattern is 4.0 cm . The distance from the midpoint between the two sources, which are 0.5 cm apart, to point P is 14 cm .
a. Calculate the angle $\theta_{2}$ for the second nodal line.

b. Calculate the wavelength.

## SPH4U 9.4 Light: Wave or Particle?

## 6. Theories of light

Early theories of light:

Wave theory of light:

Huygens' principle
drawbacks

Particle theory of light:

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rectilinear
propagation
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## 7. Huygens' principle


8. Comparing theories

| Property | Newton | Huygens |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| rectilinear <br> propagation |  |  |
| diffraction |  |  |
| reflection |  |  |
| refraction |  |  |

## SPH4U 9.5 Interference of Light Waves

## 9. Young's double-slit experiment

| Continued <br> debate: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| problems |  |
| Young's |  |
| experiment: |  |



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Distance from
centre to a max:
Distance from
centre to a min:
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A double-slit experiment is carried out with slit spacing $d=0.41 \mathrm{~mm}$. The screen is at a distance of 1.5 m . The bright fringes at the centre of the screen are separated by a distance of $\Delta x=1.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. Calculate the wavelength of the light.

The third-order dark fringe of 660 nm light is observed at an angle of $20.0^{\circ}$ when the light falls on two narrow slits. Determine the slit distance.

