SPH4U 9.1 Properties of Waves and Light

1. Geometric wave characteristics







2. Time-based wave characteristics



Period:	
Frequency:	
equation	
Wave speed:	
equation	

3. Reflection

Ray approximation:	
Reflection:	
normal	
angle of incidence	
angle of reflection	
Law of reflection:	



SPH4U 9.2 Refraction and Total Internal Reflection

1. Refraction

Refraction:	
Principle of reversibility:	
Optical density:	
Index of refraction:	
affected by	

Medium	Index of refraction	Speed of light (m/s)	Medium	Index of refraction	Speed of light (m/s)
vacuum	1.00	$2.9979 imes 10^{8}$	lens of human eye	1.41	$2.1262 imes 10^{8}$
air	1.0003	$2.9970 imes 10^{8}$	quartz crystal	1.46	$2.0534 imes 10^8$
ice	1.30	$2.3061 imes 10^8$	Pyrex glass	1.47	$2.0394 imes 10^8$
liquid water	1.33	$2.2541 imes 10^8$	Plexiglas (plastic)	1.51	$1.9854 imes 10^{8}$
aqueous humour (liquid between the lens and cornea)	1.33	2.2541 × 10 ⁸	benzene	1.50	1.9986 × 10 ⁸
cornea of human eye	1.38	$2.1724 imes10^{8}$	zircon	1.92	1.5601×10^{8}
vitreous humour (liquid between the lens and retina)	1.38	2.1724 × 10 ⁸	diamond	2.42	1.2388 × 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° .

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 ($n_{water} = 1.33$).

Light travels at $3.0 \ge 10^8$ m/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° , θ_c , and 60° relative to the normal?

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SPH4U 9.3 Diffraction and Interference of Water Waves

3. Diffraction



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



4. Interference





5. Interference in two dimensions

nth nodal line:	
Finding λ:	
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:	E	3
θ_n		
λ	right bisector	

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 θ_2 for the second nodal line.



Xn

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:	
rectilinear propagation	

7. Huygens' principle



8. Comparing theories

Property	Newton	Huygens
rectilinear propagation		
diffraction		
reflection		
refraction		

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SPH4U 9.5 Interference of Light Waves

9. Young's double-slit experiment





Maxima:	
equation	
Minima:	
equation	



Distance from	
centre to a max:	
Distance from	
centre to a min:	

A double-slit experiment is carried out with slit spacing d = 0.41 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 $\Delta x = 1.5$ mm. Calculate the wavelength of the light.

The third-order dark fringe of 660 nm light is observed at an angle of 20.0° when the light falls on two narrow slits. Determine the slit distance.