

# Algebra-Based Physics-2: Electricity, Magnetism, and Modern Physics (PHYS135B-01): Unit 5

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- **Electric fields**, or the force per unit test charge, originate on positive charges and terminate on negative charges. The force is related to the permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_0$ . Electric fields give rise to Coulomb's law, or Gauss's law for electricity.
- **Magnetic fields**, or the force per unit test current per unit length, are continuous, having no beginning or end. No magnetic monopoles are known to exist. The strength of the magnetic force is related to the permeability of free space,  $\mu_0$ . Magnetic fields give rise to Gauss's law for magnetism.

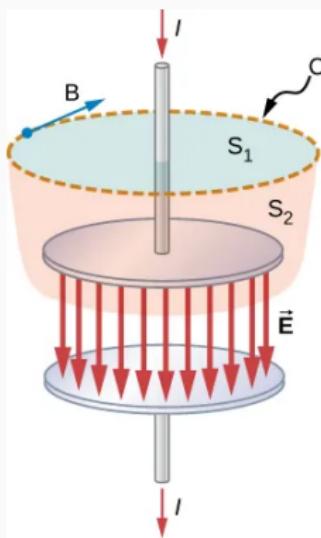
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- A *changing magnetic field* induces an electromotive force (emf) and, hence, an **electric field**. The direction of the emf opposes the change. This is Faraday's law of induction, and includes Lenz's law.
- **Magnetic fields** are generated by *moving charges* (current) or by *changing electric fields*. This is Ampère's law, enhanced with the idea that changing **electric fields** without current or charge induce **magnetic fields**.

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

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**Figure 1:** When a current creates a B-field, which surface bounding the B-field line is relevant?

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

The addition to Ampère's Law is called *the displacement current*:

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{\Delta \Phi_E}{\Delta t} \quad (1)$$

The electric flux is  $\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}$ . Assume we are dealing with surface  $S_2$ , meaning  $I = 0$ . Ampère's Law gives

$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 (I + I_d) \quad (2)$$

$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 (0 + I_d) \quad (3)$$

$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 \left( \epsilon_0 \frac{\Delta \Phi_E}{\Delta t} \right) = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 A \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} \right) \quad (4)$$

For a parallel-plate capacitor,

$$E = V/d = Q/(Cd) = Qd/(\epsilon_0 Ad) = Q/(\epsilon_0 A) \quad (5)$$

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

Insert the magnitude of the E-field into Ampère's Law to find:

$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 A \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$B2\pi r = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 A \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\epsilon_0 A \Delta t} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi r} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \quad (8)$$

$$\boxed{B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}} \quad (9)$$

A *changing E-field* is responsible for the B-field of a capacitor.

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

What is the B-field generated 1 cm laterally from a capacitor in an RC circuit that charges from 0 to 10 nJ in 1  $\mu$ s?

- A: 20  $\mu$ T
- B: 20 mT
- C: 20 nT
- D: 20 pT

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

What is the energy stored in the capacitor, if the capacitance is  $C = 10 \text{ pF}$ ?

- A:  $5 \mu\text{J}$
- B:  $5 \text{ mJ}$
- C:  $5 \text{ nJ}$
- D:  $5 \text{ pJ}$

Recall that  $U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$ .

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

But where is the energy stored in a capacitor? **The E-field.** Consider that we proved the stored energy is

$$U_C = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 \quad (10)$$

The voltage only exists because of the arrangement of charges and the field, and we know that  $V = Ed$ . Also, the volume is  $Ad$ . Thus,

$$U_C = \frac{1}{2}CE^2d^2 \quad (11)$$

$$U_C = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \right) E^2 d^2 \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{U_C}{Ad} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_C = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2} \quad (14)$$

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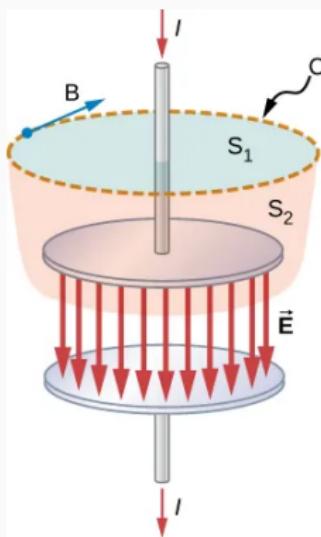


Figure 2: When a current creates a B-field, which surface bounding the B-field line is relevant?

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

What if there was a solenoid inductor ( $N = 1$ ) next to the capacitor, waiting to catch the B-field and become charged (via Faraday's Law)? The solenoid will produce some current  $I$  to create the *opposite* B-field:

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{d} \quad (15)$$

$$U_L = \frac{1}{2} L I^2 \quad (16)$$

$$U_L = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0 A}{d} I^2 \quad (17)$$

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{d} I = \mu_0 \frac{I}{d} \quad (18)$$

$$I^2 = \frac{d^2 B^2}{\mu_0^2} \quad (19)$$

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$$U_L = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0 A}{d} \frac{d^2 B^2}{\mu_0^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2 A d}{\mu_0} \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{U_L}{Ad} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \quad (21)$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_L = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2} \quad (22)$$

Suppose the inductor catches *all* the energy from the capacitor, so that  $\epsilon_C = \epsilon_L$ ?

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

If that is true, then

$$\epsilon_C = \epsilon_L \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{E}{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \quad (25)$$

Show that the units of  $E/B$  are  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ . Hint: recall  $F = qE$ , and  $F = qvB$ . Knowing that the ratio on the left hand side is a velocity:

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \quad (26)$$

Equation 26 represents the **speed of light**. Now imagine the inductor charging a second capacitor, and that capacitor charging some second inductor ... the energy starts to propagate.

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

We should be able to observe this effect in the lab.

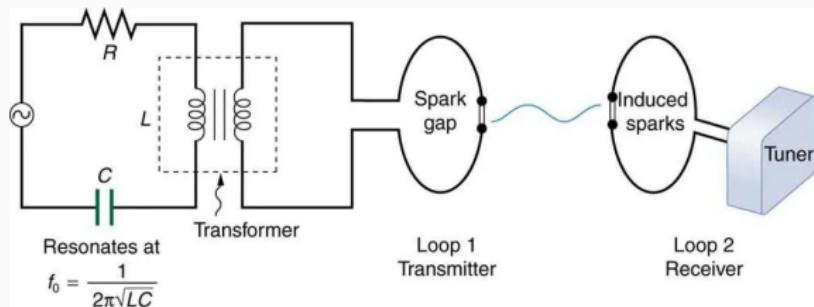
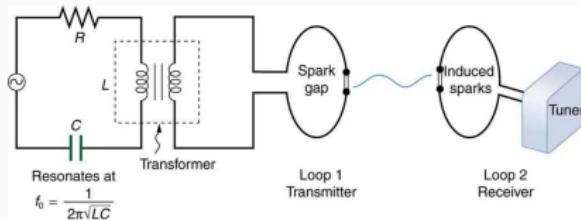


Figure 3: Heinrich Hertz demonstrated the *spark gap RLC circuit*.

- The RLC circuit on the left side is set to resonate.
- The transformer changes the signal to a high voltage that makes a spark in loop 1.
- The RLC circuit in the tuner is set to the same resonance frequency.
- Sparks are induced *even though the circuits are not connected with conductors*.

# Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations



**Figure 4:** The transmitter and receiver are connected to RLC circuits with the same resonance frequency.

If the transmitter and receiver resonance frequency are the same:

$$f_L = f_R \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_2 C_2}} \quad (28)$$

$$L_1 C_1 = L_2 C_2 \quad (29)$$

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

If the transmitter and receiver resonance frequency are the same:

$$L_{\text{TX}} C_{\text{TX}} = L_{\text{RX}} C_{\text{RX}} \quad (30)$$

If the transmitter (TX) inductance is 1 mH, and the TX capacitance is 0.1 mF, and the receiver (RX) capacitance is 10 mF, what is the RX inductance?

- A: 1 mH
- B: 0.1 mH
- C: 0.01 mH
- D: 0.001 mH

Hint: treat this as a scaling problem.

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

If the transmitter (TX) inductance is 1 mH, and the TX capacitance is 0.1 mF, and the receiver (RX) capacitance is 0.2 mF, what is the RX inductance?

- A: 5 mH
- B: 0.5 mH
- C: 0.05 mH
- D: 0.005 mH

Hint: treat this as a scaling problem.

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

That electromagnetic fields can *propagate* was strong evidence that they are wavelike. All waves that obey the “wave equation” share a relationship between the speed,  $v$ , frequency  $f$ , and the *wavelength*  $\lambda$ :

$$v = f\lambda \tag{31}$$

The wavelength is the displacement between wave peaks, and  $1/f = T$  is the period in time between peaks. If the speed is  $v = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}$ , and the resonance frequency corresponds to a capacitance of  $0.2 \mu\text{F}$  and inductance of  $0.5 \mu\text{H}$ , what is the wavelength?

- A: 3750 m
- B: 375 m
- C: 37.5 m
- D: 3.75 m

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

If the speed of light is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s, what is this same speed in m/ns?

- A: 30 m/ns
- B: 3 m/ns
- C: 0.3 m/ns
- D: 0.03 m/ns

## Electromagnetic waves: Maxwell's Equations

What is the frequency of electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength comparable to the length of a person ( $\approx 1$  m)?

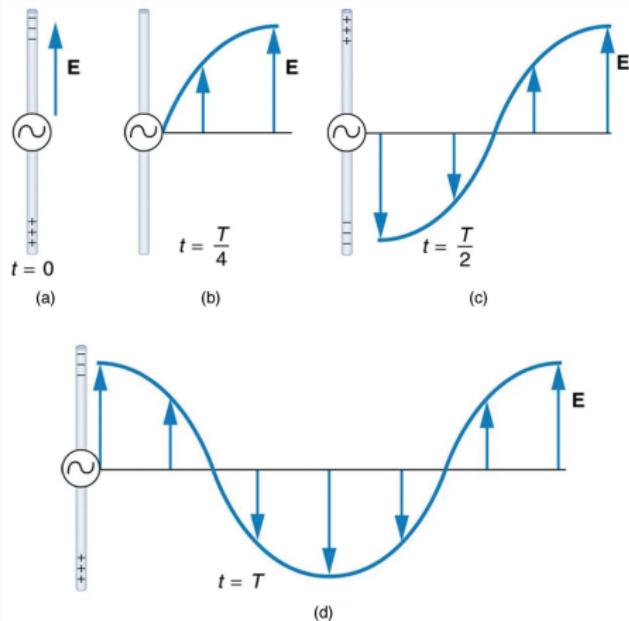
- A: 0.3 GHz
- B: 3 GHz
- C: 300 MHz
- D: 3000 MHz

Note: is there any reason to expect limitations on the wavelengths and frequencies of electromagnetic waves?

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

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**Figure 5:** An AC voltage source corresponds to electrons oscillating, which leads to an oscillating field.

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

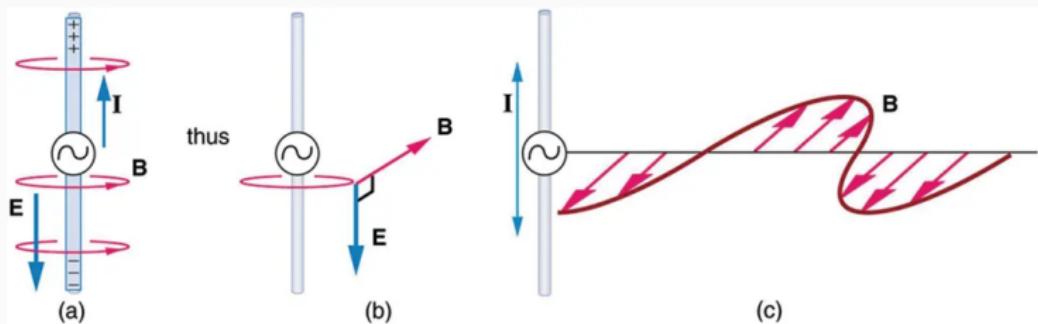
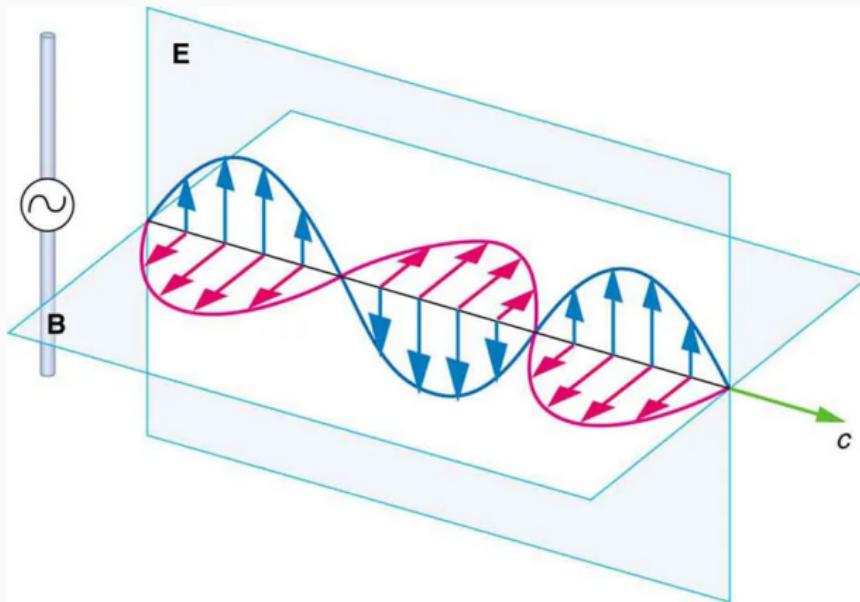


Figure 6: The oscillating E-field generates an orthogonal B-field.

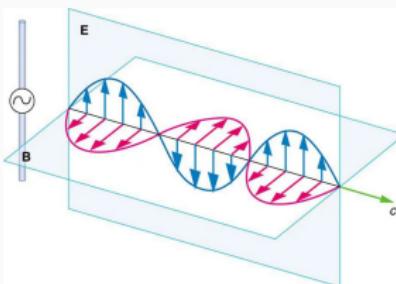
## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production



**Figure 7:** The oscillating B-field generates an orthogonal E-field, continuing the process.

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

The wave **moves energy** in the direction of the green arrow.



**Figure 8:** The oscillating B-field generates an orthogonal E-field, continuing the process.

The flux of energy per unit area in this case is (after some length mathematics)

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \quad (32)$$

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

The wave **moves energy** in the direction of  $\vec{S}$ . The direction is orthogonal to the E and B, with a magnitude  $EB/\mu_0$ . The peak B-value is  $B = E/c$ . Both B and E are sinusoids with the same  $f$  and  $\phi$ . Thus,  $S \propto \sin^2(2\pi ft + \phi)$ , and the average of this is 1/2. This makes the average **intensity**

$$\bar{S} = \frac{1}{2c\mu_0} E^2 \quad (33)$$

The units of intensity are  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ . This formula is useful:

- Calculate the RX power at a radio given the field strength at the radio station, and the distance to the radio station.
- Calculate the brightness of a star observed at Earth, given the field strength of the light at the star.

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

Suppose a microwave in the kitchen generates 1 kW of power, projected onto a 10cm x 10cm area at a distance of 1 m. What is the intensity (power per unit area)?

- C: 1 kW
- D: 100 kW
- A:  $1 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$
- B:  $100 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

Suppose a microwave in the kitchen generates 1 kW of power, projected onto a 10cm x 10cm area at a distance of 1 m. How long does it take the energy to travel the 1 meter?

- C: 0.333 ns
- D: 3.33 ns
- A: 33.3 ns
- B: 333 ns

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic wave production

Suppose a microwave in the kitchen generates 1 kW of power, projected onto a 10cm x 10cm area at a distance of 1 m. What is the peak E-field at the source?

- C: 870 V/m
- D: 8700 V
- A: 8700 V/m
- B: 870 V

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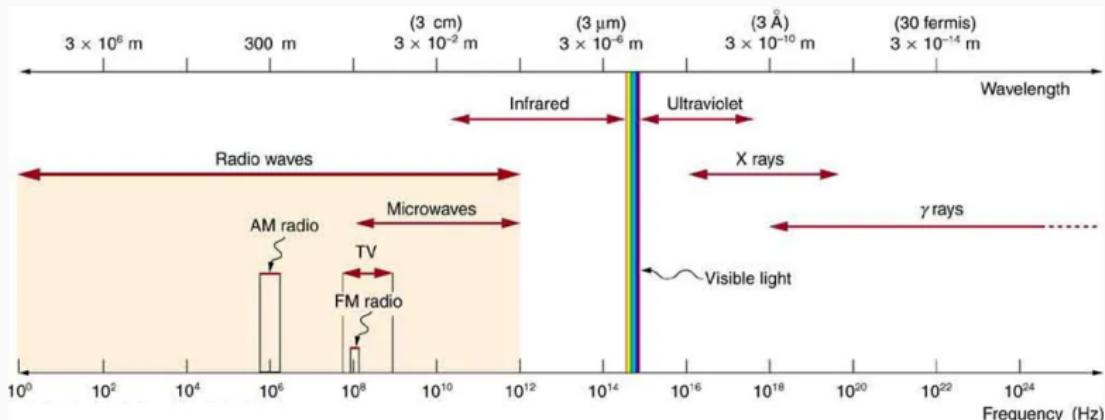
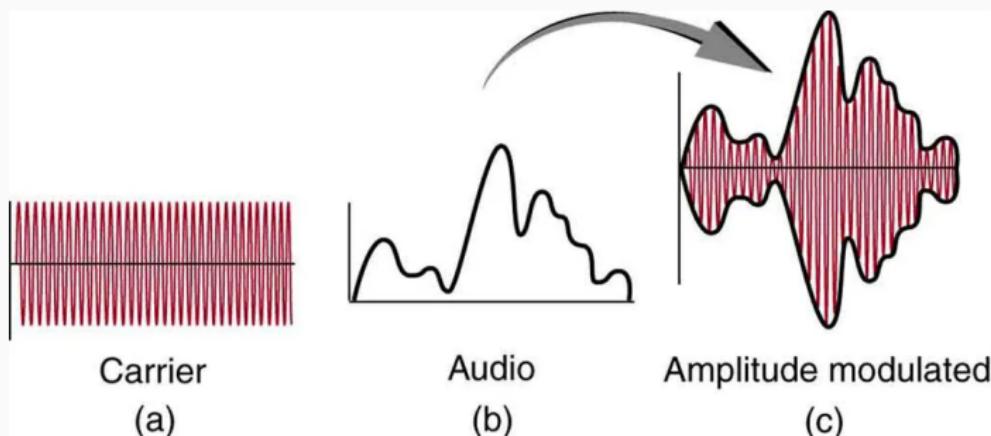


Figure 9: The electromagnetic spectrum maps signal types to wavelength (top) and frequency (bottom).

- Visible spectrum: more than  $10^{14}$  Hz, 400-700 nm wavelengths
- Radio waves:  $[10^{-1} - 10^4]$  MHz

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

**Amplitude modulation (AM)** is a technology that allows audio transmission over the EM spectrum.



**Figure 10:** (a) The carrier wave. (b) The audio spectrum. (c) The modulated carrier wave.

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

The carrier is a pure sinusoid at a single frequency,  $f_c$ , with amplitude A:

$$c(t) = A \sin(2\pi f_c t) \quad (34)$$

Let the modulating audio signal (at a given frequency) be

$$m(t) = Am \cos(2\pi f_m t + \phi) \quad (35)$$

Audio waves are not electromagnetic, and audio frequencies are orders of magnitude smaller than radio frequencies. If there were a way to mix (multiply) these signals **as voltages**, then we get

$$y(t) = \left[1 + \frac{m(t)}{A}\right] c(t) \quad (36)$$

Do you remember the following trigonometric identity?

$$\sin(A) \cos(B) =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)) \quad (37)$$

**Group exercise:** Substitute Eqs. 34 and 35 into 36, and use the trigonometric identity in Eq. 37 to simplify the result.

1. Look for three waves: the carrier, and two additional ones at two different frequencies.
2. Draw a picture of the spectrum, the amplitude versus frequency of the signal.

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

The AM mixing yields three waves:

- The original carrier
- A wave with  $f_c + f_m$
- A wave with  $f_c - f_m$

To re-capture the audio, we must *demodulate*, or reverse the process.

How do we create  $m(t)$ , and how do we modulate and demodulate it?

- Parallel LC circuits that act as resonators
- Diodes, devices that allow current to flow only one way

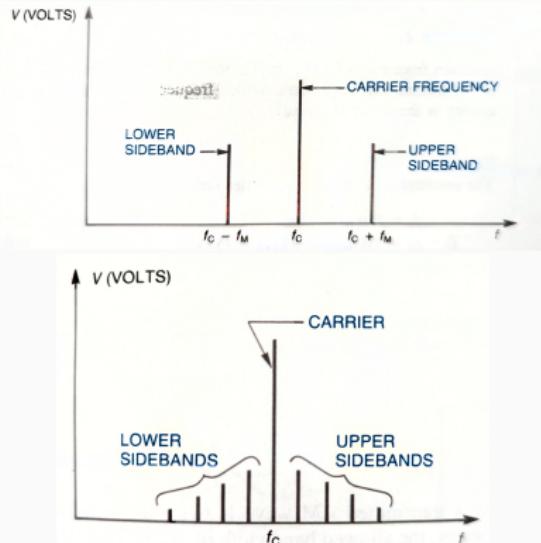


Figure 11: (Top) An example of a single audio frequency mixed into an AM signal. (Bottom) An audio spectrum mixed into an AM signal.

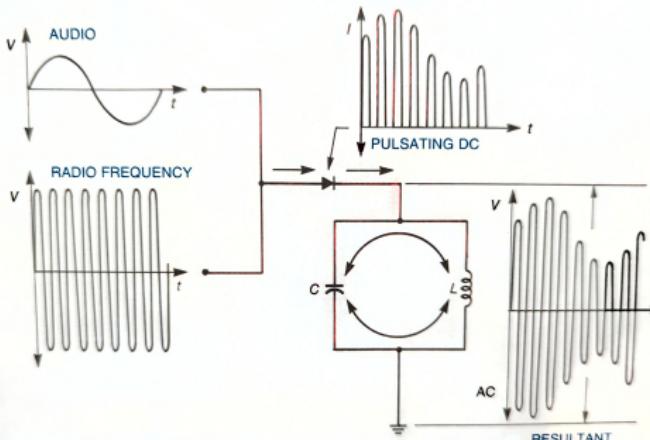
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**Figure 12:** Circuit  
diagram for the diode.



**Figure 13:** (Upper left) The audio signal is converted to a voltage via a microphone. (Lower left) The radio carrier signal oscillates at a higher frequency. (Middle) The LC resonator and diode mix the two signals. (Right) The final amplitude is modulated by the audio.

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Suppose an audio signal exists primarily at 10 kHz, and we need an AM carrier at 1.4 MHz. If this AM carrier is mixed with the audio signal, what frequencies will exist in the final signal?

- A: 1390 and 1400 kHz
- B: 1400 kHz only
- C: 1390, 1400, and 1410 kHz
- D: 1390 and 1410 kHz

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Suppose an audio signal exists primarily at 10 kHz, and we need an AM carrier at 1.4 MHz. If this AM carrier is mixed with the audio signal, what is the *bandwidth* required? That is, how much of the EM spectrum is occupied by the final signal?

- A: 10 kHz
- B: 20 kHz
- C: 1400 kHz
- D: 1420 kHz

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Suppose an audio signal exists primarily at 10 kHz, and we need an AM carrier at 1.4 MHz. If, in our mixer,  $L = 10 \mu\text{H}$  is required, what value must we choose for  $C$ ?

- A: 1.3 mF
- B: 2.6  $\mu\text{F}$
- C: 1.3  $\mu\text{F}$
- D: 1.3 nF

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

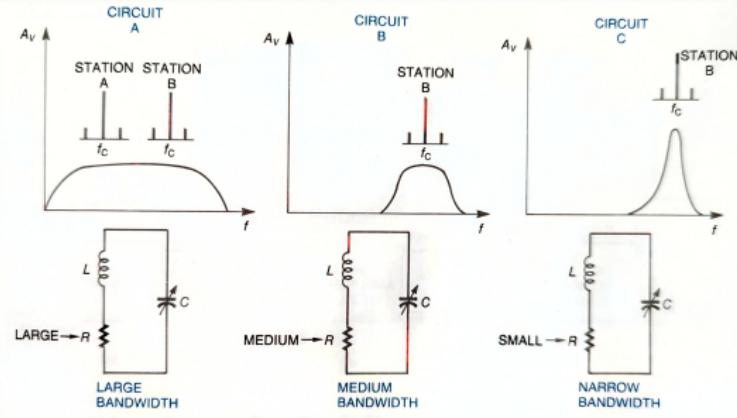


Figure 4-19 Relation of circuit bandwidth and receiver selectivity.

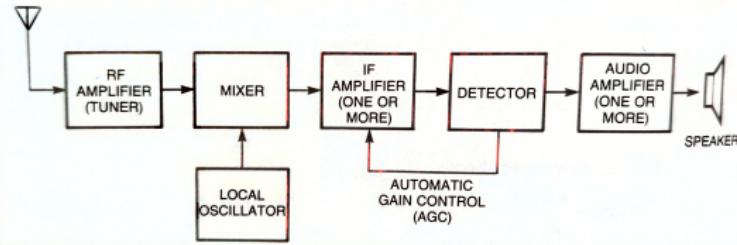


Figure 14: Circuit properties for the AM receiver.

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

We can show that the *bandwidth* of the RLC response is

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_0} = \omega_0 \tau = 2\pi f_0 \tau \quad (38)$$

Where  $\tau = RC$  and  $f_0 = 1/(2\pi\sqrt{LC})$ . This simplifies to

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_0} = R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \quad (39)$$

Thus, bandwidth is proportional to  $R$ , as shown in Fig. 14.

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Suppose an audio signal exists primarily at 5 kHz, and we need an AM carrier at 1100 kHz. This implies our sidebands will be at 1095 kHz and 1105 kHz, making our bandwidth 10 kHz centered around 1100 kHz. If our resistance  $R$  is such that we are capturing the carrier, but not the sidebands, we should:

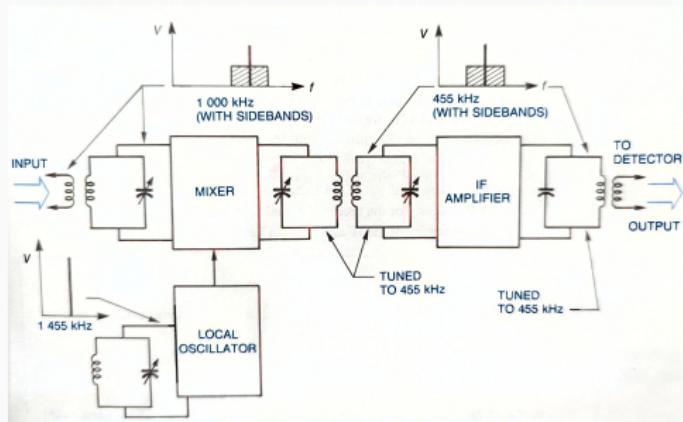
- A: Decrease  $R$
- B: Increase  $R$
- C: Leave  $R$  unchanged
- D: Set  $R$  to 0 Ohms

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

The local oscillator (LO) is a tunable oscillator set to be 455 kHz above the AM channel.

For example:

- AM channel: 1200 kHz
- LO: 1655 kHz
- Mixer:  $1655 \text{ kHz} + 1200 \text{ kHz}$ , 1655 kHz, and  $1655 - 1200 \text{ kHz}$
- 455 kHz is the *intermediate frequency* (IF)
- IF amplifier: responds only to  $1655 - 1200 = 455 \text{ kHz}$



**Figure 15:** The superheterodyne radio scheme. Channel input is amplified, mixed with a local oscillator, and moved to the IF. The IF is filtered and amplified, then demodulated in the detector.

## Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Suppose an audio signal exists primarily at 10 kHz, and is mixed with a carrier at 1000 kHz. What should our LO be if our IF is 455 kHz?

- A: 1000 kHz
- B: 455 kHz
- C: 545 kHz
- D: 1455 kHz

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

Frequency modulation (FM) radio transmission converts audio signals into frequency deviations in the carrier.

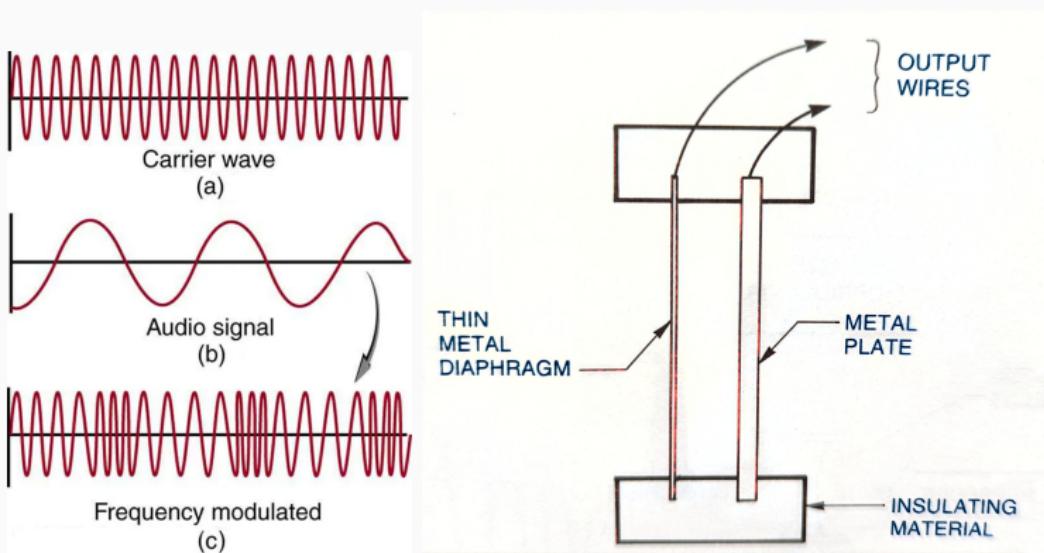
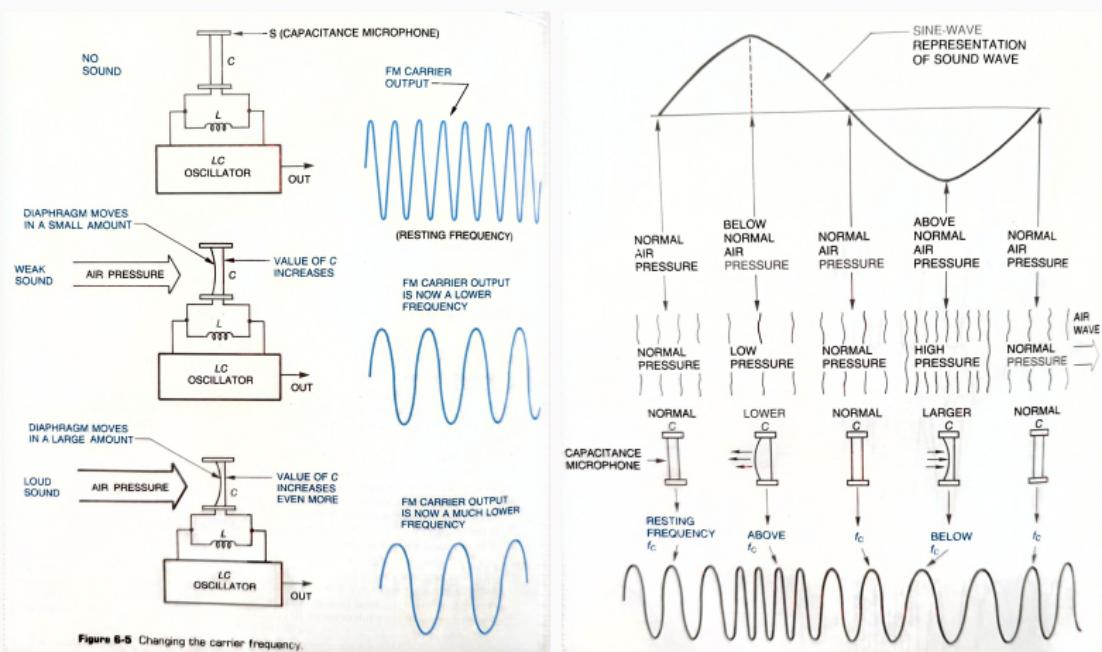


Figure 16: (Left) Frequency modulation. (Right) Capacitance microphone.

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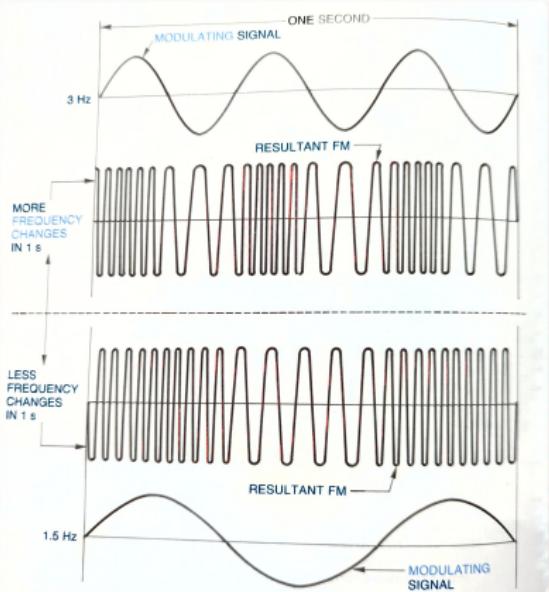


**Figure 17:** (Left) Lowering  $C$  raises  $f_0$ , and raising  $C$  lowers  $f_0$ . (Right) Changes in pressure correspond to changes in  $C$ .

# Electromagnetic waves: Electromagnetic spectrum and energy

## In summary,

1. The C in the LC oscillator can be made to depend on audio amplitude
2. The audio amplitude corresponds to the frequency deviation
3. The rate at which the frequency changes depends on audio frequency.
4. **For those interested**, a great final project is to assemble a DIY AM transistor radio



**Figure 18:** Audio (modulation) frequency determines *how often* the frequency deviates, not the frequency deviation itself.

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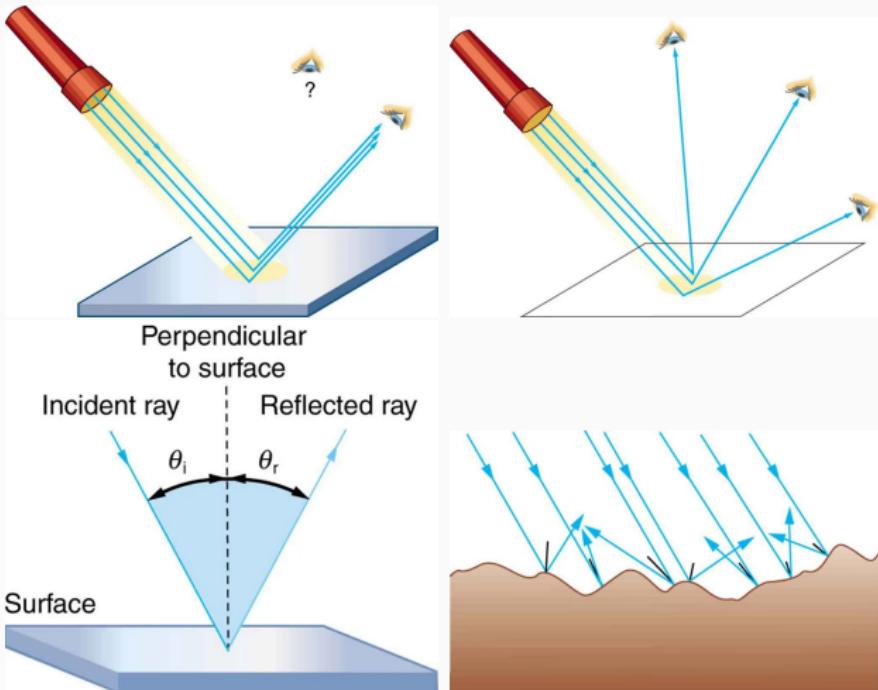
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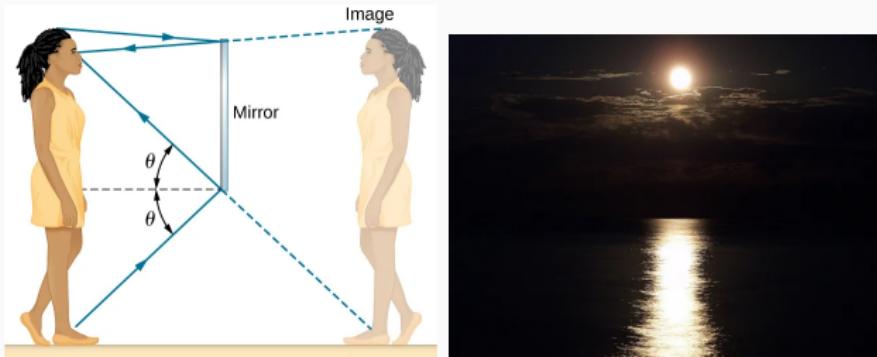
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# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection



**Figure 19:** (Top left) Specular reflection (Top right) Diffuse reflection  
(Bottom left) Smooth surface (Bottom right) Rough surface.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection



**Figure 20:** (Left) Your image in a mirror is due to specular reflection. (Right) The image of the moon on the ocean is due to diffuse reflection.

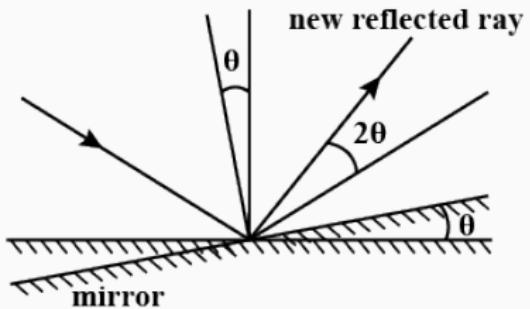
**Specular reflection** rule: the incident angle and reflected angle are equal.

$$\theta_i = \theta_r \quad (40)$$

Both angles are usually measured with respect to the direction orthogonal to the reflecting surface.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

**Group exercise:** Light shows staged with lasers use moving mirrors to swing beams and create colorful effects. Show that a light ray reflected from a mirror changes direction by  $2\theta$  when the mirror is rotated by an angle  $\theta$ .



Think about rotating a mirror 90 degrees. What happens to the reflected laser light?

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

The speed of light can be measured independently of electromagnetism, with an *interferometer*.

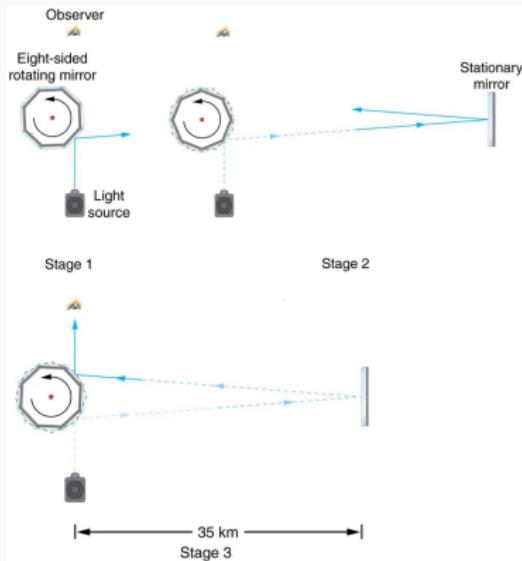


Figure 21: A schematic of the 1887 experiment by Albert Michelson.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

## The Speed of Light

The speed of light in a vacuum is

$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (41)$$

When light travels through a material with *index of refraction, n*, the speed is

$$v = \frac{c}{n} \quad (42)$$

## Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

In the Michelson interferometer, light had to travel 35 km down to a mirror, and 35 km back from the mirror. Assuming the speed of light in a vacuum ( $3 \times 10^8$  m/s), how long does it take for the light to make the round trip?

- A:  $116 \mu\text{s}$
- B:  $116 \text{ ns}$
- C:  $233 \mu\text{s}$
- D:  $233 \text{ ns}$

## Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

In airborne radar, aircraft must transmit a radio pulse and record the reflection time to determine the position of other aircraft. If an aircraft records a reflection time of  $700 \mu\text{s}$ , how far away is the object?

- A: 210 km
- B: 210 m
- C: 105 m
- D: 105 km

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

The index of refraction is a property of materials and substances that depends on the atomic or molecular structure of electrons.

Air	Radio	1.000368
Air	Optical	1.000293
Water, fresh	Optical	1.333
Ice, fresh	Optical	1.31
Ice, fresh	Radio	1.78

Table 1: Indices of refraction for several substances in different parts of the electromagnetic spectrum.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

Water, fresh	Radio	1.31
Ice, fresh	Radio	1.78

Table 2: Indices of refraction for several substances.

Suppose we are measuring the ice shelf thickness in Greenland with **radio waves** to determine changes in ice volume due to climate change. If in 2016 we observed a radio echo time of 1150 ns, and in 2020 we observed a time of 1125 ns, by how much has the ice thickness been reduced?

- A: 5.25 cm
- B: 52.5 cm
- C: 525 cm
- D: 0.525 cm

Hint: Assume the radio signal begins from the ice surface, travels down, and reflects from the bottom.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

## Reflection Coefficient at Normal Incidence

Suppose an electromagnetic wave in a medium with index of refraction  $n_1$  approaches the surface of a medium with index of refraction  $n_2$  at an angle  $\theta_i = 0$  degrees. The wave will be reflected at  $\theta_r = 0$  degrees. The **reflection coefficient** is the fraction of power or intensity reflected, and it is equal to

$$R = \left| \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right|^2 \quad (43)$$

The **transmission coefficient** is  $T = 1 - R$ , to conserve power and energy.

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

Water, fresh	Radio	1.31
Ice, fresh	Radio	1.78

Table 3: Indices of refraction for several substances.

Suppose our aircraft radar is reflecting radar echos from a frozen lake surface. Assuming air has  $n_1 = 1.0$ , what fraction of the power reflects from the lake?

- A: 100 percent
- B: 7.9 percent
- C: 15.8 percent
- D: 0 percent

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection

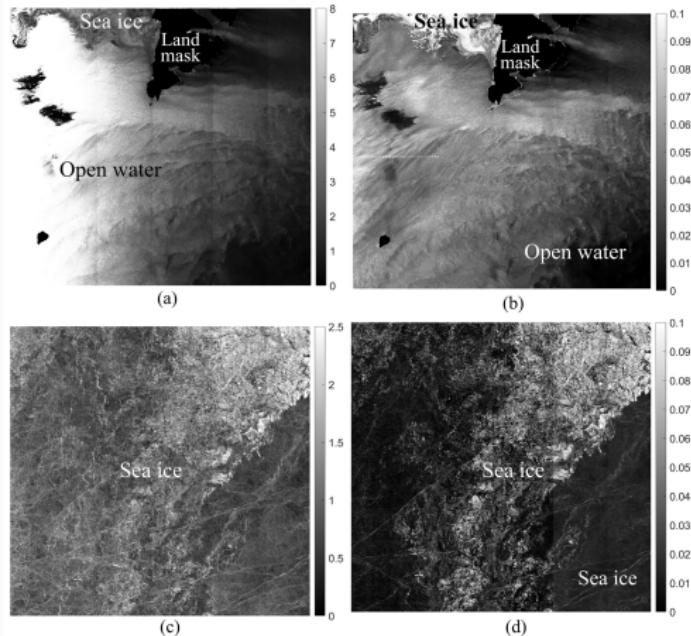
Water, fresh	Radio	1.31
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Table 4: Indices of refraction for several substances.

If we cross from a region of ice to fresh water, what is the new result?

- A: 100 percent
- B: 3.6 percent
- C: 1.8 percent
- D: 0 percent

# Geometric optics: Ray-tracing and Reflection



**Figure 22:** A result from Wang and Li, “Arctic sea ice cover data from spaceborne synthetic aperture radar by deep learning.” Earth System Science Data 13(6) 2723-2742, 2021.

## PhET: Geometric optics and Reflection Coefficients

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# PhET: Geometric optics and Reflection Coefficients

Navigate to <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/bending-light>

1. Click on the More Tools tab, and drag the laser tool to the top so that the light experiences normal incidence.
2. Activate the laser tool by clicking the red button. The reflected light appears above the laser tool.
3. Use the green intensity tool at left to measure the reflected intensity.
4. Measure the reflection coefficient between air and water by controlling the indices with the sliders at right.
5. Copy your result into 100 spreadsheet cells **in Google Sheets** ( $2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow \dots$ ).

## PhET: Geometric optics and Reflection Coefficients

Navigate to <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/bending-light>

1. Suppose your data exist in A1:A100. In cell B1, type the following:

=NORMINV(RAND(),A1,0.01)

2. The previous step will create a *gaussian random error* with the mean of A1 and standard deviation of 0.01.
3. In cell C1, enter a number that is a few tenths of a percent below the average reflection coefficient (e.g. 3.9). Then, in cell C2, write:

=C1+0.01

4. Click and drag C2 until the C-cells encompass the range of data we find in column B (e.g [3.9:4.1]).

## PhET: Geometric optics and Reflection Coefficients

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1. Assume the column C cells we created exist in C1:C21. In cell D1, type the following:

=FREQUENCY(B1:B100,C1:C21)

2. Now hit CNTL+Shift+Enter. The formula will be encapsulated by **ArrayFormula**, and hit enter until the FREQUENCY function is evaluated.
3. The results are *frequencies* in the sense that, next to each frequency bin, the function calculates *how frequently* data fall into the given bin.
4. Create an x-y scatter graph of frequency bins (column C) versus frequencies (column D).

# PhET: Geometric optics and Reflection Coefficients

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1. This type of chart is called a *histogram*.
2. Does your histogram peak at the expected reflection coefficient?
3. What does the width of your histogram tell you?

## Geometric optics: Refraction

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# PhET: Geometric optics and Refraction

Navigate to

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/bending-light>

1. Perhaps you noticed in the previous activity that transmission angle depends on both  $n_2$  and  $\theta_i$ . We will now sort out that relationship.
2. Click on the More Tools tab, and click on the yellow protractor at left.
3. Place the center of the protractor at the spot where the laser hits the surface.
4. Select  $n_1 = 1.0$ , and  $n_2 = 1.5$ . Take 15-20 data points of  $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_t$ , where  $\theta_i$  is the incident angle with respect to normal, and  $\theta_t$  is the transmission angle with respect to normal.
5. Graph  $\theta_t$  vs.  $\theta_i$ . Do you observe a linear effect?
6. Now graph  $\sin \theta_t$  vs.  $\sin \theta_i$ . Do you observe a linearized trend?
7. Infer a general rule based on your data.

## Geometric optics: Refraction

### Snell's Law

Let two media have two indices of refraction,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , and let  $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_t$  represent the incident and transmission angles, measured with respect to normal. Snell's Law relates these quantities:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t \quad (44)$$

## Geometric optics: Refraction

Suppose you see your friend swimming underwater, and you are standing in the water near them. Are they:

- A: Farther away than they appear
- B: Exactly where they appear
- C: Closer than they appear
- D: Deeper than they appear

# Geometric optics: Refraction

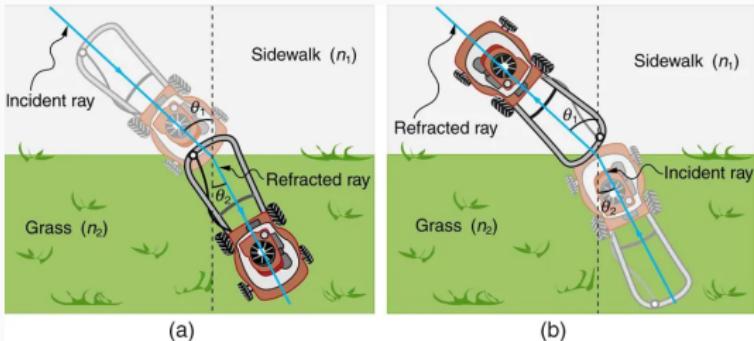
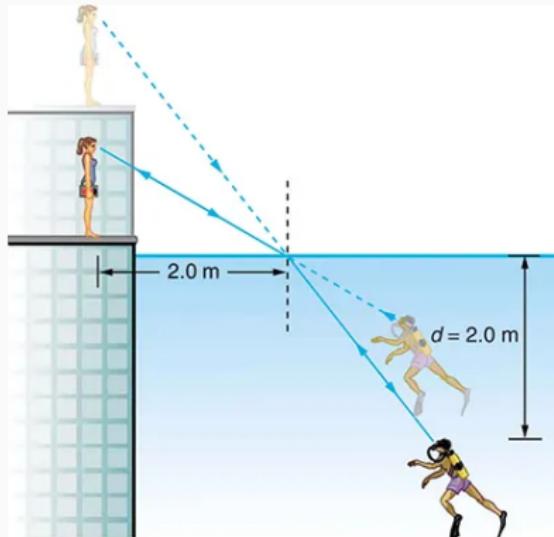


Figure 23: (a) The mower crosses from sidewalk to grass. (b) The mower crosses from grass to sidewalk.

The mower is powered by the two back wheels, and the speed they generate depends on the torque of the motor and axel against the surface. This speed is higher on the sidewalk than the grass. If the mower enters the grass at an angle, the right side goes slower before the left side. The right side goes faster first as the mower enters the sidewalk.

# Geometric optics: Refraction

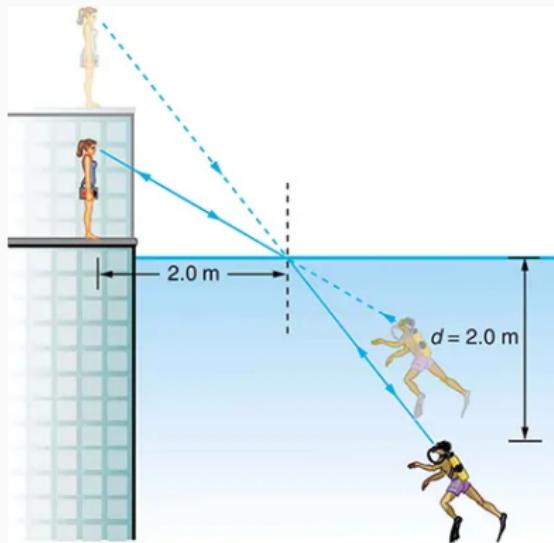


**Figure 24:** A scuba diver is 2.0 m beneath the water surface ( $n = 1.3$ ).

A scuba diver looks at his instructor. What angle does the ray from the instructor's face make with respect to normal at the point where the ray enters? The angle between the ray in the water and normal is 25.0 degrees.

- A: 15.2 degrees
- B: 25.0 degrees
- C: 30.1 degrees
- D: 34.3 degrees

# Geometric optics: Refraction



**Figure 25:** A scuba diver is 2.0 m beneath the water surface ( $n = 1.3$ ).

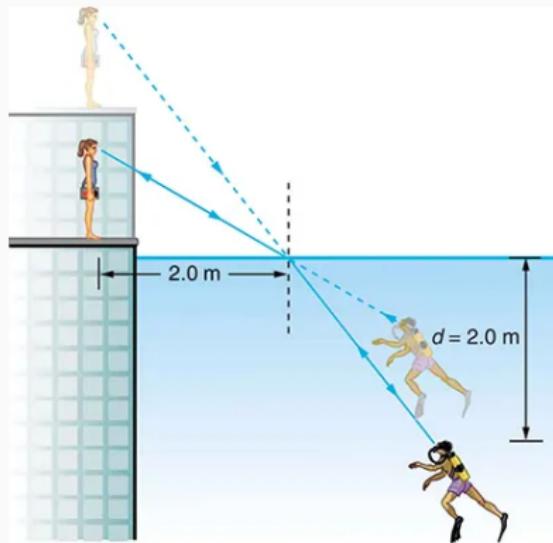
A scuba diver looks at his instructor.  
How tall is the instructor?

- A: 1.23 meters
- B: 4.56 meters
- C: 7.89 meters
- D: 2.93 meters

Hint: draw your own diagram.

Is your answer reasonable?

# Geometric optics: Refraction



**Figure 26:** A scuba diver is 2.0 m beneath the water surface ( $n = 1.3$ ).

The answer was 2.93 meters.  
No. It really is, according to the Instructor's Solutions Manual.

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For reference: there is a lens simulator at <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/geometric-optics>.

## Geometric optics: Lens optics

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# Geometric optics: Lens optics

**Lens optics** provides an understanding of image formation by lenses given the laws of refraction and lens properties.

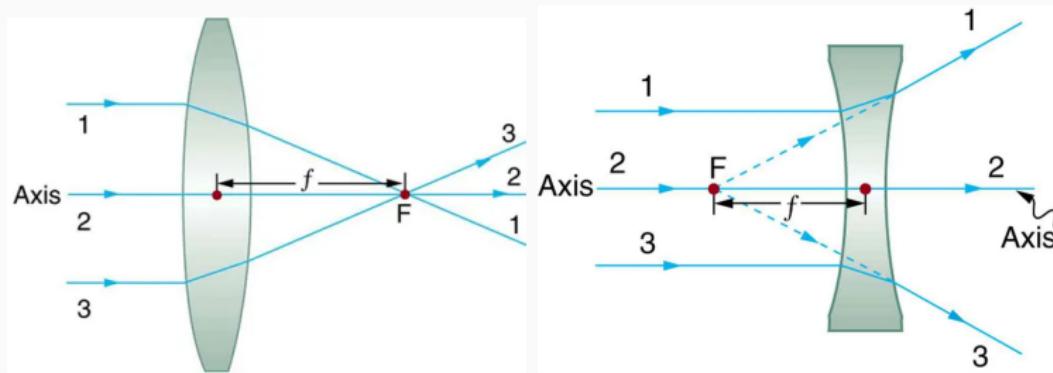
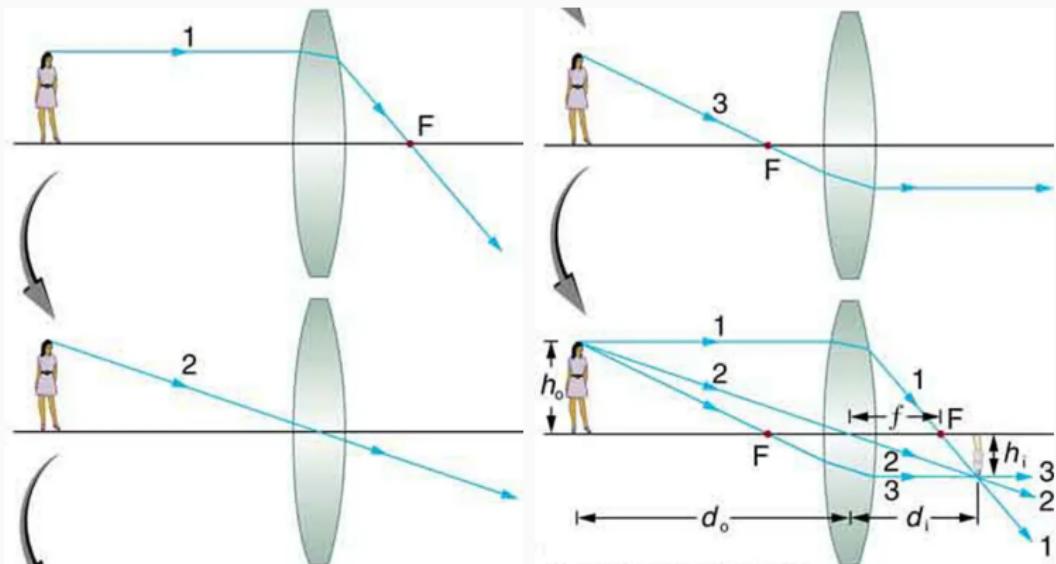


Figure 27: (Left) A converging lens. (Right) A diverging lens.

The *focal length*,  $f$  is the distance from the lens center where rays converge (converging lenses), or from where rays appear to diverge (diverging lenses).

# Geometric optics: Lens optics



**Figure 28:** Rays 1, 2, and 3, pass parallel through the lens, through the center of the lens, and through the lens focal length, respectively. A **real image** is formed on the other side.

# Geometric optics: Lens optics

## Thin Lens Equations

Let  $d_o$  be the distance from the source to the lens center. Let  $d_i$  be the distance from the lens center to the real image. Let  $f$  be the focal length. Let  $h_o$  be the object height. let  $h_i$  be the real image height. The thin lens approximation gives

$$\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (45)$$

$$m = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = -\frac{d_i}{d_o} \quad (46)$$

The ratio  $m$  is called the **magnification**.

## Geometric optics: Lens optics

Suppose we have a lens with  $f = 3 \text{ cm}$ . Where will the image be if  $d_o = 10 \text{ m}$ ?

- A: 0 cm
- B: 3 cm
- C: 10 cm
- D: 10 m

For the same lens, what is the magnification?

- A:  $-3 \times 10^0$
- B:  $3 \times 10^{-1}$
- C:  $3 \times 10^{-2}$
- D:  $-3 \times 10^{-3}$

## Geometric optics: Lens optics

Why was the magnification so small in the prior example?

- A: The object was close to the lens
- B: The object was far from the lens
- C: The object was at the focal length
- D: The object was within the focal length

Suppose  $d_o = 10$  cm, and  $f = 3$  cm. What are  $d_i$  and  $m$ ?

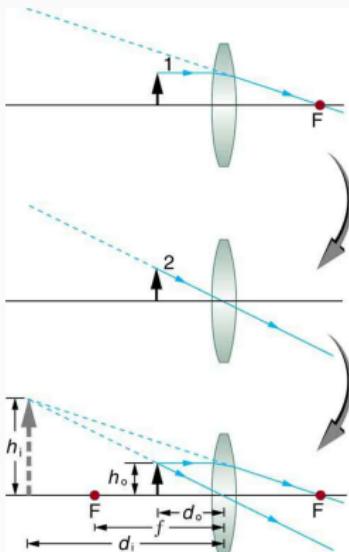
- A:  $30/7$  cm,  $-3/7$
- B:  $30$  cm,  $-1/2$
- C:  $7/30$ ,  $-3/7$  cm
- D:  $30/7$ ,  $-3/7$

What happens if  $d_o = f$ ?

- A:  $d_i = f$
- B:  $d_i = 0$
- C:  $d_i \rightarrow \infty$
- D:  $d_0 = 1/f$

# Geometric optics: Lens optics

An object within the focal length creates a *virtual image*.



**Figure 29:** Rays 1 and 2 pass parallel through the lens to the focal point, and through the lens center, respectively. A **virtual image** forms on the same side.

# Geometric optics: Lens optics

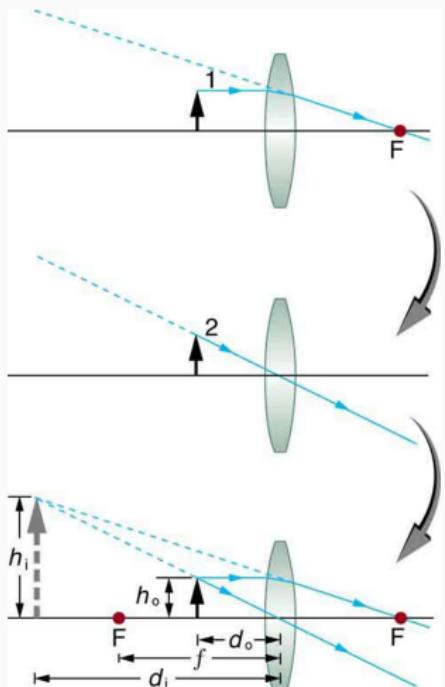


Figure 30: A virtual image forms if  $d_o < f$ .

**Group exercise.** (a) Show that if  $d_o < f$ , that  $d_i < 0$ . (b) Show that the magnification is positive, and given by

$$m = \frac{f}{f - d_o} \quad (47)$$

**Group exercise.** Design a magnifying glass (by solving for  $f$ ) that gives  $m = 10$  for an object 2.7 cm from the lens center.

# Geometric optics: Lens optics

Convex lenses create *virtual images* when the object when  $|d_0| > |f|$ .

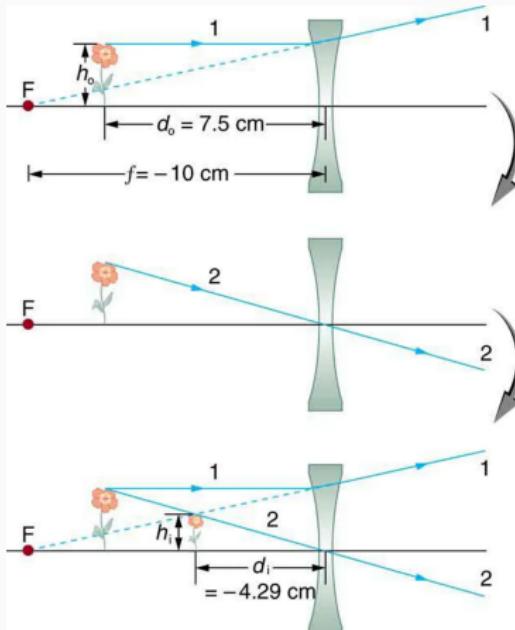


Figure 31: A convex lens diverges rays, and  $f < 0$ .

## Geometric optics: Lens optics

Suppose an object such as a book page is held 7.50 cm from a concave lens of focal length -10.0 cm. Such a lens could be used in eyeglasses to correct pronounced nearsightedness. What magnification is produced?

- A: -0.57
- B: 4.2
- C: -4.2
- D: 0.57

**Interesting final project idea:** Measure the energy in sunlight by using a lens to concentrate sunlight to heat water by a fixed temperature. For those interested in projects involving vision and medicine, see Chap. 26.

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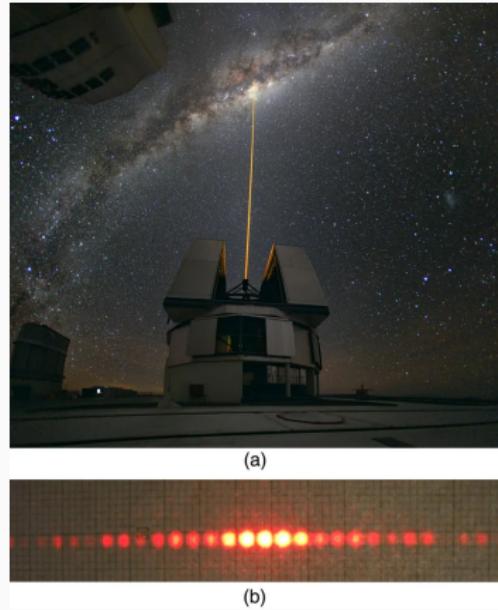
## Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

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# Wave optics: Wave interference

We observe that light acts as a *ray* and a *wave*.

- Lasers are used for targeting in optical observatories, precisely because they travel in straight lines.
- When we pass lasers through *diffraction gratings*, the light exhibits a *diffraction pattern*. Rays don't diffract.
- $\lambda_n = \lambda/n$  in a medium with  $n$ .

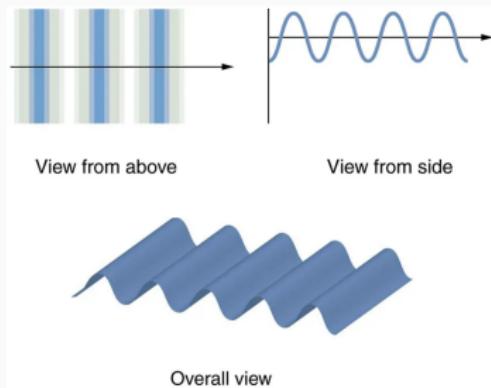


**Figure 32:** The Paranal Observatory of the ESO, in the Atacama Desert, Chile.

# Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

We observe that light acts as a *ray* and a *wave*.

- The 3D picture of an electromagnetic wave is that it is a wave in *space and time*.
- The electromagnetic wave also has lateral extent.
- *Huygen's principle* states that every point along the wavefront is a point-source.

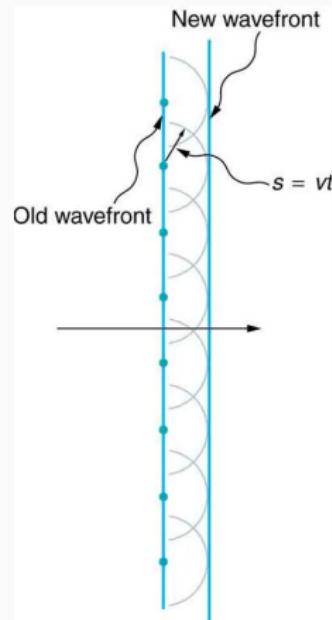


**Figure 33:** The three-dimensional picture of a transverse wave.

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**Figure 34:** The three-dimensional picture of a transverse wave.

# Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

We observe that light acts as a *ray* and a *wave*.

- *Huygen's principle* states that every point along the wavefront is a point-source.
- *Huygen's principle* aligns with observations of specular reflection.

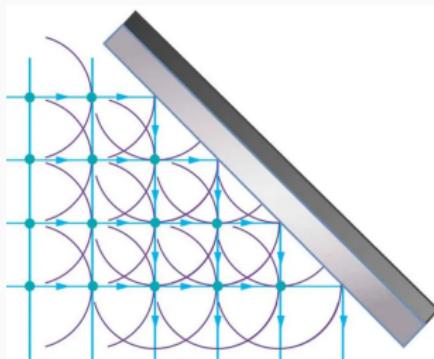
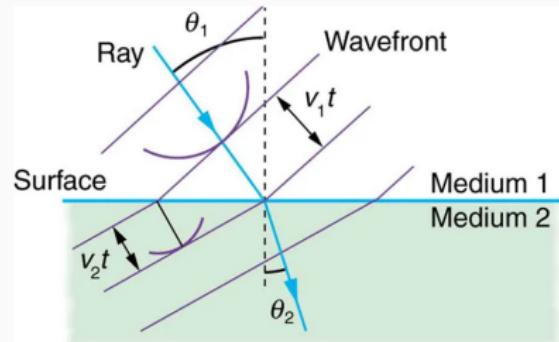


Figure 35: The transverse wave reflecting from a flat mirror.

# Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

We observe that light acts as a ray and a wave.

- Huygen's principle states that every point along the wavefront is a point-source.
- Huygen's principle aligns with observations of refraction between media with different indices of refraction.
- Notice that the wavelength changes, but the frequency does not.

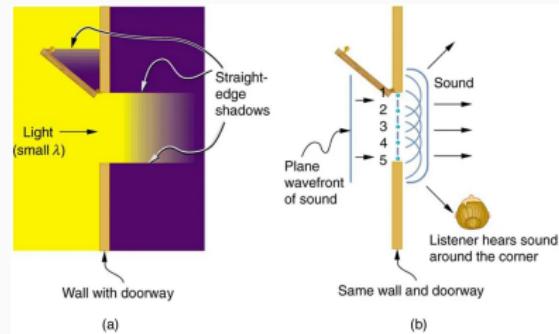


**Figure 36:** The transverse wave refracting into a medium with a new index of refraction.

# Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

We observe that light acts as a ray and a wave.

- Huygen's principle states that every point along the wavefront is a point-source.
- Huygen's principle aligns with observations of diffraction through openings that allow light (and sound) limited propagation.



**Figure 37:** Light waves cause straight shadows, while sound waves diffract. This is why you cannot see in the shadows, but you can hear sounds in another room.

# Wave optics: Wave interference and diffraction

We observe that light acts as a *ray* and a *wave*.

- Huygen's principle states that every point along the wavefront is a point-source.
- Huygen's principle aligns with observations of diffraction through openings that allow light (and sound) limited propagation.
- The key to diffraction is the comparison between wavelength, and length scale of the opening.

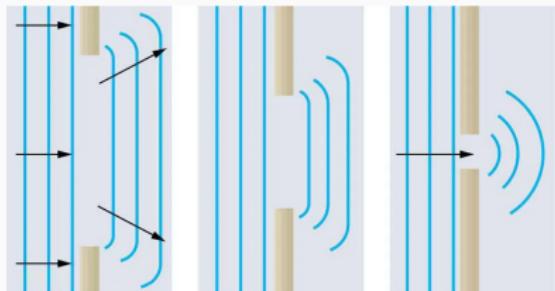


Figure 38: Waves diffract more strongly through openings that are small compared to the wavelength.

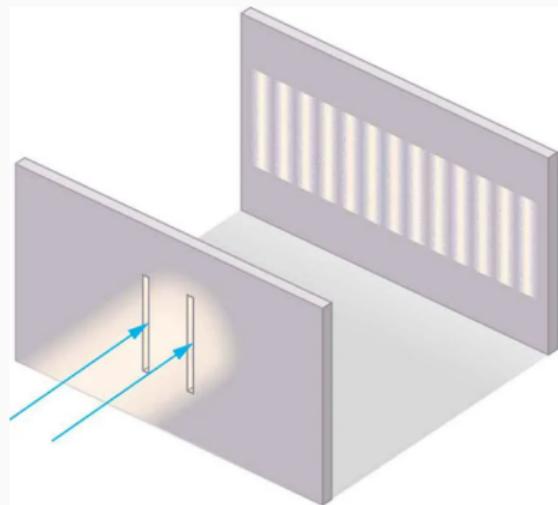
## Wave optics: Double slit experiments

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# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

How do we prove that light is a wave? Demonstrate the effects of constructive and deconstructive interference.

- *Young's double-slit experiment.* In 1801, Thomas Young demonstrated that light exhibits constructive and deconstructive interference.
- The view of Isaac Newton and others was that light was a particle, and that there were other explanations of color and diffraction.

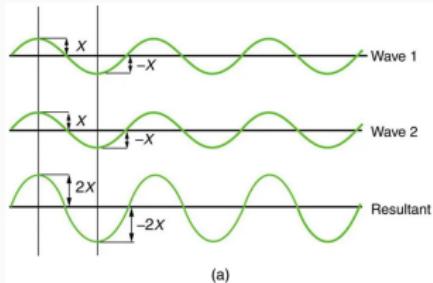


**Figure 39:** If light is a particle, there should only be two slot images on the wall.

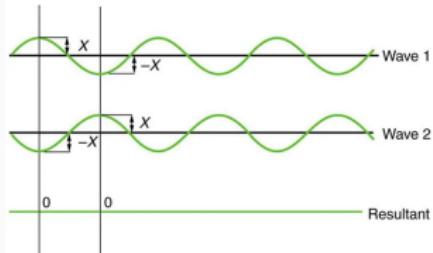
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- Young's double-slit experiment. In 1801, Thomas Young demonstrated that light exhibits constructive and deconstructive interference.
- Constructive and deconstructive interference occur when waves are in and out of phase, respectively.



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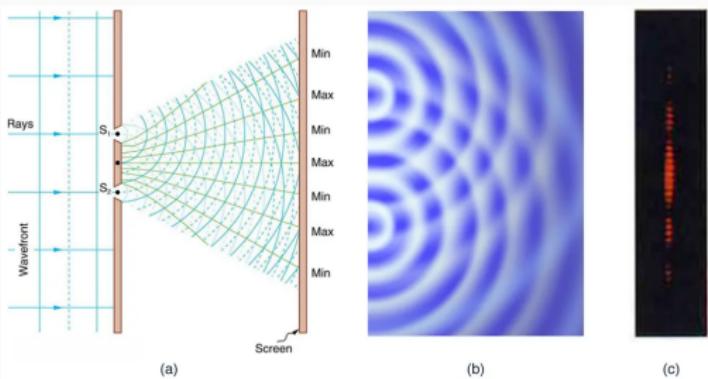


(b)

**Figure 40:** (a) Waves in phase add in amplitude. (b) Waves out of phase subtract in amplitude.

# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

- The double-slit experiment creates two in-phase point sources, following Huygen's Principle.
- The two sources are separated by  $d$  about the origin, and a screen is a distance  $r \gg d$  from the origin.



**Figure 41:** (a) A plane wave arrives at two slits.  
(b) A view of the wave magnitudes after the slits.  
(c) The diffraction pattern on the screen.

PhET: Double slit experiments

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# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

Navigate to <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/wave-interference>.

## 1. Waves tab learning goals:

- Learn measurement controls
- Measure period, frequency, wavelength accurately
- Measure wave speed, and compare to  $v = f\lambda$
- Perform measurements for water, sound, and light

## 2. Interference tab learning goals:

- Let  $\theta_m$  be the angular location of constructive interference fringes. Compare  $d \sin \theta_m$  with  $m\lambda$ , where  $m$  is an integer.
- Repeat this procedure with sound and light waves.

# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

Navigate to <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/wave-interference>.

## 1. Slits tab learning goals:

- Repeat the procedure from the interference tab to show that the interference relationship is identical, provided certain criteria are met.
- Repeat this procedure with sound and light waves.

## 2. Diffraction tab goals:

- Explore the diffraction patterns of different combinations of boundary conditions and wavelengths.
- Explore the idea that the image we see is not necessarily the same as the shape of the source.

# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

## 1. Waves tab learning goals:

- Learn measurement controls.
  - 1.1 Activate the water droplets with the green button.
  - 1.2 The color of the pool indicates wave amplitude.
  - 1.3 The frequency knob at right controls the drops per second.
  - 1.4 The amplitude knob controls the droplet size, and therefore wave amplitude.
- Measure period, frequency, wavelength accurately
  - 1.1 Use the tape measure tool (upper right) to measure wavelength.
  - 1.2 Use the stopwatch and tape measure to measure wave speed ( $\Delta x = v\Delta t$ ) as the waves proceed across the pool.
- Measure wave speed, and compare to  $v = f\lambda$ 
  - 1.1 Compare  $v = \Delta x/\Delta t$  to  $v = f\lambda$ . Do your results agree?
- Perform measurements for **water, sound, and light**.

# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

## 1. Interference tab learning goals:

- Let  $\theta_m$  be the angular location of constructive interference fringes. Compare  $d \sin \theta_m$  with  $m\lambda$ , where  $m$  is an integer.
  - 1.1 The source separation knob is on the right side.
  - 1.2 Allow the wave interference pattern to stabilize before measuring  $\theta_m$ , the angle between horizontal and the constructive interference fringe.
  - 1.3 Use the tape measure to measure the length of the hypoteneuse corresponding to the constructive interference fringe. Also measure the distance to the edge of the pool. Calculate  $\theta_m$  using the appropriate trigonometric function.
  - 1.4 Adjust the controls to observe multiple fringes. Compare  $d \sin \theta$  to  $m\lambda$ , where  $m$  is an integer. Plot  $d \sin \theta_m$  vs.  $m\lambda$  while varying  $\lambda$  (by changing the frequency).
- Repeat this procedure with **sound and light waves**.

# Wave optics: Double slit experiments

## 1. Slits tab learning goals:

- Repeat the procedure from the interference tab. Show that the interference relationship is identical, provided that the slit width is small compared to  $\lambda$ , and that the slit separation,  $d$  is comparable to  $\lambda$ .
- Focus this procedure on **light waves**.
- Create a graph of  $d \sin \theta_1$  versus  $m\lambda$ , with  $m = 1$ , for 10-15 different optical wavelengths.

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