
Determine Refractive Index of Material
of a prism using Sodium Source

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1 AIM

To Determine Refractive Index of Material of a prism using Sodium Source

2 APPARATUS

Spectrometer, prism, prism clamp, sodium vapour lamp, lens. etc.

3 PROCEDURE

- Focus Telescope on distant object.
- When focus is correct, start button is activated. Then click Start button.
- Switch on the light by clicking Switch On Light button.
- Focus the slit using Slit focus slider.
- Bring Vernier to 0 degree and 180 degree position using Vernier Table Slider.
- Place the prism.
- Bring telescope using Telescope Slider to a position of $(180 - 2i)$ degree by rotating it in anti-clockwise direction, where (i) is the angle of incidence.
- Move Vernier Table in clockwise direction to coincide slit with cross wire.

- Now move telescope in clockwise direction so that refracted ray goes in it and coincide slit with cross wire.
- Note down reading for both Verniers .This will be reading for refracted Ray.
- Remove the Prism.
- Move telescope in anti-clockwise direction to get direct ray in it and coincide slit with cross wire.
- Note down the readings for both Verniers now as well. This will be reading for Direct Ray.

4 PRECAUTIONS

- Slit should be as narrow as possible.
- Vernier numbering should remain fixed throughout the experiment.
- Prism position should be maintained properly.
- Fine adjustment of telescope must be used in each case.

5 OBSERVATIONS

5.1 Least Count of Spectrometer

$$27MSD = 30VSD$$

$$1VSD = \frac{27}{30}MSD$$

$$\text{Least count} = 1MSD - 1VSD$$

$$1MSD - \frac{27}{30}MSD = \frac{3}{30}MSD$$

$$\text{On main scale 20 divisions} = 10^\circ$$

$$1 \text{ division} = (1/2)^\circ = 1 \text{ MSD}$$

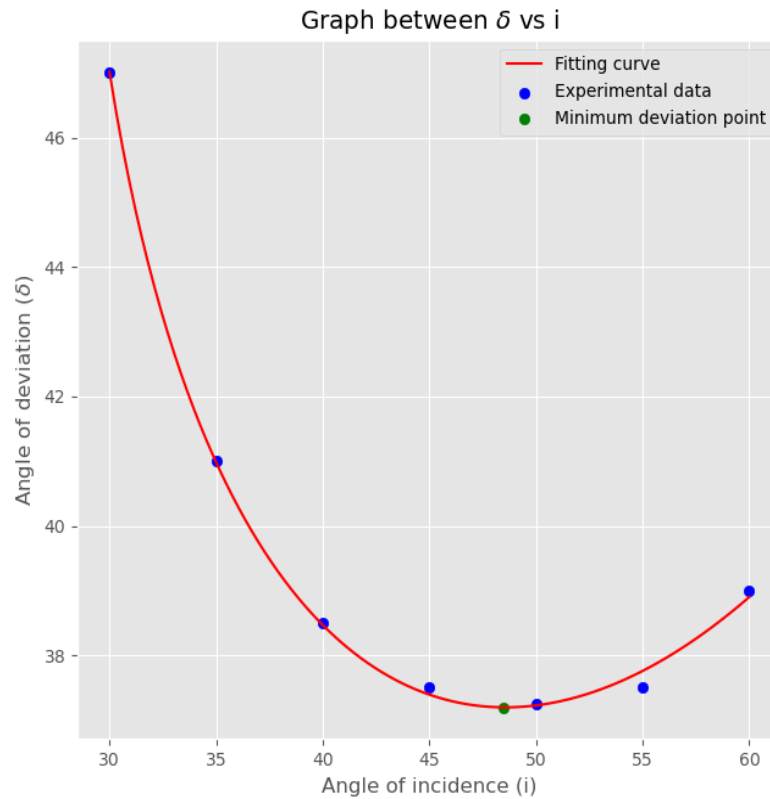
$$\therefore L.C = \left(\frac{3}{30}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\circ = \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^\circ$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{20} \times 60\right)' = 3'$$

5.2 Angle of Deviation

$\angle i^\circ$	vs	$\angle r^\circ$	$\angle d^\circ$	$(\angle r^\circ - \angle d^\circ)$	$\angle mean^\circ$
30°	V1	42° 30'	89° 30'	47°	47°
	V2	222° 30'	269° 30'	47°	
35°	V1	53° 30'	94° 30'	41°	41°
	V2	233° 30'	274° 30'	41°	
40°	V1	61°	99° 30'	38° 30'	38° 30'
	V2	241°	279° 30'	38° 30'	
45°	V1	67°	104° 30'	37° 30'	37° 30'
	V2	247°	284° 30'	37°	
50°	V1	72° 30'	109° 30'	37°	37° 15'
	V2	252°	289° 30'	37° 30'	
55°	V1	77°	114° 30'	37° 30'	37° 30'
	V2	257°	294° 30'	37° 30'	
60°	V1	80° 30'	119° 30'	39° 30'	39°
	V2	260° 30'	299° 30'	39°	

5.2.1 Take observation for angle of deviation for various angles of incidence i



6 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Minimum angle of deviation is $37^{\circ}11'45''$

- We just went through the theory of experiment by sharing links with info of concerned points and definitions.
- We just worked together on simulator by sharing screen via Gmeet.

- We evaluated the readings taken.
- We discussed the error part.

7 Contribution of Team Mates

Anjali : She did most of the theoretical part including working on simulator.

Preetpal Singh : He did Python programming and LaTeX part.

8 Programming Code

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1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
3 import numpy as np
4
5 def rad(x):
6     return (x * np.pi/180)
7
8 def func(i,A,n):
9     return i - A + np.arcsin(n * np.sin(A - np.arcsin(np.sin(i)/n))
10 )
11
12 def min_dev(y_cal,xlim):
13     list = []
14     for j in range(len(y_cal)):
15         xlim[j]
16         if y_cal[j] == np.min(y_cal):
17             list.append(xlim[j])
18             list.append(np.min(y_cal))
19     mini = np.array(list)
20     print("\nCoordinates of minima of the graph (x,y):\n",mini)
21     print("\n Angle of minimum deviation from Graph is: ",min(y_cal))
22     return mini
23
24 if __name__ == "__main__":
25     datax = np.array([30,35,40,45,50,55,60])
26     mean_dev_deg = np.array([47,41,38,37,37,37,39])
27     mean_dev_min = np.array([0,0,30,30,15,30,0])
28     datay= np.array((mean_dev_deg) + (mean_dev_min/60))
29     xlim = np.linspace(30,60,100)
30
31     popt, pcov = curve_fit(func,rad(datax),rad(datay))

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32     print("\nAngle of prism and Refractive index of the prism from
fitting:\n",popt,"\n")
33     y_cal = np.array(func(rad(xlim),*popt)) * 180/np.pi
34     print(y_cal)
35     mini = min_dev(y_cal,xlim)
36
37     plt.style.use("ggplot")
38     plt.title("Graph between  $\delta$  vs i")
39     plt.xlabel('Angle of incidence (i)')
40     plt.ylabel('Angle of deviation ( $\delta$ )')
41     plt.scatter(datax,datay,color = "b",label = "Experimental data"
)
42     plt.scatter(mini[0],mini[1],c = "g",label = "Minimum deviation
point")
43     plt.plot(xlim,np.array(func(rad(xlim),*popt) * 180/np.pi),
color = "r",label = "Fitting curve")
44     plt.legend()
45     plt.show()

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9 References

<https://vlab.amrita.edu/>