

# ★ Experiment No. 03

1) Aim: To determine the dispersive power of prism.

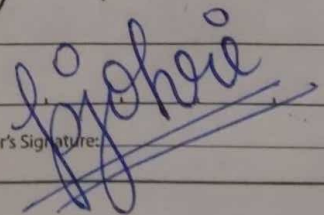
2) Apparatus Required: Spectrometer, A Glass Prism, Mercury Vapour Lamp, Magnifying Glass.

3) Formula Used: 
$$\mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)} \quad (i)$$

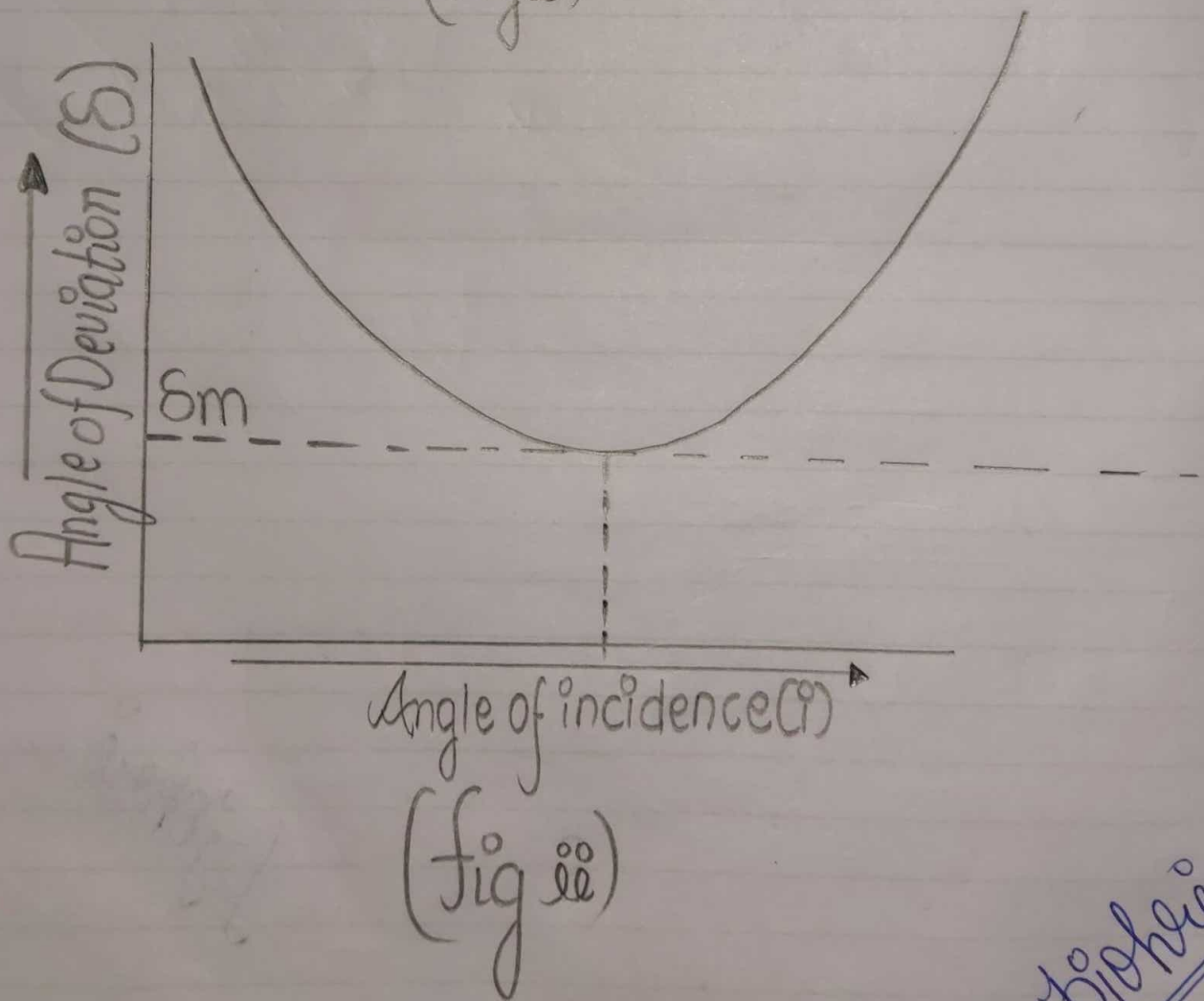
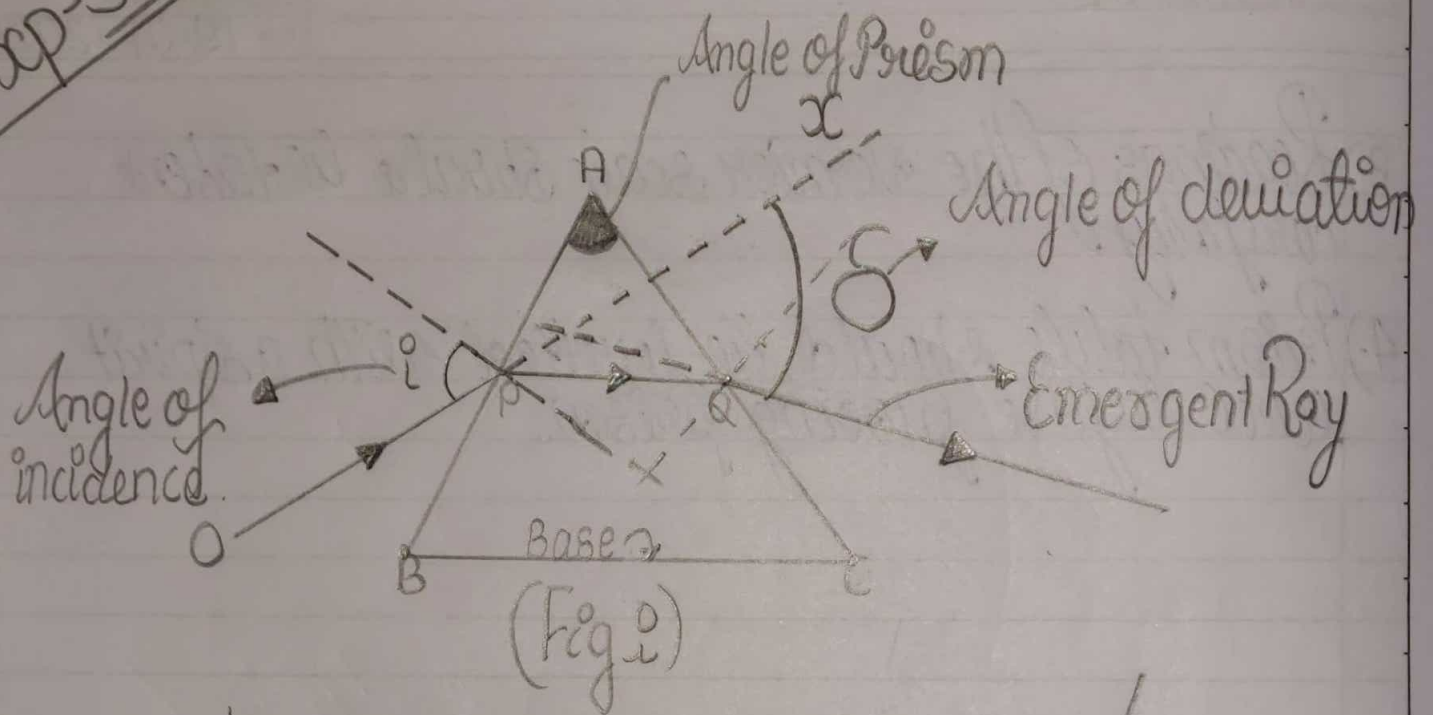
The refractive index of prism is given by the formula: (i)

where  $A$  = Angle of Prism

$\delta_m$  = Angle of minimum deviation for particular Line of Spectrum



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The dispersive power ( $\omega$ ) of the material of a prism is given by:-

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_v - \mu_r}{\mu_y - 1}$$

$\mu_v = \mu_{\text{violet}}$   
 $\mu_r = \mu_{\text{red}}$   
 $\mu_y = \mu_{\text{yellow}}$

→ Total readings:- MSR + (VSR × LC) in degrees

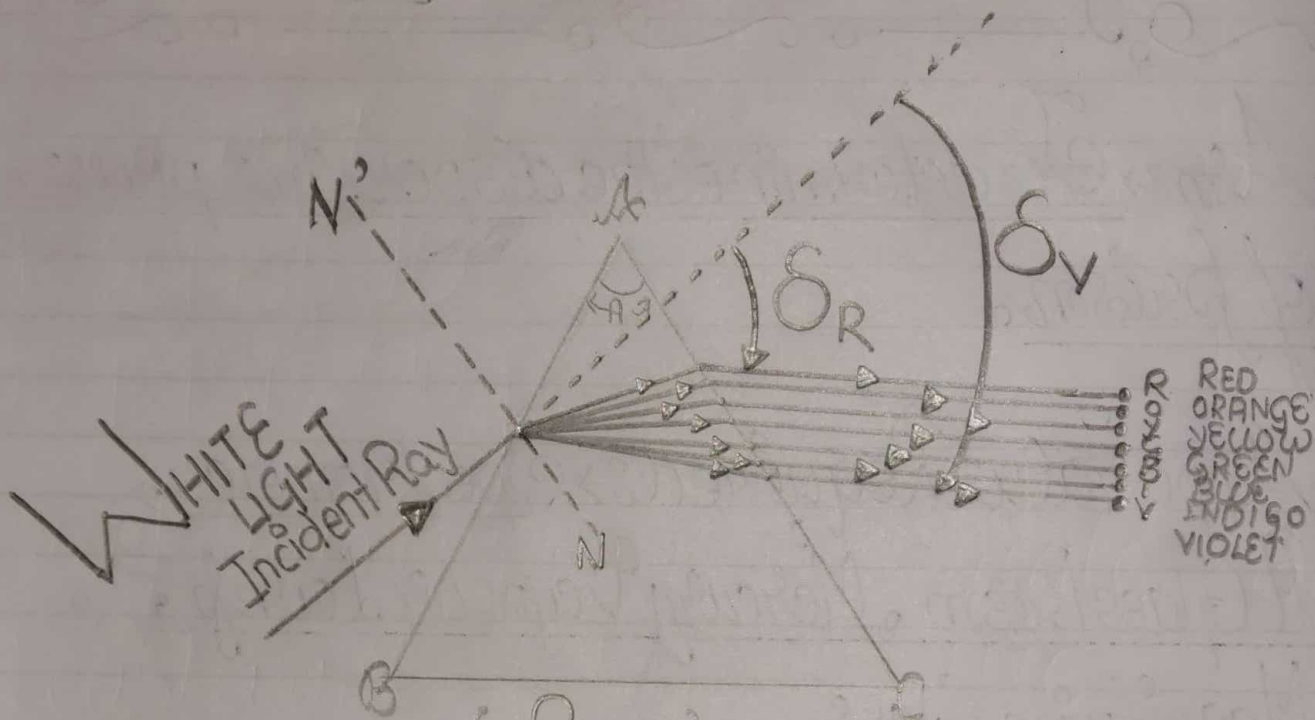
4) Theory:- Dispersion of light through prism:-

Upon passage through the prism, the white light is separated into its component colors - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

The separation of visible light into different colors is known as Dispersion.

Least count of spectrometer:-

Least count of an instrument gives the minimum measurement that can be taken from primary



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that instrument

Least count of spectrometer  $\rightarrow \left( \frac{1 \text{ MSD}}{\text{No of divisions on vernier scale}} \right)$

As  $20 \text{ MSD} = 10^\circ$

So,  $1 \text{ MSD} = \frac{10^\circ}{20}$

No of divisions on vernier scale =  $30^\circ$

Least count =  $\left( \frac{1}{60} \right) = 1 \text{ minute}$

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## Observations:

- 1) Determination of the Least count of the Spectrometer

$$\text{Least count} = \left( \frac{1 \text{ MSD}}{\text{No of divisions on vernier scale}} \right)$$

$$\text{As } 20 \text{ MSD} = 10^\circ$$

$$\text{So } 1 \text{ MSD} = \left( \frac{10}{20} \right)^\circ$$

No of divisions on Vernier Scale  $\Rightarrow 30$

$$\text{Least count} = \left( \frac{1}{60} \right)^\circ = 1 \text{ minute}$$

- 2) Angle of the prism ( $A/2$ ) is taken to be  $60^\circ$

- 3) Rays of Light are // (parallel) through a collimator

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## Observation Table :->

S.No	Line	Vernier	Refracted Ray reading	Direct Readings	Difference (Minimum Deviation)	Mean (CD)	n
1	Violet	V <sub>1</sub>	67.26	108.23	40.97	40.63	1.539
		V <sub>2</sub>	247.93	288.23	40.3		
2	Yellow	V <sub>1</sub>	68.2	108.23	40.03	39.82	1.530
		V <sub>2</sub>	248.5	288.23	39.73		
3	Red	V <sub>1</sub>	69.46	108.23	38.77	38.785	1.518
		V <sub>2</sub>	249.43	288.23	38.8		

Calculations :-> where

$$\mu_{\text{violet}} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A+D}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)} \quad (A = \text{Angle of Prism } = 60^\circ)$$

$$\mu_{\text{violet}} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{60 + 40.63}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{60}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin\left(\frac{100.63}{2}\right)}{\sin(30)} = \frac{\sin(50.315)}{\sin(30)} = 1.539$$

$$\mu_{\text{yellow}} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{60 + 39.82}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{60}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(49.91)}{\sin(30)} = 1.530$$

$$\mu_{\text{red}} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{60 + 38.785}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{60}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(49.3925)}{\sin(30)} = 1.518$$

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Now using Dispersive power formula  
we calculate  $\Rightarrow$

$$\omega = \left[ \frac{\mu_v - \mu_R}{\mu_y - 1} \right] = \left( \frac{1.539 - 1.518}{1.530 - 1} \right)$$

$$\omega = \left( \frac{0.021}{0.530} \right)$$

$$\omega = 0.039622641$$

Result  $\Rightarrow$  The dispersive power of the  
prism using spectrometer  
comes out to be  $\omega = 0.039622641$   
Ans

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5) Result  $\Rightarrow$  The dispersive power of the prism using Spectrometer comes out to be  $w = 0.039622641$

Ans

6) Percentage error  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \% \text{Error} = \left( \frac{\text{Measured value} - \text{Exact value}}{\text{Exact value}} \right) \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow = \left( \frac{0.039622641 - 0.030}{0.030} \right) \times 100\%$$

$$= \underline{\underline{32.07547\%}}$$

7) Precautions and sources of error

1) Light coming from the slit should be narrow & bright

2) Telescope must be focussed

3) Readings of the vernier scale should be taken

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carefully

- 4) Prism table should be leveled with a spirit level before placing prism

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