

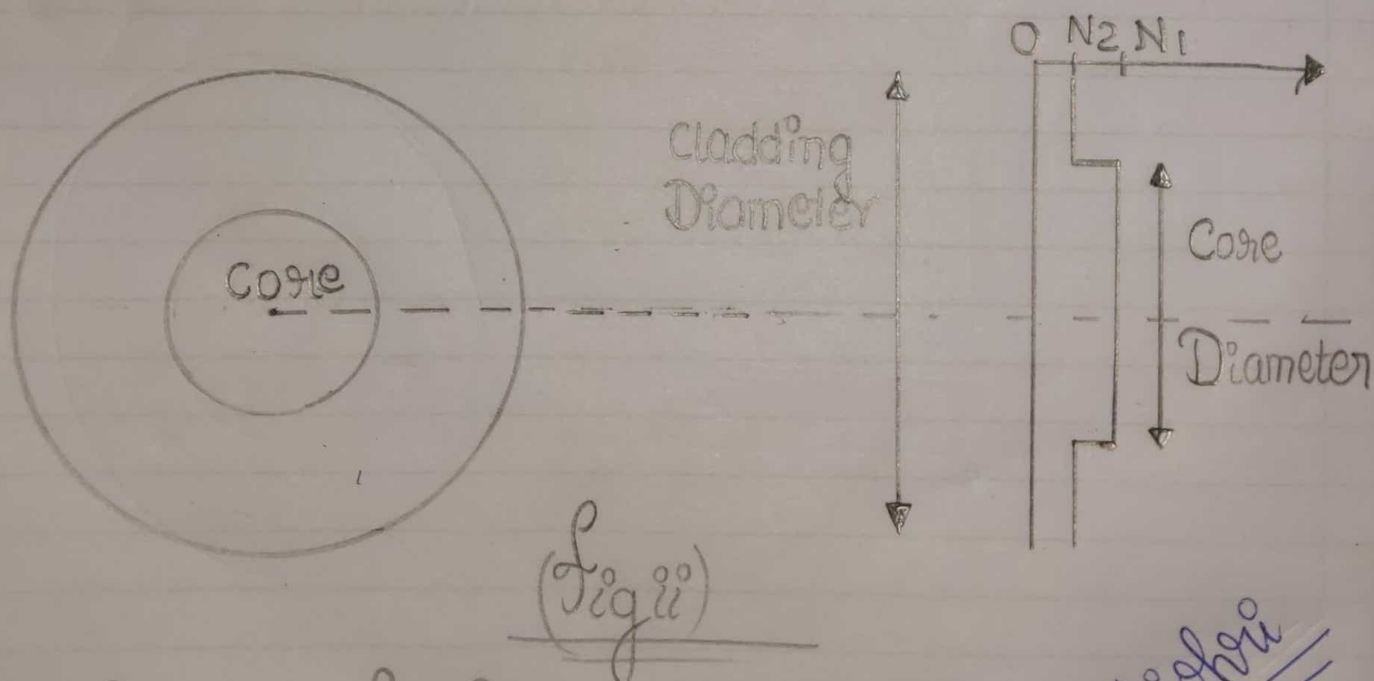
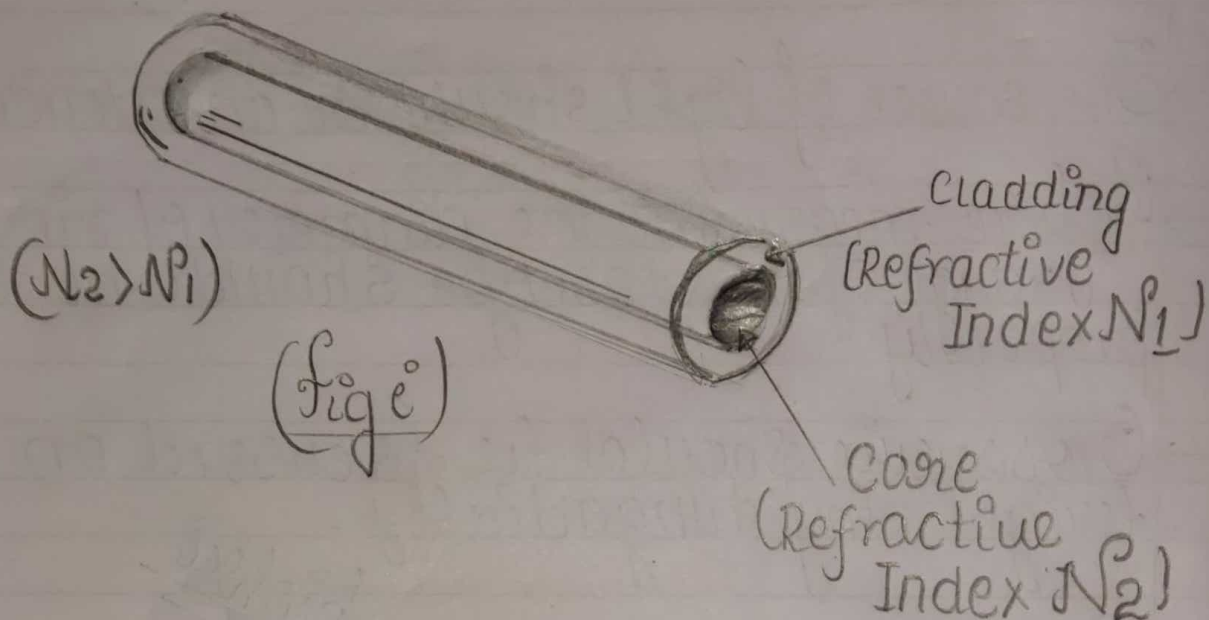
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1) Aim: → To determine the numerical aperture of the optical fiber.

2) Apparatus: → Detector, fiber, concentrator, output unit, Emitter, Fiber stand

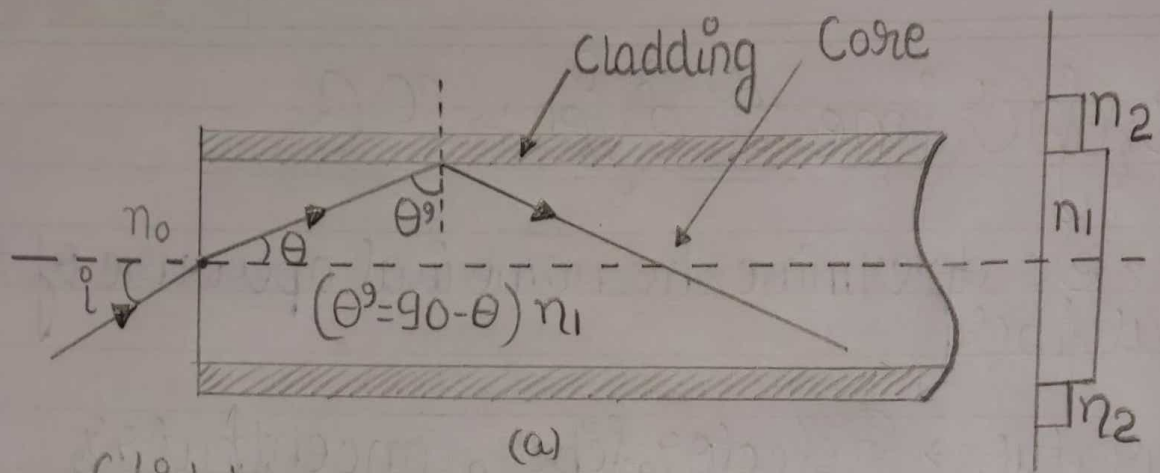
3) Theory: → Optical fibers are fine transparent glass or plastic fibers which can propagate light. They work under the principle of total internal reflection from diametrically opposite walls. In this way light can be taken anywhere because fibers have enough flexibility. This property makes them suitable for data communication, design of fine endoscopy, micro sized microscopes etc. An optic fiber consists of a core that is surrounded by a cladding which

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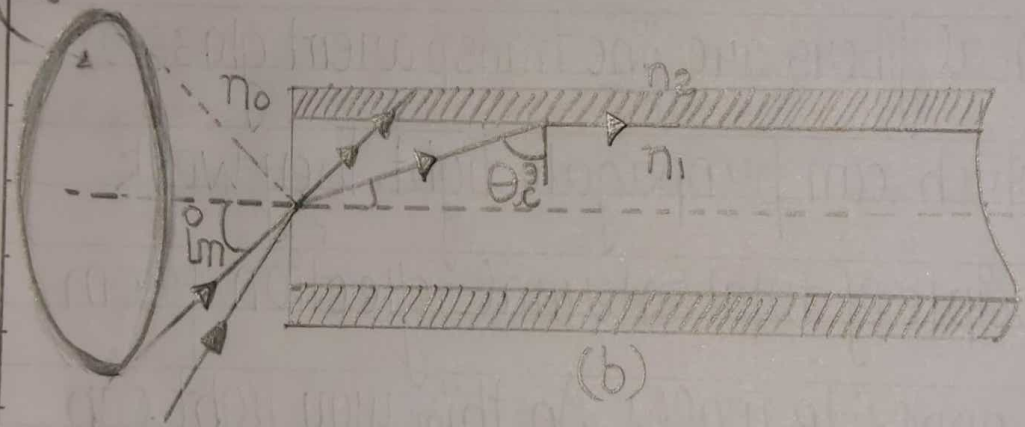
CONSTRUCTION OF OPTICAL FIBER

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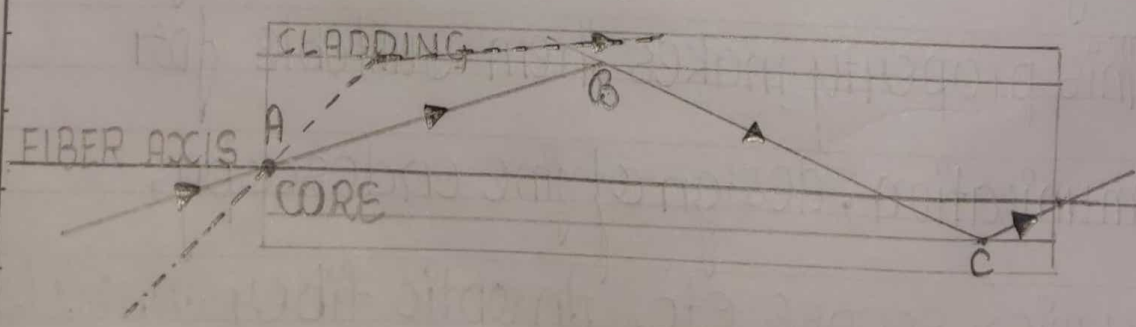
(a)

Cone of light gather



(b)

PROPAGATION OF LIGHT IN AN OPTICAL FIBRE



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are normally made of silica glass or plastic. The core transmits an optical signal while the cladding guides the light within the core. Since light is guided through the fiber it is sometimes called an optical wave guide. The basic construction of an optic fiber is shown in the diagram.

In order to understand the propagation of light through an optical fiber, consider the diagram, Consider a light ray entering the core at a point A, travelling through the core until it reaches the core-cladding boundary at small angles, the ray will be reflected back to the core to travel on to point C where the process of

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reflection is repeated i.e. the total internal reflection takes place. Total internal reflection occurs only when the angle of incidence is greater than the critical angle. If a ray enters an optic fiber at a steep angle, when this ray intersects the core-cladding boundary, the angle of intersection is too large. So, reflection back in to the core does not take place and the light ray is lost in the cladding.

This means that to be guided through an optic fiber, a light ray must enter the core with an angle less than a particular angle called the acceptance angle of the fiber.

A ray which enters the fiber with an angle greater than the acceptance angle will be lost in the

cladding.

Consider an optical fibre having a core of refractive index n_1 and cladding of refractive index n_2 ,

let the incident light makes an angle ' i ' with the core axis as shown in figure. Then the light gets

refracted at an angle ' θ ' and fall on the core-cladding interface at an angle where,

$$\theta' = (90 - \theta) \rightarrow (1)$$

By Snell's law at the point of ~~int~~ entrance of light in the optical fiber, we get

$$n_0 \sin(i) = n_1 \sin(\theta) \rightarrow (2)$$

where n_0 is refractive index of medium outside the fiber

(For air $n_0 = 1$)

When light travels from core to cladding it moves from denser to rarer medium and so it may be totally reflected back to the core medium if θ exceeds the critical angle θ_c . The critical angle is the angle of incidence in denser medium (n_1) for which angle of refraction becomes 90° . Using Snell's Law at core-cladding interface,

$$n_1 \sin \theta_c = n_2 \sin(90^\circ)$$

$$\therefore \sin(\theta_c) = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right) \longrightarrow (3)$$

Therefore, for light to be propagated within the core of an optical fiber as guided wave, the angle of incidence at core-cladding interface should be greater than θ_c . As i increases

θ increases and θ_c decreases. Therefore, there is maximum value of angle of incidence beyond which it does not propagate rather it is reflected refracted in to cladding medium. The maximum value of i say i_m is called the maximum angle of acceptance and $n_0 \sin(i_m)$ is termed as the numerical aperture (NA)

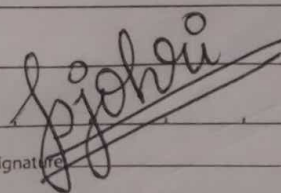
$$NA = n_0 \sin(i_m) = n_1 \sin \theta$$
$$= n_1 \sin(90 - \theta_c)$$

$$\text{or } NA = n_1 \cos(\theta_c)$$
$$= n_1 \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\theta_c)}$$

from eq(2)

$$\sin \theta_c = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow NA = n_1 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \right)}$$



4) Formula used \Rightarrow Least count of screw gauge \Rightarrow

Number of circular ^{scale} divisions = 50

Distance covered on main scale on 1 complete rotation of circular scale = 0.5 mm

Least count = $\frac{\text{Pitch}}{\text{No of divisions}}$

where \Rightarrow

(Pitch = Distance measured by screw gauge = $\frac{0.5 \text{ mm}}{1}$)

Least count = $\frac{0.5 \text{ mm}}{50}$

Least count = 0.01 mm = LCSD.

Least count = 0.01 mm

Numerical aperture of optical fiber \Rightarrow

$$\sin \theta = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 + d^2}} \quad \text{where}$$

r = radius of spot

d = distance between fiber & detector *pyohar*

Observations:-> Least count of Screw gauge

Number of circular scale divisions = 50

Distance covered on main scale on 1 complete rotation of circular scale = 0.5mm

$$\text{Least count} = \frac{\text{Pitch}}{\text{No of Divisions}} \rightarrow \text{Eq(1)}$$

Where:->

$$\text{Pitch} = \frac{\text{Distance measured by screw gauge}}{\text{No of full rotations}} = \left(\frac{0.5\text{mm}}{1} \right)$$

$$\text{Least count} = \left(\frac{0.5\text{mm}}{50} \right)$$

$$\text{Least count} = 0.01\text{mm} = 1\text{CSD}$$

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$$\text{Acceptance angle, } \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 + d^2}} \right)$$

where,

$\Rightarrow r = \text{radius of spot}$

$\Rightarrow d = \text{distance between fiber and detector}$

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Observation Table.

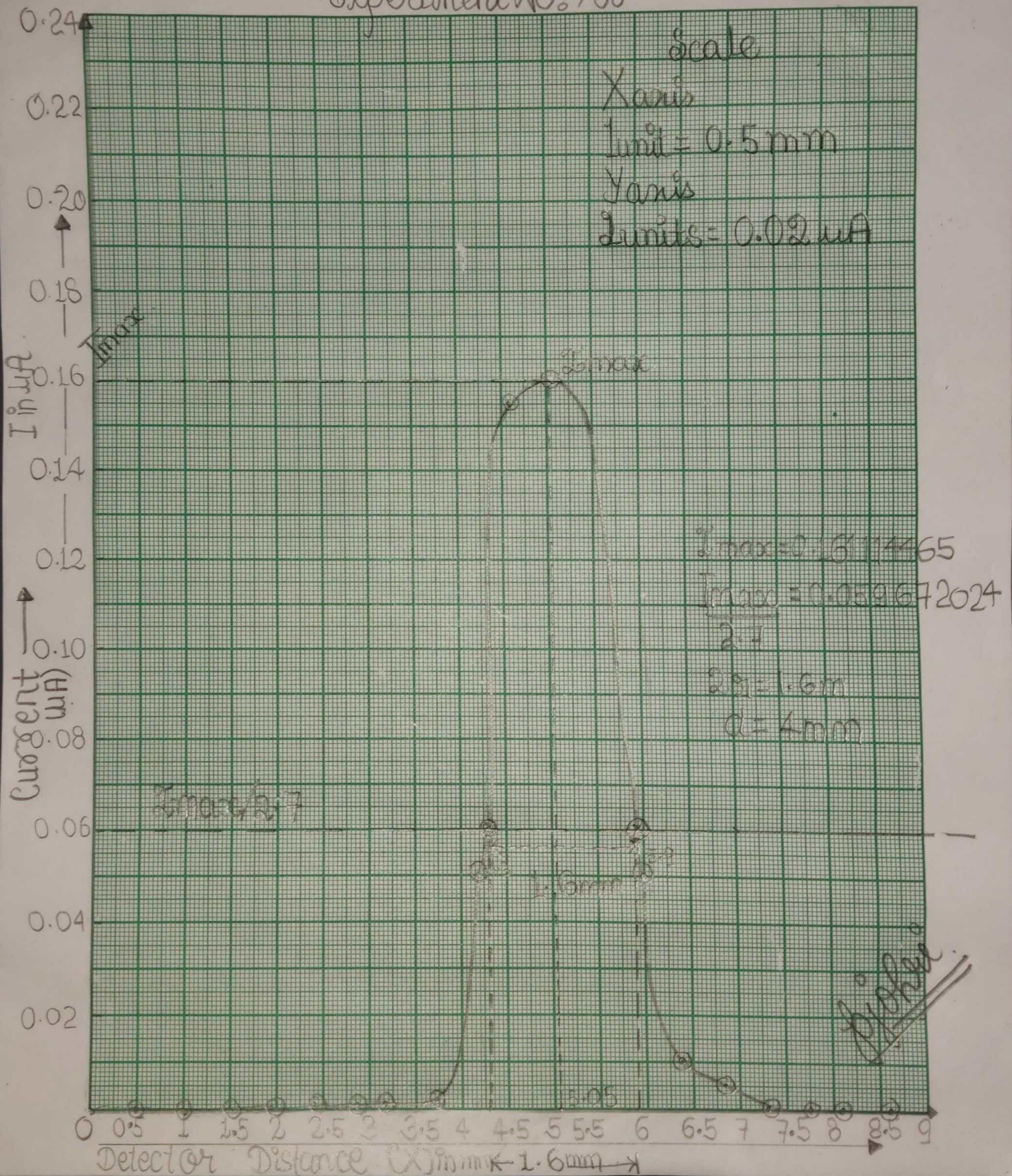
Sr. No.	Screw gauge M.S.R (mm)	Readings C.D.R	Distance $= MSR + L.C * CDR$	Current (μA)
1	0	0	0	0
2	0.5	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0
4	1.5	40	1.9	0.000000001
5	2	40	2.40	0.0000000806
6	2.5	36	2.86	0.0000103297
7	3	30	3.30	0.00526841
8	3.5	28	3.78	0.053948455
9	4	22	4.22	0.15655311
10	4.5	11	4.61	0.161114465
11	5	05	5.05	0.049630472
12	5.5	49	5.99	0.00526841
13	6	41	6.41	0.0000154
14	6.5	35	6.85	0.0000000806
15	7	33	7.33	0.000000003
16	7.5	25	7.75	
17	8	18	8.18	
18	8.5	10	8.6	

From Observation Table \Rightarrow

$$I_{max} = \underline{0.161114465 \text{ (uA)}}$$

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For, radius of spot \Rightarrow we find from Graph

$$\frac{I_{\max}}{2.71} = \frac{0.161114465}{2.71} = \underline{\underline{0.059451832}}$$

Drawing Horizontal line \parallel to X axis comes out to be 4.3mm and 5.9mm

$$2r = 5.9\text{mm} - 4.3\text{mm} \quad (5.9\text{mm} - 4.3\text{mm})$$

$$r = \left(\frac{1.6}{2}\right)\text{mm}$$

$$r = 0.8\text{mm} = \text{Radius of the Spot.}$$

$$d = 4\text{mm} \quad (\text{Distance between the fiber and the detector})$$

Numerical Aperture (NA)

$$= \sin \theta = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 + d^2}} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{(0.8)^2 + (4)^2}} = \frac{0.8}{4.079215611}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{NA} = \underline{\underline{0.196116135}} = \text{Numerical Aperture}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.196116135)$$

$$\theta = \underline{\underline{(11.30993247)^\circ}} = \text{Acceptance Angle}$$

spine

Result →

» Numerical Aperture of the optic fiber is =

$$NA = 0.196116135$$

$$\text{Angle of acceptance} = \left(\frac{11.30993247^\circ}{\text{Ans}} \right)$$

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5) Result: \rightarrow Numerical Aperture of the optic fiber
is $NA = 0.196116135$ Ans

5 Angle of Acceptance = $(11.30993247)^\circ$ Ans

6) Precautions and sources of error.

10 ☆ Mounting & coupling should be done carefully

15 ☆ Glass optical fibres are thin & delicate & should be handled carefully

☆ Laser Light shouldn't fall directly in eyes

☆ Connections should be proper & tight

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