

PHYSICS PRACTICAL SHEETS

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Object of the Experiment (Block Letter)

Experiment No. 4

Group I

Sub. Physics

Set

MEASUREMENT OF THE REFRACTIVE INDEX OF SUGAR SOLUTION
AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURE CONCENTRATIONS USING A
SPECTROMETER

Apparatus Required:

- i) spectrometer
- ii) Spirit level
- iii) Source of monochromatic light
- iv) Sugar
- iv) Electronic balance, beaker, measuring cylinders.

Theory:

Refractive index of a liquid can be measured by placing the liquid in a hollow glass prism of thin walls and measuring the angle of minimum deviation of the light ray passing through the liquid. When the ray of light passes through a prism, it suffers refraction and finally emerges from the prism.

The deviation produced by the prism depends on the angle of incidence. For a certain value of angle of incidence, the angle of deviation is minimum.

If D_m denotes the angle of minimum deviation for a given prism of refracting angle A , the refractive index is given by;

$$\mu = \frac{\sin \left(\frac{A + D_m}{2} \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)}$$

Refractive index of the medium is a function of the density of the medium. The density of a salt solution is [proportional] to concentration of solution. Hence, the change in concentration leads to a change in refractive index.

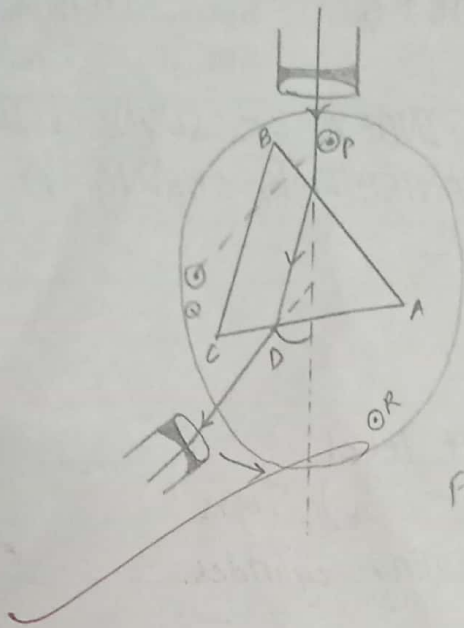


Fig: Measurement of angle of minimum deviation.

Observations:

$$\text{Vernier constant (VC)} = (1/60)^\circ$$

$$\text{Temperature of solution} = 23^\circ\text{C}$$

Measurement of angle deviation:

Conc of the solution	Vernier (V ₁)			Vernier (V ₂)		
	Telescope reading		Difference Dm	Telescope reading		Difference Dm
	Min Dev	Direct		Min Dev	Direct	
0%	195.15	171.83	23.82	15.166	351.47	23.196
40%	199.5	171.83	27.67	19.5	351.47	27.53
20%	197.75	171.83	25.92	17.27	351.47	25.30
10%	196.68	171.83	24.85	16.25	351.47	24.28
5%	195.67	171.83	23.84	15.58	351.47	23.61

Concentration & Refractive Index

Conc. of sol ⁿ	Angle of minimum deviation (Dm)	Refractive index (μ)
0%	23.49	1.331
40%	27.60	1.384
20%	25.61	1.359
10%	24.56	1.345
5%	23.73	1.334

Precautions:

- The axis of telescope, collimator and the plane of the prism table should be horizontal.
- The cross-hairs should be clearly visible and adjusted accordingly.
- The telescope should be focused for infinity and the collimator should be adjusted to give it beam of light.
- The slit should be narrow.

