

5 (a) A diffraction grating is used to determine the wavelength of light.

(i) Describe the diffraction of light at a diffraction grating.

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(ii) By reference to interference, explain

1. the zero order maximum,

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2. the first order maximum.

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[3]

(b) A diffraction grating is used with different wavelengths of light. The angle  $\theta$  of the second order maximum is measured for each wavelength. The variation with wavelength  $\lambda$  of  $\sin \theta$  is shown in Fig. 5.1.

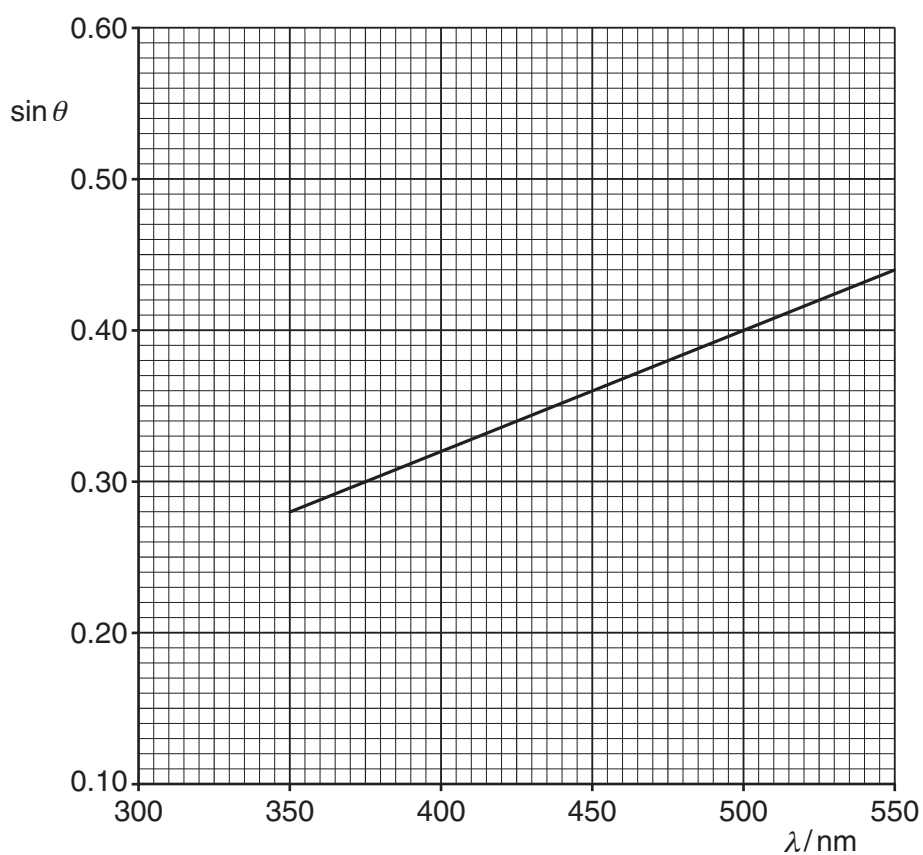


Fig. 5.1

- (i) Determine the gradient of the line shown in Fig. 5.1.

gradient = .....[2]

- (ii) Use the gradient determined in (i) to calculate the slit separation  $d$  of the diffraction grating.

$d = \dots\dots\dots$  m [2]

- (iii) On Fig. 5.1, sketch a line to show the results that would be obtained for the first order maxima. [1]

[Total: 10]