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## LABORATORY WORK SHEET

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Exp No: 09 Experiment Name: NEWTON RINGS

### DAY TO DAY EVALUATION:

	Preparation	Algorithm	Source Code	Program Execution	Viva	Total
		Performance in the Lab	Calculations and Graphs	Results and Error Analysis		
Max. Marks	4	4	4	4	4	20
Obtained	4	4	4	4	4	20

Signature of Lab I/C

### START WRITING FROM HERE:

AIM: To determine radius of curvature of plano convex lens using sodium light by forming Newton's rings.

APPRATUS:

1. Travelling microscope
2. Sodium vapour lamp.
3. Plane convex lens
4. Plano convex lens
5. A thin glass plate
6. Magnifying glass.

FORMULAE: Slope of the straight line =  $\frac{D_2^2 - D_1^2}{n_2 - n_1}$

Radius of the curvature =  $R = \frac{\text{Slope}}{4\lambda}$

$\lambda$  = wavelength of Na light

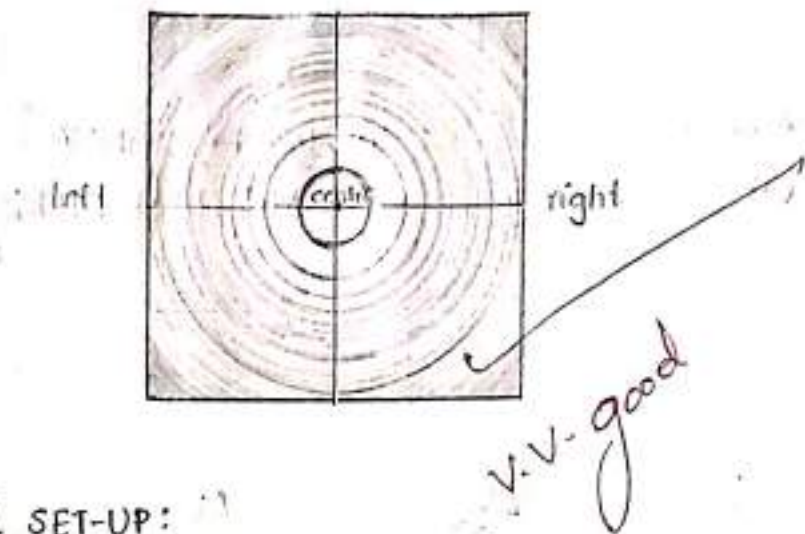
$D_m$  = diameter of  $m^{\text{th}}$  ring.

$R$  = Radius of curvature of plano convex lens

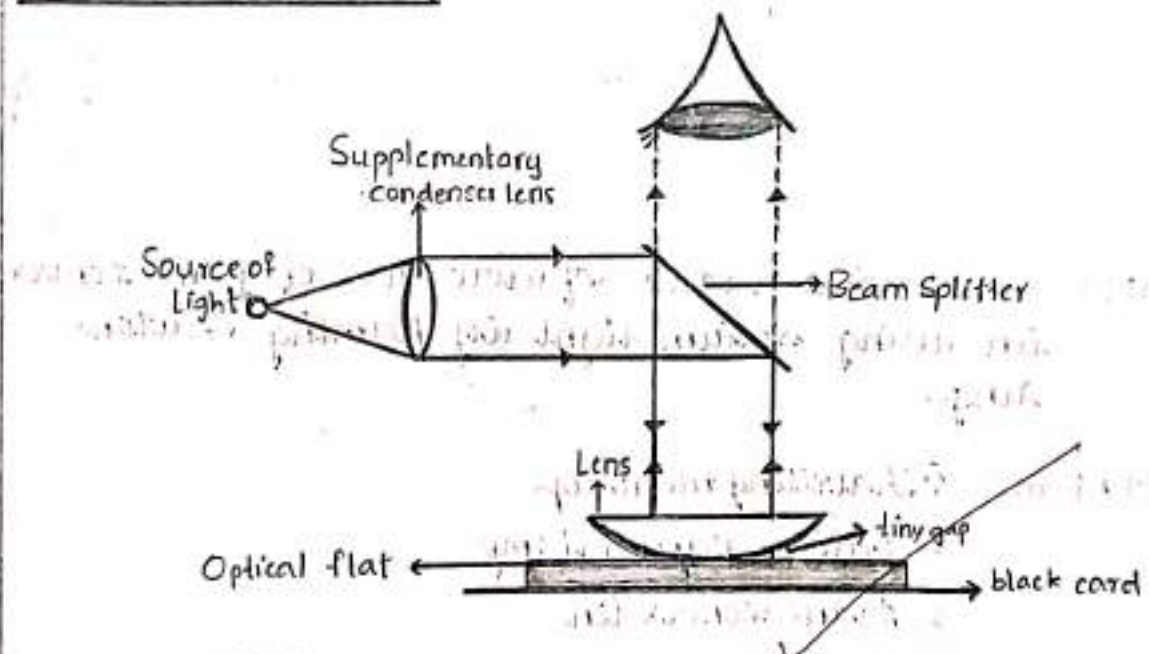
$D_n$  = diameter of  $n^{\text{th}}$  ring.

## DIAGRAM:

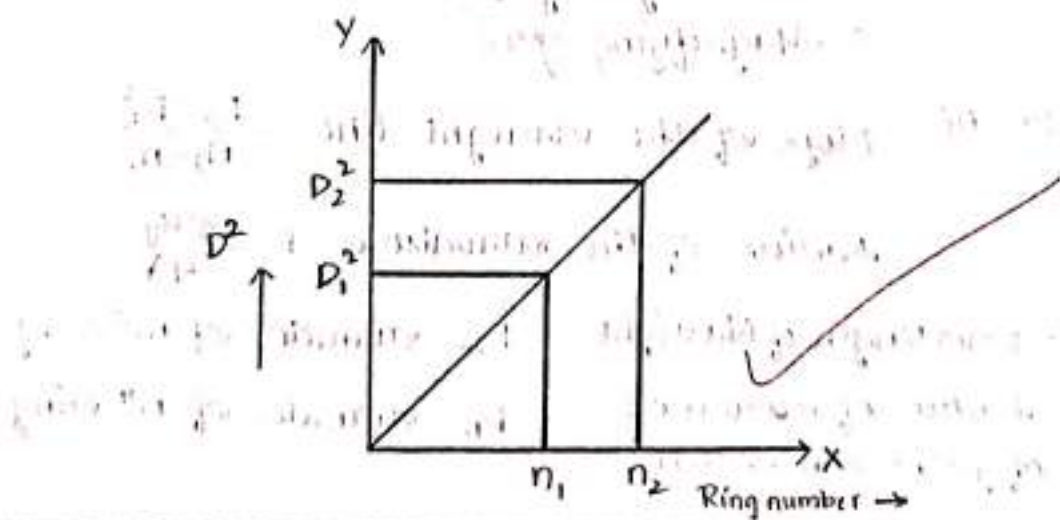
### NEWTON RINGS FORMATION



## EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP:

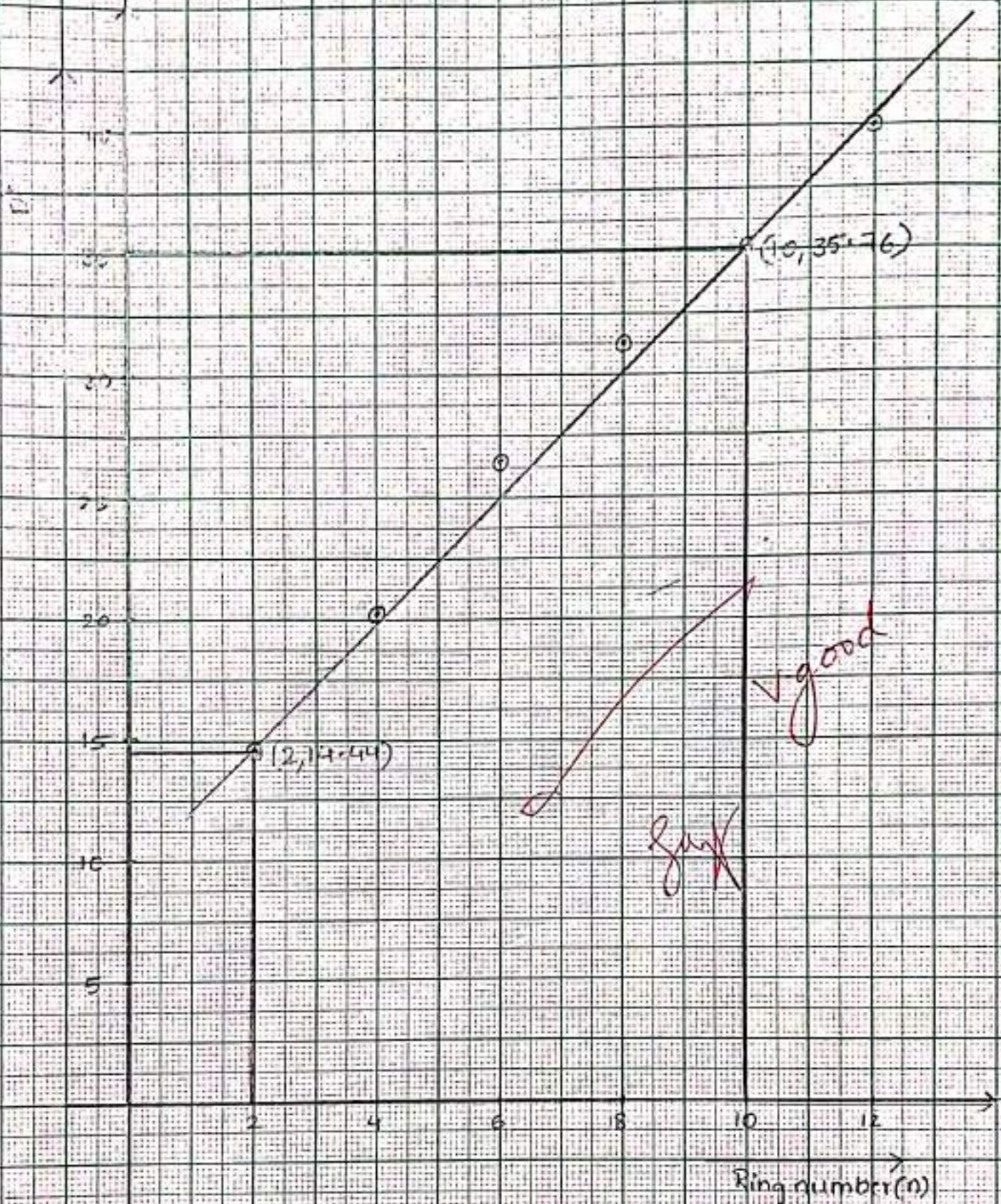


## MODEL GRAPH:





Scale:  
X-axis: 1 unit = 12 mm  
Y-axis: 1 unit = 5 mm





OBSERVATION TABLE: (LC = 0.01 mm)

S.No	RING NUMBER (n)	MICROSCOPE READING			$D^2$
		ON THE LEFT SIDE (a) (mm)	ON THE RIGHT SIDE (b) (mm)	DIAMETER OF THE RING $D = (a - b)$	
1	2	49.34	45.54	3.8	14.44
2	4	49.72	45.14	4.58	20.98
3	6	50.09	44.97	5.12	26.21
4	8	50.27	44.70	5.57	31.02
5	10	50.41	44.43	5.98	35.76
6	12	50.60	44.23	6.37	40.58

"Slope of the straight line" =  $\frac{D_2^2 - D_1^2}{n_2 - n_1} = \frac{(35.76)^2 - (14.44)^2}{10 - 2} = 2.665$

Radius of curvature of plano convex lens,  $R = \frac{\text{Slope}}{4\lambda}$

$\lambda$  = wavelength of sodium light =  $5890 \text{ \AA} = 5890 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mm}$

$TC = MSR + (VC \times LC)$

$LC = \frac{MS}{\text{no. of VSD}}$

$LC = \frac{0.1 \text{ cm}}{100}$

$LC = 0.01 \text{ mm}$

RESULT: The radius of curvature of plano convex lens is 113.115 cm.

### VIVA VOCE:

1. What is Interference?

The net effect of the combination of two or more trains moving on intersecting or coincident paths.

2. Explain the principle behind the formation of newton rings.

The rings of newton's are formed as a result of interference which is between the light waves that are reflected from the top and bottom surface of the air film which is formed between the lens & glass sheet.

3. What is the least count of travelling microscope.

The least count of travelling microscope is  $0.001 \text{ cm}$ .

4. Why is the central spot dark?

The central fringe in Newton's rings is dark in the case of the reflected system because the air film thickness formed at the centre between the glass plate and the lens is zero.

5. Define radius of curvature of lens.

The distance between the principle focus & centre of curvature of a lens is called its radius of curvature.

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