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### **Preamble**

The course enables the students to gain knowledge with hands on experience on various, instrumental methods of analysis, measurements of physical parameters, and obtaining different unknown parameters using different basic physics experiments

### **Course Objectives**

1. To familiarize the students with the basic concepts of Engineering Physics lab.
2. To train the students on how to handle the instruments.
3. To demonstrate the digital and instrumental methods of analysis.
4. To expose the students in practical aspects of the theoretical concepts.

### **List of Experiments**

1. Determination of acceleration due to gravity using a physical pendulum
2. Determination of refractive index of the material of the prism using spectrometer
  - I. Determination of angle of prism
  - II. Determination of angle of minimum deviation
3. Determination of wavelengths of prominent lines of the mercury line spectra using a diffraction grating
4. Photoelectric effect; Determination of Planck's constant
5. Determination of Earth's horizontal intensity of magnetic field using circular coil
6. Deflection magnetometer; Determination of the magnetic moment of a bar magnet
7. Determination of the wavelength of sodium vapour lamp using Newton's ring experiment
8. Diffraction grating: to determine the wavelength of laser

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## **Course Outcomes**

After completion of this unit the student will be able to

1. Utilize simple pendulum experiment and measure acceleration due to gravity (L3)
2. Assess the intensity of the magnetic field of circular coil carrying current with varying distance (L5)
3. Evaluate the Planck's constant value using LEDs and Plank's constant experimental set up (L5).
4. Analyse the frequency response of an electric circuit (L4)
5. Calculate of the refractive index of the material of a prism using a spectrometer(L4)
6. Determine the wavelength of light source analysing the diffraction pattern of the grating (L2)
7. Understand the characteristics of p-n junction diode and solar cell (L2).
8. Analyse the frequency spectrum of musical instrument

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## **1. General Safety Guidelines:**

- i. **Handle equipment with care:** Ensure all equipment is returned to its proper location and stored safely after use.
  - ii. **Report any malfunctions:** If any equipment malfunctions or breaks, report it immediately to the lab instructor.
  - iii. **Know the emergency exits:** Familiarize yourself with the location of the fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and emergency exits.
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## **2. Before Starting an Experiment:**

- i. **Read the instructions:** Carefully read the lab manual and experiment procedure before starting.
  - ii. **Understand the theory:** Have a clear understanding of the scientific principles and calculations behind the experiment.
  - iii. **Check equipment:** Ensure all necessary equipment is present, functioning, and calibrated.
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## **3. During the Experiment:**

- i. **Follow the procedure:** Stick to the outlined steps in the lab manual for accurate results.
  - ii. **Use proper measurement techniques:** Ensure that you use the correct instruments and read measurements carefully (e.g., parallax errors in measurements).
  - iii. **Ask for help:** If you encounter any difficulties or have doubts, ask your instructor or lab assistant for guidance.
  - iv. **Be mindful of time:** Complete the experiment within the time allocated but do not rush. Quality is important.
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## **5. Post-Lab Procedures:**

- i. **Clean up the workspace:** Place the equipment to its proper place.
  - ii. **Submit the report on time:** Write a comprehensive lab report. Ensure the report is submitted according to the instructor's deadlines.
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## **7. Special Equipment Handling (if applicable):**

- i. **Oscilloscope, Multimeter, etc.:** Follow specific instructions for calibration and use, and always handle sensitive equipment with caution.
- ii. **High-voltage systems:** Ensure that all power sources are turned off before working with electrical circuits and systems.

**8. Final Reminders:**

- i. **Respect the lab's schedule:** Be punctual and respect the allocated time for your experiment.
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## **Experiment No.1. Simple Pendulum: Determination of acceleration due to gravity**

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### **i. Aim**

Determination of the local acceleration due to gravity using a simple pendulum.

### **i. Apparatus**

Clamp stand; a split cork; a heavy metallic (brass/iron) spherical bob with a hook; a long, fine, strong cotton thread/string (about 2.0 m); stop-watch; metre scale.

### **ii. Theory**

The simple pendulum executes Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM) as the acceleration of the pendulum bob is directly proportional to its displacement from the mean position and is always directed towards it. The time period ( $T$ ) of a simple pendulum for oscillations of small amplitude, is given by the relation

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} \quad \text{Eq. [1.1]}$$

where ' $L$ ' is the effective length of the pendulum, and ' $g$ ' is the acceleration due to gravity at the place of experiment.

Eq. (1.1) may be rewritten as

$$T^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{L}{g} \quad \text{Eq. [1.2]}$$

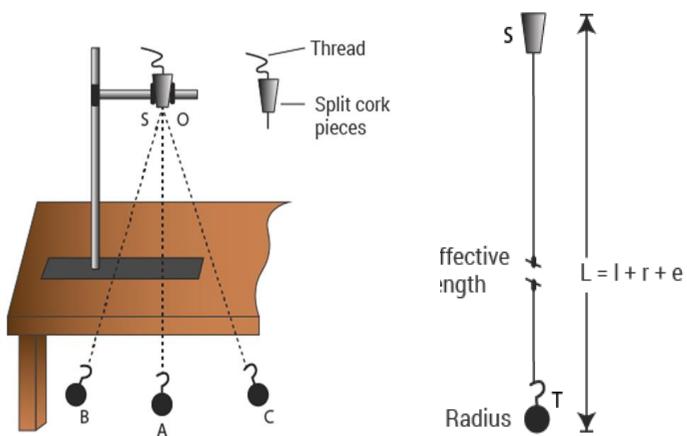
Hence, the acceleration due to gravity,  $g = 4\pi^2 \frac{L}{T^2}$  Eq. [1.3]

Where ' $\frac{L}{T^2}$ ' is the slope of L-T<sup>2</sup> graph

### **iii. Procedure**

- i. Determine the mean diameter and hence the radius of the simple pendulum bob using the vernier calliper.
- ii. Place the clamp stand on the table. Tie the hook, attached to the pendulum bob, to one end of the string of about 150 cm in length. Pass the other end of the string through two half-pieces of a split cork.

- iii. Displace the bob to one side, not more than 15 degrees angular displacement, from the vertical position OA and then release it gently. In case you find that the stand is shaky, put some heavy object on its base. Make sure that the bob starts oscillating in a vertical plane about its rest (or mean) position OA and does not (a) spin about its own axis, or (b) move up and down while oscillating, or (c) revolve in an elliptic path around its mean position.
- iv. Keep the pendulum oscillating for some time. After completion of a few oscillations, start the stop-watch/clock as the thread attached to the pendulum bob just crosses its mean position (say, from left to right). Count it as zero oscillation.



- v. Keep on counting oscillations 1,2,3,...,  $n$ , every time the bob crosses the mean position OA in the same direction (from left to right). Stop the stop-watch/clock, at the count  $n$  (say, 20 or 25) of oscillations, i.e., just when  $n$  oscillations are complete. For better results,  $n$  should be chosen such that the time taken for  $n$  oscillations is 50 s or more. Read, the total time ( $t$ ) taken by the bob for  $n$  oscillations. Compute the time for one oscillation, i.e., the time period  $T(t/n)$  of the pendulum.
- vi. Change the length of the pendulum, by about 10 cm. Repeat the step (iv)& (v) again for finding the time ( $t$ ) for about 20 oscillations or more for the new length and find the mean time period in each case.
- vii. Plot a graph between ' $L$ ' and ' $T^2$ ' by taking effective length ' $L$ ' along x-axis and ' $T^2$ ' along y-axis, using the observed values from Table 1.1. Choose suitable scales on these axes to represent ' $L$ ' and ' $T^2$ '.
- viii. From the graph determine the slope of the curve and hence find the acceleration due to gravity at the place using Eq. [1.3].

#### iv. Observations

##### i) To find the diameter of the bob

One Main Scale Division = .....mm

No. of Vernier Scale divisions =.....

$$\text{Least count (L.C) of Vernier Calliper} = \frac{\text{One Main Scale Division}}{\text{No.of Vernier Scale divisions}} = \dots \text{mm}$$

Sl. No.	Main Scale Reading (MSR)/mm	Vernier Scale Reading (VSR)	Diameter of the bob, $d = \text{MSR} + (\text{VSR} \times \text{L.C})$

Mean diameter of the bob,  $d = \dots \text{mm}$

$$\text{Radius of the bob, } r = \frac{d}{2} = \dots \text{mm}$$

### ii) To find acceleration due to gravity

Sl. No .	Length of the string( $l$ ) /cm	Effective length of the pendulum( $L$ ) /cm	Time for 20 oscillations( $t$ )/sec			Time period of the pendulum ( $T$ )/sec	$T^2/\text{sec}^2$	$L / T^2 \text{ cm/sec}^2$
			$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_{\text{mea}} n$			

Mean value of  $L / T^2 = \dots \text{m/sec}^2$

### v. Calculations

Acceleration due to gravity from the observation table,

$$g = 4\pi^2 \left( \frac{L}{T^2} \right) = \dots \text{m/sec}^2$$

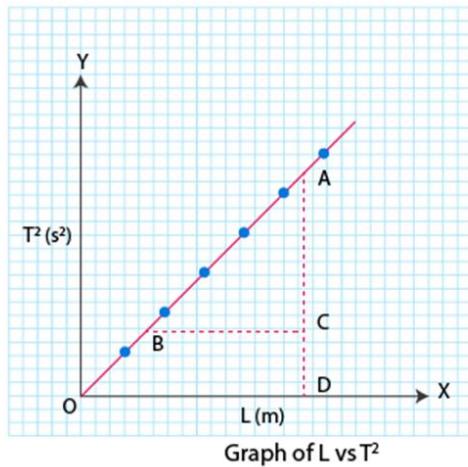
Acceleration due to gravity from L-T<sup>2</sup> graph,

$$g = 4\pi^2 \left( \frac{BC}{AC} \right) = \dots \text{m/sec}^2$$

Mean value of acceleration due to gravity,  $g = \dots \text{m/sec}^2$

$$\text{Percentage error in the experimental observation} = \frac{|A-B|}{B} \times 100 \%$$

Where, A - observed value of acceleration due to gravity



#### vi. Results & Conclusions

Acceleration due to gravity (g) at the place

- i) From the observation table = ..... m/sec<sup>2</sup>
- ii) From  $L-T^2$  graph = ..... m/sec<sup>2</sup>
- iii) Percentage error in experimentally observed value of acceleration due to gravity = ..... %

#### Suggested additional experiments/activities

1. Studying the effect of size of the bob on the time period of the simple pendulum.
2. Studying the effect of mass of the bob on the time period of the simple pendulum.
3. Studying the effect of amplitude of oscillation on the time period of the simple pendulum.
4. Studying the effect on time period of a pendulum having a bob of varying mass (e.g. by filling the hollow bob with sand, sand being drained out in steps).

## **Experiment No.2. Spectrometer: Determination of the Refractive index of prism**

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### **i. Aim**

To determine the refractive index of the material of a prism.

### **ii. Apparatus**

Spectrometer, prism, prism clamp, sodium vapour lamp, lens.

### **iii. Theory**

When a beam of light strikes on the surface of transparent material (Glass, water, quartz crystal, etc.), the portion of the light is transmitted and the other portion is reflected. The transmitted light ray has small deviation of the path from the incident angle. This is called refraction.

Refraction is due to the change in speed of light while passing through the medium. It is given by Snell's law,

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

here,  $i$  – angle of incidence

$r$  – angle of refraction

$n_1$  – refractive index of first medium

$n_2$  – refractive index of second medium

Speed of light on both media is related by,

$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

Refractive index of material of prism can be calculated by the equation,

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

here,  $\delta_m$  – angle of minimum deviation

$A$  – angle of prism

### **iv. Procedure**

#### **To determine the angle of prism:**

- i. Calibrate the spectrometer by focusing the telescope on a distant object possible.
- ii. Determine the least count of the spectrometer.
- iii. Place the prism on the prism table with its refracting edge at the centre and towards the collimator.
- iv. The light reflected from each of the two polished faces is observed through the telescope. The image of the slit so formed is focused on the cross wire and the two positions of the telescope are noted. The

difference of the two readings gives twice the angle of the prism, i.e.,  $2A$ .

#### To determine the angle of minimum deviation of prism:

- i. Rotate the vernier table so that the light from the collimator falling on one of the faces of the prism emerge through the other face.
  - ii. The telescope is turned to view the refracted image of the slit on the other face.
  - iii. On continuing this rotation in the same direction, a position will come where the spectral lines recede in the opposite direction. This position where the spectrum turns away is the minimum deviation position. Lock the prism table and note the readings of the vernier.
  - iv. Remove the prism and see the slit directly through the telescope. Set the slit on the crosswire and note the readings of the verniers.
  - v. The difference in minimum deviation position and direct position of the slit gives the angles of minimum deviation( $\delta_m$ ) for the prism.
- v. **Observations**

Value of one Main Scale Division,  $x = \dots\dots\dots$  minutes

no. of div. in vernier scale,  $n = \dots\dots\dots$

Least count,  $L.C = x/n = \dots\dots\dots$  minutes

#### Determination of angle of prism

Vernier	Telescope Readings for reflection from						Difference $2A=b-a$ (Degree)	Angle of Prism (A) (Degree)		
	First face (a)/ Degree			Second Face (b)/ Degree						
	M.S.R	V.S.R	Total reading	M.S.R	V.S.R	Total reading				
V1										
V2										

\*Total reading = M.S.R+(V.S.R × L.C)

Mean angle of prism,  $A = \dots\dots\dots$  Degree

#### Determination of angle of minimum deviation

Vernier	Telescope Readings for						Difference $\delta_m = b-a$ (Degree)	
	Refracted image (a)/ Degree			Direct image (b)/ Degree				
	M.S.R	V.S.R	Total reading	M.S.R	V.S.R	Total reading		
V1								
V2								

\*Total reading = M.S.R+(V.S.R × L.C)

Angle of minimum deviation,  $\delta_m = \dots\dots\dots$  degree

vi. **Calculations**

$$\text{Refractive index of the material of prism, } \mu = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A+\delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

vii. **Results & Conclusions**

Refractive index of the material of prism,  $\mu$  = .....

## **Experiment No.3. Spectrometer: Determination of wavelengths of prominent lines of mercury line Spectra using diffraction grating**

### **i. Aim**

To determine the wavelengths of prominent lines of mercury by plane diffraction grating.

### **ii. Apparatus**

A plane diffraction grating, spectrometer, mercury lamp, spirit level, reading lens.

### **iii. Theory**

When a beam of light is partly blocked by an obstacle, some of the light is scattered around the object, light and dark bands are often seen at the edge of the shadow - this effect is known as diffraction.

The optical phenomena we observe here is based on the principle of Fraunhofer diffraction through a diffraction grating. A diffraction grating has large no. of slits of equal width and separation. Let there are 'p' number of parallel slits each of width 'e' separated by opaque space 'c'. So, the grating element is  $(e + c)$  which is also denoted as 'd'.

The intensity of diffraction will be maximum when,  $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$  Eq. [2.1]

Here, d – Grating element,

$\Theta$  – Diffraction angle

n – Order of diffraction

$\lambda$  – wavelength of spectral line

The grating element,  $d = \frac{1}{N}$

Where 'N' is the number of lines per specified unit length of the grating.

Eq. [2.1] can be rearranged to determine the wavelength of light source used,

Wavelength of the light source,  $\lambda = \frac{\sin \theta}{nN}$  Eq. [2.2]

### **iv. Procedure**

- i. Calibrate the spectrometer by focusing the telescope on a distant object possible.
- ii. All main body of the spectrometer is leveled horizontally using the screws provided at the base with the help of a spirit level. Then prism table is leveled using the three screws which support the prism table.
- iii. Adjust the slit screw to get a sharp and vertical slit.

- iv. Determine the least count.
- v. Mount the grating over the prism table vertically.
- vi. For setting the grating for normal incidence first the direct image of the slit is seen through the telescope. Set the main scale readings at  $0^\circ$  &  $180^\circ$  by rotating the vernier table. The readings of the two verniers are noted. The telescope is rotated on either side by  $90^\circ$  and clamped. The prism table is rotated so that the reflected image of the slit is seen on the crosswire through the telescope. Take the readings of the two verniers. Now turn the prism table from this position by  $45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$  such that the face of the grating normal to the incident beams. Unclamp the telescope. Now set up is ready for observations.
- vii. Rotate the telescope to the left of the direct image to get the first order spectrum. (Direct image is the zeroth order). Clamp the telescope. Adjust the different spectral lines colourwise one by one on the crosswire and note the readings of verniers v1 and V2 for each colour. (vii). Now rotate the telescope towards the right side of the direct image. Again get 1st order spectrum of same colours and note the readings of verniers v1 and V2 for each colour as shown in Fig.3.
- viii. Find out the difference of readings of same verniers for various colours for 1st orders, half of the angle so obtained is the angle of diffraction for that particular colour and particular order.
- ix. Determine the various wavelengths using Eq. [2.2]

**v. Observations**

Value of the smallest division on the main scale (d) = .....minutes

Number of divisions on the vernier scale (n) = .....

Least Count of the instrument ( $LC=d/n$ ) = .....minutes

Number of lines on the grating (=15000 per inch)\*: N

(\*Convert N to either per metre or per nanometre or per angstrom unit so that your final answer  $\lambda$  will be in metre/nanometre/angstrom unit accordingly)

**i) Readings for the spectrum on the LEFT SIDE**

	Vernier 1			Vernier 2		
	M.S.R (degree)	V.S.R	Total reading LV1 (degree)	M.S.R (degree)	V.S.R	Total reading LV2 (degree)
Colour 1						
Colour 2						
Colour 3						

\*Total reading = M.S.R+(V.S.R × L.C)

**ii) Readings for the spectrum on the RIGHT SIDE**

	Vernier 1			Vernier 2		
	M.S.R (degree)	V.S.R	Total reading LV1 (degree)	M.S.R (degree)	V.S.R	Total reading LV2 (degree)
Colour 1						
Colour 2						
Colour 3						

\*Total reading = M.S.R+(V.S.R × L.C)

**vi. Calculations**

Angle  $2\theta$  for colour 1:  $(1/2) \{(LV1 - RV1)+(LV2-RV2)\} = \dots$  degree

Angle  $2\theta$  for colour 2:  $(1/2) \{(LV1 - RV1)+(LV2-RV2)\} = \dots$  degree

Angle  $2\theta$  for colour 3:  $(1/2) \{(LV1 - RV1)+(LV2-RV2)\} = \dots$  degree

$$\text{Wavelength of colour 1: } \lambda_1 = \frac{\sin\theta_1}{nN} = \dots \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{Wavelength of colour 2: } \lambda_2 = \frac{\sin\theta_2}{nN} = \dots \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{Wavelength of colour 3: } \lambda_3 = \frac{\sin\theta_3}{nN} = \dots \text{ nm}$$

**vii. Results & Conclusions**

Wavelength of prominent lines in mercury spectra are obtained to be,

$$\lambda_1 = \dots \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \dots \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \dots \text{ nm}$$

## **Experiment No.4. Photoelectric effect: Determination of Planck's constant**

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### **i. Aim**

- i. To determine Planck's Constant and work function using photo electric effect.

### **ii. Apparatus**

Experimental set up for measurement of Planck's constant, filters of different colours.

### **iii. Theory**

It was observed as early as 1905 that most metals under influence of radiation, emit electrons. This phenomenon was termed as photoelectric emission. The detailed study of it has shown:

- i. That the emission process depends strongly on frequency of radiation
- ii. For each metal there exists a critical frequency such that light of lower frequency is unable to liberate electrons, while light of higher frequency always does.
- iii. The emission of electron occurs within a very short time interval after arrival of the radiation and number of electrons is strictly proportional to the intensity of this radiation.

The experimental facts given above are among the strongest evidence that the electromagnetic field is quantified and the field consists of quanta of energy  $E = hv$  where  $v$  is 'v' the frequency of the radiation and 'h' is the Planck's constant. These quanta are called photons.

Further it is assumed that electrons are bound inside the metal surface with an energy  $\phi = hv_0$ , where ' $\phi$ ' is called the work function. It then follows that if the frequency of the light is such that  $hv > \phi$ , it will be possible to eject photoelectron, while if  $hv < \phi$ , it would be impossible.

In the former case, the excess energy of photon appears as kinetic energy of the electron,

$$\frac{1}{2}mV^2 = hv - \phi \quad \text{Eq. [1]}$$

which is the famous photoelectric equation formulated by Einstein in 1905. If we apply a retarding potential 'V' so as to stop the photo electrons completely, it is known as stopping potential  $V_s$ . At that instant,

$$\frac{1}{2}mV^2 = eV_s$$

Hence, Eq. [1]] becomes,

$$eV_s = h\nu - \phi$$

$$V_s = \frac{h}{e}\nu - \frac{\phi}{e} \quad \text{Eq. [2]}$$

when we plot a graph  $V_s$  as a function of  $\nu$ , the slope of the straight-line yields  $\frac{h}{e}$  and the intercept of extrapolated point at  $\nu = 0$  gives work function  $\frac{\phi}{e}$ . from there determine the work-function of the given material.

#### iv. Procedure

- i. Adjust to de-accelerating voltage to 0 V and insert the red color filter (635nm).
- ii. set light intensity switch to maximum.
- iii. Adjust the reverse voltage (or de-accelerating voltage) such that the ammeter reads zero.
- iv. Take that voltage as the stopping potential.
- v. Repeat the same procedure for other filters as well.
- vi. Plot the  $V_s - \nu$  graph, from which you find out the Planck's constant and work-function of the material.

#### v. Observations

Sl. No.	Filters	Frequency, $\nu$ (Hz)	Stopping potential, $V_s$ (V)

#### vi. Calculations

From  $V_s - \nu$  graph,

Planck's constant,  $h = e \times$  Slope of the graph = .....J-sec

Work function,  $\phi = e \times$  y- intercept = .....J

#### vii. Results & Conclusions

- i. Planck's constant 'h' is found to be work function  $h = \dots \text{J-sec}$
- ii. Work function,  $\phi = \dots \text{J}$

## **Experiment No.5. Circular coil: Determination of Earth's Horizontal intensity of Magnetic Field using circular coil**

### **i. Aim**

- i) Determination of Earth's Horizontal intensity of Magnetic Field using circular coil
- ii) To study the variation of magnetic field with distance along the axis of a circular coil carrying current.

### **ii. Apparatus**

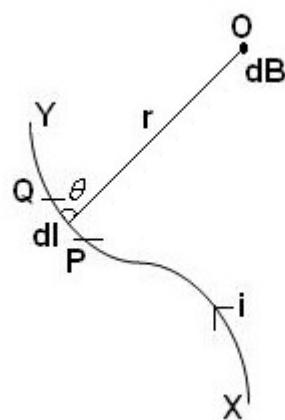
Circular coil, compass box, ammeter, rheostat, commutator, cell, key, connection wires, etc.

(The purpose of the commutator is to allow the current to be reversed only in the coil, while flowing in the same direction in the rest of the circuit.

### **iii. Theory**

A current carrying wire generates a magnetic field. According to Biot-Savart's law, the magnetic field at a point due to an element of a conductor carrying current is,

- 1) Directly proportional to the strength of the current, ' $I$ '
- 2) Directly proportional to the length of the element, ' $dl$ '
- 3) Directly proportional to the Sine of the angle ' $\theta$ ' between the element and the line joining the element to the point
- 4) Inversely proportional to the square of the distance ' $r$ ' between the element and the point.



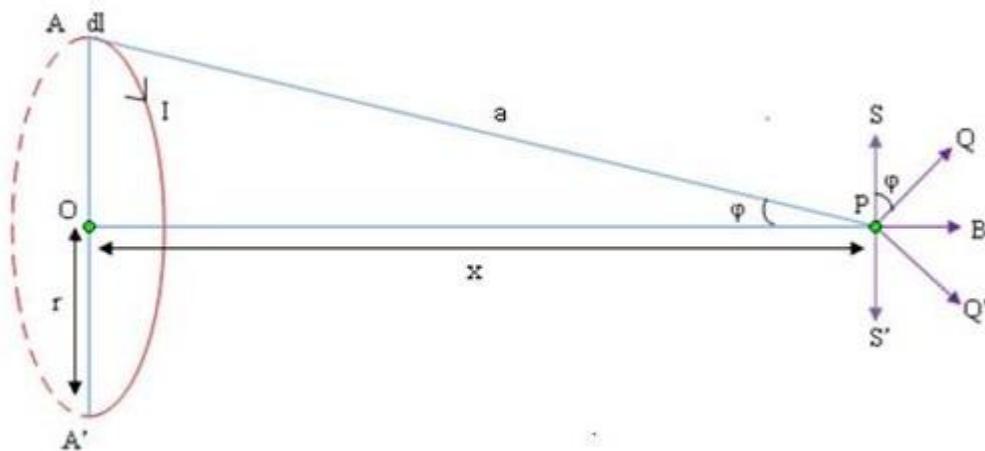
Thus, the magnetic field at O is  $dB$ , such that,  $dB \propto \frac{I dl \sin \theta}{r^2}$

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dl \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

(Where  $\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} = k$ , is the proportionality constant. And  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ NA}^{-2}$ , is called the permeability of free space.)

In vector form,  $dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dl \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$

Consider a circular coil of radius  $r$ , carrying a current  $I$ . Consider a point  $P$ , which is at a distance  $x$  from the centre of the coil. We can consider that the loop is made up of a large number of short elements, generating small magnetic fields. So the total field at  $P$  will be the sum of the contributions from all these elements. At the centre of the coil, the field will be uniform. As the location of the point increases from the centre of the coil, the field decreases.



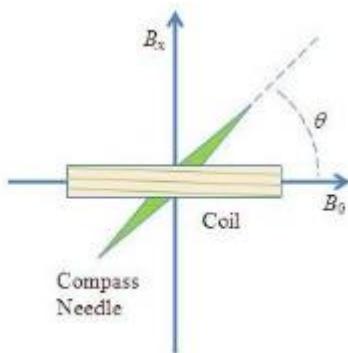
By Biot-Savart's law, the field  $dB$  due to a small element  $dl$  of the circle, centered at 'O' is given by,

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{dl}{(x^2 + y^2)}$$

This can be resolved into two components, one along the axis 'OP', and other 'PS', which is perpendicular to 'OP'. 'PS' is exactly cancelled by the perpendicular component 'PS' of the field due to a current and centered at 'A'. So, the total magnetic field at a point which is at a distance 'x' away from the axis of a circular coil of radius 'r' is given by,

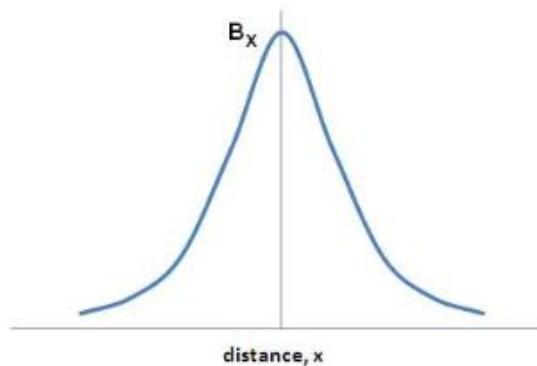
$$B_x = \frac{\mu_0 n I}{2} \frac{r^2}{(x^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

Where 'n' is the number of turns of coil. Since this field  $B_x$  from the coil is acting perpendicular to the horizontal intensity of earth's magnetic field,  $B_0$ , and the compass needle align at an angle  $\theta$  with the vector sum of these two fields, we have from the figure.



$$B_0 = \frac{B_x}{\tan \theta}$$

The variation of magnetic field along the axis of a circular coil is shown here.

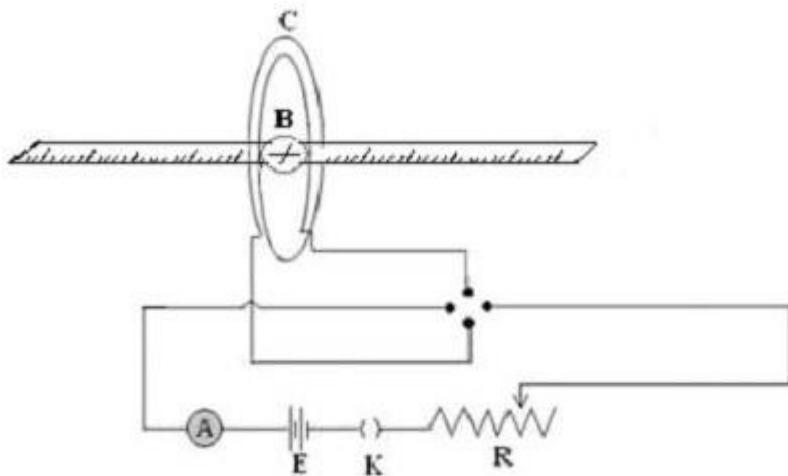


#### iv. Procedure

The connections are made as shown in the diagram and the initial adjustments of the apparatus are made as follows,

- i. First, the coil is fixed at the middle of the platform and the compass box is placed at the centre of the coil.
- ii. The compass box is rotated till the 90-90 line becomes parallel to the plane of the coil.
- iii. Then the apparatus as a whole is rotated till the aluminium pointer reads 0-0.
- iv. Close the circuit.
- v. Adjust the rheostat until the deflection lies between 30 and 60 degrees. Note down the deflection of the compass needle and the current.
- vi. Then current through the coil is reversed using the commutator and again the deflection and current are noted
- vii. Average the magnitude of the two deflections and calculate the magnetic field at the centre of the coil from the equation
- viii. Without changing the current or the number of turns, place the compass box at a particular distance from the centre of the coil. Note the deflection. Again reverse the current and average the magnitudes of the two deflections. Note the average, and the distance.
- ix. The same procedure is repeated with the compass box at the same distance on the other side of the arm, keeping number of turns and current constant.

- x. Take the average of the two values of measured on opposite sides of the coil.
- xi. Then calculate the magnetic field  $B_x$  from the coil using equation (3).
- xii. Repeat for various distances.
- xiii. Draw graph of  $B_x$  on the vertical axis v/s. distance  $x$  on the horizontal axis.



**C - Circular coil, A - Ammeter, B - Compass box, R - Rheostat, E -Cell**

**v. Observations**

permeability of free space,  $\mu_0 = \dots\dots\dots \text{NA}^{-2}$

Current,  $I = \dots\dots\dots \text{A}$

No: of turns of the coil,  $n = \dots\dots\dots$

Radius of the circular coil,  $r = \dots\dots\dots \text{cm}$

Distance from the axis, $x$ (cm)	Deflection with compass box on left side				Deflection with compass box on right side				Mean $\theta$ (Degrees)	$B_x$ (T)	$B_0 = \frac{B_x}{\tan \theta}$ (T)			
	direct		reversed		direct		reversed							
	$\Theta_1$	$\Theta_2$	$\Theta_3$	$\Theta_4$	$\Theta_1$	$\Theta_2$	$\Theta_3$	$\Theta_4$						

**vi. Results & Conclusions**

- i) Flux density due to earth's horizontal field at the place=.....T
- ii) Studied the variation of magnetic field with distance along the axis of a circular coil carrying current by plotting  $B_x$  -  $x$  graph.

## **Experiment No.6. Deflection Magnetometer: Determination of magnetic dipole moment of a bar magnet**

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### **1. Aim**

To determine the magnetic dipole moment ( $m$ ) of a bar magnet.

### **2. Apparatus**

Deflection magnetometer with a compass box, bar magnet.

### **3. Theory**

The horizontal component of earth's magnetic field ' $B_H$ ' is the component of the magnetic field of the earth along a horizontal plane whose normal vector passes through the center of the earth.  $B_H$  is measured in Tesla, T.

The magnetic dipole moment  $m$  of a magnetic dipole is the property of the dipole which tends to align the dipole parallel to an external magnetic field.  $m$  is measured in Ampere-square meters ( $A\ m^2$ ) or, equivalently, in Joules per Tesla (J/T).

#### **Tangent Law**

Consider a bar magnet with magnetic moment ' $m$ ', suspended horizontally in a region where there are two perpendicular horizontal magnetic fields, and external field  $B$  and the horizontal component of the earth's field  $B_H$ . If no external magnetic field  $B$  is present, the bar magnet will align with  $B_H$ . Due to the field  $B$ , the magnet experiences a torque ' $\tau_D$ ', called the deflecting torque, which tends to deflect it from its original orientation parallel to  $B_H$ . If ' $\theta$ ' is the angle between the bar magnet and  $B_H$ , the magnitude of the deflecting torque will be,

$$\tau_D = mB \cos \theta$$

The bar magnet experiences a torque ' $\tau_R$ ' due to the field  $B_H$  which tends to restore it to its original orientation parallel to  $B_H$ . This torque is known as the restoring torque, and it has magnitude.

$$\tau_R = mB_H \sin \theta$$

The suspended magnet is in equilibrium when,

$$\tau_R = \tau_D$$

$$mB_H \sin \theta = mB \cos \theta$$

$$B = B_H \tan \theta$$

The above relation, called the tangent law, gives the equilibrium orientation of a magnet suspended in a region with two mutually perpendicular fields.

### Tan-A position

In Tan A position (Fig. 1), prior to placement of the magnet, the compass box is rotated so that the (0-0) line is parallel to the arm of the magnetometer. Then the magnetometer as a whole is rotated till pointer reads (0-0). Finally, the bar magnet is placed horizontally, parallel to the arm of the deflection magnetometer, at a distance 'd' chosen so that the deflection of the aluminium pointer is between 30° and 60°.

The magnet is a dipole. Suppose that, analogous to an electric dipole, there are two magnetic poles  $P$  (though in reality no single magnetic pole can exist), one positive and one negative, separated by a distance  $L = 2l$ , with the positive pole labeled 'N' and the negative pole labeled 'S'. By analogy with Coulomb's law, for each pole we would have a field.

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{P}{r^2}$$

and a magnetic dipole moment,  $m = PL = 2P\ell$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 P}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{(d-\ell)^2} - \frac{1}{(d+\ell)^2} \right] = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2md}{(d^2 - \ell^2)^2}$$

Where,  $\ell = L/2$  is the half-length of the magnet

$m$  - magnetic moment of the magnet

$\theta$  = deflection of aluminium pointer

Therefore, by the tangent law, at equilibrium,

$$B_H \tan \theta = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2md}{(d^2 - \ell^2)^2}$$

Solving for 'm', the magnetic moment of bar magnet. We get,

$$m = \frac{4\pi}{\mu_0} \frac{(d^2 - \ell^2)^2}{2d} B_H \tan \theta$$

### 4. Procedure

- i. The compass box alone is rotated so that the (0-0) line is parallel to the arm of the magnetometer. Then the apparatus as a whole is rotated till the aluminium pointer reads (0-0).
- ii. The bar magnet is placed horizontally, parallel to the arm of the deflection magnetometer, at a distance 'd' from the center of the

compass needle, chosen so that the deflection lies between  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . The reading of the ends of the pointer are noted.

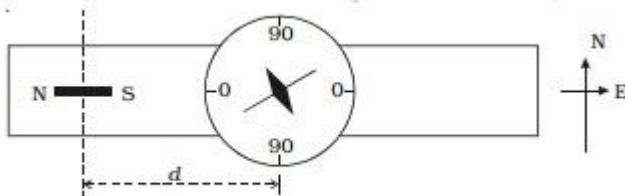


Fig. End-on (or) Tan A position

- iii. The magnet is then reversed at the same position and the readings of the pointer are again noted.
- iv. The magnet is then transferred to the other arm of the magnetometer, keeping it at the same distance 'd', four more deflections are noted as before.
- v. The experiment is repeated for different values of 'd' and an average value for 'm' is calculated.

### 5. Observation

Effective Length of bar magnet,  $2\ell = \dots\dots\dots$  m

Half length,  $\ell = \dots\dots\dots$  m

Horizontal component of Earth's magnetic field,  $B_H = 0.38 \times 10^{-4}$  T

Permeability of free space,  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  H/m

Distance 'd' (cm)	Deflections 'θ'								Mean deflection 'θ'	Magnetic moment of the bar magnet 'm' (Am <sup>2</sup> )		
	East side				West side							
	Θ <sub>1</sub>	Θ <sub>2</sub>	Θ <sub>3</sub>	Θ <sub>4</sub>	Θ <sub>5</sub>	Θ <sub>6</sub>	Θ <sub>7</sub>	Θ <sub>8</sub>				

### 6. Calculations

$$\text{Magnetic dipole moment of the bar magnet, } m = \frac{4\pi}{\mu_0} \frac{(d^2 - \ell^2)^2}{2d} B_H \tan \theta = \dots\dots\dots \text{ Am}^2$$

Mean value of Magnetic dipole moment,  $m = \dots\dots\dots \text{ Am}^2$

## **7. Results**

Magnetic dipole moment of the given bar magnet,  $m = \dots \text{ Am}^2$

## Experiment No.7. Newton's Rings: Determination of the wavelength of Sodium light

### i. Aim

To determine the wavelength of Sodium light by Newton's Rings.

### ii. Apparatus

A plane glass plate, a Plano convex lens of large radius of curvature, a flat glass sheet fixed at 45° to the vertical, sodium lamp and traveling microscope.

### iii. Theory

It is based on Interference by division of amplitude in a wedge-shaped film of variable thickness. The film of air is enclosed between a plane glass plate and plano-convex lens.

The optical arrangement for Newton's rings is shown aside. The effective path difference between interfering rays in reflected light is given by,

$$\Delta = 2\mu t \cos(r + \theta) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \text{Eq. [1]}$$

Here,  $\mu$  - Refractive index of the wedge-shaped film

T -Thickness of the film

r - Angle of refraction inside the film

$\theta$  - Angle of wedge

$\lambda$  - Wavelength of the incident light

If the angle of the wedge ' $\theta$ ' is very small, then for normal incidence (i.e.,  $r = 0$ ),  $\cos(r + \theta) = \cos \theta \approx 1$ , Hence the effective path difference is  $\Delta = 2\mu t - \lambda/2$ . At the point of contact 'O' of the lens and the plate,  $t = 0$ ; So,  $\Delta = \lambda/2$ . This is the condition of destructive interference. The central spot is, therefore, dark.

Condition for a dark fringe of nth order is,  $2\mu t - \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n - 1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$ ;  $n=1,2,3,\dots$

$$2\mu t = n\lambda \quad \text{Eq. [2]}$$

Similarly, condition for a bright fringe of nth order is,  $2\mu t = (2n + 1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$  ;  $n=0,1,2,\dots$

Thus, for a bright or dark fringe of any particular order,  $t$  should be constant. Here, the locus of points having same thickness of the film is a circle centered at the point of contact. Causing the formation of circular concentric rings(fringes) with the centre at the point of contact.

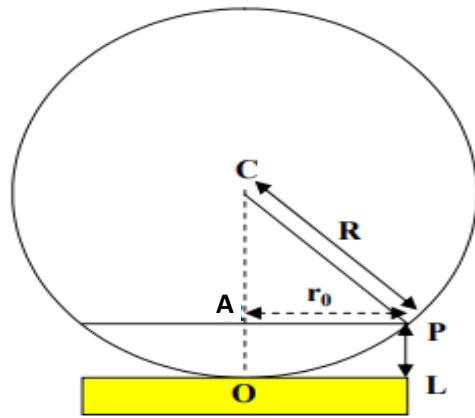
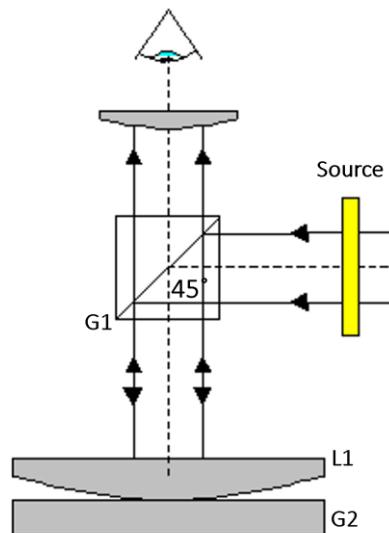
### Diameter of dark rings and determination of $\lambda$ :

In Fig. 2, for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  dark ring,  $PL = AO = t$ . So,  $AC = R - t$  and  $AP = r_n$ . In  $\Delta ACP$ ,  $r_n^2 = R^2 - (R-t)^2 = 2Rt - t^2$  as  $t \ll R$ ,  $t^2$  can be neglected in comparison to  $2Rt$ .

$$\text{Hence, } r_n^2 = 2Rt$$

Substituting the value of  $t$  from Eq. [5.2], we get,  $r_n^2 = \frac{n\lambda R}{\mu}$

$$\text{So, } D_n^2 = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\mu}$$



$$\text{For } (n+p)^{\text{th}} \text{ ring, } D_{n+p}^2 = \frac{4(n+p)\lambda R}{\mu}$$

$$\text{Hence, } D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = \frac{4p\lambda R}{\mu} \quad \text{Eq. [5.3]}$$

#### iv. Procedure

- i. The glass plates G1, G2, and L1, is cleaned with a soft paper. Then L1 is placed over G2 as shown in Fig. [1]
- ii. Light from an extended monochromatic source (sodium lamp) is allowed to fall on G1 inclined at an angle 45° to the vertical. Thus, a part of the incident light beam is reflected from the lower surface of G1, which in turn falls on L1.
- iii. The position of G2 and L1 is so adjusted that its centre is well illuminated. Interference fringes (concentric circles) are formed due to the air formed between G2 and L1. These rings are observed directly through the traveling microscope.
- iv. The centre of the fringe pattern should be dark. If it is white, then there should be a dust particle between G2 and L1.
- v. Move the microscope in a horizontal direction to one side of the fringes. Fix up the crosswise tangential to the ring (say the 20<sup>th</sup> ring). Now retrace the path and bring the crosswire to (say 18<sup>th</sup> ring). Note this reading. Continue this procedure till you reach 2<sup>th</sup> dark ring.
- vi. Now repeat the same by taking readings for the dark rings on the other side from 2<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, all the way up-to 20<sup>th</sup> dark ring.

v. **Observations**

Value of one Main Scale Division,  $x = \dots \text{cm}$

No. of divisions in vernier scale,  $n = \dots$

Least count, L.C =  $x/n = \dots \text{cm}$

Order of the Ring /n	Microscope readings for the rings						$D_n =$ $b - a$ $/\text{cm}$	$D_n^2$ $/\text{cm}^2$	$D_{n+p}^2$ $- D_n^2$ (for $p=10$ ) $/\text{cm}^2$			
	Left end			Right end								
	M.S.R (cm)	V.S.R	Total Reading/ a (cm)	M.S.R (cm)	V.S.R	Total Reading/ b (cm)						
20												
18												
16												
14												
12												
10												
8												
6												
4												
2												

Mean value of  $D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2$  (for  $p=10$ ) = .....cm<sup>2</sup>

vi. **Calculations**

Focal length of the plano convex lens,  $f = \dots \text{cm}$

Radius of curvature of the given plano convex lens,  $R = f = \dots \text{cm}$

Wavelength of the sodium light,  $\lambda = \frac{\mu}{4pR} (D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2) = \dots \text{nm}$

vii. **Results & Conclusions**

Wavelength of the sodium light,  $\lambda = \dots \text{nm}$

## **Experiment No.8. Diffraction grating: to determine the wavelength of laser**

### **i. Aim**

To determine the Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of He-Ne laser light.

### **ii. Apparatus**

He-Ne Laser apparatus, Grating, Scale.

### **iii. Theory**

A diffraction grating consists of a large number of equally spaced, parallel slits or rulings. When light passes through a diffraction grating, it undergoes diffraction and produces a characteristic pattern of bright and dark fringes. The theory of diffraction grating is based on the principles of wave interference and diffraction.

When light, which is an electromagnetic wave, encounters a diffraction grating, it interacts with the individual slits or rulings in the grating. This interaction results in the phenomenon of wave interference. Interference occurs when waves from different slits overlap and combine. Diffraction is the bending of light waves as they encounter an obstacle or aperture. In the case of a diffraction grating, the slits or rulings act as multiple apertures through which light waves pass. As the waves pass through these apertures, they diffract and spread out.

The grating equation relates the angle of diffraction, the grating spacing, the wavelength of light, and the order of diffraction. This fundamental equation describes the behavior of a diffraction grating is known as the grating equation:

$$ds\sin\theta = n\lambda \quad \text{Eq. [9.1]}$$

Here, d – Grating element,

$\Theta$  – Diffraction angle

n – Order of diffraction

$\lambda$  – wavelength of spectral line

The grating element,  $d = \frac{1}{N}$

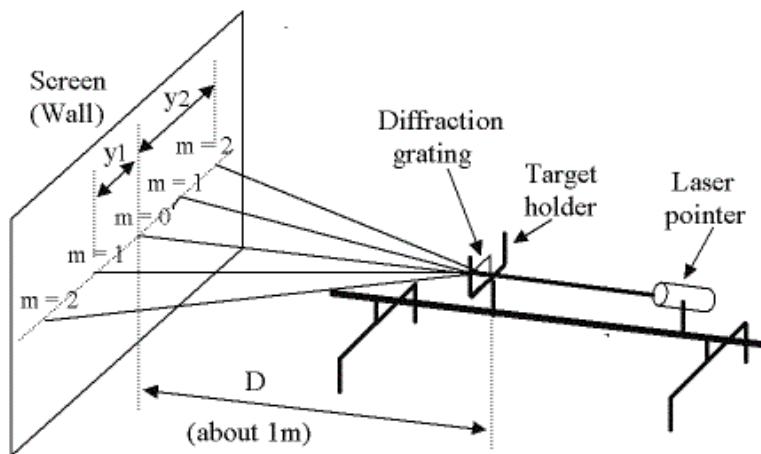
Where 'N' is the number of lines per specified unit length of the grating.

Eq. [2.1] can be rearranged to determine the wavelength of light source used,

$$\text{Wavelength of the light source, } \lambda = \frac{\sin\theta}{nN}$$

Diffraction gratings causes the spectral dispersion dispersing light into its constituent colors or wavelengths. This dispersion occurs because different wavelengths of light are diffracted at different angles according to the grating equation. This property is used in spectroscopy to analyze the spectral composition of light. Diffraction gratings are widely used in spectrometers and monochromators because they can provide high spectral resolution. Resolution is the ability to

distinguish closely spaced wavelengths. It depends on factors such as the number of rulings in the grating and the order of diffraction.



**Figure 9.1.** Visual representation of diffraction pattern produced

#### iv. Procedure

- i. Switch on the electric power supply which is given to He-Ne Laser Apparatus.
- ii. Observe the diffraction pattern on the Screen.
- iii. Measure the distance between grating & the Screen (D).
- iv. For the 1st order spectrum, measure the distance  $y_1$  &  $y_2$ .
- v. Similarly, for 2nd order spectrum also measure  $y_1$  &  $y_2$ .
- vi. From the available data, compute wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) for the given He-Ne Laser light.

#### v. Observations

Order of the diffraction	Dist. between Grating & screen (D) / (cm)	Left (y <sub>1</sub> ) / (cm)	Right (y <sub>2</sub> ) / (cm)	Mean Y = (y <sub>1</sub> +y <sub>2</sub> )/2 (cm)	$\theta = \tan^{-1}(Y/D)$	$\sin \theta$	$\lambda = \frac{\sin \theta}{nN}$ (nm)

$$\text{Wavelength of He- Ne Laser Source, } \lambda = \frac{\sin \theta}{nN} = \dots \text{ nm}$$

#### vi. Result

$$\text{Wavelength of He- Ne Laser Source, } \lambda = \dots \text{ nm}$$

