

TOPIC: Integrated optics (angle of minimum deviation)

AIM: To determine the refractive index of the glass prism using a spectrometer.

APPARATUS

REQD.:

- Spectrometer
- Spirit level
- Magnifying glass
- Glass prism
- Sodium vapour lamp

FORMULAE

USED:

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

where, μ = refractive index of glass prism
 A = angle of prism
 δ_m = angle of minimum deviation

RESULT:

The refractive index of the given glass prism is 1.57645.

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Tabulation:

Vernier	Reading for minimum deviation position R_1			Reading for direct ray (R_2)			$\delta_m = R_1 - R_2$	μ
	MSR	VSR	TR	MSR	VSR	TR		
A	44°	0'	44°	0°	0'	0°	44°	1.5760
B	224°	5'	224° 5'	180°	0'	180°	44° 5'	1.5769

For equilateral prism, angle $A = 60^\circ$

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

Avg.
$$\mu = \frac{1.5760 + 1.5769}{2}$$

$$\langle \mu \rangle = 1.57645$$