

- 5 (a) A beam of vertically polarised light is incident normally on a polarising filter, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

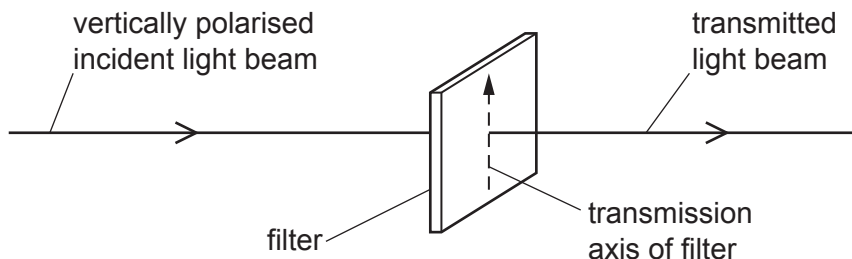


Fig. 5.1

- (i) The transmission axis of the filter is initially vertical. The filter is then rotated through an angle of 360° while the plane of the filter remains perpendicular to the beam.

On Fig. 5.2, sketch a graph to show the variation of the intensity of the light in the transmitted beam with the angle through which the transmission axis is rotated.

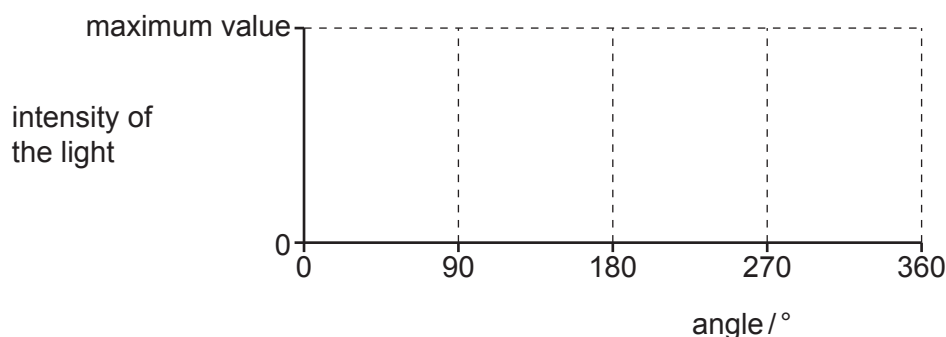


Fig. 5.2

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- (ii) The intensity of the light in the incident beam is 7.6 W m^{-2} . When the transmission axis of the filter is at angle θ to the vertical, the light intensity of the transmitted beam is 4.2 W m^{-2} .

Calculate angle θ .

$\theta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$ [2]

- (b) State what is meant by the diffraction of a wave.

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- (c) A beam of light of wavelength $4.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ is incident normally on a diffraction grating in air, as shown in Fig. 5.3.

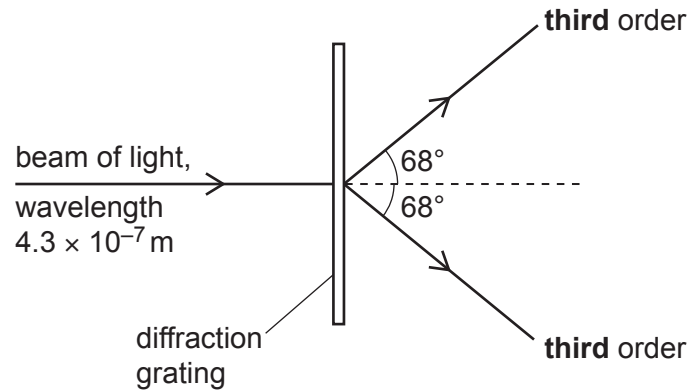


Fig. 5.3 (not to scale)

The **third**-order diffraction maximum of the light is at an angle of 68° to the direction of the incident light beam.

- (i) Calculate the line spacing d of the diffraction grating.

$d = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m [2]}$

- (ii) Determine a different wavelength of **visible** light that will also produce a diffraction maximum at an angle of 68° .

wavelength = $\dots\dots\dots \text{ m [2]}$