

Constants

- Speed of EM wave in vacuum:  
 $c = 2.998 \times 10^5 \text{ km s}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$
- Speed of EM wave in medium:  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}}$
- Permittivity of vacuum:  
 $\epsilon_0 = 8.8542 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ s}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- Permeability of vacuum:  
 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ kg m A}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2}$
- Wien's Displacement Law constant:  
 $\kappa = 2.898 \times 10^6 \text{ nm K}$
- Stefan-Boltzmann constant:  
 $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
- Planck constant:  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
- Boltzmann constant:  $k_B = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
- Coulomb constant:  $k_C = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$
- Solar luminosity:  $1 L_\odot = 3.83 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$
- Electron-volt:  $1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
- Ampere:  $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C s}^{-1}$
- Volt:  $1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ A}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-3}$
- Tesla:  $1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ V s m}^{-2}$
- Farad:  $1 \text{ F} = 1 \text{ C V}^{-1}$
- Diopter =  $\frac{1 \text{ m}}{f}$ , where  $f$  is focal length.

Indices of Refraction $c = nv$	
Vacuum	1
Air	1.000277
Water	1.3330
Human eye	1.34
Pyrex	1.47
Crown glass	1.50
Flint glass	1.60
Diamond	2.419

Fraunhofer Lines			
		$n$	
$\lambda$ (nm)	Characterization	Crown glass	Flint glass
486.1	$F$ , blue	1.5286	1.7328
589.2	$D$ , yellow	1.5230	1.7205
656.3	$C$ , red	1.5205	1.7076

Equations

- Wave-particle duality
  - Momentum of particle:  
 $p = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - (mc^2)^2}}{c}$
  - Wavelength of particle:  
 $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{\sqrt{E^2 - (mc^2)^2}}$
  - Speed of particle:  
 $v = \frac{pc^2}{E} = c\sqrt{E^2 - (mc^2)^2}$
- Wave equations:
  - Generic 3D wave equation:  
 $\psi = Ae^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$ , where physical wave is real or imaginary component.
  - Propagation constant:  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
  - Angular frequency:  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$
  - Harmonic condition:  $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$
- Superposition of  $N$  harmonic (plane) waves,  $E_i = E_{0i} \cos(\alpha_i - \omega t)$ :
  - Resulting constant phase:  
$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N E_{0i} \sin \alpha_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N E_{0i} \cos \alpha_i}$$
  - Resulting amplitude:  
$$E_0^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N E_{0i}^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=i+1}^N E_{0i} E_{0j} \cos(\alpha_j - \alpha_i)$$
- Electromagnetic (EM) waves:
  - Electric and magnetic field relation:  
 $|\vec{E}| = v|\vec{B}|$ , where  $v$  is speed of EM wave.
  - Total energy density of EM wave:  
 $u = \epsilon E^2 = \frac{1}{\mu} B^2$
  - Poynting vector:  $\vec{S} = \frac{\epsilon c^2}{n} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$   
(power per unit area of EM field).
  - Irradiance:  $E_e = \langle |\vec{S}| \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c^2 E_0 B_0$

Radiometry			
Term	Symbol (units)	Defining equation	AKA
Radiant energy	$Q_e$ (J = W s)	...	Energy
Radiant energy density	$w_e$ (J m <sup>-3</sup> )	$w_e = dQ_e/dV$	Energy density
Radiant flux, Radiant power	$\Phi_e$ (W)	$\Phi_e = dQ_e/dt$	(Bolometric) Luminosity
Radiant flux density			
Emitted: Radiant exitance	$M_e$ (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	$M_e = d\Phi_e/dA$	Intensity, Flux
Incident: Irradiance	$E_e$ (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	$E_e = d\Phi_e/dA$	Intensity, Flux
Radiant intensity	$I_e$ (W sr <sup>-1</sup> )	$I_e = d\Phi_e/d\omega$	...
Radiance	$L_e$ (W sr <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )	$L_e = dI_e/(dA \cos \theta)$	...

- Fourier series:
 
$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \cos m\omega t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_m \sin m\omega t$$
  - \*  $a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) dt$
  - \*  $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \cos n\omega t dt$
  - \*  $b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \sin n\omega t dt$
  - where  $T$  is a period of  $f(t)$ .
- Fourier-transform pair:
  - \*  $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega$
  - \*  $g(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$
- Complex numbers:
  - Generic complex number:  $\tilde{z} = a + ib$  where
    - \*  $a = \text{Re}(\tilde{z})$ ,
    - \*  $b = \text{Im}(\tilde{z})$ , and
    - \*  $|\tilde{z}|^2 = a^2 + b^2$ .
  - Euler's formula:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , where  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)$  for  $\tilde{z}$  above.
  - Complex conjugate:  $\tilde{z}^* = a - ib = |\tilde{z}| e^{-i\theta}$
- Snell's law:  $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$
- Focal length of spherical mirror:  $f = -\frac{R}{2}$
- Mirror equation and thin-lens equation:  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$
- Total magnification:  $M = \prod_i m_i$
- Lateral magnification:  $m = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{n_1 s'}{n_2 s}$
- Angular magnification:  $m = \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha} = -\frac{f_o}{f_e}$
- Angular magnification of simple magnifier:
  - \*  $M = \frac{25 \text{ cm}}{f}$  ( $s' = \infty$ )
  - \*  $M = \frac{25 \text{ cm}}{f} + 1$  ( $s' = -25 \text{ cm}$ )
- Refraction at spherical surface:  $\frac{n_1}{s} + \frac{n_2}{s'} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$
- Lensmaker's equation:  $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_1} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$
- Refracting power:  $P = V + V'$ , where vergence  $V = \frac{1}{s}$  and  $V' = \frac{1}{s'}$ .
- Thin lenses in contact have effective focal lengths:  $\frac{1}{f_{\text{eff}}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{f_i}$
- Two thin lenses separated by length  $L$  have effective focal length (from principal plane 1):  $\frac{1}{f_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{L}{f_1 f_2}$
- Newtonian equation for thin lens:  $xx' = f^2$ , where  $x$  is distance from object to focal point on object side and  $x'$  is distance from focal point on other side to image.
- Image length of cylindrical lens:  $\frac{AB}{\overline{AB}} = \left( \frac{s+s'}{s} \right) \overline{CL}$
- Thick lens equations:
  - \*  $\frac{1}{f_1} = \frac{n_L - n'}{n R_2} - \frac{n_L - n}{n R_1} - \frac{(n_L - n)(n_L - n')}{n n_L} \frac{t}{R_1 R_2}$
  - \*  $f_2 = -\frac{n'}{n} f_1$
  - \* Principal point 1:  $r = \frac{n_L - n'}{n_L R_2} f_1 t$
  - \* Principal point 2:  $s = -\frac{n_L - n}{n_L R_1} f_2 t$
  - \* Nodal point 1:  $v = \left( 1 - \frac{n'}{n} + \frac{n_L - n'}{n_L R_2} t \right) f_1$
  - \* Nodal point 2:  $w = \left( 1 - \frac{n}{n'} - \frac{n_L - n}{n_L R_1} t \right) f_2$
  - \* Object-image distance;  $-\frac{f_1}{s_o} + \frac{f_2}{s_i} = 1$
  - \* Lateral magnification:  $m = -\frac{s_i}{s_o}$
- Det  $[\mathcal{M}_{\text{sys}}] = \begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{vmatrix} = AD - BC = \frac{n_0}{n_f}$
- Simple ray-transfer matrices:
  - Translation:  $\mathcal{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
  - Refraction (spherical):  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{sph}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{n - n'}{n' R} & \frac{n}{n'} \end{bmatrix}$
  - Thin-lens:  $\mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
  - Spherical mirror:  $\mathcal{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{R} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Cardinal point locations in terms of system matrix elements (with respect to (w.r.t.) input (1) and output (2) reference planes unless noted):
  - $F_1$ :
    - \*  $p = \frac{D}{C}$
    - \*  $f_1 = p - r = \frac{n_0}{n_f C}$  (w.r.t. prin. plane)
  - $F_2$ :
    - \*  $q = -\frac{A}{C}$
    - \*  $f_2 = q - s = -\frac{1}{C}$  (w.r.t. prin. plane)
  - $H_1$ :  $r = \frac{D - \frac{n_0}{n_f}}{C}$
  - $H_2$ :  $s = \frac{1 - A}{C}$
  - $N_1$ :  $v = \frac{D - 1}{C}$
  - $N_2$ :  $w = \frac{\frac{n_0}{n_f} - A}{C}$

- Relative aperture (AKA  $f$ -number,  $f/\text{stop}$ ):  

$$A = \frac{f}{D}$$
- Depth-of-field:  $\text{DOF} = \frac{2Ad_s(s_0 - f)f^2}{f^4 - A^2d^2s_0^2}$ ,  
 where  $s_0$  is object distance.
- Near-point:  $s_1 = \frac{s_0f(f + Ad)}{f^2 + Ad_s_0}$
- Far-point:  $s_2 = \frac{s_0f(f - Ad)}{f^2 - Ad_s_0}$
- Cartesian ovoid of revolution: constant =  
 $n_o(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} + n_i[y^2 + (s_o + s_i - x)^2]^{1/2}$
- Index of refraction of prism:  

$$n = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$
- Minimum deviation of a prism:  $\delta \approx A(n - 1)$
- Normal dispersive curve:  
 $n_\lambda = A + \frac{B}{\lambda^2} + \frac{C}{\lambda^4} + \dots$ , where  $A, B, C, \dots$  are empirical (Cauchy approximation).
- Dispersion:  $\mathcal{D} = \frac{dn_\lambda}{\lambda}$
- Dispersive power:  $\Delta \equiv \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\delta} = \frac{n_F - n_C}{n_D - 1}$
- Resolving power:  $\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{(\Delta\lambda)_{\min}} = b \frac{dn_\lambda}{d\lambda}$
- Miscellaneous Physics:
  - Wien's Displacement Law:  $\lambda_{\text{peak}} = \kappa T^{-1}$
  - Stefan-Boltzmann Law:  $j = \sigma T^4$ ,  
 where  $j$  is flux at surface.
  - Luminosity-flux relation:  $L = AF$ ,  
 where  $A$  is area.
  - Pressure:  $P = \frac{F}{A}$ ,  
 where  $F$  is force and  $A$  is area.
  - Radiation pressure:  $P = \frac{F}{c}$ , where  $F$  is flux.
  - Average kinetic (i.e., motion) energy of particles:  $E \approx k_B T$ ,
  - Ideal gas law (gas pressure):  $P = n k_B T$ ,  
 where  $n$  is particle number density.
- Quadratic solution for  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :  

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
- Geometry:
  - Solid angle between two points (in steradians) is  $\Omega = \frac{A}{r^2}$ , where  $A$  is area subtended at distance  $r$ .
  - Surface area of sphere:  $A = 4\pi r^2$
  - Volume of sphere:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
  - Volume of a cylinder:  $V = \pi r^2 h$
- Cross product:  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB \sin \theta$
- Dot product:  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$
- Laplacian operator:  $\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$
- Spherical coordinates:
  - \*  $\hat{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} + \cos \theta \hat{z}$
  - $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
  - \*  $\hat{\theta} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} - \sin \theta \hat{z}$
  - $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}\right)$
  - \*  $\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{x} + \cos \phi \hat{y}$
  - $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$
- Cylindrical coordinates:
  - $\hat{s} = \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \phi \hat{y}$
  - $s = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
  - $\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{x} + \cos \phi \hat{y}$
  - $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$
  - $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$
  - $z = z$
- Taylor series:  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n$ ,  
 where  $f^{(n)}(a)$  denotes  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  evaluated at point  $a$ . Factorial of zero is one (i.e.,  $0! = 1$ ).
  - $\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots$   

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \theta^{2n+1}$$
  - $\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots$   

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n}$$
  - $\tan \theta = \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3} + \frac{2\theta^5}{15} + \frac{17\theta^7}{315} + \dots$ , for  $|\theta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- Useful trigonometric equations:
  - \*  $\int \sin x dx = -\cos x$
  - \*  $\int \cos x dx = \sin x$
  - \*  $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \sin B \cos A$
  - \*  $\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$
  - \*  $\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ;  $\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$
  - \*  $\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ;  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$
  - \*  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
  - \*  $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ;  $\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
  - \*  $\sin\left(n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos n\pi = (-1)^n$  where integer  $n \geq 0$

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