

Wave Optics



IMPORTANT FORMULAE IN WAVE OPTICS

Here is a list of essential formulas, along with expressions, constants, and their SI units derived from the Wave Optics textbook PDF.

List of Formulas with Constants and SI Units

1. Speed of Light:

$$c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

2. Frequency and Wavelength Relation:

$$v = f\lambda$$

- v : Speed (m/s)
- f : Frequency (Hz)
- λ : Wavelength (m)

3. Refractive Index (Snell's Law):

$$n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

- n : Refractive index (dimensionless)

4. Interference Condition (Constructive Interference):

$$\Delta x = n\lambda$$

- Δx : Path difference (m)
- n : Integer (0, 1, 2, ...)

5. Interference Condition (Destructive Interference):

$$\Delta x = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$$

6. Young's Double-Slit Interference Fringe Width:

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

- β : Fringe width (m)
- D : Distance between slits and screen (m)
- d : Slit separation (m)

7. Angular Fringe Width:

$$\theta = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

- θ : Angular width (radians)

8. Energy of Photon:

$$E = h\nu$$

- h : Planck's constant, 6.63×10^{-34} J s
- ν : Frequency (Hz)

9. Critical Angle for Total Internal Reflection:

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

- θ_c : Critical angle (radians)
- n_1, n_2 : Refractive indices of respective media

10. Diffraction Angle in Single-Slit Diffraction:

$$a \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

- a : Slit width (m)
- n : Order of diffraction (integer)

11. Brewster's Angle:

$$\tan \theta_b = n$$

- θ_b : Brewster's angle (radians)
- n : Refractive index (dimensionless)

12. Maxwell's Equation (Wave Speed in Medium):

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$

- μ : Permeability (H/m)
- ϵ : Permittivity (F/m)

Let me know if you need further details on any specific formula or concept!