

REVIEW OF OPTICS



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Overview

- Light
- Reflection
- Refraction
- Lenses
- Mirrors

Light

- Light is the portion of electromagnetic radiation that is visible to the human eye. (400 nm - 700 nm)
- Optics is the branch of physics studying on
 reflection
 - ➤ refraction
 - ➢ interference
 - ➤ diffraction
 - ➢ polarization
 - ≻ etc.
- Optics has many engineering applications based on the construction of instruments to use and detect the light.

Geometric Optics

- GO is the study of light without diffraction and interference.
- First order optics is the study of perfect systems (no aberration)
- Aberrations are the deviations from perfect systems.

Wave Nature of Light



- λ : wavelength
- f : frequency (number of oscillations per second)
- v : speed of the wave $--> v = f \lambda$

For a light in vacuum $v = c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8$ m/s

Quantum Theory of Light

Energy of photon is given by:

$$E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

a wave packet

h is the Planck's Constant ($h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$) *c* is the speed of light ($c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$)

Refraction Index

- The speed of light in any material is less than its speed in vacuum.
- The index of refraction, *n*, of a medium can be defined as

$n = \frac{\text{speed of light in a vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in a medium}} = \frac{c}{v}$

For a vacuum: n = 1
 For air: n = 1.00029
 For water: n = 1.333

See also: http://refractiveindex.info



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Abbe Number

One way of characterizing dispersion is the Abbe number (V):

$$V = \frac{n_D - 1}{n_F - n_C}$$

where

nF = ref.index at 486.1 nm (blue) nD = ref.index at 589.3 nm (green) nC = ref index at 656.3 nm (red)

Typical values range from about 20 to 70. Larger V indicates a smaller change in index.

Temperature Effect

Unfortunately, index of refraction is also function of temperature.

- Glass expands/contracts
- Mecahnical holders expands/contracts
- It is important to account for the other effects is temperature change is more than 10 degrees.

Example for BK7:

dn/dT = 2.2e-6 (at 546 nm) Over 50 oC => n changes by 0.00011

Thermal Coefficient of Expansion (TCE)

TCE for BK7 at T = 0 degrees is 7.1e-6.

After 50 degrees change, a glass with radius 100 mm becomes 100.0355.

ZEMAX allows the user to input TCE data.

Snell's Law



Prism



Transmittance

Light is absorbed while propagating through glass

 $I = I_0 \exp(-\alpha x)$

alpha is the absorbtion coefficient. x is the thinkness of the glass.

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Reflection and Transmission

Reflection coeff:

$$R = \frac{(n_1 - n_2)^2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2}$$

For n = 1.5 R = 4% T = 96 %

Note: If we use 4 uncoated lenses: $T = (0.96)^*(0.96)^*(0.96) = 0.85.$



Various Lens Shapes



Numerical Aperture



Thin Lens Equations



Thick Lens Equations



Thick Lens Equations

f.f.l. = front focal length b.f.l. = back focal length

F = Effective Focal Length measured from H1 or H2

The surface approximating a plane in the paraxial region is termed the principle plane.



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f = Effective Focal Length (in ZEMAX EFFL)

Ref: Optics, E. Hecht.