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Detailed Explanations of
Try Yourself Questions

Instrumentation Engineering

Optical Instrumentation



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Basic Optics



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1. Sol.

$$\mu g = \frac{4}{3}$$

We know, $n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_r$,

$$1 \times \sin 30^\circ = \frac{4}{3} \times \sin \theta_r$$

$$\theta_r = \sin^{-1} \frac{0.5}{1.33}$$

$$\theta_r = 20.08^\circ$$

T2. Sol.

The maximum number of lines required are

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mean } (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \frac{\frac{589.6 + 589}{2}}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \\ &= \frac{589.3}{0.6} = 982.16 \simeq 982\end{aligned}$$

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Fiber Optics



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1. Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NA} &= \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(1.5)^2 - (1.45)^2} = 0.384 \end{aligned}$$

T2. Sol.

$$P = 2 \text{ mW}$$

$$\text{Attenuation} = 10 \times \frac{10}{1000} = 0.1 \text{ dB}$$

$$R = 0.55 \text{ A/W}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Detector current} &= 0.55 \times \frac{2}{10^3} \text{ Amp.} \\ &= 1.1 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

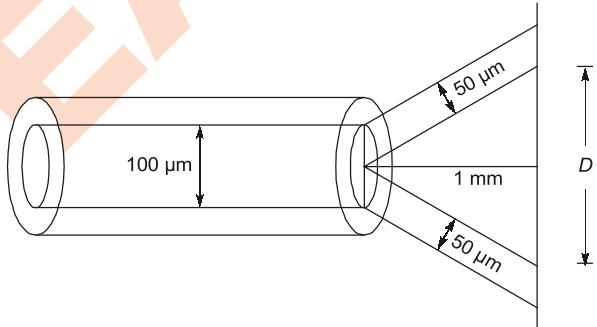
T3. Sol.

$$\Delta t = \frac{n_1 L}{C} \left[\frac{n_1}{n_2} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1.46 \times 1000}{3 \times 108} \left[\frac{1.46}{1.45} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 33.56 \text{ ns.}$$

T4. Sol.



$$\therefore \text{Spot diameter} = 2r\theta_a$$

here $\theta_a = \sin^{-1} \text{Na}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1.5^2 - 1.485^2} \\ &= 12.216^\circ \\ &= 0.213 \text{ rad} \end{aligned}$$

$$D = 2 \times 1000 \times 0.213 = 427 \mu\text{m}$$

Total length of photo-detector array

$$427 + 50 + 50 \mu\text{m} = 527 \mu\text{m}$$

Diameter of one photodetector = 5 μm

So, total number of photo detector in array

$$= \frac{527}{5} \simeq 106$$

T5. Sol.

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\mu} \right] = \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1.45} \right] = 46.33^\circ$$



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Lasers



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1. Sol.

$$\therefore \Delta\theta = \frac{1.22\lambda}{d} = \frac{1.22 \times 729 \times 10^{-9}}{6 \times 10^{-3}}$$
$$= 1.48 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad}$$
$$\text{Areal spread} = \pi(r\theta)^2$$
$$= 3.14 \times 54.76 \times 10^8$$
$$= 1.72 \times 10^{10}$$

T2. Sol.

$$\therefore \Delta\theta = \frac{1.22\lambda}{d}$$
$$\frac{\Delta\theta_1}{\Delta\theta_2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \times \frac{d_2}{d_1}$$
$$\frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta\theta_2} = \frac{\lambda}{2\lambda} \times \frac{d}{2d}$$
$$\Delta\theta_2 = 4 \Delta\theta$$
$$= 4 \text{ Times}$$

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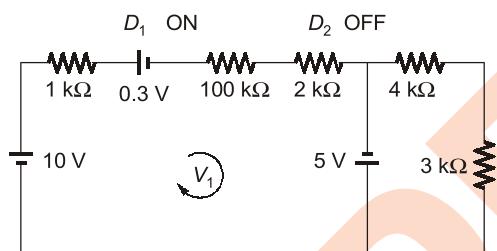
Light Emitting Diode (LED) Photodiode, Photo-Resistor



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1. Sol.

D_1 and D_2 are in forward bias

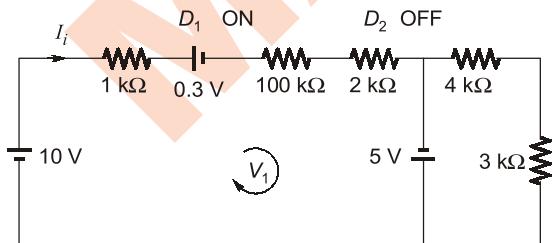


$$V_{2K} = ? \quad V_{3K} = ?$$

$$i_2 = \frac{-5}{4\text{k}\Omega + 3\text{k}\Omega} = \frac{-5}{7\text{k}\Omega}$$

$$= -0.7214 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{3\text{k}\Omega} = i_2 \times 3\text{k}\Omega = -2.14 \text{ V}$$



From circuit

$$I_i = \frac{10 - 0.3 + 5}{103\text{k}\Omega} = 0.142 \text{ mA}$$

$$\text{So, } V_{2\text{k}\Omega} = I_i \times 2\text{k}\Omega = 0.142 \times 2 = 0.28 \text{ V}$$

T2. Sol.

$$0.75 = \frac{I_p/q}{P/hV} \Rightarrow \frac{I_p}{q} \times \frac{hV}{P}$$

$$I_p = \frac{0.75 \times 65 \times 10^{-6} \times 1200 \times 10^{-9}}{6.625 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}$$

$$I = 47.1 \mu\text{A}$$

T3. Sol.

$I = \text{Sensitivity} \times \text{Intensity} \times \text{Area}$

$$I = 0.55 \times 10 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-2}$$

and output voltage

$$V_o = -IR_L$$

$$= -5.5 \times 10^{-5} \times 100 \times 10^3 = -5.5 \text{ V}$$

T4. Sol.

$$\therefore R = \frac{I_p}{P_i}$$

$$I_p = P_i \cdot R$$

$$= I \times A \times R$$

$$= \frac{10^{-3}W}{10^{-4}} \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.5 \frac{A}{W}$$

$$= 0.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A}$$

$$V_L = IR$$

$$= 0.5 \times 10^{-4} \times 100 \text{k}\Omega = 5 \text{ V}$$



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Interference



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1. Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore n\lambda &= t(\mu - 1) \\ 5 \times 589 \times 10^{-9} &= 5 \times 10^{-6} (\mu - 1) \\ \mu &= 1.589\end{aligned}$$

T2. Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= 589 \text{ nm} \\ d &= 2 \text{ mm} \\ D &= 4 \text{ cm} = 40 \text{ mm} \\ D &>> d\end{aligned}$$

Location n of n^{th} bright fringe from the central position x_n is

$$x_n = \frac{D}{d} n\lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_{10} &= \frac{40}{2} \times 10 \times 589 \times 10^{-9} \\ &= 117.8 \mu\text{m}\end{aligned}$$

Fringe width (β)

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{D}{d} \lambda = \frac{40}{2} \times 589 \times 10^{-9} \\ &= 11.78 \mu\text{m}\end{aligned}$$

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