ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



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Complex Trans. Wave

Electromagnetic waves are transverse waves with both a horizontal and vertical component. Electric Field combined with a Magnetic Field. • EM waves can travel without a medium.

 $v = 3.00 \times 10^8 - m/s$



EM Breakdown by f

Low Frequency (>1MHz): Power Lines Radio/TV (50MHz-1000MHz) AM Radio (50-100 MHz) TV/FM (100-1000MHz) Cell Phone (900MHz) □ Wireless LAN (2.4-5.8 GHz) Microwaves (15-GHz) ■ Infrared (10-THz)









EM Breakdown by f

• Orange: 484-508 THz

• Green: 526-606 THz

• Violet: 668-789 THz

Visible Light

- Red: 400-484 THz
- Yellow: 508-526 THz
- Blue: 606-668 THz
- Ultraviolet (10 PHz)
- X-Ray (1 EHz)
 Gamma/Cosmic Ray (10 EHz)







EM Breakdown by λ

- □ Low Frequency: Skyscrapers (10³ m)
- Radio/TV: Human (2-m)
- Microwaves: Honeybee (cm)
- Infrared: Pinpoint (10-μm)
- □ Light: Cell (.5-µm)
- Ultraviolet: Molecule (10-nm)
- X-Ray: Atom (including e⁻ cloud) (.1-nm, Å)
- Gamma/Cosmic Ray: Atomic Nuclei (1-pm)



Example 1



Looking out your window on a stormy day a bolt of lightning appears off in the distance 10.00 seconds later a rumble is heard. How far away is the storm?

 $v = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$ $343 - \frac{m}{s} = \frac{p}{10 - s}$

p = t = 10 - sp = 3430.00 - m $3430 - m \approx 2 - mi$

v = 343 - m/s

Take the time to hear the thunder and divide by 5 you can tell how far a storm is away.

Special EM Section: Light

Light is part of the Electromagnetic Spectrum It is the only part we can collect with the eye. Light is collected as color. Color theory is important to art. Three Parts: Lightness: Light/Dark, White/Black, Tint/Shade Saturation: Intense/Dull. Hue: Specific Color: ROYGBV





Color Theory

Additive Color: Light Mixing Subtractive Color: Pigment Mixing









Color Theory

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Warm Colors that are often associated with fire, the sun, and heat

Cool Colors that are often associated with water, grass, and sky

Color Theory

How to Use the Color Wheel to Build Color Schemes



Special EM Section: Light

Polarization: waves of light or other radiation are restricted in direction of vibration.
 Does not work on waves that start in one direction.
 Benefits include reducing glare, brightness and harmful wavelengths.



Optics Basics



Light radiates from a source in all directions

From far enough away the rays are assumed to travel in parallel rays.

Optics Basics

When an object is formed it has the following properties: Distance: How far from the mirror/lens. Erection: Is the object upright or inverted. Magnification: smaller (m<1), same (m=1), larger (m>1) Construction: Real or Virtual Real: Object becomes focused in real space. • Virtual: Object seems to diverge in real space.

Light: Reflection

- Plane Mirrors have three properties.
 The image is upright.
 The image is the same size as the object.
 The image is as far behind
 - The image is as far benind the mirror as the object is in front.



Plane Mirrors: Virtual v Real

When an object is viewed through a mirror by an observer, a virtual image is seen.

The distance of the object (d_o) will be as far as the distance of the image (d_i).



Curved Mirrors

A curved mirror is made from a sphere.
 A mirror cut out from the sphere creates two reflectors:

Convex: Looking at the outer surface.
Concave: Looking at the inner surface.



Curved Mirrors: Terms

- □ **Center of Curvature** (**C**): Radius of the Sphere
- Principle Axis: Line connecting C and the midpoint of the mirror.
- Focal Length (*f*): Point at which rays parallel and near to the Principle Axis will intersect.
 - Concave Mirror: f = 1/2 C

• Convex Mirror: f = -1/2 C



Concave Mirrors: Images

To form an image draw object:

- 1. Ray initially parallel to the P Axis and then intersects the f point.
- 2. Ray initially passes to the **f** point and then runs parallel to the **P** Axis.
- 3. Ray travels through C and perpendicularly back on itself.
 Where all rays intersect is the image.

Concave Mirrors: Images

For Objects placed behind C: Smaller Real Image between C-f.

For Objects placed between C-f : Larger Real Image beyond C.



For Objects placed within f: Larger virtual Image beyond the mirror.

Convex Mirrors: Images



For Objects: Smaller virtual Image beyond the mirror.

Mirrors & Lenses: Math

 d_{o}

- f= focal Length of the mirror/lens h_o= height of object h_i= height of image d_o= Distance of object (from m/l) d_i= Distance of image (from m/l) m= magnification
- Remember for Convex mirrors: f is a negative number.
- $\frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o} = \frac{1}{f}$ $-\frac{h_o}{h_i} = \frac{d_o}{d_i} \qquad m = -\frac{d_i}{d_o}$

Light: Refraction

• When light passes through a different medium, it bends and slows down (v_m) .

■ The ratio for this is called the index of refraction (n).

• $n = \frac{c}{v_m}$

• Snell's law states the refraction: $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$.



Light: What's Normal?

- To determine which way the light bends (towards or away from the normal) think of a car driving or either a road or in mud.
 - As a car on the road (low n) hits mud (high n) the first tire will slow down and pull the car away from the normal.
 - As a car in the mud hits the road the first tire will pull the car towards the normal.
- This effect is how rainbows
 and prisms work. The bigger
 wavelengths (red) bends less
 than the shorter (blue) ones.



Example 2

A search light is being used to find a chest under the water. At what angle must the spotlight be shined?





 $n_{1}sin\theta_{1} = n_{2}sin\theta_{2}$ $1 \cdot sin\theta_{1} = 1.33 \cdot sin (31.218^{\circ})$ $\theta_{1} = sin^{-1} (.689)$



Light: Shrinking Sizes

In the last problem the water bent the searchlight. Remember with the mirror when images are reconstructed the image is seen from straight rays.

Observer

Apparent

depth = d' Actual

depth = d

□ This also can affect the apparent depth.

From directly overhead the apparent depth is defined as





Example 3

A swimmer kneels over the side of a pool and sees a coin at the bottom (3.00-m deep). How deep does the coin appear to be?

$$d' = d rac{n_2}{n_1}$$

 $d' = 3 - m rac{1}{1.33}$
 $d' = 2.26 - m$

d'= $n_1 = 1.33$ d = 3.00 - m $n_2 = 1.00$

Refraction: Special Case

When light in a denser medium (n₁) tries to pass into a thinner medium (n₂) if the angle is great enough the interface acts as a reflective surface (no light escapes).
 This is called the critical angle (n₁>n₂).



Types of Lenses





 Parallel to lens then through f.
 Straight through the Principle Axis.

3: Through **f** to lens then parallel.

Object Infinite: Small Inverted Real Image at f
Object Beyond C: Small Inverted Real Image between f-C
Object Between f-C: Large Inverted Real Image beyond C
Object within f: Large Erect Virtual Image beyond C (same side as image: like magnifying text)