

**i Department of Physics****Examination paper for TFY4195 Optics (Optikk)****Examination date: 2022-05-28****Examination time (from-to): 09.00 – 13.00****Permitted examination support material:** All support material is allowed**Academic contact during examination:** Prof. Mikael Lindgren**Phone: 41466510****Technical support during examination:** [Orakel support services](#)**Phone: 73 59 16 00**

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**1 For 10 free points, write something here:**

With a few sentences please indicate what you thought about this years version of the course, specifically around these issues:

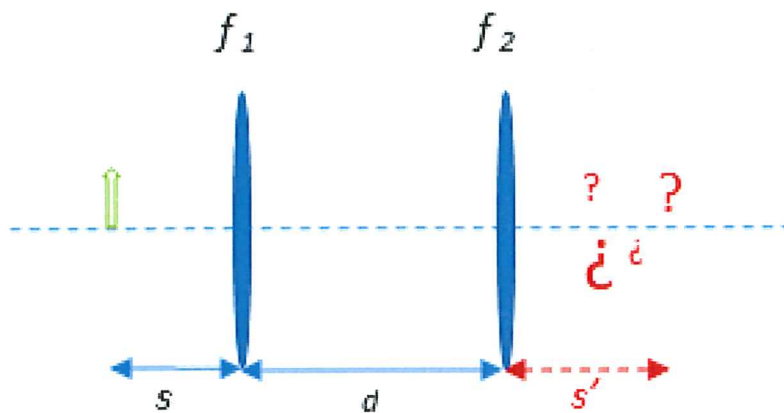
- a) What was the best part of the pensum/lectures?
- b) What parts can be improved?
- c) Total workload. Do you feel the content was appropriate for a basic course in optics? Anything missing, in that case what?
- c) How did the problem solving/assignments/labs balance in terms of workload? Pls indicate approximately how many hours /week you had to devote to the course on average throughout the semester.

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**Fill in your answer here**

Maximum marks: 10

- 2 Two lenses are used to make an image of an object placed at a distance  $s$  from lens 1 as shown in the cartoon below. Where do you expect to find the image ( $s'$ ) and what will the magnification ( $M_T$ ) be? (recall the sign conventions that apply, and all length units are in cm.) Specifically,  $s = 6$ ;  $d = 10$ ;  $f_1 = 15$ ;  $f_2 = 10$ .

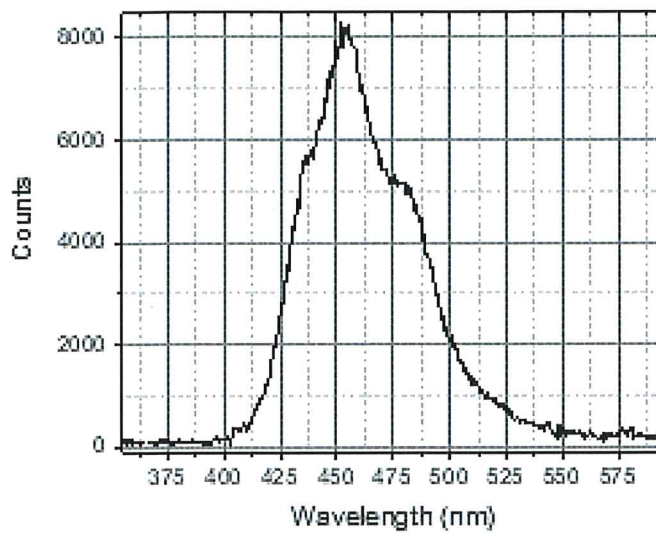


Select two alternatives:

- ☐  $M_T = -5/3$
- ☐  $M_T = -2/3$
- ☐  $M_T = -3/5$
- ☐  $s' = 6$
- ☐  $s' = 2$
- ☐  $s' = 20$
- ☐  $M_T = -3/2$

Maximum marks: 8

- 3 The plot shows the spectrum of a light source to be used in a Michelson interferometer experiment. What is the approximate coherence length of the source?



Select one alternative:

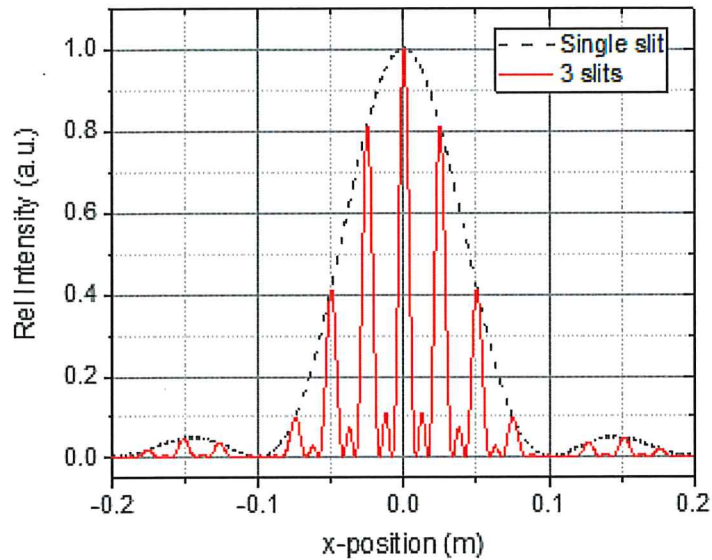
- ☐  $3.4\mu m$
- ☐  $22\mu m$
- ☐  $0.23mm$
- ☐  $0.061mm$

Maximum marks: 5



- 4 Marit is making multiple slit diffraction experiments with thin slits arranged vertically. On a screen some distance away (3 m) she records the diffraction patterns of a single slit and 3 slits, respectively, each being  $13\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  thin. Based on the recorded diffraction patterns shown below for a single slit and the 3 slit arrangement:

1) What was the wavelength used? 2) What was the separation  $a$ , between the 3 slits?



Select two alternatives:

- ☐  $a = 52\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- ☐  $\lambda = 632\text{ nm}$
- ☐  $a = 114\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- ☐  $\lambda = 439\text{ nm}$
- ☐  $\lambda = 770\text{ nm}$
- ☐  $a = 87\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Maximum marks: 8

- 5 Hildegunn is in the diffraction lab and just set up a Lloyd double slit experiment using two thin slits ( $10\mu\text{m}$ ) separated 0.20 mm. There is an eye safe laser available ( $\lambda = 600\text{nm}$ ) with small divergence and an exit aperture which is unknown. By directing the laser beam towards a wall far away she notices the spot is circular. She wants to check the diameter of the laser aperture using the spatial coherence phenomenon.

Keeping the laser quite far away (some 1-2 meters) on a rail, and directing the beam onto the double slits, she observes clearly (by closing the room lights) the diffraction pattern as simulated on the preparation assignment. Bringing the laser closer to the double slit the diffraction pattern eventually fades away at approx. 24 cm from the double slit.

What was the diameter of the laser aperture?

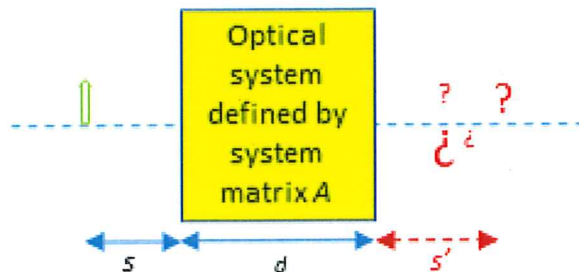
**Select one alternative:**

- ☐ 0.25 mm
- ☐ 0.88 mm
- ☐ 0.73 mm
- ☐ 1.0 mm

Maximum marks: 5

- 6 An optical system is used to make an image of an object placed at a distance  $s = 6$  from its entrance plane as shown in the cartoon below. Where do you expect to find the image ( $s'$ ) and what will the magnification ( $M_T$ ) be? The corresponding system matrix  $A$  (defined as in the Pedrotti book) is shown as an inset. (Recall the usual sign conventions that apply, and that all length units are in cm.)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & 6 \\ -1/12 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Select two alternatives:

- ☐  $s' = 6$
- ☐  $M_T = -3/2$
- ☐  $M_T = -5/3$
- ☐  $s' = 2$
- ☐  $s' = 20$
- ☐  $M_T = -2/3$
- ☐  $M_T = -3/5$

Maximum marks: 8



7 An electromagnetic wave propagating in the vacuum is given by the expression:

$$\vec{E}(x,t) = \hat{y} \cdot E_0 \cos \left[ 4\pi \cdot 10^{14} \left( \frac{x}{c} + t \right) \right]$$

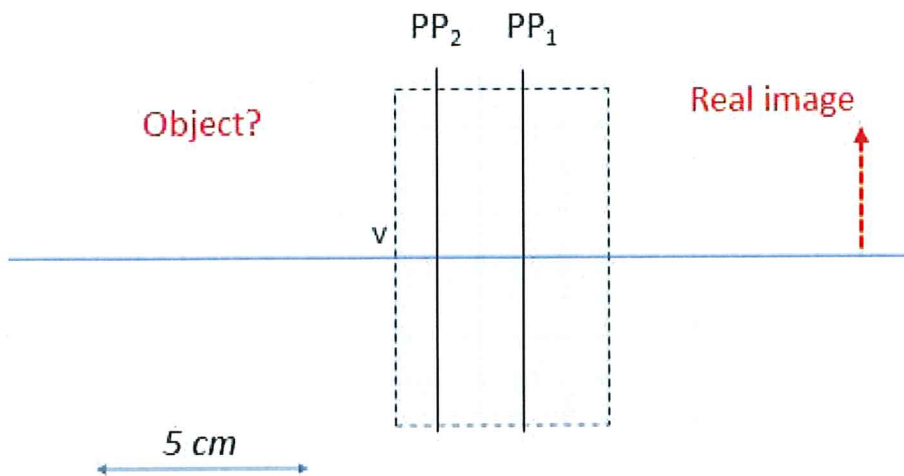
$c$  is the speed of light and  $E_0$  its electric field amplitude [V/m]. What is the wavelength and direction/strength of the magnetic field vector in relation to the electric field amplitude?

**Select two alternatives:**

- ☐  $\lambda = 1250nm$
- ☐  $\lambda = 1.0\mu m$
- ☐  $\lambda = 1.5\mu m$
- ☐  $B$  field amplitude :  $\hat{y}(E_0/c)$
- ☐  $B$  field amplitude :  $\hat{z}(E_0/c)$
- ☐  $\lambda = 500nm$
- ☐  $B$  field amplitude :  $-\hat{z}(E_0/c)$
- ☐  $B$  field amplitude :  $-\hat{y}(E_0/c)$

Maximum marks: 6

- 8 The principal planes of an optical system (dashed rectangle) are indicated in the cartoon below. It is also known that the front and back focal lengths are 5 cm. Where should an object (real) be placed ( $s_o$ : distance to the input plane at 'V') in order to form a real image as shown in the picture? What is the transversal magnification,  $M$  ?  
(The 5 cm arrow indicates the length scale.)

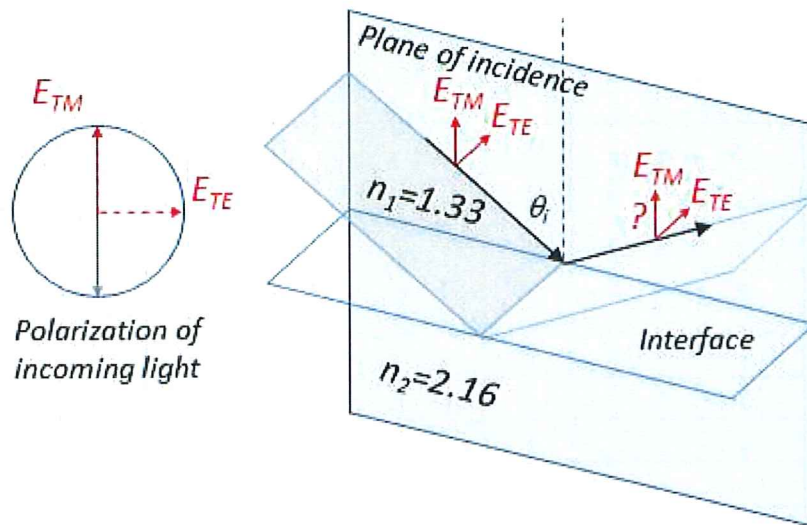


Select two alternatives:

- ☐  $s_o = 7$  cm
- ☐  $s_o = 3$  cm
- ☐  $M = +1$
- ☐  $M = +3/2$
- ☐  $s_o = 5$  cm
- ☐  $M = -1$
- ☐  $M = -3/2$

Maximum marks: 8

- 9 An p-polarized laserbeam (TM-mode) is impinging onto a water -  $\text{ZrO}_2$  (cubic phase) interface from the water side (see picture with essential refractive indices inserted). The angle of incidence  $\theta_i$  is  $58.4^\circ$ . What can you say about the fate of the laser light?

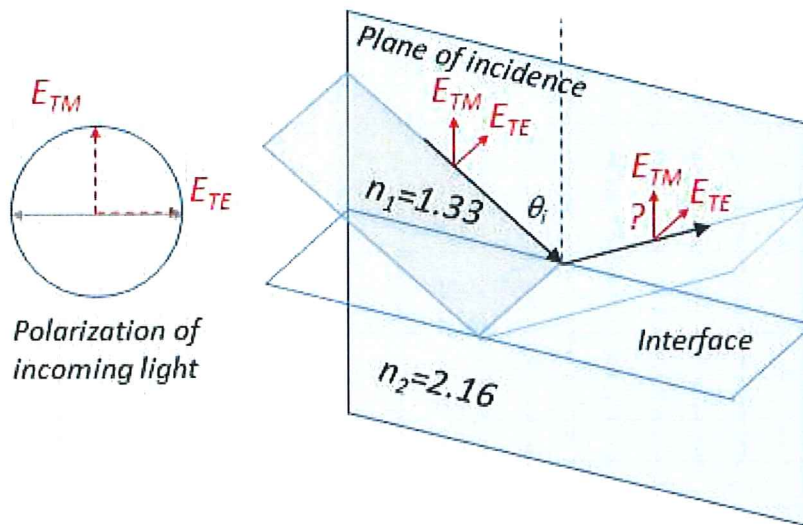


Select one alternative:

- ☐ Essentially all light is reflected.
- ☐ All transmitted light is circularly polarized.
- ☐ All reflected light is circularly polarized.
- ☐ Essentially no light is reflected.

Maximum marks: 4

- 10 An s-polarized laserbeam (TE-mode) is impinging onto water -  $\text{ZrO}_2$  (cubic phase) interface from the water side (see picture with essential refractive indices inserted). The angle of incidence  $\theta_i$  is  $58.4^\circ$ . What can you say about the fate of the laser light?

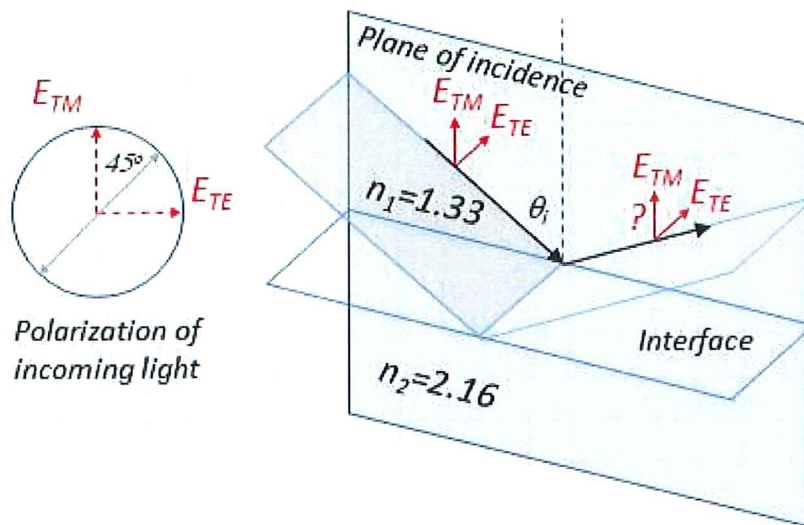


Select one alternative:

- ☐ Approx. 20% of the light is reflected.
- ☐ All reflected light is circularly polarized.
- ☐ All transmitted light is circularly polarized.
- ☐ Essentially no light is reflected.

Maximum marks: 4

- 11 An  $45^\circ$ -polarized laserbeam is impinging onto a water -  $\text{ZrO}_2$  (cubic phase) interface from the water side (see scheme with essential refractive indices inserted). The angle of incidence  $\theta_i$  is  $38.0^\circ$ . What can you say about the fate of the laser light?



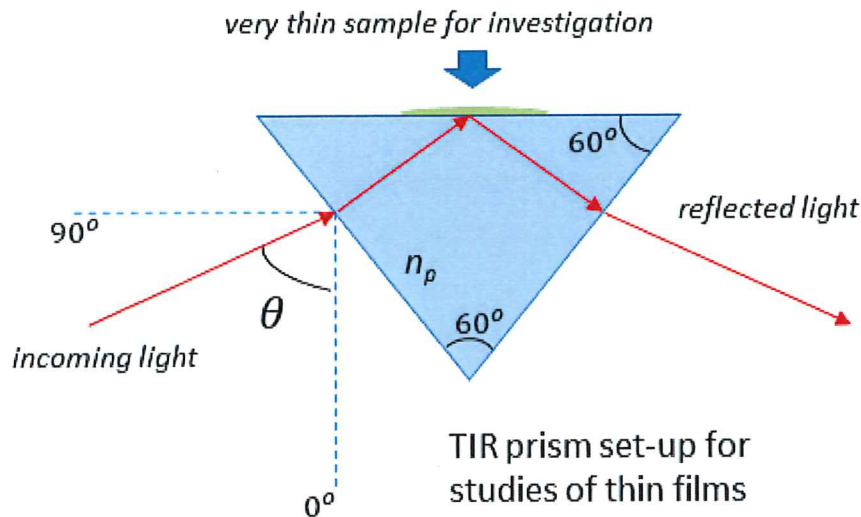
Select one alternative:

- ☐ All reflected light is linearly polarized.
- ☐ Essentially all light is reflected.
- ☐ Essentially no light is reflected.
- ☐ All transmitted light is circularly polarized.

Maximum marks: 4

- 12 Victoria is designing a total internal reflection (TIR) set-up using a prism for investigation of very thin films (thickness  $< 50 \text{ nm}$ ) as shown in the picture. Upon total internal reflection of unpolarized laser light ( $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$ ) the evanescent field at the top surface of the prism can sense a thin layer of sample. She wants to design a rotation arrangement but need to know exactly at what incident angles (defined as  $\theta$  in the figure below) the impinging light will experience total internal reflection inside the prism at the sample. Specifically, what will be the useful TIR angles  $\theta$  in the range  $0 - 90^\circ$ ?

The refractive index of the prism,  $n_p = 1.50$ . The surroundings can be considered to be air,  $n = 1.00$  (as the sample is very thin).



Select one alternative:

- ☐  $0^\circ - 41.81^\circ$
- ☐  $41.81^\circ - 60^\circ$
- ☐  $28.29^\circ - 90^\circ$
- ☐  $32.08^\circ - 90^\circ$
- ☐  $24.43^\circ - 90^\circ$

Maximum marks: 7



13 Please match the scientists with the description of their best known achievement.

2p for each correct answer. -1p for each wrongly checked answer.



Carl Freidrich Gauss  
1777 - 1855



James Clerk Maxwell  
1831 - 1879

Postulated the time-varying 'displacement current', to complete the magnetic curl equation and ultimately resulting in a unifying theory of electromagnetism.

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Pioneer in the understanding of induction, describing the relation between time-varying magnetic and electric fields.

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Made the first contemporary book on optics including phenomena of imaging, reflexions, refractions, diffraction and Colors..

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One of the first distinguished mathematicians that also rediscovered and become famous for the law of refraction for light at interfaces.

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Made important development in the description of lenses and imaging, but most famous for his mathematical ground-work paving the way for electromagnetics.

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Maximum marks: 4

14 Please match the scientists with the description of their best known achievement.

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Isaac Newton  
1643 - 1727



Willebrord Snellius  
1580-1626

One of the first distinguished mathematicians that also rediscovered and become famous for the law of refraction for light at interfaces.

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Postulated the time-varying 'displacement current', to complete the magnetic curl equation and ultimately resulting in a unifying theory of electromagnetism.

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Made important development in the description of lenses and imaging, but most famous for his mathematical ground-work paving the way for electromagnetics.

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Explained the laws of refraction by the *principle of least time*, but perhaps mostly known as mathematician for his 'last theorem'

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Made the first contemporary book on optics including phenomena of imaging, reflexions, refractions, diffraction and Colors..

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Maximum marks: 4

- 15 A photon emitted from a photochemical process has the energy 1.5 eV. What is the corresponding approximate wavelength in nanometers?

Select one alternative:

- ☐ 622 nm
- ☐ 829 nm
- ☐ 497 nm
- ☐ 414 nm
- ☐ 355 nm

Maximum marks: 5

- 16 An array of red LEDs (light emitting diodes) operating at 640 nm is used in a 'darkroom' for UV-sensitive cell cultures. The output power is 150 W. The array is arranged in a circular plane, covered by a plastic transparent (for red light) plastic shield, and can be considered to emit light in a homogeneous half-sphere, see figure. What is the resulting radiant intensity ( $I_e$ ) for the illumination source?

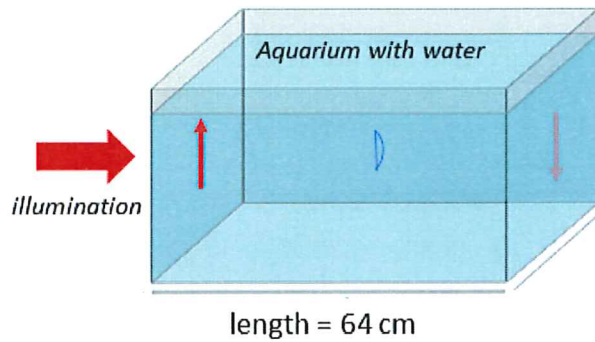


Select one alternative:

- ☐ 31.8 W/Sr
- ☐ 23.9 W/Sr
- ☐ 7.95 W/Sr
- ☐ 15.9 W/Sr

Maximum marks: 5

- 17 Miriam is doing some optical experiments with her old aquarium (see scheme below). She found a relatively thin plano-convex lens with the inscription ' $n = 1.750$ ', which we may assume is the refractive index of the glass material. Placing the lens in the middle of the aquarium she discovers that any object illuminated on either of the surfaces on the short sides of the aquarium, is forming a real image with the same size on the other side - but inverted. If the refractive index of the water is taken to be  $4/3$ , what is the radius of curvature of the non-flat side of the lens? (N.b. the lens is not drawn to scale.)



Select one alternative:

- ☐ 2.5 cm
- ☐ 5 cm
- ☐ 10 cm
- ☐ 16 cm
- ☐ 8 cm

Maximum marks: 5