36-6. (a) In combination with the small angle approximation  $(\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta)$ , we use Eq. 36-3 to calculate the separation between the first  $(m_1 = 1)$  and fifth  $(m_2 = 5)$  minima:

$$\Delta y = D\Delta \tan \theta \approx D\Delta \sin \theta == D\Delta \left(\frac{m\lambda}{a}\right) = \frac{D\lambda}{a}\Delta m = \frac{D\lambda}{a}(m_2 - m_1)$$

Solving for the slit width, we obtain

$$a = \frac{D\lambda(m_2 - m_1)}{\Delta y} = \frac{(400 \text{ mm})(550 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm})(5 - 1)}{0.35 \text{ mm}} = 2.5143 \text{ mm}$$

Without the small angle approximation (i.e., using  $\tan \theta = \sin \theta / \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$ ), we have:

$$\Delta y = D\left(\frac{m_2\lambda/a}{\sqrt{1 - (m_2\lambda/a)^2}} - \frac{m_1\lambda/a}{\sqrt{1 - (m_1\lambda/a)^2}}\right)$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta y}{D} = \left(\frac{m_2}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - m_2^2}} - \frac{m_1}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - m_1^2}}\right)$$

where  $\alpha = a/\lambda$ . Using Mathematica:

FindRoot[.35/400==5/Sqrt[alf^2-5^5]-1/Sqrt[alf^2-1^2],{alf,4545}]
Out[1]= {alf -> 4571.86}

So  $a = 4571.86 \times \lambda = 2.5145$  mm, i.e., much the same result.

(b) For m = 1,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m\lambda}{a} = \frac{(1)(.550 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{mm})}{2.51 \,\mathrm{mm}} = 2.19 \times 10^{-4} \;.$$

The angle is  $\theta = \sin^{-1}(2.19 \times 10^{-4}) = 2.19 \times 10^{-4}$  rad.

36-18. (a) We use Eq. 36-14:

$$\theta_{\rm R} = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{d} = \frac{(1.22)(540 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{mm})}{5.0 \,\mathrm{mm}} = 1.32 \times 10^{-4} \,\mathrm{rad} \;.$$

(b) The linear separation is  $D = L\theta_{\rm R} = (400 \times 10^3 \,{\rm m})(1.32 \times 10^{-4} \,{\rm rad}) = 52.7 \,{\rm m}.$ 

36-35. (a) The first minimum of the diffraction pattern is at  $5.00^{\circ}$ , so

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{0.440 \,\mu \mathrm{m}}{\sin 5.00^{\circ}} = 5.05 \,\mu \mathrm{m} \;.$$

- (b) Since the fourth bright fringe is missing,  $d = 4a = 4(5.05 \,\mu\text{m}) = 20.2 \,\mu\text{m}$ .
- (c) For the m = 1 bright fringe,

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi (5.05 \,\mu\text{m}) \sin 1.25^{\circ}}{0.440 \,\mu\text{m}} = 0.787 \text{ rad} .$$

Consequently, the intensity of the m = 1 fringe is

$$I = I_m \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}\right)^2 = (7.0 \text{ mW/cm}^2) \left(\frac{\sin 0.787 \text{ rad}}{0.787}\right)^2 = 5.70 \text{ mW/cm}^2,$$

which agrees with Fig. 36-43. Similarly for m = 2, the intensity is  $I = 2.9 \,\mathrm{mW/cm^2}$ , also in agreement with Fig. 36-43.

36-102. We use Eq. 36-14:

$$\theta_{\rm R} = 1.22 \, \frac{\lambda}{d} = \frac{D}{L}$$

Solve for d given:  $\lambda = 500 \times 10^{-9}$  m,  $d = 5 \times 10^{-3}$  m, and L = .25 m. The result is:  $D = 30.5 \ \mu$ m.

36-43. The angular positions of the first-order diffraction lines are given by  $d\sin\theta = \lambda$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  be the shorter wavelength (430 nm) and  $\theta$  be the angular position of the line associated with it. Let  $\lambda_2$  be the longer wavelength (680 nm), and let  $\theta + \Delta \theta$  be the angular position of the line associated with it. Here  $\Delta \theta = 20^{\circ}$ . Then,  $d\sin\theta = \lambda_1$  and  $d\sin(\theta + \Delta \theta) = \lambda_2$ . We write  $\sin(\theta + \Delta \theta)$  as  $\sin\theta \cos\Delta\theta + \cos\theta \sin\Delta\theta$ , then use the equation for the first line to replace  $\sin\theta$  with  $\lambda_1/d$ , and  $\cos\theta$  with  $\sqrt{1 - \lambda_1^2/d^2}$ . After multiplying by d, we obtain

$$\lambda_1 \cos \Delta \theta + \sqrt{d^2 - \lambda_1^2 \sin \Delta \theta} = \lambda_2 \; .$$

Solving for d, we find

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 \cos \Delta \theta)^2 + (\lambda_1 \sin \Delta \theta)^2}{\sin^2 \Delta \theta}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{[(680 \text{ nm}) - (430 \text{ nm}) \cos 20^\circ]^2 + [(430 \text{ nm}) \sin 20^\circ]^2}{\sin^2 20^\circ}}$$
$$= 914 \text{ nm} = .914 \ \mu\text{m} \ .$$

There are  $1/d = 1/(.914 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}) = 1090 \text{ rulings per mm}$ . With *Mathematica*: Solve[{.43==d Sin[t],.68==d Sin[t+Pi/9]},{t,d}]

Out[1]= {{d -> -0.91421, t -> -2.6519}, {d -> 0.91421, t -> 0.489689}}

## 36-52. (a) We find $\Delta \lambda$ from $R = \lambda / \Delta \lambda = Nm$ :

$$\Delta \lambda = \frac{\lambda}{Nm} = \frac{500 \,\mathrm{nm}}{(600/\mathrm{mm})(5.0 \,\mathrm{mm})(3)} = 0.056 \,\mathrm{nm} = 56 \,\mathrm{pm}$$

(b) Since  $\sin \theta = m_{\max} \lambda / d < 1$ ,

$$m_{\rm max} < \frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{(600/{\rm mm})(500 \times 10^{-6} \,{\rm mm})} = 3.3$$
 .

Therefore,  $m_{\text{max}} = 3$ . No higher orders of maxima can be seen.

36-57. We use Eq. 36-34. From the peak on the left at angle  $0.75^{\circ}$  (estimated from Fig. 36-44), we have

$$\lambda_1 = 2d\sin\theta_1 = 2(0.94\,\mathrm{nm})\sin(0.75^\circ) = 0.025\,\mathrm{nm} = 25\,\mathrm{pm}$$

This estimation should be viewed as reliable to within  $\pm 2 \,\mathrm{pm}$ . We now consider the next peak:

$$\lambda_2 = 2d\sin\theta_2 = 2(0.94 \,\mathrm{nm})\sin 1.15^\circ = 0.038 \,\mathrm{nm} = 38 \,\mathrm{pm}$$

One can check that the third (fourth) peak from the left is the second-order one for  $\lambda_1$  ( $\lambda_2$ ).

## grating.txt:

Looking at gratingA1.pdf I find the m = +4 maximum at y = 2.8 m.

$$\lambda = \frac{d\sin\theta}{m} = \frac{dy}{m\sqrt{D^2 + y^2}} = \frac{4.5 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 2.8}{4\sqrt{4^2 + 2.8^2}} = 0.645 \,\mu\mathrm{m}$$

It appears to me that there is a diffraction zero at y = 2 m, so

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\lambda \sqrt{D^2 + y^2}}{y} = \frac{.645 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2}}{2} = 1.44 \ \mu \text{m}$$

Looking at gratingA2.pdf I find 9 zeros between the m = 0 and m = +1 maximums; therefore N = 10

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Looking at the left plot, I find m = 1 peaks at y = .58 m and y = .75 m; d = 1/528 mm which is  $1.894 \mu$ m.

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{d\sin\theta}{m} = \frac{dy}{m\sqrt{D^2 + y^2}} = \frac{1.894 \times 10^{-6} \cdot .58}{\sqrt{2^2 + .58^2}} = 0.528 \ \mu\text{m}$$
$$\lambda_2 = \frac{d\sin\theta}{m} = \frac{dy}{m\sqrt{D^2 + y^2}} = \frac{1.894 \times 10^{-6} \cdot .75}{\sqrt{2^2 + .75^2}} = 0.665 \ \mu\text{m}$$

For  $m = 3, \lambda_1$  we have

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m\lambda_1}{d} = .8363 \Rightarrow y = D \tan \theta = 3.05 \text{ m}$$

whereas for  $m = 3, \lambda_2$  we have

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m\lambda_2}{d} = 1.05 \text{ impossible!}$$

I estimate a diffraction zero for  $\lambda_1$  at y = 2.5 m (with a rather large uncertainty, in fact I can't rule out y > 4 m).

$$a = \frac{\lambda_1}{\sin \theta} = 0.528 \ \mu \text{m} \ \frac{\sqrt{D^2 + y^2}}{y} = 0.68 \ \mu \text{m}$$