Diffraction & Interference

Question paper 3

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1 **(a)** Fig. 5.1 shows the variation with time t of the displacement y of a wave W as it passes a point P. The wave has intensity I.

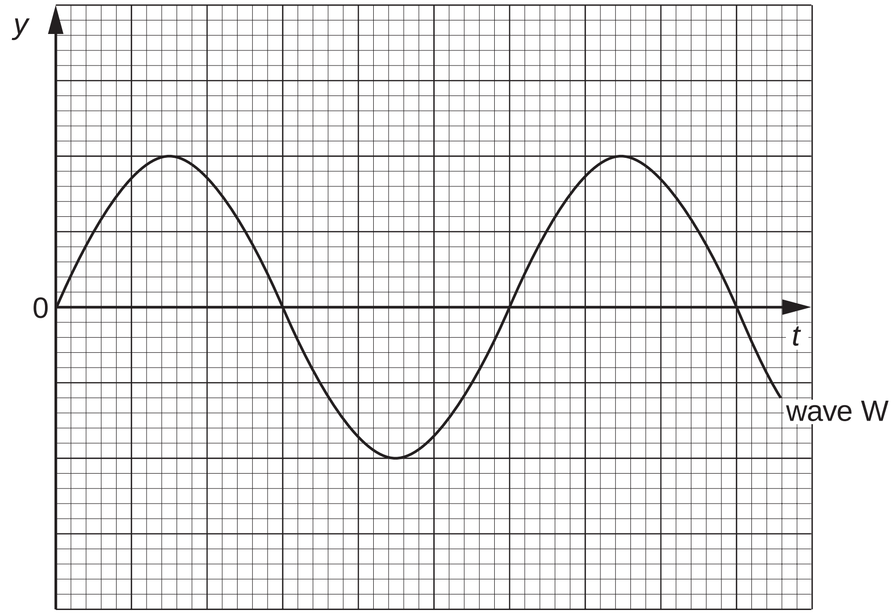

Fig. 5.1

A second wave X of the same frequency as wave W also passes point P.
This wave has intensity $\frac{1}{2}I$. The phase difference between the two waves is 60°.
On Fig. 5.1, sketch the variation with time t of the displacement y of wave X. [3]

(b) In a double-slit interference experiment using light of wavelength 540 nm, the separation of the slits is 0.700 mm. The fringes are viewed on a screen at a distance of 2.75 m from the double slit, as illustrated in Fig. 5.2 (not to scale).

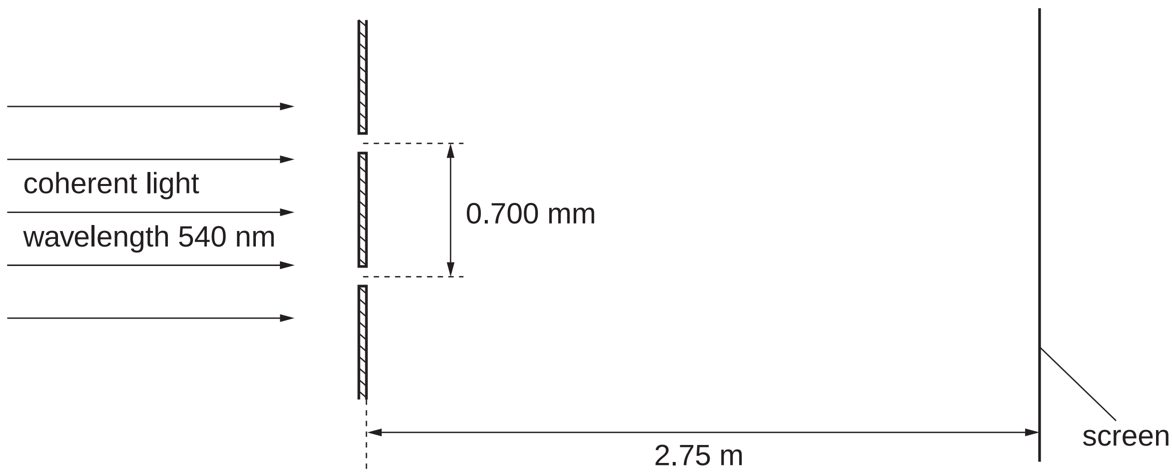

Fig. 5.2

Calculate the separation of the fringes observed on the screen.

separation = ... mm [3]

(c) State the effect, if any, on the appearance of the fringes observed on the screen when the following changes are made, separately, to the double-slit arrangement in **(b).**

(i) The width of each slit is increased but the separation remains constant.

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.... [3]

(ii) The separation of the slits is increased.

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.... [2]

2 **(a)** In order that interference between waves from two sources may be observed, the waves must be coherent.

Explain what is meant by

(i) *interference*,

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(ii) *coherence*.

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(b) Red light of wavelength 644 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating having 550 lines per millimetre, as illustrated in Fig. 4.1.

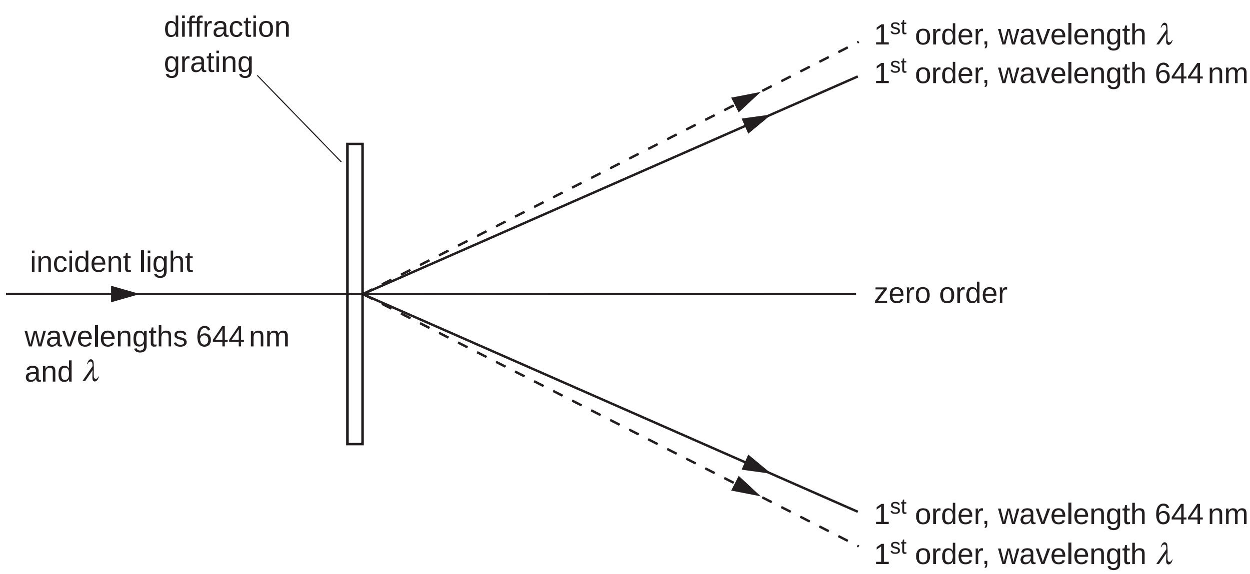

Fig. 4.1

Red light of wavelength λ is also incident normally on the grating. The first order diffracted light of both wavelengths is illustrated in Fig. 4.1.

(i) Calculate the number of orders of diffracted light of wavelength 644 nm that are visible on each side of the zero order.

number = ... [4]

(ii) State and explain

1. whether λ is greater or smaller than 644 nm,

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.... [1]

2. in which order of diffracted light there is the greatest separation of the two wavelengths.

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.... [2]

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3 **(a)** Explain what is meant by the *diffraction* of a wave.

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....[2]

(b) Light of wavelength 590 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating having 750 lines per millimetre.
The diffraction grating formula may be expressed in the form

$$d \sin\theta = n\lambda.$$

(i) Calculate the value of *d*, in metres, for this grating.

d = ... m [2]

(ii) Determine the maximum value of *n* for the light incident normally on the grating.

maximum value of *n* = ... [2]

(iii) Fig. 5.1 shows incident light that is not normal to the grating.

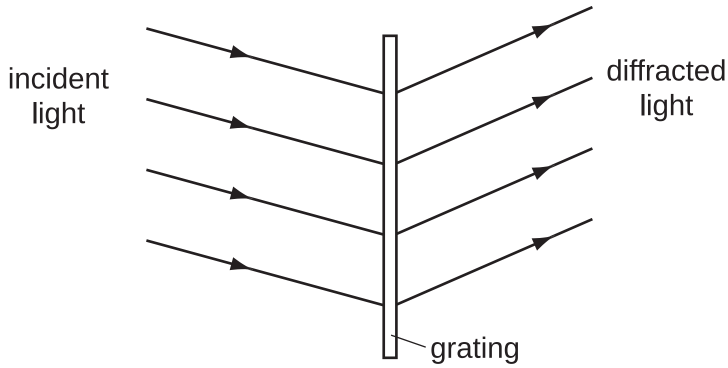

Fig. 5.1

Suggest why the diffraction grating formula, $d\sin\theta = n\lambda$, should **not** be used in this situation.

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(c) Light of wavelengths 590 nm and 595 nm is now incident normally on the grating.
Two lines are observed in the first order spectrum and two lines are observed in the second order spectrum, corresponding to the two wavelengths.
State two differences between the first order spectrum and the second order spectrum.

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2. ....

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4 Fig. 6.1 shows wavefronts incident on, and emerging from, a double slit arrangement.

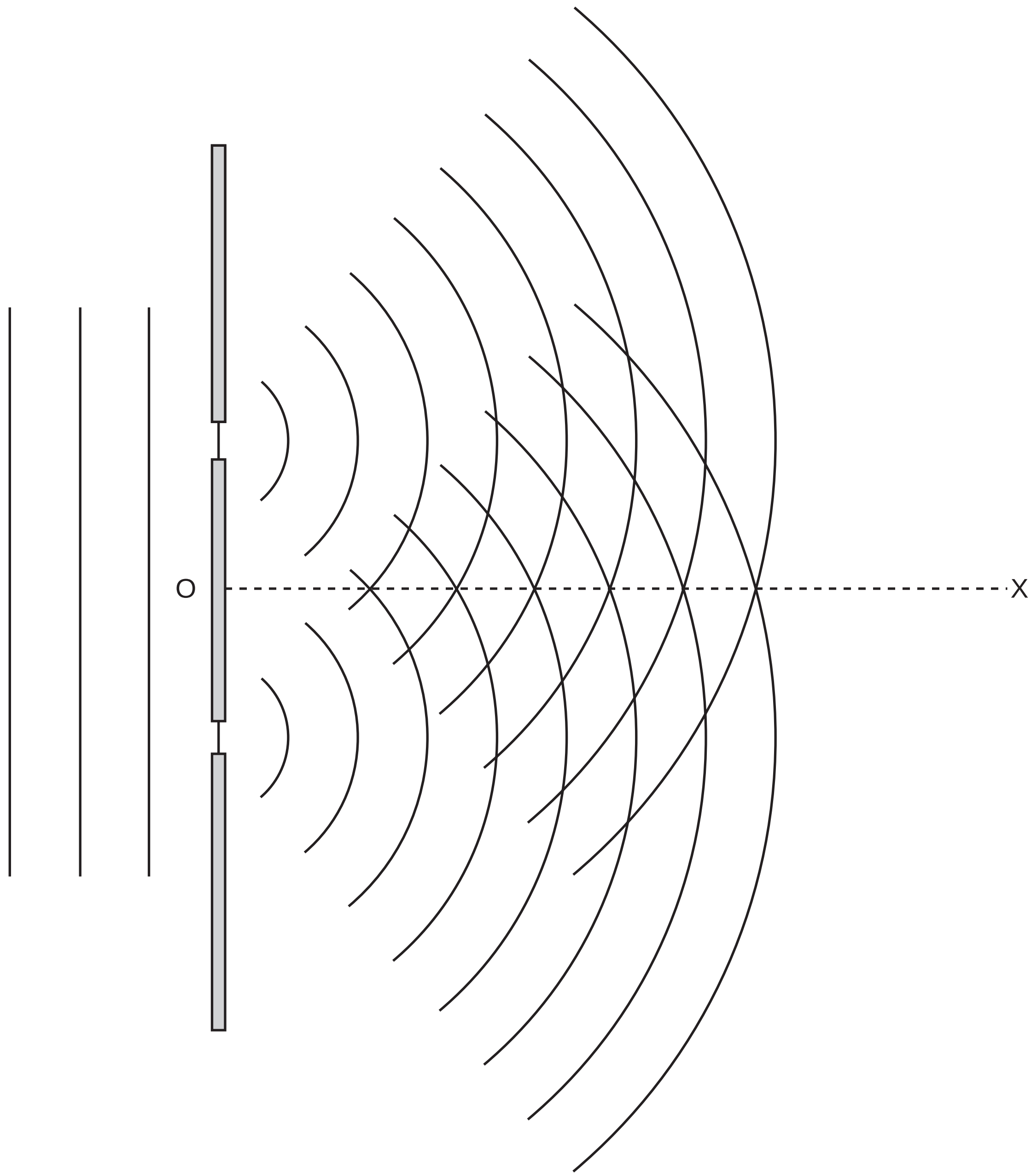

Fig. 6.1

The wavefronts represent successive crests of the wave. The line OX shows one direction along which constructive interference may be observed.

(a) State the principle of superposition.

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(b) On Fig. 6.1, draw lines to show

(i) a second direction along which constructive interference may be observed (label this line CC),

(ii) a direction along which destructive interference may be observed (label this line DD).

[2]

(c) Light of wavelength 650 nm is incident normally on a double slit arrangement. The interference fringes formed are viewed on a screen placed parallel to and 1.2 m from the plane of the double slit, as shown in Fig. 6.2.

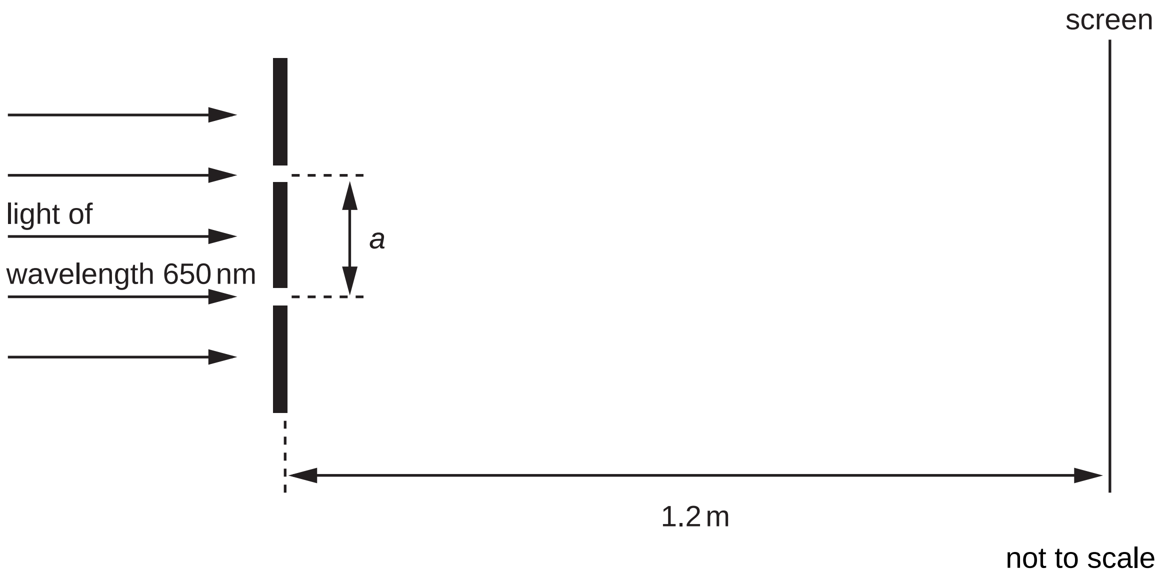

Fig. 6.2

The fringe separation is 0.70 mm.

(i) Calculate the separation *a* of the slits.

separation = ... m [3]

(ii) The width of both slits is increased without changing their separation *a*. State the effect, if any, that this change has on

1. the separation of the fringes,

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2. the brightness of the light fringes,

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3. the brightness of the dark fringes.

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[3]

5 **(a)** State what is meant by *diffraction* and by *interference*.

diffraction: ....

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interference: ....

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(b) Light from a source S_1 is incident on a diffraction grating, as illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

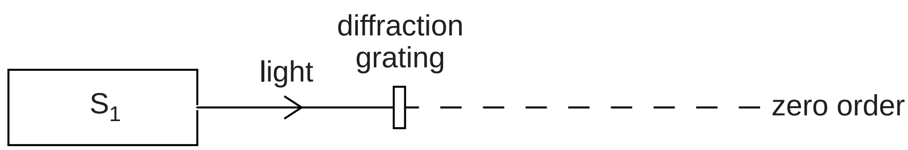

Fig. 6.1 (not to scale)

The light has a single frequency of 7.06×10^{14} Hz. The diffraction grating has 650 lines per millimetre.

Calculate the number of orders of diffracted light produced by the grating. Do not include the zero order.
Show your working.

number = ... [3]

(c) A second source S_2 is used in place of S_1. The light from S_2 has a single frequency lower than that of the light from S_1.

State and explain whether more orders are seen with the light from S_2.

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....[1]

6 **(a)** State what is meant by a *progressive wave*.

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(b) The variation with distance x along a progressive wave of a quantity y, at a particular time, is shown in Fig. 5.1.

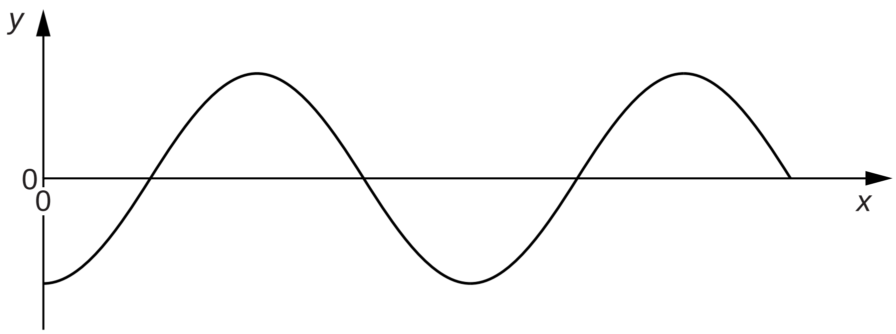

Fig. 5.1

(i) State what the quantity y could represent.

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.... [1]

(ii) Distinguish between the quantity y for

1. a transverse wave,

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.... [1]

2. a longitudinal wave.

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.... [1]

(c) The wave nature of light may be demonstrated using the phenomena of diffraction and interference.

Outline how diffraction and how interference may be demonstrated using light.
In each case, draw a fully labelled diagram of the apparatus that is used and describe what is observed.

diffraction

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interference

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[6]

7 **(a)** Fig. 4.1 shows the variation with time *t* of the displacement *x* of one point in a progressive wave.

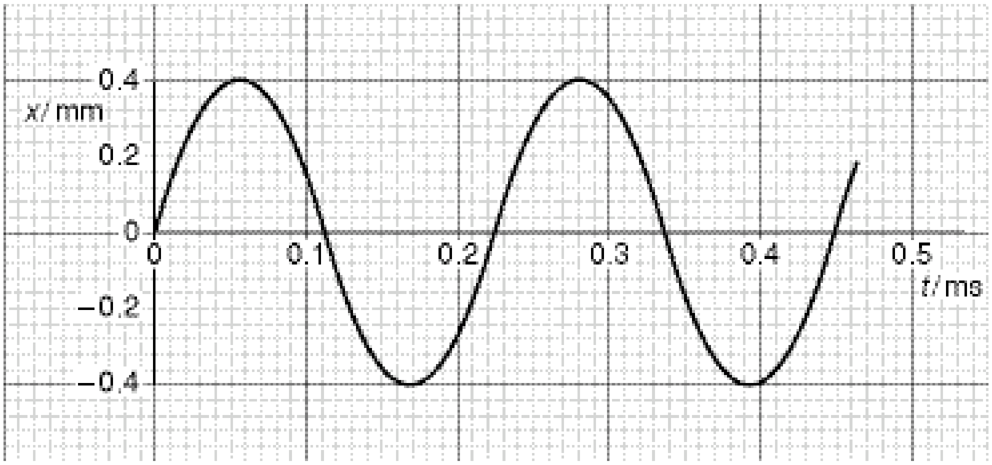

Fig. 4.1

Fig. 4.2 shows the variation with distance *d* along the same wave of the displacement *x*.

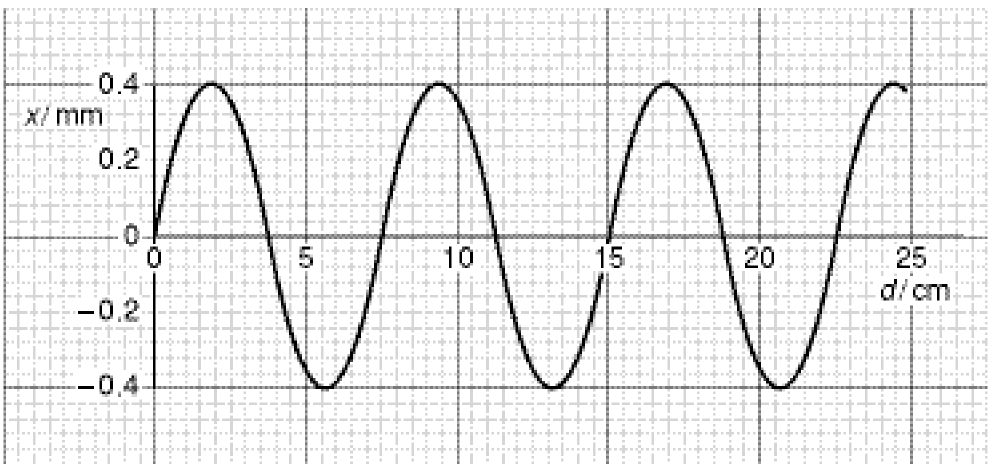

Fig. 4.2

(i) Use Figs. 4.1 and 4.2 to determine, for this wave,

1. the amplitude,

amplitude = ... mm

2. the wavelength,

wavelength = ... m

3. the frequency,

frequency = …………………………..……. Hz

4. the speed.

speed = …………………………….. m s^{-1}
[6]

(ii) On Fig. 4.2, draw a second wave having the same amplitude but half the frequency as that shown. [1]

(b) Light of wavelength 590 nm is incident at right angles to a diffraction grating having 5.80×10^5 lines per metre, as illustrated in Fig. 4.3.

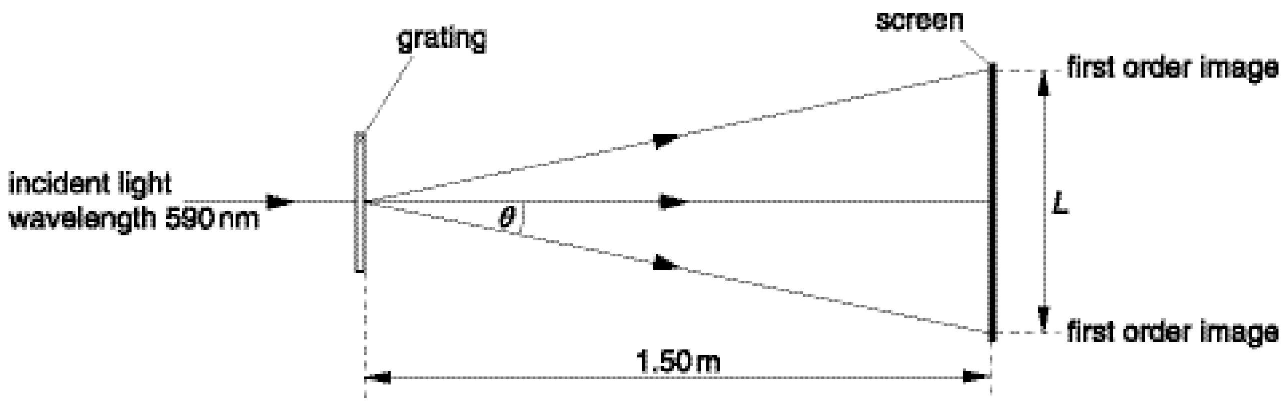

Fig. 4.3

A screen is placed parallel to and 1.50 m from the grating. Calculate

(i) the spacing, in µm, of the lines of the grating,

spacing = ... µm

(ii) the angle θ to the original direction of the light at which the first order diffracted image is seen,

angle = ... °

(iii) the minimum length *L* of the screen so that both first order diffracted images may be viewed at the same time on the screen.

length = …………………………………….. m
[5]