FR Double Slit Practice



- 1996B3. Coherent monochromatic light of wavelength λ in air is incident on two narrow slits, the centers of which are 2.0 mm apart, as shown above. The interference pattern observed on a screen 5.0 m away is represented in the figure by the graph of light intensity I as a function of position x on the screen.
- a. What property of light does this interference experiment demonstrate?
- b. At point P in the diagram, there is a minimum in the interference pattern. Determine the path difference between the light arriving at this point from the two slits.
- c. Determine the wavelength, λ , of the light.

2009B6. In a classroom demonstration, a beam of coherent light of wavelength 550 nm is incident perpendicularly onto a pair of slits. Each slit has a width w of 1.2 x 10⁻⁶ m, and the distance d between the centers of the slits is 1.8 x 10⁻⁵ m. The class observes light and dark fringes on a screen that is a distance L of 2.2 m from the slits. Your notebook shows the following setup for the demonstration.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

- (a) Calculate the frequency of the light.
- (b) Calculate the distance between two adjacent dark fringes on the screen.