ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY: RAJMAHENDRAVARAM
Single Major B.Sc. Physics (w.e.f:2023-24A.B)

SEMESTER-III
COURSE 5: OPTICS

Theory Credits: 3 3 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The course on Optics aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of the behaviour and properties of light and its interaction with matter.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain about the different aberrations in lenses and discuss the methods of minimizing them
2. Understand the phenomenon of interference of light and its formation in (i) Lloyd's single mirror due to division of wave front and (ii) Thin films, Newton's rings and Michelson interferometer due to division of amplitude.
3. Distinguish between Fresnel's diffraction and Fraunhoffer diffraction and observe the diffraction patterns in the case of single slit and the diffraction grating and to describe the construction and working of zone plate and make the comparison of zone plate with convex lens
4. Explain the various methods of production of plane, circularly and polarized light and their detection and the concept of optical activity.
5. Comprehend the basic principle of laser, the working of He-Ne laser and Ruby lasers and their applications in different fields. To understand the basic principles of fibre optic communication and explore the field of Holography and Nonlinear optics and their applications.

UNIT-I Aberrations

Introduction – monochromatic aberrations, spherical aberration, methods of minimizing spherical aberration, coma, astigmatism and curvature of field, distortion. Chromatic aberration-the achromatic doublet. Achromatism for two lenses (i) in contact and (ii) separated by a distance.

UNIT-II Interference

Principle of superposition – coherence Conditions for interference of light. Fresnel's biprism determination of wavelength of light –change of phase on reflection.Oblique incidence of a plane wave on a thin film due to reflected light (cosine law) –colors of thin films- Interference by a film with two non-parallel reflecting surfaces (Wedge shaped film). Determination of diameter of wire, Newton's rings in reflected light. Determination of wavelength of monochromatic light using Newton's rings and Michelson Interferometer.

UNIT-III Diffraction

Introduction, distinction between Fresnel and Fraunhoffer diffraction, Fraunhoffer diffraction – Diffraction due to single slit-Fraunhoffer, Fraunhofer diffraction pattern with N slits (diffraction grating). Resolving power of grating, Determination of wavelength of light in normal incidence using diffraction grating. Fresnel's half period zones-area of the half period zones-zone plate-comparison of zone plate with convex lens-difference between interference and diffraction.

UNIT-IV Polarisation

Polarized light: methods of polarization by reflection, refraction, double refraction, Brewster's law-Mauls law-Nicol prism polarizer and analyser, Quarter wave plate, Half wave plate-optical activity, determination of specific rotation by Laurent's half shade Polarimeter. Idea of elliptical and circular polarization

UNIT-V Lasers and Holography

Lasers: introduction, spontaneous emission, stimulated emission. Population Inversion, Laser principle-Einstein Coefficients-Types of lasers-He-Ne laser, Ruby laser- Applications of lasers. Holography: Basic principle of holography-Gabor hologram and its limitations, Applications of holography.

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REFERENCE BOOKS:

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2. A Text Book of Optics-N Subramanyam, L Brijlal, S. Chand& Co.
3. Unified Physics Vol. II Optics & Thermodynamics – Jai Prakash Nath & Co. Ltd., Meerut
4. Optics, F.A. Jenkins and H.G. White, Mc Graw-Hill
5. Optics, Ajay Ghatak, Tata Mc Graw-Hill.
6. Introduction of Lasers – Avadhanulu, S. Chand & Co.
7. Principles of Optics- BK Mathur, Gopala Printing Press, 1995