

30 Green laser light passes through a diffraction grating and forms an interference pattern.

The diffraction grating contains 400 lines per mm.

The wavelength of the laser light is 550 nm.

What is the highest order diffraction maximum produced by the grating?

- A** 4 **B** 5 **C** 8 **D** 9

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29 The equation $n\lambda = d\sin\theta$ can be used with a diffraction grating to find the wavelength of visible light.

Which quantity is **not** correct for use in this equation?

	symbol	quantity
A	d	distance from grating to screen
B	λ	wavelength of light
C	n	order of intensity maximum
D	θ	diffraction angle of intensity maximum

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30 A parallel beam of red light of wavelength 700 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating that has 400 lines per millimetre.

What is the total number of intensity maxima from the grating?

- A** 6 **B** 7 **C** 8 **D** 9

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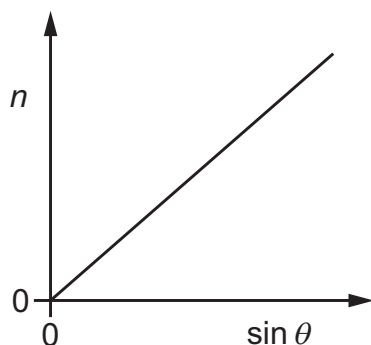
30 Light of wavelength 680 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating with 450 lines mm^{-1} .

What is the angle of diffraction of the second-order maximum in the diffraction pattern that is produced?

- A** 1.8° **B** 3.5° **C** 18° **D** 38°

- 29** A student uses a diffraction grating to determine the wavelength of visible light from a source.

The diffraction grating has 300 lines per mm. The student measures the angle θ of each order n of the intensity maxima. A graph of n against $\sin \theta$ is plotted. The line of best fit for the plotted points is shown and has gradient G .



Which expression represents the wavelength, in m, of the visible light in terms of G ?

- A** $3 \times 10^5 G$ **B** $3.3 \times 10^{-6} G$ **C** $\frac{3.3 \times 10^{-6}}{G}$ **D** $\frac{300}{G}$

- 28** An electromagnetic wave is incident normally on a diffraction grating.

A second-order maximum is produced at an angle of 30° to the direction of the incident light.

The grating has 5000 lines per cm.

What is the wavelength of the wave?

- A** $2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ **B** $5.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ **C** $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ **D** $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$

6 (a) State what is meant by diffraction.

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(b) Light of wavelength 720 nm in a vacuum is incident normally on a diffraction grating as shown in Fig. 6.1.

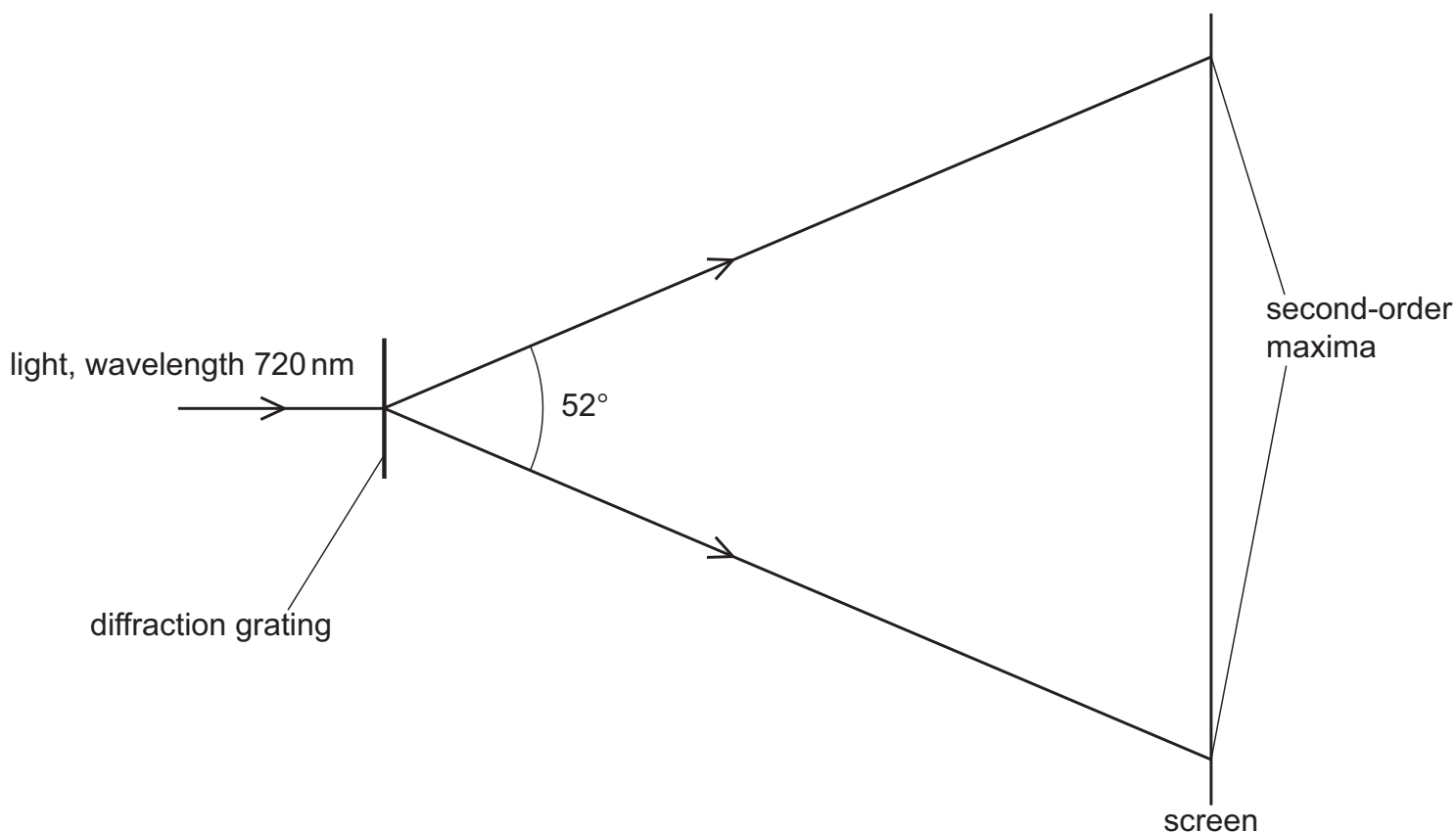


Fig. 6.1 (not to scale)

A screen is parallel to the grating. An interference pattern is seen on the screen and the angle between the **second**-order maxima is 52° .

(i) Calculate the frequency of the light.

frequency = Hz [2]

- (ii) Calculate the number of lines per unit length in the diffraction grating.

number per unit length = m^{-1} [3]

- (iii) The light in Fig. 6.1 is now replaced with light of a different wavelength λ . It is observed that the third-order maxima of this light are at the same positions as the second-order maxima of the light in Fig. 6.1.

Calculate, in nm, the wavelength λ .

$\lambda =$ nm [2]

[Total: 8]

- 29** Light of wavelength 567 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating. The grating has 400 lines per mm. A number of diffraction maxima are observed on the far side of the grating.

What is the angle between the second-order maximum and the third-order maximum?

- A** 13.1° **B** 13.9° **C** 15.9° **D** 27.0°