REFRACTION

This is the bending of light when it passes from one medium to another of different optical densities.

Illustration.

Refraction occurs because light travels at different speed in the different media.

Description

(a) Rays and lines

Ray AO is called incident ray.---This is the ray that fall/strikes the boundary at the normal in the first medium.

Ray OB is called the refracted ray.---Refracted ray is the ray that leaves the boundary at the normal in the second medium and on the opposite side of the incident ray.

Line PQ is called the normal.---The normal is an imaginary line at right angle to the boundary and separates the incident ray and the refracted ray.

Line XY is called the boundary.---The boundary is the line that separates the two media. It is the line where refraction occurs.

(b) Angles

Angle, i is the angle of incidence.
This is the angle formed between the incident ray and the normal.

Angle, \( r \) is called angle of refraction.

The angle of refraction is the angle formed between the refracted ray and the normal.

NOTE: The light ray is refracted towards the normal when it travels from a less dense medium to a denser medium and then refracted away from the normal if it travels from a denser medium to a less dense medium.

Principle of Reversibility of light

It states that if a light ray (path) after suffering a number of refractions is reversed at any stage, it travels back to the source along the same path with the same refraction.

REFRACTION can also be defined as the change in speed of light when it moves from one medium to another of different optical densities.

N.B

When a ray of light enters an optically denser medium, it is bent towards the normal and when it enters a less dense medium it is bent away from the normal.
LAWS OF REFRACTION OF LIGHT

1. The incident ray, the refracted ray and the normal ray at the point of incidence all lie on the same plane.
2. The ratio sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction is constant (Snell’s law) for any given pair of media
   i.e. \( \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \text{constant (n)} \) where n – refracted index of the medium containing the refracted ray.

**Refractive index**

It is the ratio of sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction for a ray of light moving from one medium to another of different optical densities.

Example

1. A glass material has a refractive index \( n = 1.5 \). Find the angle of refraction, if the ray of light moves from air to glass as shown below.

   Refractive index \( n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \)

   \[ 1.50 = \frac{\sin 60}{\sin r} \]
\[ \sin r = \frac{\sin 60}{1.50} \]

\[ r = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sin 60}{1.50}\right) \]

**EXPERIMENT TO VERIFY SNELL’S LAW**

A glass block is placed on a white sheet of paper and its outline ABCD drawn as shown below.

The glass block is then removed using a protractor; the normal is drawn at a point to 0 along AB and an angle of incidence \( i \) measured.

Pins \( P_1 \) and \( P_2 \) are fixed on the line making an angle of \( I \) to the normal and the glass block replaced on its outline ABCD.

While looking through side CD, two other pins \( p_3 \) and \( p_4 \) are fixed so as to appear in lines of images \( p_1 \) and \( p_2 \).

The glass block, pins \( p_3 \) and \( p_4 \) are removed and a line drawn through points where \( p_3 \) and \( p_4 \) were fixed. This line is called the emergent ray. It is drawn through 0 to meet CD at E.

Point 0 is joined to E. The line is called the refracted ray.

The angle of refraction \( r \) is measured.

The experiment is repeated using other angles of incident 20, 30, 40, and 50.

The values of \( i, r \) are tabulated as shown.

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A graph of $\sin i$ against $\sin r$ is plotted. A straight line graph through the origin verifies Snell’s law.

NB: The slope of the graph gives the refractive index of the glass

$$\text{Slope } n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

Absolute refractive index

Is the ratio of sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction for a ray of light moving from air (vacuum) to another medium of different optical density.

$$n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \text{ the angle incident } i \text{ should in air or vacuum.}$$

REFRACTION ON PLANE PARALLEL BOUNDARIES

The refractive index of $n$ of the medium is denoted by $n_1$, $n_2$ for a ray of light moving from medium 1 to medium 2. The refractive index of a ray of light moving from glass to water is written as $g \cap w = \frac{nw}{ng}$ where $ng$ and $nw$ are absolute refractive indices of glass and water respectively.

So $n_2 = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \leftrightarrow n_1 \sin i = n_2 \sin r$

**Question**

Figure above shows a glass slab of uniform thickness, lying horizontally. Above it is a layer of water. A ray of light PQ is incident upwards on a lower surface of the glass and is refracted successively at A, B and C, the points where it crosses the interfaces. Calculate

(i) angle $x$, 
(ii) angle \( \gamma \), and

(iii) the refractive index for light passing from the water to glass. (Refractive indices of glass and water are \( 3/2 \) and \( 4/3 \) respectively.)

EFFECTS OF REFRACTION ON PLANE SURFACES

Refraction on plane surface causes

- A partially immersed stick in water at an angle to appear bent at the boundary between air and water.
- A stick placed upright in water appears shorter
- A swimming pool or well or pond appears shallower than it’s actual size

An object placed under the glass block appears nearer

Explanation of the effects of refraction

Rays of light from point B on the stick move from water to air i.e. from a dense medium to a less dense medium. On reaching the surface of water, they are bent away from the normal. On entering the eye of the observer, rays appear to come from point C which is the image of B on the object.

REAL AND APPARENT DEPTH
An object 0 placed below a water surface appears to nearer to the top when viewed from above. The depth corresponding to apparent depth

The actual depth of an object, below the liquid surface is called the real depth.

**Relationship between real apparent depth and refractive index**

Refractive index $n = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$

Using the principal of reversibility of light $\sin i = \frac{AB}{BI}$, $\sin r = \frac{AB}{BO}$

$$n = \frac{AB}{BI} \div \frac{AB}{BO}$$

$$= \frac{AB}{BI} \times \frac{BO}{AB} \iff n = \frac{BO}{BI}$$

If B is close to A, BO = A0 and BI = AI

$n = \frac{AO}{AI}$ but A0 is the real depth

AI is the apparent depth

Hence $n = \frac{\text{real depth}}{\text{apparent depth}}$
**Principal of reversibility of light**

It states that when the direction of ray of light is reversed, it follows exactly the same path as before.

\[ \alpha \cap g = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \]  

(i)

\[ g \cap a = \frac{\sin r}{\sin i} \]  

(ii)

\[ \alpha \cap g = \frac{1}{g \cap a} \text{ or } g \cap a = \frac{1}{\alpha \cap g} \]

**Examples**

1. A swimming pool appears to be only 1.5m deep. If the refractive index of water is \( \frac{4}{3} \) calculate the real depth of water in the pool.

\[ n = \frac{\text{real dept} h}{\text{apparent dept} h} \]

\[ \frac{4}{3} = \frac{r}{1.5} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \frac{4 \times 1.5}{3} = 2.0 \text{m} \]

2. A coin is placed at the bottom of the beaker which contains water at a depth of 8cm. how much does the coin viewed from above appears to be raised ( take n to be \( \frac{4}{3} \) )

**Question**

1. A pin at the bottom of the beaker containing a transparent liquid at a depth of 24cm is apparently displaced by 6cm. Calculate the refractive index of the liquid.

**Determination of refractive index by apparent depth method**
A glass block placed vertically over a cross (x) drawn on a white sheet of paper as shown above.

A pin is clamped on a sliding cork adjacent the block, it is moved up and down until there is no parallax between it and the image of the cross (x) seen through the block.

The real depth and apparent depth x are measured and the refractive index is then calculated from

\[ n = \frac{\text{real depth } h(y)}{\text{apparent depth } h(x)} \]

**Determination of refractive index using a triangular prism**

A prism is placed on a white sheet of paper and it’s outline drawn as shown below.

![Prism Diagram]

Two object pins \( p_1 \) and \( p_2 \) are fixed upright on side AC and while looking through the prism for side AB, two other pins \( p_3 \) and \( p_4 \) are fixed such that they appear to be in line with images of \( P_1 \) and \( P_2 \), the prism is removed, a line drawn through \( P_1 \) and \( P_2 \) another drawn through \( P_3 \) and \( P_4 \).

Points M and N are joined by a straight line and normal ST drawn at a point M as shown. Angle i and r are measured

The procedure is replaced to obtain different values of i and r and the results tabulated as shown.

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A graph of \( \sin i \) against \( \sin r \) is plotted. The slope of the graph is the refractive index of the prism.
DEVIATION THROUGH PRISMS

A mono chromatic light incident on a prism changes its direction (deviates) as it is entering the prism as shown.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Deviation on face AB, } d_1 &= i_1 - r_1 \\
\text{Deviation on BC, } d_2 &= i_2 - r_2 \\
\text{Total deviation } d &= d_1 + d_2 = (i_1 - r_1) + (i_2 - r_2) \\
&= (i_1 + i_2) - (r_1 + r_2)
\end{align*}
\]

But \( A = r_1 + r_2 \)

Hence deviation \( d = (i_1 + i_2) + A \)

EXAMPLE 1

A prism of refractive 1.5 and refractive angle 60° has an angle of refraction of 28° on the 1st face. Determine

a) angle of incidence \( i \)
b) angle of refraction on 2nd face \( r_2 \)
c) angle of emergency \( i_2 \)
d) angle of deviation \( d \)

\textbf{Solutions}

a) \( \cap a \sin i = \cap g \sin r \)

\[
1 \times \sin i = \sin 1.5 \times \sin 28
\]

i = \sin^{-1} (1.5 \times 28) = 44.7°

b) \( A = r_1 + r_2 \)

\[
\begin{align*}
60 &= 28 + r_2 \\
r_2 &= 60 - 28 \\
r_2 &= 32°
\end{align*}
\]
c) Applying Snell’s law on face 2
\[ n_g \sin \tau = n_a \sin i_2 \]
\[ 1.5 \sin 32 = 1 \sin i_2 \]
\[ i_2 = \sin^{-1}(1.5 \sin 32) \]
\[ i_2 = 52.64^0 \]

d) \[ d = d_1 + d_2 \]
\[ = (i_1 + i_2) - A \]
\[ = (44.7 + 52.64) - 60 \]
\[ = 37.34^0 \]

TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION

This is the phenomenon by which all light travelling from an optically dense medium to a less dense medium is reflected back in the dense medium, when the angle of incidence in the dense medium is greater than the critical angle.

![Diagram of total internal reflection](image)

**Conditions for total internal refraction to occur**

Light should travel from an optically dense medium to a less dense medium

The angle of incidence in the dense medium should be greater than the critical angle.

**How does total internal reflection arise?**

Consider a ray of light in the dense medium for which the angle of incidence is less than the critical angle, the ray produces a weak reflected ray and a strong reflected ray as shown in (i)
When the angle of incidence is increased to a critical angle, the angle of refraction is $90^0$

Critical angle $c$: this is the angle of incidence in a more optically dense medium for which the angle of reflection is $90^0$

When the angle of incidence is increased beyond the critical angle, total internal reflection occurs as shown below in (ii)

APPLICATION OF TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION

In reflecting prisms which are in binoculars, periscopes and cameras e.g. i) Turning a ray through $90^0$

i) Turning a ray through $180^0$
ii) Turning a ray through 360°

Optical light pipes

The inner surface has slightly higher refractive index than the outer surface making it slightly denser medium. Light can be trapped by total internal reflection inside a bent glass rod and piped along a curved path as shown above.

Optical fibres can be used by doctors and engineers to light up some awkward spot for inspection. Modern telephone cables are optical fibres using laser light.

EFFECTS OF TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION

This can happen when the air nearer the surface of the ground is less dense than the above. Cool air is dense than warm air.
Light from the sky is gradually refracted away from the normal as it passes from denser layer of air to less dense layers.

When light meets a layer at angles of incidences greater than the critical angle, it suffers total internal reflection.

The reflection of the sky forms an image which appears as a pool of water on the road.

**Fish’s eye view**

- A fish in water can have a water field of view as it can see an object normally at A.
- If angle i is less than the critical angle, it can see an object B by reflection.

It can also see an object as the bank C of lake if the angle of incidence is equal to the critical angle.

And if i is greater than the critical angle an object at D can be seen by total internal reflection.

**Refractive index at critical angle.**

Applying Snell’s law at the interface,

\[
ng \cdot \sin \theta = na \cdot \sin 90 = 1
\]

\[
ng = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}
\]
Example:

1. Find the critical angle of a medium of reflective index 1.5

\[ \sin C = \frac{1}{n} \implies C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1.5}\right) = 41.8^0 \]

**LENSES**

These are two types:

(i) Convex/converging lenses
(ii) Concave/diverging lenses

Convex lens

![Convex Lens Diagram]

Concave lens

![Concave Lens Diagram]

Terms used:
1. Principal axis is a line joining the principal focus and the optical Centre.
2. Principal focus of a convex lens is a point on the principal axis to which all rays originally parallel and close to the principal axis converge after refraction by the lens.
3. Principal focus of a concave lens: This is appoint on the principal axis to which all rays originally parallel and close to the principal axis appear to diverge after refraction.
4. Focal length: This is the distance between the principal focus and the optical centre.
5. Optical centre: this is the centre of the lens at which rays pass un deviated.

**CONSTRUCTION OF RAY DIAGRAM**
In constructing ray diagram, 2 of the 3 principal rules are used.
1. A ray parallel to the principal axis is refracted through the focal point.

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2. A ray through the optical centre passes un deviated i.e. is not refracted.

3. A ray through the principal focus emerge parallel to the principal axis after refraction.
Images formed by convex lenses:

The nature of the image formed in a convex lens depends on the position of the object from the lens.

(a) Object beyond 2f

(b) Object at 2f

C) Object between f and 2f

(c) Object at f
Object between F and C

When the object is placed between f and c, the image is magnified and this is why the convex is known as a magnifying glass.

**Image Formation in a Concave Lens**

**Power of a lens**

It is defined as the reciprocal of focal length in meters

\[
\text{Power of lens} = \frac{1}{f} \text{ in meters where } f \text{ – length.}
\]

S.I units of power of the lens is dioptres (D)

Example

1. Calculate the power of the focal length 10cm.
\[ P = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{0.01} = 10D \]

2. Find the power of the lens whose focal length is 20 cm
\[ P = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{0.2} = 50 \]
OR
\[ F = 20\text{cm} = \frac{50}{100} = 0.2\text{m} \]

**Magnification of the lens**

It is defined as the ratio of the image height to object height.

\[ M = \frac{h_I}{h_o} \]

OR

It is the ratio of image distance to object distance from the lens

\[ M = \frac{v}{u} \]

where \(-v\) – image distance

\( U \) – Object distance

**Determination of image position by graphical method**

Same rules are used.

1. A lens is represented by a line on a graph paper. Scale must be used.

E.g. object 5 cm tall is placed 15 cm away from a lens of focal length 10 cm by construction.

Determine the position, size and nature of the final image (use a scale 1:5cm)
Question

1. A simple magnifying glass of focal length 5cm forms an erect image of the object 25cm from the lens. By graphical method, find the distance between the object and image
   
   Calculate the magnification.
   
   Diag

2. An erect object 5cm high is placed at a point 25cm from a convex lens. A real image of the object is formed 25 cm high.
   
   Construct a ray diagram and use it to find the focal length of the lens

3. An object is placed at right angle to the principal axis of the thin covering lens of focal length 10cm. A real image of height 5cm is formed at 30cm on a lens. by construction, find the position and height of the object (use 1cm :5cm)

**Determination of focal lens of a convex lens**

a) Method 1 rough method

   Procedure
   
   A converging lens with a screen on one side is placed some distance from the distant object e.g. a window as shown.

   ![](image)

   f – focal length
   The screen is moved away or towards the lens until the sharp of the window is formed on the screen.
   The distance between the lens and the screen is measured and this is its focal length f.
   N.B – the value of f obtain by above method is …because rays of light from the window are assumed to be parallel may not be perfectly parallel.

b) **Determination of focal length using on illuminated object.**
Procedure
- A lens is set up in a suitable holder with a plane mirror behind it so that light passing through the lens is reflected back as shown above.
- Across wire is used as the object in a hole of a white screen. It is illuminated by the bulb.
- The position of the lens is adjusted until a sharp image of the object is formed on the screen along side the object.
- The distance between the lens and the screen is measured, this gives the focal length of the lens.

(c) Using lens formula method
- The lens is set up in front of an illuminated object so that a real image is formed on a white screen placed on the opposite side.
- The lens is then adjusted so that the image is sharply in focus.
- The object distance $u$ and image distance $v$ from the lens is measured.

- Several pairs of values of $u$ and $v$ are found and the results entered in a suitable table, including values of $\frac{1}{u}$, $\frac{1}{v}$ and the mean value of $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$ determined.
- Focal length is calculated from: $f = \frac{uv}{u+v}$

Application of lenses
Lenses are used in
- Lens camera
OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS

1. **The lens camera**
   This is an optical instrument like the eye, light enters the camera through the convex lens which focuses light onto the film.
   The film contains a chemical that changes behavior on exposure light.
   It is developed to give a negative from which a photograph is made by printing.

   ![Camera Diagram]

   The camera is focused by varying the distance between the lens and the film. The lens is mounted on a screw thread so that, it can be moved in and out for near objects, the lens is moved away from the film.
   The amount of light entering the camera is controlled by the
   1. shutter, which opens for a certain length of the time to expose the film to the light
   2. Aperture (hole) through which light enters the camera by varying its size
   3. Diaphragm, this changes the size of the aperture. a stope is made of a sense of metal plates which can be moved to increase the aperture size

THE EYE
Functions of the parts of the eye .
1. Lens
   The lens inside the eye is convex . it’s sharp , it changes in order to focus light.
2. Ciliary muscle
   These alter the focal length of lens by changing its shape so that the eye can focus on image on the retina.
3. The iris
   This is the coloured position of the eye. It controls the amount of light entering the eye by regulating the size of the pupil
4. The retina
   This is a light sensitive layer at the back of the eye where the image is formed.
5. The optic nerve
   It is the nerve that transmits the image on the retina to the brain for interpretation.
6. The cornea
   It is the protective layer and it also partly focuses light entering the eye

**Accommodation**
This is the process by which the human eye changes its size so as to focus the image on the retina. This process makes the eye to see both near and far objects.

**EYE DEFECTS AND THEIR CORRECTIONS**

The normal eye can see objects clearly placed at infinity ( far point) to see objects in greater details the eye sees it at the near point i.e 25cm

**TYPES OF EYE DEFECTS**

a) Short sightedness
b) Long sightedness
SHORT SIGHTEDNESS
A person with short sightedness can see near objects clearly but distant objects are blurred. The furthest point at which one can see the objects clearly is the far point. An object which is further than the far point is focused in front of the retina.

Correction of shortsightedness

A concave lens is placed in front of the eye to make the light diverge so that it appears to come from the near point when its actually coming far away as shown above.

LONGSIGHTEDNESS
A long sighted person can see distant objects clearly but those that are near are blurred. The nearest point at which the person can see an object clearly is called near point. an object placed near than the near point is focused behind the retina as shown below.

Correction of long sightedness

A convex lens is placed in front of the eye to make the light parallel, so that it appears to come from a distant object as shown above.

Similarities and differences between the eye and camera
Similarities
The camera consists of the (a) light proof box painted black inside the eye it is fitted with a black pigment in to it to prevent stray reflection of light
Both have converging lens that focus light from the external objects
Both have light sensitive parts, the camera has a film while the eye has a retina.
Both have a system that controls the amount of light entering them
In the eye, iris is responsible and diaphragm does the same function in the camera.

Differences
The eye lens is a biological organ while that of a camera is made out of glass.
The distance between the eye lens and the retina is fixed while that between the camera lens and the film can be varied.
The eye focuses image by changing the shape of the lens, in a camera the image is focused by changing the distance between the lens and the film.

THE SLIDE PROJECTOR

Functions of the parts of the slide projection
1. Lamp – it gives small but very high intensity source of light. It is suitable at the center of curvature of a convex mirror.
2. Concave mirror – it is placed behind the light source. It reflects all lights forward.
3. Condenser lens – it converges light through the slide on to the projector lens
4. Convex projector lens – it focuses the image of the slide on the screen
5. The fan- cools the light source once a lot of heat is produced
6. Heat shield – it shield the slide from heat produced by the light source
7. The slide – this is where the object is placed
8. Screen – this is where the object is formed. The size of the image on the screen increases as the projector is moved back from it. The image is focused by altering the distance between the slide and the lens. The projector lens is mounted on the screw thread so that it can be moved in and out to focus the image.
**DISPERSION OF LIGHT**

This is the separation of white light into various colours listed in order. The colours are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. The bundle of colour formed is called a spectrum. Visible light spectrum can be made by passing a beam of white light through a glass prism.

Dispersion occurs because each colour is refracted in glass by different amount i.e. each colour has different refractive index. So red is refracted least and violet is refracted most.

**HOW TO OBTAIN A PURE SPECTRUM**

The spectrum obtained above is impure i.e. the colours of the spectrum overlap one another.

A pure spectrum is one in which light of one colour only forms each part of the image on the screen without overlap. This can be achieved by playing a convex lens in front of the prism to increase on the deviation of the colours as they pass through the prism.

Lens L produces parallel beam of white light. The light is then dispersed and deviated at the prism sprinting up into various colours.

Lens B collects the different coloured lines so that the parallel beam of each separate colour is focused on the screen.

**RECOMBINATION OF THE SPECTRUM:**

The colours of the spectrum can be recombined by;
(i) Arranging a second prism so that the light is deviated in the opposite direction.

(ii) Using an electric motor to rotate at high speed, a disc with spectral colours from its sectors as shown below.

The whiteness is slightly grey because paints are not pure colours.

Colours of objectives:

The colour of an object depends on;

(i) The colour of light falling on it.
(ii) The colour it transmits or reflects eg an object appears blue because it reflects blue light into the eyes and absorbs the other colours of the spectrum. Similarly, an object appears red because it reflects light into the eyes and reflects all other colours.
(iii) A white object reflects all the colours of the spectrum into the eyes and absorbs none.

A body appears white because it absorbs all colours and reflects none.

Types of colours:

a) **Primary colours**
   These are colours that can’t be obtained by adding two different colours of light. They include red, blue and green.

b) **Secondary colour**
   These are colours which are obtained by adding 2 primary colours together. They include yellow, peacock blue and magenta.
   NB: - peacock blue is times called cyan or tachois.

c) **Complementally colours**
   These are two different colours which when added produce white light. One of them is a secondary colour and the other must be a primary colour. The pairs are
   - Red + peacock blue → white light
   - Green + magenta → white light
   - Blue + yellow → white light

   Complementally colours

   From the complementally colours it is noted that when the three primary colours are joined, they produce white light.

**SUMMARY OF COLOURED LIGHTS**
Coloured objects
A coloured object reflects and transmits its own colour and absorbs other colour incident on it. Examples:

None is reflected, body appears black
N.B:- primary colour + primary colour = black
Primary colour + secondary colour = primary
Secondary colour + secondary colour = common primary colour.

Question
Describe and explain the appearance of a red tie with blue spots when observed in.
a) Red light
b) Green light – the whole tie appears because both colours are primary colours and non is reflected black
c) Red light – in the red light the tie appears red and blue spots blacks.
This is because the red reflects the red colour and observes blue colour.

Question2

A plant with green leaves and red flowers is placed in

a) green
b) blue
c) Yellow
what colour will the leaves and flowers appear in each case. Assume all colours are pure

a) green -: the leaves remain green but the flower black

b) blue -: the leaves will appear black and flowers black

c) Yellow -: the leaves appear green and flowers appear red.

FILTERS (COLOUR)
A filter is a coloured sheet of plastic or glass material which allows light of its own type to pass through it and absorbs the rest of the coloured lights i.e. a green filter transmits only green, a blue transmits only blue , a yellow filter transmits red , green and yellow lights.

MIXING OF COLOURED PIGMENTS
A pigment is a substance which gives its colour to another substance .A pigment absorbs all the colours except its own which it reflects . When pigments are mixed the colour reflected is the common to all e.g. blue + yellow → green
Yellow + orange →black
Green + indigo → blue
The blue reflects indigo and green its neighbour in the spectrum as well as blue
Yellow reflects green, yellow and orange only green is reflected by both
Mixing coloured pigment is called colour mixing by subtraction
Pigments appears black because non of the colours are reflected.

**APPEARANCE OF PRIMARY COLOUR PIGMENT IN THE WHITE LIGHT.**

![Diagram of primary colour pigment](image)

A primary colour pigment reflects only one colour.

**APPEARANCE OF A SECONDARY COLOUR PIGMENT IN A WHITE LIGHT**

Secondary colour pigment reflects two colours of white light.

![Diagram of secondary colour pigment](image)

**APPEARANCE OF A PRIMARY COLOUR PIGMENT IN SECONDARY COLOUR**

![Diagram of primary colour in secondary](image)

The pigment appears black because non of the colours in the magenta light is reflected.

End of light.