

5. In a double-slit experiment using the light of wavelength 600 nm, the angular width of a fringe formed on a distant screen is 0.1° . What is the spacing between the two slits?

Sol. Wavelength of light, $\lambda = 600\text{nm} = 600 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}$

$$\text{Angular fringe width } B_\theta = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{\lambda}{B_\theta}$$

Where, d is the distance between the slits.

Now,

$$B_\theta = 0.1^\circ = \frac{0.1 \times \pi}{180} \text{ radian}$$

$$= \frac{0.1 \times 3.14}{180} \text{ radian}$$

thus Angular width of a fringe is related to slit spacing as:-

$$\therefore d = \frac{600 \times 10^{-9} \times 180}{0.1 \times 3.14} \text{ m} = 3.44 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

is the required spacing between the two slits.