

An approximation of the effect that uneven grating causes in the distribution of the spectrum

Units

$$\mu\text{m} \equiv \text{mm} \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{nm} \equiv \mu\text{m} \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$A \equiv \text{m} \cdot 10^{-10}$$

Iterators

$$M := 50$$

$$j := 0..M$$

diffraction orders $n_1 := 1$ $n_2 := 2$

grating pitch Spectrasheen $p := 600 \cdot \text{nm}$

light wave lengths $\lambda := 400$

from 400 to 1000 nm

$$\lambda_j := ((j-10) + \lambda) \cdot \text{nm}$$

Plate glass is flat to 5 wave lengths over 1 inch

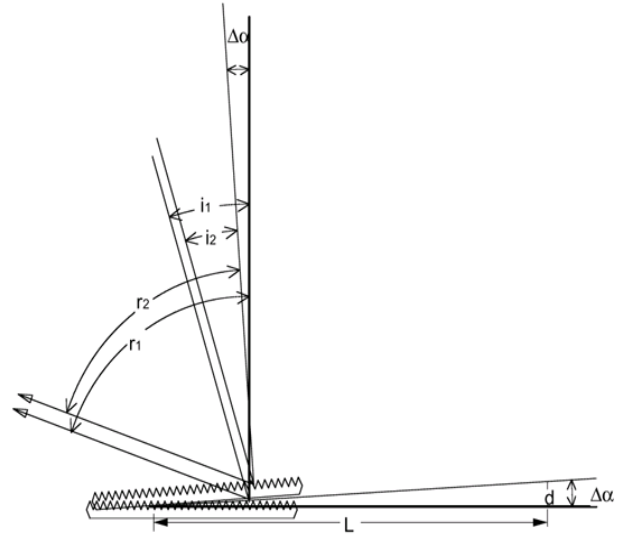
$$L := 1 \cdot \text{in} \quad d := 2.5 \cdot \mu\text{m}$$

grating rotation caused by surface unevenness

$$\Delta\alpha := \text{atan}\left(\frac{d}{L}\right)$$

Angle of "grazing incidence" at the receiver

$$r_1 := 89.9 \cdot \text{deg}$$



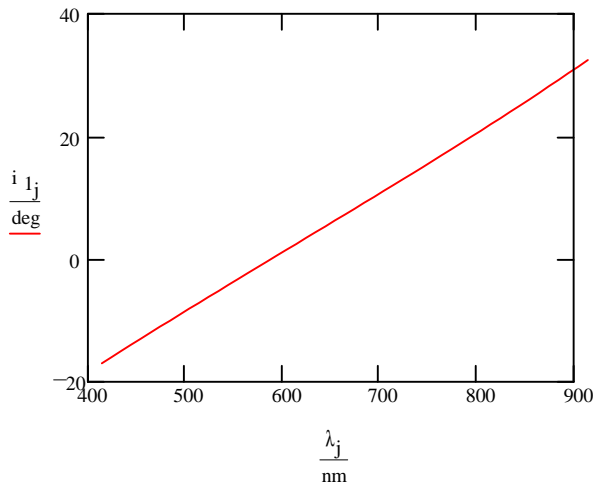
The Diffraction Equation

$$\sin(i) + \sin(r) \equiv n \cdot \frac{\lambda}{p}$$

Illustration

Star transit angles of incidence upon the grating

$$i_{1j} := \text{asin}\left(n_1 \cdot \frac{\lambda_j}{p} - \sin(r_1)\right)$$



Altered transit angle caused
by grating unevenness

$$i_{2j} := i_{1j} - \Delta\alpha$$

Altered receiving angle
caused by unevenness

$$r_{2j} := r_{1j} - \Delta\alpha$$

$$\sin(i) + \sin(r) = n \cdot \frac{\lambda}{p}$$

The color received as a
result of an uneven grating

$$\lambda_{2j} := \frac{(\sin(i_{2j}) + \sin(r_{2j}))}{n_1} \cdot p$$

Color distribution as a
result of an uneven grating

$$\Delta\lambda_j := \lambda_j - \lambda_{2j}$$

