

OPHW2-1 Soln)

$$d = 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_R = 0.660 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m (red)}$$

$$\lambda_B = 0.470 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m (blue)}$$

$$D = 5 \text{ m}$$

Bright spots appear when $d \sin \theta_m = m \lambda$ $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

In this case, we're interested in when $m = 1$ for the first bright fringe.

Since $D \gg d$ and $\tan \theta_m = x_m/D$, we can approximate:

$$x_1/D = \tan \theta_m \sim \sin \theta_m = \lambda/d = \lambda/D$$

$$x_1 \sim \lambda D/d$$

So the difference in the positions of the first maximums for the two colors is given by:

$$x_{1R} - x_{1B} = \lambda_R D/d - \lambda_B D/d = 0.660 \times 10^{-6}(5)/3 \times 10^{-4} - 0.470 \times 10^{-6}(5)/3 \times 10^{-4} = \mathbf{3.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}$$