Geometrical Optics

Problems for Week 3

- 1. Light with 633-nm wavelength shines normally to a plane with two slits. We observe the first interference maximum 82 cm away from the central maximum on a screen 12 m away from the slits. What is the separation of slits? How many interference maxima one can, in principle, observe?
- 2. Two slits are 1 cm apart and 1 m away from the screen. Calculate the spacing between successive maxima near the central fringe on the screen for light with 500-nm wavelength.
- 3. Light is shining normally to $n_1 n_2$ interface. The intensity of reflected light is $I = \left(\frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2}\right)^2 I_0$, where I_0 is the incident intensity, and n_i are the refraction indices for the two media. Find the intensities of the light transmitted (a) through air-glass interface and (b) through a slab of glass in air.