

Spectral Effects: Chromatic Refraction and Wavelength Interference

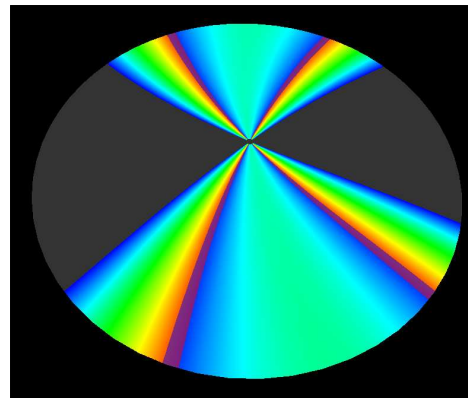
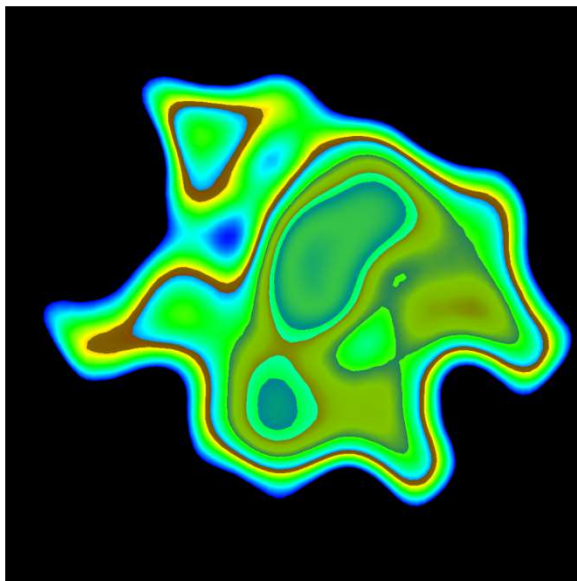


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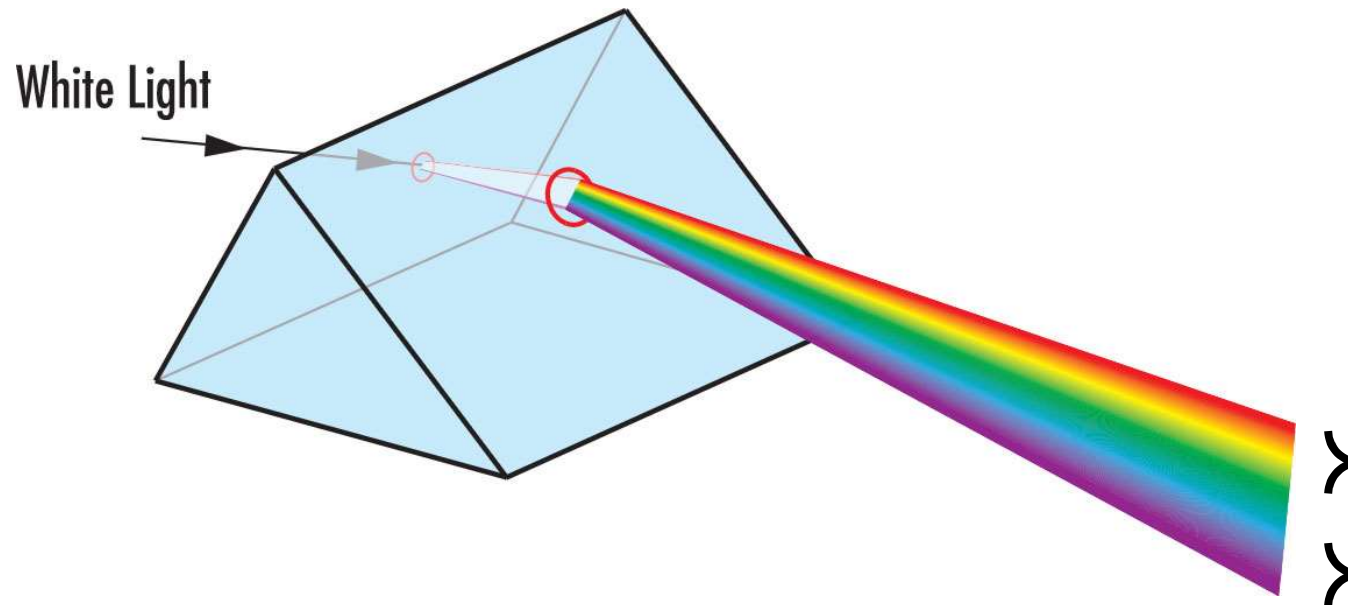


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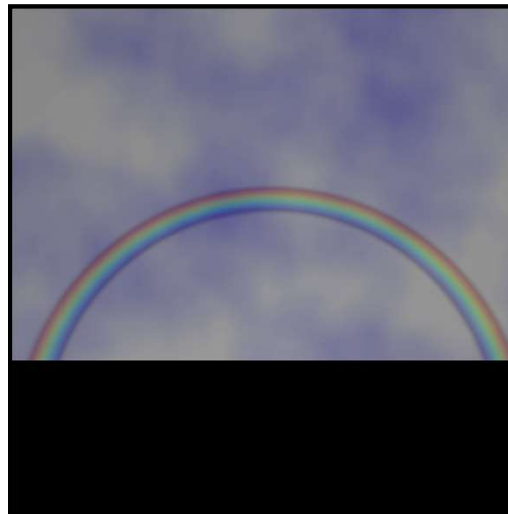
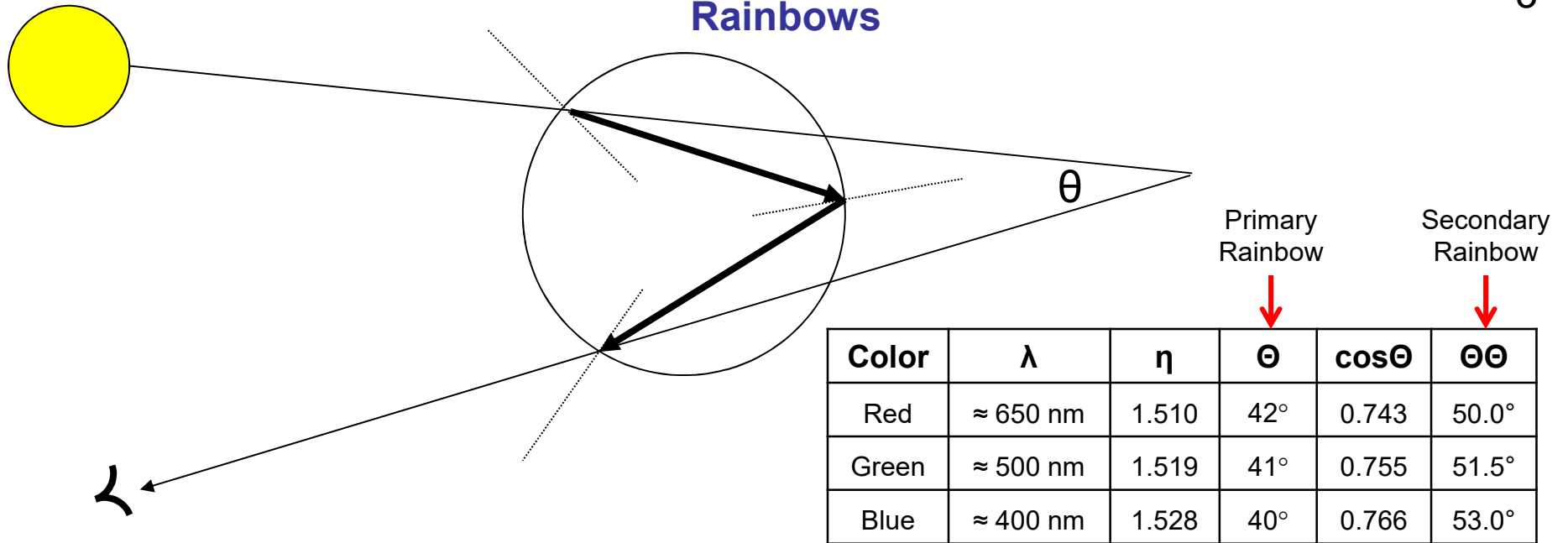
Each Wavelength of Light Has a Slightly Different Index of Refraction so that each Wavelength Bends Differently in a Prism



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Different colors are seen in different places

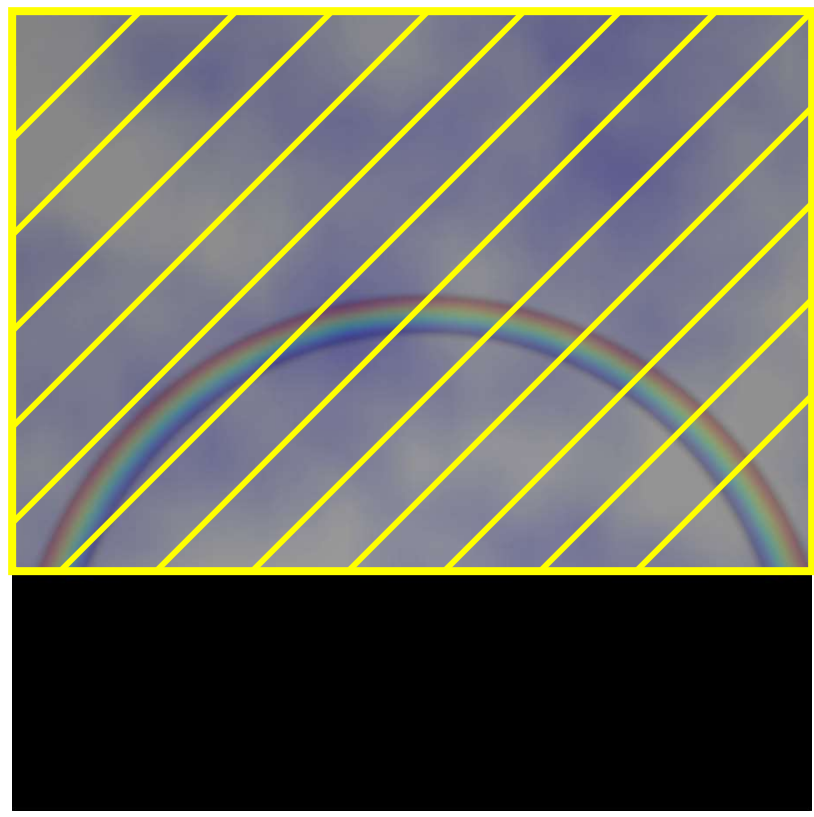
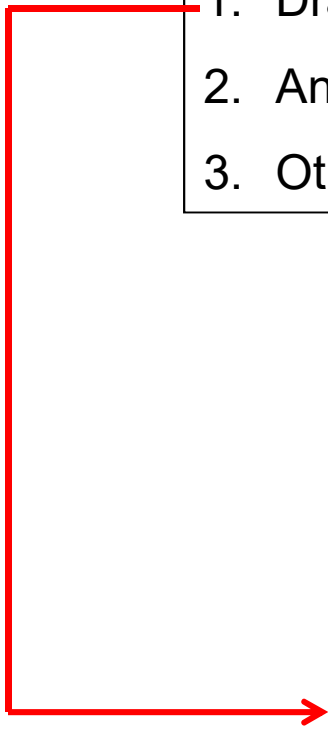
Rainbows



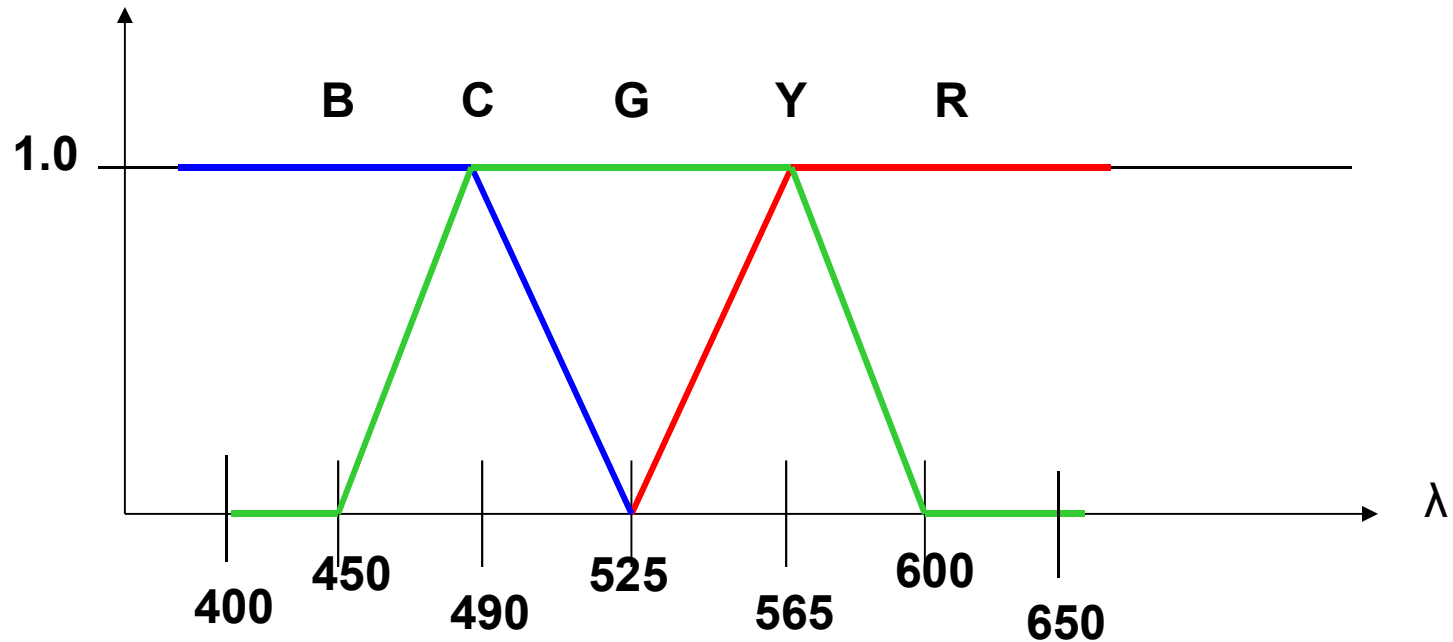
Rainbow Strategy

Or anything else, really. You just need a large "fragment-generator".

1. Draw one big quadrilateral across the scene
2. Anywhere that $.7400 \leq \cos(\Theta) \leq .7700$, paint a color
3. Otherwise, discard.



Spectral Colors



```
float
Pulse( float min, float max, float tol, float t )
{
    float a = min - tol;
    float b = min + tol;

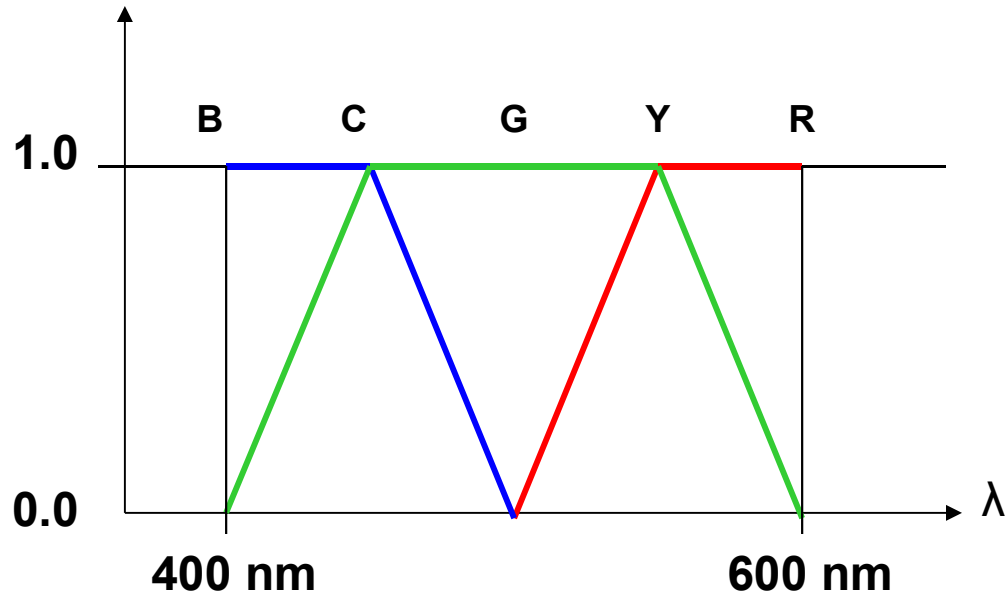
    float c = max - tol;
    float d = max + tol;

    return smoothstep(a,b,t) - smoothstep(c,d,t);
}
```

```
vec3 SunDirection = vec3( 0., SunY, 10. );
vec3 PtToSun = normalize( SunDirection );
vec3 PtToEye = normalize( vec3(0.,0.,0.) - ECposition );
float costheta = dot( PtToEye, PtToSun );

float R = Pulse( .7400, .7490, Tol, costheta );
float G = Pulse( .7490, .7605, Tol, costheta );
float B = Pulse( .7605, .7700, Tol, costheta );
```

Spectral Colors



```
float t = (  $\lambda$  - 400. ) / ( 600. - 400. );  
vec3 rgb = Rainbow( t );
```

Changing the Range [0.,1.] to Rainbow Colors

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```
vec3
Rainbow( float t )
{
    t = clamp( t, 0., 1. );
    vec3 rgb = vec3( 0., 0., 0. );

    // b -> c
    if( t >= 0. )
    {
        // rgb.r = 0.;
        rgb.g = 4. * ( t - (0./4.) );
        rgb.b = 1.;
    }

    // c -> g
    if( t >= (1./4.) )
    {
        // rgb.r = 0.;
        rgb.g = 1.;
        rgb.b = 1. - 4. * ( t - (1./4.) );
    }

    // g -> y
    if( t >= (2./4.) )
    {
        rgb.r = 4. * ( t - (2./4.) );
        rgb.g = 1.;
        // rgb.b = 0.;
    }

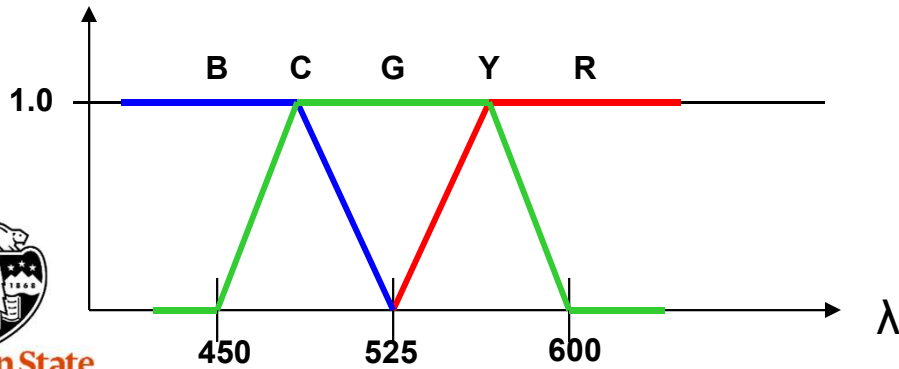
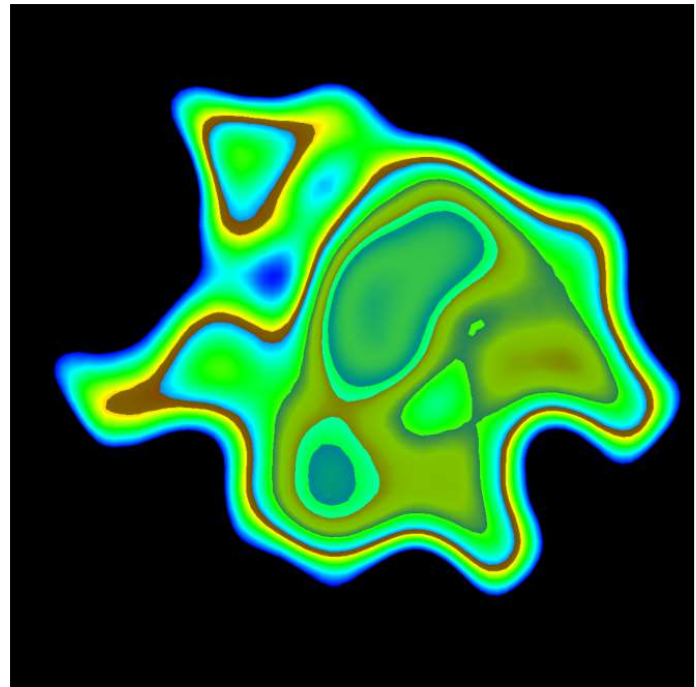
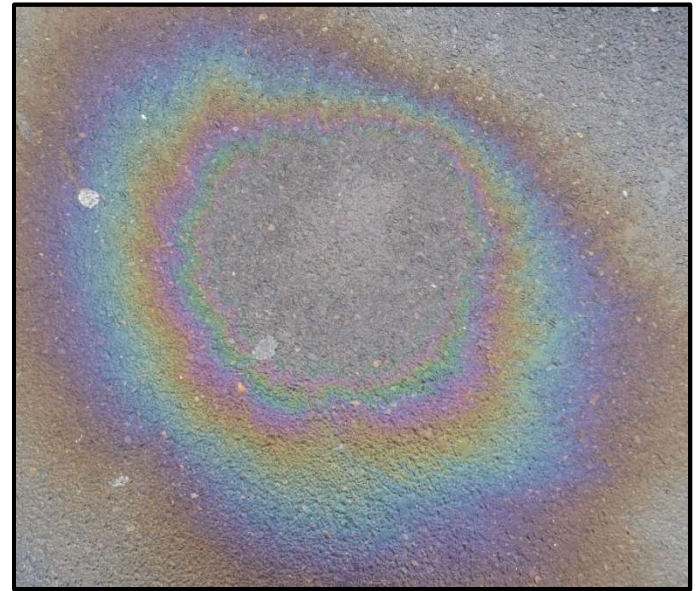
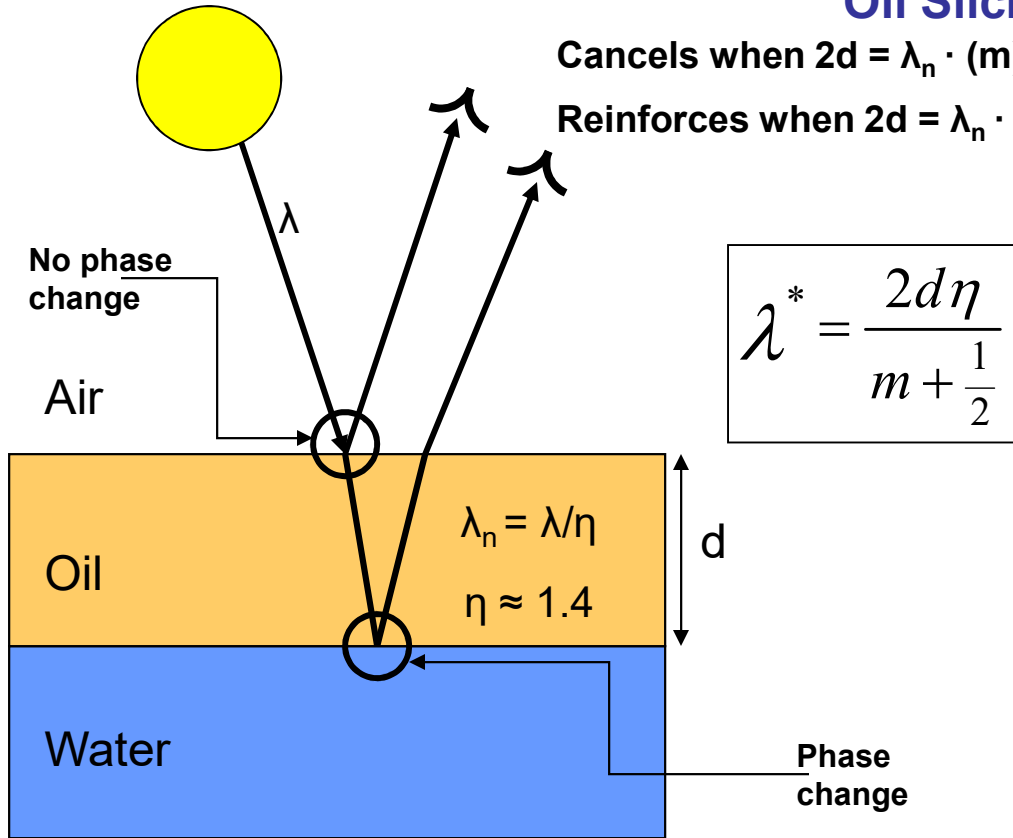
    // y -> r
    if( t >= (3./4.) )
    {
        rgb.r = 1.;
        rgb.g = 1. - 4. * ( t - (3./4.) );
        // rgb.b = 0.;
    }

    return rgb;
}
```

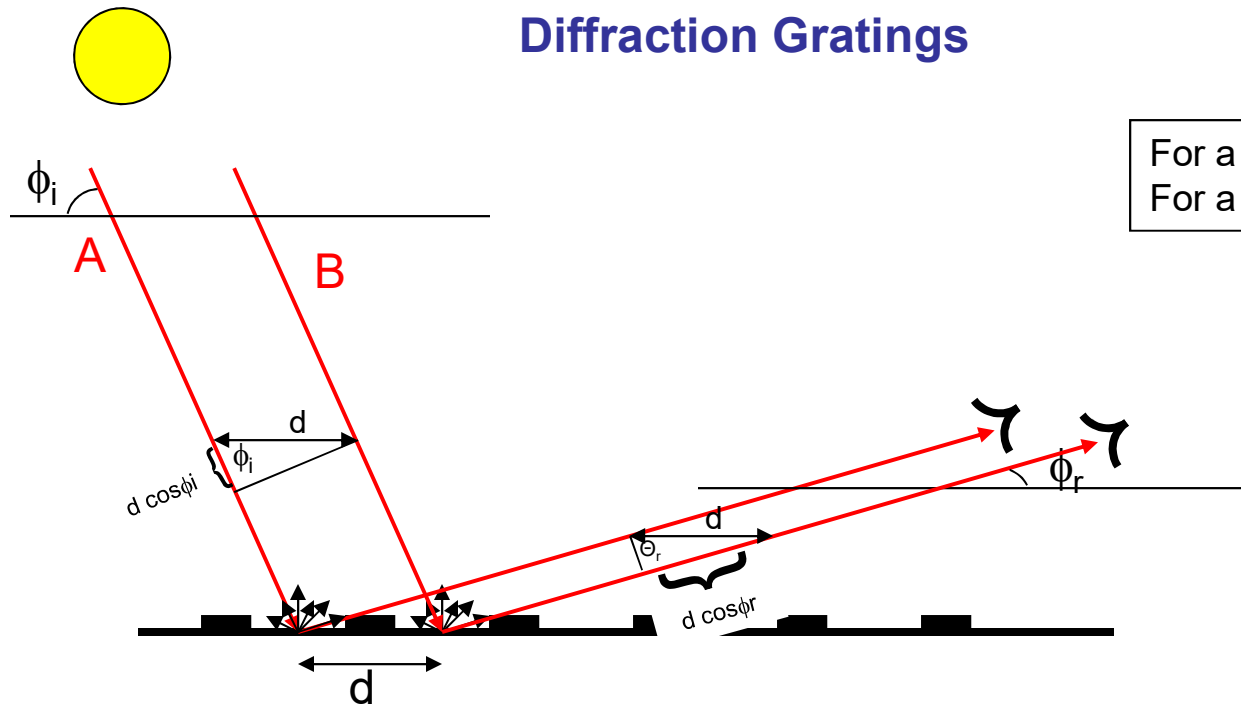
Oil Slicks

Cancels when $2d = \lambda_n \cdot (m)$

Reinforces when $2d = \lambda_n \cdot (m + \frac{1}{2})$



Diffraction Gratings

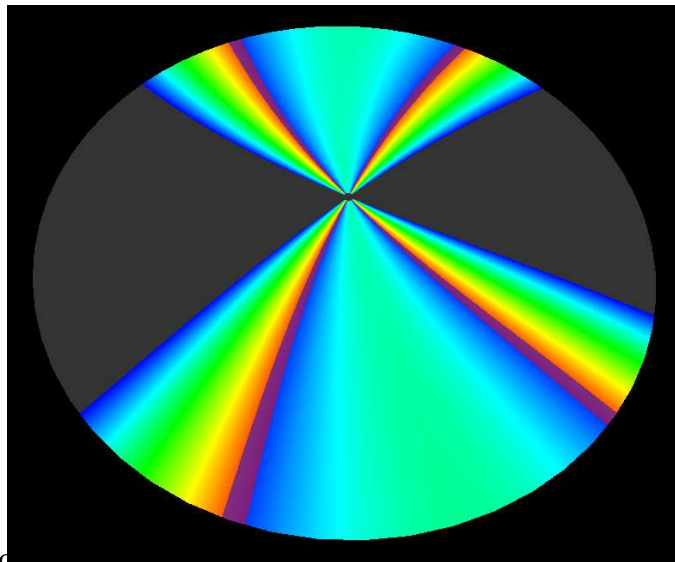


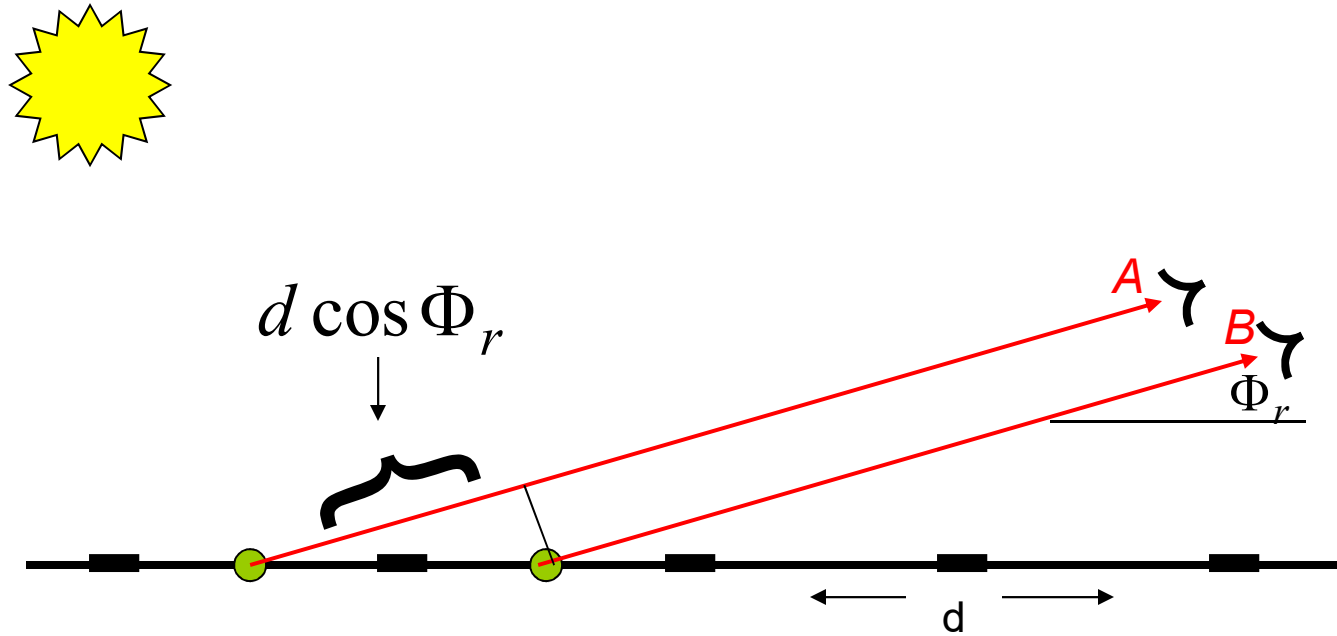
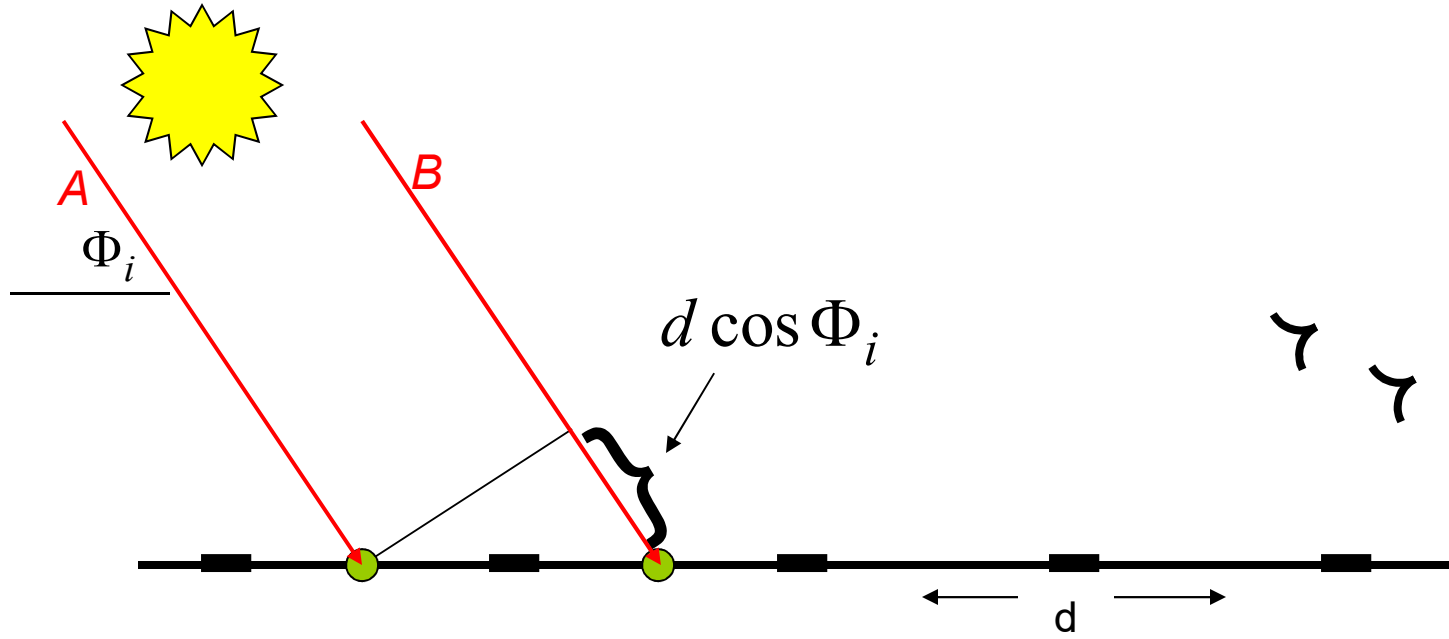
For a CD, $d = 1600 \text{ nm}$
For a DVD, $d = 740 \text{ nm}$

On the way in, Ray A travels $d \cos(\phi_i)$ less than Ray B does. On the way out, Ray A travels $d \cos(\phi_r)$ more than Ray B does.

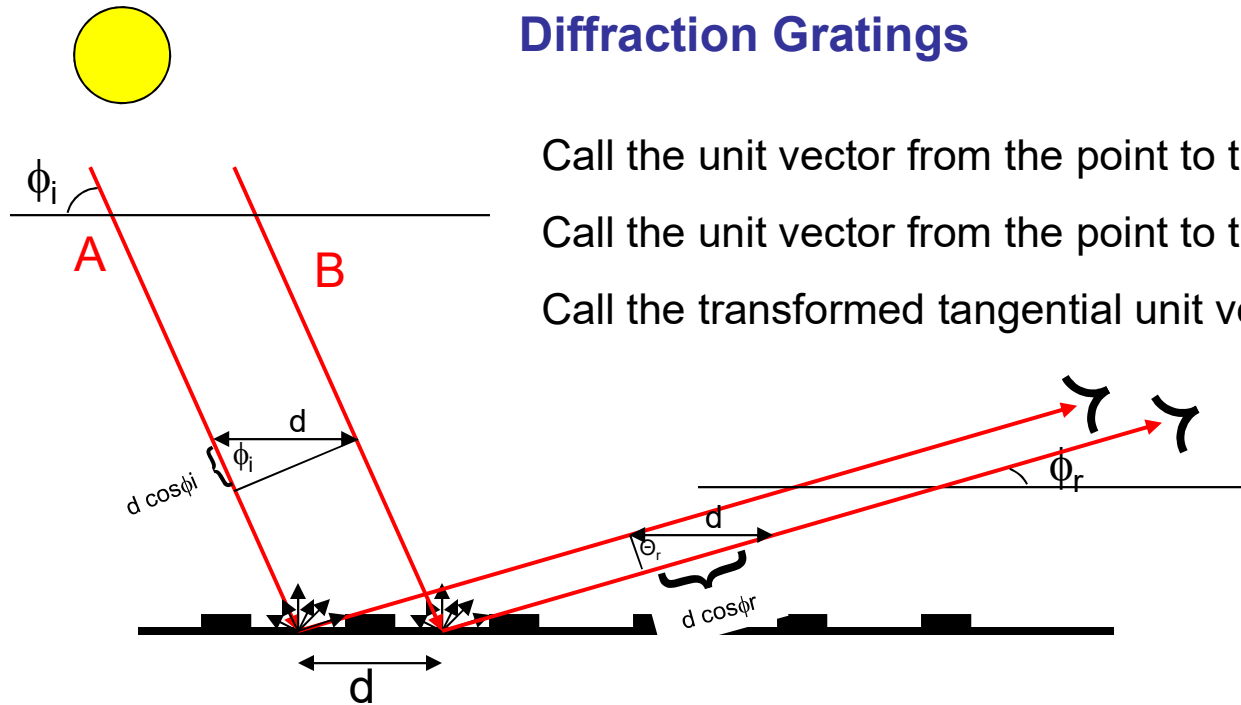
So, wavelengths reinforce when $\text{abs}[d \cos(\phi_i) - d \cos(\phi_r)]$ is a multiple of the wavelength = $m\lambda$

$$\lambda^* = d \cdot | \cos(\phi_i) - \cos(\phi_r) | / m$$





Diffraction Gratings



Call the unit vector from the point to the light **ToLight**.

Call the unit vector from the point to the eye **ToEye**.

Call the transformed tangential unit vector **Tangent**.

Then, $\cos(\phi_i)$ is $ToLight \cdot Tangent$

And, $\cos(\phi_r)$ is $ToEye \cdot (-Tangent)$

So that $\cos(\phi_i) - \cos(\phi_r)$ is: $Tangent \cdot (ToLight + ToEye)$

$$\lambda^* = d \cdot | \cos(\phi_i) - \cos(\phi_r) | / m$$

