

15. The angular positions of the maxima of a two-slit interference pattern are given by  $d \sin \theta = m\lambda$ , where  $d$  is the slit separation,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength, and  $m$  is an integer. If  $\theta$  is small,  $\sin \theta$  may be approximated by  $\theta$  in radians. Then,  $\theta = m\lambda/d$  to good approximation. The angular separation of two adjacent maxima is  $\Delta\theta = \lambda/d$ . Let  $\lambda'$  be the wavelength for which the angular separation is 10.0% greater. Then,  $1.10\lambda/d = \lambda'/d$  or  $\lambda' = 1.10\lambda = 1.10(589 \text{ nm}) = 648 \text{ nm}$ .