

22. (a) We use $\Delta y = D\lambda/d$ (see Sample Problem 36-2). Because of the placement of the mirror in the problem $D = 2(20.0\text{ m}) = 40.0\text{ m}$, which we express in millimeters in the calculation below:

$$d = \frac{D\lambda}{\Delta y} = \frac{(4.00 \times 10^4 \text{ mm})(632.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm})}{100 \text{ mm}} = 0.253 \text{ mm} .$$

- (b) In this case the interference pattern will be shifted. At the location of the original central maximum, the effective phase difference is now $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength, so there is now a minimum instead of a maximum.