

81. (a) We express all lengths in mm, and since  $1/d = 180$ , we write Eq. 37-22 as

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{d} m \lambda \right) = \sin^{-1} (180)(2)\lambda$$

where  $\lambda_1 = 4 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5 \times 10^{-4}$  (in mm). Thus,  $\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2.1^\circ$ .

- (b) Use of Eq. 37-22 for each wavelength leads to the condition

$$m_1 \lambda_1 = m_2 \lambda_2$$

for which the smallest possible choices are  $m_1 = 5$  and  $m_2 = 4$ . Returning to Eq. 37-22, then, we find

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{d} m_1 \lambda_1 \right) = 21^\circ .$$

- (c) There are no refraction angles greater than  $90^\circ$ , so we can solve for “ $m_{\max}$ ” (realizing it might not be an integer):

$$m_{\max} = \frac{d \sin 90^\circ}{\lambda_2} = 11$$

where we have rounded down. There are no values of  $m$  (for light of wavelength  $\lambda_2$ ) greater than  $m = 11$ .