



HOMEWORK 10

Optical Indicatrix and Interference Colors

Suppose a mineral has a retardation of 475 nm. What interference color would this produce? 1) 1° orange (order & color) If this mineral is examined with a 1° red accessory plate and the fast directions of the plate and the mineral are parallel, what is the retardation? 2) 1025 nm What color would this correspond to? 3) 2° red If the fast directions are perpendicular, what will the retardation equal? 4) 75 nm What color would this correspond to? 5) 1° gray

Suppose a mineral has a retardation of 250 nm. What interference color would this produce? 6) 1° white If this mineral is examined with a quarter- λ accessory plate and the fast directions of the plate and the mineral are parallel, what is the retardation? 7) 400 nm What color would this correspond to? 8) 1° orange-yellow If the fast directions are perpendicular, what will the retardation equal? 9) 100 nm What color would this correspond to? 10) 1° gray-white

If a mineral has $\epsilon = 1.833$ and $\omega = 1.799$, what is **the** birefringence? 11) 0.034
 Is the mineral isometric, uniaxial, or biaxial? 12) Uniaxial What is the optical sign? 13) Positive How many axes does this indicatrix have? 14) Two
 What is the shape of the indicatrix (be specific)? 15) Prolate ellipsoid
 16) Assuming you are looking at a grain mount of this mineral mounted in Canada balsam, what type of relief would you see? Very high
 17. Show math for # 16
Average = 1.816 1.816 - 1.54 = 0.28