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### 27.2 The Speed of Light

### **Olaus Roemer**

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The first demonstration that light travels at a finite speed was supplied by the Danish astronomer Olaus Roemer about 1675. Roemer carefully measured the periods of Jupiter's moons.

- The innermost moon, Io, revolves around Jupiter in 42.5 hours.
- The lo disappears periodically into Jupiter's shadow, so this period could be measured with great accuracy.

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## 27 Light Conceptual Physics 2 27.2 The Speed of Light think! Light entered the eyepiece when Michelson's octagonal mirror made exactly one eighth of a rotation during the time light traveled to the distant mountain and back. Would light enter the eyepiece if the mirror turned one quarter of a rotation in this time? Answer: Yes, light would enter the eyepiece whenever the octagonal mirror turned in multiples of 1/8 rotation— ¼, ½, 1, etc.—in the time the light made its round trip.











































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27.5 Opaque Materials	
Materials that absorb light without reemis allow no light through them are <b>opaque</b> . Wood, stone, and people are opaque.	sion and thus
In opaque materials, any vibrations from into random kinetic energy—that is, into i	light are turned nternal energy.
The materials become slightly warmer.	
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27.5 Opaque Materials	
Our atmosphere is transparent to visible light and some infrared, but almost opaque to high-frequency ultraviolet waves.	
The ultraviolet that gets through is responsible for sunbu	urns.
Clouds are semitransparent to ultraviolet, so you can ge sunburn on a cloudy day.	ta
Ultraviolet also reflects from sand and water, so you can sometimes get a sunburn while in the shade of a beach umbrella.	
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Why is glass transparent to visible light but opaque to ultraviolet and infrared?

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### Answer:

The natural frequency of vibration for electrons in glass matches the frequency of ultraviolet light, so resonance in the glass occurs when ultraviolet waves shine on it. These vibrations generate heat instead of wave reemission, so the glass is opaque to ultraviolet. In the range of visible light, the forced vibrations of electrons in the glass result in reemission of light, so the glass is transparent. Lower-frequency infrared causes entire atomic structures to resonate so heat is generated, and the glass is opaque.







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27.6 Shadows	
Sharp shadows are produced by a small or by a larger source farther away.	light source nearby
However, most shadows are somewhat blurry, with a dark part on the inside and a lighter part around the edges.	
A total shadow is called an umbra.	
A partial shadow is called a <b>penumbra</b> . A penumbra appears where some of the light is blocked but where other light fills in.	
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# 27 Light Conceptual Physics Earth, like most objects in sunlight, casts a shadow. This shadow extends into space, and sometimes the moon passes into it. When this happens, we have a lunar eclipse. A lunar eclipse can be seen by all observers on the nighttime half of Earth.







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## 27.6 Shadows

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Why are lunar eclipses more commonly seen than solar eclipses?

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### Answer:

There are usually two of each every year. However, the shadow of the moon on Earth is very small compared with the shadow of Earth on the moon. Only a relatively few people are in the shadow of the moon (solar eclipse), while everybody who views the nighttime sky can see the shadow of Earth on the moon (lunar eclipse).

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What causes the formation of shadows?





























































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6.	Whe a. b. c. d.	en the shadow of the moon falls on Earth lunar eclipse. solar eclipse. solar eclipse if it's daytime and lunar ec very dangerous event.	ı we have a
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