

2. (a) $\theta = \sin^{-1}(1.50 \text{ cm}/2.00 \text{ m}) = 0.430^\circ$.

(b) For the m th diffraction minimum $a \sin \theta = m\lambda$. We solve for the slit width:

$$a = \frac{m\lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{2(441 \text{ nm})}{\sin 0.430^\circ} = 0.118 \text{ mm} .$$