

Answer on Question #69262, Physics / Optics

An astronomical telescope is used in normal adjustment when looking at the moon. If the objective has $f_1=60\text{cm}$ and that of the eye piece is $f_2=1\text{cm}$. Suppose the moon has a diameter of $4.50 \times 10^6\text{m}$ and the distance of the moon from the earth is $4.84 \times 10^8\text{m}$, find the angle of the image of the moon that is subtended by the astronomers eyes.

Find: β - ?

Given:

$$f_1=60\text{cm}$$

$$f_2=1\text{cm}$$

$$D=4.50 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$a=4.84 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

Solution:

Angular diameter of the Moon:

$$\delta = 2 \arctan \left(\frac{D}{2a} \right) = 2 \arctan \left(\frac{4.5 \times 10^6}{2 \times 4.84 \times 10^8} \right) = 0^\circ 32' (1),$$

where D is the diameter of the observed object, a is the distance of the observed object from the observer

$$\text{Of (1)} \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.533^\circ$$

Magnification of the telescope:

$$k = \frac{f_1}{f_2} = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} (2),$$

where f_1 is the focal length of objective, f_2 is the focal length of eye piece, α is the angular diameter of the observed object, β is the angular diameter of the observed object in the telescope

$$\text{Of (2)} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{f_1}{f_2} \alpha (3)$$

$$\text{Of (3)} \Rightarrow \beta = 31.98^\circ$$

Answer:

$$31.98^\circ$$

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