Quiz #3 (Plane Waves, Interference, Diffraction)

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<u>Prob. 1</u>

A plane electro-magnetic wave is given as $\overline{E}(z,t) = \overline{x}E_0 \exp\left[i(\frac{z}{\sqrt{3}}-10^8 t)\right]$.

(a) In which direction does this wave propagate?

(b) What is the angular frequency of this wave?

(c) What is the wavelength of this wave?

(d) What is the governing wave equation for this wave?

Prob. 2

Light passes through an opening as shown below and experiences diffraction. How does the diffraction angle change if the width of the opening doubles?



<u>Prob. 3</u>

Light passes through a diffraction grating (or periodic scatters). Determine the angles at which the diffracted light propagates. Assume the light wavelength is $1\mu m$ and the grating period is $2.5\mu m$.