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ABOUT THE DEGREE OF POLARIZATION OF THE PRIMARY RAINBOW GENERATED BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

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Abstract: In the framework of Nussenzveig-Khare (NK) theory of the rainbow, we determine the Stokes parameters for the "out light" (rainbow), when the "incident light" on a spherical droplet is arbitrary polarized. We assume water droplets with the radius a and the refractive index N=4/3, considering $\beta = 2\pi(a/\lambda)$ as a parameter (comprised between 50 and $+\infty$), with many values less than the so called "Airy's limit" $\beta = 5000$.