

21. WAVE OPTICS

Interference of waves of intensity I_1 and I_2 :

resultant intensity, $I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos(\Delta\phi)$ where, $\Delta\phi$ = phase difference.

For Constructive Interference : $I_{\text{max}} = (\sqrt{I_1} + \sqrt{I_2})^2$

For Destructive interference : $I_{\text{min}} = (\sqrt{I_1} - \sqrt{I_2})^2$

If sources are incoherent

$I = I_1 + I_2$, at each point.

YDSE :

Path difference, $\Delta p = S_2P - S_1P = d \sin \theta$

if $d \ll D$ $= \frac{dy}{D}$

if $y \ll D$

for maxima, $\Delta p = n\lambda$ $y = n\beta$ $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

for minima $\Delta p = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 $\Delta p = (2n+1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$ $n = -1, -2, -3, \dots$

$y = (2n-1)\frac{\beta}{2}$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 $y = (2n+1)\frac{\beta}{2}$ $n = -1, -2, -3, \dots$

where, fringe width $\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$

Here, λ = wavelength in medium.

Highest order maxima : $n_{\text{max}} = \frac{d}{\lambda}$

total number of maxima = $2n_{\text{max}} + 1$

Highest order minima : $n_{\text{max}} = \frac{d}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}$

total number of minima = $2n_{\text{max}}$

Intensity on screen : $I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos(\Delta\phi)$ where, $\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta p$

If $I_1 = I_2$, $I = 4I_1 \cos^2 \frac{\Delta\phi}{2}$

YDSE with two wavelengths λ_1 & λ_2 :

The nearest point to central maxima where the bright fringes coincide:

$$y = n_1 \beta_1 = n_2 \beta_2 = \text{Lcm of } \beta_1 \text{ and } \beta_2$$

The nearest point to central maxima where the two dark fringes coincide,

$$y = (n - \frac{1}{2}) \beta = (n - \frac{1}{2}) \beta$$

Optical path difference

$$\Delta p_{\text{eff}} = \mu \Delta p$$

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \Delta p = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{\text{vacuum}}} \quad \Delta p_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\Delta = (\mu - 1) t \quad \frac{D}{d} = (\mu - 1) t \quad \frac{B}{\lambda}.$$

YDSE WITH OBLIQUE INCIDENCE

In YDSE, ray is incident on the slit at an inclination of θ_i to the axis of symmetry of the experimental set-up

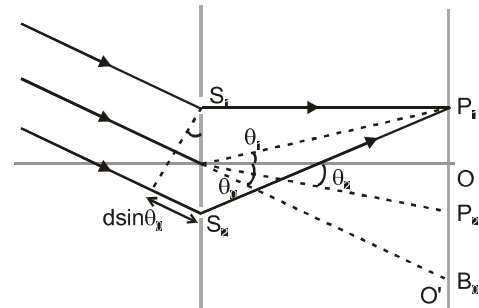
We obtain central maxima at a point where, $\Delta p = 0$.

$$\text{or} \quad \theta = \theta_i.$$

This corresponds to the point O in the diagram.

Hence we have path difference.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p &= d(\sin \theta_0 + \sin \theta) - \text{for points above O} \\ &= d(\sin \theta_0 - \sin \theta) - \text{for points between O \& O'} \\ &= d(\sin \theta - \sin \theta_0) - \text{for points below O'} \end{aligned}$$



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THIN-FILM INTERFERENCE

for interference in reflected light	$2\mu d = \frac{n\lambda}{(n + \frac{1}{2})}$	for destructive interference
		for constructive interference
for interference in transmitted light	$2\mu d = \frac{n\lambda}{(n + \frac{1}{2})}$	for constructive interference
		for destructive interference