

Phys 256

Problem Assignment 11

Due Monday, December 3rd, 2012 4pm

Question 5 is a bonus, 6 and 7 are extra relevant to the labs

Total marks: =34+8 bonus marks

1) A soap film is formed in a wire frame held vertically. It is illuminated normally with a HeNe beam of 633 nm. There are 15 black fringes per cm.

a) **3 marks** If the soap film is as thin as possible at the first black fringe, what is its thickness?

6) $\lambda_0 = 633 \text{ nm}$ $n = 1.33$ 15 fringes/cm vertically

π phase change on reflection in the soap film Destructive interference

$2nft \cos \theta_t = m\lambda$ destructive interference

$OPD + \Delta r = (m + 1/2)\lambda$

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$OPD = m\lambda$

thinnest film is $m = 1$

$2nft \cos \theta_t = \lambda$ $\theta_t = 0$ ✓

$2nft = \lambda$ ✓

$t = \frac{633}{(1.33)(2)}$

$= 234 \text{ nm.}$ OR 237nm

b) **2 marks** At the next black fringe downwards, what is the thickness?

Assume the angle of viewing of the next fringe is still 90°

At the 2nd fringe $m = 2$

$2nft = 2(\lambda_0)$ ✓

$t = \frac{633(2)}{(1.33)(2)}$

$= 468 \text{ nm.}$ OR 475nm

c) **3 marks** What angle do the two edges of the wedge form?

15 fringes/cm. allow us to calculate the angle of the wedge formed:

Height change in 1 fringe = 237 nm over $\frac{1}{15} \text{ cm} =$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{237 \text{ nm}}{0.667 \text{ mm}} = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ radians} = 0.02 \text{ degrees}$$

2) **4 marks** Michelson interferometer: Hecht 9.37

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Chamber = 10.0 cm . $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$
Change in OPD with air removal $n_{\text{air}} = 1.00029$

$$= (1.00029 - 1) 10 \text{ cm} = (2.9 \times 10^{-4}) (10 \times 10^{-2})$$

$$= 2.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

The total path length change = 2 OPD

$$2 \text{ OPD} = N \lambda_0 \quad \text{OR} \quad \text{OPD} = N \lambda_0 / 2$$

Dark fringe at $[2 \text{ OPD (chamber)} + 2 \text{ other OPD in interferometer}] = m \lambda_0$

$$\Delta m = 2 \text{ OPD} / \lambda_0$$

$$\# \text{ fringes} = \Delta m = \frac{2 \text{ OPD}}{\lambda_0}$$

$$= \frac{2 (2.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m})}{600 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$$

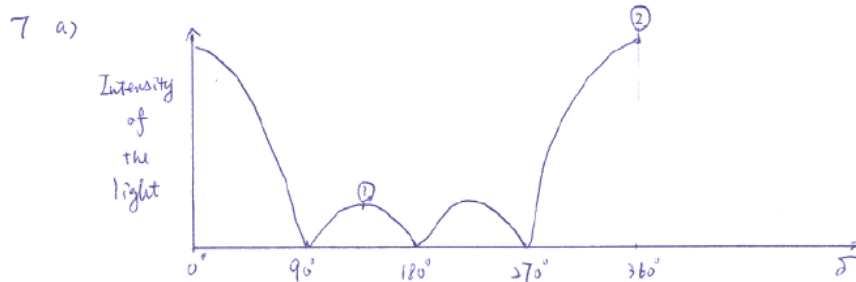
$$= 96.7 \text{ fringes} \approx 97 \text{ fringes}$$

Accept 96 or 97. Or 96.5 fringes

(Subtract 2 for 48 or 49)

3) Phasor diagrams for thin slits- 4 slits: a) **6 marks** Sketch phasor diagrams for 4 equally spaced thin slits at the first maximum (the central peak), the first secondary maximum and the first minimum. Sketch the pattern on the screen **3 marks**.

a) see <http://mail.rdcrd.ab.ca/~smolesky/FOV1-00028FA7/LTU/physlets/main/phasorslits.shtml>



phasor diagram:

maximum at ①: $\delta = 135^\circ$

or

maximum at ②: $\delta = 360^\circ$

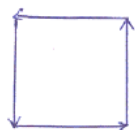


(1) Secondary maximum



(2) Central or other maximum

minimum at $\delta = 90^\circ$



First minimum

(3)

b) **5 marks** At what phase difference do the central maximum, secondary maximum and minimum occur?

b) Central max at 0 radians (**1 mark**) (and again a primary maximum at 2π radians (360 deg) marked (2)- phasor diagrams identical). Because there are 3 minima between the two primary maxima, the first minimum is at phase $= 2\pi/4$ or $\pi/2$ radians (90 deg)- marked as (3) (**2 marks**). Secondary maximum is $\frac{1}{2}$ way between the minima at $\pi/2$ and π radians at $3\pi/4$ radians = 135 degrees (1). Note the Java applet gives 133 deg (**2 marks**).

c) **8 marks** If the screen is 1 m away, and the slit to slit distance is 0.05 mm, what angle to the centre of the slits are these minimum and maximum for a 500 nm wavelength?

c) 8 marks $\delta = \frac{d \sin \theta}{\lambda} 2\pi$

first minimum; $\sin \theta = \frac{\delta \lambda}{2\pi d} = \frac{(\pi/2) 5 \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi (5 \times 10^{-5})} = 2.5 \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{10^{-3}}; \theta = 0.0025 \text{ rad}$

distance = $\theta L = 0.0025 \text{ m}$

for maximum; $\sin \theta = \frac{\delta \lambda}{2\pi d} = \frac{(3\pi/4) 5 \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi (5 \times 10^{-5})} = \frac{3.75 \times 10^{-3}}{10^{-3}}; \theta = 3.75 \times 10^{-3}$

distance = $\theta L = 3.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

The central maximum is at the centre.

4) 5 marks Single slit diffraction Hecht 10.8 These are bonus marks.

7) Single slit diffraction Hecht 10.8
Assume Fraunhofer diffraction.

In air:

$b \sin \theta_m = m \lambda$ ✓

$b = \frac{m \lambda}{\sin \theta_m} = \frac{10 (1.1522 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})}{\sin(6.2^\circ)} = 1.07 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$ ✓

In water:

$b \sin \theta = \frac{m \lambda_0}{n_{\text{water}}} = m \lambda$ ✓

$\sin \theta_m = \frac{m \lambda_0}{n_{\text{water}} b}$

$\theta_m = \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{10 (1) (1.1522 \times 10^{-6})}{1.33 (1.07 \times 10^{-4})} \right] = 4.7^\circ$ ✓

OR $\sin \theta_w = \sin \theta_m / n_w = 6.2 / 1.33 = 4.7^\circ$

5) This is a bonus: 3 marks Superposition of many sources Hecht 10.2. Remember the chord length of a circle, $c = 2r \sin(\theta/2)$ where r is the radius, θ is the angle subtended. Apply the chord length to get an expression for \vec{E} then apply the chord length equation to get an expression for \vec{E}_0 and combine these expressions. See set of slides on multiple slits.

$$c = 2R \sin(\theta/2)$$

The irradiance for N coherent sources (or N thin slits)
(Hecht 10.2 - See diagram)

$$\vec{E}_0/2 = R \sin \theta/2, \quad \vec{E} = 2R \sin(N \theta/2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2R \sin(N \theta/2)}{2R \sin \theta/2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{E}_0 \sin(N \theta/2)}{\sin \theta/2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$I = E^2 = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{E_0^2 \sin^2(N \theta/2)}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \quad \checkmark$$

6) **Extra good practice for the lab:** Two slit diffraction: a) Hecht 10.11.

3) Hecht 10.11

Is it Fraunhofer - Is $R > b^2/\lambda$ $R = 2.5 \text{ m}$
 $b = 0.10 \text{ mm}$ $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$
 $b^2/\lambda = \frac{(1 \times 10^{-1})^2}{5 \times 10^{-7}} = 20 \text{ mm} = 0.02 \text{ m}$

1) ⑤ $0.02 < 2.5 \text{ m}$. Yes it is Fraunhofer $\checkmark \checkmark$

Distance from the peak to the first zero $\beta = \pi = \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta_1$

$$\sin \theta_1 = 2\pi/kb = \lambda/b \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{\text{OR}} b \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad m=1$$

$$\sin \theta_1 = \lambda/b \quad \checkmark = \frac{5 \times 10^{-7}}{1 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$\theta_1 = 0.29^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

In the double slit pattern, what order does this correspond to?

④ For maxima:

$$2 = m'\lambda = \frac{ba}{2} \sin \theta_1$$

$$\text{OR } a \sin \theta_1 = m'\lambda$$

$$m' = \frac{ba}{2\lambda} \sin \theta_1$$

$$m' = \frac{a \sin \theta_1}{\lambda} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-7} (2 \times 10^{-4})}{1 \times 10^{-4} \cdot 5 \times 10^{-7}} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

7) **Extra good practice for the lab:** A double slit diffraction pattern is formed with light of 546.1 nm slit widths of 0.100 mm. The 4th order interference maxima are missing from the pattern.

a) What is the slit separation?

b) What is the irradiance of the 1st order maximum relative to the central peak?

Pedrotti and Pedrotti: Question

$\lambda = 546.1 \text{ nm}$, double slit diffraction pattern with slit width of 0.1 mm .

The 4th order is missing in the pattern, what is the slit separation?

What is the irradiance relative to the centre of the first 3 orders?

$$I = \frac{I_0}{\left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta}\right)^2} \left(\frac{\sin N\alpha}{\sin \alpha}\right)^2 \quad \text{where } N = 2$$

L'Hopital's Rule $I(0) = 4 I_0$ I_0 is the intensity from 1 slit

$$\text{OR } I(\theta) = 4 I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta}\right)^2 \cos^2 \alpha$$

The term $\left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta}\right)^2$ depends on the slit width $\beta = \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta$
with zero at $\beta = \pm \pi, \pm 2\pi, \pm 3\pi$
at $\beta = +\pi$, $\frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta = \pi$ $\sin \theta = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} \frac{\lambda}{b} = \frac{\lambda}{b}$

The fourth peak occurs at the zero so that the 4th peak is mostly missing
Slides 40-42, 47, $a/b=4$

\therefore There are $m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ + 2 x 4 peaks = 8 peaks within the central diffraction peak
 $2m=8 \Rightarrow \# \text{ of peaks}, m=4$
where $a=mb$ $a=4b=4 \times 0.1 = 0.4 \text{ mm}$ is the slit separation.

Another approach

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda} = \frac{ka \sin \theta}{2} = 4\pi \text{ the 4th interference peak}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{4\lambda}{a} \text{ at 4th peak} = \frac{\lambda}{b} \text{ at diffraction 0}$$

$$\text{Therefore } a = 4b = 0.4 \text{ mm}$$

* Maxima of the interference pattern occur at:

$$\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{\sin \alpha} = 2 \quad (\text{Show by L'Hopital's Rule})$$

* $\alpha = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$ OR $\cos^2 \alpha = 1$

* Primary Minima occur at $\alpha = \pm \pi/2, \pm 3\pi/2, \pm 5\pi/2, \dots$

So the primary maxima under the diffraction pattern occur at

$$\alpha = \frac{ka}{2} \sin \theta = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$$

or $\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{a} = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{a} = 0, \pm \frac{2\pi}{ka}, \pm \frac{4\pi}{ka}, \pm \frac{6\pi}{ka}$$

$$= 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\theta = 0.078^\circ, \pm 0.16^\circ, \pm 0.234^\circ$$

Now $I(\theta) = \frac{I_0}{4} \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2$

For interference maxima without diffraction

$$\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 = 4$$

so with diffraction, the maxima are

$$I(\theta) = 4 I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2$$

$$I(\theta) = I(0) \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2$$

For $\theta = 0.078^\circ, \pm 0.16^\circ, \pm 0.234^\circ$

$$\beta = \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi (0.1 \text{ mm})}{2 (546.1 \text{ nm})} \sin \theta$$

$$I(\theta) = I(0) \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2$$

$$= 5.753 \times 10^{-4} \sin \theta$$

$$= I(0) \left[\frac{\sin(\frac{1}{4}\pi)}{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \right]^2 \quad \text{for first order peak}$$

$$\beta = \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{kb}{2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{ka} \right), \pm \frac{kb}{2} \left(\frac{4\pi}{ka} \right)$$

$$= I(0) (0.8105)$$

In the same way $I(\theta) = I(0) (0.4053)$ for

$$\pm \left(\frac{\pi}{ka} \right) \left(\frac{kb}{2} \right)$$

$$\beta = \pm \frac{b}{a} 2\pi$$

$$= \pm \frac{b}{a} \pi, \pm \frac{b}{a} 2\pi, \dots$$

and $I(\theta) = I(0) (0.09)$ for

$$\beta = \pm \frac{b}{a} 3\pi$$