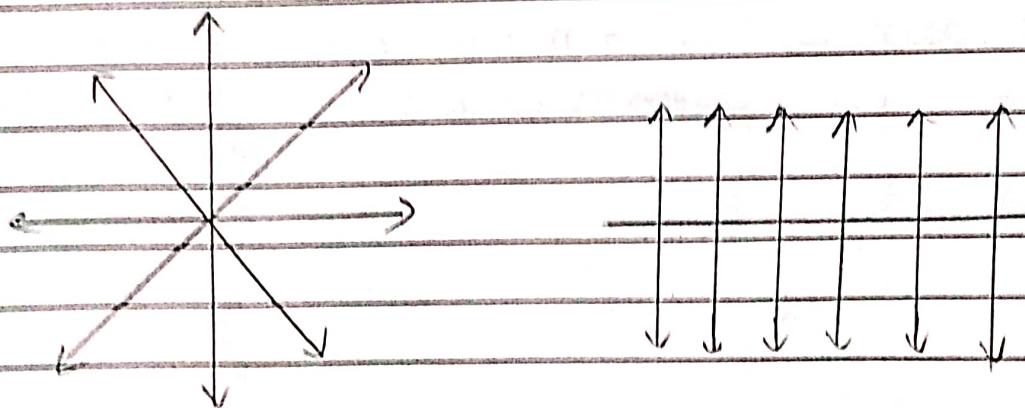


Chapter - 3

Polarisation

In natural or unpolarised light, the electric vector (electric Vector) has no specific orientation. When the light passes through certain crystals like sapphire, quartz, calcite etc. the vibration of electric vector is confined to a single direction in the plane perpendicular to the direction of propagation of wave. Such light is called polarised light and this concept is called Polarisation.

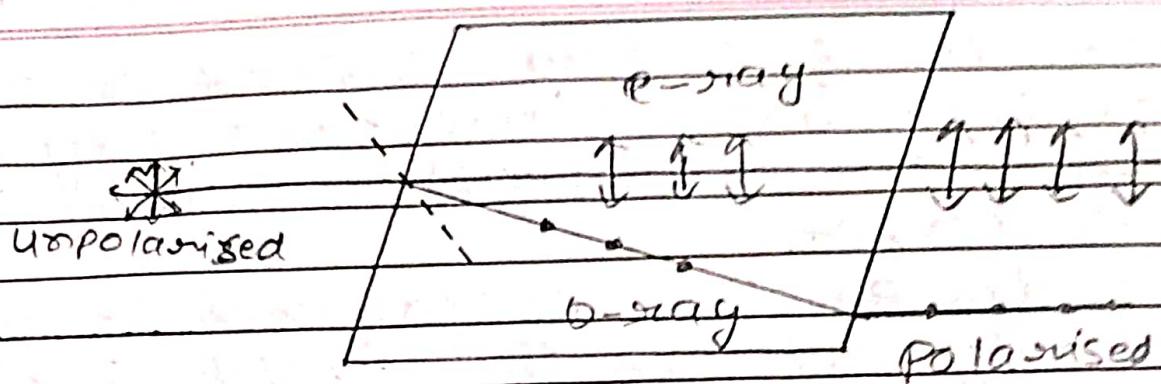
Polarisation effect shows that light is transverse in nature.



Up Unpolarised
Or natural light

Polarised light

Polarisation by Double refraction



e-ray - extraordinary ray

O-ray - ordinary ray

When unpolarised light incident on Calcite crystal (CaCO_3) it split into ~~two~~^{two} refracted rays different in their properties - the phenomenon of causing two refracted rays by a crystal is called double refraction or birefringence. Such crystal is called birefringent.

One of the ray obeys Snell's law if it is called ordinary ray or O-ray the other ray does not obey Snell's law if it is called extraordinary ray or e-ray. both the rays are polarised in mutually perpendicular direction

Properties of e-ray and O-ray

1. O-ray follows Snell's law while e-ray does not follow Snell's law.
2. both are polarised in mutually perpendicular direction.

3. Velocity of O-ray is same in all direction but velocity of e-ray is different along different direction with in the crystal.

4. The distinction e-ray and O-ray exist only with in the crystal. outside the crystal both rays are only plane polarised wave.

5.

Refractive index
of crystal for O-ray, $n_{O} = \frac{C}{V_O}$

$n_O = \frac{\text{Velocity of light in air}}{\text{Velocity of O-ray in crystal}}$

Refractive index of positive

crystal for e-ray, $n_{le} = \frac{C}{(V_e)_{\min}}$

$n_{le} = \frac{\text{Velocity of light in air}}{\text{minimum velocity of e-ray in crystal}}$

Refractive index of -ve

crystal for e-ray $n_{le} = \frac{C}{(V_e)_{\max}}$

$n_p = \frac{\text{Velocity of light in air}}{\text{maximum velocity of e-ray in crystal}}$

Q. If 't' is thickness of crystal then
Path difference between e-ray and
o-ray is given by

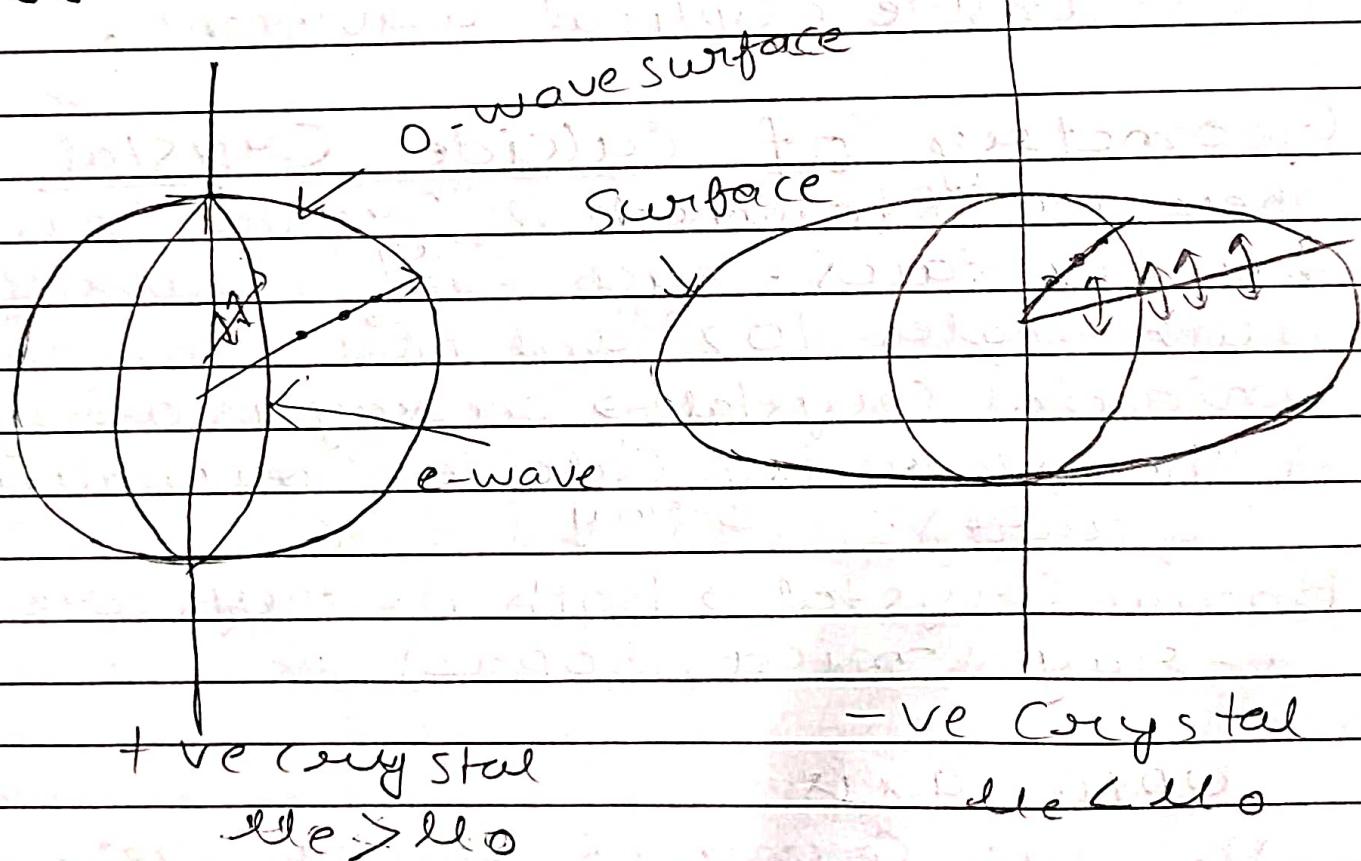
$$\text{Path difference} = \ell_{\text{eff}} - \ell_{\text{tot}}$$

$$\text{Phase difference} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\ell_{\text{eff}} - \ell_{\text{tot}}) t$$

$$+ve \rightarrow \ell_{\text{eff}} > \ell_{\text{tot}}$$

$$-ve \rightarrow \ell_{\text{eff}} < \ell_{\text{tot}}$$

Hygen's explanation of double refraction



If a point source exists within a crystal, the waves expand in all directions with same velocity so, the wavefront is spherical.

In case of double refracting crystal the wave surface of o-ray is

Spherical because it travels with same velocity in all direction except travel with different velocity in different direction therefore wave surface of e-ray is elliptical these two wave surfaces travel in different direction ultimately two refracted rays emerged out of the from the crystal in positive crystal elliptical wave front exist inside the spherical wave front.

in negative crystal the spherical wave front exist inside elliptical wave front.

Geometry of Calcite Crystal

they are Rhombohedral crystal bounded by six faces each face is parallelogram with angles 102° and 78° .

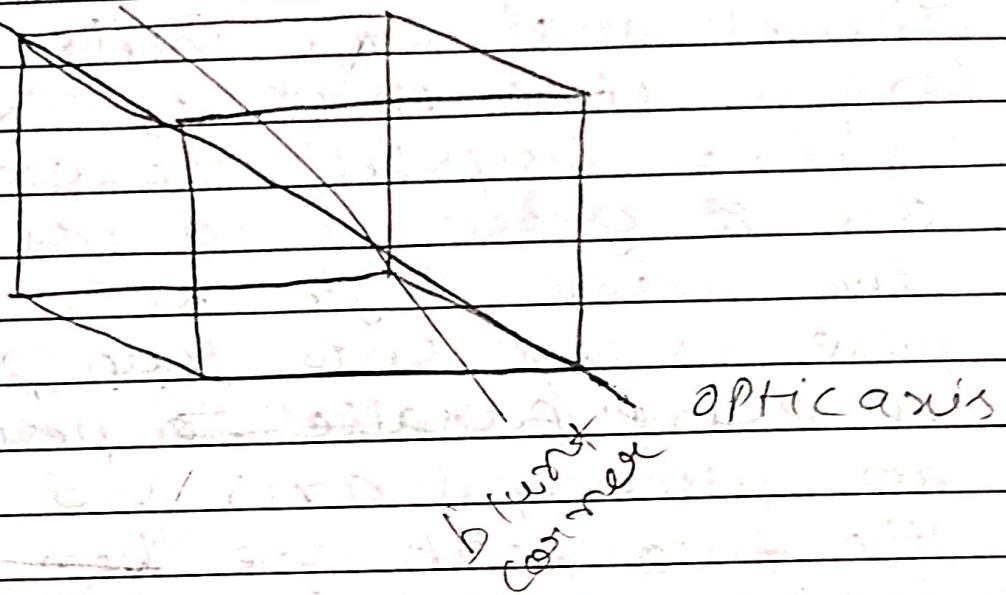
Uniaxial crystal \rightarrow one ray is O-ray & the other is (Calcite, tourmaline, quartz)

Biaxial crystal \rightarrow Both the rays are e-ray (mica, topaz)

Optic axis

the two corner of crystal where all three angle are obtuse are called blunt corner. A line bisecting any of the blunt corner gives the direction of optic axis any line parallel to optic axis is also optic axis.

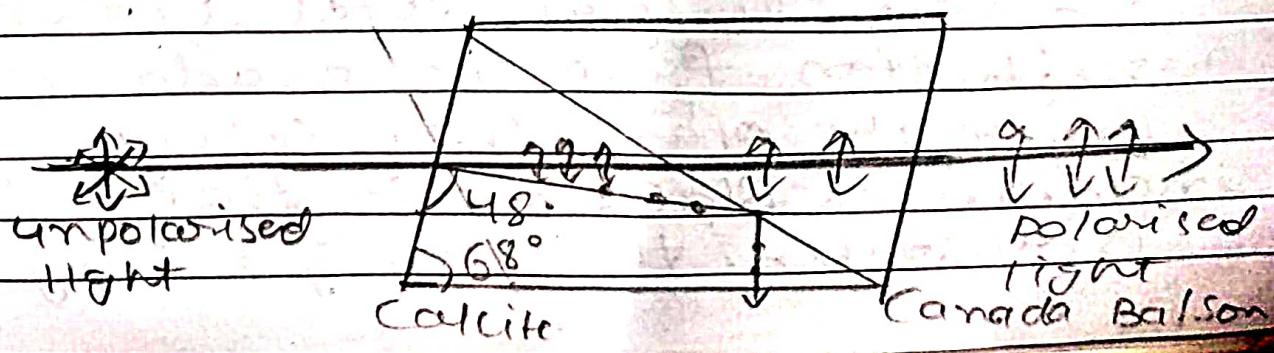
If light is incident parallel to optic axis, it will not be split into e-ray and o-ray.



* Principal Section

A plane containing optic axis and also perpendicular to the pair opposite faces is called principal section. For that pair of faces, there are three principal section corresponding to three pairs, the e-ray has vibrations parallel to principal section and o-ray has vibration perpendicular to principal section.

* Nicol Prism



$$n_0 = 1.66$$

$$n_c = 1.55$$

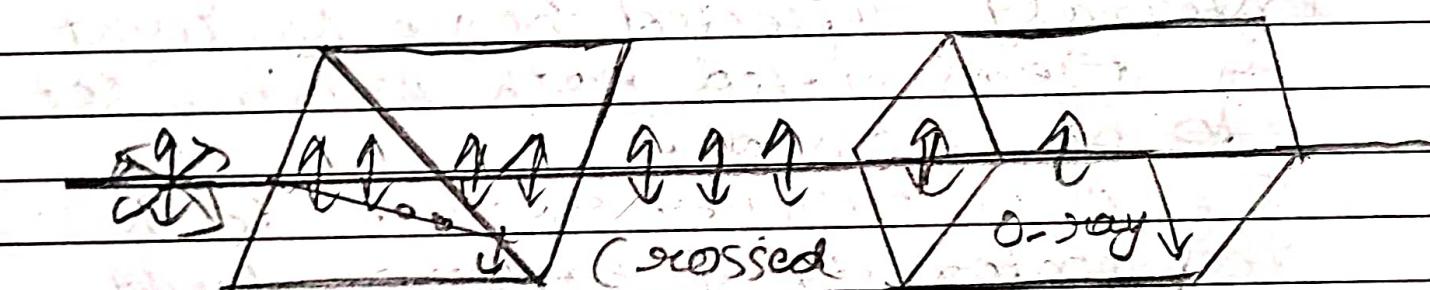
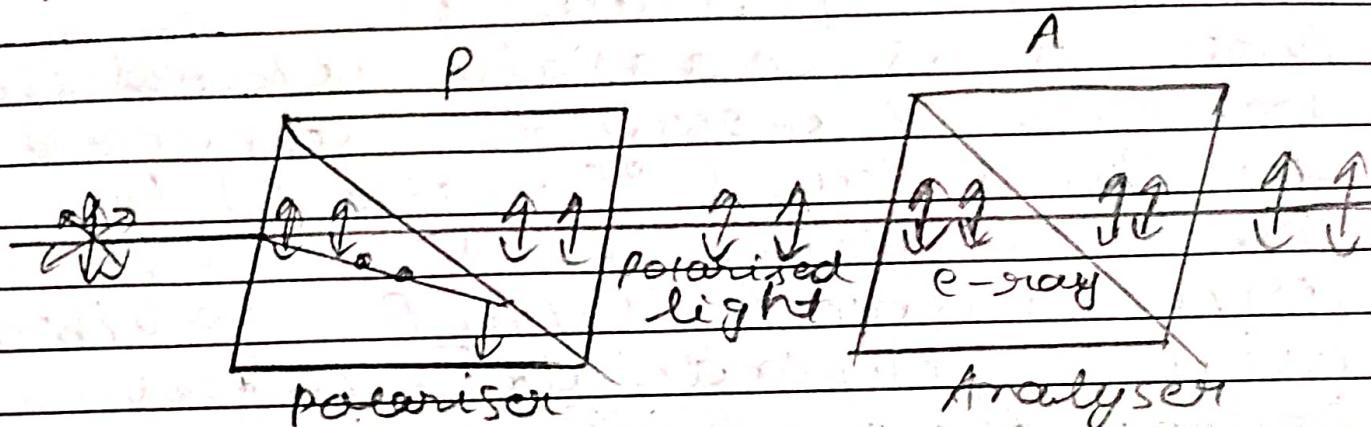
$$n_e = 1.486$$

(Construction)- Calcide Crystal of rhombohedral shape about three times long as it is thick is obtained from original Crystal - the ends surfaces are ground and polished until they make angle 68° . Then this piece is cut into two parts along a plane parallel to perpendicular to principal axis and the surfaces the two parts are then cemented together with Canada Balsam whose refractive index lies between refractive index of Calcide for e-ray and O-ray.

Working:- Unpolarised light fall on Nicol Prism at an angle of incidence of about 15° it is split into e-ray and O-ray the values of refractive indexes and the angle of incidence at Canada Balsam layer are such that e-ray is transmitted while O-ray suffers total internal reflection from the Canada Balsam layer the phase where O-ray incidence is blocked so that O-ray is absorbed. They only e-ray

Comes out of Crystal which is linearly polarised.

Nicol Prism as Polariser & Analyser



A Polariser changes unpolarised light into polarised light. An analyser is a device which is used to detect the direction of vibration of polarised light.

When two Nicol prisms are used together, one of them acts as polariser if they other act as analyser if Principal Section of both Prism

are parallel, the polariser allows e-ray to come out; this e-ray enters analyser. Since Principal Section is parallel therefore e-ray comes out of analyser.

Now A is gradually rotated the intensity of e-ray decreases according to Malus law ($I = a^2 \cos^2 \theta$) the Principal section of A become perpendicular to that of P, the vibration will be perpendicular. In this position the ray behave as o-ray inside analyser it is totally internally reflected hence no light is transmitted both prism set to be crossed.

If A is further rotated to 90° the intensity of emerging light increases up to maximum value. Again rotating to 90° intensity becomes zero. Thus it produces linearly polarised light while prism ~~set~~ detects edge and P is polarised A is Analyser

* Theory of Plane, Circularly & Elliptically polarised light

i) Plane Polarised light
the light having vibration along the straight line in a single plane

is called plane polarised light.

2. Circularly Polarised light.

it is combination of two plane polarised light having same magnitude and phase difference of 90° the resultant sweeps around the circle.

3. elliptically polarised light

it is combination of two plane polarised wave having different magnitude and phase difference of 90° the resultant sweeps across an ellipse

Analytical Treatment

Case-1 both vibration are perpendicular.

let two plane polarised wave having vibration along x and y axis Super impose the waves may be represented as

$$x = a \sin(\omega t + \delta) \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$y = b \sin \omega t \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

from eq (2)

$$\sin \omega t = \frac{y}{b}$$

$$\cos \omega t = \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}}$$

from eq (1), $\frac{x}{a} = \sin(\omega t + \delta)$

$$\frac{x}{a} = \sin \omega t \cos \delta + \cos \omega t \sin \delta \dots (3)$$

Putting values of $\sin\theta$ & $\cos\theta$

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} \cos\theta + \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}} (\sin\theta)$$

$$\frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} \cos\theta = \sin\theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}}$$

Squaring both sides

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy \cos\theta}{ab} = \sin^2\theta - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \sin^2\theta$$

$$\left| \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy \cos\theta}{ab} = \sin^2\theta \right| \quad \textcircled{4}$$

(i) if $\theta = 0$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = y/b$$

$$y = \frac{b}{a}x$$

It is eq of straight line

(ii) If $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

it is eq of ellipse

(iii) if $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}, a=b$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

it is eq of circle

Case-2 - both vibration are in same direction

Consider two light waves having vibration along x -axis

$$x_1 = a \sin \omega t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_2 = b \sin(\omega t + \delta) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Resultant $X = x_1 + x_2$

$$X = a \sin \omega t + b \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$= a \sin \omega t + b \sin \omega t \cos \delta + b \cos \omega t \sin \delta$$

$$= X = (a + b \cos \delta) \sin \omega t + b \sin \delta \cos \omega t$$

$$\text{Let } a + b \cos \delta = R \cos \phi$$

$$b \sin \delta = R \sin \phi$$

$$X = R \cos \phi \sin \omega t + R \sin \phi \cos \omega t$$

$$X = R \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

resultant is also linearly polarised light.

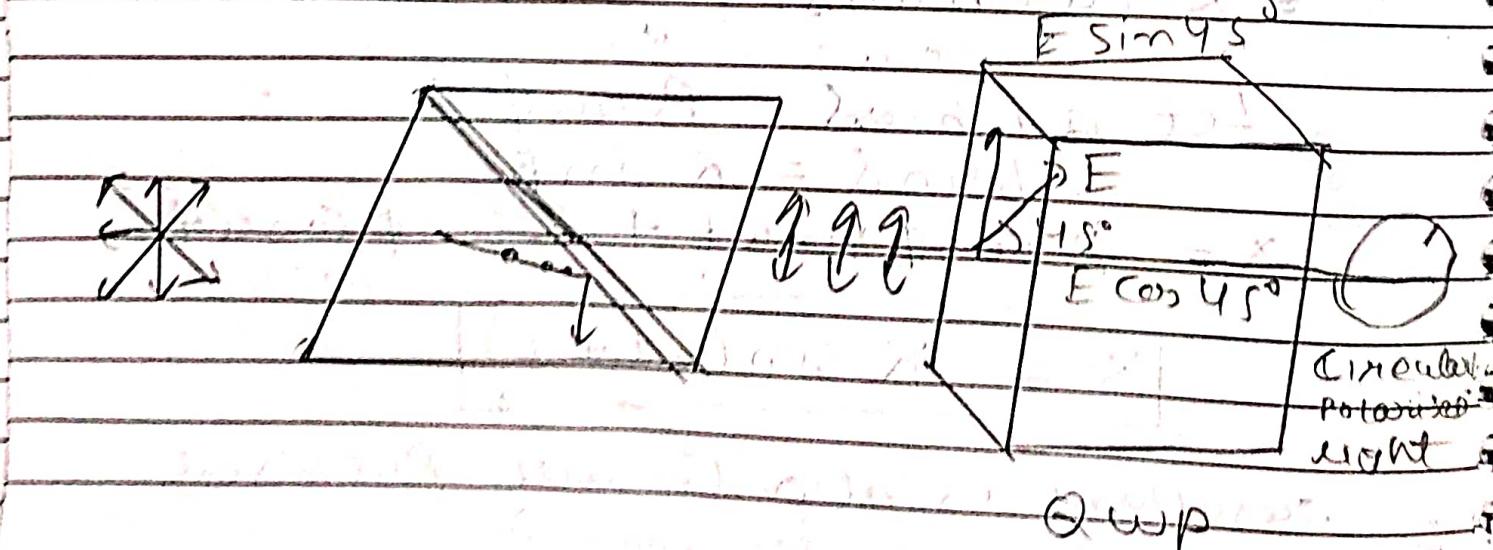
Production of Plane, Circularly & Elliptically Polarised light

1. Plane Polarised light.

When ordinary beam of light passes through Nicol Prism it splits into o-ray and e-ray. The o-ray is totally internally reflected by e-ray passes through Nicol Prism. This ray is Plane Polarised.

2. Circularly polarised light

The unpolarised light is made polarised with Nicol Prism and allows to pass through quarter wave plate (QWP). The angle between optic axis of quarter wave plate and vibration of light is 45° . The two components ($E \cos 45^\circ$ and $E \sin 45^\circ$) have same magnitude. Quarter wave plate introduces a phase difference of π between them. They superimpose to produce Circularly Polarised light.



3. elliptically Polarised light
unpolarised is made polarise with
Nicol Prism then it is allows to
pass through a quarter wave plate.
angle between optic axis and vibration
of light $0 \neq 45^\circ, 0, 90^\circ$ the two
components will have different
magnitudes. A phase difference of 90° is
not created by quarter wave plate hence
they make elliptically Polarised light.

Defection of Plane, Circularly &
elliptically polarised light
the light under test is pass through
analyser (Nicol Prism) and it is
rotated to 360° through 360°
(i) if intensity varies from maximum
to zero light was plane polarised.
(ii) if no variation of intensity is
found, light was circularly polarised
or unpolarised
(iii) if intensity varies from maximum
to minimum but never zero than
light was elliptically polarised
or partially polarised.

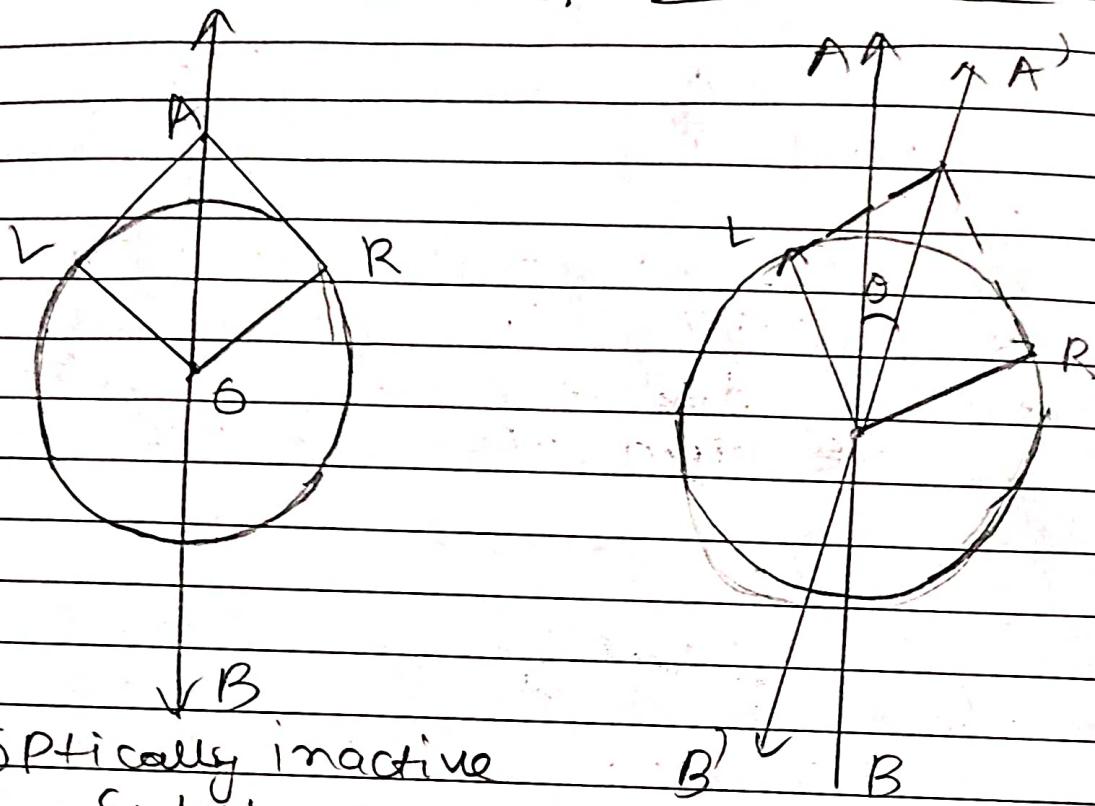
To differentiate between unpolarised and circularly polarised, the light is allow to pass from a QWP and then on analyser.

- (i) if intensity varies from maximum to zero light is circularly polarised.
- (ii) if there is no change light is unpolarised.

To differentiate between partially and elliptically polarised light we used QWP then analyser.

- (i) if intensity varies from maximum to zero light is elliptically polarised.
- (ii) if intensity varies from maximum to minimum but never zero light is partially polarised.

Fresnel's Theory of optical activity



it is based on following Assumption

- (i) when plane polarised light passes through a crystal along optic axis it is broken into clockwise and anticlockwise component.
- (ii) Both components travel with same velocity in normal substance.
- (iii) In optically active substances, velocity of two components are different and they have a relative phase difference.
- (iv) In dextro rotatory $v_R > v_L$ and in levo rotatory.
- (v) After emergence the two components recombine to produce Plane polarise light in which vibration

is rotated through angle ' θ '

(vi) the rotation of vibration of resultant weight depends upon the phase difference between two components.

Mathematical Analysis

let a ray of plane polarised light incident normally on an optically active substance the equation of incident ray

$$y = 2a \sin \omega t \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

According to present assumption it will be divided into two circular bipolars let a phase difference of δ is introduced due to change in velocity. the equation of two components can be given as

$$x_1 = a \cos \omega t, \quad y_1 = a \sin \omega t \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$x_2 = -a \cos(\omega t + \delta), \quad y_2 = a \sin(\omega t + \delta) \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Resultant :- $X = x_1 + x_2$

$$X = a \cos \omega t - a \cos(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$X = 2a \sin\left(\frac{\omega t + \delta}{2}\right) \sin \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$Y = y_1 + y_2 = a \sin \omega t + a \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$Y = 2a \sin\left(\frac{\omega t + \delta}{2}\right) \cos \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \textcircled{5}$$

Dividing (4) by (5)

$$\frac{x}{y} = \tan \frac{\delta}{2}$$

Let μ_L & μ_R be the R.I. of substance for right handed & left handed components & l is the thickness of substance.

$$\text{Path difference} = \mu_R l - \mu_L l$$

$$\text{Phase difference } (\delta) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\mu_R - \mu_L) l$$

$$\text{Angle of rotation } \theta = \frac{\delta}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} (\mu_L - \mu_R) l$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi c}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v_L} - \frac{1}{v_R} \right) l$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi c}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v_L} - \frac{1}{v_R} \right) l$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{v_L} - \frac{1}{v_R} \right) l \quad \because c = n\lambda \quad \frac{1}{\lambda} = n = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

In optically inactive

$$\text{Substance } v_L = v_R \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

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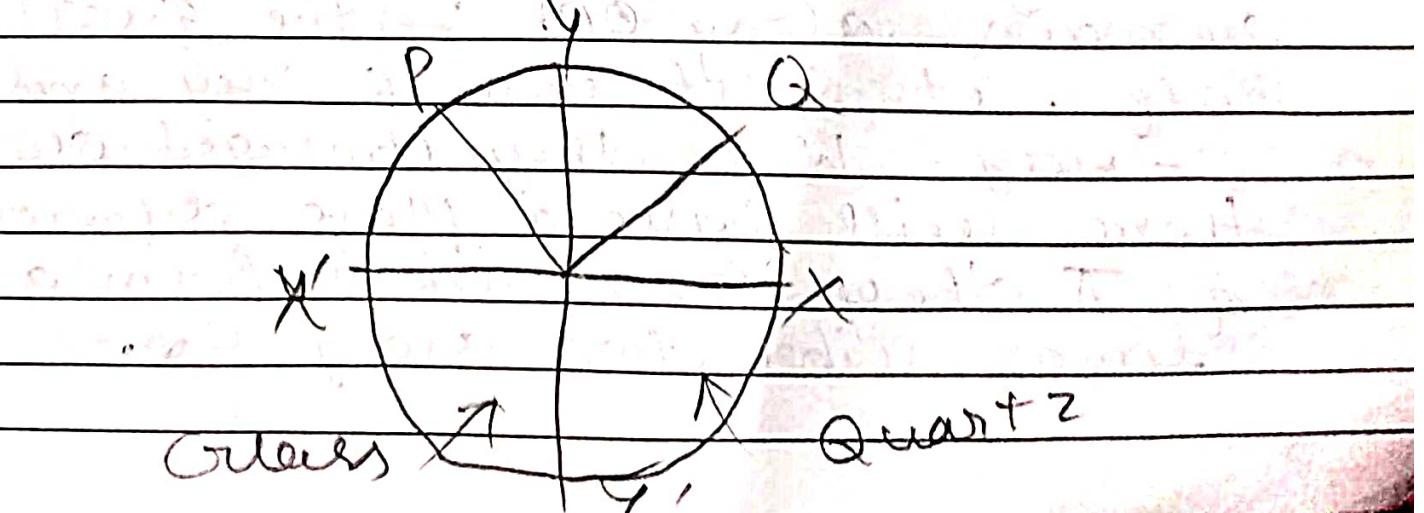
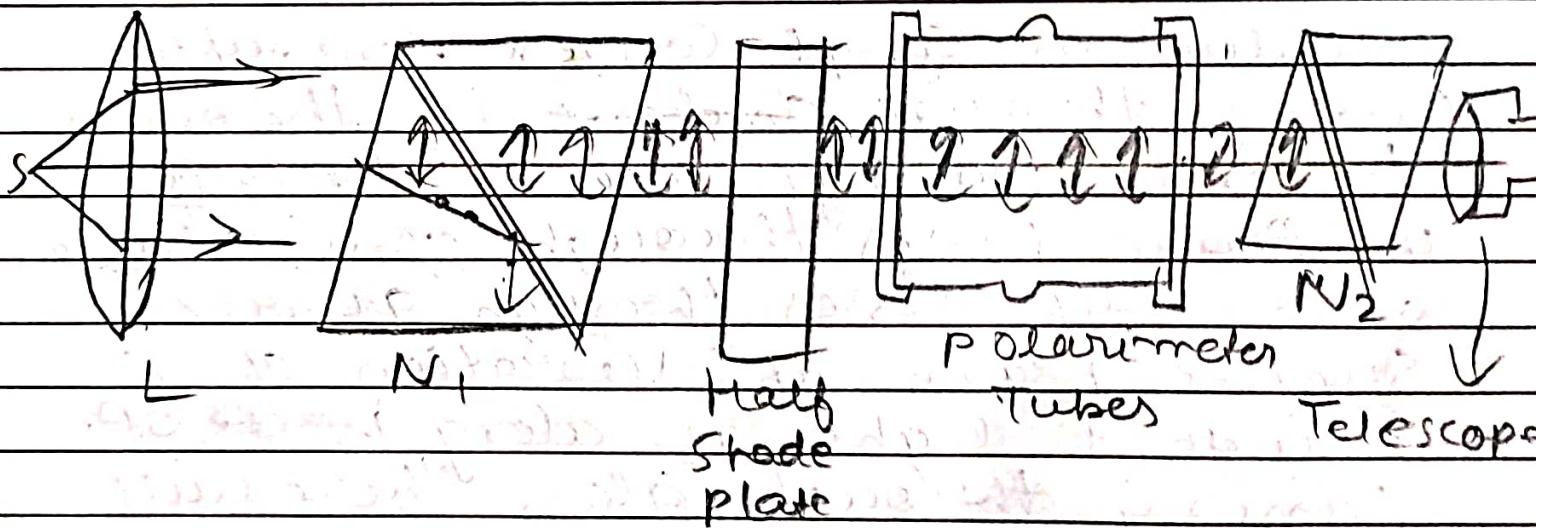
* Specific Rotation

The specific rotation is defined as rotation produced by 10 cm long column of a liquid containing 1 gm of optically active substance in 1 cc of solution. The symbol of specific rotation at ST Temperature and wavelength are constant.

$$[\alpha]_D = \frac{10}{l c}$$

Where length is in centimeter and concentration in gm/cc

* Laurent's Half Shade Polarimeter



Polarimeter is an instrument which is used to measure the optical rotation produced by the optically active substances.

Experimental arrangement.

It consists of two Nicol prisms N_1 and N_2 . Define Polariser where is plate called half shade plate it consists of two semi-circular plates one made up of quartz. The polarimeter tube has large diameter at the centre it is a glass tube containing solution and atten for used to observed intensity working.

Light from monochromatic source incident on ~~Convex~~ Convex lens after passing through ~~and one~~ N_1 , the beam becomes plane polarised. The half of beam passes through glass and the other half passes through quartz. Suppose plane of vibration of incident light is along ~~is~~ OP. Passing through glass there will remain along OP. On the quartz half, it splits into e-ray and o-ray. When they emerged out there will have a phase difference of π they combined to form a linear vibration along OQ.

When principal axis of N_2 is parallel to OQ, quartz half will appear bright. When principal plane is parallel to OP glass half will appear bright and quartz half will be dark. When it is parallel to XY both will appear equally bright.

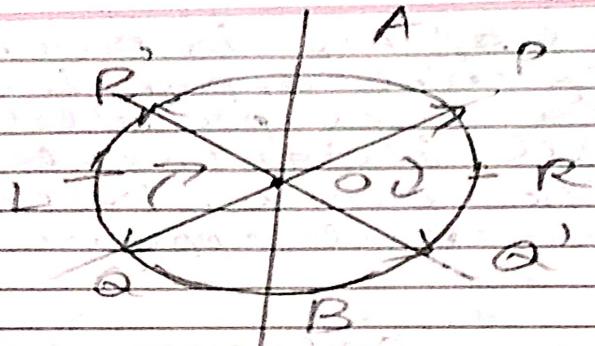
Biquartz Polarimeter

The optical arrangement in biquartz polarimeter is almost the same as Lorentz polarimeter however there are two differences

- (i) In place of monochromatic source a white source is used.
- (ii) In place of half shade plate, a biquartz plate is used.

Biquartz Plate

In this plate both semicircles are made up of quartz one is left handed and the other is right handed quartz. The vibration of incident light is along POQ. Then in bright fringes plate it gets rotated to OQ' and in left handed plate it rotates to OP'. One half appears red and the other half appears blue. When the principle plane of N_2 is parallel to AB then both halves will appear grey this position is called tint of passage.



Biaxial Plate

Q1) The specific orientation of quartz at 5086 \AA is 29.73° from Cal. The difference in refractive indexes

$$\text{Sol } \lambda = 5086 \text{ \AA} = 5086 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mm}$$

$$\frac{\theta}{2} = 29.73 \text{ degrees/mm}$$

$$n_L - n_R = ?$$

$$\frac{\theta}{L} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} (n_L - n_R)$$

$$(n_L - n_R) = \frac{5086 \times 10^{-7}}{3.14} \times 29.73$$

$$= 4.81 \times 10^{-3}$$

Q2) the indices of refraction of quartz for right handed left handed circularly polarized light of wavelength 6300 \AA travelling in a direction of optic axis have the following values: $n_R = 1.53914$
 $n_L = 1.53926$

Cat. the rotation of plane of polarisation
of light in decrease produced by plate
0.2 mm thick

Sol $\mu_R = 1.53914, \mu_L = 1.53920$

$$L = 0.2 \text{ mm} = 0.02 \text{ cm}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} (\mu_L - \mu_R) L$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6500 \times 10^{-8}} (1.53920 - 1.53914) \times 0.02 \text{ radian}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi \times 0.0006 \times 0.02}{6500 \times 10^{-8}} \times \frac{180}{\pi}$$

$$\theta \Rightarrow 3.323 \text{ degree.}$$

Q2 A sugar solution in tube of 20cm produces optical rotation of 13° the solution is when diluted to $\frac{1}{3}$ of its previous concentration find the optical rotation produced by 30cm long tube containing the diluted solution.

Sol $d_1 = 20 \text{ cm}, \theta_1 = 13^\circ, C_1 = C$

$$d_2 = 30 \text{ cm}, \theta_2 = ?, C_2 = \frac{C_1}{3}$$

$$S = \frac{10\theta_1}{d_1 C_1} = \frac{10\theta_2}{d_2 C_2}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{\theta_1 \times d_2 C_2}{d_1 C_1}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{13 \times 36 \times 10}{20 \times 5 \times C}$$

$$\theta = 6.5^\circ$$

- Q) A 5% solution of cane sugar placed in a tube of length 40cm causes optical rotation of 20° . How much length of 10% solution of the same substance will produce a rotation of 35° .

~~Sol~~ Q) $d_1 = 40\text{ cm}$, $\theta_1 = 20^\circ$

$$C_1 = \frac{5}{100} \quad \theta_2 = 35^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{20} \quad | \quad C_2 = \frac{10}{100}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10}$$

$$S = \frac{x_0 \theta_1}{d_1 C_1} = \frac{10 \theta_1}{d_1 C_1}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{d_1 C_1 \theta_2}{\theta_1 C_2} = \frac{40 \times 1 \times 35 \times 10}{20 \times 20 \times 1}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{1400 \times 10}{400}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{140}{4} = 35$$

$$d_2 = 35 \text{ cm}$$

Q5 80 gm of ~~cas~~ impure sugar is dissolved in 7L of water. The solution gives ~~and~~ an optical rotation of 9.9° when placed in a tube of length 20cm if the specific rotation of pure sugar is $66^{\circ}/\text{Decimeter}(\text{dm})^{-1}(\text{gm/cc})^{-1}$ find the Percentage of purity of sugar sample.

$$\text{Sol } l = 20\text{ cm}, \theta = 9.9^{\circ}$$

$$S = 66^{\circ} (\text{dm})^{-1} (\text{gm/cc})^{-1}$$

$$S = \frac{100}{lC}$$

$$C = \frac{10 \times 9.9}{20 \times 66} = 0.075$$

$$C = 0.075 \text{ gm/cc}$$

$$C = 75 \text{ gm/litre}$$

$$\text{impure } C = 80 \text{ gm/lit}$$

$$\% \text{ purity} = \frac{75}{80} \times 100$$

$$\rightarrow 93.75 \%$$