

Absent spectra is for one wavelength the source.

Absent spectra (some Principal Maxima Missing).

Sometimes in the spectra obtained by grating, certain order of spectra are absent.

for eg  $\rightarrow$  I<sup>st</sup> Order spectra is visible  
II<sup>nd</sup> " " " invisible

again III<sup>rd</sup> " " " visible.

The intensity expression for N-slits is

$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} \frac{\sin^2 N\beta}{\sin^2 \beta}$$

diffraction through single slit      interference of all the diffracted waves.

$\Rightarrow$  in n-slit, there exist a contribution of single slit diffraction & also the interference of all the diffracted rays through N-slits.

If we are viewing absence of spectra

$\Rightarrow$  ~~the~~ condition of minima for single slit.

$$\text{i.e. } a \sin \theta = m \lambda. \quad (1) \quad m = 1, 2, 3 \dots \text{ excluding zero}$$

will ~~not~~ overlap with principal maxima condition due to N-slits.

$$\text{i.e. } (a+b) \sin \theta = n \lambda. \quad (2) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Thus if the two conditions (1) & (2) overlap each

other, then the spectra will be missing.

Now why does this happens?

The condition for the overlapping of the above two equations (which results in absent spectra) is :-

$$\frac{(a+b) \sin \Theta}{a \sin \Theta} = \frac{n\lambda}{m\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{a} = \frac{n}{m}$$

Case 1 if  $a=b$  [*i.e. if opacity = transparency*]

then  $n=2m$ .

Now  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\Rightarrow n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  [*thus order of spectra (P. Maxima will be missing) will be missing*].

\* Case 2 if  $b=2a$ . [*width of transparency is double of opacity*]  
*This condition is satisfied in 2nd*

If  $m = 1, 2, 3$

$$\cancel{a} = 3a/a = n/m \Rightarrow n = 3m$$

$\Rightarrow n = 3, 6, 9, \dots$  (*missing order*).

Calculation of

Gruin

## In Number of order of spectra in a Grating

$$\Rightarrow (a+b) \sin \theta = n\lambda. \quad \text{Grating laws}$$
$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{\lambda}.$$

$(a+b) \rightarrow$  grating element.  $= \frac{1}{N}$  per inch  
 $= \frac{2.54}{N}$  per cm.

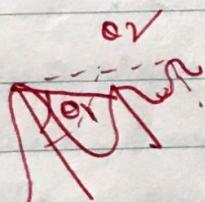
$N =$  no. of lines per inch in grating.

If  $\theta = 90^\circ$  ] At this condition  
 $\Rightarrow n \rightarrow n_{\max} = \frac{(a+b)}{\lambda}. \quad$  Maximum no. of  
spectra are visible

Q Why third order spectra is invisible in diffraction grating experiment

Ans  $n = \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{\lambda} \quad$  for  $\lambda = 6000 \text{ A}^\circ$   
 $N = 15000 \text{ lines/inch.}$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{15000} \times 2.54 \text{ cm.}$$

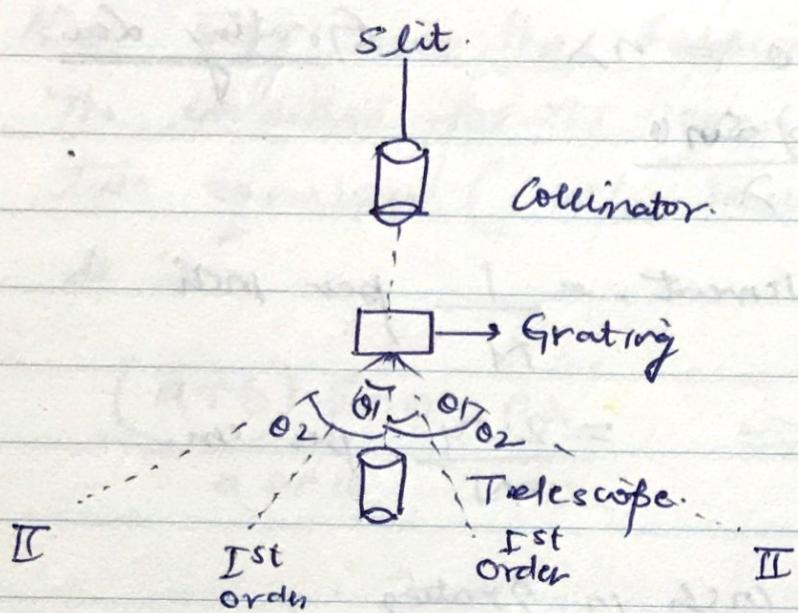
or  

$$\theta_1 = \frac{1 \times 6000 \text{ A}^\circ}{a+b}$$
$$\approx 20^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = 40^\circ \text{ (for } n=3).$$

and for  $n=3$ ,  $\sin \theta_2 > 1$   
 $\Rightarrow n=3$  Not visible.

# Determination of $\lambda$ of light by diffraction

Grating.



Maximum no. of spectra visible.

only 2 spectra are visible

$$\sin \theta_1 = \frac{1 \times \lambda}{a+b}$$

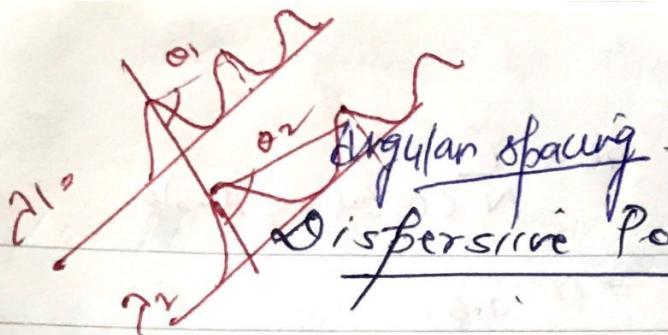
$$= 6 \times 10^{-5} / 2.54 / 18$$

$$\approx 20^\circ$$

$$\sin \theta_2 \approx 40^\circ$$

$$\sin \theta_3 > 1$$

$$(a+b) \sin \theta = n \lambda$$



Angular spacing

### Dispersive Power of Grating

(how much colours are dispersed angular spacing obtained b/w p. maxima)

It is defined as the change in the angle of diffraction corresponding to the unit change in wavelength of light.

Let  $\theta = \text{angle of diffraction for } \lambda$   
 $(\theta + d\theta) \quad , \quad (\lambda + d\lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{dispersive power} = \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda}$$

Now  $(atb) \sin\theta = n\lambda \rightarrow \text{GRATING LAW or position of P. Max.}$   
 Differentiating w.r.t  $\lambda$ .

$$\Rightarrow (atb) \cos\theta \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = n \times \frac{1}{(atb)} \times \frac{1}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Key} \perp \frac{d\theta/d\lambda}{\perp} \propto n \cdot (\text{order of spectrum})$$

Thus angular spacing for  $2^{\text{nd}}$  order spectral line is double than  $1^{\text{st}}$  order spectral line - ie  $2^{\text{nd}}$  order spectral line is twice than  $1^{\text{st}}$  order line

$\frac{1}{(Afb)} = \text{no. of lines per cm}$  length of grating

$$Afb = \frac{1}{N} (\text{total no. of lines})$$

Case 2.

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} \propto \frac{1}{(Afb)} \Rightarrow N = \frac{1}{Afb}$$

Dispersive power or angular dispersion is more for grating having large no. of lines per inch.

Case 3

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} \propto \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

(a) If  $\theta = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \text{max value.}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{angular dispersion is minimum.}$

If  $\theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0$  if  $\theta$  is small  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda}$  is large.

(b) If  $\theta$  is large  $\Rightarrow \cos \theta$  is small  $\Rightarrow$  higher is angular dispersion.

$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda}$  increases with  $\theta$ .

also  $\theta \uparrow$  with  $\lambda$ .

Now in Visible spectrum

$\theta_{\text{red}} > \theta_{\text{violet}}$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  Grating spectra

spread much

more in Red

Region than  
Violet Region

bcz  $\lambda_{\text{Red}} < \lambda_{\text{Violet}}$

(bcz  $\theta$  increases with  $\lambda$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Angular dispersion in Red  $>$  Violet.

\* { Thus grating spectra in Red Region spread much more than in Violet Region }

## Resolving power

Resolving power = The ability of an optical instrument to produce distinctly separate images of two very close objects is called resolving power.

for eg in a grating exp, the naked eye can't resolve the two spectral lines. Hence we use telescope or in biological samples we use microscope.

### Limitation of Naked eye

An eye can see two objects separate if the angle subtended by the object at the eye is greater than about  $1'$ .

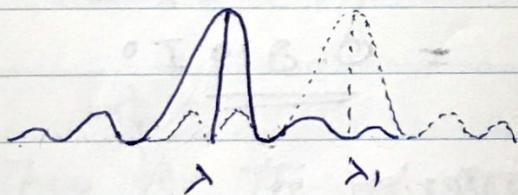
That  $1'$  is the Resolving limit of eye

If the angle subtended  $\alpha < 1'$  then the eye can't see two objects separate.

## Rayleigh's limit of Resolution

If we have two bright ~~to~~ point sources then two patterns or two spectral lines are regarded as separate or resolved if the central maximum of one falls up in the first minimum of other ( $\lambda_2$ )

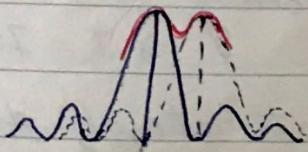
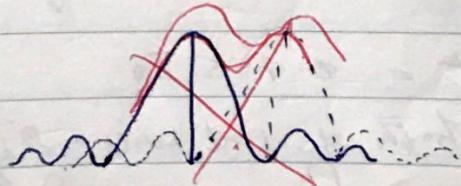
Case 1 If the diff. b/w two sources having wavelength  $\lambda_1 & \lambda_2$  is very large. Then the spectral lines are distinctly separate.



Here the ang. separation b/w two P Max's is large.

Case 2. If the diff b/w  $\lambda$  &  $\lambda_1$  is small, then the P. Maxima of two spectral lines lie close to each other.

If the P. Max of 2<sup>nd</sup> spectral line lie on first minima of 1<sup>st</sup> .....



Hence the resultant intensity curve has double hump & a dip.

The two separate intensity curves intersect in the region with  $\alpha = \pi/2$

Thus by ~~this~~ this resultant intensity curve, Rayleigh said that in this condition the two spectral lines are just resolved.

$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} \rightarrow \text{Single slit Relation is used. Not n-slit.}$$

phase diff In this case  $\alpha = \pi/2 \Rightarrow [I = 0.405 I_0]$

Thus the intensity of each pattern is 0.405 times the max. intensity.

$$\text{or the Resultant intensity is } 0.405 \times 2 I_0 \\ = 0.810 I_0$$

This is Rayleigh's criterion

that if the two spectral lines are just resolved when the intensity at the dip (or resultant intensity) = 0.810 times the max. intensity of either Maxima.

The two separate curves intersect in the region corresponding to  $\alpha = \pi/2$ .

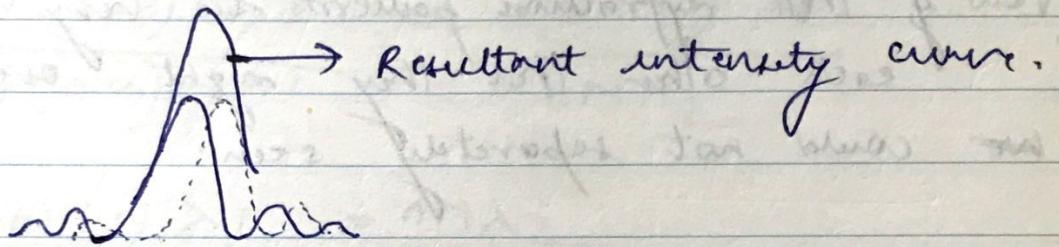
$$\Rightarrow I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} = 0.405 I_0.$$

$$\text{Resultant intensity due to both spectral lines} \rightarrow 2 I_0 \times \frac{0.405}{0.405} \\ = 0.810 I_0.$$

~~Ques 1~~

Case 3 → If the diff b/w  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  is very ~~toge~~ small. Then the

Maxima's of two spectral lines are very close to each other such that there is an overlapping of the intensity curves.



Hence the spectral lines are not resolved.

~~Ans~~

Thus for the spectral line ~~to~~ to resolve, the principal maxima of one must lie on the minima of other. Thus the angular separation b/w the principal maxima of two spectral lines (of a given order) should be equal to half angular width of either principal maxima.

## Resolving power of a Grating

Let we have light of two wavelengths  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$ .

→ We will get spectral lines from  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$ . bcz each wavelength will produce its own diffraction pattern.

Now if these diffraction patterns lie very close to each other then they might overlap & ~~we~~ could not separately seen.

According to Rayleigh's criterion, the two separate spectral lines are just resolved (or separately seen) if P.M due to  $\lambda_2$  falls on first s.c Minima due to  $\lambda_1$  (or vice versa)

Now sec. Minima due to  $\lambda_1$  is

$$N(a+b) \sin \theta = m \lambda_1 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

and if we talk about first sec. minima adjacent to  $N^{\text{th}}$  P. Max.

$$\Rightarrow N(a+b) \underbrace{\sin \theta_{\text{en}} + d\theta_{\text{en}}}_{= n} = (nN+1) \lambda_1$$

$$N(a+b) \sin \theta' = (nN+1) \lambda_1 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Now Acc<sup>n</sup> to Rayleigh

P.M of  $\lambda_2$  ~~is~~ should lie on this angle.

$$(a+b) \sin \theta' = n \lambda_2 \quad \text{---(3)}$$

total no. of lines on grating

Multiplying  $N$  on both sides

$$\Rightarrow N(a+b) \sin \theta' = nN \lambda_2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

from Acc<sup>n</sup> to Rayleigh's criterion

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N(a+b) \sin \theta'}{N(a+b) \sin \theta'} = \frac{(nN+1) \lambda_1}{nN \lambda_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (nN+1) \lambda_1 = nN \lambda_2$$

Let  $\lambda = \lambda$  &  $\lambda_2 = \lambda + d\lambda$ .

$$\Rightarrow (nN+1) \lambda = nN (\lambda + d\lambda) \quad \text{solving}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\lambda = nNd\lambda.$$

Now Receiving Power

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = nN \right]$$

Thus R.P = product of  $n$  (order) &  
total no. of ~~lines~~ lines

from Grating law.

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = N \times \frac{(a+b) \sin \theta}{\lambda} \right]$$

&  $N(a+b) = \frac{\text{total width of Grating}}{\lambda}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = \frac{W \sin \theta}{\lambda} \right]$$

If  $\theta = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \text{Max. Resolving Power} = \frac{N(a+b)}{\lambda}$

$= \frac{\text{Total width}}{\lambda}$

~~also dispersive power is~~

$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = n$

~~a+b area~~

DIFFERENCE b/w D.P & R.P

Also we know that dispersive power is

①  $\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = \frac{n}{(a+b) \cos \theta}$  D.P.

Substituting  $n$  from dispersive power  
into resolving power

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{d\lambda} = nN = N(a+b) \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{d\lambda}$

~~R.P. =~~

Width

$$\Rightarrow D.P \propto n.$$

$$\propto \frac{1}{a+b}$$



(2) But D.P doesn't depend upon width of Grating.

But R.P  $\propto nN$

$$\propto \text{width}/\lambda$$

$$(d+b) \times \text{width} = N$$

$$(a+b) \times N = \text{width}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore if the no. of lines per cm is same for two gratings, then the dispersive Power will be same

but Resolving Power will be different.

and the grating which has larger width will have higher R.P.

(3) D.P Refers to wide separation of spectral lines  
R.P " " ability of instrument to show  
spectral lines as separate