

"Polarization"

- ✓ ① Unpolarised, Polarised and Partially Polarised lights.
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Polarization:- The process of removing the symmetry and bringing in one sidedness in light wave is called polarization.

★ It tells about the arrangements of electric and magnetic field vectors in the light wave.

$$E = BC$$

Types of polarization:-

- ① Polarized light
- ② Unpolarized light
- ③ Partially Polarized light.

① Polarized light:- The electric vectors are confined into one direction.

★ The electric vectors are distributed asymmetrically.

② Unpolarized light:- The electric vectors are distributed in all directions.

★ The electric vectors are distributed symmetrically.

③ Partially Polarized light:- If the state of polarization of given light lies between 0 and 1 - called partially polarized light.

Polarized light

- ① Consist waves having their electric vectors vibrating in single plane normal to ray direction.
- ② Asymmetrical about ray direction.
- ③ It is obtained with help of polarizers.
- ④ may be regarded as resultant of two mutually perpendicular coherent waves having zero phase difference.

Unpolarized light

- ① Consist wave with plane of vibration equally distributed in all directions about ray direction.
- ② Symmetrical about ray direction.
- ③ Conventional light sources.
- ④ may be regarded as resultant of two incoherent waves of equal intensity but polarized in mutually perpendicular planes.

Electric vector -

$$E_y = E_0 \sin (kz - \omega t)$$

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amplitude direction of
 propagation
 of light

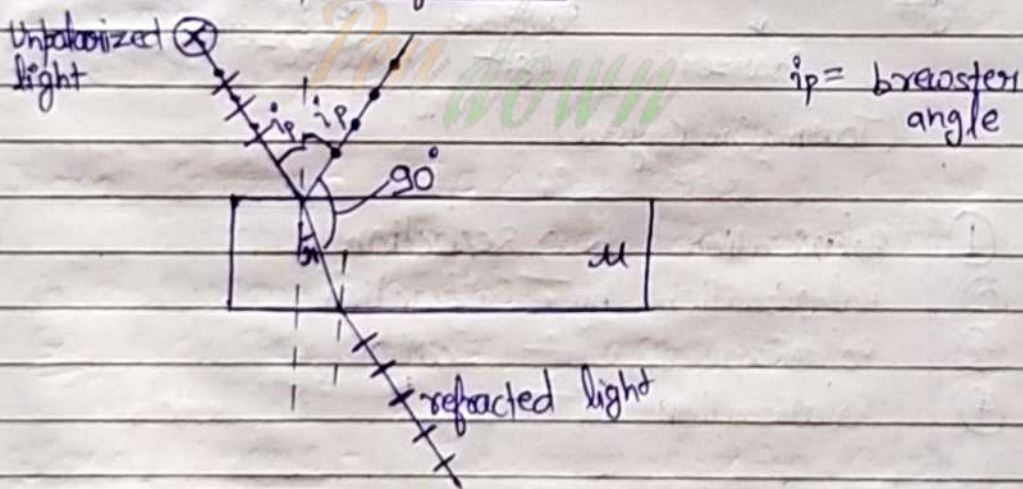
★ $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ is wave vector.

$$\mu = \tan \theta_B$$

Application of Brewster's law :-

- ① Brewster's law can be used to determine the refractive index of opaque materials.
- ② It helps in calculating polarizing angle necessary for total polarization of reflected light for any material if refractive index is known.
- ③ This law is not applicable for metallic surfaces.

① Polarisation by reflection :-

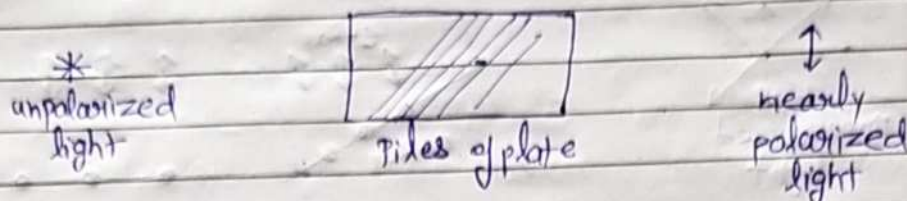


$$\mu = \tan i_p \longrightarrow \text{Brewster equation}$$

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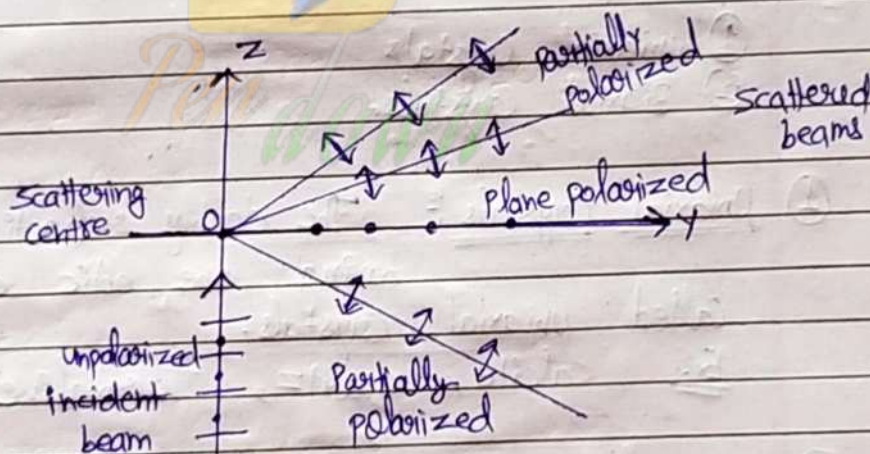
② Polarization by Refraction:-

Arrangement used = piles of plate



Unpolarized light enters the tube and is incident on plates at Brewster's angle and transmitted light will be totally polarized parallel to plane of incidence.

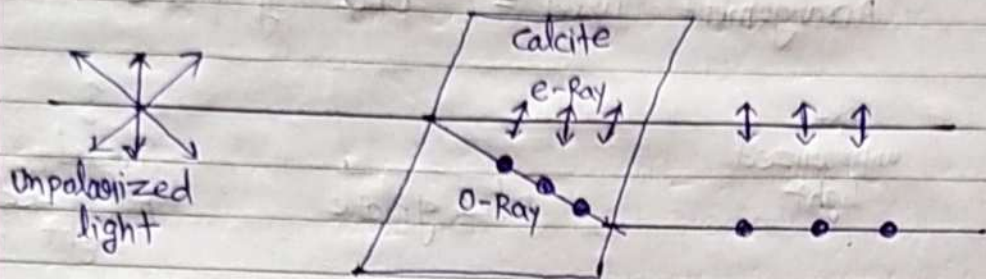
③ Polarization by Scattering:-



④ Polarization by Double refraction:-

There are certain crystals through which if we pass any unpolarized light, this splits into two polarized light. This phenomenon is called Double refraction, and that crystal is called Double refracting crystal.

Crystal :- Anisotropic crystal like calcite or quartz.



O-ray = ordinary Ray
e-ray = extra ordinary Ray.

Double Refracting Crystals

- ① uniaxial crystals
- ② Biaxial Crystals

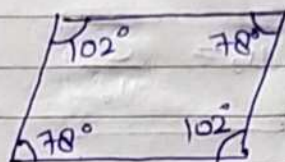
① Uniaxial Crystals :- The doubly refracting crystals having one optic axis are called uniaxial crystals.
Ex:- calcite, quartz, Tourmaline.

② Biaxial Crystals :- The doubly refracting crystal having 2 optic axis are called biaxial crystals.
Ex:- Topaz, aragonite, sugar.

Optic axis :- Direction in crystal along which both rays move with same velocity.

Calcite Crystal:- (CaCO_3) [Rhombobedron]

The opposite corners must meet at ~~oblique~~ obtuse angle ($> 90^\circ$) are called blunt corners.



Optic axis - direction along which a line passing through any one of the blunt corners and making equal angles with each of 3 edges.

Principal section:- Plane containing the optic axis of crystal and perpendicular to its two opposite refracting faces is called principal section.

Properties of e-ray and o-ray:-

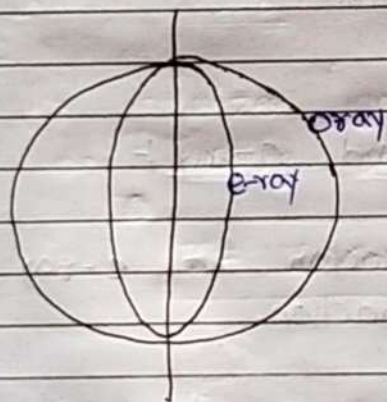
- ① o-ray obeys law of refraction but e-ray does not follow law of refraction.
- ② e-ray has electric vectors parallel to plane of crystal while o-ray has electric vectors perpendicular to plane of crystal.
- ③ e-ray travels faster than o-ray in -ve crystal.

- ④ refractive index of e-ray varies per direction
but of o-ray = same
because o-ray have same velocity in
all directions.

$$\mu_o = \frac{c}{v_o} \quad (\text{for o-ray}).$$

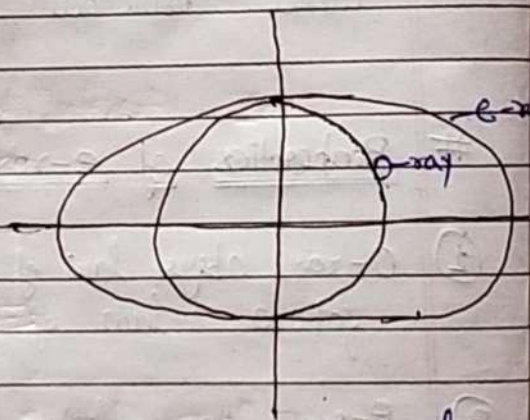
Positive crystal:- Crystal in which e-wave front lies within o-wave front.

Negative crystal:- Spherical wavefront of o-ray is enclosed by ellipsoidal wavefront of e-ray.



+ve crystal

$$\mu_e > \mu_o$$



-ve crystal

$$\mu_e < \mu_o$$

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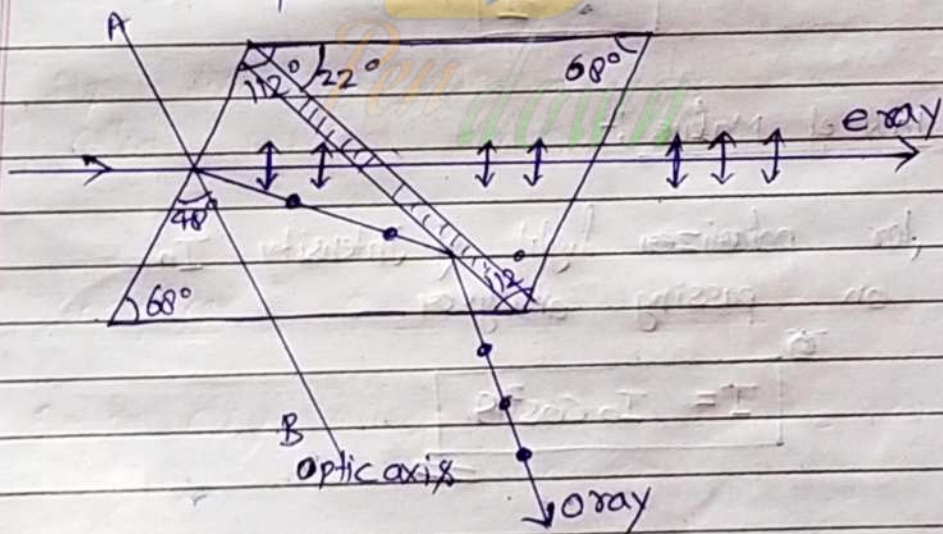
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Def Blue fringing OR Amount of Double Refraction of crystal -

$$\Delta u = \mu_e - \mu_o$$

- ① $\Delta u = +ve$ for positive crystal
- ② $\Delta u = -ve$ for -ve crystal

Nical Prism:- It is a polarizing device made of calcite crystal fabricated from a double refracting crystal similar to polaroid sheet in action.



$$\mu_o = 1.66$$

$$\mu_e = 1.486$$

$$\mu_{\text{Canada balsam}} = 1.55$$

from Canada balsam layer, e-ray transmitted and o-ray internally reflected and absorbed hence

we get only e-ray (plane polarized) by Nicol prism.

★ Nicol prism is used as polarizer and Analyser.

some Important points:-

- ① unpolarized light of intensity I_0 transmitted by polarizer then polarized light will have Intensity

$$I = \frac{I_0}{2}$$

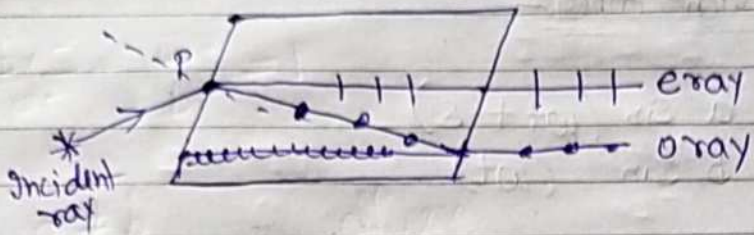
- ② law of Malus:-

for polarizer light of intensity I_0 on passing analyser

$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

★ $I = 0$ at $\theta = 90^\circ$ and 270°
(axes are perp)

Huygen's Theory of Double refraction:



for -ve crystal
 $n_e > n_o$

P will send 2 wave fronts — (1) associated with e-ray
(2) associated with o-ray.

optical path travelled by e-ray = $\mu_1 t$
optical path travelled by o-ray = $\mu_2 t$

★ optical path difference = $t(\mu_2 - \mu_1)$

⊙ If t is such that

(1) $\pm (\mu_0 - \mu_e) = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ (Half wave plate)
(phase difference = π)

(2) $\pm (u_o - u_e) = \frac{\lambda}{4}$ (quarter wave plate)
(phase difference = $\frac{\pi}{2}$)

☆ optical phase difference = $\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (t(u_o - u_e))$

Superposition of two linearly polarized wave with their optical vectors perpendicular to each other -

$$E_x = a \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$E_y = b \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\frac{E_x}{a} = \sin(\omega t + \delta), \quad \frac{E_y}{b} = \sin(\omega t)$$

on simplify

$$\boxed{\frac{E_x^2}{a^2} + \frac{E_y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2E_x E_y}{ab} \cos \delta = \sin^2 \delta}$$

State of polarization of resultant wave and is oblique ellipse.

① $\delta = 0$:-

$$\frac{E_x}{a} = \frac{E_y}{b}$$

$$\boxed{E_y = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) E_x}$$

plane polarised light

② $\delta = \pi$:-

$$\left(\frac{E_x}{a} + \frac{E_y}{b}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{E_y = -\frac{b}{a} E_x}$$

plane polarized light

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{\underline{\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\underline{\frac{3\pi}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{E_x^2}{a^2} + \frac{E_y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad a \neq b \quad \text{ellipse}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad a = b \quad \text{circle}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

To determine clockwise or anticlockwise polarized:-

$$\begin{cases} E_x = E_0(\sin \omega t + \delta) \\ E_y = E_0 \sin \omega t \end{cases}$$

① ~~zero~~ for circularly polarized, $\delta = \pi/2$

$$E_x = E_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$E_y = E_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\omega t = 0$$

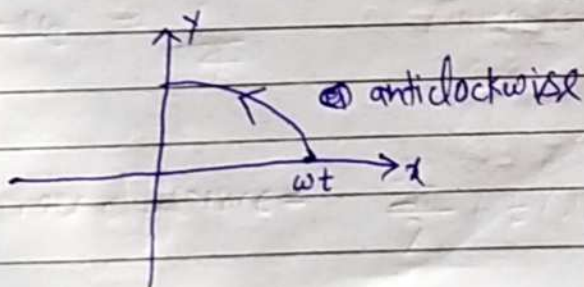
$$E_x = E_0$$

$$E_y = 0$$

$$\omega t = \pi/2$$

$$0$$

$$E_0$$



$$\textcircled{2} \quad \delta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$E_x = -E_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$E_y = E_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \omega t = 0$$

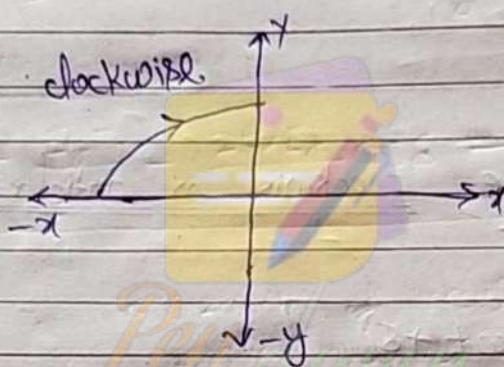
$$E_x = -E_0$$

$$E_y = 0$$

$$\omega t = \pi/2$$

$$0$$

$$E_0$$



Similarly can proceed for given cases .

$$\# \textcircled{1} \quad \text{CPL} \rightarrow \pi/2 \rightarrow \text{LP}$$

(quarter plate)

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{EPL} \rightarrow \pi/2 \rightarrow \text{LP}$$

(quarter plate)

Special Cases:-

① when optical path diff = 0 ~~or~~ \Rightarrow linearly polarized

② when ~~or~~ ~~egg~~ optical path diff = $\frac{\lambda}{4}$
 \Rightarrow elliptical polarized

③ when optical path diff = $\frac{\lambda}{4}$, $a=b$,
 \Rightarrow circularly polarized

Hence

④ A quarter wave plate is used to produce elliptical or circularly polarized light