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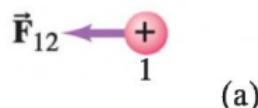
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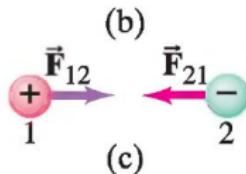
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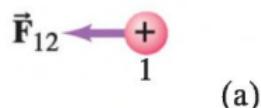
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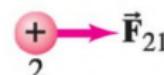
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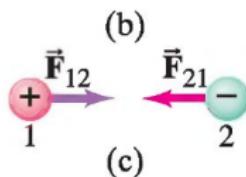
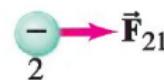
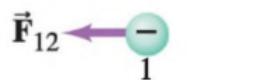
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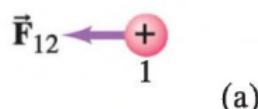
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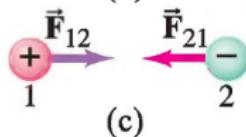
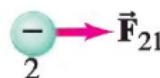
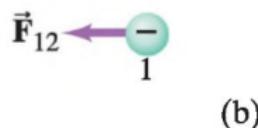
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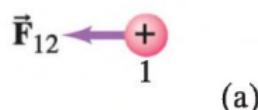
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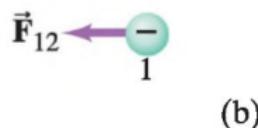
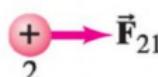
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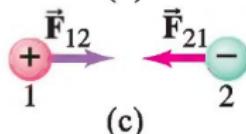
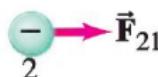
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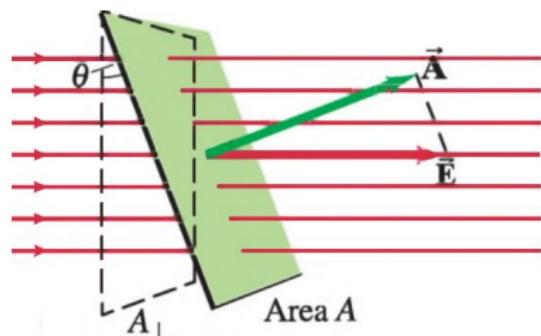
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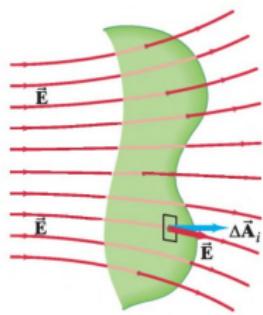
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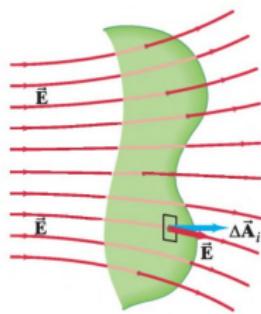
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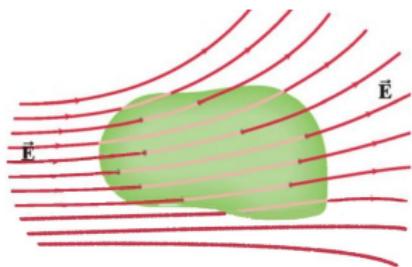
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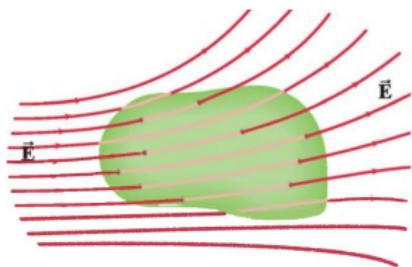
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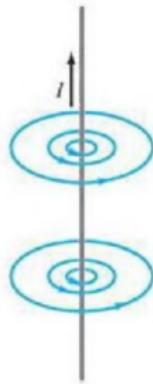
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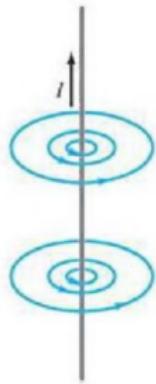
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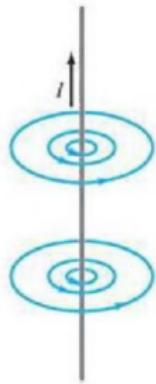
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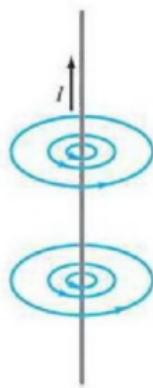


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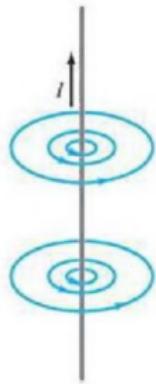
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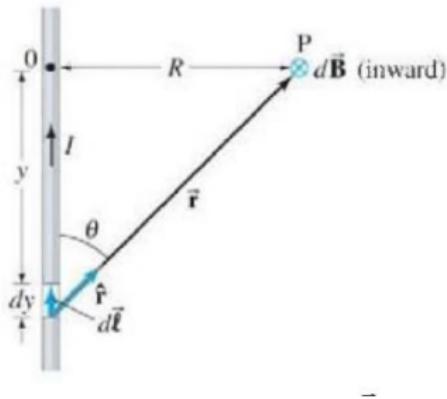
The unit of the magnetic field is Tesla,

$$[B] = \frac{N}{Am} \quad (25)$$

The constant μ_0 is the **Vacuum Magnetic Permeability**.

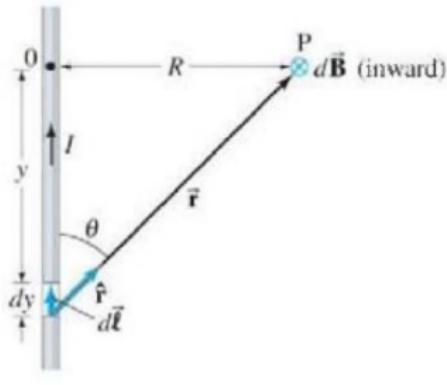
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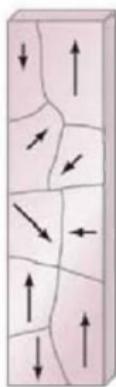
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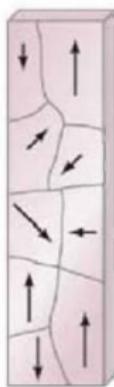
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$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \rightarrow \textit{Lorentz Equation} \quad (31)$$

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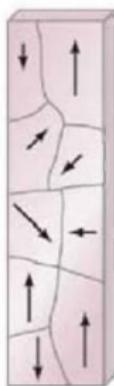


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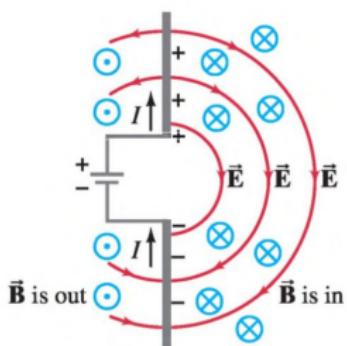
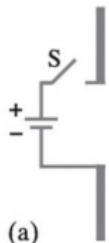
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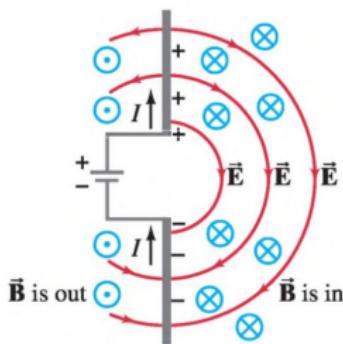
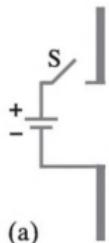
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TABLE E-1 Maxwell's Equations in Free Space[†]

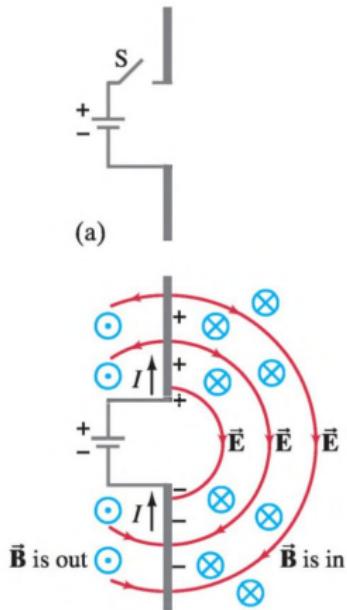
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[†] $\vec{\nabla}$ stands for the *del operator* $\vec{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ in Cartesian coordinates.

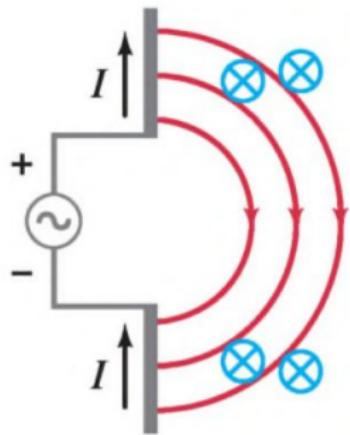


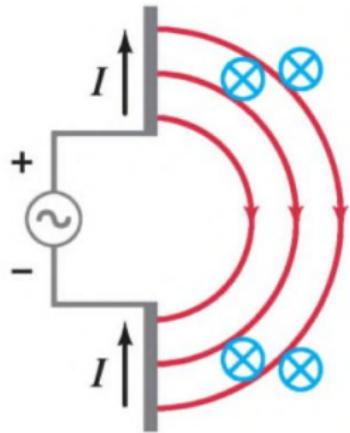


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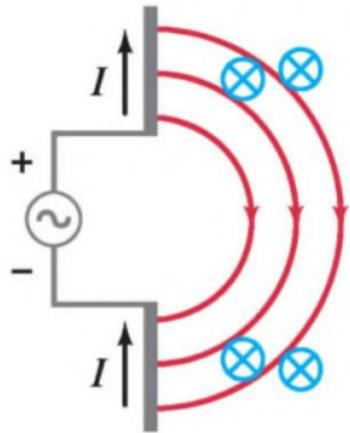


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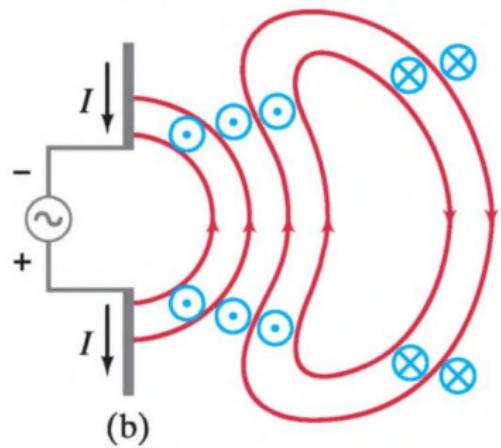




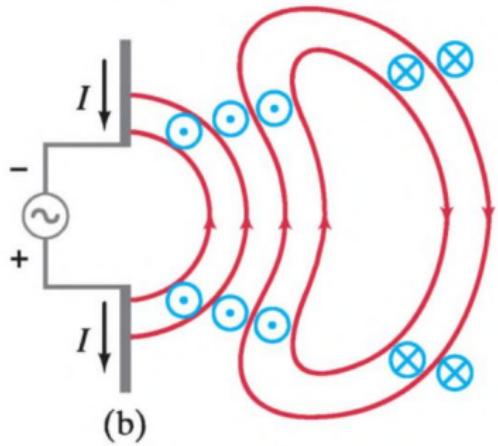
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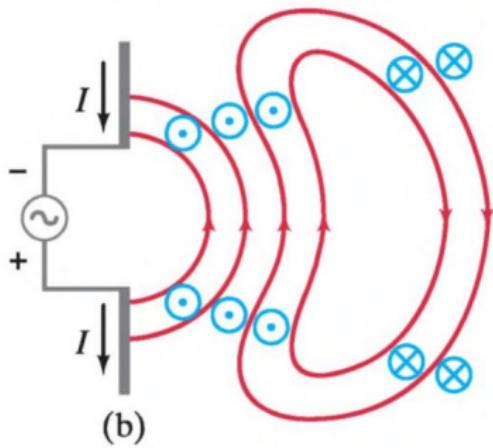


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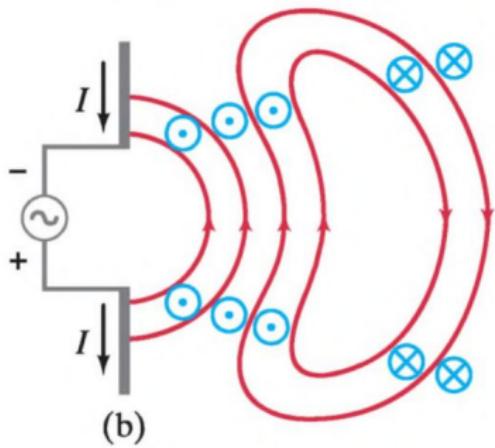


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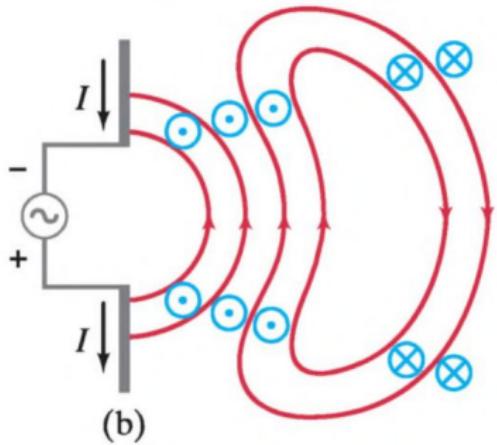




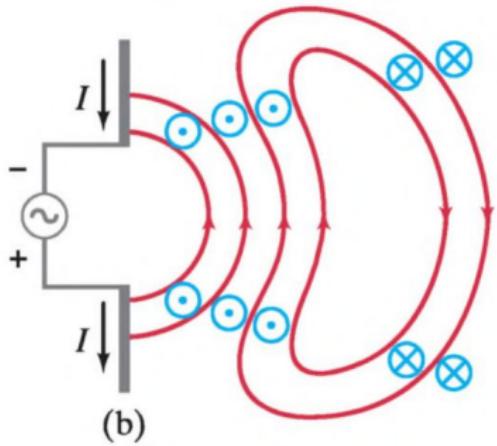
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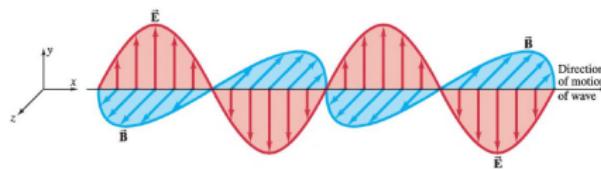
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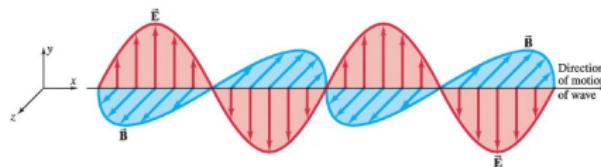
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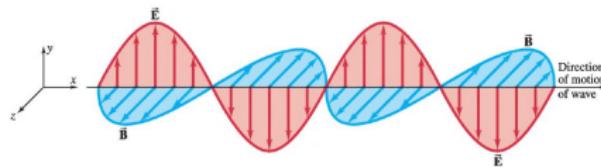
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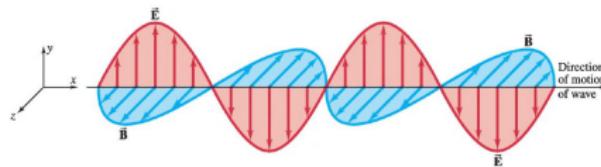
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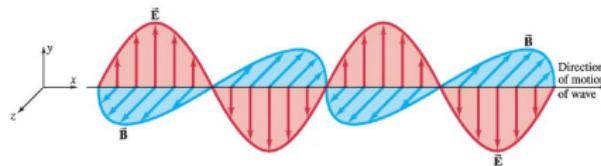
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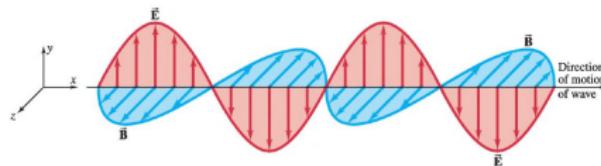
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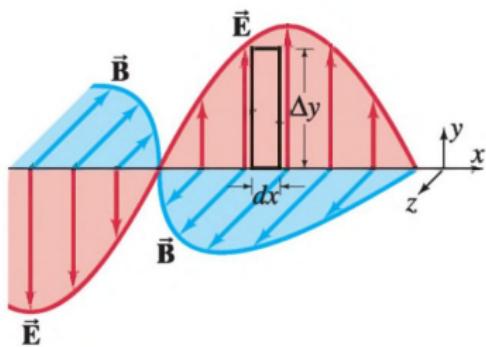
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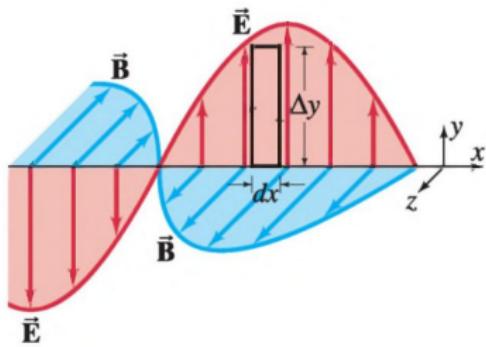
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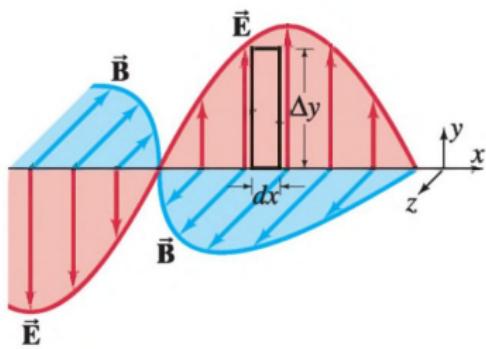


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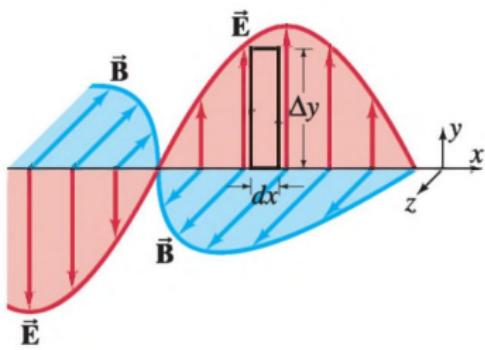
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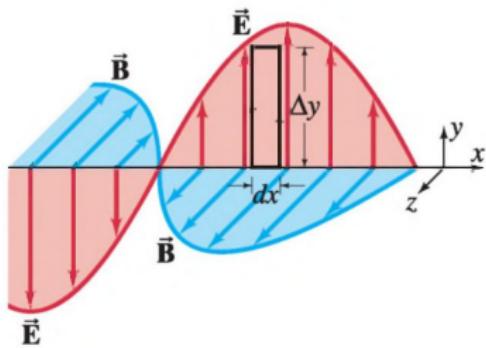


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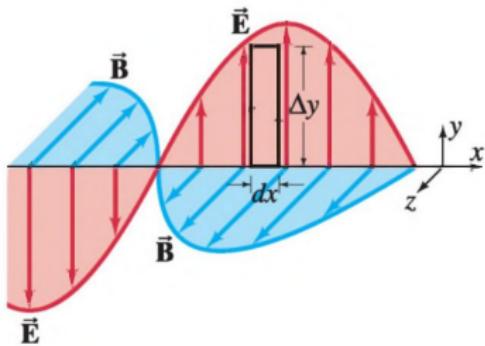
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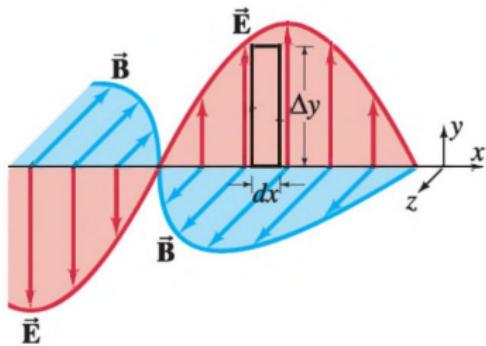
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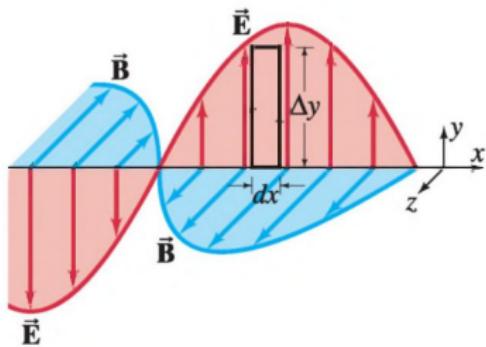


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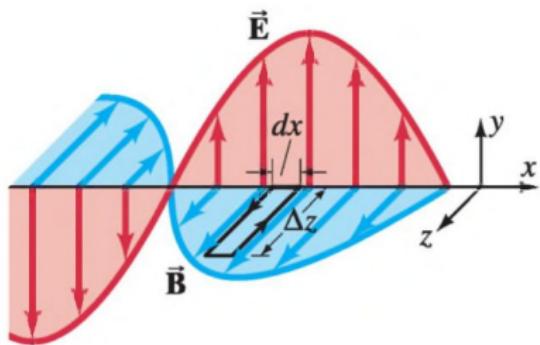


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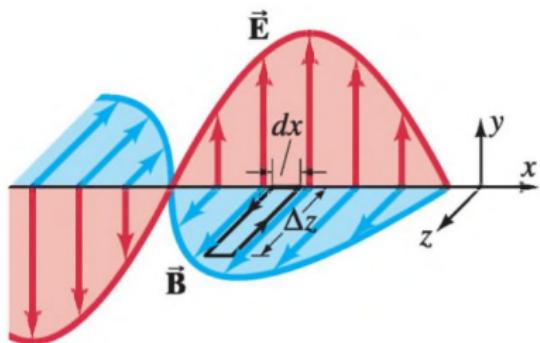
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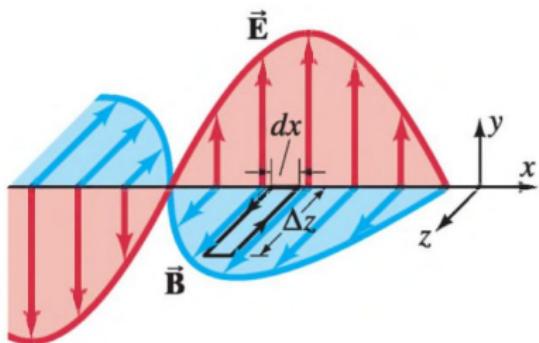
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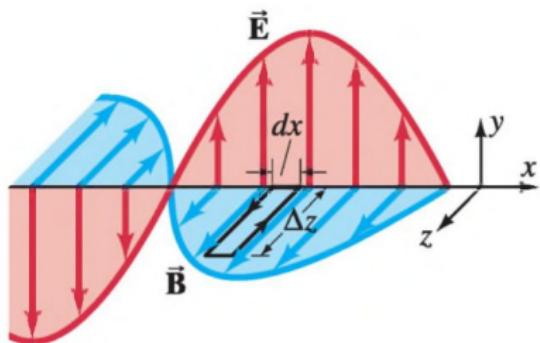


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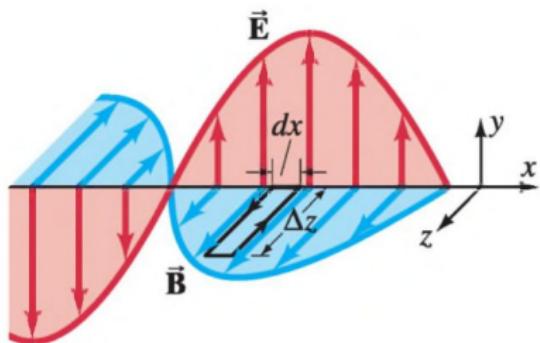
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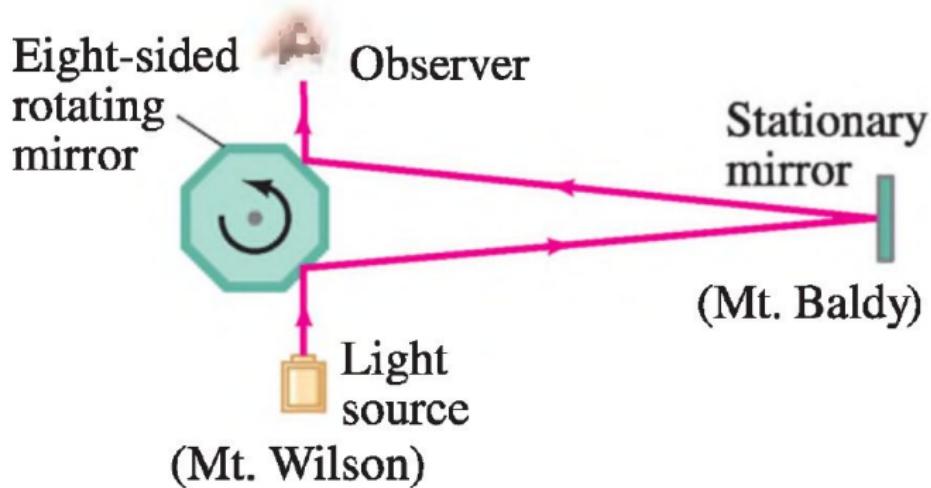
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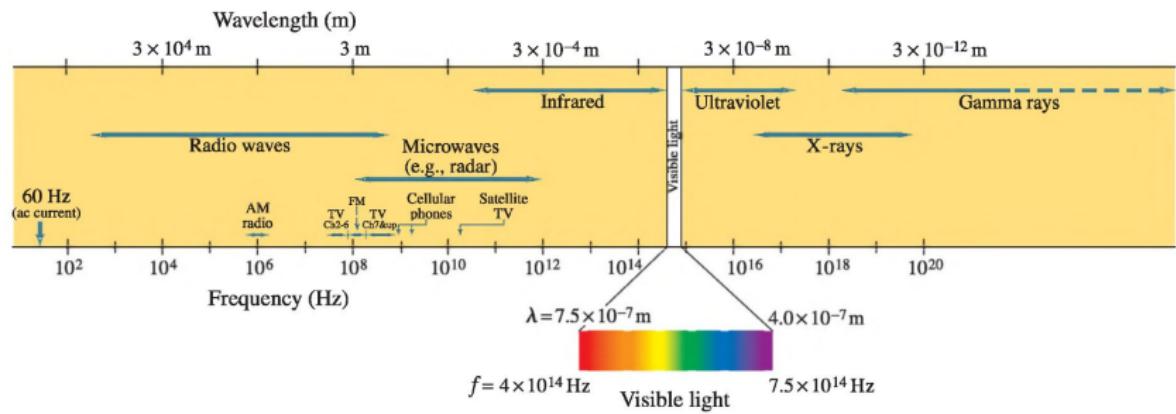
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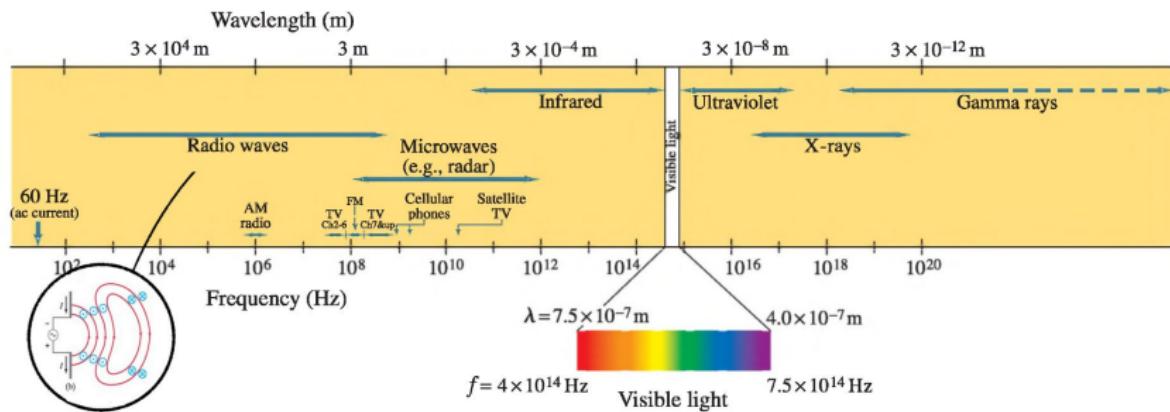
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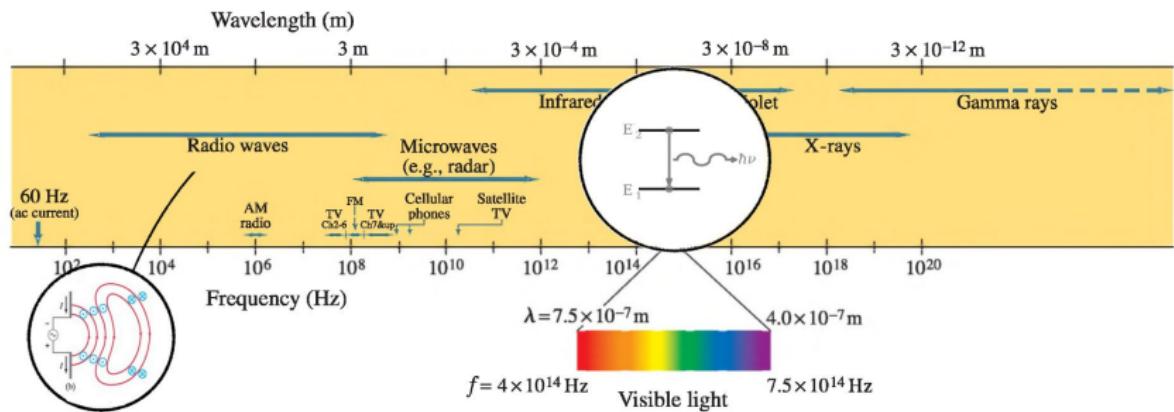
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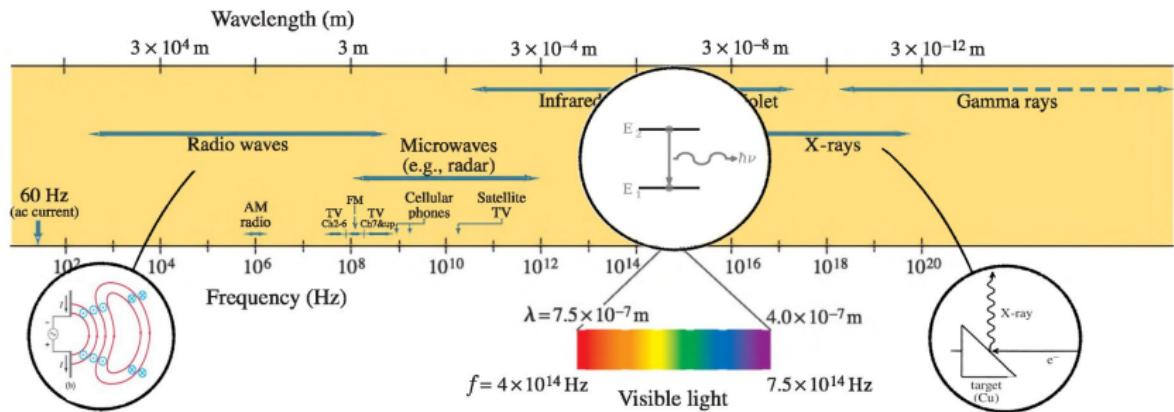
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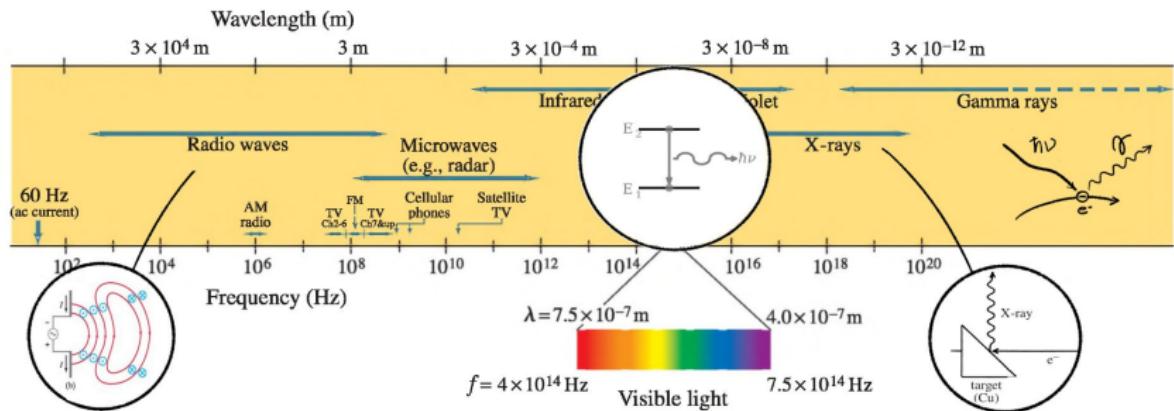
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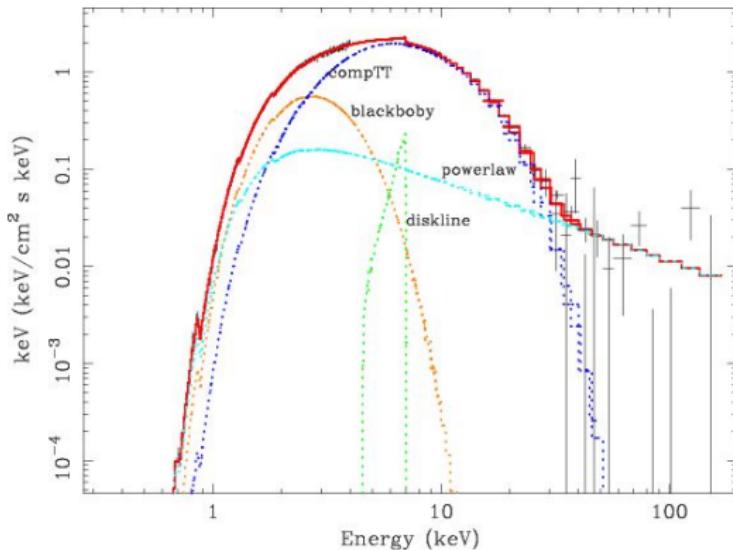
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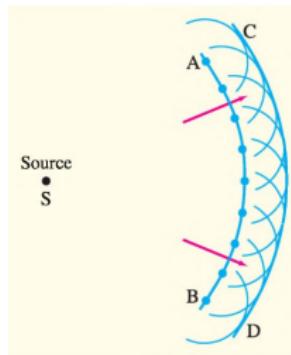
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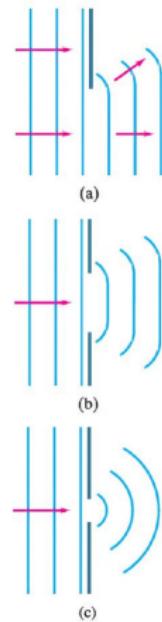
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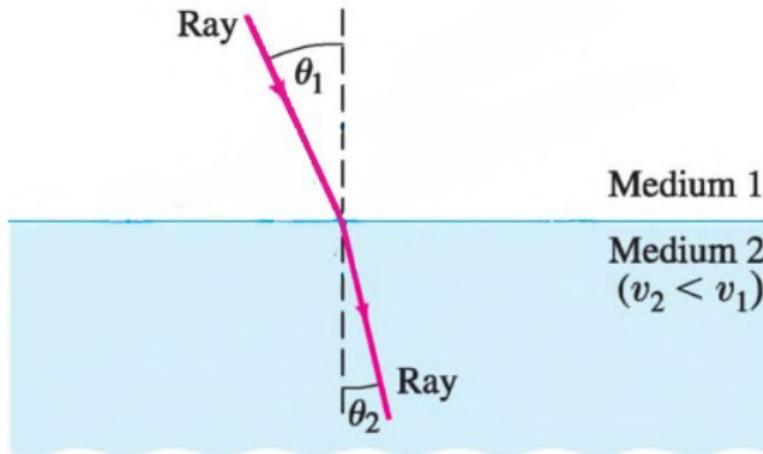


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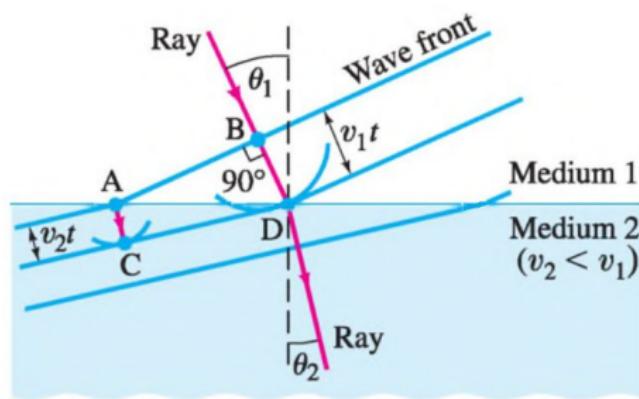


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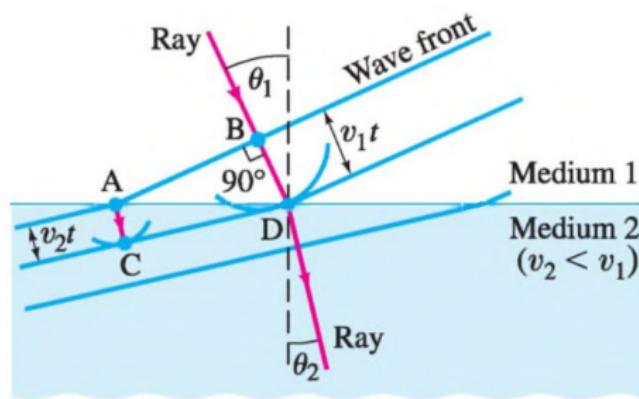
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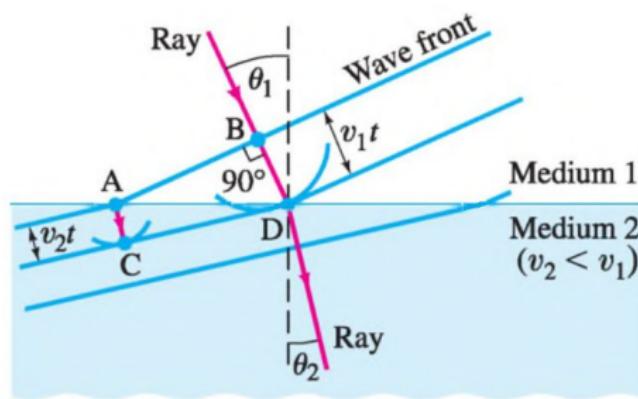
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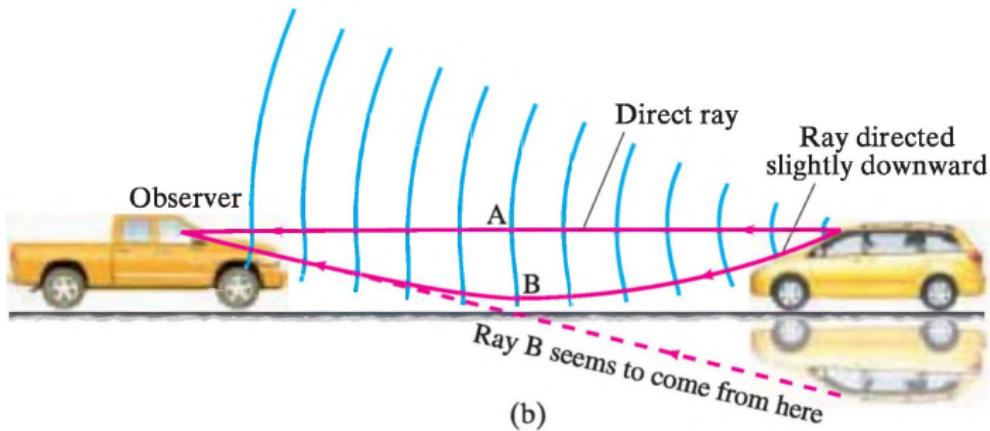
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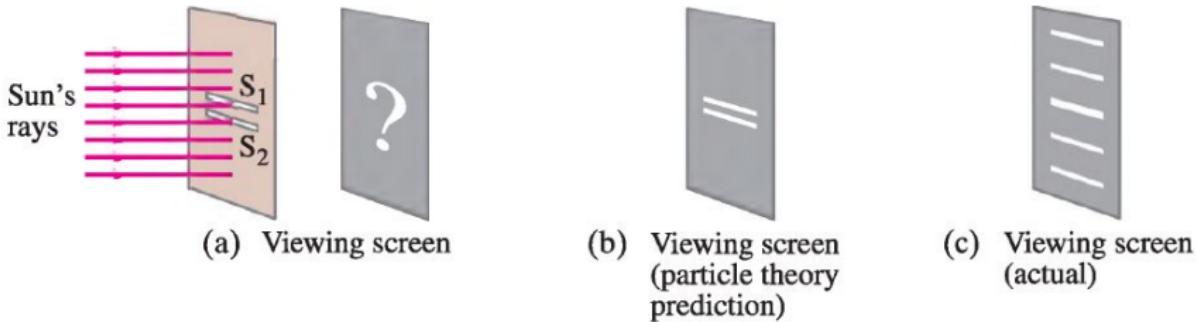
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Example: Mirages



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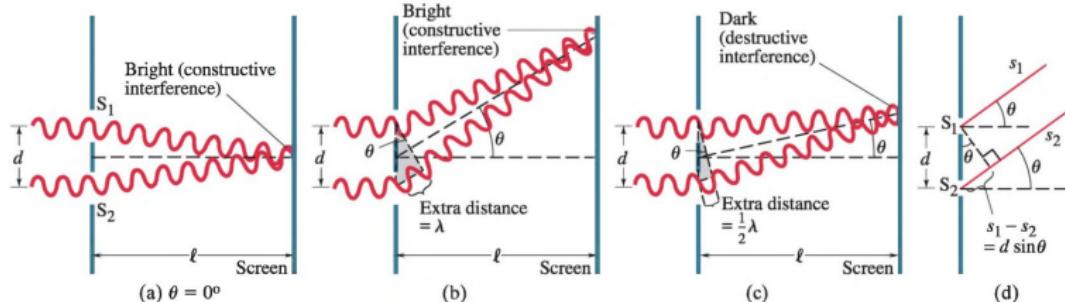
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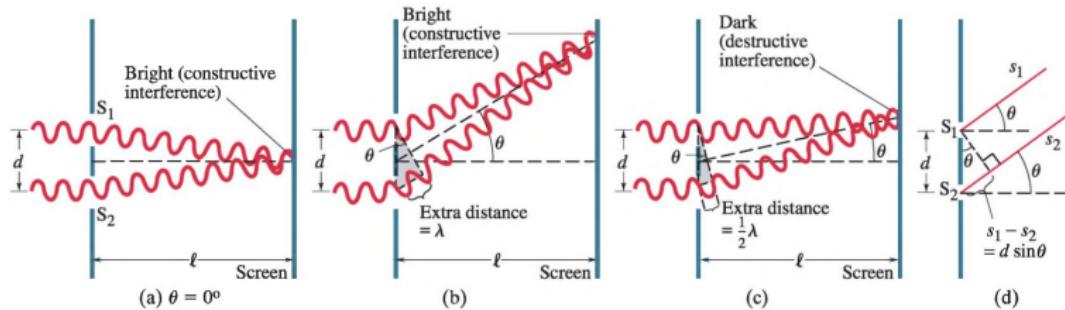
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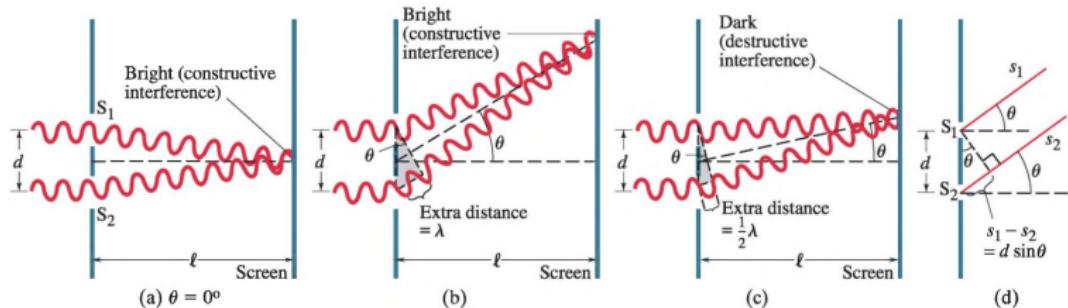
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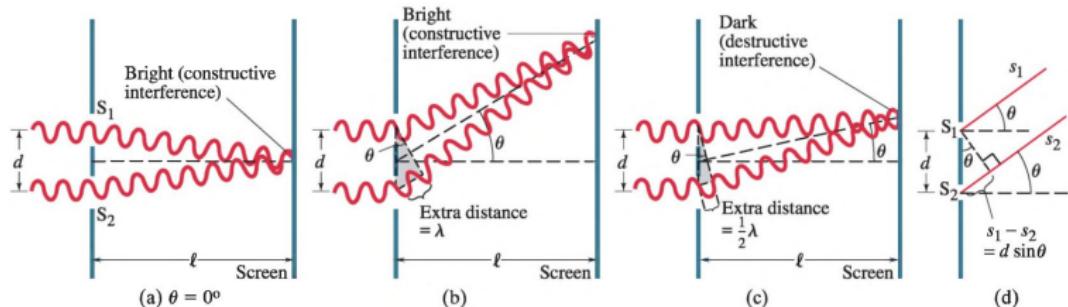


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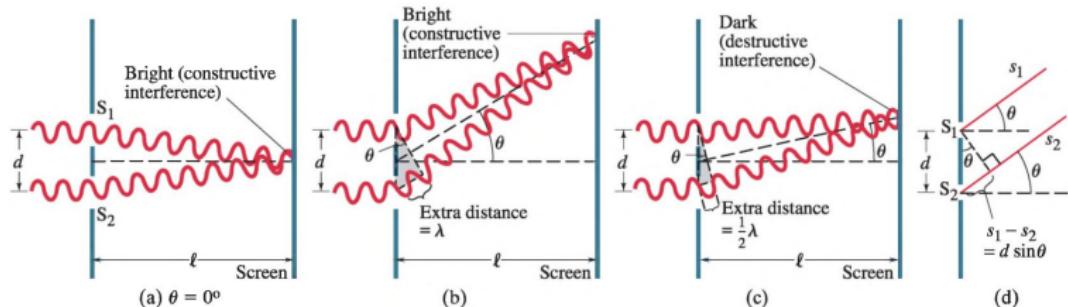
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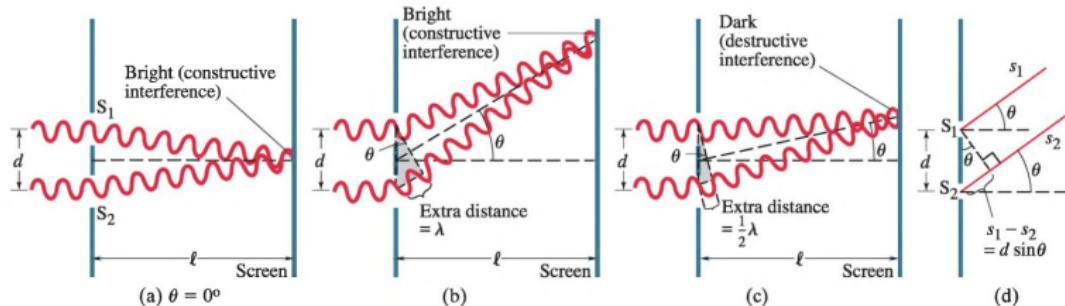
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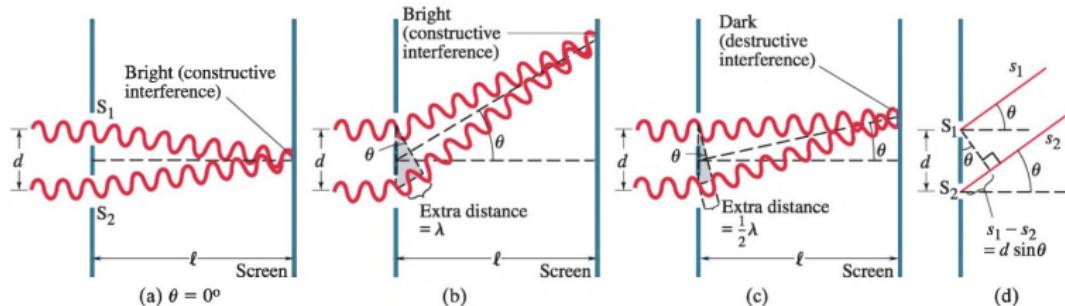
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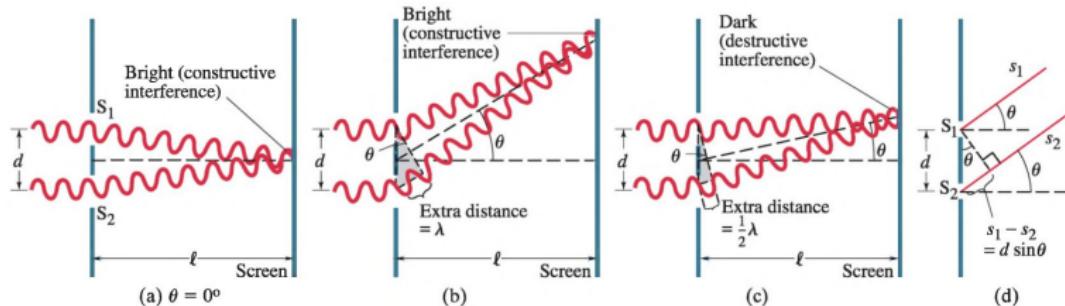


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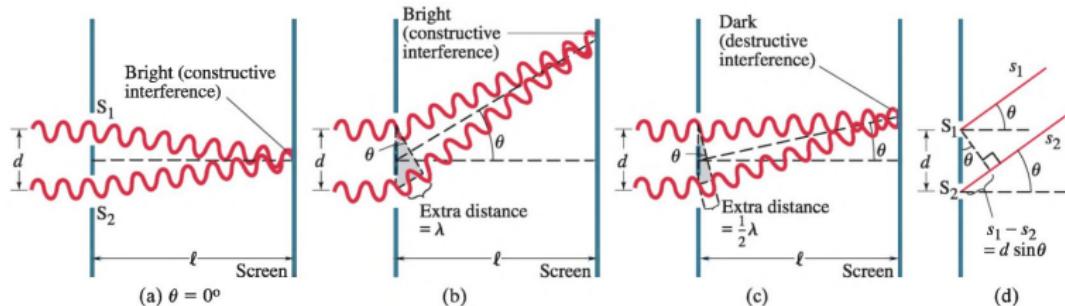
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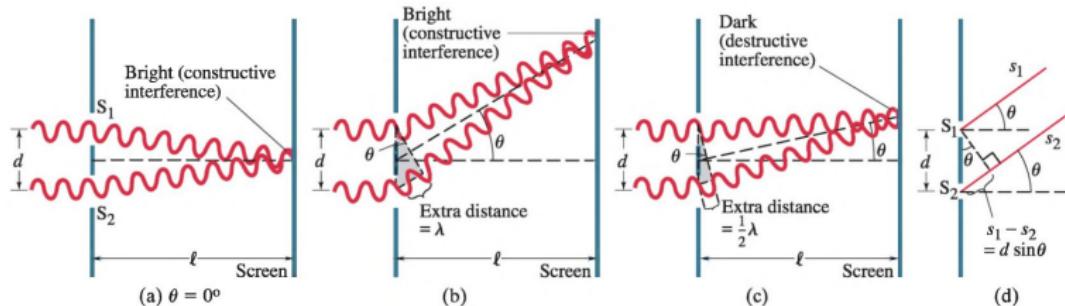
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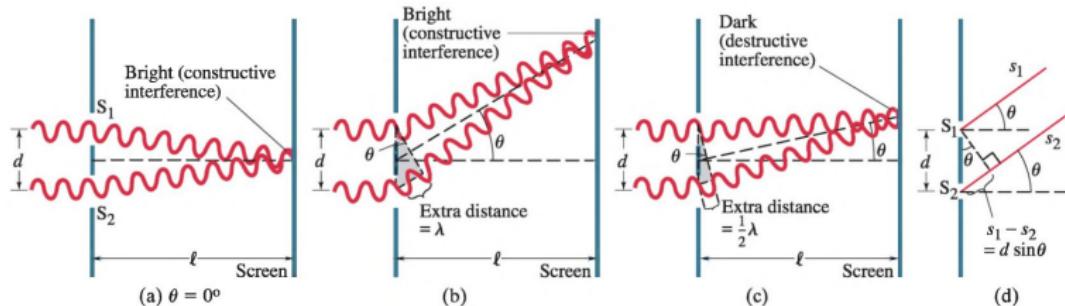
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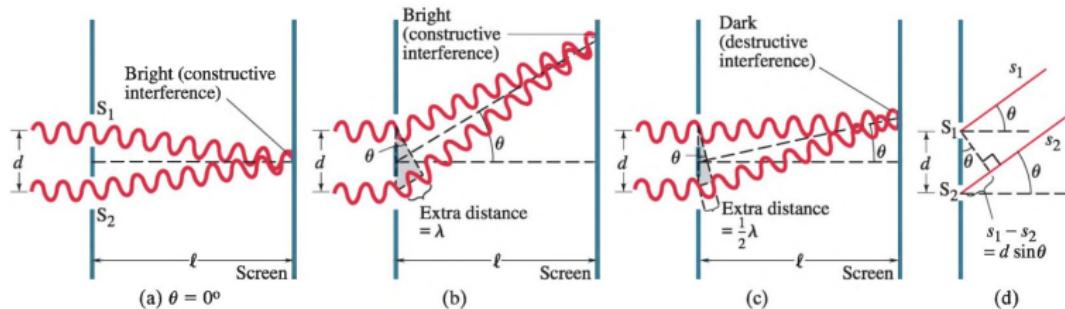
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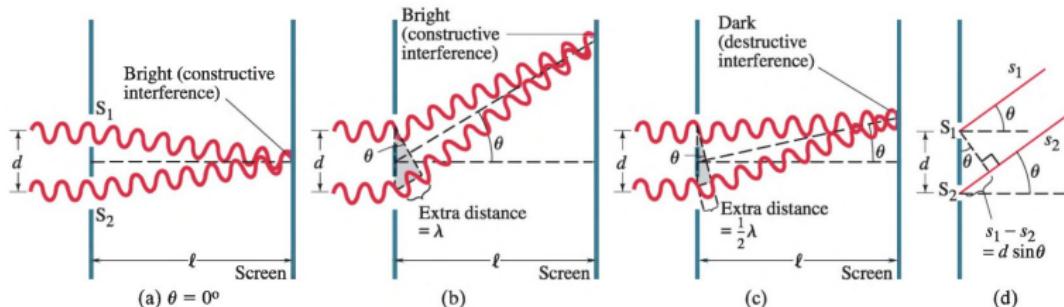
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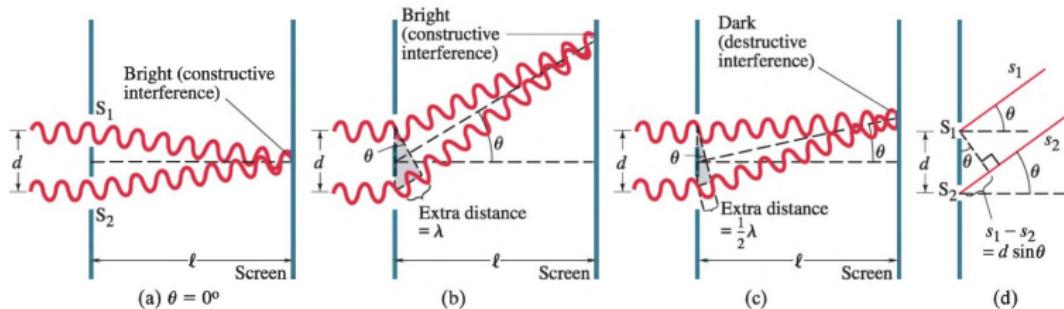


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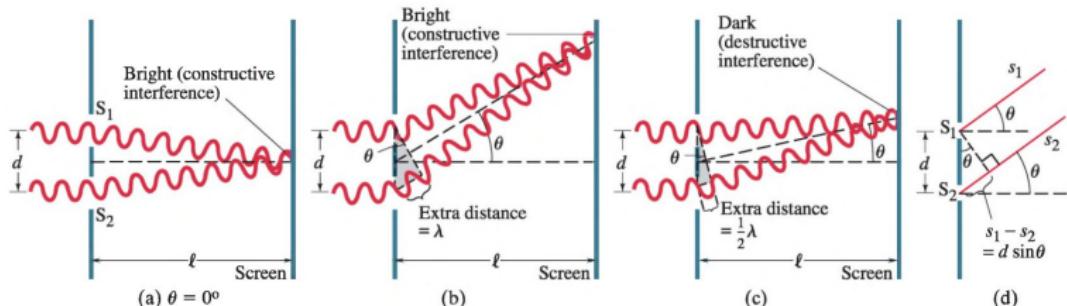
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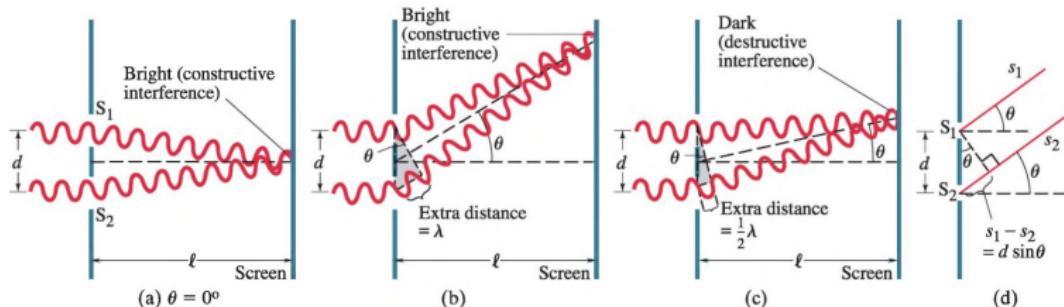


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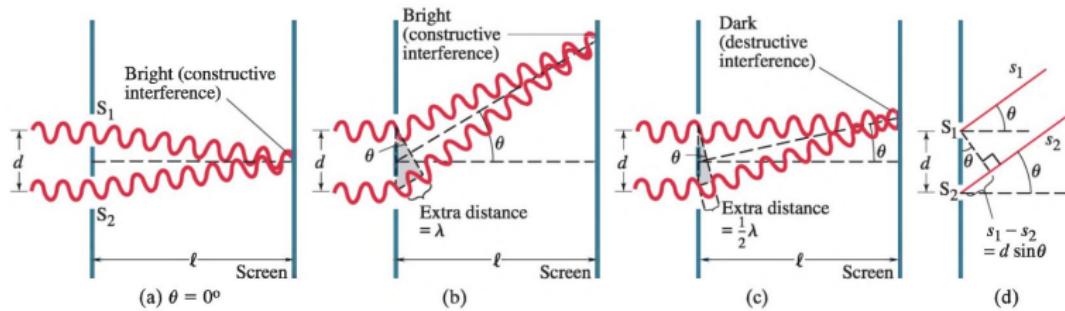


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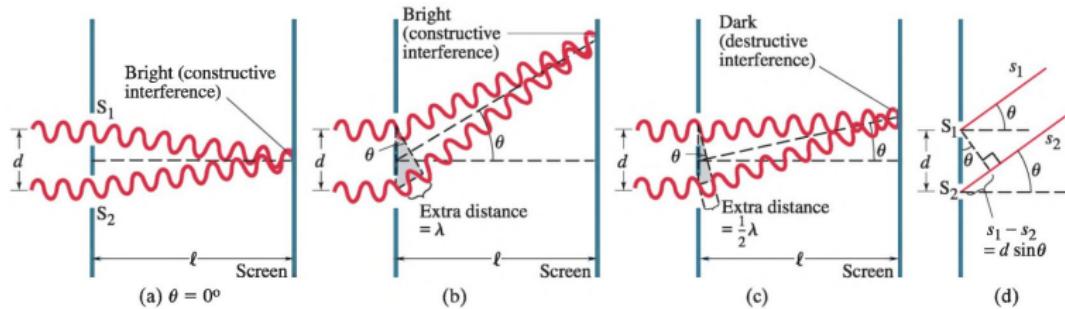
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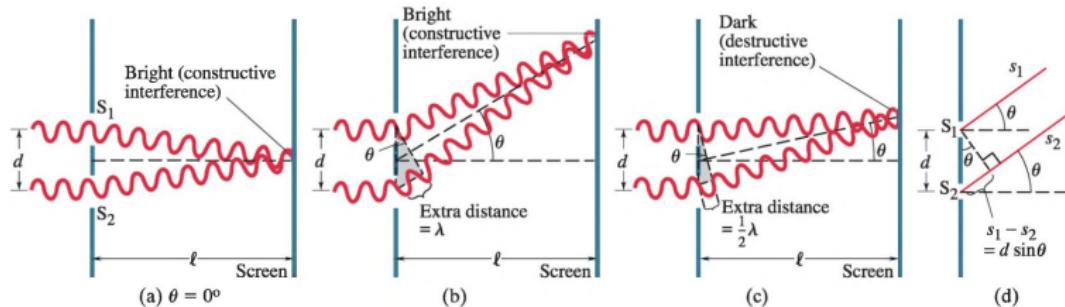


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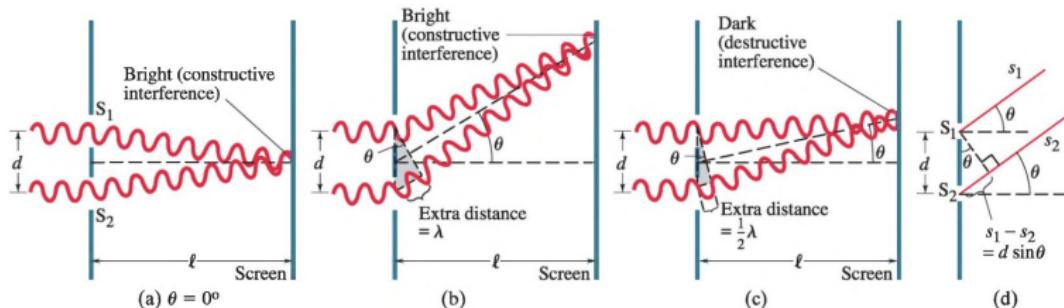
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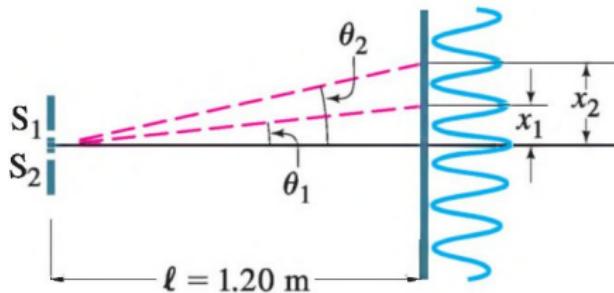
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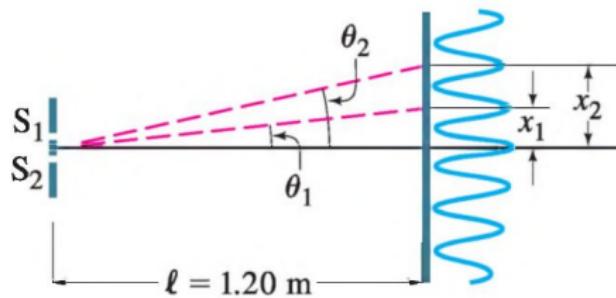
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A screen containing two slits 0.100 mm apart is 1.20 m from the viewing screen. Light of wavelength $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$ falls on the slits from a distant source. Approximately how far apart will adjacent bright interference fringes be on the screen?



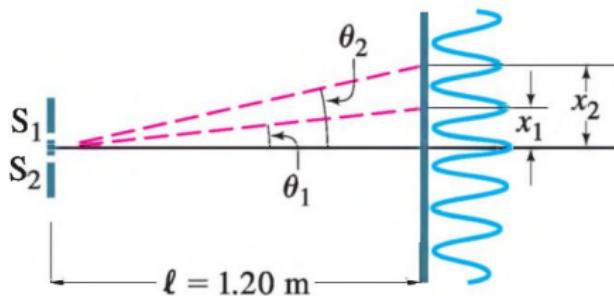
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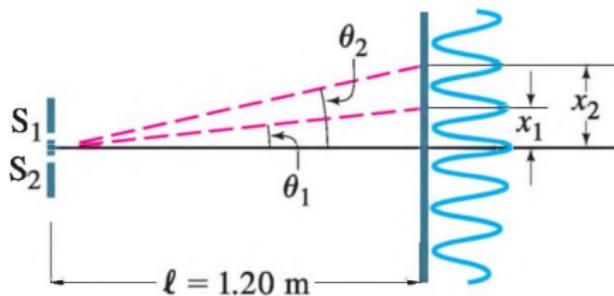
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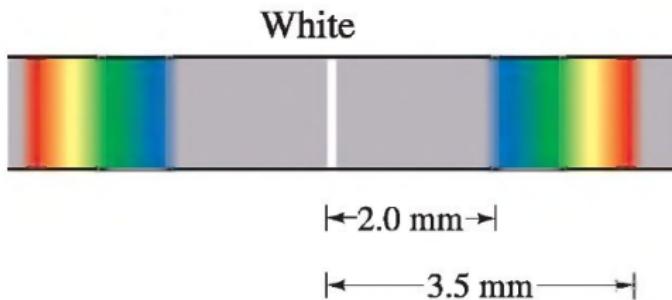
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- (a) What happens to the interference pattern, if the incident light (500 nm) is replaced by light of wavelength 700 nm? (b) What happens instead if the wavelength stays at 500 nm but the slits are moved farther apart?

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Except for the zeroth-order fringe at the center, the position of the fringes depends on wavelength.



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We can work with this expression and prove that:

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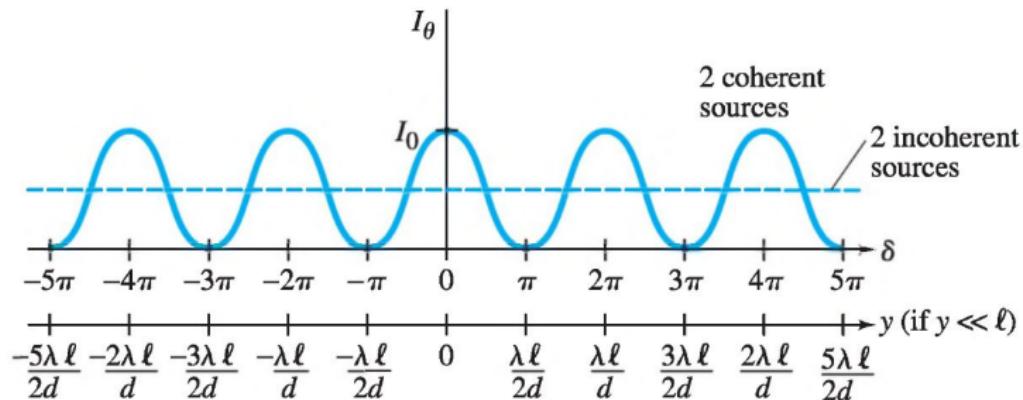
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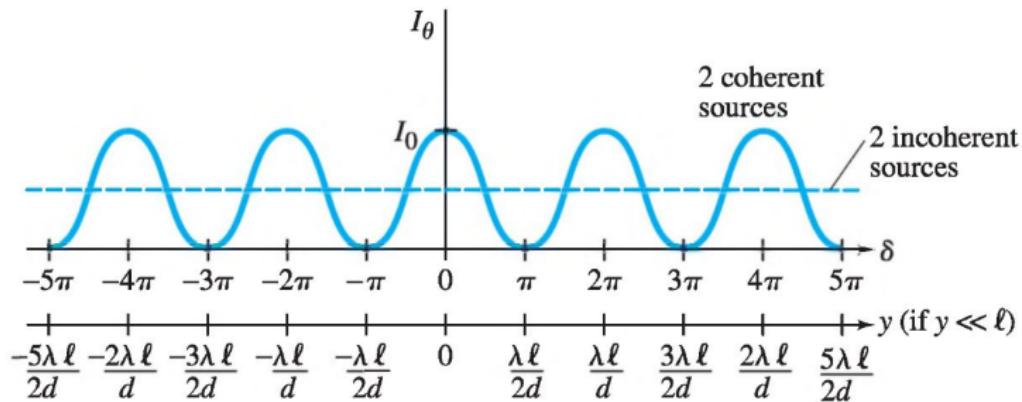
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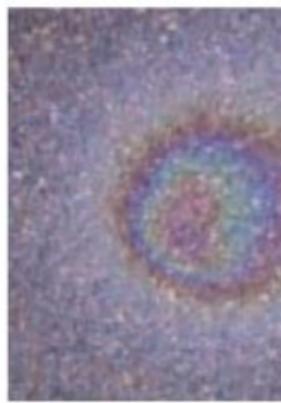
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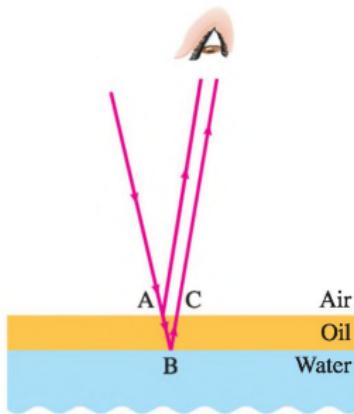


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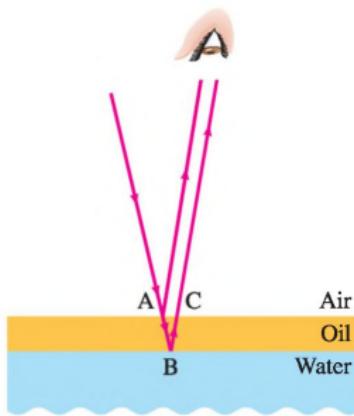
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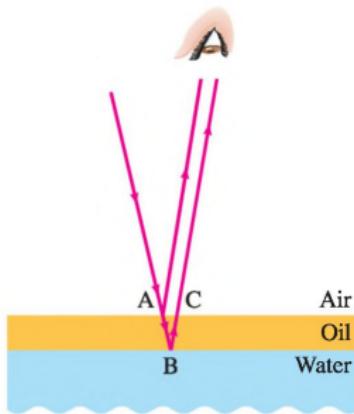
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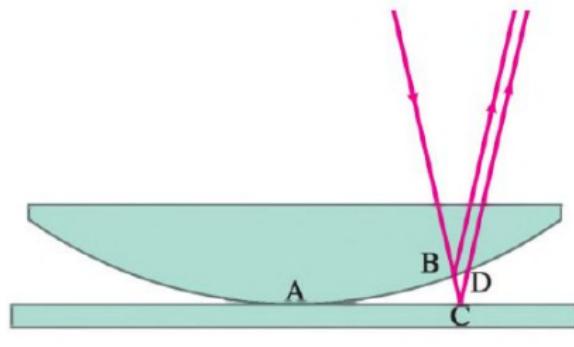
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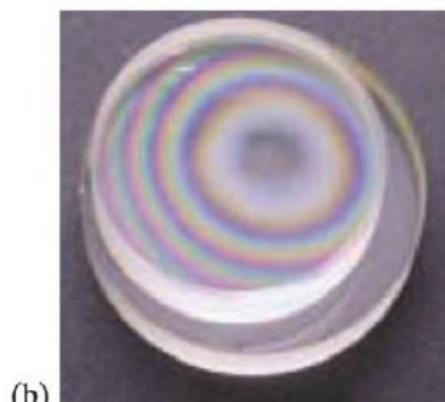
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Newton's Rings



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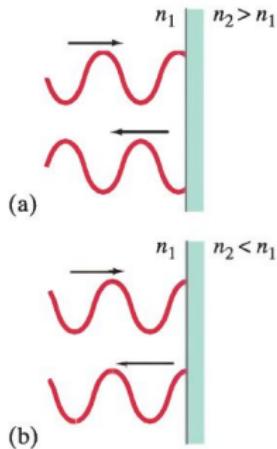
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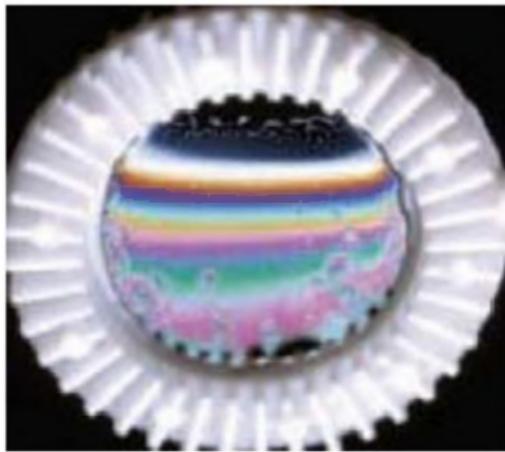
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a beam of light reflected by a material with index of refraction greater than that of the material in which it is traveling, changes phase by 180° or $\frac{1}{2}$ cycle;

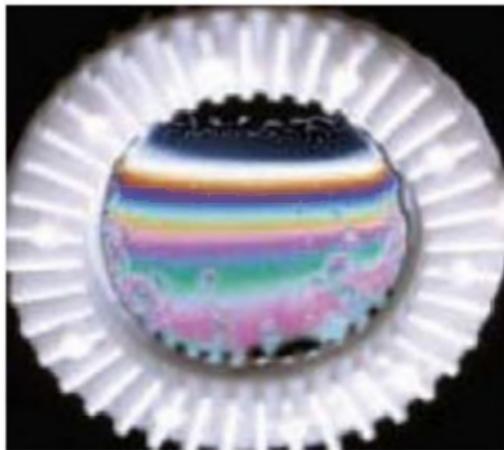
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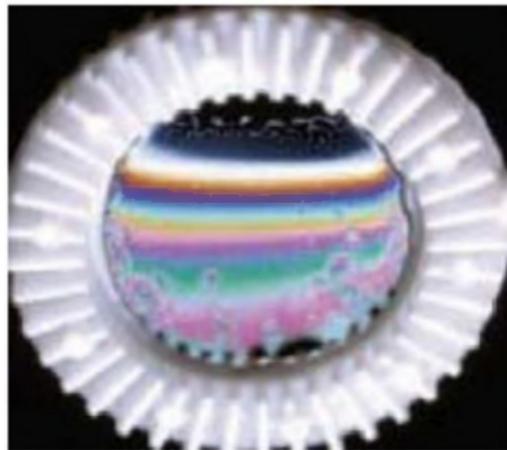


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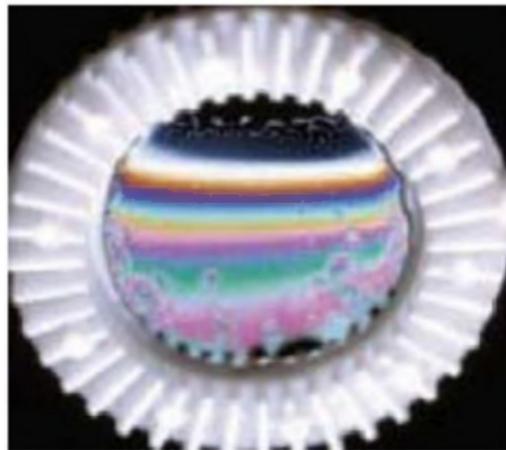


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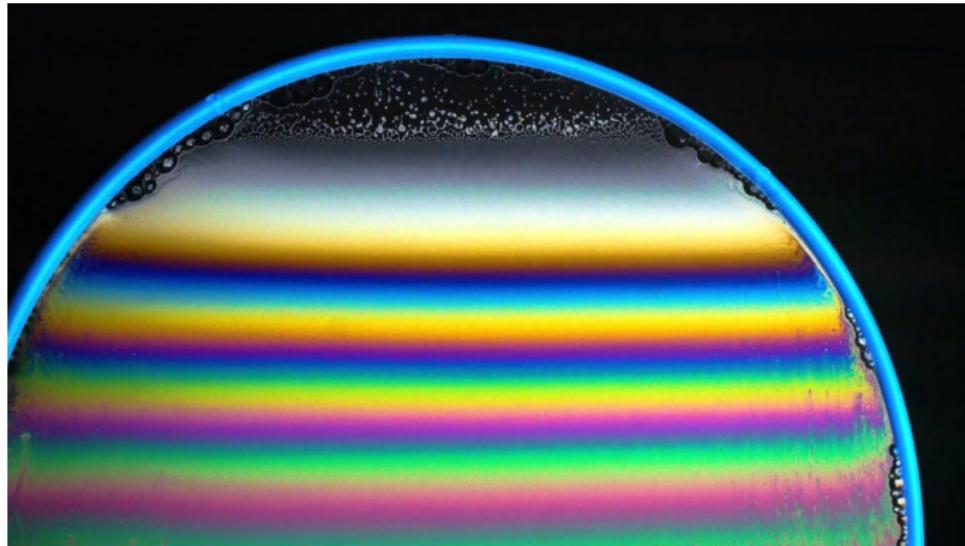
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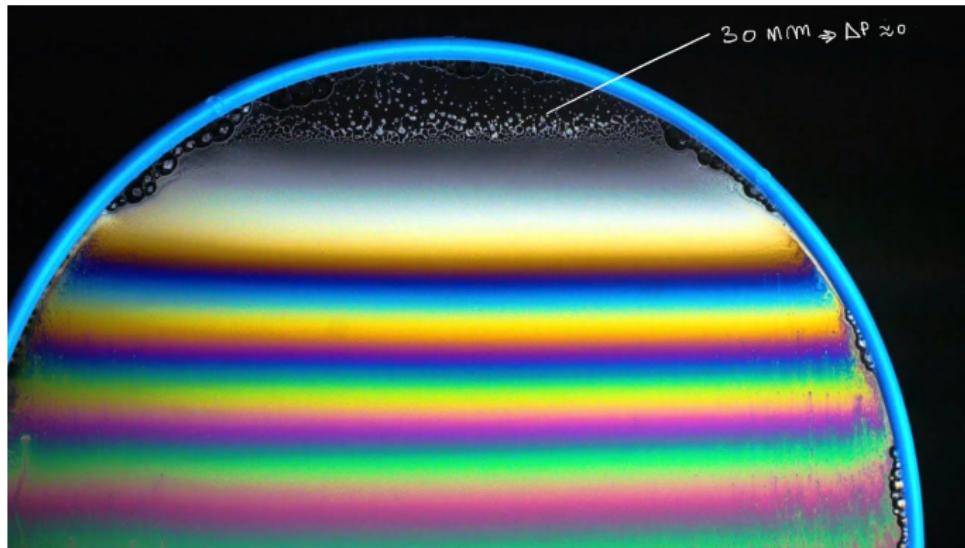


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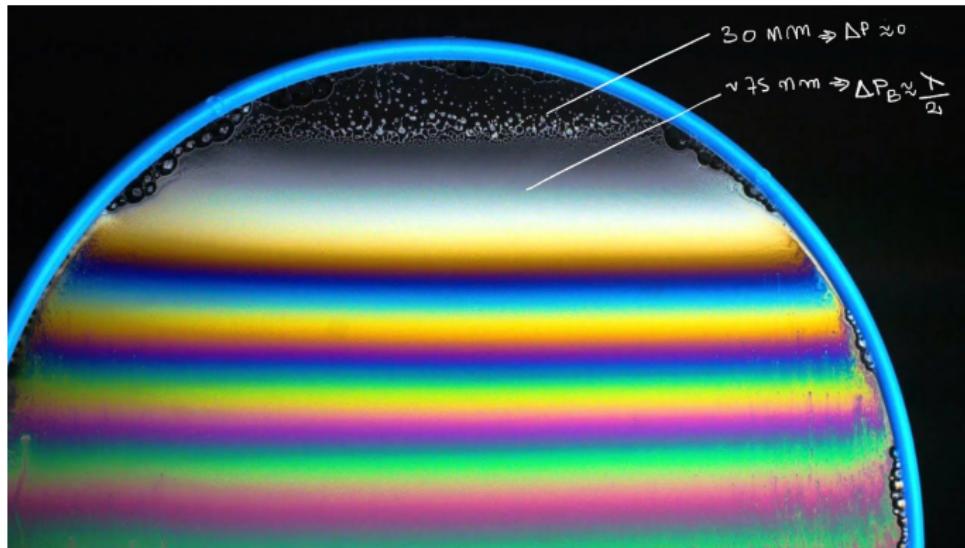
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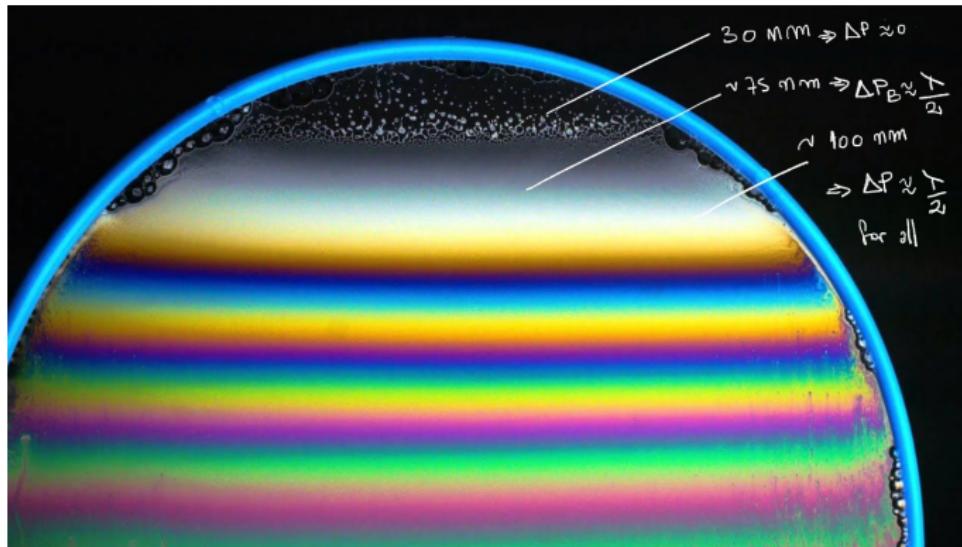
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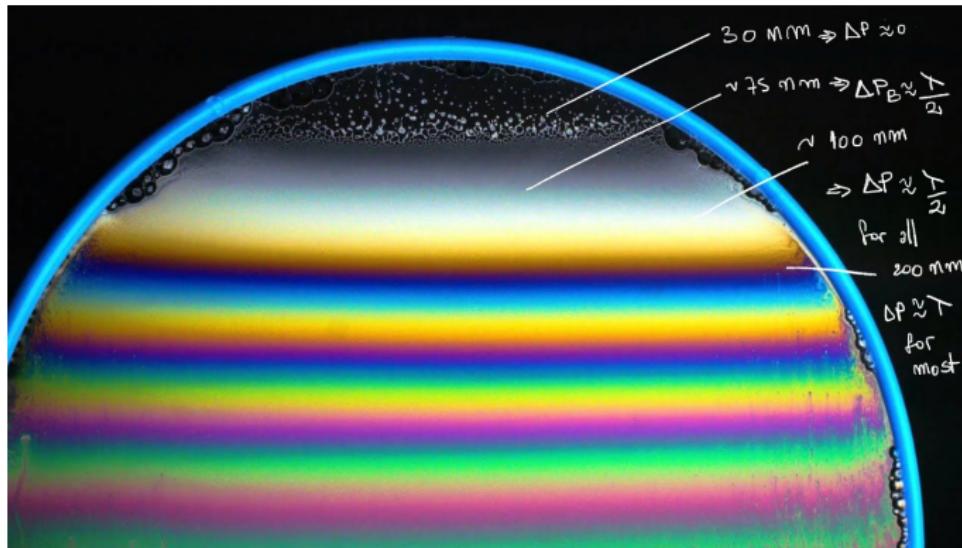
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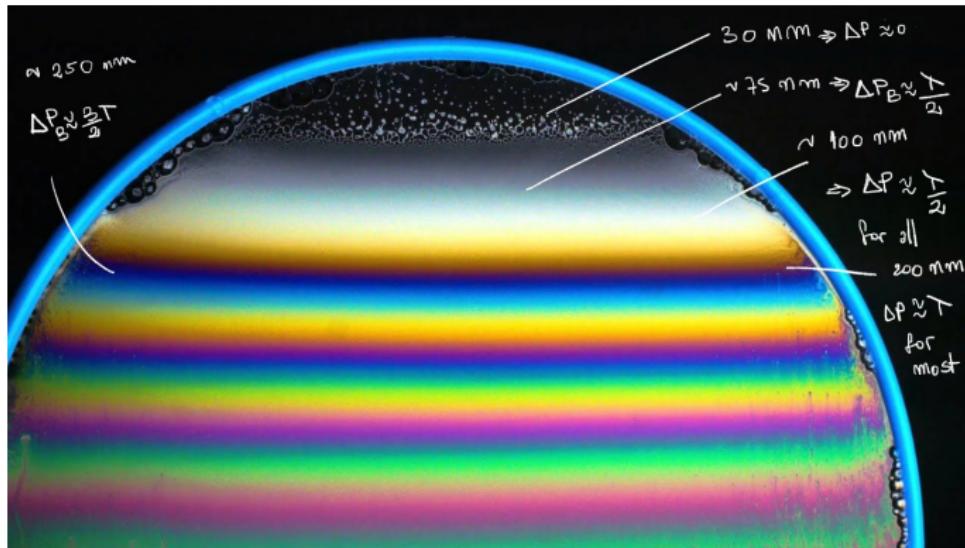
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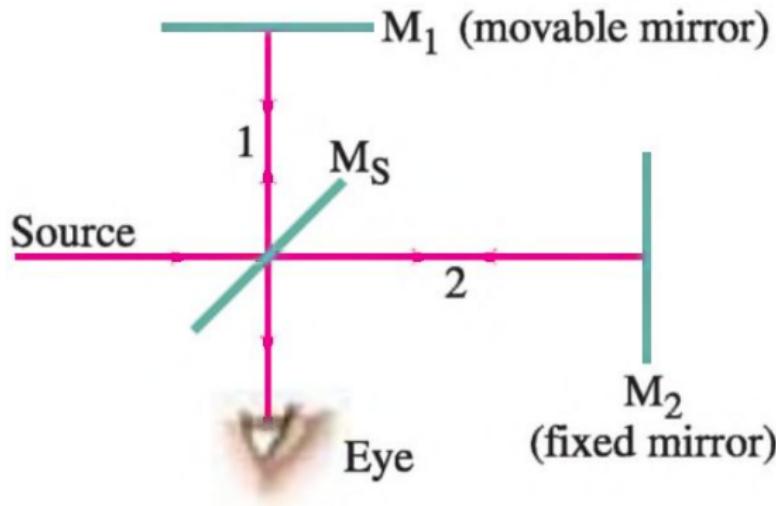
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