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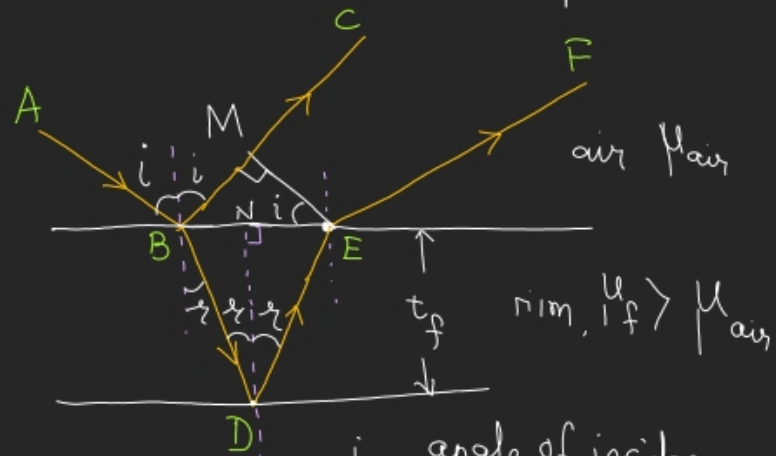
# I. Interference in Thin Films

Thin film -

Thickness of thin film  $\approx$  Wavelength of light incident

Que. - Obtain Interference Conditions for light rays reflected from thin transparent film (Parallel)

Ans -



AB - Incident ray  
BC, EF - Reflected rays  
 $i$  - angle of incidence  
 $r$  - angle of refraction  
 $\mu_f \rightarrow$  R.I. of thin film  
 $t_f \rightarrow$  thickness of thin film

Optical Path difference between reflected rays BC & EF,

O.P.d. = Path covered in film - Path covered in air

$$\text{O.P.d} = \mu_f (BD + DE) - \mu_{\text{air}} \cdot BM$$

$$\triangle BDN \simeq \triangle EDN$$

$$BD = DE \quad (1)$$

$$BN = NE = \frac{1}{2} BE$$

$$\triangle BDN, \cos r = \frac{DN}{BD} = \frac{t_f}{BD}$$

$$BD = \frac{t_f}{\cos r} \quad (2)$$

$$\tan r = \frac{BN}{DN} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} BE}{t_f}$$

$$BE = 2 t_f \tan r$$

$$\triangle BME, \quad (4)$$

$$\sin i = \frac{BM}{BE}$$

$$BM = 2 t_f \tan r \cdot \sin i$$

$$= 2 t_f \frac{\sin r}{\cos r} \sin i$$

$$= 2 t_f \frac{\sin^2 r}{\cos r} \left( \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \right)$$

$$BM = \frac{2 \mu_f t_f \sin^2 r}{\cos r}$$

(using Snell's law)

put eq<sup>n</sup> ② & eq<sup>n</sup> ⑤ into eq<sup>n</sup> ①

$$\therefore \text{O.P.D.} = \frac{2\mu_f t_f}{\cos r} - \frac{2\mu_f t_f \sin^2 r}{\cos r}$$

$$= \frac{2\mu_f t_f}{\cos r} [1 - \sin^2 r]$$

$$\boxed{\text{O.P.D.} = 2\mu_f t_f \cos r} \quad \text{--- ⑥}$$

Reflected ray BC is reflected from denser film  
Path diff. of  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$  is added

$$\boxed{\text{O.P.D.} = 2\mu_f t_f \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2}} \quad \text{--- ⑦}$$

① Maxima Condition

Constructive Interference (Bright)

$$\text{O.P.D.} = n\lambda$$

$$\therefore 2\mu_f t_f \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda$$

$$\therefore 2\mu_f t_f \cos r = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

② Minima Condition (Dark)

$$\text{O.P.D.} = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad (\text{destructive})$$

$$2\mu_f t_f \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\boxed{2\mu_f t_f \cos r = n\lambda} \quad \text{--- } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Reference book

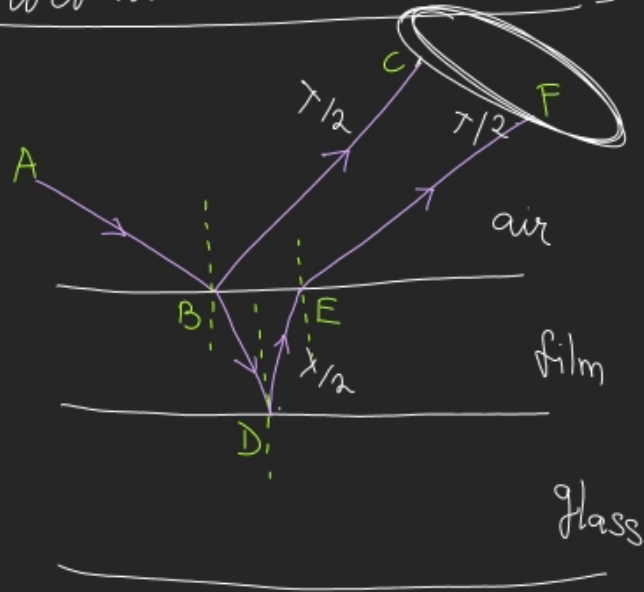
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## I. Interference in Thin Films

Applications -Anti reflecting thin film -  
[Short note - 5 Marks - IMP.]

$$\mu_{air} < \mu_f < \mu_g$$

 $t_f \rightarrow$  thickness of film $\mu_f \rightarrow$  R.I. of thin film

o.p.d. between reflected rays BC &amp; EF,

$$\text{o.p.d.} = 2\mu_f t_f \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\text{o.p.d.} \approx 2\mu_f t_f \cos r$$

∴ Rays BC & EF meet destructively to form anti-reflecting film.

$$2\mu_f t_f \cos r = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

For normal incidence of light,  
 $i = 0^\circ \Rightarrow r = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \cos r = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 2\mu_f t_f = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

for minimum thickness of film,  
 $n = 0$

$$2\mu_f t_f = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu_f} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

this is minimum thickness

## Amplitude Condition

∴ Reflected rays BC & EF have same amplitudes (nearly)

$$R_1^2 \simeq R_2^2$$

$$\left( \frac{\mu_a - \mu_f}{\mu_a + \mu_f} \right)^2 \simeq \left( \frac{\mu_f - \mu_g}{\mu_f + \mu_g} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1 - \mu_f}{1 + \mu_f} \right)^2 \simeq \left( \frac{\mu_f - \mu_g}{\mu_f + \mu_g} \right)^2$$

$$\mu_f^2 \simeq \mu_g$$

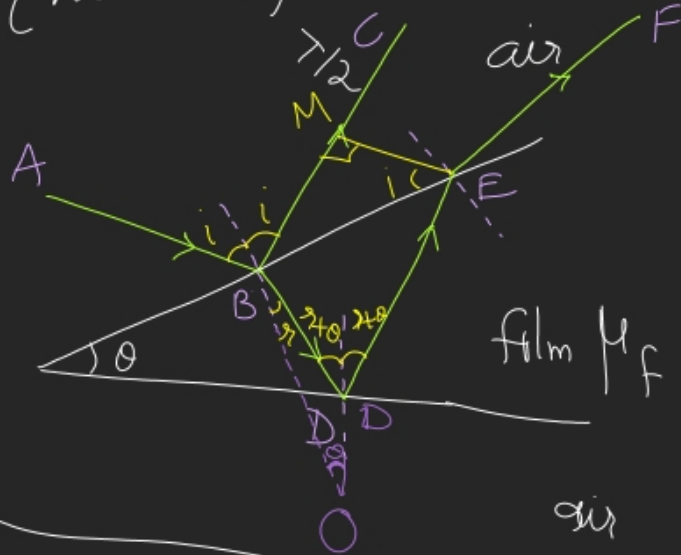
$$\boxed{\mu_f \simeq \sqrt{\mu_g}}$$

applications - Anti reflecting thin film is used on lenses of optical instruments like

Camera, Telescope, Microscope,

Solar Panels

\* Wedge shaped thin film  
(non-uniform thickness)



$$\text{O.P.D.} = 2\mu_f t_f \cos(r+\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

For Maxima (Bright)

O.P.D. =  $n\lambda$  Constructive

$$\therefore 2\mu_f t_f \cos(r+\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda$$

$$\boxed{2\mu_f t_f \cos(r+\theta) = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}}$$

For minima Condition (Dark) destructive

$$\text{O.P.D.} = (2n+1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$2\mu_f t_f \cos(r+\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n+1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

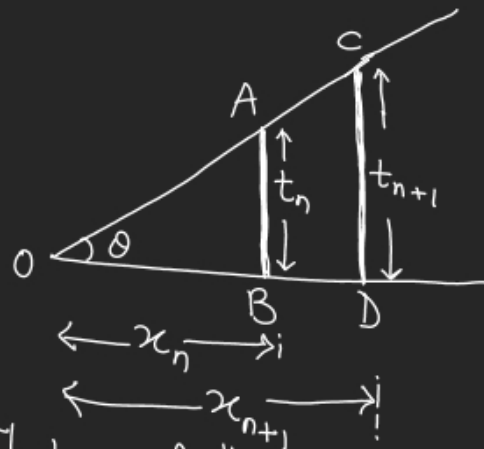
$$\boxed{2\mu_f t_f \cos(r+\theta) = n\lambda}$$

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# Bandwidth of Wedge Shaped thin film -

(5 Marks - IMP. - Derivation)

Soln:-



$t_n$  → Thickness of  $n^{\text{th}}$  dark band.  
 $t_{n+1}$  → " "  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  " "  
 $x_n$  → distance of  $n^{\text{th}}$  dark band from 'O'.  
 $x_{n+1}$  → " "  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  " "  
 $\mu_f = 1$  for air film.  
 $\theta$  = angle of wedge.

## Interference in Thin Films

$$\tan \theta = \frac{t_n}{x_n} = \frac{t_{n+1}}{x_{n+1}}$$

$$t_n = x_n \cdot \tan \theta \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$t_{n+1} = x_{n+1} \tan \theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

For  $n^{\text{th}}$  dark band,

$$2\mu_f t_f \cos(i+\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

for normal incidence of light.

$$i = 0^\circ \Rightarrow r = 0^\circ \Rightarrow$$

$$2\mu_f t_f \cos \theta = n\lambda$$

$t_f = t_n$  for  $n^{\text{th}}$  dark band.

$$t_n = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu_f \cos \theta} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

put eqn (1) into eqn (3)

$$x_n \cdot \tan \theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu_f \cos \theta} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore x_n \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu_f}$$

for  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  dark band,

$$x_{n+1} \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{(n+1)\lambda}{2\mu_f} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$(x_{n+1} - x_n) \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu_f}$$

$$\beta \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu_f}$$

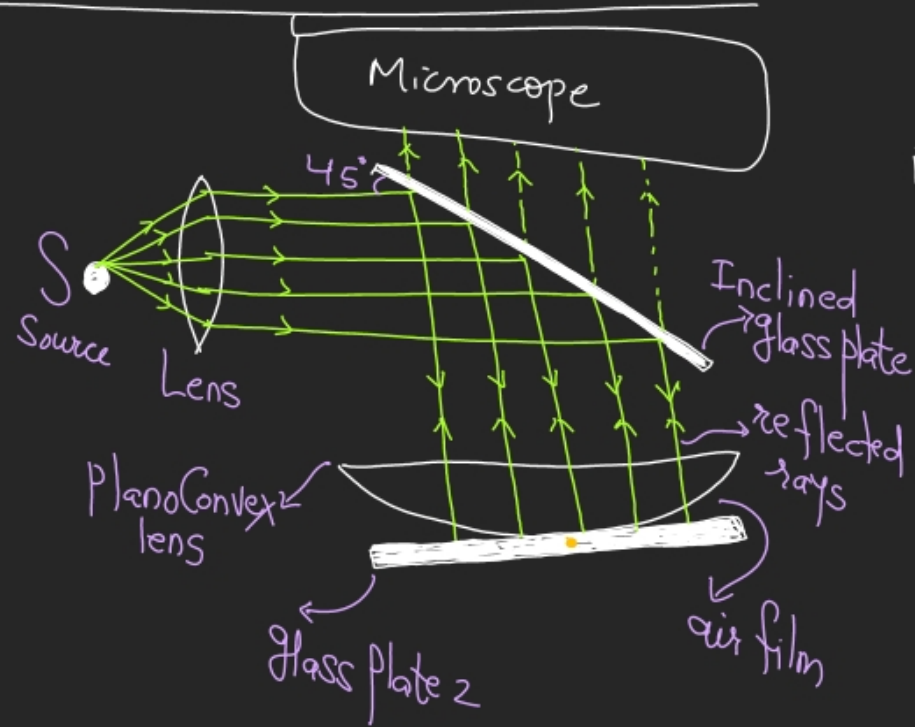
$$\beta = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu_f \sin \theta} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$\mu_f, \theta, \lambda$   
 are constant  
 $\therefore \beta$  is constant

# \* Newton's Rings Experiment -

5M - Derivation M.I.M.P.

Show that diameter of dark ring is proportional to square root of an integer. (i.e.  $D_n \propto \sqrt{n}$ )



## Interference Pattern

i) Centre is dark spot followed by 1<sup>st</sup> bright ring.



ii) Rings are widely spaced nearby centre and crowded away from centre.  
iii) Concentric Circular rings