

① Unit: Optics ; ① Topic: Interference

* Electromagnetic Waves

- Electric & magnetic field components vibrate perpendicular to each other in EM waves.
- Travel through free space at speed of light ($3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$)
- According to different wavelengths (energies), there are different kind of waves in Electromagnetic Spectra.
 - Ex - X rays, UV light rays, IR rays, Radio waves etc.
- (1) ◦ Mostly, we are going to study the visible part of EM spectra. (400 - 700 nm wavelength region)

- Light (visible part) :
 - Light behaves as a particle as well as a wave.
 - The phenomenon like Interference, Diffraction etc prove wave nature of light.

(* Interference :

- Christain Huygens gave the wave theory of light.
- Thomas Young's double slit expt experimentally proved this.

Interference :

The phenomenon of Redistribution of light energy due to superposition of light waves from two or more coherent sources is called as "Interference"

- Stationary bands of alternate darkness & brightness are called as "Fringes"

* Conditions for observing good Interference pattern :

- ① The waves must have same frequency, same amplitude.
- ② Waves must maintain a constant phase difference (Coherent sources)
- ③ Two coherent sources must lie close to each other as small as possible & screen should be as far as possible.

* Methods to obtain Interference:

① By division of Wavefront:

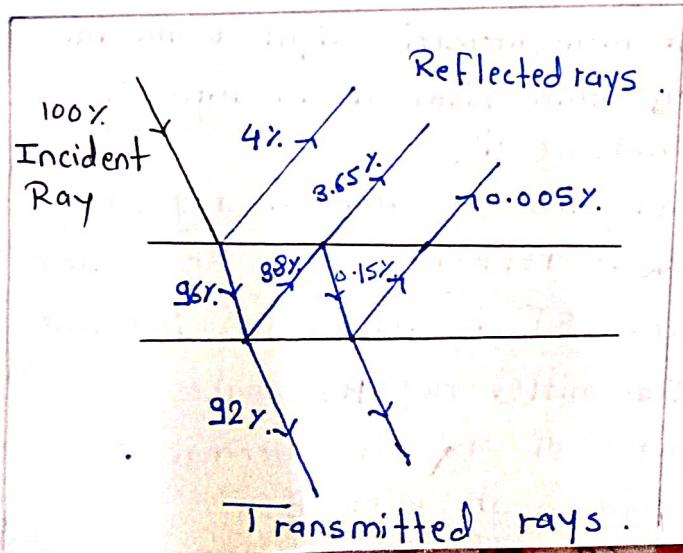
- A single wavefront is divided, which gives coherent sources.
Ex - Young's double slit expt.

② By division of Amplitude:

- Amplitude of light is divided into two or more beams by partial reflections.
Ex - Thin film Interference, Michelson's interferometer

* Thin Film Interference

- Thin film?
- It is an optical medium of thickness of order of 0.5 - 10 μm.
- It can be a thin sheet of transparent material like glass, mica, air film enclosed between two transparent plates.
- When light is incident on such film; small part of it gets reflected from top surface & major part is transmitted into film. Again small part of transmitted component is reflected from bottom surface & rest of it emerges out of film.
- Small part of light gets reflected partially several times in succession within film.



• For a glass film:

$$\mu_{\text{glass}} = 1.54$$

$$\text{Reflectivity } (r) = \left[\frac{(\mu - 1)}{(\mu + 1)} \right]^2$$

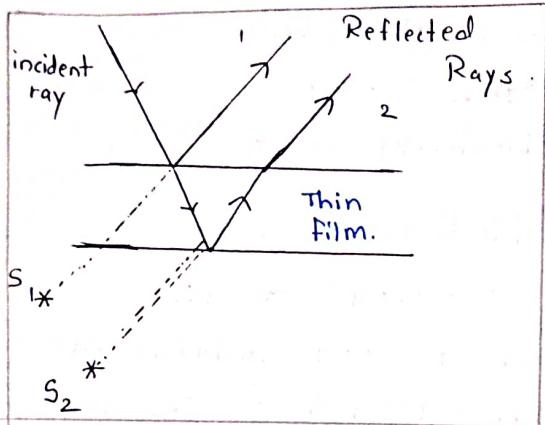
∴ Reflectivity for glass film:

$$r = 0.042 \Rightarrow \sim 4\%$$

- ∴ Out of 100% incident ray, 4% reflected & 96% transmitted into film.
- Again out of 96% transmitted $\sim 3.8\%$ reflected & 92% transmitted through the film.
- Out of this 3.8%, $\sim 3.65\%$ transmitted from top surface & only 0.15% reflected.
- Hence after two reflections the intensity will become very small.
- At each reflection intensity & amplitude of light wave is divided into reflected & refracted component.
- These reflected & refracted component are brought to overlap to produce interference.
- Hence this type of interference by division of Amplitude.

* Plane Parallel film:

- Transparent film of uniform thickness bounded by two 'parallel' surfaces is called Plane Parallel film.

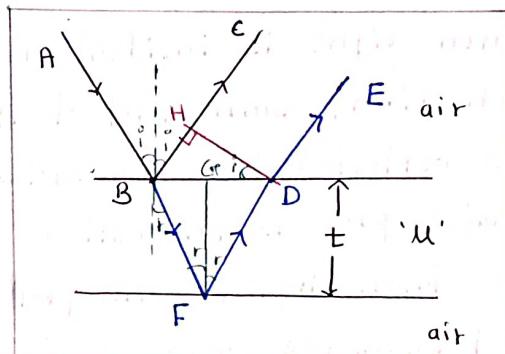


- When light is incident on a parallel film, a small portion of it gets reflected from the top surface & major portion get transmitted into film.
- Small portion of transmitted ray gets reflected from bottom surface & major portion transmitted through bottom surface.
- This reflected ray get further transmitted from top surface & emerges out (ray 2)
- Films transmit incident light strongly & reflect only weakly.
- After two reflections intensities will be negligible.
Hence we consider first two reflected rays only.
- These two rays are obtained from a (single) same incident ray but appear to come from

two sources located below film.
These sources are virtual coherent sources.

- We want to know conditions for maxima & minima. For that we need to know the Geometric & optical path difference:

+ Interference Due to Reflected Light:



- Let us consider a transparent film of uniform thickness 't' bounded by two parallel surfaces.
- Let refractive index of material be 'u'.
- film is surrounded by air on both sides.
- A monochromatic light beam falls on thin film at an angle of incidence 'i'.
- Let 'AB' be incident ray, ray AB is reflected along BC & other part BF is transmitted into film
- Transmitted ray BF makes an angle of 'r' with normal to surface at point B.

• Transmitted ray BF again reflected along FD. & major part will be transmitted along FK.

• Part of reflected ray FD is transmitted at upper surface along DE.

• As film surfaces are parallel, reflected rays BC & DE will be parallel to each other.

• Waves travelling along BC & BFDE are obtained from single wave AB. Hence, these are coherent so & can produce interference pattern.

(1) Geometric Path Difference:

• Let us draw DH perpendicular to BC.

• From H & D onwards, rays HC & DE travel equal path.

• BH ray travels in air while the ray BD travels in film along Ray BD of R.I. μ along path BF & FD.

∴ Geometric path difference between two rays :

$$BF + FD - BH \quad \text{--- I}$$

(2) Optical Path Difference:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_a &= \mu L \\ &= \mu [BF + FD - BH] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_a = \mu (BF + FD) - BH \quad \text{--- II} \quad (\because \mu_{\text{air}} = 1)$$

• In $\triangle BFD$, $\angle BFG = \angle GFD = \angle r$

Also $BF = FD$

$$\cos r = \frac{FG}{BF} \therefore BF = \frac{FG}{\cos r}$$

$$\therefore BF = \frac{t}{\cos r} \quad (\because FG = t)$$

$$\therefore BF + FD = \frac{2t}{\cos r} \quad \text{--- III}$$

• Also, $BG = GD \Rightarrow BD = 2BG$

$$\tan r = \frac{BG}{FD} \Rightarrow BG = t \cdot \tan r.$$

$$\therefore BD = 2t \cdot \tan r$$

• Now, $\triangle ABH$, $\angle HBD = (90^\circ - i)$

$$\angle BHD = 90^\circ \therefore \angle BDH = i$$

$$\therefore BH = BD \sin i = 2t \cdot \tan r \cdot \sin i$$

Snell's Law $\Rightarrow \sin i = \mu \sin r$

$$\therefore BH = 2t \cdot \tan r \cdot \mu \sin r$$

$$= 2t \frac{\sin r}{\cos r} \cdot \mu \sin r$$

$$\therefore BH = \frac{2ut}{\cos r} \sin^2 r \quad \text{--- IV}$$

Substitute eqⁿ III & IV in II

$$\therefore \Delta_a = \mu \frac{2t}{\cos r} - \frac{2ut}{\cos r} \sin^2 r$$

$$= \frac{2ut}{\cos r} (1 - \sin^2 r)$$

$$\Delta_a = 2ut \cos r \quad \text{--- V}$$

• When ray is reflected at boundary of rarer to denser medium path change of $\frac{1}{2}$ occurs for BC ray.

- There is no path difference due to transmission at D.

$$\therefore \Delta_{\text{true}} = 2ut \cos r - \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \text{VI}$$

④ Conditions for maxima (Brightness) & minima (darkness) :

- Maxima will occur when the optical path difference is equal to integral multiple of λ

$$\therefore \Delta = m\lambda$$

m : integer : 1, 2, ...

$$\therefore 2ut \cos r - \frac{\lambda}{2} = m\lambda$$

$$\therefore 2ut \cos r = \left(\frac{2m+1}{2} \right) \lambda$$

... Condition for Maxima

- Minima will occur when

$$\Delta = (2m+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2ut \cos r - \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2m+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2ut \cos r = (m+1)\lambda$$

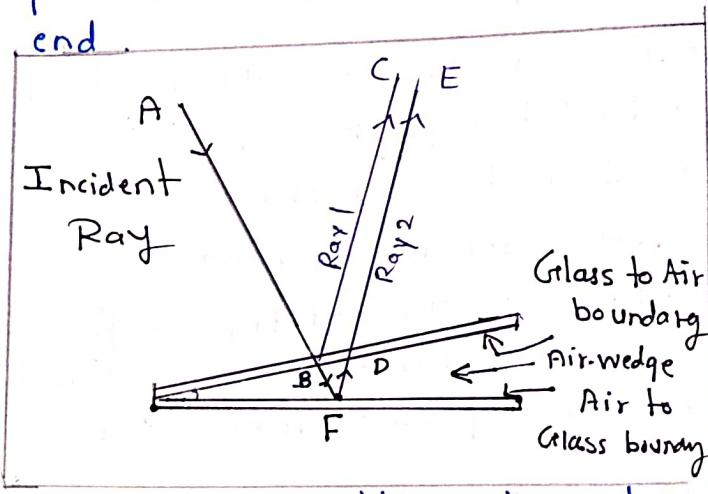
If we add / subtract a full wave there is no any change in phase relationship.

$$\therefore [2ut \cos r = m\lambda]$$

... condition for minima.

* Wedge-shaped (Variable Thickness) film :

- A thin film of varying thickness having a zero thickness at one end & increasing to a particular thickness at other end.



* Interference pattern in wedge shaped air film :

- Parallel beam of monochromatic light \uparrow incident on wedge shaped air film from above, rays reflected from two bounding surfaces will not be parallel.
- They appear to diverge from a point near film.
- Due to change in thickness of film at different points there is path difference between the rays reflected from upper & lower surfaces of the air film.
- Hence alternate dark & bright fringes are observed.

- Let AB be incident ray, incident ray will get partly reflected from glass-to-air boundary (ray BC) & part of light transmitted through air film & get reflected partly at air-to-glass boundary (ray FE)
- For small thickness film, rays interfere producing dark & bright fringes.

We know,
Optical path difference bet
 BC & FE =

$$\Delta = 2\mu t \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

We know conditions for maxima & minima:

$$2\mu t \cos r + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \left(\frac{2m+1}{2}\right)\lambda \quad \&$$

$$2\mu t \cos r - \frac{\lambda}{2} = m\lambda.$$

- Consider this condⁿ for minima:

$$2\mu t \cos r = m\lambda$$

for normal incidence, $\cos r = 1$
thickness of air film = t ,

$$\therefore \text{at } A : 2\mu t = m\lambda.$$

next dark fringe will occur at 'C' where thickness $C = t_2$

$$\therefore \text{at } C \rightarrow 2\mu t_2 = (m+1)\lambda.$$

Subtracting :

$$2\mu(t_2 - t_1) = \lambda$$

$$\text{But } t_2 - t_1 = BC$$

$$\therefore 2\mu BC = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu}.$$

$$\Delta ABC, \angle CAB = \theta \quad \& \quad BC = AB \tan \theta$$

$$\therefore (AB) \tan \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu}.$$

\therefore Fringe width (distance betⁿ consecutive dark frings)

$$B = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu \tan \theta}$$

For small θ

$$B = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu \theta}$$

\therefore As θ increases, fringe separation increases.

* Salient Features of the Interference pattern :

- ① Fringe at apex (point of contact of two plates) is dark
- ② Fringes are straight & parallel
- ③ Fringes are equidistant
- ④ Fringes of equal thickness

* Applications of Interference:

- Interference phenomenon is used widely.

ex. for measuring wavelength, R.I. of liquids & gases, etc.

① Testing of Flatness of Surfaces :

- If you want to use machine component for some particular application, you must know irregularities in that component as these will lead to cracks when stress is applied.
- The machine components which are going to be subjected to high stress & load, required to have a smooth surface finish.
- The smoothness/ flatness can be found by keeping an optical flat on the component at an angle & incident monochromatic light on it.
- There is formation of air wedge film between optical flat & machine component.
- If surface is smooth it will produce straight & equidistant fringes.
- If surface is concave \rightarrow fringes are curved towards contact angle.
- If surface is convex \rightarrow fringes are curved away.

* Testing a lens surface :

- Lens are used widely in telescopes & other instruments.
- To check if lens are smooth & polished, Newton's rings are used.

• If lens is perfect & polished we will get circular fring pattern if not then we can say there are defects in lens.

② Anti-Reflecting Coatings :

- In optical instruments like telescopes & cameras multi component glass lenses are used.
- When light incident on such lenses lots of light is lost due to reflection & quality of image produced by device is poor.
- In case of solar cells, if light is lost in reflection amount of current generated will be less.
- To avoid these losses due to reflection we can coat the surface with thin film of suitable refractive index Such coatings are Anti reflecting coatings. (AR coatings)
- Scientist Alexander Smakula discovered that reflections from a surface can be reduced by coating the surface with a thin transparent dielectric material.
- The film to act as AR coating should follow:

① Phase condition:

- To produce destructive interference, waves reflected from top surfaces & bottom surfaces are in opposite phase

② Amplitude Condition:

- Waves have equal Amplitudes
- So depending on these conditions we can select accordingly material of particular R.I. & thickness of the film.

* Phase condition & minimum thickness of film:

- Let thickness be 't' & R.I μ_f , phase condⁿ (out of phase / 180° phase difference) for that optical path difference must be $\frac{1}{2}$ or an odd number of waves.

$$\therefore \Delta = 2\mu_f t \cos r - \frac{\lambda}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

corresponds to \uparrow corresponds to \uparrow
 π change at topsurface to π change at film to glass
 (bottom) surface.

For normal incidence, $\cos r = 1$

$$\therefore \Delta = 2\mu_f t - \lambda = 2\mu_f t$$

As addⁿ / subtraction of a full wave do not affect phase relation.

For Destructive interference:

$$\Delta = (2m+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2\mu_f t = (2m+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

A film to be transparent, thickness should be minimum it will happen if $m=0$

$$\therefore 2\mu_f t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu_f}$$

\Rightarrow Thickness of AR film

Coating should be one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$ th) of wavelength.

\therefore The film of $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$ thickness suppress reflections & causes light to pass through it.

* Amplitude condition:

- Amplitude of reflected rays - equal

$$\therefore E_1 = E_2$$

Requires :

$$\left[\frac{\mu_f - \mu_a}{\mu_f + \mu_a} \right]^2 = \left[\frac{\mu_g - \mu_f}{\mu_g + \mu_f} \right]^2$$

μ_a - R.I of air,

μ_f - R.I of film

μ_g - R.I of glass substrate.

as $\mu_a = 1$

$$\therefore \left[\frac{\mu_f - 1}{\mu_f + 1} \right]^2 = \left[\frac{\mu_g - \mu_f}{\mu_g + \mu_f} \right]^2$$

Expanding :

$$4\mu_f^3 \mu_g + 4\mu_f \mu_g = 4\mu_f^3 + 4\mu_f \mu_g^2$$

Dividing by $4\mu_f$ & rearrange:

$$\mu_f^2 - \mu_g \mu_f + \mu_g^2 - \mu_g = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_f^2 = \mu_g (1 + \mu_f^2 - \mu_g)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_f^2 \approx \mu_g \text{ (as } \mu_f \approx \mu_g)$$

$$\therefore \mu_f \approx \sqrt{\mu_g}$$

\Rightarrow R.I. of film should be less than that of substrate & possibly near its square root.

In case of glass, $\mu_g = 1.5$

$$\therefore \mu_f \approx 1.22$$

Materials having R.I. near this value are

magnesium fluoride (MgF_2) - 1.38

Cryolite, $3NaF \cdot AlF_3$ ($\mu = 1.36$)

In addition of RI we need to consider other properties of material it should be durable, scratch proof & insoluble in ordinary solvents etc.

MgF_2 & cryolite satisfy these conditions & MgF_2 is cheaper hence widely used in AR coatings.

Thickness condition is satisfied at a particular wavelength

- Normally we choose λ of 5500 \AA , which is most sensitive to human eye
- Wavelength near yellow-green portion of visible spectrum.

* Multilayer AR coating:

- Single layer AR coating is effective only at particular wavelength.
- To cover more than a single wavelength we can use multilayer coatings.
- In practice three layer coatings are widely used & are highly effective over most of visible spectrum.

① A glass microscope lens ($\mu=1.5$) is coated with magnesium fluoride ($\mu_f = 1.38$) film to increase transmission of normally incident light $\lambda = 5800 \text{ \AA}$. What is the minimum film thickness that should be deposited on film:

$$t_{min} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu_f} = \frac{5800 \times 10^{-10}}{4 \times 1.38}$$

$$t_{min} = 1051 \text{ \AA}$$

② Can a thin film of water ($\mu = 1.33$) formed on a glass window plane ($\mu_f = 1.52$) act as non-reflecting film.

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If so, how thick should be water film?

$$\therefore \mu_f = \sqrt{\mu}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1.52} = 1.233$$

As. μ_{water} is nearer to water film $\sqrt{\mu}$ can act as non-reflecting film on glass

\therefore Minimum thickness of film:

$$t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu_f}$$

Human eye is more sensitive to green \therefore assume $\lambda = 5500\text{\AA}$

$$\therefore t_{\min} = \frac{5500 \times 10^{-10}}{4 \times 1.33}$$

$$t_{\min} = 1034 \text{\AA}$$

- * A material of RI 1.3 used to coat a piece of glass.
What should be minimum thickness of film to minimize reflected light at a wavelength of 500nm & what should be RI of glass for best effects?

$$\mu_f = 1.3, \lambda = 500 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}$$

$$t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu_f} = \frac{500 \times 10^{-9}}{4 \times 1.3}$$

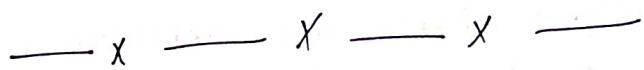
$$t_{\min} = 96.15 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}$$

$$t_{\min} = 96.15 \text{nm}$$

R.I. of glass:

$$\mu_f = \sqrt{\mu_g} \Rightarrow \mu_g = \mu_f^2$$

$$\underline{\mu_g = 1.69}$$



Diffraction

- Bending of waves around an obstacle & deviation from a rectilinear path is called as Diffraction.
 - * Dependence of diffraction on wavelength:
 - When light (waves) pass through an opening (slit):
 - If slit is ^{of} large width, waves do not bend around edges.
 - If slit is of small width, waves bend & bend around edges & it is noticeable
 - Hence, Diffraction effect is observed (is noticeable) only when size of obstacle is comparable to a wavelength of light used.
 - + Diffraction Pattern:
 - When light is passed through a small opening, alternate dark & bright fringes are observed with intensity decreasing from centre to periphery.
 - Central position is known as 'central maxima' & there are secondary maxima & minima on both of its sides.

- Maxima & minima are produced by interference, interference of diffracted light waves.

* Distinction between interference & Diffraction i

Interference

- Observed as a result of interaction of light waves coming from different sources (different wave fronts)

Diffraction

- Observed as a result of interaction of light wave fronts from different parts of same wavefront.

• Fringes may or may not be of same width

- * Fringes are not of same width.

- o Regions of minimum intensity are perfectly dark

- points of minimum intensity are not perfectly dark.

- All bright fringes are of same intensity

- All bright fringes are not of same intensity.

* Types of Diffraction:

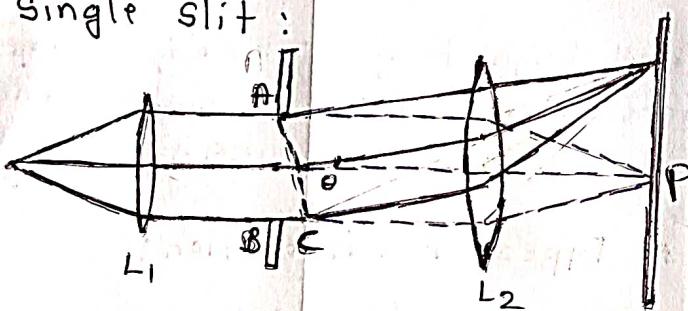
① Fresnel Diffraction:

- Source of light & screen are effectively at finite distances from obstacle
 - Lenses are not used to make ray parallel or convergent.
 - As incident wave front is not planar, phase of secondary wavelets is not same at all points in the plane of obstacle.

② Fraunhofer Diffraction:

- Source of light & screen are effectively at infinite distances from obstacle.
- Conditions required for diffraction are achieved by using two convex lens: one to make the light from source parallel & other to focus the light on screen, after diffraction.
- Incident wavefront is a plane wavefront hence secondary wavelets are in same phase at every point in the plane of obstacle.

* Fraunhofer Diffraction at a Single slit:



- Consider above arrangement, lenses L_1 & L_2 , keep source & screen effectively at infinity.

L_1 will make rays parallel & L_2 will converge rays at a point P on screen.

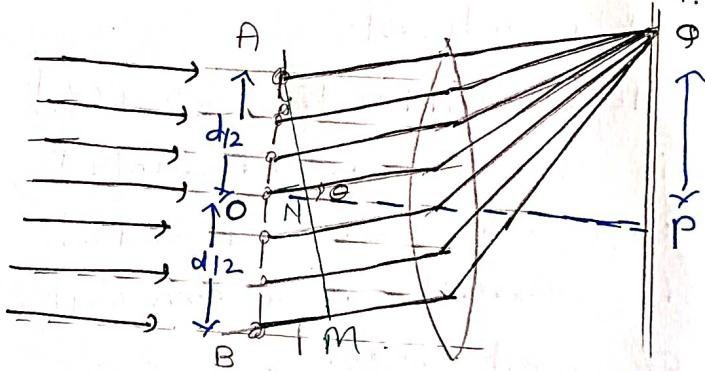
- Consider slit AB of width d perpendicular to plane of page. It is illuminated by a parallel beam of monochromatic light of

wavelength λ :

- According to optical principles, a sharp image at point P should be obtained.
- However, we obtain on screen is slit image of maximum brightness at centre, followed by secondary maxima on either sides gradually decreasing intensities, with distance.
- Intensity distribution on the screen is Fraunhofer Diffraction pattern.

Lets try to understand why this happens:

* Formation of maxima & minima:



- A plane parallel wavefront (parallel rays) incident on slit AB .
- Each point on AB acts as a source of secondary wavelets.
- We can say slit AB as a string of point sources.
- As points on AB are coherent / in phase, so the point sources will be coherent.

- Hence light from one point source will interfere with light from other point source & resultant intensity will depend on direction of θ
- Secondary wavelets travelling parallel to OP come to focus at point P, waves from points equidistant from 'O' from portion OA & OB start in phase. They will travel same distance reaching at P
 \therefore optical path difference is zero & waves will be in phase
 They interfere & give produce maximum intensity at 'P'
 Centre of diffraction pattern & called zero order central maxima.
- For points other than OP ex. suppose ' Q ', light from different parts travel different distances
 Path difference between waves reaching points from different parts increases gradually
- Secondary waves traveling in a direction making an angle ' θ ' with OP These 2^o wavelets are brought to the focus at point Q by convex lens
 It will have maximum or minimum intensity, depending on path difference between waves arriving at point Q.
 from different points on AB.
- Divide wavefront AB into AO & OB
- Line AM \perp lar to direction of diffracted rays ON & BM are in phase at slit.
 BM travels larger distance than ON.
 \therefore Path difference betⁿ wavelets
 $= ON = \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta$.
- If $ON = \frac{\lambda}{2}$, 2 waves interfere destructively & produce darkness at Q
 This is true for any two waves originating at points separated by $d/2$.
 Path difference betⁿ them will be $\lambda/2$.
- For every point in upper

half of A there is corresponding point in lower half of B.

& path difference b/w them = $\lambda/2$

\therefore waves from upper half of A interfere destructively with waves from lower half of B.

$$\therefore \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

intensity at Q is zero & a dark band is called as 1st order minimum.

Similar dark band occur at pt Q' below P.
-1st order minimum.

o we can divide slit into four parts, six parts & so on..

\therefore In general:

$$\sin \theta_m = m\lambda$$

Condition for minimum

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

\therefore Condition for minima:

$$d \sin \theta = \pm n\lambda$$

- In addition to secondary minima, there are secondary maxima which lie between secondary minima on either sides of central maximum.
- For maxima, path difference ON = $d \sin \theta = \frac{(2m+1)}{2}\lambda$

\therefore for maxima condition is:

$$\sin \theta_m = \left(\frac{2m+1}{d} \right) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

Diffraction pattern due to single slit consists of central bright maximum & secondary maxima & minima on both the sides.

* Intensity distribution in Diffraction pattern Due to single slit:

o Let a plane wave be incident on a long narrow slit of width 'd'.

Imagine this 'd' divided into N parallel strips of width Δx

- Each width act as a source of secondary wavelets leading to characteristic distribution of intensity at point φ .

- Position of φ is fixed by angle θ & adjacent strips have a path difference of $\Delta x \sin \theta$

- Let disturbance caused at φ by unit width of slit be :

$$y_0 = A \cos \omega t$$

- Amplitude of wavelet from width dx at A, when it reaches φ is $(A dx)$

- Phase of wavelet :

$$\varphi = \omega t + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x_0 \varphi$$

$$= \omega t + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot x \sin \theta.$$

$x \rightarrow$ distance of φ from O

- Disturbance caused at φ by wavelet :

$$dy = A dx \cos \left[\omega t + \frac{2\pi x \sin \theta}{\lambda} \right]$$

- Total disturbance at φ by all wavelets :

width of slit AB $\approx a$.

$$\therefore y = \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} dy =$$

$$= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} A \cos \left[\omega t + \frac{2\pi x \sin \theta}{\lambda} \right] dx$$

$-a/2$

$$\text{Let, } \frac{2\pi \sin \theta}{\lambda} = k.$$

$$\therefore \cos \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi \sin \theta}{\lambda} x \right) = \cos(\omega t + kx)$$

$$\cos(\omega t + kx) = \cos \omega t \cdot \cos kx - \sin \omega t \cdot \sin kx$$

$$\therefore y = \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} A \left[\cos \omega t \cdot \cos kx - \sin \omega t \cdot \sin kx \right] dx.$$

$$= A \cos \omega t \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \cos kx dx -$$

$a/2$

$$A \sin \omega t \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \sin kx dx.$$

$$= A \cos \omega t \left[\frac{\sin kx}{k} \right]_{-a/2}^{a/2} -$$

$$A \sin \omega t \left[\frac{-\cos kx}{k} \right]_{-a/2}^{a/2}$$

$$y = A \cos \omega t \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{kq}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{kq}{2}\right)}{k} \right] - A \sin \omega t \left[\frac{\cos\left(\frac{kq}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{kq}{2}\right)}{k} \right]$$

$$= A \cos \omega t \left[\frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{kq}{2}\right)}{k} \right] = 2 A \cos \omega t \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot \sin \theta \cdot a}{2x}\right)}{\frac{2\pi \cdot \sin \theta}{x}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \left\{ A \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi \sin \theta a}{x}\right)}{\frac{\pi \sin \theta}{\lambda}} \right\} \cos \omega t$$

$$= \left[A_a \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{x}\right)}{\frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda}} \right] \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_\theta \cos \omega t. \quad A_\theta - \text{resultant disturbance at } \theta$$

$$\text{For } \theta = 0, \quad A_\theta = A_0 = A_a$$

$$y = A_0 \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi a \sin 0}{x}\right)}{\frac{\pi a \sin 0}{\lambda}} \right] \cos \omega t$$

$$\text{let } \alpha = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore y = A_\theta \cos \omega t = A_0 \left[\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right] \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A_\theta = A_0 \left[\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right]} \rightarrow \text{Amplitude distribution.}$$

\therefore Intensity distribution is .

$$I = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2 ; \quad I_0 - \text{intensity of principal maximum at } \theta = 0$$

∴ Intensity at any point on the screen is proportional to $\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2$

∴ A phase difference of 2π corresponds to a path difference of λ .

∴ phase difference of 2α is

$$2\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta$$

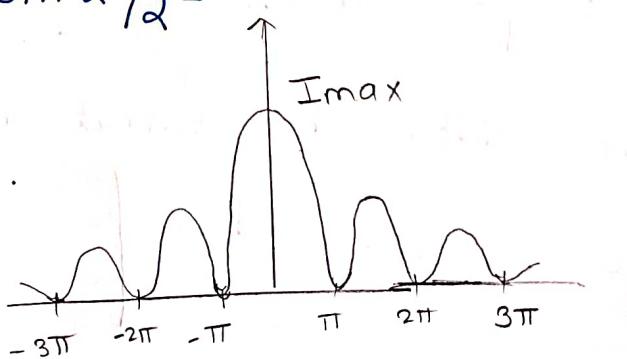
$a \sin \theta$ - path difference betⁿ 2 waves from A & B.

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta$$

∴ Value of α depends on angle of diffraction (θ)

∴ Value of $\left(\frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} \right)$ for point values of θ gives intensity at that point.

Graph of $\sin^2 \alpha / \alpha^2$ vs α or $\sin \theta$.



⇒ Most of the light is confined to central band & its intensity is far greater than any other maxima

Intensity of secondary maxima falls off rapidly as we move away from centre.

- Intensity of 1st secondary maximum is about $1/22$ & that of 2nd is $1/61$ of intensity of principal maximum.
- Secondary wave maxima are too faint to see properly.

* Linear width of Principal Maximum:
If x is distance of 1st secondary minimum from centre of principal maximum, width of central maximum is : $W = 2x$.

If lens L is very near to slit / screen is far away from lens, & f is focal length of lens, then $OP = f$ is very large

$$\therefore \sin\theta = \frac{x}{f}$$

$$\text{For 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ minimum, } \sin\theta = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{\lambda}{d} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{f\lambda}{d}$$

∴ Linear width of central maximum:

$$W = 2x = \frac{2f\lambda}{d}$$

↳ When slit width $d \gg \lambda$, we see uniform illumination in shape of slit, on screen.

As width is reduced, illumination starts to spread out & dark bands become visible (We have seen this during practicals)

& width of central maximum increases as slit narrows.

• Position of first secondary maxima on either side of central maxima :

$$\sin \theta_1 = \frac{3\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{f} = \frac{3\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3f\lambda}{2d}$$

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* In single slit diffraction pattern, distance between 1st minima on either side of central zero maximum is 4.4 mm., screen is at 0.7 m distance $\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA}$. calculate slit width :

↳ Given :

$$f = 0.7 \text{ m}, \lambda = 5890 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m.}$$

$$x = 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m.}$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{f\lambda}{x} = \frac{0.7 \times 5890 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2}{4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 937 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

$$d = 0.094 \text{ mm.}$$

* parallel light ($\lambda = 5000 \text{ \AA}$) normally incident on a single slit. If central maximum fans out at 30° on both sides of direction of incident light. calculate slit width?

For what slit width central maximum would spread out to 90° from direction of incident?

$$\lambda = 5000 \text{ \AA},$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ$$

$$d = ?$$

$$\text{We know, } a \sin \theta = \pm m$$

$$\text{Angular spread, } \sin \theta = \lambda/a$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ \therefore \sin \theta = 0.5 \text{ & } \lambda = 5000 \text{ \AA}$$

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{\sin \theta} = \frac{5000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}}{1/2} = 10,000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$a = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm.}$$

$$\text{For } \theta = 90^\circ,$$

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}}{1} = \underline{\underline{5000 \text{ \AA}}}$$

So when slit width is of order (equal to) of wavelength (5000 \AA), then central maxima will spread out at 90° .

* Plane Diffraction Grating :

- Device consisting of a large number of parallel slits of equal width & separated from one another by equal opaque spaces is called as a diffraction grating. Distance between centres of two adjacent slits is known as 'Grating Period'.
- Let us consider transmission grating held
- Rowland (1848 - 1901) produced transmission grating by ruling extremely close, equidistant & parallel lines on optically plane glass plates with diamond point.
The diamond scratch scatter light & are effectively opaque while parts without scratch transmit light & act as slit.
- Fabrication is expensive & difficult hence gratings are reproduced from original ruled gratings.
Replica gratings are made by pouring a thin layer of collodion solution over surface of ruled grating & soln is allowed to harden & removed afterwards. Film retains impression of original grating.

Film mounted betⁿ glass plates & it acts as plane diffraction grating.

The number of lines on transmission grating is of order of 6000 lines per cm.