

## Unit 1 : Polarization

### 1.a) Define\_ Polarization of Light

Polarization refers to the restriction of the vibrations of light. It involves the alignment of the electric field vector of light waves in a specific direction. Light can be polarized in different ways, such as plane polarization, circular polarization, elliptical polarization, and partially polarized light. Polarization is possible only for transverse waves, as longitudinal waves cannot be polarized. Various devices, such as Nicol prisms, Polaroids, quarter-wave plates, and half-wave plates, work based on the principle of polarization. Polarization has several applications, including polarizing sunglasses, LCD and LED displays, 3D movies, and photoelasticity

### b) "Sound waves cannot be polarized" explain.

Sound waves are longitudinal waves, which means that the vibrations occur parallel to the direction of propagation. Unlike transverse waves, such as light waves, which have vibrations perpendicular to the direction of propagation, sound waves do not have a specific orientation that can be restricted or aligned. Therefore, it is not possible to polarize sound waves like we can with light waves.

### c) According to you where the Polarized goggles will be more useful?

Polarized goggles are more useful in situations where there is a significant amount of glare from light sources such as white sand on a sea beach, water surfaces, and window glasses from cars. These goggles are effective in cutting the glare of light, reducing eye strain, and improving image clarity. They are particularly beneficial for activities like driving, water sports, and outdoor activities where glare can be a problem.

### e) What is E and O ray? (E= Extraordinary and O= Ordinary)

E and O rays refer to the two types of polarized light waves that are produced when light passes through a doubly refracting crystal. • The E ray (extraordinary ray) is the ray of light that does not obey Snell's law and has a refractive index that varies with direction. It vibrates in a plane that is perpendicular to the plane of the paper. • The O ray (ordinary ray) is the ray of light that obeys Snell's law and has a constant refractive index in all directions. It vibrates in a plane that is parallel to the plane of the paper.

## 2. State and explain a) Malus law. b) Brewestear law

### a) MALUS LAW

It states that the intensity of light passing through a second polarizer is a cosine square function of the angle between the two polarizers. Mathematically, it can be represented as  $I_2 = I_1 \cos^2 \theta$ , where  $I_2$  is the intensity of light passing through the second polarizer,  $I_1$  is the maximum intensity of light, and  $\theta$  is the angle between the optic axes of the polarizers. Explanation of Malus Law When light passes through two polarizers, the intensity of the transmitted light depends on the angle between their optic axes. If the angle is 0 degrees or 180 degrees, the transmitted intensity is maximum, equal to  $I_1$ . As the angle increases, the transmitted intensity

decreases, following a cosine square function. At an angle of 90 degrees, the transmitted intensity becomes zero.

b) Brewster law

Brewster's Law, discovered by Sir David Brewster, states that when unpolarized light is incident on a nonmetallic medium, such as glass, at a specific angle called the polarizing angle, the reflected light becomes completely polarized. This means that the reflected light contains only vibrations perpendicular to the plane of incidence, while vibrations in the plane of incidence are completely absent

3. What is polarization of light? What are the different types of polarization?

**Polarization of Light** Polarization refers to the restriction of the vibrations of light. It involves the alignment of the electric field vector of light waves in a specific direction. Light can be polarized in different ways, resulting in different types of polarized light.

**Types of Polarized Light** There are several types of polarized light:

1. **Unpolarized Light (UPL):** Unpolarized light consists of vibrations that are randomly and uncoordinated in all possible directions perpendicular to the direction of propagation.
2. **Plane Polarized Light (PPL):** Plane polarized light occurs when the vibrations of light are restricted to a single plane. This can be achieved by passing unpolarized light through a polarizer.
3. **Circularly Polarized Light (CPL):** Circularly polarized light is produced when two plane polarized waves with a path difference of  $\lambda/4$  are superimposed. The resulting wave has a circular motion.
4. **Elliptically Polarized Light (EPL):** Elliptically polarized light is also produced by superimposing two plane polarized waves, but with unequal amplitudes. The resulting wave has an elliptical motion.
5. **Partially Polarized Light (PRPL):** Partially polarized light is a combination of polarized and unpolarized light. It has some degree of polarization, but the vibrations are not restricted to a single plane.

4. (i) Discuss the two applications of Polarization of light.

1. **Polarizing Sunglasses:** Polarization is used in the production of sunglasses to reduce glare from surfaces such as water, snow, and glass. The polarized lenses block horizontally polarized light, which is responsible for glare, while allowing vertically polarized light to pass through. This helps to enhance visual clarity and reduce eye strain in bright outdoor conditions.
2. **LCD and LED Displays:** Liquid Crystal Displays (LCD) and Light Emitting Diode (LED) displays utilize polarization to control the transmission of light. LCD screens consist of liquid crystals that can be aligned to block or allow the passage of light based on their polarization.

(ii) Give the name of crystals used to Polarize light. (any four)

1. Calcite: Calcite is a birefringent crystal that can be used to polarize light. It exhibits double refraction, where an incident beam is refracted into two rays, the ordinary (O) ray and the extraordinary (E) ray. These rays are plane polarized, with their planes of polarization perpendicular to each other.

2. Quartz: Quartz is another birefringent crystal commonly used for polarizing light. Like calcite, it exhibits double refraction and can create a path difference between the O and E rays. This path difference allows for the production of circularly polarized light (CPL) or elliptically polarized light (EPL) when the rays are superimposed.

3. Nicol Prism: Nicol prism is a specific type of crystal used for polarizing light. It is made from calcite and eliminates the O ray through total internal reflection. Nicol prisms are commonly used in polarizing microscopes and other optical instruments.

4. Polaroids: Polaroids are polarizing filters made from a special type of plastic film that contains aligned polymer chains. These filters selectively absorb one of the polarizations of light, allowing only the desired polarization to pass through. Polaroids are widely used in various applications, including sunglasses and LCD screens.

5. Explain the concept of double refraction. State min. 3 properties exhibited by the Ordinary and extraordinary rays.

Double refraction refers to the phenomenon where a single incident beam of light splits into two refracted beams when passing through certain materials, such as calcite, quartz, tourmaline, and ice. These materials are known as birefringent materials.

#### Properties of Ordinary (O) Ray

1. The vibrations of the Ordinary (O) ray are perpendicular to the plane of the paper.
2. The refractive index of the birefringent crystal for the O ray remains the same in all directions.
3. The O ray obeys Snell's law.

#### Properties of Extraordinary (E) Ray

1. The vibrations of the Extraordinary (E) ray are in the plane of the paper.
2. The refractive index of the birefringent crystal for the E ray varies with direction.
3. The E ray does not obey Snell's law

6. Describe how polarization is used in each of the following cases

- a) LCD display
- b) Sunglasses

#### a. LCD display

Polarization is used in LCD displays to control the intensity and color of light. A system of two polarizers with liquid crystals placed in between them can produce red, green, and blue light with different intensities. By adjusting the orientation of the liquid crystals, the polarized light can be manipulated to create different colors and shades, allowing for the display of images and videos on LCD screens.

#### b. Sunglasses

Polarization is used in sunglasses to reduce glare and improve visibility. When light reflects off surfaces such as water, sand, or glass, it becomes polarized and vibrates in a specific direction. Polarized sunglasses have a special filter that blocks this horizontally polarized light, reducing glare and improving clarity. This helps to enhance visual comfort and reduce eye strain, making polarized sunglasses ideal for outdoor activities such as driving, fishing, and skiing.

7.a) Give two examples of randomly polarized light. How can you generate linearly polarized light from a source which is randomly polarized?

1. Unpolarized Light (UPL): Ordinary light emitted by spontaneous excitations of atoms is an example of randomly polarized light. The vibrations of the electric and magnetic fields in UPL are random and uncoordinated, vibrating in all possible directions perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

2. Natural Sunlight: Sunlight is another example of randomly polarized light. The vibrations of the electric and magnetic fields in sunlight are also random and uncoordinated, vibrating in all possible directions perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

To generate linearly polarized light from a randomly polarized source, we can use a polarizer. A polarizer is a device that allows only vibrations in a specific direction to pass through. By placing a polarizer in front of the randomly polarized source, it will selectively transmit light vibrations that are parallel to its optic axis, while blocking vibrations in other directions.

b) Suppose you have a source emitting vertically polarized light, and you have 3 polarizers at your disposal, how can you generate horizontally polarized light?

To generate horizontally polarized light from a source emitting vertically polarized light, you can use a combination of polarizers.

1. Start with the vertically polarized light emitted by the source.
2. Place the first polarizer in the path of the light and align it vertically, parallel to the polarization of the source.

3. Rotate the second polarizer by 90 degrees, so that it is aligned horizontally.

4. Finally, place the third polarizer in the path of the light and align it horizontally as well.

By passing the vertically polarized light through the first polarizer, it will only allow vertically polarized light to pass through. Then, by rotating the second polarizer to be aligned horizontally, it will block the vertically polarized light and only allow horizontally polarized light to pass through. The third polarizer, aligned horizontally, will further enhance the horizontal polarization of the light.

As a result, the combination of these three polarizers will generate horizontally polarized light from the initially vertically polarized light source

## Unit 2: Quantum

1. Postulates of the Planks Quantum theory.

1. Quantization of Energy: The energy of a system can only take on certain discrete values, rather than any value. This is due to the quantized nature of energy levels in quantum mechanics.
2. Wave-Particle Duality: Particles, such as electrons, can exhibit both wave-like and particle-like behavior. This means that they can have characteristics of both waves and particles, depending on the experimental setup.
3. Uncertainty Principle: There is a fundamental limit to the precision with which certain pairs of physical properties, such as position and momentum, can be simultaneously known. This principle introduces inherent uncertainties in the measurements of these properties.
4. Wavefunction and Probability: The behavior of particles is described by a mathematical function called the wavefunction. The square of the wavefunction, known as the probability density, gives the probability of finding the particle in a particular state.
5. Superposition and Interference: Quantum systems can exist in a superposition of multiple states simultaneously. When these states interfere, they can produce patterns of constructive and destructive interference, leading to observable effects.
6. Measurement and Collapse: When a measurement is made on a quantum system, the wavefunction collapses to a specific state corresponding to the measurement outcome. This collapse is probabilistic and governed by the probabilities determined by the wavefunction.

## ii) Planck's radiation law.

Planck's radiation law is a fundamental principle in physics that explains the spectrum of radiation emitted by a black body. It was developed by Max Planck in the early 20th century. The law states that the energy of the radiation emitted by a black body is quantized, meaning it can only take on certain discrete values. This quantization is described by the equation  $E = nh\nu$ , where  $E$  is the energy,  $n$  is an integer,  $h$  is Planck's constant, and  $\nu$  is the frequency of the radiation. Planck's radiation law was a significant breakthrough in understanding the behavior of electromagnetic waves and laid the foundation for the development of quantum mechanics.

## 2. What is De Broglie Hypothesis?

- i) Compose the De Broglie wavelength equation for the particle of charge  $q$  moving with a velocity  $v$  in the presence of magnetic field  $B$ .

De Broglie hypothesis suggests that particles such as electrons and photons exhibit both wave-like and particle-like behaviour. It states that every particle or object with mass exhibits wave-like properties. This wave-particle duality is a fundamental concept in quantum mechanics, implying that particles can be described not only in terms of particles but also in terms of waves.

- ii) Formulate the De Broglie wavelength equation for the electron of charge  $q$  moving in the presence of accelerating electric potential  $V$ .

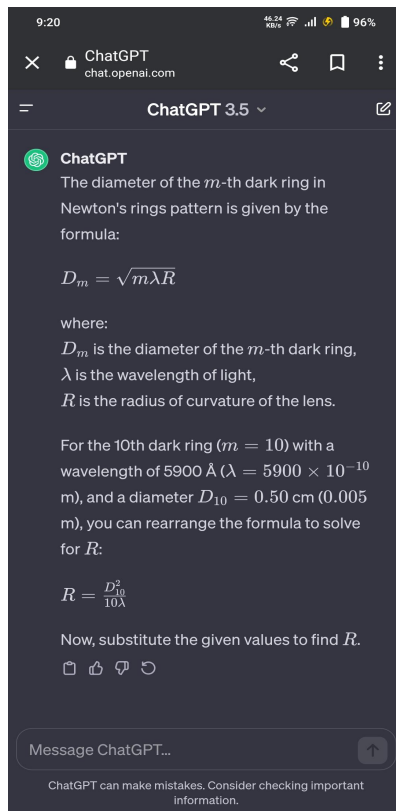
De Broglie Wavelength Equation for Electron in the Presence of Accelerating Electric Potential  $V$

The De Broglie wavelength equation for an electron of charge  $q$  moving in the presence of an accelerating electric potential  $V$  can be formulated as follows:  $\lambda = h / \sqrt{(2mqV)}$  Where:

- $\lambda$  is the De Broglie wavelength of the electron
- $h$  is Planck's constant
- $m$  is the mass of the electron
- $q$  is the charge of the electron
- $V$  is the accelerating electric potential

This equation relates the De Broglie wavelength of the electron to its mass, charge, and the accelerating electric potential it experiences.

3. Newton's rings are observed in reflected light of wavelength 5900 Å. The diameter of the 10th dark ring is 0.50 cm. Find the radius of curvature of the lens.



4. State and explain Heisenberg's Uncertainty principle (2 Mark).

Heisenberg's uncertainty principle states that it is impossible to measure or calculate exactly both the position and the momentum of an object. This principle is based on the wave-particle duality of matter.

Heisenberg's uncertainty principle states that for particles exhibiting both particle and wave nature, it will not be possible to accurately determine both the position and velocity at the same time. The principle is named after German physicist Werner Heisenberg, who proposed the uncertainty principle in the year 1927. This principle was formulated when Heisenberg was

trying to build an intuitive model of quantum physics. He discovered that there were certain fundamental factors that limited our actions in knowing certain quantities.

This principle basically highlights that simultaneous measurement of position and the velocity or momentum of microscopic matter waves will have an error such that the product of the error in measurement of position and momentum is equal or more than an integral multiple of a constant.

If the uncertainty in the location of the particle is equal to its De Broglie wavelength, then show that the uncertainty in its velocity is equal to its velocity. (3 marks)

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To show that the uncertainty in velocity is equal to the velocity when the uncertainty in location is equal to the De Broglie wavelength, we can use the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle.

The Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle is given by:

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

where  $\Delta x$  is the uncertainty in position,  $\Delta p$  is the uncertainty in momentum, and  $\hbar$  is the reduced Planck constant.

The De Broglie wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) is related to the momentum ( $p$ ) of a particle by:

$$\lambda = \frac{\hbar}{p}$$

where  $\hbar$  is the Planck constant.

Now, if  $\Delta x = \lambda$ , we can substitute this into the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle:

$$\lambda \cdot \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Replace  $\Delta p$  with  $\frac{\hbar}{\lambda}$  using the De Broglie wavelength formula:

$$\lambda \cdot \frac{\hbar}{\lambda} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Simplify:

$$\hbar \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

This simplifies to:

$$\hbar \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

This is a true statement. Therefore, when  $\Delta x = \lambda$ , the uncertainty in velocity ( $\Delta v$ ) is approximately equal to the velocity ( $v$ ) of the particle.

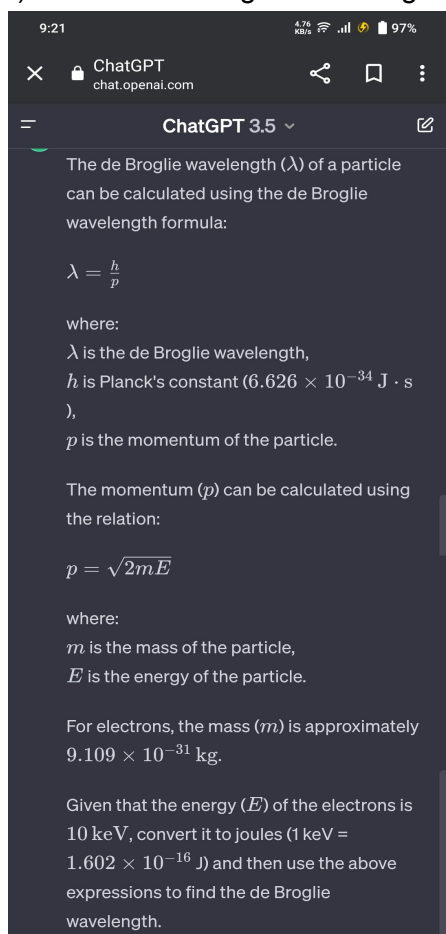
5. Write down any three properties of matter waves (3 marks).

1. Wave Nature: Matter waves, also known as De Broglie waves, exhibit wavelike properties. They have characteristics such as wavelength, frequency, amplitude, and displacement. Unlike particles, matter waves are delocalized and spread in space.

2. Quantization: The energy of matter waves is quantized, meaning it is restricted to discrete values. This quantization is similar to the quantization observed in the energy levels of atoms and molecules. The energy levels of matter waves are not continuous but exist in specific, discrete amounts.

3. Dual Nature: Matter waves possess a dual nature, just like electromagnetic waves. They can exhibit both wave-like and particle-like properties depending on the experimental situation. This duality suggests that material particles, such as electrons or atoms, can also exhibit wave properties under certain conditions.

ii) Find the De Broglie wavelength of 10 KeV electrons (2 marks).



6. De Broglie argued that - 'If wave can behave like particles, particles should behave like waves too'.

a. Mention an experiment, where we can see the particle-like nature of waves.



One experiment that demonstrates the particle-like nature of waves is the photoelectric effect. In this experiment, when light is shone on a metal surface, electrons are emitted. The intensity of the light determines the number of electrons emitted, while the frequency of the light determines their kinetic energy. This phenomenon cannot be explained by wave theory alone and requires the concept of photons, which are particles of light. The photoelectric effect provides evidence that light behaves as both a wave and a particle

b.Mention an experiment, where we can see the wave-like nature of particles.

One experiment where we can observe the wave-like nature of particles is electron diffraction. In this experiment, electrons are passed through a material, such as a thin metal foil, and they exhibit well-defined diffraction patterns. This phenomenon was observed by Davisson, Germer, and G.P. Thomson, who were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics in 1937 for their work. The diffraction patterns observed in this experiment provide evidence for the wave-like behavior of electrons.

c.If particles have wave-like properties, explain if we all have wave like properties and what are its consequences?

The idea that particles exhibit wave-like properties is a fundamental concept in quantum mechanics, described by the wave-particle duality principle. This duality suggests that particles, such as electrons and photons, can exhibit both wave-like and particle-like behavior depending on the experimental conditions.

However, it's important to note that this wave-particle duality is not extended to macroscopic objects like humans. In the realm of everyday experiences, classical mechanics is a highly accurate and practical description of motion. The wave-like behavior of particles becomes significant and observable at the quantum scale, where the de Broglie wavelength of particles is comparable to their size.

For everyday objects, including humans, the wave-like properties are not noticeable or relevant in typical situations. The consequences of quantum mechanics and wave-particle duality are mainly observed in the behavior of particles at the quantum level. Some consequences include:

Interference: Like waves, particles can interfere with each other. This interference is observed in phenomena such as the double-slit experiment, where particles exhibit interference patterns similar to waves when passing through two slits.

Quantum Tunneling: Particles can "tunnel" through energy barriers that, according to classical physics, should be impenetrable. This phenomenon has practical applications in technologies like tunnel diodes and plays a crucial role in processes like nuclear fusion in stars.

Uncertainty Principle: Formulated by Werner Heisenberg, the uncertainty principle states that it is impossible to simultaneously know the exact position and momentum of a

particle. This introduces a fundamental limit to the precision with which certain pairs of properties can be known.

Quantum Entanglement: Particles can become entangled, meaning the state of one particle is directly related to the state of another, regardless of the distance between them. Changes in the state of one particle instantaneously affect the state of the other, even if they are light-years apart.

While these consequences have been experimentally verified and are integral to our understanding of the microscopic world, they do not imply that humans or macroscopic objects possess wave-like properties in a way that would be observable in our everyday experiences. Quantum effects are generally negligible at larger scales, and classical physics provides an accurate description of the behavior of macroscopic objects.

d. What are the requirements for a average human being to have a matter wave of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  m. Can these requirements be achieved.

To have a matter wave with a wavelength of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  m, an average human being would need to possess a momentum that corresponds to this wavelength. According to the De Broglie wavelength equation,  $\lambda = h/p$ , where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength,  $h$  is Planck's constant, and  $p$  is the momentum. To achieve a matter wave with a wavelength of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  m, the momentum of the human being would need to be such that  $p = h/\lambda$ . However, the given document does not provide any information about the momentum of an average human being or how it can be altered to achieve a specific matter wave wavelength. Therefore, based on the given document data, we cannot determine the specific requirements for an average human being to have a matter wave of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  m, nor can we determine if these requirements can be achieved.

7, With the knowledge of the initial state of a system and the forces acting on it, classical mechanics can completely predict the future state of a system.

b) How much knowledge of the initial state do you have in the quantum mechanical picture?

c) Is it possible to completely predict the future of a system using quantum mechanics?

d) Is quantum mechanics an incomplete theory?

e) Is quantum mechanics an approximation of classical mechanics or vice versa?

b) Quantum Mechanical Picture:

In quantum mechanics, the situation is different from classical mechanics. The knowledge of the initial state of a quantum system is described by its wave function, which contains information about the probability distribution of possible outcomes. According to the principles of quantum mechanics, it is not possible to simultaneously know both the precise position and momentum of a particle due to the uncertainty principle formulated by Werner Heisenberg.

c) Predicting the Future in Quantum Mechanics:

In quantum mechanics, the evolution of a system is described by the Schrödinger equation. Unlike classical mechanics, the outcomes are probabilistic rather than deterministic. Even with complete knowledge of the initial state, quantum mechanics only provides probabilities for

different outcomes. The future state of a system is not uniquely determined; instead, it is a range of possible states with associated probabilities. The act of measurement in quantum mechanics further affects the system, making the prediction of specific outcomes inherently uncertain.

#### d) Completeness of Quantum Mechanics:

Quantum mechanics is considered a complete theory within its own framework. It successfully describes the behavior of particles at the quantum level and has been extensively tested and verified through experiments. However, there are ongoing debates and discussions about the interpretation of quantum mechanics, such as the nature of wave function collapse and the role of consciousness in measurement. These debates do not necessarily indicate an incompleteness in the predictive power of quantum mechanics but rather reflect different philosophical interpretations of the theory.

#### e) Relationship Between Quantum and Classical Mechanics:

Quantum mechanics is not an approximation of classical mechanics, nor is classical mechanics an approximation of quantum mechanics. Classical mechanics arises as a limit of quantum mechanics when the quantum effects become negligible, typically at macroscopic scales. This is known as the correspondence principle. In the limit of large quantum numbers (i.e., large systems), the predictions of quantum mechanics converge to those of classical mechanics. However, quantum mechanics is necessary for describing the behavior of particles at the atomic and subatomic levels, where classical mechanics fails to provide an accurate description.

In summary, quantum mechanics is a well-established and complete theory within its domain of applicability. While it introduces probabilistic outcomes and challenges classical intuition, it has proven to be highly successful in describing the behavior of particles at the quantum level.

### Unit 3:laser

#### 1. What is laser?

A laser, which stands for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation," is a device that produces coherent and focused light through the process of optical amplification. The term "coherent" refers to the fact that the light waves produced by a laser are in phase, meaning they have a consistent and well-defined relationship to each other in terms of their frequency and direction. Lasers come in various types, such as semiconductor lasers, gas lasers, solid-state lasers, and dye lasers, each with specific characteristics and applications. The development of lasers has had a profound impact on technology and has led to numerous innovations across different industries.

#### 2. What is spontaneous emission?

Spontaneous emission is a process in which an atom or molecule undergoes a transition from a higher energy state to a lower energy state and emits a photon without any external stimulation or interaction with other photons. This emission occurs spontaneously, without the influence of external factors, and the emitted photon carries away the energy difference between the initial and final states of the atom or molecule.

3. What is stimulated emission?

Stimulated emission is a process in which an atom or molecule in an excited state emits a photon in response to the presence of external photons with the same energy (frequency) and phase. This process is a key principle behind the operation of lasers. In stimulated emission, the external photons stimulate the excited atom or molecule to release a photon that is identical in terms of energy, phase, and direction to the incident photon.

4. Difference between spontaneous emission and stimulated emission.

| Characteristic | Spontaneous Emission                           | Stimulated Emission   |
|----------------|--|---|
| Initiation     | Occurs spontaneously without external stimulus | Requires external photons for initiation                    |
| Timing         | Random timing of photon emission               | Occurs in response to the presence of photons               |
| Coherence      | Incoherent emission (random phase)             | Coherent emission (same phase as incident photon)           |
| Directionality | Emitted photons have random directions         | Emitted photons have the same direction as incident photons |

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|----------------------|--|--|
| Spectrum             | Broad spectrum of emitted photons          | Narrow spectrum, identical to incident photons |
| Population Inversion | Not required                               | Requires population inversion for laser action |
| Amplification        | Does not lead to significant amplification | Results in the amplification of incident light |
| Example              | Fluorescence, natural decay processes      | Basis for laser operation, optical amplifiers  |

## 5. Explain lasing action.

Lasing action refers to the coherent and amplified emission of light in a laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) device. This process is a fundamental principle underlying the operation of lasers and distinguishes them from other light sources. The term "lasing" is derived from "laser" and signifies the specific behavior of light in a laser system.

The key components and steps involved in lasing action are as follows:

### Population Inversion:

- Lasing action begins with the establishment of population inversion within the gain medium of the laser. Population inversion occurs when more atoms or molecules are in an excited state than in the lower energy state.

### Pumping:

- Energy must be supplied to create and maintain the population inversion. This is achieved through a process called pumping, where external energy sources, such as optical pumping or electrical pumping, raise atoms or molecules to higher energy levels.

### Spontaneous Emission:

- As atoms or molecules in the excited state return to the lower energy state, they undergo spontaneous emission, releasing photons. However, spontaneous emission alone does not lead to lasing action as it is not coherent and does not result in significant amplification.

Stimulated Emission:

- External photons (incident light) with the same energy and phase as the spontaneously emitted photons stimulate the emission of additional photons. Stimulated emission results in the coherent release of photons that have the same frequency, phase, and direction as the incident photons.

Resonant Cavity:

- The gain medium, which could be a gas, liquid, solid, or semiconductor, is placed between two mirrors to form an optical cavity or resonator. One mirror is highly reflective, and the other is partially transparent. This arrangement creates a feedback loop for light, allowing it to bounce back and forth through the gain medium.

Amplification by Stimulated Emission:

- The stimulated emission process leads to the amplification of light within the gain medium. Photons stimulate the emission of more photons, and these photons are further amplified as they travel back and forth between the mirrors.

Coherent Light Output:

- As the number of stimulated emissions increases, the light becomes highly coherent. The coherent light is characterized by a single frequency, consistent phase, and well-defined direction.

Laser Beam Emission:

- When the amplification reaches a critical threshold, a burst of coherent light is emitted through the partially transparent mirror. This burst of light constitutes the laser beam.

Monochromatic and Directional Output:

- The output from a laser is monochromatic (single color) and directional, making it highly suitable for various applications, including precision measurements, communications, medical procedures, and materials processing.

Lasing action is a self-sustaining process in which stimulated emission dominates over spontaneous emission, leading to the coherent and amplified output that characterizes lasers. The unique properties of laser light, such as its coherence and directionality, make lasers indispensable in a wide range of scientific, medical, industrial, and technological applications.

## 6. Properties of laser.

Lasers (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) exhibit several unique and advantageous properties that make them distinct from other light sources. Here are some key properties of lasers:

#### Coherence:

- *Definition:* Coherence refers to the well-defined relationship between the phases of the oscillating electromagnetic waves in a laser beam.
- *Significance:* Laser light is highly coherent, meaning the waves are in phase with each other. This property allows for the formation of a tightly focused beam with a single, well-defined wavelength.

#### Monochromaticity:

- *Definition:* Monochromaticity means that laser light consists of a single color or wavelength.
- *Significance:* The light emitted by a laser is highly monochromatic, which is essential for applications such as spectroscopy and precision measurements.

#### Directionality:

- *Definition:* Laser light is highly directional, meaning it travels in a well-defined and focused beam.
- *Significance:* The directional nature of laser light allows it to be focused to a small spot over long distances. This property is crucial for applications like laser cutting and telecommunications.

#### Brightness:

- *Definition:* Brightness refers to the concentration of optical power in a laser beam.
- *Significance:* Laser beams are extremely bright, allowing them to deliver a high intensity of light over a small area. This is advantageous for applications in materials processing and medical procedures.

#### Temporal Coherence:

- *Definition:* Temporal coherence refers to the correlation in the phase of the laser light's oscillations over time.
- *Significance:* Laser light has high temporal coherence, enabling the generation of short pulses with precise timing. This property is crucial in applications such as laser ranging and time-resolved spectroscopy.

#### Collimation:

- *Definition:* Collimation refers to the ability of laser light to remain nearly parallel over long distances.
- *Significance:* The collimated nature of laser beams allows them to propagate without significant divergence, making them suitable for applications like laser pointers and optical communication.

#### Polarization:

- *Definition:* Laser light can be highly polarized, meaning the electric field vectors of the light waves oscillate in a specific direction.
- *Significance:* Polarization control is essential in applications such as microscopy, optical communication, and certain types of sensors.

#### High Intensity:

- *Definition:* Laser light can achieve very high intensity.
- *Significance:* The high intensity of laser light is advantageous in various applications, including laser surgery, materials processing, and laser-induced plasma generation.

Spatial Coherence:

- *Definition:* Spatial coherence refers to the correlation in phase of different points within the cross-section of a laser beam.
- *Significance:* Spatial coherence ensures that the laser beam maintains its quality and focus over extended distances, making it suitable for applications like laser cutting and holography.

Narrow Line Width:

- *Definition:* Line width refers to the range of frequencies present in the laser light.
- *Significance:* Laser light typically has a narrow line width, contributing to its monochromatic nature. This property is important in applications such as spectroscopy.

7. Explain population inversion.State different ways to achieve the population inversion.

Population inversion is a condition in which more atoms or molecules exist in an excited state than in the lower energy state, contrary to what is typically observed in thermal equilibrium. Achieving population inversion is a crucial prerequisite for the operation of lasers, as it sets the stage for stimulated emission to dominate over other processes like absorption and spontaneous emission. Here's an explanation of population inversion and various ways to achieve it:

Explanation of Population Inversion:

In a typical system at thermal equilibrium, particles tend to occupy lower energy states more frequently than higher energy states, following the principles of statistical mechanics. Achieving population inversion involves manipulating the distribution of particles so that a larger number of them are in the excited state. This is essential for the amplification of light through stimulated emission in a laser.

Optical pumping

Electrical discharge

Chemical reactions

Flashlamp pumping

Optical absorption

Semiconductor lasers



## 8. What is metastable state?

A metastable state refers to an excited state of an atom, molecule, or other physical system that has a longer-than-expected lifetime before transitioning to a lower energy state. In other words, a metastable state is a state of higher energy that is relatively stable or long-lived compared to other excited states.

The term "metastable" is derived from "meta-" (meaning beyond) and "stable," emphasizing that the state is somewhat stable but not as stable as the ground state. When an entity is in a metastable state, it has absorbed energy and is at an energy level higher than its ground state, but it does not immediately transition to the ground state and remains in the excited state for an extended period.

## 10. Explain 2nd, 3rd, 4th level lasers.

### First Level Lasers:

- *Definition:* First level lasers involve electronic transitions between the ground state and the first excited state.
- *Example:* Ruby lasers are an example of first level lasers. In a ruby laser, the chromium-doped sapphire crystal undergoes electronic transitions between the ground state and the first excited state of the chromium ions.

### Second Level Lasers:

- *Definition:* Second level lasers involve electronic transitions between the first excited state and a higher energy level.
- *Example:* Helium-neon (HeNe) lasers are an example of second level lasers. In HeNe lasers, electronic transitions occur between the first excited state of neon atoms and a higher energy level.

### Third Level Lasers:

- *Definition:* Third level lasers involve electronic transitions between the second excited state and an even higher energy level.
- *Example:* Certain solid-state lasers, such as some types of neodymium-doped lasers, can be considered third level lasers. The electronic transitions involve the neodymium ions transitioning between the second excited state and higher energy levels.

### Fourth Level Lasers:

- *Definition:* Fourth level lasers involve electronic transitions between the third excited state and an even higher energy level.
- *Example:* There isn't a widely recognized category specifically termed "fourth level lasers" in common laser classifications. However, one could theoretically conceive a laser system where the gain medium involves electronic transitions between the third excited state and a higher energy level.

#### 11. Explain working and construction of He Ne laser.

A Helium-Neon (HeNe) laser is a gas laser that operates on the principle of population inversion within a mixture of helium and neon gases. The construction involves a sealed tube filled with these gases, with electrodes at each end. A high voltage electrical discharge excites the atoms, causing them to release photons as they return to lower energy states.

##### Working:

**Gas Excitation:** Electrical discharge ionizes the helium atoms, which then transfer energy to neon atoms through collisions, promoting them to higher energy levels.

**Population Inversion:** Neon atoms return to lower energy levels, emitting photons with specific wavelengths in the red region (632.8 nm), due to the transition between certain energy levels in neon.

**Resonator Cavity:** The laser tube is placed between two mirrors, forming an optical cavity. One mirror is highly reflective, while the other is partially transparent, allowing the emitted light to exit as a coherent beam.

**Amplification:** Photons bouncing between the mirrors stimulate further emissions from excited neon atoms, amplifying the coherent light.

**Output Beam:** A well-collimated, monochromatic (single-colored) laser beam emerges through the partially transparent mirror.

##### Applications:

**Precision Measurement:** HeNe lasers are used in interferometry and holography due to their stable output.

**Barcode Scanners:** The red light emitted is suitable for reading barcodes.

**Research and Education:** Commonly employed in laboratories and educational settings for optical experiments.

Despite their reliability and long coherence length, HeNe lasers have been largely replaced by more efficient and compact laser technologies for many applications.

#### 12. Explain working and construction of semiconductor laser

## Construction of a Semiconductor Laser:

### Active Layer:

- The heart of a semiconductor laser is the active layer, which is typically made of a semiconductor material such as gallium arsenide (GaAs). The active layer is sandwiched between two layers of semiconductor material with different energy band gaps.

### P-Type and N-Type Layers:

- The active layer is flanked by a p-type (positive) layer and an n-type (negative) layer. This creates a p-n junction, which is a crucial component for the operation of the laser.

### Mirrors or Reflective Surfaces:

- The ends of the semiconductor laser are usually coated with highly reflective surfaces, creating an optical cavity. One of the mirrors is typically fully reflective, while the other is partially transparent to allow the emission of laser light.

## Working Principles of a Semiconductor Laser:

The operation of a semiconductor laser involves several key steps:

### Injection of Carriers:

- A voltage is applied across the p-n junction, causing an injection of charge carriers (electrons and holes) into the active layer.

### Recombination in the Active Layer:

- As electrons from the n-type layer and holes from the p-type layer combine in the active layer, they recombine at specific energy levels, releasing energy in the form of photons.

### Stimulated Emission:

- The recombination process in the active layer results in the emission of photons. Some of these photons stimulate other electrons in the active layer to undergo the same recombination process, leading to stimulated emission.

### Gain and Population Inversion:

- The amplification of light through stimulated emission creates gain in the active layer. This gain leads to population inversion, where more carriers exist in the excited state than in the lower energy state.

### Feedback and Laser Action:

- The mirrors at the ends of the semiconductor laser create an optical cavity. Photons generated by stimulated emission bounce back and forth between the mirrors, undergoing further stimulated emission. This process results in the amplification and coherence of light.

### Emission of Laser Light:

- Eventually, the partially transparent mirror allows a portion of the amplified and coherent light to escape, producing the laser beam.

### 13. State the advantages, disadvantages of He Ne laser and semiconductor laser.

#### Helium-Neon (HeNe) Laser:

##### Advantages:

**Monochromatic Output:** HeNe lasers produce highly monochromatic light with a narrow spectral linewidth, making them suitable for applications that require precise wavelength control.

**Coherent Light:** HeNe lasers exhibit excellent coherence, which is beneficial for applications like holography and interferometry.

**Long Coherence Length:** HeNe lasers have a long coherence length, allowing for interference effects over relatively large distances.

**Reliability:** HeNe lasers are known for their long operational lifetimes and stability, requiring minimal maintenance.

**Low Divergence:** The output beam of HeNe lasers typically has low divergence, making them suitable for applications requiring a collimated beam.

##### Disadvantages:

**Limited Power Output:** HeNe lasers generally have lower power outputs compared to some other types of lasers, restricting their use in high-power applications.

**Bulkiness:** The construction of HeNe lasers involves a glass tube filled with a mixture of helium and neon gases, making the laser tube relatively large and less compact compared to semiconductor lasers.

**High Voltage Operation:** HeNe lasers require a high voltage power supply, which can complicate their integration into certain systems.

**Limited Wavelength Range:** HeNe lasers have a limited range of wavelengths, primarily in the visible and near-infrared regions, restricting their flexibility for certain applications.

#### Semiconductor Laser:

##### Advantages:

**Compact Size:** Semiconductor lasers are extremely compact and can be integrated into small devices, making them suitable for applications with space constraints.

**Efficiency:** Semiconductor lasers are energy-efficient and can convert a high percentage of electrical power into coherent light.

**Low Threshold Current:** Semiconductor lasers typically have low threshold currents, meaning they can start lasing with relatively low electrical input.

**Wide Range of Wavelengths:** Semiconductor lasers cover a broad range of wavelengths, from the ultraviolet to the infrared, allowing for flexibility in applications.

**High Modulation Speeds:** Semiconductor lasers can be modulated at high speeds, making them suitable for applications in telecommunications and data transmission.

## Disadvantages:

**Spectral Linewidth:** Semiconductor lasers often have a broader spectral linewidth compared to HeNe lasers, which may impact their suitability for certain precision applications.

**Temperature Sensitivity:** The wavelength and performance of semiconductor lasers can be sensitive to temperature changes, requiring temperature stabilization for some applications.

**Divergence:** The output beam of semiconductor lasers may have higher divergence compared to some other types of lasers.

**Lifetime:** While semiconductor lasers have improved in terms of lifetime, they may have a shorter operational lifetime compared to some gas lasers like HeNe lasers.

## 14. Application of lasers.

Lasers (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) find a wide range of applications across various fields due to their unique properties, including coherence, monochromaticity, and high intensity. Here are some notable applications of lasers:

### Medical Applications:

- **Surgery:** Lasers are used in various surgical procedures, including eye surgery (LASIK), cosmetic procedures, and tissue ablation.
- **Dentistry:** Lasers are employed in dental procedures for cavity preparation, gum surgery, and teeth whitening.
- **Medical Imaging:** Lasers contribute to imaging techniques like laser-induced fluorescence and confocal microscopy.

### Communication:

- **Fiber Optic Communication:** Lasers are crucial for transmitting data over long distances through optical fibers, enabling high-speed and high-capacity communication networks.

### Manufacturing and Materials Processing:

- **Cutting and Welding:** Lasers are used for precision cutting and welding of materials in manufacturing processes.
- **Marking and Engraving:** Lasers can mark and engrave various materials, including metals, plastics, and ceramics.
- **Additive Manufacturing:** Laser-based technologies, such as selective laser sintering (SLS) and stereolithography (SLA), are used in 3D printing.

### Entertainment:

- **Laser Light Shows:** Lasers are employed in entertainment, creating visually stunning laser light shows for concerts, events, and laser displays.

### Scientific Research:

- Spectroscopy: Lasers are used in various spectroscopic techniques for analyzing the composition of materials.
- Laser Cooling: In atomic physics, lasers are used to cool and trap atoms for studying fundamental properties of matter.

#### Defense and Security:

- Laser Targeting: Lasers are used for precise targeting in defense systems, including guided missiles and laser-guided munitions.
- Lidar Technology: Lasers are used in lidar systems for remote sensing, mapping, and surveillance applications.

#### Environmental Monitoring:

- Atmospheric Lidar: Lasers are employed in lidar systems to measure atmospheric conditions, monitor air quality, and study climate change.

#### Barcode Scanning:

- Lasers are used in barcode scanners for rapid and accurate identification of products in retail and logistics.

#### Research and Development:

- Lasers play a crucial role in various research applications, including particle acceleration, fusion research, and the creation of extreme conditions in laboratories.

#### Biotechnology:

- DNA Sequencing: Lasers are used in DNA sequencing techniques for high-throughput analysis of genetic material.
- Flow Cytometry: Lasers enable precise analysis of cells in flow cytometry for medical diagnostics and research.

#### Surveying and Geodesy:

- Lasers are used in geodetic instruments and surveying tools, including laser rangefinders and total stations.

#### Aerospace and Aviation:

- Range Finding: Lasers are used for range finding and altitude measurement in aerospace applications.

#### Consumer Electronics:

- CD and DVD Players: Lasers are used in optical storage devices like CD and DVD players for reading and writing data.

## 15. Explain the construction and working of hologram.

### Construction of a Hologram:

A hologram is a three-dimensional photographic recording of an object made with the use of laser light. The construction of a hologram involves several key components:

#### Light Source (Laser):

- The process begins with a laser beam, typically a coherent light source. Coherence is crucial for the interference patterns required to create a hologram.

#### Beam Splitter:

- The laser beam is directed to a beam splitter, which divides it into two separate beams. One of these beams is called the reference beam, and the other is the object beam.

#### Object Beam:

- The object beam is directed onto the object or scene that is being recorded. This beam interacts with the object and captures its shape and details.

#### Photographic Plate or Photosensitive Material:

- The object beam, after interacting with the object, is directed onto a photosensitive material (such as a holographic plate or photosensitive film) where it forms an interference pattern.

#### Reference Beam:

- Simultaneously, the reference beam is directed to the same photosensitive material without interacting with the object. The reference beam serves as a reference for the interference pattern.

#### Recording the Interference Pattern:

- The object beam and reference beam intersect on the photosensitive material, creating an interference pattern. This pattern is a result of the differences in the distances traveled by the two beams and the phase relationships between them.

#### Development:

- The holographic plate or film is then developed, fixing the interference pattern in the photosensitive material.

### Working of a Hologram:

#### Reconstruction Setup:

- To view a hologram, a similar setup is used. A coherent light source, often the same type of laser used during recording, illuminates the developed holographic plate.

#### Diffracted Light:

- When the reconstructed light from the hologram encounters the interference pattern stored in the plate, it diffracts in a way that recreates the original wavefronts of both the object and reference beams.

#### Image Formation:

- The diffracted light combines to form a three-dimensional image that appears to float in space. Unlike traditional photographs, holograms recreate the depth and parallax associated with the original scene or object.

#### Viewer's Perspective:

- The viewer can move around the hologram, observing different perspectives and angles of the recorded object. This dynamic aspect is a unique feature of holography.

## 16. Explain holography.

Holography is a photographic technique that captures and reconstructs the three-dimensional structure of an object or a scene. Unlike conventional photography, which records only intensity and color information, holography captures both the amplitude and phase of light waves. This allows the creation of a hologram, which is a recording that can be used to generate a three-dimensional image when illuminated with coherent light.

Here are the key steps involved in holography:

### 1. Coherent Light Source:

- Holography requires a coherent light source, typically a laser. Coherence is crucial for creating interference patterns, which are essential for recording the three-dimensional information.

### 2. Beam Splitter:

- The laser light is directed through a beam splitter, which divides it into two separate beams: the object beam and the reference beam.

### 3. Object Beam:

- The object beam is directed onto the object or scene that is being recorded. The object scatters the light, and the scattered light carries information about the object's shape and details.

### 4. Reference Beam:

- The reference beam is directed onto a reference mirror or directly onto the holographic recording medium without interacting with the object.

### 5. Interference Pattern Formation:

- The object beam and the reference beam intersect on a photosensitive material (such as holographic film or plate). This intersection creates an interference pattern, which is a result of the differences in the distances traveled by the two beams and the phase relationships between them.

### 6. Recording the Hologram:



- The interference pattern is recorded on the photosensitive material, effectively storing both amplitude and phase information of the light waves.

#### 7. Developing the Hologram:

- The holographic plate or film is developed, fixing the interference pattern in the photosensitive material.

#### 8. Reconstruction:

- To view the hologram, coherent light, often from the same laser used during recording, is directed onto the developed holographic plate. The light passes through the hologram, and the recorded interference pattern reconstructs the original wavefronts of both the object and reference beams.

#### 9. Formation of a 3D Image:

- The reconstructed light creates a three-dimensional image that appears to float in space. The viewer can observe different perspectives and angles of the recorded object by moving around the hologram.

Holography offers several advantages, including the ability to capture and reproduce a realistic three-dimensional representation of objects. It has applications in various fields, such as art, science, engineering, and security. For example, holograms are used as security features on credit cards and banknotes. Digital holography has also emerged, allowing the creation and display of holographic images using computers and digital media.

## Chapter 4: Semiconductor Physics

1. Explain the concept of Fermi energy level? Using a labeled diagram describe how it varies in intrinsic and extrinsic type of semiconductors?

The reason for the existence of this energy level is due to Pauli's exclusion principle, which states two fermions cannot occupy that same quantum state. So, if a system has more than one fermion, each fermion has a different set of magnetic quantum numbers associated with it.

The Fermi Temperature can be defined as the energy of the Fermi level divided by the Boltzmann's constant. It is also the temperature at which the energy of the electron is equal to the Fermi energy. It is the measure of the electrons in the lower states of energy in metal.

## Fermi Level in Intrinsic Semiconductor

Intrinsic semiconductors are also called undoped semiconductors since there are no impurities. In an intrinsic semiconductor, the number of electrons and holes are the same.

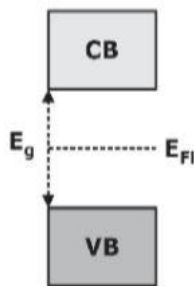
## Fermi Level in Intrinsic Semiconductor Formula

The relation of the Fermi-Dirac distribution function between the conduction band and valence band in an intrinsic semiconductor can be represented as

$$f(E_C)=1-f(E_V)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_F=(E_C+E_V)/2=E_{Fi}$$

Where  $E_{Fi}$  is the Fermi level in an intrinsic semiconductor. In an intrinsic semiconductor,  $E_{Fi}$  lies exactly in the middle of the energy gap. That means, it lies exactly in between the conduction and valence bands. The following diagram illustrates this one.



## Fermi Level in Extrinsic Semiconductors

If we add the impurities to the intrinsic semiconductor for improving the conductivity, then that material is called an extrinsic semiconductor. The process of adding impurities to the intrinsic semiconductor is known as doping. Due to doping, the number of electrons and holes will differ in this material.

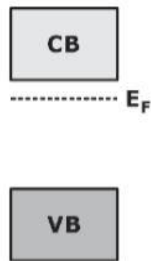
Electrons are called negative charge carriers whereas holes are called positive charge carriers. The absence of electrons is nothing but holes. The Fermi level for extrinsic semiconductors depends on

- the temperature,
- impurity concentration, and
- donor element

Since we are having two types of extrinsic semiconductors, now let us discuss the Fermi level in those two types one by one.

### Fermi Level in n-type Semiconductor

Electrons are the majority charge carriers in the n-type semiconductor. In an n-type semiconductor, the value of  $E_C - E_F$  is positive and it is equal to  $kT \ln(N_C/N_D)$ . That means, the Fermi level lies below the conduction band, and it is closer to the conduction band. The diagram of the Fermi level in n-type semiconductors is shown in the figure below.



2. Explain the classification of the matter on the basis of electrical conductivity with the help of energy band diagram.

On the basis of energy band materials are classified as insulators, conductors, and semiconductors.

**Insulators:** Substance like wood, glass, which do not allow the passage of current through them are known as insulators. The valence band of these substances is full whereas the conduction band is completely empty. The forbidden energy gap between valence band and conduction band is very large (8eV) as shown in the fig (a). Therefore a large amount of energy, i.e. a very high electric field is required to push the valence electrons to the conduction band. This is the reason, why such materials under ordinary conditions do not conduct at all and are designated as insulators.

**Conductors:** Substances like copper, aluminium, silver which allow the passage of current through them are conductors. The valence band of these substances overlaps the conduction band as shown in fig (b). Due to this overlapping, a large number of free electrons are available

for conduction. This is the reason, why a slight potential difference applied across them causes a heavy flow of current through them.

Semiconductors: Substances like carbon, silicon, germanium whose electrical conductivity lies in between the conductors and insulators are known as semiconductors. The valence band of these substances is almost filled, but the conduction band is almost empty.

3. Derive an equation for conductivity in the conductors.

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Obtain the expression ... doubtut.com

We know that the relation between electric current (I) and drift velocity ( $V_d$ )

$$I = neAV_d \dots\dots(1)$$

Expression for drift velocity in terms of electric field and relaxation time is given by

$$V_d = \frac{eE\tau}{m} \dots\dots(2)$$

Substituting (2) in (1)  $\Rightarrow I = \frac{neAeE\tau}{m}$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{nAe^2E\tau}{m}$$

But  $E = \frac{V}{l}$

$$I = \frac{nAe^2V\tau}{ml}$$

$$\frac{I}{V} = \frac{nAe^2\tau}{ml}$$

$$\frac{V}{I} = \frac{ml}{nAe^2\tau} \Rightarrow R = \left(\frac{m}{nAe^2\tau}\right)I$$

$$R = \left(\frac{m}{ne^2\tau}\right)\frac{l}{A}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

Here  $\rho = \frac{m}{ne^2\tau}$

The conductivity of the material

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{1}{\frac{m}{ne^2\tau}}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

4. Derive an equation for conductivity in the semiconductors.

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As we know that

$$I = n_e A V_d$$

$$I_e = n_e e A V_e$$

And  $I_h = n_h e A V_h$

$$I = n_e e A V_e + n_h e A V_h$$

$$I = eA[n_e V_e + n_h V_h]$$

$$I/A = e[n_e V_e + n_h V_h] \quad (2)$$

As we know that

$$E = V/l \quad (\text{in magnitude})$$

Also,  $R = \rho l/A$

$$\text{Or } \rho = RA/I$$

Where  $\rho$  is resistivity and  $R$  is resistance

$$\text{Or } E/\rho = (V/I)/\rho$$

$$\text{Or } E/\rho = (V/I)/RA$$

$$E/\rho = (V/RA)$$

$$E/\rho = I/A \quad (3)$$

Put (3) in (2) we get,

$$E/\rho = e[n_e V_e + n_h V_h]$$

$$I/\rho = e / E[n_e V_e + n_h V_h]$$

$$\sigma = e [n_e V_e/E + n_h V_h/E] \quad (\sigma = \text{Conductivity})$$

Here, mobility ( $m$ ) = Drift vel./ Electric field

$$\sigma = e [n_e m_e + n_h m_h]$$

This is the derivation and expression for the conductivity of a semiconductor.

5. Explain the phenomenon of Hall Effect. Derive equation for hall voltage and hall angle.

If a metal or semiconductor carrying current  $I$  is placed in a transverse magnetic field  $B$ , a potential difference is produced in the direction normal to both the current and magnetic

field direction. This is called as Hall Effect

Hall voltage :

Equilibrium state is usually attained in about  $10^{-4}$  s and after that the holes flow once again along x-direction parallel to the faces F and F<sub>1</sub>.

At equilibrium,

$$F_E = F_L$$

$$F_E = eEH = e[V_H/W] \text{ --- [4]}$$

W --- width of the semiconductor plate

$$F_L = eBvd$$

From [2]

$$vd = J_x/pe$$

$$F_L = BJ_x/p \text{ ---[5]}$$

Equating [4] and [5]

$$e[V_H/W] = BJ_x/p$$

$$e[V_H/W] = BJ_x/p$$

$$V_H = WBJ_x/pe = WBI/peA$$

If t thickness of the semiconductor then  $A = Wt$

$$V_H = WBI/peWt = BI/pet$$

Hall angle :

$$\tan\theta_H = E_H/E_x$$

$$E_H = V_H/W = B_jx/pe$$

$$\text{Also } E_x = \rho J_x$$

$$\tan\theta_H = B/pe \tan\theta_H = \sigma_R H B$$

The product  $\sigma_R H$  is mobility ( $\mu_H$ ) of holes

$$\tan\theta_H = \mu_H$$

The appropriate value of  $R_H$  is

$$R_H = (3\pi/8)(1/pe)$$

$$\mu_H = (8/3\pi)\sigma R_H$$

6. Write 5 applications of Hall Effect.

1. determines sign of a charge carrier
2. determines charge carrier concentration
3. determine the mobility of charge carriers, if conductivity of the material is known
4. determines the semiconductor is P-Type or N-Type

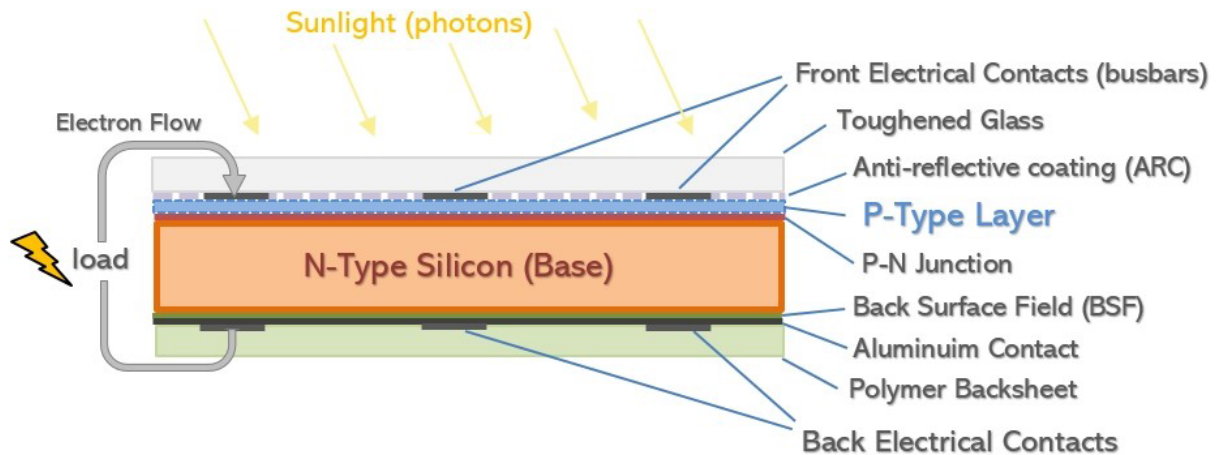
7. Explain construction, working, I-V characteristics of a solar cell.

Diodes which convert light into electricity are called as solar cells.

The phenomenon of converting light into voltage is called as Photovoltaic Effect

Thus solar cells are also called as Photovoltaic Cells.

Solar cells are called as Solar Batteries as they give electrical power



solar cell generates the electrical power in four steps

- 1.Generation of electrons and holes due to light
- 2.Separation of these electrons and holes due to junction- electric-field
- 3.Their accumulation across the metal contacts and thus the generation of emf
- 4.Flow of current due to this emf, when solar cell is connected across a load

When the load is not connected (or connected, but very high), the current in the circuit is zero.

Consequently the voltage across the cell is maximum. This is open circuit condition and the corresponding voltage is called as open circuit voltage (VOC)

The load resistance is reduced to zero, maximum current flows through the circuit, then the voltage drops to zero. This is short circuit condition and the corresponding current is called as short circuit current (ISC)

VOC corresponds to infinite load

ISC corresponds to zero load

Ideal power =  $P_I = I_{SC} \times V_{OC}$

Workable power =  $P_W = I_W \times V_W$

some fraction of ideal power rectangle is 'filled' by workable



power rectangle. Greater the 'filling', more close is the workable point to the ideal power point. This

can be described by introducing a physical quantity called as fill factor

$$\text{fill factor} = f = \frac{P_W}{P_I} \times 100 \%$$

$$\text{Workable load} = R_W = \frac{V_W}{I_W}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \varepsilon = \frac{P_{\text{output}}}{P_{\text{input}}} = \frac{P_{\text{workable}}}{P_{\text{optical}}}$$

8. Explain the concept of the Fermi Dirac distribution? Explain its dependence on temperature?

It is the statistical description of an electrons in semiconductors

It gives the probability of an electron to have an energy E

It is a quantum statistics, which is applicable to all particles having odd half integral spin

i.e. 1/2, 3/2, 5/2..

Ex: Electron

In this statistics electrons are treated as wave, which obeys Pauli's exclusion principle--

Fermions

Fermions are identical but indistinguishable, whose wave functions overlap considerably

The wave functions of Fermions change the sign when electrons in any pair are exchanged and thus are called as antisymmetric wave functions

The probability P(E) that fermion occupies a quantum state of energy E, at Temperature T is given

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{(E-E_F)}{kT}}}$$

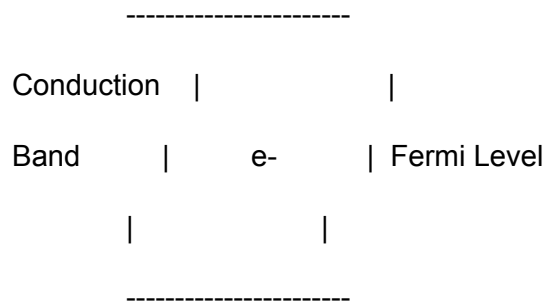
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k- Boltzman Constant

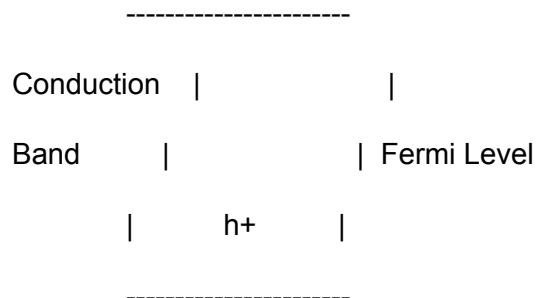
$E_F$ - Fermi energy

Probability of occupancy of higher energy levels increases with temperature

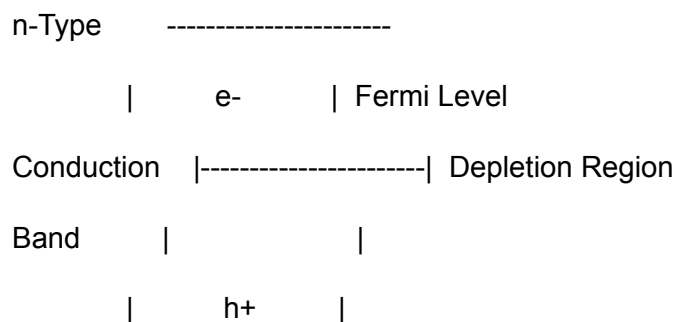
9. Draw energy band diagram for a n-type and p-type semiconductor, p-n junction semiconductor diode resp.



Valence Band



Valence Band



Valence Band -----

p-Type

10. Apply forward bias condition and reverse bias condition for a p-n junction diode. Explain how the current voltage characteristics would vary.

In a p-n junction diode:

Forward Bias:

Application: Connect the positive terminal of the voltage source to the p-type material and the negative terminal to the n-type material.

Effect: This reduces the potential barrier, allowing majority charge carriers to move across the junction more easily.

Current-Voltage Characteristics: Current increases exponentially with voltage in the forward bias region due to increased carrier flow.

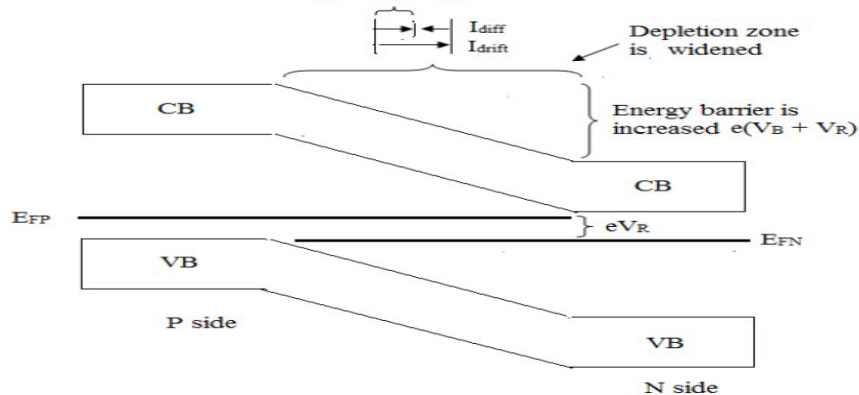
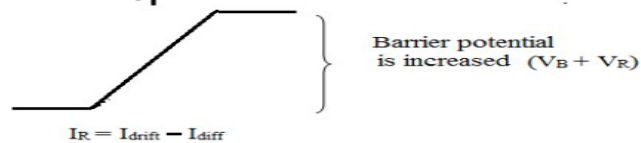
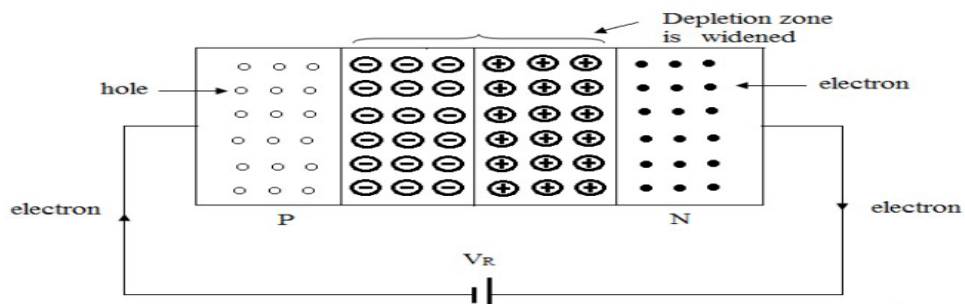
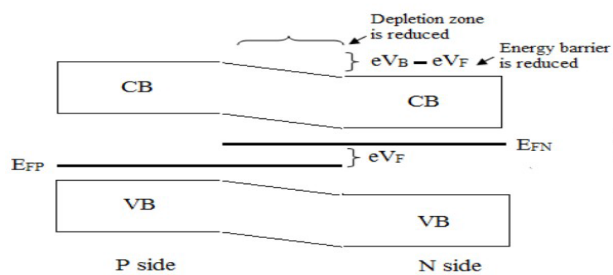
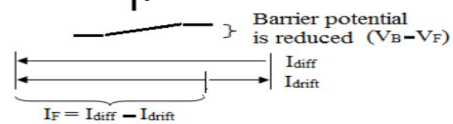
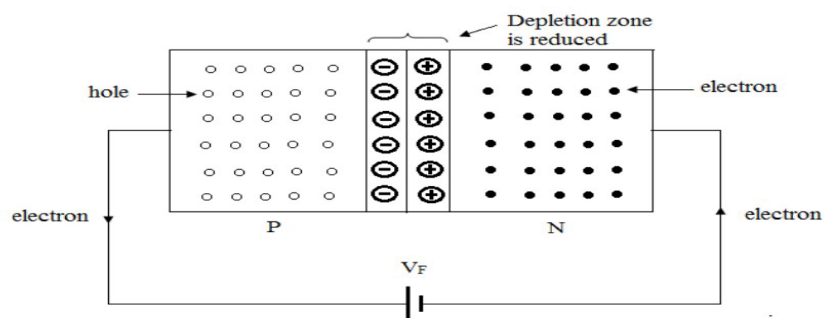
Reverse Bias:

Application: Connect the negative terminal of the voltage source to the p-type material and the positive terminal to the n-type material.

Effect: Increases the potential barrier, restricting the flow of majority carriers across the junction.

Current-Voltage Characteristics: Initially, a small reverse current flows due to minority carriers, but as the reverse bias increases, the current remains relatively constant at a low value (leakage or saturation current).

In summary, forward bias facilitates current flow by reducing the barrier, leading to exponential current growth. In reverse bias, the potential barrier increases, impeding majority carrier movement, resulting in a small reverse current until a point where the current levels off at the saturation current.



## Unit 5: Nanotechnology

### 1. What are nanoparticles and nanomaterials?

Nanoparticles and nanomaterials refer to materials with dimensions at the nanoscale, typically ranging from 1 to 100 nanometers. At this scale, the properties of materials can be significantly different from those at larger scales, leading to unique and often enhanced characteristics.

#### Nanoparticles:

Nanoparticles are particles with dimensions in the nanoscale. They can be composed of various materials, including metals, semiconductors, polymers, and more. Nanoparticles exhibit properties such as a high surface area-to-volume ratio and quantum effects, making them valuable in various applications. They can be synthesized through various methods, including chemical synthesis, physical methods, or biological processes.

#### Nanomaterials:

Nanomaterials are materials that contain nanoscale structures, which can include nanoparticles, nanotubes, nanowires, and other nanostructures. These materials can be engineered to have specific properties, such as mechanical strength, electrical conductivity, and optical characteristics. Nanomaterials find applications in diverse fields, including electronics, medicine, energy, and environmental science.

### 2. Explain with an example how the size does affect the properties/optical properties of the nanoparticle/nanomaterial.

The size of nanoparticles and nanomaterials can significantly influence their optical properties. One prominent example is the phenomenon known as quantum confinement, which occurs when the dimensions of a material are on the order of the de Broglie wavelength of its electrons.

#### Example: Quantum Dots

Quantum dots are semiconductor nanoparticles that illustrate the impact of size on optical properties. In bulk semiconductor materials, the electronic bandgap determines the energy

difference between the valence band and the conduction band. However, when the size of a semiconductor particle becomes comparable to the exciton Bohr radius, the electronic structure changes.

In quantum dots:

**Quantum Confinement:** As the size of the quantum dot decreases, the energy levels become quantized due to the confinement of electrons within a limited space. The energy levels are discrete, and the bandgap increases with decreasing particle size.

**Tunable Optical Properties:** The quantization of energy levels in quantum dots leads to the ability to tune their optical properties. The color of light emitted or absorbed by quantum dots is directly related to the size of the particles. Smaller quantum dots have larger bandgaps, resulting in the absorption and emission of higher-energy (shorter wavelength) light, often in the visible or ultraviolet range.

**Size-Dependent Colors:** For example, cadmium selenide (CdSe) quantum dots can emit different colors of light based on their size. Larger CdSe quantum dots emit red light, while smaller ones emit blue light. By controlling the size during synthesis, researchers can precisely tune the emitted color, making quantum dots valuable in applications such as displays, imaging, and biological labeling.

**Broad Absorption Spectra:** Quantum dots can also exhibit broad absorption spectra, allowing them to absorb light over a range of wavelengths. This property is advantageous in applications like solar cells, where efficient light absorption across the solar spectrum is desirable.

In summary, the size-dependent quantum confinement effect in nanoparticles, such as quantum dots, offers a way to precisely control and manipulate their optical properties. This ability to tailor the properties based on size is a key factor in the widespread use of nanomaterials in various technological applications.

### 3. Explain the optical and electrical properties of nanoparticles

The optical and electrical properties of nanoparticles are strongly influenced by their size, shape, composition, and the surrounding environment. Here's an overview of these properties:

#### 1. Optical Properties:

a. **Quantum Confinement:** As mentioned earlier, the phenomenon of quantum confinement plays a crucial role in the optical properties of nanoparticles. When the size of a nanoparticle is comparable to or smaller than the wavelength of the electron, quantization of energy levels occurs, leading to discrete electronic transitions. This results in unique optical properties such as size-dependent absorption and emission.

b. **Plasmonic Resonance:** In metallic nanoparticles, particularly those of noble metals like gold and silver, the collective oscillation of free electrons at the nanoparticle surface creates a phenomenon called surface plasmon resonance. This resonance can strongly absorb and scatter light, leading to enhanced optical properties. Plasmonic nanoparticles find applications in sensing, imaging, and as components in optoelectronic devices.

c. **Fluorescence and Phosphorescence:** Certain nanoparticles, such as quantum dots, exhibit strong fluorescence due to quantum confinement. This property is exploited in applications like bioimaging and display technologies. Phosphorescence, the emission of light after the removal of an external excitation source, can also be observed in some nanoparticles.

d. **Color Tunability:** The optical properties of nanoparticles can be tuned by controlling their size and composition. This tunability is particularly evident in semiconductor nanoparticles like quantum dots, where changing the particle size can result in different colors of light emission.

e. **Optical Waveguiding:** Nanoparticles with specific shapes and sizes can exhibit waveguiding properties, guiding light along their surfaces. This property is relevant in the development of nanophotonic devices.

## 2. Electrical Properties:

a. **Conductivity:** The electrical conductivity of nanoparticles varies depending on their composition. Metallic nanoparticles, such as those made of gold or silver, are highly conductive and find applications in electronics and sensors. On the other hand, semiconductor nanoparticles exhibit intermediate conductivity, allowing for their use in electronic devices and solar cells.

b. **Tunneling Effects:** In nanoscale structures, tunneling phenomena become more pronounced due to the reduced dimensions. Quantum tunneling can influence the electrical conductivity and switching behavior of nanoscale devices.

c. **Charge Storage:** Nanoparticles, especially those with high surface areas, can be used for charge storage applications. This is relevant in the development of energy storage devices like supercapacitors.

d. **Field Enhancement:** In plasmonic nanoparticles, the concentration of electric field at the nanoparticle surface during surface plasmon resonance can be exploited for enhancing local electric fields. This property is useful in applications like surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS).

Understanding and controlling these optical and electrical properties at the nanoscale are crucial for the development of nanomaterials with tailored characteristics for specific applications in fields such as electronics, optics, and energy.

4. Explain the magnetic, structural and mechanical properties of nanoparticles.

1. Magnetic Properties:

a. Superparamagnetism: When the size of a magnetic nanoparticle is reduced to the nanoscale, thermal fluctuations can easily overcome the magnetic energy barrier, leading to a phenomenon known as superparamagnetism. Superparamagnetic nanoparticles have potential applications in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), drug delivery, and magnetic separation techniques.

b. Size-Dependent Magnetic Behavior: The magnetic properties of nanoparticles are highly dependent on their size. Smaller nanoparticles may exhibit different magnetic behaviors compared to their bulk counterparts. For instance, magnetic nanoparticles with a single magnetic domain can be achieved at the nanoscale, influencing their response to external magnetic fields.

c. Magnetic Hyperthermia: Magnetic nanoparticles can generate heat when exposed to an alternating magnetic field, a property known as magnetic hyperthermia. This feature is exploited in cancer therapy, where localized heating of magnetic nanoparticles can be used to kill cancer cells.

d. Spin Dynamics: The spin dynamics of magnetic nanoparticles, including their magnetic anisotropy and relaxation behavior, are critical factors in understanding and utilizing their magnetic properties.

2. Structural Properties:

a. Crystal Structure: Nanoparticles may exhibit different crystal structures compared to bulk materials due to their small size. This can affect their physical and chemical properties. For example, some nanoparticles may transition from a bulk cubic structure to a more stable tetragonal or hexagonal structure at the nanoscale.



b. Surface Structure: The high surface-to-volume ratio in nanoparticles makes the surface structure a dominant factor in their properties. Surface atoms may have different coordination and reactivity compared to atoms in the bulk, influencing catalytic activity and chemical reactivity.

c. Defects and Grain Boundaries: Nanoparticles often contain more defects and grain boundaries than their larger counterparts. These structural features can affect mechanical strength, electrical conductivity, and other properties.

### 3. Mechanical Properties:

a. Strength and Hardness: The mechanical strength and hardness of nanoparticles can be different from bulk materials. In some cases, nanoparticles can be much stronger due to the presence of fewer defects and dislocations. This property is of interest in the development of advanced materials for strengthening composites.

b. Ductility and Toughness: Nanoparticles may exhibit different ductility and toughness compared to bulk materials. Understanding these properties is crucial for applications in materials science and engineering.

c. Size-Dependent Mechanical Behavior: Mechanical properties such as elastic modulus, yield strength, and fracture toughness may exhibit size-dependent behavior in nanoparticles. This size dependence is related to factors such as surface effects, defects, and the presence of grain boundaries.

In summary, the magnetic, structural, and mechanical properties of nanoparticles are highly influenced by their size, shape, and composition. These properties open up a wide range of applications in areas such as medicine, electronics, catalysis, and materials science.

Researchers continue to explore and manipulate these properties for the development of novel nanomaterials with enhanced functionalities.

5. Compare the surface to volume ratio for bulk materials and Nano material. How does it affect the properties of the material/matter?

The surface-to-volume ratio is a critical parameter that changes significantly as the size of a material decreases from the macroscopic scale (bulk) to the nanoscale (nano materials). The surface-to-volume ratio is defined as the total surface area of a material divided by its volume. As the size decreases, the surface area increases proportionally more than the volume, leading to an increase in the surface-to-volume ratio.

Comparison of Surface-to-Volume Ratio:

Bulk Materials:

- In bulk materials, such as those at the macroscopic scale, the volume dominates, and the surface area is relatively small compared to the volume.
- The surface-to-volume ratio is low, and the material has a large volume relative to its surface area.

Nanomaterials:

- In nanomaterials, where the dimensions are on the order of nanometers, the surface area becomes increasingly significant compared to the volume.
- The surface-to-volume ratio is high, and the material has a large surface area relative to its volume.

Effects on Properties:

Chemical Reactivity:

- The high surface-to-volume ratio of nanomaterials increases their exposure to the surrounding environment, making a larger fraction of atoms or molecules accessible for chemical reactions.
- This can enhance chemical reactivity and catalytic activity. Nanoparticles with high surface-to-volume ratios are often employed in catalysis because of their increased reaction sites.

Thermal Properties:

- Nanomaterials may exhibit enhanced thermal properties due to their high surface-to-volume ratio. This can result in improved heat dissipation and increased thermal conductivity, which is advantageous for applications such as thermal management in electronics.

Optical Properties:

- The optical properties of nanomaterials, such as quantum dots, are strongly influenced by their size-dependent electronic structure. The increased surface-to-volume ratio can lead to quantum confinement effects, resulting in tunable optical properties.

Mechanical Properties:

- Nanomaterials may have altered mechanical properties compared to their bulk counterparts. The increased surface-to-volume ratio introduces more surface atoms and defects, impacting factors such as strength, hardness, and ductility.

#### Electrical Properties:

- In nanomaterials, the high surface-to-volume ratio can affect electrical conductivity. Surface states and quantum effects become more pronounced, influencing the electronic behavior of nanoscale structures.

#### Biological Interactions:

- In the field of nanomedicine, the high surface-to-volume ratio of nanoparticles is crucial for interactions with biological systems. The increased surface area allows for functionalization and attachment of biomolecules, facilitating targeted drug delivery and imaging.

Understanding and controlling the surface-to-volume ratio is essential in designing nanomaterials with tailored properties for specific applications. The unique behaviors observed at the nanoscale are often a consequence of the increased influence of surface effects relative to volume effects.

### 6. Explain any two properties of nanomaterials.

#### Quantum Size Effects:

- One distinctive property of nanomaterials is the manifestation of quantum size effects. When the dimensions of a material become comparable to or smaller than the characteristic length scale of the electron (typically on the order of nanometers), quantum mechanics starts to dominate the material's behavior.
- Example: Quantum Dots - These are semiconductor nanoparticles that exhibit quantum confinement. As the size of the quantum dot decreases, the energy levels become quantized, leading to discrete electronic transitions. This results in size-dependent optical properties, where the color of light emitted or absorbed can be precisely controlled by varying the size of the quantum dot.

#### Enhanced Surface Area:

- Nanomaterials typically possess an extraordinarily high surface-to-volume ratio due to their small size. As the size decreases, the surface area becomes a more dominant factor in the material's overall characteristics.
- Effect on Reactivity: The increased surface area enhances the material's reactivity, making nanomaterials highly effective in catalysis. Catalysts based on nanomaterials have more active sites, leading to improved efficiency in chemical reactions.
- Applications: Nanomaterials with high surface areas are utilized in diverse applications, such as gas sensing, drug delivery, and water purification. For instance, nanostructured materials with large surface areas are employed in water treatment processes to adsorb contaminants and pollutants.

## 7. Explain the applications of nanomaterials in electronics/photonics.

Nanomaterials have revolutionized the field of electronics and photonics, enabling the development of smaller, more efficient, and novel devices. Here are some key applications of nanomaterials in these fields:

### Semiconductor Nanoparticles (Quantum Dots):

- Application: Quantum dots are semiconductor nanoparticles with unique optical properties due to quantum confinement. They find applications in electronic and photonic devices.
- Use Case: Quantum dots are used in displays, such as quantum dot LED (QLED) TVs, where their size-tunable emission allows for the creation of vibrant and energy-efficient displays. They are also employed in photodetectors and solar cells to enhance light absorption and convert photons into electrical signals more efficiently.

### Nanowires and Nanotubes:

- Application: Nanowires (thin, elongated structures) and nanotubes (hollow tubes) made of various materials serve as building blocks for nanoscale electronic and photonic devices.
- Use Case: Nanowires are used in transistors, sensors, and interconnects for integrated circuits. Carbon nanotubes, in particular, are studied for their excellent electrical, thermal, and mechanical properties, making them potential candidates for advanced electronics and photonics applications.

### Plasmonic Nanomaterials:

- Application: Plasmonic materials, often metallic nanoparticles, exhibit unique interactions with light due to surface plasmon resonance.
- Use Case: Plasmonic nanomaterials are utilized in photodetectors, sensors, and imaging devices. They play a crucial role in surface-enhanced spectroscopy techniques, such as surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS), which allows for highly sensitive molecular detection.

### Graphene:

- Application: Graphene, a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice, has remarkable electrical, thermal, and mechanical properties.
- Use Case: Graphene is employed in electronic devices like transistors and flexible electronics. It is also used in photonic devices, such as ultrafast photodetectors and modulators. Its transparency and conductivity make it a promising material for applications in transparent conductive films for displays and solar cells.

### Nanostructured Materials for Optoelectronics:

- Application: Nanostructured materials, including quantum wells, nanocrystals, and nanorods, are used in optoelectronic devices.

- Use Case: They are employed in light-emitting diodes (LEDs), lasers, and photovoltaic cells. Nanostructured materials allow for precise control of the emission and absorption properties, leading to improved device performance.

Metamaterials:

- Application: Metamaterials are engineered materials with unique electromagnetic properties not found in nature.
- Use Case: In photonics, metamaterials are used to manipulate light at the nanoscale. They find applications in lenses, cloaking devices, and devices for controlling the propagation of light in unconventional ways.

Nanoscale Sensors:

- Application: Nanomaterials are employed in the development of highly sensitive sensors for detecting small changes in physical and chemical properties.
- Use Case: Nanoscale sensors find applications in various fields, including healthcare, environmental monitoring, and industrial processes.

## 8. Explain the applications of nanomaterials in automotive industry.

Nanomaterials have found diverse applications in the automotive industry, contributing to improvements in performance, safety, fuel efficiency, and overall sustainability. Here are several applications of nanomaterials in the automotive sector:

Lightweighting and Improved Structural Materials:

- Application: Nanocomposites, which incorporate nanomaterials into polymers and metals, are used to create lightweight and strong structural components.
- Benefits: Reduced weight enhances fuel efficiency and lowers emissions. Carbon nanotubes and graphene, for example, are employed to strengthen materials and reduce their weight, contributing to improved vehicle performance.

Enhanced Fuel Efficiency:

- Application: Nanomaterials, such as nanoparticles and nanocomposites, are used to improve engine efficiency and reduce friction.
- Benefits: Reduced friction leads to less energy loss, resulting in improved fuel efficiency. Engine components coated with nanomaterials can experience less wear and tear, extending the lifespan of critical parts.

Improved Tires:

- Application: Nanomaterials, including silica nanoparticles, are used in tire manufacturing to enhance performance characteristics.
- Benefits: Improved traction, reduced rolling resistance, and better wear resistance contribute to increased fuel efficiency and overall safety. Nanomaterials also help optimize the performance of run-flat tires.

Catalytic Converters:

- Application: Nanocatalysts, often based on noble metals or metal oxides, are used in catalytic converters to enhance pollutant conversion efficiency.

- Benefits: Improved catalytic efficiency helps reduce harmful emissions, meeting stringent environmental regulations. Nanomaterials enable better control of reaction kinetics and increase the catalytic surface area.

#### Improved Coatings and Finishes:

- Application: Nanomaterials, such as nanoceramic coatings and nanoparticle-based paints, are used to enhance the durability and protective properties of vehicle exteriors.
- Benefits: Improved resistance to corrosion, scratches, and UV radiation leads to longer-lasting and more aesthetically appealing automotive finishes.

#### Energy Storage and Batteries:

- Application: Nanomaterials, including nanocomposites and nanoscale electrode materials, are employed in the development of advanced batteries and energy storage systems for electric vehicles (EVs).
- Benefits: Enhanced energy storage capacity, faster charging rates, and improved lifespan of batteries contribute to the advancement and adoption of electric vehicles.

#### Advanced Sensors and Electronics:

- Application: Nanomaterials are used in the fabrication of advanced sensors and electronics for automotive applications, including sensors for safety systems, electronic control units (ECUs), and displays.
- Benefits: Nanomaterials enable the miniaturization of components, enhance sensor sensitivity, and contribute to the development of more efficient and compact electronic systems.

#### Improved Lubricants:

- Application: Nanoparticles, such as nanodiamonds and nanoclays, are used as additives in lubricants to improve their thermal stability and reduce friction.
- Benefits: Enhanced lubrication properties lead to reduced wear and tear on engine components, contributing to improved engine efficiency and longevity.

The integration of nanomaterials in the automotive industry continues to evolve, driven by the pursuit of higher performance, efficiency, and sustainability in vehicles. Ongoing research and development in nanotechnology contribute to innovations that impact various aspects of vehicle design, manufacturing, and operation.

## 9.Explain the applications of nanomaterials in medical industry.

#### Drug Delivery:

- Application: Nanoparticles are used as carriers for drug delivery systems, allowing for targeted and controlled release of therapeutic agents.
- Benefits: Nanocarriers can improve drug solubility, bioavailability, and stability. They enable targeted delivery to specific tissues or cells, reducing side effects and enhancing the therapeutic efficacy of drugs.

#### Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment:

- Application: Nanoparticles are employed in cancer diagnostics and therapeutics, including imaging agents, drug delivery vehicles, and photothermal therapy agents.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles can enhance contrast in imaging techniques such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET). Additionally, they allow for selective delivery of anticancer drugs and can be used in photothermal therapy to selectively destroy cancer cells.

#### Diagnostic Imaging:

- Application: Nanoparticles, such as quantum dots and iron oxide nanoparticles, are used as contrast agents in imaging technologies like MRI, CT scans, and fluorescence imaging.
- Benefits: Improved imaging resolution and sensitivity, as well as the ability to target specific tissues, contribute to more accurate and early diagnosis of diseases.

#### Antibacterial Agents:

- Application: Silver nanoparticles and other nanomaterials with antimicrobial properties are used as coatings for medical devices and in wound dressings.
- Benefits: Nanomaterials can inhibit the growth of bacteria, preventing infections and promoting faster wound healing. They are also used to create antimicrobial surfaces in hospitals.

#### Gene Therapy:

- Application: Nanoparticles are utilized as carriers for gene delivery, enabling the introduction of therapeutic genes into target cells.
- Benefits: Improved efficiency and targeted delivery of genetic material can aid in treating genetic disorders, cancers, and other diseases at the molecular level.

#### Theranostics:

- Application: Nanomaterials are designed for theranostic applications, combining therapeutic and diagnostic capabilities in a single system.
- Benefits: Theranostic nanomaterials allow for simultaneous monitoring of disease progression and targeted treatment, offering a personalized approach to medicine.

#### Biosensors:

- Application: Nanomaterials are incorporated into biosensors for the detection of biomolecules and disease markers.
- Benefits: Enhanced sensitivity and specificity of biosensors enable rapid and accurate diagnosis of various diseases, including infectious diseases and cancer.

#### Neurological Applications:

- Application: Nanomaterials are explored for drug delivery to the central nervous system and for imaging neuronal structures.
- Benefits: Improved ability to cross the blood-brain barrier, targeted drug delivery, and enhanced imaging resolution contribute to advancements in the treatment and diagnosis of neurological disorders.

#### Regenerative Medicine:

- Application: Nanomaterials, such as nanofibers and nanoparticles, are used in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine for controlled release of growth factors and cell scaffolding.
- Benefits: Nanomaterials facilitate the regeneration of damaged tissues and organs by providing a suitable environment for cell growth and differentiation.

#### Vaccines:

- Application: Nanoparticles are utilized in vaccine delivery systems to enhance the immune response.
- Benefits: Improved stability and controlled release of antigens contribute to the development of more effective vaccines.

### 10. Explain the applications of nanomaterials in cosmetics-daily life.

#### Sunscreen Formulations:

- Application: Nanoparticles, such as zinc oxide and titanium dioxide nanoparticles, are used in sunscreens to provide UV protection.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles offer transparent and effective UV protection without the white residue associated with larger particles. They provide better coverage and enhance the overall aesthetics of sunscreen products.

#### Anti-aging Creams:

- Application: Nanoparticles, including liposomes and nanoemulsions, are used in anti-aging creams for the delivery of active ingredients like vitamins and antioxidants.
- Benefits: Nanoscale carriers improve the penetration of active ingredients into the skin, enhancing the efficacy of anti-aging formulations.

#### Skin Care Products:

- Application: Nanomaterials are used in various skin care products, including moisturizers, cleansers, and serums.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles can improve the texture and feel of products, allowing for better absorption of ingredients into the skin. They also enable the formulation of lightweight and non-greasy products.

#### Hair Care Products:

- Application: Nanomaterials, such as nanoparticles of silicones or proteins, are used in hair care products like shampoos and conditioners.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles can improve the delivery of conditioning agents, enhance hair texture, and provide a smoother feel. They may also contribute to the development of color-preserving formulations.

#### Fragrances and Perfumes:

- Application: Nanomaterials are employed in the encapsulation of fragrance molecules for controlled release in perfumes and scented products.



- Benefits: Nanocarriers help prolong the release of fragrance, leading to a longer-lasting scent experience. They also contribute to the reduction of fragrance sensitivities.

#### Deodorants and Antiperspirants:

- Application: Nanomaterials, such as antimicrobial nanoparticles, are used in deodorants and antiperspirants.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles can provide enhanced antimicrobial properties, improving the effectiveness of deodorant products.

#### Color Cosmetics:

- Application: Nanoparticles are used in color cosmetics such as lipsticks, eyeshadows, and foundations.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles contribute to improved color dispersion, texture, and coverage in cosmetics. They also help achieve a more natural and even appearance on the skin.

#### Oral Care Products:

- Application: Nanomaterials are incorporated into toothpaste formulations for improved cleaning and oral health benefits.
- Benefits: Nanoparticles can enhance the cleaning and whitening effects of toothpaste. They may also contribute to the controlled release of active ingredients for longer-lasting effects.

#### Nanofiber Masks:

- Application: Nanofiber masks are developed using nanomaterials for skincare and cosmetic purposes.
- Benefits: Nanofiber masks offer a high surface area for better adhesion to the skin and improved delivery of active ingredients. They provide a comfortable and effective means of skincare.

#### Nanotechnology-Based Fragrance Release:

- Application: Nanomaterials are used to encapsulate fragrance molecules for slow and controlled release in textiles, enhancing the longevity of fragrance in clothing.
- Benefits: This technology allows for long-lasting freshness in textiles, reducing the need for frequent washing.

## Unit 6 : Interference.

### 1. a) Explain the following statement.

‘The interference patterns of the reflected side and transmitted side of the thin film are always complimentary.’

As  $t$  and  $\mu$  are assumed to be same throughout, the geometry of the triangles ABC and BCF and triangles ACD and BFG is same.

Thus the geometrical path difference between reflected rays I and II and transmitted rays I' and II' is same.

We know that, optical energy is conserved during interference

Therefore, the occurrence of interference patterns from the reflected side and the transmitted side must complement with each other.  
for transmitted rays

$$PD_{I',II'} = 2\mu t \cos r$$

In the transmitted system,

ray I' does not undergo any phase reversal, as it is just transmitted at point A and B.

Ray II' is reflected at B and C and transmitted at F.

As the reflection at B and C is due to rarer medium, there is no phase reversal.

Thus both I' and II' do not undergo phase reversal

The term  $\lambda/2$  is absent in the transmitted system.

If a point appears bright at a given angle in the reflected system, then it appears dark at the same angle in the transmitted system and vice versa

b. What is stock law?

"When a light wave is reflected from the surface of an optically denser medium, it suffers a phase change of  $\pi$  (Path difference of  $\lambda/2$ ) but it suffers no change in phase when reflected at the surface of optically rarer medium"

2. a). A wedge is formed by separating two glass plates by an extremely thin wire kept at 10.0 cm from the edge. When illuminated by sodium light of wavelength 5890 Å the width of the Fizeau's fringes is measured to be 2.945 mm. Calculate the diameter of the wire.

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b). Explain: Why centre of all concentric rings in the Newton's Ring experiment is always dark? Because of the thin air film formed between the glass plate and lens at the center, the central fringe of Newton's Rings is dark in the reflector system. As a result, the angle of incidence between the incident and reflected rays is equal to zero at the geometrical path.

c). list the four applications of Newton's Ring experiment.

1. Newton's rings on reflected side are complementary to those on transmitted side
2. If the glass plate in the Newton's ring set up is replaced by the mirror, then Newton's rings fade out and a uniform illumination is observed.
3. If the Newton's ring set up is illuminated by white light then a few colored rings near the center are observed.
4. When there is air gap at the center, the ring at the center may appear bright.
5. If the lens is gradually lifted up, then the Newton's rings are shifted outwards
6. If the monochromatic source in the setup is replaced by a source of higher wavelength, then the diameters of Newton's rings are increased.

7. If the planoconvex lens in the setup is replaced by the planoconvex lens of higher radius of curvature then the diameters of the rings will increase
8. If the lens or a glass slab used in the set up is imperfect then the Newton's rings are irregular.

3. Write a short note on ARC/HRC? (for 5 mark)

Anti reflection coatings

Non reflecting thin film coated on a transparent substrate

When light is transmitted, intensity of transmitted light is reduced to some extent

This loss can be reduced by coating with suitable transparent dielectric material whose refractive index is intermediate between air and glass

Thickness of the coated film plays very important role in reducing reflection

$$t_{ARC} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu}$$

$t_{ARC}$  --- Thickness of the anti reflection coating

At this thickness the reflected rays are in opposite phase, they cancel each other due to destructive interference

Coating Materials:  $MgF_2$  (1.38),  $SiO_2$  (1.46), Cryolite etc

Anti transmission coatings

Reflecting thin film coated on the substrate

Thin film should be denser than substrate

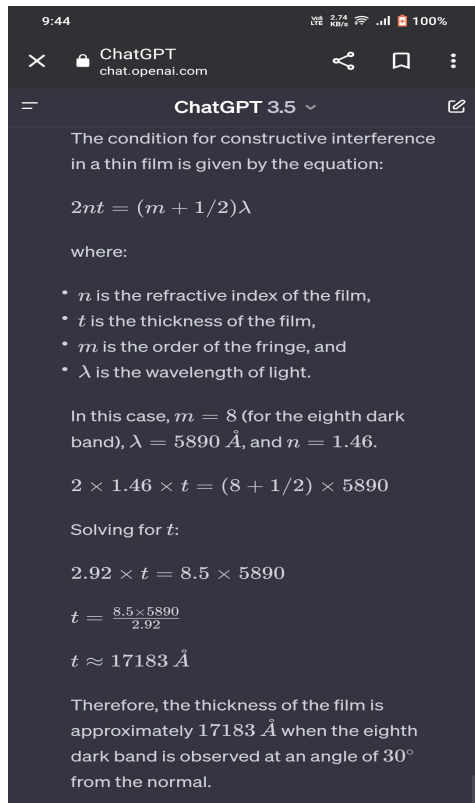
Constructive interference between the reflected rays will make the film more reflective

Thickness of anti transmission coating

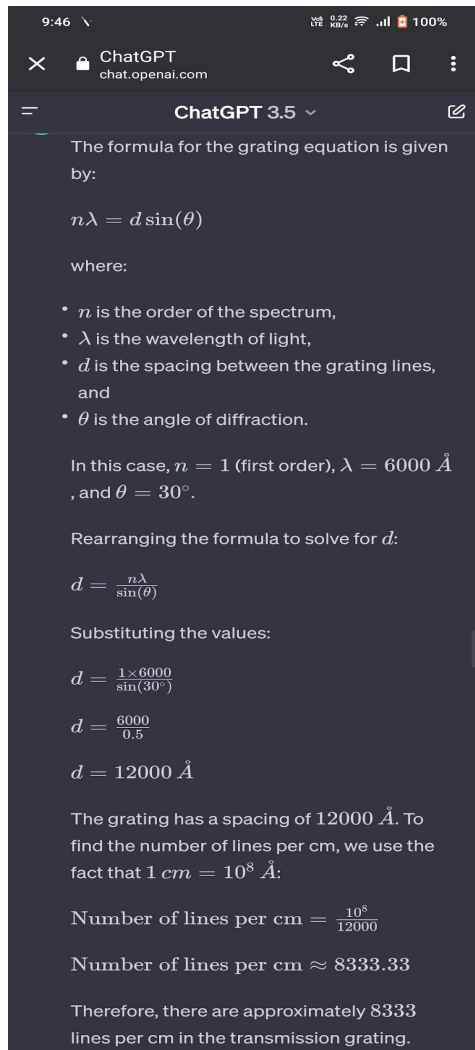
$$t_{HRC/ATC} = \frac{\lambda}{4\mu}$$

Coating Materials:  $TiO_2$  (2.87),  $ZnS$  (2.36)

4. A parallel beam of sodium light strikes a film of oil floating on water. When viewed at an angle 30 degrees from the normal, the eighth dark band is seen. Determine the thickness of the film. Refractive index of oil is 1.46. Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) = 5890 Å. (5 marks)



5. How many lines per cm are there in a plane transmission grating which gives first order of light of wavelength  $6000 \text{ \AA}$  at angle of diffraction  $30^\circ$ ? (5 marks)



6. What is meant by resolving power. Write a formula for the Resolving power of diffraction grating. (5 Marks)

Resolving Power:

Color Separation at its minimum limit

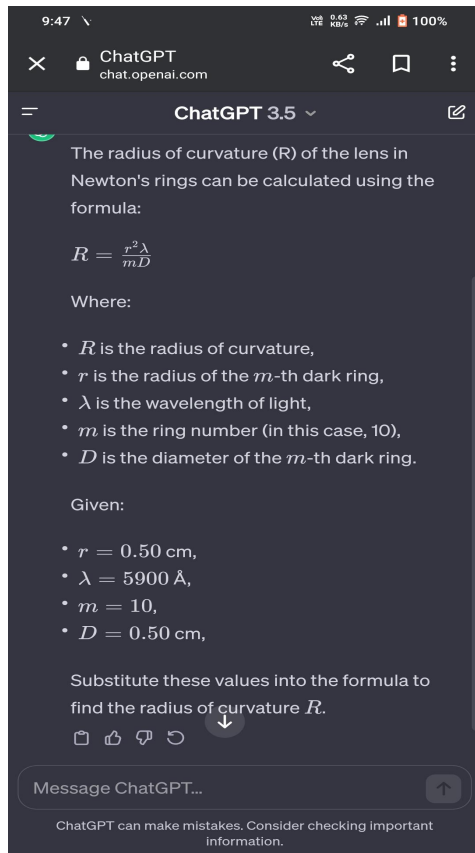
It's the ability to distinguish the colors when they are extremely close to each other

It is the ability of the instrument to discriminate wavelength  $\lambda + d\lambda$   
ie  $RP = \lambda/d\lambda$

If  $d\lambda$  tends to Zero, spectral lines overlap with each other.

By increasing number of lines sharpness and resolution will be increased

7. Newton's rings are observed in reflected light of wavelength  $5900 \text{ \AA}$ . The diameter of the 10th dark ring is  $0.50 \text{ cm}$ . Find the radius of curvature of the lens.



8. a) When can you say that a light beam is coherent?

A light beam can be considered coherent if the phase difference between any two points on the wave remains constant with respect to time

b) Give examples of coherent and non-coherent sources of light?

Examples of coherent light sources include:

**Lasers:** Laser light is highly coherent because it consists of photons that have the same frequency, phase, and direction.

**Sodium vapor lamps:** They can exhibit coherence under certain conditions, producing a narrow spectral line.

Examples of non-coherent light sources include:

**Incandescent bulbs:** Light emitted from a typical incandescent bulb is non-coherent as it comprises a broad range of wavelengths and phases.

**Fluorescent lamps:** The emitted light can be less coherent due to the involvement of various emission processes and spectral lines.

c) 'Only coherent light waves can interfere'- Explain what is wrong with this statement?

The statement “only coherent light waves can interfere” is incorrect . Interference occurs when two or more waves overlaps and combine to form a new wave . coherence refers to the phase relationship between waves. Coherent light waves have a constant phase relationship ,making interference pattern more stable and defined ,but interference can still occur between non coherent light waves, although thev resulting pattern may be less distinct. So both, coherent and non coherent light waves can interfere under appropriate conditions.

9. a) In an interference pattern, where does the energy of the light at the dark fringe go to?

In an interference pattern, the energy of the light at the dark fringe is not destroyed. Instead, it is redistributed within the pattern. At the dark fringe, the intensity of the light is decreased, but this does not mean that the energy is lost. The energy that was supposed to be at the dark fringe is transferred to the bright fringes, resulting in an enhancement of intensity at those points. Therefore, in interference, there is a redistribution of energy rather than creation or destruction.

b) Diffraction and interference are two phenomena exhibited by light, what are the scenarios in which diffraction happens and when does interference occur, or is it like always both are happening as light propagates?

Diffraction occurs when light encounters an obstacle or a slit that is comparable in size to its wavelength. This results in the bending or spreading out of the wavefront, creating a pattern of maxima and minima. Diffraction can be observed when light passes through a single slit or encounters an obstacle with finite width. Interference, on the other hand, occurs when two or more waves superpose or overlap with each other. This can happen when light waves from different sources or from different parts of the same source combine. Interference results in the formation of alternate maxima and minima in the pattern of light intensity. In the case of light propagation, both diffraction and interference can occur simultaneously

c) Assume two light beams are incident at the same region of a screen, one beam is horizontally polarized and the other is vertically polarized. Would we see interference pattern on the screen?

No, we would not see an interference pattern on the screen when two light beams, one horizontally polarized and the other vertically polarized, are incident at the same region. Interference patterns are produced when two coherent light waves superpose, and in this case, the two light beams have perpendicular polarizations and are not coherent. Therefore, no interference pattern would be observed on the screen.

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## Unit 7 : Diffraction

1.a) What is mean by Diffraction?

Spreading of a wave, when it passes through a narrow opening (slit)

- Bending of a wave at the edges of the obstacle

b) What is the condition for diffraction?

When a wave encounter with an obstacle, they bend arround

the edges of the obstacle, if the the dimension of the obstacle is comparable with the wavelength of the wave

Bending depend on size of the obstacle(d),

$\lambda$  --- Wavelength

$d > \lambda$  --- Bending is very less

$d \approx \lambda$  or  $d < \lambda$  --- Bending is more

c) Why intensity of the diffracted light decreases with increasing order of diffraction?

The central maximum is due to constructive interference of secondary wavelets from all parts of the slit. With increase in n (order of spectrum), the wavelets from lesser and lesser parts of the slit produce constructive interference to form secondary maxima. That is why the intensity decreases.

d) Write the condition for secondary Maxima and secondary Minima in diffraction?

| Type of maxima/minima | Intensity                | $\alpha$                                     | $\theta$  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| Central maximum,      | $I_\theta = I_m$ ,       | $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ,                         | $\theta = 0^\circ$                                    |
| Minima,               | $I_\theta = 0$ ,         | $\alpha = m\pi$ ,                            | $a \sin \theta = m\lambda$                            |
| Secondary maxima      | $I_\theta$ : very small, | $\alpha = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi$ , | $a \sin \theta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda$ |

e) which light- red or green beam, will diffract more? Why?

In the visible wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum, red, with the longest wavelength, is diffracted most; and violet, with the shortest wavelength, is diffracted least.

2. a) Distinguish between Interference and Diffraction of light.

| Interference   | Diffraction   |
|--|---|
| (a) It is the result of interaction of light coming from two different wavefronts from two coherent sources. | (a) It is the result of interaction of light coming from different parts of the same wavefront. |
| (b) Interference fringes are of the same width.  | (b) Diffraction fringes are not of the same width.  |
| (c) The dark fringes are perfectly dark.   | (c) The dark fringes are not perfectly dark.  |
| (d) All bright bands are of same intensity.  | (d) All bright bands are not of same intensity.   |

b) Write the four Characteristics of Diffraction.

1. Diffraction is produced due to the interference of the secondary waves emitted from different parts of a wavefront.
2. Widths of the fringes in the diffraction pattern are never equal.



3. In case of diffraction, the distances between the bright and dark band gradually decrease.
4. In diffraction dark bands are not completely dark. Some light is observed there.
5. The intensity of the bright diffracted band never remains same. The intensity is maximum in the central band and intensity gradually decreases on both sides of the central band.
6. Diffracted light can produce fringes of light, dark or colored bands. It occurs when a light wave passes through a corner or through an opening or slit that is physically the approximate size of, or even smaller than that light's wavelength.

3. Explain the Rayleigh's criteria for resolution. State the formulas for resolving power of a telescope and a diffraction grating.

"Rayleigh criterion for the diffraction limit to resolution states that two images are just resolvable when the centre of the diffraction pattern of one is directly over the first minimum of the diffraction pattern of the other."

When a point object is imaged using a circular aperture such as the lens or the iris of our eye, the image produced is not a point, rather a diffraction pattern. This is true, mainly when the size of the object is comparable to the wavelength of light.

A circular aperture creates a diffraction pattern of concentric rings that grow dimmer as we move away from the centre. These are known as Airy discs.

Because of the airy discs, point sources close to one another can overlap and produce a blurred image, as shown in the image.

To obtain a good image, point sources must be sufficiently far apart that their diffraction patterns do not overlap. To achieve this, the minimum distance between images must be such that the central maximum of the first image lies on the first minimum of the second and vice versa. Such an image is said to be just resolved. This is the famous Rayleigh criterion.

### Resolving Power of Telescope

In telescopes, objects such as binary stars which are very close to each other, subtend small angles on the telescope. We need large apertures to resolve them. We can make use of Rayleigh's Criterion to determine the resolving power of the telescope. The angular separation between two objects must be

$$\theta = 1.22 \lambda / d$$

Resolving power is defined as the inverse of the distance or angular separation between two objects which can be resolved through the optical instrument. Therefore,

Resolving power =  $1 / \theta$

Thus, the higher the diameter  $d$ , the better the resolution. Astronomical optical telescopes have mirror diameters as large as 10 m to achieve the best resolution.

Grating =  $\lambda / d$   $\lambda = nN$

4. What is a diffraction grating. Write a formula for a grating element, Write 3 applications of a diffraction grating.

A diffraction grating defines an optical component with a periodic structure that splits the light into various beams that travel in different directions. It is an alternative way to observe spectra other than a prism. Generally, when light is incident on the grating, the split light will have maxima at an angle  $\theta$ . The formula for diffraction grating is used to calculate the angle.

Diffraction grating formula

$$\lambda n = d \sin \theta_n$$

Where,

- $n$  is the order of grating,
- $d$  is the distance between two fringes or spectra
- $\lambda$  is the wavelength of light
- $\theta$  is the angle to maxima

Diffraction gratings are often used in monochromators, spectrometers, lasers, wavelength division multiplexing devices, optical pulse compressing devices, and many other optical instruments.

5. Compare and Analyze the intensity distribution obtained due to diffraction by a single slit and the diffraction by a diffraction grating.

Diffraction by a Single Slit:

Central Maximum: A bright central maximum is observed.

Secondary Maxima and Minima: Secondary maxima and minima occur on either side of the central maximum.

Intensity Distribution: The intensity decreases gradually from the central maximum towards the secondary maxima and minima.

Width of Central Maximum: The central maximum is relatively wide.

#### Diffraction by a Diffraction Grating:

Multiple Slits: A diffraction grating consists of multiple slits spaced at regular intervals.

Order of Maxima: Multiple diffraction orders are observed ( $m = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ).

Constructive and Destructive Interference: The maxima occur due to constructive interference, while the minima result from destructive interference.

Highly Intense Orders: Certain orders may be highly intense, depending on the grating spacing and wavelength.

Narrow Peaks: Each order (maxima) is relatively narrow compared to the central maximum in single-slit diffraction.

#### Comparison:

- Single Slit: Results in a simple diffraction pattern with a broad central maximum and secondary maxima/minima.
- Diffraction Grating: Generates multiple sharp maxima due to interference, resulting in a more structured and spectrally separated pattern.

In summary, while a single slit diffraction pattern is characterized by a central maximum and secondary features, a diffraction grating produces a more complex pattern with distinct orders of maxima and minima, leading to sharper, narrower peaks.

6. How many lines per cm are there in a plane transmission grating which gives first order of light of wavelength  $6000 \text{ \AA}$  at angle of diffraction  $30^\circ$ ?

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The formula for the grating equation is  $m\lambda = d \sin(\theta)$ , where:

- $m$  is the order of diffraction (in this case,  $m = 1$  for the first order),
- $\lambda$  is the wavelength of light (given as 6000 Å),
- $d$  is the grating spacing (distance between lines),
- $\theta$  is the angle of diffraction (given as 30 degrees).

Rearranging the formula to solve for  $d$ , we get  $d = \frac{m\lambda}{\sin(\theta)}$ . Plug in the values:

$$d = \frac{1 \times 6000 \text{ Å}}{\sin(30^\circ)}$$

Calculate this to find the grating spacing  $d$ , and since the question asks for lines per cm, you can find the number of lines per cm by taking the reciprocal of  $d$  and converting units accordingly.

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