

- 6 (a) State one difference and one similarity between longitudinal and transverse waves.

difference:

similarity:

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- (b) A laser is placed in front of two slits as shown in Fig. 6.1.

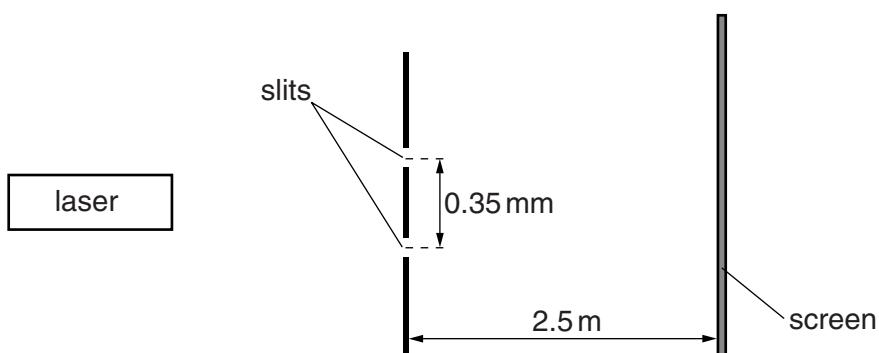


Fig. 6.1 (not to scale)

The laser emits light of wavelength 6.3×10^{-7} m.

The distance from the slits to the screen is 2.5m. The separation of the slits is 0.35 mm. An interference pattern of maxima and minima is observed on the screen.

- (i) Explain why an interference pattern is observed on the screen.

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(ii) Calculate the distance between adjacent maxima

distance = m [2]

- (c) State and explain the effect, if any, on the distance between adjacent maxima when the laser is replaced by another laser emitting ultra-violet radiation.

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