

- 7 A laser is placed in front of a double slit, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

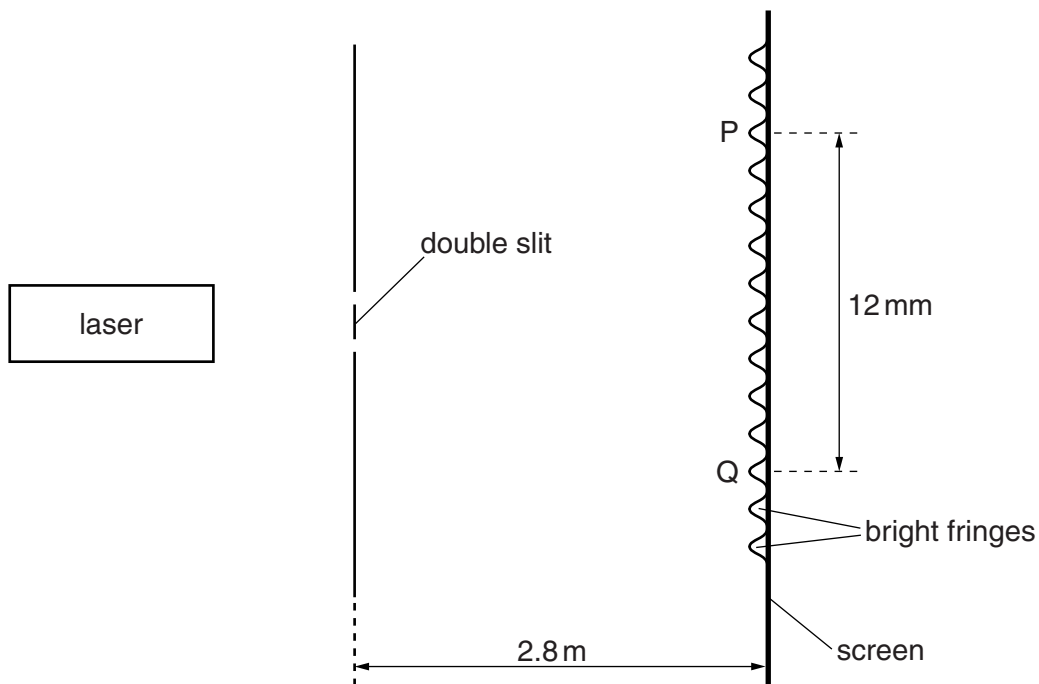


Fig. 7.1 (not to scale)

The laser emits light of frequency 670 THz. Interference fringes are observed on the screen.

- (a) Explain how the interference fringes are formed.

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- (b) Show that the wavelength of the light is 450 nm.

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- (c) The separation of the maxima P and Q observed on the screen is 12 mm. The distance between the double slit and the screen is 2.8 m.

Calculate the separation of the two slits.

separation = m [3]

- (d) The laser is replaced by a laser emitting red light. State and explain the effect on the interference fringes seen on the screen.

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