

- 5 Two point sources, A and B, produce coherent electromagnetic waves. The waves from A and B are emitted in phase and have wavelength λ , as shown in Fig. 5.1.

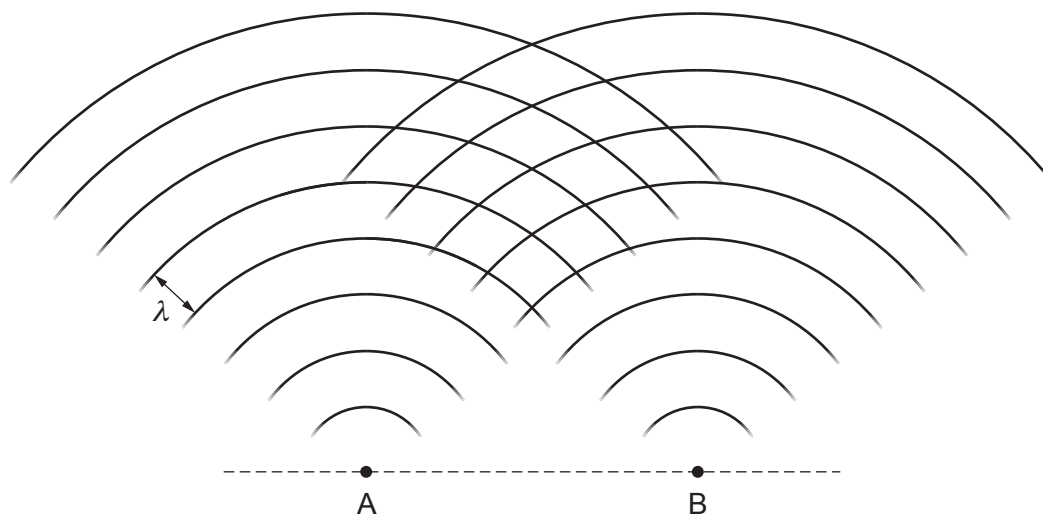


Fig. 5.1 (not to scale)

The lines on Fig. 5.1 represent wavefronts. All the points on a wavefront are in phase.

- (a) On Fig. 5.1, mark with a cross (×):

(i) the position of an interference maximum (label this cross Y) [1]

(ii) the position of an interference minimum (label this cross Z). [1]

- (b) The waves in air have a wavelength of 2.9×10^{-5} m.

An interference pattern is detected along a line parallel to AB and at a perpendicular distance of 140 m from AB. The spacing between adjacent interference maxima is 1.2 cm.

- (i) Calculate the separation a of the sources A and B.

$a = \dots\dots\dots$ m [3]

- (ii) State the principal region of the electromagnetic spectrum to which the waves belong.

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