4 A laser emits visible light of a single frequency in a vacuum. The light is incident normally on a double slit and then forms a pattern of bright and dark fringes on a screen, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

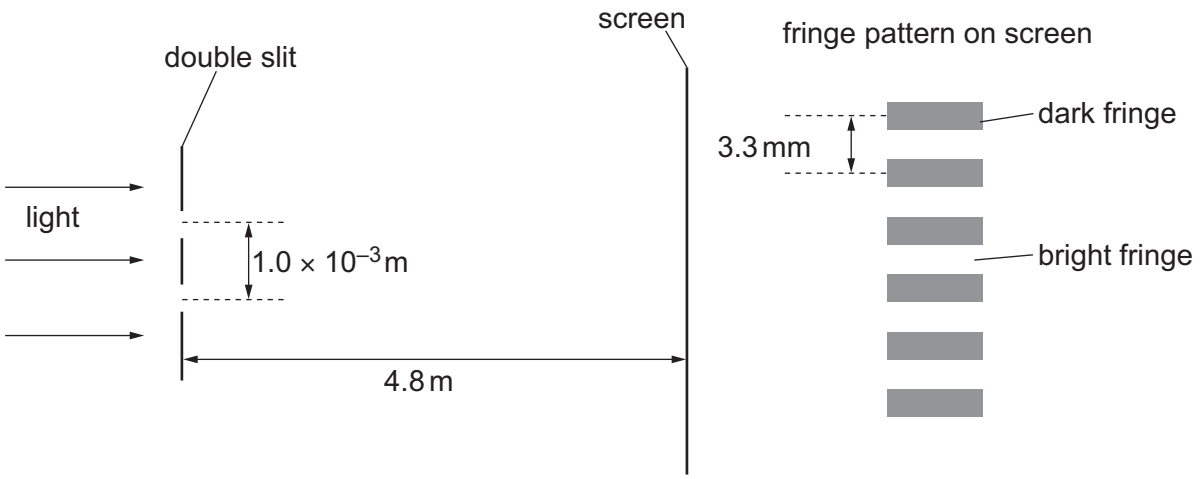

Fig. 4.1 (not to scale)

The separation of the slits is 1.0×10^{-3} m. The distance from the slits to the screen is 4.8 m. The distance between the centres of adjacent dark fringes on the screen is 3.3 mm.

(a) Explain how the pattern of bright and dark fringes is formed.

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(b) Calculate the frequency of the light emitted by the laser.

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(c) The double slit is removed. A second laser is placed beside the first laser. The second laser produces visible light of a different frequency from that of the first laser. The beams of light from the two lasers overlap on the screen.

Explain why a steady pattern of bright and dark fringes is **not** formed on the screen.

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