

- 5 (a) Two light sources that produce light with the same wavelength are placed at position A and B respectively as shown in Fig. 5.1.

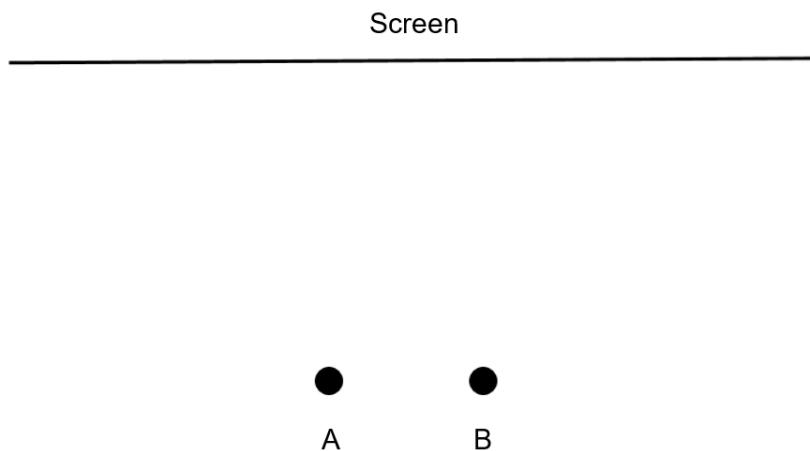


Fig. 5.1

The light from the light sources meet on the screen and a steady interference pattern is formed on the screen.

State two other conditions required for the interference pattern to be observable.

1. [1]

2. [1]

- (b) When a distant streetlight, which is behaving as a point source of light of wavelength 4.5×10^{-7} m, is viewed through a nylon net curtain, the diffraction pattern of the light projected on a screen is shown in Fig. 5.2. The screen is 3.0 m away from the nylon net curtain.

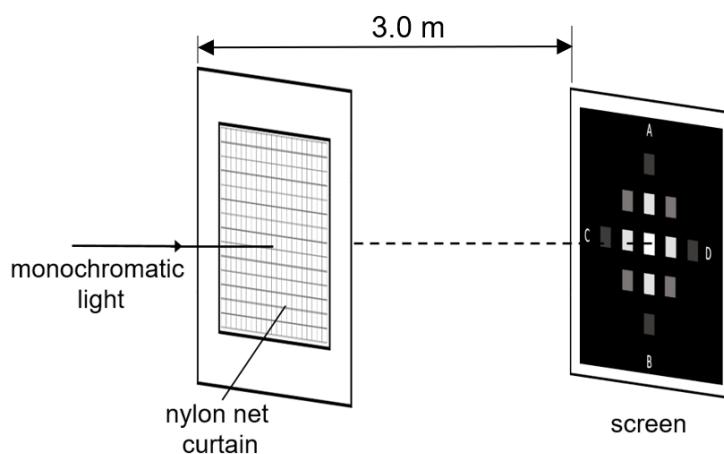


Fig. 5.2

The full-scale diagram of the diffraction pattern is shown in Fig. 5.3.

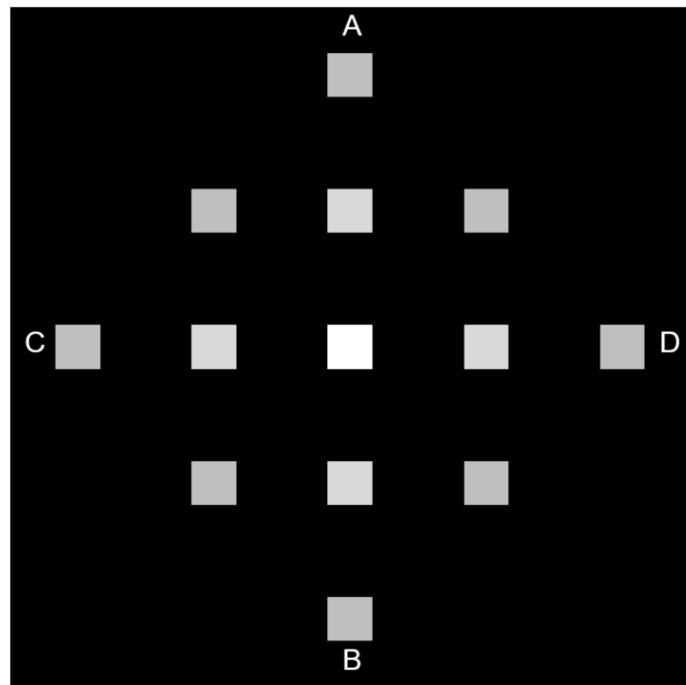


Fig. 5.3

The main feature of this pattern is two lines (AB and CD) of bright images.

- (i) Calculate the angle, in radians, between the orders of the diffracted light.

$$\text{angle} = \dots \text{ rad} [2]$$

- (ii) Using your answer to (b)(i), determine the number of nylon threads per millimetre of the mesh.

$$\text{number} = \dots \text{ mm}^{-1} [2]$$

- (c) A long horizontal tube, containing fine powder, is closed at one end. A loudspeaker, connected to a signal generator, is positioned at the other end as shown in Fig. 5.4.

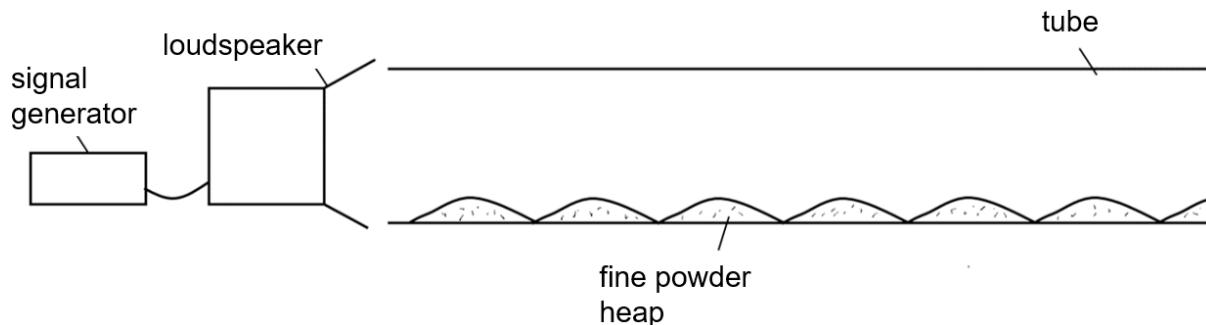


Fig. 5.4

At a particular frequency, a stationary wave is set up inside the tube and the powder forms heaps as shown. The speed of sound is 330 m s^{-1} .

- On Fig. 5.4, mark out 2 points where displacement nodes are and label them as N. [1]
- Determine the distance between adjacent heaps if the signal generator is producing a signal with frequency of 3.5 kHz .

spacing = m [2]