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Two coherent sources S_1 and S_2 of electromagnetic waves are separated by a distance of 600 m. A communication satellite is travelling overhead in the direction shown in Fig. 4.1. The altitude of the satellite is 20 400 km.

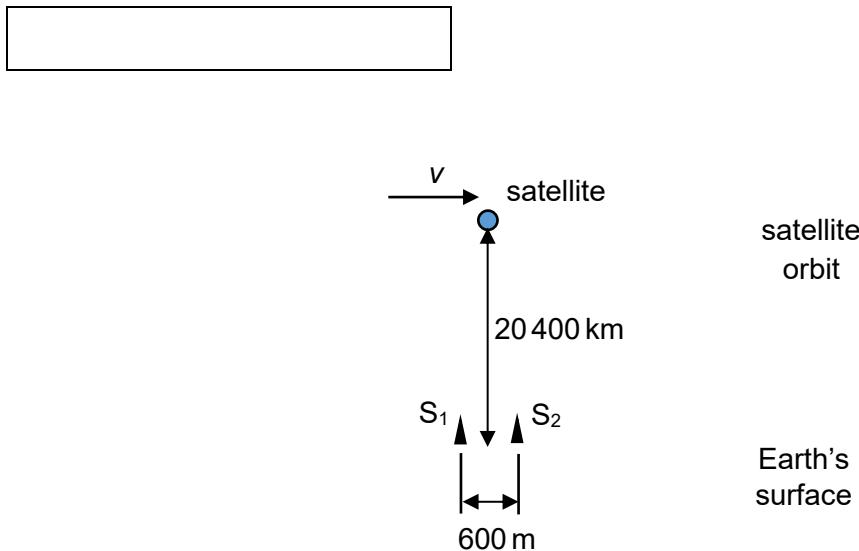


Fig. 4.1

(a)

Show that the velocity v of the satellite, v , is $3\ 850\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.

Radius of Earth = 6 400 km

Gravitational field strength at an altitude of 20 400 km = $0.554\ \text{N kg}^{-1}$.



[2]

(b)

The satellite detects the maxima of intensity of the waves at a frequency of 1.22 Hz.

Determine the wavelength of the electromagnetic waves emitted by S₁ and S₂.

wavelength = _____ m

[3]

(c)

Based on the wavelength found in **(b)**, state the region of the electromagnetic spectrum received by the satellite.

region = _____.

[1]

[Total: 6]