

- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows two slits S_1 and S_2 , separated by distance a , illuminated by a point source of light producing coherent light of wavelength 750 nm. The light source is equidistant from both slits.

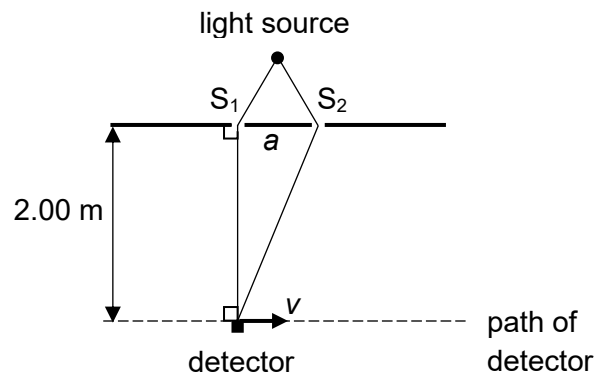


Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

A light detector, 2.00 m below the slits, is moving to the right at a uniform speed v , in the direction shown.

- (a) When the detector is directly below S_1 , the detector records a minimum intensity reading.

Show that the minimum value for a is 1.22 mm.

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- (b) The slits are now fixed at 1.22 mm apart, with the light source still equidistant from both slits.

- (i) The detector detects three maxima per second while moving to the right.

Determine the speed v at which the detector is moving.

$v = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m s}^{-1}$ [2]

- (ii) The light detector now moves with the same speed v along a diagonal path as shown in Fig. 3.2.

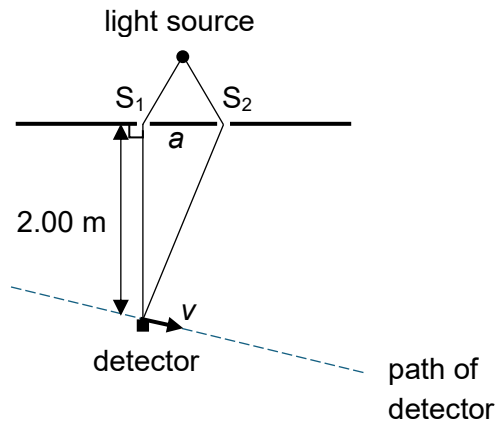


Fig. 3.2 (not to scale)

Describe and explain what happens to the frequency at which the detector detects maxima.

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- (c) The detector is now replaced with a camera. The camera lens is at a distance R below the two slits and is equidistant from both slits.

The camera lens has an aperture diameter of 4.0 mm.

Determine the value of R where the images of both slits are just resolved.

$R =$ m [2]

