

3 (a) State the meaning of

(i) *diffraction*,

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(ii) *phase difference*,

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(iii) *coherence*.

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(b) Fig. 3.1 shows two microwave emitters M_1 and M_2 . A microwave detector is moved along the line AB.

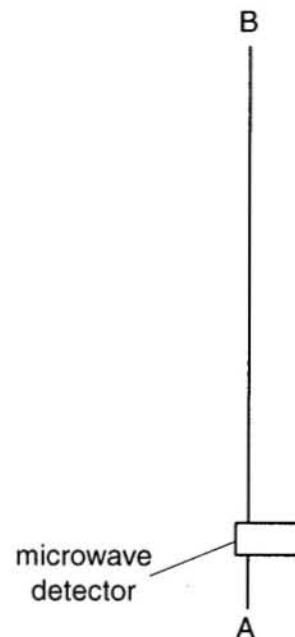
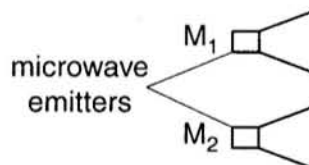


Fig. 3.1

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- (i) Explain how interference fringes are formed along the line AB.

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- (ii) The following changes are made independently. Describe, in each case, the effect on the position and intensity of the fringes.

1. The intensity of the microwaves emitted from both M_1 and M_2 is increased.

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2. The phase difference between the microwaves emitted from M_1 and M_2 is changed by π radians.

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