

Interference

- * The Superposition of the waves / Redistribution of energy.

Interference :- The Phenomena of modification in intensity of resultant wave obtained due to superposition of two or more light waves traveling in the same direction and having constant phase difference between them is called Interference.

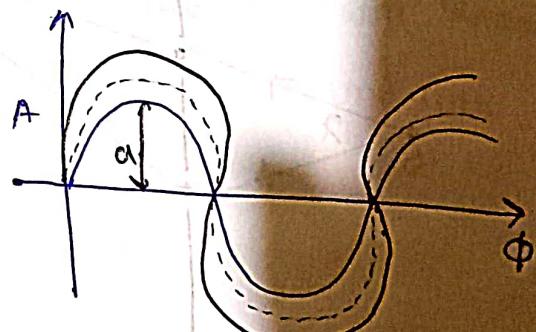
→ Constructive Interference :- CI occurs at points where crest of one wave is falling on the crest of another wave so that the resultant wave has intensity more than the sum of intensities of superposing waves. In this case superposing waves are in same phase

$$A > a_1$$

$$A > a_2$$

$$c = \nu \lambda$$

$$\begin{cases} I_1 \approx a_1^2 \\ I_2 \approx a_2^2 \end{cases}$$



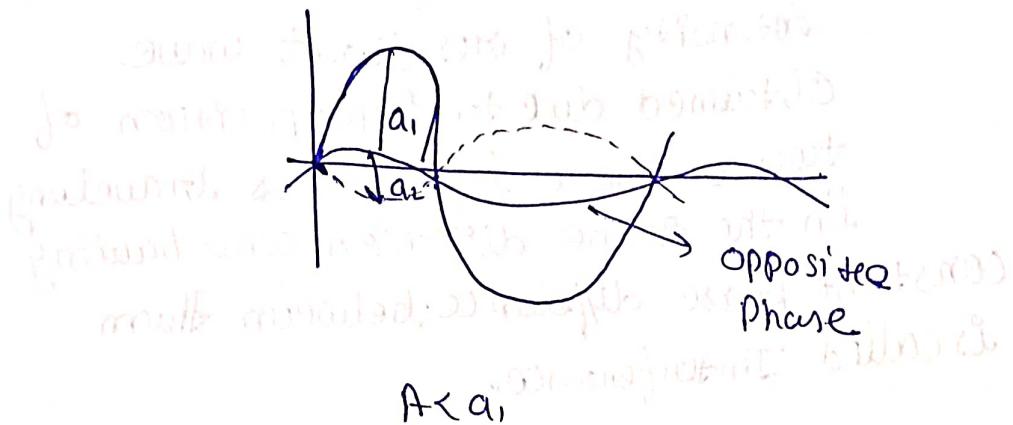
Resultant Intensity

$I >$ Sum of Intensities of superposing wave

$$I > (I_1 + I_2)$$

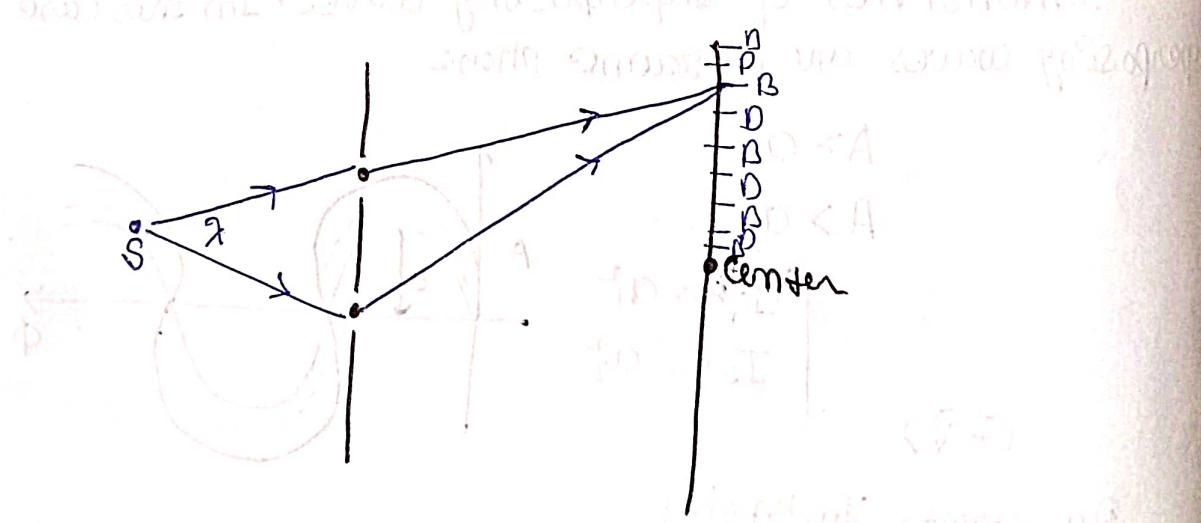
→ Destructive Interference :- DI occurs (at Dark / minimum) at a point where crest of one following

on the trough of another wave so that the resultant wave intensity is less.



Interference Pattern on Screen :-

Alternative points of constructive and destructive interference.



$$y = a_1 \sin \omega t + a_2 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

or

$$y = a_1 \sin \omega t + a_2 (\sin \omega t \cos \phi + \cos \omega t \sin \phi)$$

$$y = \sin \omega t (a_1 + a_2 \cos \phi) + \cos \omega t (a_2 \sin \phi) \quad \text{---(3)}$$

$$\text{Let } a_1 + a_2 \cos \phi = A \cos \theta \quad \text{---(4)}$$

$$a_2 \sin \phi = A \sin \theta \quad \text{---(5)}$$

where

A and θ are new constants

Using Eq's (4) and (5) in Eq (3),

$$y = \sin \omega t (A \cos \theta) + \cos \omega t (A \sin \theta)$$

$$\boxed{y = A \sin(\omega t + \theta)} \quad \text{---(6)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 = a_1 \sin \omega t \\ y_2 = a_2 \sin(\omega t + \phi) \end{array} \right.$$

This is the equation of Resultant wave

where y = Resultant Displacement

A = Amplitude of Resultant wave

To find A , Squaring & adding Eq (4) & (5).

$$A^2 \cos^2 \theta + A^2 \sin^2 \theta = (a_1 + a_2 \cos \phi)^2 + (a_2 \sin \phi)^2$$

or

$$A^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 \cos^2 \phi + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi + a_2^2 \sin^2 \phi$$

$$A^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi$$

$$\boxed{A = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi}} \quad \text{---(7)}$$

To find θ divide eq(5) by eq(4) :-

$$\frac{A \sin \theta}{A \cos \theta} = \frac{a_2 \sin \phi}{a_1 + a_2 \cos \phi}$$

or

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a_2 \sin \phi}{a_1 + a_2 \cos \phi}$$

As Intensity \propto (Amplitude) 2

or

$$\text{Resultant Intensity} = KA^2$$

$$K = \text{Prop. Const}$$

$$I = KA^2$$

$$I = K [a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi]$$

Taking $K=1$,

$$I = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi$$

In Square Cosine form :-

$$I = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 [2 \cos^2 \phi/2 - 1]$$

$$I = a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1 a_2 + 4a_1 a_2 \cos^2 \phi/2$$

$$I = (a_1 - a_2)^2 + 4a_1 a_2 \cos^2 \phi/2$$

Conditions for Constructive Interference (Points of Max. Intensity)

$$\text{Resultant } I = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos \phi$$

for Maximum I , $\cos \phi = 1$

$$\phi = 0^\circ, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots, 2n\pi$$

where $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Phase difference $\phi = 2m\pi$, $m=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Phase change Path change

ϕ Δ

g 2π

$2/2$

g 2π

for $\phi = 2\pi n$, $\cos \phi = 1$

$$I_{\max} = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 \\ = (a_1 + a_2)^2$$

If intensity of 1st wave $I_1 = a_1^2$
 " " $I_2 = a_2^2$

$$I_{\max} = (\sqrt{I_1} + \sqrt{I_2})^2$$

Conditions for destructive Interference

for Minimum I, $\cos \phi = -\frac{S_0 + S_D}{I} = 1$

$$\text{Phase diff } \phi = \frac{\phi = \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, \dots}{(2n-1)\pi}$$

$$\text{Path diff } \Delta = \frac{q}{2\pi} \phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \times (2n-1)\pi = (2n-1) \frac{q}{2}$$

$$\text{for } \phi = (2m-1)\pi, \cos \phi = -1$$

$$I_{\min} = a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2$$

$$= (a_1 - a_2)^2$$

If intensity of I₁ wave $\omega = \omega_1 - \alpha$,

$$\begin{array}{c} " \\ " \end{array} \quad \text{II} \quad \begin{array}{c} " \\ " \end{array} \Rightarrow I_2 = a_2^2$$
$$(I_{\min}) = (\sqrt{I_1} + \sqrt{I_2})^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Max} \\ \text{Path } \Delta = 2n\lambda \\ = 0, \pi, 2\pi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Min} \\ \Delta = (2n-1)\pi/2 \\ \pi/2, 3\pi/2, \dots \end{array}$$

Resultant Intensity due to superposition of two waves

$$I = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 \cos \phi$$

If amplitudes of superposing waves are equal,

$$a_1 = a_2 = a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resultant } I &= a^2 + a^2 + 2a^2 \cos \phi \\ &= 2a^2(1 + \cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{\max} = 4a^2 \quad \text{for } \cos \phi = 1$$

$$\phi = 2n\pi$$

$$I_{\min} = 0 \quad \text{for } \cos \phi = -1$$

$$\phi = (2n-1)\pi$$

Average Intensity of Resultant wave and law of conservation of Energy

$$\boxed{\text{Average Intensity } I_{av} = \frac{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}{2}}$$

$$\text{Here } I_{\max} = (a_1 + a_2)^2$$

$$I_{\min} = (a_1 - a_2)^2$$

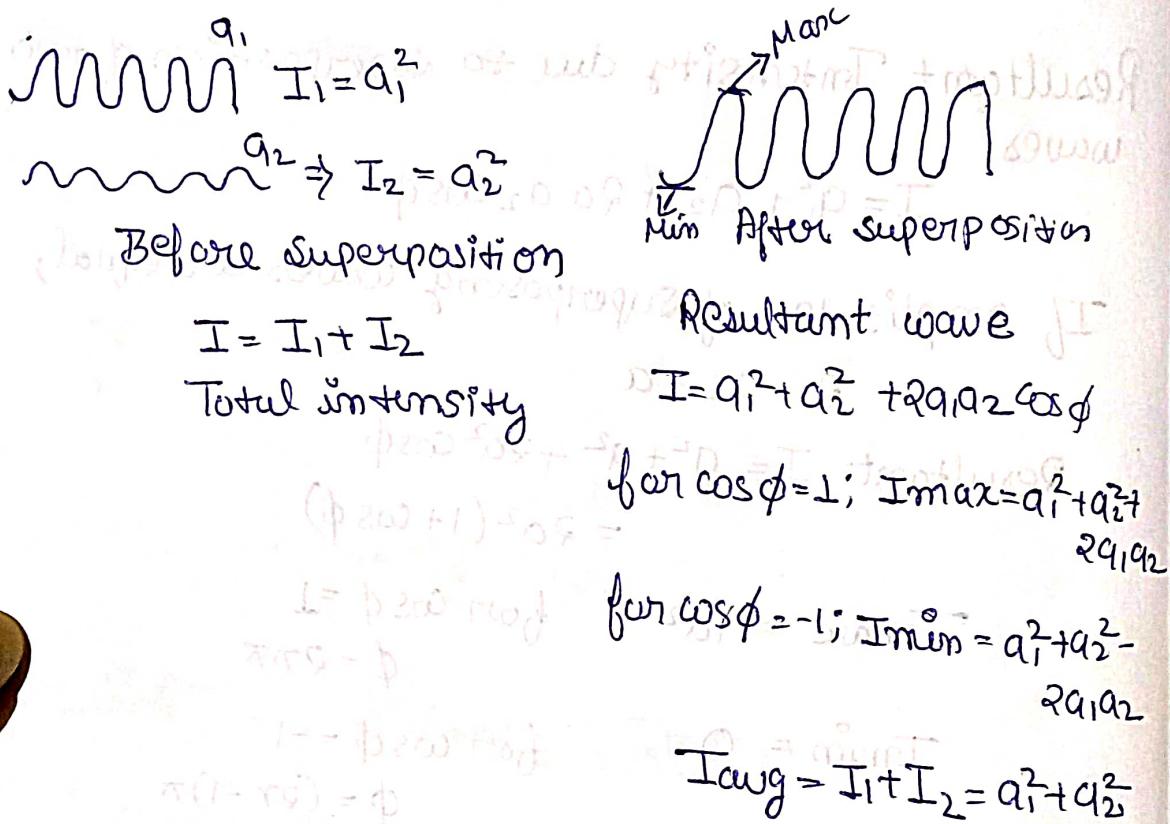
$$\therefore I_{av} = \frac{(a_1 + a_2)^2 + (a_1 - a_2)^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(a_1^2 + a_2^2)}{2} = a_1^2 + a_2^2$$

$$I_{\text{av}} = I_1 + I_2$$

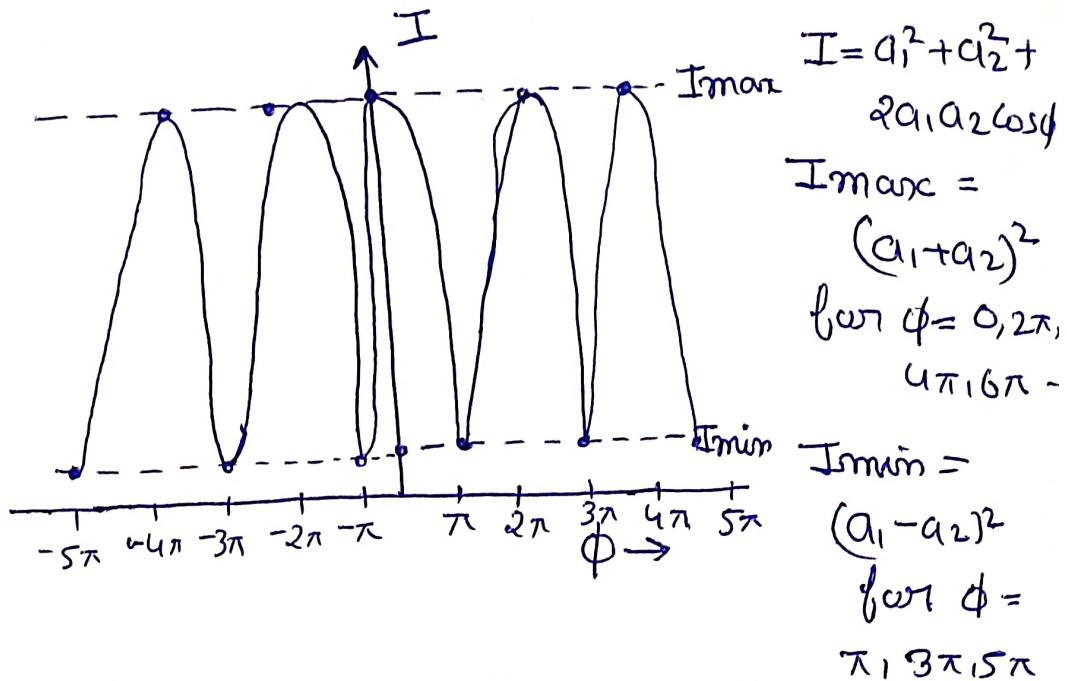
Average Intensity:- It is defined as the average of the maximum and minimum intensities of the resultant wave after obtained after superposition, also

Average Intensity is equal to the sum of intensities of the two superposing waves



\Rightarrow We can say that total energy is conserved in the phenomenon of interference as average intensity of the resultant wave is equal to the sum of intensities of two superposing waves, here a part of energy ($2a_1 a_2$) is transferring from minima to max so redistribution of energy takes place.

Intensity Distribution over \pm Vectors ψ (phase diff)
 $a_1 \neq a_2$



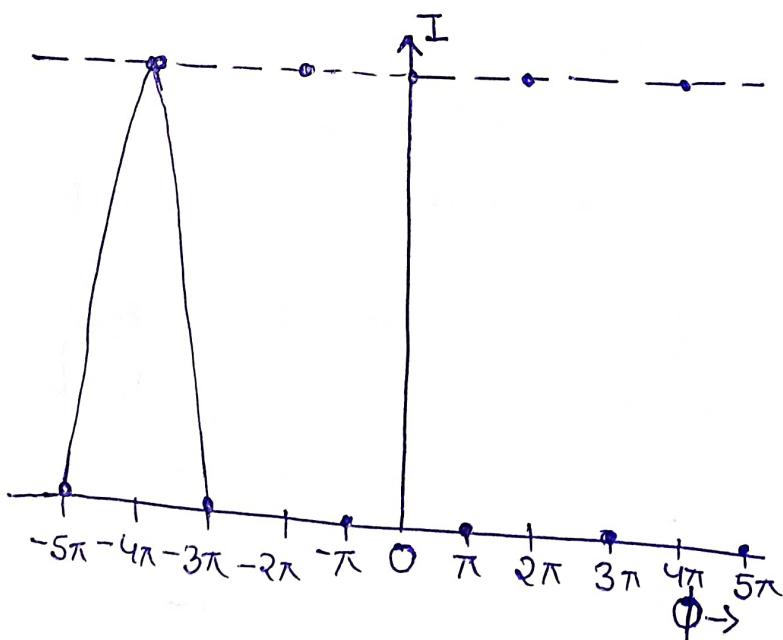
$$I_{\text{avg}} = a_1^2 + a_2^2$$

$$a_1 = a_2 = a$$

$$I = 2a^2(1 + \cos \phi)$$

$$I_{\max} = 4a^2$$

$$I_{\min} = 0, I_{\text{avg}} = 2a^2$$



Ques I In an interference two light waves having a amplitude ratio of 5 : 3 find the Ratio of max-min. Intensity of gets superposed resultant wave.

Sol $\frac{I_{\text{max}}}{I_{\text{min}}} = ?$

Let $a_1 = 5x, a_2 = 3x$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(a_1+a_2)^2}{(a_1-a_2)^2} = \frac{(5+3x)^2}{(5x-3x)^2} = \frac{(8x)^2}{(2x)^2} = \frac{64x}{4x} = 16:1$$

Ques II In an interference the ratio of max-and minimum intensity of resultant wave 36 : 1 find the ratio of amplitude and Intensities of the superposing waves

Sol $\frac{I_{\text{max}}}{I_{\text{min}}} = \frac{36}{1}$

$$\frac{I_{\text{max}}}{I_{\text{min}}} = \frac{(a_1+a_2)^2}{(a_1-a_2)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{36}{1} = \frac{(a_1+a_2)^2}{(a_1-a_2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{1} = \frac{a_1+a_2}{a_1-a_2} \Rightarrow 6a_1 - 6a_2 = a_1 + a_2 \\ 6a_1 - a_1 = a_2 + 6a_2$$

$$5a_1 = 7a_2$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2} = \frac{49}{25}$$

Ques Find the resultant Intensity of the wave obtained due to the superposition of two waves having amplitude 1 unit and 2 unit and phase difference is 180° ?

Sol

$$I = 1 + 4 \times 2 \times 2 \cos 180^\circ$$

$$= 5 + 4(-1)$$

$$5 - 4 = 1 \text{ units.}$$

Ques If $I_1 : I_2 = \alpha : 1$ Prove that

$$\frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}} = \frac{2\sqrt{\alpha}}{\alpha + 1}$$

Sol

$$\frac{(a_1+a_2)^2 - (a_1-a_2)^2}{(a_1+a_2)^2 + (a_1-a_2)^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{\alpha}}{\alpha+1}$$

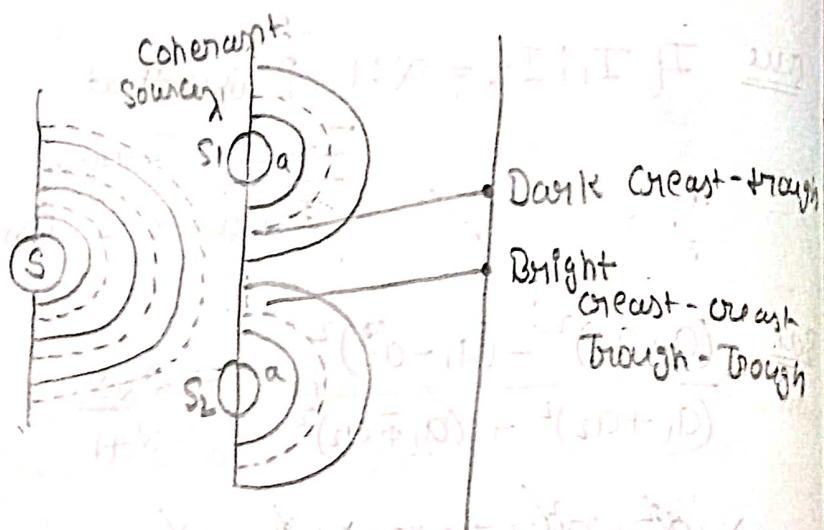
$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 + a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2} = \frac{2\sqrt{\alpha}}{\alpha+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4a_1a_2}{2(a_1^2 + a_2^2)} = \frac{2\sqrt{\alpha}}{\alpha+1}$$

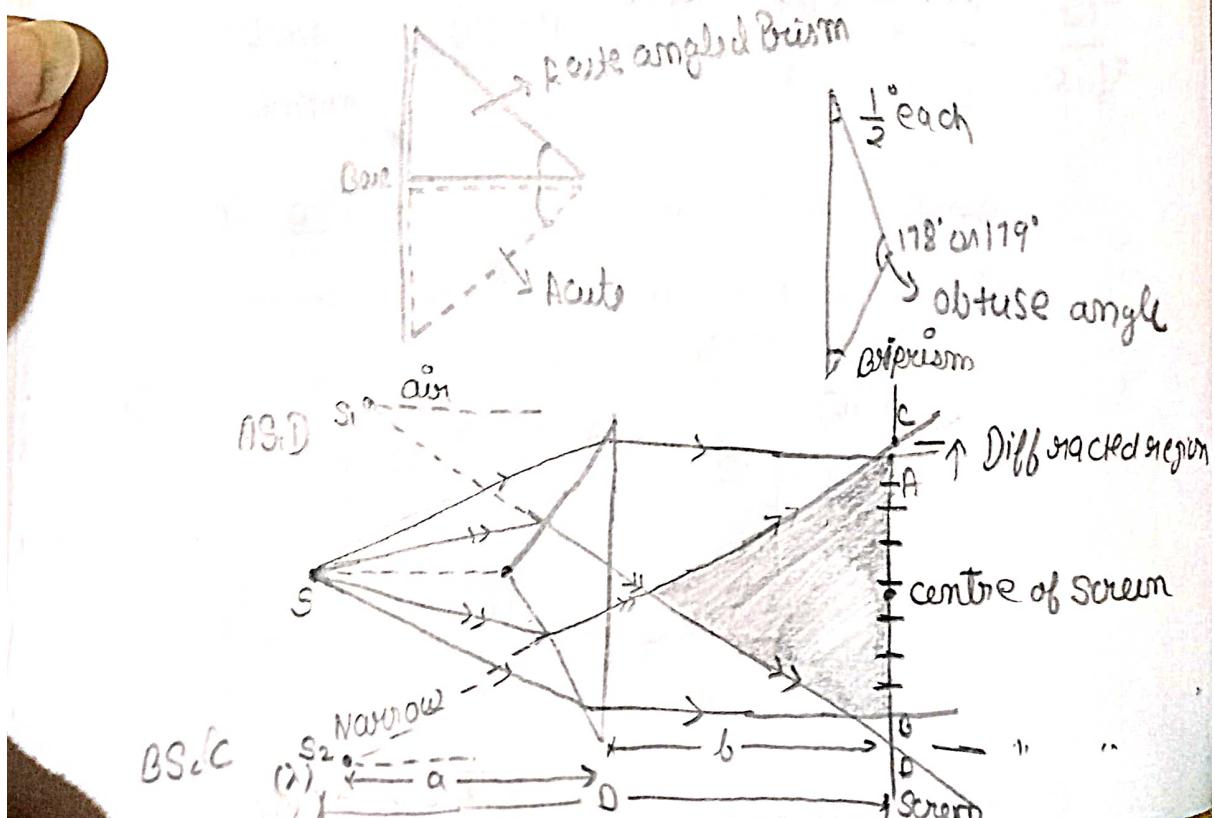
Methods of obtaining Interference Pattern

- 1) Division of wavefront :- Fresnel's Biprism Expt; YD's
- 2) Division of Amplitude :- Newton's Ring Expt; thin films

Fresnel's Biprism Expt :- (Division of wavefront)



Biprism :- Combination of two acute angled Prism
 \Rightarrow Optical device (Glass)
 \Rightarrow To create virtual coherent source



D → Distance b/w virtual sources & screen

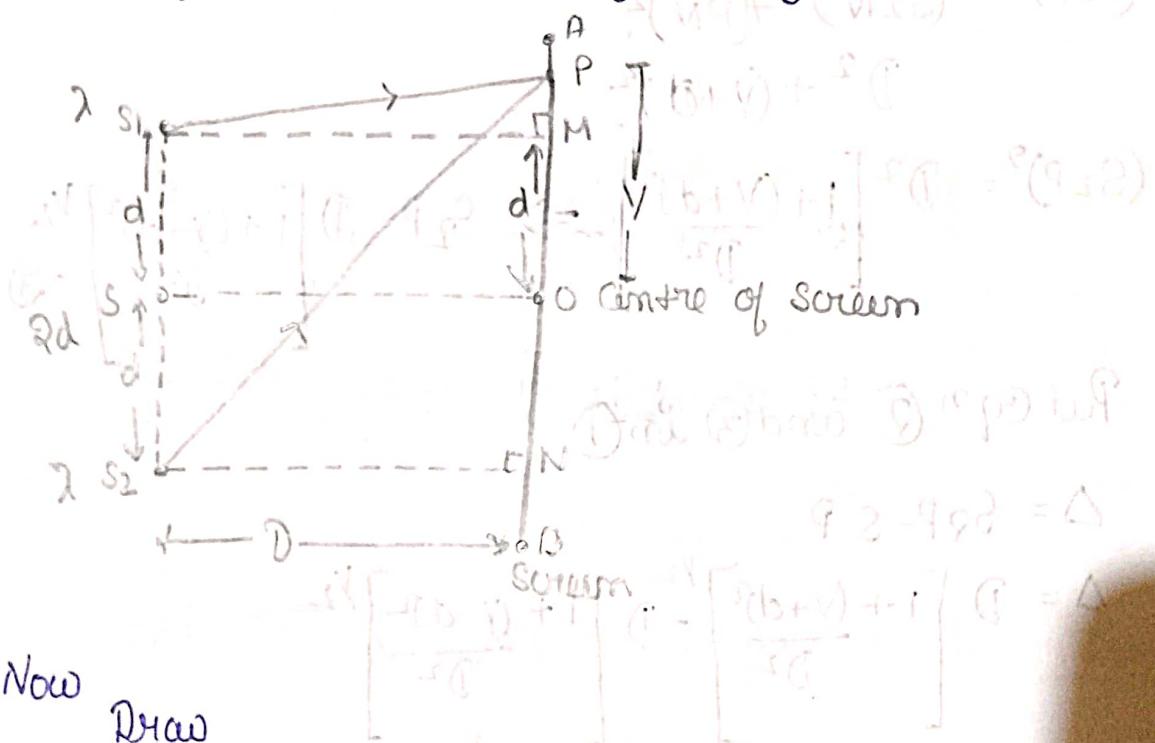
$$D = a + b$$

where

a = distance b/w Source & Biprism

b = distance b/w Biprism & Screen

→ To determine the position of dark & Bright fringes on screen using Biprism Expt or YDSE except and also find Expression of Fringe width :-



Now

Draw

\$S_1M \perp AB\$ (Screen)

\$S_2N \perp AB\$ ("")

\$SO \perp AB\$ ("")

$$S_1S_2 = 2d$$

D = Distance b/w set & screen

Path difference b/w light rays meeting at point P on screen

$$\Delta = S_2P - S_1P \quad (1)$$

from right angled \$\triangle S_1PM\$,

$$(S_1P)^2 = (S_1M)^2 + (PM)^2$$

$$(S_1P)^2 = D^2 + (y-d)^2$$

$$(S_1 P)^2 = [D^2 + (y-d)^2]$$

$$(S_1 P)^2 = D^2 \left[1 + \frac{(y-d)^2}{D^2} \right]$$

$$S_1 P = D \left[1 + \frac{(y-d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

- (2)

From $\Delta S_2 PN$

$$(S_2 P)^2 = (S_2 N)^2 + (PN)^2$$

$$= D^2 + (y+d)^2$$

$$(S_2 P)^2 = D^2 \left[1 + \frac{(y+d)^2}{D^2} \right] \Rightarrow S_2 P = D \left[1 + \frac{(y+d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

Put Eqn ② and ③ in ①

$$\Delta = S_2 P - S_1 P$$

$$\Delta = D \left[1 + \frac{(y+d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2} - D \left[1 + \frac{(y-d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta = D \left[\left[1 + \frac{(y+d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2} - \left[1 + \frac{(y-d)^2}{D^2} \right]^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\Delta = \underline{\underline{Q}}$$

Expanding Binomially, up to 1st term as $y \ll D$

$$= D \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(y+d)^2}{D^2} \right] - D \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(y-d)^2}{D^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{(y+d)^2}{2D} - \frac{(y-d)^2}{2D} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y^2 + d^2 + 2yd - y^2 - d^2 + 2yd}} \\ = \underline{\underline{2D}}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{2yd}{D}$$

-(9)

[using $(1+x)^n = 1+nx$]

Position of bright fringes (Points of constructive interference)

For constructive interference ; $\Delta = n\lambda$

$$\frac{2yd}{D} = n\lambda$$

where $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
(order)

Position of n^{th} bright fringe on screen from the centre

$$y = \frac{nD\lambda}{2d}$$

central fringe or zero order fringe ; $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$y_1 = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}, y_2 = \frac{2D\lambda}{2d}$$

Position of dark fringes (Points of destructive interference)

For destructive interference ; $\Delta = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}, n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\frac{2yd}{D} = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

position of dark fringes from centre

$$y = \frac{(2n-1)D\lambda}{4d}$$

-(6)

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$y_1 = (2x_1 - 1) \frac{D\lambda}{4d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D\lambda}{4d}$$

$$\therefore y_2 = \frac{3D\lambda}{4d}$$

Fringe width β :- The distance b/w two consecutive bright fringes and two consecutive dark fringes.

Bright

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$y_1 = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{2D\lambda}{2d}$$

If y_1 and y_2 are position of I & II bright fringes on screen,

$$\text{from eq.(5)} \quad y_1 = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}; \quad y_2 = \frac{2D\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\text{So fringe width } \beta = y_2 - y_1 = \frac{2D\lambda}{2d} - \frac{D\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}} \quad -(7)$$

If y_1 and y_2 are position of I & II dark fringes on screen, from eq.(6)

$$y_1 = \frac{D\lambda}{4d}, \quad y_2 = \frac{3D\lambda}{4d}$$

$$\beta = (y_2 - y_1) \Rightarrow \frac{2D\lambda}{4d} = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\beta = \frac{D\lambda}{2d}$$

$\beta \alpha D$

$\beta \alpha L$

$\beta \alpha 2$

no effect of n in β

Methods of determination of '2d'

a) Deviation method

(angle of deviation Prism)

$$2L = D \quad \text{or} \quad 2d = 180^\circ$$

$$\mu_{\text{air}} - 1 = \frac{180}{2d}$$

a = Distance b/w source & biprism

δ = Angle of deviation

d = distance b/w S and S_1

$$\tan \delta = \frac{d}{a}$$

Here

$$d \ll a$$

$$\tan \delta \approx \delta = \frac{d}{a}$$

Angle of deviation

$$\delta = (\mu - 1) \alpha$$

where μ = refractive index of biprism

$$\therefore \frac{d}{\alpha} = (N-1) \alpha$$

$$d = \alpha (N-1) \alpha$$

$$2d = 2\alpha (N-1) \alpha$$

Ques In biprism Qcp light of $\lambda = 5000\text{\AA}$ is incident on the biprism placed at a distance of 10cm from the source, if the distance b/w source and the screen is $(D) = 100\text{cm}$ find the fringe width for fringes formed on the screen.

If $N=1.5$ and $\alpha = 1^\circ$

Sol $\frac{3.14}{180} = 0.0174$

$$2d = 2 \times 10 (1.5 - 1) 0.0174$$

$$2d = 2 \times \frac{0.5}{10} \times 0.0174$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{0.0174}{1000}$$

$$2d = 0.0174$$

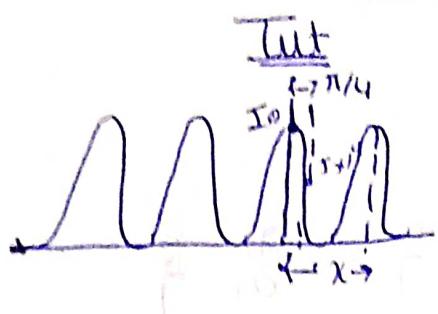
$$\beta = \frac{D \lambda}{2d} = \frac{100 \times 5000 \times 10^{-7}}{0.0174}$$

Ans

$$\beta = \frac{100 \times 5000 \times 10^{-7}}{0.0174}$$

$$= 0.02873 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

Ques 2



The phase difference between consecutive bright fringes is 2π

$$2n\pi$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

$$0 \leftarrow 2\pi$$

$$1 \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{x}$$

$$\frac{x}{4} - \frac{R\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{x}{4\lambda/2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\phi_1 = 0$$

$$\phi_2 = 2\pi$$

$$\phi_2 \sim \phi_1 = 2\pi$$

$$I_0 = a^2 + a^2 + 2 \cdot a \cdot a \cos 0^\circ = 4a^2$$

$$I_{x/4} = a^2 + a^2 + 2a \cdot a \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 2a^2$$

$$I_0 : I_{x/4} = \frac{4a^2 : 2a^2}{100 : 100} = 2 : 1 \text{ Ans}$$

Ques 3

$$I_{\max} - I_{\text{avg}} = \frac{5}{100} I_{\text{avg}}$$

$$I_{\text{avg}} = \frac{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}{2} \Rightarrow I_{\max} = I_{\text{avg}} + \frac{5}{100} I_{\text{avg}}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\max} = \frac{105}{100} I_{\text{avg}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 I_{\max} = 105 \left(\frac{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 200 I_{\max} = 105 I_{\max} + 105 I_{\min}$$

$$\Rightarrow 95 I_{\max} = 105 I_{\min}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\min}} = \frac{105}{95} \Rightarrow \frac{(a_1 + a_2)^2}{(a_1 - a_2)^2} = \frac{105}{95}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1 + a_2}{a_1 - a_2} = \frac{10.25}{9.75} \Rightarrow \frac{a_1 + a_2}{(a_1 + a_2) - a_1 + a_2} = \frac{20}{0.5} = 40$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{40}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{1600}{1}$$

$$\text{Ques 4} \quad \frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}} = \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2}$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{q}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2} = \frac{q}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{3}{1}$$

$$\frac{(a_1 + a_2)^2}{(a_1 - a_2)^2} = \frac{(3+1)^2}{(3-1)^2} = \frac{(4)^2}{(2)^2} = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$$\frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\min}} = 4$$

$$\therefore \frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}} = \frac{4-1}{4+1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$q = 7000 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{Ques 5} \quad \beta = \frac{\gamma_1}{2d}$$

$$\left[\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{against } m_1 \beta_1 = m_2 \beta_2} \therefore \left[\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Q(ii)}} \text{Q(ii)}$$

so using (i) & (ii)

$$\frac{m_2}{m_1} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \Rightarrow \therefore m_2 = \left(\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right) m_1$$

$$= \frac{7000}{5000} \times 10^{14} = 14 \times 10^{14}$$