



Constructive Interference

- Two sources are said to be Coherent if they produce waves having constant (with respect to time) phase difference.
- For Incoherent sources, phase difference varies with time.
- Two independent ordinary sources (like lamps) are incoherent sources.

Constructive Interference

$$\cos \phi = 1$$

$$\phi = 2n\pi$$

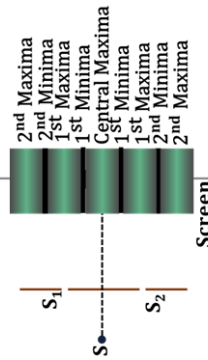
$$A_{\max} = (A_1 + A_2)$$

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

$$I_{\max} = 4I_0 \text{ (If same source of } I_0)$$

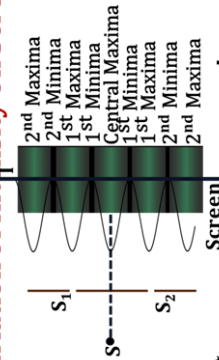
$$\Delta x = 0, \lambda, 2\lambda, 3\lambda, \dots = n\lambda$$

Fringe Width β'



$$\beta' = \frac{\lambda D}{d} \quad \text{Angular Fringe Width } \theta = \frac{\beta}{D} = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

Variation of Intensity on Screen

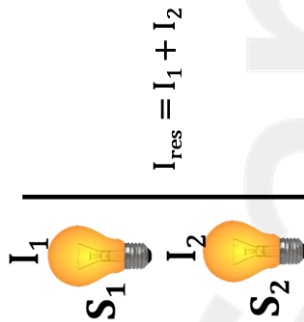


$$I_{\text{res}} = 4I_0 \cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2}$$

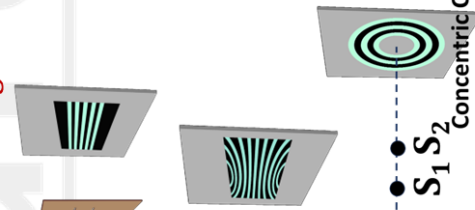
MIND MAP

Wave Optics

Incoherent Sources



Shape of Fringes



Interference of Waves

$$y_1 = A_1 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$y_2 = A_2 \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$$

By Superposition Principle

$$y_{\text{res}} = y_1 + y_2$$

$$(A_{\text{res}})^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos \phi$$

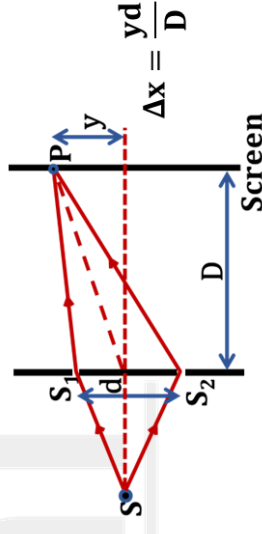
$$I \propto A^2$$

$$I_{\text{res}} = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1I_2} \cos \phi$$

If $I_1 = I_2 = I_0$, then

$$I_{\text{res}} = 4I_0 \cos^2 \left(\frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$

Young's Double Slit Experiment (YDSE)



d is distance between slits S_1 and S_2

D is distance between slit and screen

y	0	$\frac{\lambda D}{2d}$	$\frac{\lambda D}{d}$	$\frac{3\lambda D}{2d}$	$\frac{2\lambda D}{d}$
Max / Mina	Central Maxima	1st Minima	1st Maxima	2nd Minima	2nd Maxima

MIND MAP

Wave Optics

Thin Film Interference

a) Interference in Reflection

$$\Delta x_{\text{opt}} = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\text{air}} \rightarrow \text{Constructive}$$

$$2\mu t = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\text{air}} \rightarrow \text{Constructive}$$

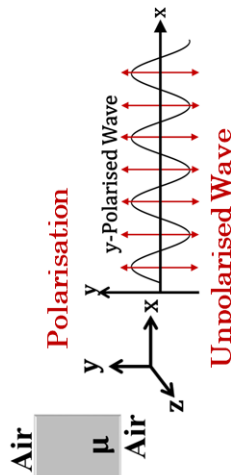
$$2\mu t = n\lambda_{\text{air}} \rightarrow \text{Destructive}$$

b) Interference in Transmission

$$(\Delta x)_{\text{opt}} = 2\mu t$$

$$2\mu t = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\text{air}} \rightarrow \text{Destructive}$$

$$2\mu t = n\lambda_{\text{air}} \rightarrow \text{Constructive}$$



$$(\Delta x)_{\text{opt}} = 2\mu t$$

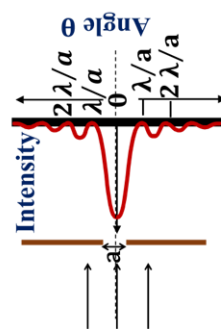
$$2\mu t = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda \rightarrow \text{Constructive}$$

$$2\mu t = n\lambda \rightarrow \text{Destructive}$$

Diffraction Through Single Slit

$$a\theta = n\lambda \quad \text{Minima}$$

$$a\theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda \quad \text{Maxima}$$



Resolving Power of Telescope

$$\text{R.P of Telescope} = \frac{1}{\Delta\theta_{\text{min}}} = \frac{D}{1.22\lambda}$$

D = Diameter of Objective Lens.

Resolving Power of Microscope

$$\text{R.P of Microscope} = \frac{1}{d_{\text{min}}}$$

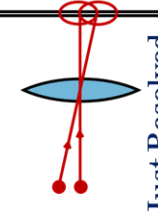
$$d_{\text{min}} = \frac{1.22\lambda}{2\sin\beta} = \frac{1.22\lambda}{2\sin\beta}$$

$$d_{\text{min}} = \frac{1.22\lambda}{2\mu\sin\beta} \quad \tan\beta = \frac{D}{2u}$$

Resolution of Optical Instruments

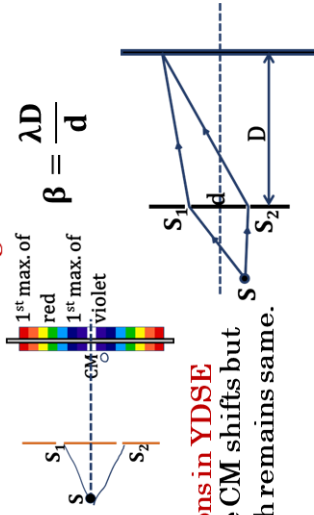
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$$\Delta\theta_{\text{min}} = \frac{1.22\lambda}{D}$$



Just Resolved

YDSE with white light

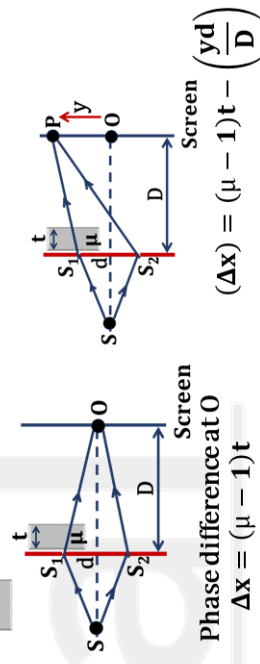


$$\beta = \frac{\lambda d}{D}$$

Variations in YDSE

In this case CM shifts but fringe width remains same.

$$\text{Optical path} = \mu t$$

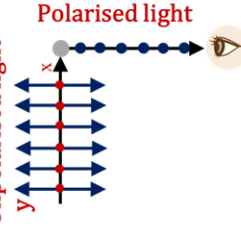


$$\Delta x = (\mu - 1)t$$

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda_{\text{air}} D}{d} \quad \text{No change}$$

Polarisation by Scattering

Unpolarised light



Polarisation by Reflection

$$\tan(i_B) = \mu$$

Brewster's Law

$$i_B = \tan^{-1} \mu$$

$$i_B + r = 90^\circ$$