

UNIT III

(Interference & Diffraction)

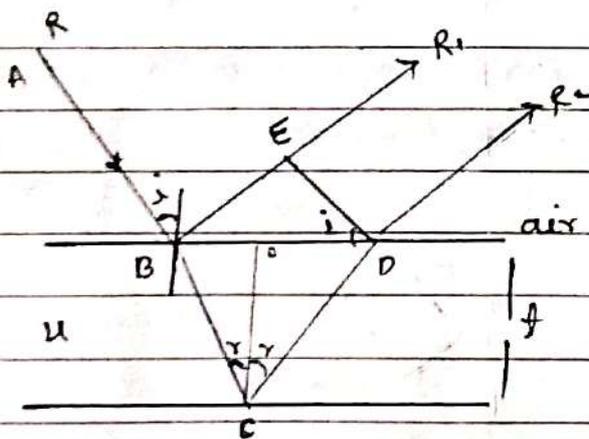
Interference: Special redistribution of intensity due to superposition of two waves with constant phase difference.

Coherent Source: The two source of light said to be coherent if they emit light which have always constant phase difference.

* Coherent source are obtained

- a) Division of wave front (by slit method)
- b) Division of amplitude (by thin film)

Interference in thin film due to reflected ray:



Path diff b/w two rays (R_1 & R_2)

$$\Delta = \mu (BC + CD) - BE \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\because \angle BED$$

$$\sin i = BD \sin r$$

$$\Delta = \mu (BC + CD) - BD \sin i$$

$$\Delta = \mu (BC + CD) - (OB + OD) \sin i \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

In $\triangle BOC$ & $\triangle ODC$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{OC}{BC}$$

$$BC = \frac{OC}{\cos \gamma}$$

$$\left[BC = \frac{t}{\cos \gamma} \right]$$

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{OB}{OC}$$

$$OB = OC \tan \gamma$$

$$\left[OB = t \tan \gamma \right]$$

Similarly

$$\left[OD = t \tan \gamma \right]$$

Similarly

$$\left[CD = \frac{t}{\cos \gamma} \right]$$

Therefore eqn (2) becomes.

$$\Delta = \mu \left(\frac{t}{\cos \gamma} + \frac{t}{\cos \gamma} \right) - (t \tan \gamma + t \tan \gamma) \sin \gamma$$

$$\Delta = \frac{2\mu t}{\cos \gamma} - 2t \tan \gamma \mu \sin \gamma$$

$$\Delta = \frac{2\mu t}{\cos \gamma} - 2t \frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \mu \sin \gamma \quad \left(\because \mu = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \right)$$

$$\Delta = \frac{2\mu t}{\cos \gamma} (1 - \sin^2 \gamma)$$

$$\Delta = \frac{2\mu t}{\cos \gamma} \cos^2 \gamma$$

$$\left[\Delta = 2\mu t \cos \gamma \right]$$

According to Stokes Law

$$\therefore \text{The total p-d} = \Delta \pm \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\left[\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2d \cos \theta \pm \frac{\lambda}{2} \right]$$

Condition 1. Constructive interference

$$\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2nd$$

$$2nd \cos \theta \pm \frac{\lambda}{2} = 2nd$$

$$\left[2nd \cos \theta = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2} \right] \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

⊙ Destructive Interference

$$\Delta_{\text{eff}} = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

for dark

$$2nd \cos \theta \pm \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\left[2nd \cos \theta = n\lambda \right] \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Note: When $\theta = 0$ the path difference is $d/2$ so condition of minimum intensity is satisfied.

Q. A parallel beam of sodium light of wavelength 5880 \AA is incident on a ~~thin~~ thin glass plate of refractive index 1.5 such that the angle of refraction in the plate is 60° . Calculate the minimum thickness of the plate which will make it appear dark by reflection.

$$\lambda = 5880 \text{ \AA}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$n = 1.5$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ$$

for dark fringe $n=1$

$$2\mu t \cos r = n\lambda$$

$$t = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu \cos r} = \frac{1 \times 5880 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1.5 \times \cos 60^\circ}$$

$$[t = 3920 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}]$$

Q. Calculate the thickness of the least film ($\mu=1.4$) in which interference of violet component $\lambda=4000 \text{ \AA}$ of normal incidence of light can take place by reflection.

$$\mu = 1.4 \quad \lambda = 4000 \text{ \AA} = 4000 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 4000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$r = 0$$

$$2\mu t \cos r = n\lambda$$

$$t = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu \cos r} = \frac{1 \times 4000 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1.4 \times \cos 0}$$

$$2\mu t \cos r = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{(2n-1)\lambda}{2 \times 1.4 \times 2 \cos r}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 4000 \times 10^{-8}}{4 \times 1.4 \times \cos 0}$$

$$[t = 714.28 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}]$$

strike

A parallel beam of sodium light $\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA}$ strike a film of oil floating on water. when viewed and angle of 30° from the normal 8th dark band is seen. determine the thickness of the film. Effective index of oil $= 1.5$

Sol.

$$\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA} = 5890 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$i = 30^\circ$$

$$n = 8$$

$$2\mu t \cos r = \frac{n\lambda}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{n\lambda}{2\mu \cos r} = \frac{8 \times 5890 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1.5 \times \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

$$\sin r = \frac{\sin i}{\mu}$$

$$\cos r = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 r}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sin i}{\mu}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sin 30}{1.5}\right)^2}$$

$$\cos r = 0.94$$

$$t = \frac{8 \times 5890 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1.5 \times 0.943}$$

$$t = 1.665 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$$

A soap film of reflective index 1.43 is illuminated by white light incident at angle of 30° . The reflected light is examined by spectroscopy in which dark-band corresponding to the wavelength $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ is observed. Calculate the thickness of the film.

Sol

$$\mu = 1.43 \quad \lambda = 6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$$

$$i = 30^\circ$$

$$r = 30^\circ$$

$$2\mu t \cos r = n\lambda$$

$$t = \frac{1 \times 6 \times 10^{-5}}{2 \times 1.43 \times \cos 30^\circ}$$

$$t = \frac{1 \times 6 \times 10^{-5}}{2 \times 1.43 \times 0.866}$$

$$[t = 2.60 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}]$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

$$\sin r = \frac{\sin i}{\mu}$$

$$\cos r = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sin i}{\mu}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sin 30^\circ}{1.43}\right)^2}$$

$$\cos r = 0.80$$

Q. Light of wavelength 5893 \AA is reflected at nearly normal incident from a soap film of reflective index $\mu = 1.42$. What is the least thickness of the film that will appear first

① Dark ② bright

$$\mu = 1.42$$

$$\lambda = 5893 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$r = 0$$

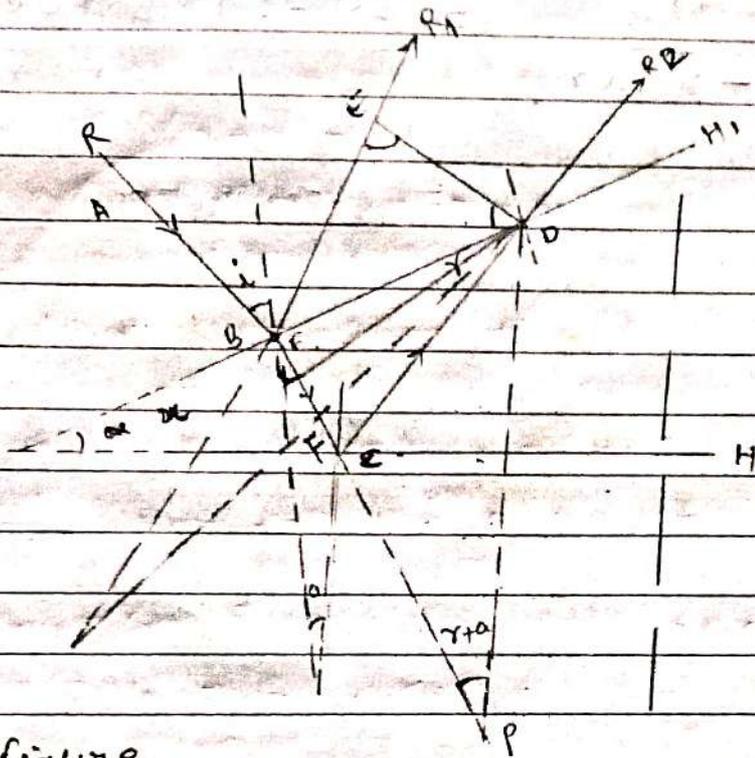
for dark

$$2\mu t \cos r = n\lambda$$

$$t = \frac{5893 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1.42 \times \cos 0} = 2075 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$= 2.075 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

Interference due to wedge shaped film:-



from figure

$$\therefore BE = \mu FB$$

$$\therefore CD = CP$$

$$\cos(r + \alpha) = \frac{FP}{PD} = \frac{FP}{2t}$$

$$FP = 2t \cos(r + \alpha)$$

P.D b/w two rays (R_1 & R_2)

$$\Delta = \mu(BC + CD) - BE$$

$$= \mu(FB + FC + CD) - \mu FB$$

$$= \mu(FC + CD)$$

$$= \mu[FC + CP]$$

$$[\Delta = \mu FP]$$

$$\left[\Delta = 2\mu t \cos(r + \alpha) \right]$$

According to Stokes law.

$$\text{The total p.d} = \Delta + \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\left[\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2nt \cos(\gamma + \alpha) + \frac{d}{2} \right]$$

Condition. Constructive interference

$$\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2nd$$

$$2nt \cos(\gamma + \alpha) + \frac{d}{2} = 2nd$$

$$2nt \cos(\gamma + \alpha) = (2n-1) \frac{d}{2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

② Destructive interference

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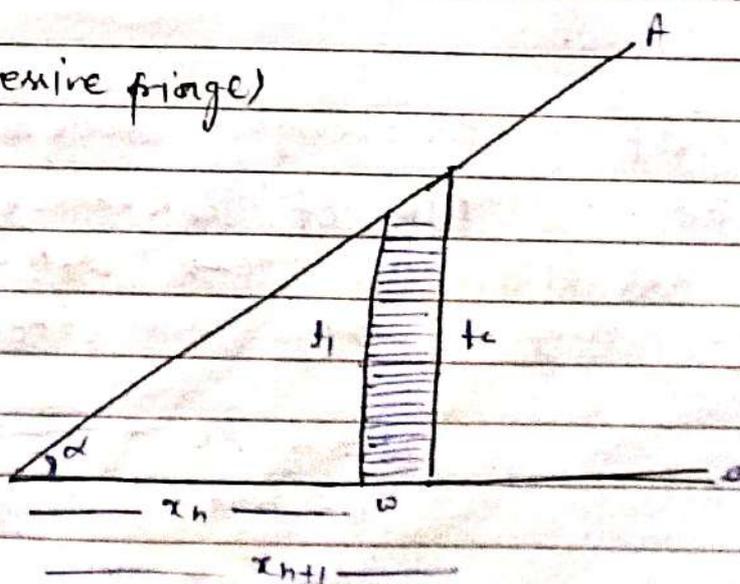
$$\left[2nt \cos(\gamma + \alpha) = nd \right] \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Fringe width (w):

(space b/w two successive fringe)

from fig $\tan \alpha = \frac{t_1}{x_n}$

$$t_1 = x_n \tan \alpha$$



Similarly

$$d_2 = x_{n+1} \tan \alpha$$

for dark fringe

$$2x \cos(\gamma + \alpha) = n\lambda$$

for normal incident $\gamma = 0$

$$2x \cos \alpha = n\lambda$$

$$\therefore 2x_n \tan \alpha \cos \alpha = n\lambda \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly

$$2x_{n+1} \tan \alpha \cos \alpha = (n+1)\lambda \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from eqn (1) & (2) we get

$$2x(x_{n+1} - x_n) \tan \alpha \cos \alpha = (n+1)\lambda - n\lambda$$

$$2x \omega \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cos \alpha = \lambda$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \frac{\lambda}{2x \sin \alpha}}$$

\therefore $\sin \alpha \approx \alpha$ in rad

$$\boxed{\omega = \frac{\lambda}{2x \alpha}}$$

Q. Light of wavelength 6000 \AA falls normally on a thin wedge. film of refractive index 1.4 forming fringes that are 2.0 mm apart. A part find the angle wedge in second.

$$\lambda = 6000 \text{ \AA} = 6000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$\mu = 1.4$$

$$r = 0.20 \text{ cm}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi r}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2\omega r}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{6000 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 0.20 \times 1.4}$$

$$= \frac{10.71 \times 10^{-5} \times 180}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha = 0.0061^\circ$$

$$x = 0.0061 \times 60 \times 60$$

$$x = 21.96 \text{ sec}$$

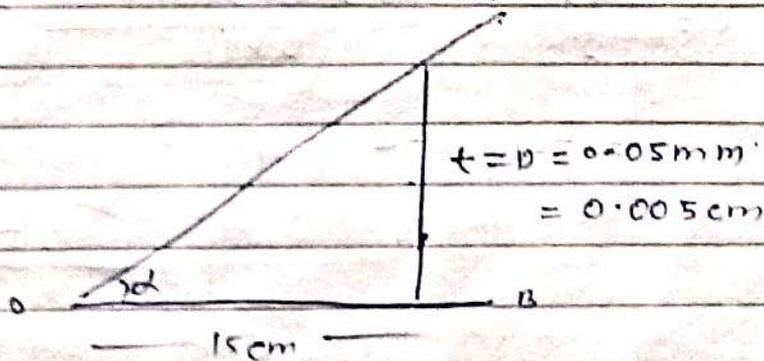
Q. Two glass plate inclose a wedeg shap air film, touching at one edge and are separated by a wire of 0.05 mm diameter at a distance of 15 cm from the edge. Caculate the fringe width.

($\lambda = 6000 \text{ \AA}$) from a rod source false normally on their film.

Solⁿ

$$\lambda = 6000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$\mu = 1$$



$$\alpha = \frac{A \times C}{\text{radius}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{0.005}{15}$$

$$w = \frac{\lambda}{2n\alpha}$$

$$w = \frac{6000 \times 10^{-8} \times 1.5}{2 \times 1 \times 0.005}$$

$$w = 0.9 \quad [w = 0.09 \text{ cm}]$$

Q To plane glass surface in contact along one edge are separated at the opposite edge by a thin wire if 20 interference fringes are observed b/w these edges in sodium light of $\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA}$ of normal incident. find the diameter of thin wire.

Soln.

$$\lambda = 5890 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$n = 20$$

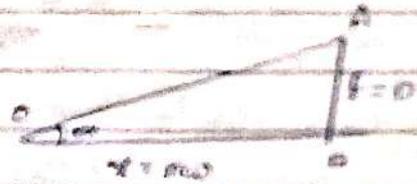
$$\alpha = \frac{t}{x} = \frac{D}{nw}$$

$$w = \frac{\lambda}{2n\alpha}$$

$$w = \frac{\lambda n}{2n\alpha}$$

$$D = \frac{n\lambda}{2n} = \frac{20 \times 5890 \times 10^{-8}}{2 \times 1}$$

$$[D = 5.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}]$$

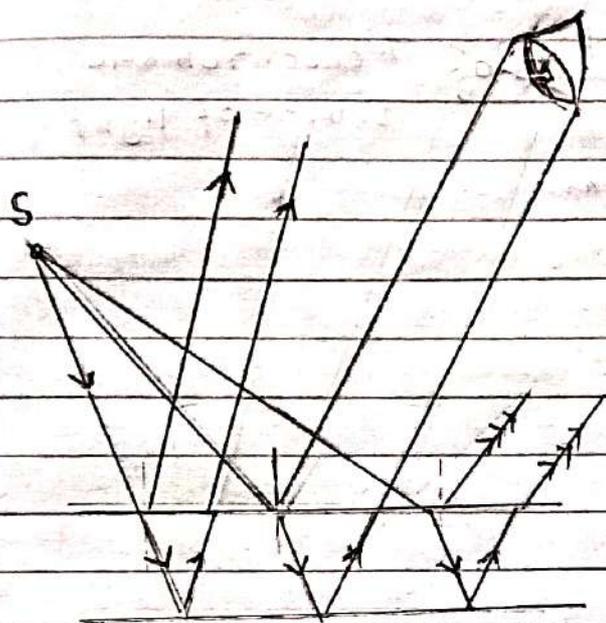


Necessity of extended sources:-

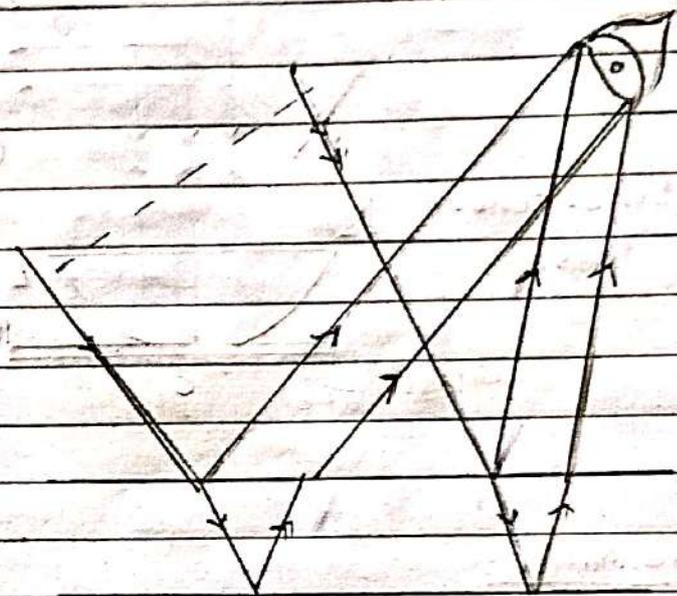
simultaneously by keeping the eye at one place only due to extended source.

The entire film can be viewed

the eye at one place only due

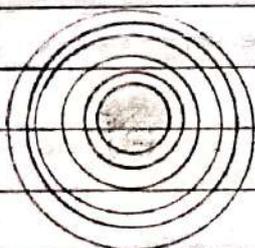


(a)

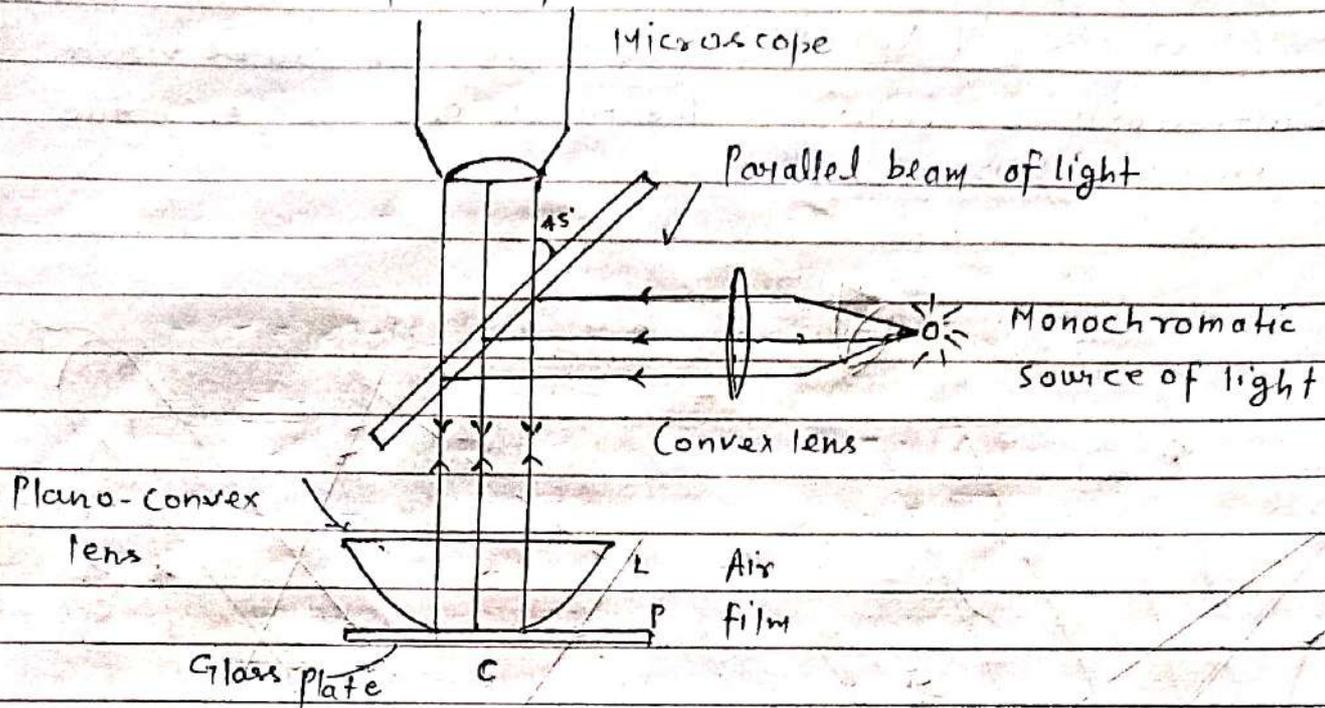


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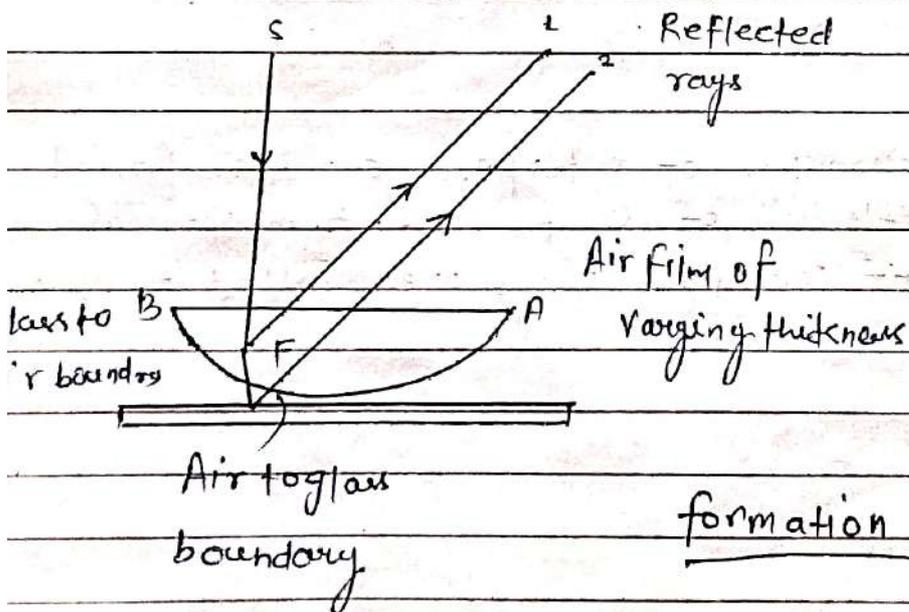
Newton's rings: The phenomenon of interference pattern formed by the reflection of light waves from spherical surface in the form of concentric rings are called Newton's rings.



Experimental setup:



formation:



formation of Newton's rings:

So, the effective path diff b/w two rays

$$\left[\mu_{eff} = 2\mu t \cos r \pm \frac{\lambda}{2} \right]$$

for normal incidence. $\theta = 0$

$$\left[\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2\mu t + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right]$$

Condition 1. Bright rings.

$$\Delta_{\text{eff}} = 2n\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$2\mu t + \frac{\lambda}{2} = 2n\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\left[2\mu t = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2} \right] \quad n=1, 2, 3$$

2. Dark rings.

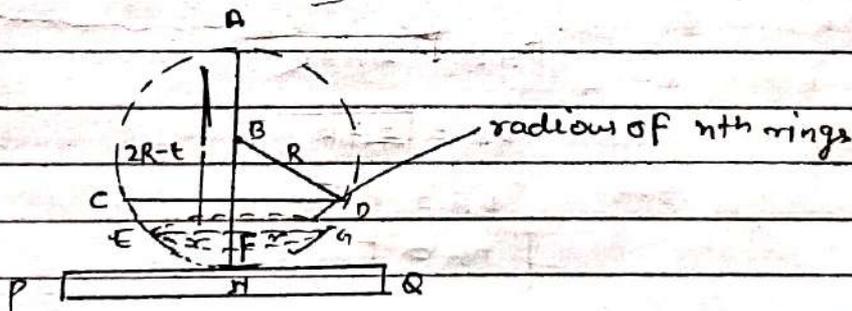
$$\Delta_{\text{eff}} = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$2\mu t - \frac{\lambda}{2} = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\left[2\mu t = n\lambda \right] \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Imp

Diameters of bright and dark rings:



from property of circle

$$FG \times EF = FH \times AF$$

$$r \times r = t \times (2R - t)$$

$$r^2 = 2Rt - t^2$$

$$\therefore t \ll R \quad \text{then} \quad 2Rt - t^2 = 2Rt$$

$$r^2 = 2Rt$$

$$\left[t = \frac{r^2}{2R} \right]$$

\therefore for air film $\mu = 1$

① for Bright rings

$$D_n^2 = 2(2n-1)hR$$

$$D_n = \sqrt{2(2n-1)hR}$$

$$2\mu t = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$D_n = \sqrt{2hR} \sqrt{(2n-1)}$$

$$\frac{2\mu r_n^2}{2R} = (2n-1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$D_n = k \sqrt{(2n-1)}$$

$$r_n^2 = \frac{(2n-1)hR}{2\mu}$$

$$\left[D_n \propto \sqrt{(2n-1)} \right] \quad n=1,2,3$$

$$\frac{D_n^2}{4} = \frac{(2n-1)hR}{2\mu}$$

$$\left[D_n^2 = \frac{2(2n-1)hR}{\mu} \right]$$

② for Dark rings

$$2\mu t = n\lambda$$

$$D_n = \sqrt{4n\lambda R}$$

$$\frac{2\mu r_n^2}{2R} = n\lambda$$

$$D_n = \sqrt{4\lambda R} \sqrt{n}$$

$$r_n^2 = \frac{n\lambda R}{\mu}$$

$$D_n = k \sqrt{n}$$

$$\left[D_n \propto \sqrt{n} \right]$$

$$\frac{D_n^2}{4} = \frac{n\lambda R}{\mu}$$

$$\left[D_n^2 = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\mu} \right]$$

for air film $\mu = 1$

$$D_n^2 = 4n\lambda R$$

Determination of wavelength of Sodium Light: If D_n and D_{n+p} be the diameter of n th and $(n+p)$ th dark rings respectively.

$$D_n^2 = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\mu}$$

$$D_n^2 = 4n\lambda R \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly,

$$D_{n+p}^2 = 4(n+p)\lambda R \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Subtracting eqn (1) from eqn (2) we get

$$D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = 4(n+p)\lambda R - 4n\lambda R$$

$$D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = 4p\lambda R$$

$$\lambda = \frac{D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2}{4pR}$$

n = No of rings

p = No of integer

R = radius of curvature

Determination of Refractive index of liquids.

If D_n and D_{n+p} be the diameter of n th and $(n+p)$ th dark rings respectively (for air film)

$$D_n^2 = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\mu}$$

$$D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = 4p\lambda R \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If D_n and D_{n+p} be the diameter of n th and $(n+p)$ th dark rings respectively (for liquid film)

$$D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = \frac{4p\lambda R}{\mu'} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Dividing eqn (1) we get

$$\left[\frac{D_{n+1}^2 - D_n^2}{D_{n+1}^2 - D_n^2} = \lambda' \right]$$

Numerical

Q. Newton's ring are observed normally, in reflected light of wavelength 6000 \AA . The diameter of the 10th dark ring is 0.50 cm . Find the radius of curvature of the lens & the thickness of the film.

Sol. $\lambda = 6000 \text{ \AA} = 6000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$ $n = 10$
 $D = 0.50 \text{ cm}$ $R = ?$ $t = ?$

$$D_n^2 = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\lambda}$$

$$R = D_n^2 \dots$$

Q. In Newton's ring experiment the diameter of 4th & 12th dark ring are 0.400 cm and 0.700 cm respectively. Reduce the diameter of 20th dark ring.

Soln. $D_4 = 0.400 \text{ cm}$, $D_{12} = 0.700 \text{ cm}$

$$\therefore D_{n+p}^2 - D_n^2 = 4p\lambda R$$

$$\therefore D_{12}^2 - D_4^2 = 4 \times 8 \times \lambda R \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly

$$D_{20}^2 - D_4^2 = 4 \times 16 \times \lambda R \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Divide (2) by (1) we get

$$\frac{D_{20}^2 - D_4^2}{D_{12}^2 - D_4^2} = 2$$

$$D_{20}^2 - D_4^2 = 2D_{12}^2 - 2D_4^2$$

$$D_{20}^2 = 2D_1^2 - D_4^2 \Rightarrow 2 \times (0.7)^2 - (0.4)^2$$

$$[D_{20}^2 = 0.906 \text{ cm}]$$

Q. In Newton's ring experiment spacing b/w the consecutive rings decreases the increasing order of rings explain?

Ans. $D_n = \sqrt{4n\lambda R}$

$$D_1 = \sqrt{4\lambda R}$$

$$D_1 = 2\sqrt{\lambda R}$$

$$D_4 = 4\sqrt{\lambda R}$$

$$[D_4 - D_1 = 2\sqrt{\lambda R}] \text{ (NO of rings 3)}$$

Also $D_9 = 6\sqrt{\lambda R}$

$$D_{16} = 8\sqrt{\lambda R}$$

$$[D_{16} - D_9 = 2\sqrt{\lambda R}] \text{ NO of rings 7}$$

Q. what will happen when if a liquid introducing b/w plate and lens on Newton's ring.

Ans. The diameter of rings is reduce by a factor of $\sqrt{\mu}$.

Proof Since diameter of dark ring in air medium.

$$(D_n)_{\text{air}} = \sqrt{4n\lambda R} \text{ --- (1)}$$

In liquid medium

$$(D_n)^2 \text{ liquid} = \frac{4n\lambda R}{\mu} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Divide eqn (2) / (1) we get

$$\frac{(D_n)^2 \text{ liquid}}{D_n^2 \text{ air}} = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$\left[(D_n) \text{ liquid} = \frac{(D_n) \text{ air}}{\sqrt{\mu}} \right]$$

Q. Why is the center of the Newton's rings dark?

Am. At the point of center $t=0$, the effective path difference = $\frac{\lambda}{2}$, this is the condition of minimum intensity. Hence center of the ring appears dark.

Q. Why are Newton ring circular?

Am. Because these rings are foci of constant thickness of the air film. And these foci being complete circle hence rings are circular.

Q. On what factor does the diameter of rings depend?

Am. (1) Refractive index of medium.

(2) Radius of curvature.

(3) wavelength of light.

Q. Why do you use a standard source of light?

Am. The entire film can be viewed simultaneously by keeping the eye at one place only due to extended source.