

- Interference: "superposition of two or more waves that results in a new wave pattern".

at P. \vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2

$$I_p = \langle (\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2) \cdot (\vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2) \rangle = \langle \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_1 \rangle + \langle \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{E}_2 \rangle + 2 \langle \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2 \rangle$$

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_{12}$$

Intensity at P is the time average of the square of the field amplitude.
 $I = \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} \rangle$

I_{12} - interference term.

$$\vec{E}_1 = \vec{A}_1 \cos(\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_1 t + \phi_1) \quad \vec{E}_2 = \vec{A}_2 \cos(\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = I_1 + I_2 + I_{12} = I_1 + I_2 + 2 \langle \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2 \rangle = I_1 + I_2 + 2 \vec{A}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_2 \cos \phi$$

$$\phi = [(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \cdot \vec{r} + (\phi_1 - \phi_2) - (\omega_1 - \omega_2)t]$$

The condition for interference -

- (1) $\omega_1 = \omega_2$ if $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2, (\omega_1 - \omega_2) \neq 0 \quad \langle \cos(\omega_1 t - \omega_2 t + \alpha) \rangle = 0$
- (2) $\vec{A}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_2 \neq 0, \vec{E}_1 \not\perp \vec{E}_2$ Polarization of the two waves - not perpendicular.
- (3) $\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \text{constant}$, ϕ_i cannot change randomly with time, correlated or coherent.

Phase difference

$$\phi = [(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \cdot \vec{r} + (\phi_1 - \phi_2)] \quad I \propto |\cos \phi|^2$$

- Young's two-slit interference experiment

Phase difference

$$\phi = k(r_2 - r_1) \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \frac{x}{D}$$

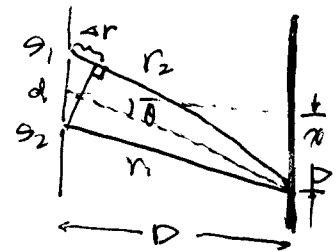
$$I = 2I_0 + 2I_0 \cos \phi$$

$$\phi = 2m\pi, \quad \cos \phi = 1 \text{ max} \quad I_{\text{max}} = 4I_0, \quad \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \frac{x}{D} = 2m\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{m\lambda D}{d} \quad (m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots) \quad \text{bright fringe with order}$$

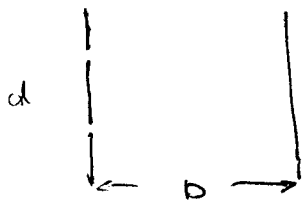
$$\phi = 2m\pi + \pi \quad \cos \phi = -1 \text{ min} \quad I_{\text{min}} = 0, \quad \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \frac{x}{D} = (2m+1)\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(m+\frac{1}{2})\lambda D}{d} \quad (m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots) \quad \text{dark fringe}$$



Example: ① Na light $\lambda_1 = 589.0 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_2 = 589.6 \text{ nm}$.

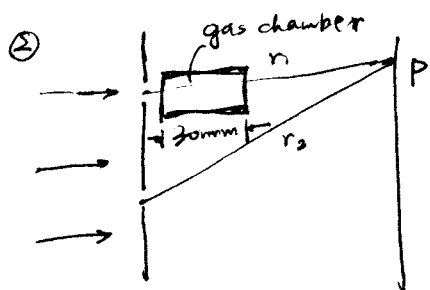
$d = 1 \text{ mm}$, $D = 1 \text{ m}$



What is the separation between the 10th order bright fringes of these two wavelengths?

$x_1 = \frac{10 \lambda_1 D}{d}$, $x_2 = \frac{10 \lambda_2 D}{d}$

$\Delta x = |x_1 - x_2| = \frac{10 D}{d} |\lambda_1 - \lambda_2| = 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$



before: air in the gas chamber \rightarrow stable interference pattern.

then: replace air with another gas of n .
 \rightarrow pattern moved by 25 fringes.

$\lambda = 656.28 \text{ nm}$ $n_0 = 1.000276$

$n?$

$\delta \rightarrow \delta + \Delta\delta$ $0 = \delta_0 \rightarrow$ zeroth order bright fringe
 $\Delta\delta = k(n - n_0) \cdot l$ $25 \cdot 2\pi = \delta_0 + \Delta\delta \rightarrow$ 25th order bright fringe.
 \downarrow
 $m = 25$

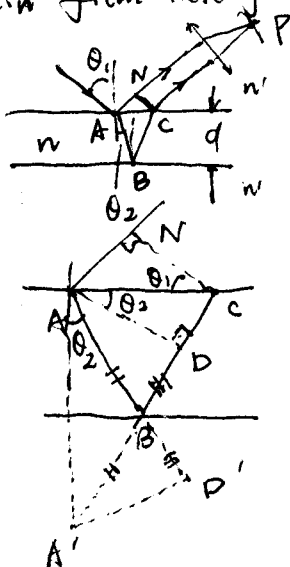
$\Delta\delta = k(n - n_0)l = 2m\pi = 50\pi$

$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(n - n_0)l = 2m\pi = 50\pi$

$(n - n_0)l = 25\lambda \Rightarrow n = \frac{25\lambda}{l} + n_0$

$= 1.0008229$

- Thin film interference



$I(P) = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos k \cdot \Delta$

$\Delta = n(AB + BC) - n'AN$

$= 2nd \cos \theta_2$

\Leftarrow Interference of equal inclination

$n(AB + BC) - n'AN$

$n'AN = n'AC \cdot \sin \theta_1 = AC \cdot n \sin \theta_2 = n \cdot DC$

$n(AB + BC) - n'AN = n \cdot AB + n \cdot BP$

$= n \cdot AD' = n \cdot AA' \cdot \cos \theta_2$

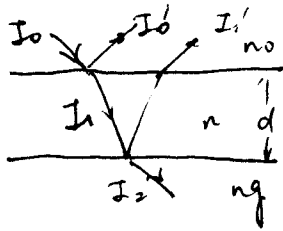
$= 2nd \cos \theta_2$

$\Delta = 2nd \cos \theta_2 + \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \leftarrow$ additional phase shift due to reflection ($n_0 > n_1$)

$k \cdot \Delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot (2nd \cos \theta_2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}) = 2m\pi$, bright fringe

$= (2m+1)\pi$, dark fringe

- Anti-reflection coating



$$R_0 = \left(\frac{n-n_0}{n+n_0}\right)^2 \quad I_0' = R_0 I_0$$

$$R_g = \left(\frac{n_g-n}{n_g+n}\right)^2 \quad I_1' = I_0 R_g$$

$$I = 0 \quad I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos k \cdot d$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left(\frac{n-n_0}{n+n_0}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{n_g-n}{n_g+n}\right)^2 \Rightarrow n = \sqrt{n_0 n_g}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f = 2nd \cdot k = \frac{4\pi nd}{\lambda} = (2m+1)\pi \quad m = 0, 1, 2$$

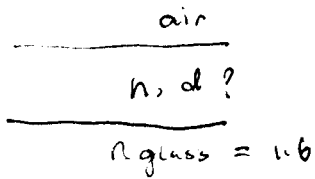
$$nd = \frac{\lambda}{4}, \frac{3\lambda}{4}, \frac{5\lambda}{4}$$

Example:

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$n_{\text{glass}} = 1.6$$

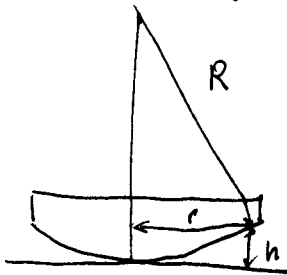
$$\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$$



$$n = \sqrt{n_0 \cdot n_{\text{glass}}} = 1.26$$

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{4n} = \underline{98.82 \text{ nm}}$$

- Newton Ring.



$$\delta = 2nh + \pi = (2m+1)\pi \quad m\text{th dark ring}$$

$$\frac{2nh}{\lambda} (2nh + \frac{\lambda}{2}) = (2m+1)\pi$$

$$2nh + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{2m+1}{2} \lambda$$

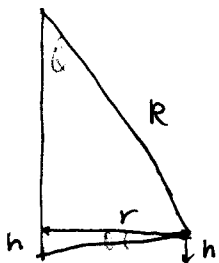
$$nh = m\lambda$$

$$n_{\text{air}} = 1$$

Example: Prove that $R = \frac{r^2}{N\lambda}$

N is the N th order dark fringe (ring)

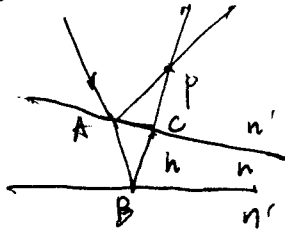
r is the radius of the N th dark ring to the center.



$$\frac{r}{h} = \frac{R}{r} \Rightarrow r^2 = Rh$$

$$R = \frac{r^2}{h} = \frac{r^2}{N\lambda}$$

- Interference of equal thickness



$$\Delta = 2nh \cos \theta_2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$



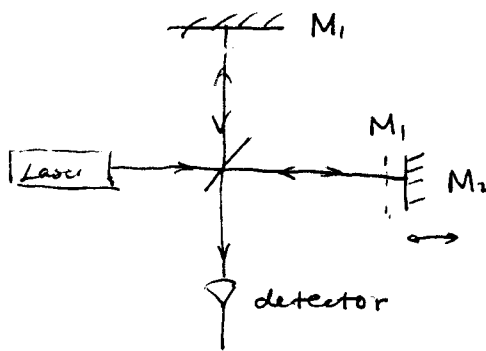
$$\Delta = m\lambda \quad \text{bright fringe}$$

$$\Delta = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda \quad \text{dark fringe}$$

from one fringe to its neighbor,
 $\Delta x = e$

$$\text{angle } \alpha = \frac{\Delta h}{e} = \frac{\lambda}{2ne}$$

- Michelson Interferometer



M_2 moves by $\frac{\lambda}{2}$, $I_{\max} \rightarrow I_{\min} \rightarrow I_{\max}$

① If two mirrors are perfectly flat and are perfectly perpendicular

② If one of the mirrors is tilted

③ If one of the mirror is not flat

④ If the incident light is spherical wave,

what will the interference pattern be?