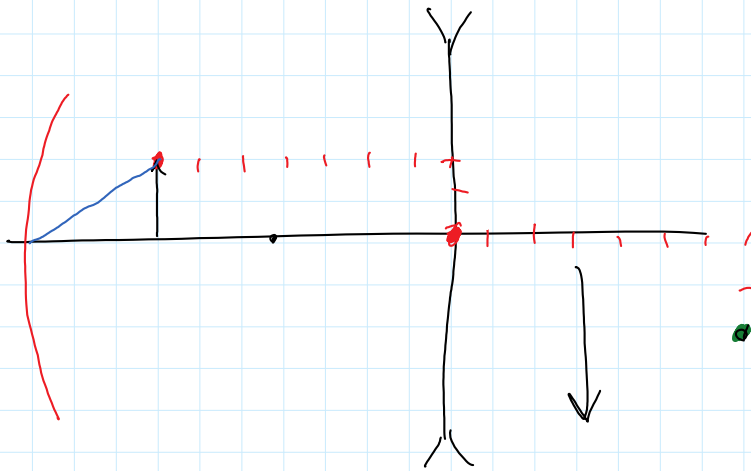


Interference  
Polarization

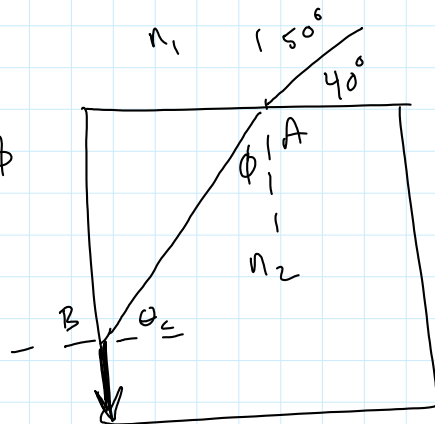


A

$$n_1 \sin 50^\circ = n_2 \sin \phi$$

$$\sin 50^\circ = n_2 \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\sin 50^\circ}{\sin \phi} = n_2$$



B

$$n_2 \sin \theta_c = n_1 \sin 90^\circ$$

$$n_2 \sin \theta_c = 1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\theta_c = 90^\circ - \phi$$

$$n_2 \sin(90^\circ - \phi) = 1$$

$$n_2 \cos \phi = 1$$

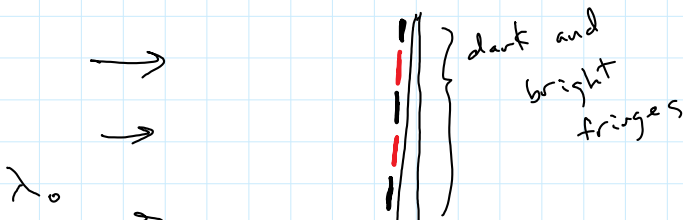
$$n_2 = \frac{1}{\cos \phi}$$

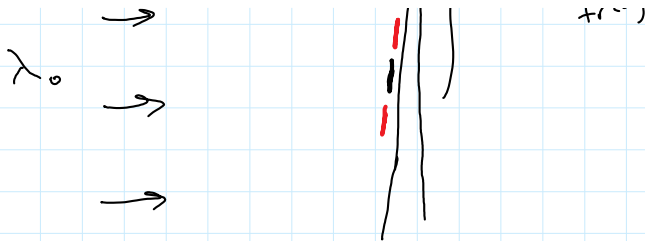
$$\tan \phi = \sin 50^\circ$$

$$\phi = 37.45^\circ$$

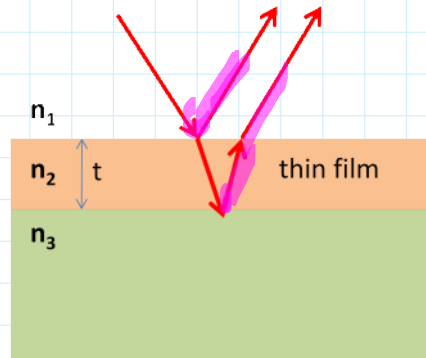
$$n_2 = 1.26$$

Thin film interference





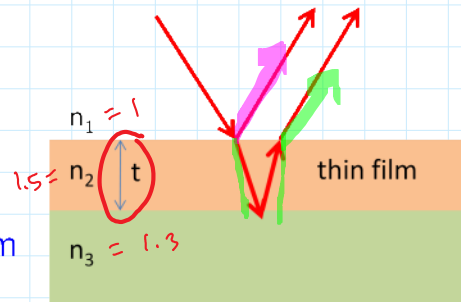
Light of wavelength  $\lambda$  falls almost perpendicularly on a thin film with index of refraction  $n_2$  and thickness  $t$ . Below the thin film is an infinitely thick layer with index of refraction  $n_3$ . Which of the following equations would give **destructive** interference if  $n_3 > n_2 > n_1$ ? ( $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  are the wavelengths of the light in the medium with index of refraction  $n_1, n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively.)



$$\Delta p = 2t = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{film}$$

1.  $2t = \sim 0$
2.  $2t = 1/2 \lambda_1$
3.  $2t = \lambda_1$
4.  $2t = 1/2 \lambda_2$
5.  $2t = \lambda_2$
6. Answers 1 and 2.

Light of wavelength 500nm falls almost perpendicularly on a thin film with index of refraction  $n_2$ . Below the film is an infinitely thick layer with index of refraction  $n_3$ . If  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $n_2 = 1.5$ , and  $n_3 = 1.3$ , what is the minimum film thickness to get destructive interference?



1. 500 nm
2. 500 nm/1.5
3. 500 nm/1.3
4. 500 nm/2
5. 500 nm/3
6.  $\sim 0$
7. No destructive interference can occur under this conditions.

Be careful! This time  $n_2 > n_3$

phase shifted, so  $\Delta path = m\lambda$  for destructive ( $m=1$  for min thickness)

$$2t = (1) \lambda_{film}$$

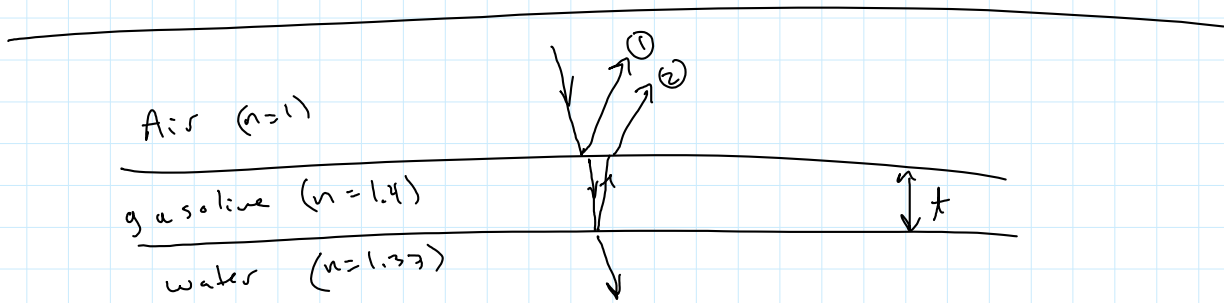
$$2t = \frac{\lambda}{n_2}$$

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

can occur under these conditions.

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{500 \text{ nm}}{2 (1.5)}$$



ray 1 → phase change

ray 2 → no phase change, but path difference

want destructive interference of red light ( $\lambda = 700 \text{ nm}$  in air) → find minimum  $d$

(path difference) + (Net phase changes) = multiple of  $\lambda$  or  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$

constructive → destructive

$$2d + \frac{\lambda_{\text{film}}}{2} = (m + \frac{1}{2}) \lambda_{\text{film}} \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

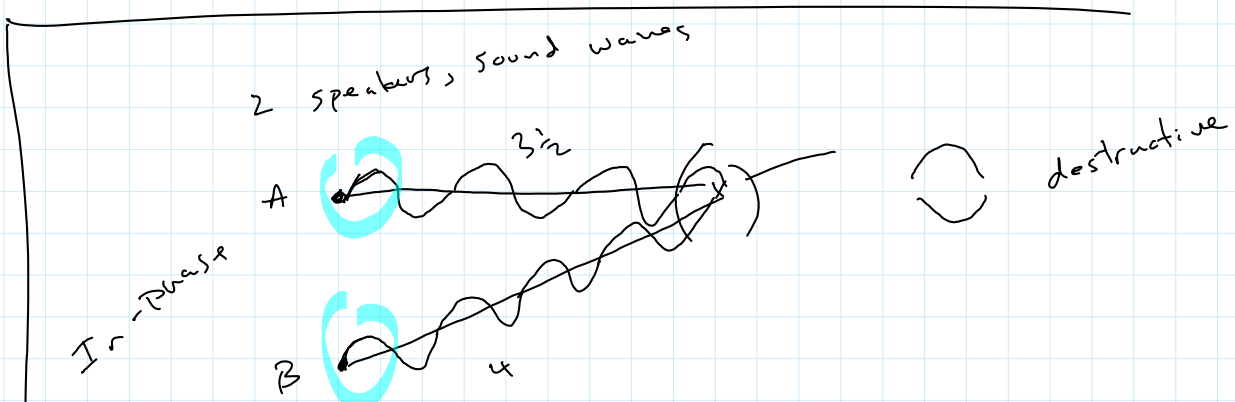
$$2d = m \lambda_{\text{film}}$$

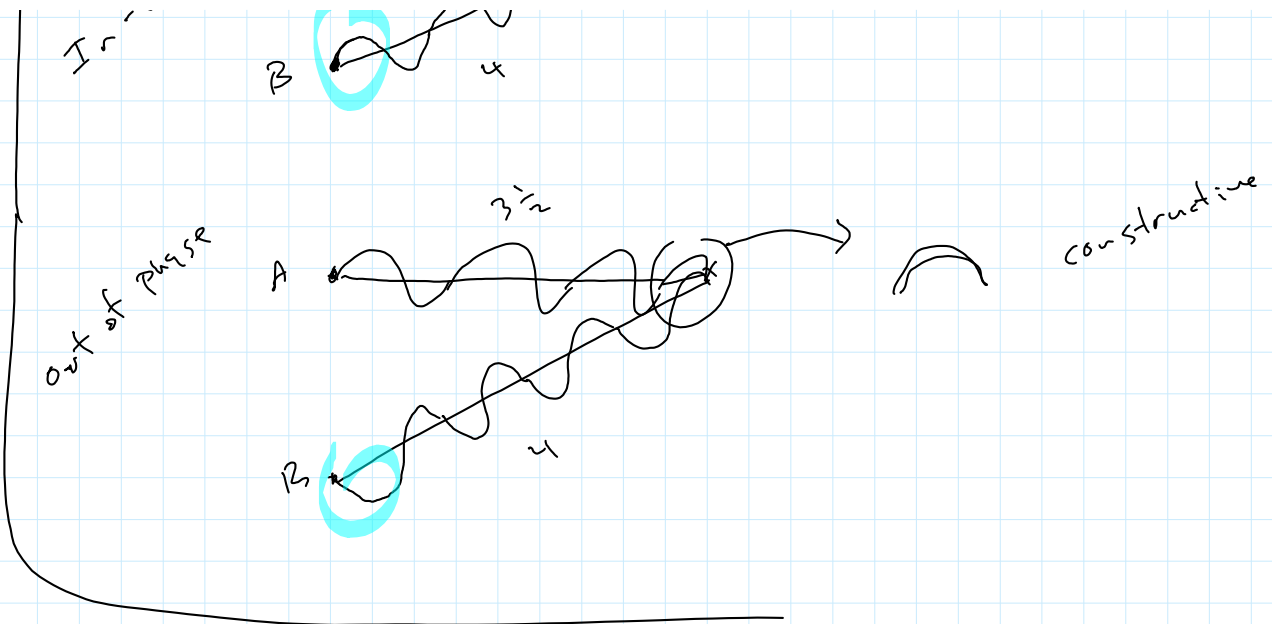
$$2d = m \frac{\lambda_{\text{vacuum}}}{n_{\text{film}}}$$

$$2d = (1) \frac{(700 \text{ nm})}{1.4}$$

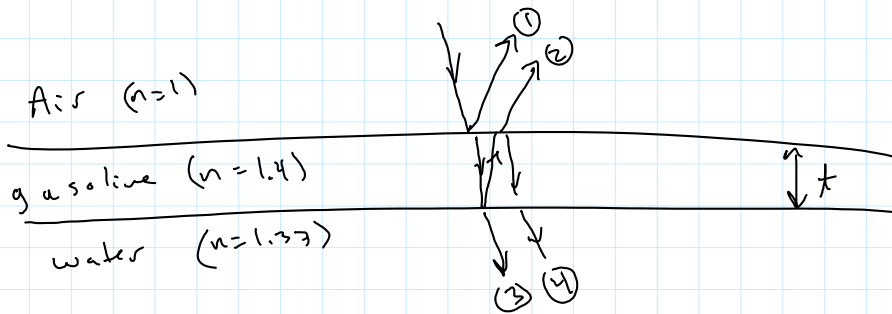
$$d = 250 \text{ nm}$$

let  $m=1$   
for min film thickness  
(non-zero)





Same situation as above:



want min. non-zero film thickness  
for the transmitted light (into the water)  
to be maximum intensity

can use:

- 1) Rays ① and ② and solve for minimum reflection
- or
- 2) Rays ③ and ④ and solve for maximum transmission

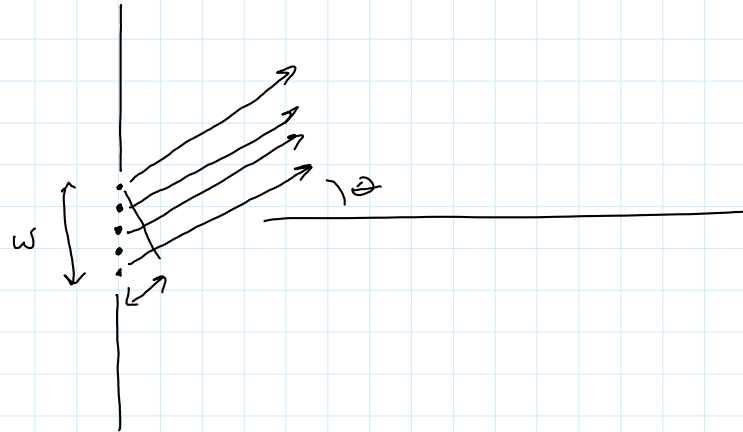
$$1) \quad 2d + \frac{\lambda_{\text{film}}}{2} = (m + \frac{1}{2}) \lambda_{\text{film}} \quad \text{for min}$$

$$2) \quad 2d + 0 = m \lambda_{\text{film}} \quad \text{for max.}$$

No phase shift  
between ③ and ④

# Single Slit

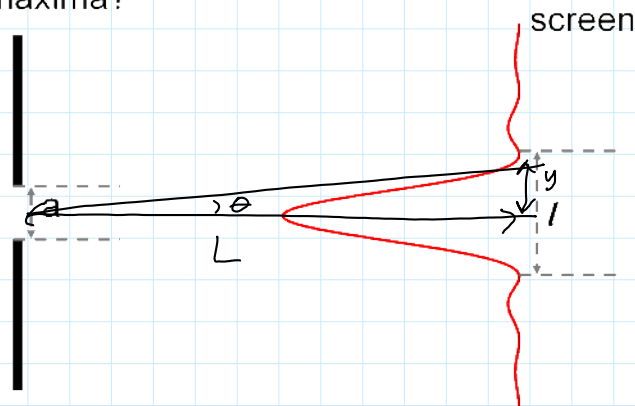
Huygen's principle says each pt acts like a source



Dark fringes:  $\sin \theta = m \frac{\lambda}{w}$   $m=1, 2, 3, \dots$

for sound: 1<sup>st</sup> min:  $\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{D}$   $\leftarrow$  diameter

A single slit of width  $a$  is illuminated by light of wavelength  $\lambda$ , so that the width of the central diffraction maxima is  $l$ . Now you decrease the slit width to  $a/2$ . What is the width of the central diffraction maxima?



1.  $l/2$
2.  $2l$
3.  $l/4$
4.  $4l$
5.  $l$

for small angles:  $\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta = \frac{y}{L}$

$$\frac{y}{L} = (1) \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

This time you keep the same slit width, but use another monochromatic light of wavelength 500 nm. How does the broadness of the central bright fringe change compared to that produced by the 600 nm wavelength?

1. Increases

600 nm  $\rightarrow$  500 nm

600 nm -

1. Increases
2. Decreases
3. Stays the same
4. Depends on the exact value of the slit width

The slit opening is  $a=10 \mu\text{m}$  and the distance between the slit and the screen is  $L=3 \text{ m}$ . Calculate  $\ell$  for light of wavelength 500 nm.

1. 0.05 m
2. 0.10 m
3. 0.15 m
4. 0.20 m
5. 0.25 m
6. 0.30 m

$$\sin\theta = m \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

$$\frac{y}{L} = (1) \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{L} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$$

$$\ell = \frac{(3 \text{ m})(500 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})(2)}{(10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

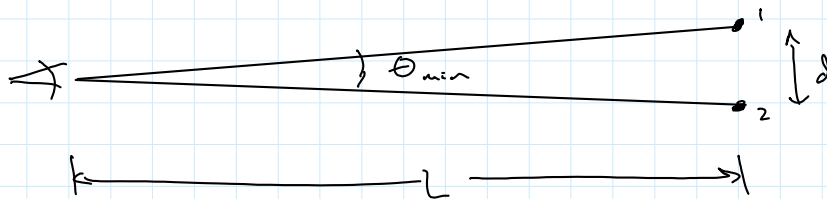
single slit :  $\sin \theta_{\text{dark}} = m \frac{\lambda}{a} \quad m = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$a = \text{slit width}$

Rayleigh's criteria: Resolution of 2 objects

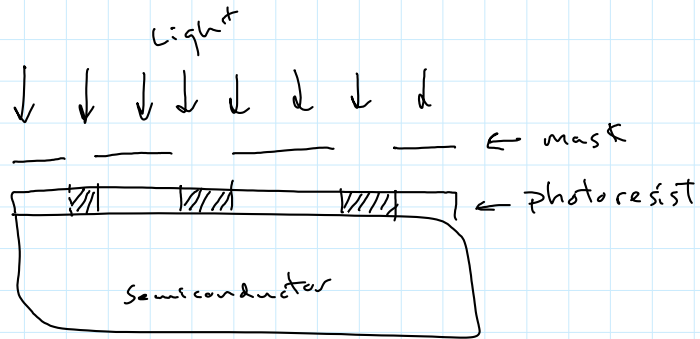
$$\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{D}$$

← diameter of the circular opening





Example: photo-lithography



as slit width gets smaller  
 $\lambda$  must get smaller  
 to minimize diffraction

visible  $\rightarrow$  UV  $\rightarrow$  X-rays

Diffraction Grating:

$$d \sin \theta_{\text{bright}} = m \lambda \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$\uparrow$   
 spacing  
 between  
 slits

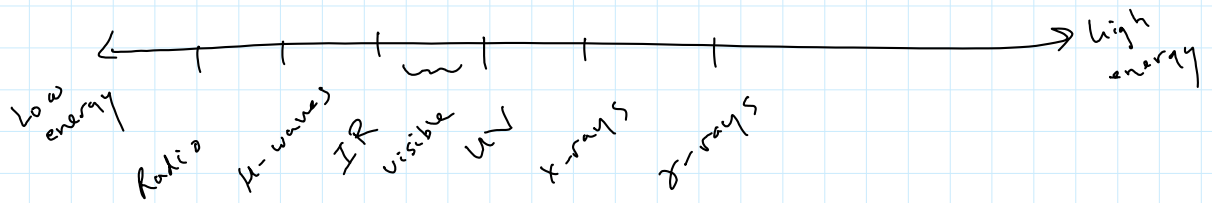
Polarization of Light

Electro-magnetic Spectrum

$\epsilon_0$   $\leftarrow$  constant for electric fields

$\mu_0$   $\leftarrow$  constant for magnetic fields

$\rightarrow$  light



Speed of Light:  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s}$

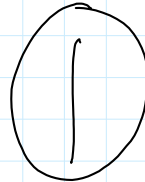
incoming un-polarized light



E fields random

(Intensity =  $I_0$ )

Polarizer



Polarized light



E fields all have same orientation

(Intensity =  $\frac{I_0}{2}$ )



No Light