

# Lecture 4

## Physics 1402: Lecture 33 Today's Agenda

- **Announcements:**
  - Midterm 2: graded after Thanks Giving
  - Homework 09: Friday December 4
- **Optics**
  - interference

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**Interference**

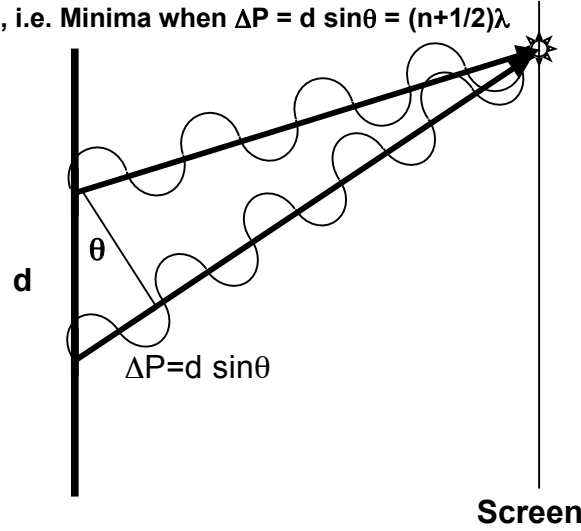


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## A wave through two slits

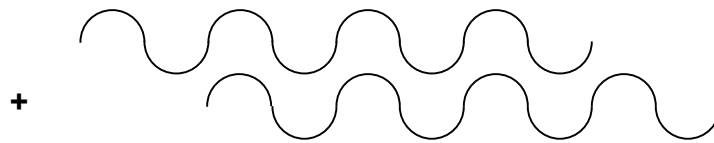
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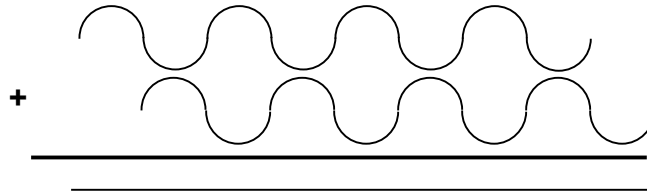


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## The Intensity

What is the intensity at P?

$$I_P = \langle A_P^2 \rangle = \langle 4A_{\max}^2 \cos^2(\phi/2) \sin^2(\omega t + kx_0 + \phi/2) \rangle$$

The only term with a t dependence is  $\sin^2(\ )$ . That term averages to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

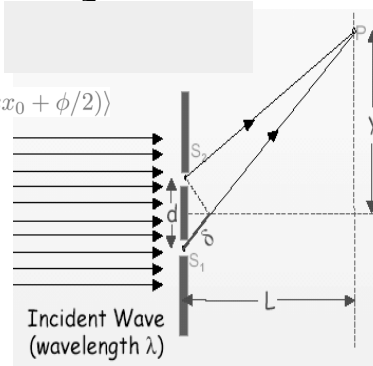
$$I_P = 2A_{\max}^2 \cos^2(\phi/2)$$

If we had only had one slit, the intensity would have been,

$$I_1 = \langle A_{\max}^2 \sin^2(\omega t + kx_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} A_{\max}^2$$

So we can rewrite the total intensity as,

$$I_P = 4I_1 \cos^2(\phi/2) \quad \text{with} \quad \phi = k\delta = 2\pi \frac{\delta}{\lambda}$$



## The Intensity

We can rewrite intensity at point P in terms of distance y

$$\sin \theta \approx \frac{y}{L}$$

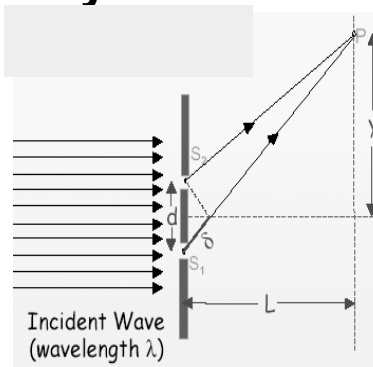
$$\delta = d \sin \theta \approx \frac{d \cdot y}{L}$$

Using this relation, we can rewrite expression for the intensity at point P as function of y

$$I_P = 4I_1 \cos^2(\phi/2) = 4I_1 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d}{\lambda L} y\right)$$

Constructive interference occurs at  $y = \frac{\lambda L}{d} m$

where  $m = \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$



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## Phasor Addition of Waves

Consider a sinusoidal wave whose electric field component is

$$E_1(t) = E_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

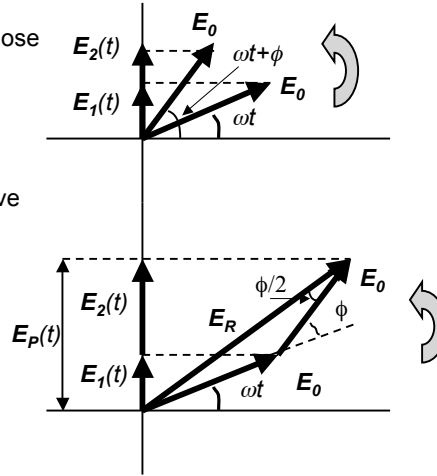
Consider second sinusoidal wave

$$E_2(t) = E_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

The projection of sum of two phasors  $E_P$  is equal to

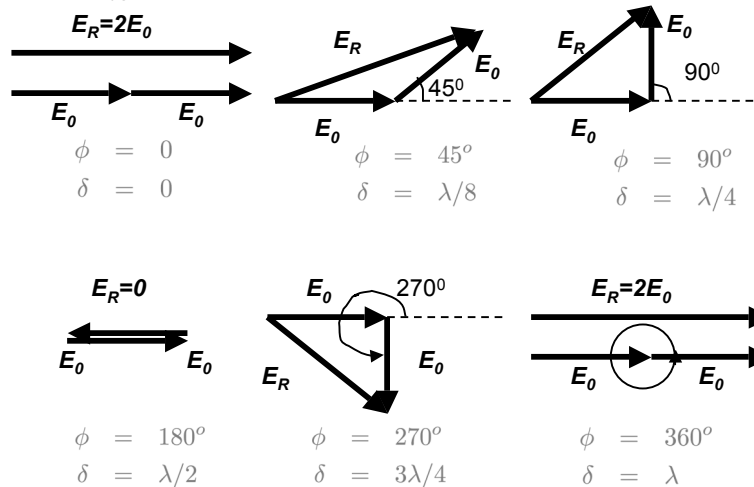
$$E_R = 2E_0 \cos(\phi/2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_P(t) &= E_1(t) + E_2(t) = E_R \sin(\omega t + \phi/2) \\ &= 2E_0 \cos(\phi/2) \sin(\omega t + \phi/2) \end{aligned}$$



## Phasor Diagrams for Two Coherent Sources

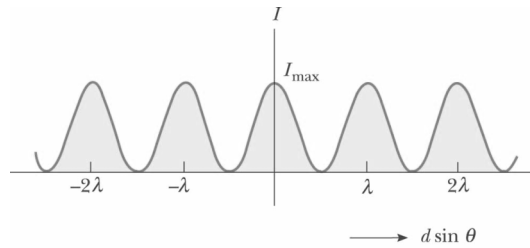
$$\phi = k\delta = 2\pi \frac{\delta}{\lambda}$$



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## SUMMARY

2 slits interference pattern (Young's experiment)



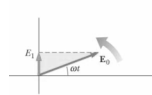
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How would pattern be changed if we add one or more slits ?  
(assuming the same slit separation)

3 slits, 4 slits, 5 slits, etc.

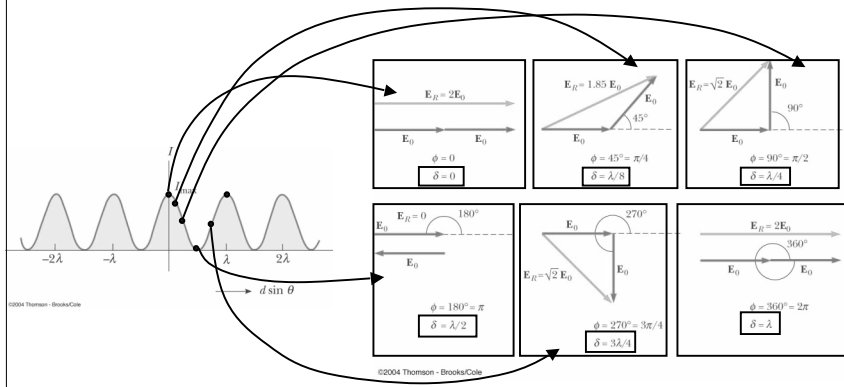
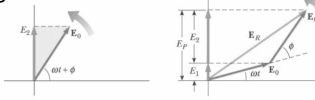
## Phasor: 1 vector represents 1 traveling wave

single traveling wave

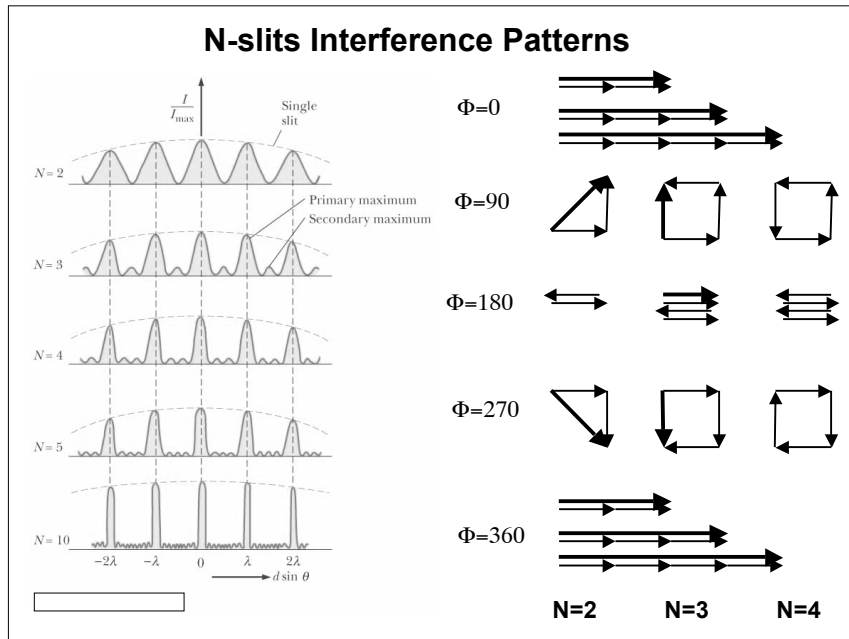


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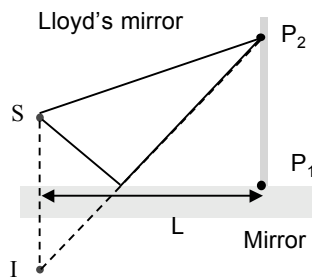
2 wave interference



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## Change of Phase Due to Reflection



The reflected ray (red) can be considered as an original from the image source at point  $I$ . Thus we can think of an arrangement  $S$  and  $I$  as a double-slit source separated by the distance between points  $S$  and  $I$ .

An interference pattern for this experimental setting is really observed .....

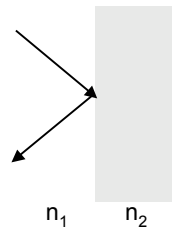
**but dark and bright fringes are reversed in order**

This means that the sources  $S$  and  $I$  are different in phase by  $180^\circ$

An electromagnetic wave undergoes a phase change by  $180^\circ$  upon reflecting from the medium that has a higher index of refraction than that one in which the wave is traveling.

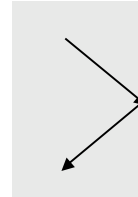
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## Change of Phase Due to Reflection



180° phase change

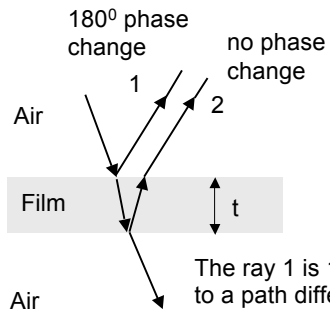
$$n_1 < n_2$$



no phase change

$$n_1 > n_2$$

## Interference in Thin Films



A wave traveling from air toward film undergoes 180° phase change upon reflection.  
The wavelength of light  $\lambda_n$  in the medium with refractive index  $n$  is

$$\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda}{n}$$

The ray 1 is 180° out of phase with ray 2 which is equivalent to a path difference  $\lambda_n/2$ .

The ray 2 also travels extra distance  $2t$ .

Constructive interference

$$2t = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda_n = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{\lambda}{n} \quad \text{where } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Destructive interference

$$2t = m\lambda_n = m\frac{\lambda}{n} \quad \text{where } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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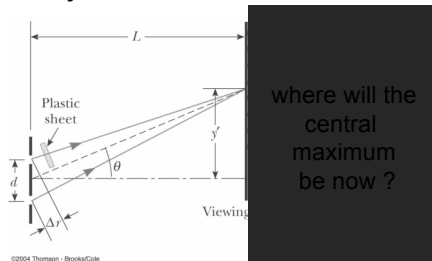
## Chapter 33 – Act 1

Estimate minimum thickness of a soap-bubble film ( $n=1.33$ ) that results in constructive interference in the reflected light if the film is illuminated by light with  $\lambda=600\text{nm}$ .

- A) 113nm      B) 250nm      C) 339nm

## Problem

Consider the double-slit arrangement shown in Figure below, where the slit separation is  $d$  and the slit to screen distance is  $L$ . A sheet of transparent plastic having an index of refraction  $n$  and thickness  $t$  is placed over the upper slit. As a result, the central maximum of the interference pattern moves upward a distance  $y'$ . Find  $y'$





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## Solution

Phase difference for going through plastic sheet:

$$\phi = 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{\lambda_a} \right) (n - 1)$$

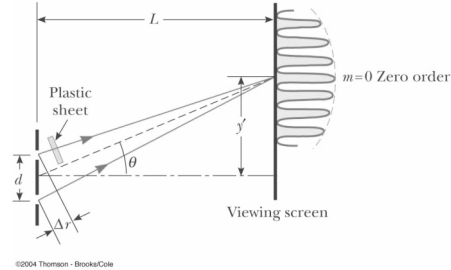
Corresponding path length difference:

$$\Delta r = \phi \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2\pi} \right) = 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{\lambda_a} \right) (n - 1) \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2\pi} \right) = t(n - 1)$$

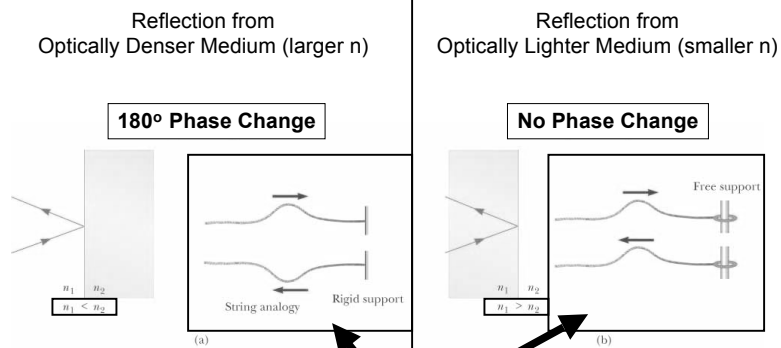
Angle of central max is approx:

Thus the distance  $y'$  is:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta r}{d} = \frac{y'}{L} \quad \frac{y'}{L} = \frac{t(n - 1)}{d} \quad \text{gives} \quad y' = \frac{t(n - 1)L}{d}$$



## Phase Change upon Reflection from a Surface/Interface



by analogy to reflection of traveling wave in mechanics

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constructive:  $2t = (m + 1/2) \lambda_n$   
destructive:  $2t = m \lambda_n$

Examples :

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constructive:  $2t = m \lambda_n$   
destructive:  $2t = (m + 1/2) \lambda_n$

## Application

### Reducing Reflection in Optical Instruments

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