


**PHY 114 A General Physics II**  
**11 AM-12:15 PM TR Olin 101**

**Plan for Lecture 21 (Chapter 37):**

**Wave properties of light**

- 1. Interference of two electromagnetic waves**
- 2. Interference of electromagnetic waves in thin films**

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16	03/27/2012	Electromagnetic waves	<a href="#">34.1-34.3</a>	<a href="#">34.3.34.10.34.13</a>	03/29/2012	
17	03/29/2012	Electromagnetic waves	<a href="#">34.4-34.7</a>	<a href="#">34.22.34.46.34.57</a>	04/03/2012	
18	04/03/2012	Ray optics Evening exam	<a href="#">35.1-35.8</a>	<a href="#">35.20.35.27.35.35</a>	04/10/2012	
19	04/05/2012	Image formation Evening exam	<a href="#">36.1-36.4</a>	<a href="#">36.8.36.31.36.42</a>	04/10/2012	
20	04/10/2012	Image formation	<a href="#">36.5-36.10</a>	<a href="#">36.52.36.54.36.64</a>	04/12/2012	
	21	04/12/2012	Wave interference	<a href="#">37.1-37.6</a>	<a href="#">37.2.37.19.37.29</a>	04/17/2012
	22	04/17/2012	Diffraction	38.1-38.6		
	23	04/19/2012	Quantum Physics	40.1-42.10		
	24	04/24/2012	Molecules and solids	43.1-43.8		
	25	04/26/2012	Nuclear reactions	45.1-45.4		
	26	05/01/2012	Nuclear radiation	45.5-45.7		
		05/08/2012	Final exam 9 AM			

4<sup>th</sup> exam will be offered during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Upcoming event:

Society of Physics Students Keynote address

Friday April 20, 2012 8 PM in Brendle recital Hall



Professor William Phillips from NIST and UMD

“Time, Einstein, and the Coolest Stuff in the Universe”

Dr. Phillips was awarded the 1997 Nobel Prize in Physics :  
“for development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light” The 1997 prize was shared with Steven Chu of Stanford University and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji of the Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> exam solutions

- Solutions posted on web
- Exam review session??

Would you like to attend an exam review session?

(A) yes                      (B) no

If you would like a review session, can you meet

(A) Today at 2 PM (here)

(B) Tomorrow at 1 PM Olin 107

(C) Tomorrow at 2 PM Olin 107

(D) Other?

- Similar problems may appear on final exam

## Comment about functions and derivatives:

Current as a function of time (in units of Amps):

$$I(t) = 0.2(1 - 0.01t)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -0.002$$

Charge as a function of time:

$$q(t) = q_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

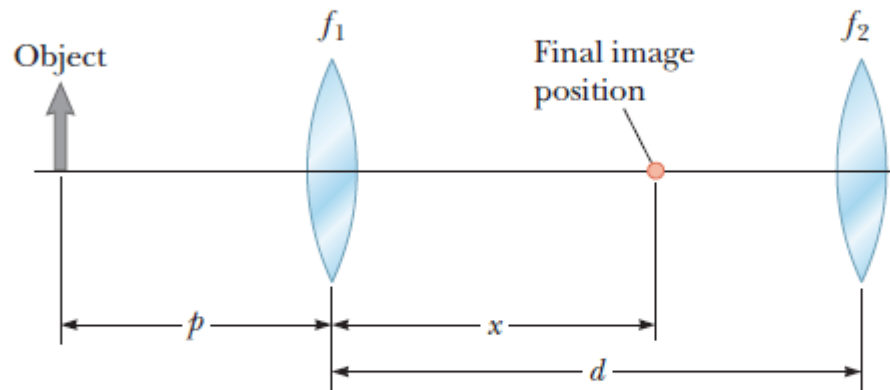
$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{q_0 e^{-t/\tau}}{\tau}$$

# Webassign hint:

3. + 0/0.333 points

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Two converging lenses having focal lengths of  $f_1 = 12.5$  cm and  $f_2 = 18.0$  cm are placed a distance  $d = 49.0$  cm apart as shown in the figure below. The image due to light passing through both lenses is to be located between the lenses at the position  $x = 32.0$  cm indicated.

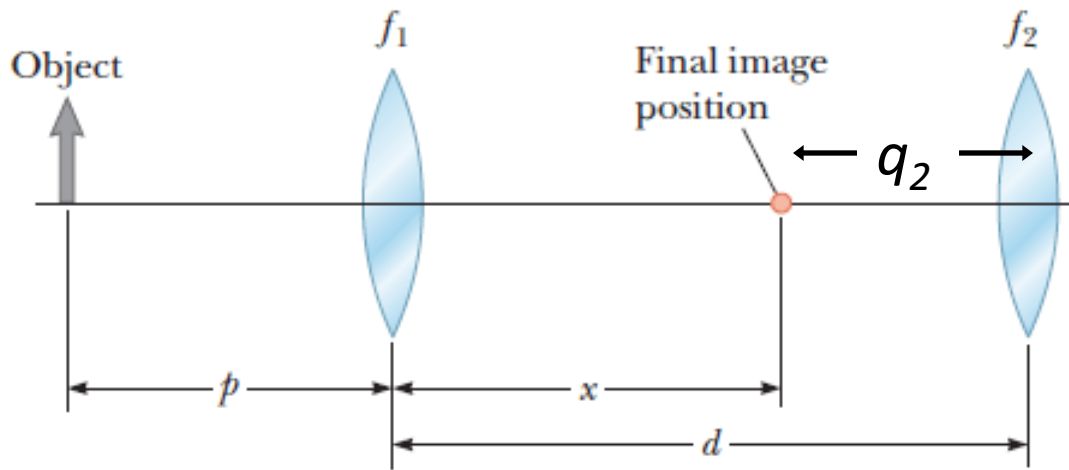


(a) At what value of  $p$  should the object be positioned to the left of the first lens?

×  cm

(b) What is the magnification of the final image?

×

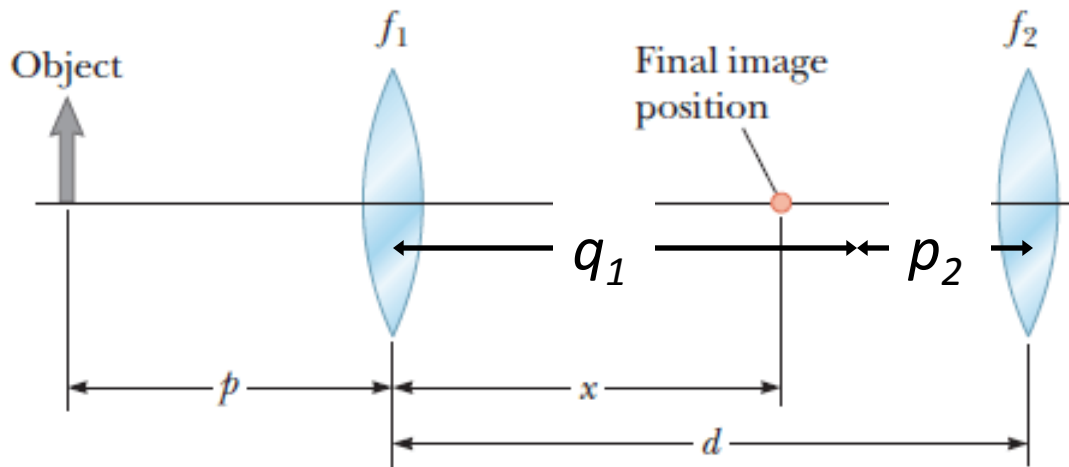


Working backwards :

$$\frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{f_2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Solve for  $p_2$

Note :  $q_2 < 0$



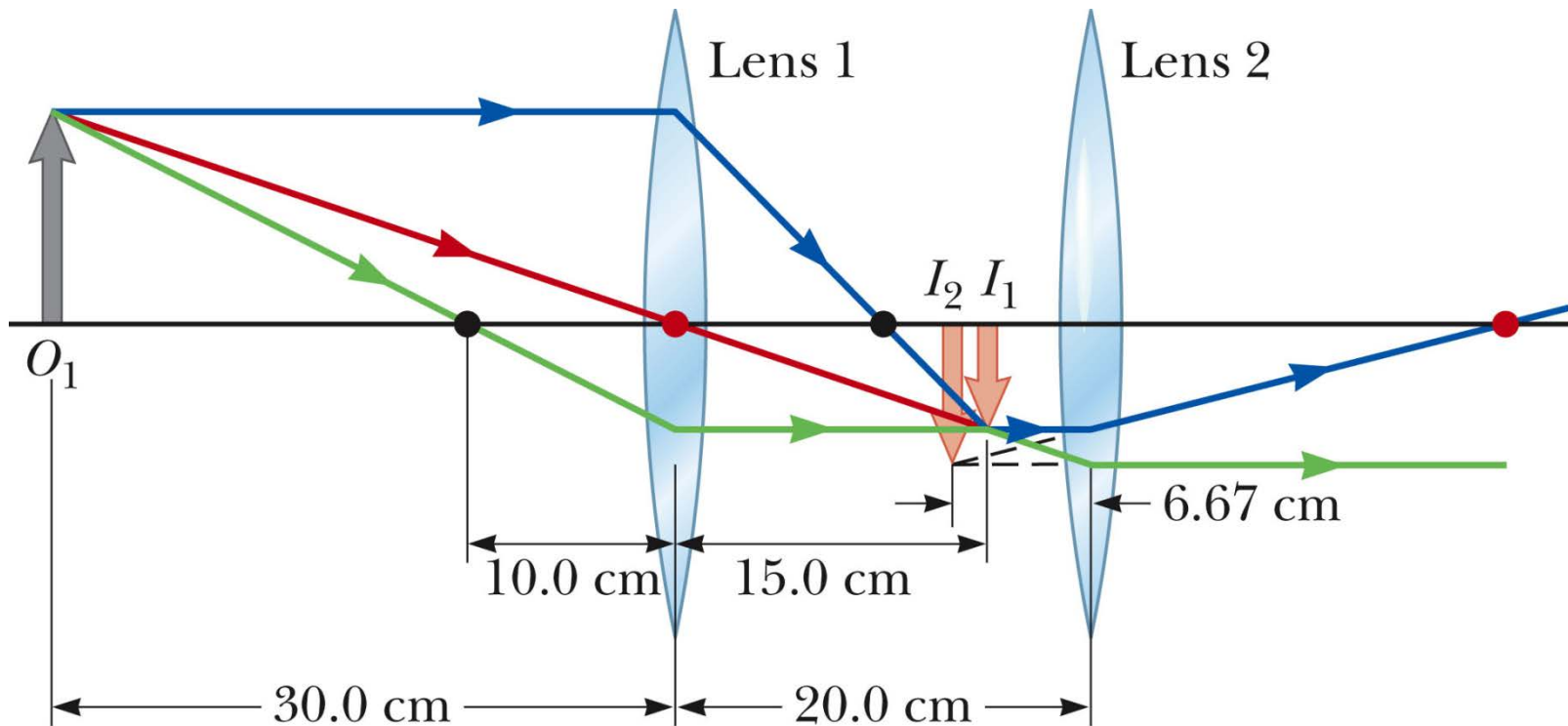
Continuing analysis :

$$q_1 = d - p_2$$

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{f_1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Solve for  $p_1 \equiv p$

Another example (#36.10 in your text):



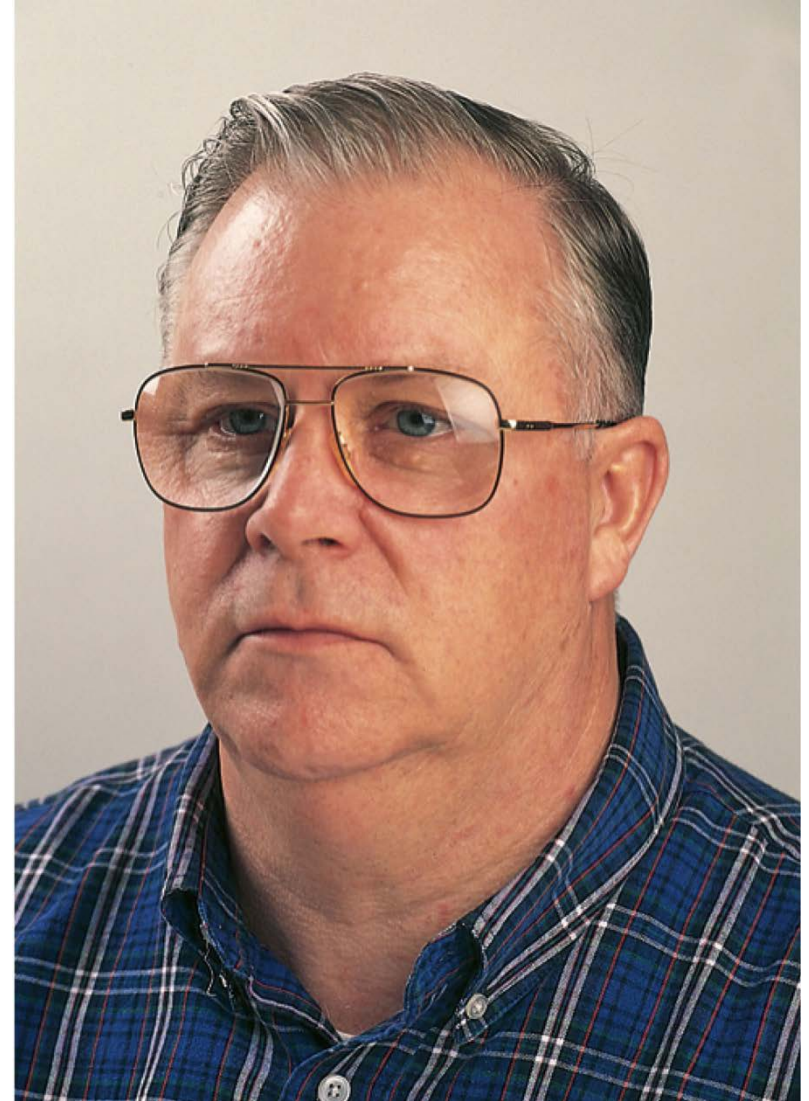


From previous lecture:

Diverging lens:  
virtual image of face smaller



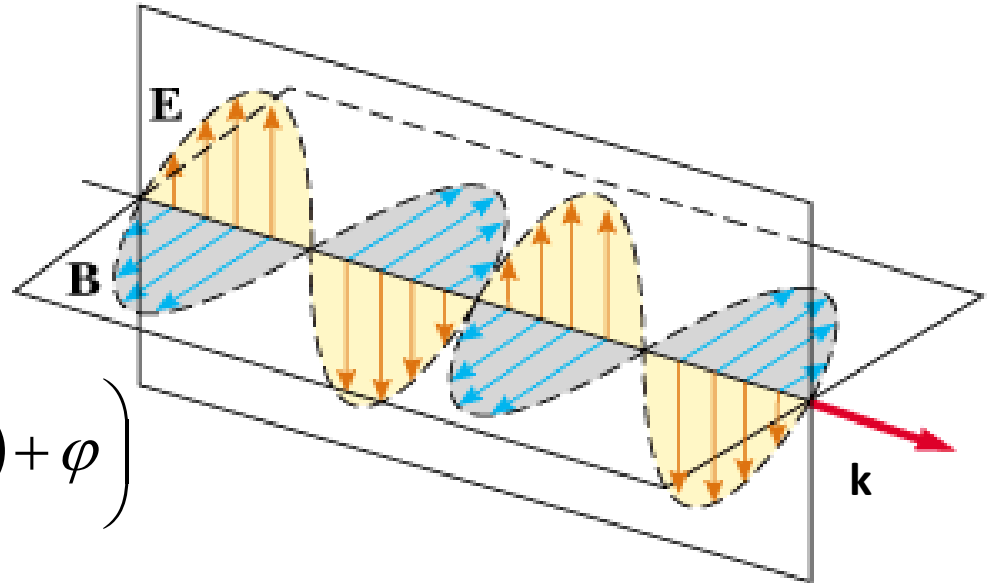
Converging lens:  
virtual image of face larger



# Wave phenomena associated with light

Plane polarized  
electromagnetic wave  
at an instant of time:

$$E_y(x, t) = E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x - vt) + \varphi\right)$$



Superposition of two electromagnetic waves (electric field portion)

$$E_y^{tot}(x, t) = E_y^1(x, t) + E_y^2(x, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_y^{tot}(x, t) &= E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x - vt)\right) + E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x - vt) + \varphi\right) \\ &= 2E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x - vt) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi\right) \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

## Superposition (continued)

$$\begin{aligned} E_y^{tot}(x,t) &= E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x-vt)\right) + E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x-vt) + \varphi\right) \\ &= 2E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x-vt) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi\right) \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that this result follows from the trigonometric identity :

$$\sin(A) + \sin(B) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Squared magnitude: } |\sin(A) + \sin(B)|^2 = 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$$

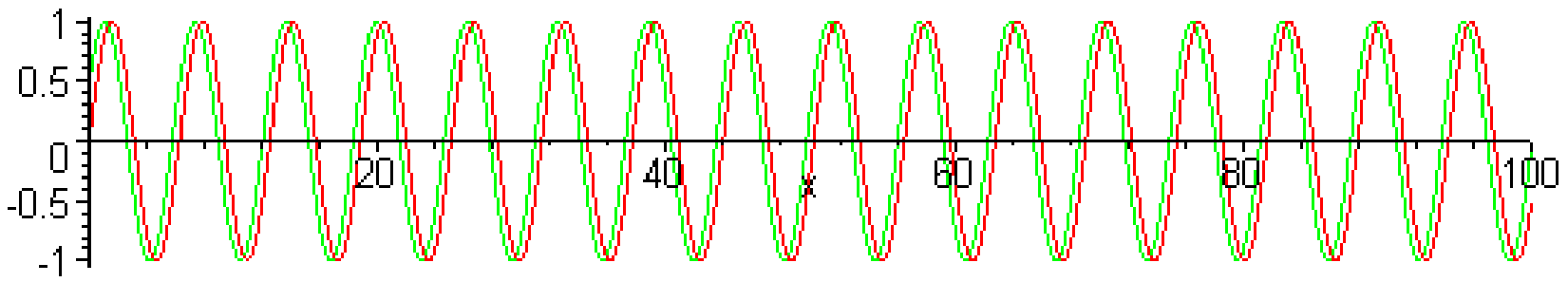
Intensity of the EM waves :

$$I^1 \equiv S_{avg} = \frac{1}{2c\mu_0} |E_{\max}|^2 = I^2$$

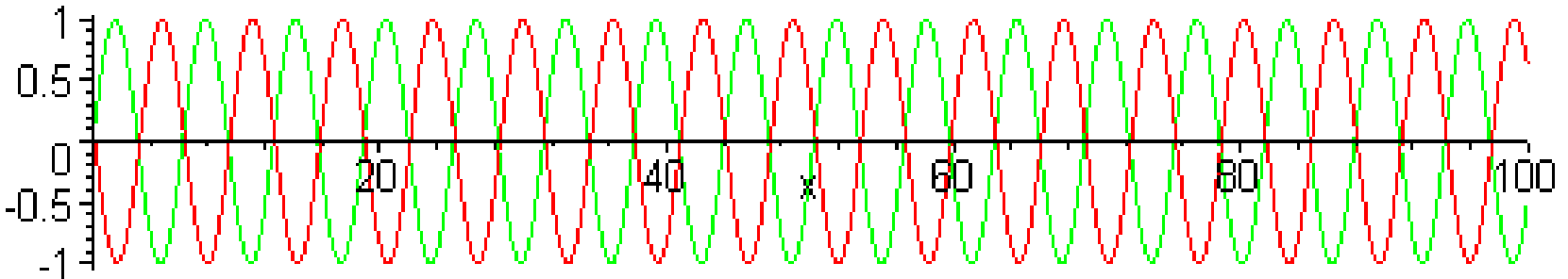
$$I^{tot} = \frac{4}{2c\mu_0} \left| E_{\max} \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \right|^2 = 4I^1 \cos^2\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$$

Constant in time  
Time average = 1/2

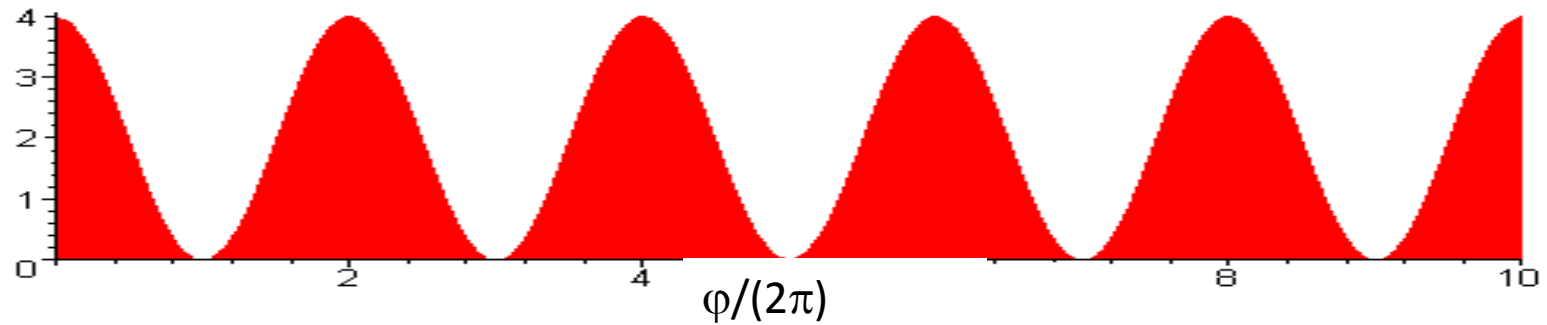
Example:  $\varphi=0.5$  rad -- plotting snapshot of EM wave



Example:  $\varphi=3$  rad – plotting snapshot of EM wave



Intensity as a function of  $\varphi$ :

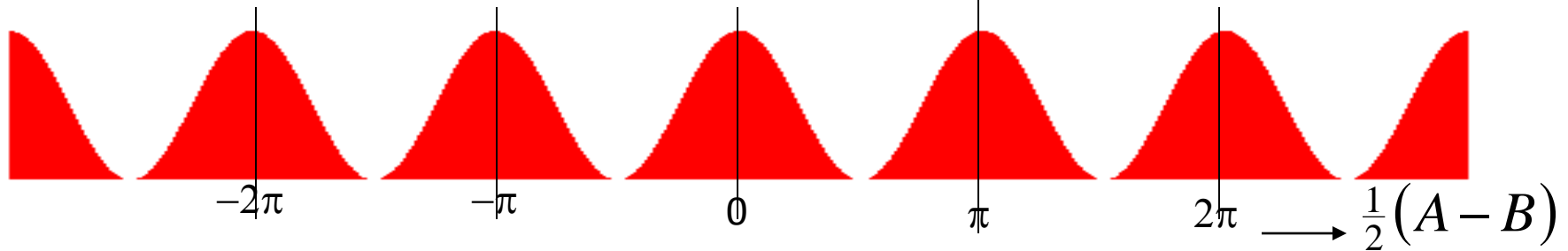


Summary of interference phenomena due to two or more electromagnetic waves which combine at a give point  $P$  with path lengths  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  and fixed frequency  $f$ .

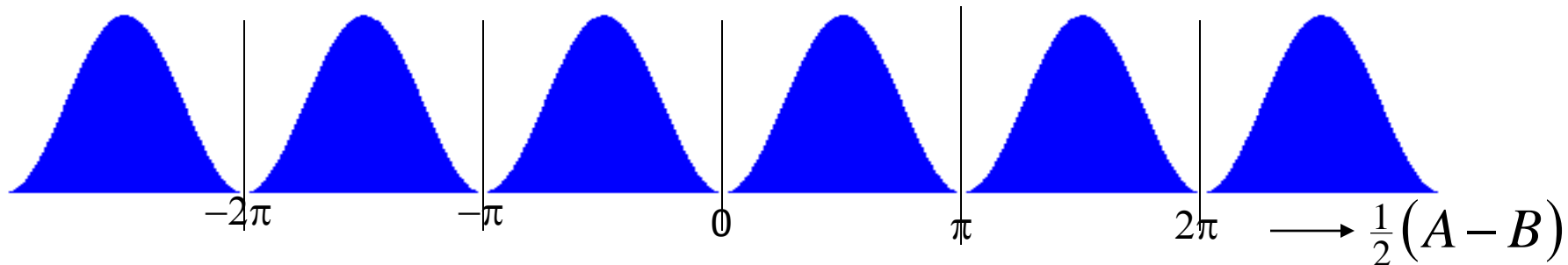
$$E(P, t) = E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_1}{\lambda} - 2\pi ft\right) \pm E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_2}{\lambda} - 2\pi ft\right)$$

Trig identity :

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(A + B)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \Rightarrow I = 4I_{\max} \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \right\}^2$$

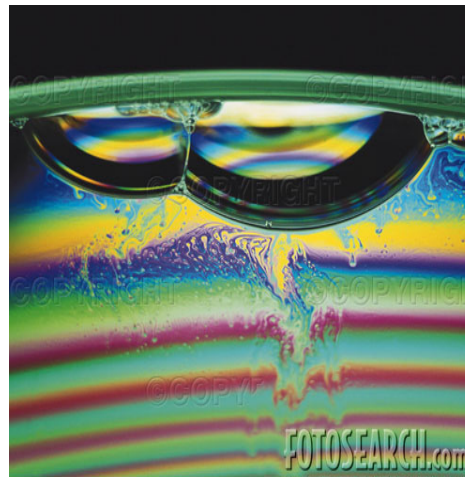


$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(A + B)\right) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \Rightarrow I = 4I_{\max} \left\{ \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \right\}^2$$



Two examples of superposed radiation:

Interference from refraction and reflection of thin films

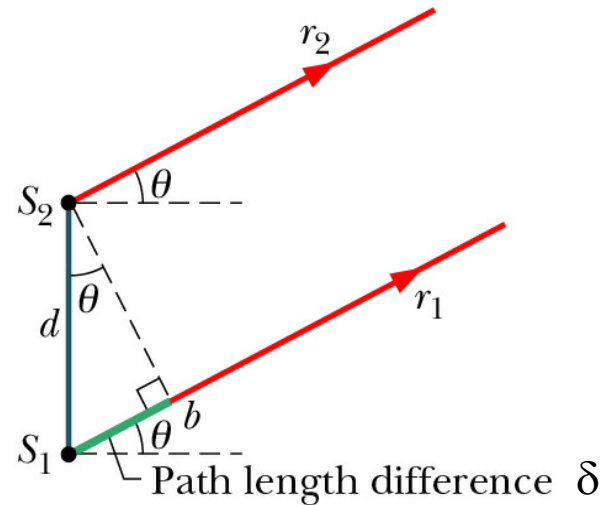
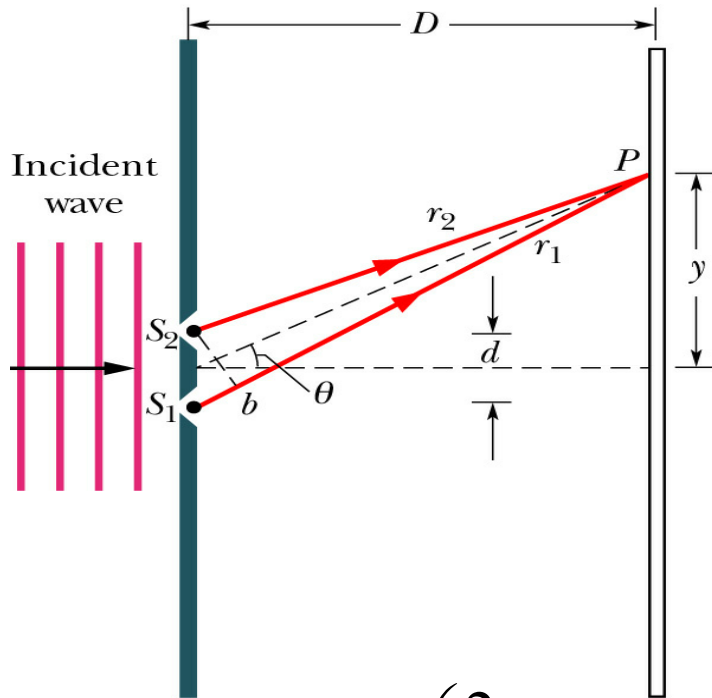


Young's double slit



# Young's double slit geometry:

## Mathematical analysis of bright fringes:



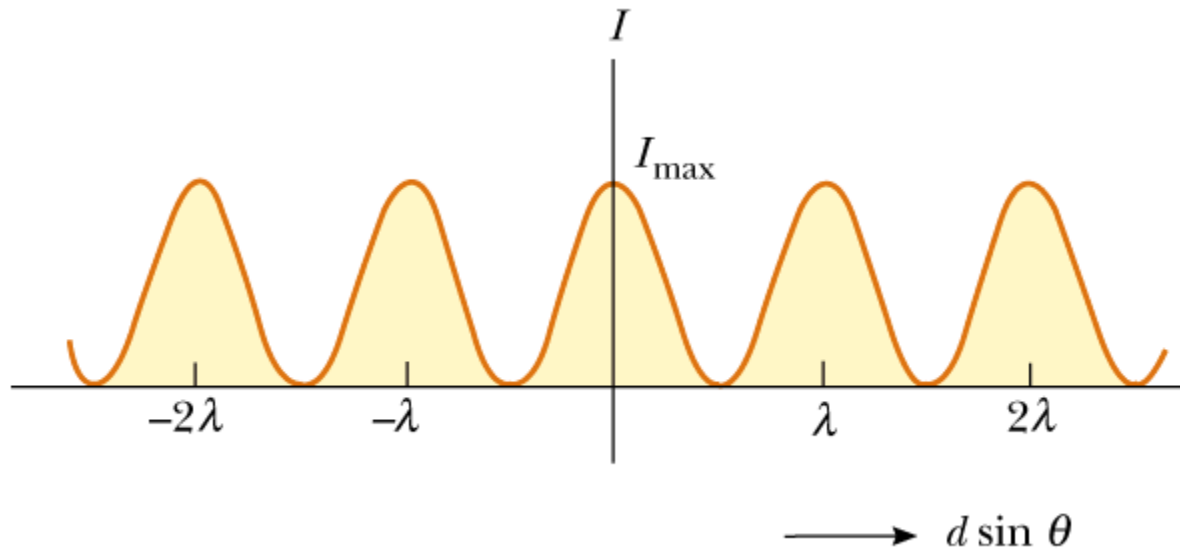
$$r_1 - r_2 = \delta = d \sin \theta$$

$$E(P, t) = E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_1}{\lambda} - 2\pi ft\right) + E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_2}{\lambda} - 2\pi ft\right)$$

$$= 2E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{\pi(r_1 + r_2)}{\lambda} - 2\pi ft\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi(r_1 - r_2)}{\lambda}\right)$$

→ intensity maxima occur for  $\frac{\pi(r_1 - r_2)}{\lambda} = m\pi \Rightarrow d \sin \theta = m\lambda$

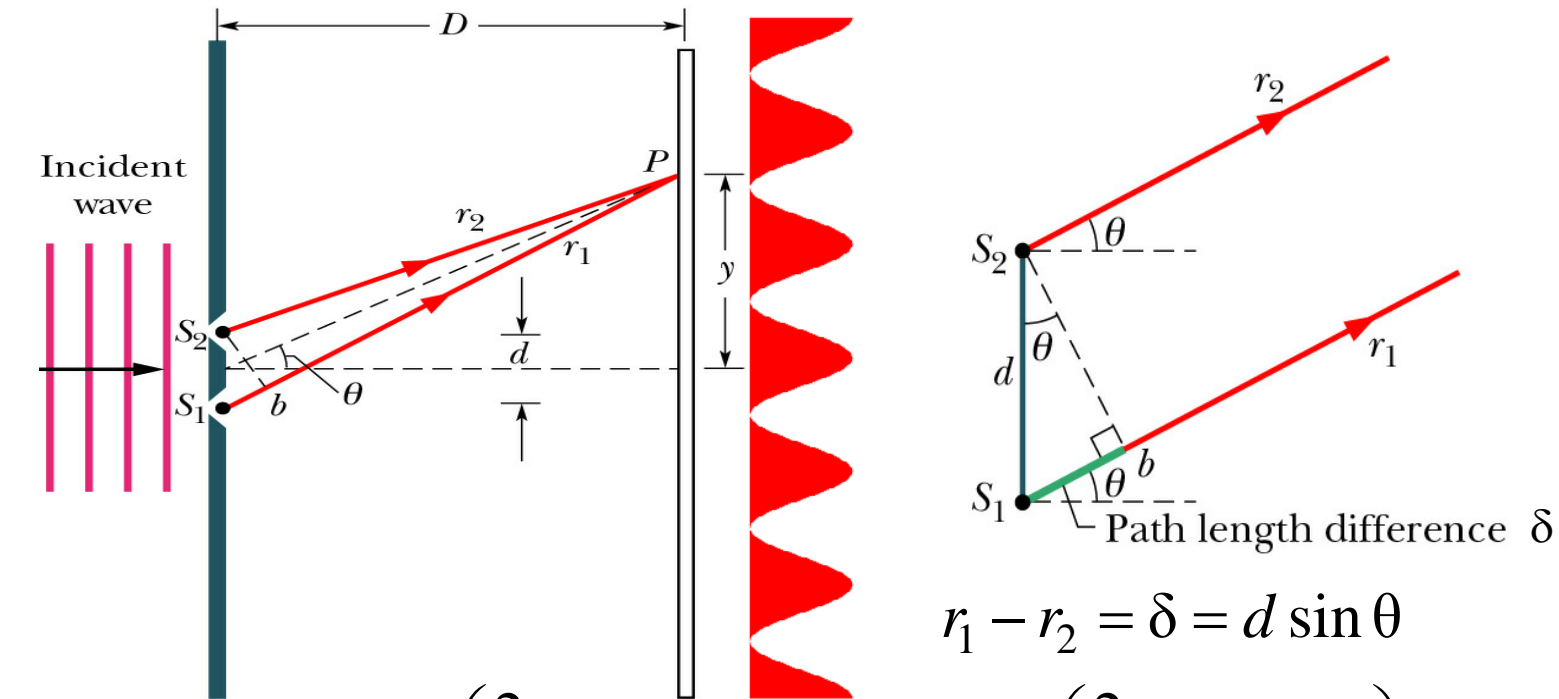
Intensity pattern at screen for double slit:



$$I = |\mathbf{S}|_{av} = \underbrace{\frac{4E_{\max}^2}{2\mu_0 c}}_{I_{\max}} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi(r_1 - r_2)}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{4E_{\max}^2}{2\mu_0 c} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d \sin \theta}{\lambda}\right)$$



Diffraction pattern from a plane wave incident on a double slit:

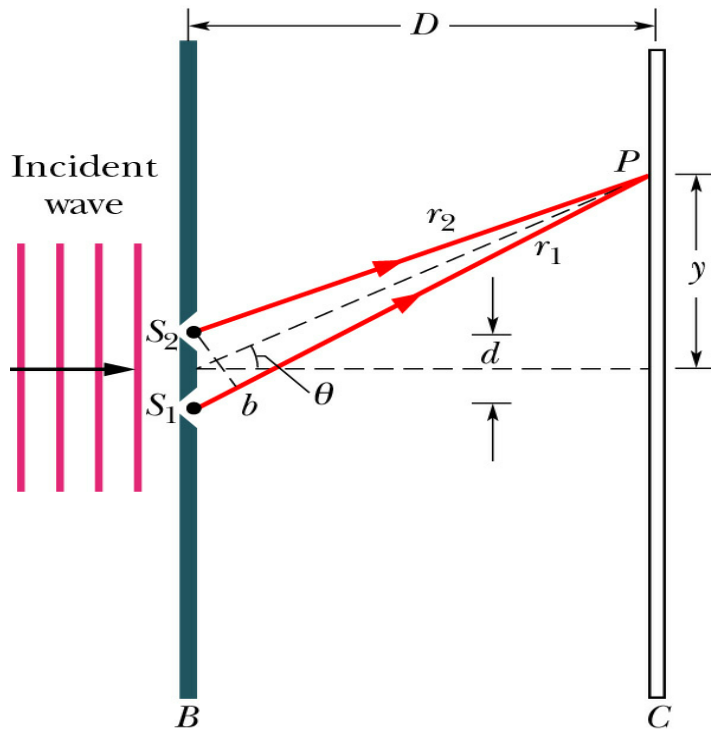


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Summary of results:



Constructive interference :

$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$$

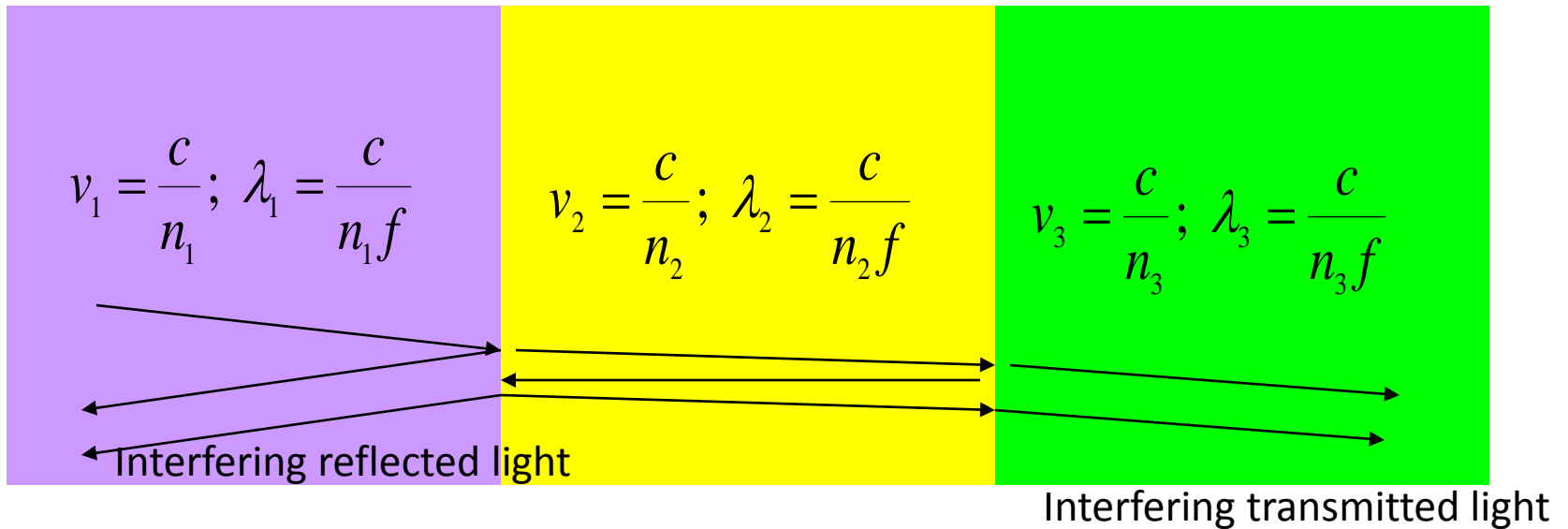
Image on screen :

$$y \approx m\lambda \frac{D}{d}$$

## Interference in thin films

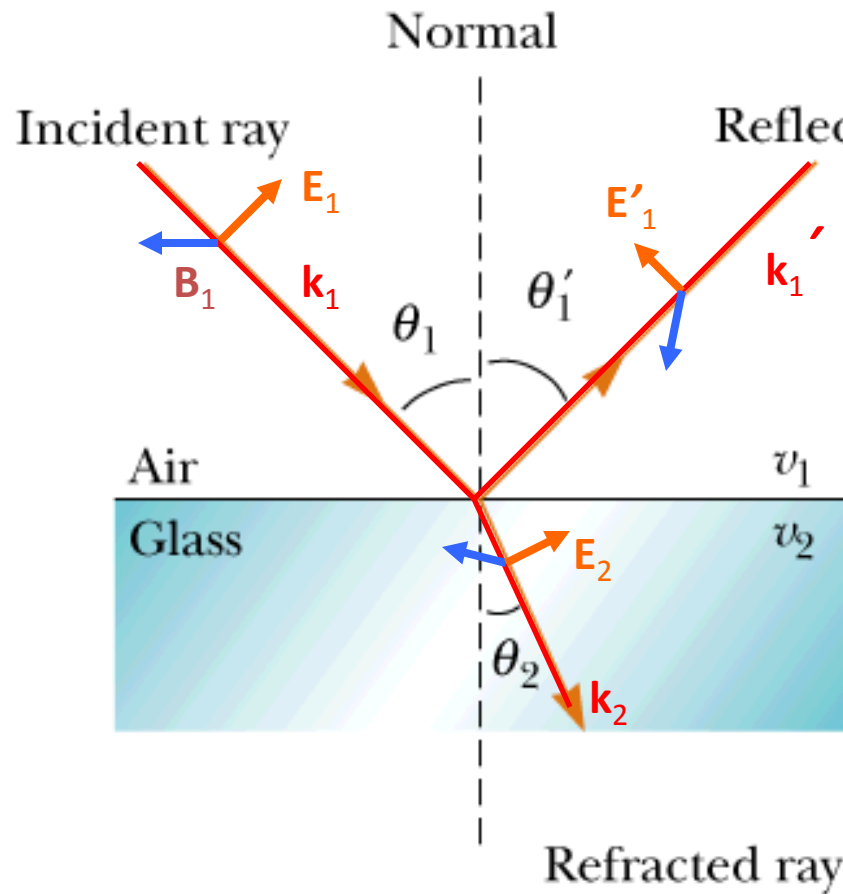
$$E_y(x, t) = E_{\max} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x - vt) + \varphi\right)$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n}; \quad \lambda = \frac{c}{nf}$$



Interference between reflected waves:

Recall -- the behavior of a plane-polarized electromagnetic wave near the surface of two materials:



Periodic waves:

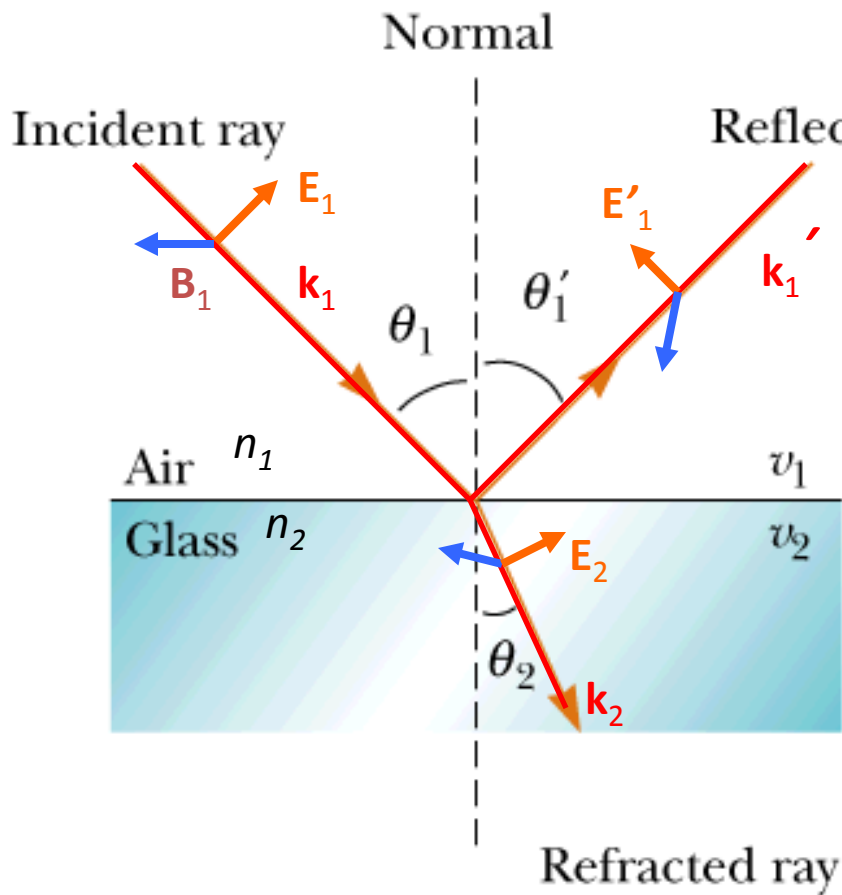
$$E_1 = E_{\max_1} \sin(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_1 t)$$

$$E'_1 = E'_{\max_1} \sin(\mathbf{k}'_1 \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega'_1 t)$$

$$\frac{\omega_1}{k_1} = \frac{\omega'_1}{k'_1} = v_1$$

$$E_2 = E_{\max_2} \sin(\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_2 t)$$

$$\frac{\omega_2}{k_2} = v_2$$



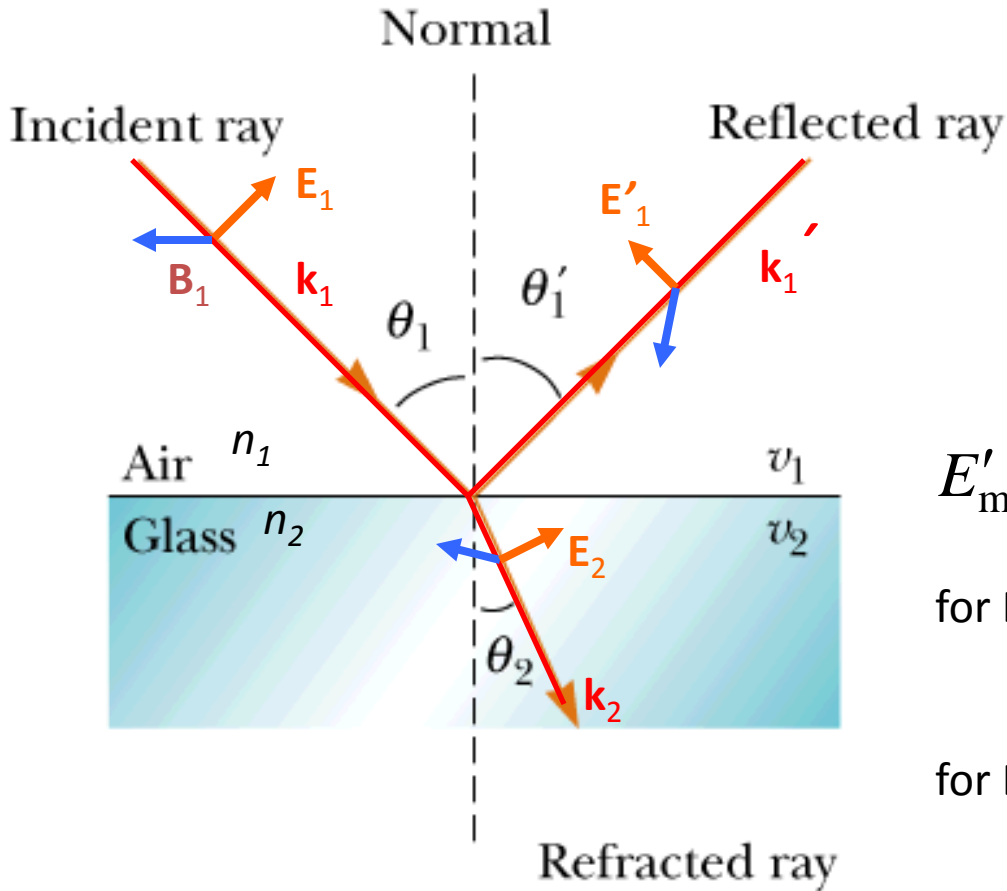
Matching electric and magnetic fields at boundary:

$$E'_{\max_1} = E_{\max_1} \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_1 - n_1 \cos \theta_2}{n_2 \cos \theta_1 + n_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

or

$$E'_{\max_1} = E_{\max_1} \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_1 - n_2 \cos \theta_2}{n_1 \cos \theta_1 + n_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

Plane waves reflected and refracted at surface:



Matching electric and magnetic fields at boundary:

For reflected waves:

$$E'_{\max_1} = E_{\max_1} \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_1 - n_1 \cos \theta_2}{n_2 \cos \theta_1 + n_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

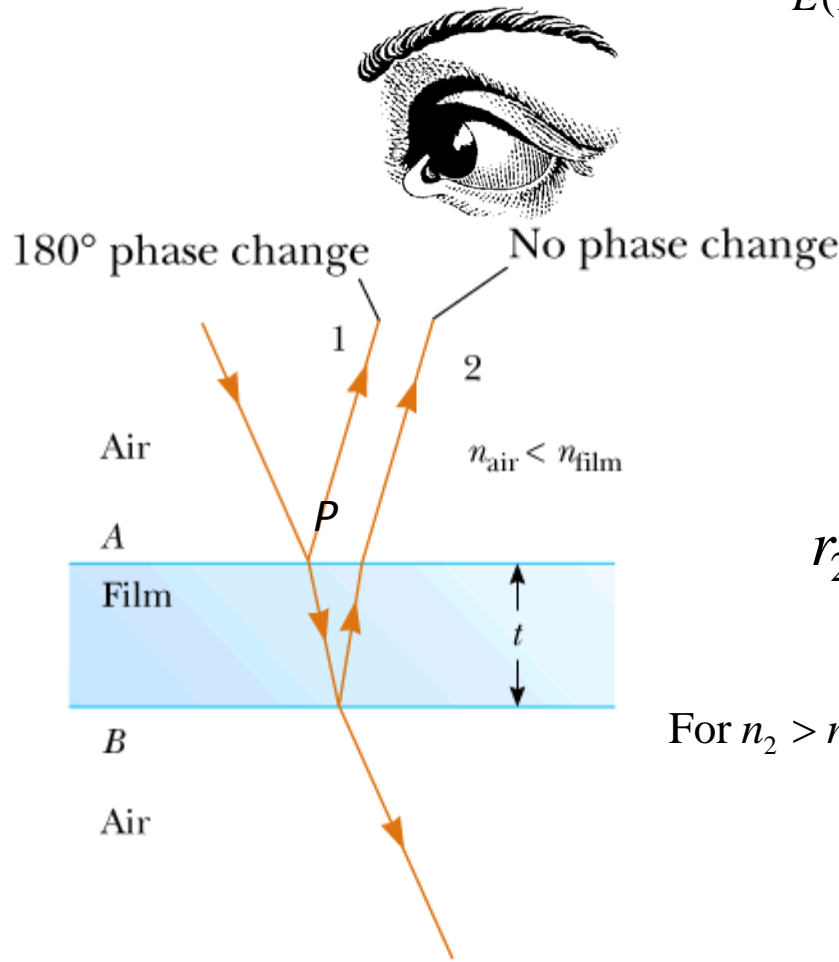
for E in plane of incidence

or

for E out of plane of incidence:

$$E'_{\max_1} = E_{\max_1} \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_2 - n_1 \cos \theta_1}{n_2 \cos \theta_2 + n_1 \cos \theta_1}$$

# Multiple refractions and reflections in a thin film



$$E(P, t) = \pm E_{\text{max}} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_1}{\lambda_1} - 2\pi f t\right) \pm E'_{\text{max}} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r_2}{\lambda_2} - 2\pi f t\right)$$

$$\approx 2E_{\text{max}} \begin{cases} \sin \\ \cos \end{cases} \left\{ \left(\frac{\pi(r_1 + r_2)}{\lambda_{\text{av}}} - 2\pi f t\right) \right\} \begin{cases} \cos \\ \sin \end{cases} \left\{ \left(\frac{\pi(r_2 - r_1)}{\lambda_2}\right) \right\}$$

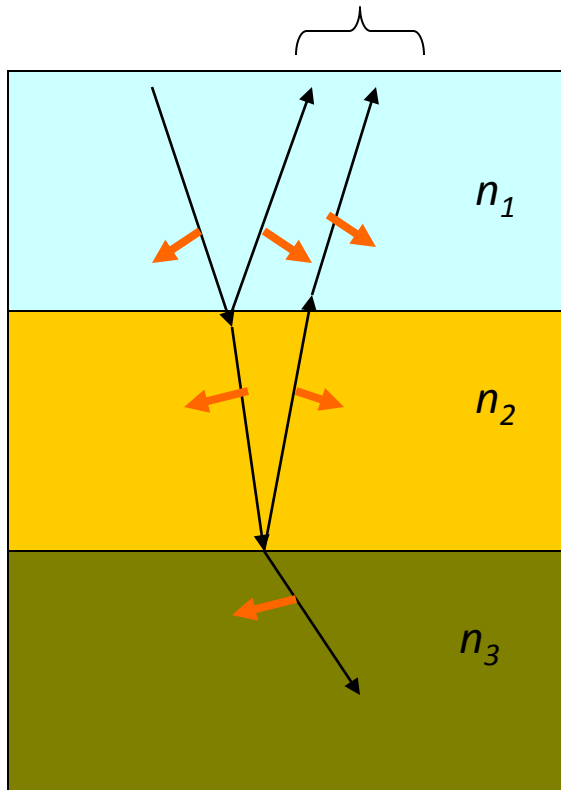
$$r_2 - r_1 \approx 2t$$

For  $n_2 > n_1$   $E_{\text{max}_1} = -$ ;  $E'_{\text{max}_1} = +$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi(2t)}{\lambda_2}\right) \Rightarrow \text{max at } 2nt = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{min at } 2nt = m\lambda$$

## Example of interference with “+”



$$n_1 < n_2 < n_3$$

For each surface with  $n_1 < n_2$

$$E_2 = -E_1 \text{ for reflected beam}$$

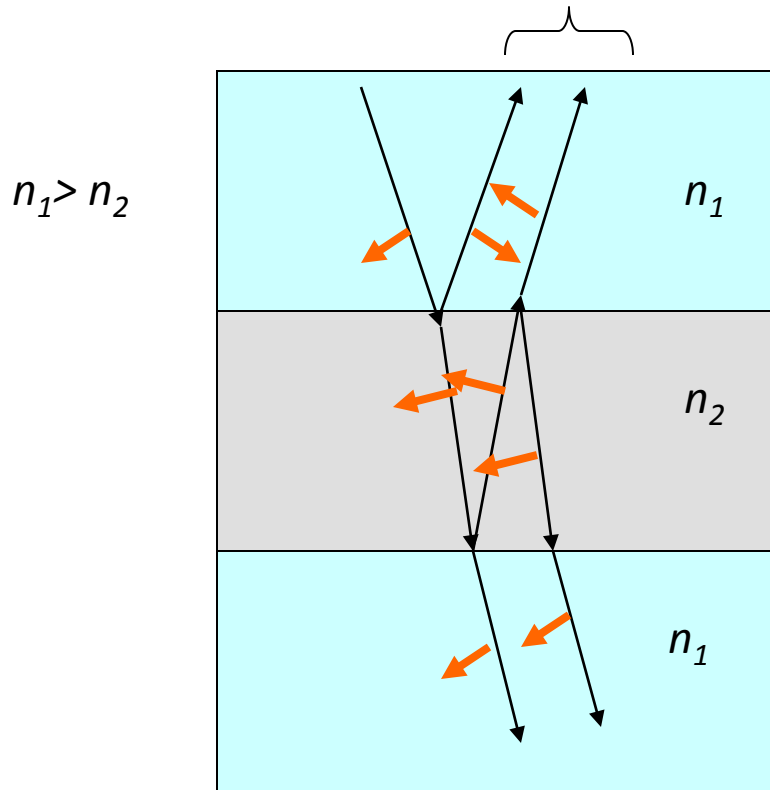
$$\Rightarrow I = I_{\max} \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \right\}^2$$

peaks at

$$\frac{1}{2}(A - B) \equiv \frac{\pi(r_2 - r_1)}{\lambda} = m\pi$$



Example of interference with “-”



$$\Rightarrow I = I_{\max} \left\{ \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right) \right\}^2$$

peaks at

$$\frac{1}{2}(A - B) \equiv \frac{\pi(r_2 - r_1)}{\lambda} = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi$$

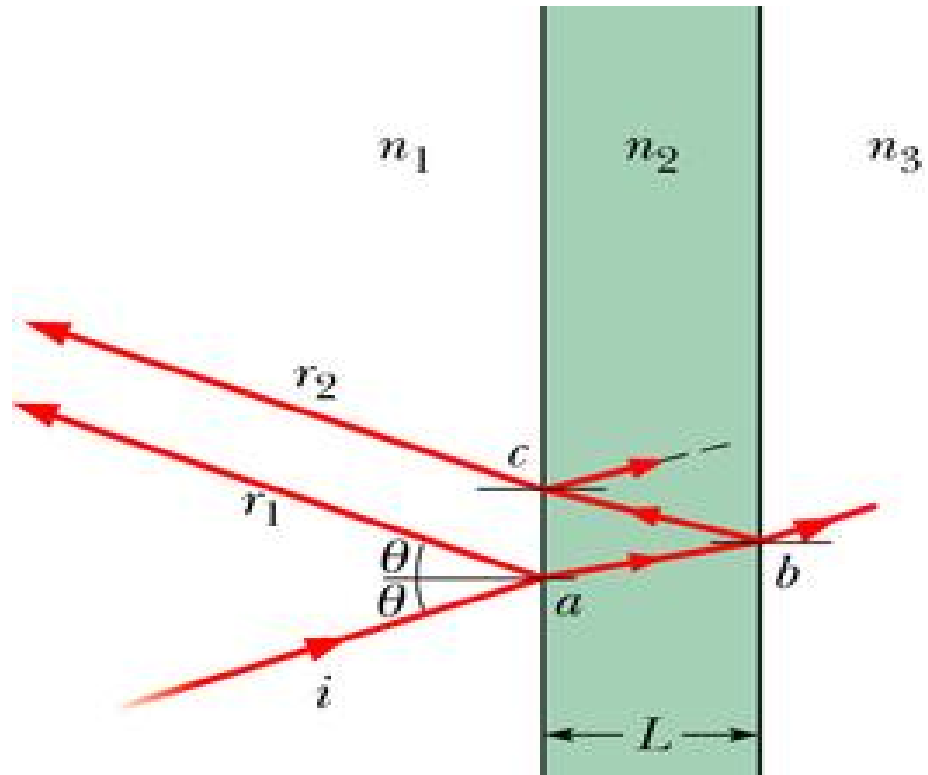
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## Summary



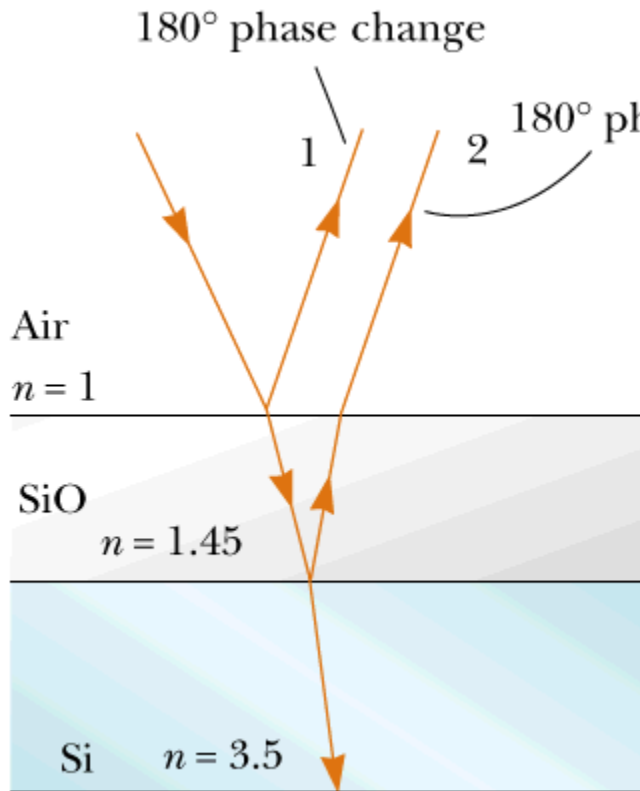
$$\varphi \approx 2\pi \frac{2L}{\lambda_2} = 2\pi \frac{2L}{\lambda} n_2$$

$$I = 4I_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{maxima at} \quad 2L = m \frac{\lambda}{n_2}$$

$$I = 4I_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{maxima at} \quad 2L = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{n_2}$$

Example:

Suppose you want to prepare a surface so that it has minimal reflection such as in a solar cell where it is desirable to optimize refraction and minimize reflection at  $\lambda=550\text{nm}$ .



$$2n_{\text{SiO}_2}t = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda$$
$$t = \frac{\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda}{2n_{\text{SiO}_2}} = \frac{\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)550 \text{ nm}}{2 \cdot 1.45}$$
$$= 94.8 \text{ nm (for } m = 0)$$

Example:

Suppose you see a rainbow pattern for oil on a pavement. What is the the approximate thickness of the oil in the red ( $\lambda=700\text{nm}$ ) region. Assume that  $n_{oil}=1.4$ .

$$2n_{oil}t = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$$
$$t = \frac{(m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda}{2n_{oil}} = \frac{(m + \frac{1}{2})700 \text{ nm}}{2 \cdot 1.4} = 125 \text{ nm}, 375 \text{ nm}, \text{ etc.}$$