



PHYS 214 Exam 1 Review

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Units for the Exam

- Waves
- Interference
- Diffraction
- Photons & The Photoelectric Effect

Wave Equation

General Wave Propagation: $y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi)$

k = wave number (how the wave repeats in SPACE) [m^{-1}]

ω = angular frequency (how the wave repeats in TIME) [rad/s]

ϕ = phase shift (the starting phase of the wave) [rad]

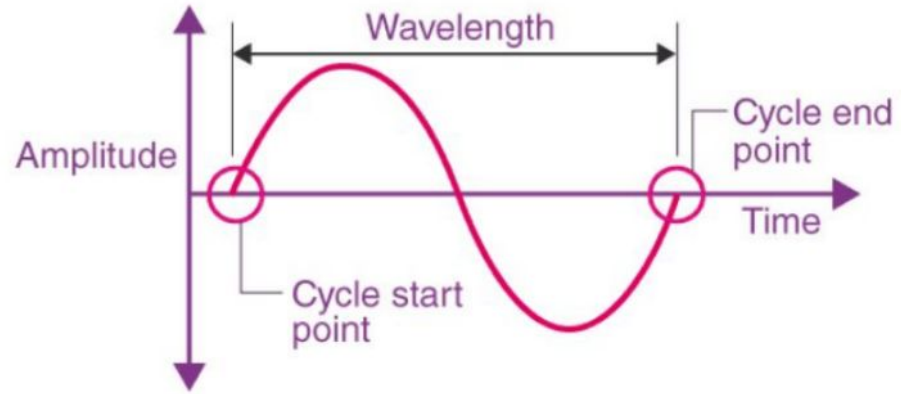
Properties of Waves

$$\lambda = 2\pi/k; \quad f = \omega/2\pi$$

$$v = \omega/k \quad v = \lambda f$$

$$\text{Intensity: } I(x,t) = |y(x,t)|^2$$

$$I_{\text{average}} = |A|^2/2$$



Interference

Superposition (adding): A fancy way of saying that when two waves interact, the resulting wave is the SUM of the two individual waves

$$y_1(x, t) = A_1 \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t + \phi_1)$$

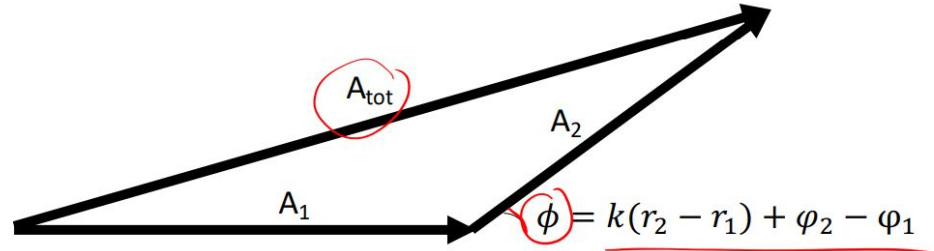
$$y_2(x, t) = A_2 \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

$$y_{\text{tot}}(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = A_1 \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t + \phi_1) + A_2 \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

If $\phi_1 = \phi_2$, the angular frequencies (ω) are the SAME, and the distance is the SAME, then the waves are IN PHASE

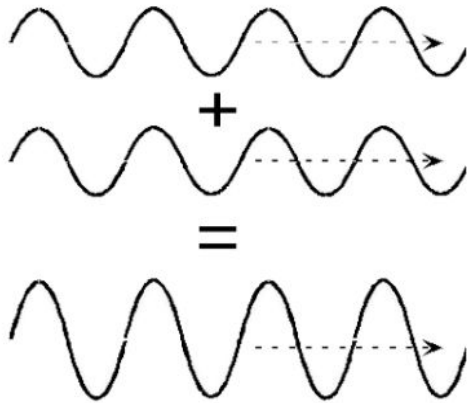
Phasors and Law of Cosines

$$A_{\text{tot}}^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2\cos(\phi)$$

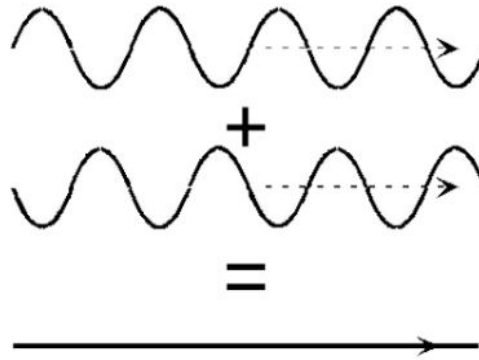


Interference (Cont.)

Phase difference = $k(r_2 - r_1) = \phi$ for a two source system at different distances



Constructive



Destructive

In general, for two sources with the same amplitude/intensity:

$$I_{\text{tot}} = 4I_0 \cos^2 \left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{2} \right)$$

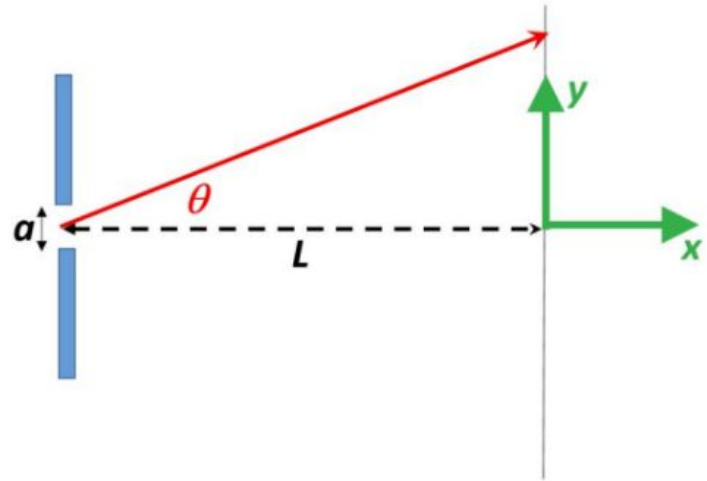
In your equation sheet, this is written as:

$$I_{\text{total}} = 2A^2 \cos^2 \left(\frac{kr_1 + \phi_1 - kr_2 - \phi_2}{2} \right)$$

Diffraction

- Single slit diffraction:
 - a = slit width
 - θ_o = angle of first minimum
 - λ = wavelength
- Small $a \rightarrow$ Large θ_o
- Small angles
 - $\theta \cong \sin(\theta) \cong \tan(\theta) \cong y_o/L$

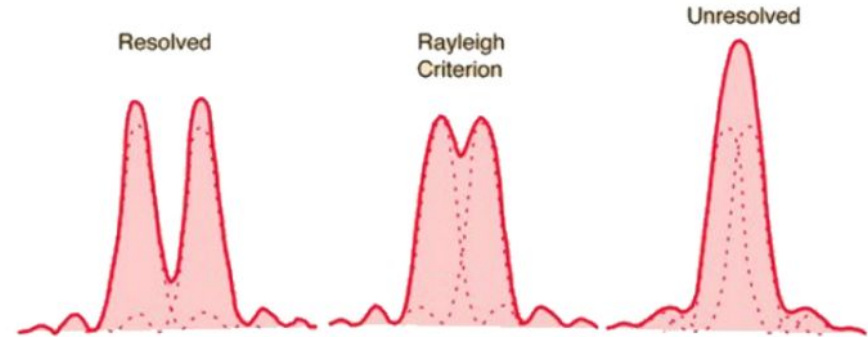
$$a \sin(\theta_o) = \lambda$$



Diffraction (Cont.)

- Circular aperture diffraction
 - Similar to single slit; 1.22 factor
- Rayleigh Criterion:
 - Center of one bright spot cannot overlap with other bright spot
 - ie. $\theta_o \leq \theta_{\text{objects}}$
 - θ_o = angle of first minimum of central bright spot
 - θ_{objects} = angle between two bright spots

$$D \sin(\theta_o) = 1.22\lambda$$



Photons

Photons: the quantized bits of light (particles of light)

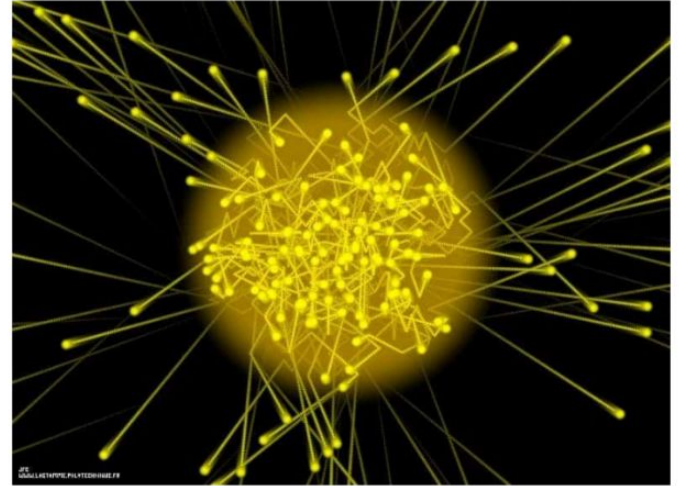
- Energy of a single photon with frequency f :

$$E = hf = \hbar\omega = \frac{1240 \text{ eV nm}}{\lambda}$$

- Momentum of a single photon with wavelength λ :

$$p = \hbar k = h/\lambda$$

- $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$
- \hbar ('h-bar') = $h/2\pi$



The Photoelectric Effect

This experiment proves the existence of photons and that light can be BOTH a particle and a wave

$$KE_{\text{electron}} = eV_{\text{stop}}$$

Stopping Potential:
Voltage applied to stop
electrons from flowing
between the two plates

Work Function (property of the material the light is shining on)

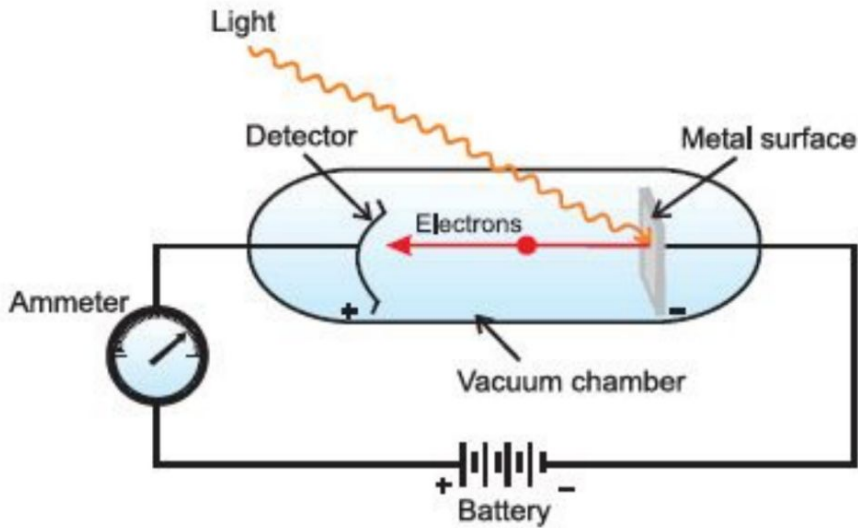
$$KE_{\text{electron}} = hf - \Phi$$

Maximum Kinetic Energy of an ejected electron

Planck's constant times frequency of incoming photons (light)

The diagram shows the equation $KE_{\text{electron}} = hf - \Phi$ enclosed in a hand-drawn white box. Three arrows point from text labels to parts of the equation: one from 'Maximum Kinetic Energy of an ejected electron' to KE_{electron} , one from 'Planck's constant times frequency of incoming photons (light)' to hf , and one from 'Work Function (property of the material the light is shining on)' to Φ .

The Photoelectric Effect Setup



$$\frac{\# \text{ photons}}{\text{sec}} = \frac{P \text{ Joules}}{\text{sec}} \times \frac{1 \text{ photon}}{X \text{ Joules}}$$

$$\text{where } X = hf = hc/\lambda$$

Increasing the power of a photon source will not increase photon energy! It will only increase photon flux.

Frequency/wavelength is what determines photon energy.

ADD FORCE EQUATION (dp/dt)

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{second}}$$

$$\frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{second}} = \frac{P \text{ joules}}{\text{second}} * \frac{1 \text{ photon}}{hf \text{ joules}} * \frac{\frac{h}{\lambda} \text{ momentum}}{1 \text{ photon}}$$

Good luck!

Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

You got this!

