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# PHYS 214: Solving Physics Problems With Sympy

Wednesday, September 17th, 6-8 pm, Location TBD

# Units for the Exam

- Waves
- Interference
- Diffraction

# Wave Equation

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

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

$\omega$  = angular frequency (how the wave repeats in TIME) [ $\text{rad/s}$ ]

$\phi$  = phase shift (the starting phase of the wave) [ $\text{rad}$ ]

$kx - \omega t + \phi$  = phase

# Properties of Waves

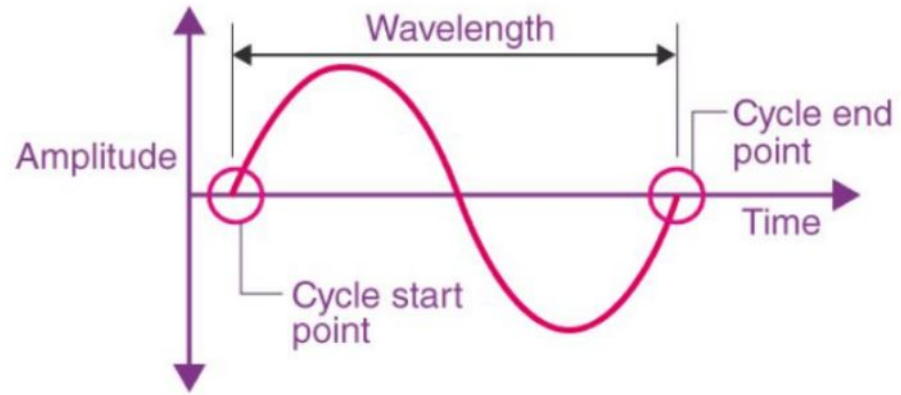
$$\lambda = 2\pi/k; \quad f = \omega/2\pi$$

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

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

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

$$f = 1/T$$



# Interference

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

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

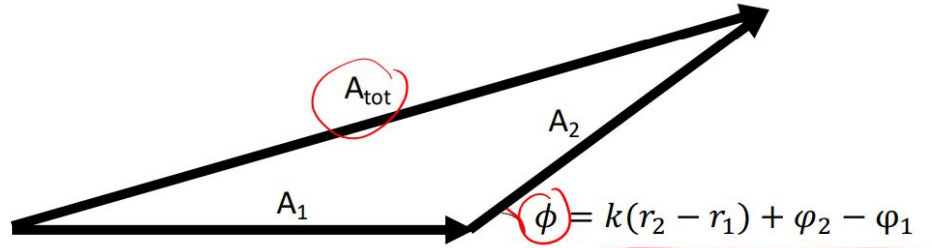
$$y_2(x, t) = A_2 \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

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

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

# Phasors and Law of Cosines

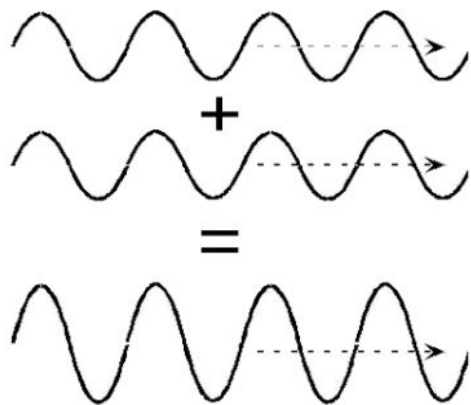
$$A_{\text{tot}}^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2\cos(\phi)$$



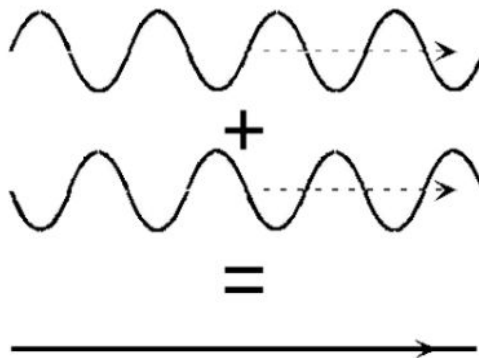


# Interference (Cont.)

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:

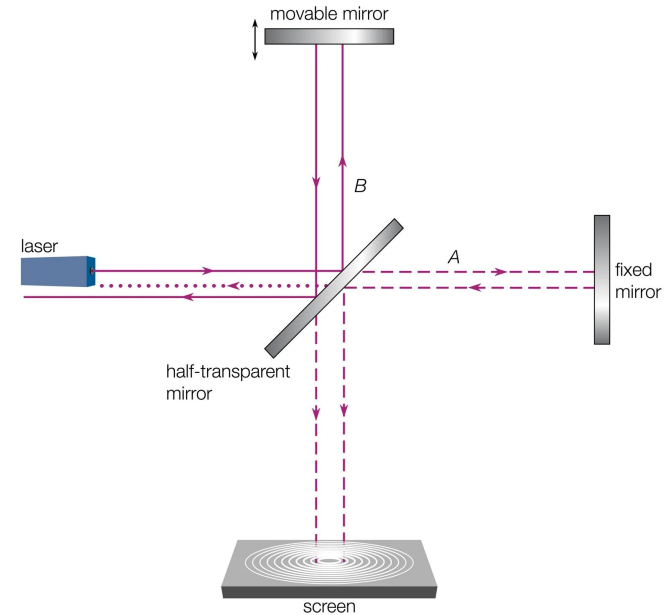
$$I_{\text{total}} = 2A^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{kr_1 + \phi_1 - kr_2 - \phi_2}{2} \right)$$

# Example Problem - Interferometer

A Michelson interferometer is illuminated by a laser of power  $P = 5 \text{ mW}$  and wavelength  $\lambda = 632.8 \text{ nm}$

You want to adjust one of the mirrors to get a **new power of 2 mW**.

How far do you have to move the mirror to achieve this new intensity?



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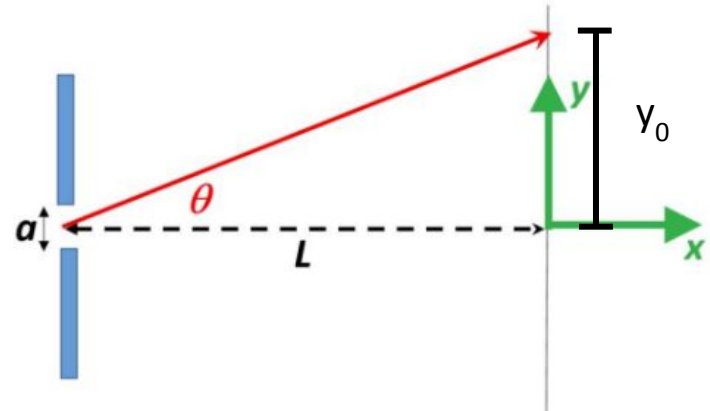
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# Diffraction

- Single slit diffraction:
  - $a$  = slit width
  - $\theta_o$  = angle of first minimum
  - $\lambda$  = wavelength
- **Small  $a \rightarrow$  Large  $\theta_o$**
- Small angle approximation:
  - $\theta \cong \sin(\theta) \cong \tan(\theta) \cong y_o/L$
- Spot size:
  - Radius  $\rightarrow y_o = L \cdot \tan(\theta) \cong L \cdot \theta$
  - Width  $\rightarrow 2y_o = 2L \cdot \tan(\theta) \cong 2 \cdot L \cdot \theta$

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

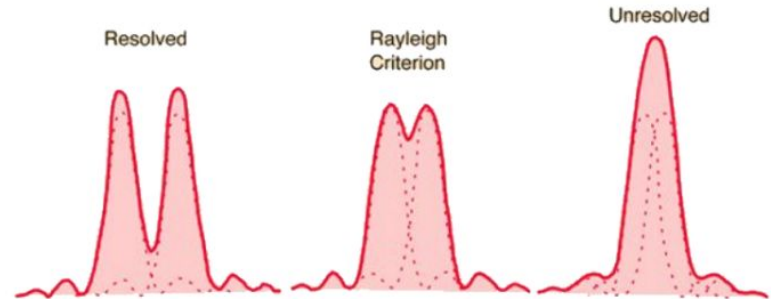


# Diffraction (Cont.)

- Circular aperture diffraction
  - Similar to single slit; 1.22 factor
- Rayleigh Criterion:
  - Center of the diffraction maximum from the first object falls onto the diffraction minimum from the second object
  - ie.  $\theta_o \leq \theta_{\text{objects}}$ 
    - $\theta_o$  = angle of first minimum of central bright spot
    - For multiple objects  $\theta_o$  is the minimum angle required to distinguish the two objects
    - $\theta_{\text{objects}}$  = angle between two bright spots

D - Diameter of lens

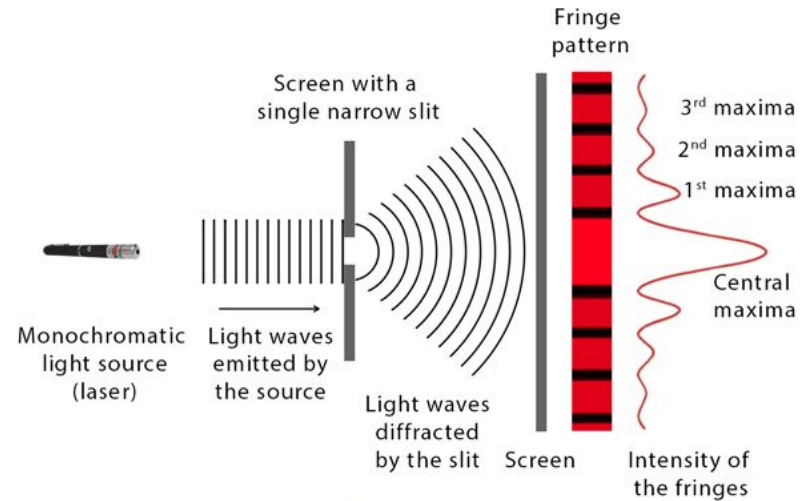
$$D \sin(\theta_o) = 1.22\lambda$$



# Example Problem - Diffraction

A laser with wavelength  $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$  illuminates a single slit width of  $a = 0.1 \text{ mm}$ . A screen is placed  $L = 2.00 \text{ m}$  from the slit.

Find the **vertical position  $y_4$**  on the screen of the fourth minimum measured from  $y = 0$  (center of first maximum)



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$$y_4 = 0.04 \text{ m} = 4 \text{ cm}$$

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**You got this!**

