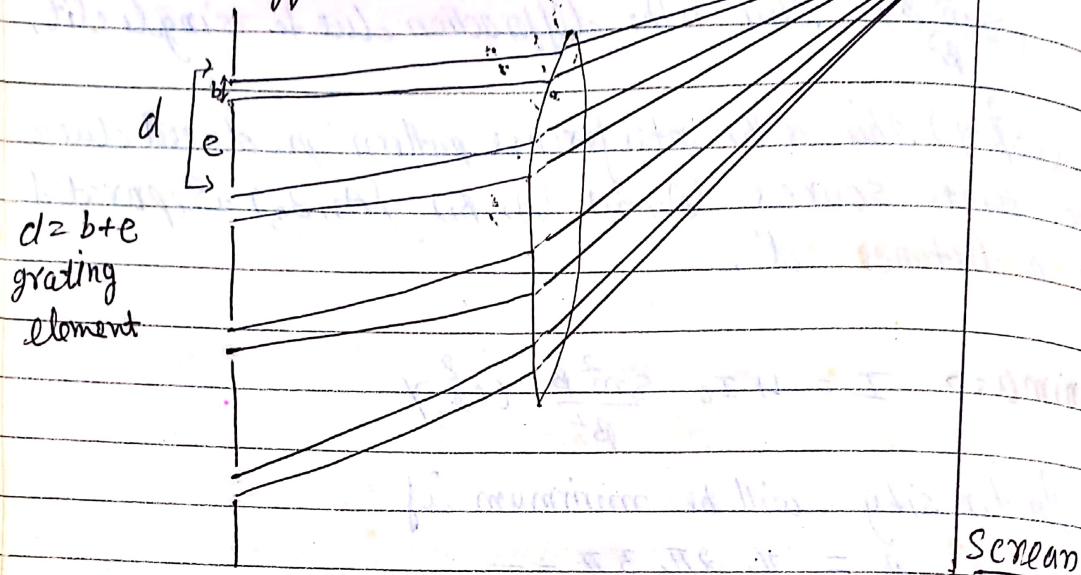


N-slit diffraction



$$E = \frac{A \sin \beta}{\beta} \cos(\omega t - \beta) + \frac{A \sin \beta}{\beta} \cos(\omega t - \beta - \phi_1) \\ + \frac{A \sin \beta}{\beta} \cos(\omega t - \beta - (n-1)\phi_1)$$

$$E = \frac{A \sin \beta}{\beta} \cos\left(\omega t - \beta - \frac{1}{2}(n-1)\phi_1\right) \frac{\sin N\gamma}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \frac{\sin^2 N\gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma}$$

$I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2}$ is single slit diffraction term.

$\frac{\sin^2 N\gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma}$ Interference pattern produced by N equally spaced point sources $N=1$

$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \frac{\sin^2 \gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma} = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2}$$

$N=2$

$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \frac{\sin^2 2\gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma} = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \cdot 4 \frac{\sin^2 \gamma \cos^2 \gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma}$$

$$I = 4I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \cdot \cos^2 \gamma$$

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Principle maxima $\rightarrow$ where N is very large we obtain intensity maxima at $\gamma = m\pi$

$$\frac{\pi d \sin \theta}{\lambda} = m\pi$$

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

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow m\pi} \frac{\sin N\gamma}{\sin \gamma} = \pm N$$

$$E = \frac{A \sin \beta}{\beta} N$$

$$I = N^2 I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2}$$

Such maxima are called as principle maxima. at these maxima the fields produced by each of the slit are in phase and they add up to give resultant field which is N times to the field produced by the slit.

Minima $\rightarrow$ For minima,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \beta = n\pi$$

$$b \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad N\gamma = p\pi \quad \left\{ \gamma \neq 0 \text{ whose will give pr max} \right.$$

where $p \neq N, 2N, 3N,$

$$p \geq 0, N, 2N$$

$$\gamma \geq 0, \pi, 2\pi$$

For these values the denominator of $\frac{\sin^2 p\gamma}{\sin^2 \gamma}$ will vanish and we have principle maxima i.e. by p should not be $0, N, 2N$ and so on. Hence other value of p will give the minimum intensity.

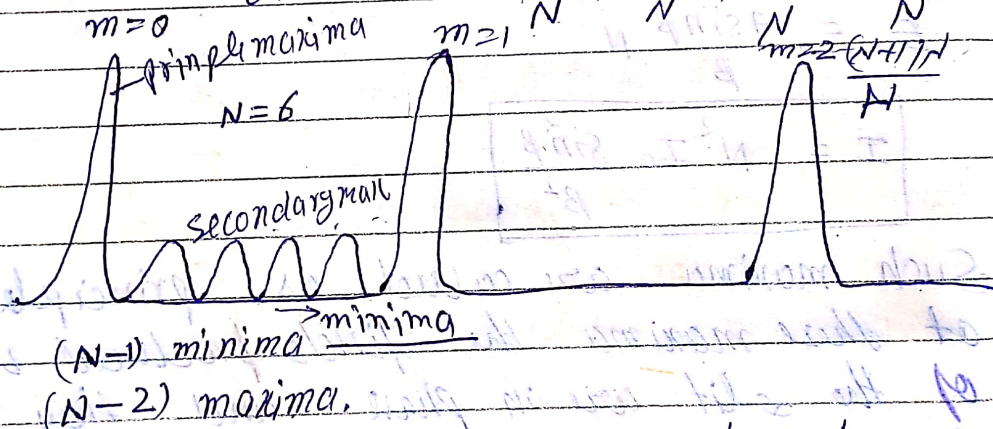
$$N\gamma = p\pi$$

$$\frac{\pi d \sin \theta}{\lambda} = \frac{p\pi}{N}$$

$$d \sin \theta = \frac{p\lambda}{N}$$

$$p = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$d \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{N}, \frac{2\lambda}{N}, \frac{3\lambda}{N}, \dots, \frac{(N-1)\lambda}{N}$$



between two principle maxima we have $(N-1)$ minima. B/w two such consecutive minima the intensity has to have maximum, that maxima is called secondary maxima.

It means if the NO of slit are 6 then there should be $(6-1) = 5$ minima and $(6-2) = 4$ 2^o maxima.

2^o maxima can be determined as follows.

$$\frac{d}{d\gamma} \left(\frac{\sin N\gamma}{\sin \gamma} \right) = 0$$