

HW 10

① (a) Signal is proportional to "interference term":

$$S \propto 2 \sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos \delta$$

Noise is proportional to the sum of intensities:

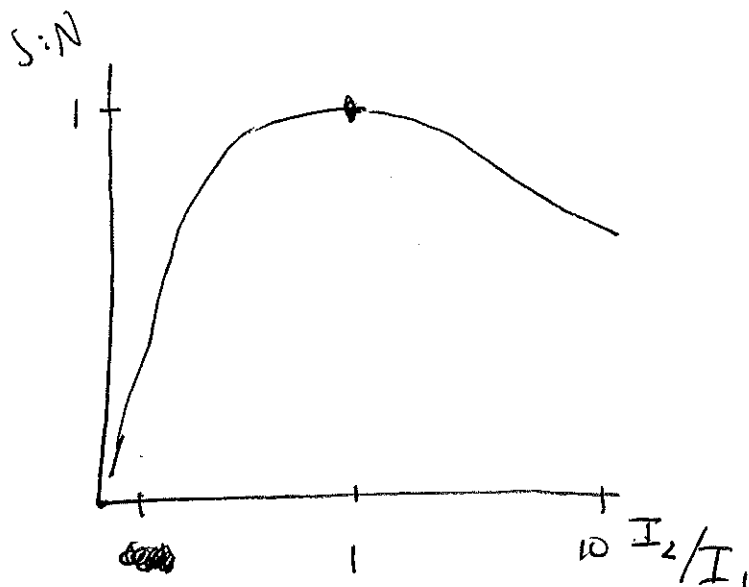
$$N \propto I_1 + I_2$$

→ Assume we are at complete constructive interference
(i.e. $\cos \delta = 1$)

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Noise}} = S:N = \frac{2 \sqrt{I_1 I_2}}{I_1 + I_2}$$

(b)

| I_2 | S/N |
|-------------------|-------|
| 0 | 0 |
| $\frac{1}{2} I_1$ | 0.94 |
| I_1 | 1 |
| $2 I_1$ | 0.94 |
| $10 I_1$ | 0.57 |



Signal to noise is maximum for $I_2 = I_1$.

② (a) $I = I_{\text{central}} \cos^2 \left(\frac{y \pi a}{\lambda L} \right)$ ← cosine squared pattern

zeroth bright fringe @ $y_0 = 0$

1st " " @ $y_1 = \frac{\lambda L}{a}$

2nd " " @ $y_2 = 2 \frac{\lambda L}{a}$

$$\underline{y_1 - y_0} = \underline{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{\lambda L}{a} = \frac{(543 \text{ nm})(1.00 \text{ m})}{(0.500 \text{ mm})} = \boxed{1.09 \text{ mm}}$$

(b) $I = I_{\text{central}} \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2$ ← sinc squared pattern

where $\beta \approx \frac{y \pi}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{D}{L}$ for small θ

Sinc² function has maxima at

$y_0 = 0$

$y_1 = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\lambda L}{D}$ (when $\beta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$)

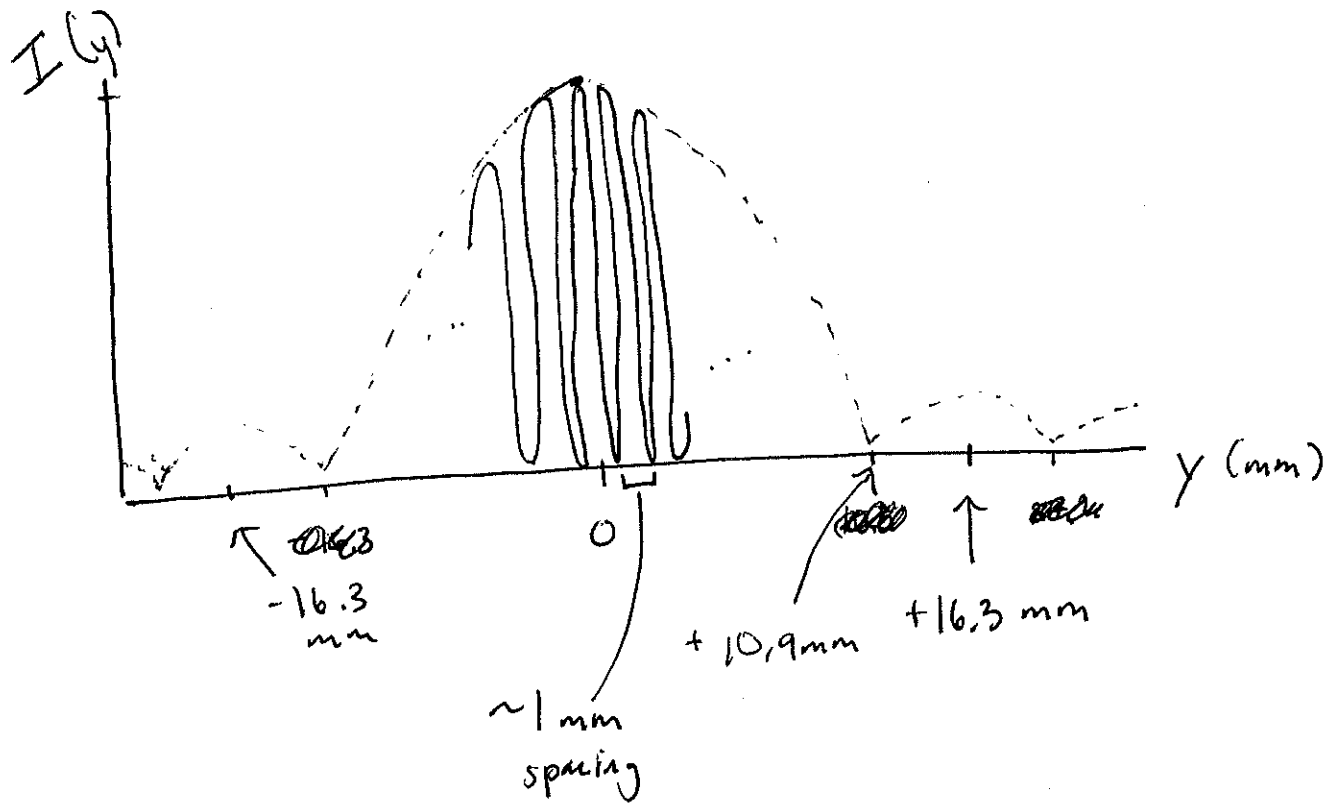
$y_2 = \frac{5}{2} \frac{\lambda L}{D}$ (when $\beta = \frac{5\pi}{2}$)

$$y_1 - y_0 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(543 \text{ nm})(1.00 \text{ m})}{(0.0500 \text{ mm})} = \boxed{16.3 \text{ mm}}$$

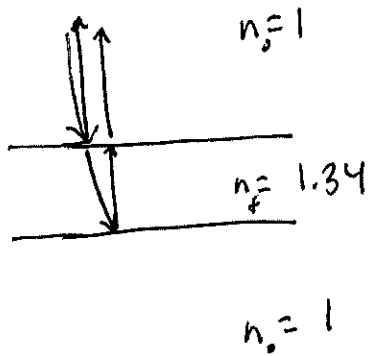
$$y_2 - y_1 = \left(\frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{\lambda L}{D} = \boxed{10.9 \text{ mm}}$$

(2 continued)

(c) The pattern will be $I \propto \text{sinc}^2 \beta \times \cos^2 \left(\frac{\gamma a \pi}{\lambda L} \right)$.



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$$\Delta OPL = 2t n_f + \frac{\lambda}{2} = m \lambda$$

$m \in \text{integer} \rightarrow \text{constructive IF}$

$$\Delta OPL = 2t n_f + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \lambda$$

$$t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda/2}{2n_f} = \frac{\lambda}{4n_f} = \boxed{118 \text{ nm}}$$

4 (1) Compare the case of reflection off the substrate into air to reflection off the film into air.

$$r_{\text{film} \rightarrow \text{air}} \stackrel{??}{<} r_{\text{sub.} \rightarrow \text{air}}$$

$$\frac{n_f - 1}{n_f + 1} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{n_s - 1}{n_s + 1}$$

$$(n_s + 1)(n_f - 1) < (n_s - 1)(n_f + 1)$$

$$n_s n_f + n_s - n_f - 1 < n_s n_f - n_f + n_s - 1$$

$$\boxed{n_f - n_s < n_s - n_f} \quad \underline{\text{True}} \text{ for } 1 < n_f < n_s$$

(2) If the thickness of the film is $\frac{\lambda_f}{4}$ and $1 < n_f < n_s$, the reflection off of the film-substrate interface will always be exactly π out of phase with the film-air reflection. Thus, $r_{\text{film} \rightarrow \text{air}}$ would get reduced.

⑤ refractive index: $n_f = \sqrt{n_o n_g} = \boxed{1.24}$

thickness: $\Delta OPL = 2t n_f = \frac{\lambda_m}{2} \leftarrow \text{destructive IF}$

$t_{\min} = \frac{\lambda}{4n_f} = \boxed{109 \text{ nm}}$

⑥ (a) $F = \left(\frac{2r}{1-r^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{2 \cdot 0.8944}{1 - (0.8944)^2} \right)^2 = \boxed{79.96}$

(b) $\alpha_F = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{F} = \boxed{14.05}$

(c) FWHM = ~~FSR~~ $\frac{FSR}{\alpha_F} \approx \boxed{107 \text{ MHz}}$

(also, $\frac{4}{\sqrt{F}} \approx \boxed{0.447 \text{ radians}}$) (also FWHM $\approx \boxed{0.1076 \text{ pm}}$)

(d) FSR = $\frac{\text{speed of light}}{2(10 \text{ cm})} = \boxed{1.50 \text{ GHz}}$

(also, FSR $\approx \boxed{6.28 \text{ radians}}$)

(also, FSR $\approx \boxed{1.51 \text{ pm}}$)

→ lots of choices for units!

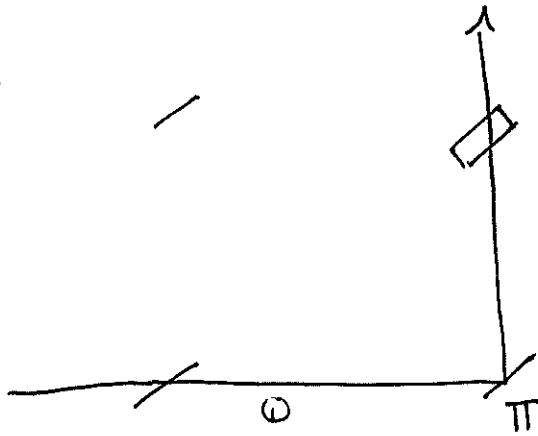
(e) $I_t = I_i \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}$

$\rho = \frac{(I_t / I_i)_{\max}}{(I_t / I_i)_{\min}} = \boxed{81} \leftarrow 1 + F$

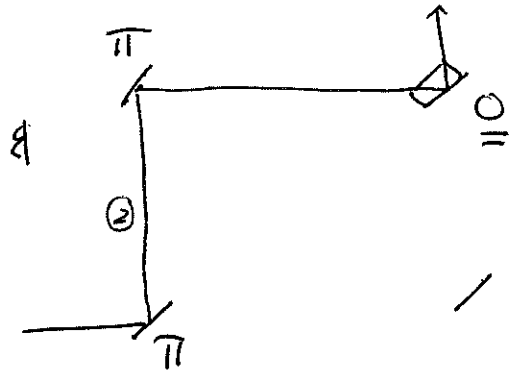
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Case 1: reflect off back of last beamsplitter (as pictured)

(a) PD1:



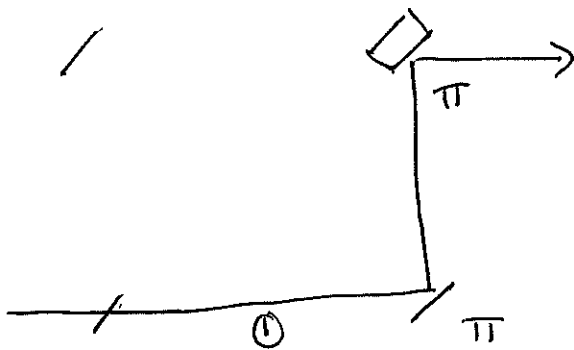
Beam 1 has π shift



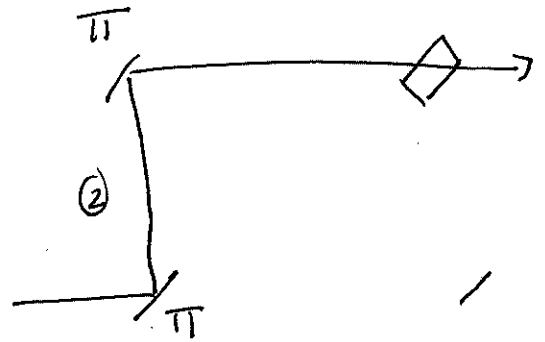
Beam 2 has $2\pi = 0$ shift

→ PD1 sees no light

(b) PD2:



Beam 1 has $2\pi = 0$ phase shift



Beam 2 also has $2\pi = 0$ phase shift

→ PD2 see 100% of light

Case 2: if you are instead looking at the reflection off the beamsplitter front, PD1 sees 100% and PD2 sees 0%.

E.C.1

- The parts of the beam that are not affected by the candle act same as in #7: bright at PD2 and dark at PD1. This is why image at PD1 has a dark background and the other has a light background.
- The candle reduces the air density of nearby air, causing a shift in index of refraction. This only happens in beam "1" (see #7) and it only happens near the flame.
- The shifting of n causes an interference "image" of the heat caused by the candle.
- The image at "PD1" is the negative of the image at "PD2". (Energy/Intensity is conserved.)

E.C. 2

(a) You can start with $Q = \frac{\nu_0}{\text{FWHM}}$. (from class)

$$\text{Then } Q = \frac{\nu_0 \text{FSR}}{\text{FSR} \text{FWHM}} = \mathcal{F} \frac{\nu_0}{\text{FSR}}$$

$$(b) Q = \frac{545 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}}{107 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}} \approx 5 \text{ million}$$

$$(c) \mathcal{F} = Q \frac{\text{FSR}}{\nu_0} = (1 \text{ million}) \frac{1.5 \text{ GHz}}{545 \text{ THz}} = 2.75$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R}{1-R}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{2\sqrt{R}}{1-R} = 2.75$$

$R \approx 0.33$ or 33% will work for
such a long cavity