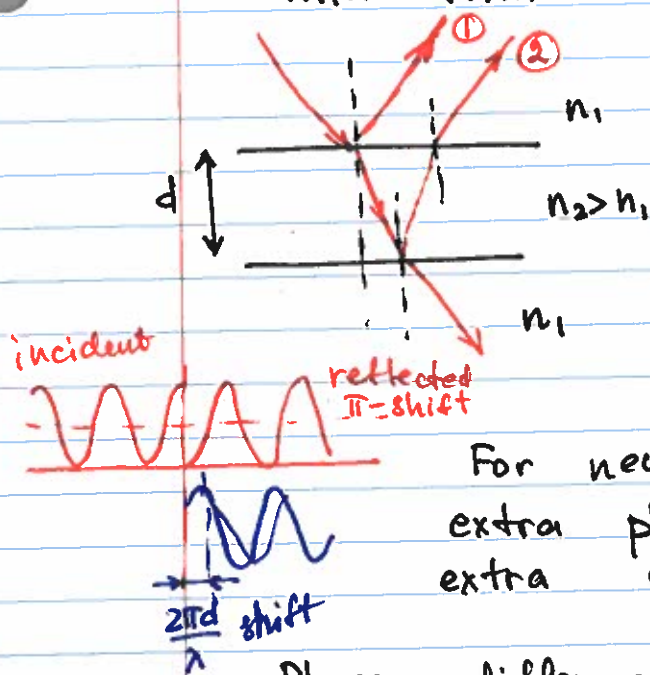


Thin film : soap bubbles



Beam ① $\rightarrow$ phase flips
by $180^\circ = \pi$ (since $n_1 < n_2$ @ reflection)

Beam ② $\rightarrow$ no phase flip
(since $n_2 > n_1$ @ reflection)
but has extra phase
due to propagation in the
film

For nearly - normal incidence
extra physical distance $= 2 \times d = \Delta x$
extra optical phase $= \frac{2\pi n_2 \Delta x}{\lambda_0} = \frac{4\pi \cdot d n_2}{\lambda_0}$

Phase difference b/w beams 1 and 2

$$\left(\frac{4\pi d n_2}{\lambda_0} - \pi \right) = 2\pi m \quad \text{for constructive interference} \quad m=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$= 2\pi m + \pi \quad \text{for destructive interference}$$

"Bright" reflection $\frac{4\pi d n_2}{\lambda_0} - \pi = 2\pi m \Rightarrow \frac{4\pi d n_2}{\lambda_0} = \pi(2m+1)$

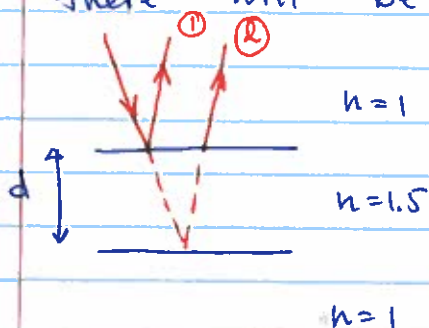
$$d_{\max} = \frac{2m+1}{4} \cdot \lambda / n_2$$

"Dark" reflection $\frac{4\pi d n_2}{\lambda_0} - \pi = 2\pi m + \pi \Rightarrow \frac{4\pi d n_2}{\lambda_0} = 2\pi m$

$$d_{\min} = \frac{m}{2} \cdot \lambda / n_2$$

Very thin film $\rightarrow$ min reflection for any color
first bright band occurs for smaller
wavelength - blue, then follows the spectrum
to the red.

Example 1: If a bubble ($n=1.5$) is illuminated with laser $\lambda_0 = 600\text{nm}$. At what thickness there will be no reflection?



Beam 1: π -phase is added upon reflection ($n > 1$)

Beam 2: no extra phase upon reflection, but extra distance traveled $2d$
extra phase: $\frac{2\pi}{(\lambda_0/n)} \cdot 2d = \frac{4\pi dn}{\lambda_0}$

Phase different b/w two beams after the film

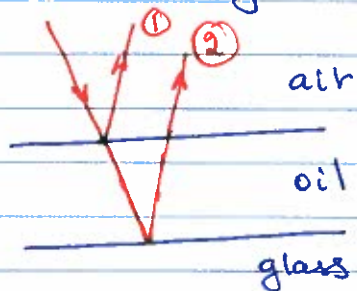
$$\frac{4\pi dn}{\lambda_0} - \pi = \pi + 2\pi m \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\frac{4\pi dn}{\lambda_0} = 2\pi + 2\pi m$$

minimum thickness $m=0$ $d_{\min} = \frac{\lambda_0}{2n} = \frac{600\text{nm}}{2 \cdot 1.5}$

$$\underline{d_{\min} = 200\text{nm}}$$

Example 2: If we have an oil film on a plane of glass ($n_{oil} = 1.3$, $n_{glass} = 1.5$) illuminated with light with $\lambda_0 = 600\text{nm}$, at what thickness of oil film there is no glare (reflection)



$$n_{air} < n_{oil} < n_{glass}$$

Beam 1: extra π phase shift

Beam 2: extra π phase shift
 $+ 2d \cdot 2\pi / (\lambda_0 / n_{oil})$

Phase difference b/w the beams

$$\frac{4\pi \cdot d \cdot n_{oil}}{\lambda_0} = \pi \quad \text{destructive interference (smallest phase shift)}$$

$$d = \frac{\lambda_0}{4n_{oil}} = \frac{600\text{nm}}{4 \cdot 1.3} \approx 115\text{nm}$$