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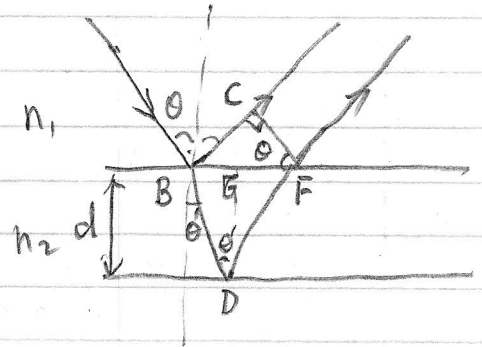
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# Oblique Incidence on a film - the Cosine Law (CH 15-3)

The difference of the optical paths

$$\Delta = 2n_2 d \cos \theta'$$

$\theta'$ : angle of refraction



$$\Delta = n_2 (BD + DF) - n_1 BC$$

Consider  $\triangle BOG$ .  $BD = DF = \frac{DG}{\cos \theta'} = \frac{d}{\cos \theta'}$

$$BF = 2BG = 2 \cdot DG \cdot \tan \theta' = 2d \tan \theta'$$

Consider  $\triangle BFC$ .  $BC = BF \cdot \sin \theta = BF \cdot \sin \theta' \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

$$BC = 2d \frac{\sin^2 \theta'}{\cos \theta'}$$

$$\Delta = 2n_2 d \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta'} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta'}{\cos \theta'} \right)$$

$$\Delta = 2n_2 d \frac{\cos^2 \theta'}{\cos \theta'} = 2n_2 d \cos \theta'$$

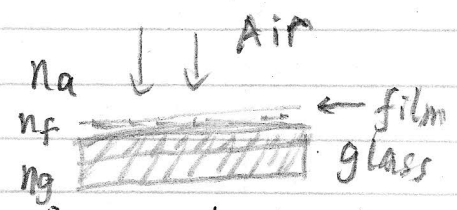
$\Delta$ : depends on  $\theta$ , and also depend on  $\lambda_0$  ( $S = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \Delta$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Explain the colors on soap bubbles

\* Non reflecting Films (CH 15.4)

Example: anti reflective coating of eye class

Thickness of the film  $d$



Looking for destructive interference

Since  $n_g > n_f > n_a$ , phase changes of  $\pi$  for both reflection

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_0 = 2n_f d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{\lambda_0}{4n_f}$$

Exp:  $\lambda_0 = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ nm}$ ,  $n_f = 1.38$  (MgF<sub>2</sub> film)

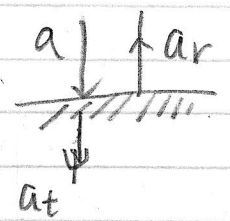
$$d = 0.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$$

\* Reflectivity  $R$ . reflection coefficient  $r$

transmission coefficient  $t$

$$a_r = ar$$

$$a_t = at$$



$a, a_r, a_t$  are amplitudes of incident, reflected, transmitted light beams

From electromagnetic theory (CH 24.2, Eq. 67-72)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r &= \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \\ t &= \frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{from medium } n_1 \text{ to } n_2$$

$$\text{Reflectivity } R = r^2 = \left( \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)^2$$

For eyeglass without coating.

$$n_1 = 1, \quad n_2 = 1.5$$

$$R = 0.04, \quad \text{or } 4\% \text{ reflection of light}$$

# Continue on Non reflective Films (CH 15.4)

with coating, destructive interference

$$a_1 = \frac{n_f - n_a}{n_f + n_a} a \quad \text{wave reflected from upper surface}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{n_g - n_f}{n_g + n_f} a \quad \text{wave reflected from lower surface}$$

$$a_R = a_1 - a_2$$

$$R = \left( \frac{a_R}{a} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{n_f - n_a}{n_f + n_a} - \frac{n_g - n_f}{n_g + n_f} \right)^2$$

$$n_a = 1, \quad n_f = 1.38, \quad n_g = 1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 1.3\%$$

Minimum happens when  $a_1 = a_2 \Rightarrow n_f = \sqrt{n_a n_g}$

# High Reflectivity Film (CH 15.5)

$$r = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1}$$

choose large  $n_2$ , e.g.,  $n_2 = 2.37$  (Zinc sulfide film)

$$n_a = 1, \quad n_f = 2.37, \quad n_g = 1.5$$

Since  $n_a < n_f > n_g$

Constructive interference occurs at

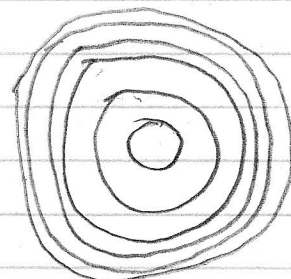
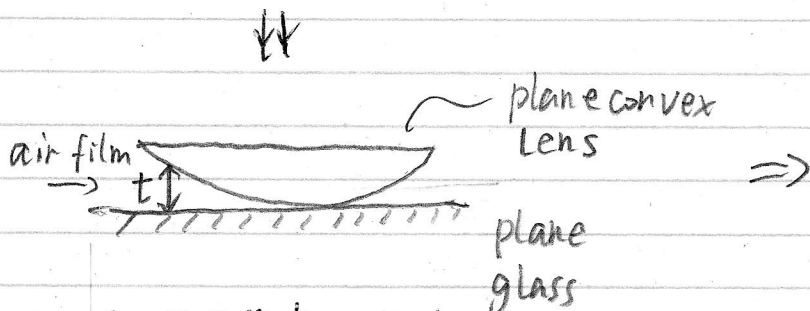
$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_0 = 2n_f d$$

$$d = \frac{\lambda_0}{4n_f}$$

$$R \approx 35\%$$

Exp: sunglass

# # Newton's Rings (CH 15.10)



Newton's Rings  
Concentric dark and bright rings

$$\Delta = 2nt, n=1$$

maxima:  $\Delta = (m + \frac{1}{2})\lambda, m=0,1$

minima:  $\Delta = m\lambda, m=0,1$

Derive t:

using the identity of bisector

$$r_m \cdot r_m = t \cdot (2R)$$

$$r_m^2 = 2Rt$$

For ~~mth~~ mth dark ring,  $r_m^2 = 2R \cdot \frac{m\lambda}{2}$

$$r_m^2 = m\lambda R \quad m=0,1,2 \dots$$

Exp:  $\lambda = 6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$  and  $R = 100 \text{ cm}$

$$r_m = \sqrt{m\lambda R} = 0.08 \sqrt{m} \text{ cm}$$

The wavelength  $\lambda$  is amplified by  $\sqrt{R}$

To find Wavelength, counter the ring and measure  $r_m$

Exp. from mth ring to (m+p)th ring

$r_m$                        $r_{m+p}$                       eg.  $p=10$

$$\lambda = \frac{r_{m+p}^2 - r_m^2}{pR}$$