

"two-slit interference"

m l = d sinf for bright fringes



The only light in the room originates from two identical bare, incandescent light bulbs. One is located on the wall to your left; and the other is located on the wall to your right. Bored, you look up at the ceiling and realize there is no interference pattern. Why is there no interference pattern?

- 1. The two light sources are not polarized.
- The two light sources are not coherent.
  - 3. The two light sources are in phase.
  - 4. The interference pattern is too small to observe with the naked eye.
  - 5. Interference of light is never observed, but the diffraction of light can easily be observed.









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(a) A slit as a source of wavelets



(don't sweat the differences between Fresnel (nearby) and Frauenhofer (far away or parallel ray) diffraction)





### **Diffraction and the Wave Theory of Light**

Diffraction pattern from a single narrow slit. Side or secondary asint = mh maxima Light Central maximum These patterns cannot be explained using geometrical optics (Ch. 37)! Fresnel Bright Spot. Light Bright spot



Airey Disk



diffraction (interference)





(b)



ml = asin0

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#### (a) Small aperture

Fig.36.27



(b) Medium aperture



(c) Large aperture



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A asin  $\Theta = m_1$ (dah line, diffraction)

Which one of the following statements best explains why the diffraction of sound is more apparent than the diffraction of light under most circumstances?

63%

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- 2. Sound requires a physical medium for propagation.
- 3. Light waves can be represented by rays while sound waves cannot.
- 4. The speed of sound in air is six orders of magnitude smaller than that of light.
- 75. The wavelength of light is considerably smaller than the wavelength of sound.

2.

1.

3.

4.







 $B = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta$ 





Rayleish's Criterion

 $Sin \Theta_R = 1.22 \frac{1}{D}$ 











 $5in \Theta \ge 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}$ 





## The Seine at Herblay (Maxmillian Luce)





For 400nm light, if these dots are 2mm apart, how far away should you stand from the painting to not notice that they're individual dots using your 1.5mm pupils?





(a) Interference between rays reflected from the two surfaces of a thin film

Light reflected from the upper and lower surfaces of the film comes together in the eye at *P* and undergoes interference.



(b) The rainbow fringes of an oil slick on water







# Table 33.1 Index of Refraction for Yellow Sodium Light, $\lambda_0 = 589$ nm

Index of



n is factor speed slows down by  $v = \frac{4}{n}$  $v = f \lambda$ E = h f

Refraction, n Substance Solids Ice  $(H_2O)$ 1.309 Fluorite  $(CaF_2)$ 1.434 1.49 Polystyrene Rock salt (NaCl) 1.544 Quartz  $(SiO_2)$ 1.544 1.923  $Zircon (ZrO_2 \cdot SiO_2)$ Diamond (C) 2.417 Fabulite (SrTiO<sub>3</sub>) 2.409 Rutile  $(TiO_2)$ 2.62 Glasses (typical values) Crown 1.52 Light flint 1.58 Medium flint 1.62 Dense flint 1.66 Lanthanum flint 1.80 Liquids at 20°C Methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) 1.329 Water  $(H_2O)$ 1.333 1.36 Ethanol ( $C_2H_5OH$ ) Carbon tetrachloride  $(CCl_4)$ 1.460 Turpentine 1.472 Glycerine 1.473 Benzene 1.501 Carbon disulfide  $(CS_2)$ 1.628 © 2012 Pearson Education, Inc.



(a) Reflection from lower index of refraction © 2010 Pearson Education, Inc.

#### No bonus phase change

(b) Reflection from higher index of refraction

Bonus  $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$  phase change



Three things to note:

- 1) Which reflections get an extra  $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ ?
- 2) Is some of the pathlength in a different n?
- 3) Transmitted light does not change phase



(b) If the incident and transmitted waves have the same speed ...



(c) If the transmitted wave moves *slower* than the incident wave ...





Do Problem #4 on the "Interference" handout from last week







