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Exercise Series Number 2: Physical Optics_Part 1_Solution

Solution1 :

The frequency f of the wave being conserved. We have :

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

Where v is the velocity of the wave in the medium under consideration :

$$v = \frac{c}{n} \text{ (} c \text{ is the velocity of the wave in a vacuum and } n \text{ is the refractive index of the medium).}$$

The wavelength λ_1 being given in a vacuum ($n_1 = 1$), we have :

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda_1} = \frac{c}{n_2 \lambda_2} \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_1}{n_2} = 0.6328151 \mu m$$

The precision on the value of λ_2 is obtained by differentiating the logarithm of the above expression (logarithmic derivative):

$$\frac{d\lambda_2}{\lambda_2} = \frac{d\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{dn_2}{n_2}$$

We passed from differentials to uncertainty Δ by summing the absolute values:

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda_2}{\lambda_2} = \frac{\Delta\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\Delta n_2}{n_2} \Rightarrow \Delta\lambda_2 = \lambda_2 \left(\frac{\Delta\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\Delta n_2}{n_2} \right) = 10^{-6}$$

Solution 2 :

1. A point source emits a spherical wave in an isotropic homogeneous medium: the wave surfaces are spheres with a center O.

2. The amplitude of the wave depends on the position of the point M on the wavesurface under consideration.

Let us note E_M , the amplitude of the electric field on the wave surface under consideration. The phase of the wave corresponds to the propagation of the wave (The phase is written $(\omega t - kr)$ for a spherical wave).

If φ denotes the phase difference between the point considered and the source, the sought wave surface has the equation: $\varphi = kr$. Finally, the electric field is written :

$$E(M, t) = E_M \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$$

3. When placed very far from the source, spherical wave surfaces have a very large radius of curvature; they can therefore be assimilated locally to straight lines: we find the wavefronts of a plane wave.

This is what happens, for example, with the light waves emitted by the Sun at the level of the Earth.

A more rigorous way to generate a plane wave from a point source is to place the source in the focal

plane object of a converging lens : The beam emerging from the lens is a beam of parallel rays corresponding to a plane wave.

Solution 03

We have the wave is generally written in the form of:

$$E_x(z, t) = E_0 \sin(k_z \cdot z - \omega t) \text{ ou } E_x(z, t) = E_0 \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

1-

- The amplitude: $E_0 = 10^2 \text{ V/m}$; $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$; $v = \frac{\omega}{k}$

- The direction of propagation corresponds to the direction Oz: $\vec{k} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ k_z \end{pmatrix}$

- The direction of polarization corresponds to the direction Ox: $E_y(z, t) = E_z(z, t) = 0$

2- The vlocity $v = \frac{\omega}{k} = 9 \cdot \frac{10^{14}}{3 \cdot 10^6} = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

The wavelength $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\pi \cdot 3 \cdot 10^6} = 0.66 \mu\text{m}$

The Frequency $\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} = 4.5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$, it is the color red (between 400 and 180 THz)

3- On utilise les équations de Maxwell :

$$\text{rot} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}; \quad \vec{B} \begin{pmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rot} \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rot} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow B_x \text{ et } B_z \text{ are constants do not correspond to progressive waves}$$

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = -kE_0 \cos(k_z \cdot z - \omega t) \Rightarrow B_y(z, t) = \frac{k}{\omega} E_0 \sin(k_z \cdot z - \omega t) = \frac{E_x(z, t)}{v}$$

Solution 04:

1. $\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = a \cos \omega t + a \cos(\omega t + \varphi) = a(\cos \omega t + \cos(\omega t + \varphi))$

We have : $\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi = 2a \cos\left(\frac{\omega t + \omega t + \varphi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega t - \omega t - \varphi}{2}\right) = 2a \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$$

In the form of: $\psi = A \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$ avec $A = 2a \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$; $\alpha = \frac{\varphi}{2}$

The complex representation :

$$\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = ae^{i\omega t} + ae^{i(\omega t + \varphi)} = ae^{i\omega t}(1 + e^{i\varphi})$$

$$= ae^{i\omega t} e^{i\varphi/2} (e^{-i\varphi/2} + e^{i\varphi/2}) = a(e^{-i\varphi/2} + e^{i\varphi/2}) e^{i(\omega t + \frac{\varphi}{2})}$$

On a : $e^{-i\varphi/2} + e^{i\varphi/2} = \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) = 2 \cos\frac{\varphi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \psi = 2a \cos\frac{\varphi}{2} \cdot e^{i(\omega t + \frac{\varphi}{2})}$$

2.

$$I = 4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

a. The two waves are in phase: $\frac{\varphi}{2} = 2\pi n$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$) $\Rightarrow I = I_{max} = 4a^2$

b. The two waves are in phase opposition: $I = 0 \Rightarrow \cos\frac{\varphi}{2} = 0$

c. two waves are in phase quadrature: $\frac{\varphi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}(2n + 1) \Rightarrow I = 4a^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = 2a^2$

Solution 05 :

We have:

$$a = 0,2 \cdot 10^{-3} m, D = 1,0 m, x_{Bright\ gringge}(k = 3) = 9,49 \cdot 10^{-3} m.$$

The equation of the 3rd bright fringe is given by

$$x_{FB}(k = 3) = 3 \frac{\lambda D}{a} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{a \cdot x_{FB}(k = 3)}{3D}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{0,2 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 9,49 \cdot 10^{-3}}{3 \cdot 1} = 0,633 \cdot 10^{-3} m = 633 nm$$

Solution 06 :

1. Let us recall the formula of the interfringe:

$$i = \frac{\lambda D}{a} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{ia}{D}$$

$$i = \frac{7,5}{3} = 2,5 mm; a = 0,2 mm; D = 1m = 1000mm$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0,5 \mu m$$

2. The distance to the central fringe of the 3rd dark fringe being 2,5, we have :

$$i' = \frac{7,5}{2,5} = 3 mm$$

$$\lambda' = \frac{i'a}{D} = 0,6 \mu m$$