

## Answers Question 1

(i) Vector Diagram



If the phase of the light from the first slit is zero, the phase from second slit is

$$\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta$$

Adding the two waves with phase difference  $\phi$  where  $\xi = 2\pi \left( ft - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$ ,

$$a \cos(\xi + \phi) + a \cos(\xi) = 2a \cos(\phi/2) \cos(\xi + \phi/2)$$

$$a \cos(\xi + \phi) + a \cos(\xi) = 2a \cos \beta \cos(\xi + \beta)$$

This is a wave of amplitude  $A = 2a \cos \beta$  and phase  $\beta$ . From vector diagram, in isosceles triangle OPQ,

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} \phi = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta \quad (NB \ \phi = 2\beta)$$

and

$$A = 2a \cos \beta.$$

Thus the sum of the two waves can be obtained by the addition of two vectors of amplitude  $a$  and angular directions  $0$  and  $\phi$ .

- (ii) Each slit in diffraction grating produces a wave of amplitude  $a$  with phase  $2\beta$  relative to previous slit wave. The vector diagram consists of a 'regular' polygon with sides of constant length  $a$  and with constant angles between adjacent sides. Let  $O$  be the centre of circumscribing circle passing through the vertices of the polygon. Then radial lines such as  $OS$  have length  $R$  and bisect the internal angles of the polygon. Figure 1.2.

Figure 1.2



$$\hat{OST} = \hat{OTS} = \frac{1}{2}(180 - \phi)$$

$$\text{and } \hat{TOS} = \phi$$

In the triangle  $TOS$ , for example

$$a = 2R \sin(\phi/2) = 2R \sin \beta \text{ as } (\phi = 2\beta)$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{a}{2 \sin \beta} \quad (1)$$

As the polygon has  $N$  faces then:

$$\hat{TOZ} = N(\hat{TOS}) = N\phi = 2N\beta$$

Therefore in isosceles triangle  $TOZ$ , the amplitude of the resultant wave,  $TZ$ , is given by

$$2R \sin N\beta.$$

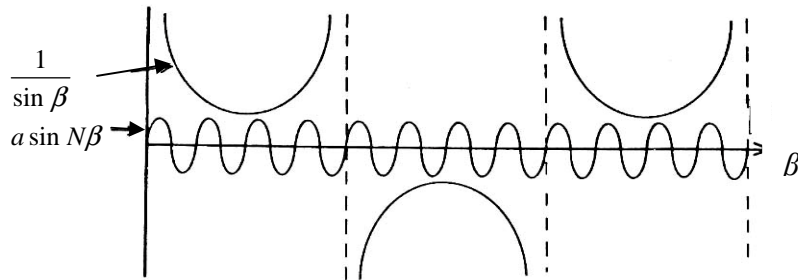
Hence from (1) this amplitude is

$$\frac{a \sin N\beta}{\sin \beta}$$

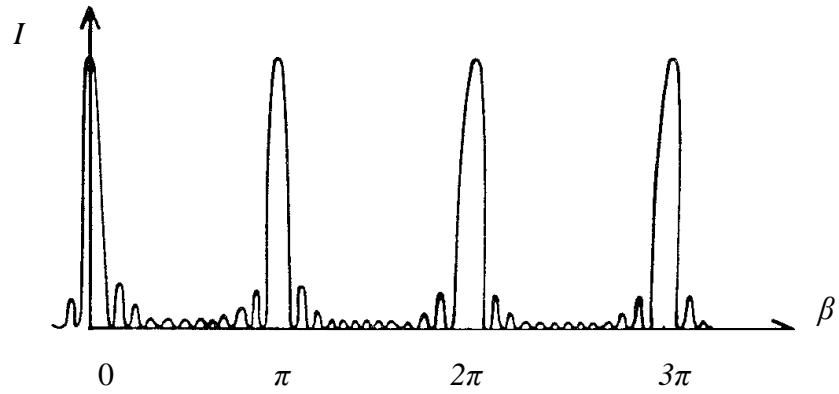
Resultant phase is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hat{ZTS} \\ &= \hat{OTS} - \hat{OTZ} \\ &= \left(90 - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}(180 - N\phi) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(N-1)\phi \\ &= (N-1)\beta \end{aligned}$$

(iii)



$$\text{Intensity } I = \frac{a^2 \sin^2 N\beta}{\sin^2 \beta}$$



(iv) For the principle maxima  $\beta = \pi p$  where  $p = 0 \pm 1 \pm 2 \dots$

$$I_{\max} = a^2 \left( \frac{N\beta'}{\beta'} \right) = N^2 a^2 \quad \beta' = 0 \text{ and } \beta = \pi p + \beta'$$

(v) Adjacent max. estimate  $I_1$  :

$$\sin^2 N\beta = 1, \quad \beta = 2\pi p \mp \frac{3\pi}{2N} \text{ i.e. } \beta = \pm \frac{3\pi}{2N}$$

$\left[ \beta = \pi p \pm \frac{\pi}{2N} \right]$  does not give a maximum as can be observed from the graph.

$$I_1 = a^2 \frac{1}{\frac{3\pi^2}{2N}} = \frac{a^2 N^2}{23} \text{ for } N \gg 1$$

Adjacent zero intensity occurs for  $\beta = \pi p \pm \frac{\pi}{N}$  i.e.  $\delta = \pm \frac{\pi}{N}$

For phase differences much greater than  $\delta$ ,  $I = a^2 \left( \frac{\sin N\beta}{\sin \beta} \right) = a^2$ .

(vi)

$\beta = n\pi$  for a principle maximum

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta = n\pi \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Differentiating w.r.t,  $\lambda$

$$d \cos \theta \Delta \theta = n \Delta \lambda$$

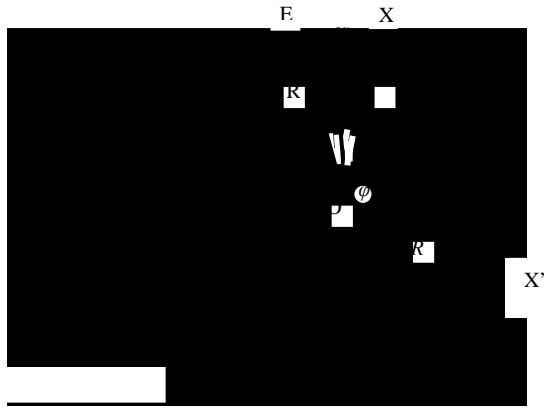
$$\Delta \theta = \frac{n \Delta \lambda}{d \cos \theta}$$

Substituting  $\lambda = 589.0 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda + \Delta \lambda = 589.6 \text{ nm}$ ,  $n = 2$  and  $d = 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ .

$$\Delta \theta = \frac{n \Delta \lambda}{d \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{n\lambda}{d} \right)^2}} \text{ as } \sin \theta = \frac{n\lambda}{d} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{n\lambda}{d} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \theta = 5.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rads or } 0.30^\circ$$

2.(i)



$$EX = 2R \sin \theta \quad \therefore t = \frac{2R \sin \theta}{v}$$

where  $v = v_P$  for P waves and  $v = v_S$  for S waves.

This is valid providing X is at an angular separation less than or equal to X', the tangential ray to the liquid core. X' has an angular separation given by, from the diagram,

$$2\phi = 2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{R_c}{R} \right),$$

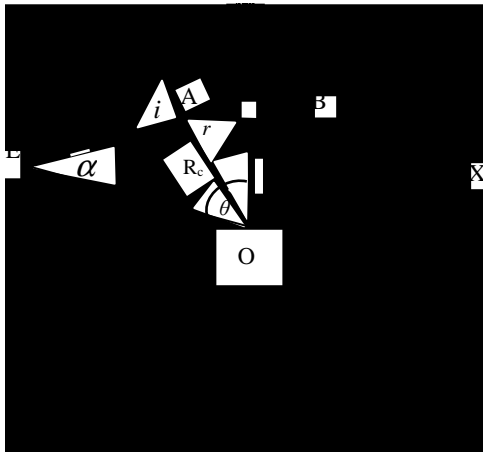
Thus

$$t = \frac{2R \sin \theta}{v}, \quad \text{for } \theta \leq \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{R_c}{R} \right),$$

where  $v = v_P$  for P waves and  $v = v_S$  for shear waves.

$$(ii) \quad \frac{R_c}{R} = 0.5447 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{v_{CP}}{v_P} = 0.8313$$

Figure 2.2



From Figure 2.2

$$\theta = \hat{AOC} + \hat{EOA} \Rightarrow \theta = (90 - r) + (1 - \alpha) \quad (1)$$

(ii) Continued

Snell's Law gives:

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_p}{v_{CP}}. \quad (2)$$

From the triangle EAO, sine rule gives

$$\frac{R_C}{\sin x} = \frac{R}{\sin i}. \quad (3)$$

Substituting (2) and (3) into (1)

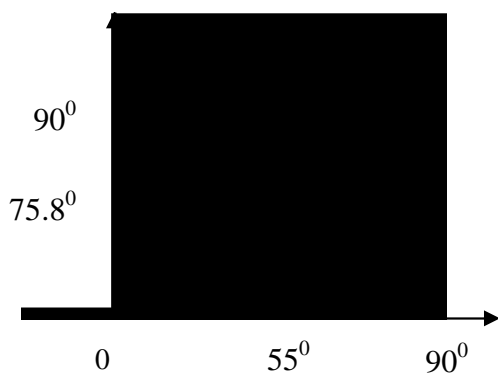
$$\theta = \left[ 90 - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{v_{CP}}{v_p} \sin i \right) + i - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{R_C}{R} \sin i \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

(iii)

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$$\text{For minimum } \theta, \frac{d\theta}{di} = 0. \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\left( \frac{v_{CP}}{v_p} \right) \cos i}{\sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{v_{CP}}{v_p} \sin i \right)^2}} - \frac{\left( \frac{R_C}{R} \right) \cos i}{\sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R_C}{R} \sin i \right)^2}} = 0$$

Substituting  $i = 55.0^\circ$  gives LHS=0, this verifying the minimum occurs at this value of  $i$ . Substituting  $i = 55.0^\circ$  into (4) gives  $\theta = 75.8^\circ$ .

Plot of  $\theta$  against  $i$ .

Substituting into 4:

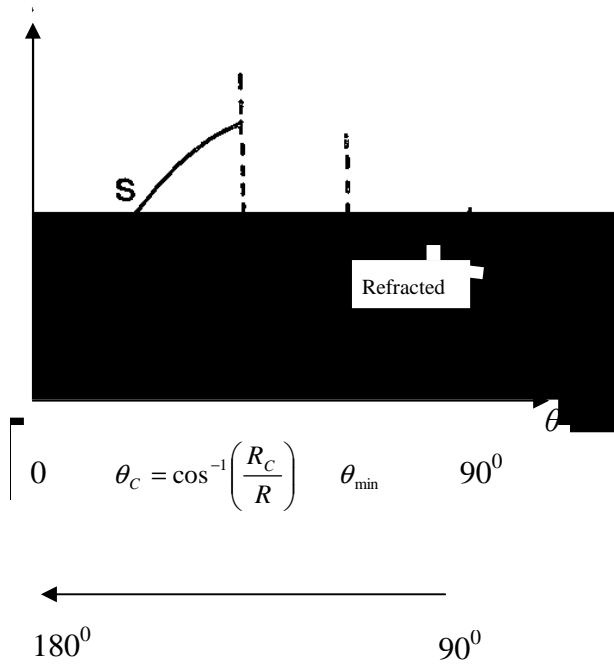
$$i = 0 \quad \text{gives} \quad \theta = 90$$

$$i = 90^\circ \quad \text{gives} \quad \theta = 90.8^\circ$$

Substituting numerical values for  $i = 0 \rightarrow 90^\circ$  one finds a minimum value at  $i = 55^\circ$ ; the minimum values of  $\theta$ ,  $\theta_{\text{MIN}} = 75.8^\circ$ .

### Physical Consequence

As  $\theta$  has a minimum value of  $75.8^\circ$  observers at position for which  $2\theta < 151.6^\circ$  will not observe the earthquake as seismic waves are not deviated by angles of less than  $151.6^\circ$ . However for  $2\theta \leq 114^\circ$  the direct, non-refracted, seismic waves will reach the observer.



(iv) Using the result

$$t = \frac{2r \sin \theta}{v}$$

the time delay  $\Delta t$  is given by

$$\Delta t = 2R \sin \theta \left[ \frac{1}{v_s} - \frac{1}{v_p} \right]$$

Substituting the given data

$$131 = 2(6370) \left[ \frac{1}{6.31} - \frac{1}{10.85} \right] \sin \theta$$

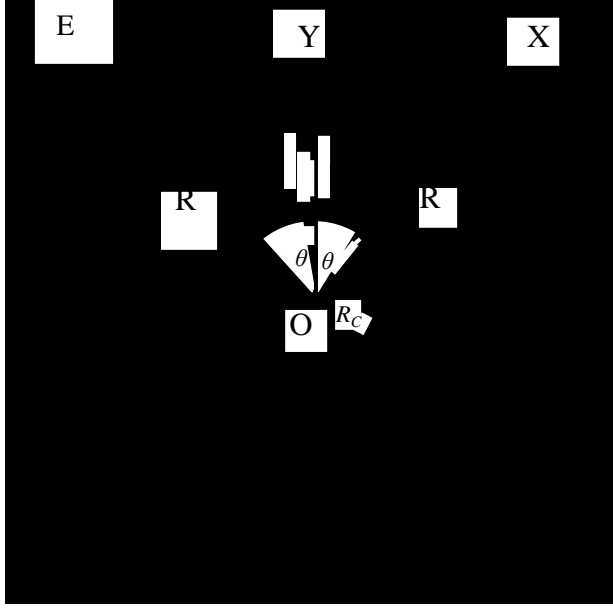
Therefore the angular separation of E and X is

$$2\theta = 17.84^\circ$$

$$\text{This result is less than } 2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{R_c}{R} \right) = 2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3470}{6370} \right) = 114^\circ$$

And consequently the seismic wave is not refracted through the core.

(v)



The observations are most likely due to reflections from the mantle-core interface. Using the symbols given in the diagram, the time delay is given by

$$\Delta t' = (ED + DX) \left[ \frac{1}{v_s} - \frac{1}{v_p} \right]$$

$$\Delta t' = 2(ED) \left[ \frac{1}{v_s} - \frac{1}{v_p} \right] \text{ as } ED = EX \text{ by symmetry}$$

In the triangle EYD,

$$(ED)^2 = (R \sin \theta)^2 + (R \cos \theta - R_c)^2$$

$$(ED)^2 = R^2 + R_c^2 - 2RR_c \cos \theta$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

Therefore

$$\Delta t' = 2\sqrt{R^2 + R_c^2 - 2RR_c \cos \theta} \left[ \frac{1}{v_s} - \frac{1}{v_p} \right]$$

Using (ii)

$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{R \sin \theta} \sqrt{R^2 + R_c^2 - 2RR_c \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow 396.7s \text{ or } 6m \ 37s$$

Thus the subsequent time interval, produced by the reflection of seismic waves at the mantle core interface, is consistent with angular separation of  $17.84^\circ$ .

**Answer Q3**

Equations of motion:

$$m \frac{d^2 u_1}{dt^2} = k(u_2 - u_1) + k(u_3 - u_1)$$

$$m \frac{d^2 u_2}{dt^2} = k(u_3 - u_2) + k(u_1 - u_2)$$

$$m \frac{d^2 u_3}{dt^2} = k(u_1 - u_3) + k(u_2 - u_3)$$

Substituting  $u_n(t) = u_n(0) \cos \omega t$  and  $\omega_o^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ :

$$(2\omega_o^2 - \omega^2)u_1(0) - \omega_o^2 u_2(0) - \omega_o^2 u_3(0) = 0 \quad (a)$$

$$-\omega_o^2 u_1(0) + (2\omega_o^2 - \omega^2)u_2(0) - \omega_o^2 u_3(0) = 0 \quad (b)$$

$$-\omega_o^2 u_1(0) - \omega_o^2 u_2(0) + (2\omega_o^2 - \omega^2)u_3(0) = 0 \quad (c)$$

Solving for  $u_1(0)$  and  $u_2(0)$  in terms of  $u_3(0)$  using (a) and (b) and substituting into (c) gives the equation equivalent to

$$(3\omega_o^2 - \omega^2)^2 \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = 3\omega_o^2, \quad 3\omega_o^2 \text{ and } 0$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{3}\omega_o, \quad \sqrt{3}\omega_o \text{ and } 0$$

(ii) Equation of motion of the n'th particle:

$$m \frac{d^2 u_n}{dt^2} = k(u_{1+n} - u_n) + k(u_{n-1} - u_n)$$

$$\frac{d^2 u_n}{dt^2} = k(u_{1+n} - u_n) + \omega_o^2 (u_{n-1} - u_n)$$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Substituting  $u_n(t) = u_n(0) \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \cos \omega_s t$

$$-\omega_s^2 \left( \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right) = \omega_o^2 \left[ \sin\left(2(n+1)s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) - 2 \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) + \sin\left(2(n-1)s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right]$$

$$-\omega_s^2 \left( \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right) = 2\omega_o^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2(n+1)s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) + \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2(n-1)s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right]$$

$$-\omega_s^2 \left( \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right) = 2\omega_o^2 \left[ \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \cos\left(2s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) - \sin\left(2ns \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right]$$

$$\therefore \omega_s^2 = 2\omega_o^2 \left[ 1 - \cos\left(2s \frac{\pi}{N}\right) \right] : \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

$$\text{As } 2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos 2\theta$$

This gives

$$\omega_s = 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{s\pi}{N}\right) \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

$\omega_s$  can have values from 0 to  $2\omega_o = 2\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  when  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ; corresponding to range  $s = 1$  to  $\frac{N}{2}$ .

(iv) For s'th mode

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{\sin\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(2(n+1)s\frac{\pi}{N}\right)}$$

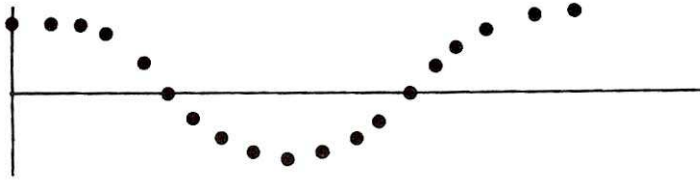
$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{\sin\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right)\cos\left(2s\frac{\pi}{N}\right) + \cos\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right)\sin\left(2s\frac{\pi}{N}\right)}$$

(a) For small  $\omega$ ,  $\left(\frac{s}{N}\right) \approx 0$ , thus  $\cos\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right) \cong 1$  and  $\sin\left(2ns\frac{\pi}{N}\right) \approx 0$ , and so  $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} \cong 1$ .

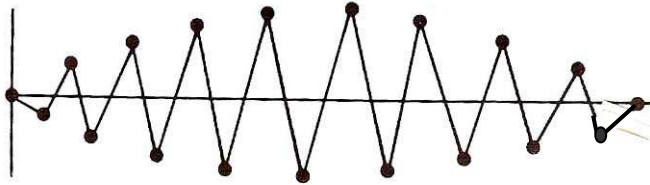
(b) The highest mode,  $\omega_{\max} = 2\omega_o$ , corresponds to  $s = N/2$

$$\therefore \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = -1 \text{ as } \frac{\sin(2n\pi)}{\sin(2(n+1)\pi)} = -1$$

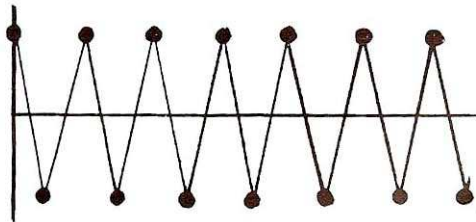
**Case (a)**



**Case (b)**  
**N odd**

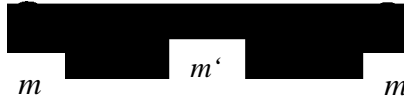


**N even**



- (vi) If  $m' \ll m$ , one can consider the frequency associated with  $m'$  as due to vibration of  $m'$  between two adjacent, much heavier, masses which can be considered stationary relative to  $m'$ .

The normal mode frequency of  $m'$ , in this approximation, is given by

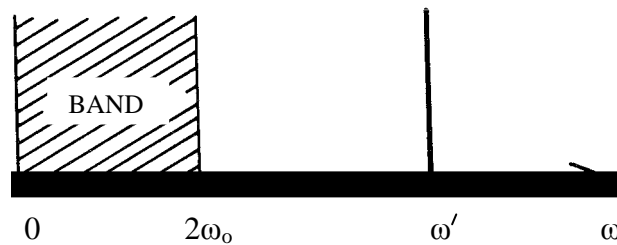


$$m' \ddot{x} = -2kx$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2k}{m'}$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m'}}$$

For small  $m'$ ,  $\omega'$  will be much greater than  $\omega_{\max}$ ,



### DIATOMIC SYSTEM

More light masses,  $m'$ , will increase the number of frequencies in region of  $\omega'$  giving a band-gap-band spectrum.

