

Section 2 :-

Q1. Resolving power ! \rightarrow

\rightarrow defined as the ratio of wavelength (λ) of any spectral lines to the smallest difference of two wavelengths ($d\lambda$), for which the spectral lines can be resolved at wavelength λ .

Expression

\rightarrow Let a light consisting of 2 wavelengths λ_1 & λ_2 is incident normally on a grating element ($e+d$) & the spectral lines corresponding to λ_1 & λ_2 are formed on screen P_1 and P_2 .

\rightarrow These lines, just resolve if they satisfy the Rayleigh's criterion.

The direction of n^{th} principle maxima for λ_1 ,

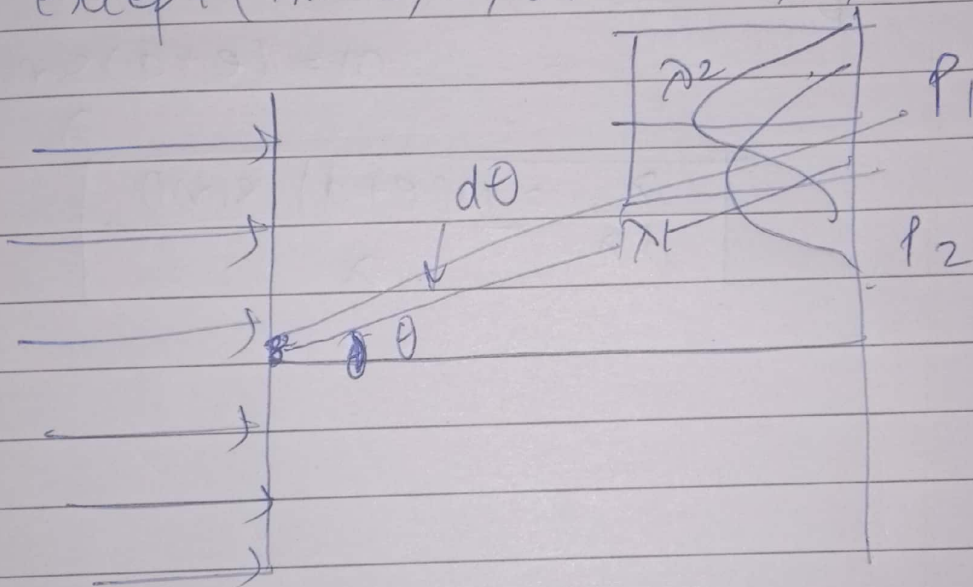
$$(e+d) \sin \theta = n \lambda_1$$

$$N(e+d) \sin \theta = N \{ n \lambda_1 \} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

→ 1st minima in direction $(\theta + d\theta)$ -

$$N(e+d) \sin(\theta + d\theta) = m \lambda_1 \quad \text{(2)}$$

except $(m = 0, N, 2N \text{ or } 1, 2, 3 \dots N-1)$



When $m = (nN + 1)$, eq. 2 becomes

$$N(e+d) \sin(\theta + d\theta) = (nN + 1) \lambda_1$$

→ The principle maxima due to λ_2 in direction $(\theta + d\theta)$ is.

$$(e+d) \sin(\theta + d\theta) = n \lambda_2$$

$$N(e+d) \sin(\theta + d\theta) = Nn \lambda_2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Comparing 3 & 4



$$(mN+1)\lambda_2 = Nm\lambda_2$$

Qy $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda + d\lambda,$
 $d\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$ becomes

$$(mN+1)\lambda = Nm(\lambda + d\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = Nm d\lambda \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = mN$$

But $(e+d) \sin \theta = n\lambda$ OR

$$m = \frac{(e+d) \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{d\lambda} = \frac{N(e+d) \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$