

Skipping Fourier Analysis: S.4, S.5  
and Wavepackets S.6.

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## Group and Phase Velocity (S.7)

Harmonic wave:



$\phi = kx - \omega t = \text{constant}$  identifies a point on the wave

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = 0 \quad k \frac{dx}{dt} - \omega = 0 \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$V_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$  phase velocity

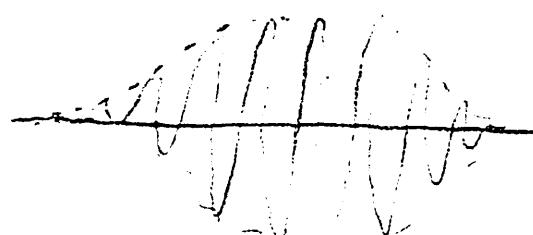
$V_g = \frac{\omega}{k} = f k$

Not observable for reasons similar to plane waves not being observable.

Real observable wave, called a wavepacket, turns on and off.

Can be idealised as a pulse:

which is a superposition of harmonic waves.



$\hookrightarrow$  all waves in phase.

Let  $\phi(k) = kx - \omega t$  give the phase of each freq component. Note  $k = k\omega$ .

At the peak:  $\frac{d\phi}{dk} = 0$

$$V_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

$$x - \frac{d\omega}{dk} t = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{t} = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

$x/t$  must be identified as the position of the peak of the  $x$

This is observable and well defined so long as the wavepacket isn't changing shape too severely.

This is the speed of energy transport:  $V_g$  & C.

$\omega = \omega(k)$  is called a dispersion relation.

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$\omega = v_p k = \frac{c}{\gamma} k$  is the one we know best.

It's a different one for a waveguide.

$$V_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{\gamma}$$

$$V_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{d}{dk} V_p k = V_p + k \frac{dV_p}{dk}$$

$$\frac{dV_p}{dk} = \frac{d}{dk} \frac{c}{\gamma} = -\frac{c}{\gamma^2} \frac{d\gamma}{dk}$$

$$V_g = V_p - \frac{k_c}{\gamma^2} \frac{d\gamma}{dk}$$

$$V_g = V_p \left(1 - \frac{k_c}{\gamma} \frac{d\gamma}{dk}\right)$$

$$= V_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\frac{d\gamma}{dk}\right)\right)$$

$$= \frac{c}{\gamma + \omega \frac{d\gamma}{dk}} \equiv c/\gamma_g$$

Good for use with  
a sellmeier eqn.

See Ex 5.10 for a treatment of conductors.

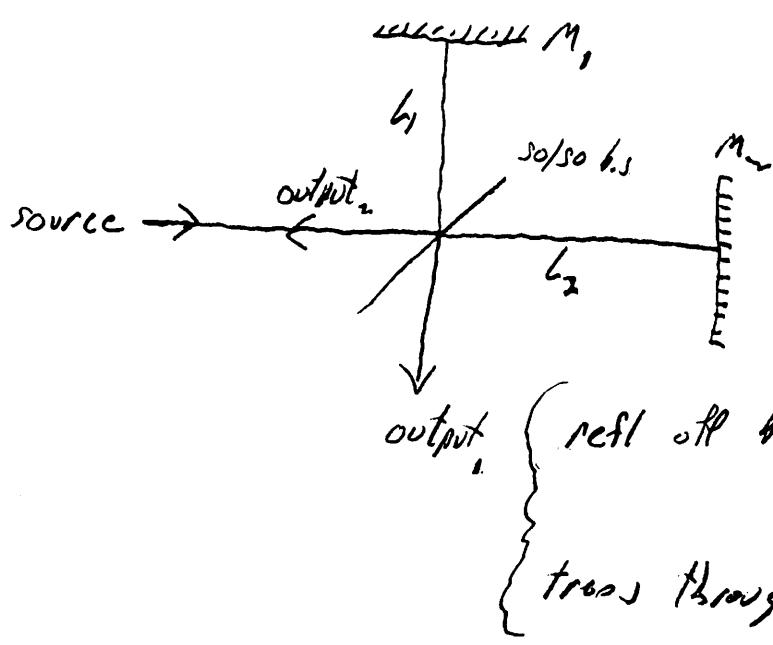
In normal media:  $\frac{d\gamma}{dk} > 0$  so  $\gamma_g > \gamma$

and  $V_g < V_p$  by about  $\approx 1\%$ .

## Interferometry (S.8)

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Michelson Interferometer (simple) in air



Assuming first phase fronts and ignoring phase shifts from reflections and transmissions =

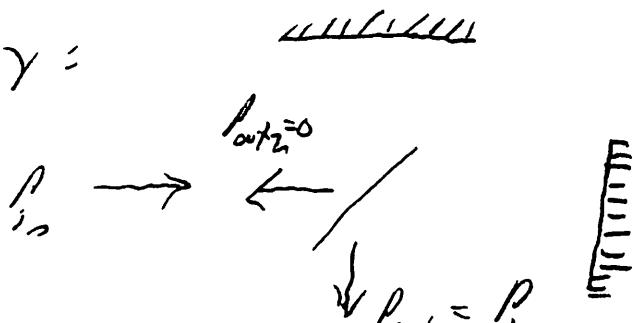
$$\Delta S = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\text{path length difference is } \sin)$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{2L_2 - 2L_1}{\lambda} = 4\pi \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Delta S = N 2\pi \quad \text{for fully constructive interference}$$

$$\Delta L = N \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

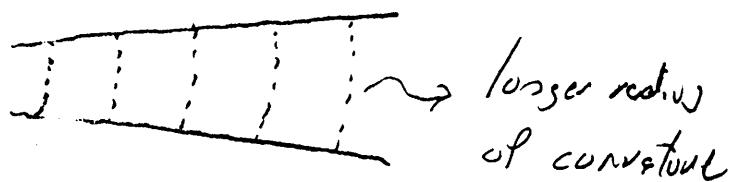
Conservation of energy:



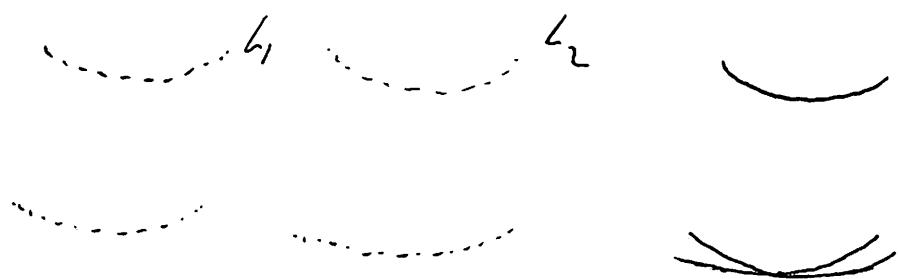
In general, the source is converging or diverging.

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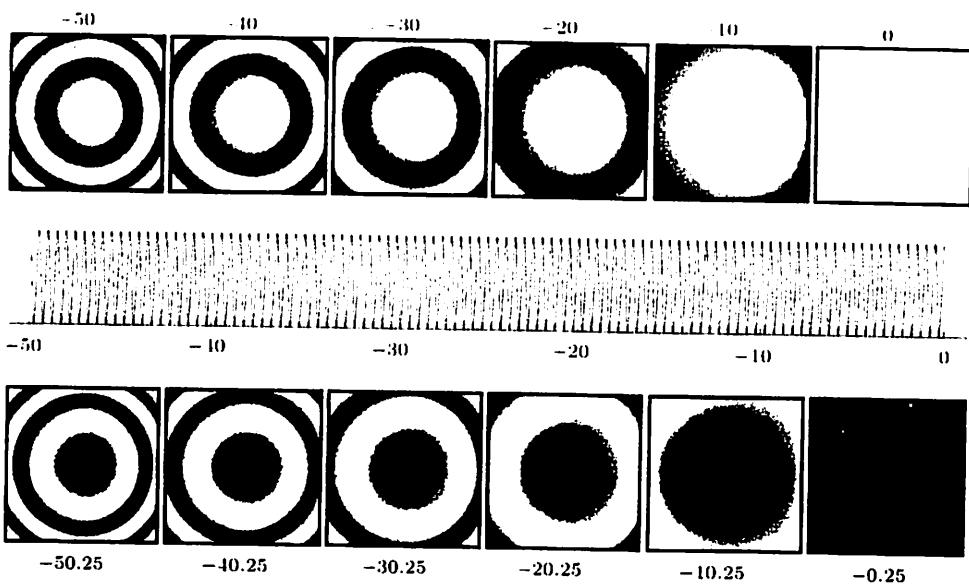
Model this as:



For output, at  $\Delta L = 0$

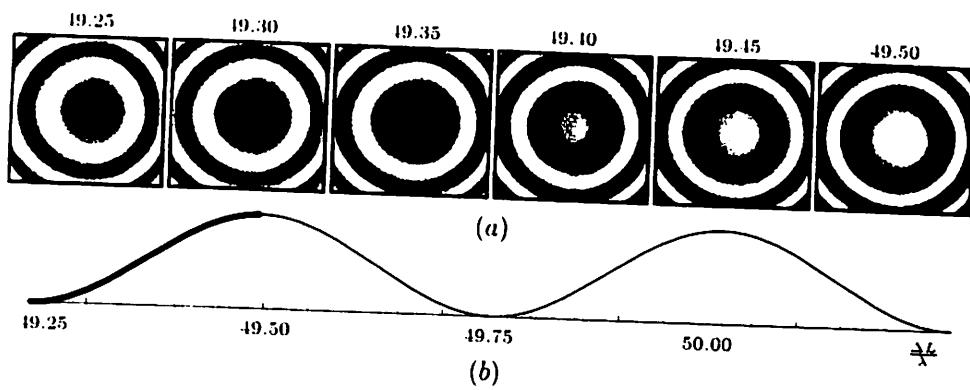


But for  $L_2 > L_1$ ,

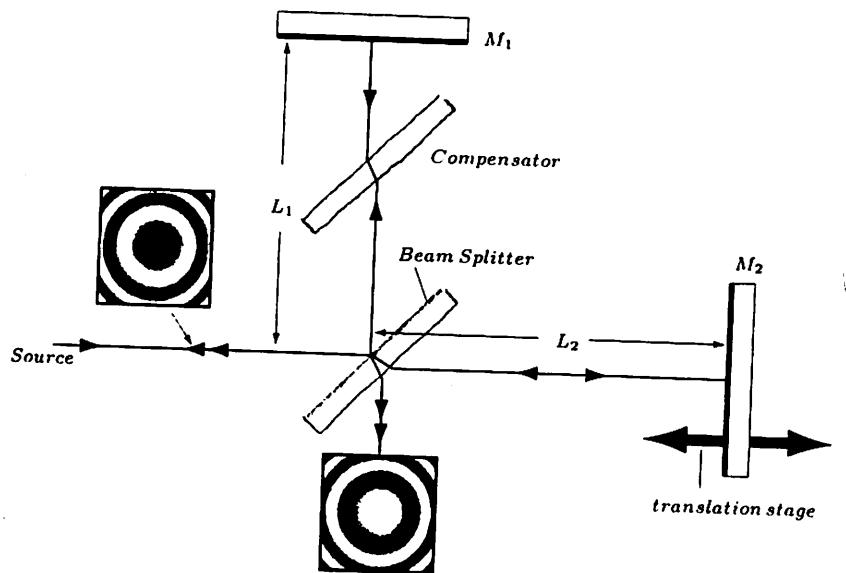


**Figure 5.23** Fringe patterns as  $\Delta L$  approaches zero. The patterns below the interferogram are the complements of those above. At  $\Delta L = 0$ , the entire field of one interferometer output is bright, and the other field is dark.

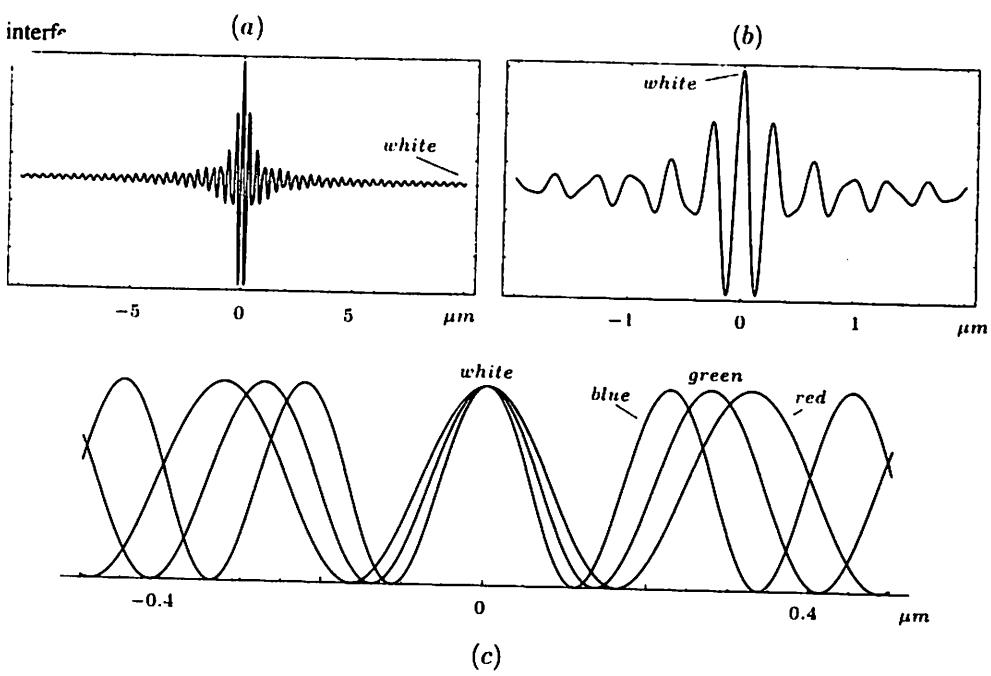
If st  $L=0$  you see one of your components isn't flat. This is a good way to measure surfaces!



**Figure 5.21** (a) Fringe variation in a Michelson interferometer as the mirror is moved by  $\lambda/4$ . (b) Interferogram. The thick segment corresponds to the fringes in (a).



**Figure 5.20** A Michelson interferometer



**Figure 5.24** (a) Interferogram for white light. (b) Zoom detail of (a). (c) Interferograms for different colors combine to give a white fringe at  $\Delta L = 0$ , and again for larger values of  $\Delta L$ .

# Multiple-Beam Interference (S.10)

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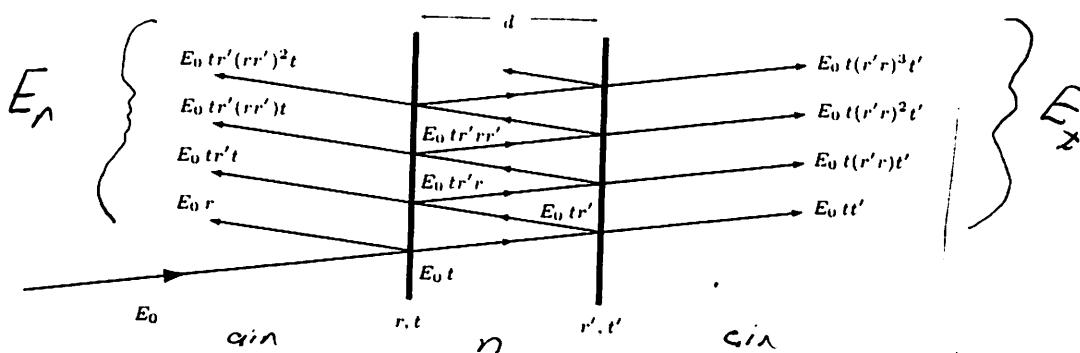


Figure 5.27 Multiple beam interference between two parallel partially reflecting surfaces.

This configuration is often used at normal incidence so we'll solve for that case to simplify things a little. Usually  $n=n'$  &  $t=t'$  so we'll put that in shortly.

Round trip phase difference  $\equiv \delta_0 = 2 \times 2\pi \frac{nd}{\lambda_0} = k_0(2\pi d)$

$\hookrightarrow$  text uses  $k$  here

We can ignore the vector character of the wave.

$$E_t = E_0 t e^{i \delta_0 / n} t' + E_0 t e^{i \delta_0 / n} r n' e^{i \delta_0} t' + E_0 t e^{i \delta_0 / n} (r n' e^{i \delta_0}) t' + \dots$$

$$= E_0 t t' e^{i \delta_0 / n} \underbrace{\left[ 1 + r n' e^{i \delta_0} + (r n' e^{i \delta_0})^2 + \dots \right]}_{\text{By convention, we usually drop this term.}}$$

The last term contains it.

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Now  $|n n^* e^{i\delta_0}| = |n n^*| < 1$  so use

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$E_x = E_0 T x' \frac{1}{1 - n n^* e^{i\delta_0}} = E_0 \frac{x'^2}{1 - n^2 e^{-i\delta_0}} \quad \text{for } n=1^- \\ x=x'$$

$$E_x' = E_0 \frac{x'^2}{1 - n^2 e^{-i\delta_0}}$$

$$I_x = I_0 \frac{(x x')^2}{1 - (n e^{i\delta_0} + n^* e^{-i\delta_0}) + (n n^*)^2}$$

At normal incidence  $x x' = T$  &  $n n^* = R$

Let  $T = T_0 e^{i2\phi_R}$  where  $\phi_R$  = reflection phase shift

$$R = R_0 e^{i2\phi_R}$$

For an uncoated glass slab  $\phi_R = 0$

However usually multilayer coated

slabs are used, so we have  $\phi_R$  is,

$$I_x = I_0 \frac{T}{1 - (R e^{i\delta} + R e^{-i\delta}) + R^2} \quad \text{where } \delta \equiv \delta_0 + 2\phi_R \\ = \frac{4\pi n d}{\lambda_0} + 2\phi_R$$

$$= I_0 \frac{T}{1 - 2R \cos \delta + R^2}$$

This is fine, but there's a standard form  
that's always used so work on this a little more:

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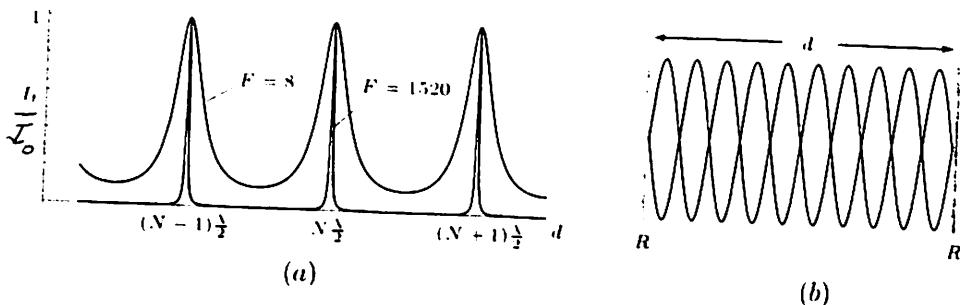
$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - 2R\cos\delta + R^2 &= (1-R)^2 + 2R(1-\cos\delta) \\
 &= (1-R)^2 + 2R \left( 2\sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \\
 &= (1-R)^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{4R}{(1-R)^2} \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Define the Finesse coefficient  $F = \frac{4R}{(1-R)^2}$

$$I_x = I_0 \frac{T}{(1-R)^2} \frac{1}{1+F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

For no absorption:  $T+R=1$  (This is not always the case.  
Absorption media are sometimes deliberately introduced for  
spectroscopic analysis.)

$$I_x = I_0 \frac{1}{1+F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}} \quad \checkmark$$



**Figure 5.28** (a) Transmittance of two identical flat parallel mirrors separated by distance  $d$ . A mirror reflectance of 0.5 gives  $F = 8$ , and  $R = 0.95$  gives  $F = 1520$ . (b) Standing waves when the mirror spacing  $d$  is equal to an integer number half wavelengths.

Or think of graph (a) as  $\frac{I_0}{I_0} \propto f \rightarrow \text{spectroscopy!}$

- Even if  $R = 0.95$ ,  $\frac{I_0}{I_0} = 1$  for some  $f$  !!

$$\frac{I_0}{I_0} = 1 \quad \text{when} \quad \sin^2 \frac{d}{\lambda} = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

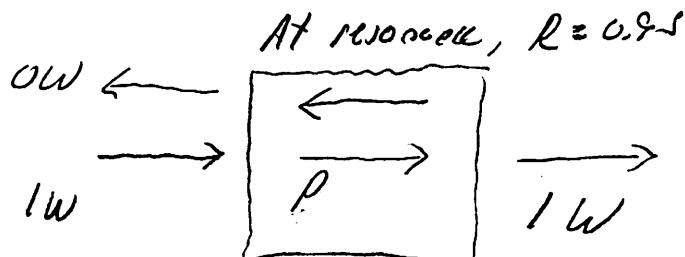
$$\frac{2\pi n d}{\lambda_0} + \phi_R = N\pi \quad N \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$d_N = \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi n} (N\pi - \phi_R)$$

$$d_{N+1} - d_N = \frac{\lambda_0}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \checkmark$$

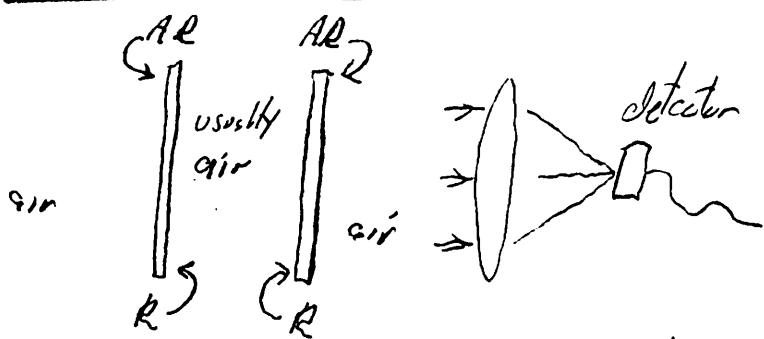
This is a resonance effect: resonant cavity

Note that a field analysis shows a different result:



$$P(1-R) = 1W \quad P = \frac{1W}{0.05} = 20W$$

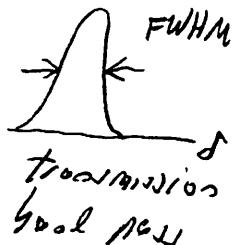
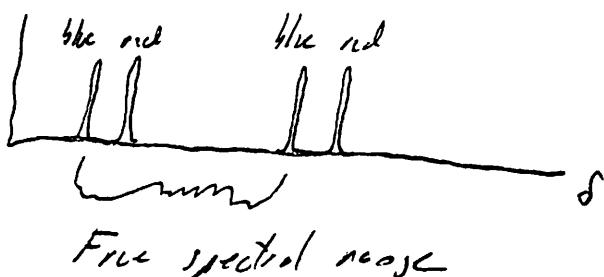
## Scanning Fabry-Pérot Interferometer



The mirrors must be very flat and very parallel.

→ very d by translating one of the mirrors, often using  $\rightarrow$  piezoelectric transducer,

blue & red



$$\frac{I_t}{I_0} = \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin \frac{\delta_L}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F}}$$

If we're doing spectroscopy, F is large so  $\delta_L$  is small

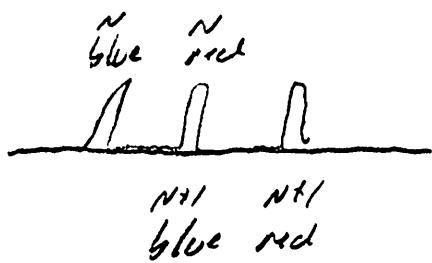
$$\delta_L = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{F}}$$

$$FWHM = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{F}}$$

$$\text{Finesse } F = \frac{2\pi}{FWHM} = \frac{\pi \sqrt{F}}{2}$$

Larger Finesse yields better resolution,

It can happen that the spectrum to be measured is too broad:



$$\frac{2\pi n d}{\lambda_0} + \phi_R = N\pi \quad \rightarrow \text{assume small in comparison}$$

$$N = \frac{n d}{\lambda_0} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda}$$

For overlap to just occur:

$$(N+1)\lambda = n(\lambda + \Delta\lambda) \quad \Delta\lambda = \lambda_{red} - \lambda_{blue}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{\lambda}{N} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Free spectral range} \cdot \Delta\lambda_{FSR} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2nd} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{written } \frac{\lambda^2}{2nd}$$

For  $\lambda$ , use  $\lambda$  of the spectrum to be analyzed.

Keep spectral width well below  $\lambda_{FSR}$ .

To frequency:

$$\boxed{\Delta f_{FSR} = \frac{C}{2nd}} \quad \checkmark$$