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Special Cases:

Newton's ring formed by two curved Surface:

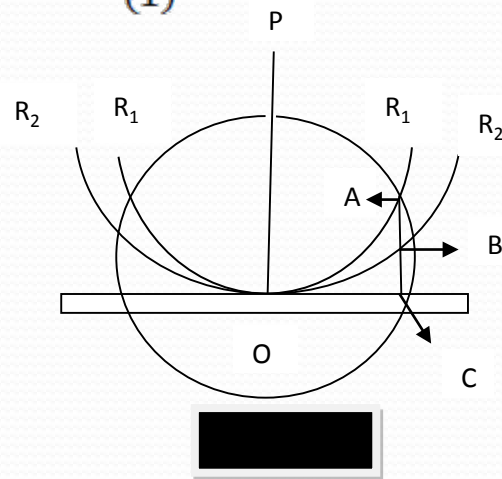
Consider two curved surface radius of curvature R_1 and R_2 placed in such a way that they are contact at a point O . Then air film of increasing thickness is formed between the two surfaces. Then at particular constant thickness AB interference take place in the form of concentric ring. Suppose that is n^{th} ring and radius of that n^{th} ring is r_n . That n^{th} ring will appear dark and bright depend upon path difference between the two reflected ray that comes out to be:- $2\mu t \cos(r + \alpha) + \frac{\lambda}{2}$ ----- (1)

For normal incidence $r = 0$

Angle of inclination $\alpha = \text{small}$

So that $(r + \alpha) = 0 + \text{small} = 0$

For air film $\mu = 1$



Then the path difference between the reflected rays would be

$$2t + \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{----- (2)}$$

Now calculate value of AC from fig.1.3.4(a) and BC from 1.3.4(b)

$$\text{Here } AB = t = (AC - BC) \text{----- (3)}$$

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Taking right angle triangle PQA in this triangle

$$OP = R_1, OQ = AC, PQ = R_1 - AC, AP = R_1, AQ = r_n.$$

Applying Pythagoras Theorem we get

$$AP^2 = PQ^2 + QA^2 \quad R_1^2 = (R_1 - AC)^2 + r_n^2$$

$$R_1^2 = R_1^2 + AC^2 - 2R_1AC + r_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = AC^2 - 2R_1AC + r_n^2$$

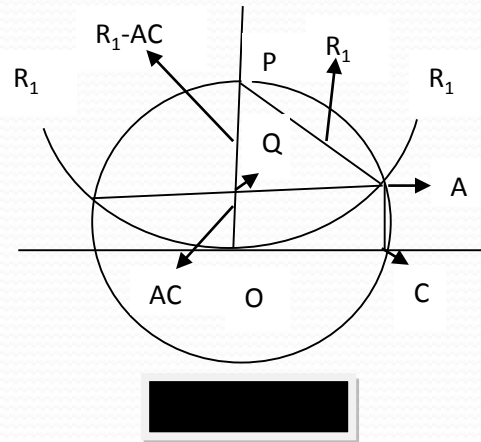
Now AC is very small as compared to R_1 and r_n

So in that case AC^2 can be neglected then we get

$$0 = -2R_1AC + r_n^2 \text{ or } r_n^2 = 2R_1AC$$

$$\text{Or } AC = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_1}$$

Similarly we can calculate value of BC



- Now taking right angle triangle PQB in this right angle triangle:

$$OP = R_2, PQ = R_2 - BC, QB = R_2, \quad QB = r_n$$

Applying Pythagoras Theorem we get

$$PB^2 = PQ^2 + QB^2 \quad R_2^2 = (R_2 - BC)^2 + r_n^2 \quad R_2^2 = R_2^2 + BC^2 - 2R_1BC + r_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = BC^2 - 2R_1BC + r_n^2$$

• Now *BC* is very small as compared to R_2 and r_n

So in that case BC^2 can be neglected then we get $0 = -2R_2BC + r_n^2$ or $r_n^2 = 2R_2BC$ Or $BC = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}$

Putting value of AC and BC in equation (3) we get $t = AB = (AC - BC) = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} - \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}$

Putting value of $t = AB$ in Eq. (2) we get value Path Difference

$$\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} - \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{----- (4)}$$

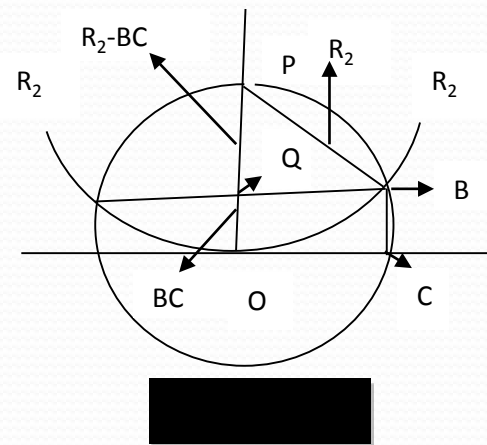
Thus the ring will appear bright only when path-difference between both of the reflected ray = $n\lambda$

$$2\left(\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} - \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 - R_1}{R_2R_1}\right) = n\lambda - \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 - R_1}{R_2R_1}\right) = (2n - 1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$



$$r_n^2 = \frac{\lambda R_2 R_1 (2n - 1)}{2(R_2 - R_1)} \quad \text{But } D_n = 2r_n \Rightarrow r_n = \frac{D_n}{2}$$

Putting value of r_n and get diameter of bright ring

$$\frac{D_n^2}{4} = \frac{\lambda R_2 R_1 (2n - 1)}{2(R_2 - R_1)} \Rightarrow D_n^2 = \frac{2\lambda R_2 R_1 (2n - 1)}{(R_2 - R_1)}$$

And the ring will appear dark only when

$$\text{Path diff.} = 2t + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2} \quad 2\left(\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} - \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2}$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2} \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 - R_1}{R_2 R_1}\right) = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 = \frac{R_2 R_1 n\lambda}{(R_2 - R_1)}$$

But $D_n = 2r_n \Rightarrow r_n = \frac{D_n}{2}$ Putting value of r_n and get diameter of dark ring

$$\Rightarrow D_n^2 = \frac{4R_2 R_1 n\lambda}{(R_2 - R_1)}$$

- Case II

When both curved surface are placed in such a way that whose convex surface are contact at a point. Then air film of increasing thickness is formed between the two curved surfaces. Then at particular constant thickness AB interference take place in form of concentric ring. Suppose that it is n^{th} ring whose radius is r_n that n^{th} ring will appear dark or bright depend upon path difference between the two reflected rays that is

$$2t + \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{----- (5)}$$

Here $t = AB = AC + BC$ value of AC and BC are

$$AC = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} \text{ and } BC = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}$$

Putting value of AC and BC in eq. (5) we get

$$t = AB = (AC + BC) = \frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} + \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}$$

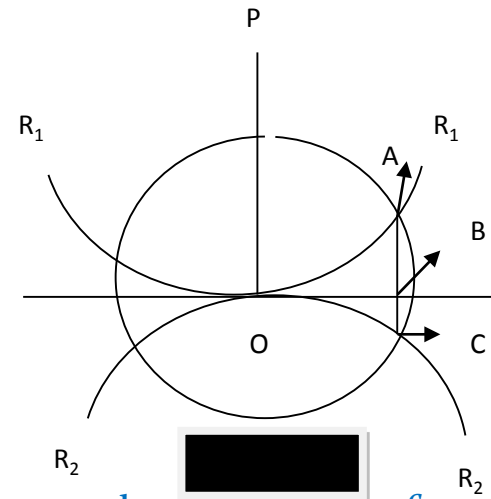
Putting value of $t = AB$ in Eq.(2)

we get value Path Difference

$$\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} + \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{----- (4)}$$

- Thus the ring will appear bright only when path-difference between both of the reflected ray = $n\lambda$

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$$2\left(\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} + \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_2R_1}\right) = n\lambda - \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_2R_1}\right) = (2n - 1) \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad r_n^2 = \frac{\lambda R_2R_1(2n - 1)}{2(R_2 + R_1)}$$

But $D_n = 2r_n \Rightarrow r_n = \frac{D_n}{2}$

Putting value of r_n and get diameter of bright ring

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- And the ring will appear dark only when $\text{Path diff.} = 2t + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2}$

$$2\left(\frac{r_n^2}{2R_1} + \frac{r_n^2}{2R_2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2} \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{(2n + 1)\lambda}{2}$$

$$r_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 \left(\frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_2R_1}\right) = n\lambda \quad r_n^2 = \frac{R_2R_1n\lambda}{(R_2 + R_1)}$$

But $D_n = 2r_n \Rightarrow r_n = \frac{D_n}{2}$ Putting value of r_n and get diameter of dark ring

$$D_n^2 = \frac{4R_2R_1n\lambda}{(R_2 - R_1)}$$