

Example: The intensity of the light coming from one of the slits in a Young's double slit experiment is double the intensity from the other slit. Find the ratio of the maximum intensity to the minimum intensity in the interference fringe pattern observed.

Solution:

$$\frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\min}} = \left[\frac{\sqrt{I_1} + \sqrt{I_2}}{\sqrt{I_1} - \sqrt{I_2}} \right]^2 \quad \text{As } I_1 = 2I_2$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\min}} = \left[\frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \right]^2$$

Example: The width of one of the two slits in a Young's double slit experiment is double of the other slit. Assuming that the amplitude of the light coming from a slit is proportional to the slit width, find the ratio of the maximum to minimum intensity in the interference pattern.

Solution: Since the width of one of the two slits in a YDSE is double of the other slit and the amplitude of the light coming from a slit is proportional to the slit width
 \Rightarrow Amplitudes from the slits are $A_1 = A$ and $A_2 = 2A$.