

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= E_1 + E_2 + E_3 = 2E_0 \cos \phi \sin(\omega t + \phi) + E_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi) \\
 &= E_0(1 + 2\cos \phi)\sin(\omega t + \phi)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{14.3.20}$$

where $\phi = 2\pi d \sin \theta / \lambda$. The intensity is proportional to $\langle E^2 \rangle$:

$$I \propto E_0^2 (1 + 2\cos \phi)^2 \langle \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) \rangle = \frac{E_0^2}{2} (1 + 2\cos \phi)^2
 \tag{14.3.21}$$

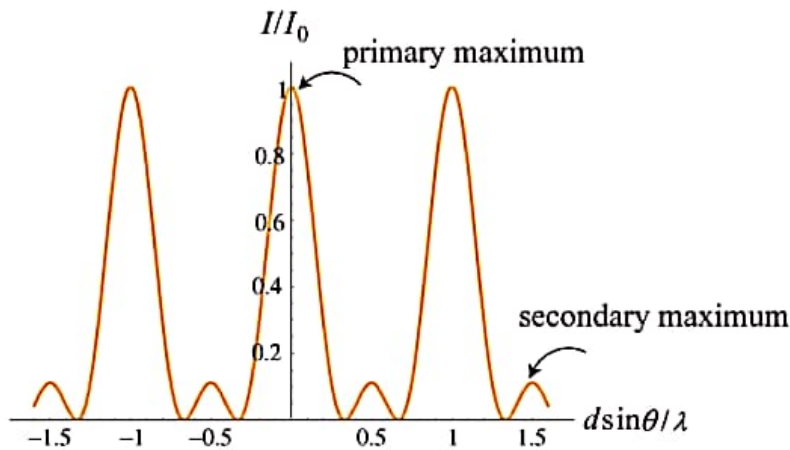
where we have used $\langle \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) \rangle = 1/2$. The maximum intensity I_0 is attained when $\cos \phi = 1$. Thus,

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \frac{(1 + 2\cos \phi)^2}{9}
 \tag{14.3.22}$$

which implies

$$I = \frac{I_0}{9} (1 + 2\cos \phi)^2 = \frac{I_0}{9} \left[1 + 2\cos \left(\frac{2\pi d \sin \theta}{\lambda} \right) \right]^2
 \tag{14.3.23}$$

(b) The interference pattern is shown in Figure 14.3.4.



From the figure, we see that the minimum intensity is zero, and occurs when $\cos \phi = -1/2$. The condition for primary maxima is $\cos \phi = +1$, which gives $I/I_0 = 1$. In addition, there are also secondary maxima which are located at $\cos \phi = -1$. The condition implies $\phi = (2m+1)\pi$, or $d \sin \theta / \lambda = (m+1/2)$, $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. The intensity ratio is $I/I_0 = 1/9$.