

* Write notes on

a) Doppler effect of light
or, optical Doppler effect.

b) Astronomical aberration. aberration.

a) The apparent change of frequency of a source of light due to its motion relative to a static observer is known as optical Doppler effect.

For calculating this apparent change of frequency, let us consider figure 1.

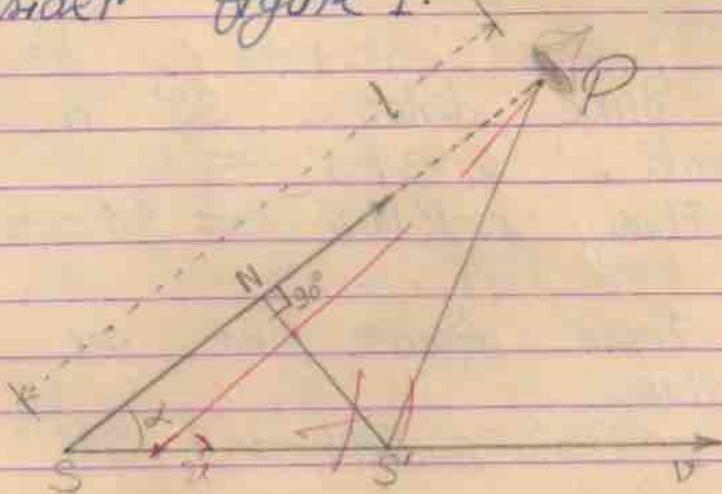


Figure - 1

In this figure position S is for static source of light as observed from static position P. The source of light moves in positive x-direction with velocity v . such that in time dt a small distance $SS' = v \cdot dt$ (i) is transversed.

During this time the source will emit $\nu \cdot dt$ waves.

where ν is the frequency in static condition of S .

The line of sight SP makes angle α with velocity direction which is also SS' direction.

If distance $SP = l$
and $c =$ velocity of light,
then the first wave will reach point P after time $\frac{l}{c}$ from start at t . Such that the instance of time is

$$t + \frac{l}{c}$$

Since distance SS' is very small, $\angle SPS' \cong 0$

Thus $\angle PNS' \cong 90^\circ \cong \angle PS'N$

From figure we see that distance

$$PS' \cong PN = l - SN$$

$$= l - \nu dt \cdot \cos \alpha \dots \dots (ii)$$

[from equation (i)]

The last of the waves (the last wave of the wave train) under consideration is emitted from the source at position S' , i.e., time dt from start at t . This wave will reach point P at the ~~instance~~