

Substituting value of  $dt_1$  from equation (iv) in this, we obtain,

$$\nu_1 = \frac{\nu \cdot dt}{dt \left(1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \alpha\right)}$$

or  $\nu_1 = \frac{\nu}{1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \alpha} \dots \dots \dots (vi)$

This gives the apparent frequency

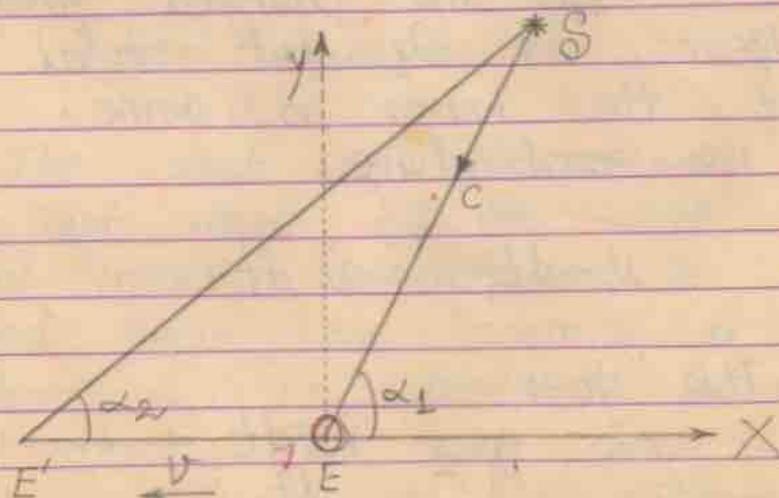
$$\nu_1 \approx \nu \left(1 + \frac{v}{c} \cos \alpha\right) \dots \dots \dots (vii)$$

where higher powers of  $v/c$  has been neglected.

This change of frequency is observable only with velocity  $v$  comparable to that of light.

aberration

b) Astronomical aberration



The apparent change of angular position of a star (source of light) due to change in position of observer is called astronomical aberration.

For calculating aberration we consider the rectangular set of axes relative to origin at point  $E$ , which is represented as  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . With axes  $X-Y$  in the plane of paper and  $Z$  perpendicular to it at  $E$ , marked by small circle. In this system point  $E$ , which is the Earth is at rest at an instant of time  $t_1$ . At this instant light coming from distant star  $S$  makes angle  $\alpha_1$  with positive  $X$ -axis as is viewed by static observer on the Earth.

Let us now consider another instant of time  $t_2$  when the Earth is supposed to be moving with velocity  $v$  relative to the static axes  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . In order that a ray of light coming from star  $S$  may be received in a telescope moving with the Earth. The telescope must be inclined at an angle  $\alpha_2$  at position  $E'$ .

For triangle  $EE'S$ ,  
let  $SE = c$ ,  $EE' = v$  then,