

1. What is the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of a 1-D slit of size  $a$ ?
2. What is the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of this sinusoidal amplitude grating, where  $\Lambda$  is the grating period?

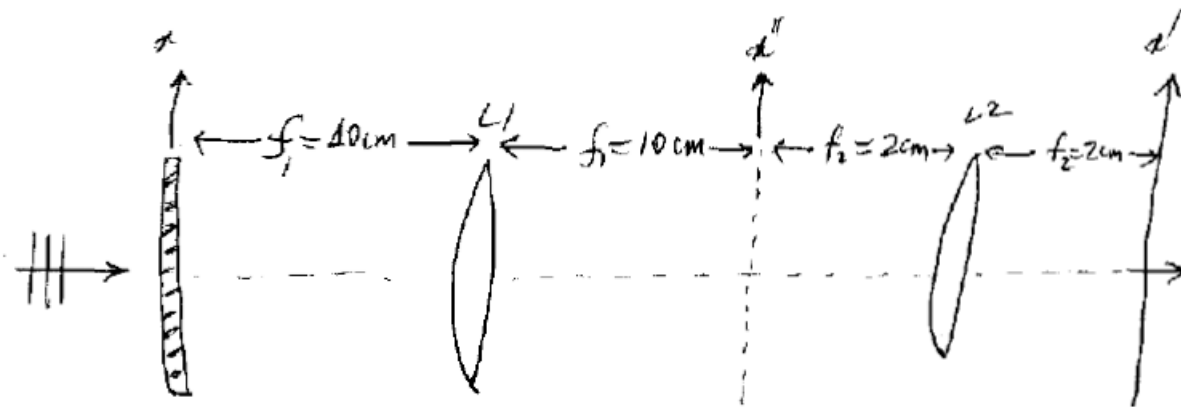
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{x}{\Lambda} \right) \right]$$

3. How does the result of problem 2 change if the illumination is a plane wave incident at angle  $\theta_0$  with respect to the optical axis? ( $\theta_0 \ll 1$ )
4. What is the Fraunhofer pattern of this truncated sinusoidal amplitude grating? Assume that  $a \gg \Lambda$ .

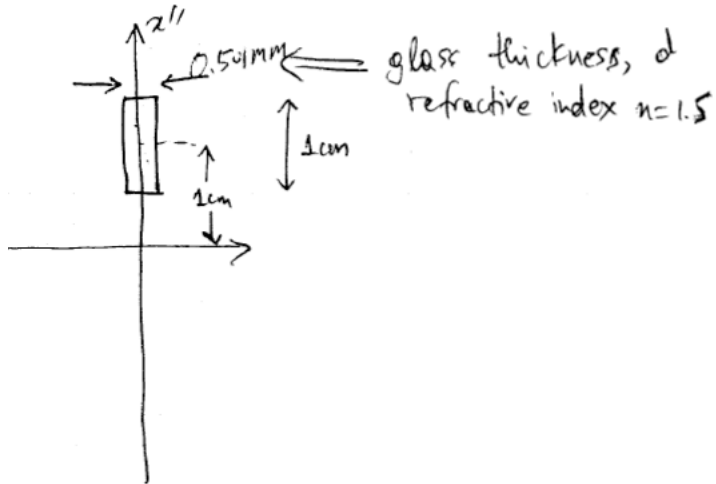
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{x}{\Lambda} \right) \right] \text{rect} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)$$

5. What is the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of two identical slits (width  $a$ ) separated by a distance  $d \gg a$ ?
6. In the 4F system shown below, the sinusoidal transparency  $t(x)$  is illuminated by a monochromatic plane wave on-axis, at wavelength  $\lambda = 1\mu\text{m}$ . Describe quantitatively the fields at the Fourier plane ( $x''$ ) and the output plane ( $x'$ ).

$$t(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{x}{10\mu\text{m}} \right) \right]$$



7. Repeat the calculations of problem 6, except this time with illumination of a tilted plane wave incident at angle  $\theta = 0.25$  rad with respect to the optical axis.
8. Repeat problem 7 with a truncated grating of size 1 mm.
9. In the optical system of problem 6 (infinitely large grating, on-axis plane wave illumination) we place a small piece of glass at the Fourier plane as follows:



What is the output field? What is the output intensity?

10. Consider the 4F optical system shown in Figure B, where lenses L1, L2 are identical with focal length  $f$ . A thin transparency with arbitrary transmission function  $t(x)$  is placed at the input plane of the system, and illuminated with a monochromatic, coherent plane wave at wavelength  $\lambda$ , incident on-axis. At the Fourier plane of the system we place the amplitude filter shown in Figure C. The filter is opaque everywhere except over two thin stripes of width  $a$ , located symmetrically around the  $y''$  axis. The distance between the stripe centers is  $x_0 > a$ .
- Which range of spatial frequencies must  $t(x)$  contain for the system to transmit any light to its image plane?
  - Write an expression for the field at the image plane as the convolution of  $t(x)$  with the coherent impulse response of this system.

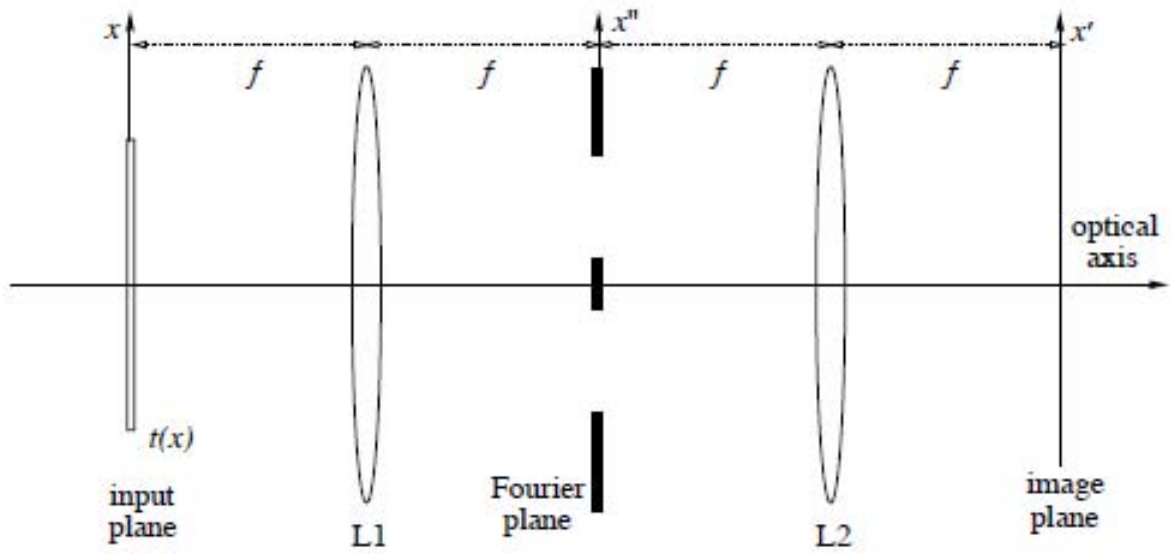


Figure B

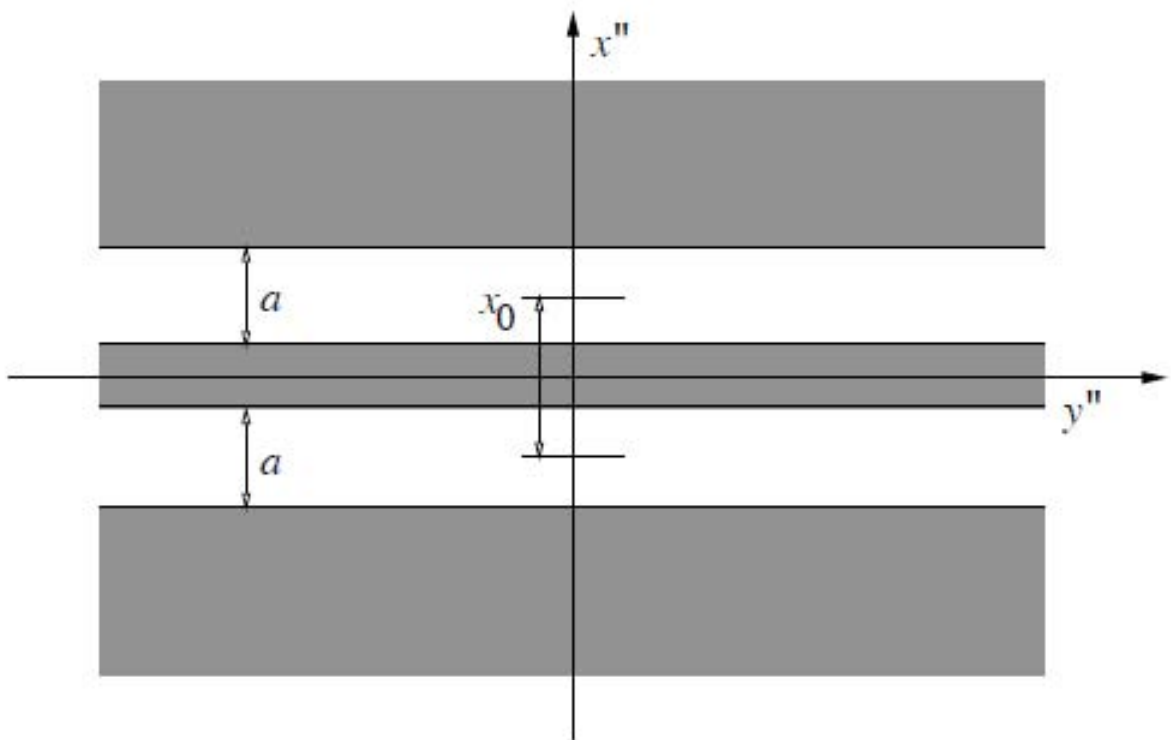


Figure C

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