



Chapter 11 Diffraction

Reading Assignment:

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Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- geometric arrangement

diffraction pattern amplitude $F(\vec{k})$

$$F(\vec{k}) = \int_{\text{all } \vec{r}} f(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

$f(\vec{r})$: amplitude function

xz plane

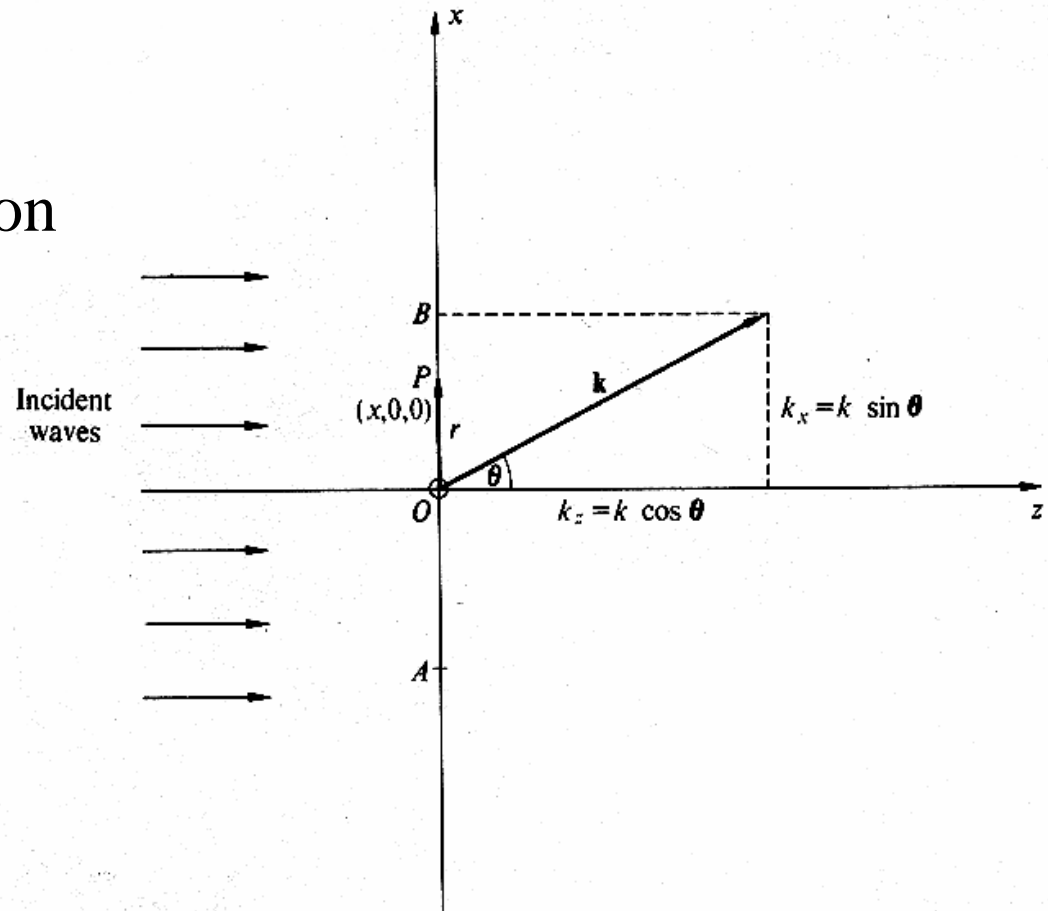
obstacle- along x -axis

$$\vec{r} = (x, 0, 0)$$

$$f(\vec{r}) \rightarrow f(x)$$

$$\vec{k} = (k_x, 0, k_z)$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = k_x x = kx \sin \theta \quad \theta : \text{scattering angle}$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- geometric arrangement

$$F(\vec{k}) = \int_{\text{all } \vec{r}} f(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{r} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$

$$\rightarrow F(\sin \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx \quad (\because k: \text{constant})$$

- in general, $F(\sin \theta)$ is complex

intensity of diffraction pattern $|F(\sin \theta)|^2$

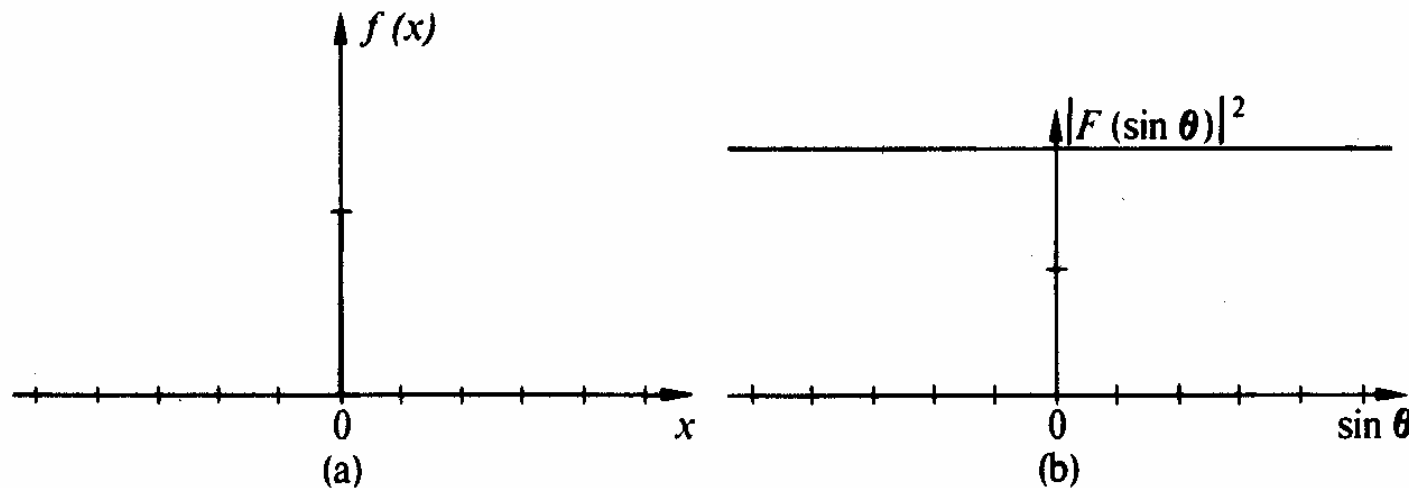




Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- one narrow slit
an infinite opaque sheet along the x -axis containing
narrow slit at the origin
- narrowness- compared to the wavelength
- amplitude function- δ function





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



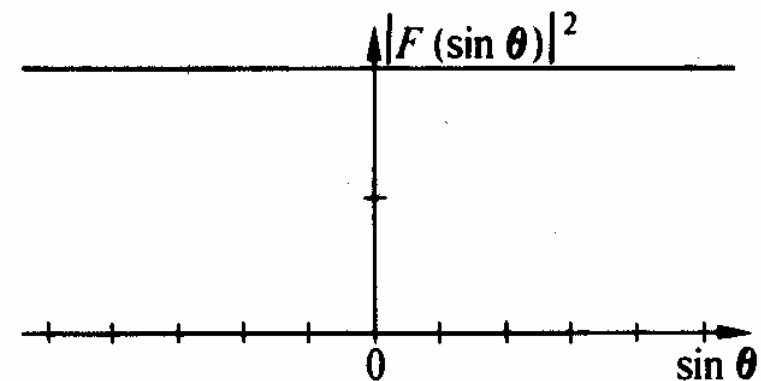
- $f(x) = \delta(x)$

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$$F(\sin \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$
$$= \left[e^{ikx \sin \theta} \right]_{x=0} = 1$$

- intensity $\sim |F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 1$

- intensity is uniform at all angles

- a single narrow slit \equiv an active point source





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- two narrow slit

a pair of δ functions, one at $+x_0$, and the other at $-x_0$

$$- f(x) = \delta(x + x_0) + \delta(x - x_0)$$

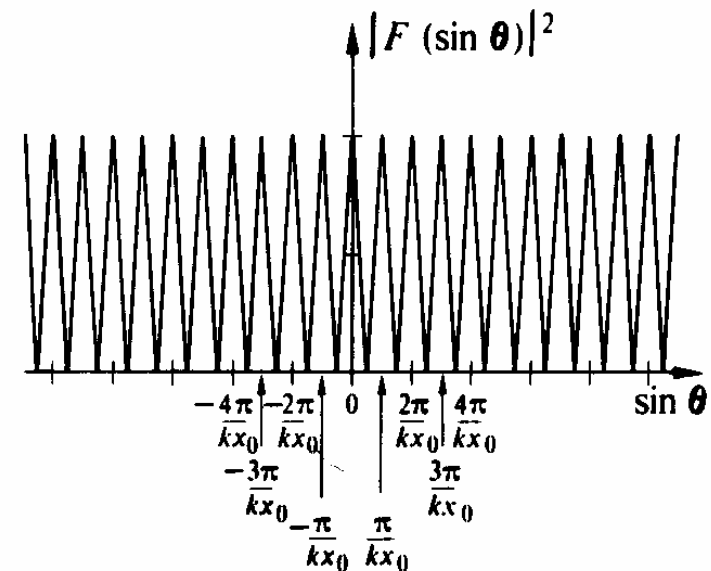
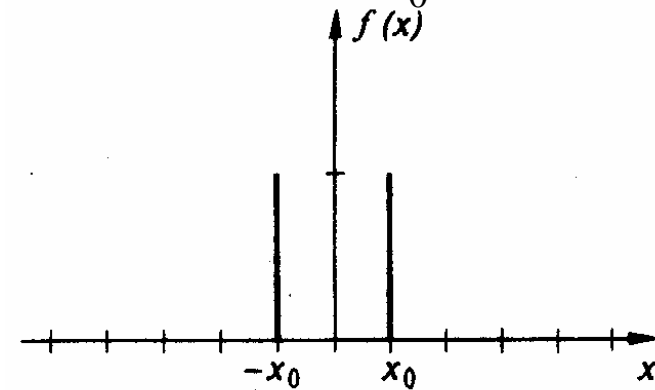
$$- F(\sin \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x + x_0) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - x_0) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$

$$= e^{-ikx_0 \sin \theta} + e^{ikx_0 \sin \theta} = 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)$$

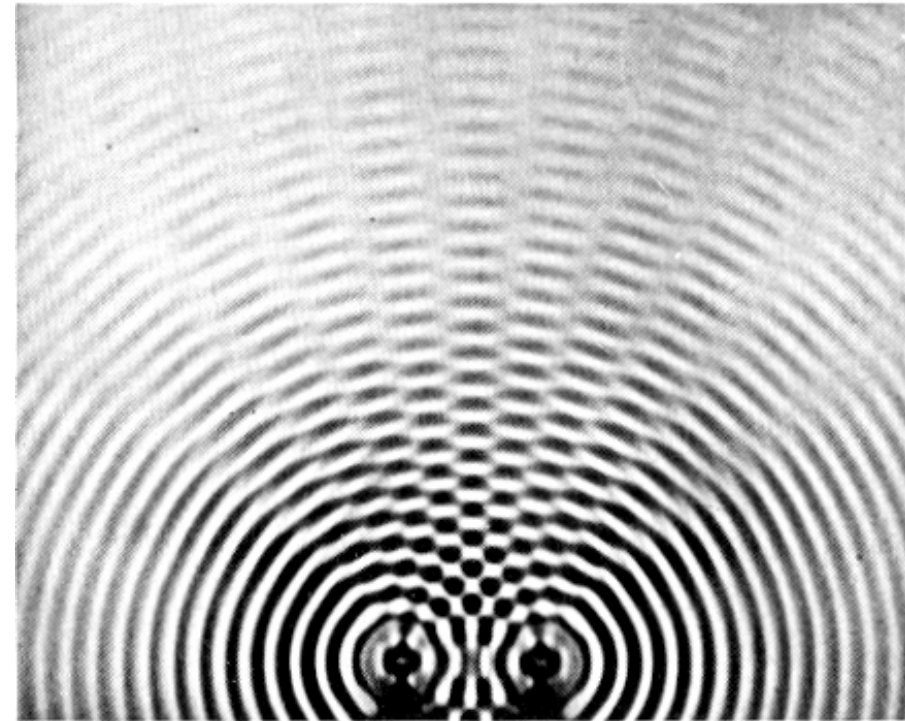
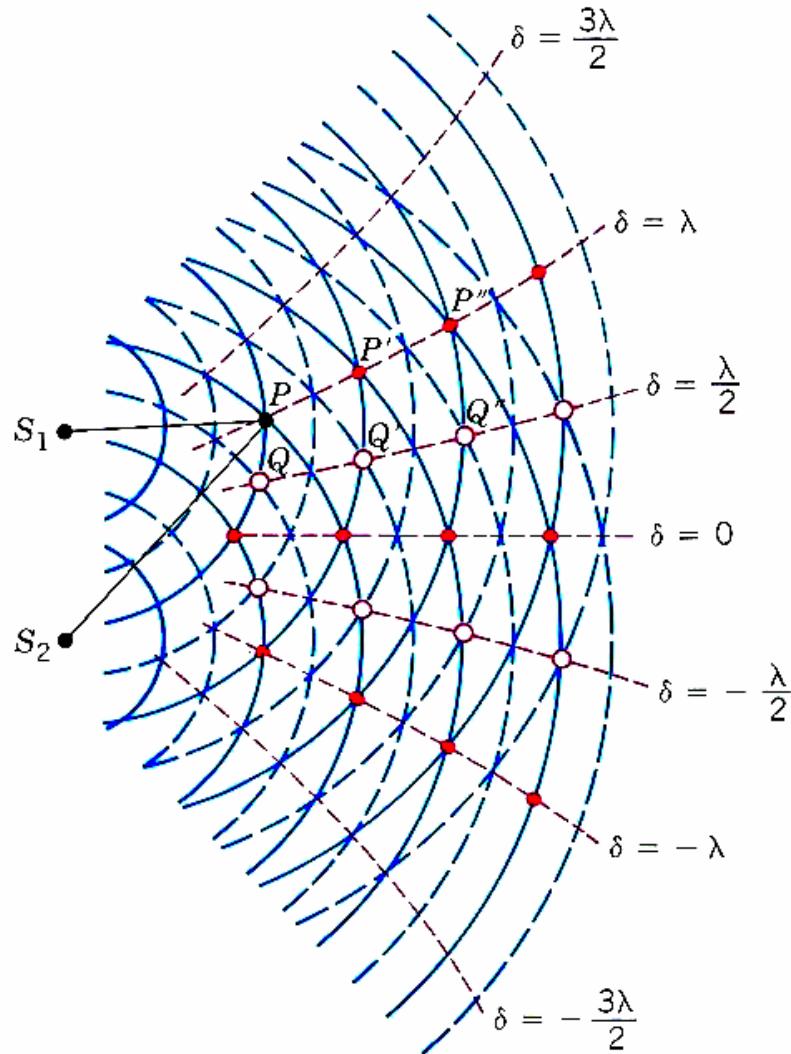
$$(\because \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x - x_0) dx = f(x_0))$$

$$- |F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 4 \cos^2(kx_0 \sin \theta)$$



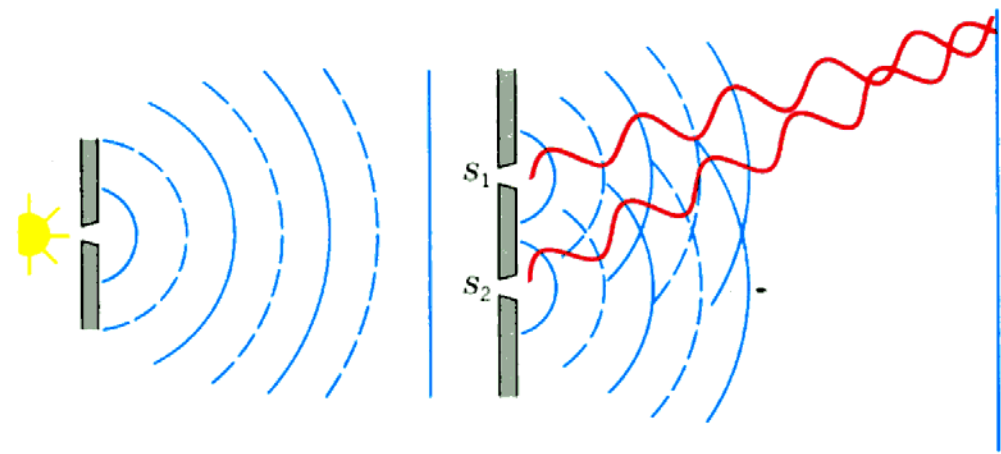


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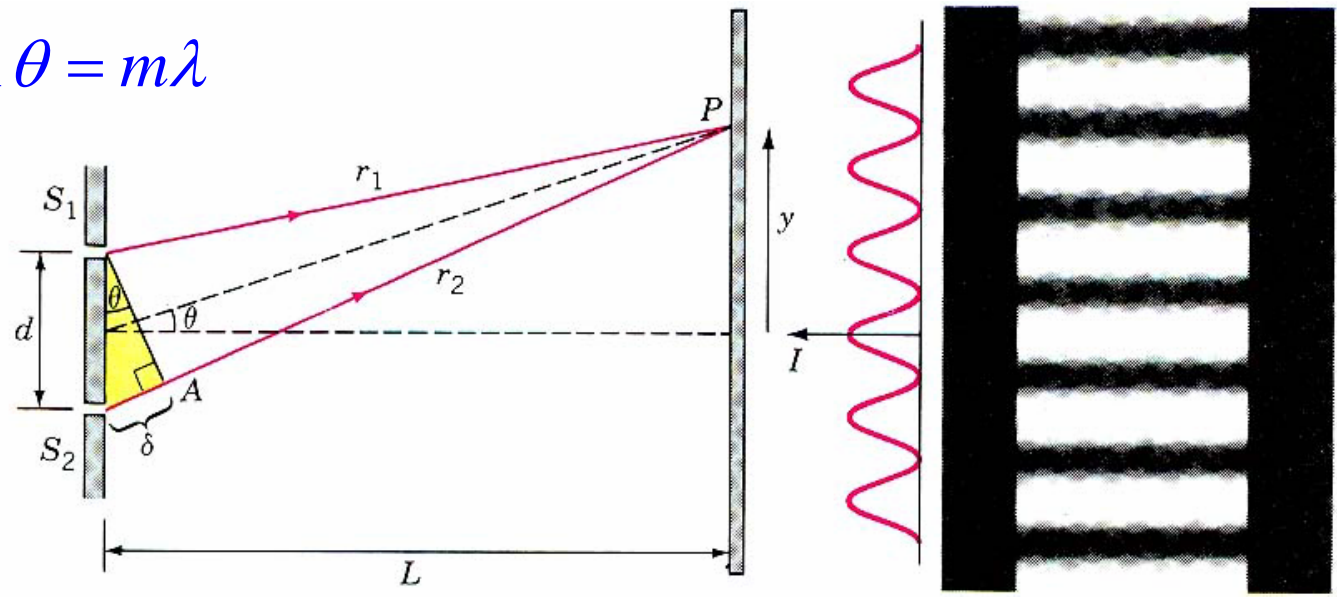


Young's Experiment



maxima

$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- three narrow slits

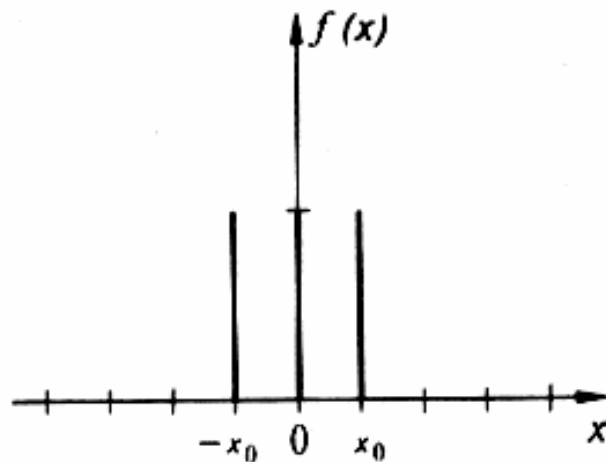
$$f(x) = \delta(x + x_0) + \delta(x) + \delta(x - x_0)$$

$$- F(\sin \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$

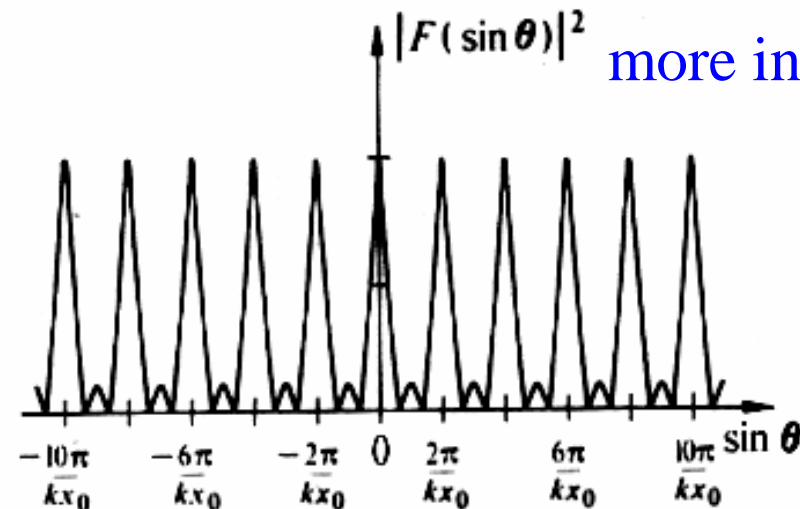
$$= 1 + 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)$$

$$- |F(\sin \theta)|^2 = [1 + 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)]^2$$

nine times
more intense



(a)



(b)





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

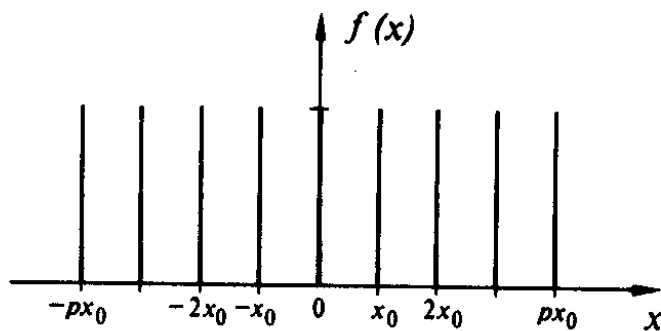


- N narrow slits

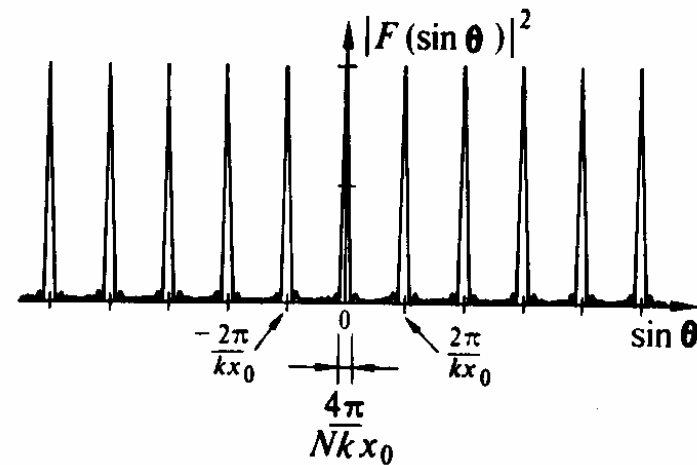
equally spaced by a distance $x_0 \rightarrow N \delta$ function

$N = 2p + 1$ (odd number)

$$- f(x) = \sum_{n=-p}^{n=p} \delta(x - nx_0)$$



(a)



(b)





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



$$\begin{aligned} - F(\sin \theta) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx \\ &= e^{-ikpx_0 \sin \theta} + e^{-ik(p-1)x_0 \sin \theta} + \dots + 1 + \dots + e^{ikpx_0 \sin \theta} \\ &= e^{-ikpx_0 \sin \theta} (1 + e^{ikx_0 \sin \theta} + \dots + e^{ik2px_0 \sin \theta}) \\ &= e^{-ikpx_0 \sin \theta} \left(\frac{1 - e^{ik(2p+1)x_0 \sin \theta}}{1 - e^{ikx_0 \sin \theta}} \right) = e^{-ikpx_0 \sin \theta} \left(\frac{1 - e^{ikNx_0 \sin \theta}}{1 - e^{ikx_0 \sin \theta}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{Nkx_0 \sin \theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{kx_0 \sin \theta}{2}} \\ - |F(\sin \theta)|^2 &= \frac{\sin^2 \frac{Nkx_0 \sin \theta}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{kx_0 \sin \theta}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

*main peak

angular width- $4\pi / Nkx_0$

separated by- $2\pi / kx_0$

$N - 2$ subsidiary peaks





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



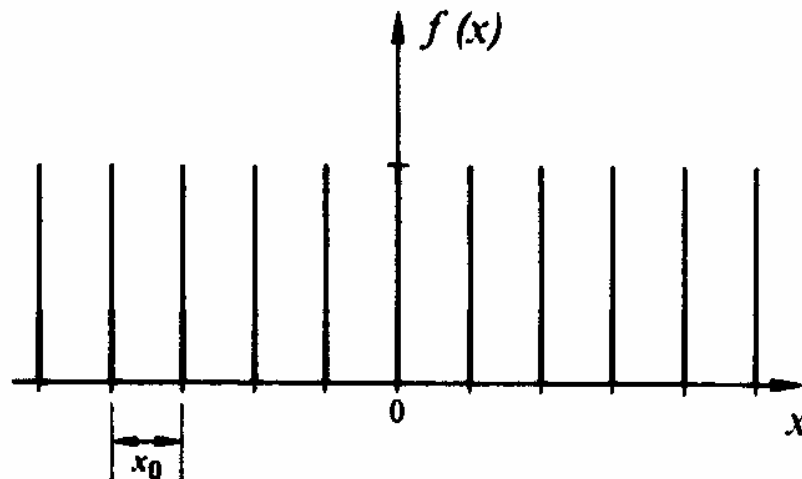
- infinite number of narrow slits
separated by a distance $x_0 \rightarrow$ infinite array of δ function

$$- f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \delta(x - nx_0)$$

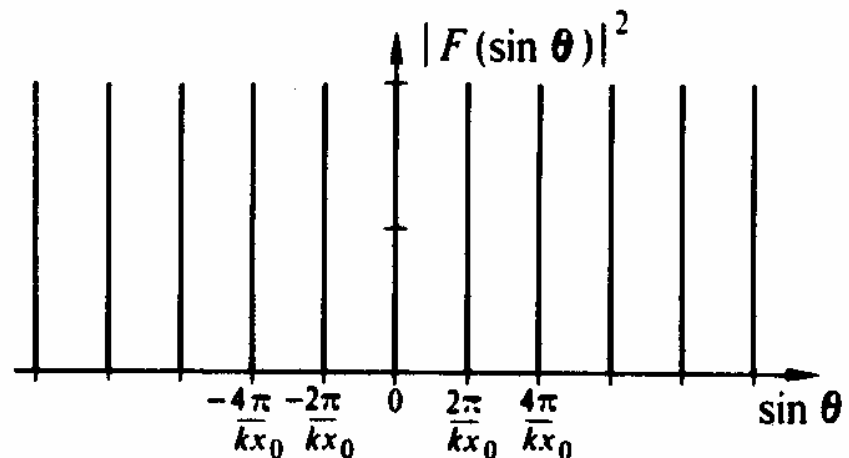
$$- F(\sin \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \delta\left(\sin \theta - \frac{2n\pi}{kx_0}\right)$$

*infinitely sharp peak

$$\Delta(\sin \theta) = \frac{2\pi}{kx_0}$$



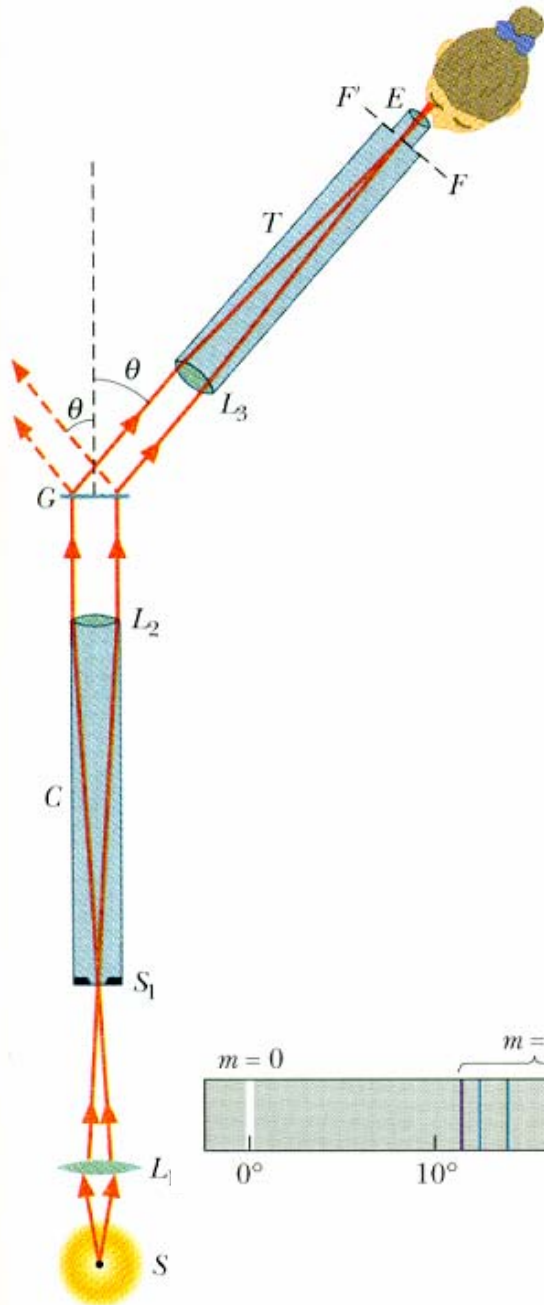
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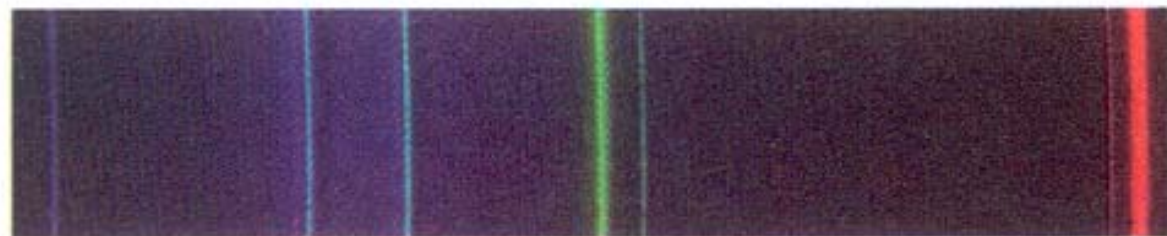
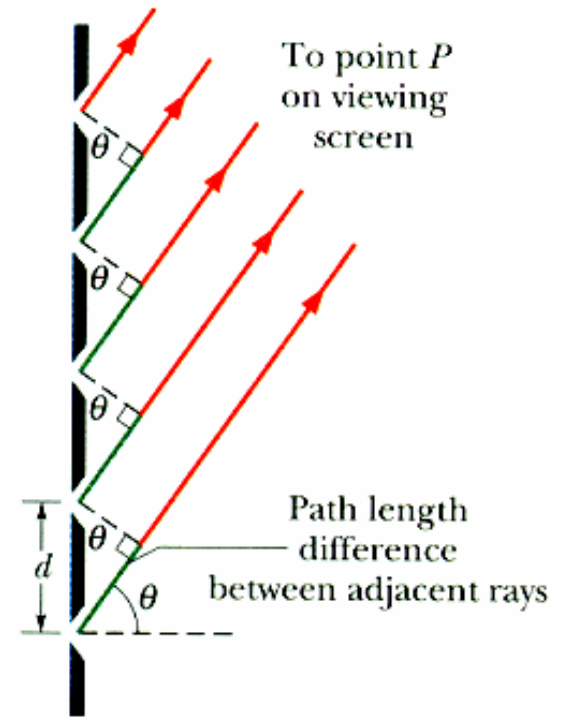
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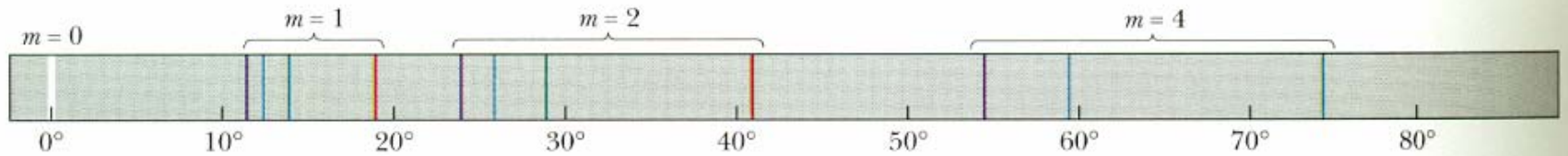
Grating Spectroscopy



$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda$$



visible emission line of cadmium



visible emission line from hydrogen



Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- one wide slit

an opaque screen containing a slit which is wide

$\sim 100\lambda$

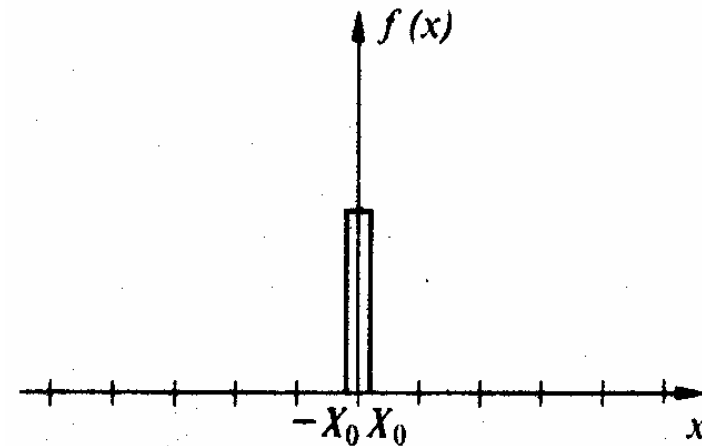
- $f(x) = 0$ if $-\infty < x < -X_0$

1 if $-X_0 < x < +X_0$

0 if $+X_0 < x < \infty$

$$- F(\sin \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx$$

$$= \int_{-X_0}^{X_0} f(x) e^{ikx \sin \theta} dx = \left[\frac{e^{ikx \sin \theta}}{ik \sin \theta} \right]_{-X_0}^{X_0}$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



$$\begin{aligned} - F(\sin \theta) &= \left[\frac{e^{ikx \sin \theta}}{ik \sin \theta} \right]_{-X_0}^{X_0} = \frac{e^{ikX_0 \sin \theta} - e^{-ikX_0 \sin \theta}}{ik \sin \theta} \\ &= 2X_0 \frac{\sin(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{kX_0 \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

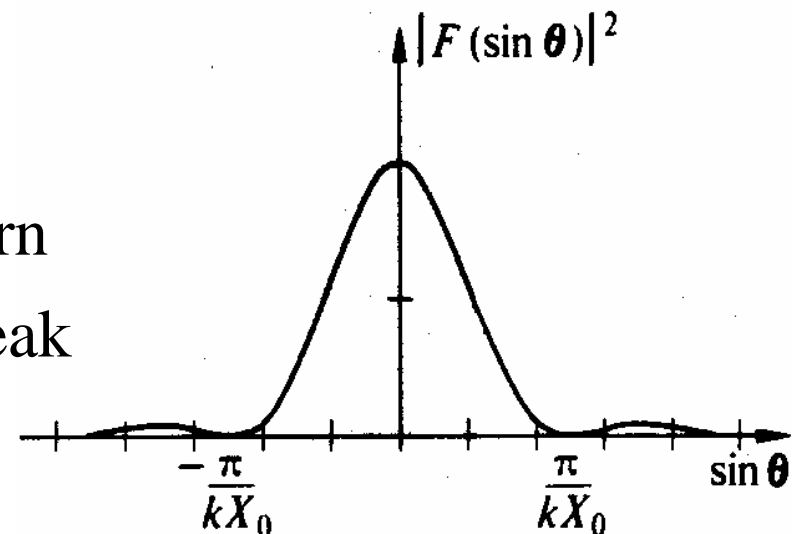
$$- \text{intensity} \sim |F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 4X_0^2 \frac{\sin^2(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{(kX_0 \sin \theta)^2}$$

$$- 2X_0 \rightarrow \Delta(\sin \theta) = 2\pi / kX_0$$

- the wider slit,

the narrower the diffraction pattern

- secondary peak-very rapidly weak





Single-Slit Diffraction



Diffraction of Light Through an Aperture

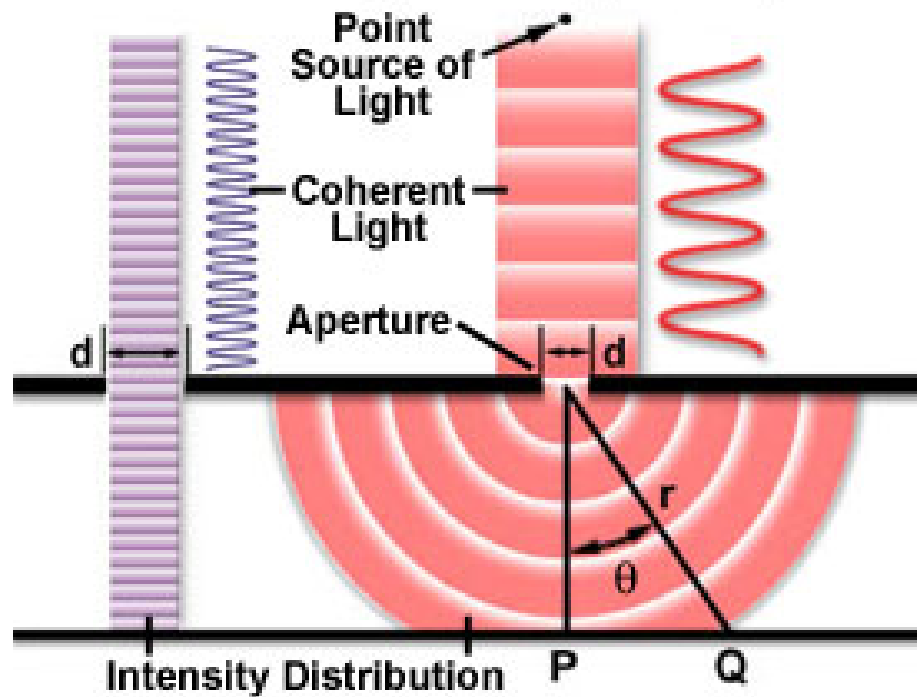
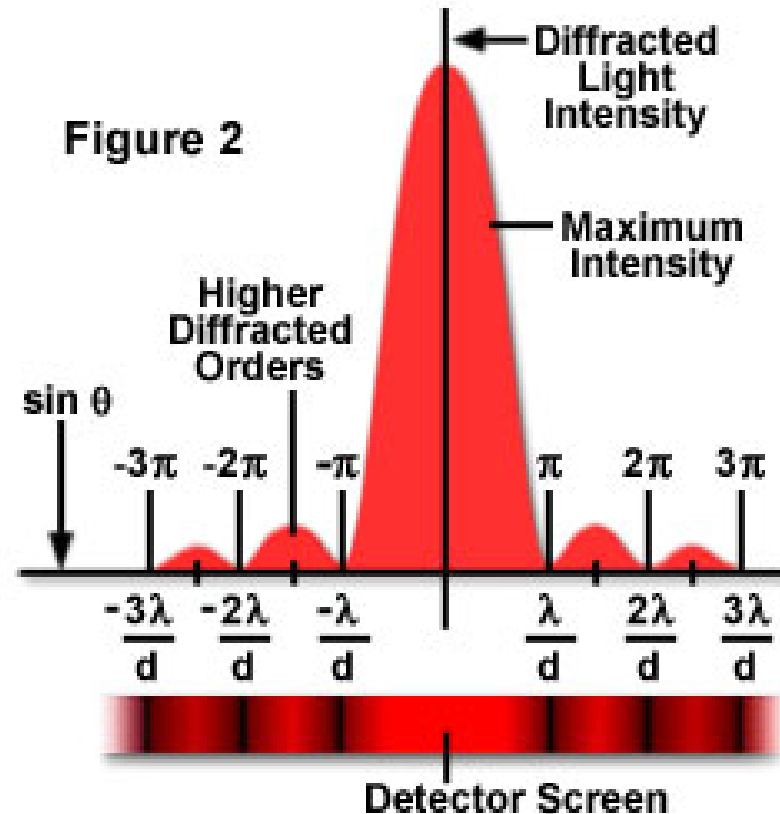


Figure 1

Intensity Distribution of Diffracted Light



$$\delta \approx d \sin \theta, \text{ for minima } \sin \theta = m \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

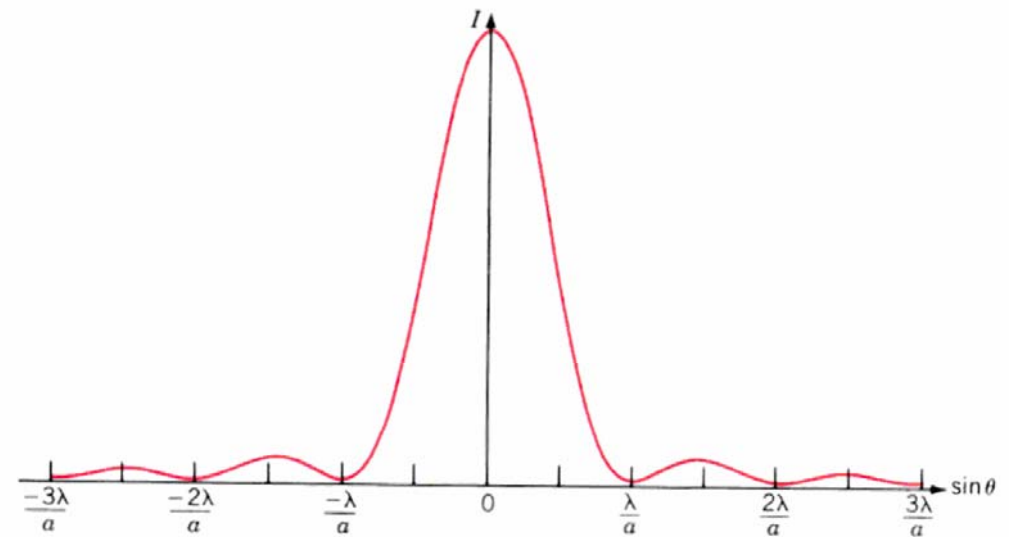
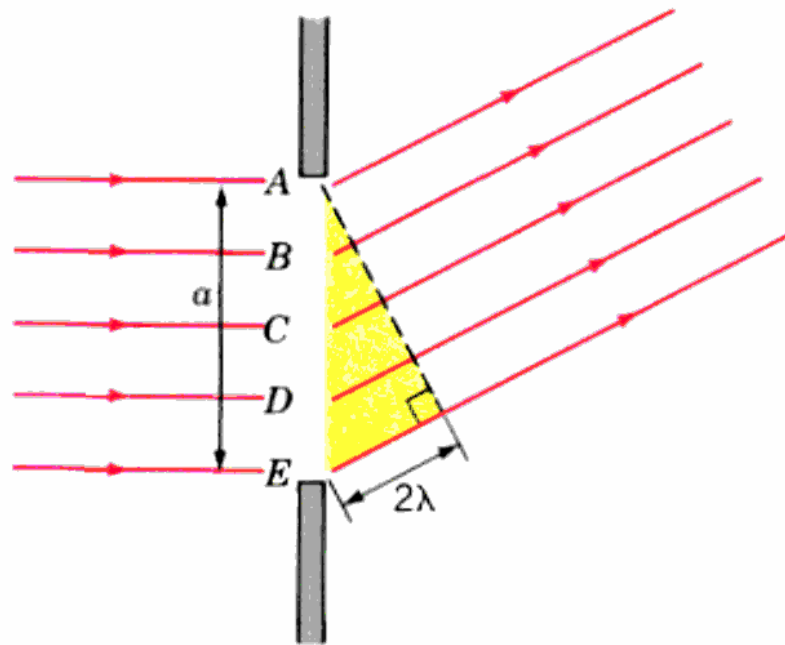
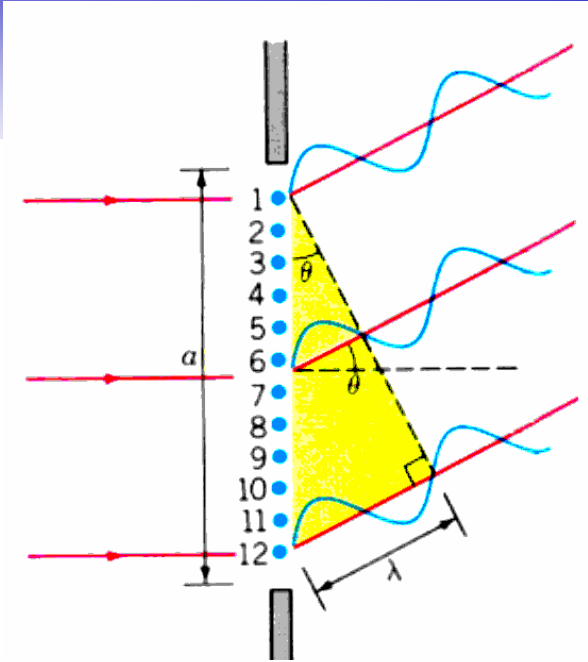




Single-Slit Diffraction

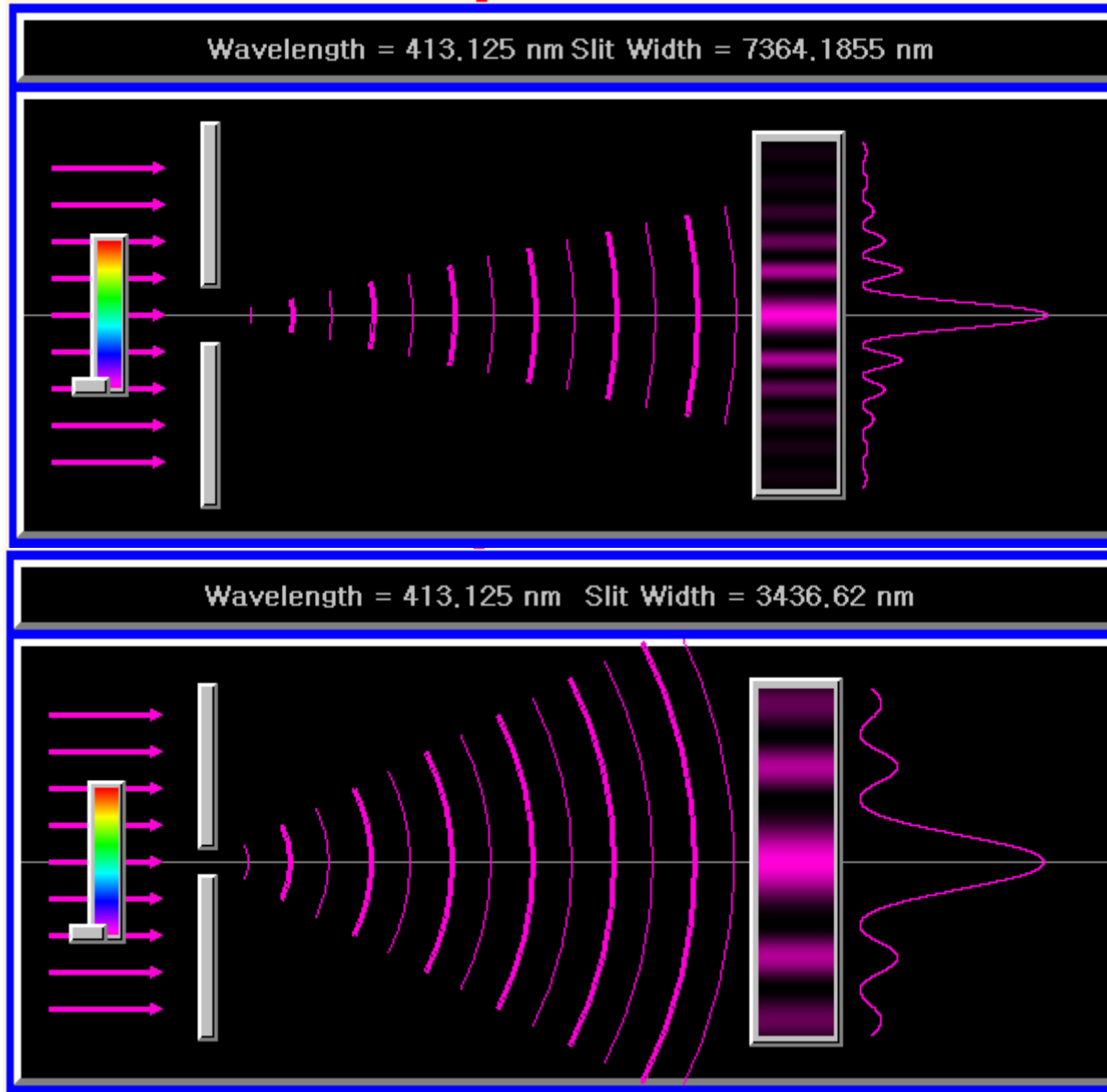
- $\delta \approx d \sin \theta$

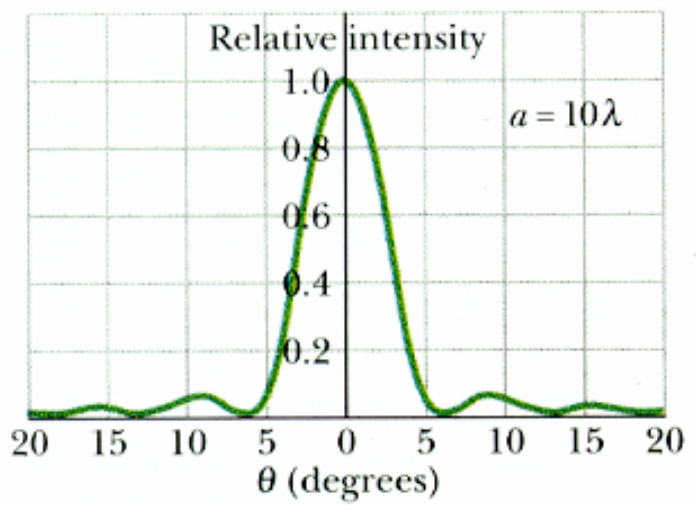
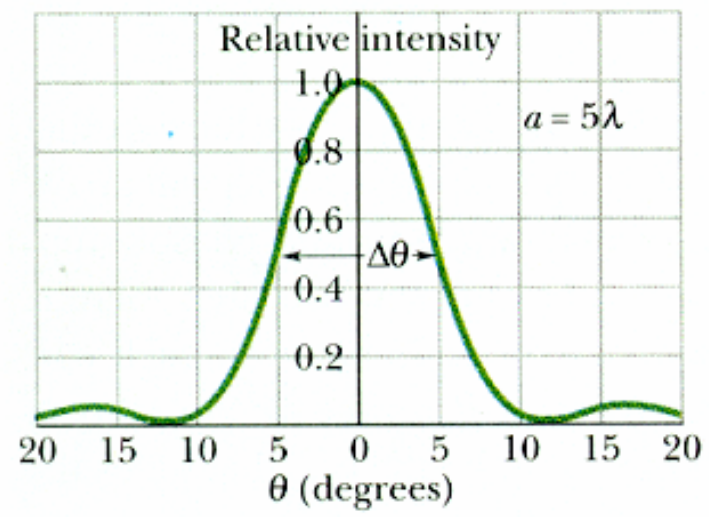
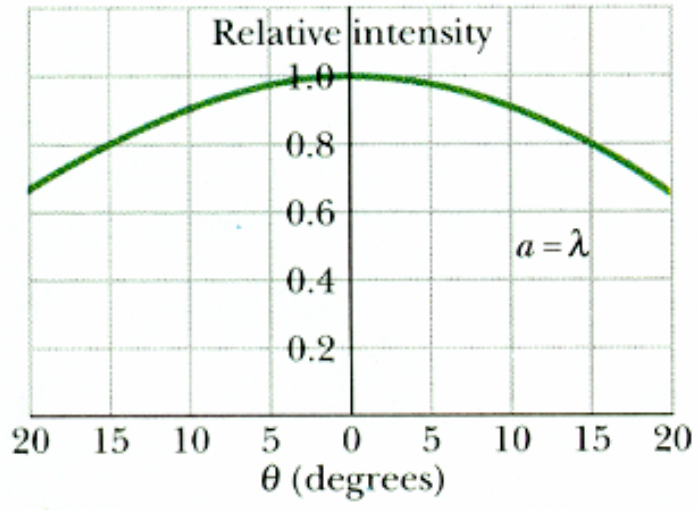
for minima $\sin \theta = m \frac{\lambda}{a}$, $m=1,2,3,\dots$





Single-Slit Diffraction







Convolution



$$- c(\vec{u}) = f(\vec{r}) * g(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{all } \vec{r}} f(\vec{r}) g(\vec{u} - \vec{r}) d\vec{r} = \int_{\text{all } \vec{r}} f(\vec{u} - \vec{r}) g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

- integrand is a function of \vec{u} and \vec{r}

integration is taken over $\vec{r} \rightarrow$ function of \vec{u}

- $g(\vec{r})$ vs. $g(\vec{u} - \vec{r})$ or $g(x)$ vs. $g(u - x)$ for 1-D
reflection+displacement

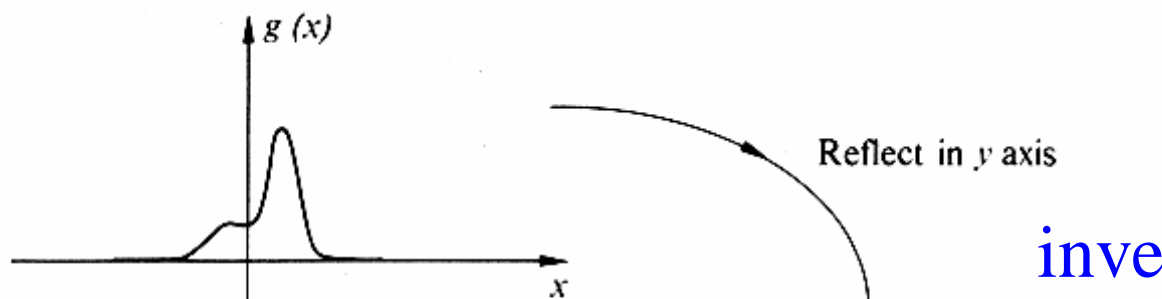
- example

$f(x)$: δ function, $g(x)$: arbitrary function

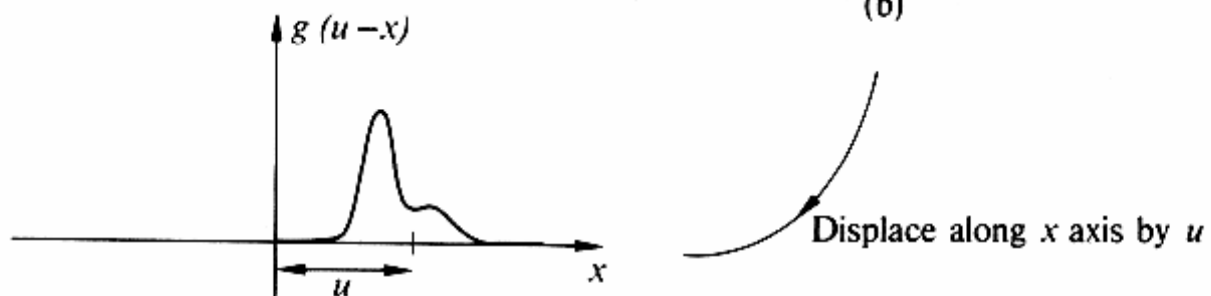
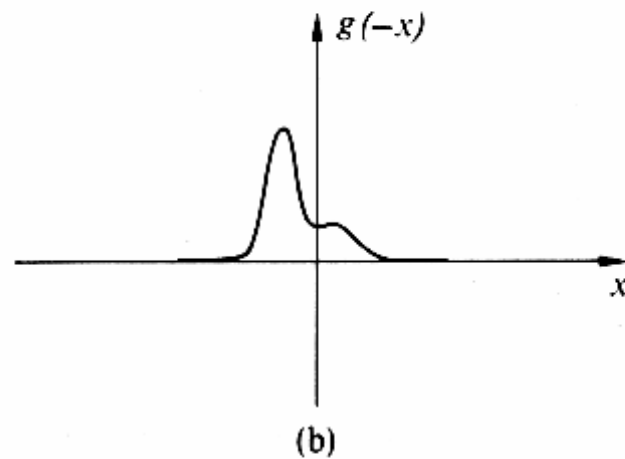
$$\begin{aligned} c(u) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) g(u - x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x + x_0) g(u - x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - x_0) g(u - x) dx \\ &= g(u + x_0) + g(u - x_0) \end{aligned}$$

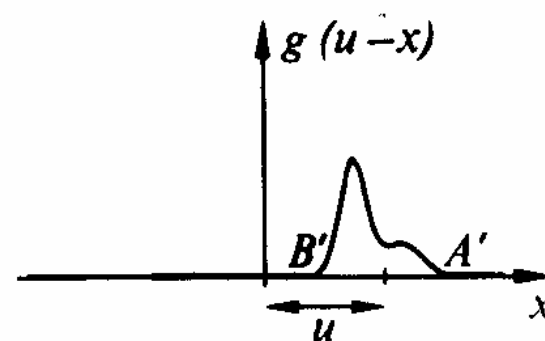
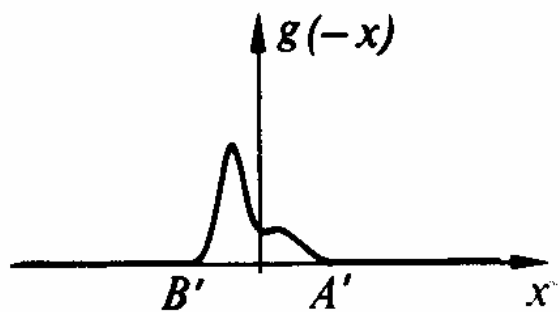
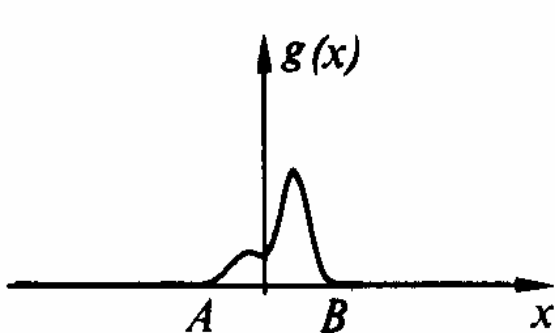
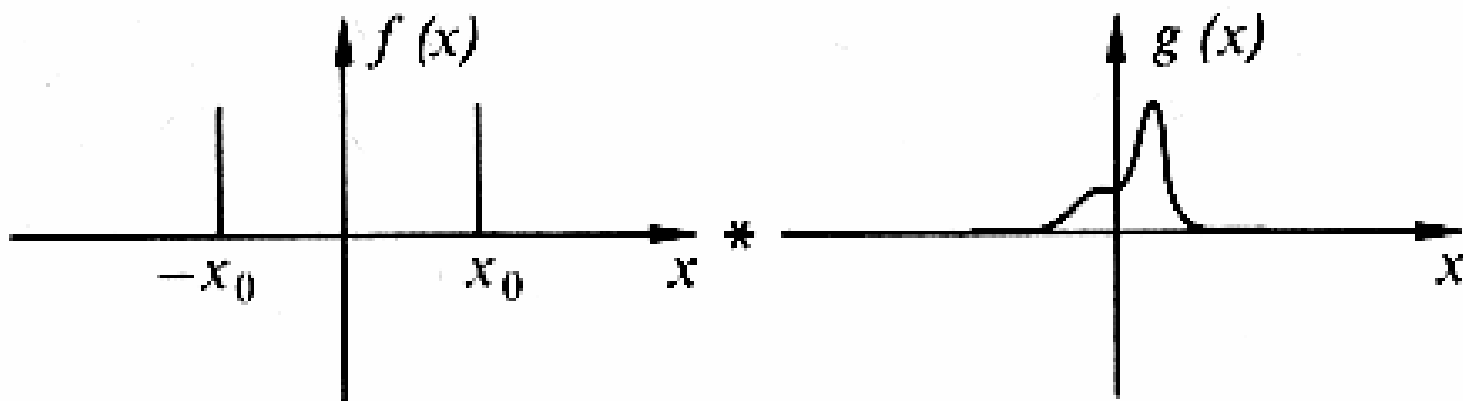
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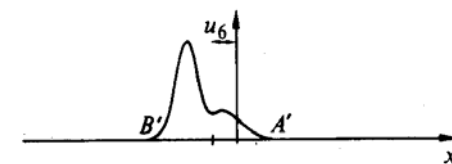
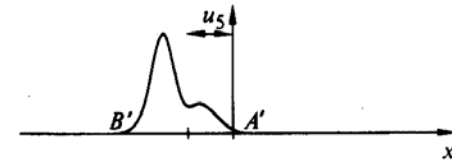
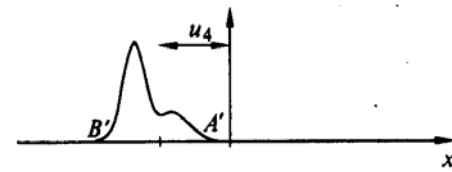
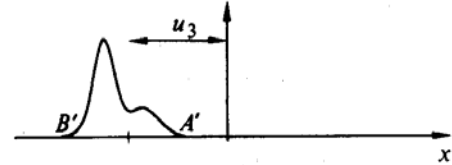
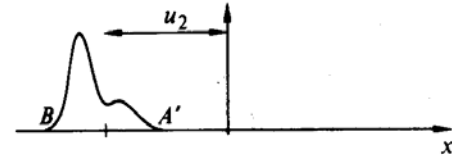
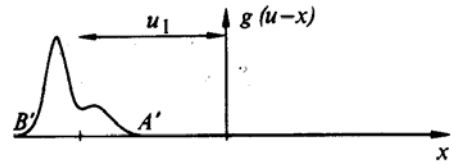
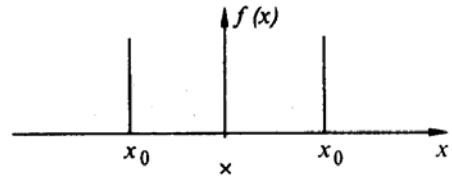




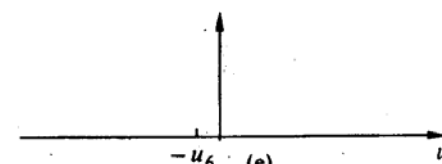
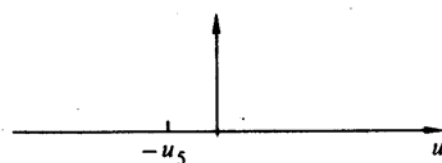
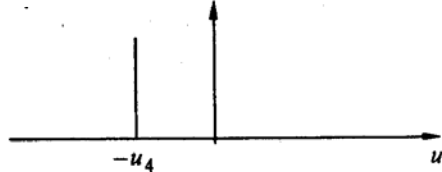
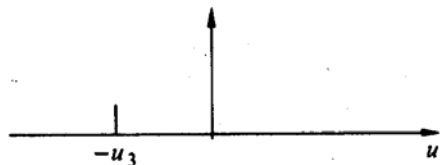
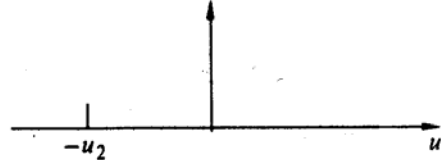
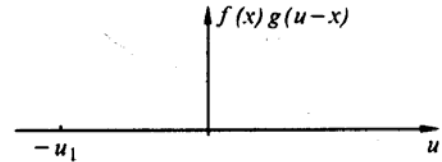
inversion in 3-D



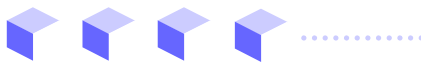
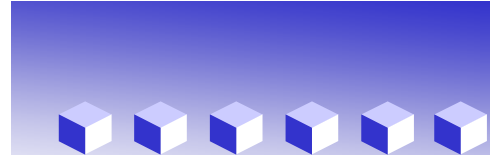
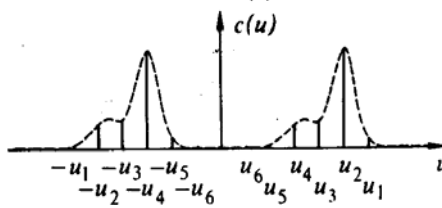


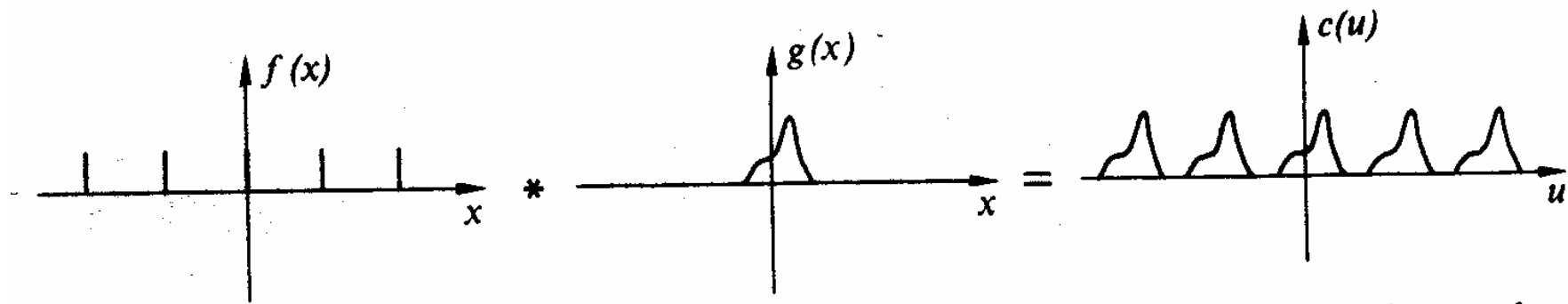
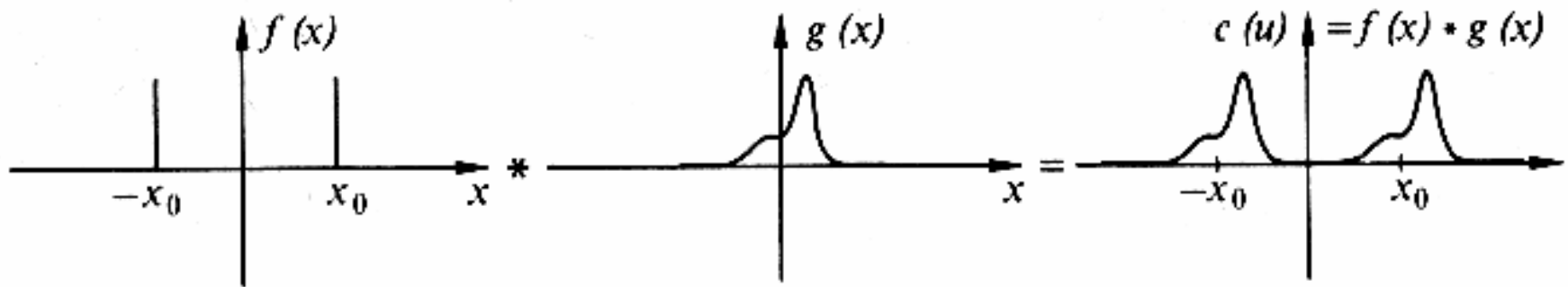


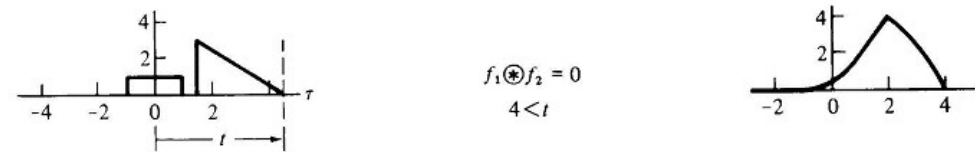
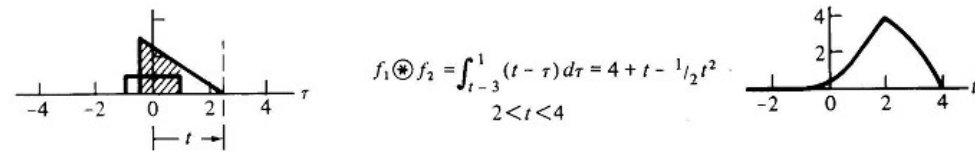
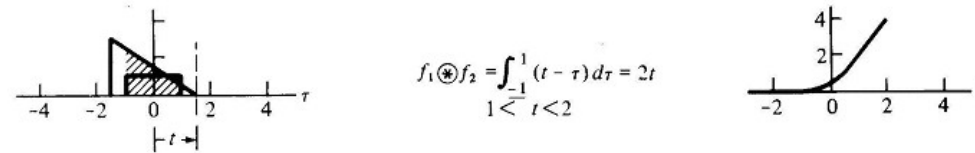
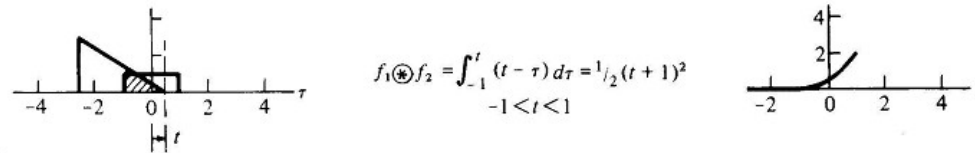
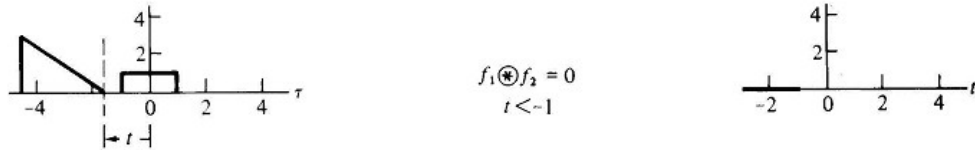
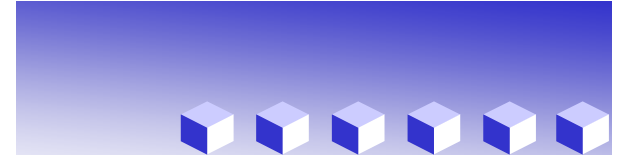
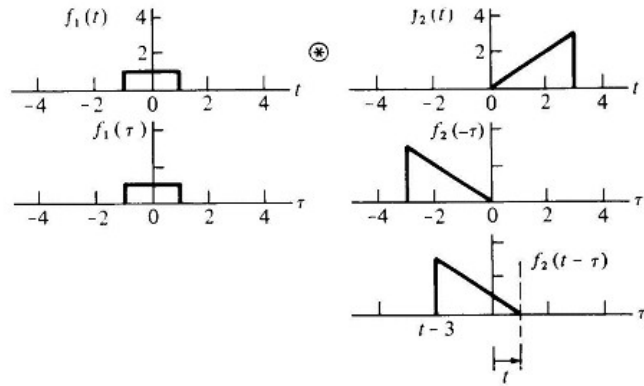
(d)



(e)







The convolution of a rectangular and a triangular pulse. <http://eent3.sbu.ac.uk/staff/baoyb/foct>





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- two wide slit

slits, each of width $2X_0$, centered at $x = -x_0$ and $x = x_0$

- $f(x) = 0$ if $-\infty < x < -(x_0 + X_0)$

1 if $-(x_0 + X_0) < x < -(x_0 - X_0)$

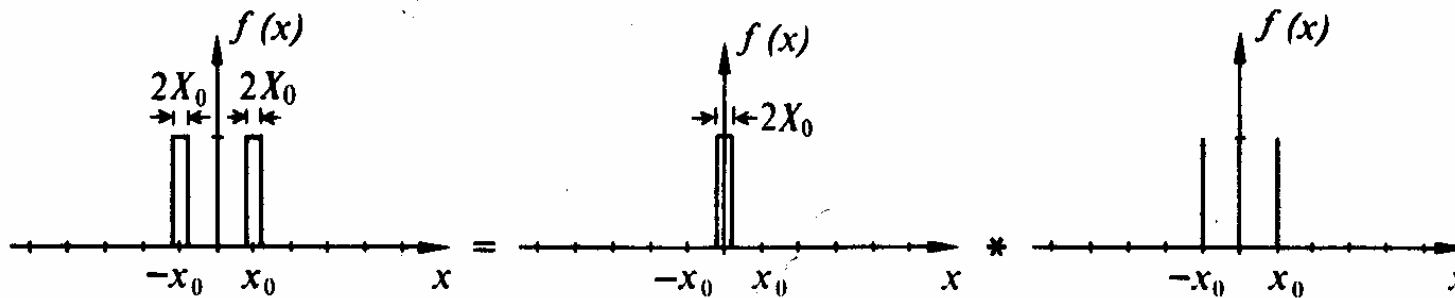
0 if $-(x_0 - X_0) < x < (x_0 - X_0)$

1 if $(x_0 - X_0) < x < (x_0 + X_0)$

0 if $(x_0 + X_0) < x < \infty$

- $f(x)$ is convolution of one wide slit and two narrow slit

$$f(\text{two wide slit}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\text{two narrow slit})$$



(a)

(b)





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- Fourier transform

$$Tf(\text{two wide slit}) = T[f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\text{two narrow slit})]$$

- Fourier transform of a convolution is the product of the individual Fourier transforms

$$Tf(\text{two wide slit}) = Tf(\text{one wide slit}) \cdot Tf(\text{two narrow slit})]$$

- one wide slit

$$F(\sin \theta) = 2X_0 \frac{\sin(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{kX_0 \sin \theta}$$

- two narrow slit

$$F(\sin \theta) = 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- two wide slit

form of diffraction pattern is a series of \cos^2 fringes

modulated by $(\sin \alpha / \alpha)^2$

- \cos^2 function- first zero $kx_0 \sin \theta_1 = \pi / 2$

$$\sin \theta_1 = \pi / (2kx_0)$$

- $(\sin \alpha / \alpha)^2$ function- first zero $kX_0 \sin \theta_2 = \pi$

$$\sin \theta_2 = \pi / (kX_0)$$

- $x_0 \gg X_0 \rightarrow \theta_2 > \theta_1$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

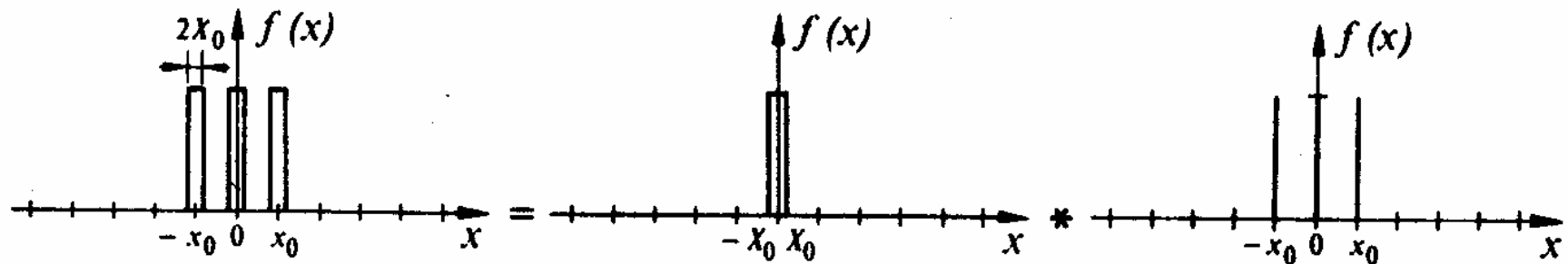
- three wide slit
- amplitude function

$$f(\text{three wide slit}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\text{three narrow slits})$$

$$Tf(\text{three wide slit}) = T[f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\text{three narrow slits})]$$

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$$- F(\sin \theta) = 2X_0 \frac{\sin(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{kX_0 \sin \theta} [1 + 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)]$$

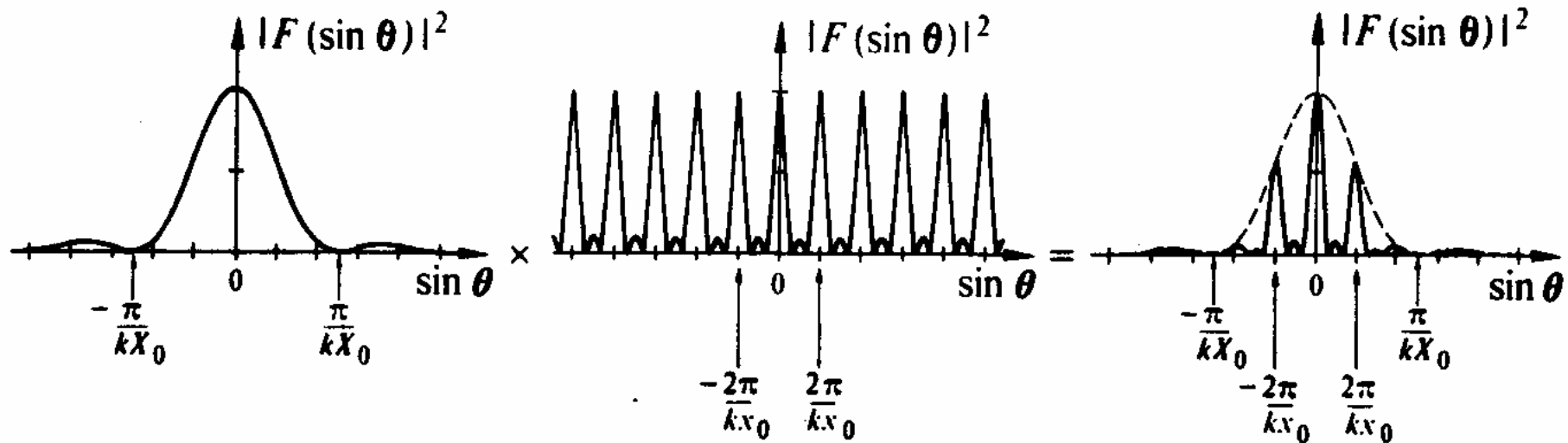




Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

- three wide slits
- intensity

$$|F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 4X_0^2 \frac{\sin^2(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{(kX_0 \sin \theta)^2} [1 + 2 \cos(kx_0 \sin \theta)]^2$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



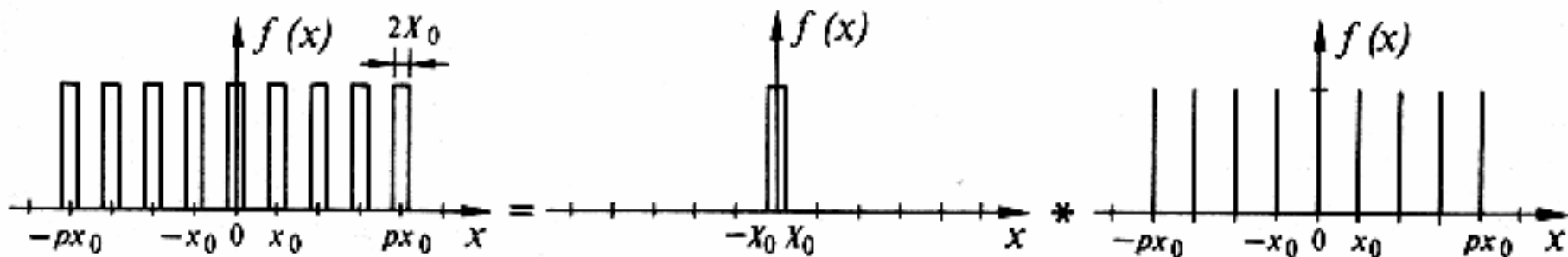
- N wide slits
width of $2X_0$, centered on a δ function

- amplitude function

$$f(N \text{ wide slit}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(N \text{ narrow slits})$$

$$Tf(N \text{ wide slit}) = T[f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(N \text{ narrow slits})]$$

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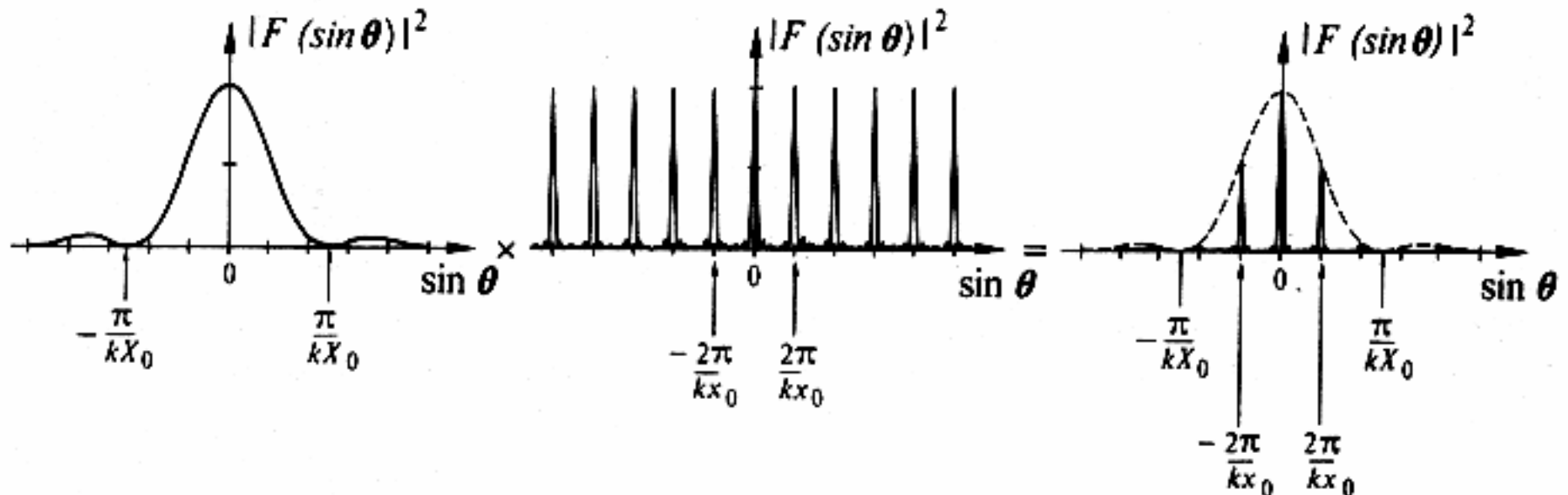




Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

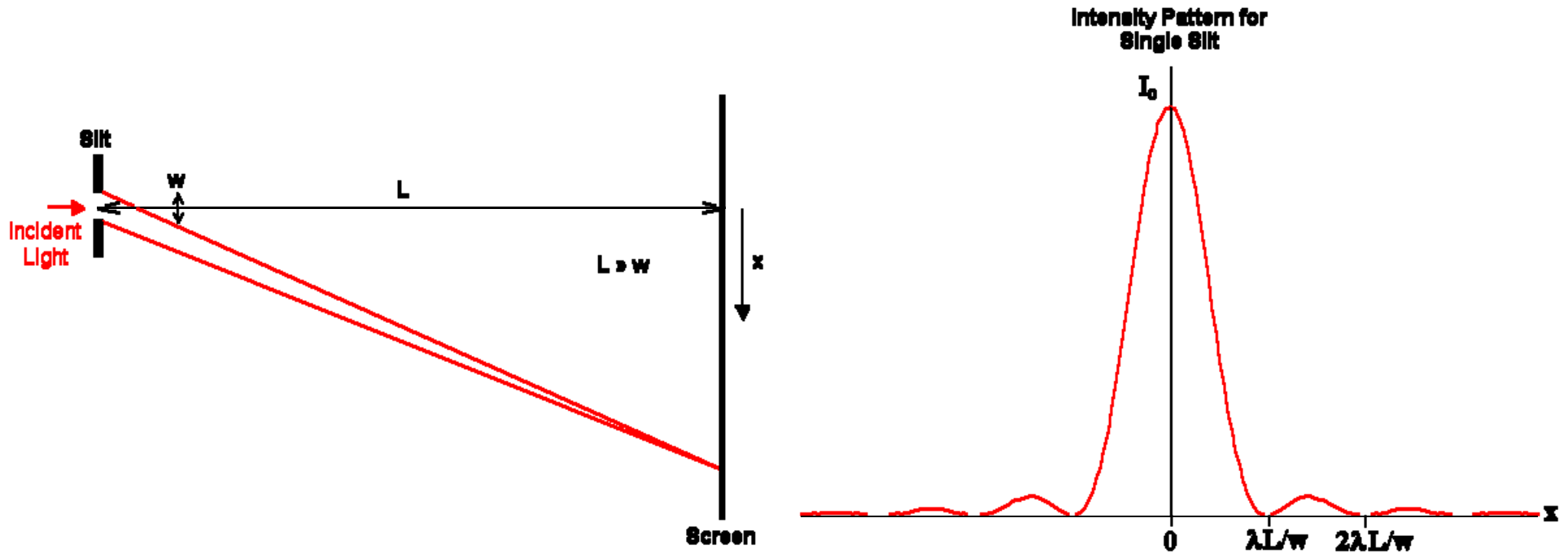
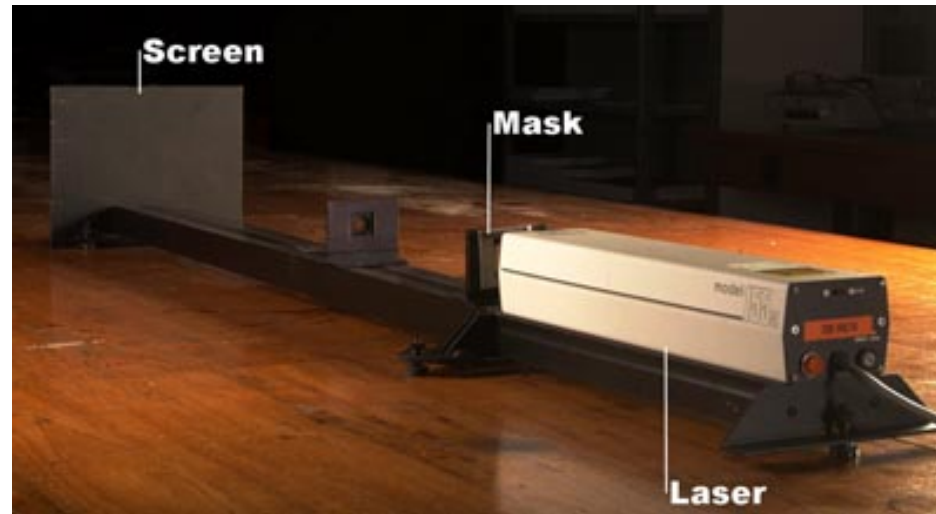
- N wide slits
- intensity

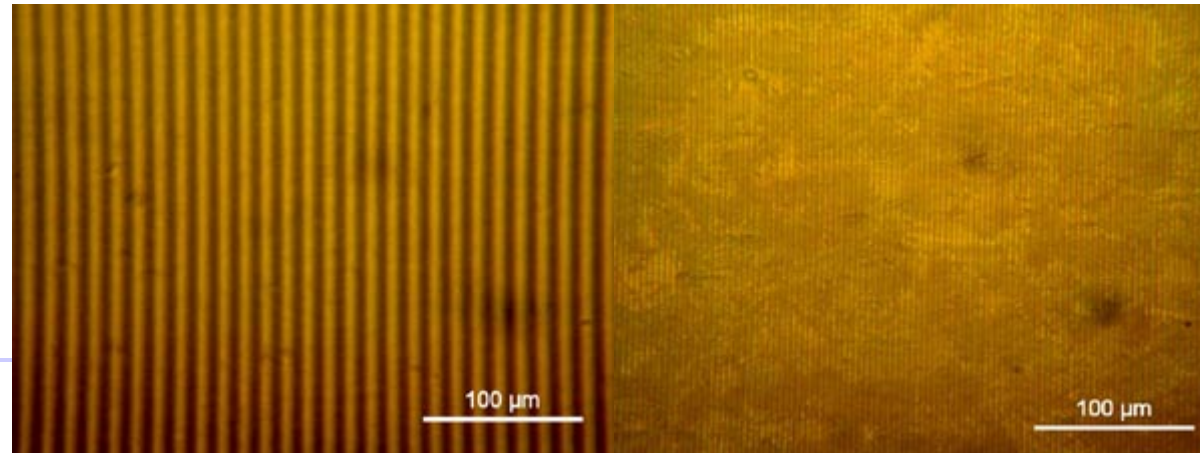
$$|F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 4X_0^2 \frac{\sin^2(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{(kX_0 \sin \theta)^2} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{Nkx_0 \sin \theta}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{kx_0 \sin \theta}{2}}$$





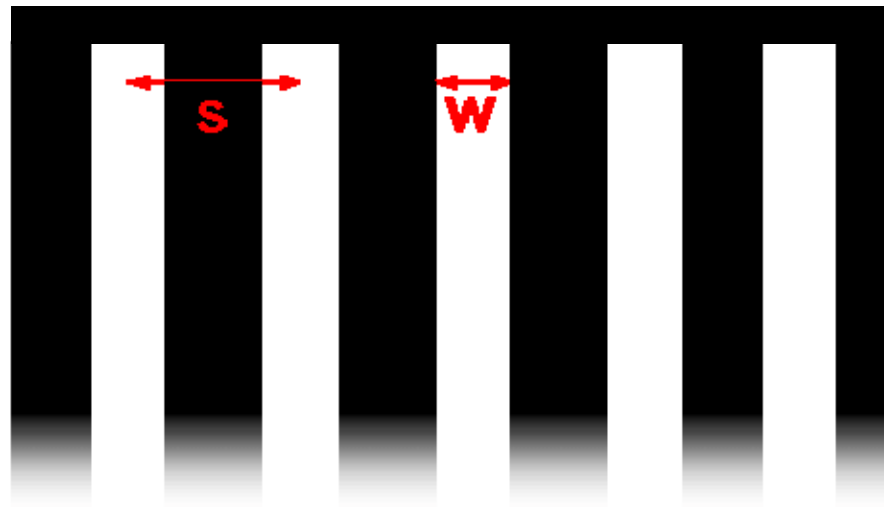
Experiments





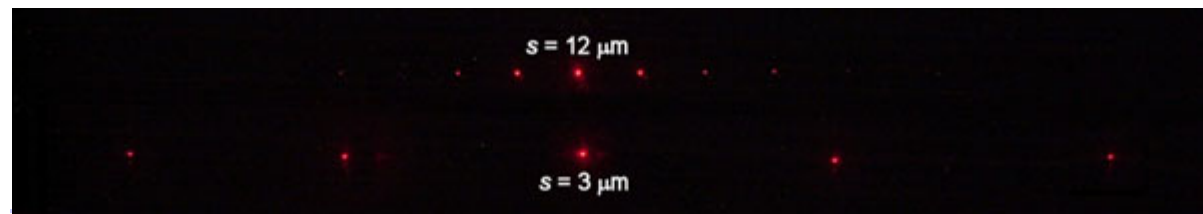
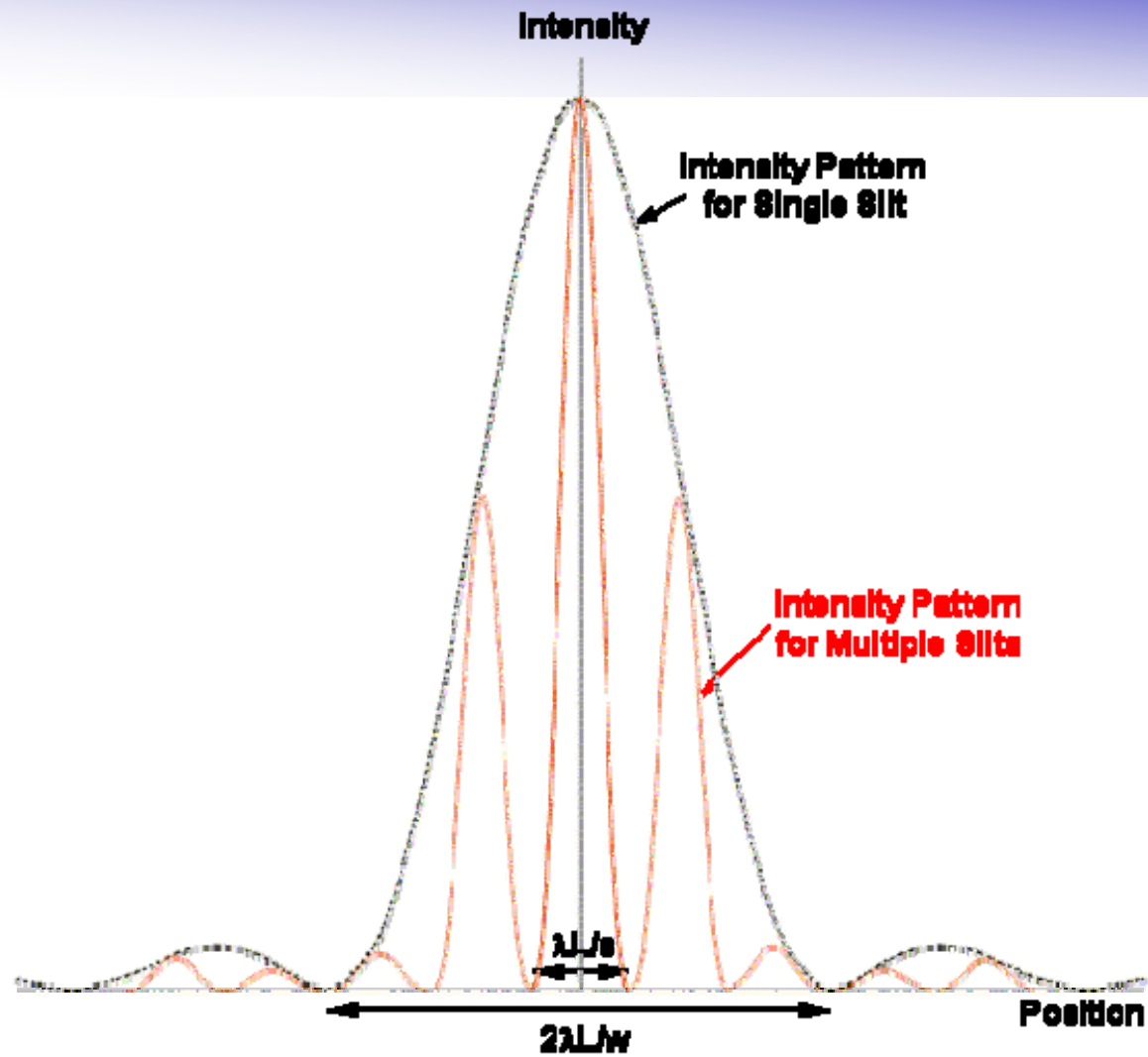
(a) $s = 12 \mu\text{m}$

(b) $s = 3 \mu\text{m}$



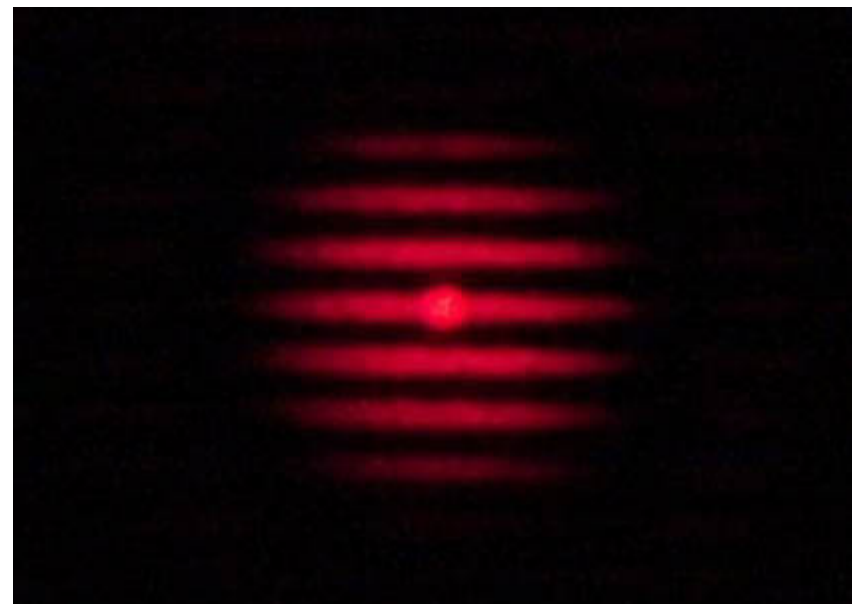
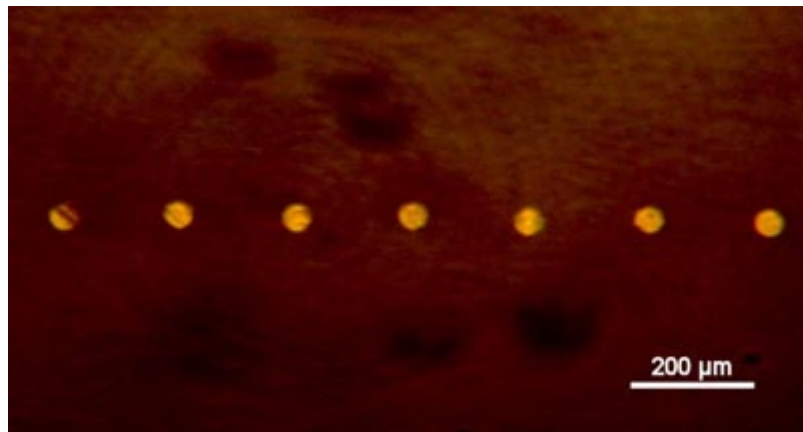
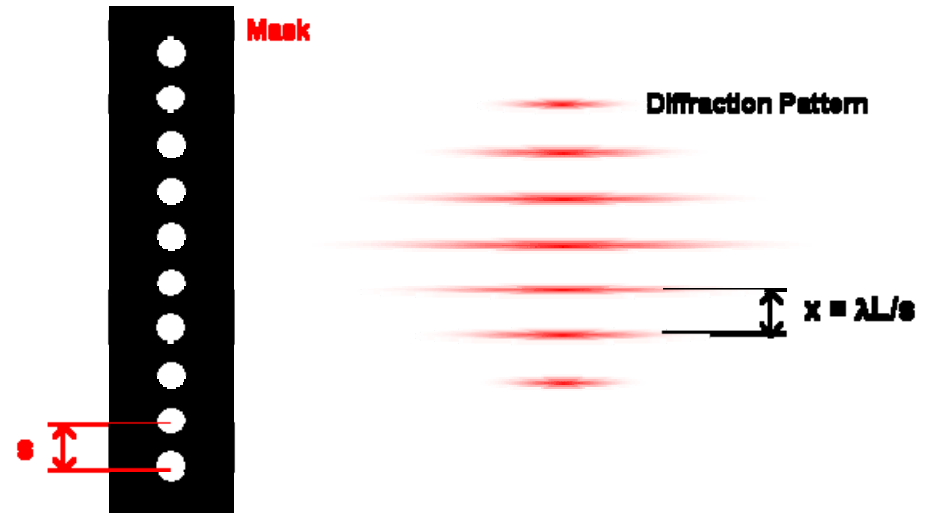
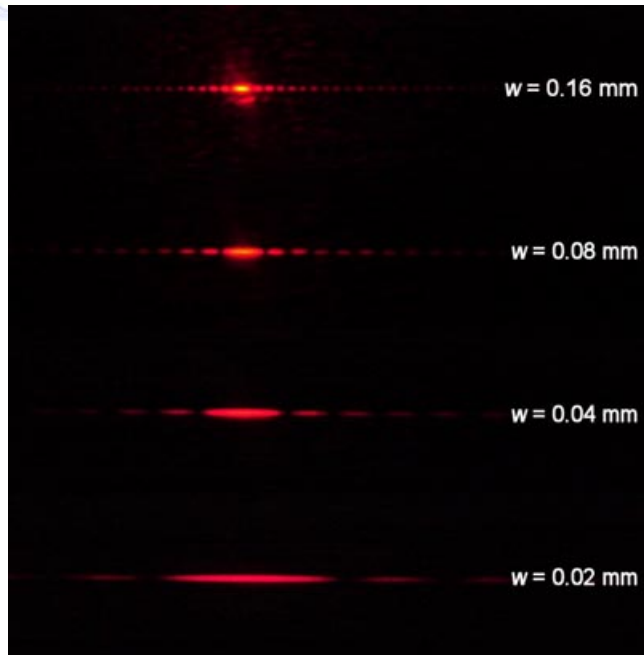
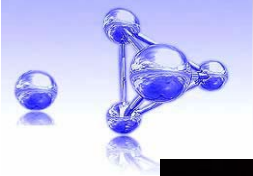
Slit spacing s and slit width w

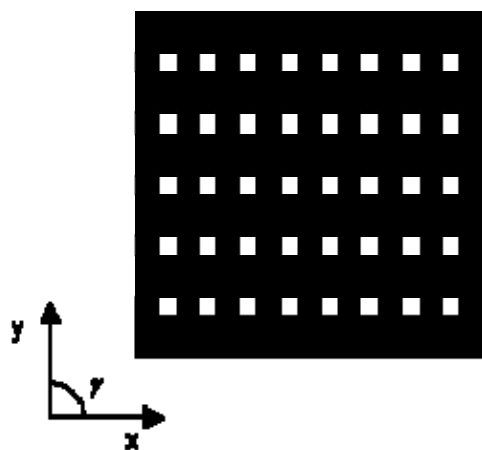
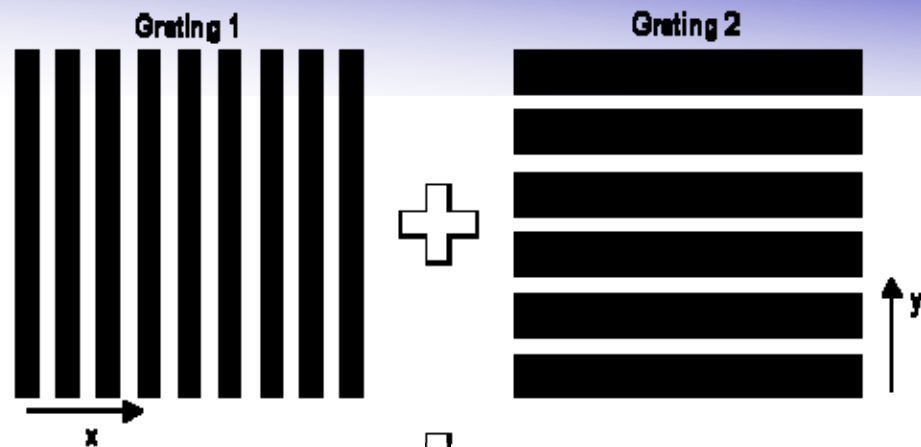
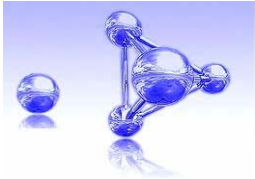


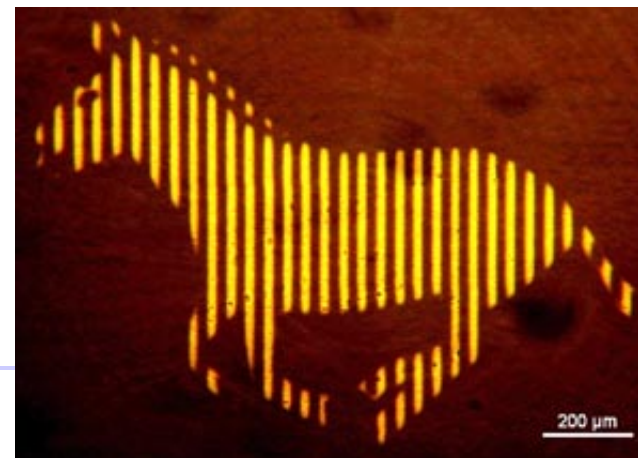
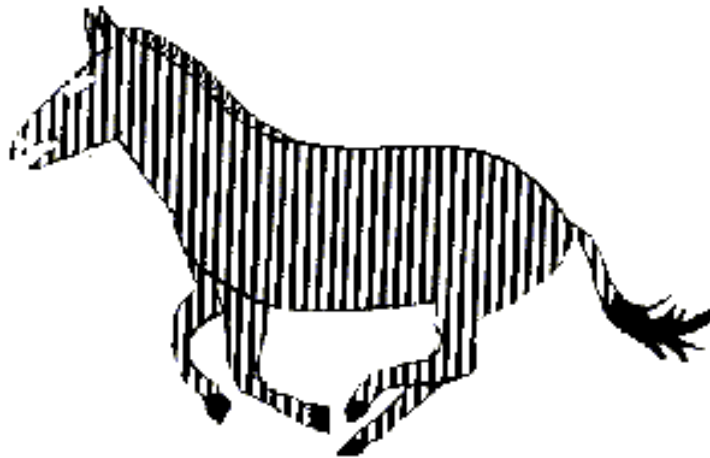
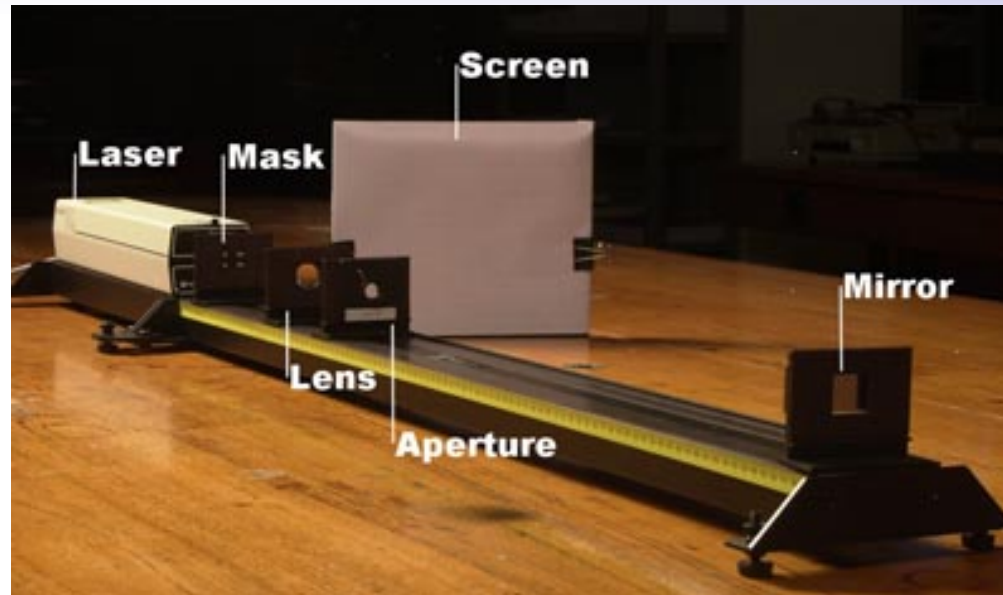


Diffraction patterns from gratings (a) and (b).









The zebra





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

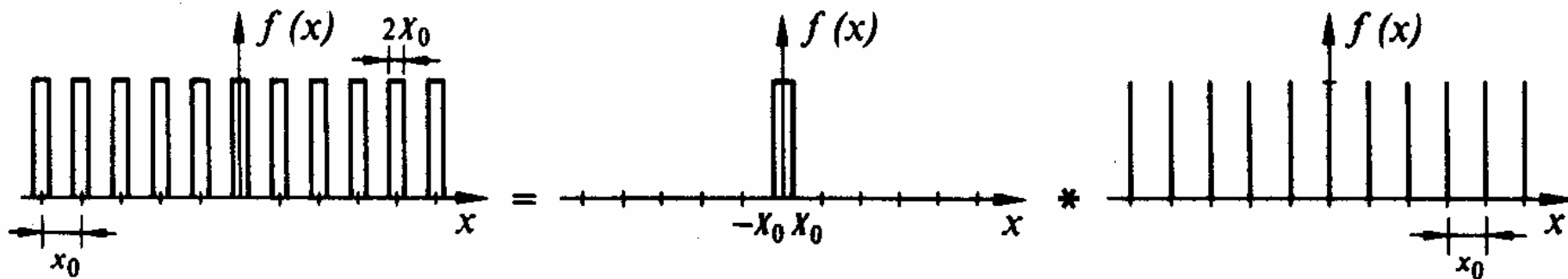


- infinite wide slits
- amplitude function

$$f(\infty \text{ wide slit}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\infty \text{ narrow slits})$$

$$Tf(\infty \text{ wide slit}) = T[f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(\infty \text{ narrow slits})]$$

$$Tf(\infty \text{ wide slit}) = Tf(\text{one wide slit}) * Tf(\infty \text{ narrow slits})$$

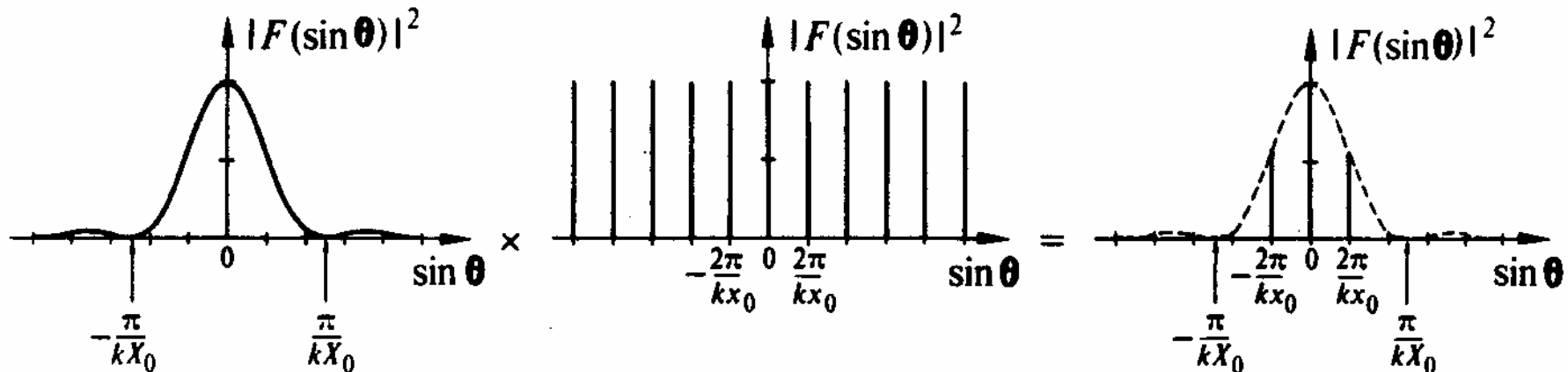




Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

- infinite number of wide slits
- intensity

$$|F(\sin \theta)|^2 = 4X_0^2 \frac{\sin^2(kX_0 \sin \theta)}{(kX_0 \sin \theta)^2} \left| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \delta\left(\sin \theta - \frac{2n\pi}{kx_0}\right) \right|^2$$

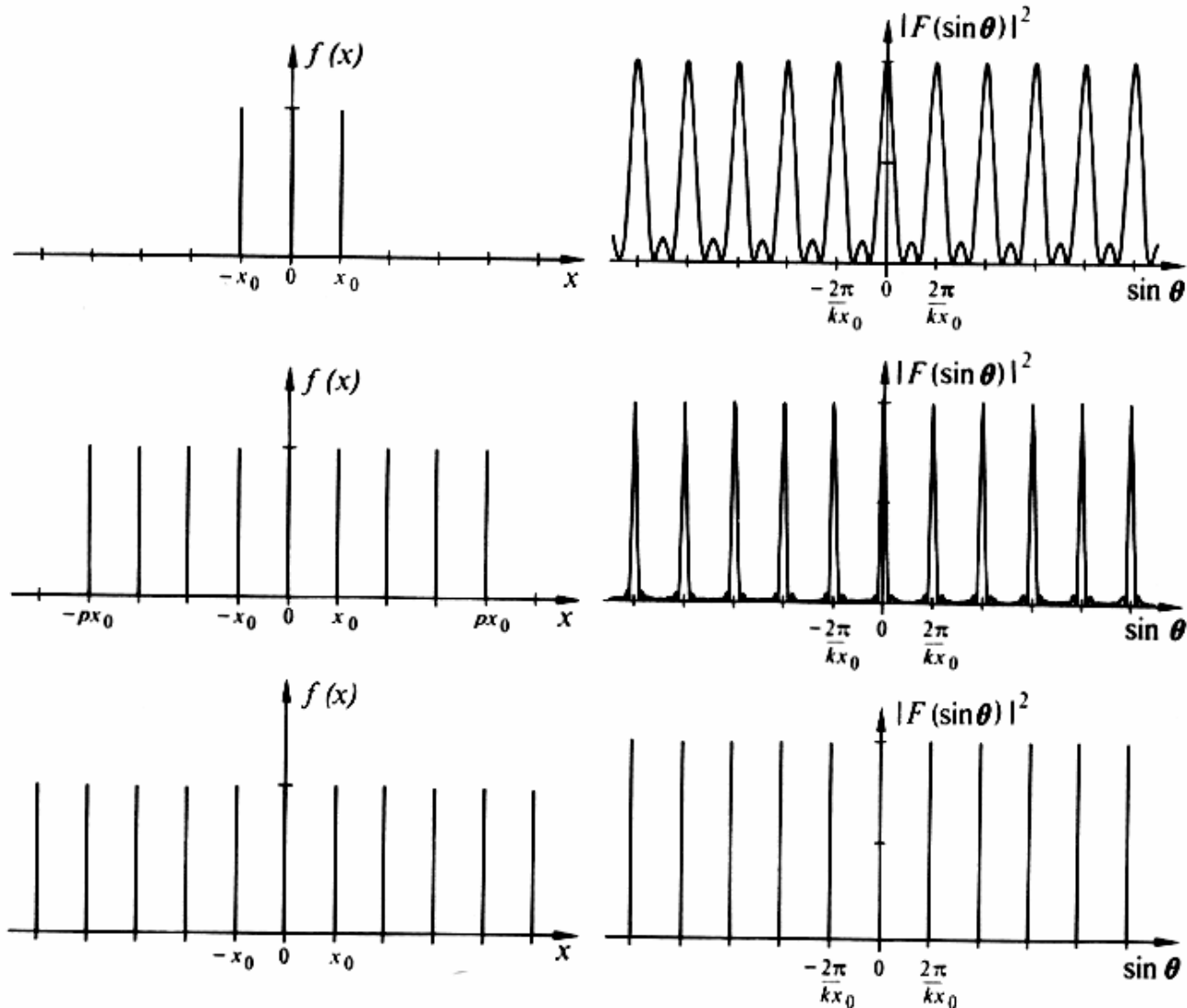




Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- significance of the diffraction pattern





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- narrow slits

1. As the number of slits increases, the main peaks become sharper and narrower, whilst the subsidiary peaks become rapidly less intense

2. The position and separation of the main peaks is constant independent of the number of peaks. The main peaks are separated by an angular deflection given by

$$\Delta(\sin \theta) = \frac{2\pi}{kx_0}$$

The distance is determined solely by λ and separation x_0 of any two neighboring narrow slits.



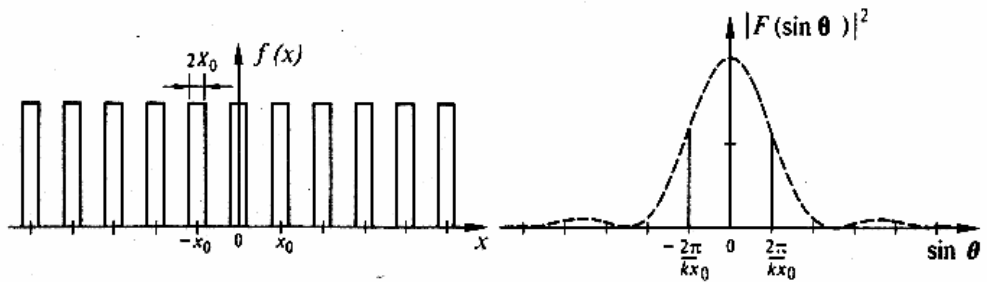
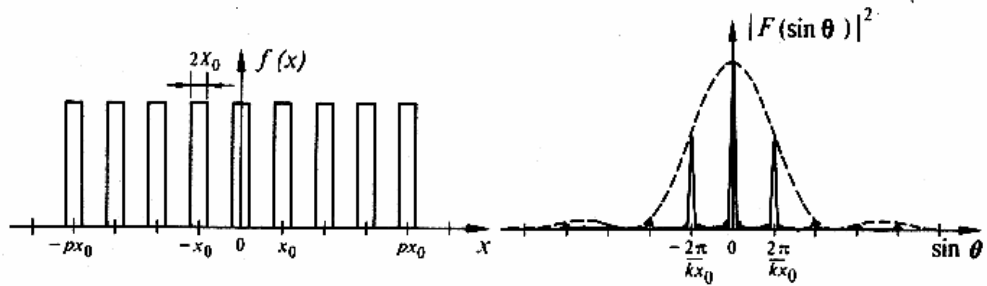
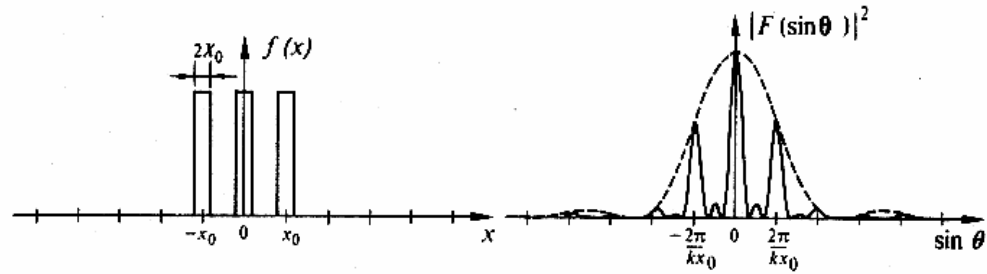
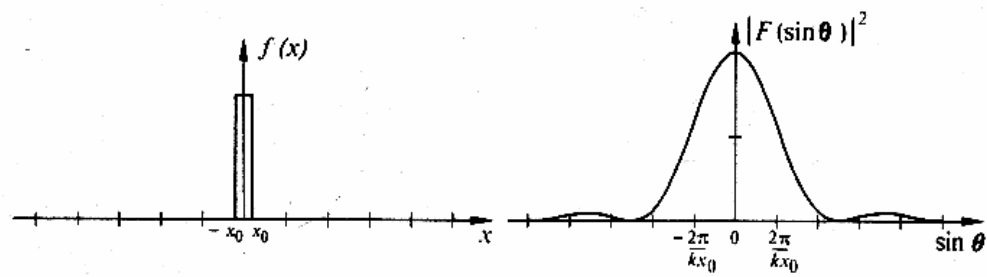


Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- narrow slits
- The position of the main peak in a diffraction pattern is determined solely by the lattice spacing in an obstacle.
- The shape of the main peak is determined by the overall shape of the obstacle.





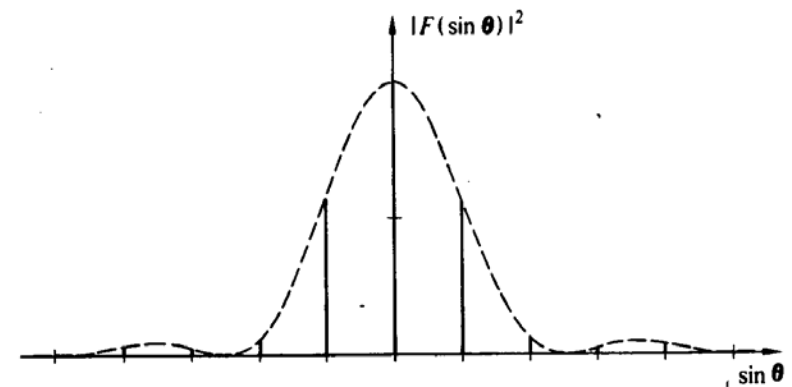
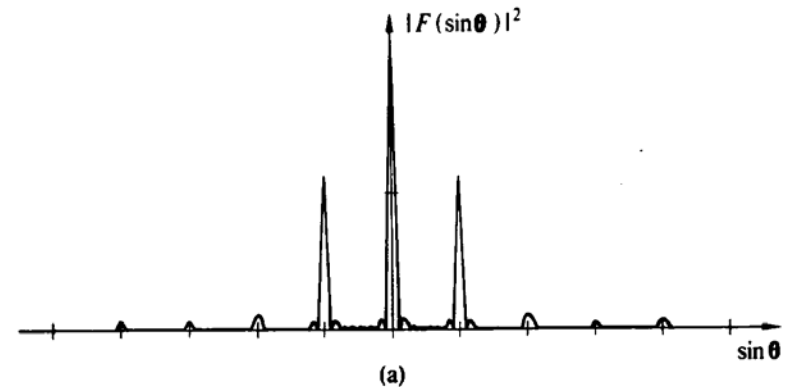
$\frac{2\pi}{kx_0}$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

- wide slits
- The effect of the motif (one wide slit) is to alter the intensity of each main peak, but the position of the main peaks are unchanged
- intensity envelope
 - structure of motif



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Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

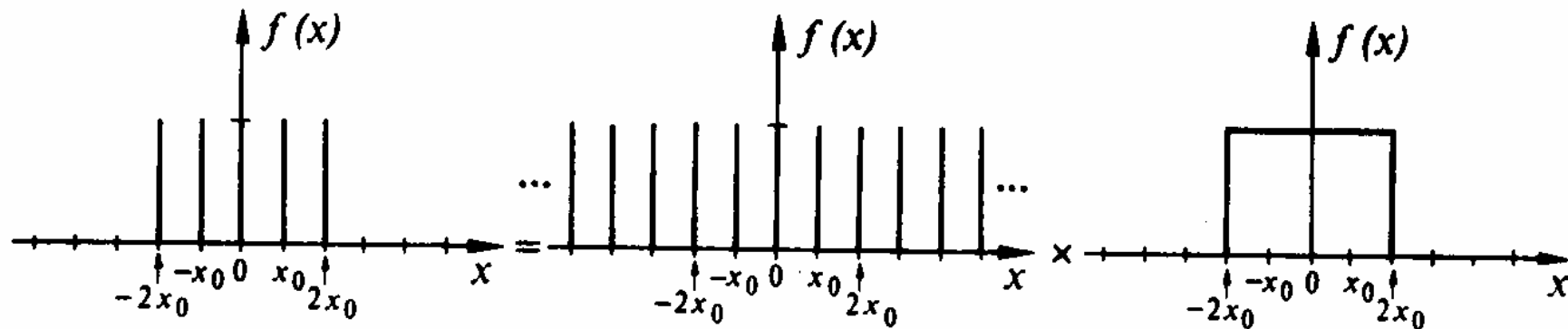


- another way of looking at N wide slits
- shape function

is zero everywhere outside an obstacle

corresponds to the macroscopic shape of the obstacle

within the obstacle





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- finite lattice

$$f(\text{finite lattice}) = f(\text{infinite lattice}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})$$

$$f(\text{obstacle}) = f(\text{motif}) * f(\text{finite lattice})$$

$$f(\text{obstacle}) = f(\text{motif}) * [f(\text{infinite lattice}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})]$$

- diffraction pattern

$$F(\sin \theta) = Tf(\text{obstacle})$$

$$= T\{f(\text{motif}) * [f(\text{infinite lattice}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})]\}$$

$$= Tf(\text{motif}) \cdot T[f(\text{infinite lattice}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})]$$

$$= Tf(\text{motif}) \cdot [Tf(\text{infinite lattice}) * Tf(\text{shape function})]$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles

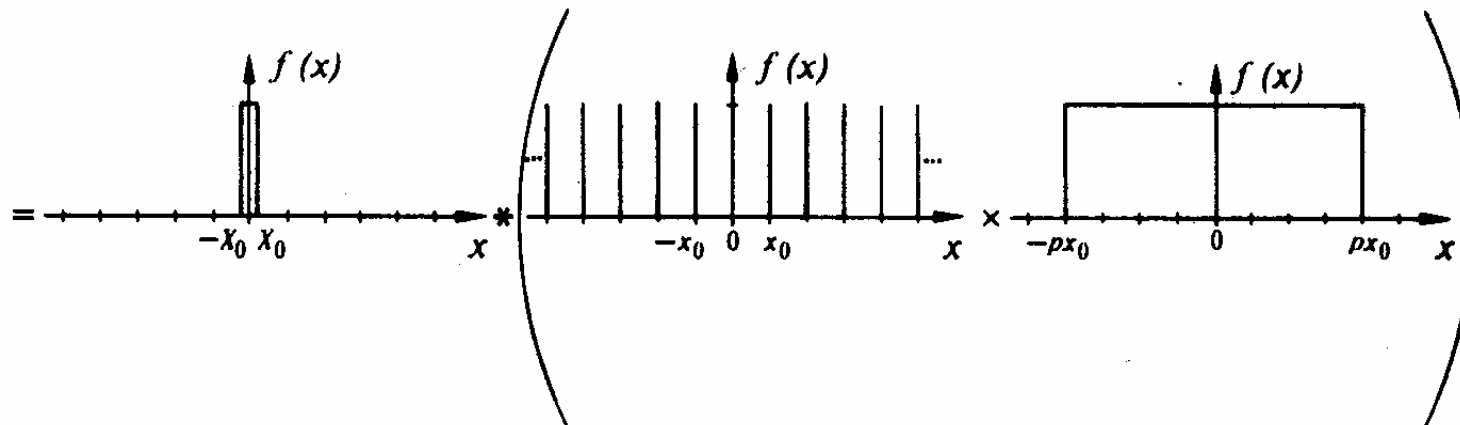
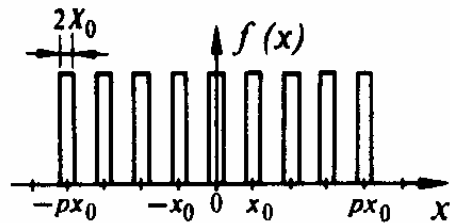


- N wide slits

$$f(N \text{ wide slits}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) * f(N \text{ narrow slits})$$

$$f(N \text{ wide slits}) = f(\text{one wide slit}) *$$

$$[f(\infty \text{ narrow slits}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})]$$





Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles



- diffraction pattern

$$\begin{aligned} T f(N \text{ wide slits}) &= T \{ f(\text{one wide slit}) * \\ &\quad [f(\infty \text{ narrow slits}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})] \} \\ &= T f(\text{one wide slit}) \cdot T [f(\infty \text{ narrow slits}) \cdot f(\text{shape function})] \\ &= T f(\text{one wide slit}) \cdot T f(\infty \text{ narrow slits}) * T f(\text{shape function}) \end{aligned}$$

- three types of structural information

that concerning the lattice

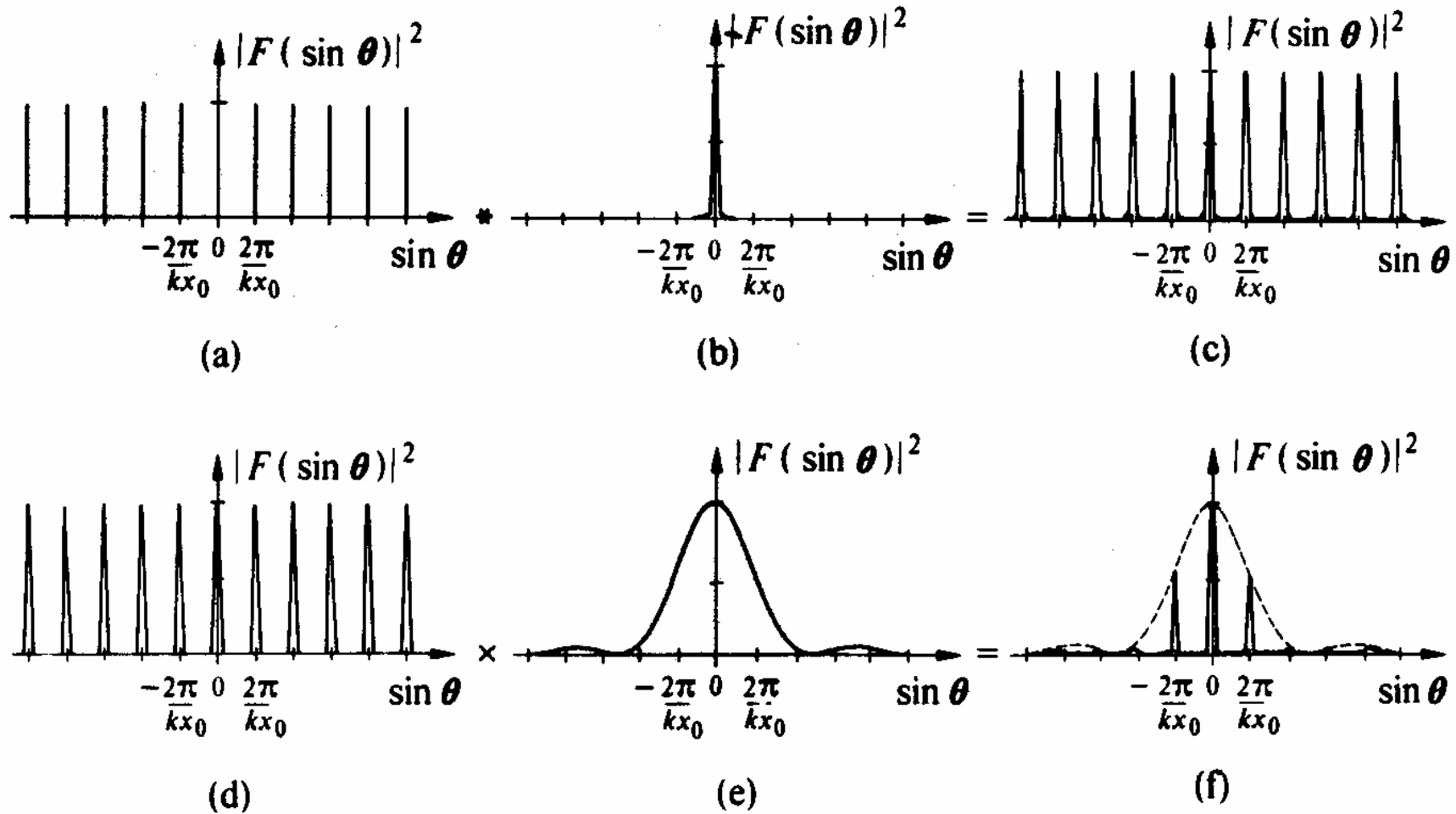
that concerning the motif

that concerning the shape of the entire crystal



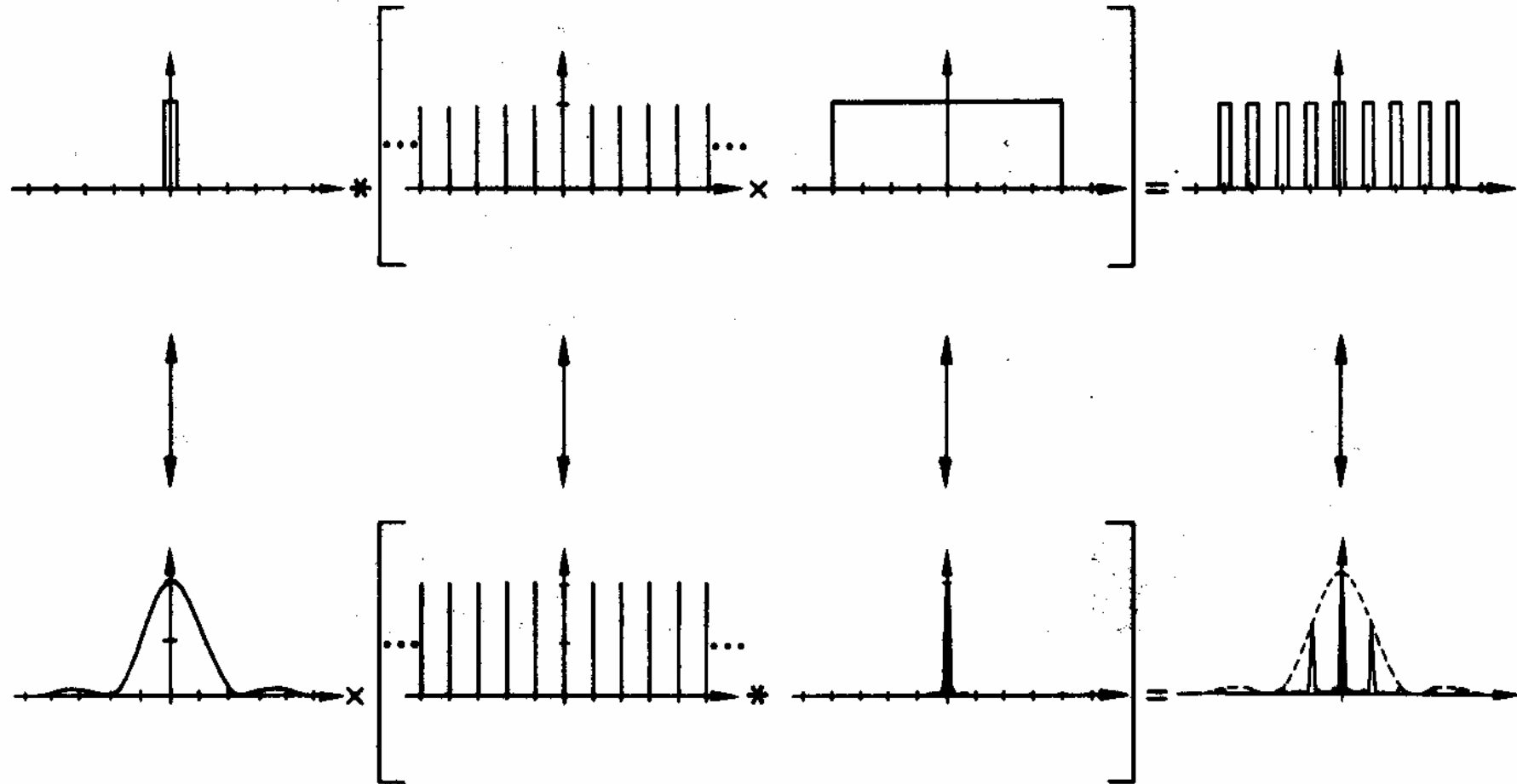


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Diffraction by 1-D Obstacles





Summary



- the **position** of the main peaks gives information on the **lattice**
- the **shape** of each main peak gives information on the overall object **shape**
- the **set of intensities** of all the main peaks gives information on the structure of the **motif**

