

Clearly state any assumptions you make while solving the problems. Good luck!

## 1. Multiple slit interference

Consider a setup consisting of two parallel screens, separated by distance  $d$ .

The first screen has very narrow slits on it, while the second screen is used for imaging. The separation between the slits ( $s$ ) is much smaller than the distance between the screens ( $d$ ).

Figures 1a and 1b show the first screen with 2 and 3 slits, respectively. A monochromatic light source is used to illuminate the first screen from the back, as shown in the figures.

- How would the projected image (intensity distribution) on the second screen look for 2 slits on the first screen?
- What about the intensity distribution on the second screen in case of 3 slits on the first screen? How is it different from the result in (a)?
- How would the image on the second screen look for  $N$  slits on the first screen, where  $N$  is an arbitrary positive integer? (Same as in parts (a) and (b), assume that the separation between neighboring slits is  $s$ .)
- Do you expect the central point (O) of the second screen to be bright or dark for an arbitrary  $N$ ? Why?

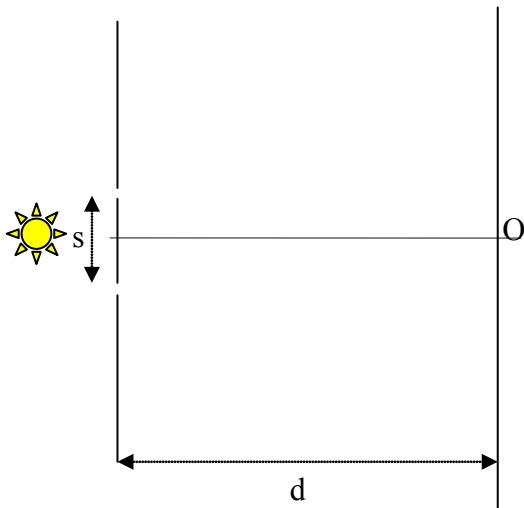


Figure 1a

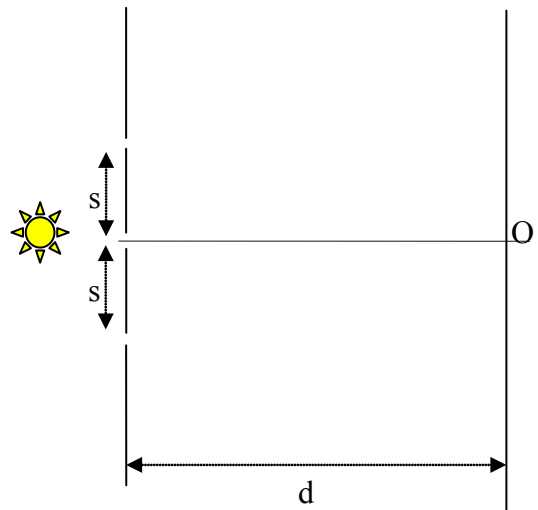


Figure 1b

## 2. Quantum box

Suppose there is a tiny, quantum box with dimension  $L$ , and a particle with mass  $m$  confined inside of it. What can you tell about the momentum of this particle?