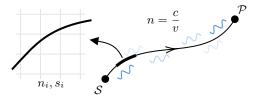
Propagation of Light

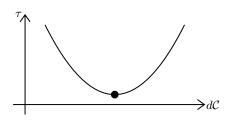
Fermat's Principle:



Optical Path Length:
$$\tau = \sum_{\text{segment},i} n_i s_i = \int\limits_{\mathcal{C}} n(s) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

FERMAT'S PRINCIPLE - Light travels between two points by paths $\mathcal C$ such that the optical path length τ is stationary under infinitesimal changes in the path $\mathcal C$

Straight Path:



Minimum Point: $\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \mathcal{C}} = 0$

Reflection:

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

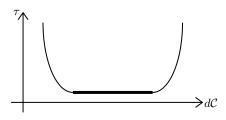
Refraction:

$$n_i \sin(\theta_i) = n_r \sin(\theta_r)$$

Imaging Optics

Concepts in Imaging Optics:

Stigmatic Image - If an optical system causes a cone of rays diverging from $\mathcal S$ to converge at $\mathcal P$, then a stigmatic perfect image of $\mathcal S$ exists at $\mathcal P$



Lens Minimum Line: $\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \mathcal{C}} = 0$

Spherical Lenses in the Paraxial Approximation:

$$s_o > 0 : \mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{V}$$

$$s_i > 0: \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{P}$$

$$R > 0: \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{C}$$

Spherical Surface Reflection:

$$\frac{n_m}{s_o} + \frac{n_\ell}{s_i} = \frac{1}{R} (n_\ell - n_m)$$

Thin Lens Equation:

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \left(n_\ell - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{R^{(1)}} - \frac{1}{R^{(2)}}\right)$$

Focal Lengths:

$$f_o = \lim_{s_i \to \infty} (s_o)$$
 $f_i = \lim_{s_o \to \infty} (s_i)$

Thin Lens:

$$f = f_o = f_i \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Virtual and Real Images and Objects:

Both Real: $s_0, s_i > f$

Virtual Image: $s_o < f \implies s_i < 0$

Virtual Object: $s_i < f \implies s_o < 0$

Converging and Diverging Lenses:

Converging: f > 0

Diverging: f < 0

Combinations of Thin Lenses:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f^{(A)}} + \frac{1}{f^{(B)}} + \dots$$

Chromatic Aberrations and the Achromatic Doublet:

$$n_{\ell} \sim \lambda$$

Spherical Mirrors:

$$f = -\frac{R}{2}$$

Finite Imaging, Ray Tracing and Optical Instruments

Newtonian Form of Thin Lens Equation:

$$x_o = s_o - f x_i = s_i - f$$
$$x_o x_i = f^2$$

Transverse Magnification:

$$M_T = \frac{y_i}{y_o} = -\frac{x_i}{f} = -\frac{f}{x_o} = -\frac{s_i}{s_o}$$

Longitudinal Magnification:

$$M_L = -\frac{f^2}{x_o^2} = -M_T^2$$

Ray Tracing:

FOCAL PLANE RAY TRACING - For each ray...

- 1. Find where it crosses the object focal plane Q,
- 2. The ray emerges parallel to a line drawn between Q and the point where the thin lens meets the optical axis

Optical Instruments:

Cameras:

$$f/\#$$
 where $\# = \frac{f}{D}$

Magnifying Glass:

$$M_{\theta} = \frac{0.25 \text{ [m]}}{f} + 1$$
 $\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{f} \text{ [m}^{-1} \text{]}$ $\mathcal{D}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{D}_1 + \mathcal{D}_2 + \dots$

Astronomical Telescopes:

$$M_{\theta} = \frac{\theta_{\rm out}}{\theta} \approx \frac{\tan(\theta_{\rm out})}{\tan(\theta)} = -\frac{f_{\rm obj}}{f_{\rm eye}}$$

Principles of Physical Optics

Electromagnetic Radiation:

Maxwell's Equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad \qquad \nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{B}} = 0 \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \underline{\mathbf{J}} + \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \varepsilon_r}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \varepsilon}}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n} \qquad \qquad n = \sqrt{\mu_r \varepsilon_r}$$

Relative Strength of Fields:

The \mathbf{E} field dominates except at relativistic speeds....

$$|\underline{\mathbf{B}}| = \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{E}}|n}{c}$$

Scalar Wave Equation and Plane Waves:

Scalar wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \left(\frac{n}{c}\right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

Plane Wave Solutions:

$$u(\mathbf{r},t) = u_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t + \phi)}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{k}} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$$

$$|\underline{\mathbf{k}}| = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Plane Waves in a Dielectric Medium:

$$\underline{\mathbf{k}}' = \frac{1}{n}\underline{\mathbf{k}}$$

Spherical Waves:

$$u(r,t) = \frac{u_0}{|\mathbf{r}|} e^{i(\mathbf{\underline{k}} \cdot \mathbf{\underline{r}} - \omega t + \phi)}$$

Poynting Vector and Intensity:

Poynting Vector:

$$\underline{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\mathbf{\underline{E}} = u_0 \cos(\mathbf{\underline{k}} \cdot \mathbf{\underline{r}} - \omega t) E$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{E}} = u_0 \cos(\underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}} - \omega t) E_0 \qquad \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{u_0 n}{c} \cos(\underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}} - \omega t) E_0$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} u_0^2 \frac{n}{c} \cos^2(\underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}} - \omega t)$$

Intensity:

$$\langle \underline{\mathbf{S}} \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} \underline{\mathbf{S}} \, \mathrm{d}t \implies I = |\langle \underline{\mathbf{S}} \rangle| = \frac{|u_0|^2 n}{2c\mu_0} = |u_0|^2 \frac{n\varepsilon_0 c}{2}$$

$$I(\underline{\mathbf{r}},t) = |u(\underline{\mathbf{r}},t)|^2 \frac{n\varepsilon_0 c}{2}$$

Superposition and Interference:

Principle of Superposition - Linear combinations of solutions to the scalar wave equation are also solutions

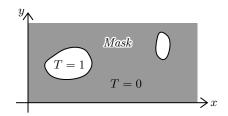
$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{n\varepsilon_0 c}{2} |u|^2 = \frac{n\varepsilon_0 c}{2} |u_1 + u_2|^2$$

Scalar Diffraction Theory

Huygens-Fresnel Principle:

Huygens-Fresnel Principle - Each element of a wavefront acts as a source of secondary wavelets, diverging spherically from it. The secondary wavelets interfere and the resultant field is a superposition of all these wavelets

Kirchoff–Fresnel Formula:



Transmission Function:
$$T(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0, & Opaque \\ \updownarrow \\ 1, & Transparent \end{cases}$$

$$u_p(x_s, y_s) = \frac{Cu_0}{\lambda R_0} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(x, y) \exp\left[ik\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2R_0} - \frac{xx_s + yy_s}{R_0}\right)\right] dx dy$$

The Rayleigh Distance:

$$R_R=rac{a^2}{\lambda}$$
 $R_0\lesssim R_R\implies \mathit{Fresnel}$ $R_0\gg R_R\implies \mathit{Fraunhofer}$

Fraunhofer Diffraction:

$$u_p(x_s, y_s) = \frac{Cu_0}{\lambda R_0} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(x, y) \exp\left[-ik\left(\frac{xx_s + yy_s}{R_0}\right)\right] dx dy$$

Fraunhofer Diffraction and Fourier Optics

Fraunhofer Diffraction and Fourier Transforms:

$$u = \frac{x_s}{\lambda R_0} \approx \frac{x_s}{\lambda L} \approx \frac{\theta_x}{\lambda} \qquad v = \frac{y_s}{\lambda R_0} \approx \frac{y_s}{\lambda L} \approx \frac{\theta_y}{\lambda}$$
$$u_p(u, v) = \frac{Cu_0}{\lambda L} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(x, y) \exp\left[-2\pi i(xu + yv)\right] dx dy$$

$$u_p(u,v) = \frac{Cu_0}{\lambda L} \mathcal{F}[T(x,y)] = \frac{Cu_0}{\lambda L} \overline{T}(x,y)$$

Important Functions and their Fourier Transforms:

Normalised Sinc:

$$\operatorname{sinc}(\omega) = \frac{\sin(\pi\omega)}{\pi\omega}$$

The Rectangle:

$$\operatorname{rect}(x/a) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < a/2 \\ 1/2, & |x| = a/2 \\ 0, & elsewhere. \end{cases}$$

$$\cdots \implies \mathcal{F}[\operatorname{rect}(x/a)] = a\operatorname{sinc}(au)$$

The Dirac Delta:

$$\delta(x) = \lim_{a \to 0} \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{rect}(a/x)$$

$$\cdots \implies \mathcal{F}[\delta(x-b)] = e^{-i2\pi bu}$$

The Dirac Comb:

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

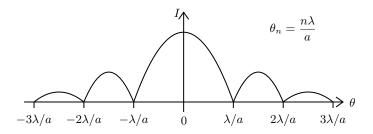
$$\cdots \implies \mathcal{F}\left[comb(x/d)\right] = d comb(du)$$

The Convolution Theorem:

$$\mathcal{F}[f(x) * g(x)] = \mathcal{F}[f(x)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[g(x)]$$

Single Slit of Width a:

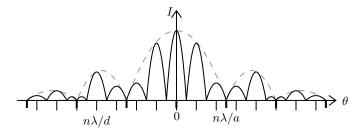
$$T(x) = \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \implies I(\theta) = \frac{I_0|C|^2}{\lambda^2 L^2} a^2 \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\frac{a\theta}{\lambda}\right)$$



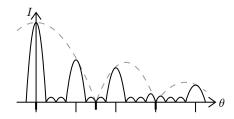
Young's Double Slit Diffraction:

$$T(x) = \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) * \delta(x + d/2) + \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) * \delta(x - d/2)$$

$$\implies I(\theta) = \frac{4|C|^2 I_0}{\lambda^2 L^2} a^2 \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\frac{a\theta}{\lambda}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d\theta}{\lambda}\right)$$



N-Slit Diffraction:



"Primary maxima every λ/d with (N-2) subsidiary maxima"

Resolving Power and Rayleigh Criterion:

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \gg \frac{1}{mN} \equiv \frac{1}{R_G} \qquad \qquad \alpha > \frac{1.22\lambda}{D}$$

Polarization

Polarization of EM Plane Waves:

$$\underline{\mathbf{E}} = E_0^x \ x \cos(kz - \omega t) + E_0^y \ y \cos(kz - \omega t + \varepsilon)$$

Linear:
$$\underline{\mathbf{E}} = (E_0^x \ x + E_0^y \ y) \ \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

Circular: $\underline{\mathbf{E}} = E_0 \left[x \cos(kz - \omega t) \pm y \sin(kz - \omega t) \right]$

Polarizers and Malus's law:

Linear In - Linear Out:

$$I(\theta) = I_0 \cos^2(\theta)$$

Unpolarized In - Linear Out:

$$I_0 = \int_0^{2\pi} \langle I \rangle \, \mathrm{d}\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{I_0}{2\pi} \, \mathrm{d}\theta \implies I_{\text{out}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{I_0 \cos^2(\theta)}{2\pi} \, \mathrm{d}\theta = \frac{1}{2} I_0$$

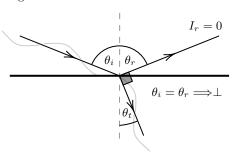
Birefringence and Optical Activity:

"Optical properties of a medium depends on the direction of propagation and polarization of light" Rotation Constant:

$$\beta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda}(n_L - n_R)$$

 $\mathit{Left}: \beta < 0: n_R > n_L \qquad \qquad \mathit{Right}: \beta > 0: n_L > n_R$

Brewster's Angle:



Optical Cavities and Lasers

The Fabry-Perot interferometer:

$$\delta = \frac{4\pi n_m d}{\lambda} \qquad I_r = \mathcal{R}I_i$$

Finesse and Free Spectral Range:

$$\mathbb{F} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4\mathcal{R}}{(1-\mathcal{R})^2}}$$

$$\Delta \Lambda_{\mathrm{FSR}} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2n_m d} \qquad \Delta f_{\mathrm{FSR}} = \frac{c}{2n_m d}$$

Longitudinal Laser Modes:

Laser Action: $I_t = gI_i$