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Huygen's Principle:- According to Huygen's wave Theory of light

- ① Each point on a luminous source vibrates simple harmonically all the time.
- ② It emits wave in all direction.
- ③ A Continuous surface, every point on which is vibrating in same phase is called a wavefront
- ④ Propagation of light means propagation of wavefronts.

Difference b/w Interference and Diffraction -Interference

- ① Interference is due to superposition of secondary wavelets from two different wavefronts (from two source)
- ② Two coherent sources are must
- ③ Fringe width (β) is same i.e. maxima/min are equally spaced
- ④ All bright fringes have same intensity
- ⑤ Minima are perfectly dark
- ⑥ The contrast b/w maxima and minima is very good.

Diffraction

- ① Diffraction is caused by superposition of secondary wavelets from two different elements of same wavefront.
- ② just a single source is required
- ③ β is unequally spaced. generally β goes on decreasing as we move away from centre of pattern.
- ④ All bright fringes do not have same intensity.
- ⑤ Minima are not perfectly dark.
- ⑥ Not a good contrast b/w maxima and minima.

Diffraction

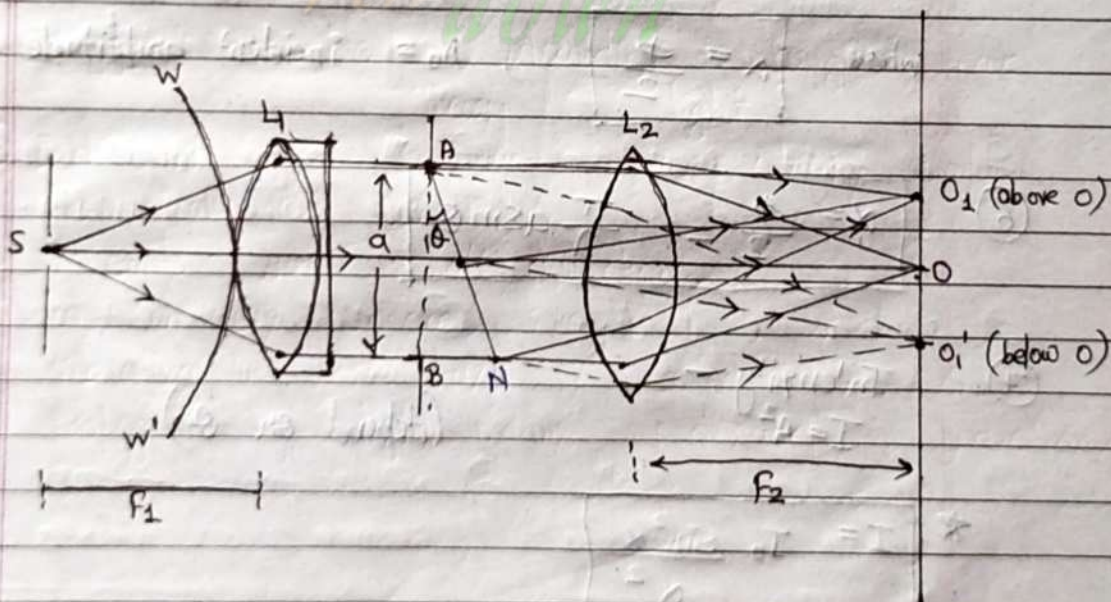
① Fraunhofer's Diffraction

The source of light and the screen are at infinite distance from the diffraction elements.

② Fresnel's diffraction

The source of light and screen are at finite distance from the diffraction elements.

Fraunhofer's Diffraction at a single slit (Rectangular Aperture) :-



① setup for Fraunhofer's diffraction pattern due to single slit S.

② Max^m path difference = $\boxed{BN = a \sin \theta}$

③ path difference from A to B vary uniformly from zero to $a \sin \theta$ as we move from A to B of slit.

④ Phase difference b/w first and last wave -
(i.e. from A to B)

$$\boxed{\phi = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right) (a \sin \theta)}$$

⑤ Resultant Amplitude at point O_1 -

$$\boxed{A = A_0 \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}} \quad (\text{depend on } \alpha)$$

where $\boxed{\alpha = \frac{\phi}{2}}$, $A_0 =$ incident amplitude on AB

$$\boxed{\alpha = \frac{\phi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta}$$

⑦ Intensity -
 $I = A^2$

(depend on θ)

$$\star \boxed{I = I_0 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2}}$$

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⑧ Principal or central maxima:-

At central maxima- $\alpha=0, \phi=0, \theta=0$
i.e. in direction of incident light,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\max} &= A_0 \\ I_{\max} &= A_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{as } \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} &\rightarrow 1 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

⑨ Position of secondary minima:-

for minima,

$$\sin \alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha = \pm \pi, \pm 2\pi, \pm 3\pi, \dots, \pm n\pi$$

$$\alpha = n\pi$$

$$n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$n\pi = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta$$

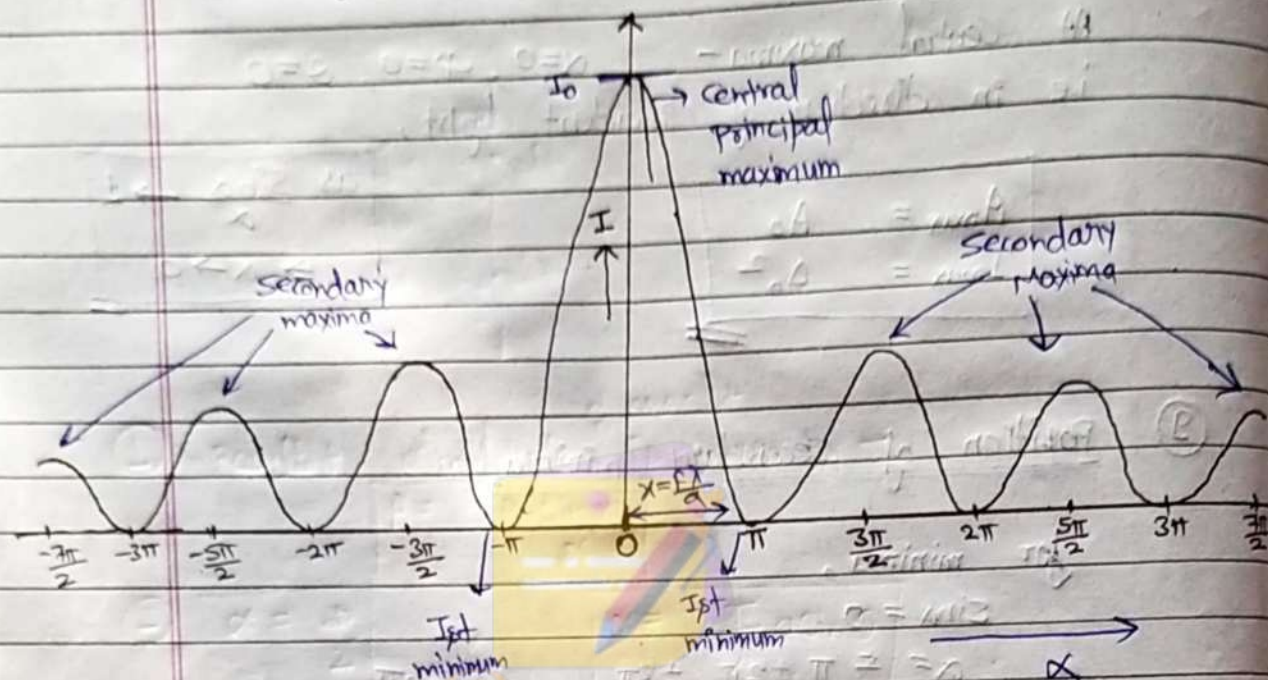
$$\star \star \quad a \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

⑩ Position of secondary maxima:-

$$a \sin \theta = \pm \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\alpha = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

⑪ Intensity Distribution Curve



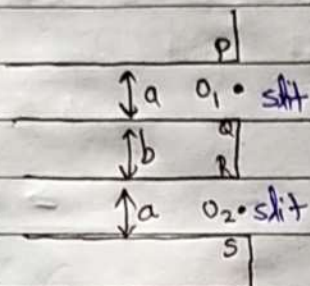
Intensity in secondary maxima is very small as compared to principal maximum and also goes on decreasing towards higher order of secondary maxima.

⑫ Effect of increasing λ or a :-

③ ~~condition~~, Condition for 1st minima is -
 $a \sin \theta = n \lambda$, $n=1$ for 1st minima

- (i) on $\uparrow \lambda$, θ also \uparrow so 1st minima will obtain at greater θ . hence width of principal maxima increases
- (ii) on $\uparrow a$, θ \downarrow so \Rightarrow width of principal maxima decreases.

Fraunhofer's diffraction at double slit



- ① Resultant Amplitude of one slit is given by -

$$A = \frac{A_0 \sin \alpha}{\alpha}$$

②

$$\alpha = \frac{\phi}{2}$$

,

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta$$

③

$$\text{Path difference} = (a+b) \sin \theta$$

④

$$\text{phase difference} = (\text{say } \delta)$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (a+b) \sin \theta$$

⑤

Resultant amplitude of these two waves is given by (say T) =

$$T^2 = 4 A^2 \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$$

putting value of A and δ -

⑥

$$T = 2A_0 \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \cdot \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda} (a+b) \sin \theta \right]$$

hence Resultant Amplitude T depends on

(a) diffraction factor = $\frac{A_0 \sin \alpha}{\alpha}$

(b) Interference factor = $\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{\lambda} (a+b) \sin \theta \right)$

⑦ (a) Diffraction factor :-

$$\frac{A_0 \sin \alpha}{\alpha}$$

same as single slit.

i.e

(i) $\alpha \rightarrow 0, \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \rightarrow 1$. called principal or central maxima.

(ii) $\alpha = \pm n\pi \rightarrow$ Amplitude = minimum.

(iii) $\alpha = \pm \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi \rightarrow$ Amplitude is maximum

(b) Interference factor :-

$$\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{\lambda} (a+b) \sin \theta \right) = \cos \beta = \cos \frac{\delta}{2}$$

This factor arises due to superposition of secondary wavelets from corresponding points of two slits.

(i) Expression for Intensity

$$I = T^2 = 4A_0^2 \left(\frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} \right) \cos^2 \beta$$

for maximum Intensity -

② $\cos \left[\frac{\pi}{\lambda} (a+b) \sin \theta \right] = \pm 1$

(b) $(a+b) \sin \theta_n = \pm n\lambda$

c) $\theta = \pm \frac{n\lambda}{a+b}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

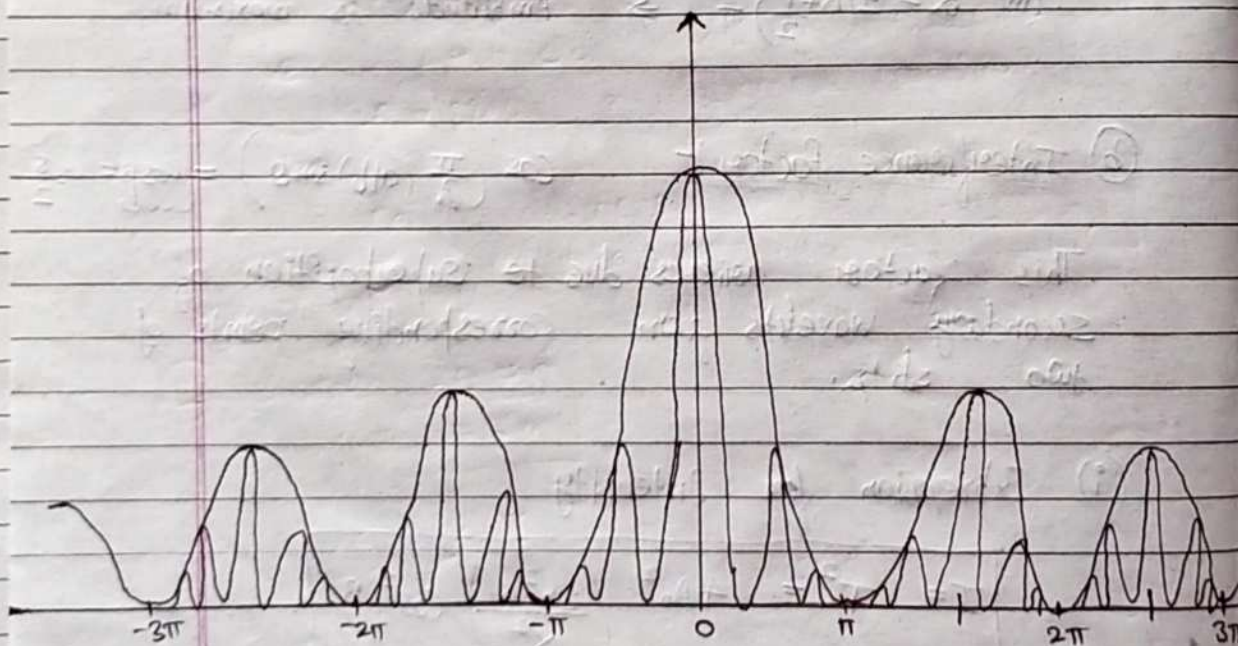
for minimum intensity -

⑨ $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}(a+b)\sin\theta\right) = 0$

$$(b) \quad (a+b) \sin \theta_n = \pm (2n+1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

② $\theta = \frac{(2n+1)\lambda}{2(a+b)}$, $n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

⑧ Combined Contribution Curve :-



9) 1st minima direction for double slit -

$$\theta_{\text{double slit}} \approx \sin \theta = \frac{3\lambda}{2(a+b)}$$

10) $\theta_{\text{single slit}} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$

$$\theta_{\text{double slit}} = \frac{3\lambda}{2(a+b)}$$

for $a=b$

$$\theta_{\text{single slit}} = \frac{\lambda}{a} < \frac{3\lambda}{4a} = \theta_{\text{double slit}}$$

11) Missing Interference maxima -

for maximum interference

$$\sin \theta_n = \frac{n\lambda}{a+b} = \frac{n\lambda}{2a} \quad (\text{for } a=b)$$

for minimum interference diffraction -

$$\sin \theta_m = \frac{m\lambda}{a}$$

when both condition hold simultaneous then -

$$n = 2m$$

hence, second, fourth, sixth, --- order interference maxima will be missing.

(10) Effect of increasing number of slits:-

If number of slits is increased, interference maxima become more intense and sharp.

If number increased more & more, interference maxima becomes sharp lines separated by secondary maxima of negligible intensity.

Difference b/w single slit and Double slit Diffraction pattern:-

single slit

Diffraction pattern

- ① Consists of a centre bright and minima of gradually decreasing intensity.

- ② Intensity -

$$I = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2$$

③ $\alpha = \frac{\pi e \sin \theta}{\lambda}$

- ④ central maxima -
 $I = I_0$

- ⑤ on \uparrow slit width, max & min will come closer to central maxima.

double slit

- ① Diffraction pattern consists of equally spaced interference maxima and minima with the central maxima.

- ② Intensity -

$$I = 4I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2$$

③ $\beta = \frac{\pi (e+d) \sin \theta}{\lambda}$

- ④ central maxima
 $I = 4I_0$

- ⑤ on $\uparrow e$, central peak will become sharper but fringe spacing remain constant.

Absent orders :-

the direction of interference maxima -
 $(e+d) \sin \theta = n\lambda$

the direction of ~~interference~~ diffraction minima -
 $e \sin \theta = m\lambda$

when for a θ , interference maxima overlaps with diffraction minima gives absent orders.
 i.e.

$$\frac{e+d}{e} = \frac{n}{m}$$

① when $e = d$

$$n = 2m$$

$$m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

i.e. 2, 4, 6, etc. order of interference will be missing in diffraction pattern.

Thus

central diffraction maxima will have

3 interference maxima, i.e. $m = -1, 0, 1$

② when $2e = d$

$$n = 3m$$

$$m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$n = 3, 6, 9, \dots \text{ (missing)}$$

Thus central diff. maxima will have 5 interference maxima i.e.

$$n = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$$

width of Central Maxima

Let distance b/wⁿ secondary minimum from centre of principal Maximum = x
 width of Central Maxima = $2x$

Let distance b/wⁿ slit and screen = D

$$\boxed{\tan \theta = \sin \theta = \frac{x}{D}} \quad x \ll D$$

for first minimum

$$x = \pm \frac{\lambda D}{e}$$

If focal length of lens, $D = f$ (lens is very close to slit)

$$\boxed{x = \pm \frac{\lambda f}{e}}$$

$$\star \star \text{ width of central Maxima} = \frac{2\lambda f}{e}$$

① width $\propto \lambda$

② width $\propto \frac{1}{\text{slit width}(e)}$

① If $e \uparrow$ i.e., width \downarrow for $\lambda = \text{constant}$ hence max & min lie very close to each other

② If $e \downarrow$ (narrow slit), width \uparrow for $\lambda = \text{constant}$ hence diffraction maxima and minima are quite distinct.

Fraunhofer Diffraction at N-slits

OR

Theory of plane diffraction grating :-

N slits,

a = slit width

b = separation b/w two adjacent slits.

λ = monochromatic light's wavelength.

- ① Resultant amplitude from one slit -

$$A = A_0 \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}$$

②

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

③

phase difference

b/w 2 adjacent waves -

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi(a+b) \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

④

For N-slits, using vector Addition

Resultant Amplitude (T) :-

$$T = A \frac{\sin N\phi}{\sin \phi}$$

⑤

Resultant Intensity :-

$$I = \frac{A^2 \sin^2 N\phi}{\sin^2 \phi}$$

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⑥ Principal Maxima:-

T will max^m when $\sin\phi \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{\sin N\phi}{\sin\phi} = N(\text{max})$

$$\sin\phi = 0$$

$$\boxed{\phi = n\pi}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$\star\star \boxed{(a+b)\sin\theta = n\lambda}$$

⑥ At principal maxima, $\frac{\sin N\phi}{\sin\phi} = N$

$$\boxed{T = AN}$$

$$\boxed{I = A^2 N^2}$$

and N is large $\Rightarrow I \propto N^2 \Rightarrow$ The maxima are very intense

⑦ secondary Minima:-

$$\sin N\phi = 0$$

$$\boxed{N\phi = m\pi} \quad (\text{where } m \neq nN)$$

$$\star\star \boxed{N(a+b)\sin\theta = m\lambda}$$

⑥ also depend on N , there is large number of minima on both side of principal maxima.

⑧ secondary Maxima:-

There can be $(N-2)$ Secondary Maxima in b/w two successive principal maxima.

position of secondary maxima \Rightarrow ~~$\sin \phi = 0$~~

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{d\phi} \left(\frac{A \sin N\phi}{\sin \phi} \right) = 0}$$

Solving -

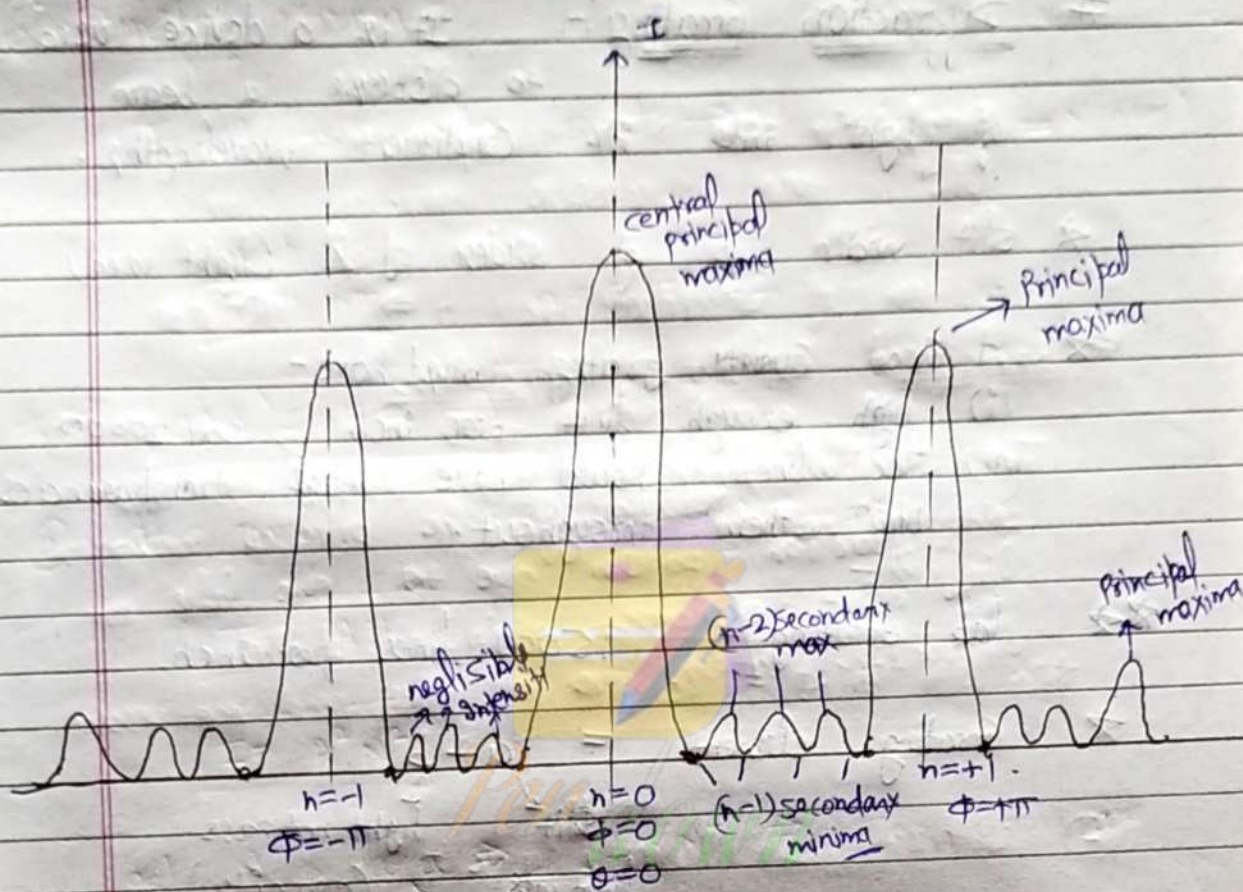
$$\boxed{N \tan \phi = \tan N\phi}$$

⑨ Intensity Distribution Curve:-

Due to diffraction at N slits,

secondary maxima = $N-2$

secondary minima = $N-1$



⑩ let $N = 15000$ in an inch

\Rightarrow Principal maxima becomes narrower and sharper but
Secondary maxima becomes of negligible intensity and invisible in diffraction pattern.

This is the basic of diffraction grating.

Diffraction Grating:- It is a device used to disperse a beam of light into its constituent wavelengths.

★ slit width is of order of λ (light used)

★ A Good quality grating must have -

(i) High enough lines per inch, say 20000

(ii) The lines should have equal transparencies b/w them throughout.

★★ Lab Grating = 15000 lines per inch.

★ Grating element = $a + b$

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slit light not pass
light pass (opacity)

(Transparency)

Highest order of Principal Maximum :-

$$(a+b)\sin\theta = n\lambda$$

max value of $\theta = 90^\circ$

$$(a+b) = n\lambda$$

$$h_{\max} = \frac{a+b}{\lambda}$$

- ① If $(a+b)$ lie b/w λ and (2λ)
i.e. $(a+b) < 2\lambda$
only first order is seen.

- ② If $(att) < 3$
only first two orders are visible