

Lab #6 Physics with Python I: Plotting

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Lab #6: Diffraction & Interference Python Plotting

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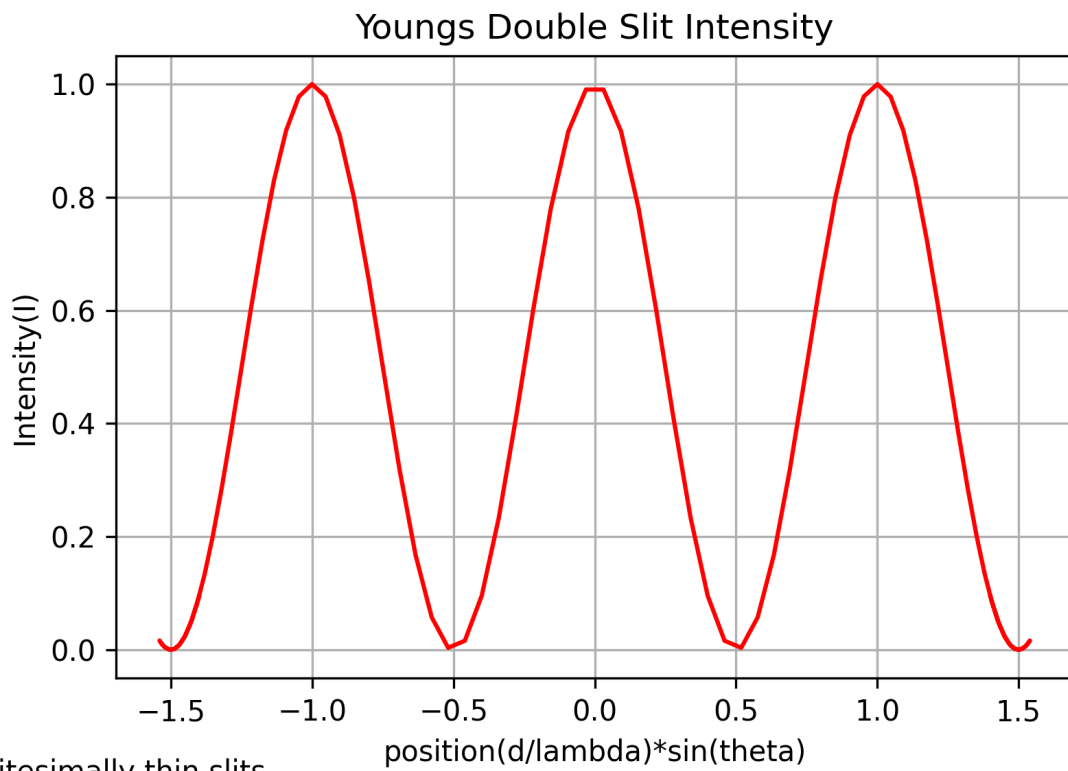
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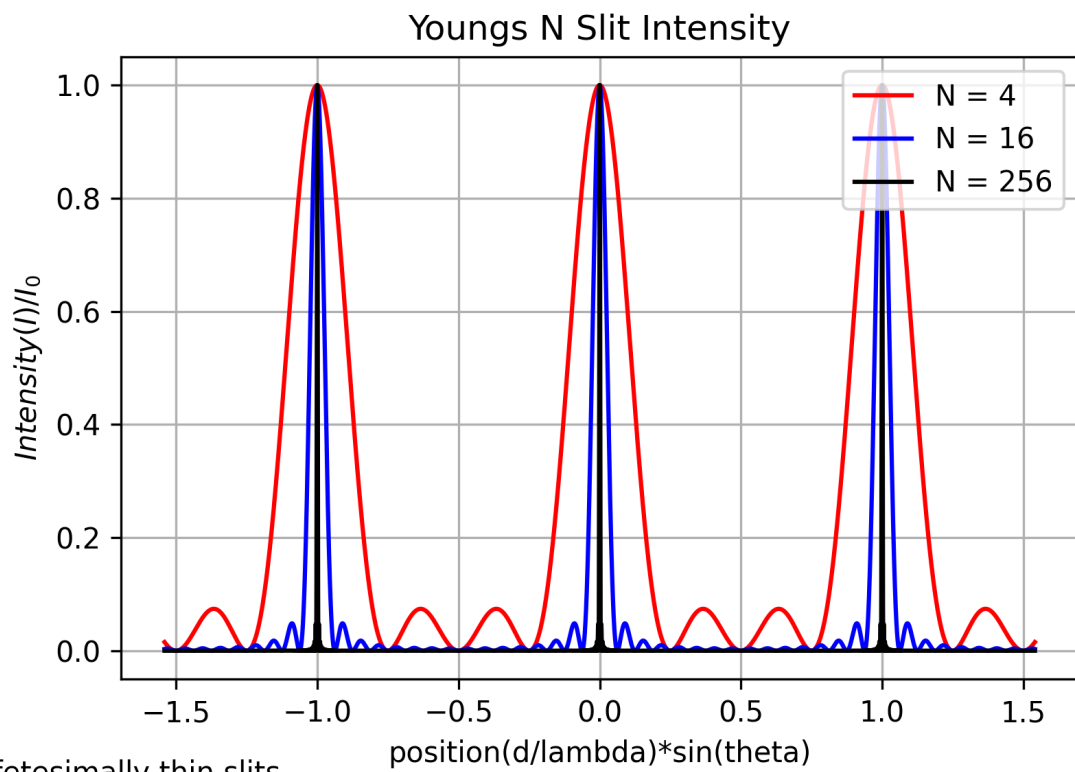
1. Purpose

The purpose of this lab is to plot the intensity pattern of light as it passes through 1, 2, and N number of slits for an infinitesimally small slit. Using these results we will plot the intensity pattern of light for a slit of finite width.

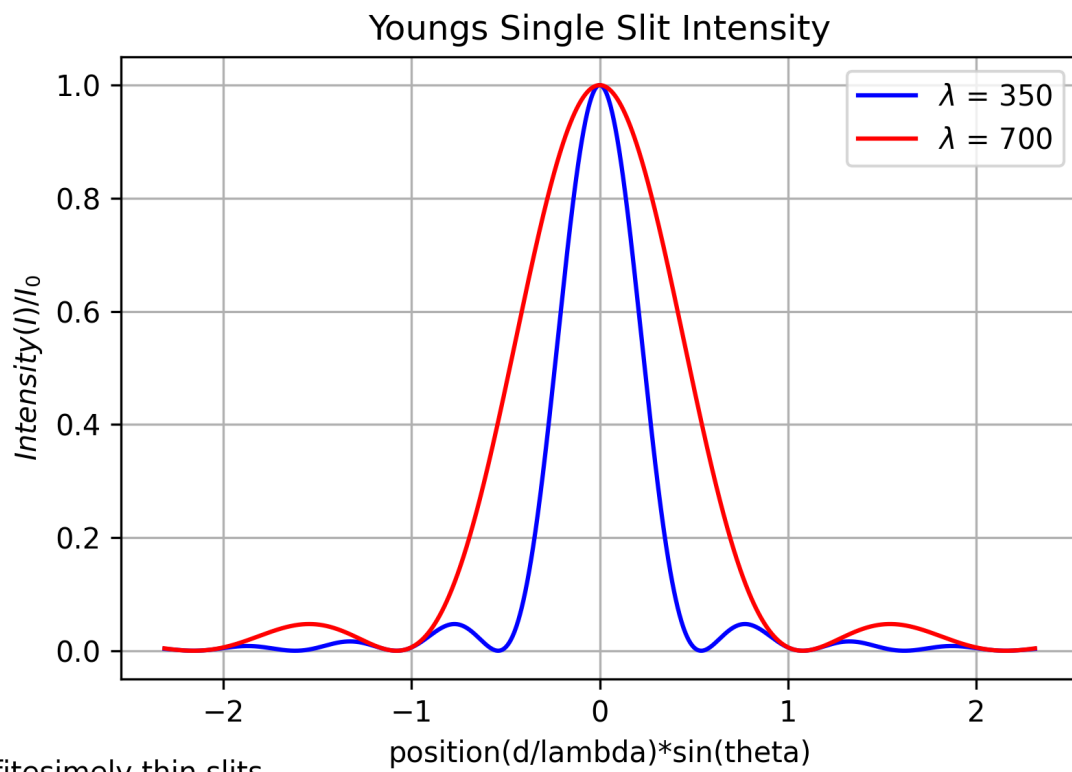
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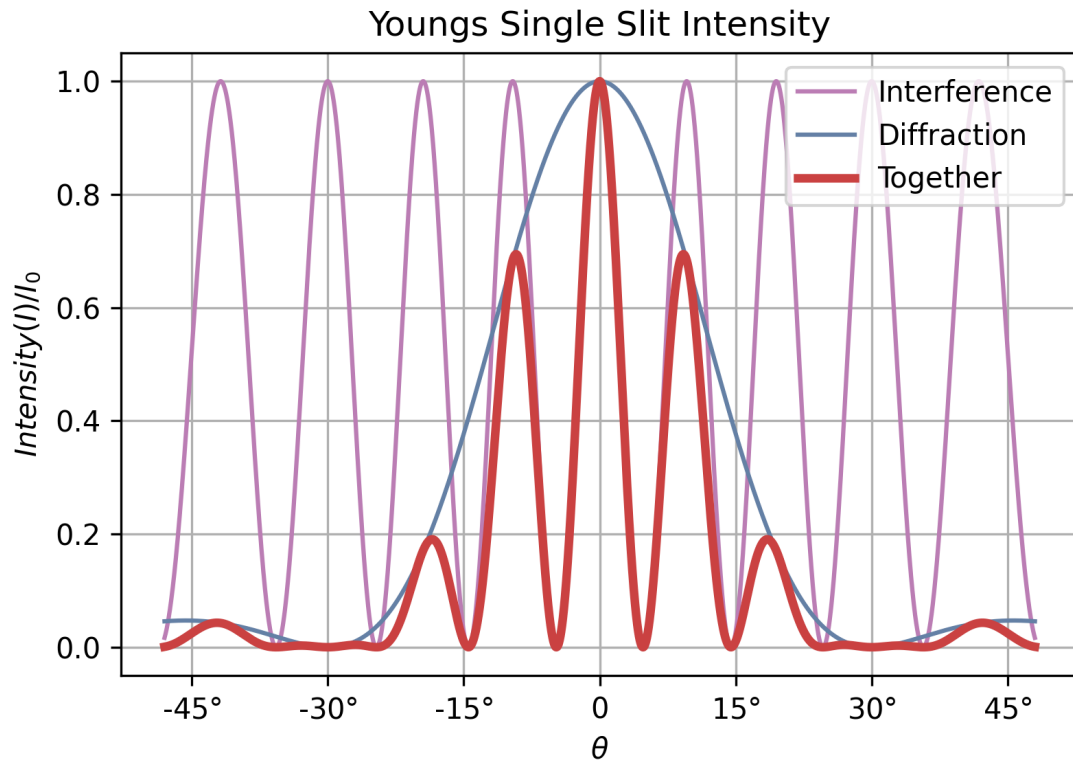
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 $d = 1500$ nm



$\lambda = 350\text{nm}$ slit width = 700 nm slit separation = 2100 nm

Question

Notice that the $m=3$ ($\theta \approx 30^\circ$) order is missing.

The bright interference fringes occur at $d \sin \theta = m\lambda$, or

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m\lambda}{d} \quad (2.1)$$

We also know that,

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

where

$$\beta = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda} \quad (2.2)$$

Substituting equation 2.1 into 2.2,

$$\beta = \frac{\pi a \sin \theta}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi a}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{m\lambda}{d} = \frac{m\pi a}{d}$$

For $a = 2\lambda$, $d = 6\lambda$, and $m = 3$,

$$\beta = \frac{(3)\pi(2\lambda)}{(6\lambda)} = \pi$$

Then, the intensity is

$$I = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \right)^2 = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin(\pi)}{\pi} \right)^2 = 0$$

Although the interference intensity is very high at this point, the diffraction intensity is 0 and cancels it out

3. Conclusions

A single slit of finite width can be plotted by multiplying the equation for a double slit of infinitesimally small width and a single slit of infinitesimally small width where d of the double slit is the slit separation and d of the single slit is the slit width.

4. Answered Questions

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4.1 Question

missing $m = 3$ order