

$a$  is the length of the opening of slit

**Case-1:**  $\lambda \ll a$

Then we will find illuminated region according to the dimension of the slit. (No bending of light at the edges)

**Case-2:**  $\lambda \approx a$ , or,  $\lambda > a$

It will slightly bend toward the geometric shadow region.

The phenomena of slight bending of light near the edges of the obstacle and entering into the geometric shadow region is called diffraction

There are two types of diffraction

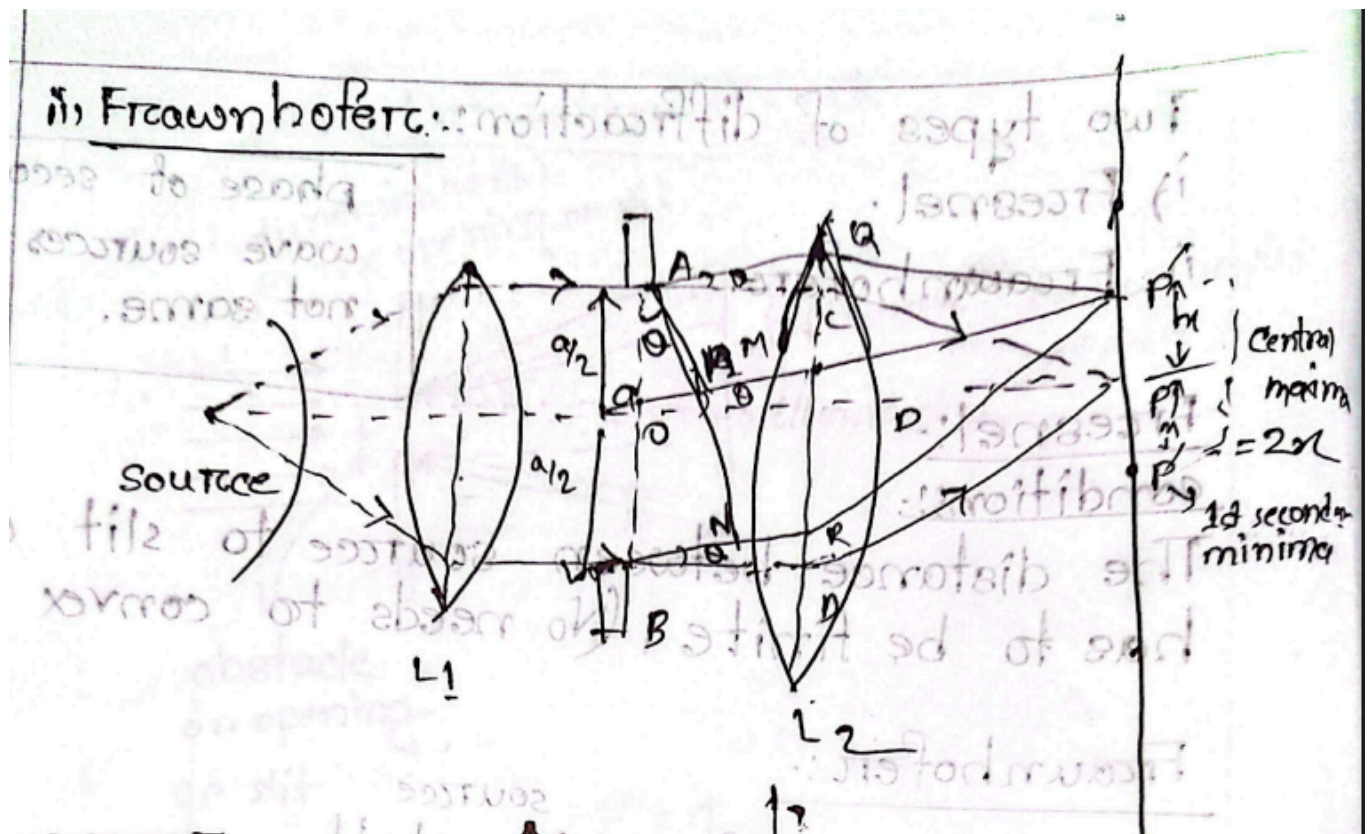
1. Fresnel
2. Fraunhofer

## Fresnel

**Conditions:** The distance between source to slit or screen has to be finite, therefore no convex lens is needed.

## Fraunhofer

The distance of light source and the screen **should be infinite** from the diffracting aperture or obstacle.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{BN}{AB}$$

$$BN = AB \sin \theta$$

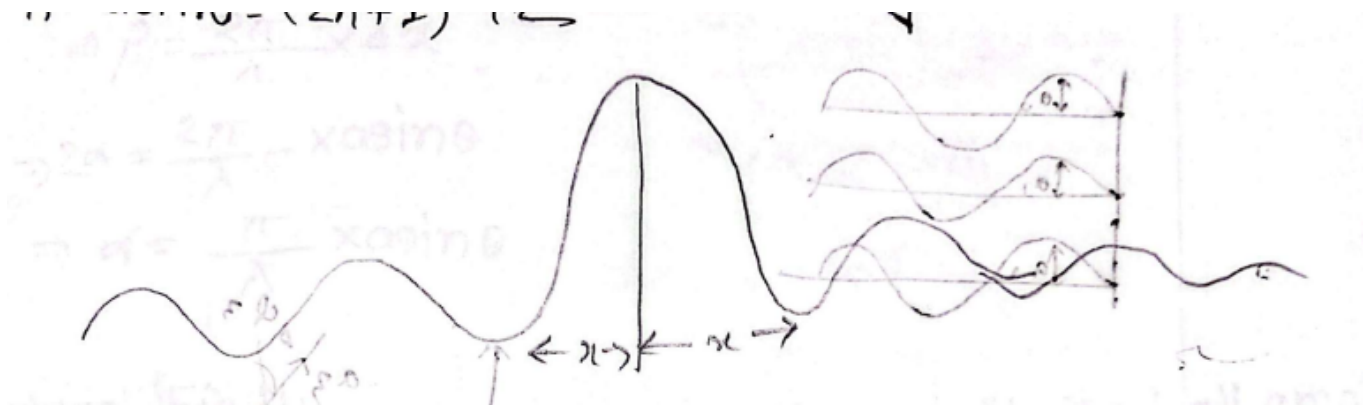
$$\Delta x = a \sin \theta$$

For secondary minima,  $\Delta x = n\lambda$

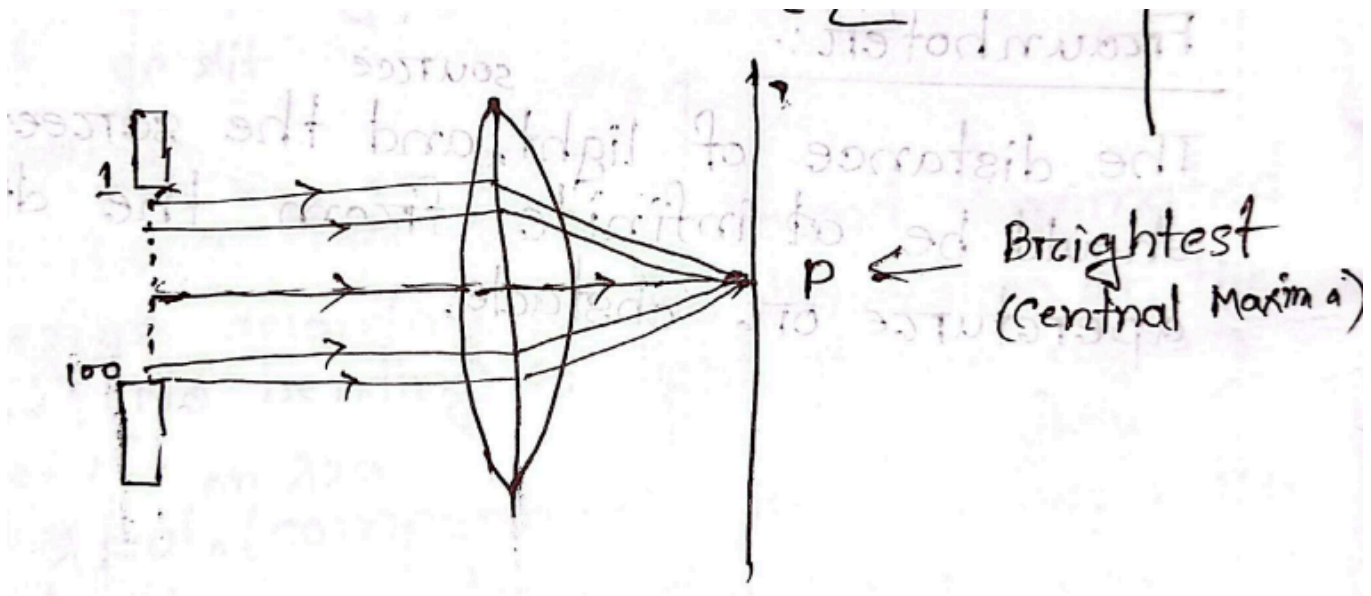
$$\therefore a \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

For secondary maximum,  $\Delta x = (2n + 1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$

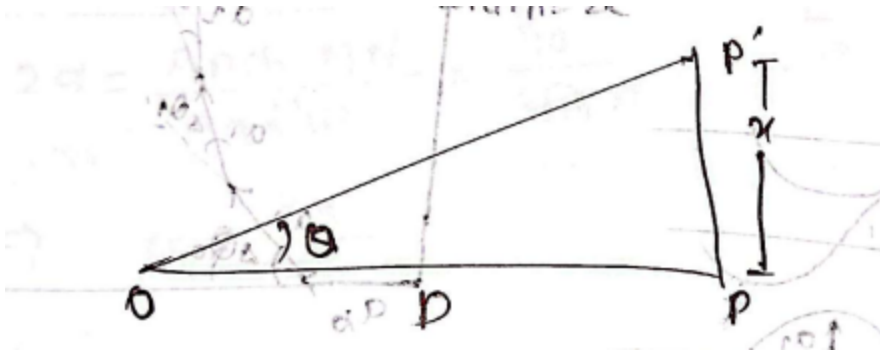
$$\therefore a \sin \theta = (2n + 1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$$



The central part is the brightest and is called the central maxima



the width of the central maxima is  $2x$ , how to calculate it?



If the distance between the slit and lens is very low, then we can say that  $D = f(\text{focus})$

$$\sin \theta = \tan \theta = \frac{x}{D}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{f}$$

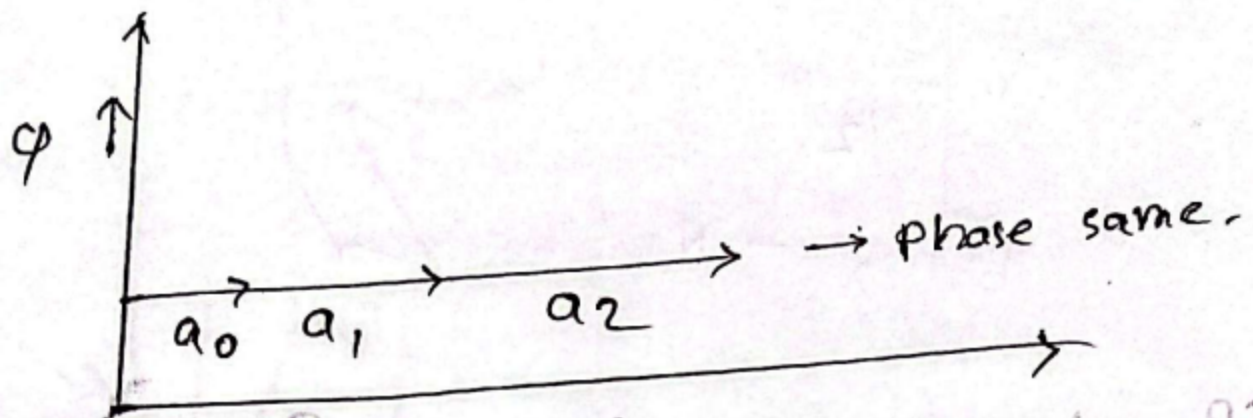
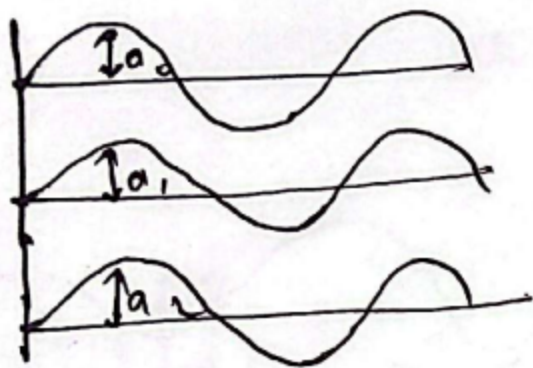
$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{\lambda}{a}, (n = 1)$$

$$x = \frac{f\lambda}{a}$$

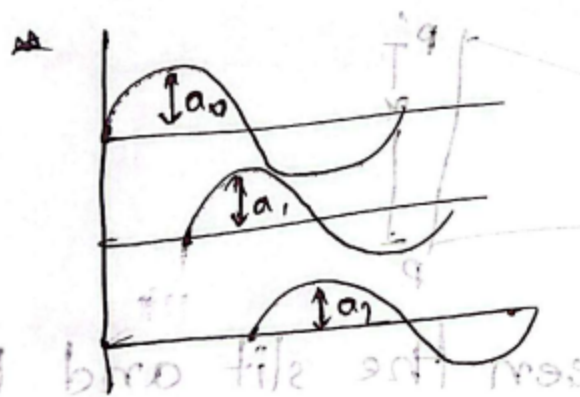
$$2x = \frac{2f\lambda}{a}$$

**A bit of phasor before moving on**

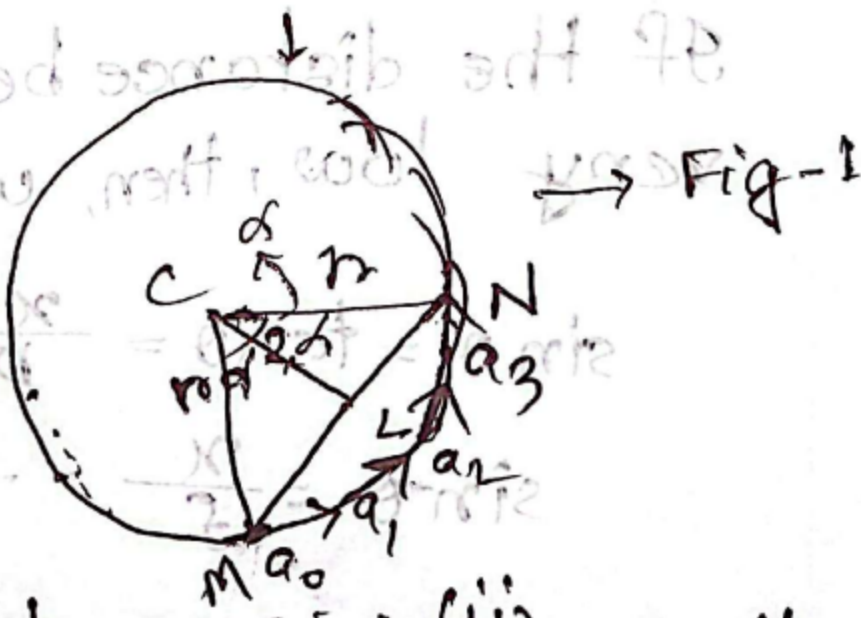
A person who is always thinking have a thought, then the person is thinking about thought



$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+rs}} \rightarrow$



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$At, \Delta CML,$

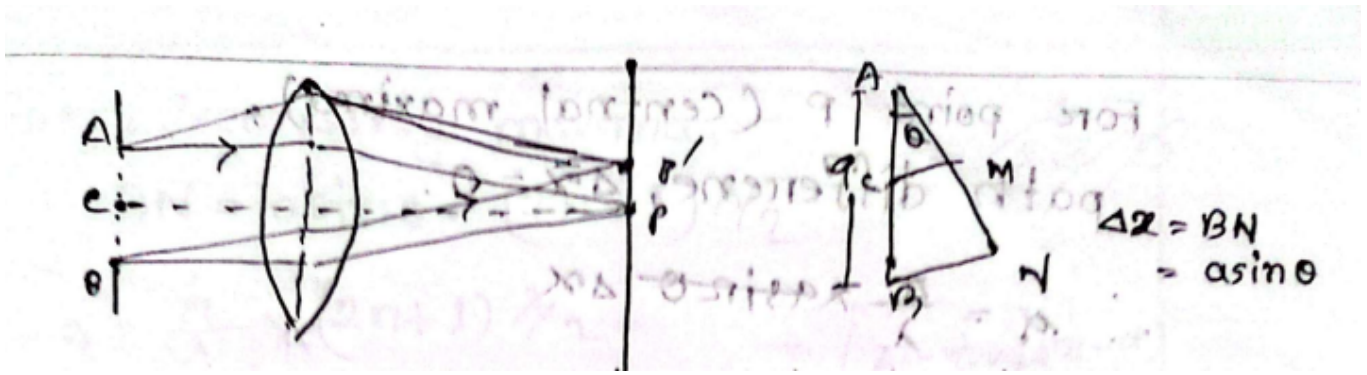
$$\sin \alpha = \frac{ML}{CM}$$

$$\Rightarrow ML = CM \sin \alpha$$

$$\therefore ML = r \sin \alpha$$

$$\therefore MN = 2r \sin \alpha \dots (iii)$$





Let, the phase difference between the upper and lower point be  $2\alpha$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times a \sin \theta$$

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From the figure of circle,

$$2\alpha = \frac{\text{Arch M}}{\text{radius}} = \frac{ka}{r}$$

Considering all amplitudes are equal and there  $k$  number of points.

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{ka}{2\alpha}$$

Let,  $MN = A$

$\therefore (iii) \Rightarrow$

$$A = 2 \times \frac{ka}{2\alpha} \times \sin \alpha$$

$$A = ka \times \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}$$

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

We know that,

$$I = A^2$$

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

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

$$I_o = A_o^2$$

For point  $P$  (central maxima), path difference  $\Delta x = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \times \Delta x = 0$$

When,  $\alpha = 0$

$$I = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} I_o \left( \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2 = I_o$$

For point  $P'$ , where the light bends at an angle  $\theta$

If, it is a secondary minima then,

$$a \sin \theta = n\lambda = \Delta x$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \times n\lambda = \pm n\pi$$

$$I = I_o \left( \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2 = 0$$

For secondary maxima,

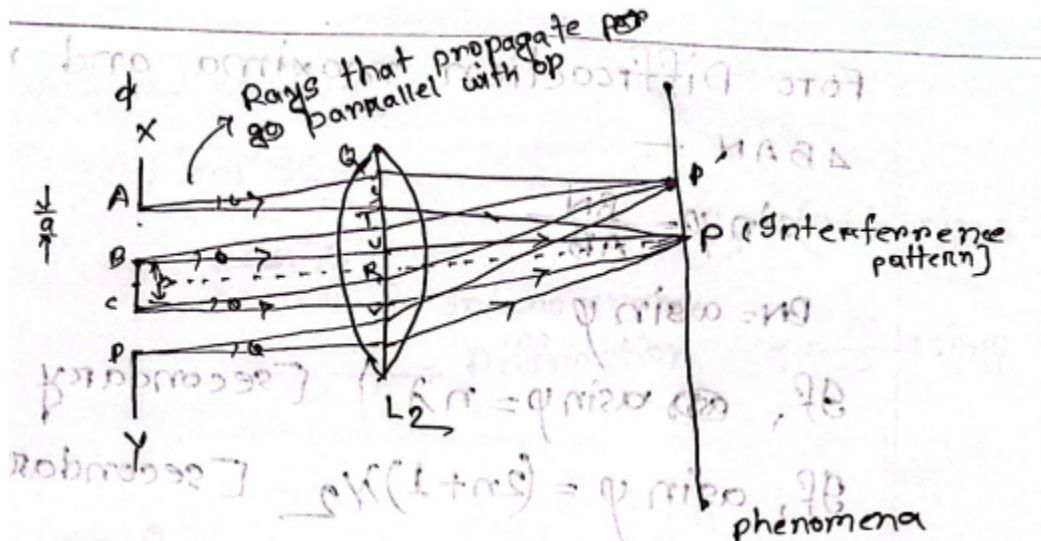
$$\Delta x = (2n + 1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \times (2n + 1) \frac{\lambda}{2} = \pm (2n + 1) \frac{\pi}{2}$$

If,  $n = 1$ , then,

$$I = I_o \left( \frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{2}}{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \right)^2 = I_o \times 0.045$$

Hence a question can be formed of sort, show that the intensity of first secondary maxima is 0.045 times of the intensity of central maxima

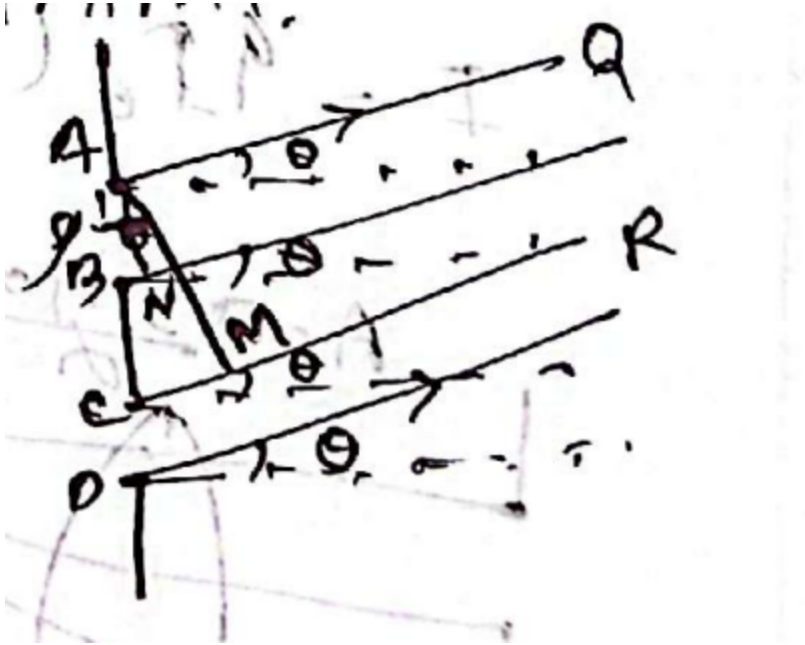


Now let's consider two slits. Both interference and diffraction phenomena occurs here. So, two patterns are found

Interference phenomenon occurs due to secondary waves emitting from corresponding points of two slits.

Diffraction occurs due to the superposition of the secondary waves at the single slits.

For interference maxima and minima



$$AC = AB + BC = a + b$$

at,  $\triangle CAM$ ,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{CM}{AC}$$

$$CM = AC \sin \theta = (a + b) \sin \theta$$

For maxima,

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

For minima,

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

For diffraction maxima and minima

$\triangle BAN$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{BN}{AB}$$

$$BN = a \sin \phi$$



Now,

$$a \sin \phi = n\lambda \text{ for secondary minima}$$

$$a \sin \phi = (2n + 1) \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{ for secondary maxima}$$

If at a certain point, there is both interference maxima and diffraction minima, then that point is called "a missing order"

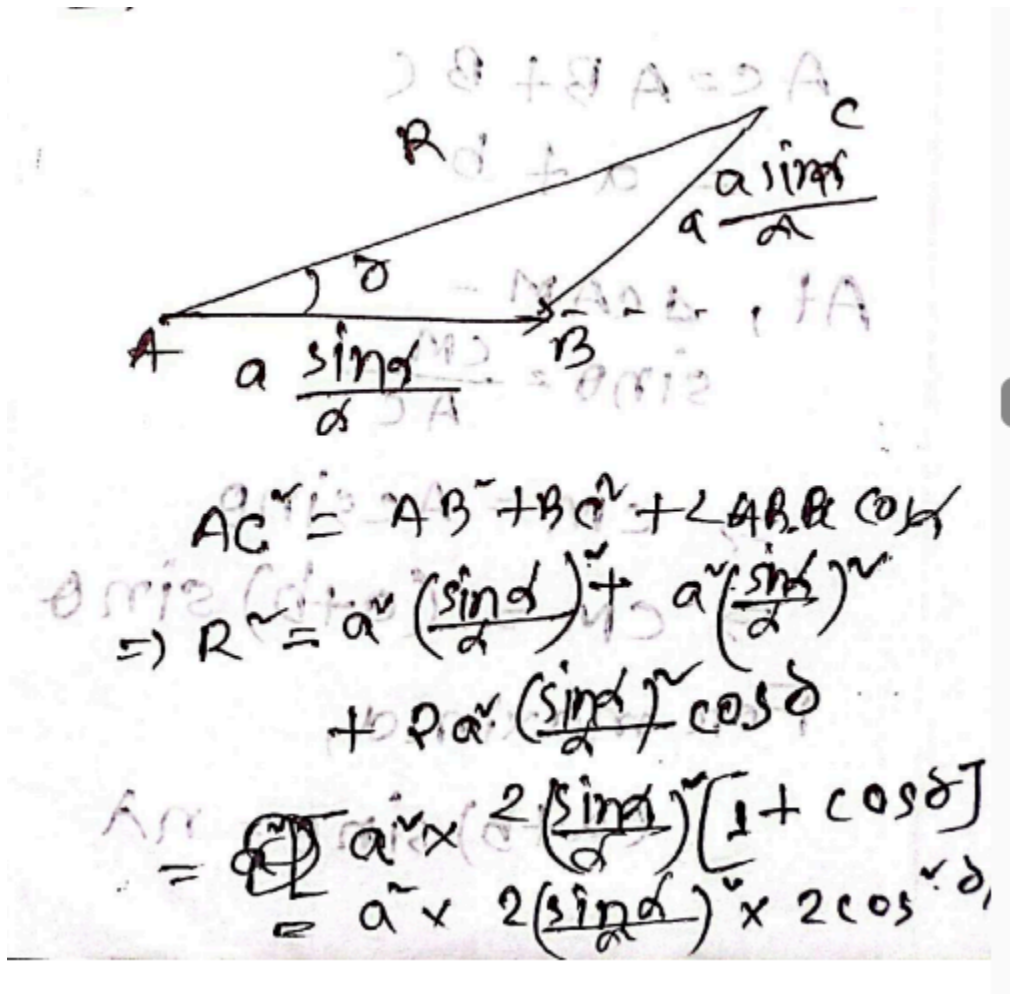
Intensity for diffraction,

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

Intensity for interference,

$$I = 4I_o \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$$

$$\therefore I = 4I_o \left( \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$$



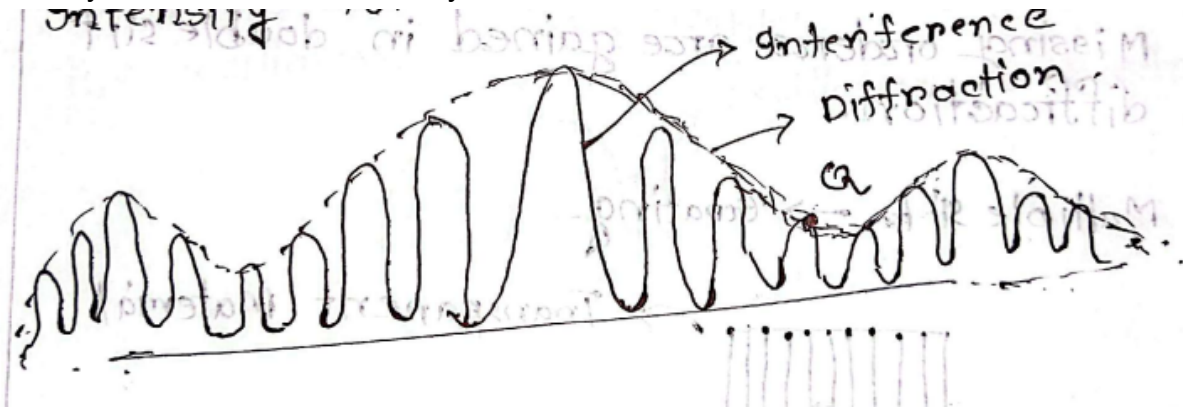
$$I = 4I_o \left( \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^2 \cos^2 \beta$$

At  $P$

$$\beta = 0, \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore I = 4I_0$$

Intensity is four times the intensity of diffraction central maxima



$$\text{For interference, } CM = (a + b) \sin \theta$$

$$\text{For diffraction, } BN = a \sin \phi$$

$$\text{For interference maxima, } (a + b) \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

$$\text{For diffraction minima, } a \sin \phi = m\lambda$$

At point  $Q$ ,

$$\theta = \phi$$

$$\frac{a + b}{a} = \frac{n}{m}$$

As, we can say,  $a \approx b$

then,

$$2 = \frac{n}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2m$$

where,

$m$  = order of diffraction minima

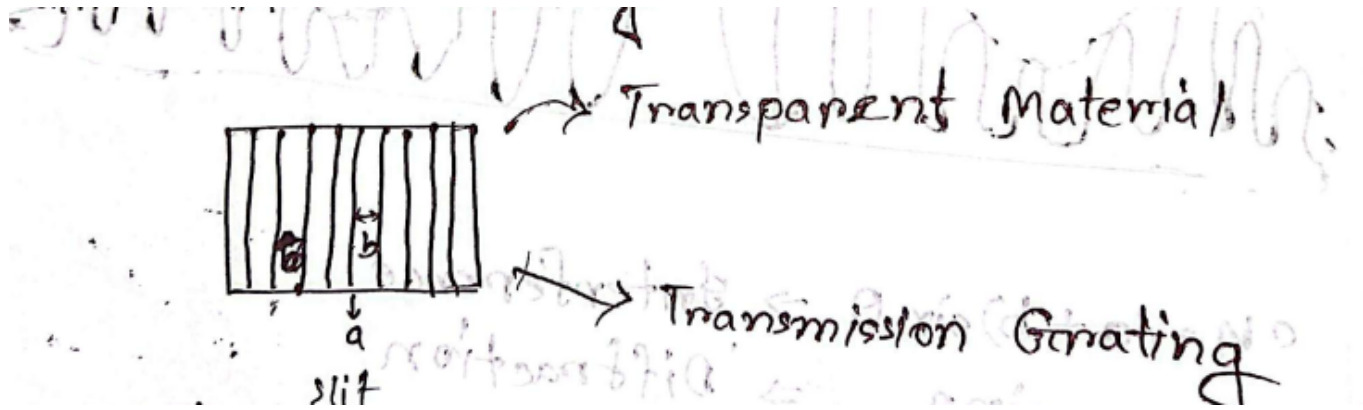
$n$  = order of interference maxima

$\therefore$  if,  $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and

then,  $n = 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$  for missing order

Missing orders are gained in double slit diffraction

Multiple slit is called grating



If we create a layer of  $nS$  upon transmission slit, we receive a grating, and the grating is called replica grating.

In, multiple slit we represent

$$(a + b) = \frac{1}{N}$$

where,  $N$  is the number of lines per unit.

