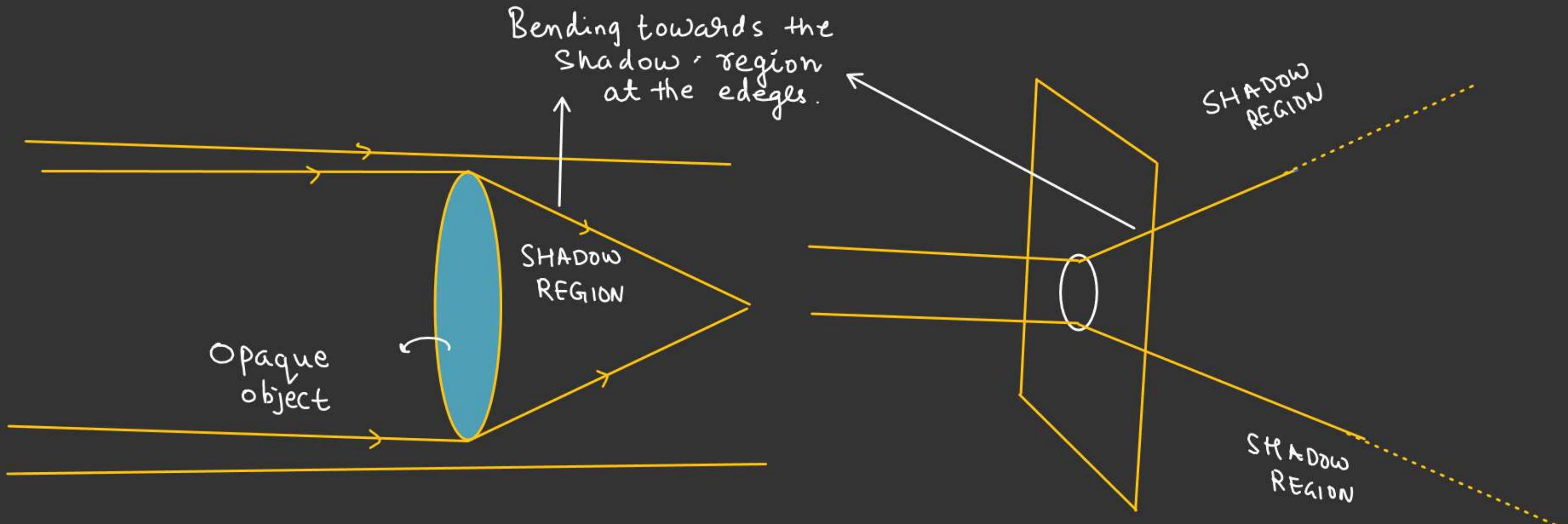


DIFFRACTION



Defⁿ: [Bending of light rays at the sharp edges of an opaque object or obstacle towards the geometrical shadow region. This phenomena of light is called Diffraction]

Points:-

1. Diffraction shown by all the waves i.e Mechanical as well as E.M Wave.
2. It is observed that diffraction phenomena not observed when Obstacle dimension is equal to or more than 5λ .
3. In Sound wave diffraction phenomena is more, Wavelength of Sound wave is b/w (16mm to 16m) & our obstacle practically possible for such dimension.

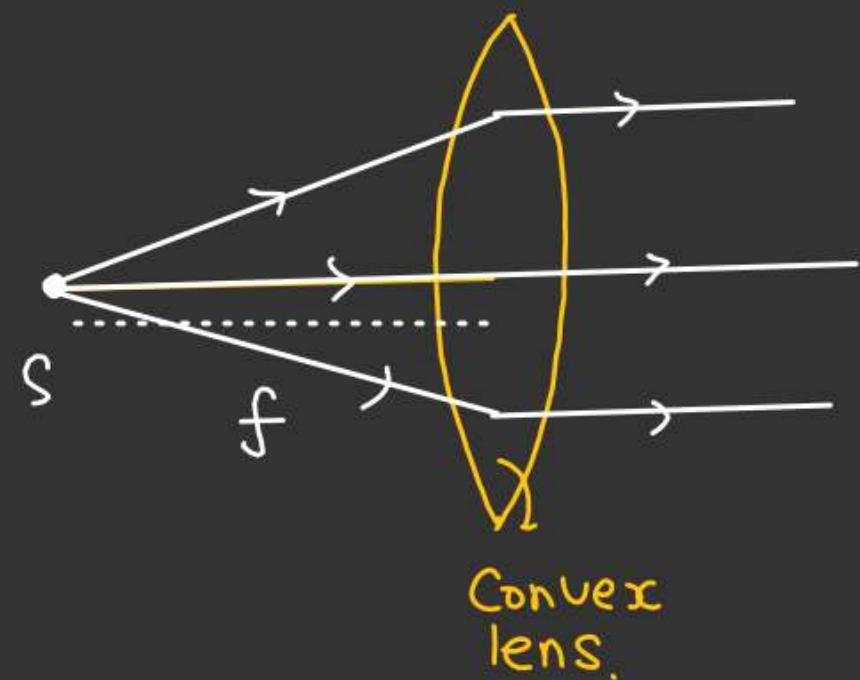
Type of diffraction

1. FRESNEL Diffraction

↳ (Source and Screen at finite distance).

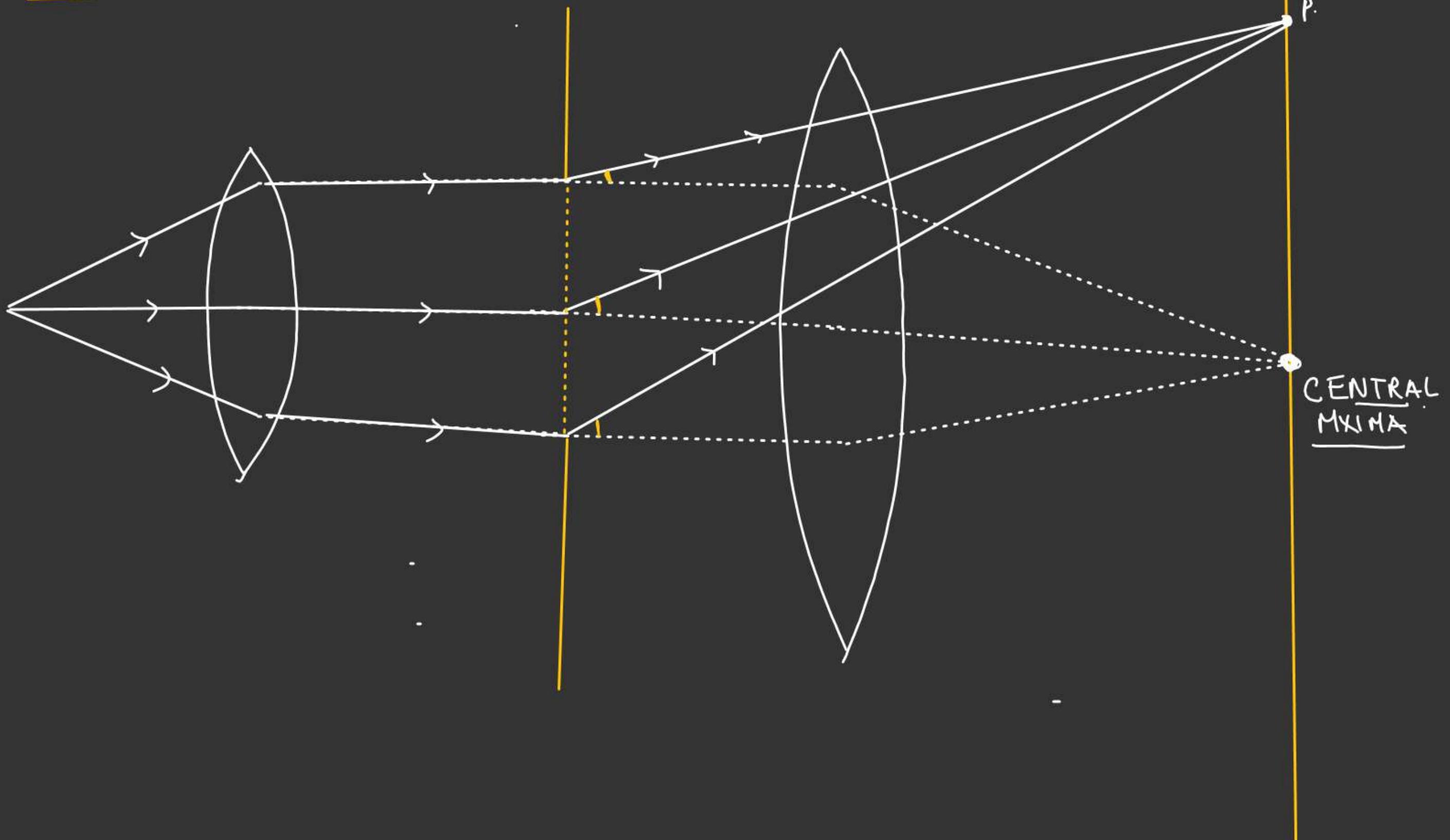
2. FRAUNHOFER Diffraction

↳ (Source and Screen at infinite distance)





FRAUNHOFER DIFFRACTION



~~Q4~~

Central Maxima

↳ At the Center of Screen
Where intensity is Maximum.

~~Q4~~

SECONDARY MINIMA'S

Condition

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

$$n = 1, 2, 3,$$

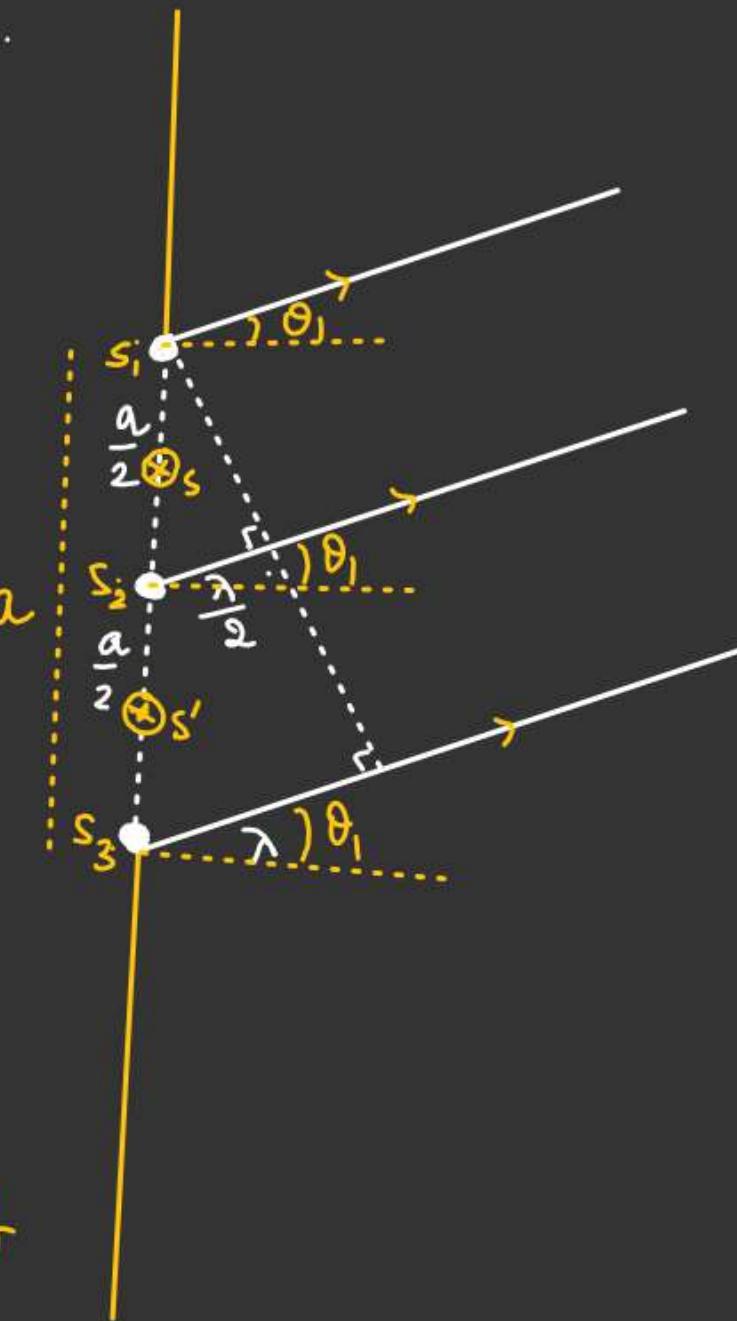
For 1st Secondary Minima.

divide the Slit into equal parts.

& take path difference as λ .

$$(a \sin \theta_1 = \lambda) \Rightarrow \text{For 1st Secondary Minima}$$

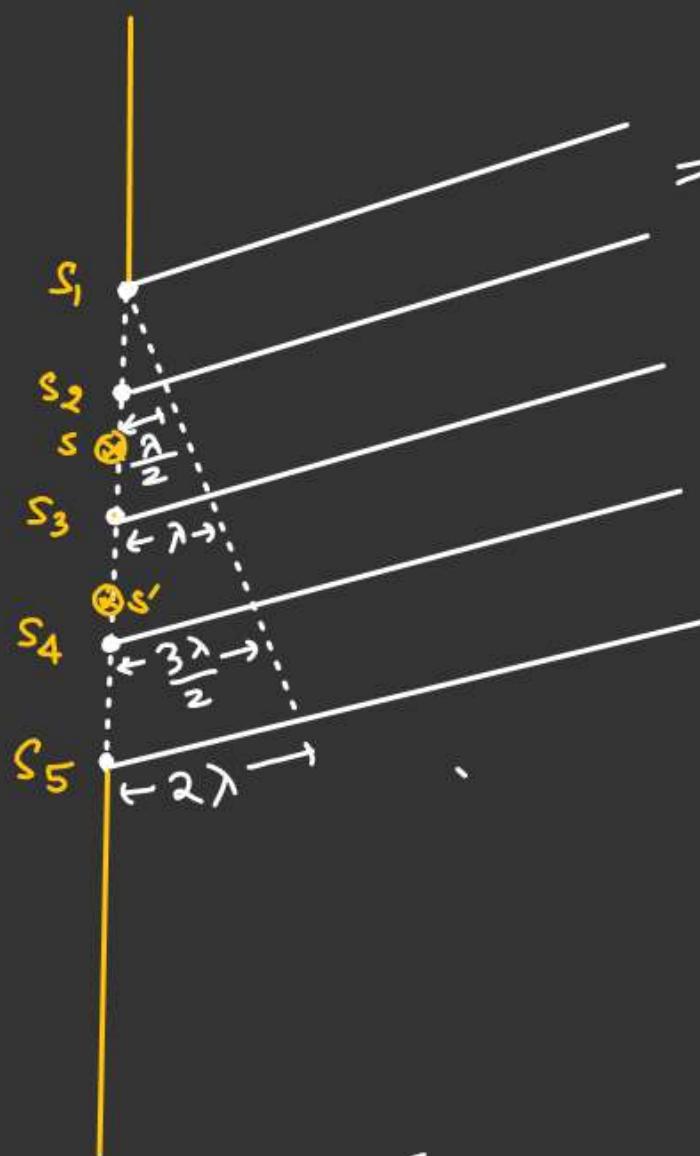
$$\begin{cases} \Delta x_{S_1 S_2} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \Delta x_{S_2 S_3} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \Delta x_{S_1 S_3} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \end{cases}$$



~~2nd~~

2nd Secondary Minima :-

Divide the Slit into 4 equal parts. & take the path difference as 2λ .



⇒ Path difference of each pair of light ray is $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
So destructive interference.

In general for Secondary Minima .

$$a \sin \theta_n = n \lambda$$

$$\sin \theta_n = \frac{n \lambda}{a}$$

$$\therefore \theta_n = \frac{n \lambda}{a}$$



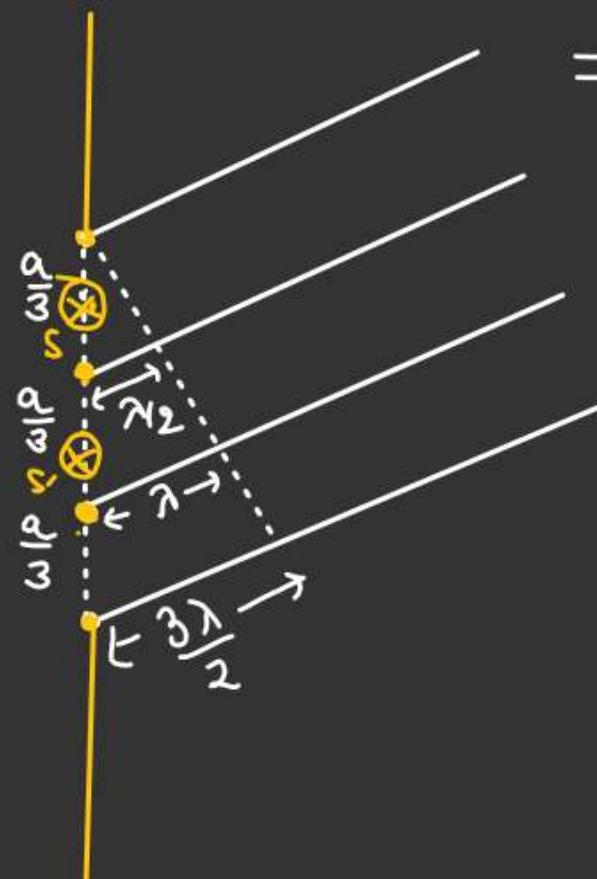
SECONDARY MAXIMA'S

1st Secondary Maxima

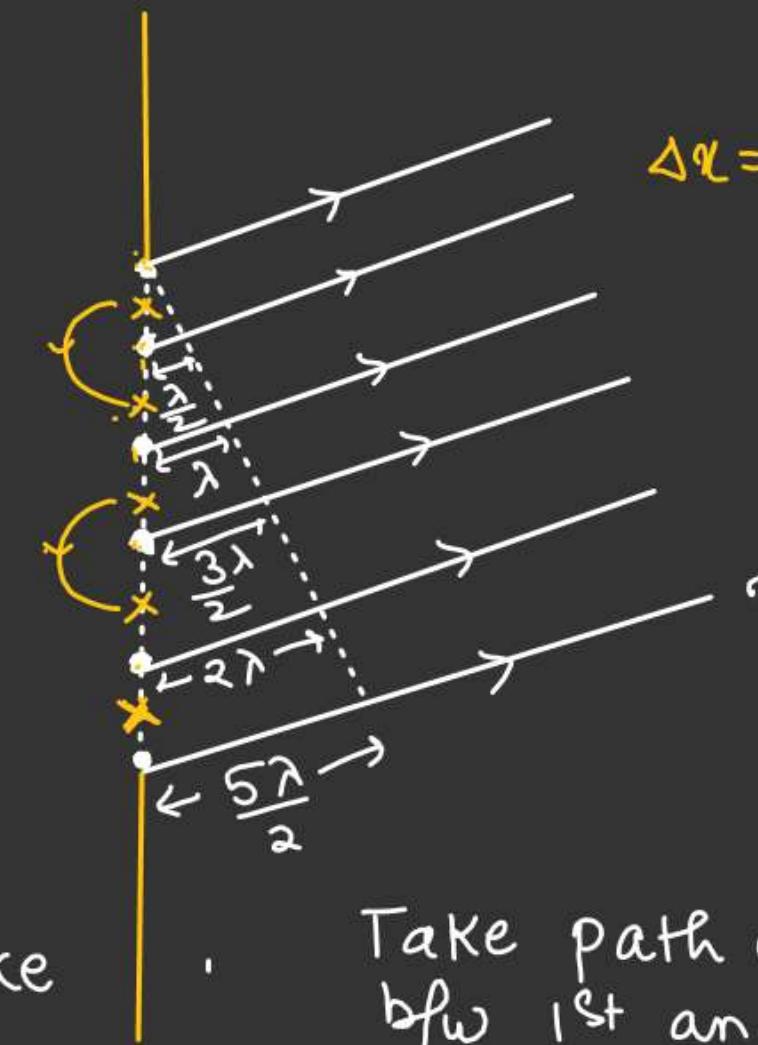
Divide the Slit into 3-Equal parts and take the path difference b/w 1st & last ray as $\frac{3\lambda}{2}$.

For 1st Secondary Maxima

$$\Delta x = a \sin \theta = \frac{3\lambda}{2}$$



\Rightarrow Two pairs of Source have Wave length $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
So they form destructive interference on the Screen.
but one of the Source light reaches to screen which doesn't form pair



For 2nd Secondary Maxima

$$\Delta x = a \sin \theta = \frac{5\lambda}{2}$$

Take path difference b/w 1st and last ray $\frac{5\lambda}{2}$ and divide it into 5 Equal parts.

In general for Maxima.

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

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

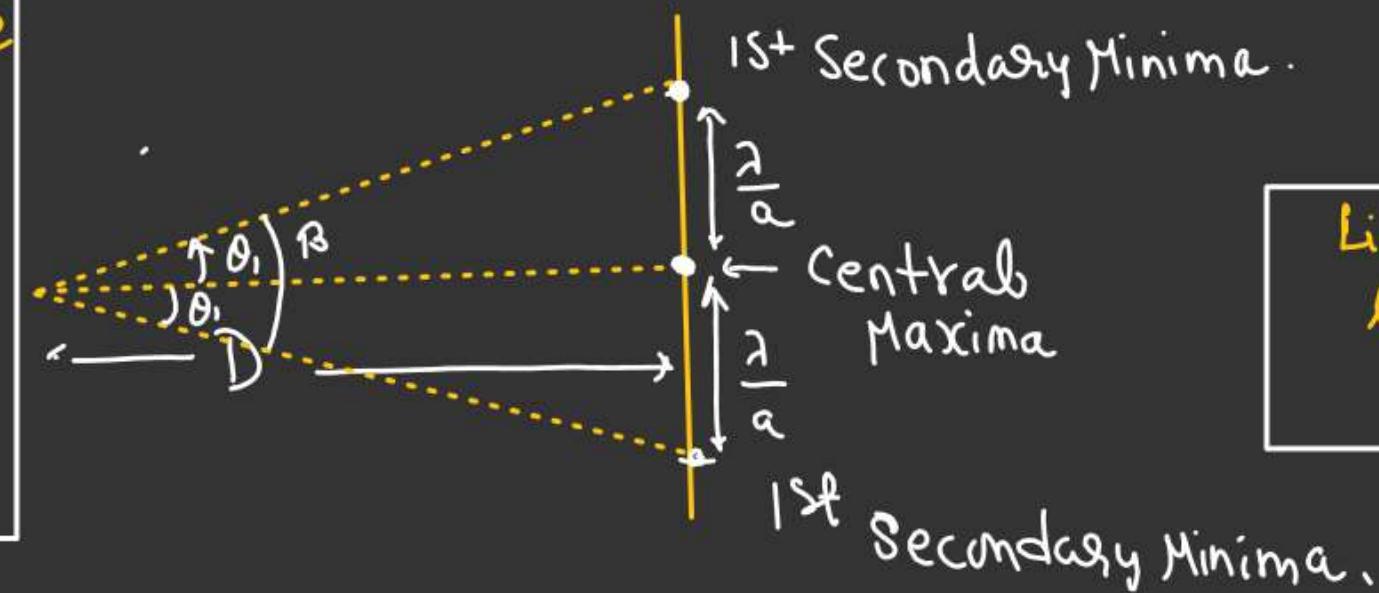
$$(n=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots)$$

For 1st Secondary Minima.

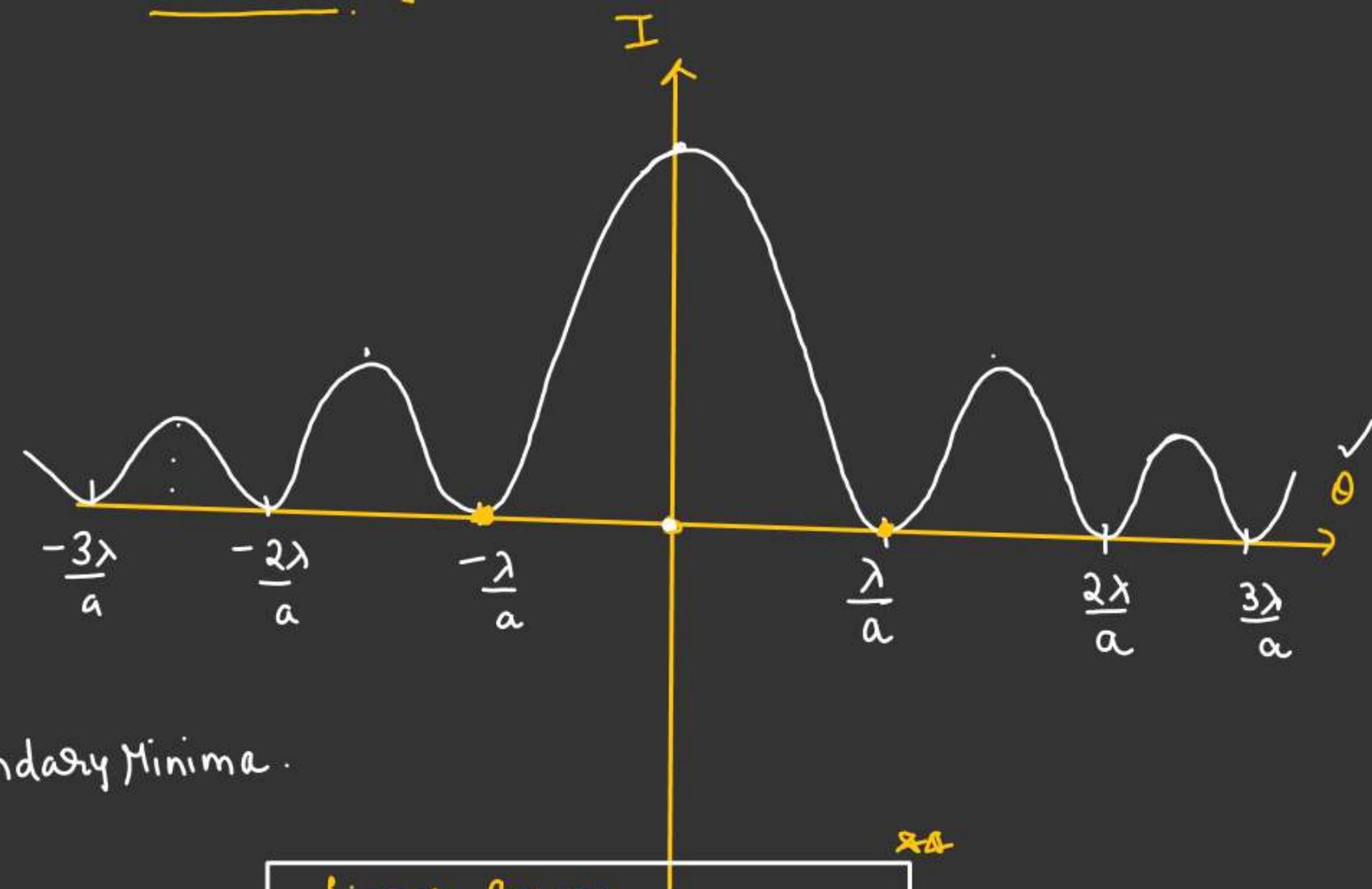
Angular fringe width

$$= 2\theta_1$$

$$= \left(\frac{2\lambda}{a} \right)$$



Intensity



Linear fringe width = $\left(\frac{2\lambda}{aD} \right)$