a)

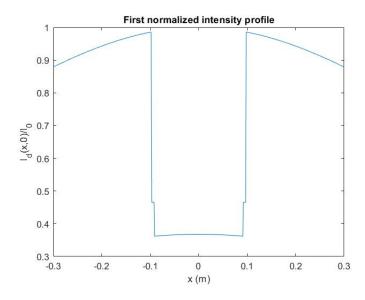


Figure 1.1

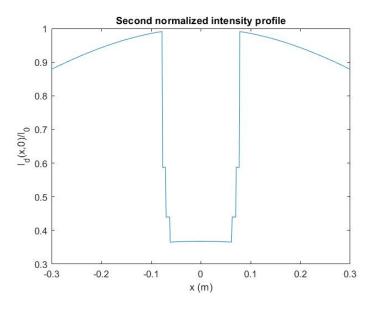


Figure 1.2

b) Geometrically speaking, in the first profile, light beam must travel with a larger angle compared to the second profile for no collision with the object. This can also be verified from the plots, since in the second profile, normalized intensity approaches to 1 before the first profile. Other than the middle part, the plots are essentially the same, since after a certain point there is no collision in both profiles.

## **APPENDIX**

## **MATLAB** code for Q6:

```
%% HW 2
x \text{ val} = linspace(-0.3, 0.3, 512);
%% empty intensities
intensity 1 = [];
intensity 2 = [];
%% generate intensities
% by the way, code runs poorly because i had some problems
while
% vectorizing it, so instead of debugging it i just used
two for loops, it
% takes max 1 mins to compile.
for i = 1:size(x val, 2)
    fun1 = Q(z) rectangularPulse((z-
0.55)/0.1)*rectangularPulse(z*x val(i)/((2*z/sqrt(3))-
(1/sqrt(3)));
    fun2 = Q(z) rectangularPulse((z-
0.85)/0.1) *rectangularPulse(z*x val(i)/((2*z/sqrt(3))-
(16/(10*sqrt(3))));
    intensity 1 (end+1) =
((1/(1+(x val(i))^2))^(3/2)).*exp((-
10/((1/(1+(x val(i))^2))^(1/2)))*integral(fun1,0,1));
    intensity 2 (end+1) =
((1/(1+(x val(i))^2))^(3/2)).*exp((-
10/((1/(1+(x val(i))^2))^(1/2)))*integral(fun2,0,1));
end
%% figures
figure;
plot(x val, intensity 1);
xlabel("x (m)");
ylabel("I d(x,0)/I 0");
title("First normalized intensity profile");
figure;
plot(x val, intensity 2);
xlabel("x (m)");
ylabel("I d(x,0)/I 0");
title("Second normalized intensity profile");
```