SIS analytic results

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1 General definitions and properties

Following [Tam+22], we define the amplification factor as

$$F(w) = \frac{w}{2\pi i} \int d^2x \, e^{iw\phi(x)}$$
 (1)

where the Fermat potential (or time delay) is

$$\phi(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{2}|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}|^2 - \psi(\boldsymbol{x})$$
(2)

Fourier-transforming F(w)/w we can define

$$I(\tau) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw \, e^{iw(\phi(x) - \tau - t_{\min})}$$
(3)

$$= \int d^2x \, \delta(\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \tau - t_{\text{tmin}}) \tag{4}$$

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where we have also defined $t_{\min} \equiv \phi_{\min}$. For the SIS we have

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_0 |\mathbf{x}| \equiv \psi_0 x \tag{5}$$

The minimum of the Fermat potential is¹

$$t_{\min} = -\frac{1}{2}\psi_0(2y + \psi_0) \tag{6}$$

$$\mu_{\min} = 1 + \frac{\psi_0}{y} \tag{7}$$

$$x_{1,\min} = y + \psi_0 \tag{8}$$

$$x_{2,\min} = 0 \tag{9}$$

If $y < \psi_0$, there is a second critical point (a saddle point)

$$t_{\text{saddle}} = \frac{1}{2}\psi_0(2y - \psi_0) \tag{10}$$

$$\mu_{\text{saddle}} = \left| 1 - \frac{\psi_0}{y} \right| \tag{11}$$

$$x_{1, \text{saddle}} = y - \psi_0 \tag{12}$$

$$x_{2, \text{ saddle}} = 0 \tag{13}$$

2 Time domain

2.1 Final result for a single SIS

The time-domain integral for the SIS is

$$I_{SIS}(\tau) = \int d^2x \, \delta(\phi - t)$$

$$= \int dx_1 dx_2 \, \delta\left(\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - x_1y + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \psi(x) - \tau - t_{\min}\right)$$
(14)

where²

$$\psi(x) = \psi_0 x$$
, $t_{\min} = \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\psi_0 + y)^2$ (15)

Its solution can be written as

$$I_{SIS}(\tau) = \mathcal{I}(u, R) \tag{16}$$

where u is the "time parameter" and r is just a constant³

$$u \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2\tau}}{\psi_0 + y} \tag{17a}$$

$$R \equiv \frac{\psi_0 - y}{\psi_0 + y} \tag{17b}$$

The integral can be compactly defined as

$$I_{SIS}(\tau) = 4\mathcal{I}(a, b, c, d) , \qquad (a > b > c > d)$$

$$= \frac{8}{\sqrt{(a-c)(b-d)}} \left\{ (b-c) \prod \left(\frac{a-b}{a-c}, r \right) + cK(r) \right\} , \qquad r \equiv \sqrt{\frac{(a-b)(c-d)}{(a-c)(b-d)}}$$
(18)

For axisymmetric lenses the magnification can be written as $\mu^{-1} = |1 - \psi'/x| |1 - \psi''|$.

²We will sometimes write $\tilde{\psi}_0 = \psi_0/y$.

³Notice that $R \sim -1 + 2\tilde{\psi}_0$ corresponds to the weak lensing regime while $R \sim 1 - 2/\tilde{\psi}_0$ is the extremely strong lensing regime. R = 1 is the caustic.

where Π and K are the complete elliptic integrals of the third and first kind, respectively⁴. We must distinguish three regions

• Region 1: (u > 1)

$$a = 1 + u$$
 $c = 1 - u$
 $b = R + \sqrt{u^2 + R^2 - 1}$ $d = R - \sqrt{u^2 + R^2 - 1}$

- Region 2: $(\sqrt{1-R^2} < u < 1)$
 - Case A: (R > 0)

$$a = 1 c = \sqrt{1 - u^2}$$
$$b = R d = -\sqrt{1 - u^2}$$

- Case B: (R < 0)

$$a=1$$
 $c=-\sqrt{1-u^2}$ $b=\sqrt{1-u^2}$ $d=R$

• Region 3: $(0 < u < \sqrt{1 - R^2})$

$$a=1 \qquad \qquad c=R$$

$$b=\sqrt{1-u^2} \qquad d=-\sqrt{1-u^2}$$

2.2 Derivation for region 1

In this region it is more convenient to solve the angular integral first

$$I(t) = \int d^2x \, \delta(\phi - t) = 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} r \, dr \, \delta\left(\frac{1}{2}r^2 - yrz + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \psi_0 r - t\right)$$
$$= 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \tilde{r} \, d\tilde{r} \, \delta\left(\frac{1}{2}\tilde{r}^2 - \tilde{r}z + \frac{1}{2} - \tilde{\psi}_0 \tilde{r} - \frac{\tau}{y^2} - \frac{t_{\min}}{y^2}\right)$$
(19)

where we have defined $\psi_0 \equiv \psi_0/y$. Finally we get

$$I(\tau) = 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\sqrt{1 - z^{2}}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \tilde{r} \,\mathrm{d}\tilde{r} \,\delta \left\{ z - \underbrace{\frac{z_{*}}{\tilde{r}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{r}^{2} - \tilde{\psi}_{0} \tilde{r} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tau}{y^{2}} - \frac{t_{\min}}{y^{2}} \right)}_{= 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}\tilde{r}}{\sqrt{1 - z_{*}^{2}}} \Theta(1 - z_{*}^{2}) \right\}$$
(20)

We will introduce the following definitions

$$a^{2} \equiv \frac{2\tau}{y^{2}} \qquad \delta \equiv \tilde{\psi}_{0} + 1$$

$$z_{*}^{2} - 1 \equiv \frac{1}{4\tilde{r}^{2}}\phi_{A}\phi_{B} \qquad \delta_{-1} \equiv \tilde{\psi}_{0} - 1 \qquad (21)$$

where (using also $t_{\min}/y^2 = (1 - \delta^2)/2$)

$$\phi_A \equiv 2\tilde{r}(z_* - 1) = \tilde{r}^2 - 2\delta\tilde{r} - (a^2 - \delta^2) \tag{22}$$

$$\phi_B \equiv 2\tilde{r}(z_* + 1) = \tilde{r}^2 - 2\delta_{-1}\tilde{r} - (a^2 - \delta^2) \tag{23}$$

⁴See the appendix for the definitions and the reference for the integral.

The integral can then be rewritten as

$$I(\tau) = 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{r} d\tilde{r}}{\sqrt{-\phi_A \phi_B}} \Theta(-\phi_A \phi_B)$$
 (24)

Equations (20) and (24) are general for any axisymmetric lense. The main simplification for the SIS comes from the fact that ϕ_A and ϕ_B are quadratic and can then be easily factorized, which will allow us to solve the Θ function. In particular, if $a > \delta$ (definition of region 1), we have

$$\phi_A = (r - r_+^A)(r - r_-^A) , \qquad r_+^A = \delta \pm a$$
 (25)

$$\phi_B = (r - r_+^B)(r - r_-^B) , \qquad r_{\pm}^B = \delta_{-1} \pm \sqrt{\delta_{-1}^2 + a^2 - \delta^2}$$

$$= \delta - 2 \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4\tilde{\psi}_0}$$
(26)

In this regime, we can also prove that⁵

$$r_{+}^{A} > r_{+}^{B} > r_{-}^{A} > r_{-}^{B}$$
 (27)

Since $r_-^A < 0$, inside the integral we can only have $r_+^A > r > r_+^B > r_-^A > r_-^B$. Then we get

$$I(\tau) = 4 \int_{r_{+}^{B}}^{r_{+}^{A}} \frac{r dr}{\sqrt{(r_{+}^{A} - r)(r - r_{+}^{B})(r - r_{-}^{A})(r - r_{-}^{B})}}$$

$$= 4\mathcal{I}(r_{+}^{A}, r_{+}^{B}, r_{-}^{A}, r_{-}^{B})$$
(28)

2.3 Derivation for regions 2 and 3

For these two regions⁶, it is more convenient to solve the radial integral first. Defining $\delta_z \equiv \tilde{\psi}_0 + z$, we have

$$I(\tau) = 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} r \,\mathrm{d}r \,\delta\left(\frac{1}{2}r^2 - \delta_z r + \frac{1}{2}(\delta^2 - a^2)\right)$$
(29)

Solving for r, we get

$$I(\tau) = 2\sum_{*} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \frac{r_*\Theta(r_*)}{|r_* - \delta_z|}$$
 (30)

where

$$r_* = \delta_z \pm \sqrt{\delta_z^2 - \delta^2 + a^2}$$

= $\delta_z \pm \sqrt{(z - z_*^+)(z - z_*^-)}$, $z_*^{\pm} = -\tilde{\psi}_0 \pm \sqrt{\delta^2 - a^2}$

To compute the limits of the integral we must analyze when the solution exists and is positive. It is useful to study the behaviour of z_*^{\pm} beforehand. We can prove that $\frac{\mathrm{d}z_*^{\pm}}{\mathrm{d}\psi_0} \neq 0$ for $0 < a < \delta$ so

$$z_*^+ \in \left(-\tilde{\psi}_0 \text{ (for } a = \delta), \ 1 \text{ (for } a = 0) \right)$$

 $z_*^- \in \left(-1 - 2\tilde{\psi}_0 \text{ (for } a = 0), \ -\tilde{\psi}_0 \text{ (for } a = \delta) \right)$

$$r_-^A - r_-^B = 2 - a + \sqrt{(2-a)^2 + 4(a-\delta)} > 0 \quad \to \quad r_-^A > r_-^B$$

$$^62\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0} < a < \delta$$
 and $0 < a < 2\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0}$

⁵It is easy to see that $r_{+}^{A} > r_{+}^{B} > (r_{-}^{A}, r_{-}^{B})$. For the second inequality, we can write

and for

if
$$\tilde{\psi}_0 > 1$$
 \rightarrow $z_*^+ < -1$ for $a > 2\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0}$
if $\tilde{\psi}_0 < 1$ \rightarrow $z_*^- > -1$ for $a > 2\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0}$

We are ready to write the final result.

• Region 2:
$$\delta > a > 2\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0}$$

- Case A: $\tilde{\psi}_0 > 1$, $(1 > z > -1 > z_*^+ > z_*^-)$

$$I(\tau) = 4\int_{-1}^1 \frac{(z + \tilde{\psi}_0)}{\sqrt{(1 - z)(z + 1)(z - z_*^+)(z - z_*^-)}}$$

$$= 4\mathcal{I}(1, -1, z_*^+, z_*^-) + 4\tilde{\psi}_0 \mathcal{J}(1, -1, z_*^+, z_*^-)$$
- Case B: $\tilde{\psi}_0 < 1$, $(1 > z > z_*^+ > z_*^- > -1)$

$$I(\tau) = 4\int_{z_*^+}^1 \frac{(z + \tilde{\psi}_0)}{\sqrt{(1 - z)(z - z_*^+)(z - z_*^-)(z + 1)}}$$

$$= 4\mathcal{I}(1, z_*^+, z_*^-, -1) + 4\tilde{\psi}_0 \mathcal{J}(1, z_*^+, z_*^-, -1)$$

• Region 3:
$$0 < a < 2\sqrt{\tilde{\psi}_0}$$
, $(1 > z > z_*^+ > -1 > z_*^-)$

$$I(\tau) = 4 \int_{z_{*}^{+}}^{1} \frac{(z + \tilde{\psi}_{0})}{\sqrt{(1 - z)(z - z_{*}^{+})(z + 1)(z - z_{*}^{-})}}$$
$$= 4\mathcal{I}(1, z_{*}^{+}, -1, z_{*}^{-}) + 4\tilde{\psi}_{0}\mathcal{J}(1, z_{*}^{+}, -1, z_{*}^{-})$$

3 Frequency domain

The amplification factor for the SIS can be written as

$$F(w) \equiv \frac{w}{2\pi i} \int d^2x \, e^{iw\phi(x)}$$

$$= \frac{w}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} r dr \exp\left\{iw\left(\frac{1}{2}r^2 - ry\cos\theta + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \psi_0 r\right)\right\}$$

$$= e^{iwy^2/2} \frac{w}{i\pi} \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} r dr \cos\left(\frac{w}{2}r^2 - wr(\psi_0 + y\cos\theta)\right) + i \int_0^{\infty} r dr \sin\left(\frac{w}{2}r^2 - wr(\psi_0 + y\cos\theta)\right) \right\}$$

$$(32)$$

Defining now

$$\alpha(\theta) \equiv \alpha_0 (1 + r \cos \theta) \tag{34}$$

$$\alpha_0 \equiv \psi_0 \sqrt{w/\pi} \tag{35}$$

$$r \equiv y/\psi_0 \tag{36}$$

and using the results in the appendix, we have

$$F(w) = e^{iwy^2/2} \left\{ 1 + \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \, \alpha f(-\alpha) - i \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \, \alpha g(-\alpha) \right\}$$
 (37)

Using the symmetry properties of the Fresnel auxiliary functions we can rewrite the two integrals in a more convenient form

$$\int_0^{\pi} d\theta \, \alpha g(-\alpha) \stackrel{(r<1)}{=} -I_g(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} I_s(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0^2) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} I_c(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0^2)$$
(38)

$$\stackrel{(r>1)}{=} -J_g(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0) - J_g(r+1,r-1,\alpha_0) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} J_s(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0^2) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} J_c(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0^2)$$
(39)

$$\int_0^{\pi} d\theta \, \alpha f(-\alpha) \stackrel{(r<1)}{=} -I_f(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0) -\frac{\alpha_0}{2} I_s(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0^2) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} I_c(1-r, 1+r, \alpha_0^2)$$
(40)

$$\stackrel{(r>1)}{=} -J_f(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0) - J_f(r+1,r-1,\alpha_0) -\frac{\alpha_0}{2} J_s(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0^2) + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} J_c(r-1,r+1,\alpha_0^2)$$
 (41)

Each of the integrals is defined as

$$I_s(a,b,\omega) \equiv \int_{a^2}^{b^2} \frac{\sin(\omega u) du}{\sqrt{(b-\sqrt{u})(\sqrt{u}-a)}} = \int_a^b \frac{2\beta \sin(\omega \beta^2) d\beta}{\sqrt{(b-\beta)(\beta-a)}}$$
(42)

$$J_s(a,b,\omega) \equiv \int_0^{b^2} \frac{\sin(\omega u) du}{\sqrt{(b-\sqrt{u})(\sqrt{u}+a)}} = \int_0^b \frac{2\beta \sin(\omega \beta^2) d\beta}{\sqrt{(b-\beta)(\beta+a)}}$$
(43)

$$I_g(a,b,\alpha) \equiv \int_a^b \frac{\mathrm{d}\beta}{\sqrt{(b-\beta)(\beta-a)}} \tilde{g}(\alpha\beta) \tag{44}$$

$$J_g(a,b,\alpha) \equiv \int_0^b \frac{\mathrm{d}\beta}{\sqrt{(b-\beta)(\beta+a)}} \tilde{g}(\alpha\beta) \tag{45}$$

with $(a, b, \alpha, \omega > 0)$ and the obvious substitutions $\sin \to \cos$ and $g \to f$ for the other half. Using

$$\beta = \frac{b+a}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}\cos\theta \quad \to \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}\beta}{\sqrt{(b-\beta)(\beta-a)}} = -\mathrm{sign}(\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta \tag{46}$$

with $\beta = b \to \theta = 0$ and $\beta = a \to \theta = \pi$, we can recover the 'angular' integrals. So far, it seems that the best strategy to integrate these expressions at high frequencies is to leave I_f and I_g into ther 'angular' forms and to rewrite the other two as

$$I_{s}(a,b,w) = \int_{(a+\Delta)^{2}}^{(b-\Delta)^{2}} \frac{\sin(\omega u) du}{\sqrt{(b-\sqrt{u})(\sqrt{u}-a)}} + 2 \int_{0}^{\theta_{b}} \beta(\theta) \sin(\omega \beta^{2}(\theta)) d\theta$$
$$+ 2 \int_{\theta_{a}}^{\pi} \beta(\theta) \sin(\omega \beta^{2}(\theta)) d\theta$$
(47)

where $\beta(\theta)$ is defined above and

$$\theta_b = \arccos\left(1 - \frac{2}{b - a}\Delta\right) \tag{48}$$

$$\theta_a = \arccos\left(-1 + \frac{2}{b-a}\Delta\right) \tag{49}$$

(50)

We can choose Δ as

$$\Delta = \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{\omega}} , \qquad n < \frac{(b-a)^2 \omega}{4\pi}$$
 (51)

In our case b = 1 + r and a = 1 - r so we can write

$$\beta = 1 + r\cos(\theta) \tag{52}$$

$$\theta_b = \arccos(1 - \Delta/r) \tag{53}$$

$$\theta_a = \arccos(-1 + \Delta/r) \tag{54}$$

$$n < r^2 \frac{\omega}{\pi} \tag{55}$$

For the weak lensing case we can play the same game

$$J_s(a,b,\omega) = \int_0^{(b-\Delta)^2} \frac{\sin(\omega u) du}{\sqrt{(b-\sqrt{u})(\sqrt{u}+a)}} + 2\int_0^{\theta_b} \beta(\theta) \sin(\omega \beta^2) d\theta$$
 (56)

where

$$\beta(\theta) = \frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{b+a}{2}\cos(\theta) \tag{57}$$

$$\theta_b = \arccos\left(1 - \frac{2}{b+a}\Delta\right) \tag{58}$$

$$\theta_0 = \arccos\left(-\frac{b-a}{b+a}\right) \tag{59}$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{\omega}} , \qquad n < \frac{(b-a)^2 \omega}{4\pi}$$
 (60)

Now we must distinguish two cases (for J_f and J_g). First, if b = r - 1 and a = r + 1 we have

$$\beta(\theta) = -1 + r\cos(\theta) \tag{61}$$

$$\theta_b = \arccos(1 - \Delta/r) \tag{62}$$

$$\theta_0 = \arccos(1/r) \tag{63}$$

and n is the same as before. The second case is b = r + 1 and a = r - 1

$$\beta(\theta) = 1 + r\cos(\theta) \tag{64}$$

$$\theta_b = \arccos(1 - \Delta/r) \tag{65}$$

$$\theta_0 = \arccos(-1/r) \tag{66}$$

A Special functions

A.1 Elliptic integrals

From [GR14] we have

$$\mathcal{I}(a,b,c,d) \equiv \int_{b}^{a} \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{(a-x)(b-x)(x-c)(x-d)}} , \quad [GR, 3.148.6, p.276]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{(a-c)(b-d)}} \left\{ (b-c) \prod \left(\frac{a-b}{a-c}, r \right) + c K(r) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{I}(a,b,c,d) \equiv \int_{b}^{a} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(a-x)(b-x)(x-c)(x-d)}} , \quad [GR, 3.147.6, p.275]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{(a-c)(b-d)}} K(r)$$

both for (a > b > c > d) and where

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{(a-b)(c-d)}{(a-c)(b-d)}}$$

The complete elliptic integrals are defined as

$$K(k) \equiv \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\alpha}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \alpha}}$$

$$E(k) \equiv \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \alpha} \, \mathrm{d}\alpha$$

$$\Pi(n, k) \equiv \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\alpha}{(1 - n \sin^2 \alpha)\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \alpha}}$$

All three are equal to $\pi/2$ at the origin n = k = 0.

A.2 Fresnel integrals

We will follow the DLMF notation [DLM23] for the Fresnel integrals

$$C(z) \equiv \int_0^z \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi t^2\right) \tag{67}$$

$$S(z) \equiv \int_0^z \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi t^2\right) \tag{68}$$

Other commonly used definitions are

$$C_1(z) \equiv C(\sqrt{2/\pi}z) , \qquad C_2(z) \equiv C(\sqrt{2z/\pi})$$
 (69)

$$S_1(z) \equiv S(\sqrt{2/\pi}z) , \qquad S_2(z) \equiv S(\sqrt{2z/\pi})$$
 (70)

The auxiliary functions are defined as

$$f(z) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} - S(z)\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} - C(z)\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) \tag{71}$$

$$g(z) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} - C(z)\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - S(z)\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) \tag{72}$$

with the symmetries

$$f(-z) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) - f(z) \tag{73}$$

$$g(-z) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}z^2\right) - g(z) \tag{74}$$

and derivatives

$$f'(z) = -\pi z g(z) \tag{75}$$

$$g'(z) = \pi z f(z) - 1 \tag{76}$$

From [GR14]

$$\int_0^\infty \sin(ax^2 + 2bx) dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2a}} f\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}}\right)$$
 [GR, 3.693.1, p.417] (77)

$$\int_0^\infty \cos(ax^2 + 2bx) dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2a}} g\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}}\right) \qquad [GR, 3.693.2, p.417]$$
 (78)

We can derive both with respect to b to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty x \sin(ax^2 + 2bx) dx = \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{\pi}{2a} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}}\right) f\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}}\right)$$
 (79)

$$\int_0^\infty x \cos(ax^2 + 2bx) dx = -\frac{\pi}{2a} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}} \right) g\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}} \right)$$
 (80)

We will also use the notation

$$\tilde{g}(z) \equiv zg(z), \qquad \tilde{f}(z) \equiv zf(z)$$
 (81)

We can evaluate the Fresnel integrals using the approximate formulas derived in [Boe60]. In this reference, an approximate expression is found to evaluate

$$f_B(x) = C_2(x) - iS_2(x)$$
 (82)

that we can also write as

$$e^{ix} f_B(x) = \cos(x) C_2(x) + \sin(x) S_2(x) - i(\cos(x) S_2(x) - \sin(x) C_2(x))$$
(83)

The auxiliary functions can be expressed in terms of this combination as

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos(x) - \sin(x)\right) + \Im(f_b e^{ix}) \tag{84}$$

$$g\left(\sqrt{\frac{2x}{\pi}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos(x) + \sin(x)\right) - \Re(f_B e^{ix})$$
(85)

So, we can use the results from this reference to approximate f and g as

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x^2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sqrt{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}} \sum_{n=0}^{11} a_n \left(\frac{\pi x^2}{8}\right)^n$$
 (86)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos\left(\frac{\pi x^2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sqrt{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}} \sum_{n=0}^{11} b_n \left(\frac{\pi x^2}{8}\right)^n$$
 (87)

for $0 \le x \le 2\sqrt{2/\pi}$, and

$$g(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi x^2}} \sum_{n=0}^{11} c_n \left(\frac{\pi x^2}{8}\right)^n \tag{88}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi x^2}} \sum_{n=0}^{11} d_n \left(\frac{\pi x^2}{8}\right)^n \tag{89}$$

for $x \ge 2\sqrt{2/\pi}$. The coefficients can be found in the original reference. From my experiments, these yield a maximum absolute error of 10^{-8} and a maximum relative error 10^{-6} .

B Sketch of derivation for two SIS with additional symmetries

The main trick for solving the SIS was to convert the integral into a factorization problem for quadratic equations. The same trick can be applied to other systems, in particular to a lense composed of two SIS

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 - \psi_1(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{L}/2|) - \psi_2(|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{L}/2|)$$
(90)

in two particular configurations:

- Configuration x_1 : Both lenses aligned with y, i.e. in the \hat{x}_1 axis.
- Configuration x_2 : When y and the vector L joining the center of the two lenses are perpendicular, i.e. both lenses at the same x_1 and situated at symmetric positions $x_2^{\text{obs}} + L/2$ and $x_2^{\text{obs}} L/2$ with respect to the observer (only for equal lenses).

B.1 Alternative coordinate systems

Two-center bipolar coordinates. r_1 is the distance with respect to a point situated in (L/2,0) and r_2 with respect to a point in (-L/2,0)

$$x_1 = \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2}{2L} \tag{91}$$

$$x_2 = \pm \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{4L^2 r_2^2 - (r_2^2 - r_1^2 + L^2)^2}$$
(92)

The variable x_2 can be rewritten in a number of ways

$$x_2 = \pm \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{(r_2^2 - r_1^2 + L^2 + 2Lr_2)(r_1^2 - r_2^2 + 2Lr_2 - L^2)}$$
(93)

$$=\pm\frac{1}{2L}\sqrt{(r_2+r_1+L)(r_2-r_1+L)(r_1+r_2-L)(r_1-r_2+L)}$$
 (94)

$$=\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(r_1^2+r_2^2)-\frac{1}{4}L^2-\frac{1}{4L^2}(r_2^2-r_1^2)}$$
(95)

The limits are transformed as (check)

$$r_1^{\min} = |r_2 - L| \tag{96}$$

$$r_1^{\text{max}} = r_2 + L \tag{97}$$

Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r_1} = -\frac{r_1}{L} \qquad \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r_1} = \frac{2r_1}{x_2} (r_2^2 - r_1^2 + L^2)$$
(98)

$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r_2} = \frac{r_2}{L} \qquad \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r_2} = \frac{4L^2 r_2}{x_2} - \frac{2r_2}{x_2} (r_2^2 - r_1^2 + L^2)$$
 (99)

so that

$$J = \frac{4Lr_1r_2}{|x_2|} \tag{100}$$

We also have

$$\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = \frac{1}{4}(r_1^2 + r_2^2) - \frac{1}{8}L^2$$
(101)

Rotated version

$$u \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(r_1 + r_2) , \qquad r_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + u)$$
 (102)

$$v \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(r_2 - r_1) , \qquad r_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u - v)$$
 (103)

The Cartesian coordinates in this system are

$$x_1 = \frac{uv}{L} \tag{104}$$

$$x_2 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) - \frac{1}{4}L^2 - \frac{1}{L^2}u^2v^2}$$
 (105)

$$= \pm \sqrt{(u+L)(v+L)(u-L)(L-v)}$$
 (106)

and some other useful combinations are

$$r_2^2 - r_1^2 = 2uv (107)$$

$$r_1 r_2 = -\frac{1}{2} (v^2 - u^2) \tag{108}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \Big((v+L)(v-L) - (u+L)(u-L) \Big) \tag{109}$$

B.2 Configuration x_1

In this case, it is more convenient to use the two-center bipolar coordinates.

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - x_1y - \psi_1 - \psi_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(r_1^2 + r_2^2) - \frac{1}{8}L^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{y}{2L}(r_2^2 - r_1^2) - \psi_1(r_1) - \psi_2(r_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(A_+r_1^2 + A_-r_2^2) - \psi_1(r_1) - \psi_2(r_2) - \frac{L^2}{8}A_+A_-$$
(110)

where $A_{\pm} \equiv 1 \pm 2y/L$. The complete integral is

$$I(t) = \int d^2x \, \delta(\phi - t) \tag{111}$$

$$=8L\int_0^\infty dr_2 \int_{|r_2-L|}^{r_2+L} dr_1 \frac{r_1 r_2}{|x_2|} \delta(\phi-t)$$
 (112)

If the first lense is a SIS ($\psi_1 = \psi_0^1 r_1$), we can solve the δ function and reduce the problem to a single integral for any axisymmetric lense ψ_2 . Furthermore, if both are SIS, we only have to deal with quadratic equations to obtain the limits, so the problem can be completely solved.

B.3 Configuration x_2

This problem can be reduced to a (bi-)quadratic form using the rotated version of the two-center bipolar coordinates.

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - x_2y - \psi_1 - \psi_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(r_1^2 + r_2^2) - \frac{1}{8}L^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - yx_2 - \psi_1(r_1) - \psi_2(r_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2) - \frac{1}{8}L^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \mp \frac{y}{4}\sqrt{\left(\frac{2u^2}{L^2} - 1\right)\left(1 - \frac{2v^2}{L^2}\right)} - \psi_1(r_1) - \psi_2(r_2)$$
(113)

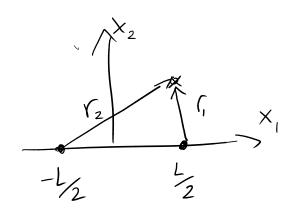
The key simplification for two equal-mass SIS is

$$\psi_1(r_1) + \psi_2(r_2) = \psi_0 r_1 + \psi_0 r_2 = \sqrt{2}\psi_0 u \tag{114}$$

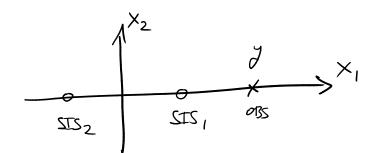
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$$\phi = \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2) - \frac{1}{8}L^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \mp \frac{y}{4}\sqrt{\left(\frac{2u^2}{L^2} - 1\right)\left(1 - \frac{2v^2}{L^2}\right)} - \sqrt{2}\psi_0 u \tag{115}$$

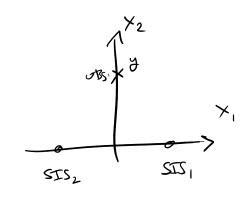
Written in this way, when solving for $\phi = t$ we will get a biquadratic equation for v.



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Configuration X,



Configuration X_2 (STS₁ = STS₂)

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