

2-slit

1-slit

Bright fringe

$$n\lambda = d \sin \theta$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda = W \sin \theta$$

$m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
order-number

highest order bright fringe

$$\sin \theta = 1 \quad \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda = W \rightarrow m = \frac{W}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}$$

dark fringe

$$\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda = d \sin \theta$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(distance between slits)

$$m\lambda = W \sin \theta$$

$m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

of bright fringes
 $2m + 1$

slit width (only 1 slit)

$$r = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$$

highest order
 $\sin \theta = 1$
 $m_{\max} = \frac{W}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}$

of bright fringes
 $2m_{\max} + 1$

central diffraction maximum

$$\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda = W \sin \theta$$

$$\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda = W \left(\frac{y}{L}\right)$$

slit || to screen
beams of light \approx parallel

+ small-angle approximation
 $\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta$

m^{th} bright fringe

$$y_m \approx \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda L}{W}$$

$$\Delta y \approx \frac{\lambda L}{W} \rightarrow \lambda \approx \frac{W \Delta y}{L}$$