

# Chapter 6 – Fourier Optics

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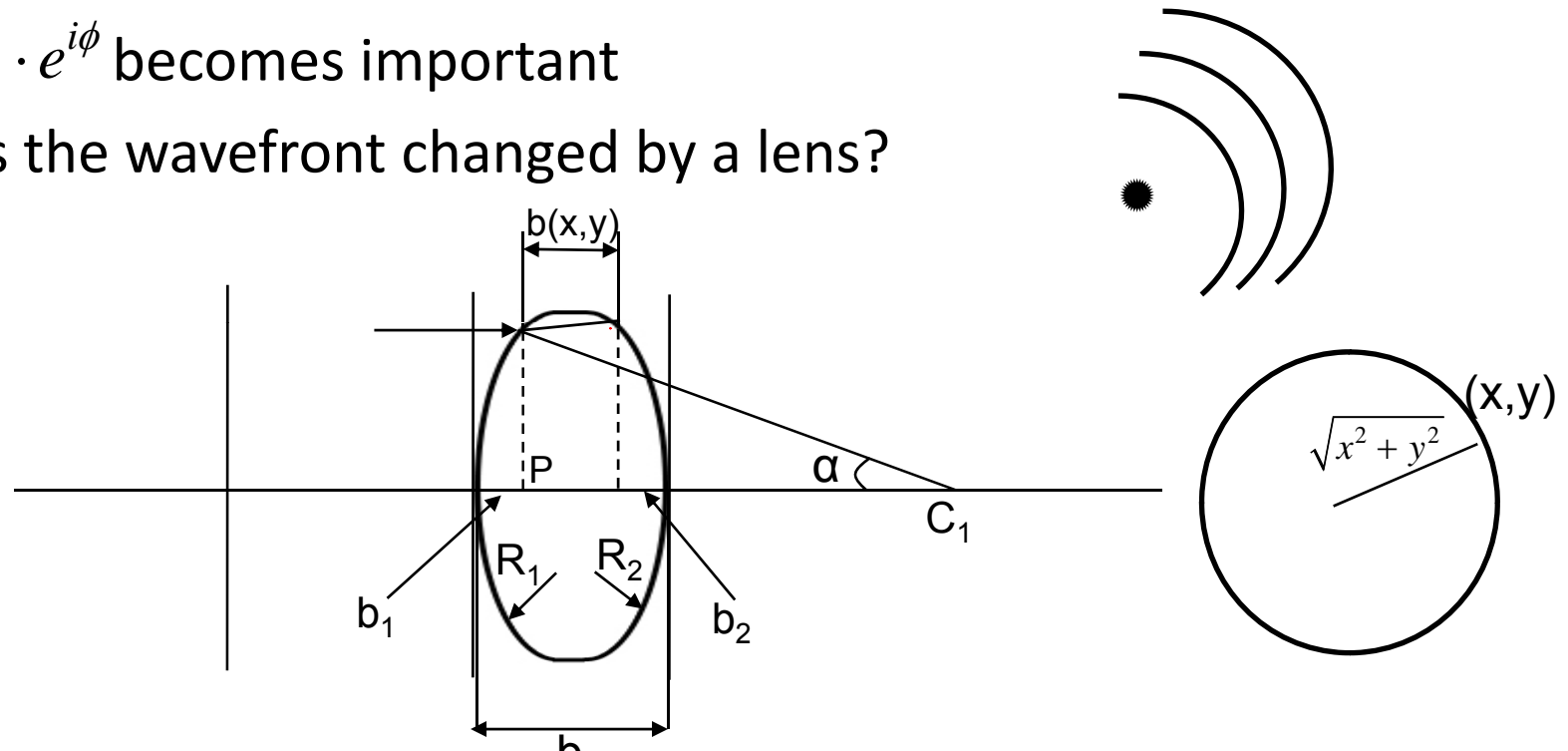
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## 3.10 Lens as a phase transformer

- $E = E_o \cdot e^{i\phi}$  becomes important
- How is the wavefront changed by a lens?



$$\phi(x, y) = \underbrace{knb(x, y)}_{\text{glass}} + \underbrace{k[b_o - b(x, y)]}_{\text{air}} \quad (3.32)$$

$$= kb_o + k(n-1)b(x, y)$$



## 3.10 Lens as a phase transformer

- Let's calculate  $b(x,y)$ ; assume small angles

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= R_1 - (PC_1) = \\ &= R_1 - \sqrt{R_1^2 - (\alpha R_1)^2} = R_1 \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Taylor expansion:  $\sqrt{1+x} \Big|_{x \rightarrow 0} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2}$

Small Angle Approx  
(Gaussian)

$$\rightarrow b_1 = R_1 \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) \right] = R_1 \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \quad (3.33)$$

- $\alpha \approx \tan \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{R_1}$

- So:  $b_1(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2R_1}$  (3.34)



## 3.10 Lens as a phase transformer

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow b(x, y) &= b_o - b_1(x, y) - b_2(x, y) = \\ &= b_o - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

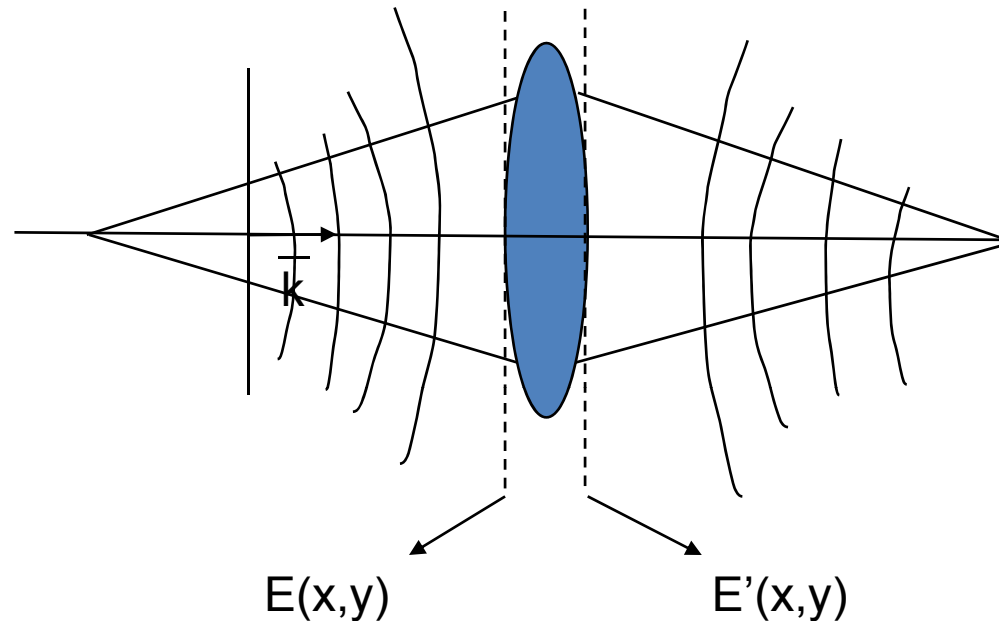
- This is the thickness approximation
- The phase  $\phi$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, y) &= \phi_o - k(n-1)b(x, y) = \\ &= \phi_o - k \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} (n-1) \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

- But we know:  $\frac{1}{f} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$



## 3.10 Lens as a phase transformer



$$\rightarrow E'(x, y) = E(x, y) \cdot t_e(x, y) \quad (3.37)$$

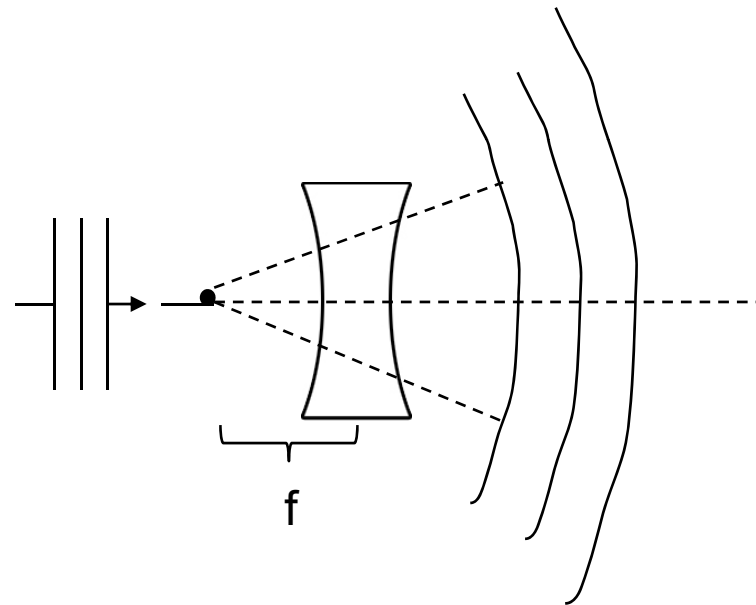
- The lens transformation is:

$$\begin{aligned} t_e &= e^{i\phi} = \\ &= e^{iknb_0} \cdot e^{-i\frac{k}{2f}(x^2+y^2)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.38)$$



## 3.10 Lens as a phase transformer

- A lens transforms an incident plane wavefront into a parabolic shape
- Note:  $f > 0$  convergent lens  
 $f < 0$  divergent



- So, if we know how to propagate through free space, then we can calculate field amplitude and phase through any imaging system

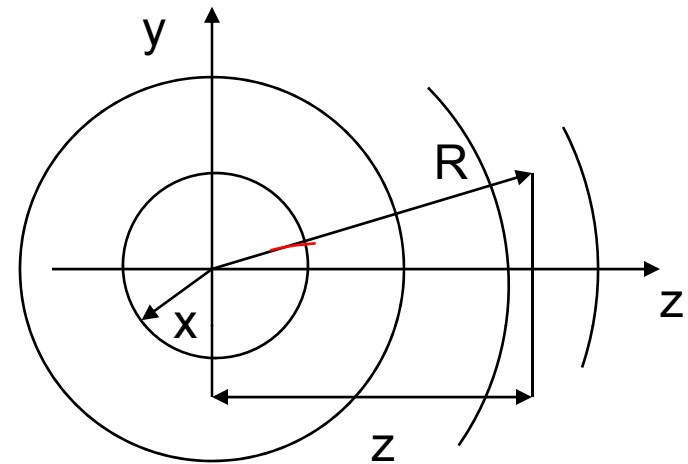


## 3.11 Huygens-Fresnel principle

- Spherical waves:

- Wavelet: 
$$h = \frac{e^{ikR}}{R}$$

- $$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = z \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z^2}}$$



- We are interested close to OA, i.e. small angles

$$\rightarrow R \simeq z \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z^2} \right) \right] \quad (3.39)$$



## 3.11 Huygens-Fresnel principle

- For amplitude  $\frac{1}{R} \approx \frac{1}{z}$  is OK

$$e^{ikR}$$

- For phase  $kR \approx kz \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{z} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z} \right) \right]$

$$R \approx z$$



→ The wavelet becomes:

$$h(x, y) \approx \frac{e^{ikz}}{z} e^{i \frac{k(x^2+y^2)}{2z}} \quad (3.40a)$$

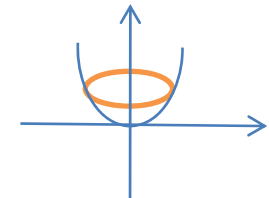
$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

- Remember, for the lens we found:

$$t_e(x, y) = e^{i\phi_0} e^{i \frac{k}{2f}(x^2+y^2)} \quad (3.40b)$$

← Negative Lens

$$f(x) = x^2$$



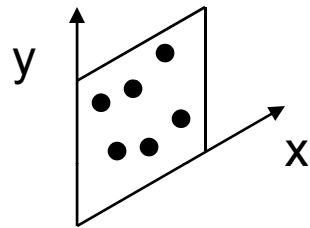
- Free space acts on the wavefront like a divergent lens  
(note “+” sign in phase)





## 3.11 Huygens-Fresnel principle

- At a given plane, a field is made of point sources



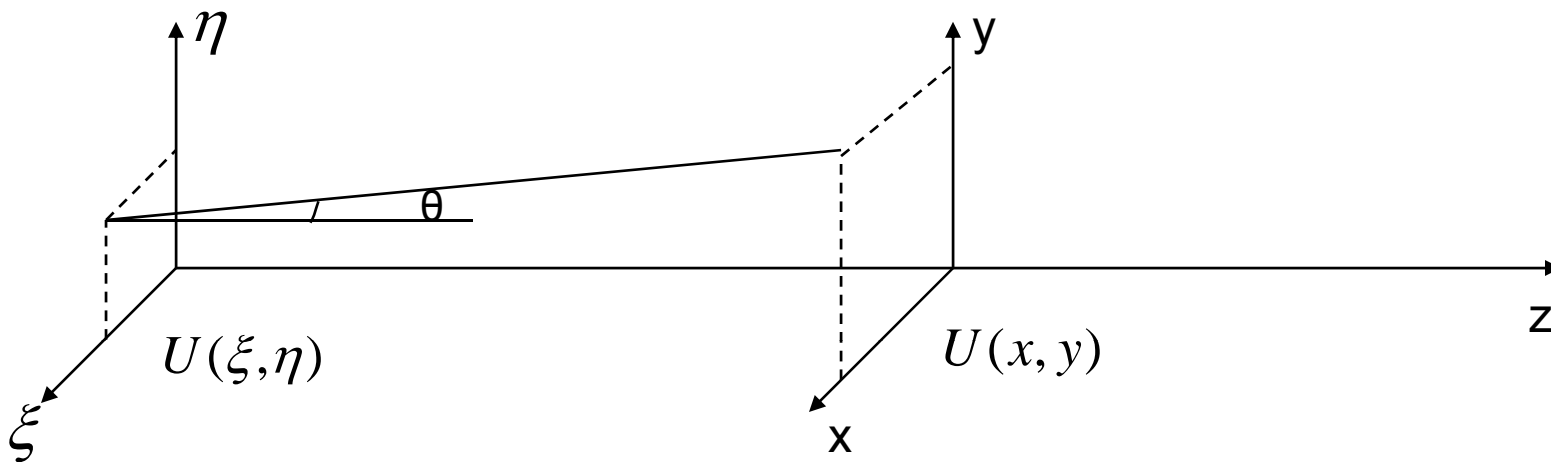
$$E(x, y) = \iint E(x', y') \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') dx' dy'$$

- Eq 3.40 a-b represent the impulse response of the system (free space or lens)
- Recall linear systems (Chapter 2, page 12, Eq 2.16)
  - Final response (output) is the convolution of the input with the impulse response (or Green's function)
- Nice! Space or time signals work the same!

$$\int f(x') \delta(x_0 - x') dx' \Rightarrow f(x_0)$$

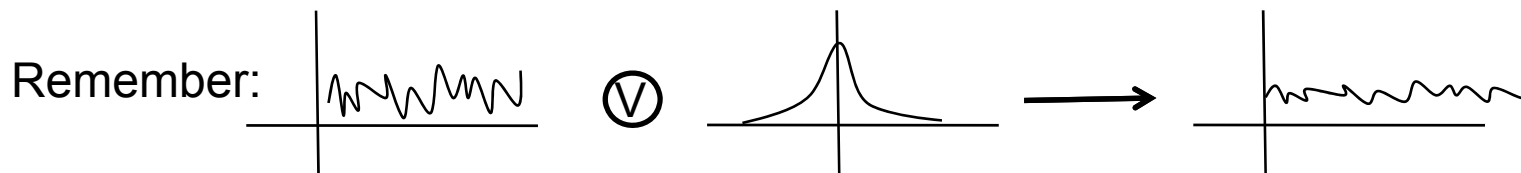


## 3.11 Huygens-Fresnel principle



$$U(x, y) = \iint U(\xi, \eta) h(x - \xi, y - \eta) d\xi d\eta$$

$$U(x, y) = \iint U(\xi, \eta) e^{\frac{ik}{2z} [(x-\xi)^2 + (y-\eta)^2]} d\xi d\eta \quad (3.41)$$





## 3.11 Huygens-Fresnel principle

- Fresnel diffraction equation = convolution
- Fresnel diffraction equation is an approximation of Huygens principle (17<sup>th</sup> century)  $\left( R = z \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2z^2} \right] \right)$

$$U(x, y) = \frac{1}{i\lambda} \iint U(\xi, \eta) \frac{e^{ikR(\xi, \eta)}}{R(\xi, \eta)} \cos \theta(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta \quad (3.42)$$

- ! Fresnel is good enough for our purpose
- Note: we don't care about constants A (no x-y dependence)

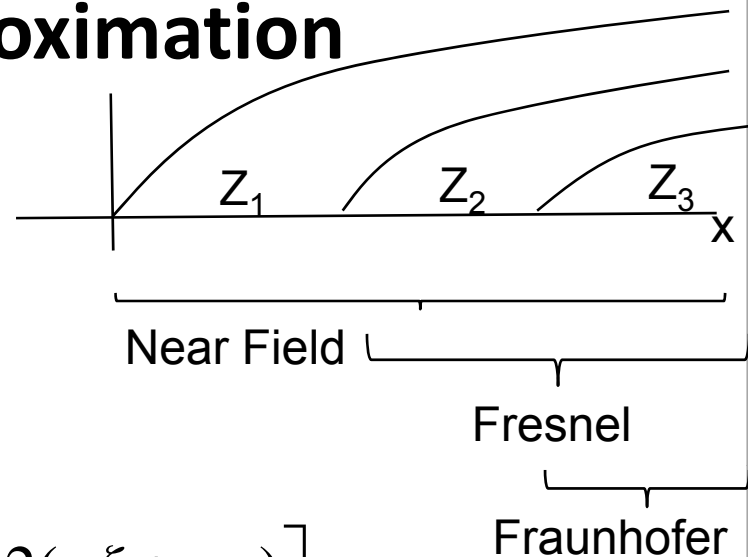
$$U(x, y) = \iint U(\xi, \eta) e^{\frac{ik}{2z} [(x-\xi)^2 + (y-\eta)^2]} d\xi d\eta$$



## 3.12 Fraunhofer Approximation

- One more approximation (far field)
- The phase factor in Fresnel is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(x, y) &= \frac{k}{2z} \left[ (x - \xi)^2 + (y - \eta)^2 \right] = \\
 &= \frac{k}{2z} \left[ \underbrace{(x^2 + y^2)}_{\approx 0} + (\xi^2 + \eta^2) - 2(x\xi + y\eta) \right] \quad (3.43)
 \end{aligned}$$



- If  $z \gg k(\xi^2 + \eta^2)$ , we obtain the Fraunhofer equation:

$$U(x, y) = A \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\xi, \eta) e^{-\frac{i2\pi}{\lambda z}(x\xi + y\eta)} d\xi d\eta \quad (3.44)$$

- Thus eq. 3.44 defines a Fourier transform
- Useful to calculate diffraction patterns !

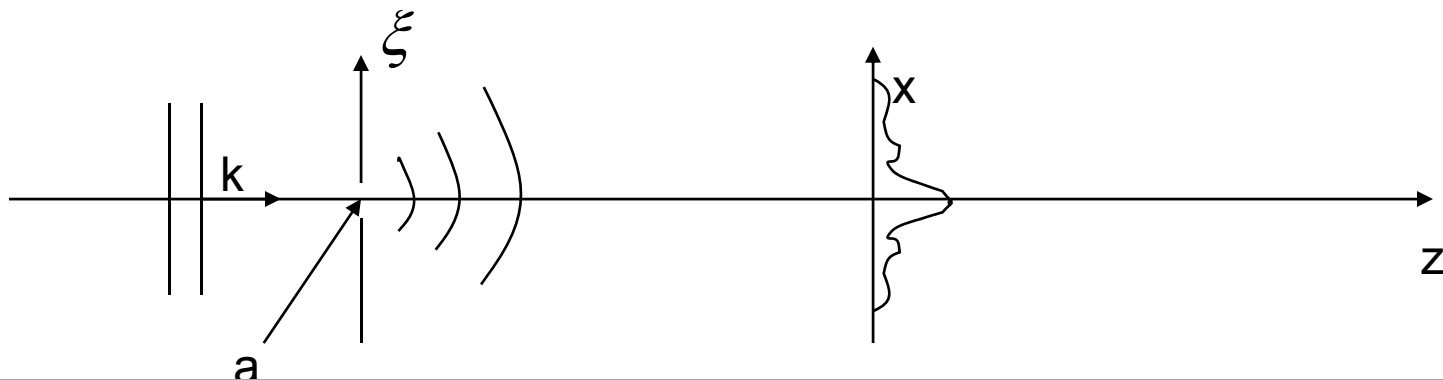


## 3.12 Fraunhofer Approximation

- Let's define: 
$$\begin{cases} f_x = \frac{x}{\lambda z} \\ f_y = \frac{y}{\lambda z} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow U(f_x, f_y) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\xi, \eta) \cdot e^{-i2\pi(\xi f_x + \eta f_y)} d\xi d\eta \quad (3.45)$$

- Example: diffraction on a slit





## 3.12 Fraunhofer Approximation

- One dimensional:  $U(x) = \Pi\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = \begin{cases} a, & |x| < a/2 \\ 0, & \text{rest} \end{cases}$

- The far-field is given by Fraunhofer eq:

$$U(f_x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(x) e^{-i2\pi x f_x} dx =$$

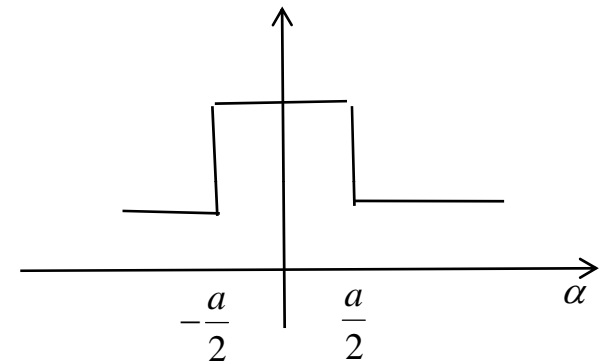
$$= \mathfrak{F}\left[\Pi\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)\right] =$$

- Similarity Theorem +  $\mathfrak{F}[\Pi(x)] = \text{sinc}(f_x)$  :

$$\rightarrow U(f_x) = a \text{sinc}(af_x) =$$

$$= a \frac{\text{sinc}(af_x)}{af_x} \quad (3.46)$$

- $f_x = \frac{x}{\lambda z}$





## 3.12 Fraunhofer Approximation

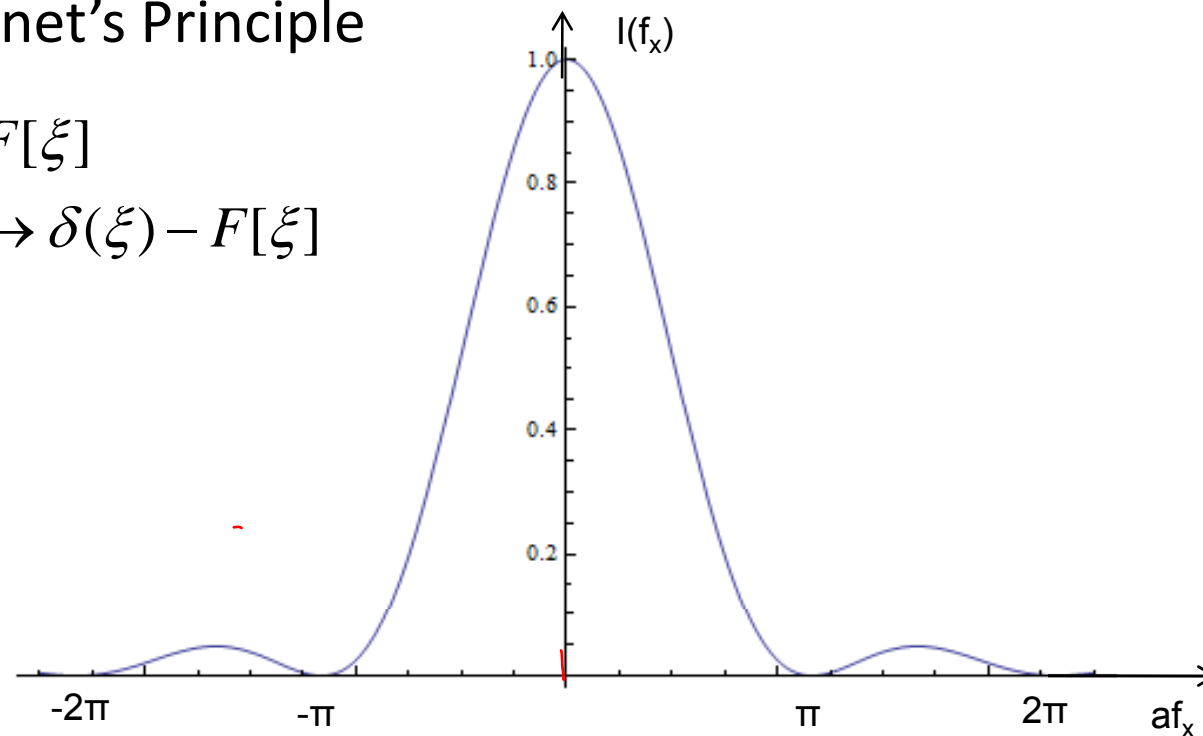
- Always measure intensity  $\rightarrow$  the diffraction pattern is:

$$I(f_x) = |U(f_x)|^2 = a^2 \left[ \frac{\sin(af_x)}{af_x} \right]^2 \quad (3.48)$$

- Also Babinet's Principle

$$f(x) \rightarrow F[\xi]$$

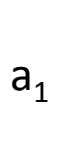

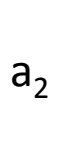
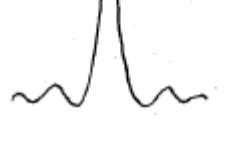
$$1 - f(x) \rightarrow \delta(\xi) - F[\xi]$$





## 3.12 Fraunhofer Approximation

- Note:  $\sin(af_x) = \sin\left(\frac{f_x}{\frac{1}{a}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = \text{width of diffraction pattern}$

- narrow slit:  $a_1$    $\rightarrow$  
- wide slit:  $a_2$    $\rightarrow$  

- Similarity Theorem  $\leftrightarrow$  uncertainty principle



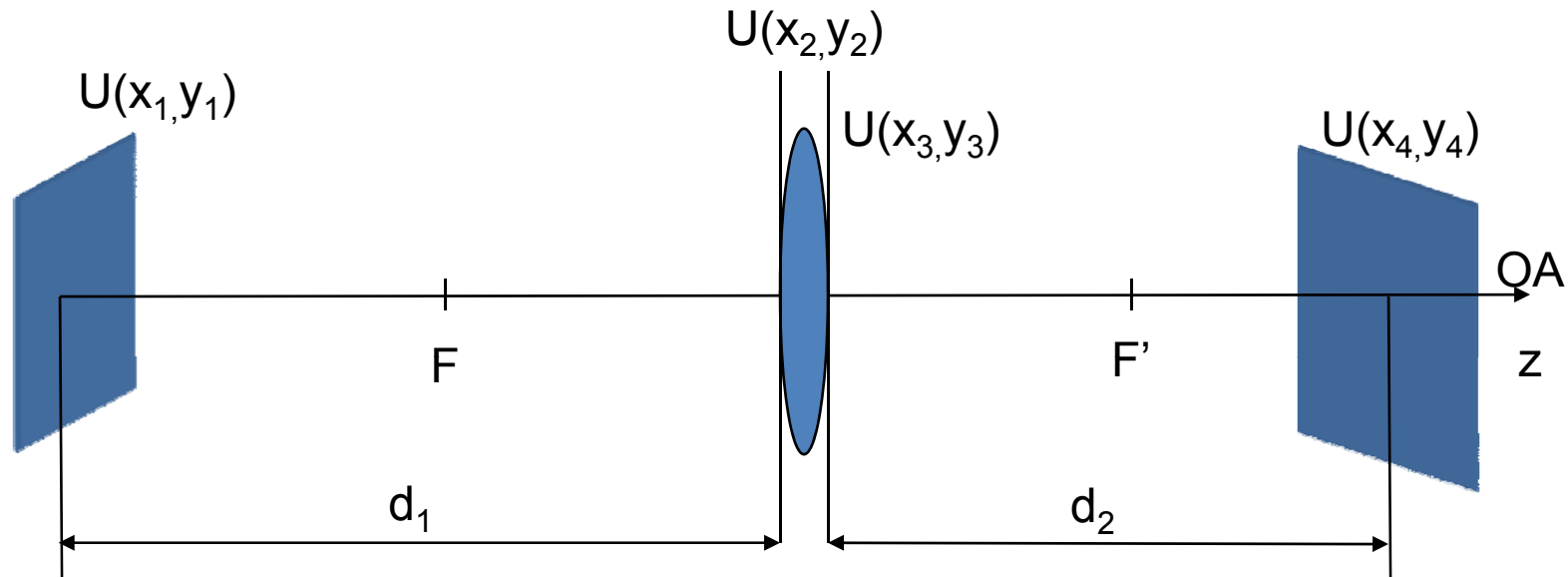
# Quiz:

What is the diffraction pattern from 2 slits of size  $a$  separated by  $d$ ?

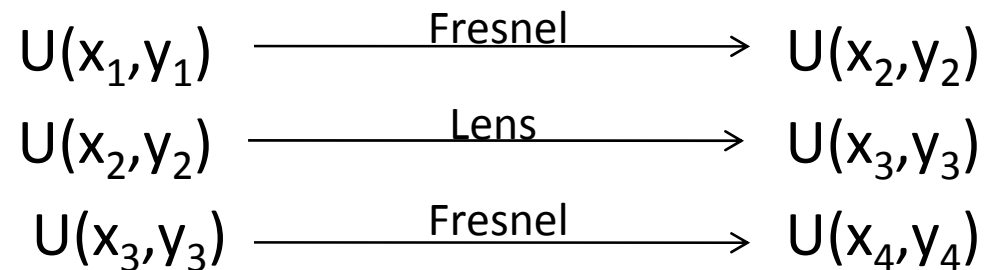




## 3.13 Fourier Properties of lenses



- Propagation:





## 3.13 Fourier Properties of lenses

- $$U(x_2, y_2) = A_{12} \iint U(x_1, y_1) e^{\frac{ik}{2d_1} [(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2]} dx_1 dy_1$$
- $$U(x_3, y_3) = A_{23} U(x_3, y_3) e^{-i \frac{k}{2f} [x_3^2 + y_3^2]}$$
- $$U(x_4, y_4) = A_{34} \iint U(x_3, y_3) e^{\frac{ik}{2d_2} [(x_4 - x_3)^2 + (y_4 - y_3)^2]} dx_3 dy_3$$

(3.49)

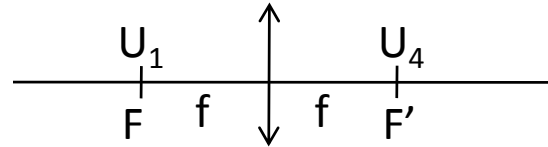
- Combining Eqs (3.49) is a little messy, but there is a special case when eqs simplify → very useful

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## 3.13 Fourier Properties of lenses

- If  $d_1 = d_2 = f$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(x_4, y_4) = A_{41} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_1(x_1, y_1) e^{-i2\pi(x_1 f_x + y_1 f_y)} dx_1 dy_1 \\ f_x = \frac{x_4}{\lambda f}; f_y = \frac{y_4}{\lambda f} \end{array} \right. \quad (3.50)$$

- Same eq as (3.45); now  $z \rightarrow f$
- **Lenses work as Fourier transformers**
  - Useful for spatial filtering

What is  $|\mathfrak{F}[U]|^2$

$$\mathfrak{F}[|U|^2] =$$

$$\mathfrak{F}[U \cdot U^*] =$$

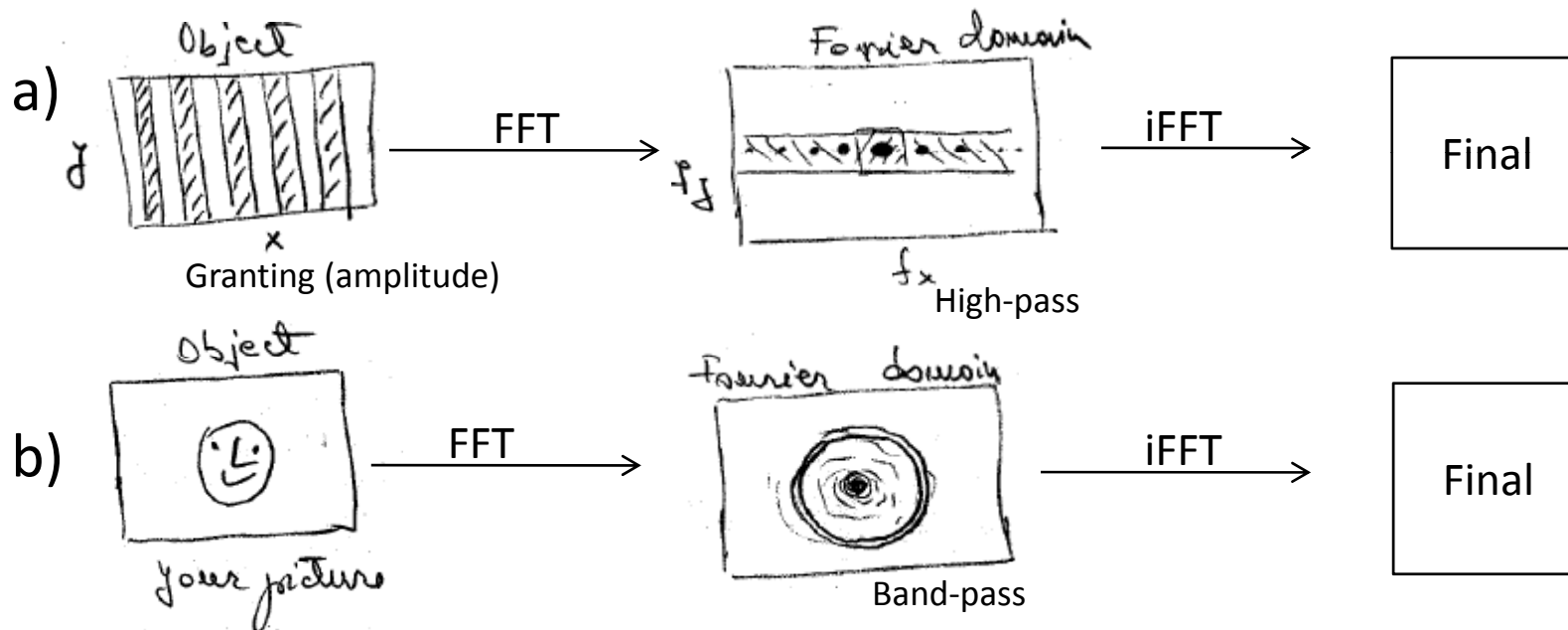
$$\tilde{U} \otimes \tilde{U}^*$$

Autocorrelation



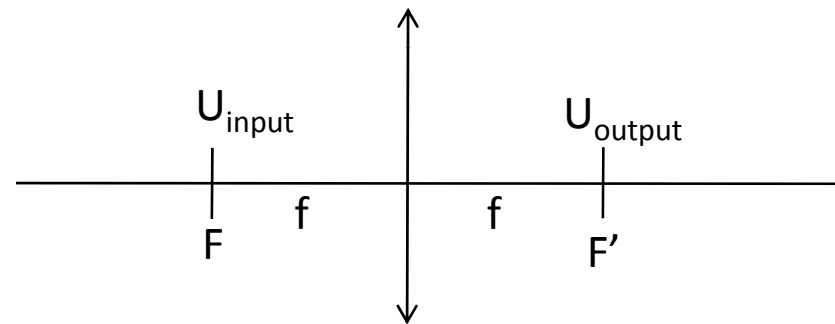
## 3.13 Fourier Properties of lenses

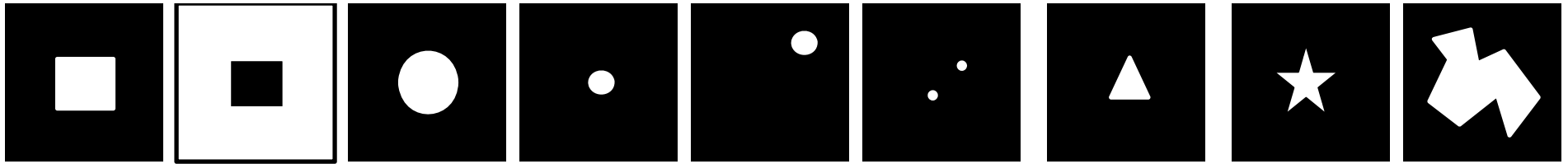
- Exercise: Use Matlab to FFT images (look up “fft2” in help)



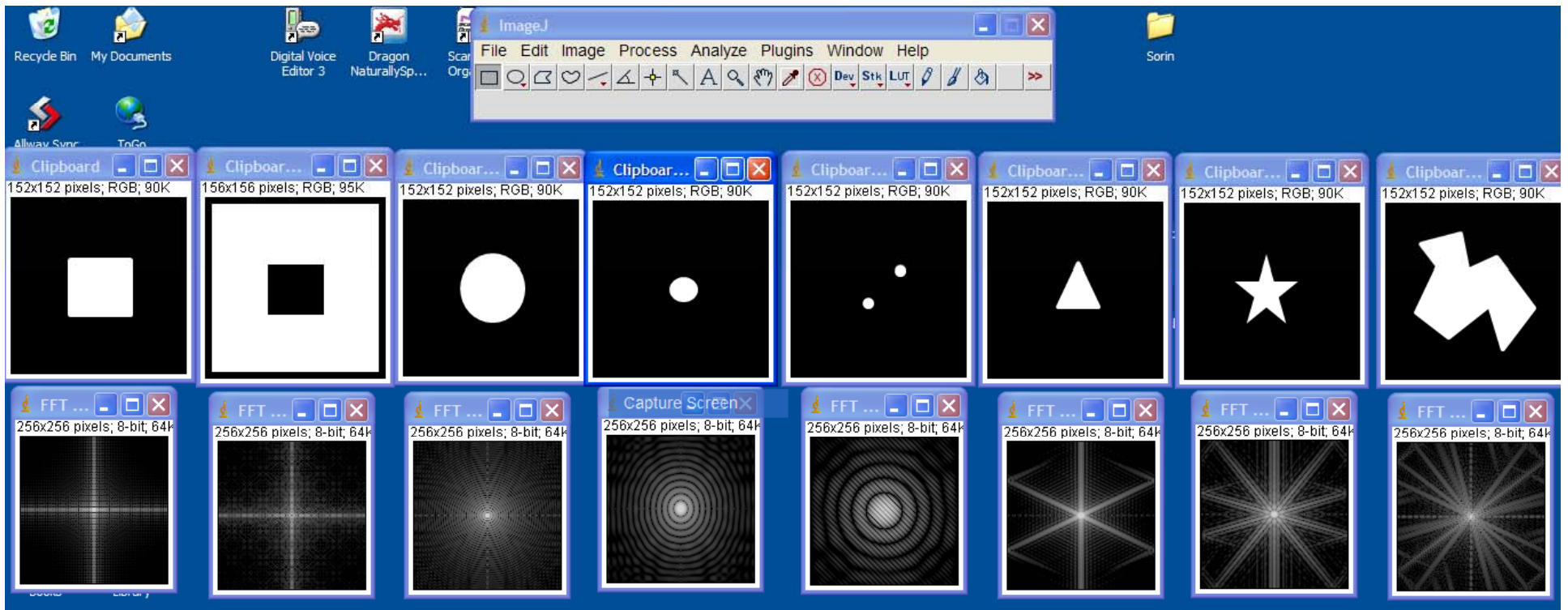
- Note the relationship between the frequencies passed and the details / contrast in the final image

# Fourier Optics





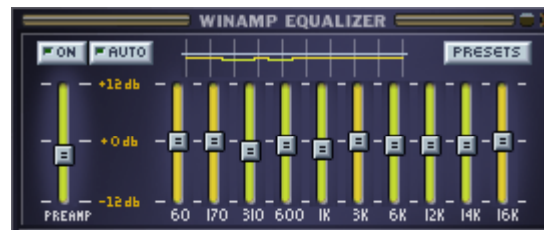
2D FT pairs  $\rightarrow$  diffraction patterns  
(Using ImageJ)



FT is in Log(Abs) scale!! Why?

# Time-domain: sound

- load your mp3
- plot time-series
- plot frequency amplitude, phase, power spectrum, linear/ log
- show frequency bands, i.e. “equalizer”
- adjust and play in real time



Equalizer from mp3 player



# Space-domain: image

- load your image
- display image
- show 2D frequency amplitude, phase, power spectrum, linear/ log
- show rings of equal freq., “image equalizer”
- adjust and display in real time- example on next slide

# Fourier Filtering (ImageJ)

