

Lecture # 23

Interference

1. The far point with respect to the human eye is:
 - (a) the furthest distance a finite size object is from the eye.
 - (b) the furthest distance a near-sighted person can clearly see without glasses.
 - (c) the furthest distance that the retina region in the eye is from the eye's lens.

2. To correct for the far point the eye-glasses need to
 - (a) convert parallel light rays coming from infinity to form a real image at the unaided eye's near point
 - (b) convert parallel light rays coming from infinity to form a virtual image at the unaided eye's near point
 - (c) convert parallel light rays (i.e. light from a distant source) going through the lens to form a virtual image that appears to be at the unaided eye's far-point.

How does one determine what the needed focal length of the eyeglasses?

3. A far sighted woman reading a book needs glasses that will:
 - (a) convert light rays from a source at distance of 25cm from her eye, to appear to be from a virtual image at her more distant near point.
 - (b) convert light rays from a source at her far point to appear as a virtual image at her near point.
 - (c) produce a real image at a distance of 25cm from her eye, from a source that is at her more distant near point.

How does one determine what the needed focal length of the eyeglasses?

4. $A + A = 2A$ if A is a number
 - (a) always
 - (b) not all the time

5. $A + A = 2A$ if the first A is an intensity from one laser beam and if the second A is an intensity of a second laser beam with the same frequency as the first beam.
 - (a) always
 - (b) not all the time

To unaided eye, size (subtended angle) largest and focused, when at near point

With object at near point, typically 25 cm, ...

$\theta \equiv$ subtended angle

Objects can appear larger when using a magnifier (magnifying glass)

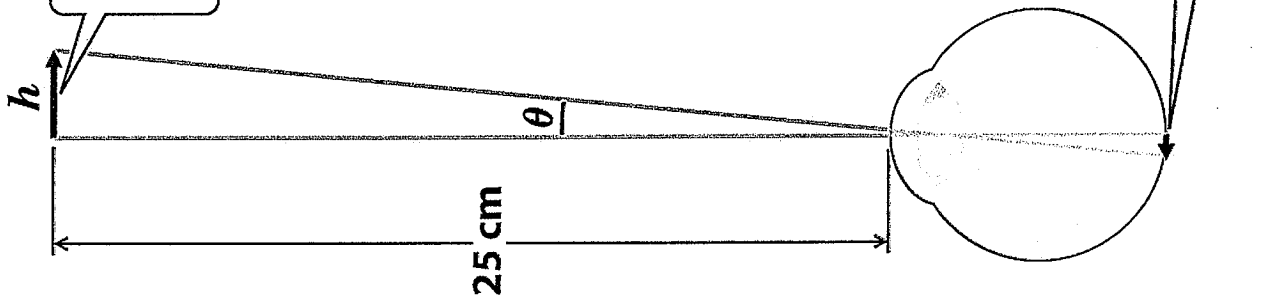
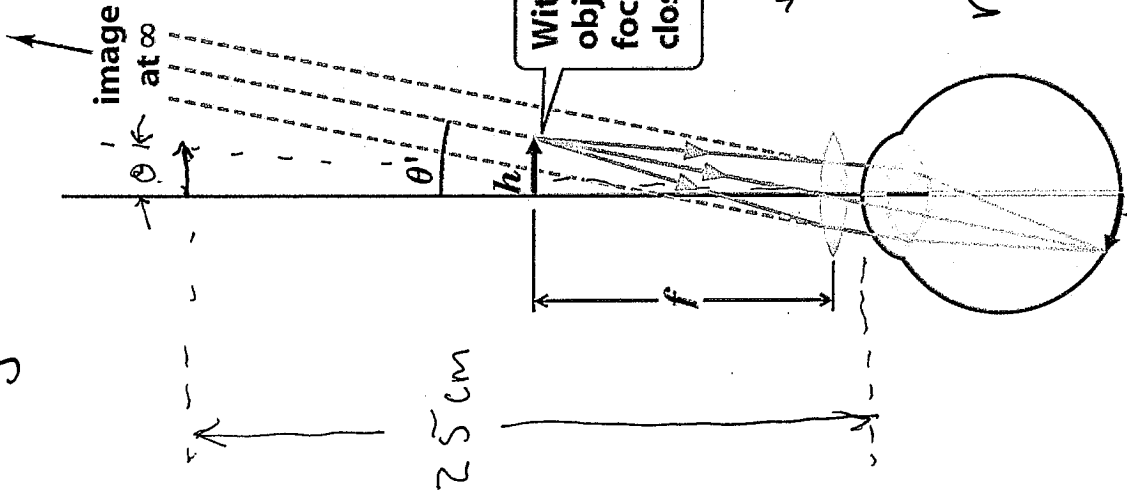


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Magnifier



Subtended angle, θ' , of virtual image (size) largest as source approaches focal length.

$$\theta' = \frac{h}{f}$$

$$\theta = \frac{h}{25}$$

then, Image at ∞

$$M = \frac{\theta'}{\theta} = \frac{25}{f}$$

magnification

...so that image on retina is enlarged.

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Microscope

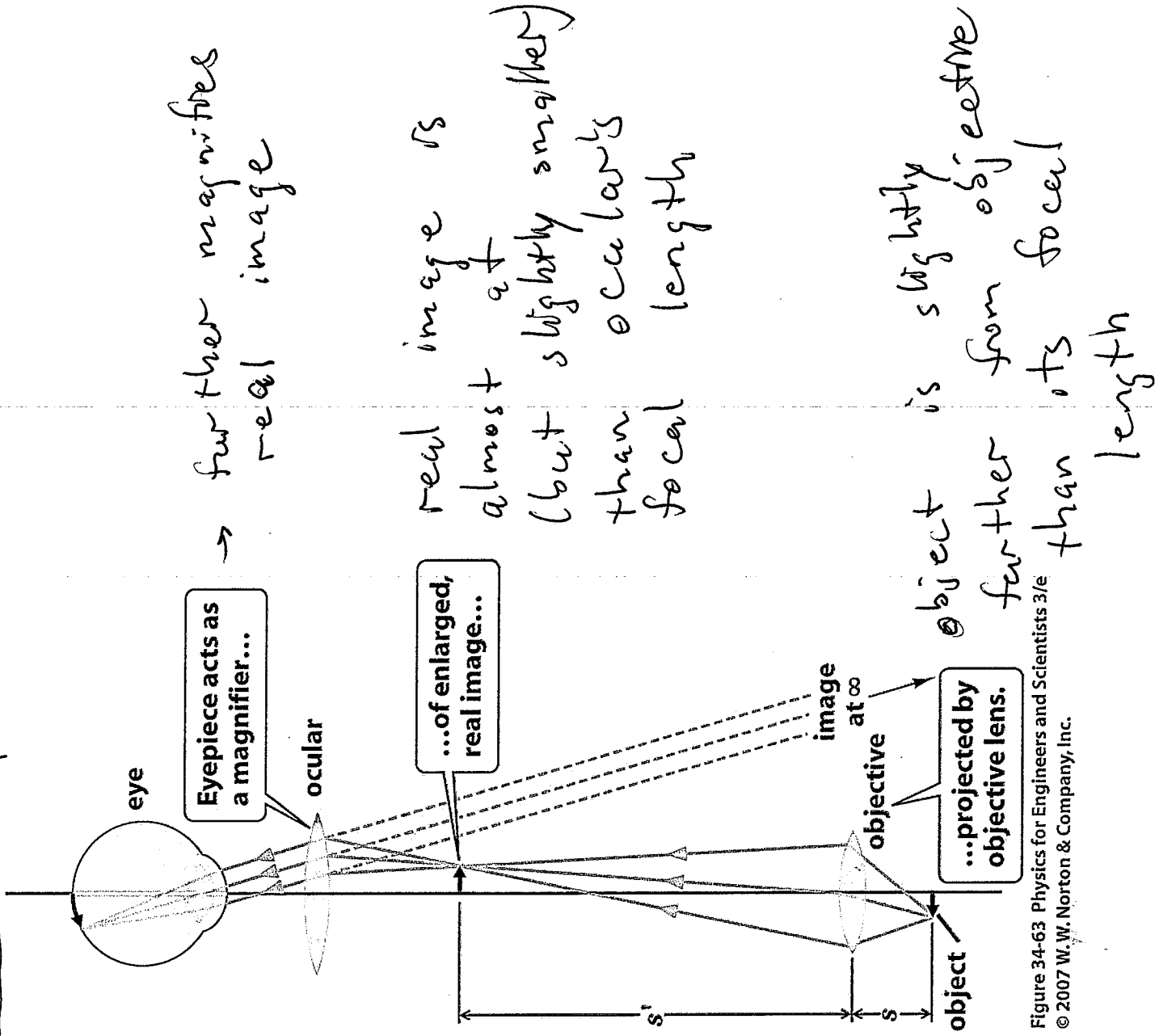


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Telescope

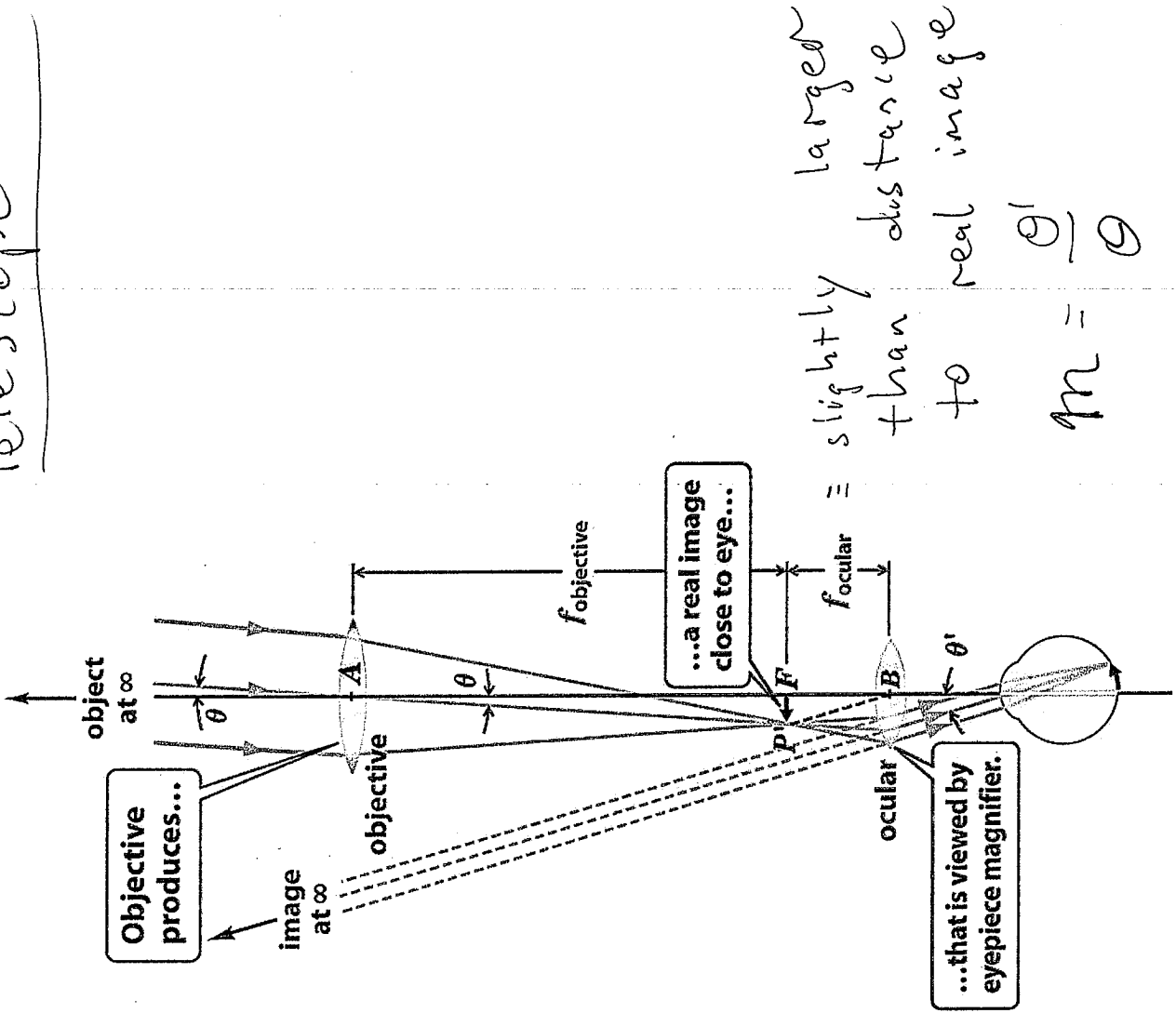


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Mirror
Telescope

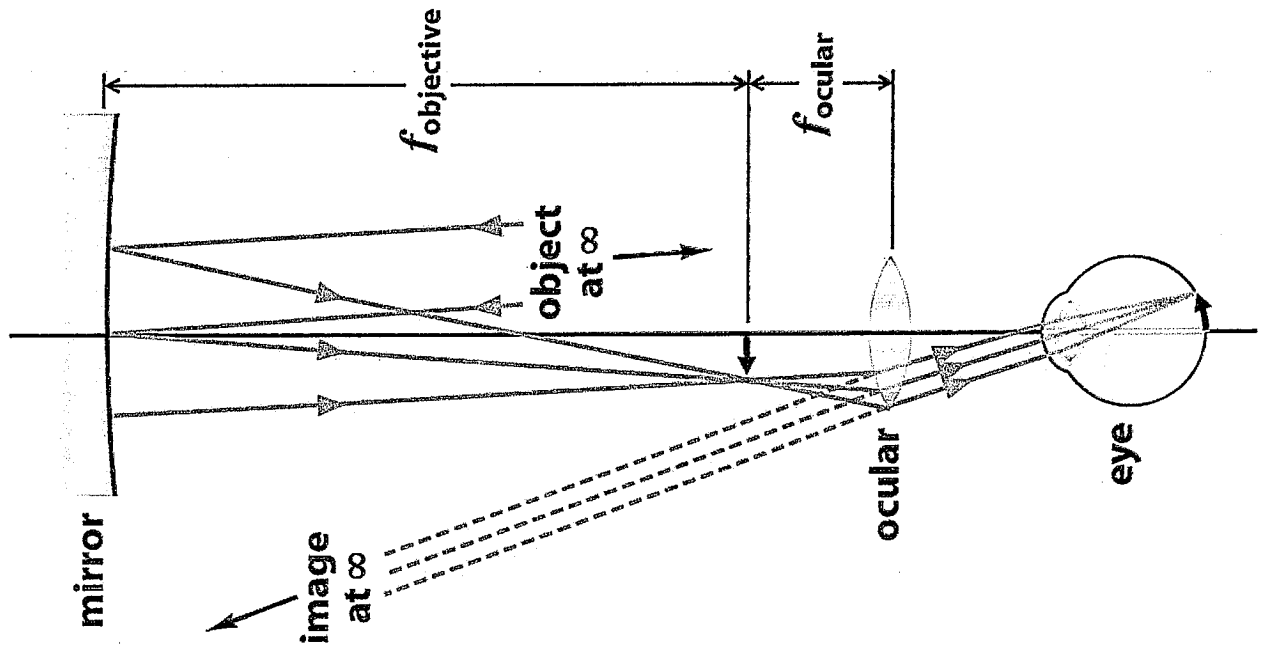


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Two laser beams of the same frequency each of intensity $I_1 = I$ and $I_2 = I$ can produce any intensity, depending on phase, that is

$$0 \leq I_{\text{combined}} \leq 4I$$

How can this be at a given position

$$I_1 = \frac{(A \sin(\omega t + \theta))^2}{T} = A^2 \int_0^T \frac{dt}{T} \sin^2(\omega t + \theta)$$

$$= A^2/2$$

$$I_2 = (A \sin(\omega t + \theta_2))^2 = \frac{A^2}{2}$$

$I_{\text{combined}} = [A \sin(\omega t + \theta_1) + A \sin(\omega t + \theta_2)]^2$
 When we combine the two beams we have

$$I_{\text{combined}} = A^2 [\sin(\omega t + \theta_1) + \sin(\omega t + \theta_2)]^2$$

How can we add

$$\sin(\omega t + \theta_1) + \sin(\omega t + \theta_2) ?$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \theta_1) = \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} + \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \theta_2) = \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} - \frac{(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \theta_1) = \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

Then

When we add $\sin(\omega t + \theta_1) + \sin(\omega t + \theta_2)$ we obtain

$$2 \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

Because of how
trigonometric
add:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{I}_{\text{combined}} &= 4 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) A^2 \sin^2\left(\omega t + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right) \\ &= 2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) A^2 \\ &= 4 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) \frac{A^2}{2} = 4 I \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{I}_{\text{combined}} &= 4 I \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi \\ 4 & \text{if } \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} = n\pi \end{cases} \\ & \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

Constructive interference

$$\overline{I}_{\text{combined}} = 0, \quad \theta_1 - \theta_2 = (2n+1)\pi$$

$n \equiv \text{integer}$

Constructive interference

$$\overline{I}_{\text{combined}} = 4I, \quad \theta_1 - \theta_2 = 2n\pi$$

Now consider
combining two waves from
that come from two
different paths

$$I_1 = \left[A \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{s_1}{\lambda} \right) \right]^2$$

$$I_2 = \left[A \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{s_2}{\lambda} \right) \right]^2$$

$$I_{12} = \left[A \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi s_1}{\lambda} \right) + A \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{s_2 2\pi}{\lambda} \right) \right]^2$$
$$= 4A^2 \left[\sin^2 \left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi(s_1 - s_2)}{2\lambda} \right) \right] \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi(s_2 - s_1)}{\lambda} \right)$$

Constructive interference

$$I_{\text{combined}} = 4I, \quad \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2n\pi$$

$$\text{as } \cos^2(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = \cos^2(n\pi) = 1$$

Destructive interference

$$I_{\text{combined}} = 0, \quad \theta_2 - \theta_1 = (2n+1)\pi$$

$$\text{as } \cos^2(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = \cos^2(n\pi + \pi/2) = 0$$

Now consider combining two waves of the same frequency, same phase, but taking two different paths, and then combining each alone

$$I_1 = \left[A \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi s_1}{\lambda}\right) \right]^2 = \frac{A^2}{2} \equiv I_0$$

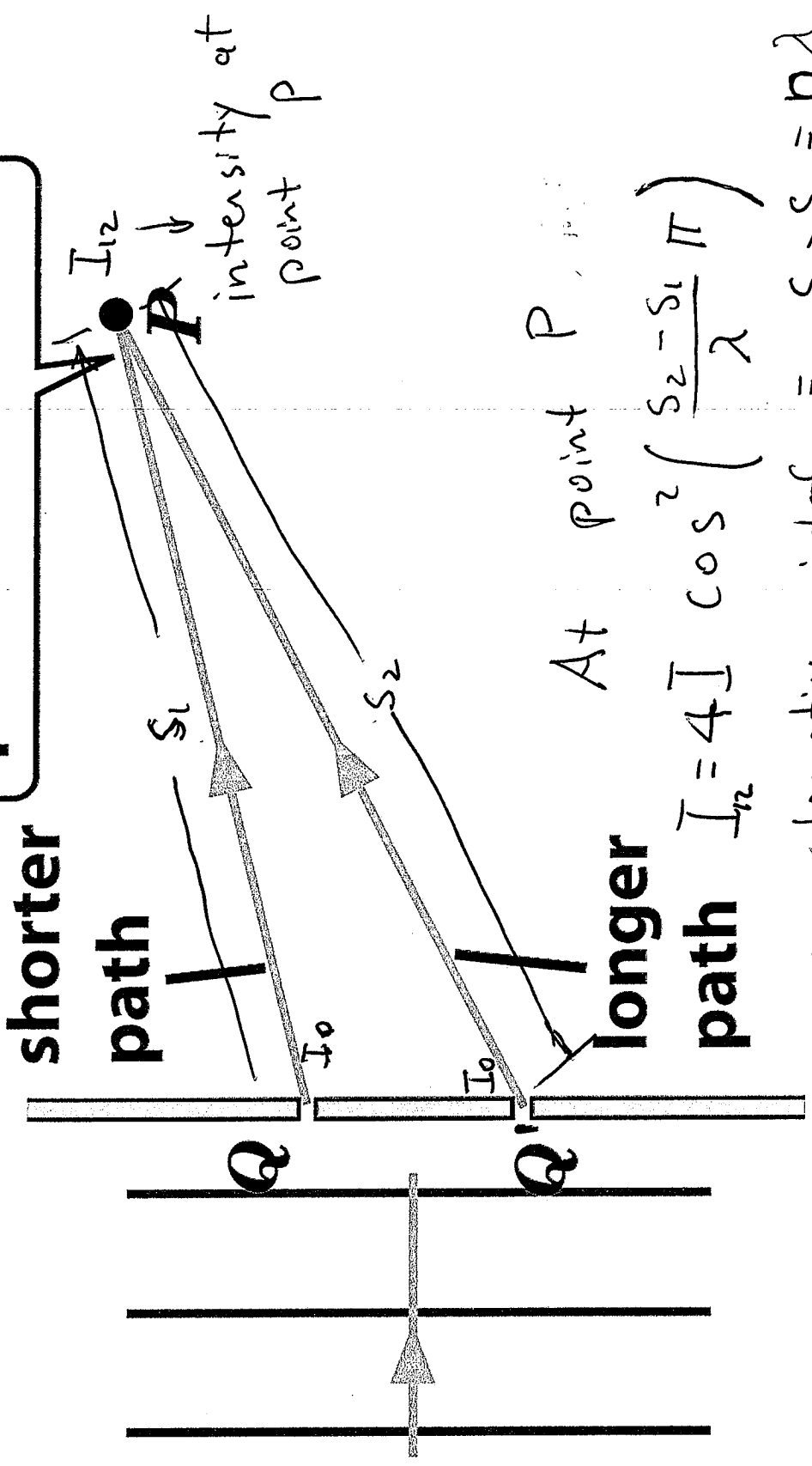
$$I_2 = \left[A \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi s_2}{\lambda}\right) \right]^2 = \frac{A^2}{2} \equiv I_0$$

$$I_{\text{combined}} = \left[A \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi s_1}{\lambda}\right) + A \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi s_2}{\lambda}\right) \right]^2$$
$$= 4A^2 \sin^2\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi(s_1+s_2)}{\lambda}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(s_1-s_2)\right)$$

$$= 2A^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(s_1+s_2)\right) = 4I_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(s_2-s_1)\right)$$

Young's Interference Experiment
 2-slit experiment

Interference at P is determined by path difference.



At point P

$$I_{12} = 4I \cos^2 \left(\frac{S_2 - S_1}{\lambda} \pi \right)$$

constructive interf. $\equiv S_2 - S_1 = n\lambda$

destructive interf. $\equiv S_2 - S_1 = (n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$
 $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

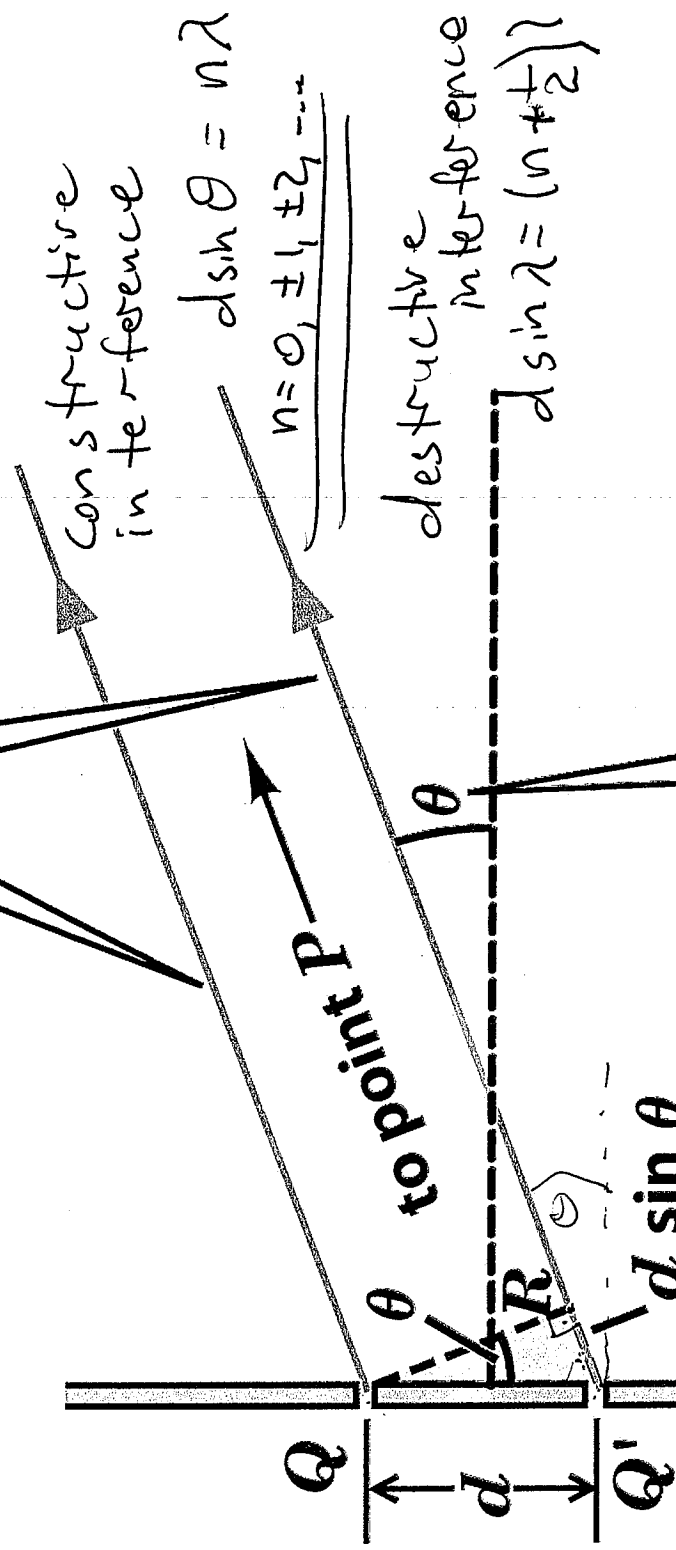
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Finding Path difference

$$s_2 - s_1 = d \sin \theta \approx d\theta$$

as $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ if $\theta \ll 1$
 θ in radians
 $\tan \theta \approx \theta$ if $\theta \ll 1$

For a faraway point P , rays from slits are nearly parallel.



θ is angular position of point P with respect to midline.

$d \sin \theta$ is path difference to P .

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Measurement of "fringes" to screen position

Constructive: $\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sin \theta_n &= n\lambda/d \\ \tan \theta_n &= \frac{y_{max,n}}{L} \end{aligned} \right.$ for small angles

$\sin \theta_n \approx \tan \theta_n \approx \theta_n = \frac{n\lambda}{d} = \frac{y_{max,n}}{L}$

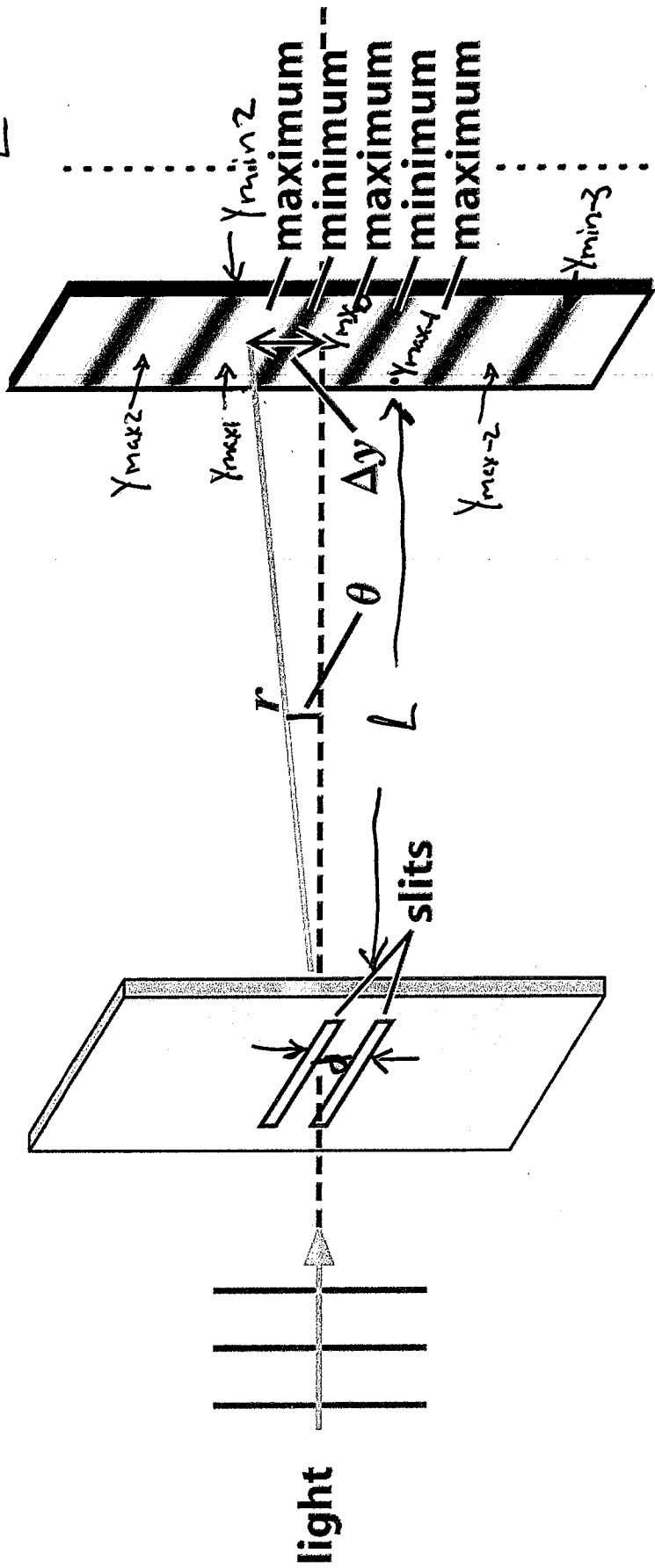


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Destructive: $\sin \theta_n = (n + 1/2)\lambda/d$, $\tan \theta_n = \frac{y_{min,n}}{L}$

for small angles

$\sin \theta_n \approx (n + 1/2)\lambda/d \parallel \tan \theta_n \approx \theta_n = \frac{y_{min,n}}{L}$

Realistic

Young's interference pattern
(2-slit pattern)

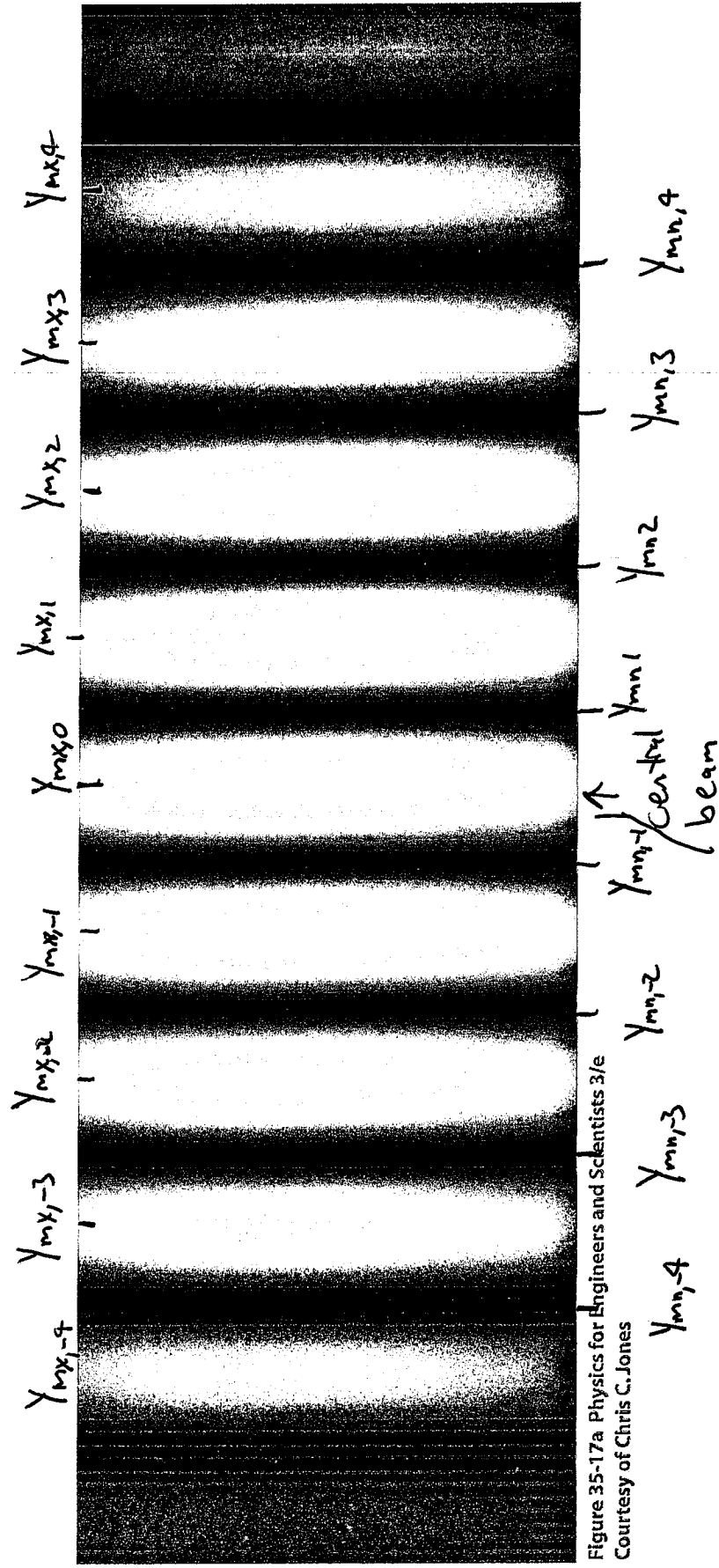


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