

Lect. 9: Diffraction

Diagram illustrating single-slit diffraction. A plane wave of wavelength λ is incident on a slit of width a . A point at height y in the slit acts as a secondary source. The distance to a point at angle θ is R . The path difference from the bottom of the slit is $y \sin \theta$. Two rays are labeled (1) and (2).

Labels (1) and (2) are associated with the following expressions:

$$(1) \frac{A}{R} \exp(-jkR)$$

$$(2) \frac{A}{R} \exp[-jk(R - y \sin \theta)]$$

$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} \frac{A}{R} e^{-jk(R-y \sin \theta)} dy = \frac{A}{R} e^{-jkR} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

Since interference is determined by *phase difference*, the constant phase term can be ignored without affecting the final result.

$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$$

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Evaluate $E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy$

Let $y' = jky \sin \theta \Rightarrow dy' = jk \sin \theta dy$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{total}(R, \theta) &= \frac{A}{R} \int_{y' = -jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta}^{y' = jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} e^{y'} \frac{dy'}{jk \sin \theta} = \frac{A}{R} \frac{1}{jk \sin \theta} \left(e^{jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} - e^{-jk \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{A}{R} \frac{2j}{jk \sin \theta} \sin\left(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta\right) \\ &= \frac{2A}{R} \frac{\sin\left(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta\right)}{k \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

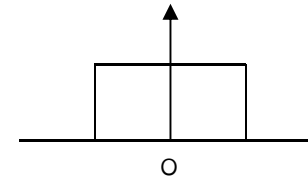
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$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{\sin(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta)}{k \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{E_{total}(R, \theta)}{E_{total}(R, 0)} = ?$$

$$E_{total}(R, 0) = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{\cos(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta) k \frac{a}{2} \cos \theta}{k \cos \theta} \Big|_{\theta=0} = \frac{2A}{R} \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{E_{total}(\theta)}{E_{total}(0)} = \frac{\frac{2A}{R} \frac{\sin(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta)}{k \sin \theta}}{\frac{2A}{R} \frac{a}{2}} = \frac{\sin(k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta)}{k \frac{a}{2} \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin(k_y \frac{a}{2})}{k_y \frac{a}{2}}$$



sinc function

FT relationship

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$$E_{total}(R, \theta) = \frac{A}{R} \int_{y=-a/2}^{y=a/2} e^{jky \sin \theta} dy \quad \rightarrow \quad E_{total}(R, k_y) = \frac{1}{R} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} A(y) e^{jk_y y} dy$$

$(k_y = k \sin \theta)$

From Signals and Systems, inverse FT is defined as

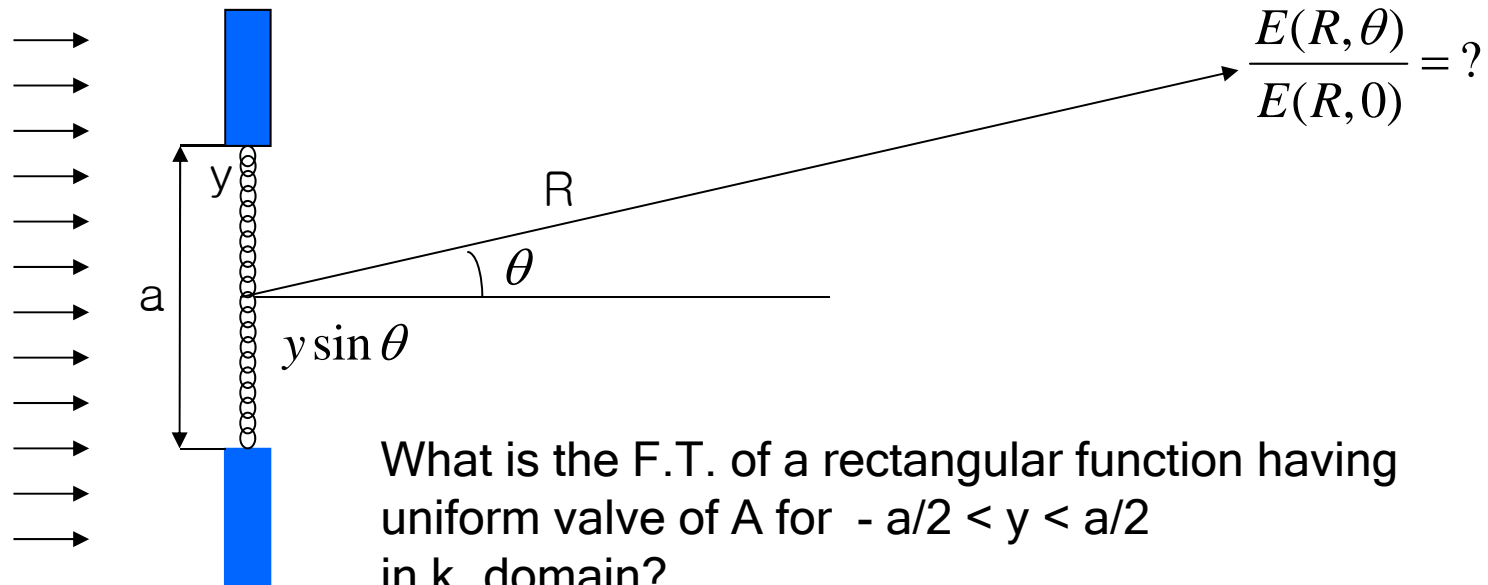
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$f(t) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad F(\omega)$$

$$E_{total}(k_y) \Leftrightarrow A(y)$$

Far-field diffraction field $E(k_y)$ is (inverse) F.T. of $A(y)$ within the constant factor!

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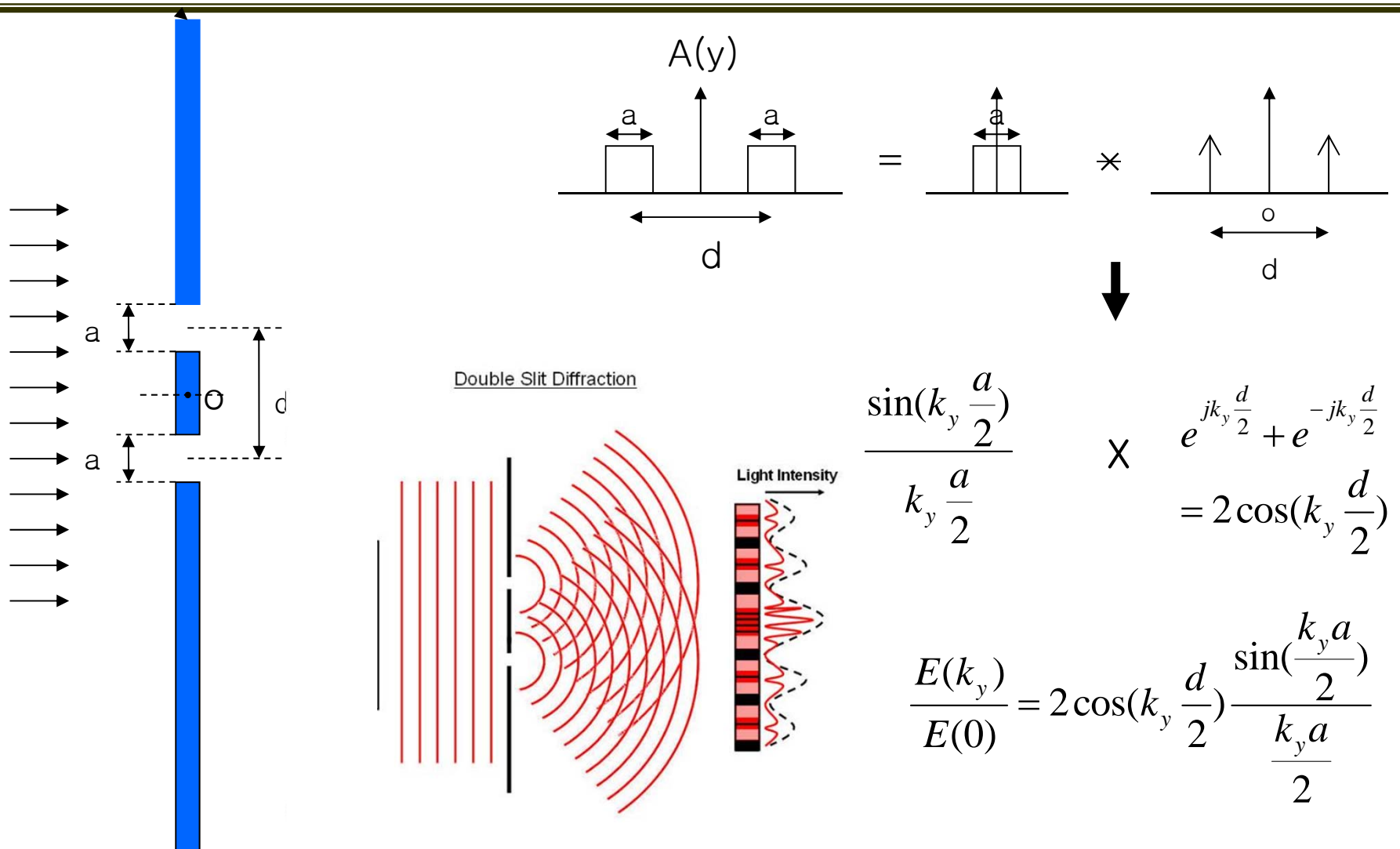
What is the F.T. of a rectangular function having uniform value of A for $-a/2 < y < a/2$ in k_y domain?

$$A \frac{\sin\left(k_y \frac{a}{2}\right)}{k_y \frac{a}{2}}$$

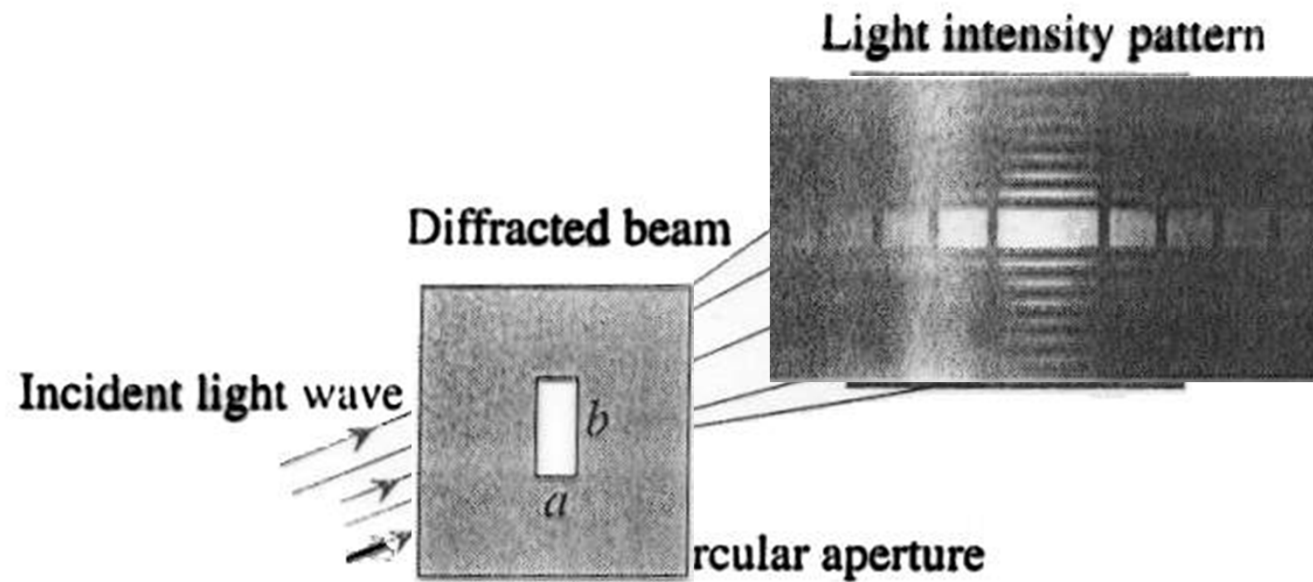
$$\frac{E(R, k_y)}{E(R, 0)} = \frac{A \frac{\sin\left(k_y \frac{a}{2}\right)}{k_y \frac{a}{2}}}{A} = \frac{\sin\left(k_y \frac{a}{2}\right)}{k_y \frac{a}{2}}$$

(Same as the expression on p. 3)

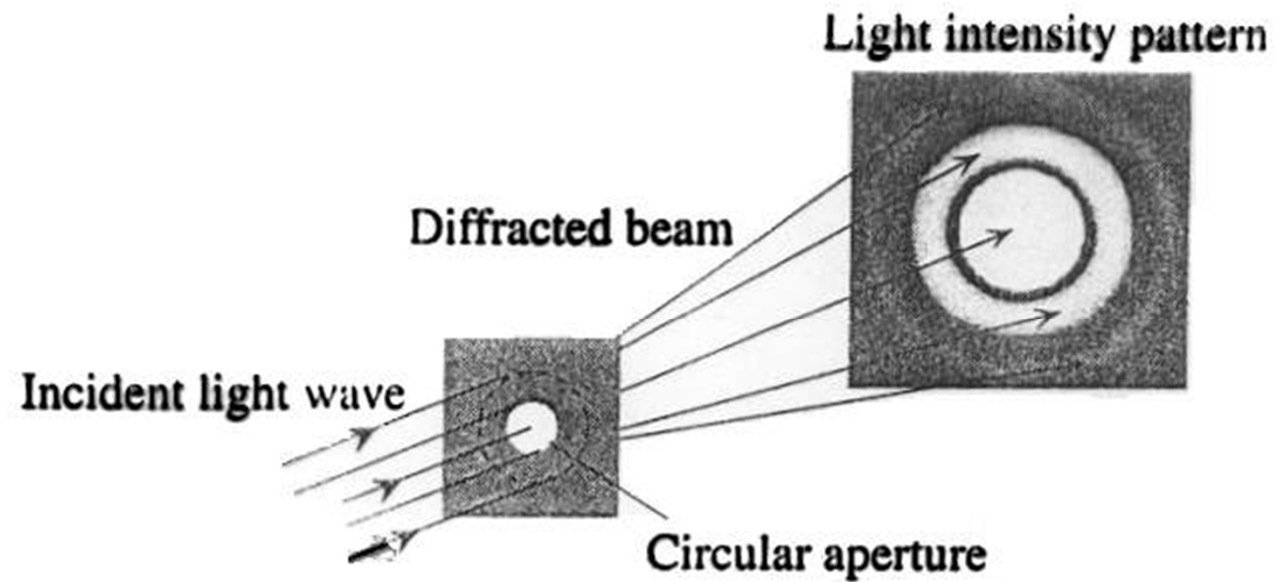
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Homework

Two point light sources are located as shown below. We are interested in the far-field pattern produced by the interference of these point sources. For each of cases given below, sketch the magnitude of $E(\theta)/E(0)$. For the sketch, use $\sin(\theta)/\lambda$ as the x-axis. On the sketch, clearly indicate the locations of the max. and min. magnitudes.

- (a) Two source are located near origin and E-fields from two sources are in-phase when they are produced at the source.
- (b) Two source are located near origin and E-fields from two sources are out-of-phase when they are produced at the source.
- (c) Same as in (a) but the location of sources are shifted by d .

