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Previous Exam Results

| | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Exam 1 | 49% | 65% | 38% | 81% | 46% |
| Exam 1 (MU) | 90% | 34% | 59% | 68% | 84% |
| Exam 2 | 80% | 66% | 54% | 42% | 71% |
| Exam 2 (MU) | * | * | * | * | * |

* Ex2MU was taken by too few students to be meaningful; but note that performance was poorest on problem 3.

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Final exam

- The final exam will be 200 points and will be cumulative throughout the course,
 - with about half of the emphasis on material covered in the first and second exam and
 - With about half of the emphasis on material covered since the second exam.
- Review slides for the new material follows.
 - For reviews slides for earlier material see the slides posted for the dates of the first and second hour exams.

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Foothold principles: Mechanical waves 2

- *Superposition*: when one or more disturbances overlap, the result is that each point displaces by the sum of the displacements it would have from the individual pulses. (signs matter)
- *Beats*: When sinusoidal waves of different frequencies travel in the same direction, you get variations in amplitude (when you fix either space or time) that happen at a rate that depends on the difference of the frequencies.
- *Standing waves*: When sinusoidal waves of the same frequency travel in opposite directions, you get a stationary oscillating pattern with fixed nodes.



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Foothold principles: Standing Waves



- Some points in the pattern

$$y(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t)$$

(values of x for which $kx = n\pi$) are always 0 (*nodes*)

- We can tie the string down at these points and still let it wiggle in this shape. (*normal modes* or *harmonics*)
- To wiggle like this (all parts oscillating together) we need

$$kL = n\pi \quad \text{or} \quad L = n \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

- We still have

$$v_0 = \omega/k \quad \text{that is} \quad v_0 = \lambda f$$

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Light: Three models

- Newton's particle model (rays)
 - Models light as bits of energy traveling very fast in straight lines. Each bit has a color. Intensity is the number of bits you get.
- Huygens's/Maxwell wave model
 - Models light as waves (transverse EM waves). Color determined by frequency, intensity by square of a total oscillating amplitude. (Allows for cancellation – interference.)
- Einstein's photon model
 - Models light as “wavicles” == quantum particles whose energy is determined by frequency and that can interfere with themselves.

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Foothold Ideas: The Photon Model



- When it interacts with matter, light behaves as if it consisted of packets (photons) that carry both energy and momentum according to:

$$E = \hbar\omega \quad p = \hbar k \quad \hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

$$E = hf \quad p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

with $hc \sim 1234 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}$.

- These equations are somewhat peculiar. The left side of the equations look like particle properties and the right side like wave properties.

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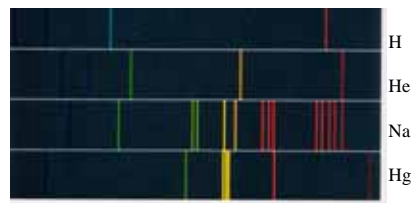
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Foothold ideas: Line Spectra



- When energy is added to gases of pure atoms or molecules by a spark, they give off light, but not a continuous spectrum.
- They emit light of a number of specific colors — *line spectra*.
- The positions of the lines are characteristic of the particular atoms or molecules.



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Foothold Ideas: The Nature of Matter



- Atoms and molecules naturally exist in states having specified energies. EM radiation can be absorbed or emitted by these atoms and molecules.
- When light interacts with matter, both energy and momentum are conserved.
- The energy of radiation either emitted or absorbed therefore corresponds to the difference of the energies of states.

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Foothold Ideas 1: Ray Model -- The Physics



- Certain objects (the sun, bulbs,...) give off light.
- Light can travel through a vacuum.
- In a vacuum light travels in straight lines (rays).
- Each point on a rough object scatters light, spraying it off in all directions.
- A polished surface reflects rays back again according to the rule: *The angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection.*
- When entering a transparent medium, a light ray changes its direction according to the rule $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$
- “ n ” is a property of the medium and $n_{vac} = 1$.

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Foothold Ideas 2: Ray Model-- The Psycho-physiology



- We only see something when light coming from it enters our eyes.
- Our eyes identify a point as being on an object when rays traced back converge at that point.
 - (We use other clues as well – and some people’s brains do not merge binocular vision.)

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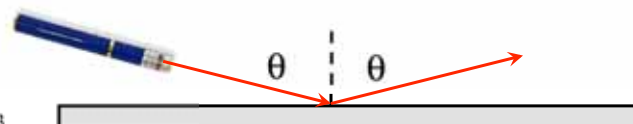
Foothold Ideas 3: Mirrors



- For most objects, light scatters in all directions. For some objects (mirrors) light scatters from them in controlled directions.



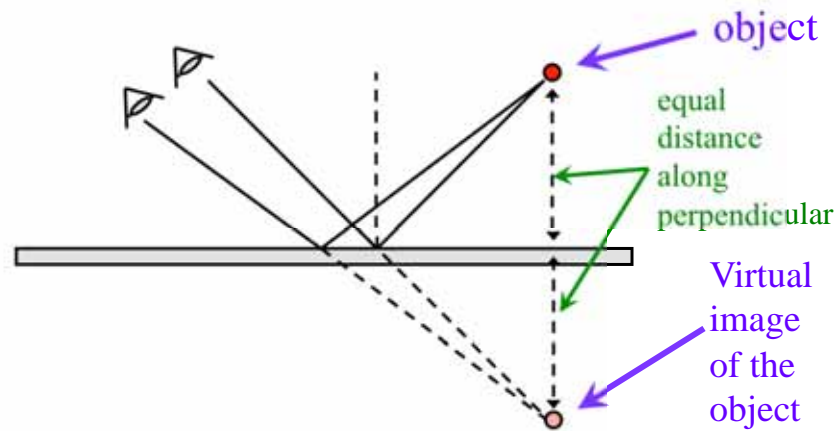
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Where does an object seen
in a mirror appear to be?



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Kinds of Images: Virtual



- In the case of the previous slide, the rays seen by the eye do not actually meet at a point – but the brain, only knowing the direction of the ray, assumes it came directly from an object.
- When the rays seen by the eye do not meet, but the brain assumes they do, the image is called *virtual*.
- If a screen is put at the position of the virtual image, there are no rays there so nothing will be seen on the screen.

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Kinds of Images: Real



- In the case of the previous slide, the rays seen by the eye do in fact converge at a point.
- When the rays seen by the eye do meet, the image is called *real*.
- If a screen is put at the real image, the rays will scatter in all directions and an image can be seen on the screen, just as if it were a real object.

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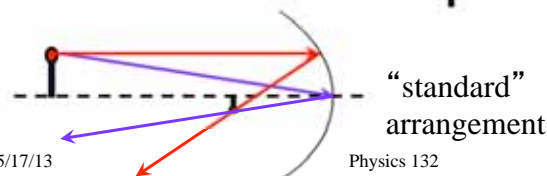
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Unifying Equation for Mirrors

- If we treat our mirror quantities as “signed” and let the signs carry directional information, we can unify all the situations in a single set of equations.

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} \quad \frac{h'}{h} = \frac{i}{o} \quad f = R/2$$

| | | | | | |
|---------|----------|---------|---------|---|---------|
| $h > 0$ | $h' < 0$ | $i > 0$ | $i < 0$ | } | $f < 0$ |
| $h < 0$ | $h' > 0$ | $o > 0$ | $o < 0$ | | |



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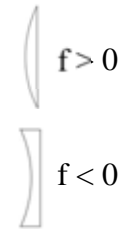
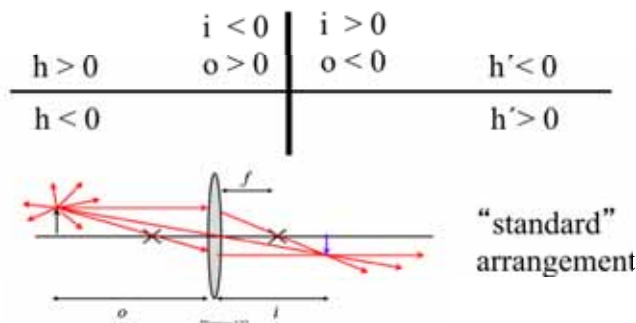
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Unifying Equation for Lenses

- If we treat our lens quantities as “signed” and let the signs carry directional information, we can unify all the situations in a single set of equations.

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} \quad \frac{h'}{h} = \frac{i}{o}$$



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Foothold ideas 1: Wave Model -- Huygens' Principle



- The critical structure for waves are the lines or surfaces of equal phases: wavefronts.
- Each point on the surface of a wavefront acts as a point source for outgoing spherical waves (wavelets).
- The sum of the wavelets produces a new wavefront.
- The waves are slower in a denser medium.
- The reflection principle and Snell's law follow from the assumptions of the wave model.

Foothold ideas 2: Wave Model -- EM waves



■ Point source:

- An oscillating charge sends out a sphere of oscillating EM wave.

■ Wavelets:

- Any point in space with an oscillating EM wave sends out a sphere of oscillating EM wave.

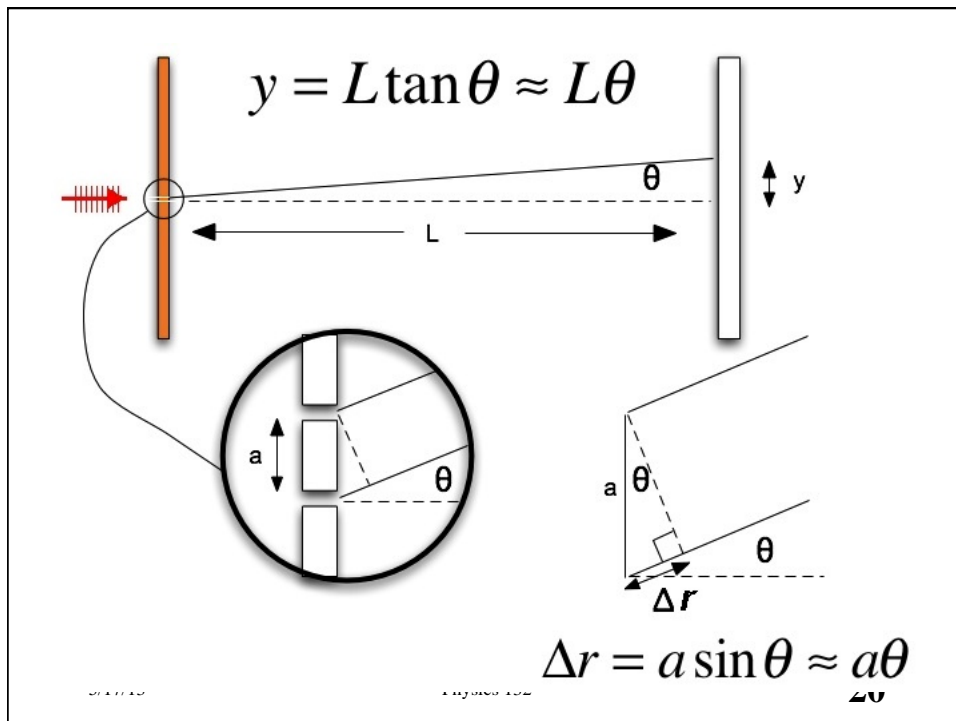
■ Superposition:

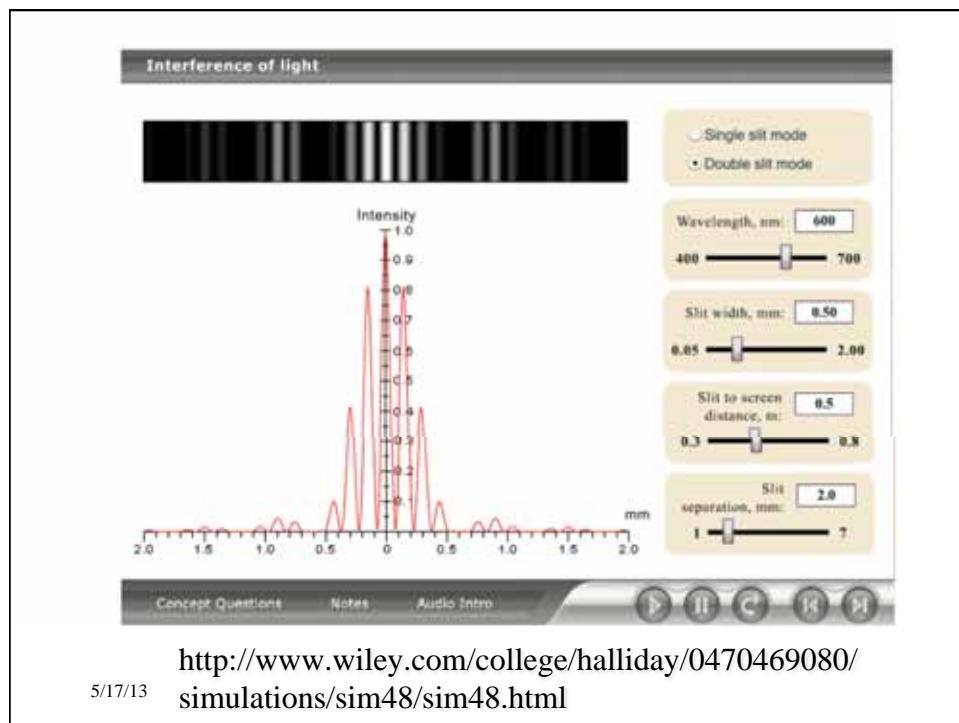
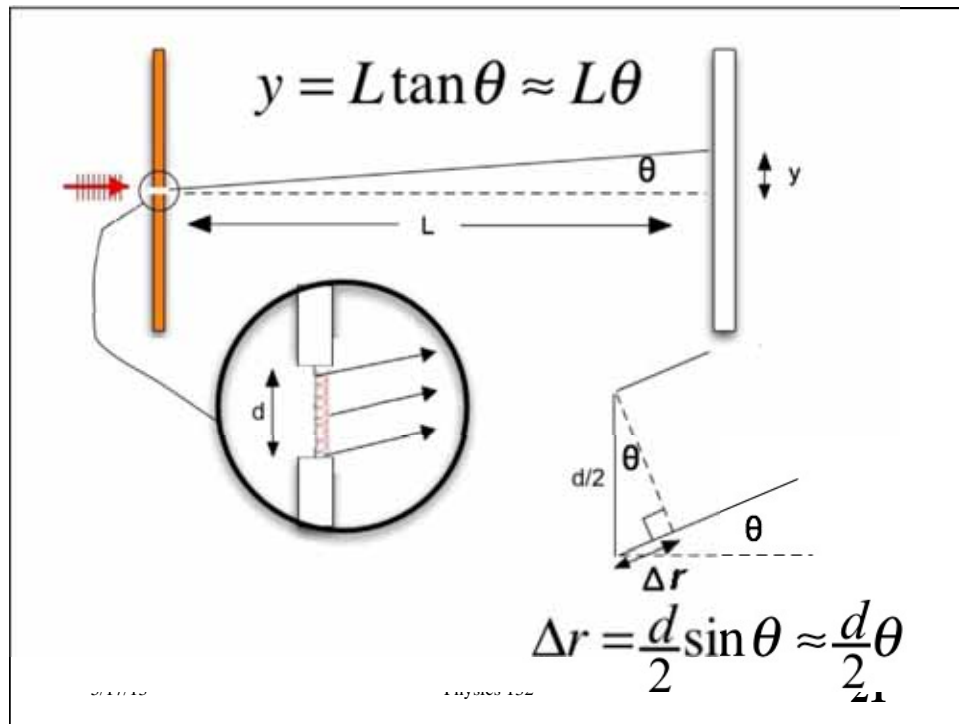
- The resulting pattern at any point is the sum of the waves received.

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Interference from two narrow slits

Diffraction from one (wider) slit

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Foothold Ideas: The Probability Framework for Light

- Both the wave model and the photon have an element of truth.
 - *Maxwell's equations and the wave theory of light yield a function – the electric field – whose square (the intensity of the light) is proportional to the probability of finding a photon.*
 - *No theory of the exact propagation of individual photons exist. This is the best we can do: a theory of the probability function for photons.*

Photons, W=498nm, S=9960.0000nm, N=37

Photons, W=498nm, S=9960.0000nm, N=119

Photons, W=498nm, S=9960.0000nm, N=234

Photons, W=498nm, S=9960.0000nm, N=996

E=Energy, W=Wavelength, S=Slit Separation, N=# Particles

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Foothold Ideas: The Probability Framework



- DeBroglie's waves have to be generalized to 3D and potential energy included. The result is the Schrödinger equation.
 - *Schrödinger's equation is the wave theory of matter. Its solution yield the wave function whose square is proportional to the probability of finding an electron.*
 - *No theory of the exact propagation of individual electrons exist. This is the best we can do: a theory of the probability function for electrons.*