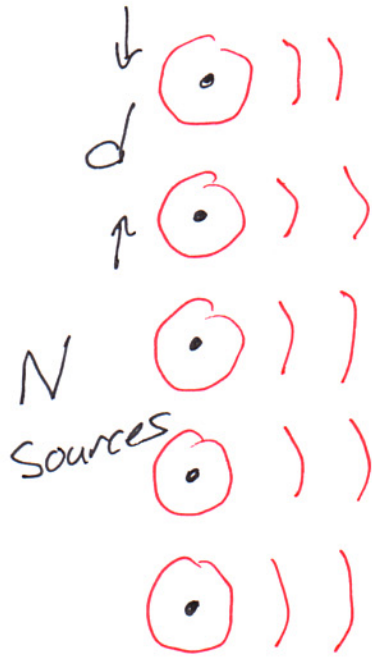


Multiple Slits / Gratings / Antenna Arrays / Bragg Scattering



Multiple sources of waves, spaced by d

Demo: Diffraction off a CD ROM

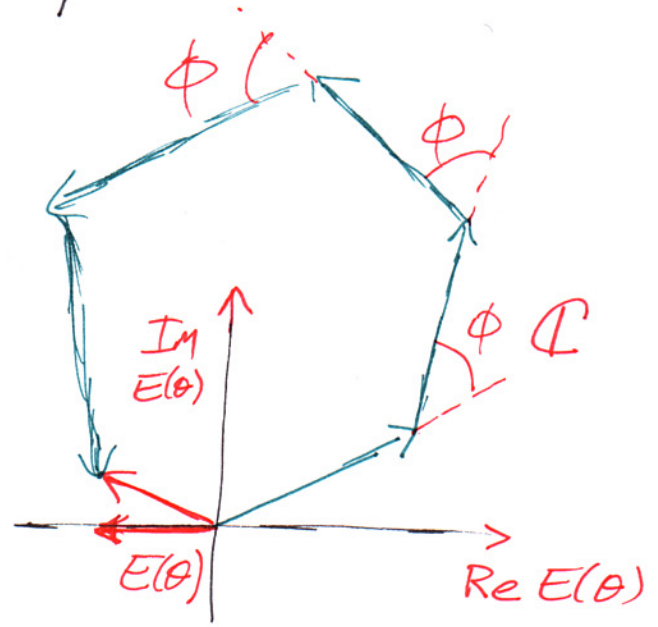
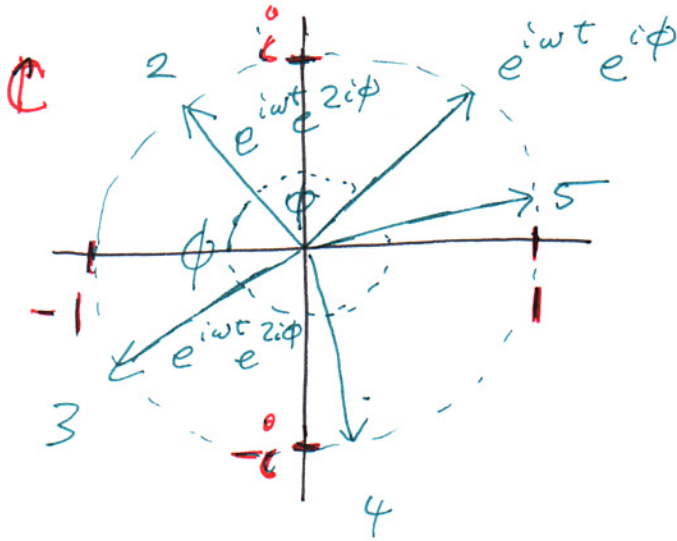
- 6000 lines/cm
- $N = \text{spot size} / \text{grid spacing}$
- Note zeroth order, first order, second-order peaks

Phase shift between waves $\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta$
 $= k d \sin \theta$

Amplitude $E(\theta) \propto \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos(\omega t + n\phi)$
 $= \text{Re} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{i(\omega t + n\phi)} \right)$
 $= \text{Re} \left(e^{i\omega t} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (e^{i\phi})^n \right)$

$(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{N-1})(1 - x) = 1 - x^N$
 $= \text{Re} \left(e^{i\omega t} \frac{1 - e^{iN\phi}}{1 - e^{i\phi}} \right)$

$$E(\theta) = \text{Re} \left(e^{i\omega t} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (e^{i\phi})^n \right)$$



Geometry

"Phasor" Diagram:
Vector Sum of Complex Amplitudes

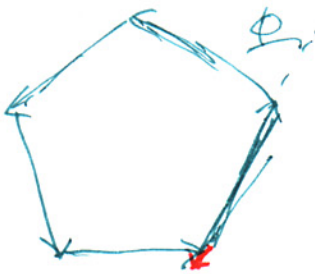
$$I_{\text{net}} = \epsilon_0 c E^2(t)$$

Square of Length of Sum Vector \propto Net Intensity



Main Peaks $\phi = 0, \pm 2\pi, \dots$

$$I_{\text{av}} = N^2 I_{\text{source}}$$



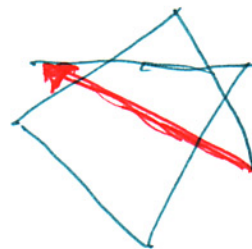
First Minimum

$$N\phi = 2\pi = \text{Total Angle Rotated}$$

$$\phi = 2\pi/N$$

Second "Maximum" $\phi = \frac{3\pi}{N}$

Second Minimum $\phi = \frac{4\pi}{N}$



Algebra

$$E(\theta) = \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\omega t} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (e^{i\phi})^n \right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\omega t} \frac{1 - e^{iN\phi}}{1 - e^{i\phi}} \right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left[e^{i\omega t} \left(\frac{e^{iN\phi/2}}{e^{i\phi/2}} \right) \left(\frac{e^{iN\phi/2} - e^{-iN\phi/2}}{e^{i\phi/2} - e^{-i\phi/2}} \right) \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left[e^{i(\omega t + (N-1)\phi/2)} \frac{\sin(N\phi/2)}{\sin(\phi/2)} \right]$$

$$I(\theta) = \epsilon_0 c E^2(\theta)$$

$$I_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T E^2(\theta) dt = \frac{\sin^2(N\phi/2)}{\sin^2(\phi/2)} \underbrace{\langle \cos^2(\omega t + (N-1)\phi/2) \rangle}_{1/2}$$

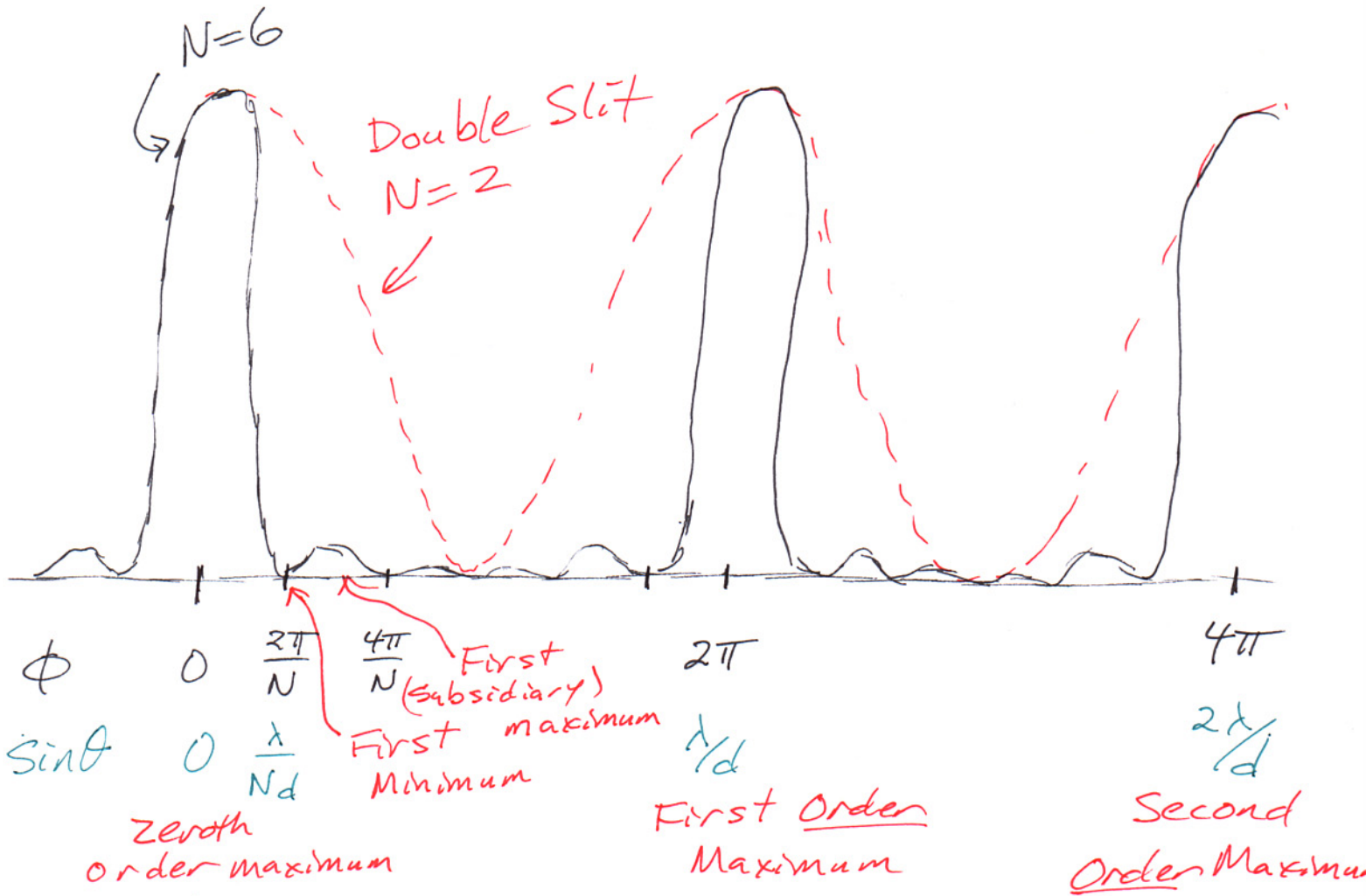
$$\frac{I_{\text{av}}(\theta)}{I_{\text{av}}(\text{one source})} = \frac{\sin^2(N\phi/2)}{\sin^2(\phi/2)}$$

$$\theta = 0 \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}, \text{ Taylor expand } \approx \left(\frac{N\phi/2}{\phi/2} \right)^2 = N^2 \checkmark$$

$$\phi = kd \sin \theta = \frac{2\pi}{N} \rightarrow \frac{0}{\sin^2(\pi/N)} = 0 \text{ minimum } \checkmark$$

$$\phi = \frac{3\pi}{N} \rightarrow \dots \phi = 2\pi \rightarrow \frac{\sin^2(\frac{3\pi N}{2})}{\sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2})} = \frac{0}{0} \dots N^2 \checkmark$$

Periodic $\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi$



Notice!

- Big $N \Rightarrow$ Sharper Peaks
at $d \sin\theta = N\lambda$
- Use position of peak to measure wavelength
(Diffraction grating spectrometer)
- Zeros at $\frac{2m\pi}{N}$ except $m=0, \pm N, \dots$