Today

- Spatially coherent and incoherent imaging with a single lens
 - re-derivation of the single-lens imaging condition
 - ATF/OTF/PSF and the Numerical Aperture
 - resolution in optical systems
 - pupil engineering revisited

next week

- Two more applications of the MTF
 - defocus
 - diffractive optics and holography
- Multi-pass interferometers: Fabry-Perot
 - optical resonators and Lasers
- Beyond scalar optics: polarization and resolution



Imaging with a single lens: imaging condition



The field at the output plane of this imaging system is (derivation in the supplement to this lecture)



Solution 3: limit $g_t(x)$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ the lateral size of $g_{PM}(x'')$ [see Goodman 5.3.2 and Ref. 303]



Imaging with a single lens: PSF and ATF pupil mask x $\bigstar x'$ arbitrary complex output input transparency $g_{\text{PM}}(x'')$ field $g_{t}(x)$ spatially coherent illumination Z1 Z2 $g_{illum}(x)$ input field $g_{\rm in}(x) = g_{\rm illum}(x) \times g_{\rm t}(x)$ diffracted field diffraction from the wave converging to form the image input field after lens + pupil mask at the output plane

Assuming one of the three conditions is satisfied and the last remaining quadratic term can be eliminated, the output field is

 $g_{\text{out}}(x',y') = -\exp\left\{i2\pi\frac{z_1+z_2}{\lambda} + i\pi\frac{x'^2+y'^2}{\lambda z_2}\right\} \left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) \iint g_{\text{in}}(x,y)h\left(x+\frac{z_1}{z_2}x',y+\frac{z_1}{z_2}y'\right) dxdy$ where $h(x,y) \equiv (\lambda z_1)^2 \iint g_{\text{PM}}(\lambda z_1 u, \lambda z_1 v) \exp\left\{-i2\pi (ux+vy)\right\} dxdy$ is the PSF, i.e. the Fourier transform of the pupil mask scaled so that $(x'',y'')=(\lambda z_1 u, \lambda z_1 v)$. As in the 4F system, the scaled complex transmissivity of the pupil mask is the ATF $H(u,v) \equiv (\lambda z_1)^2 g_{\text{PM}}(\lambda z_1 u, \lambda z_1 v)$

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Imaging with a single lens: lateral magnification



If the pupil mask $g_{PM}(x'', y'')$ is infinitely large and clear, its Fourier transform is approximated as a δ -function. Therefore, the optical field at the output plane is



So by ignoring diffraction due to the finite lateral size and, possibly, phase-delay elements inside the clear aperture of the pupil mask $g_{PM}(x'', y'')$, we have essentially found that the imaging condition and lateral magnification relationships from geometrical optics remain valid in wave optics as well for the *intensity* of the optical field.



Block diagrams for coherent and incoherent linear shift invariant imaging systems



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ATF and OTF of the Zernike phase mask







ATF, cPSF of clear circular aperture





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Resolution

[from the New Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 1989 ed.]:

resolve *v* : **1** to break up into constituent parts: ANALYZE; **2** to find an answer to : SOLVE; **3** DETERMINE, DECIDE; **4** to make or pass a formal resolution

resolution n : 1 the act or process of resolving 2 the action of solving, *also* : SOLUTION; 3 the quality of being resolute: FIRMNESS, DETERMINATION;
4 a formal statement expressing the opinion, will or, intent of a body of persons







Rayleigh resolution limit



Two point sources are well resolved if they are spaced such that:

(i) the PSF *diameter* equals the point source spacing

MIT 2.71/2.710 05/04/09 wk13-a-12 (i) the PSF *radius* equals the point source spacing

$$\Delta r = 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{(\text{NA})_{\text{in}}}$$
$$\Delta r' = 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{(\text{NA})_{\text{out}}}$$

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