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Lab #2: Holography



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Light Behaves Like a Wave



Interference is what happens when two or more waves collide.

To understand interference, let's zoom in...



Interference

When waves **interfere**, you add them together



When the waves are *mis*aligned, the added wave is dark. This is called "destructive interference"

Interference Fringes



Constructive and destructive interference happens when two waves collide. This produces bright and dark spots.

Alternating bright and dark spots are called **fringes.**

Activity



What happened when you add them together or move them around?

Moiré Pattern



Research has shown that the retina needs about **80 ms** of seeing a new image before that image is registered in normal light conditions.

Activity





What happened when you add them together?

Moiré Pattern



The **bigger the angle**, the **smaller and closer** together their interference fringes

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Diffraction

Waves spread out, or **diffract** when they pass through an opening or gap.

Small openings cause waves to diffract more, and the wave is more curved.

Waves don't diffract as much from big openings. The wave is less curved



Diffraction





Diffraction pattern from a slit of width equal to **one** wavelength of an incident plane wave. Diffraction pattern from a slit of width equal to **five times** the wavelength of an incident plane wave.

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Diffraction of Wave



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Diffraction of Light

A mercury streetlamp transmitted through a CD



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The intensity pattern formed on a screen by diffraction from a single from a single square aperture



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What is a Hologram?

The word "hologram" means "whole message". (from the Greek words "holos" and "gramma")

A regular photograph only captures the brightness, or intensity of light at different places.

A <u>hologram</u> captures not only the brightness, but also the **direction** and **shape** of the light waves that hit it.



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Conventional Photography

- Records only intensity
- 2-d version of a 3-d scene
- Photograph lacks depth perception or parallax
- Phase relation (i.e. interference) are lost



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Holographic Photography

- Freezes the intricate wavefront of light that carries all the visual information of the scene including amplitude and phase
- The view a hologram, the wavefront is reconstructed
- View what we would have seen if present at the original scene through the window defined by the hologram
- Provides depth perception and parallax



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3D Images



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Weekly Challenge: Create your own 3D glasses

How to Make a Hologram?

By using a beam splitter and mirrors, coherent laser light illuminates an object from different perspectives. Interference effects provide the depth that makes a three-dimensional image from two-dimensional views.





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Conclusions

Holograms depend on the wave behavior of light.

You make them using interference. You view them using diffraction.

Other 3D viewer technology:

Red/Blue glasses (Anaglyph) Polarized 3D glasses MIT OpenCourseWare http://ocw.mit.edu

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