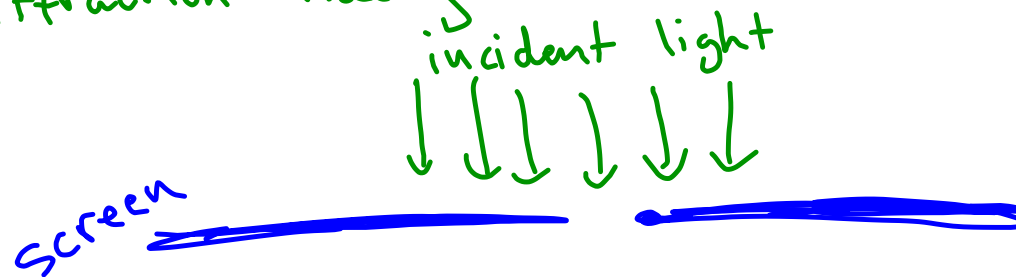


Today: Integral equations: Green's th<sup>m</sup>,  
diffraction theory.

Tomorrow! Complete sets of functions,  
how to use mode profiles.

Diffraction Theory:



what happens  
out here?

Buzz words: Kirchoff integrals  
Fresnel Diffraction  
Fraunhofer Diffraction  
Diffraction

**Theory:**

Green's Functions: Response of some system to "an impulse"

Mathematically, if you have a diff eq. where  $f(y, y', y'' \dots) = f_{\text{forcing}}(x, t)$

e.g.  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} + k^2 y = f(t)$  {SHO with ext. force f(t)}

Green's function for this obeys

$$\frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial t^2} + k^2 G = \delta(t-t')$$

↑  
Dirac Delta Function

Result is that you can find

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t G(t, t') f(t') dt'$$

In E&M, it turns out for our wave equation  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \vec{\rho}$ . If we assume

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\omega t}$$

{time dependence is all at same frequency}

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E} = \vec{\rho}$$

{Helmholtz Equ.}

$$\underbrace{\omega^2/c^2}_{k^2} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} + k^2 \vec{E} = \vec{\rho}$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \vec{E} = \vec{\rho}$$

It turns out  $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{e^{ik|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \oint_S \vec{E} \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \right) - G \left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial n} \right) ds'$$

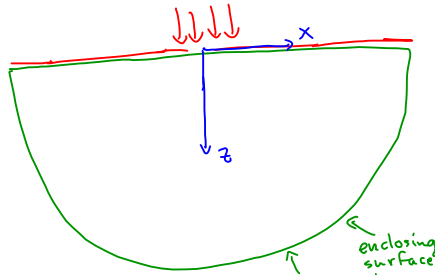
Green's Thm for EM waves.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} = \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla}$$



Everything so far is true in general.

OK, so how is this applied in diffraction theory.



take limit as radius  $\rightarrow \infty$  and  $\int_{\text{semi circle}} = \oint$ .

So now our  $\oint$  becomes, just the integral of the field and normal derivative  $E_y$   $-\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z}$ . Pretty much always true.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} + G \frac{\partial E}{\partial z} dx; \vec{E} \text{ is the field just below the screen.}$$

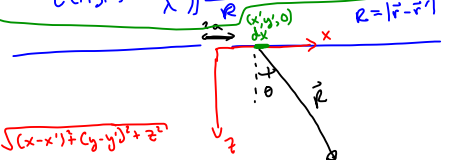
You can recast this in different ways, and one of the most common is

So the most ubiquitous version is the Kirchhoff integral:

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{k}{2\pi i} \iint \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \left(1 + \frac{i}{kR}\right) \cos \theta E(x', y', 0) dx' dy'$$

Wikipedia:

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{-i}{\lambda} \iint \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \cos \theta E(x', y', 0) dx' dy'$$



$$R = \sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{z}{R}$$

Example: single slit:  $E_y(x', 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & |x'| > a \\ E_0, & |x'| < a \end{cases}$   
 {assume no y-dep}

$$E_y(x, z) = \frac{-i}{\lambda} \int_{-a}^a E_0(x') \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \frac{z}{R} dx'$$

$$= \frac{-i}{\lambda} \int_{-a}^a E_0 \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \frac{z}{R} dx'$$

Tomorrow:

