(eo211) 6. Convex Lens Focal Length Measurement: Conjugate Imaging

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1. Purpose

To measure the focal length of a concave lens using different methods: Conjugate Imaging

2. Basic Theory



Key equations:

- 1. P: distanse from object to lens
- 2. Q: distance from lens to image
- 3. Total distance of object to screen: D=P+Q
- 4. d=difference between q for two (big and small) images, i.e. $d = \Delta q = q_{big} q_{small}$
- 5. Gaussian Lens formula: 1/f = 1/P + 1/Q for a single lens.
- 6. Conjugated image equation: f = (D^2 d^2)/4D see http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178/applets/gaussian.html

The key equation here is the Gaussian Lens formula. For D>4f there are two real and positive solutions to the equation:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{Q} = \frac{1}{D-Q} + \frac{1}{Q} = \frac{D-2 \times Q}{Q(D-Q)} \to Q(D-Q) = fD - 2Qf \to Q^2 - (D+2f)Q - fD = 0$$

Note that while the descriminate is always greater than zero, i.e.,

 $((d+2f)^2+4fd)>0$

for the solution to be useful it needs to be a positive value of Q and a value of Q that is less than D.

3. Summary of Experiment

1. Distance D>4f is required to be fixed for a set of measurements. Then varying the locations of lens to find where images are made. Then calculate focal length. Note:

4. Equipment

- 1. Optical Rail and Laser with 45 degree mirror,
- 2. Two (2) apertures (with supporting hardware),
- 3. Spatial filter assembly (pin hole, microscope objective lens
- 4. Frosted glass
- 5. Letter "F"
- 6. Mirror
- 7. Lens to Test

5. Procedure

- a. Align laser beam horizontal to table along the rail using 2 fixed aperatures (See previous Experiments)
- b. Adjust Spatial Filter and ensure the light is collimated and continuing down the rails
- c. Lens Focal Length Measurement (Conjugate Imaging)

6. Results

Change D	D = P+Q	Bigger or Smaller Image	Р	Q	Gauss's Lens Formula (f)	$d=\Delta Q$ $=Q_{big}-Q_{small}$	Conjugated Imaging (f)
第一組		В					
		S				1	
第二組		В					
		S					
第三組		В					
		S					
第四組		В					
		S					
第五組		В					
		S					
第六組		В					
		S					
第七組		В					
		S					
第八組		В					
		S					
第九組		В					
		S					
第十組		В					
		S					
Average	Gauss's Law		cm	Conjugated		cm	

7. Questions 7.1 Lesson Topic:

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7.2 After-school topics:

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