

- Que. what is Zone-plate?
- 8 Explain construction of a zone-plate
- with its theory. Explain how a zone
- 9 plate acts like a convergent and
- divergent lens?
- 10 Derive an expression for its focal
- length?
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- Explain, Zone-plate acts like a conver-
- 13 gent lens having multiple foci. Derive
- an expression for its focal length.
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- What is a zone-plate? How is it
- 16 constructed? Give its theory and
- show that it has multiple foci
- 17 compare its action with that of
- a convex lens.
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- Ans Zone-plate  $\rightarrow$  It is transparent
- plate on which circle whose radii

are proportional to the square roots of natural numbers 1, 2, 3, ... are drawn. The alternate numbers zones thus formed are blackened. Such a plate behaves like a convex lens and produces an image of a source of light on the screen placed at a suitable distance.

In other words zone-plate is a specially constructed screen such that light is obstructed from every alternate.

Construction → A zone-plate is

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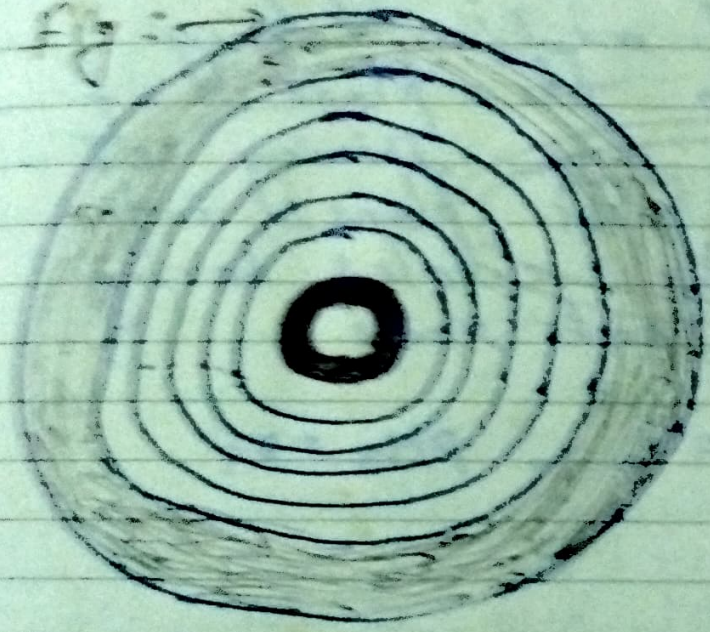
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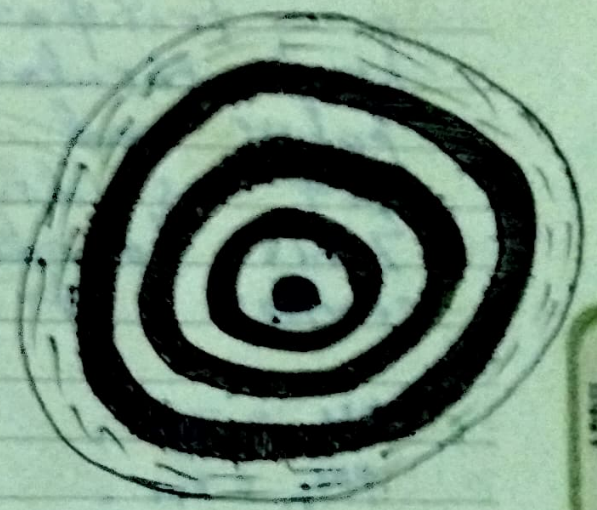
Constructed by drawing a system of concentric circles on a sheet of cardboard. whose radii are proportional to the square roots of the natural numbers. Alternate zones are then blackened and a much reduced photograph of this drawing is obtained on a glass plate. Two such zone

plate are showing A(a) and A(b) when  
 the central zone is clear, the  
 zone plate is said to be positive  
 and if the central zone is opaque  
 is called negative. The negative zone  
 plate when held in the path of  
 light from a distant point  
 produces.

Fig: →



(a)



(b)

produce a large intensity at a  
 point on its axis at a distance  
 corresponding to the size of  
 the zone and the wave length of

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light used.

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Theory:  $\rightarrow$

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Let  $O$  be a luminous point object emitting spherical waves of wave length  $\lambda$  whose effect at the point  $I$  on the screen is required. Let us consider an imaginary plane through  $P$  of a transparent medium lying perpendicular to the plane of paper and the line joining  $OI$ . Let us divide this plane into zones bounded by circles having centres at  $P$  and radius.

$$PM_1 = r_1, \quad PM_2 = r_2, \quad PM_3 = r_3$$

$$PM_n = r_n.$$

Such that,

$$OM_1 + M_1I = OP + PI + \lambda/2$$

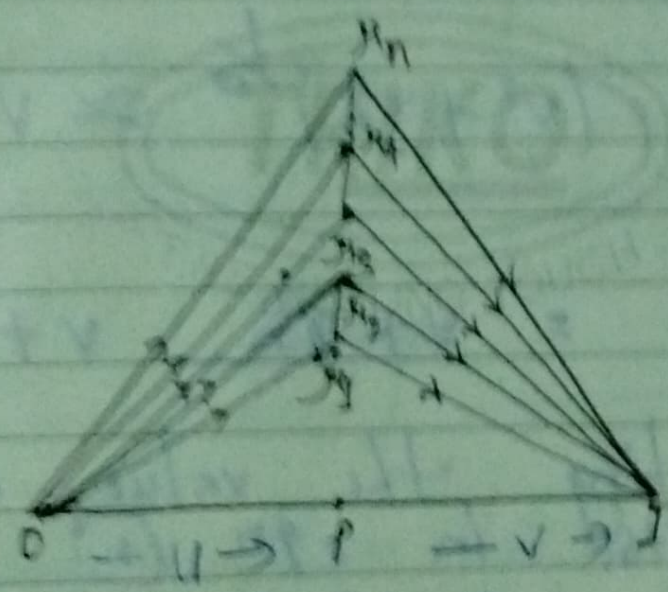
$$OM_2 + M_2I = OP + PI + 2\lambda/2$$

$$OM_3 + M_3I = OP + PI + 3\lambda/2$$

$$OM_n + M_nI = OP + PI + n\lambda/2$$

The angular rings that formed are half spherical zones, for the images, because the length of the path of the light through the corresponding point of any two consecutive zones differs by  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ .  
 To find the radius  $r_n$  of the  $n$ th circle, we have,

$$OM_n + IM_n = OP + IP + n \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



Let,  $OP = u$  and  $IP = v$

$$OM_n^2 = OP^2 + PM_n^2 = u^2 + r_n^2$$

$$\text{ex. } OM_n = u \left[ 1 + \frac{r_n^2}{u^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= u \left[ 1 + \frac{r_n^2}{2u^2} \right] = \left( u + \frac{ur_n^2}{2u^2} \right)$$

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$$OM_n = u + \frac{r_n^2}{2u}$$

Because  $u$  is very very large in comparison with  $r_n$  and hence higher orders of  $\frac{r_n^2}{u^2}$  can be neglected.

Again,

$$IM_n^2 = PI^2 + PM_n^2 = V^2 + r_n^2$$

$$\therefore IM_n = (V^2 + r_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx V \left( 1 + \frac{r_n^2}{2V^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{V} + r_n^2}{2V} \quad V + \frac{r_n^2}{2V}$$

Substituting the value of  $OM_n$  and  $IM_n$  in eqn (1) we get,

$$u + \frac{r_n^2}{2u} + V + \frac{r_n^2}{2V} = u + V + \frac{rd}{2}$$

$$\text{OR, } \frac{r_n^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{V} \right) = \frac{rd}{2}$$

or, 
$$r_n^2 \left( \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \right) = nd \tag{ii}$$

or, 
$$r_n^2 = \frac{nduv}{u+v} \tag{iii}$$

Since  $u$  and  $v$  and  $d$  are constant  
 $r_n^2 \propto n$

$\therefore r_n \propto \sqrt{n} \tag{iv}$

Now, the area of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  zone  
 is given by,

$$\pi (r_n^2 - r_{n-1}^2) = \pi \left\{ \frac{nduv}{u+v} - \frac{(n-1)duv}{u+v} \right\}$$

$= \pi duv \tag{v}$

This show that the area of the  
 $n^{\text{th}}$  zone is independent of  $n$ .  
 further's the area diminishes as  
 $v$  or,  $v$  decrease i.e. as  
 the plate is nearer to object  
 or, images further, as the wave  
 form. successive transparent zones  
 differ in both  $d$ , the wave

from than reach I in the same phase -

That, if  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  be the amplitudes due to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ... and n<sup>th</sup> zone respectively the resultant amplitude at I will be,

$$A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + \dots + A_n$$

which is much greater than  $\frac{A}{2}$  the resultant amplitude.

If all the zones were transparent Hence the point I is extremely

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bright and can be said to be the image of 0, and when the whole wave front is unobstructed, the amplitude is given by,

$$A = A_1 - A_2 + A_3 - A_4 + \dots + A_n$$

$$= \frac{A}{2} \text{ (if } n \text{ is very large and } n \text{ is odd)}$$

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Tue	5	6	7	8
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Fri	17	18	19	20
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This explains the focussing action of a zone plate, as it focuses the light from O at I. Thus, a zone plate behaves like a convex lens (converging lens).

Focal - Length :  $\rightarrow$

Explanation of

zone plate acts like a convergent lens having multiple foci.

we know that from equation (ii),

$$r_n^2 \left( \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \right) = nd$$

we have,  $\boxed{\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{nd}{r_n^2}}$  (vi)

This is result similar to the one found for a convex lens of focal length f. i.e.

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{f} = \frac{nd}{r_n^2}$  from eq<sup>n</sup> (vii)

$$\text{or, } f = \frac{r^2 n}{n\lambda}$$

This gives the focal length of the zone-plate. If the radius of the half period zone is  $0.316 \text{ mm}$  and the wave length of light  $\lambda = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$  then the zone plate will be like a convergent lense of focal length  $20 \text{ cms}$ .

Thus we find that a zone plate behaves like convergent lense.