

Fig. 10.6. Two-beam interference with partially coherent light.
 (a) Observed patterns, (b) theoretical intensity curves. Focal length of lenses L_0 , L_1 , and L_2 of Diffractometer: $f_0 = 20$ cm, $f_1 = f_2 = R = 152$ cm. Diameter of $L_0 = 5$ cm. Distance from L_0 to σ_1 : 40 cm. Separation of L_1 and L_2 : 14 cm. Distance of mirror M from $L_2 = 85$ cm. Diameter $2\rho_1$ of pinhole σ_1 : 0.9×10^{-3} cm. Diameter $2a$ of apertures at P_1 and P_2 : 0.14 cm. Mean wavelength $\lambda = 5790$ Å.
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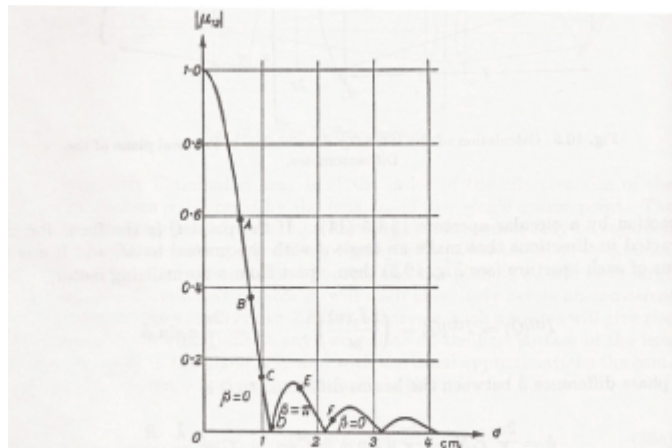


Fig. 10.7. Two-beam interference with partially coherent light. The degree of coherence as function of the separation d of the two illuminated apertures in the Diffractometer. ($\rho_1 = 0.45 \times 10^{-3}$ cm, $R = 152$ cm, $\lambda = 5790$ Å; incoherent illumination of σ_1 assumed.)