

section5_Ex.3

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3. Consider the design of a diffraction grating spectrometer for a 10m telescope.

- The 2-pixel resolution element is 0.5"
- $R = 20000$
- the configuration is Littrow.
- Two gratings are available.
 - a first-order grating blazed at 17.5°
 - an echelle grating blazed at 63.5°
- Determine the D_{coll} in both cases
- which is more practical?
- assuming f/ratio : 15, what is the focal length of these two collimators?

- using Littrow condition

$$R = \frac{2D_{coll} \tan \theta_B}{p\theta_{pix}D_{tel}}$$

$$D_{coll} = \frac{R}{2 \tan \theta_B} p\theta_{pix}D_{tel}$$

- blazed at 17.5° (a first-order grating) : $D_{coll} = 77\text{cm}$
- blazed at 63.5° (an echelle grating) : $D_{coll} = 12\text{cm}$
- echelle grating is more practical.
- Focal length (f/ratio = 15) : $f_{focal} = D_{coll} \times f/ratio$
 - blazed at 17.5 : $f = 15 * 77\text{cm} = 11.55\text{m}$
 - blazed at 63.5 : $f = 15 * 12\text{cm} = 1.8\text{m}$