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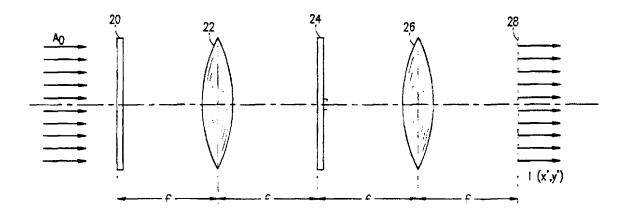
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A method for modulating a beam of radiation to project a desired intensity distribution through an optical phase element (20), including selectively shifting the phase of the beam as a function of lateral position, based on the desired intensity distribution; filtering the phase-shifted beam through a Fourier filter (24) according to spatial frequencies thereof, and focusing the filtered beam with an imaging lens (26). A desired phase shift is determined at a plurality of lateral positions in the beam, as a function of the desired intensity at respective, corresponding points in an image plane (28) of the beam.