





# **Ray Optics - Applications: Image Formation**



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 $F_{2}$ 

### **Flat Refracting Surface**

$$n_{2} \sin \theta_{2} = n_{1} \sin \theta_{1}$$
Snell's Law
$$\sin \theta_{2} \approx \theta_{2} \approx \frac{d}{q}$$

$$\sin \theta_{1} \approx \theta_{1} \approx \frac{d}{p}$$

$$n_{2} \frac{d}{q} = n_{1} \frac{d}{p}$$

$$q = p \frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}}$$

### Image is always virtual



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# **Flat mirror**

### **Flat Mirror**

- One ray starts at point *P*, travels to *Q* and reflects back on itself
- Another ray follows the path *PR* and reflects according to the law of reflection
- The triangles PQR and P'QR are congruent
- h = h' magnification is 1.



The law of reflection



# **Geometric Optics - Applications: Thin Lenses**



# "Thin" means that the width is much smaller than the radius of curvature







The thin lens is characterized by only one parameter – FOCAL LENGTH.

### **Thin Lenses: Focal Length**







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f > 0**Converging lens Biconvex** Convex-Planoconcave convex (a)

They are thickest in the middle

f < 0**Diverging lens** Biconcave Convex-Planoconcave concave (b) ©2004 Thomson - Brooks/Cole

### They are thickest at the edges

### Thin Lenses: Sign Conventions for s, s'



Lateral magnification:

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s}$$
$$h' > 0$$
$$h' > 0$$



### **Thin Lenses: Focal Points**



 Because light can travel in either direction through a lens, each lens has two focal points.
 However, there is only one focal length



### **Thin Lenses: Ray Diagram**

### **Converging Lenses**

For a converging lens, the following three rays (two is enough) are drawn:

- Ray 1 is drawn parallel to the principal axis and then passes through the focal point on the back side of the lens
- Ray 2 is drawn through the center of the lens and continues in a straight line

• Ray 3 is drawn through the focal point on the front of the lens (or as if coming from the focal point if p < f) and emerges from the lens parallel to the principal axis



### **Converging Lenses: Example 1**



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- The image is real
- The image is inverted
- The image is on the back side of the lens

$$s' = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s}} = \frac{sf}{s - f} > 0$$

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s} < 0$$

### **Converging Lenses: Example 2**



• The image is on the front side of the lens

$$s' = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s}} = \frac{sf}{s - f} < 0$$

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s} > 0$$

### **Diverging Lenses**

- For a diverging lens, the following three rays (two is enough) are drawn:
  - Ray 1 is drawn parallel to the principal axis and emerges directed away from the focal point on the front side of the lens
  - Ray 2 is drawn through the center of the lens and continues in a straight line
  - Ray 3 is drawn in the direction toward the focal point on the back side of the lens and emerges from the lens parallel to the principal axis



### **Diverging Lenses: Example**



- The image is virtual
- The image is upright
- The image is smaller
- The image is on the front side of the lens

$$s' = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s}} = \frac{sf}{s - f} < 0$$

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s} > 0$$

### **Image Summary**

- For a converging lens, when the object distance is greater than the focal length (s > f)
  - The image is real and inverted
- For a converging lens, when the object is between the focal point and the lens, (s < f)</li>

The image is virtual and upright

 For a diverging lens, the image is always virtual and upright

 This is regardless of where the object is placed







### **Combination of Two Lenses**

The image formed by the first lens is located as though the second lens were not present

➤ The image of the first lens is treated as the object of the second lens

Then a ray diagram is drawn for the second lens

The image formed by the second lens is the final image of the system

If the image formed by the first lens lies on the back side of the second lens, then the image is treated as a virtual object for the second lens

- s will be negative

The overall magnification is the product of the magnification of the separate lenses









## Resolution

### Resolution

The ability of optical systems to distinguish between closely spaced objects

If two sources are far enough apart to keep their central maxima from overlapping, their images can be distinguished

The images are said to be *resolved* 

➢ If the two sources are close together, the two central maxima overlap and the images are not resolved \_\_\_\_\_



### **Resolution, Rayleigh's Criterion**

### **Rayleigh's criterion:**

When the *central maximum* of one image falls on the *first minimum* of another image, the images are said to be just resolved

### Resolution of a slit:

Since λ << a in most situations, sin θ is very small and sin θ ~ θ</li>
 Therefore, the limiting angle (in rad) of resolution for a slit of width a is

$$\theta_{\min} = \theta_{dark} = \lambda / a$$

► To be resolved, the angle subtended by the two sources must be greater than  $\theta_{\min}$ 



### **Resolution: Circular Aperture**

- The diffraction pattern of a circular aperture consists of a central bright disk surrounded by progressively fainter bright and dark rings
- The limiting angle of resolution of the circular aperture is

$$\theta_{\rm min} = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{D}$$

- D is the diameter of the aperture
- The images are well resolved





The images are just resolved





The images are unresolved



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