

## Chapter 23 Ray Optics



**Chapter Goal:** To understand and apply the ray model of light.

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## Chapter 23 Preview

### The Ray Model of Light

The ray model applies when light interacts with objects that are very large compared to the wavelength. You'll learn that...



... light rays travel in straight lines unless they are...



... reflected by a surface or...



... refracted at a boundary.

Light rays can also be *scattered* or *absorbed* by the medium they travel through.

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## Chapter 23 Preview

### Reflection

Light rays can bounce, or **reflect**, off a surface. There are two important cases:



*Specular reflection*, like from a mirror.



*Diffuse reflection*, like from the page of this book.

You'll learn to use the *law of reflection*.

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Chapter 23 Preview

## Refraction

When light rays travel from one medium to another, they change directions, or **refract**, at the boundary.

Refraction causes the laser beam to change direction as it goes through the prism.



You'll learn to use *Snell's law* to find the angles on both sides.

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## Images Formed by Lenses and Mirrors

## Lenses and Mirrors



Ray tracing shows how this lens forms a real image on the opposite side of the lens from the object.

We'll then develop the **thin-lens equation** for more quantitative results.



We'll use the same graphical and mathematical techniques to understand how curved mirrors create images.



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## Chapter 23 Reading Quiz

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### Reading Question 23.1

What is specular reflection?

- A. The image of a specimen.
- B. A reflection that separates different colors.
- C. Reflection by a flat smooth object.
- D. Reflection in which the image is virtual and special.
- E. This topic is not covered in Chapter 23.

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## Reading Question 23.2

What is diffuse reflection?

- A. A reflection that separates different colors.
- B. Reflection by a surface with tiny irregularities that cause the reflected rays to leave in many random directions.
- C. Reflection that increases in size linearly with distance from the mirror.
- D. Reflection in which the image is virtual.
- E. This topic is not covered in Chapter 23.

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### Reading Question 23.3

A paraxial ray

- A. Moves in a parabolic path.
- B. Is a ray that has been reflected from a parabolic mirror.
- C. Is a ray that moves nearly parallel to the optical axis.
- D. Is a ray that moves exactly parallel to the optical axis.

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### Reading Question 23.4

A virtual image is

- A. The cause of optical illusions.
- B. A point from which rays appear to diverge.
- C. An image that only seems to exist.
- D. The image that is left in space after you remove a viewing screen.

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### Reading Question 23.5

The focal length of a converging lens is

- A. The distance at which an image is formed.
- B. The distance at which an object must be placed to form an image.
- C. The distance at which parallel light rays are focused.
- D. The distance from the front surface to the back surface.

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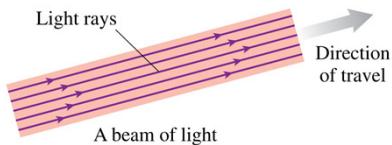
## Chapter 23 Content, Examples, and QuickCheck Questions

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## The Ray Model of Light

- Let us define a **light ray** as a line in the direction along which light energy is flowing.
- Any narrow beam of light, such as a laser beam, is actually a bundle of many parallel light rays.
- You can think of a single light ray as the limiting case of a laser beam whose diameter approaches zero.



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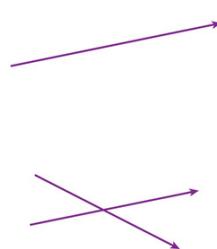


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## The Ray Model of Light



- Light travels through a transparent material in straight lines called light rays.
- The speed of light is  $v = c/n$ , where  $n$  is the index of refraction of the material.
- Light rays do not interact with each other.
- Two rays can cross without either being affected in any way.

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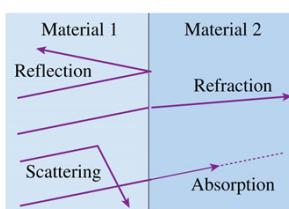
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## The Ray Model of Light

Light interacts with matter in four different ways:

At an interface between two materials, light can be either *reflected* or *refracted*.

Within a material, light can be either *scattered* or *absorbed*.



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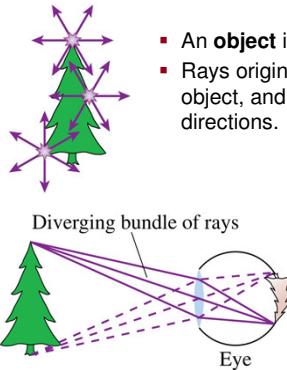


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## The Ray Model of Light



- An **object** is a source of light rays.
- Rays originate from *every* point on the object, and each point sends rays in *all* directions.

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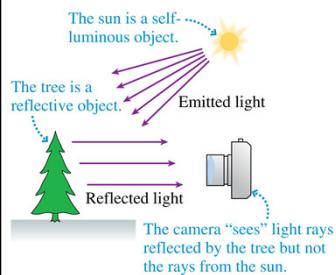
The diagram illustrates the formation of a real image. A blue object at the bottom left emits several light rays that travel upwards and to the right. These rays pass through a lens, which is represented by a yellow oval. The rays are diverged by the lens and spread out. A dashed purple line represents the original path of the rays from the object. A solid purple line represents the diverged rays as they enter the eye. The rays converge at a point on the retina, which is shown as a small purple circle at the top right. A dashed purple line extends from this point back to the object, indicating the direction of light travel.

- The eye “sees” an object when *diverging* bundles of rays from each point on the object enter the pupil and are focused to an image on the retina.

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## Objects



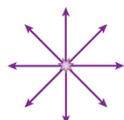
- Objects can be either self-luminous, such as the sun, flames, and lightbulbs, or reflective.
- Most objects are reflective.

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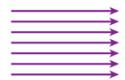
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## Objects

- The diverging rays from a **point source** are emitted in all directions.
- Each point on an object is a point source of light rays.
- A **parallel bundle** of rays could be a laser beam, or light from a *distant object*.



### Point source

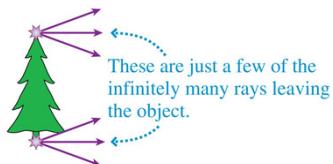


### Parallel bundle

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## Ray Diagrams

- Rays originate from **every** point on an object and travel outward in **all** directions, but a diagram trying to show all these rays would be messy and confusing.
- To simplify the picture, we use a **ray diagram** showing only a few rays.



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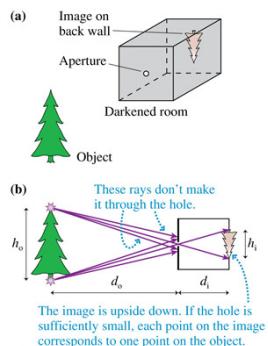
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## Apertures

- A **camera obscura** is a darkened room with a single, small hole, called an **aperture**.
- The geometry of the rays causes the image to be upside down.
- The object and image heights are related by:

$$\frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{d_i}{d_o}$$



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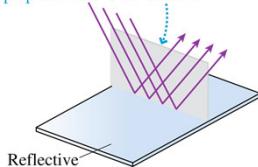
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## Specular Reflection of Light

Reflection from a flat, smooth surface, such as a mirror or a piece of polished metal, is called **specular reflection**.

The incident and reflected rays lie in the plane of incidence, a plane perpendicular to the surface.



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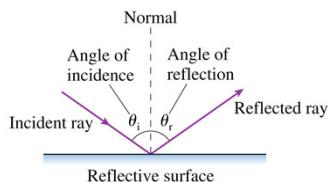


## Reflection

The **law of reflection** states that:

1. The incident ray and the reflected ray are in the same plane normal to the surface, and
2. The angle of reflection equals the angle of incidence:

$$\theta_r = \theta_I$$

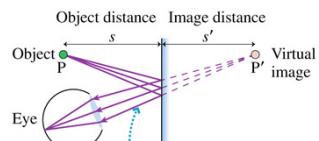


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## The Plane Mirror

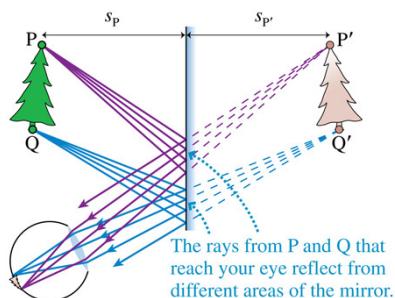
- Consider  $P$ , a source of rays which reflect from a mirror.
- The reflected rays appear to emanate from  $P'$ , the same distance behind the mirror as  $P$  is in front of the mirror.
- That is,  $s' = s$ .



The reflected rays *all* diverge from  $P'$ , which appears to be the source of the reflected rays. Your eye collects the bundle of diverging rays and "sees" the light coming from  $P'$ .

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## The Plane Mirror



Your eye intercepts only a very small fraction of all the reflected rays.

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### Example 23.2 How High Is the Mirror?

**EXAMPLE 23.2 How high is the mirror?**

If your height is  $h$ , what is the shortest mirror on the wall in which you can see your full image? Where must the top of the mirror be hung?

**MODEL** Use the ray model of light.

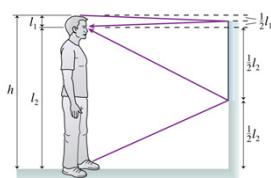
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### Example 23.2 How High Is the Mirror?

**EXAMPLE 23.2** How high is the mirror?

**SOLVE** Let the distance from your eyes to the top of your head be  $l_1$  and the distance to your feet be  $l_2$ . Your height is  $h = l_1 + l_2$ . A light ray from the top of your head that reflects from the mirror at  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$  and enters your eye must, by congruent triangles,



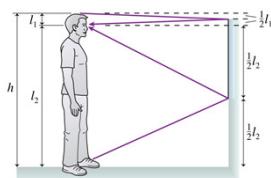
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### Example 23.2 How High Is the Mirror?

**EXAMPLE 23.2** How high is the mirror?

The distance between these two points on the mirror is  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  h. A ray from anywhere else on your body will reach your eye if it strikes the mirror between these two points. Pieces of the mirror outside these two points are irrelevant, not because rays don't strike them but because the reflected rays don't reach your eye. Thus the shortest mirror in which you can see your full reflection is  $\frac{1}{2}$  h. But this will work only if the top of the mirror is hung midway between your eyes and the top of your head.



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## Refraction

Two things happen when a light ray is incident on a smooth boundary between two transparent materials:

1. Part of the light *reflects* from the boundary, obeying the law of reflection.
2. Part of the light continues into the second medium. The transmission of light from one medium to another, but with a change in direction, is called **refraction**.



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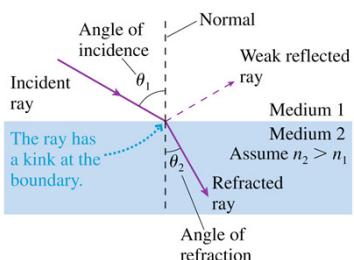


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## Refraction



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad (\text{Snell's law of refraction})$$

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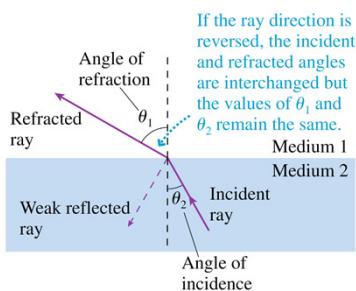


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## Refraction



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## Indices of Refraction

**TABLE 23.1** Indices of refraction

Medium	<i>n</i>
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Cubic zirconia	2.18
Diamond	2.41
Silicon (infrared)	3.50

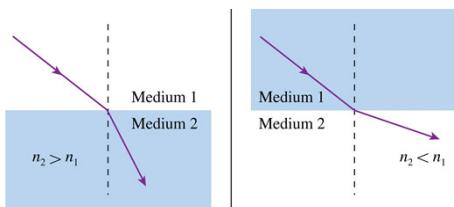
$$n = \frac{c}{v_{\text{medium}}}$$

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## Refraction

- When a ray is transmitted into a material with a higher index of refraction, it bends *toward* the normal.
- When a ray is transmitted into a material with a lower index of refraction, it bends *away from* the normal.



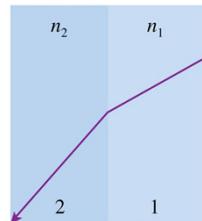
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QuickCheck 23.4

A laser beam passing from medium 1 to medium 2 is refracted as shown. Which is true?

- A.  $n_1 < n_2$ .
- B.  $n_1 > n_2$ .
- C. There's not enough information to compare  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ .



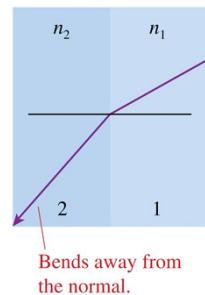
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Bends away from the normal.

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## Tactics: Analyzing Refraction

## TACTICS Analyzing refraction

BOX 23.1

- 1 Draw a ray diagram. Represent the light beam with one ray.
- 2 Draw a line normal to the boundary. Do this at each point where the ray intersects a boundary.
- 3 Show the ray bending in the correct direction. The angle is larger on the side with the smaller index of refraction. This is the qualitative application of Snell's law.
- 4 Label angles of incidence and refraction. Measure all angles from the normal.
- 5 Use Snell's law. Calculate the unknown angle or unknown index of refraction.



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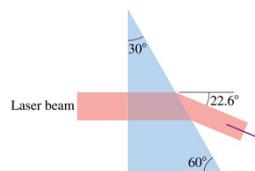
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## Example 23.4 Measuring the Index of Refraction

## EXAMPLE 23.4 Measuring the index of refraction

The figure below shows a laser beam deflected by a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  prism. What is the prism's index of refraction?

MODEL Represent the laser beam with a single ray and use the ray model of light.



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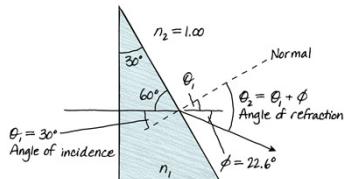


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### Example 23.4 Measuring the Index of Refraction

**EXAMPLE 23.4** Measuring the index of refraction

**VISUALIZE** The figure below uses the steps of Tactics Box 23.1 to draw a ray diagram. The ray is incident perpendicular to the front face of the prism ( $\theta_{\text{incident}} = 0^\circ$ ), thus it is transmitted through the first boundary without deflection. At the second boundary it is especially important to *draw the normal to the surface* at the point of incidence and to *measure angles from the normal*.



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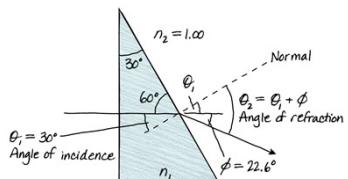
### Example 23.4 Measuring the Index of Refraction

**EXAMPLE 23.4** Measuring the index of refraction

**SOLVE** From the geometry of the triangle you can find that the laser's angle of incidence on the hypotenuse of the prism is  $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$ , the same as the apex angle of the prism. The ray exits the prism at angle  $\theta_2$  such that the deflection is  $\phi = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 22.6^\circ$ . Thus  $\theta_2 = 52.6^\circ$ . Knowing both angles and  $n_s = 1.00$  for air, we

can use Snell's law to find  $n_1$ :

$$n_1 = \frac{n_2 \sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{1.00 \sin 52.6^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ} = 1.59$$



$\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are measured from the normal.

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### Example 23.4 Measuring the Index of Refraction

$$n_1 = 1.59$$

**ASSESS** Referring to the indices of refraction in Table 23.1, we see that the prism is made of plastic.

**TABLE 23.1** Indices of refraction

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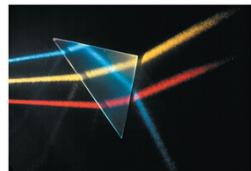
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## Total Internal Reflection

- When a ray crosses a boundary into a material with a lower index of refraction, it bends away from the normal.
- As the angle  $\theta_1$  increases, the refraction angle  $\theta_2$  approaches  $90^\circ$ , and the fraction of the light energy transmitted decreases while the fraction reflected increases.
- The critical angle of incidence occurs when  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ :

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

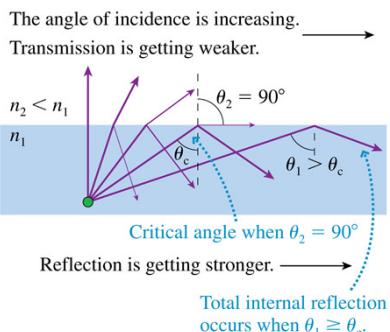
- The refracted light vanishes at the critical angle and the reflection becomes 100% for any angle  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$ .



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## Total Internal Reflection



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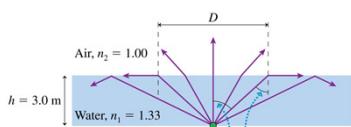
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## Example 23.5 Total Internal Reflection

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A lightbulb is set in the bottom of a 3.0-m-deep swimming pool. What is the diameter of the circle of light seen on the water's surface from above?

**MODEL** Represent the lightbulb as a point source and use the ray model of light.



Rays at the critical angle  $\theta_c$  form the edge of the circle of light seen from above.

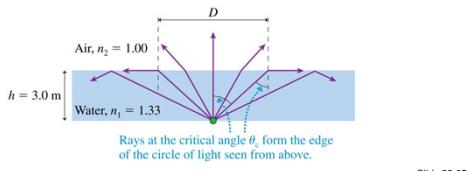
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## Example 23.5 Total Internal Reflection

**EXAMPLE 23.5 Total internal reflection**

**VISUALIZE** The figure below is a pictorial representation of the light rays. The lightbulb emits rays at all angles, but only some of the rays refract into the air where they can be seen from above. Rays striking the surface at greater than the critical angle undergo TIR



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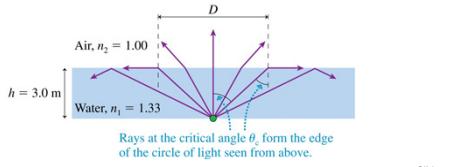
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## Example 23.5 Total Internal Reflection

**EXAMPLE 23.5 Total internal reflection**

**SOLVE** From trigonometry, the circle diameter is  $D = 2h \tan \theta_c$ , where  $h$  is the depth of the water. The critical angle for a water-air boundary is  $\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(1.00/1.33) = 48.7^\circ$ . Thus

$$D = 2(3.0 \text{ m}) \tan 48.7^\circ = 6.8 \text{ m}$$

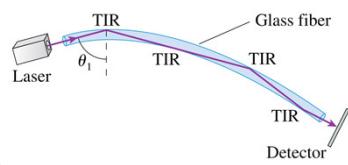


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## Fiber Optics

- The most important modern application of **total internal reflection** (TIR) is optical fibers.
- Light rays enter the glass fiber, then impinge on the inside wall of the glass at an angle above the critical angle, so they undergo TIR and remain inside the glass.
- The light continues to "bounce" its way down the tube as if it were inside a pipe.



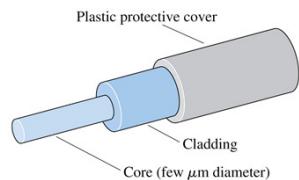
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## Fiber Optics

- In a practical optical fiber, a small-diameter glass core is surrounded by a layer of glass cladding.
- The glasses used for the core and the cladding have:

$$n_{\text{core}} > n_{\text{cladding}}$$

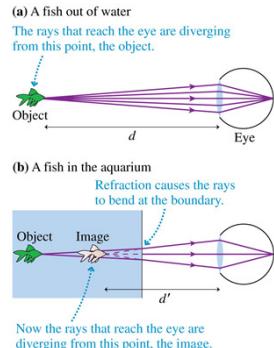


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## Image Formation by Refraction

If you see a fish that appears to be swimming close to the front window of the aquarium, but then look through the side of the aquarium, you'll find that the fish is actually farther from the window than you thought.



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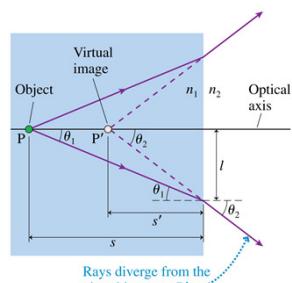
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## Image Formation by Refraction

- Rays emerge from a material with  $n_1 > n_2$ .
- Consider only **paraxial rays**, for which  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are quite small.
- In this case:

$$s' = \frac{n_2}{n_1} s$$

where  $s$  is the **object distance** and  $s'$  is the **image distance**.

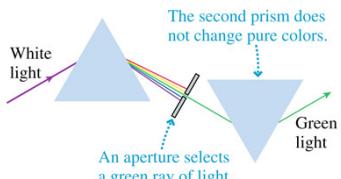


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## Color and Dispersion

- A prism *disperses* white light into various colors.
- When a particular color of light enters a prism, its color does not change.



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## Color

- Different colors are associated with light of different wavelengths.
- The longest wavelengths are perceived as red light and the shortest as violet light.
- What we perceive as white light is a mixture of all colors.

Color	Approximate wavelength
Deepest red	700 nm
Red	650 nm
Green	550 nm
Blue	450 nm
Deepest violet	400 nm

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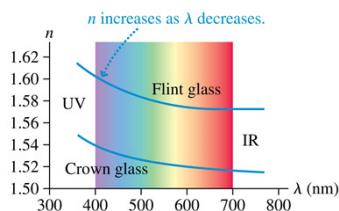
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## Dispersion

- The slight variation of index of refraction with wavelength is known as **dispersion**.
- Shown is the dispersion curves of two common glasses.
- Notice that ***n* is larger when the wavelength is shorter**, thus violet light refracts more than red light.



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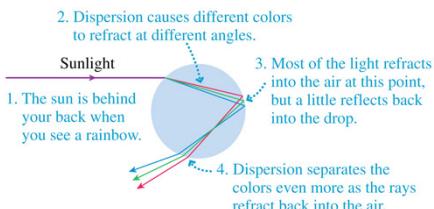
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## Rainbows

- One of the most interesting sources of color in nature is the rainbow.
- The basic cause of the rainbow is a combination of refraction, reflection, and dispersion.



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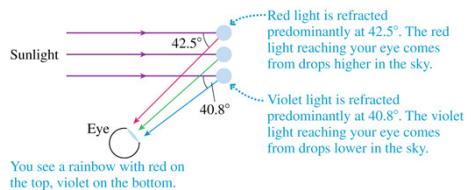
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## Rainbows

- A ray of red light reaching your eye comes from a drop *higher* in the sky than a ray of violet light.
- You have to look higher in the sky to see the red light than to see the violet light.



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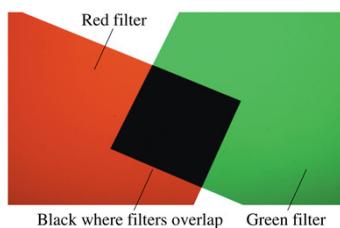
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## Colored Filters and Colored Objects

- Green glass is green because it absorbs any light that is "not green."
- If a green filter and a red filter are overlapped, no light gets through.
- The green filter transmits only green light, which is then absorbed by the red filter because it is "not red."



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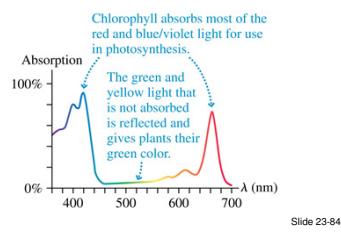
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## Colored Filters and Colored Objects

- The figure below shows the absorption curve of *chlorophyll*, which is essential for photosynthesis in green plants.
- The chemical reactions of photosynthesis absorb red light and blue/violet light from sunlight and puts it to use.
- When you look at the green leaves on a tree, you're seeing the light that was reflected because it *wasn't* needed for photosynthesis.



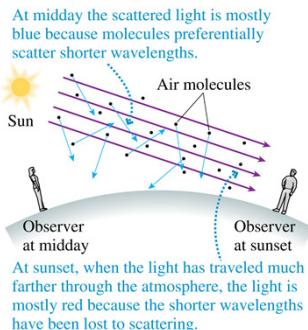
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## Light Scattering: Blue Skies and Red Sunsets

- Light can scatter from small particles that are suspended in a medium.
- Rayleigh scattering** from atoms and molecules depends inversely on the fourth power of the wavelength:

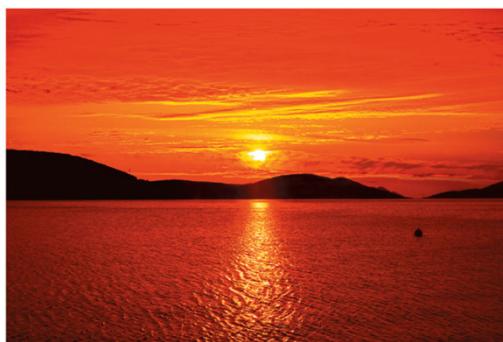
$$I_{\text{scattered}} \propto \lambda^4$$



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## Light Scattering: Blue Skies and Red Sunsets



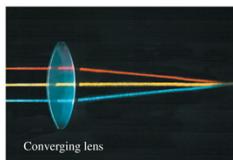
Sunsets are red because all the blue light has scattered as the sunlight passes through the atmosphere.

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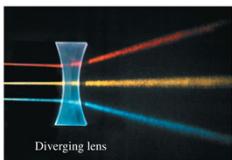
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## Lenses

- The photos below show parallel light rays entering two different lenses.
- The left lens, called a **converging lens**, causes the rays to refract *toward* the optical axis.
- The right lens, called a **diverging lens**, refracts parallel rays *away from* the optical axis.



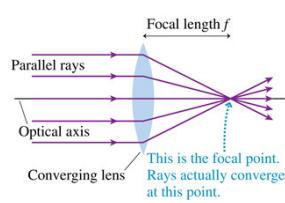
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## Converging Lenses

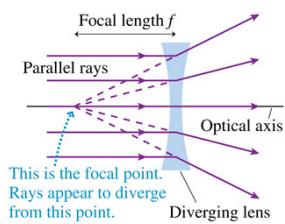
- A **converging lens** is thicker in the center than at the edges.
- The focal length  $f$  is the distance from the lens at which rays parallel to the optical axis converge.
- The focal length is a property of the lens, independent of how the lens is used.



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## Diverging Lenses

- A **diverging lens** is thicker at the edges than in the center.
- The focal length  $f$  is the distance from the lens at which rays parallel to the optical axis appear to diverge.
- The focal length is a property of the lens, independent of how the lens is used.

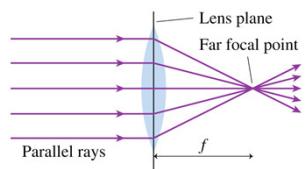


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## Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin **converging lens**.

- Situation 1:  
A ray initially parallel to the optic axis will go through the far focal point after passing through the lens.



Any ray initially parallel to the optical axis will refract through the focal point on the far side of the lens.

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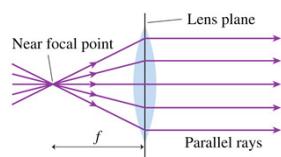


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## Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin **converging lens**.

- Situation 2:  
A ray through the near focal point of a thin lens becomes parallel to the optic axis after passing through the lens.



Any ray passing through the near focal point emerges from the lens parallel to the optical axis.

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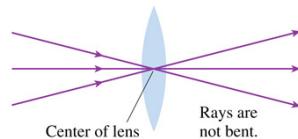


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## Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin **converging lens**.

- Situation 3:  
A ray through the center of a thin lens is neither bent nor displaced but travels in a straight line.



Any ray directed at the center of the lens passes through in a straight line.

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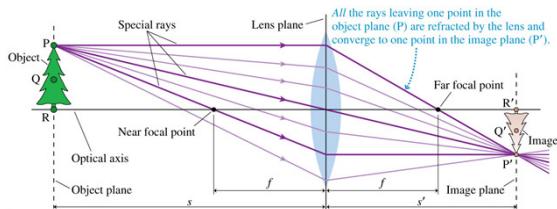
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## Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

Rays from an object point P are refracted by the lens and converge to a real image at point P'.



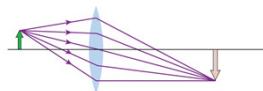
$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (\text{thin-lens equation})$$

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## QuickCheck 23.12

A lens creates an image as shown. In this situation, the object distance  $s$  is



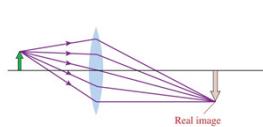
- A. Larger than the focal length  $f$ .
- B. Equal to the focal length  $f$ .
- C. Smaller than focal length  $f$ .

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## QuickCheck 23.12

A lens creates an image as shown. In this situation, the object distance  $s$  is



- A. Larger than the focal length  $f$ .
- B. Equal to the focal length  $f$ .
- C. Smaller than focal length  $f$ .

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## Lateral Magnification

- The image can be either larger or smaller than the object, depending on the location and focal length of the lens.
- The **lateral magnification**  $m$  is defined as:

$$m = -\frac{s'}{s}$$

- A positive value of  $m$  indicates that the image is upright relative to the object.
- A negative value of  $m$  indicates that the image is inverted relative to the object.
- The absolute value of  $m$  gives the size ratio of the image and object:  $h'/h = |m|$ .

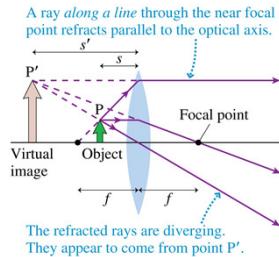
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## Virtual Images

- Consider a converging lens for which the object is *inside* the focal point, at distance  $s < f$ .
- You can see all three rays appear to diverge from point P'.
- Point P' is an upright, **virtual image** of the object point P.



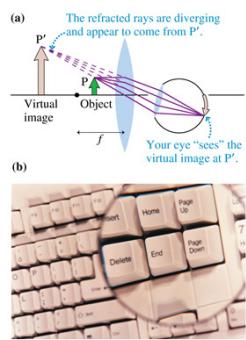
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## Virtual Images

- You can “see” a virtual image by looking through the lens.
- This is exactly what you do with a magnifying glass, microscope or binoculars.



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## Example 23.9 Magnifying a Flower

### EXAMPLE 23.9 Magnifying a flower

To see a flower better, a naturalist holds a 6.0-cm-focal-length magnifying glass 4.0 cm from the flower. What is the magnification?

**MODEL** The flower is in the object plane. Use ray tracing to locate the image.

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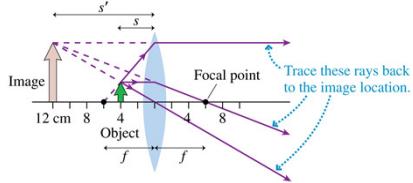


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## Example 23.9 Magnifying a Flower

### EXAMPLE 23.9 Magnifying a flower

**VISUALIZE** The figure below shows the ray-tracing diagram. The three special rays diverge from the lens, but we can use a straightedge to extend the rays backward to the point from which they diverge. This point, the image point, is seen to be 12 cm to the left of the lens.



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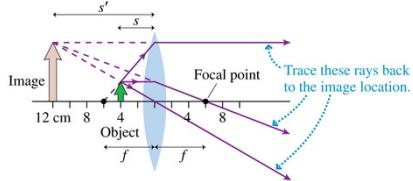
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## Example 23.9 Magnifying a Flower

### EXAMPLE 23.9 Magnifying a flower

Because this is a virtual image, the image distance is  $s' = -12$  cm. The image is three times as large as the object and, because  $m$  is positive, upright.

$$m = \frac{s'}{s} = \frac{-12 \text{ cm}}{4.0 \text{ cm}} = 3.0$$



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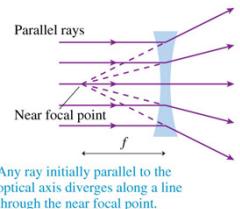
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Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin **diverging lens**.
- Situation 1:  
A ray initially parallel to the optic axis will appear to diverge from the near focal point after passing through the lens.

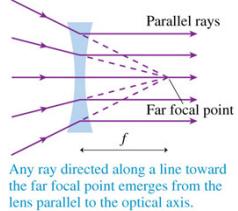


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Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin **diverging lens**.
- Situation 2:  
A ray directed along a line toward the far focal point becomes parallel to the optic axis after passing through the lens.

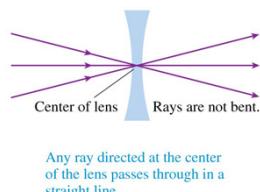


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Thin Lenses: Ray Tracing

- Three situations form the basis for ray tracing through a thin diverging lens.
- Situation 3:  
A ray through the center of a thin lens is neither bent nor displaced but travels in a straight line.

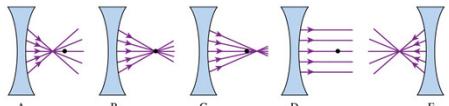
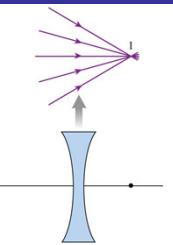


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## QuickCheck 23.14

Light rays are converging to point 1. The lens is inserted into the rays with its focal point at point 1. Which picture shows the rays leaving the lens?



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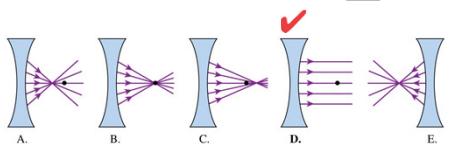
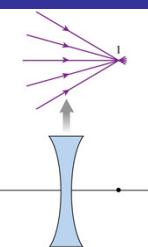
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Light rays are converging to point 1. The lens is inserted into the rays with its focal point at point 1. Which picture shows the rays leaving the lens?



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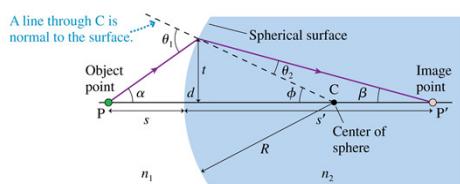
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## Thin Lenses: Refraction Theory

- Consider a spherical boundary between two transparent media with indices of refraction  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ .
- The sphere has radius of curvature  $R$  and is centered at point  $C$ .



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## Thin Lenses: Refraction Theory

If an object is located at distance  $s$  from a spherical refracting surface, an image will be formed at distance  $s'$  given by:

$$\frac{n_1}{s} + \frac{n_2}{s'} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

**TABLE 23.3** Sign convention for refracting surfaces

	Positive	Negative
<i>R</i>	Convex toward the object	Concave toward the object
<i>s'</i>	Real image, opposite side from object	Virtual image, same side as object

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### Example 23.12 A Goldfish in a Bowl

**EXAMPLE 23.12** A goldfish in a bowl

A goldfish lives in a spherical fish bowl 50 cm in diameter. If the fish is 10 cm from the near edge of the bowl, where does the fish appear when viewed from the outside?

**MODEL** Model the fish as a point source and consider the paraxial rays that refract from the water into the air. The thin glass wall has little effect and will be ignored.

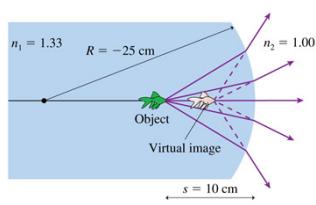
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### Example 23.12 A Goldfish in a Bowl

**EXAMPLE 23.12** A goldfish in a bowl

**VISUALIZE** The figure below shows the rays refracting *away* from the normal as they move from the water into the air. We expect to find a virtual image at a distance less than 10 cm.



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### Example 23.12 A Goldfish in a Bowl

**EXAMPLE 23.12** A goldfish in a bowl

**SOLVE** The object is in the water, so  $n_1 = 1.33$  and  $n_2 = 1.00$ . The inner surface is concave (you can remember "concave" because it's like looking into a cave), so  $R = -25\text{ cm}$ . The object distance is  $s = 10\text{ cm}$ . Thus Equation 23.21 is

$$\frac{1.33}{10 \text{ cm}} + \frac{1.00}{s'} = \frac{1.00 - 1.33}{-25 \text{ cm}} = \frac{0.33}{25 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\frac{1.00}{s'} = \frac{0.33}{25 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1.33}{10 \text{ cm}} = -0.12 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$s' = \frac{1.00}{-0.16} = -6.3 \text{ cm}$$

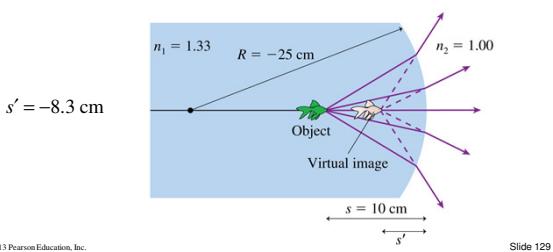
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### Example 23.12 A Goldfish in a Bowl

**EXAMPLE 23.12 A goldfish in a bowl**

**ASSESS** The image is virtual, located to the left of the boundary. A person looking into the bowl will see a fish that appears to be 8.3 cm from the edge of the bowl.

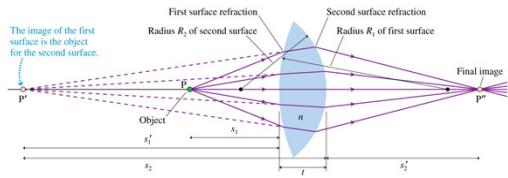


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## Lenses

In an actual lens, rays refract *twice*, at spherical surfaces having radii of curvature  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .



**TABLE 23.4** Sign convention for thin lenses

	Positive	Negative
$R_1, R_2$	Convex toward the object	Concave toward the object
$f$	Converging lens, thicker in center	Diverging lens, thinner in center
$s'$	Real image, opposite side from object	Virtual image, same side as object

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## The Thin Lens Equation

The object distance  $s$  is related to the image distance  $s'$  by:

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (\text{thin-lens equation})$$

where  $f$  is the focal length of the lens, which can be found from:

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \quad (\text{lens maker's equation})$$

where  $R_1$  is the radius of curvature of the first surface, and  $R_2$  is the radius of curvature of the second surface, and the material surrounding the lens has  $n = 1$ .

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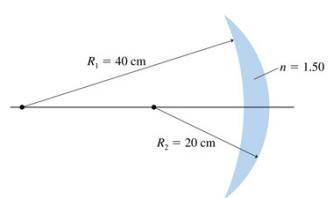


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## Example 23.13 Focal Length of a Meniscus Lens

### EXAMPLE 23.13 Focal length of a meniscus lens

What is the focal length of the glass *meniscus lens* shown in the figure below? Is this a converging or diverging lens?



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## Example 23.13 Focal Length of a Meniscus Lens

### EXAMPLE 23.13 Focal length of a meniscus lens

**SOLVE** If the object is on the left, then the first surface has  $R_1 = -40$  cm (concave toward the object) and the second surface has  $R_2 = -20$  cm (also concave toward the object). The index of refraction of glass is  $n = 1.50$ , so the lens maker's equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f} &= (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = (1.50 - 1) \left( \frac{1}{-40 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1}{-20 \text{ cm}} \right) \\ &= 0.0125 \text{ cm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Inverting this expression gives  $f = 80$  cm. This is a converging lens, as seen both from the positive value of  $f$  and from the fact that the lens is thicker in the center.

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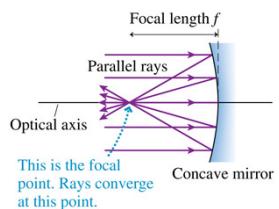
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## Image Formation with Concave Spherical Mirrors

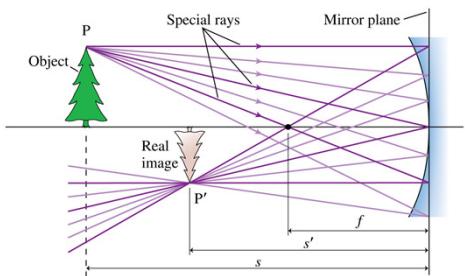
- The figure shows a **concave mirror**, a mirror in which the edges curve *toward* the light source.
- Rays parallel to the optical axis reflect and pass through the focal point of the mirror.



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## A Real Image Formed by a Concave Mirror



$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (\text{mirror equation})$$

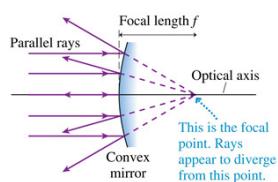
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ANSWER

Image Formation with Convex Spherical Mirrors

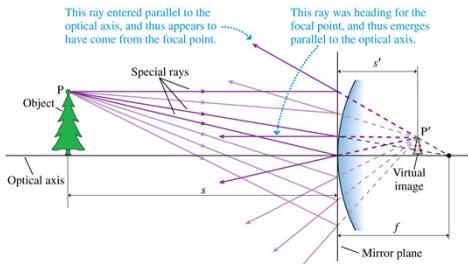
- The figure shows parallel light rays approaching a mirror in which the edges curve *away from* the light source.
- This is called a **convex mirror**.
- The reflected rays appear to come from a point behind the mirror.



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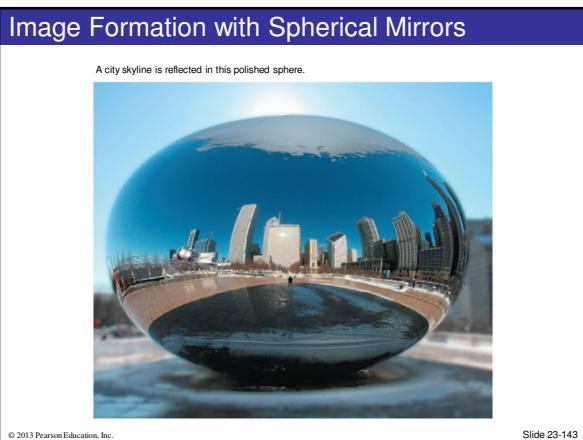
## A Real Image Formed by a Convex Mirror



$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (\text{mirror equation})$$

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## The Mirror Equation

For a spherical mirror with negligible thickness, the object and image distances are related by:

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad (\text{mirror equation})$$

where the focal length  $f$  is related to the mirror's radius of curvature by:

$$f = \frac{R}{2}$$

**TABLE 23.5** Sign convention for spherical mirrors

	Positive	Negative
$R, f$	Concave toward the object	Convex toward the object
$s'$	Real image, same side as object	Virtual image, opposite side from object

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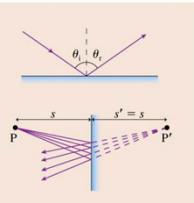


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## General Principles

### Reflection

Law of reflection:  $\theta_r = \theta_i$   
 Reflection can be **specular** (mirror-like) or **diffuse** (from rough surfaces).  
 Plane mirrors: A virtual image is formed at  $P'$  with  $s' = s$ .



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## General Principles

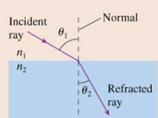
### Refraction

**Snell's law** of refraction:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

**Index of refraction** is  $n = c/v$ .  
 The ray is closer to the normal on the side with the larger index of refraction.

If  $n_2 < n_1$ , **total internal reflection (TIR)** occurs when the angle of incidence  $\theta_i \geq \theta_c = \sin^{-1}(n_2/n_1)$ .



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## Important Concepts

## The ray model of light

Light travels along straight lines, called **light rays**, at speed

$$v = c/n.$$

A light ray continues forever unless an interaction with matter causes it to reflect, refract, scatter, or be absorbed.

Light rays come from **objects**. Each point on the object sends rays in all directions.

The eye sees an object (or an image) when diverging rays are collected by the pupil and focused on the retina.

- Ray optics is valid when lenses, mirrors, and apertures are larger than  $\approx 1$  mm.

larger than  $\sim 1$  mm.

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## Important Concepts

## Image formation

If rays diverge from P and interact with a lens or mirror so that the refracted rays *converge* at P', then P' is a **real image** of P.

If rays diverge from P and interact with a lens or mirror so that the refracted/reflected rays *diverge* from P', and appear to come from P', then P' is a **virtual image** of P.

**Spherical surface:** Object and image distances are related by

$$\frac{n_1}{s} + \frac{n_2}{s'} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

**Plane surface:**  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $|s'/s| = n_2/n_1$ .

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