Mirror Example

• Consider a concave mirror radius -10 cm then

$$f = -\frac{r}{2} = -\frac{-10}{2} = 5 \ cm$$

- Now consider a 1 cm candle s = 15 cm from the vertex
- Where is the image

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = -\frac{2}{r} = \frac{1}{f}$$
$$\frac{1}{s'} = -\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{15} = 0.13333 \quad s' = \frac{1}{0.1333} = 7.5 \text{ cm}$$

- Magnification $m = \frac{M'}{M} = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{7.5}{15} = -0.5$
- Thus image is inverted and half size of object
- What if candle is at 10 cm (radius of curvature)

$$\frac{1}{s'} = -\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10} = 0.1 \quad s' = \frac{1}{0.1} = 10 \ cm \qquad m = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{10}{10} = -1$$

Image is at object position (10 cm) inverted and same size (1 cm)



FIGURE 6E

Parallel-ray method for graphically locating the image formed by a concave mirror.

Objects less than Focal Length

• Now consider object at 2.5 cm (smaller than f = 5 cm)

$$\frac{1}{s'} = -\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2.5} = -0.2 \quad s' = \frac{1}{-0.2} = -5 \ cm \quad m = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{-5}{2.5} = 2$$

- Image appears to be behind the mirror by 5 cm
- Image is virtual light is expanding from mirror
- Image is erect and twice object size
- Do not see image if place something at image position



Fig. 4-49

Graphic Method of Solving Optics

- Graphic method is useful in thinking about what happens
- Use some scale (graph paper good)
- Place mirror on axis line and mark radius C & focal F points
- Draw line from object top Q to mirror parallel to axis (ray 4)
- Hits vertex line at T
- Then direct ray from T through focus point F (ray 5) and beyond
- Now direct ray from object top Q through radius C (ray 8)
- This intersects ray 5 at image Q' (point 9)
- This correctly shows both position and magnification of object
- This really shows how the light rays are travelling
- Eg Ray through the focal point F (ray 6) becomes parallel (ray 7)
- Intersects ray 5 again at image Q'



FIGURE 6E

Parallel-ray method for graphically locating the image formed by a concave mirror.

Mirror Coatings

- Classic mirrors use metallic coatings
- Most optics mirrors front surface mirror
- Regular mirrors back surface (coating on glass)
- Problem for optics (reflection both from glass & metal surface)
- Aluminium most commons now: 90-92% reflective
- Often coated for protection with transparent film (aluminium oxide)
- Silver mirrors higher reflection 95%
- Must be coated or fail in 6 months
- Gold mirrors for IR systems
- For lasers Al mirrors problem is ~8% absorption
- Film gets damaged by laser energy absorbed
- Typical limit 50 W/cm² CW, 10 mJ/cm² for 10 nsec pulse
- Need to watch cleaning as they scratch easily



Mirror Substrates

Pyrex

- Typical substrate pyrex: BK7
- Low deformation with heating
- Good surface polish
- Typical size: 1 inch diameter, 0.5 inch thick
- Must be platinum free
- Price of substrate ~\$100

Glass-Ceramic materials

- eg Newport's Zerodur
- designed for low thermal expansion
- Used were there must be not thermal changes
- Price of Substrate ~\$130

Fused Silica (Quartz)

- High thermal stability
- Extremely good polishing characteristics
- 3 times price of Pyrex



Lenses & Prism

- Consider light entering a prism
- At the plane surface perpendicular light is unrefracted
- Moving from the glass to the slope side light is bent away from the normal of the slope
- Using Snell's law





Figure 2.5 A translation into the ray language of Figure 2.3

Prisms & Index of Refraction with Wavelength

- Different wavelengths have different index of refraction
- Index change is what makes prism colour spectrum
- Generally higher index at shorter wavelengths
- Most effect if use both sides to get max deviation & long distance
- Angle change is ~ only ratio of index change -1-2%
- Eg BSC glass red 1.5, violet 1.51, assume light leaves at 30°

Red $\phi_R = \arcsin [1.5 \sin(60)] = 48.59^\circ$ Violet $\phi_v = \arcsin [1.51 \sin(60)] = 49.03^\circ$

• This 0.43° difference spreads spectrum 7.6 mm at 1 m distance



Lens

- Lens is like a series of prisms
- Straight through at the centre
- Sharper wedge angles further out
- More focusing further out
- Snell's law applied to get the lens operation



Figure 2.6 Rays corresponding to wavefronts incident upon a succession of small prisms

Why is Light Focus by a Lens

- Why does all the light focus by a lens
- Consider a curved glass surface with index n' on right side
- Radius of curvature r is centered at C
- Let parallel light ray P at height h from axis hit the curvature at T
- Normal at T is through C forming angle ϕ to parallel beam
- Beam is refracted by Snell's law to angle ϕ ' to the normal

$$n \sin(\varphi) = n' \sin(\varphi')$$

Assuming small angles then $\sin(\phi) \sim \phi$ and

$$\sin(\varphi) = \frac{n'}{n} \sin(\varphi') \quad or \quad \varphi \cong \frac{n'}{n} \varphi'$$

From geometry for small angles

$$sin(\phi) = \frac{h}{r} \quad or \quad \phi \cong \frac{h}{r}$$

Angle θ ' the beam makes to the axis is by geometry

$$\theta' = \phi' - \phi = \frac{n'}{n}\phi - \phi = \frac{n' - n}{n}\phi \cong \frac{h}{r}\left[\frac{n' - n}{n}\right]$$

Thus the focus point is located at

$$f = \frac{h}{\sin(\theta')} \cong \frac{h}{\theta} \cong h \frac{r}{h} \left[\frac{n}{n' - n} \right] \cong \frac{nr}{n' - n}$$

Thus all light is focused at same point independent of h position



FIGURE 8E Geometry for ray tracing with parallel incident light.

Focal Points

- Two focal points depending on surface & where light comes from
- Primary Focal Points are
- Convex (a) where diverge beam forms parallel light
- Concave surface (b) where light appears to converge

when it is converted into a parallel beam

• Secondary Focal Points

- Convex (c) where parallel beam is focused
- Concave surface (d) where parallel light coming in appears to diverge from.



FIGURE 3B

The focal points F and F' and focal lengths f and f' associated with a single spherical refracting surface of radius r separating two media of index n and n'.

Types of Lenses

Convex

- (a) Biconvex or equiconvex
- (b) Planoconvex
- (c) positive meniscus

Concave

- (d) biconcave or equiconve
- (e) Planoconcave
- (f) negative meniscus
- Primary and secondary focal points very dependent on type
- Planoconvex/Panloconcave easiest to make
- Two surface lenses about twice the price



FIGURE 3A Cross sections of common types of thin lenses.

Fresnel Lens

- Lens with thickness remove
- Cheaper, but can be lower quality
- Reason: diffraction effects at step boundries



Figure 2.8 Metamorphosis of a succession of prismlets into a Fresnel lens

Lens Conventions

- From Jenkins & White: Fundamentals of Optics, pg 50
- Incident rays travel left to right
- Object distance s + if left to vertex, if right to vertex
- Image distance s' + if right to vertex, if left to vertex
- Focal length measured from focal point to vertex f positive for converging, negative for diverging
- r positive for convex surfaces r negative for concave
- Object and Image dimension + if up, - if down from axis



FIGURE 3D

All rays leaving the object point Q and passing through the refracting surface are brought to a focus at the image point Q'.

Gaussian Formula for a Spherical Surface

- The radius of curvature r controls the focus
- Gaussian Lens formula

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = \frac{n' - n}{r}$$

where n index on medium of light origin

n' index on medium entered

- r = radius of curvature of surface
- Clearly for s' infinite (parallel light output) then s = f (primary focal length)

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{\infty} = \frac{n}{f} = \frac{n' - n}{r}$$
$$f = \frac{nr}{n' - n}$$



FIGURE 3K Geometry for the derivation of the paraxial formula used in locating images.

Thin Lens

- Assume that thickness is very small compared to s, s' distances
- This is often true for large focal length lenses
- Primary focus f on left convex lens, right concave
- Secondary focus f' on right convex, left concave
- If same medium on both sides then thin lens approximation is



FIGURE 4A Ray diagrams illustrating the primary and secondary focal points F and F' and the corresponding focal lengths f and f' of thin lenses.

Basic Thin Lens formula

• Basic Thin Lens formula

$$\frac{l}{s} + \frac{l}{s'} = \frac{l}{f}$$

• Lens Maker's formula

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n-1)\left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}\right)$$









Magnification and Thin Lenses

- f positive for convex, negative for concave
- Magnification of a lens is given by

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

• Magnification is negative for convex, positive for concave







FIGURE 4G The parallel-ray method for graphically locating the virtual image formed by a negative lens.

Simple Lens Example

- Consider a glass (n=1.5) plano-convex lens radius $r_1 = 10$ cm
- By the Lens Maker's formula

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n-1)\left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}\right) = (1.5-1)\left(\frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{\infty}\right) = \frac{0.5}{10} = 0.05$$
$$f = \frac{1}{0.05} = 20 \ cm$$

- Now consider a 1 cm candle at s = 60 cm from the vertex
- Where is the image

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$
$$\frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{60} = 0.03333 \qquad s' = \frac{1}{0.0333} = 30 \ cm$$

- Magnification $m = \frac{M'}{M} = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{30}{60} = -0.5$
- Image at 30 cm other side of lens inverted and half object size
- What if candle is at 40 cm (twice f)

$$\frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{40} = 0.05 \quad s' = \frac{1}{0.05} = 40 \ cm \qquad m = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{40}{40} = -1$$

• Image is at 40 cm other side of lens inverted and same size (1 cm)





Lens with Object Closer than Focus f

• Now place candle at 10 cm (s <f condition)

$$\frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{10} = -0.05 \quad s' = \frac{1}{0.05} = -20 \ cm$$
$$m = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{-20}{10} = 2$$

- Now image is on same side of lens at 20 cm (focal point)
- Image is virtual, erect and 2x object size
- Virtual image means light appears to come from it



Graphic Method of Solving Lens Optics

- Graphic method is why this is called Geometric Optics
- Use some scale (graph paper good)
- Place lens on axis line and mark radius C & focal F points
- Draw line from object top Q to mirror parallel to axis (ray 4)
- Hits vertex line at T
- Then direct ray from T through focus point F and beyond
- Because parallel light from object is focused at f
- Now direct ray from object top Q through lens center (ray 5)
- This intersects ray 4 at image Q' (point 7)
- This correctly shows both position and magnification of object
- This really shows how the light rays are travelling
- Eg Ray through the focal point F (ray 6) becomes parallel
- Intersects ray 5 again at image Q'





Thin Lens Principal Points

- Object and image distances are measured from the Principal Points
- Principal point H" Location depends on the lens shape
- H" also depends on a thin lens orientation
- Note if you reverse a lens it often does not focus at the same point
- Need to look at lens specifications for principal points
- Thick lenses have separate Principal points



Thick Lens Formula

- As lens gets thicker optical surfaces may be not meet
- Lens thickness t_c (between vertex at the optical axis i.e. centre)
- Now lens formula much more complicated
- Distances measured relative to the principal points H" for light coming from the front F

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n-1)\left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}\right) + \frac{(n-1)^2}{n}\left[\frac{t_c}{r_1r_2}\right]$$

- Note simple lens formula assumes $t_c = 0$ which is never true
- But if f is large then r's large and t_c is small so good approximation
- Note plano-convex $r_2 = \infty$ and $f_{thin} = f_{thick}$ but principal point changes



Very Thick Lenses

- Now primary and secondary principal points very different
- A_1 = front vertex (optical axis intercept of front surface)
- H = primary (front) principal point
- $A_2 = back vertex$ (optical axis intercept of back surface)
- H" = secondary (back) principal point
- t_c = centre thickness: separation between vertex at optic axis
- Relative to the front surface the primary principal point is

$$A_1 - H = ft_c \left(\frac{n-1}{r_2}\right)$$

• Relative to the back surface the secondary principal point is

$$A_2 - H'' = ft_c \left(\frac{n-1}{r_1}\right)$$

• f_{efl} effective focal length (EFL): usually different for front and back



FRONT AND BACK FOCAL LENGTHS of a lens having spherical surfaces and surrounded by air. Under these conditions, distances labeled f are equal whether or not the lens is symmetric, but distances f_f and f_b are equal *only* if the lens is symmetric. In the paraxial limit (see text), the curvature of the principal surfaces may be neglected.

Numerical Aperture (NA)

• NA is the sine of the angle the largest ray a parallel beam makes when focused

$$NA = sin(\theta) = \frac{\phi}{2f}$$

where θ = angle of the focused beam

 ϕ = diameter of the lens

- NA <1 are common
- High NA lenses are faster lenses
- NA is related to the F#

$$F\#=\frac{1}{2NA}$$



Combining Lenses

- \bullet Can combine lenses to give Combination Effective Focal Length f_e
- If many thin lenses in contact then

$$\frac{1}{f_e} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} + \frac{1}{f_3} \cdots$$

- Two lenses f₁ and f₂ separated by distance d
- To completely replace two lens for all calculations
- New image distance for object at infinity (eg laser beam)

$$\frac{1}{f_e} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{d}{f_1 f_2} \quad or \quad f_e = \frac{f_1 f_2}{f_1 + f_2 - d}$$

• Distance from first lens primary principal point to combined lens primary principal point

$$D = -\frac{df_e}{f_2}$$

• Distance from second lens secondary principal point to combined lens secondary principal point

$$D' = -\frac{df_e}{f_1}$$

• Combined "thick lens" extends from D to D'



Combining Two Lens Elements

• Combined object distance se

$$s_e = s_1 - D$$

• Combined image distance s'_e

$$s'_e = s'_2 - D'$$

- NOTE: Combined object/image distance may change sign
- The thick lens follows the standard formula

$$\frac{1}{s_e} + \frac{1}{s'_e} == \frac{1}{f_e}$$

• Combined magnification

$$m_e = -\frac{s'_e}{s_e}$$

• Secondary focus distance relative to 2nd lens vertex is:

$$f = f_e + D$$

• Note some devices (e.g. telescopes) cannot use these formulas



PAIR OF POSITIVE LENSES separated by distance d greater than $f_1 + f_2$.