

17. Consider the image formed by a thin converging lens. Under what conditions will the image be
 - a. inverted?
 - b. upright?
 - c. real?
 - d. virtual?
 - e. larger than the object?
 - f. smaller than the object?
18. Repeat a–f of item 17 for a thin diverging lens.
19. Explain this statement: The focal point of a converging lens is the location of an image of a point object at infinity. Based on this statement, can you think of a quick method for determining the focal length of a positive lens?

Conceptual Questions

20. If a glass converging lens is submerged in water, will its focal length be longer or shorter than when the lens is in air?
21. In order to get an upright image, slides must be placed upside down in a slide projector. What type of lens must the slide projector have? Is the slide inside or outside the focal point of the lens?
22. If there are two converging lenses in a compound microscope, why is the image still inverted?
23. In a Jules Verne novel, a piece of ice is shaped into the form of a magnifying lens to focus sunlight and thereby start a fire. Is this possible?

Practice Problems

For problems 24–26, see Sample Problem B.

24. An object is placed in front of a diverging lens with a focal length of 20.0 cm. For each object distance, find the image distance and the magnification. Describe each image.
 - a. 40.0 cm
 - b. 20.0 cm
 - c. 10.0 cm
25. A person looks at a gem using a converging lens with a focal length of 12.5 cm. The lens forms a virtual image 30.0 cm from the lens. Determine the magnification. Is the image upright or inverted?
26. An object is placed in front of a converging lens with a focal length of 20.0 cm. For each object distance, find the image distance and the magnification. Describe each image.
 - a. 40.0 cm
 - b. 10.0 cm

TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION, ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION, AND ABERRATIONS

Review Questions

27. Is it possible to have total internal reflection for light incident from air on water? Explain.
28. What are the conditions necessary for the occurrence of a mirage?
29. On a hot day, what is it that we are seeing when we observe a “water on the road” mirage?
30. Why does the arc of a rainbow appear with red colors on top and violet colors on the bottom?
31. What type of aberration is involved in each of the following situations?
 - a. The edges of the image appear reddish.
 - b. The central portion of the image cannot be clearly focused.
 - c. The outer portion of the image cannot be clearly focused.
 - d. The central portion of the image is enlarged relative to the outer portions.

Conceptual Questions

32. A laser beam passing through a nonhomogeneous sugar solution follows a curved path. Explain.
33. On a warm day, the image of a boat floating on cold water appears above the boat. Explain.
34. Explain why a mirror cannot give rise to chromatic aberration.
35. Why does a diamond show flashes of color when observed under ordinary white light?