



**SLE123**

Class 10

Ray Optics

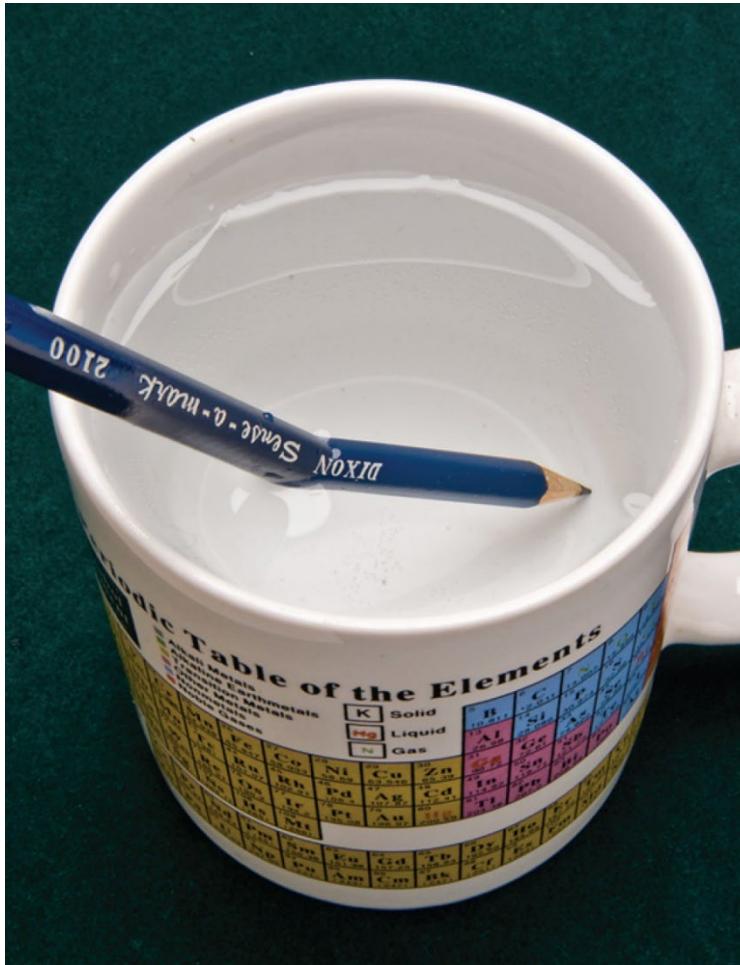
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# Reflection and Refraction of Light



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# Topics

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- The ray model of light
- Reflection
- Refraction
- Ray tracing for lenses



Why are there two images of this turtle in an aquarium, and why does each image appear to be a different size?

# Looking ahead

## Reflection

Light rays can bounce, or **reflect**, off a surface. Rays from the bird's head reflect from the water, forming an upside-down image.



You'll learn how the **law of reflection** can be used to understand image formation by mirrors.

## Refraction

The two images of the turtle are due to **refraction**, the bending of light rays as they travel from one material into another.



You'll learn **Snell's law** for refraction and how images can be formed by refraction.

## Lenses and Mirrors

Rays refracting at the surfaces of this lens form a magnified **image** of the girl behind it.

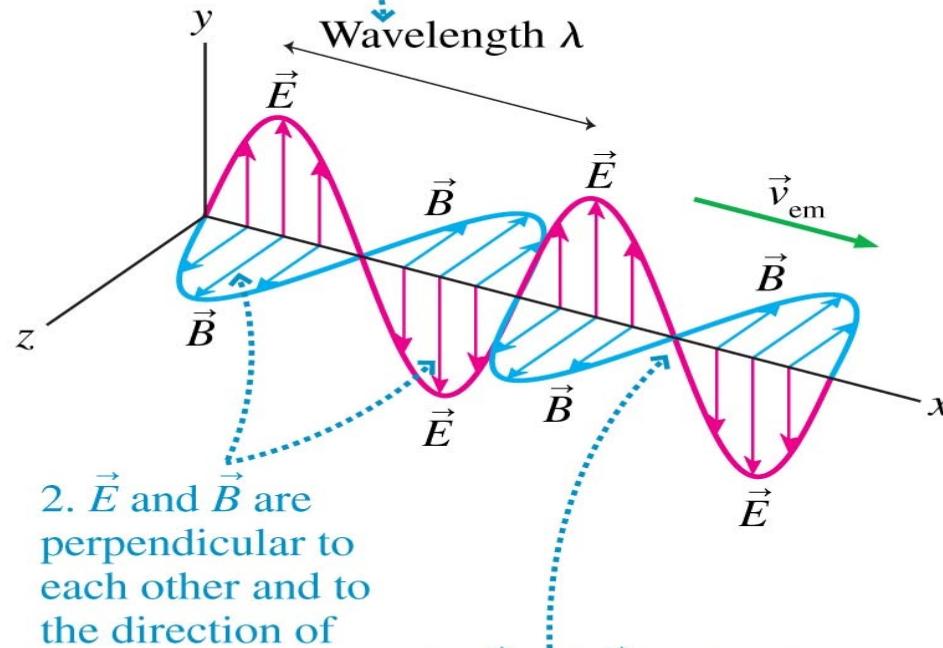


You'll learn how to locate and characterize the images formed by lenses and mirrors.

# Light Waves

## (a) Electromagnetic wave

1. The wave is a sinusoidal traveling wave, with frequency  $f$  and wavelength  $\lambda$ .



2.  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are perpendicular to each other and to the direction of travel. Thus an electromagnetic wave is a transverse wave.

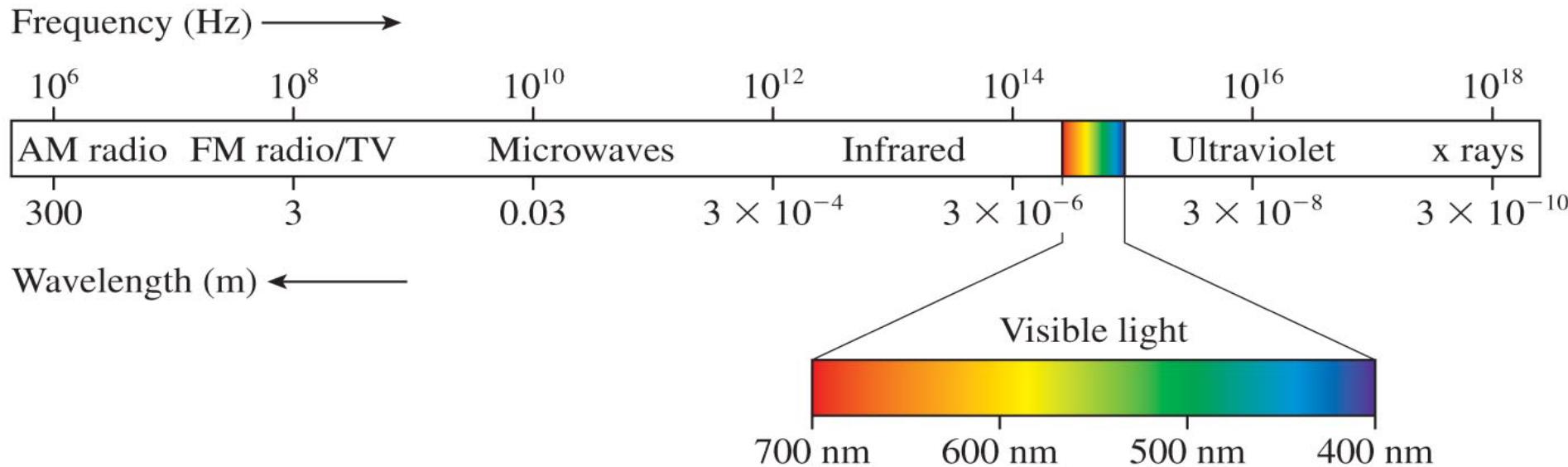
3.  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are in phase. That is, they have matching crests, troughs, and zeros.

An electromagnetic (light) wave is an oscillating magnetic field travelling at right angles to an oscillating electric field. The 2 fields are in phase with each other.

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(Knight, Jones, Field, section 15.4, p. 495)

# Study Question 1

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- Revise wave equation question from previous lecture eg.

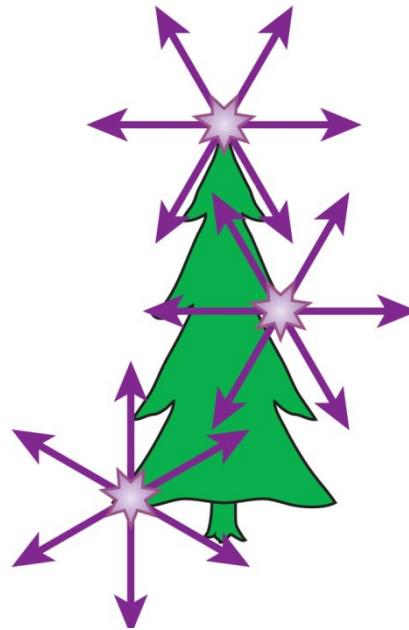
If a ray of light has frequency of 1000 Hz, what is its wavelength?



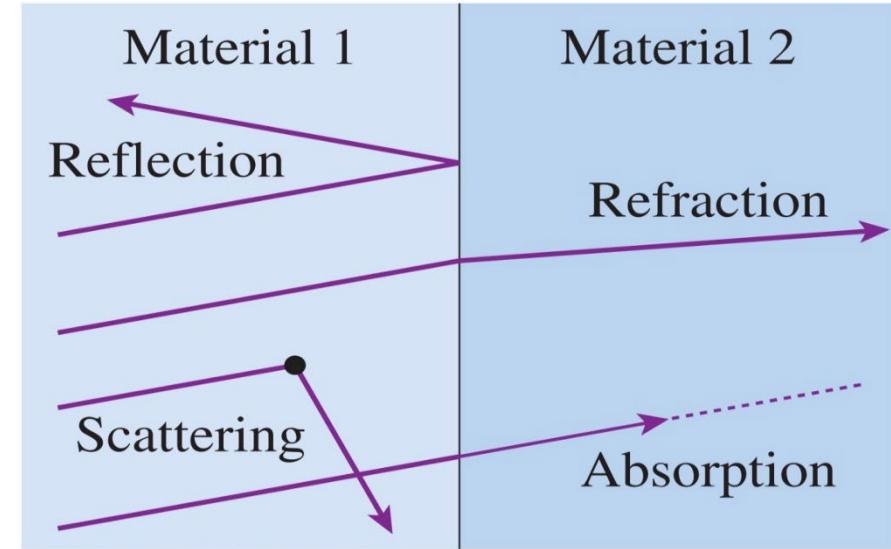
# The Ray Model of Light



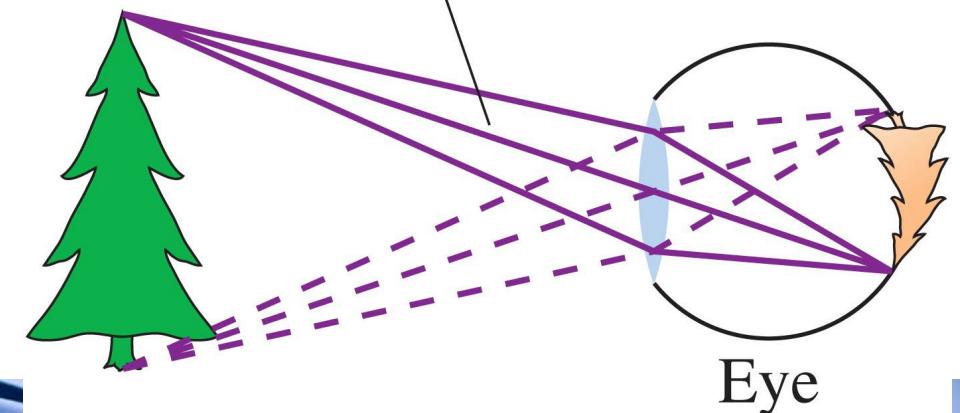
Light rays can cross.



The eye sees by focusing a bundle of rays.



Diverging bundle of rays



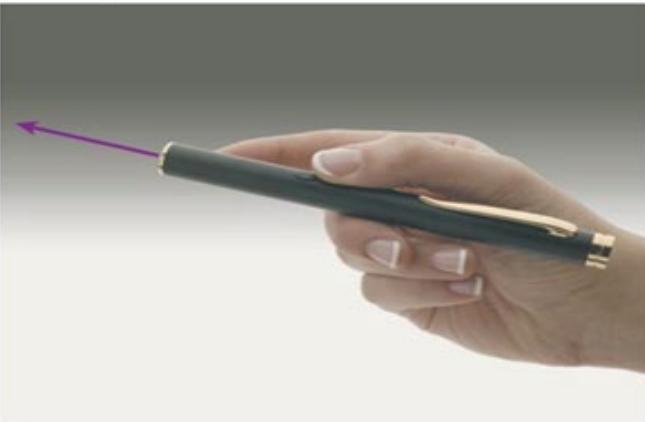
# Sources of Light Rays

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- **Self-luminous objects** (or *sources*) directly create light rays. Self-luminous objects include lightbulbs and the sun.
- **Reflective objects** are objects that reflect rays originating from self-luminous objects. These objects include a piece of paper or a tree.

# Sources of Light ray – Self – Luminous Objects

**A ray source**



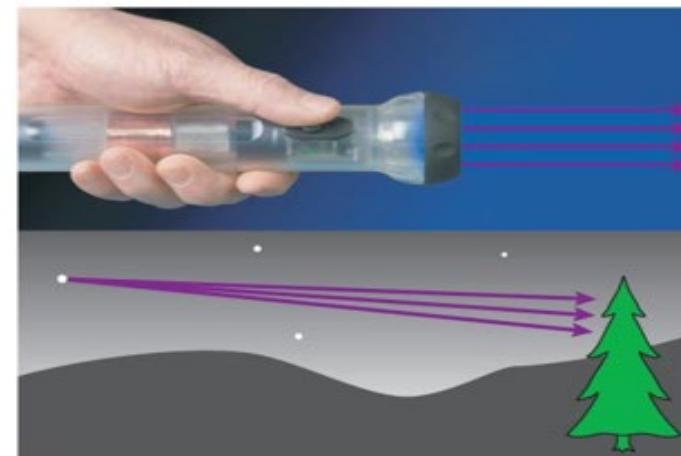
**A point source**



**An extended source**



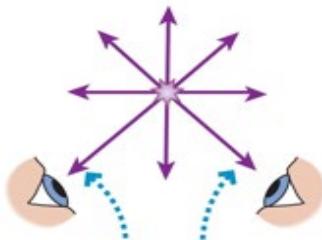
**A parallel-ray source**



# Seeing Objects

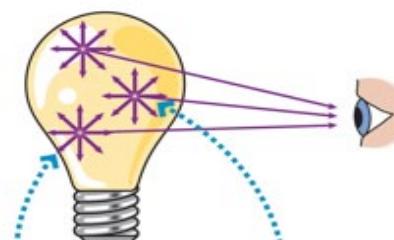
## Seeing a point or extended source

### A point source



Everyone can see a point source.

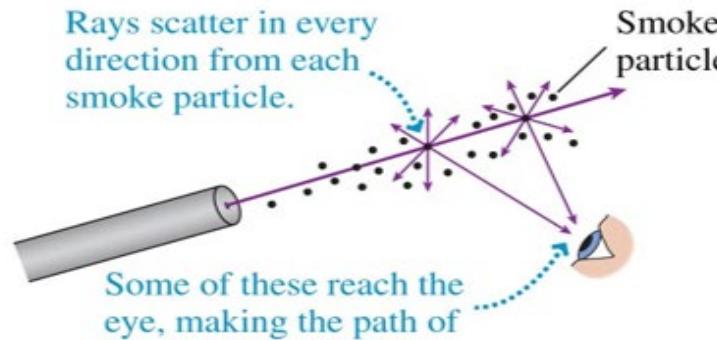
### An extended source



All points of an extended source are visible.

## Seeing a ray source

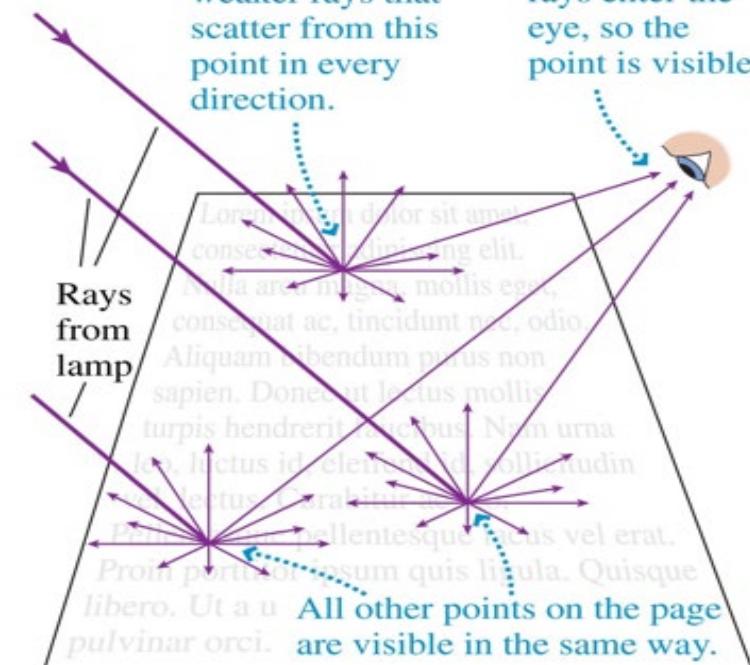
Rays scatter in every direction from each smoke particle.



Some of these reach the eye, making the path of the laser beam visible.

## Seeing an object by scattered light

An incident ray breaks into many weaker rays that scatter from this point in every direction.

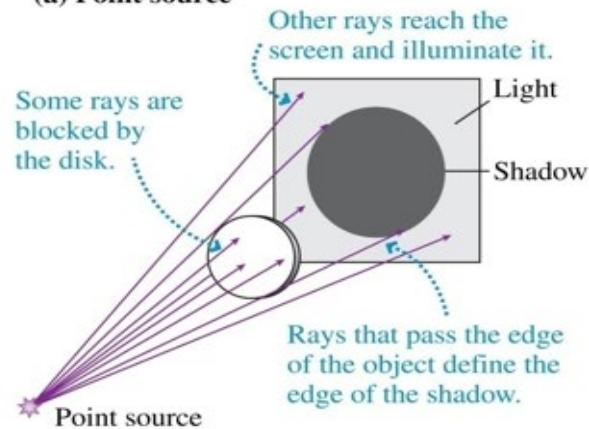


Some scattered rays enter the eye, so the point is visible.

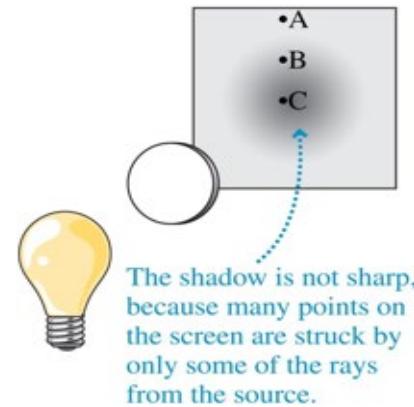
All other points on the page are visible in the same way.

# Shadows

(a) Point source



(b) Extended source



(c) View of bulb as seen from three points on the screen

A



The whole bulb is visible from point A. Point A is fully illuminated.

B



At B, the disk partially obscures the bulb. Point B is in partial shadow.

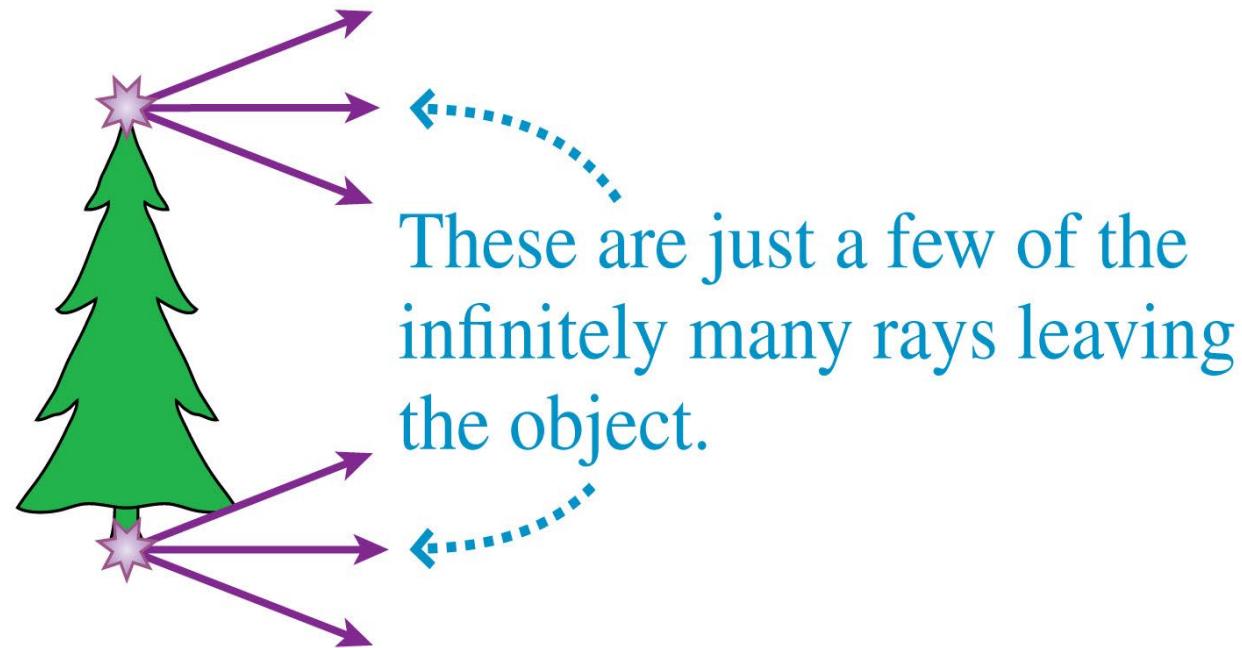
C



At C, the disk completely blocks the bulb. Point C is dark.

# Ray Diagram

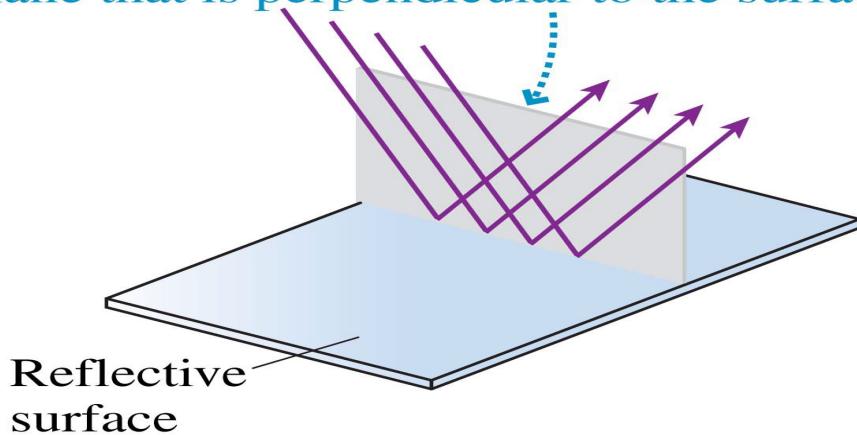
- A **ray diagram** is a diagram that shows a few light rays in order to simplify the situation.
- In reality, rays originate from *every* point on an object and travel in *all* directions.



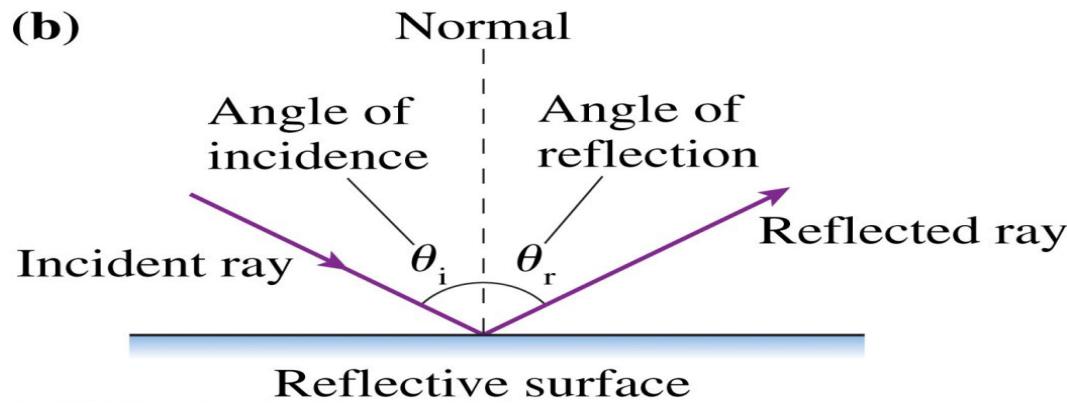
# The Law of Reflection

(a)

Both the incident and reflected rays lie in a plane that is perpendicular to the surface.



(b)

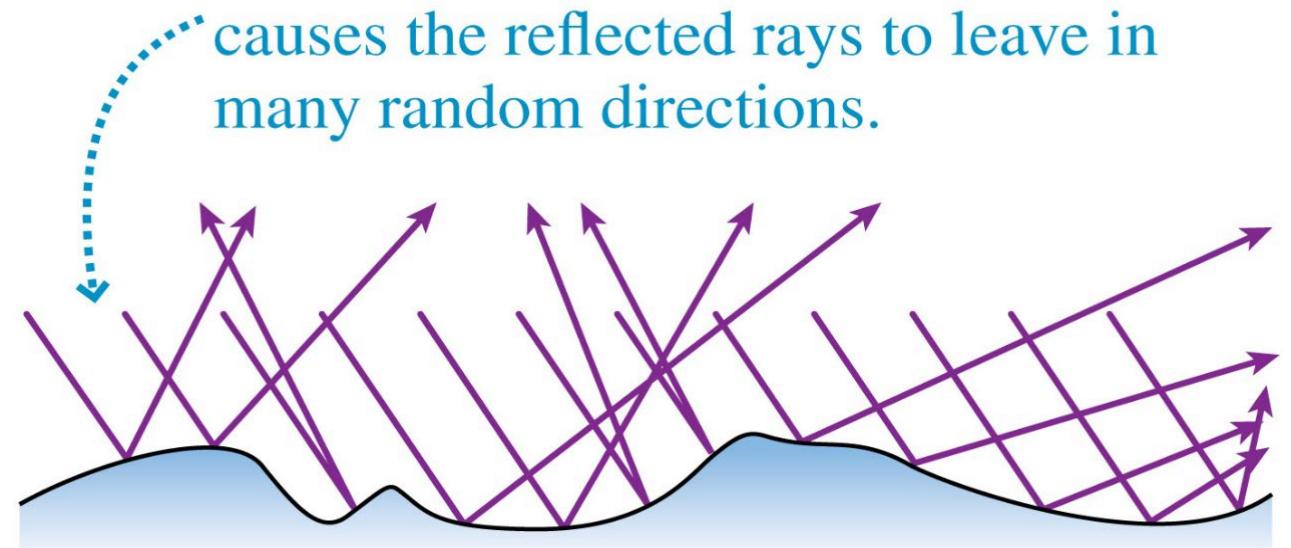


1. The incident ray and the reflected ray are in the same plane normal to the surface, and
2. The angle of reflection equals the angle of incidence:  
$$\theta_r = \theta_i$$
.

# Diffuse reflection

- On the microscopic scale, the surface of a diffuse reflector (paper or cloth) is rough.
- The law of reflection holds, but the irregularities of the surface cause the reflected rays to leave in all directions.

Each ray obeys the law of reflection at that point, but the irregular surface causes the reflected rays to leave in many random directions.



Magnified view of surface

# Reflection

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When you look at yourself in a mirror, you see an image of yourself and objects around you. Note that you do not see yourself as others see you. Left and right appear reversed in the image.



# Mirrors and Lenses

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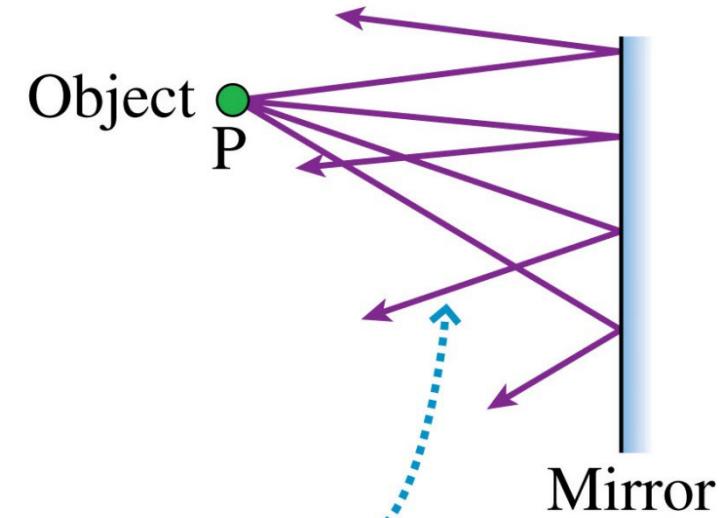
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# Plane Mirror

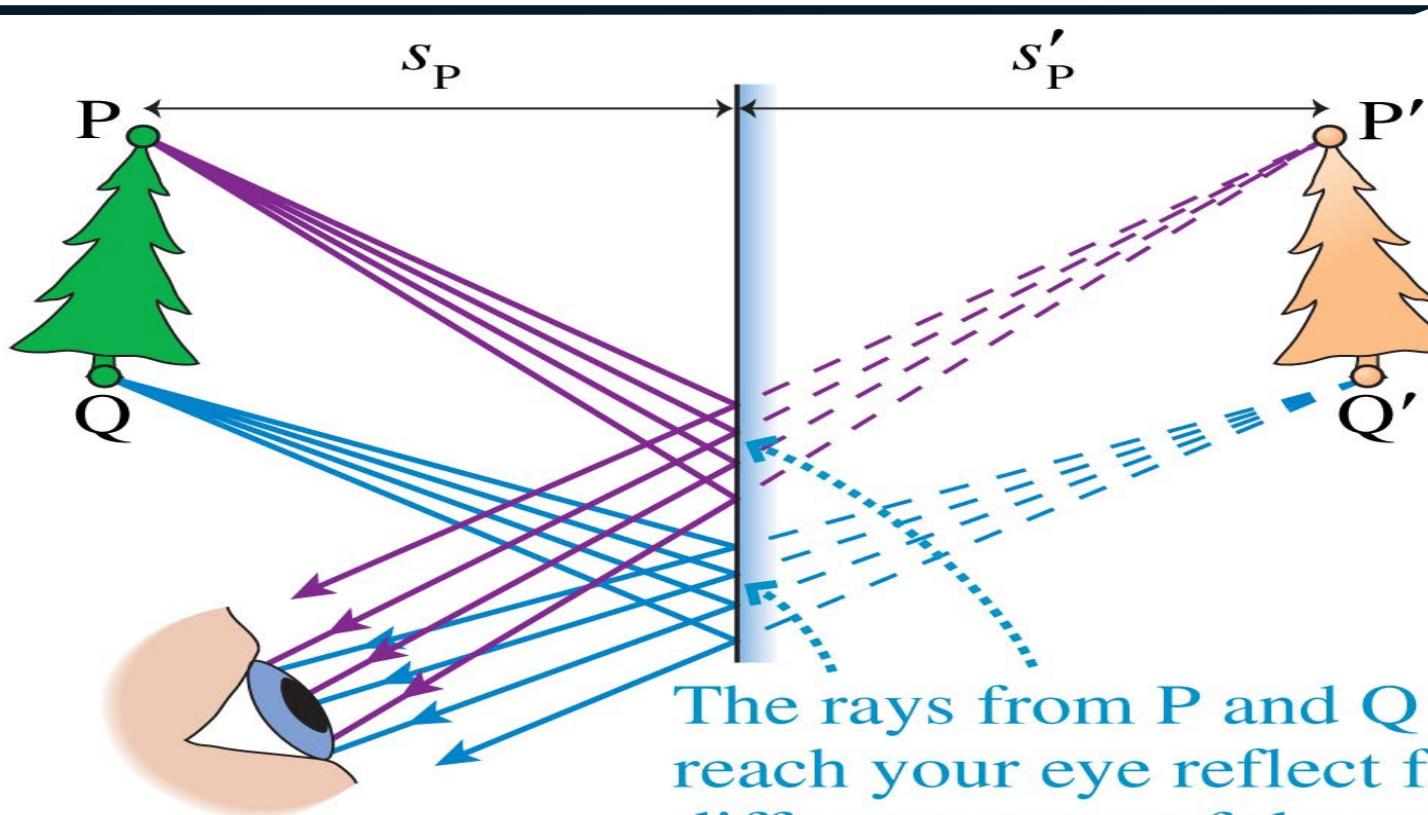
A **plane mirror** is a flat mirror.  
Rays from point P will reflect  
according to the law of reflection.

(a)



Rays from P reflect from the mirror. Each ray obeys the law of reflection.

# The Plane Mirror

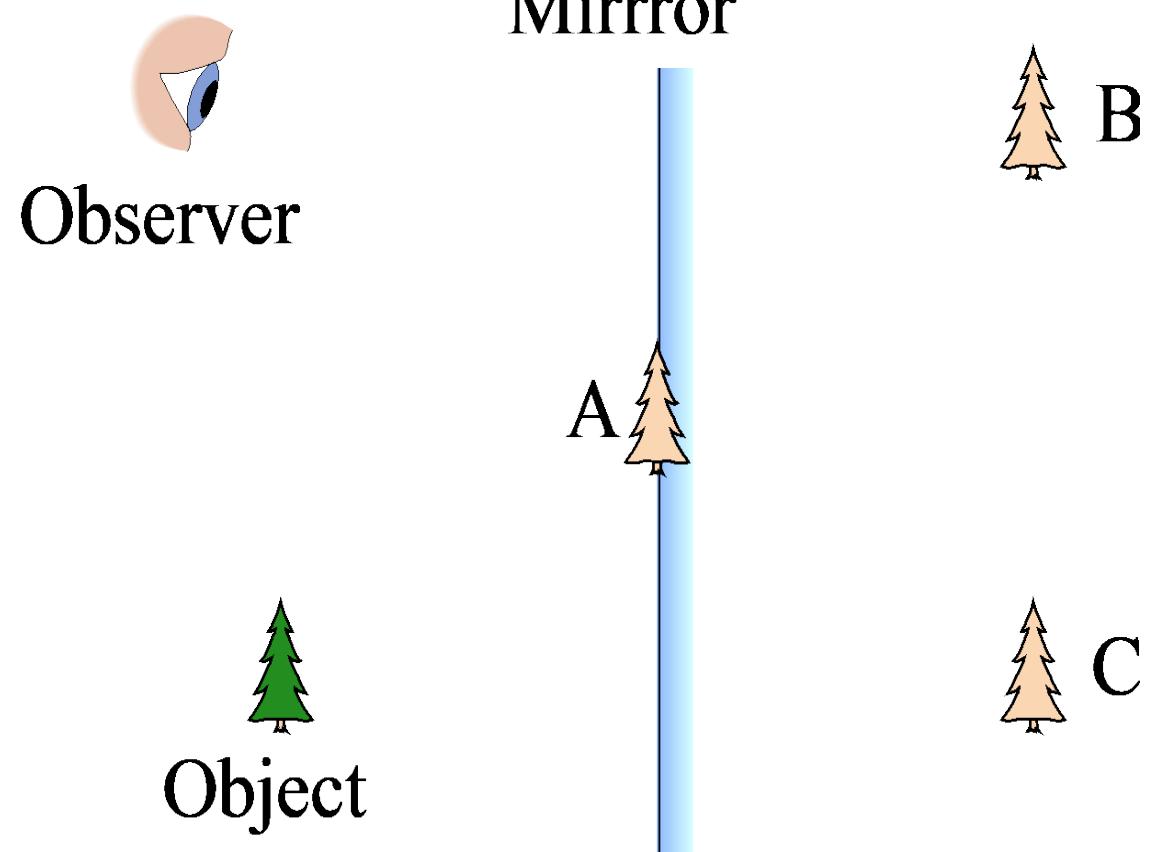


The rays from P and Q that reach your eye reflect from different areas of the mirror.

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

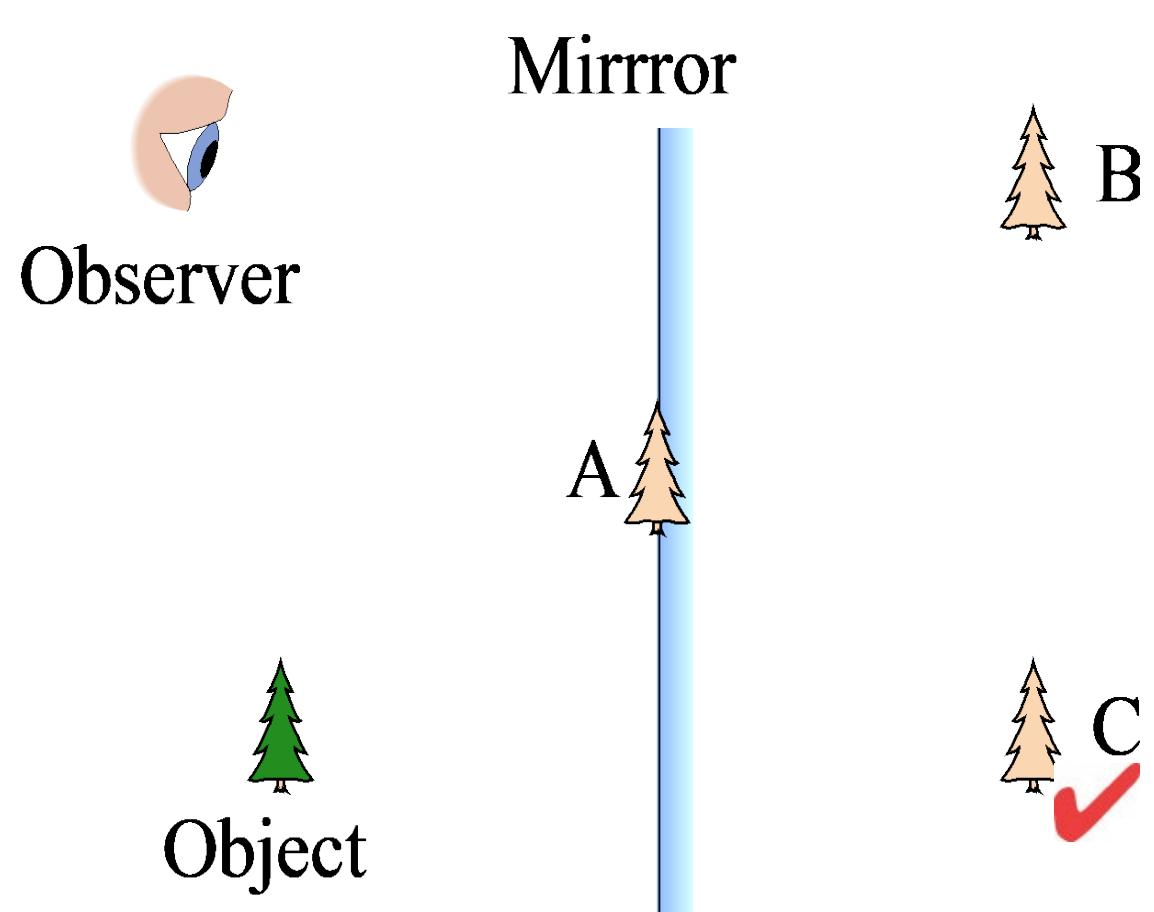
# Quick Check 1

- An object is placed in front of a mirror. The observer is positioned as shown. Which of the points shown best indicates where the observer would perceive the image to be located?

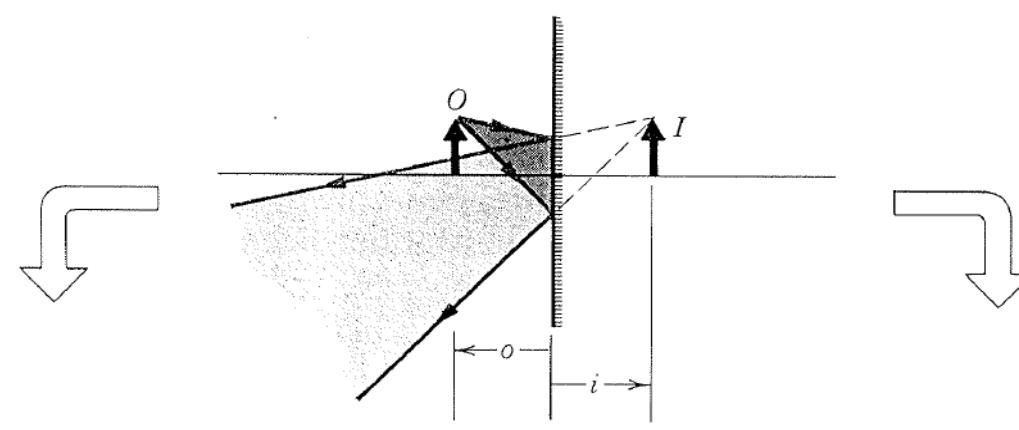


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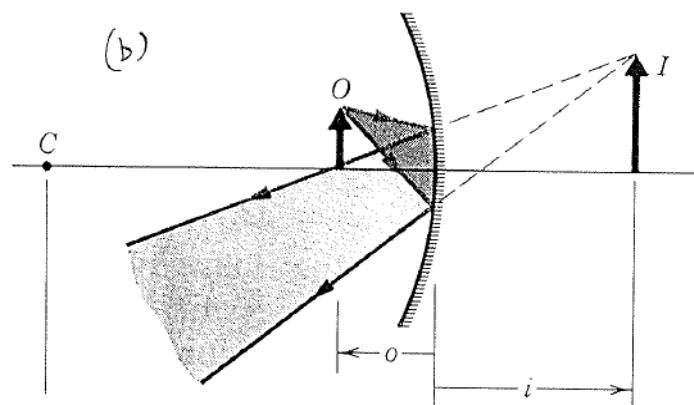
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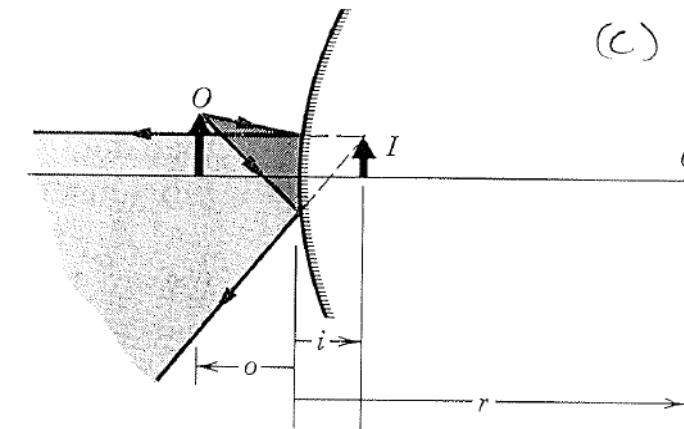
# Plane and Curved Mirrors



(a)



(b)



(c)

(a) An object forms a virtual image in a plane mirror. (b) If the mirror is bent so that it becomes *concave*, the image moves farther away and becomes larger. (c) If the plane mirror is bent so that it becomes *convex*, the image moves closer and becomes smaller.

# Curved Mirrors

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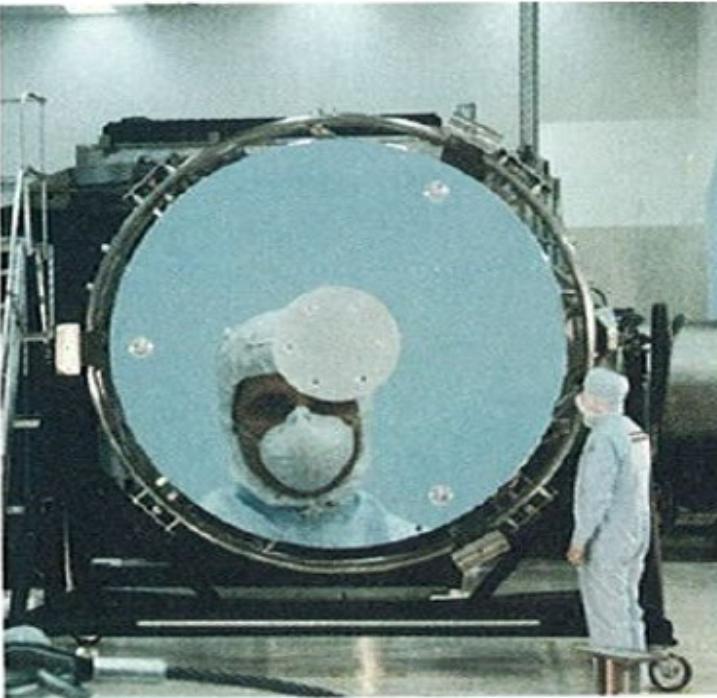
Concave make-up  
mirror



Convex security  
mirror

# Curved Mirrors

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Concave mirror for the Hubble telescope



Convex rear-vision mirror

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## Quick Check 2

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You see an upright, magnified image of your face when you look into magnifying “cosmetic mirror.” The image is located

- In front of the mirror’s surface.
- On the mirror’s surface.
- Behind the mirror’s surface.
- Only in your mind because it’s a virtual image.

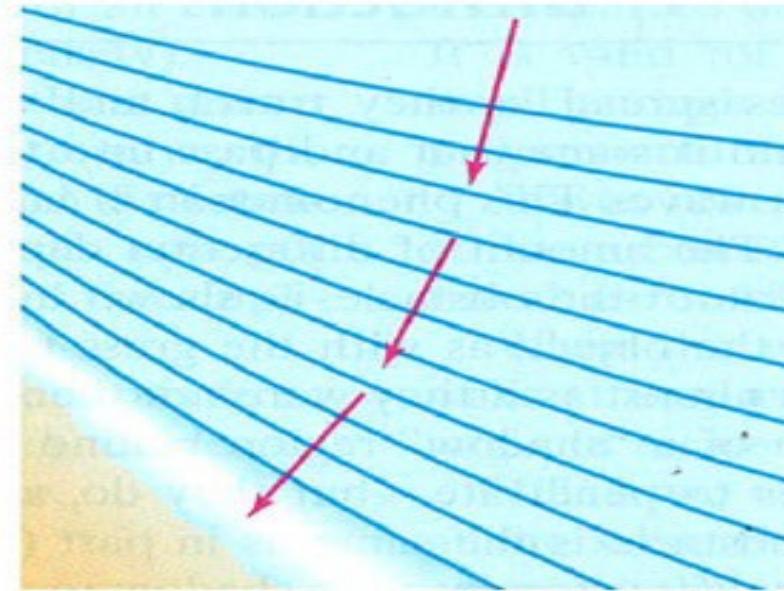
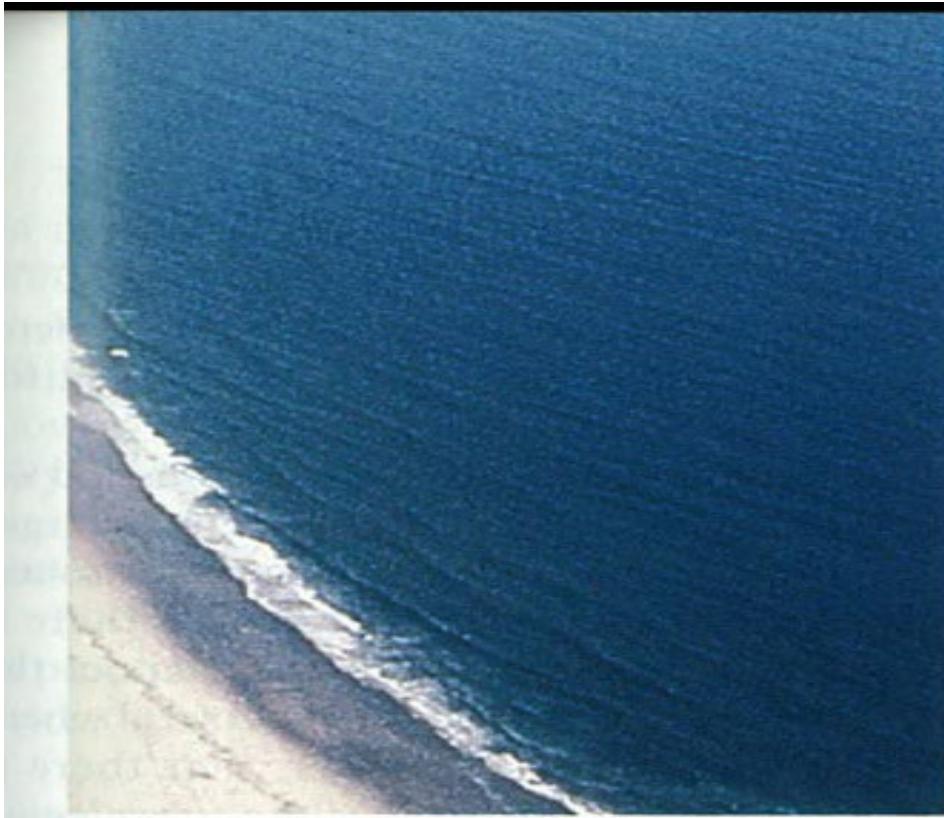
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# Refraction of Waves



**FIGURE 15–30** Water waves refracting as they approach the shore, where their velocity is less. There is no distinct boundary, as in Fig. 15–29, and the wave velocity changes gradually.

# The Law of Refraction

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$$n \equiv \frac{\text{speed of light in vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in a medium}} = \frac{c}{v}$$

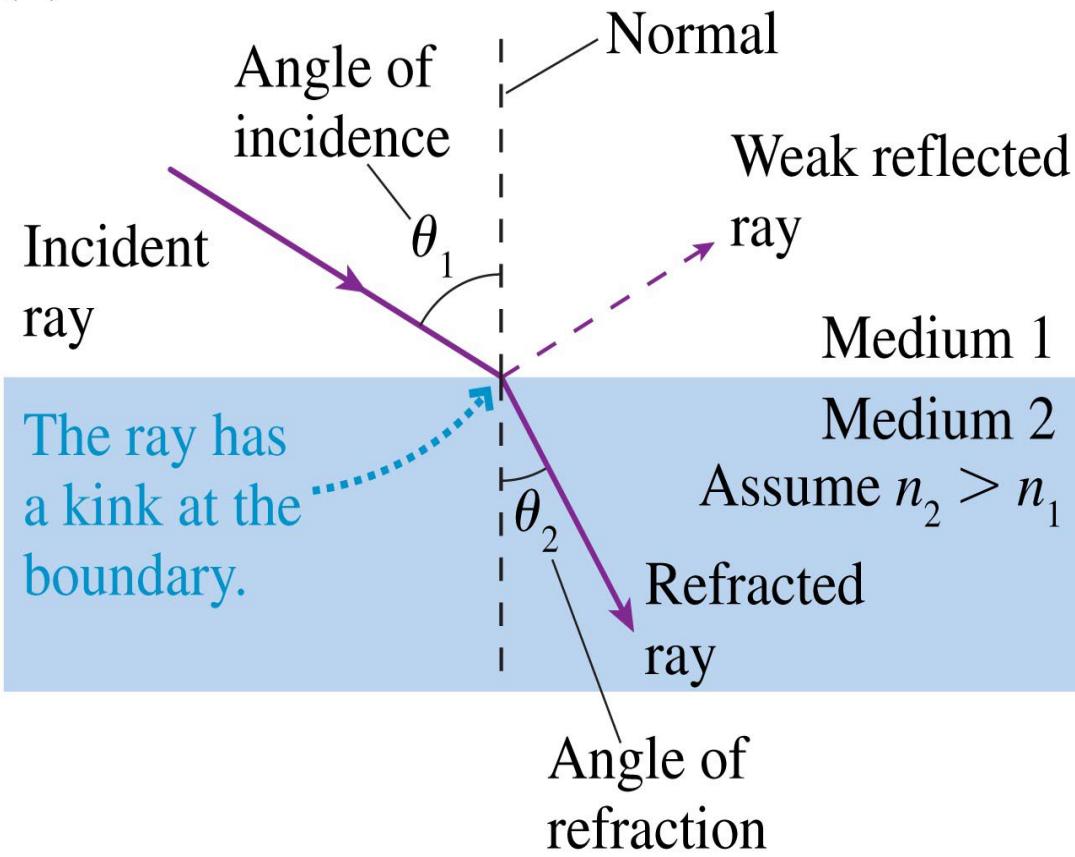
# The Law of Refraction

**Table 22.1** Indices of Refraction for Various Substances,  
Measured with Light of Vacuum Wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 589$  nm

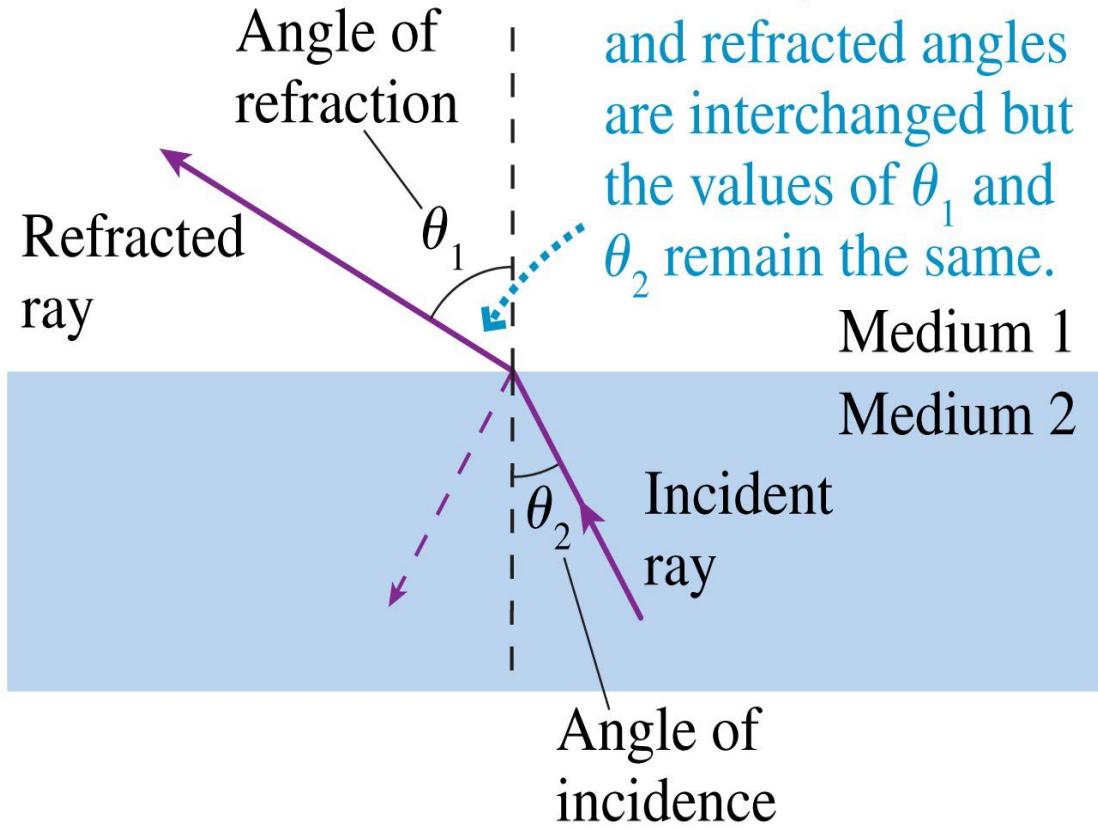
Substance	Index of Refraction	Substance	Index of Refraction
<b>Solids at 20°C</b>			
Diamond (C)	2.419	Benzene	1.501
Fluorite ( $\text{CaF}_2$ )	1.434	Carbon disulfide	1.628
Fused quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )	1.458	Carbon tetrachloride	1.461
Glass, crown	1.52	Ethyl alcohol	1.361
Glass, flint	1.66	Glycerine	1.473
Ice ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (at 0°C)	1.309	Water	1.333
Polystyrene	1.49	<b>Gases at 0°C, 1 atm</b>	
Sodium chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ )	1.544	Air	1.000 293
Zircon	1.923	Carbon dioxide	1.000 45

# Law of Refraction

(b)



(c)



# Snell's Law of Refraction

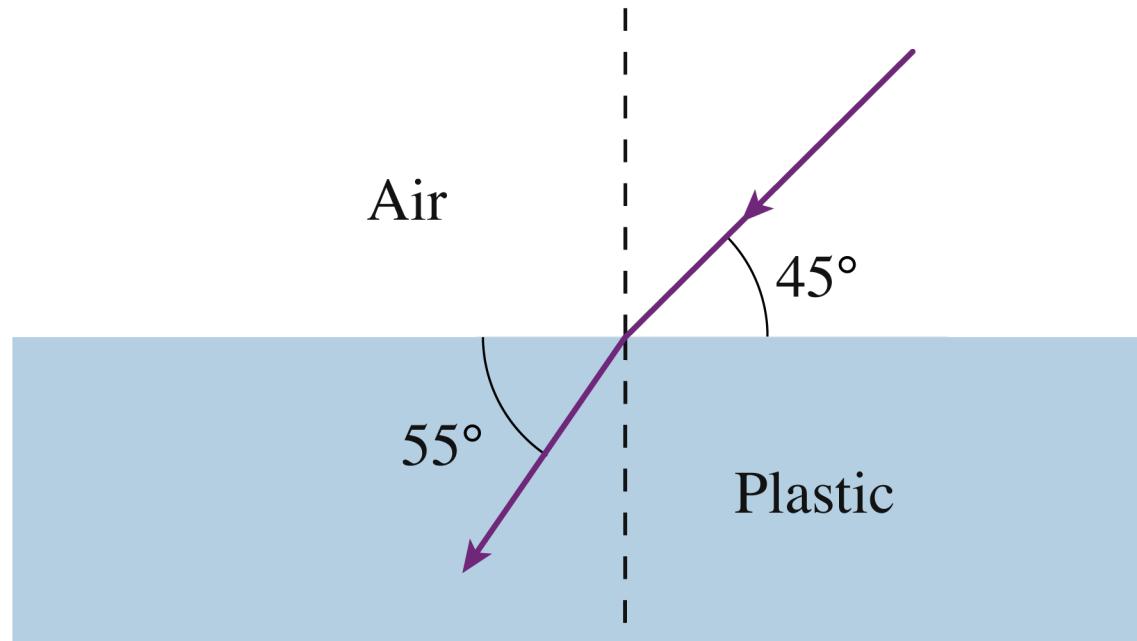
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- When a ray is transmitted into a material with a higher index of refraction, it bends to make a smaller angle with the normal.
- When a ray is transmitted into a material with a lower index of refraction, it bends away from the normal.

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

# Example

What is the index of refraction of the plastic if a ray is refracted as in the figure?

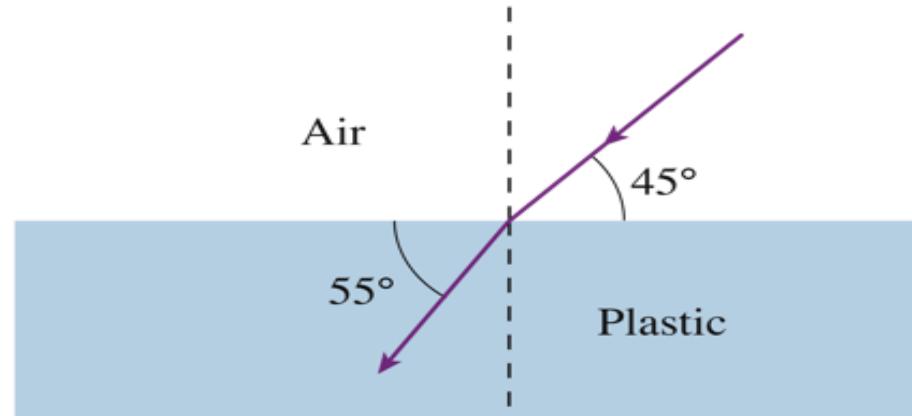


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$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$
$$n_1 = 1.00 \quad \theta_1 = 45^\circ$$
$$n_2 = ? \quad \theta_2 = 90^\circ - 55^\circ = 35^\circ$$

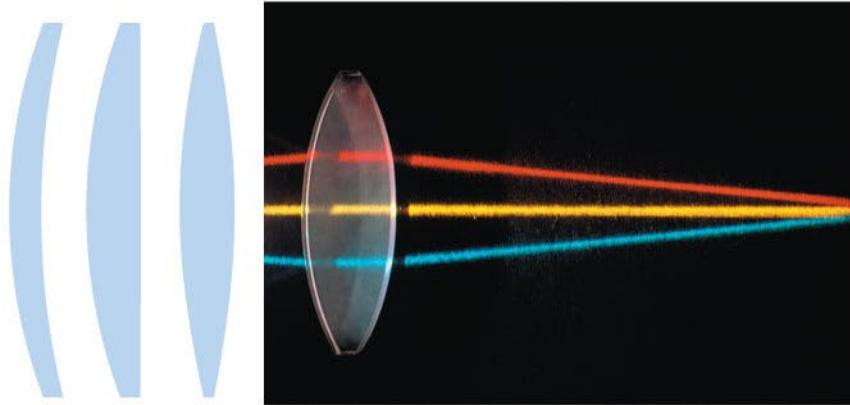
$$n_2 = \frac{n_1 \sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{\sin 45^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ} = 1.23$$



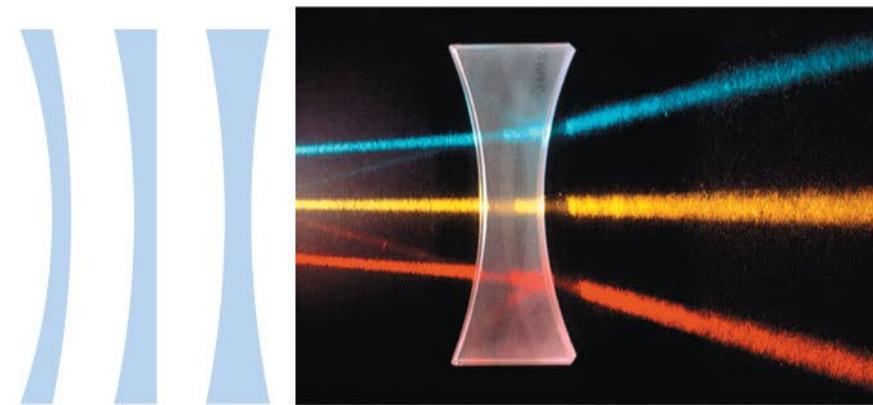
# Thin Lenses : Ray Tracing

- A **converging lens** causes the rays to refract *toward* the optical axis.
- A **diverging lens** causes the rays to refract *away from* the axis.

(a) Converging lenses, which are thicker in the center than at the edges, refract parallel rays toward the optical axis.



(b) Diverging lenses, which are thinner in the center than at the edges, refract parallel rays away from the optical axis.



# Thin Lenses : Ray Tracing

- The incoming rays initially parallel to the optical axis converge at the *same* point, the **focal point** of the lens.
- The distance of the focal point from the lens is called the **focal length  $f$**  of the lens.

## (a) Converging lens

Parallel rays

Optical axis

The near focal point is also a distance  $f$  from the lens.

This is the far focal point. Rays actually converge at this point.

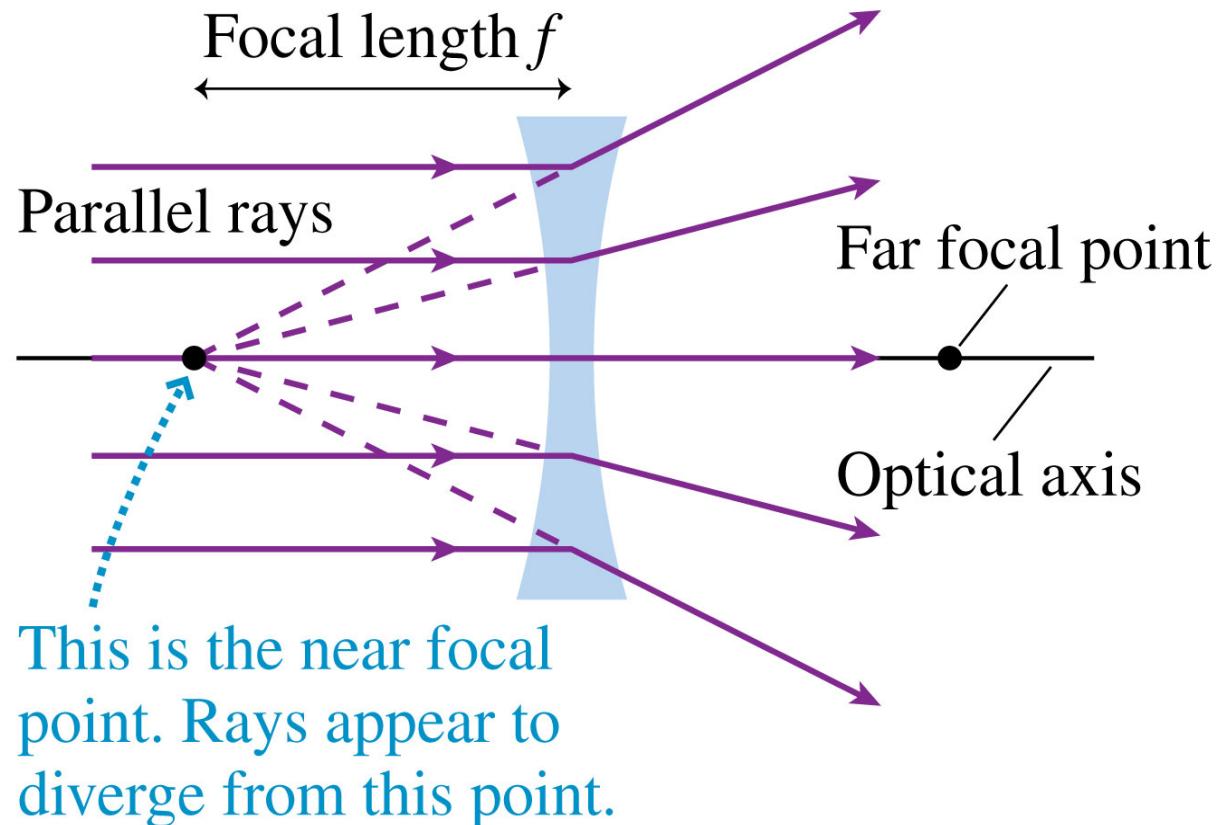
Focal length  $f$

Rays continue after passing through the focal point.

# Thin Lenses : Ray Tracing

- For a diverging lens, the **focal length** is the distance from the lens to the point at which rays parallel to the optical axis converge or from which they appear to diverge.

(b) Diverging lens



# Thin Lenses : Ray Tracing

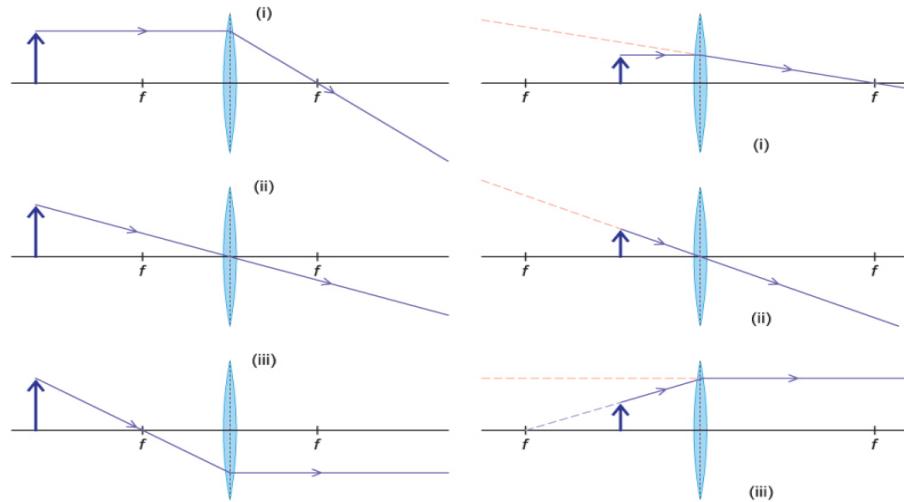


Figure 30.16

Three principal rays used to construct ray diagrams for a converging lens. The object is placed outside the focal plane of the lens in the example on the left and inside it in the example on the right. The rules are the same in each case, however.

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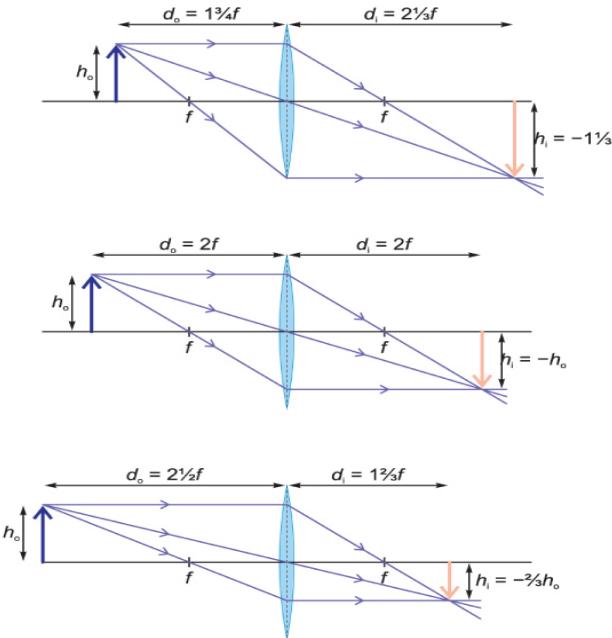


Figure 30.20

The same object is placed at three different positions with respect to a converging lens. When  $2f > d_o > f$  the object is enlarged ( $|M| > 1$ ) whereas when  $d_o > 2f$  the object is reduced ( $|M| < 1$ ). A special case exists when  $d_o = 2f$ . In this case  $M = -1$ .

# Ray Tracing

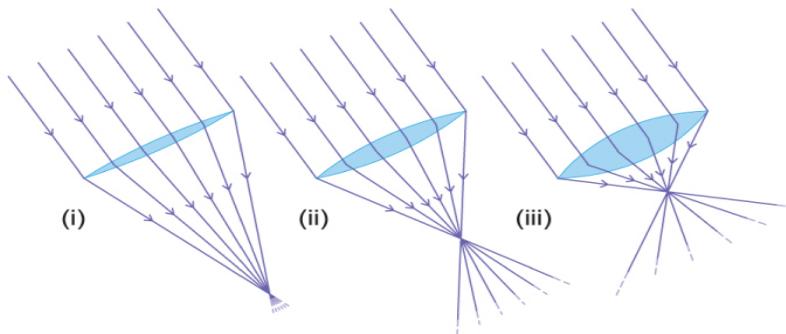


Figure 30.21

Three lenses of different optical power are shown. The most powerful lens (iii) bends the light to a greater degree than the weakest lens (i).

# Ray Tracing

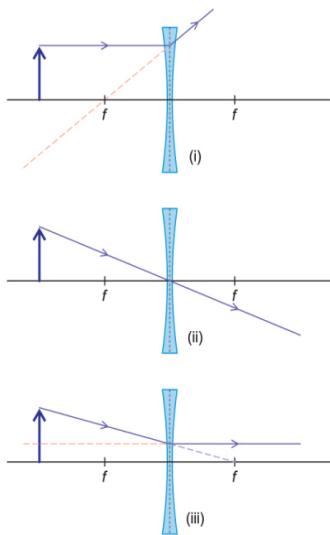


Figure 30.19

The principal rays used when constructing a ray diagram for a diverging lens.

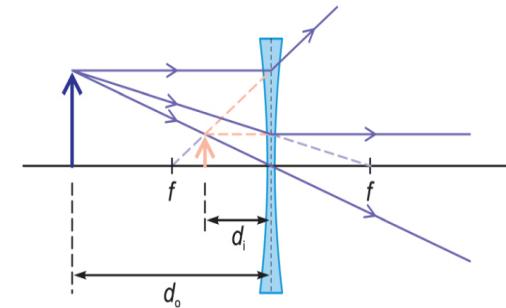


Figure 30.17

The image formed by a diverging lens. A diverging lens always produces a virtual image when a 'real' object is used. Figure 30.19 shows the principal rays used to construct this ray diagram.

## Quick Check 3

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You can use the sun's rays and a lens to start a fire. To do so, you should use

- A.A converging lens.
- B.A diverging lens.
- C.Either a converging or a diverging lens will work if you use it correctly.

## Quick Check 3

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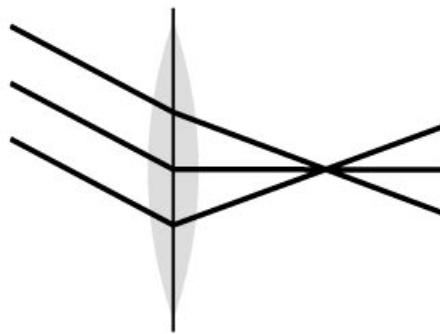
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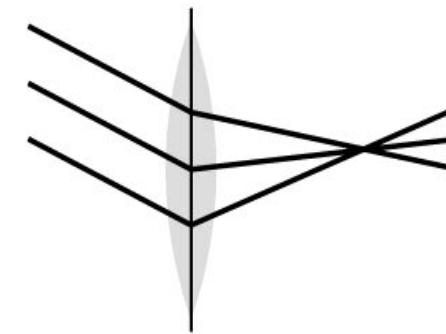


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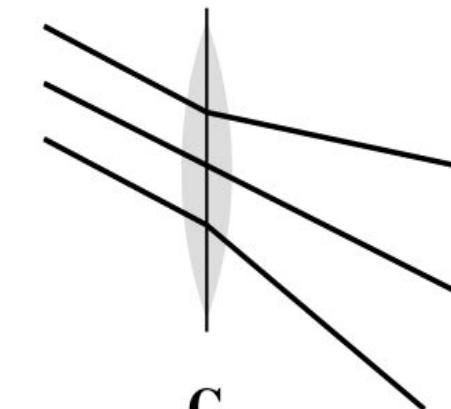
Which of these ray diagrams is possibly correct?



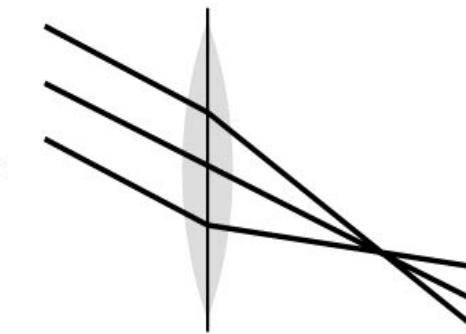
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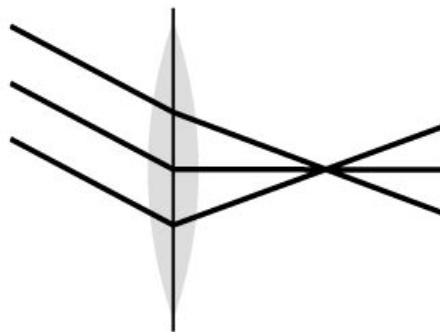
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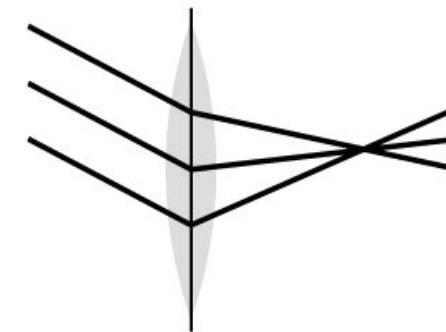
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## Quick Check 4

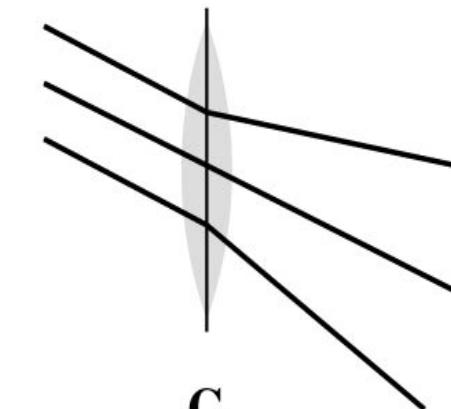
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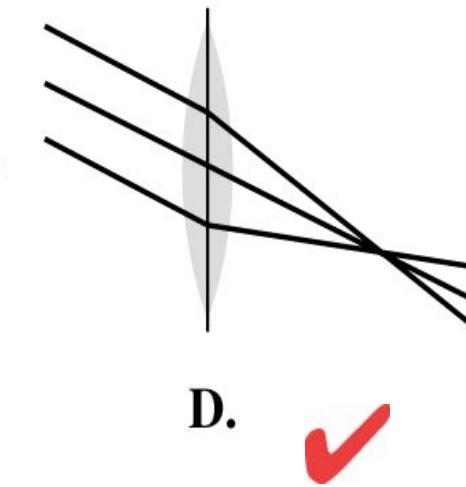
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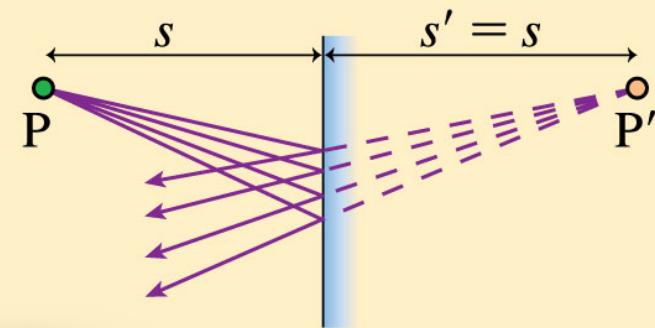
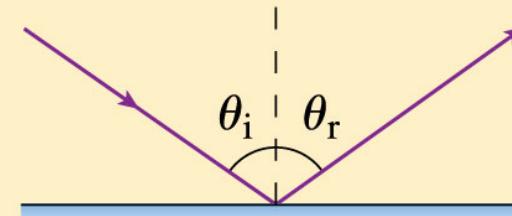
D.

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



## 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.

