

# Electromagnetic waves

Changing magnetic field makes changing electric field  $\rightarrow$  this is why changing the flux through a loop induces a current.

It is also true that changing electric field makes a changing magnetic field.

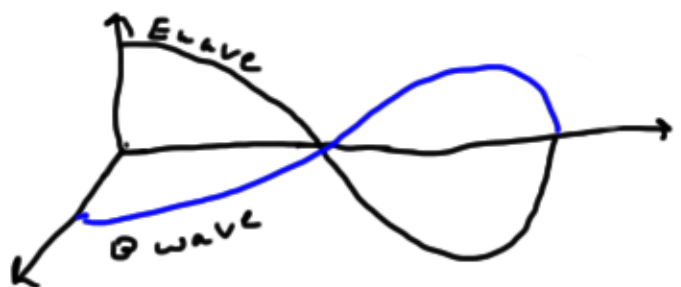
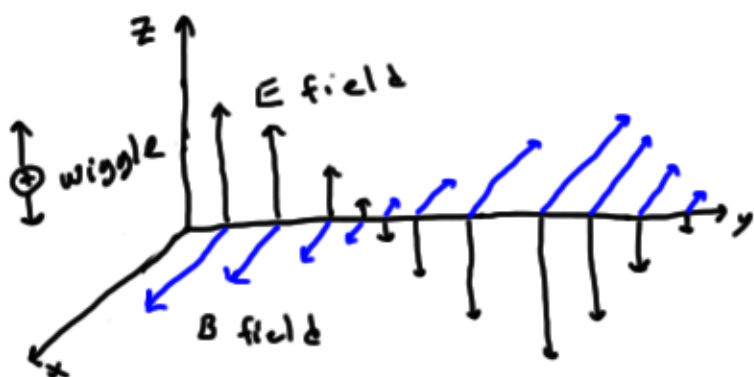
- 1)  $\Delta E \rightarrow$  induces  $B$
- 2) induced  $B$  means a change in  $B$
- 3)  $\Delta B \rightarrow$  induces  $E$
- 4) induced  $E$  means a change in  $E$
- 5) go back to step 1)  $\rightarrow$  repeat

$\uparrow$   
This cycle propagates itself as an electromagnetic wave!

The light we see is just a particular range of EM waves.

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Lets take one charge and wiggle it up and down.



$\uparrow$   
This is a bit different than the field created right next to the charge

Right next to charge  $\rightarrow$  near field

far away  $\rightarrow$  far field aka radiation field.

Bigger field with more charges moving.



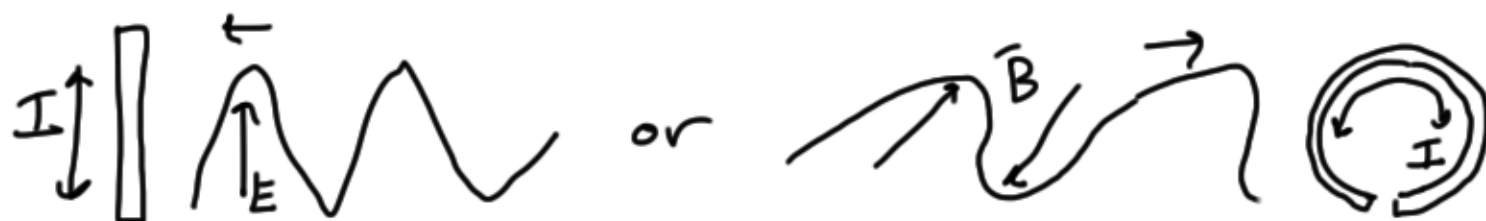
By moving the charges → produce EM wave

By detecting movement of charges  
→ detect "see" EM waves

We can be more specific

"Movement of charges"

↳ specifically the acceleration of charges



EM waves travel with a speed

$$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

This is true for every frequency of light.

Remember

$$v = f \lambda$$

velocity      frequency      lambda

$$\text{SO } c = f \lambda$$

Radio waves

Infrared

X-rays

light

} all EM waves  
made by accelerating  
charges



$$c = f\lambda \quad \lambda_r = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{4 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\lambda = 7.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

nanometer  $\rightarrow 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

$$7.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} \frac{1 \text{ nm}}{10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 750 \text{ nm} = \lambda_{\text{red}}$$

$$\lambda_b = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{7.9 \times 10^{14}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda_b = 380 \text{ nm}$$

These are the upper and lower bounds of what the human eye can see.

This also explains why we don't see any phenomena associated with waves in our visual daily lives.

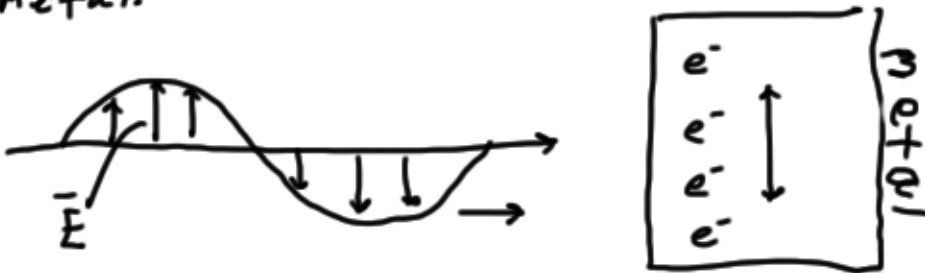
In order to see things like diffraction and interference the length scale has to be that of  $\lambda$ .

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

# Polarization

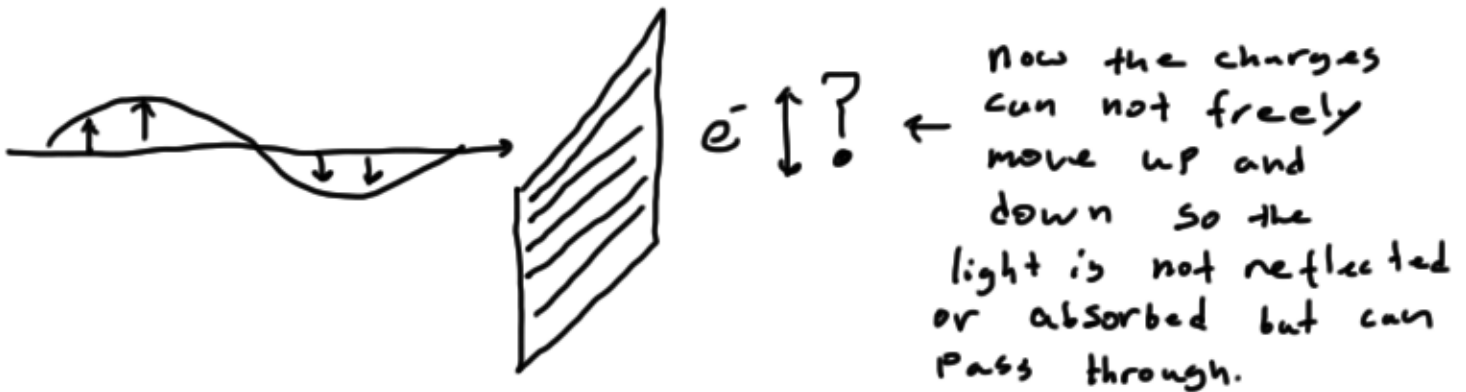
EM wave

Start by asking what happens when EMW hits a metal?



the free charges oscillate trying to follow the electric field oscillations from the EMW. This causes the light to reflect off the surface but not travel through it.

Now what happens if you cut some slits?

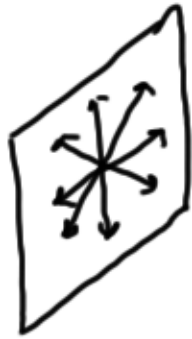


orient the slits vertically though and the charges can follow the field  $\rightarrow$  reflects/absorbs the light.

Similar to shaking a rope through a picket fence.

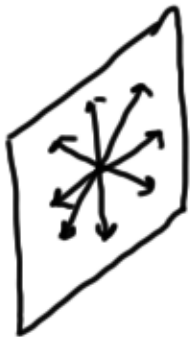


It is common to find light that is unpolarized. (could also say polarized in all directions)



Light from light bulb  
ambient light  
(largely) light from sun  
(atmosphere polarizes it a little)

Could polarize by sending through a polarizer



↑  
transmission axis



↑  
The intensity of the light exiting the polarizer is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the original intensity.

After one polarizer we can put another → called analyzer.

- 1) Intensity can be 0 but negative intensity does not make much sense.
- 2) larger intensity when 2 transmission axes are in line

→ Using 1) & 2) it is reasonable that the intensity after the analyzer is:

$$\bar{S} = \bar{S}_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

average → not vector      ↑      always ⊕

$S_0$  → incoming intensity

$S$  → outgoing intensity

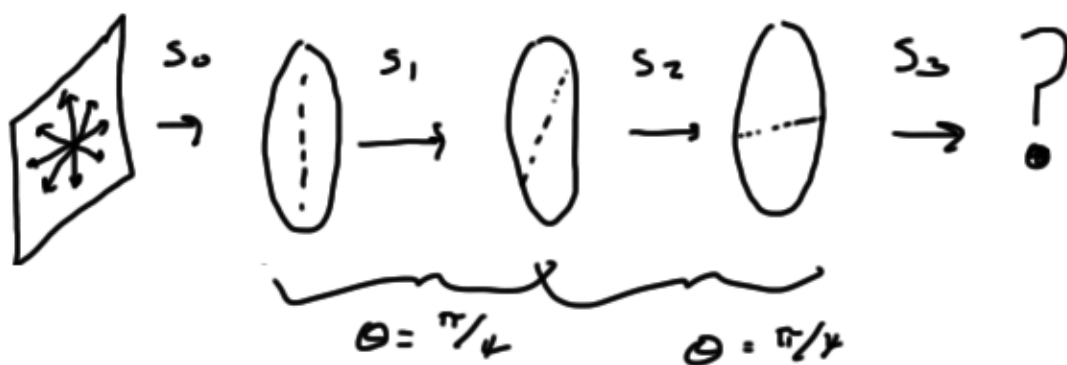
## Some polarizer examples



What happens when they are "crossed" or perpendicular?

$$\bar{S} = \bar{S}_0 \underbrace{\cos^2 \pi/2}_0 \quad \bar{S} = 0$$

Interestingly to include 1 more:



Given  $\bar{S}_0 \rightarrow$  find  $S_3$

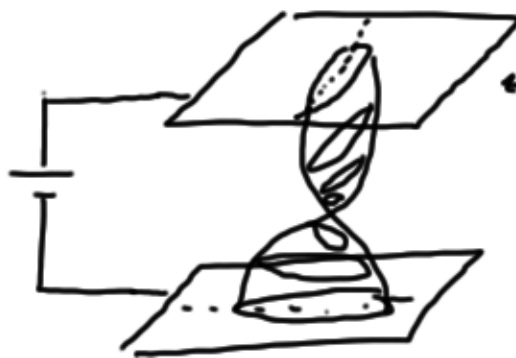
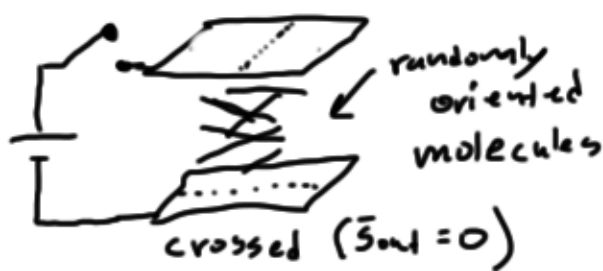
$$\bar{S}_1 = \bar{S}_0 / 2$$

$$\bar{S}_2 = \bar{S}_1 \cos^2 \pi/4 = \frac{\bar{S}_0}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{\bar{S}_0}{2} \frac{2}{4} = \boxed{\frac{\bar{S}_0}{4}}$$

$$\bar{S}_3 = \bar{S}_2 \cos^2 \pi/4 = \frac{\bar{S}_0}{4} \frac{2}{4} = \frac{\bar{S}_0}{8}$$

$$\boxed{S_3 = \frac{\bar{S}_0}{8} \neq 0}$$

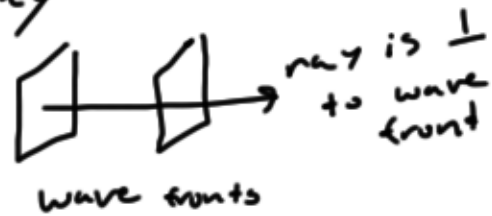
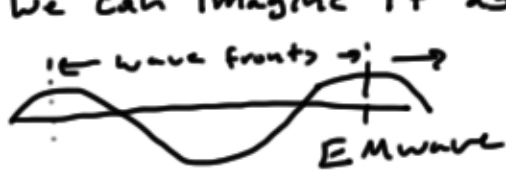
LCDs



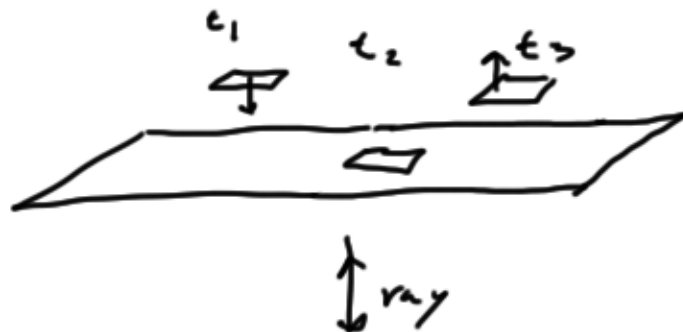
← like having many polarizers to twist the light.

# Reflection

Since  $\lambda$  is small for visible light  
we can imagine it as a ray



Imagine wave fronts incident on a reflecting surface.



$\theta_i$  = incident

$\theta_r$  = reflected

dotted line is normal to surface

if  $\theta_i = \theta_r \Rightarrow$  specular reflection

if  $\theta_i \neq \theta_r \Rightarrow$  diffuse reflection

## Plane mirror



A single point will (usually) emit light in multiple directions.

- 1) Draw 2 lines that enter the eye from the same point on the object.
- 2) See if you can continue those lines from the eye to some other point. (other than the actual source) → that point will be the place that you perceive the object to be.

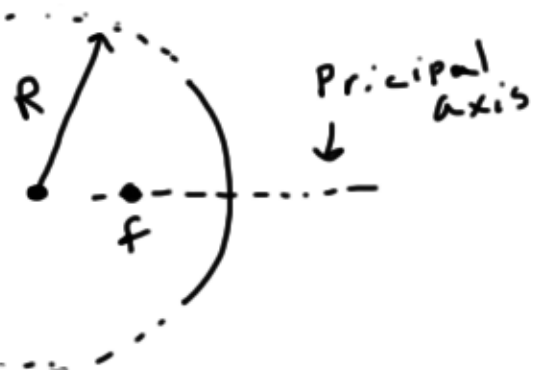
If you can do step 2) → Virtual image



← Based off of this drawing a flat mirror does not distort the image

$$l_1 = l_2$$

## Spherical Mirrors



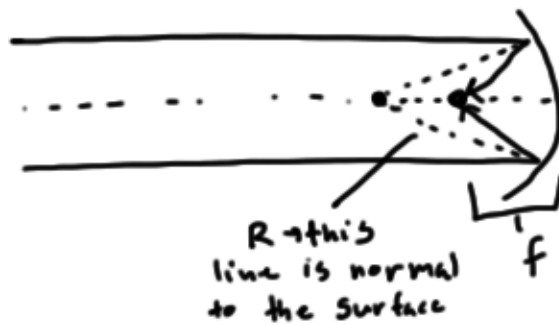
$f$  → focal point





Image point only equals  $f$   
when the object is really ( $\infty$ ) far away.

In this case (object at  $\infty$ ) light rays are parallel



$$x = l \text{ for small } \theta$$

$$\rightarrow f = \frac{1}{2} R$$

rays close to principal axis are paraxial rays  
 $\rightarrow$  not necessarily parallel to it.

Points far from principal axis won't converge right  
on focal point.  $\rightarrow$  makes blurred image

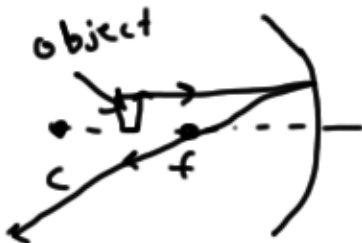
$\rightarrow$  called spherical aberration.

$\rightarrow$  want a mirror that is small compared  
to  $R$ .

$\rightarrow$  or parabolic mirror

## Images by spherical mirrors

### ray trace



from one point on object  
paraxial rays appear to  
intersect at the point of  
the image

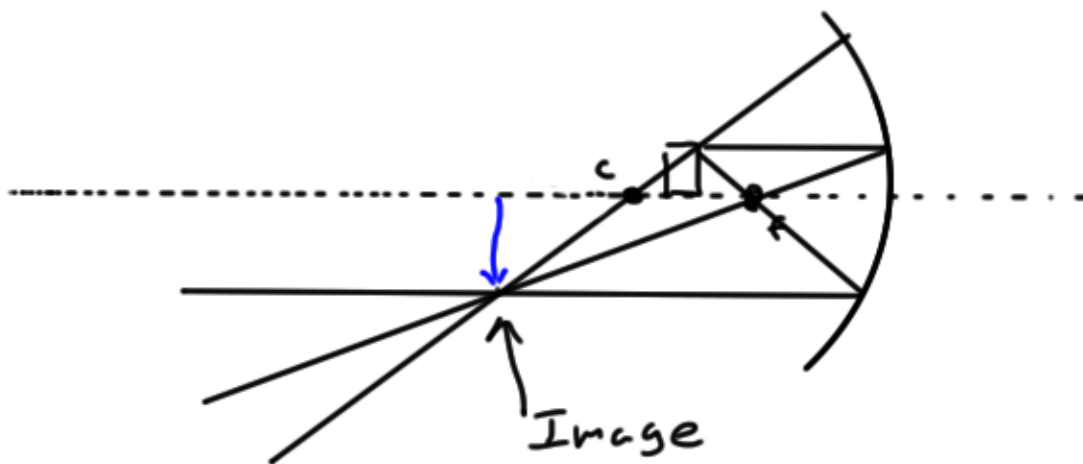


1) from obj. parallel to princ. axis  
→ through focal point

2) from obj. through focal point  
→ parallel to princ. axis

3) from obj.  $\perp$  to surface  
→ goes through C

These give you  
the location of  
that point on  
obj. of image



A little redundant → only need 2  
→ check with 3rd.

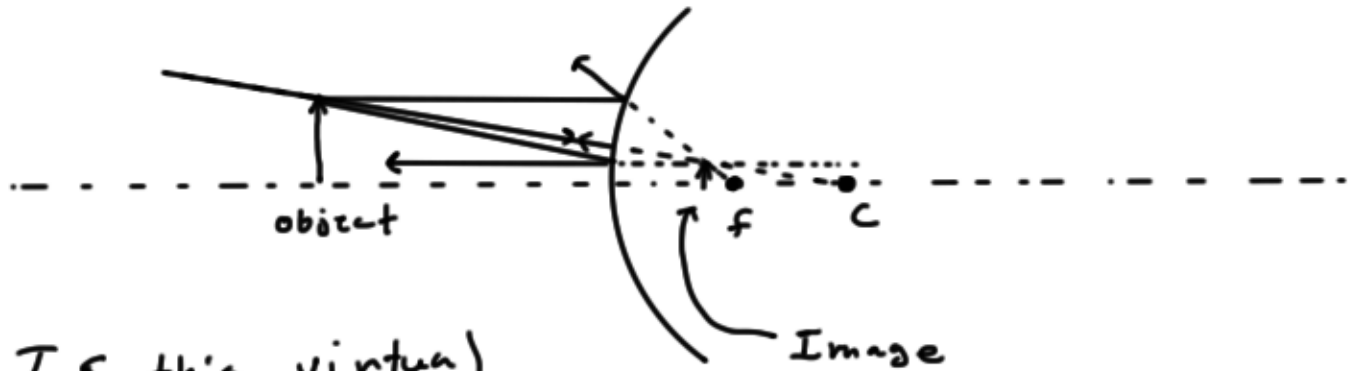
This is NOT A VIRTUAL image  
A REAL image is one where  
swapping the image with the object  
gives you the exact same ray diagram  
but with the directions reversed.

Can we get a virtual image with a  
spherical concave mirror?



does  
not abide  
by swapping rule  
→ Virtual Image

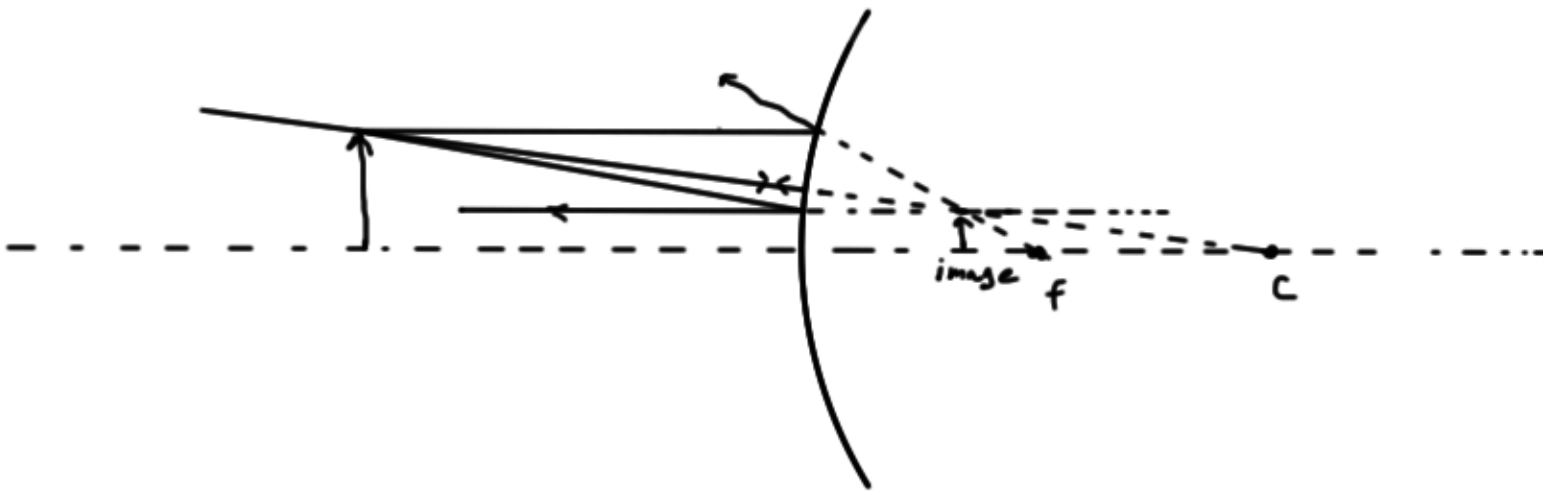
## Convex mirrors



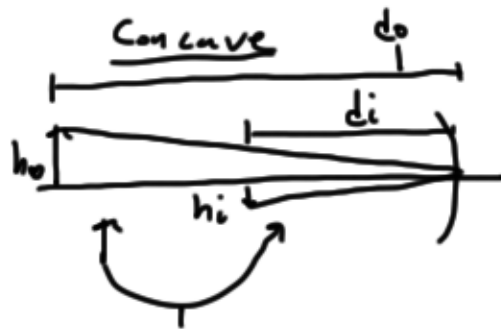
Is this virtual  
or real?

Virtual since exchanging the image with  
the object does not give  
the same ray diagram just with  
reversed directions

For practice let's do the same thing as  
above but with a different curvature.



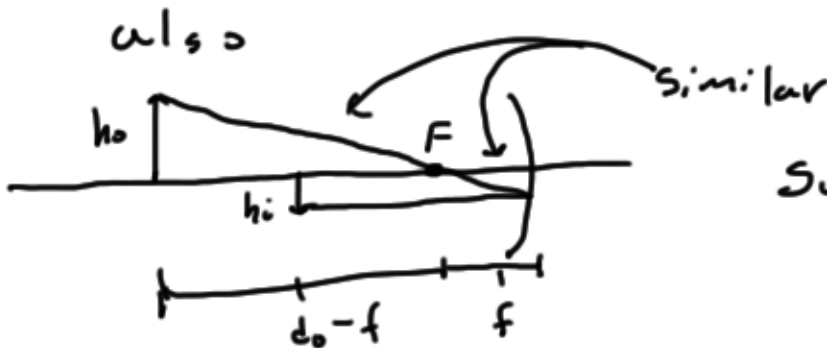
## The mirror and magnification equations



$h_o \rightarrow$  height object

$h_i \rightarrow$  height image

Similar triangles so  $\frac{h_o}{-h_i} = \frac{d_o}{d_i}$



so  $\frac{h_o}{-h_i} = \frac{d_o - f}{f}$

Set eqns = to each other

$$\frac{d_o}{d_i} = \frac{d_o - f}{f} \quad \left( \frac{d_o}{d_i} = \frac{d_o}{f} - 1 \right) \times \frac{1}{d_o}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{d_o} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f}}$$

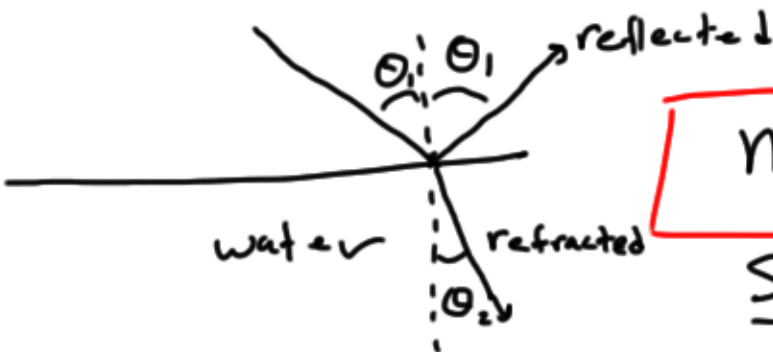
magnification defined as  $\frac{h_i}{h_o}$

$$\boxed{m = \frac{h_i}{h_o}} \text{ also equal to } \boxed{\frac{-d_i}{d_o}}$$

## Index of refraction

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

← speed of light in vacuum  
← speed of light in other material  
↑  
index of refraction



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

Snell's Law

- 1) from small  $n$  to larger  $n$   
→ ray bends towards normal
- 2) from larger  $n$  to smaller  $n$   
→ ray bends away from normal.

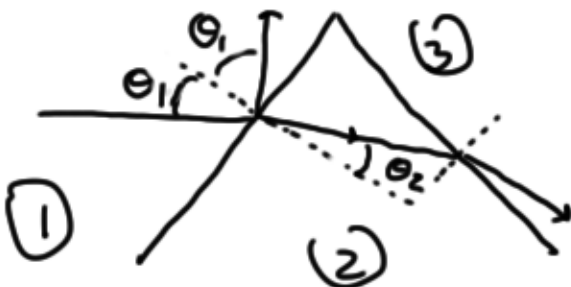
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## Lenses

Start with a prism



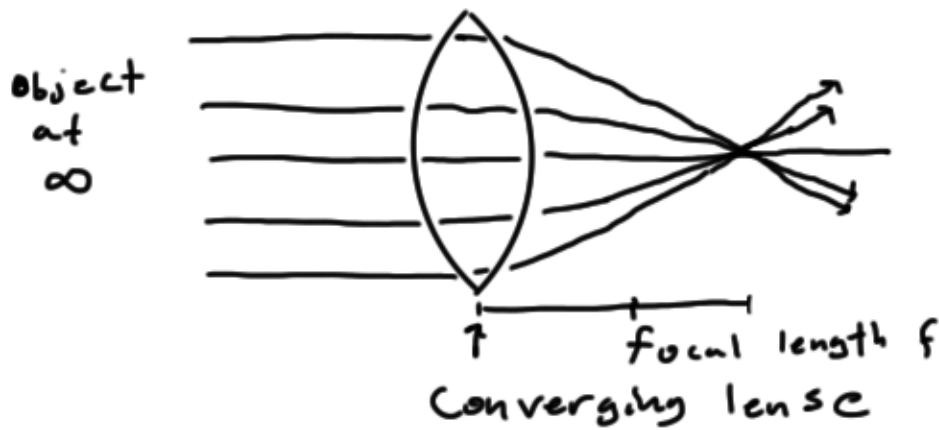
Zoom in



If  $n_2 > n_1$ , then light bends towards normal

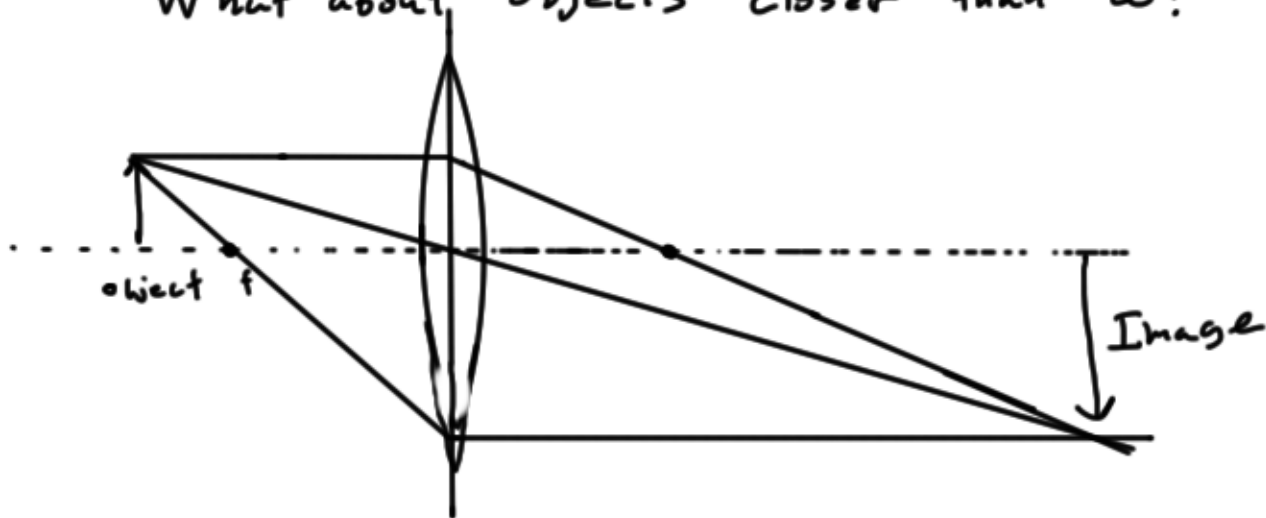
If  $n_3 = n_2$  then  $n_2 > n_1$   
light bends away from norm.

If we use a special shape  
then parallel rays will converge on a single point



assume  
the lens is  
thin so that  
f is measured from  
its center.

What about objects closer than  $\infty$ ?



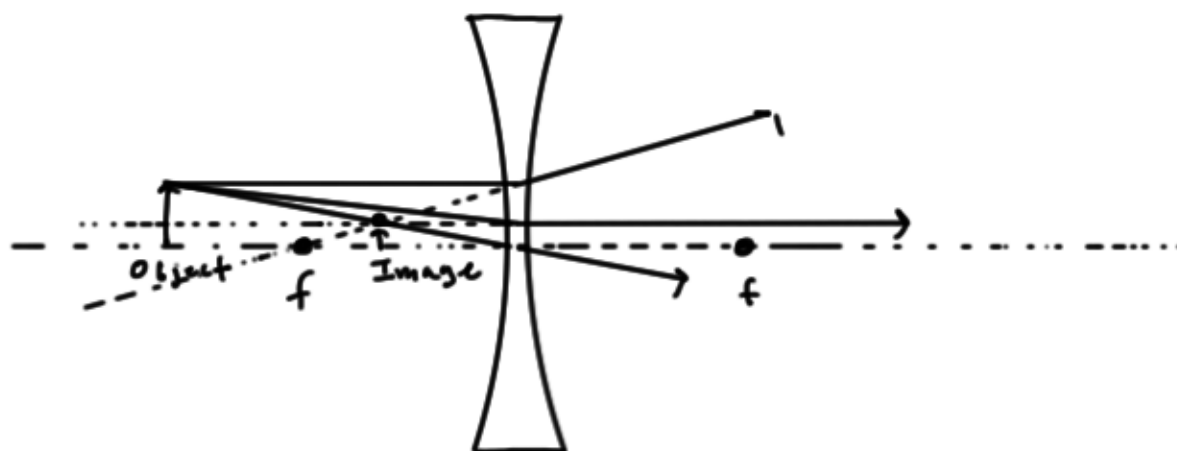
Almost the same as the rules for the  
mirror.

- 1) line from object through intersection  
of principal axis and the lens.
- 2) line from object parallel to  
Principal axis to lens  
→ then from lens to  
(far) focal point
- 3) from object through (closest)  
focal point to lens.  
→ then from lens parallel to  
to Principal axis.

## Diverging lenses

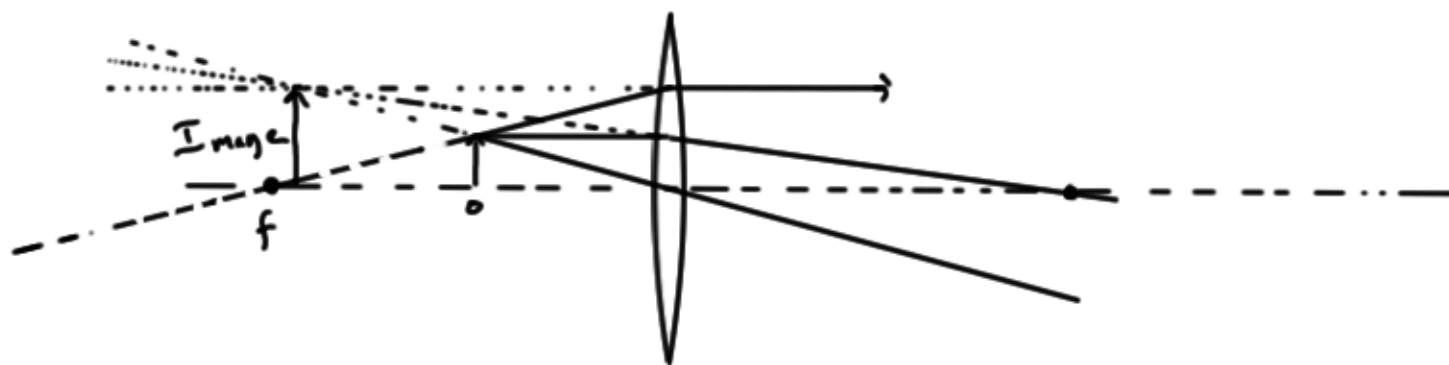


Object closer than  $\infty$



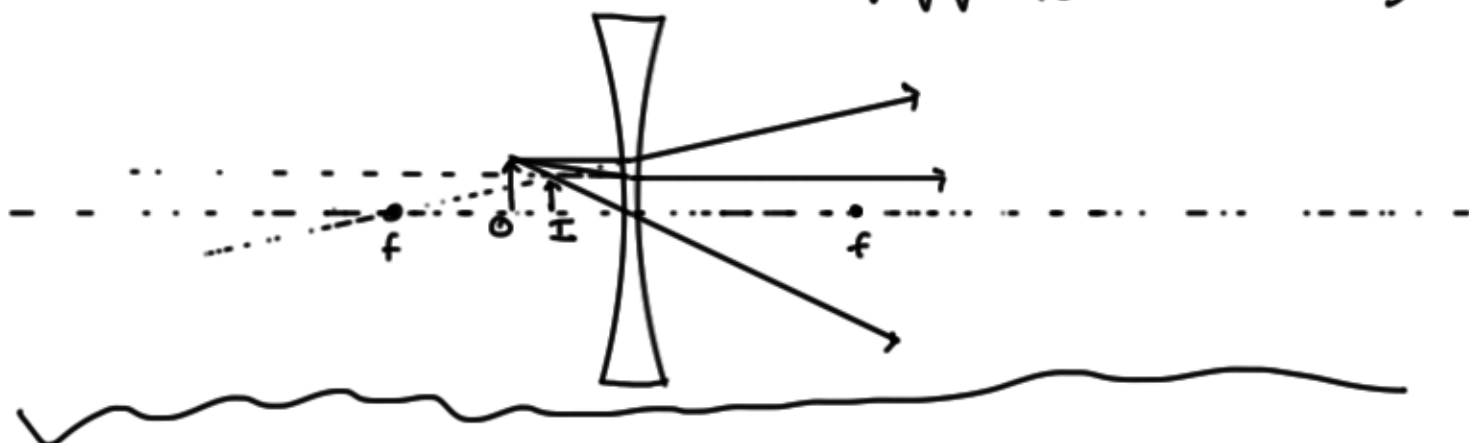
So far we have just done lens problems where the object is further from the lens than  $f$ . What happens when it's closer?

First converging lens



Diverging lense (object closer than focal length)

Virtual image



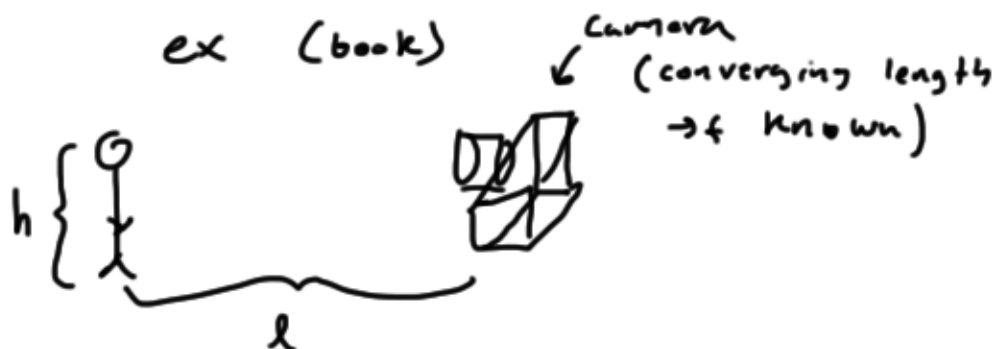
The thin lense equation

$$\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} \quad \text{just like mirror eqn.}$$

magnification

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

ex (book)



find image distance, Real or virtual?

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} \leftarrow \text{solve for } d_i \quad \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{l} = \frac{1}{d_i}$$

$$d_i = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{d_o}}$$

If we put in #s and find  $d_i \rightarrow$  positive then real

If  $d_i \rightarrow$  negative  $\rightarrow$  virtual



Knowing  $d_o$  &  $d_i$  from the last page  
means we can find  $M$

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

if its a real image so  $d_i$  is positive  
then  $M$  is negative  $\rightarrow$  inverted image

lens sign conventions

$f + \rightarrow$  converging lens

$f - \rightarrow$  diverging

$d + \rightarrow$  object left of lens

$d - \rightarrow$  object right " "

$d_i + \rightarrow$  object right real

$d_i - \rightarrow$  object left Virtual

$M + \rightarrow$  image has same orientation as object

$M - \rightarrow$  " " different " "