



Optics

Image Formation by Refracting Surfaces

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Last time

- images formed by spherical mirrors
- refracting surfaces

Overview

- images formed by refraction
- lenses

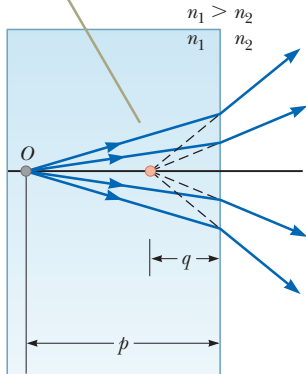
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Flat Refracting Surfaces

(Like a rectangular fish tank.)

The image is virtual and on the same side of the surface as the object.



In this case $R \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\frac{n_1}{p} + \frac{n_2}{q} = 0$$

And so

$$q = -\frac{n_2}{n_1}p$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow q &= -\frac{n_2}{n_1} p \\ &= -\frac{1}{1.309} (50.0 \text{ cm}) \\ &= -38.2 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

The image will appear 38.2 cm below the surface of the ice.

Sign Conventions for Refracting Surfaces!

$$\frac{n_1}{p} + \frac{n_2}{q} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

Variable	is Positive	is Negative
p	object in front of surface	[virtual object] ¹
q	image behind surface (real)	image in front of surface (virtual)
h' (and M)	image upright	image inverted
R	object faces convex surf. (C behind surface)	object faces concave surf. (C in front of surface)

C is the center of curvature.

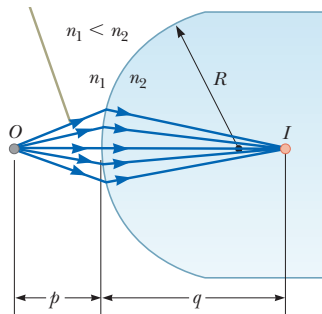
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¹Will be useful in derivations.

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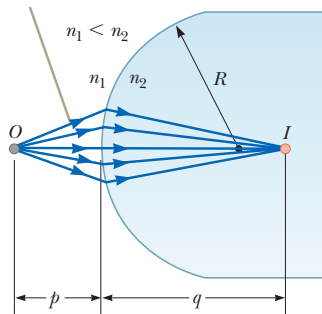
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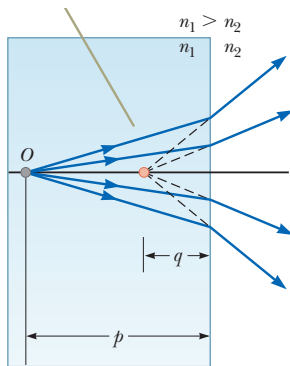
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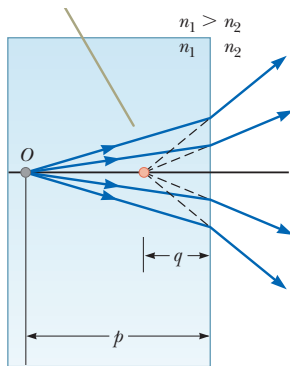
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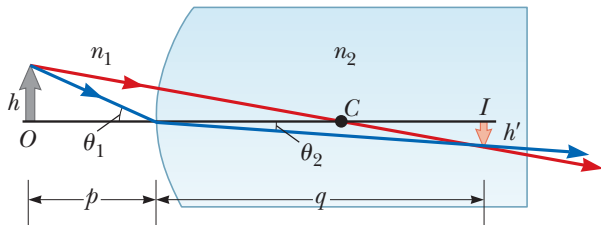
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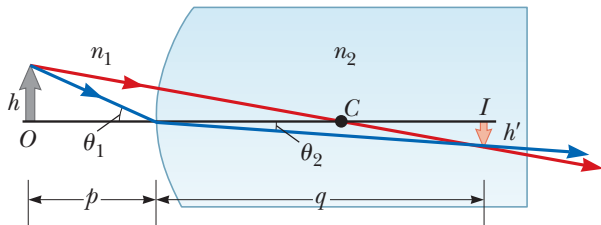
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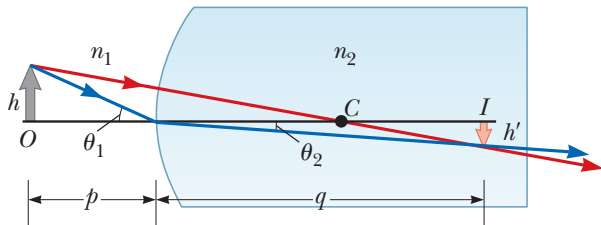
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For small angles:

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 \tan \theta_1 &= n_2 \tan \theta_2 \\ n_1 \frac{h}{p} &= n_2 \frac{(-h')}{q} \Rightarrow M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{n_1 q}{n_2 p} \end{aligned}$$

Images Formed by Thin Lenses

We will derive the **thin lens equation**

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$$

(Notice it is the same as the mirror equation!)

And the **lens maker's equation**

$$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

We do this by considering each side of the lens as a refracting surface.

Summary

- images formed by refraction
- lenses

Collected Homework! due Monday, June 18.

Final Exam 9:15-11:15am, Tuesday, June 26.

Homework Serway & Jewett:

- Carefully read *all* of Chapter 36.
- **Ch 36**, onward from page 1123. OQs: 1, 3, 5, 11; CQs: 5, 9, 11; Probs: 39, 43, 53, 71