

REFLECTION AT CURVED MIRRORS:-

Some terms:-

[1] Luminous objects:-

- ↪ The objects that emit light of their own are known as luminous objects. For e.g.: Sun, Stars, torch light etc.

[2] Non-luminous Objects:-

- ↪ The objects which do not emit light of their own are known as non-luminous objects. For e.g.: moon, wood, water, planets, etc.

[3] Transparent Objects:-

- ↪ The objects which allow light through them are known as transparent objects. For e.g.: Air, clean water, glass, diamond, etc.

[4] Translucent Objects:-

- ↪ The objects which allow light to pass partially from one side to another are known as translucent objects. For e.g.: Kerosened paper, white plastic, etc.

[5] Opaque Objects:-

- ↪ The objects which do not allow light to pass through them are known as opaque objects. For e.g.: A concrete wall, wooden door, dark plastic, thick curtain, etc.

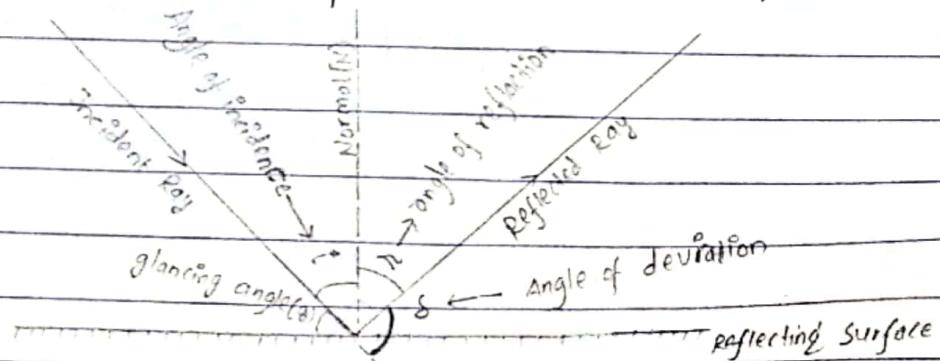


Fig:- Reflection of light.

Reversibility of Light:-

↳ When the final path of the light is reversed, then it retraces its original initial path. This phenomenon is known as reversibility of light.

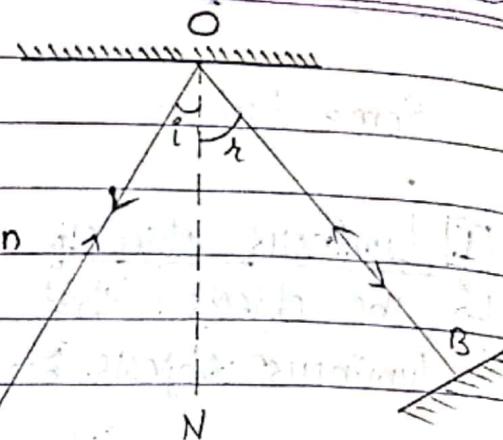


Fig: Reversibility of light

Laws of Reflection:-

- i) The incident ray, the reflected ray and the normal at the point of incidence all lie in the same plane.
- ii) The angle of incidence (i) and angle of reflection (r) are equal, i.e., $i = r$.
- iii) A normally incident ray on a surface is reflected back along the same initial path of incidence.

Object distance and Image distance:-

↳ The distance of Object from the mirror is called Object distance. It is denoted by ' u '.

↳ Similarly, the distance of Image from the mirror is called image distance. It is denoted by ' v '.

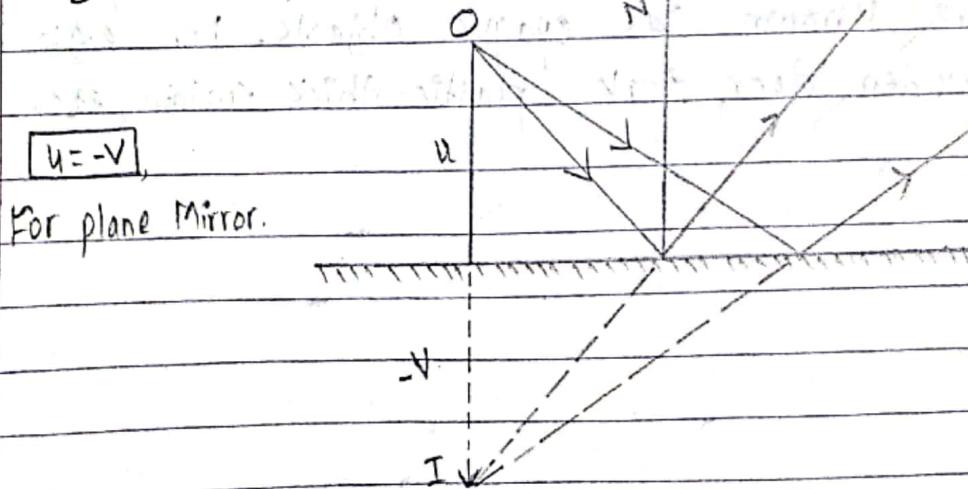


Fig: Image formed by a plane mirror

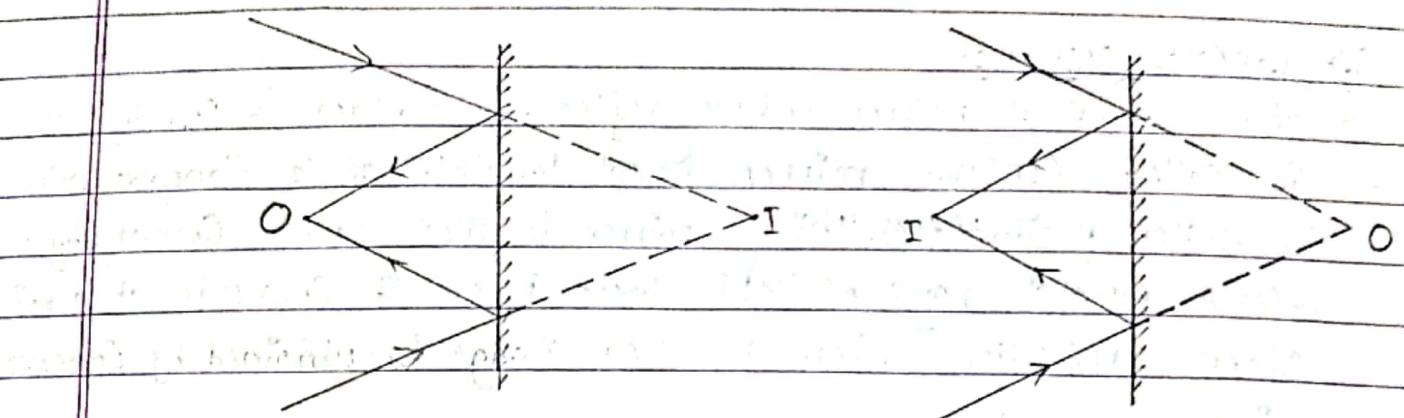
Real Object and Virtual Object:-

Fig: Virtual Image for Real Object

Fig: Real Image for Virtual object.

Real Image and Virtual Image:-

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Real Image

- 1) It is formed by the actual intersection of reflected or refracted rays.
- 2) It can be obtained on the screen.
- 3) It is inverted w.r.t. the object.

Virtual Image

- 1) It is formed by the virtual intersection of reflected or refracted rays.
- 2) It can't be obtained on the screen.
- 3) It is erect w.r.t. the object.

Reflection at Curved Mirrors:-

↳ A mirror whose reflecting surface is curved is called a curved mirror and curved surface may be either Concave, Convex or cylindrical.

Spherical Mirror:-

↳ If the reflecting surface of a mirror is a portion of a hollow spherical glass, the mirror is called spherical mirror.

It is of two types:-

i) Concave Mirror:

→ The spherical mirror whose reflecting surface is curving inward is called Concave mirror. Focal length(f) of a Concave mirror is taken positive(+ve). This mirror is also called Converging mirror because parallel rays of light incident on it converge at a point after reflection from it. Real image is obtained by Concave mirror.

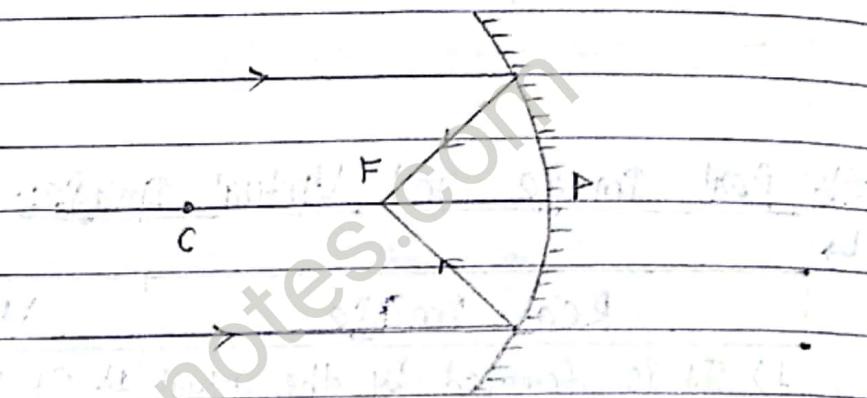


Fig.: Reflection through Concave mirror.

ii) Convex Mirror:

→ The spherical mirror whose reflecting surface is curving outward is called Convex mirror. Focal length(f) of a convex mirror is taken negative(-ve). This mirror is also called diverging mirror because parallel rays of light incident on it diverge and hence appear to converge at a point after reflection from it. Virtual image is obtained by Convex mirror.

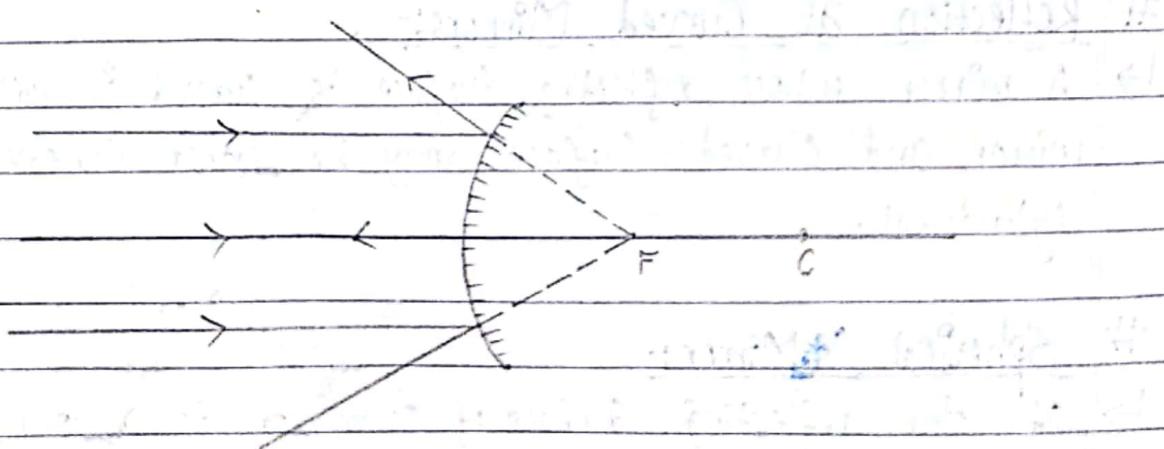


Fig.: Reflection through Convex mirror.

Terms in Spherical Mirrors:-

[1] Aperture:-

↳ The effective width of a spherical mirror from which reflection can take place is called its aperture. It is the width (breadth) of a mirror.

[2] Pole:-

↳ The geometric centre of the spherical mirror is called pole. It is denoted by 'P'.

[3] Centre of Curvature:-

↳ The centre of sphere, of which the spherical mirror is a part is called centre of curvature. It is denoted by 'C'.

[4] Radius of Curvature:-

↳ A part which is radius of spherical mirror is called radius of curvature. It is denoted by 'R'. OR,

The distance between 'C' & 'P' is called Radius of Curvature.

[5] Principal Axis:-

↳ The line passing through the P & C is called principal axis.

[6] Focus:-

↳ The point of principal axis of mirror where the ray of light parallel to it either pass (in concave M) or appear to converge (in convex M) after reflection from it is called focus of the mirror. It is denoted by 'F'.

[7] Focal Length:-

↳ The distance between pole and principal focus of the mirror is called focal length. It is denoted by 'f'.

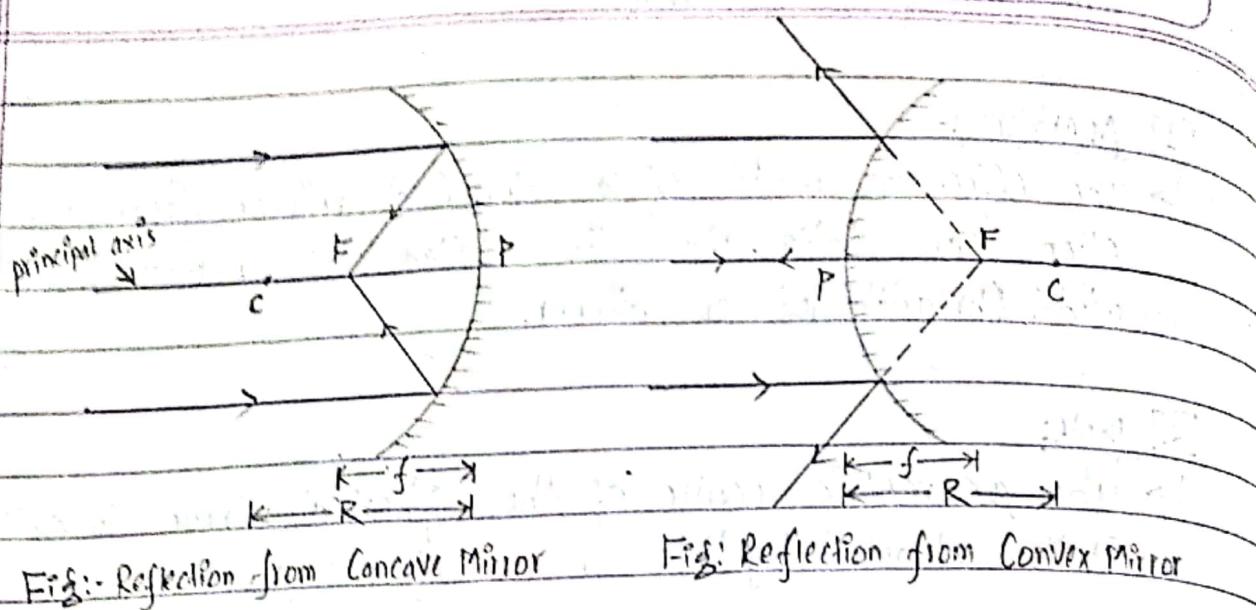


Fig: Reflection from Concave Mirror

Fig: Reflection from Convex Mirror

Relation between ' f ' & ' R ':-

For a spherical mirror (both Concave & Convex), the ' f ' is half of its ' R '.

Proof:-

i) Concave Mirror:-

* From figure,

$$i = r \quad [\because \text{law of reflection}]$$

$$i = \alpha \quad [\because \text{alternate angles}]$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \alpha = r$$

$$\Rightarrow CF = BF \quad [\because r = \alpha]$$

Since, aperture taken too small,

$$\Rightarrow BF = FP$$

$$\therefore CF = FP$$

$$\text{or, } CP - FP = FP$$

$$\text{or, } R = 2(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 2f \quad \text{which shows the relation between } R \text{ & } f.$$

ii) Convex Mirror:

* Similarly like as Concave mirror.

$$\Rightarrow R = 2f$$

Fig: Reflection from Concave mirror

Mirror Formula :-

→ The formula which shows the relation between Object distance, image distance and focal length of a mirror is called mirror formula and it is given by:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

Where, f = Focal length,

u = Object distance, v = Image distance.

Proof:-

[i] Concave Mirror (Real Image):-

$$AP = u$$

$$A'P = v$$

$$FP = f$$

$$CP = 2f \quad [\because R = 2f]$$

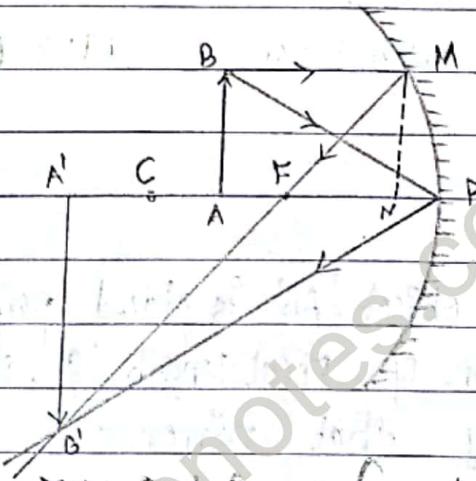


Fig: Real image formed by Concave mirror

Let us consider, an object AB is placed perpendicular to the principal axis of Concave mirror of Focal length ' f '. Also let $A'B'$ be the real image formed by that mirror.

In above figure,

$\triangle A'PB$ and $\triangle A'B'P$ are similar;

$$\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'P}{AP}$$

or,

$$\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{v}{u} \quad \text{(i)}$$

Also, $\triangle A'B'F \sim \triangle MNF$

or,

$$\frac{A'B'}{MN} = \frac{A'F}{FN}$$

⇒

$$\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FN} \quad [\because AB = MN]$$

If the aperture of the mirror is very small then N lies very close to P . i.e. $FN \approx FP$

$$\therefore \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FP} = \frac{A'P - FP}{FP} = \frac{v - f}{f} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From eqn(i) & (ii)

$$\frac{v}{u} = \frac{v - f}{f} \Rightarrow vf = uv - uf$$

$$\Rightarrow uv = uf + vf \quad \text{(iii)}$$

Dividing both sides by uvf of eqn(iii)

$$\text{or, } \frac{uv}{uvf} = \frac{vf}{uvf} + \frac{uf}{uvf}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

which is mirror formula.

$* R=2f$ $* f$ For Concave mirror \rightarrow +ve $* f$ For Convex mirror \rightarrow -ve

(ii) Concave Mirror [Virtual image]:-

$$AP = u$$

$$A'P = -v$$

$$FP = f$$

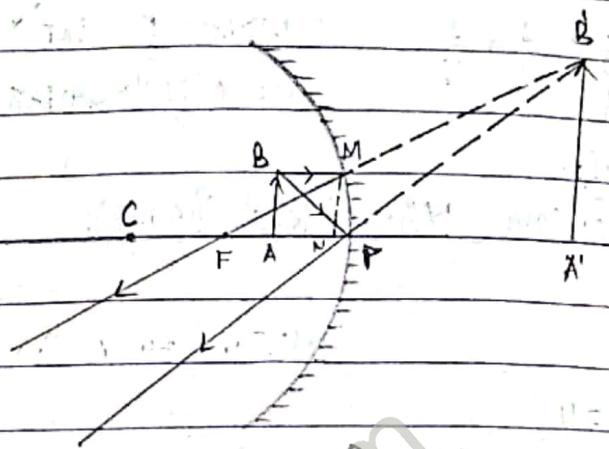


Fig: Virtual image formed by Concave Mirror.

Let us consider, an object 'AB' is placed perpendicular to the principal axis of Concave mirror of Focal length 'f'. Also Let, $A'B'$ be the virtual image formed by that mirror.

In above figure,

$$\Delta A'B'P \sim \Delta ABP$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'P}{AP} = \frac{-v}{u} \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Also, } \Delta A'B'F \sim \Delta MNF$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{A'B'}{MN} = \frac{A'F}{FN}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FN} \quad [\because AB = MN]$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'P + PF}{FP}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{-v + f}{f} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From eqn (i) & (ii);

$$\frac{-v}{u} = \frac{-v + f}{f}$$

$$\text{Or, } -vf = -uv + uf$$

$$\text{Or, } uv = vf + uf \quad \text{(iii)}$$

If the aperture of the mirror is too small, then point N lies very close to 'P'; i.e., $MN \approx FP$.

$$\therefore \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

which is Mirror formula.

$$\text{Or, } \frac{uv}{uvf} = \frac{vf}{uvf} + \frac{uf}{uvf}$$

Convex Mirror (Virtual Image) :-

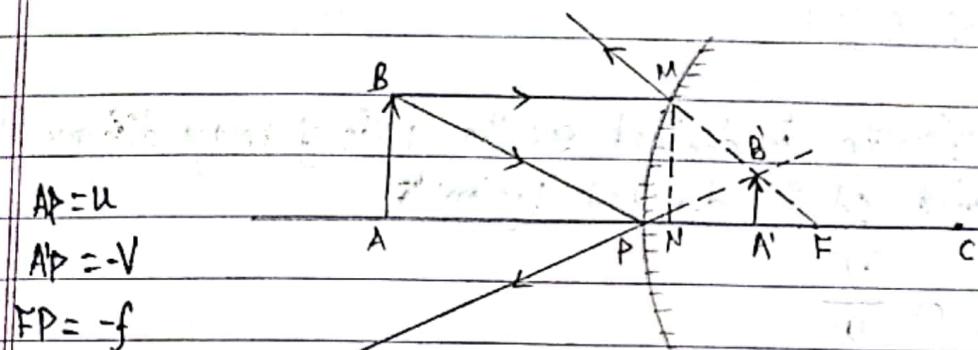


Fig:- Virtual image formed by convex mirror

Let us consider, an object AB is placed perpendicular to the principal axis of convex mirror of focal length ' f '. Also let, $A'B'$ be the ^{virtual} _{real} image formed by the mirror. then,

In above figure, $\triangle A'B'P \sim \triangle ABP$
So, $\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'P}{AP} = \frac{-V}{U}$ — (i)

Also,

$\triangle A'B'F \sim \triangle MNF$
So, $\frac{A'B'}{MN} = \frac{A'F}{FN}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FN} \quad [\because AB = MN]$

If the aperture of the mirror is too small. then point N lies very close to P . i.e. $MN \approx FP$

$\therefore \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{A'F}{FP}$

$\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{FP - AP}{FP}$
or, $\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{-f + v}{-f}$ — (ii)

From eqn(i) and (ii);

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-v}{u} = \frac{-f + v}{-f}$$

or, $Vf = uv - uf$

or, $uv = vf + uf$ — (iii)

Dividing both sides of eqn (iii) by uv

or, $\frac{uv}{uvf} = \frac{vf}{uvf} + \frac{uf}{uvf}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$ — (iv)

which is mirror formula.

Linear Magnification:-

↳ Linear magnification is defined as the ratio of the size of image to the size of object.

OR,

↳ Linear magnification is defined as the ratio of image distance to the object distance, it is denoted by 'm'.

i.e., $m = \frac{I}{O}$ or $\frac{V}{U}$

Where, I = image height (size), V = Image distance,
O = Object height (size) & U = Object distance.

Q. [i] Where should we stay for saving by using Concave mirror?

↳ We should stay keeping face nearer than the focus of Concave mirror so that the image will be magnified and erect, which makes us comfortable to see our face.

Numericals:-

- Q. 2021 Set D Q.No. 11 :- At what position an object be placed in front of a Concave mirror of radius of curvature 0.4 m so that an erect image of magnification 3 be produced?

* Solution:-

Here, In a Concave mirror

$R = 0.4 \text{ m}$, $m = 3$, v is negative due to erect image

$$\text{Then, } f = \frac{R}{2} = \frac{0.4}{2} = 0.2 \text{ m. \& } m = 3$$

$$\text{Or, } -\frac{v}{u} = 3 \Rightarrow v = -3u$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{0.2} = \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{3u} \Rightarrow 5 = \frac{1}{u}(1 - \frac{1}{3}) \Rightarrow 5u = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow u = 0.133$$

Thus, Object be placed 0.133 m. far from mirror.

- Q. 2006 O.D. Q.No. 7(b) A pole 4m long is laid along the principal axis of a Convex mirror of focal length 1m. The end of the pole nearer the mirror is 2m. from it. Find the Length of the image of the pole.

* Soln:- $f = -1 \text{ m}$

$$u = 2 \text{ m}, v = ?$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{-1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{1} = -1 - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

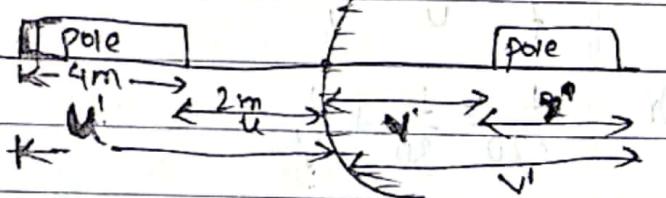
$$\Rightarrow v = +\frac{2}{3}$$

Again:-

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u'} + \frac{1}{v'}$$

$$\text{Or, } -\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3} + x} \right)$$

$$\text{Or, } -1 - \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{1}{0.67 + x}$$



$$-\frac{2}{6} = -\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3} + x}$$

$$\text{Or, } -\frac{2}{6} = -\frac{6}{7}$$

$$x = -\left(\frac{6}{7} + \frac{2}{6}\right) = \frac{6}{7} - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0.190 \text{ m}$$

thus, Size of image = 0.19 m.

Q. [2060 Q.NO. 7b] An erect image, three times the size of the object is obtained with a concave mirror of radius of curvature 36 cm. What is the position of the object.

* **SOL:** Given;

$$-I = 3.0, R = 36 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow f = 18 \text{ cm}, u = ?$$

$$\text{Here, } -I = 3.0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{I}{O} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V}{U} = -3 \quad [\because \frac{I}{O} = \frac{V}{U}] \Rightarrow V = -3U$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{-3u} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{3u} = \frac{2}{3u} \Rightarrow u = 12 \text{ m}$$

Thus, Object is 12 m far from the mirror.

B. [2057 Q.NO. 7(b)] An object 10 cm high is placed in front of a convex mirror of focal length 20 cm and the object is 30 cm from the mirror. Find the height of the image.

* **SOL:** $O = 10 \text{ cm}, f = -20 \text{ cm}, u = 30 \text{ cm}, I = ?$

NOW,

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{V}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{V} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{30} = \frac{-1}{60} = -\frac{5}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = -\frac{60}{5} = -12 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{I}{O} = \frac{V}{U}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{I}{10} = \frac{-12}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = -4 \text{ m}$$

∴ Height of image is
0.04 cm or 4 m.

B. [2055 B.NO.15(b)] Calculate the focal length of a concave mirror when an object placed at a distance of 40 cm. makes image equal to the size of the object.

* Soln:-

$$f=? , u=40 \text{ cm}, I=O \Rightarrow [m=1] \quad [\because m = \frac{I}{O}]$$

$$v=?$$

WE know: $m = \frac{v}{u} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{v}{40} \Rightarrow v = 40 \text{ cm}$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{40} + \frac{1}{40} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2}{40} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 20 \text{ cm}$$

thus, focal length of the concave mirror is 20 cm. #

B. [2053 B.NO.13] A metre scale is placed along the axis of a convex mirror of focal length 25 cm, its nearer end being at a distance of 50 cm. Calculate the size of the image formed.

* Soln:-

$$f = 25 \text{ cm.}$$

1st case

$$-\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\text{Or, } -\frac{1}{25} = \frac{1}{50} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{50} = \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v} = \frac{3}{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 50/3 \text{ cm}$$

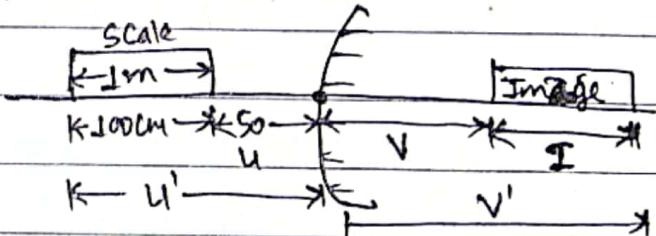
2nd case

$$-\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u'} + \frac{1}{v'}$$

$$\text{Or, } -\frac{1}{25} = \frac{1}{100+50} - \frac{1}{\frac{50}{3} + I}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{50+I} = \frac{1}{150} + \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{50+I}{3} = \frac{150}{1+6} - \frac{150}{7}$$



$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{150}{7} - \frac{50}{3}$$

$$\text{Or, } I = \frac{450 - 350}{21}$$

$$\text{Or, } I = \frac{100}{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = 4.76 \text{ cm}$$

thus, size of image is 4.76 cm #

Q. [2050-Q.No.15] A convex mirror with a radius of curvature 30 cm. forms a real image 20 cm. from its pole. Explain how it is possible and find whether the image is erect or inverted.

~~SOP:~~

$$R=30 \text{ cm} \quad I=20 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 15 \text{ cm}$$

When the converging rays of light are incident, then image formed as real image.

