# O04e

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## 1 O04e Focal Length and Principal Planes of a Lens System

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**Overview of Tasks**

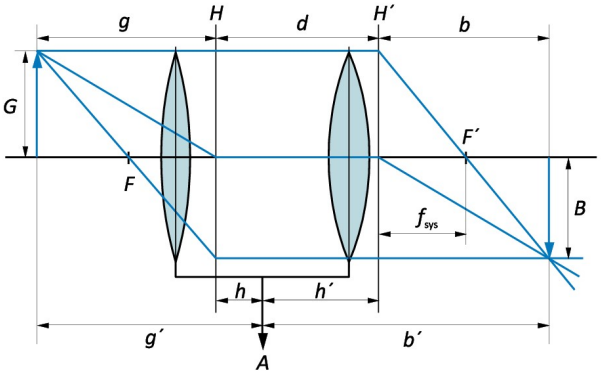
1. Determine the focal length and the position of the principal planes of a system consisting of two thin converging lenses for a given lens distance.
2. Determine the focal lengths of both lenses using Bessel's method. Measure the distance between the lenses and calculate the focal length of the lens system.
3. Draw a diagram to scale showing the positions of the principal planes and the focal points of the lens system; construct an image corresponding to one measured object distances from task 1. Determine the value of the linear magnification from the construction and compare to the experimental value.

### 1.1 Task 1

***Task Definition***

Determine the focal length of the system of 2 lenses $f_{sys}$ and the position of the principal planes $h$ and $h'$ of a system consisting of two thin converging lenses for a given lens distance.

***Theoretical Basis***




Double lens system.

*g'* and *b'* denote the distances between the pointer *A* and the illuminated object *G* or the image *B*, respectively.

*h* and *h'* denote the distances between the pointer *A* and the principal planes *H* and *H'* of the lens system.

*Figure* 1.1: Double Lens System Diagram

(NEED TO JUSTIFY WHY B' is negative instead of postiive) (NEED to justify about position of h and h' using inequalities and refer to fig 1.1)

- b : Image distance
- g : Object distance

As $h' = b' - b$ is negative then $b' < b$. Hence, H' principal axes lies on the left sight of A pointer.

As $h = g' - g$ is positive, then $g' > g$. Hence, H principal axes lies on the left sight of the A pointer.

The fitting functions are given as follows:

$$g' = g + h = f_{sys}\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) + h$$

$$b' = b + h' = f_{sys}(1 + \gamma) + h'$$

***Procedure***

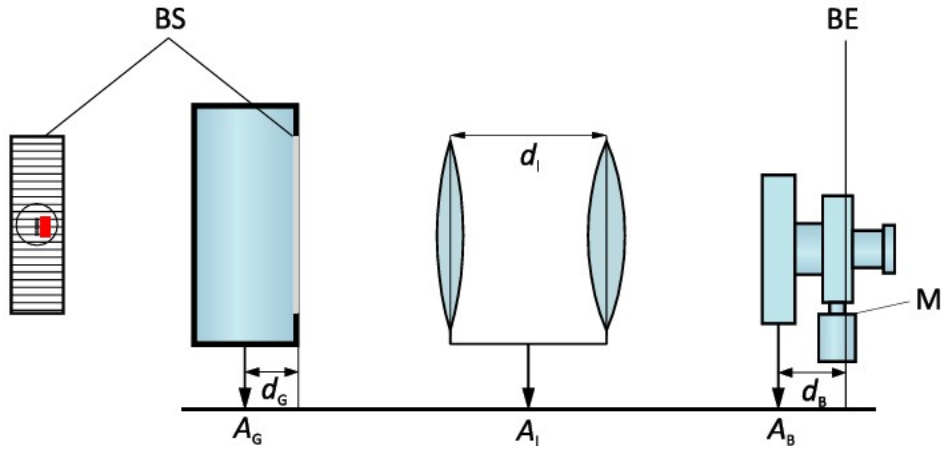



*Figure* 1.2: Double Lens System Experimental Setup

1. A double-lens system is picked with a fixed lens distance $d_l$, and correction values $d_B$ and $d_G$ **Fig 1.2**.
2. Adjust the lens system until a sharp image forms, then measure the object size ($G$) and the image size ($B$) using the micrometer labeled M in **Fig 1.2**.
3. Measure the distances $d_1$ and $d_2$ between pointers $A_G$ and $A_l$ and between $A_B$ and $A_l$, respectively.
4. Calculate the object $g'$ and image $b'$ distances using the following formulas:

- $g' = |d_1| - d_G$
- $b' = |d_2| + d_B$

5. Calculate the linear magnification $\gamma$ using Eq 1.1.
6. Repeat the procedure for 10 different values of $g'$ and $b'$.
7. Perform linear regression using Eq 1.2 and Eq 1.3, and find the values of $f_{sys}$, $h$ and $h'$ fromt the fit.

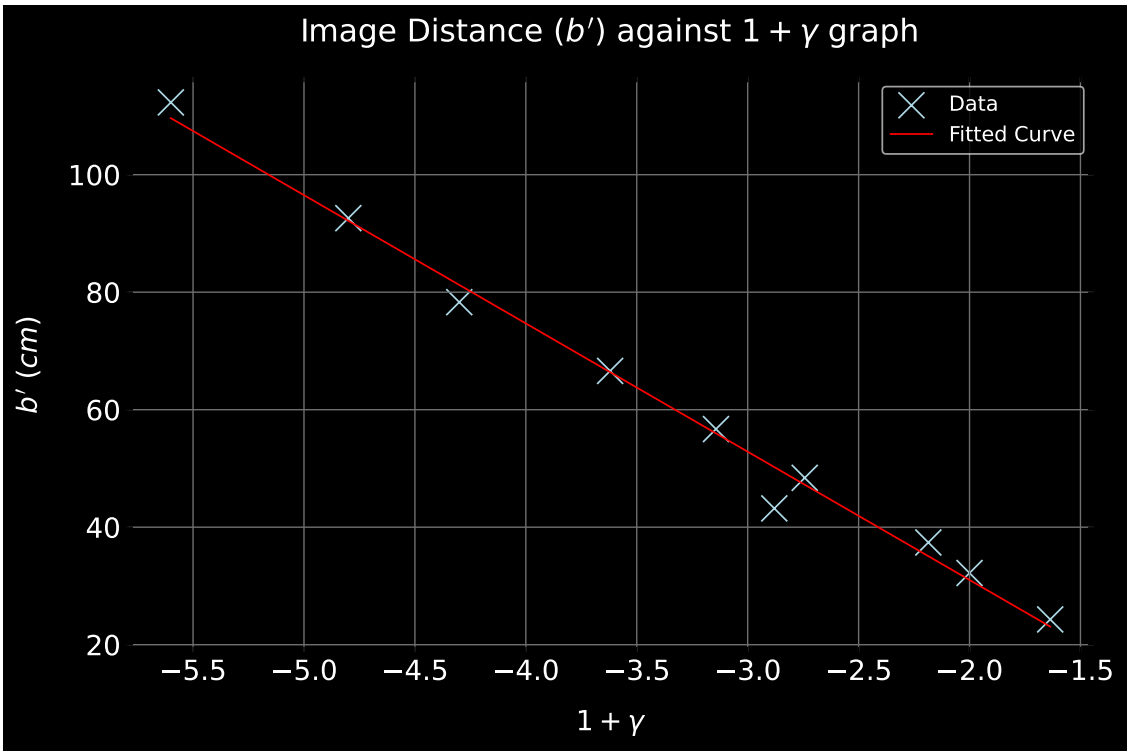



*Figure* 1.1: Image Distance ($b'$) against $1+\gamma$ fit.

$$|f_{sys}| = (21.83 \pm 0.798)\ cm$$

$$h' = (-12.65 \pm 2.801)\ cm$$

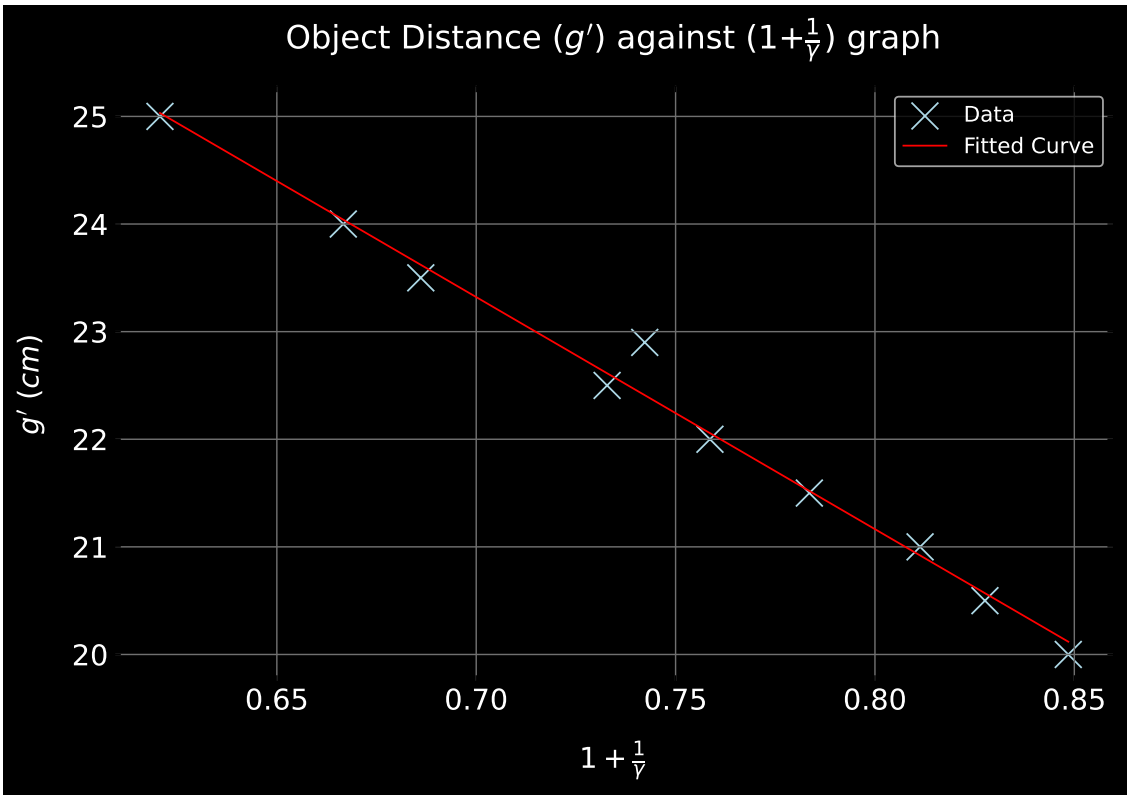



*Figure* 1.2: Object Distance ($g'$) against ($1+\frac{1}{\gamma}$) graph fit.

$$|f_{sys}| = (21.57 \pm 0.876)\ cm$$

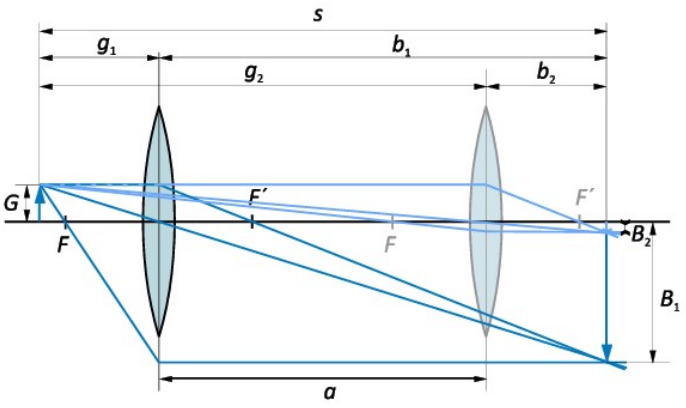
$$h = (38.42 \pm 0.658)\ cm$$

## 1.2 Task 2

***Task Definition***

Determine the focal lengths of both lenses $f_1$ and $f_2$ using Bessel's method. Measure the distance ($a$) between the lenses and calculate the focal length $f_{sys}$ of the double-lens system from task 1.

***Theoretical Basis***




Bessel's method. One lens is successively placed at two different locations 1 and 2.

*Figure* 2.1: Bessel Method Setup

The Lens Equation:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{g}$$

- $f$ : Focal Length of Lens
- $b$ : Image Distance
- $g$ : Object Distance

From Fig 2.1:

$$s = b + g$$

By Substitution:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{s}{g(s-g)}$$

This yields:

$$0 = g^2 - sg + sf$$

Solving for $g$:

$$g_{1,2} = \frac{s}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{4} - sf}$$

Hence:

$$g_1 - g_2 = \sqrt{s^2 - 4sf}$$

It is observed that:

$$a = g_1 - g_2 \tag{2.1}$$

Therefore:

$$f = \frac{s^2 - a^2}{4s} \tag{2.2}$$

Additionally, the focal length $f_{sys}$ of a double-lens system is given by:

$$\frac{1}{f_{sys}} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{d_l}{f_1 f_2} \tag{2.3}$$

- $f_1$ : Focal length of first lens
- $f_2$ : Focal length of second lens
- $d_l$ : Distance between lenses

***Procedure***

1. The distance ($S$) between the object ($G$) and the screen ($B$) is measured and kept constant during the experiment. A lens from task 1 with focal length $f_1$ is then placed in-between the object and screen **Fig 2.1**.
2. The lens is adjusted until a sharp image forms on the screen, at which point the object distance ($g_1$) and the image distance ($b_1$) are recorded.
3. The lens is moved again until another sharp image forms, and the new distances ($g_2$) and ($b_{2\_}$ are recorded.
4. The distance ($a$) between the two different lens positions is found using Eq 2.1, and $f_1$ is determined using Eq 2.2.
5. The previous steps are repeated for 5 different values of ($s$), and the average value of ($f_1$) is determined.
6. This procedure is repeated using the second lens from task 1 with focal length ($f_2$).
7. The theoretical focal length $f_{sys}$ of the double-lens system is determined using Eq 2.3.

***Measurements***

**Lens 1**

| # | $S$ (mm) | $g_1$ (mm) | $b_1$ (mm) | $g_2$ (mm) | $b_2$ (mm) | $a$ (mm) | $f_1$ (mm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.0 | 650.0 | 98.0 | 552.0 | 545.0 | 105.0 | 447.0 | 85.65 |
| 2.0 | 750.0 | 96.0 | 654.0 | 647.0 | 103.0 | 551.0 | 86.30 |
| 3.0 | 850.0 | 94.0 | 756.0 | 749.0 | 101.0 | 655.0 | 86.32 |
| 4.0 | 550.0 | 102.0 | 448.0 | 441.0 | 109.0 | 339.0 | 85.26 |
| 5.0 | 450.0 | 110.0 | 340.0 | 330.0 | 120.0 | 220.0 | 85.61 |

Average value of $f_1 = 85.83mm$

**Lens 2**

| # | $S$ (mm) | $g_1$ (mm) | $b_1$ (mm) | $g_2$ (mm) | $b_2$ (mm) | $a$ (mm) | $f_2$ (mm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.0 | 1290.0 | 525.0 | 765.0 | 790.0 | 500.0 | 265.0 | 308.89 |
| 2.0 | 1390.0 | 446.0 | 944.0 | 940.0 | 450.0 | 494.0 | 303.61 |
| 3.0 | 1490.0 | 430.0 | 1060.0 | 1059.0 | 431.0 | 629.0 | 306.12 |
| 4.0 | 1590.0 | 427.0 | 1163.0 | 1176.0 | 414.0 | 749.0 | 309.29 |
| 5.0 | 1690.0 | 404.0 | 1286.0 | 1288.0 | 402.0 | 884.0 | 306.90 |

Average value of $f_2 = 306.96mm$

During the experiment:

$$d_l = 272mm$$

Therefore:

$$f_{sys} = 218.11mm$$

***Analysis***

1. It is observed that using Bessel's method yields the same value for $f_{sys}$ as found in task 1.