

Optometry and lenses

- terms to be familiar with:

- Near Point → Farsightedness

- Farsighted (hyperopic) people cannot see close objects clearly
- People with far points greater than 25 cm are said to be farsighted
 - when we say "near point too far" → farsighted
- converging

- Far Point → Nearsightedness

- Nearsighted (myopic) people cannot see distant objects clearly
- People with far points less than infinite are said to be nearsighted
- diverging

- diopters

- lens prescriptions are often given in units of diopters

- a diopter is a unit of inverse focal length ($1/f$) f (focal length) must be in meters

- So when a question asks for lens prescription the unit should be in diopters

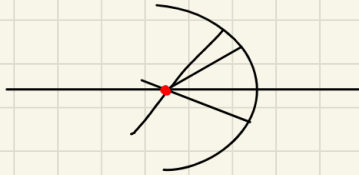
$$\text{diopters} = \frac{1}{f}$$

• Spherical Mirrors

- We call that dot the **Focal Point** of the mirror

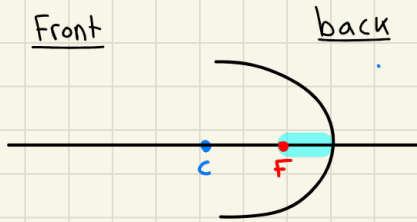
- this is called a concave mirror

- Concave mirrors are converging



- the rays all intercept at the **Focal Point**

- Concave mirrors look like the "C" they are like a flipped around letter C



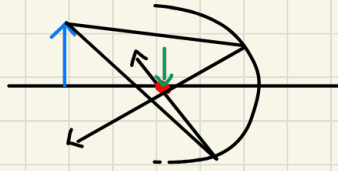
- we can the distance between the mirror and the focal point the focal length

the "C" is the **radius of curvature** which can be defined as:

$$C = 2f$$

↖ focal length

the radius of curvature is 2 times the focal length



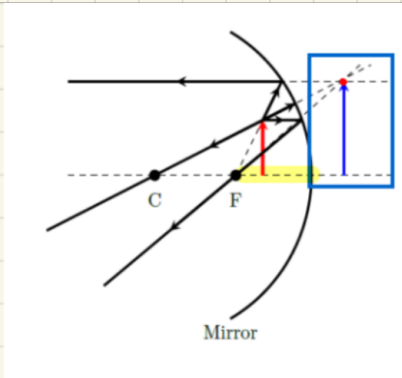
- Notice all the reflected rays meet at a single point the intersecting rays will form an image at this spot and this will be a real image

★ a real image will be on the same spot as the object the real image will also have a arrow pointing down (↓)

- Making a virtual image with a concave mirror:

★ Remember a concave mirror is converging

- to make a virtual image you place the object in the focal length



• that intersection is where the virtual image will be and it will be on the opposite side of the mirror (or "in the mirror")

• the image is in the focal length

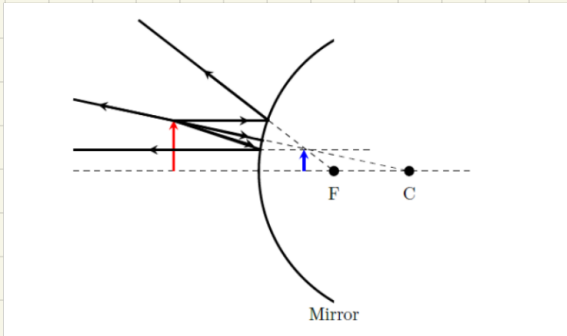
- if the object is in front of the mirror the object distance
- the image distance will be negative if the image is virtual

- Convex mirrors

— Convex mirrors are diverging and will always produce virtual images

Front

back



- the object is in front of the mirror but not in the mirror inside the mirror the blue is the virtual image

- the i here for Convex is negative

Summary / equations

- $f > 0$ for concave mirrors
- $f < 0$ for convex mirrors
- $i > 0$ for images on the same side of the mirror as the object
- $i < 0$ for images on opposite side of the mirror

$$\text{diopters} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i}$$

$$C = 2f$$

$$M = \left(\frac{-i}{o} \right) \left(\frac{-i_2}{o_2} \right)$$

$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{-i}{o}$$

Lens and mirrors

Lens/Mirrors	Focal length Sign	Object Distance	Image Type	Image Side	Image Height
Converging Lens ()	Positive	Away from Focal Point	Real ($i > 0$)	Opposite side of the object	Always Inverted
Converging Lens ()	Positive	Within Focal length	Virtual ($i < 0$)	Same side as the object	Always larger than the object
Diverging Lens ()	Negative	Neglected	Virtual ($i < 0$)	Same side as the object	Always smaller than the object
Concave Mirror ()	Positive	Away from Focal	Real ($i > 0$)	Same side as the object	Always Inverted
Concave Mirror ()	Positive	Within Focal length	Virtual ($i < 0$)	Opposite side of the object	Always larger than the object
Convex Mirror ()	Negative	Neglected	Virtual ($i < 0$)	Opposite side of the object	Always smaller than the object

• More info to know

★ Prescription lenses for vision correction usually have a negative image distance (i) remember from lenses virtual images are closer to the lens

- For Myopia (Near Sightedness): Concave \Rightarrow Virtual image
- For Hyperopia (Far Sightedness): Convex \Rightarrow Virtual image
- So when you face a problem that includes fixing sight the near point will be the image distance also will be negative