

thin lenses



- this is a converging lens

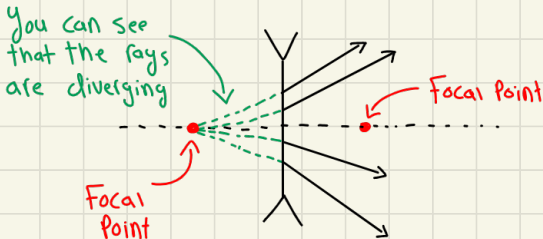


- this is a diverging lens

• Focal Point

- a Focal Point in thin lenses is a specific point where light rays either converge (come together) or diverge (spread out from)

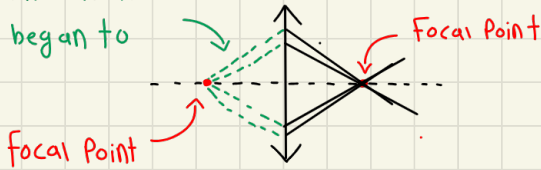
• diverging



- the dashed horizontal line is called optical axis

- Converging

You can see that at the focal point they began to converge

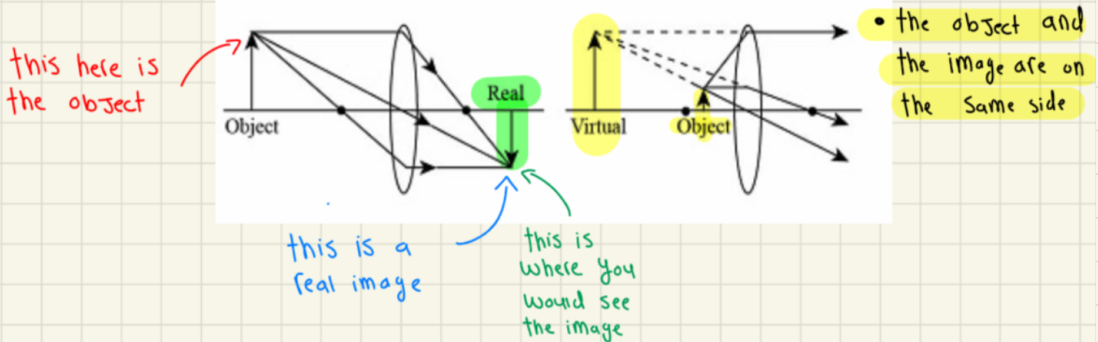


- Virtual image

- a virtual image is a image that cannot be projected on the screen because light rays dont actually meet

- Converging

- When you have a converging lens a virtual image forms on the same side as the object if its a real image it will form on the other side of the object



- a real image can be represented with a down arrow (↓)

- a virtual image can be represented with a upward arrow (↑)

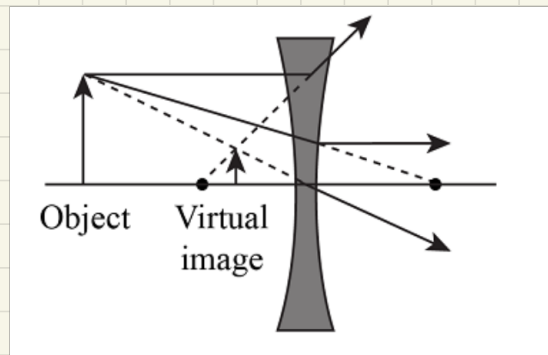
- Diverging

- unlike converging lenses a diverging lens never forms a real image

- the "image" is always on the same side as the object

- real image forms when actual light rays converge at a point but diverging lenses spread the rays apart so the rays never actually meet on the opposite side

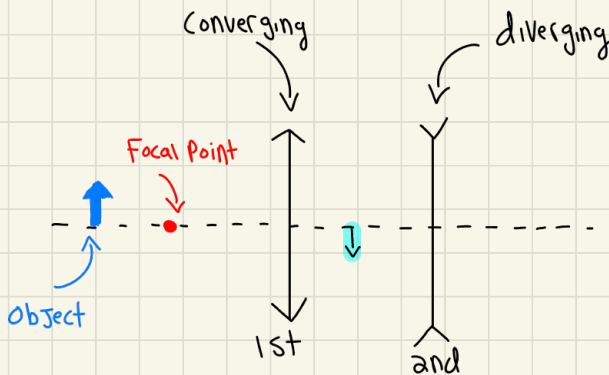
- however if you trace the diverging ray backward they appear to come from a point on the same side as the object that is a virtual image



- For converging if you place the object on the image you will not get a image

- For diverging you always get a virtual image no matter where the object is placed

- two lenses



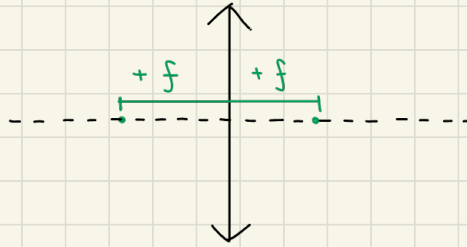
- the first "o" (object distance) cannot be negative in other words the object distance for converging cannot be negative
- the first lens is converging and forms an image that image will be **here** but for the second lens that image will act as the object but it's behind the second lens so it will act as a virtual image and give you a negative "o"

~~*~~ a negative "o" means the lens sees a virtual object not a real one

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

- this equation works for converging and diverging lenses

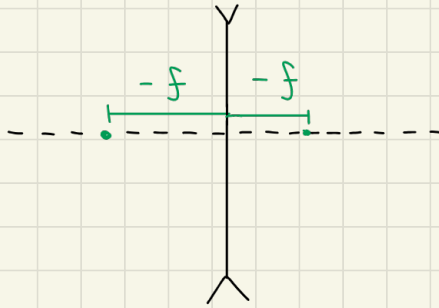
Converging



• " f ": is the Focal length
it goes from the
lens to the Focal Point

if it is a converging lens " f " is Positive No Matter Where you approach From
the left or the right Still going to be Positive

diverging

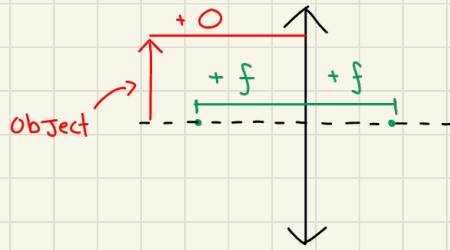


if you have diverging lens then the " f " is Negative No matter on What
Side you approach it From the " f " will be Negative

- the type of lens tells what you should Plug in a Positive Focal length or a
Negative Focal length

$$f_d < 0 \text{ and } f_c > 0$$

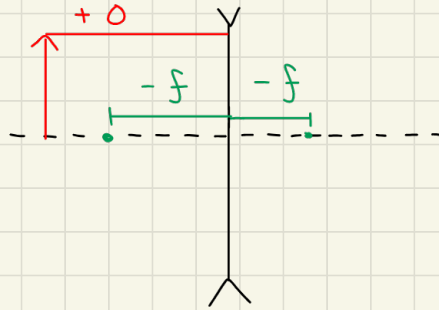
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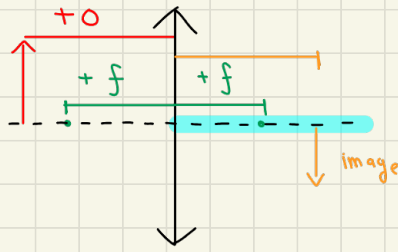
- O : this is the object distance it is measured from the lens to object

the object distance will always be positive for converging it is possible to get negative " O " but you would need to be dealing with more than one lens

diverging



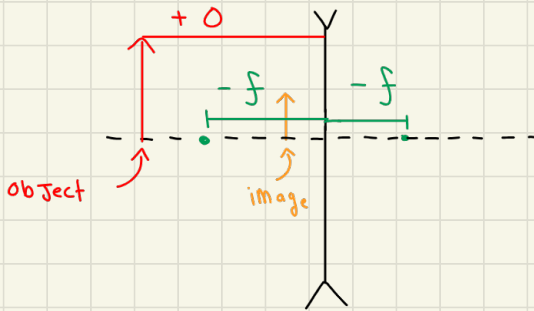
Converging



- i : the image distance
this is measured
from the lens
to the image

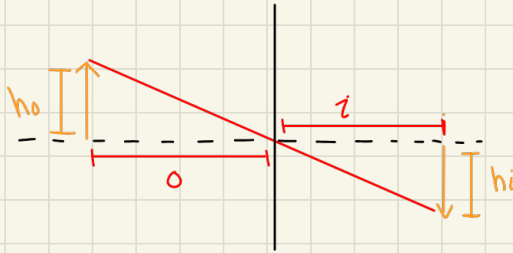
image distance will be positive if the image distance is on this side of the other side of the lens

diverging



if the image is on the same side as the object it is negative

- Magnification equation



- Notice these are similar triangles:

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

the negative comes from the h_i pointing downward

- a sensible definition of magnification is the ratio of the height of the image to the height of the object

$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o}$$

height of image
height of object

- hence by rearranging what we had

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

Positive magnification means image is upright (\uparrow)

Negative magnification means image is inverted (\downarrow)

- Multiple lenses

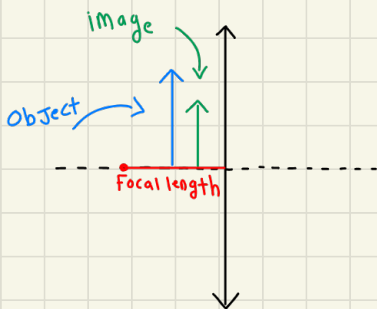
★ This is very important ★

- in a system with multiple lenses the image of the first lens becomes the object for the second lens

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{z}{o} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{z}{o} \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

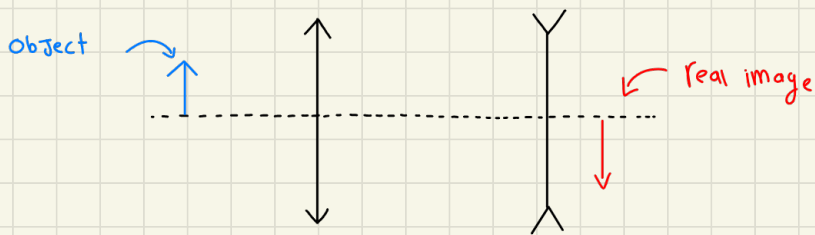
• by default there is a negative

- You can get a virtual image from a converging lens this only happens when you place the object in the focal length



- For diverging lens it does not matter where you place it you will always get a virtual image

★ You can get a diverging lens to produce a real image but you need a converging and diverging lens



- The converging lens needs to be placed before the diverging lens

to get a diverging lens produce a real image you generally need a negative object distance (virtual object) meaning rays are already converging before entering diverging lens