Practice Problems

- **1.** A microscope produces an image that is 1.00×10^{-4} m high from an object that is 4.00×10^{-7} m high. What is the magnification of the microscope?
- **2.** A concave mirror produces an image on a wall that is 30.0 cm high from an object that is 6.5 cm high. What is the magnification of the mirror?
- **3.** A pinhole camera produces a 2.34×10^{-2} m image of a building that is actually 50.0 m high. What is the magnification of the camera?

Example Problem 11.1

A microscope produces an image that is 5.50×10^{-4} m high from an object that is 2.00×10^{-6} m high. What is the magnification of this microscope?

Given

Object height $h_{\rm o}=2.00\times 10^{-6}~{\rm m}$ Image height $h_{\rm i}=5.50\times 10^{-4}~{\rm m}$

Required

Magnification M = ?

Analysis and Solution
The correct equation is $M = \frac{h_i}{h_0}$

Substitute the values and their units, and solve the problem.

$$M = \frac{h_{\rm i}}{h_{\rm o}}$$

$$M = \frac{5.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}}{2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}$$
$$= 275$$

Paraphrase

The magnification of the microscope is 275 times.

Practice Problems

- 1. An object is placed 75 cm from a concave mirror. A real image is produced 50 cm away. What is the magnification?
- **2.** A person standing 3.00 m from a glass window sees her virtual image 3.00 m on the other side. What is the magnification of the window?
- **3.** A camera creates a real image of a tree 40 m away. The image is formed 3.0 cm behind the lens. Find the magnification.

Example Problem 11.2

A candle is placed 22 cm from a concave mirror. A virtual image is produced 53 cm from the mirror. What is the magnification?

Given

Object distance $d_0 = 22 \text{ cm}$ Image distance $d_i = 53$ cm

Required

Magnification M = ?

Analysis and Solution
The correct equation is $M = \frac{d_i}{d_0}$

Substitute the values and their units, and solve the problem.

$$M = \frac{d_{i}}{d_{0}}$$

$$M = \frac{53 \text{ cm}}{22 \text{ cm}}$$

$$= 2.4$$

Paraphrase

The magnification of the mirror is 2.4 times.

Example Problem 11.3

An electron microscope magnifies a virus that is 3.50×10^{-7} m. If the magnification is 3.70×10^5 , how big will the image be?

Object height $h_0 = 3.50 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ Magnification $M = 3.70 \times 10^5$

Required

Image height $h_i = ?$

Analysis and Solution

The correct equation is $M = \frac{h_i}{h_o}$

Rearrange it to solve for the variable needed: $h_i = Mh_0$ Substitute the values and their units, and solve the problem.

$$h_{\rm i} = Mh_{\rm o}$$

 $h_{\rm i} = (3.70 \times 10^5)(3.50 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m})$
= 0.130 m

Paraphrase

The size of the image is 0.130 m or 13.0 cm.

Practice Problems

- 1. A slide projector has a magnification of 50. How wide will the projected image be if the slide is 2.8 cm wide?
- 2. A concave mirror creates a virtual image of a candle flame that is 10 cm high. If the magnification of the mirror is 12.5, what is the height of the candle flame?
- 3. A magnifying glass will magnify 6 times. If the magnifying glass is held over a page and magnifies a letter that is 2 mm tall, how big is the image?

Example Problem 11.4

A concave mirror creates a real, inverted image 16.0 cm from its surface. If the image is 4.00 times larger, how far away is the object?

Given

Image distance $d_i = 16.0 \text{ cm}$ Magnification M = 4.00

Required

Object distance $d_0 = ?$

Analysis and Solution

The correct equation is $M = \frac{d_i}{d_o}$

Rearrange it to solve for the variable needed: $d_o = \frac{d_i}{M}$

Substitute the values and their units, and solve the problem.

$$d_{o} = \frac{d_{i}}{M}$$

$$d_{o} = \frac{16.0 \text{ cm}}{4.00}$$

$$= 4.00 \text{ cm}$$

Paraphrase

The object is 4.00 cm from the mirror.

Practice Problems

- 1. An insect is magnified 12 times by a concave mirror. If the image is real, inverted, and 6 cm from the mirror, how far away is the insect?
- **2.** A lens produces a real image that is 23 times bigger than the object. If the object is 14 cm away, how far away is the image?
- **3.** A human hair is placed 3 mm from a powerful microscope lens that has a magnification of 40 times. How far from the lens will the image be formed?