

# Imaging by reflection and refraction

start with a spherical mirror

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha + \alpha' &= 2\theta \\ \alpha + \phi &= \theta \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \alpha - \alpha' = -2\phi$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{s} \quad \tan \alpha' = \frac{h}{s'}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{h}{R}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{h}{s} \quad \alpha' = \frac{h}{s'} \quad \phi = \frac{h}{R}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\frac{h}{s} - \frac{h}{s'} = -\frac{2h}{R} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s'} = -\frac{2}{R}$$

note  $s'$  is independent of  $\alpha$

when  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\Rightarrow s' = \frac{R}{2}$  which is the focal length

we could repeat this for concave surfaces, but to keep the math straight, we need to adopt a sign convention

1.  $s$  is + if the object is to the left of the mirror vertex (real object)
2.  $s'$  is positive if the image is to the left of the vertex (real image)
3.  $R$  is + when the center of curvature is to the right of the vertex

Conventionally, a concave lens has a positive focal length

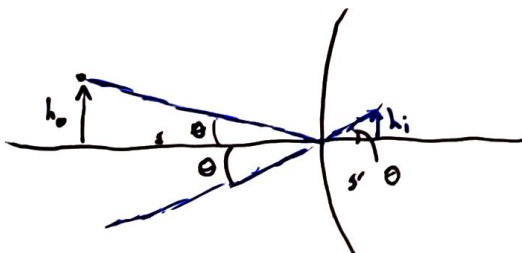
$f > 0$  for concave

$f < 0$  for convex

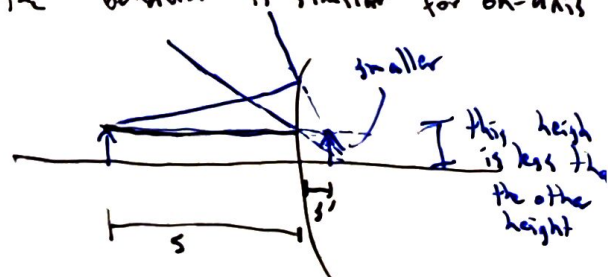
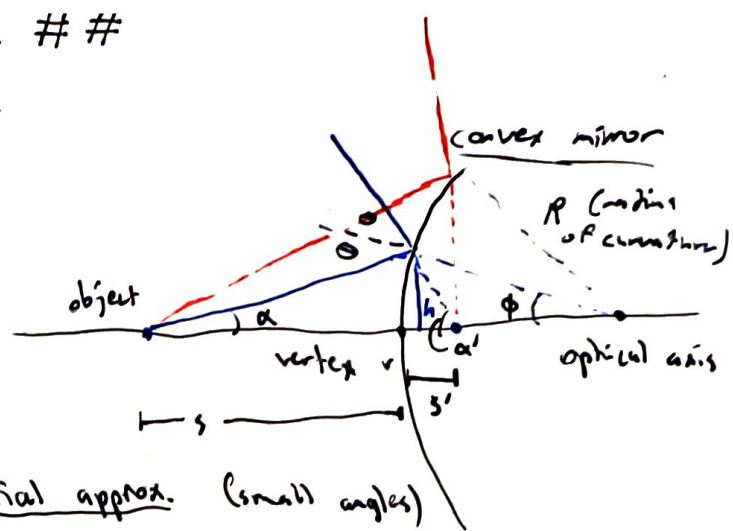
$$\Rightarrow f = -\frac{R}{2}$$



If  $\rightarrow$  now our object point off-axis, the behavior is similar for on-axis



$$\frac{h_o}{s} = \frac{h_i}{s'} \Rightarrow m = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{s'}{s} \quad \text{magnification}$$



but typically  $m = -\frac{s'}{s}$  to keep it with the previous sign convention

if  $m > 0 \Rightarrow$  upright image

if  $m < 0 \Rightarrow$  inverted image

ex:

$$s = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

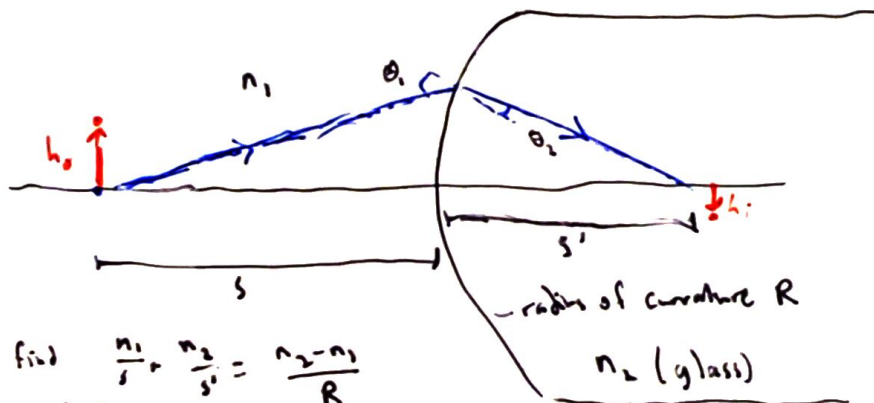
since  $R$  is to the left,  $R < 0$

$$\text{and } f = -\frac{R}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s} = 2 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore s' = \frac{3}{4} = 75 \text{ cm}$$

Refraction of spherical surfaces



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\text{we would find } \frac{n_1}{s} + \frac{n_2}{s'} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

sign convention:

$s$  + for a real object (left of vertex)

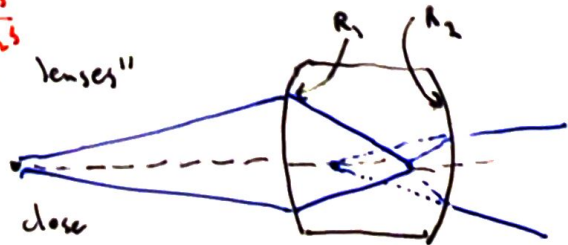
$s'$  + for a real image (right of vertex)

$R$  + when center to the right of the vertex

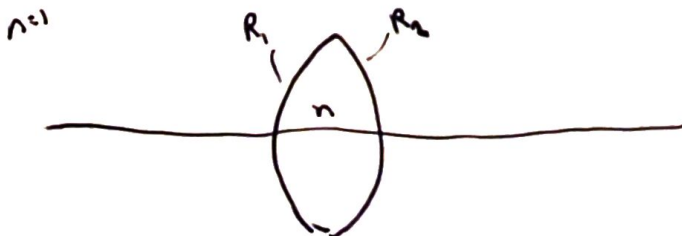
$$\text{for an off-axis point } m = -\frac{n_1 s'}{n_2 s}$$

We can use this to treat "thick lenses"

check out example 2.2 in text

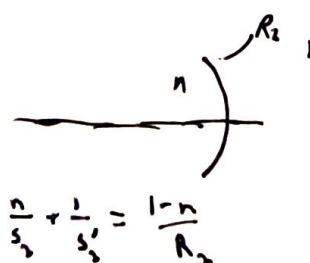
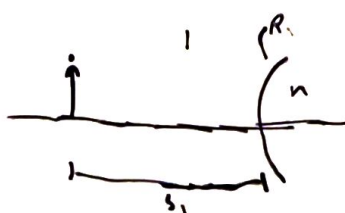


thin lenses: the two surfaces are very close



we have

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{n}{s'} = \frac{n-1}{R}$$



$s_2 = -s_1'$  because the lens is thin  
the image of the first is the object of the second but on the opposite side

$$\therefore \frac{1}{s_1} - \frac{n-1}{R_1} = \frac{1-n}{R_2} - \frac{1}{s_2'}$$

location of the final image

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_2'} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)}$$

sometimes written  $\frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_2'} = \frac{1}{f}$

where  $\boxed{\frac{1}{f} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)}$

lens-maker's formula

Lens: converging or diverging



+f  
positive focal length

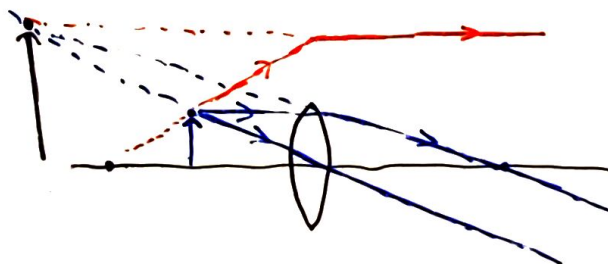
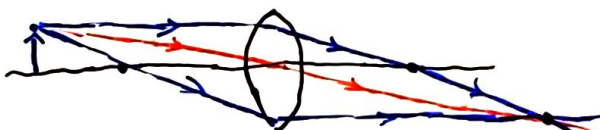


-f  
negative focal length

the focal length describes where parallel rays of light will be focused

ray tracing ☹️

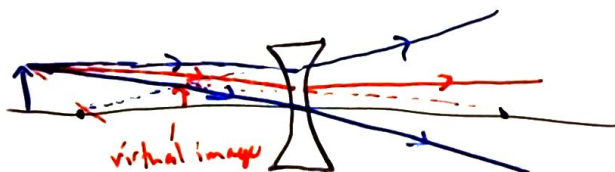
object outside the focus



simple magnifier

diverging lens

object to the left



if the object is inside the focal length

↳ virtual, smaller, upright image