Physics 1230: Light and Color













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Refracted images

<u>Key point:</u> <u>Image is formed along the extrapolation</u> <u>of the ray entering your eyes</u>



clicker question

Refracted images

Q: Two observers, one above the water and one under the water, view an object (fellow to the left). The woman will see the underwater part of the body being





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Refracted images

Q: Two observers, one above the water and one under the water, view an object (fellow to the left). The boy will see the underwater part of the body being

a) smaller than it really isb) larger than it really isc) upside down image







Lecture 5

Images: ray tracing optics

Announcements:

- lectures 4, 5 are posted on the class website
- midterm 1, Thursday, Feb 20, in class
- homework 4 is posted on D2L
 due Tuesday, Feb 18 in homework box in Help Room
 solutions will be posted on D2L
- reading for this week is:

 $_{\circ}$ Ch. 3 in SL

Recall

Last time

Light propagation: ray optics

- from wave to ray picture
- shadows and apertures
- scattering

recall lecture 4:

- reflection
- refraction
- diffraction
- absorption















smooth surface -> specular reflection: $\theta_{incident} = \theta_{reflection}$





Smooth Water Surface



Wavy Water Surface

Diffusive vs specular reflection





Today

Image formation: mirrors & mirages

- real and virtual images
- image due to reflection: plane mirror
- image due to refraction: mirage, rainbow, sun columns
- optical illusions

clicker question Images of a non-luminous object

Q: Which is true?

a) There is only one ray of light from object to observer
b) Only the tip of the object emits light. That light goes out in all directions. I drew one ray to keep it simple



c) All points on the object (effectively) emit light, in all directions. I drew one ray to keep it simple

A: Even a non-luminous object "emits" rays of light in all directions because light well-illuminating it reflects diffusively in all directions.

Specular reflection: mirror



Mirrors

can be

• plane:





• concave:



Concave solar concentrator



Convex traffic safety mirror

Mirrors

can be

• plane:







Convex traffic safety mirror



• concave:



Images

• real image: produced on a screen (or some other detector) when rays from a single point on an object strike a single point on the screen.



• virtual image: produced when rays of light reaching our eyes appear to come from a real object, but there is in fact no object at the apparent source of the light



Retroreflection mirror





- silver 99% reflection
- glass protects silver from scratching (only 4% reflection)

How is an image produced in a mirror? -> ray tracing

- incident ray from Alex's <u>chin</u> reflects from mirror and into Bob's eye
- Bob will see only this reflected ray from Alex's chin; others miss his eye
- another incident ray from Alex's <u>hair</u> reflects from mirror and into Bob's eye



How is an image produced in a mirror? -> psychology of ray interpretation

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How we see an image





virtual image



real rays reach the image, and it cannot be seen by putting a screen at its position

Image formation in a mirror



Image in multiple mirrors



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