# **Physics 1230: Light and Color**













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### **Flat mirror reflection**

Q:The center surfaces of a lens are approximately flat, with normals illustrated. Given what you know about refraction what does this ray really do when it enters the glass?



Announcements:

- lectures 6 is posted on the class website
- midterm 1 solutions and grades are posted
- homework 6 is posted on D2L
   due Thursday, March 13 in homework box in Help Room
   solutions will be posted on D2L
- reading for this week is:

 $_{\circ}$  Ch. 3, 4 in SL



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Recall

Last time

# recall lecture 6: Spherical mirrors

- convex and concave mirrors
  - ray tracing
  - $\circ$  image formation
  - applications









Concave solar concentrator

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Convex traffic safety mirror

# <u>Today</u> Spherical lenses

- convex and concave lenses
  - $\circ$  ray tracing
  - $\circ$  image formation
  - applications





converging lens "bi-convex" has two convex surfaces





diverging lens "bi-concave" has two concave surfaces









### Lenses everywhere





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Vitreous cavity



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### Simple camera



There is no image without a lens as rays diverge in all directions. Recall how we used pin camera to isolate one ray. Now a lens focuses all the rays. This is a simple camera.

### **Refraction review**



- rays bend *toward* normal when entering *slower* medium (larger n)
- *away* from normal when entering *faster* medium (smaller n)
- do not bend if enter perpendicularly

### **Convex glass surface refraction:** *air to glass*

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



A *convex* surface is called *"converging*" because parallel rays converge towards one another

### **Convex glass surface refraction:** glass to air

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



A *convex* surface is *converging* for both air to glass and glass to air rays

### **Concave glass surface refraction:** *air to glass*

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



A *concave* surface is called "*diverging*" because parallel rays diverge away from one another

### **Concave glass surface refraction:** glass to air

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



Again, the surface is divergent for both air to glass and glass to air rays

### **Concave and convex lenses**

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



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Positive (converging) lens

#### converging lens "bi-convex" has two convex surfaces

### **Concave and convex lenses**

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens





Negative (diverging) lens

diverging lens "bi-concave" has two concave surfaces

### **Variety of lenses**

utilize refraction by shaping glass to focus light -> lens



### **Compare to mirrors**



Opposite of mirrors, where a convex surface is divergent and a concave surface is convergent

**Converging lens** 



## focal point F:

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- is where all (parallel) rays from a distance star intersect
- exists on both sides of a lens

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### View of an image



Parallel rays from a distance source (e.g. star) all focus at a focal point; the distance object is imaged in the focal plane, as in magnifying glass focusing (imaging) the sun onto a leaf to burn it **Special rays: converging lens** 

<u>Rule 1:</u>

All rays incident parallel to the axis are deflected (focused) through the focal point, F.



### **Special rays: converging lens**

<u>Rule 2:</u>

All rays passing through the center of the lens are undeflected, continuing straight through without being bent



**Special rays: converging lens** 

<u>Rule 3:</u>

All rays passing through the focal point, F are deflected to exit parallel to the axis (reverse of rule 1)





 $x_{o} = 2f$  (camera image on film):

The image is *real, inverted* and of the *same size* as the object. More generally this will depend on the position of the object  $x_o$  relative to the focal point F of the lens. As  $x_o$  moves out to > 2f, image becomes smaller.



 $f < x_{o} < 2f$  (overhead projector image on screen):

The image is *real, inverted* but is *larger* than the object. More generally this will depend on the position of the object  $x_o$  relative to the focal point F of the lens.



<u>x<sub>o</sub> < f</u> (magnifying glass image):

The image is *virtual, right side up,* and is *larger* than the object. More generally this will depend on the position of the object  $x_0$  relative to the focal point F of the lens.



 $x_o = f$  (magnifying glass image focused at infinity): The image is *virtual*, *right side up*, and is *larger* moves out to infinity clicker question Focal length and index of refraction

Q: A converging lens has a focal length f=20cm when it is in air. The lens is made with index of refraction  $n_{glass} = 1.6$ . When the lens is placed in water ( $n_{water} = 1.33$ ), the focal length of the lens is:



(a) unchanged
(b) longer, f > 20 cm
(c) shorter, f < 20 cm</li>

clicker question Focal length and index of refraction

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Refraction and therefore ray focusing increases with contrast (difference) of indices of refraction



Two objects -> two images. Image in focus depends on where you put the screen. Screen at x<sub>i</sub> smaller image is sharp while larger image is blurry (since its rays are not focused there)

### **Magnifying glass applet**



http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/java/lenses/simplemagnification/index.html

## http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:ThinLens.gif

- $x_o > 2f$ : real, inverted, smaller -> camera image on film
- 2f > x<sub>o</sub> > f: real, inverted, larger -> overhead projector
- $x_o < f$ : virtual, right side, larger -> magnifying glass

### **Ray tracing**

### Where will this ray go?



- suppose it is emitted from an object
- draw in three special rays whose tracing is simple, you know where they go
- all rays from an object will converge to the same point
- eye sees all the rays emerge from the point at x<sub>i</sub> interprets as image

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### Lens imaging

Q: Two point sources of light are imaged onto a screen by a converging lens. You slide a mask over the left half of the lens. What happens to the image?



A: The image gets dimmer since fewer rays reach the screen, but half the lens is still a lens, producing both images (cf pinhole camera)

#### clicker question

### Lens imaging

Q: A pencil is imaged using a converging lens. You slide a mask over the bottom half of the lens. What happens to the image of the pencil?



(a) image disappears due shadow of the mask
(b) half the image disappears due to mask shadow
(c) something else

A: The image gets dimmer since fewer rays reach the screen, but half the lens is still a lens, producing both images (cf pinhole camera)
Numerical aperture vs f-number of a lens



- NA numerical aperture = n sin $\theta \approx D/2f$  (optics)
- f-number =  $f/D \approx 1/(2NA)$  (photography)

#### View of an image



Angle of view is limited by size, numerical aperture, NA of the lens of the eye

Focus on the image plane



Image is only in focus at a single plane. In all other planes the image is blurry. In a camera move the lens *not* the sensor (film)

## **Diverging lens**

Parallel rays are deflected such that when extended backwards, they appear to be coming from the focal point on the other side



# focal point F:

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- is where all (parallel) rays from a distance star intersect
- exists on both sides of a lens

## **Diverging** thin lens

Ray tracing is accurate only for <u>thin</u> lenses, width w much smaller than the focal length f (cf mirrors) -> all of refraction focusing can be taken to take place at lens' midplane



# focal point F(f < 0):

- is the image point of a distant star (as for curved mirror)
- is where all (parallel) rays from a distance star intersect
- exists on both sides of a lens

## **Special rays: diverging lens**

#### <u>Rule 1:</u>

All rays incident parallel to the axis are deflected so that they appear to be coming from the focal point, F in front of the lens



## **Special rays: diverging lens**

#### Rule 2:

All rays that pass through the center of the lens continue undeflected (straight) through the lens



## **Special rays: diverging lens**

#### <u>Rule 3:</u>

All rays whose extension passes through the focal point on the other side of the lens, are deflected to be parallel to the axis (reverse of rule 1)





#### $x_i < 0, f < 0$ :

The image is *virtual*, *right side up* and is smaller than the object. More generally this will depend on the position of the object  $x_o$  relative to the focal point F of the lens.

#### **Spherical aberration**

 The nonparaxial (outer) rays have a different focal point F<sub>o</sub> than the paraxial (inner) rays, F<sub>i</sub> ,leading to a blurry image



 <u>Parabolic</u> reflector has no spherical aberration



#### **Spherical aberration**

- The nonparaxial (outer) rays have a different focal point  $\rm F_{o}$  than the paraxial (inner) rays,  $\rm F_{i}$  , leading to a blurry image



#### **Coma aberrations**

• Rays passing through a lens at an angle have different focal points



## **Chromatic aberrations**

Different colors have different focal points

 (due to dispersion of glass; index of refraction depends on frequency)



### **Chromatic aberrations**

 Different colors have a different focal point (due to dispersion of glass)

#### correction:



## **Astigmatic aberrations**

 Rays in different planes (vertical and horizontal) have different focal points



#### **Optics of an eye lens**



The lens of the eye creates one image from rays that passed through different pinholes. Compare to a pinhole camera. **The lens equation** 

- Ray tracing is useful, but tedious for all the different cases, and accuracy requires very precise drawings
- We can avoid ray tracing by using the lens equation
- This will require some *algebra* and *arithmetic*

**Focal length** 

• Recall, we defined the focal length f of a lens



 The focal length, f is defined as positive for converging lenses and negative for diverging lenses

## **Lens equation terminology**



The <u>object</u> distance is <u>positive</u> for an object to the <u>left</u> of the lens. The <u>image</u> distance is <u>positive</u> for a (real) image on the <u>right</u> of the lens. These quantities are negative for the reverse situation. Be careful with this.

## **Lens equation terminology**



 The image distance x<sub>i</sub> is negative for a (virtual) image on the left of the lens.

## Lens imaging

Q: Which quantities are negative in this example?



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(a) image distance, x<sub>i</sub>
(b) focal length, f
(c) object distance, x<sub>o</sub>
(d) a and b
(e) a and c
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A: The focal length for diverging lens is negative. The image distance for a virtual image on the same side as the object is negative

### **Lens equation terminology**





## Lens equation example: *image position*



Image is 30 cm -> to the right of the lens and real

#### **Lens equation example**



We can verify our result is consistent with the result by ray tracing. Ray tracing does not give an exact numeric answer, because we cannot draw all our lines perfectly.

## Lens equation example: magnification



- for objects and images above the axis, S is positive, below axis S is negative
- magnification  $\mathbf{M} = \frac{\mathbf{S_i}}{\mathbf{S_o}} = -\frac{\mathbf{x_i}}{\mathbf{x_o}} = -\frac{30 \text{ cm}}{15 \text{ cm}} = -2$

image is inverted (M negative) and double the object's size

## Lens equation example: *image position*



#### • Given:

- f = 10cm
- object 5cm in front of lens,
  - $x_o = 5$ cm

## • Find:

- Where is the image, x<sub>i</sub> and is it real or virtual?
- Solve equation for x<sub>i</sub>:
  - substitute numbers of variables
  - subtract 1/5 from both sides
  - arithmetic on calculator
  - solve for x<sub>i</sub>

Image is -10 cm -> to the left of the lens and virtual

"Power" of a lens: *diopters* 

• Definition of diopter P in terms of f:

P (in diopters) = 1/f (in meters)

- positive for convergent lenses (positive f), negative for diverging lenses (negative f)
- Meaning of P:
  - P is a measure of the ray bending power of the lens
  - eyeglasses and contact lens prescription is given in diopters, P

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## **Diopters**

Q: What is the *focal length* of eyeglasses with prescription of -2.0 diopters?

(a) 1 meter (b) -1 meter (c) 0.5 meters (d) -0.5 meters

A: -2.0 diopters = 1/f

-> f = 1/(-2.0 diopters) -> f = -0.5 meters

## **Combining lenses using diopters**

- Diopters power of a multi-lens combination?  $P_{AB} = P_A + P_B$
- Example:
  - lens A,  $f_A = 0.5$  m
  - lens B,  $f_B = -1$  m
  - What is the power of combined lens?
  - What is the focal length  $f_{AB}$  of combined lens?
- Solution:
  - power of lens A is 1/(0.5) = 2 diopters
  - power of lens B is 1/(-1) = -1 diopters
  - combined lens  $P_{AB} = P_A + P_B = 2 + (-1) = 1$  diopters
  - focal length of a combined lens,  $f_{AB} = 1/P_{AB} = 1$  m
  - only valid for *touching thin* lenses



#### $f < x_o < 2f$ :

The image is *real*, *inverted*, and *larger* than the object



Fill additional rays (ignoring lens B) that are "special" for lens B



Use special rays incident on lens B to construct the image of the two-lens system at their intersection at Q'', located at  $x_i$ 



Ignore all the auxilary rays to obtain the final image, located at  $x_i$ 



- If you have 20/20 vision, the lens of your eye (lens B) produces an image correctly on your retina. Here it produces an image behind the retina, which looks blurry.
- If you add a corrective lens in front, like glasses or contacts, the combination of two lenses produces an image correctly at your retina

## **Ball lens retroreflector**

conventional retroreflectors

- A sphere of water, here a droplet on a blade of grass, acts as a converging lens
- The focal point is just past the surface of the glass, so light is reflected off the grass and returns the way it came
- A new kind of retroreflector



### **Ball lens retroreflector**

## Safety applications:



## **Fresnel lens**

- high power large lens is too thick and heavy
- A. J. Fresnel (a French physicist): 1788-1827 refraction at surface -> most of the glass unnecessary remove non-essential glass and flatten remaining segments







#### **Fresnel lens**

### applications:

### light house



overhead projector



optical landing system aircraft carrier

## **Ellipsoidal spotlight**

## <u>applications:</u> beam for theater spot light no aberration





