

# MICRO-561

Fundamentals of Biomicroscopy

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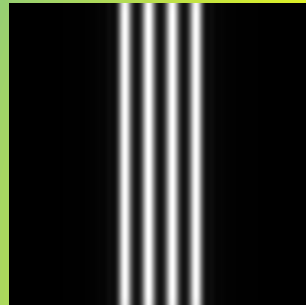
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# Important aspects for microscopy

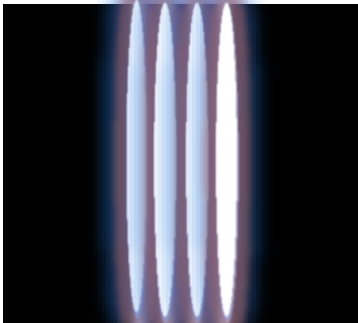


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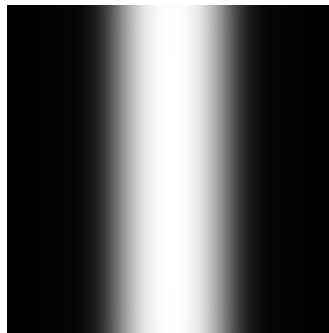
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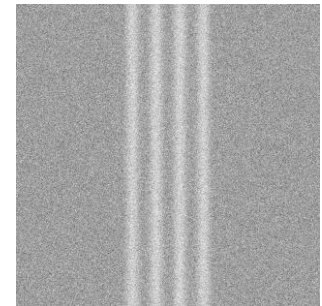
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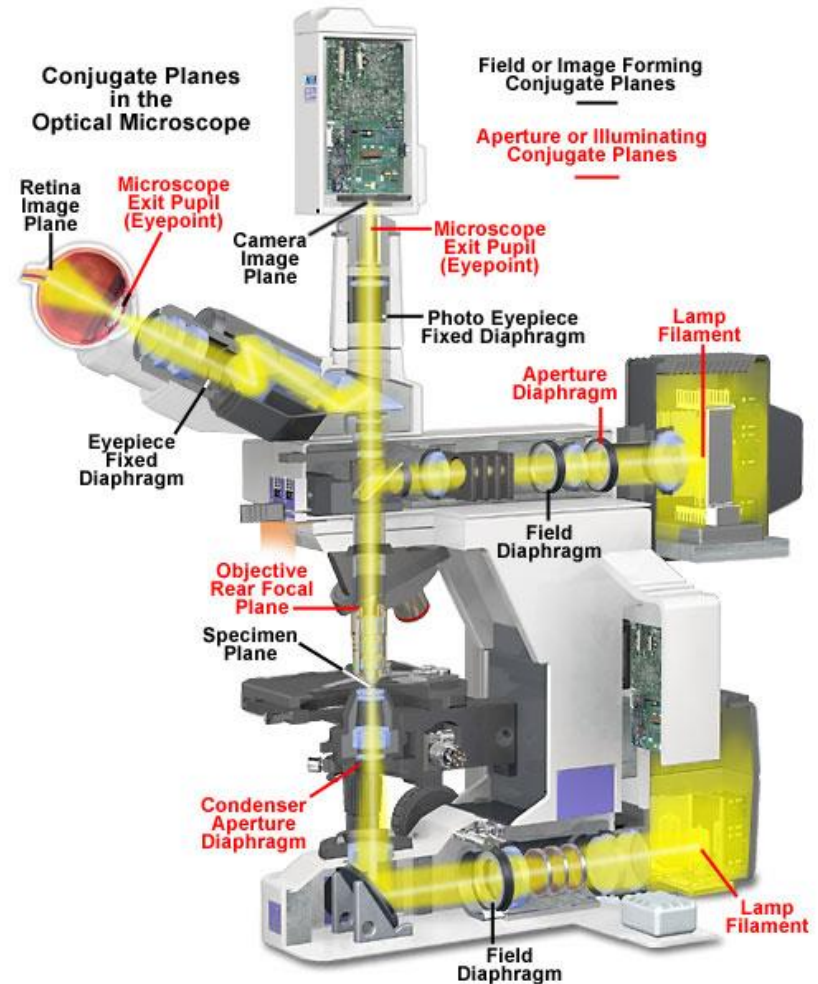
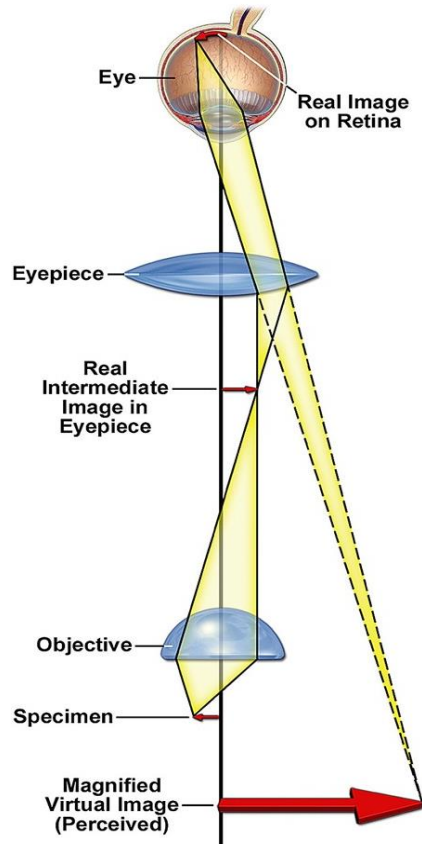


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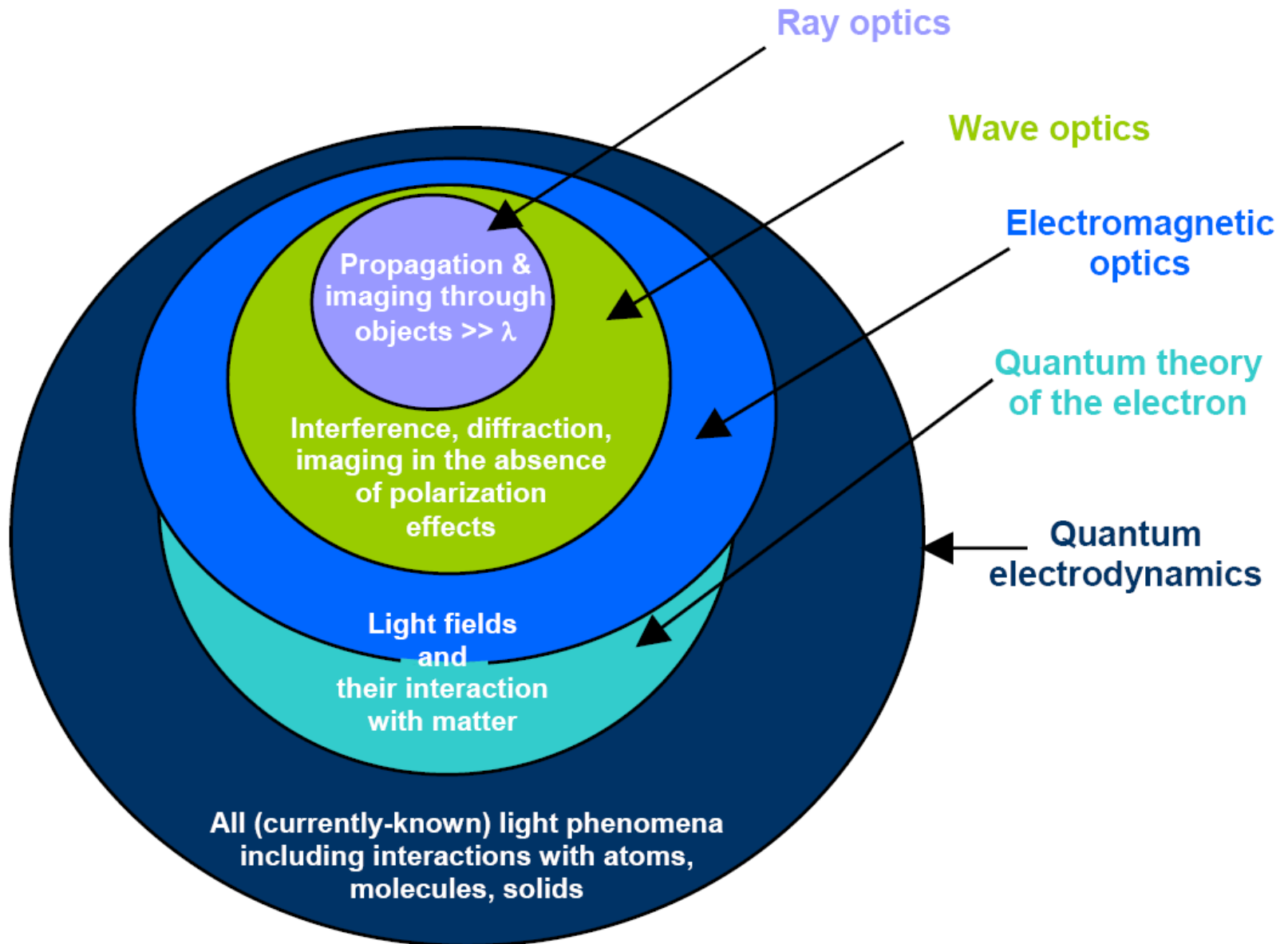
# Optical Microscope

**Optical train:** Consists of optical components such as lenses, diaphragms, filters..

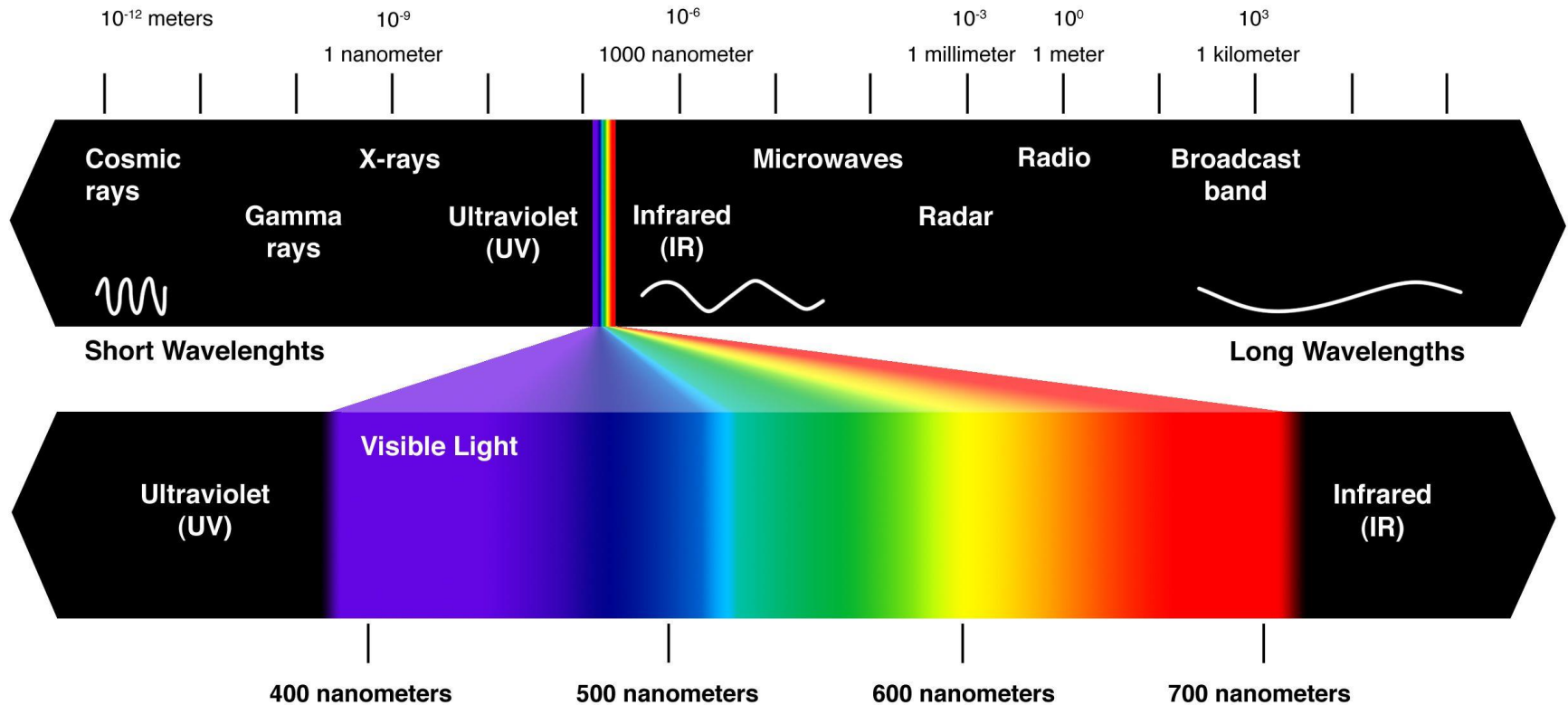


To understand and design an optical microscope, we need to describe light, its propagation and the interaction of light with object and various optical components.

# Theories for Light (Optics)

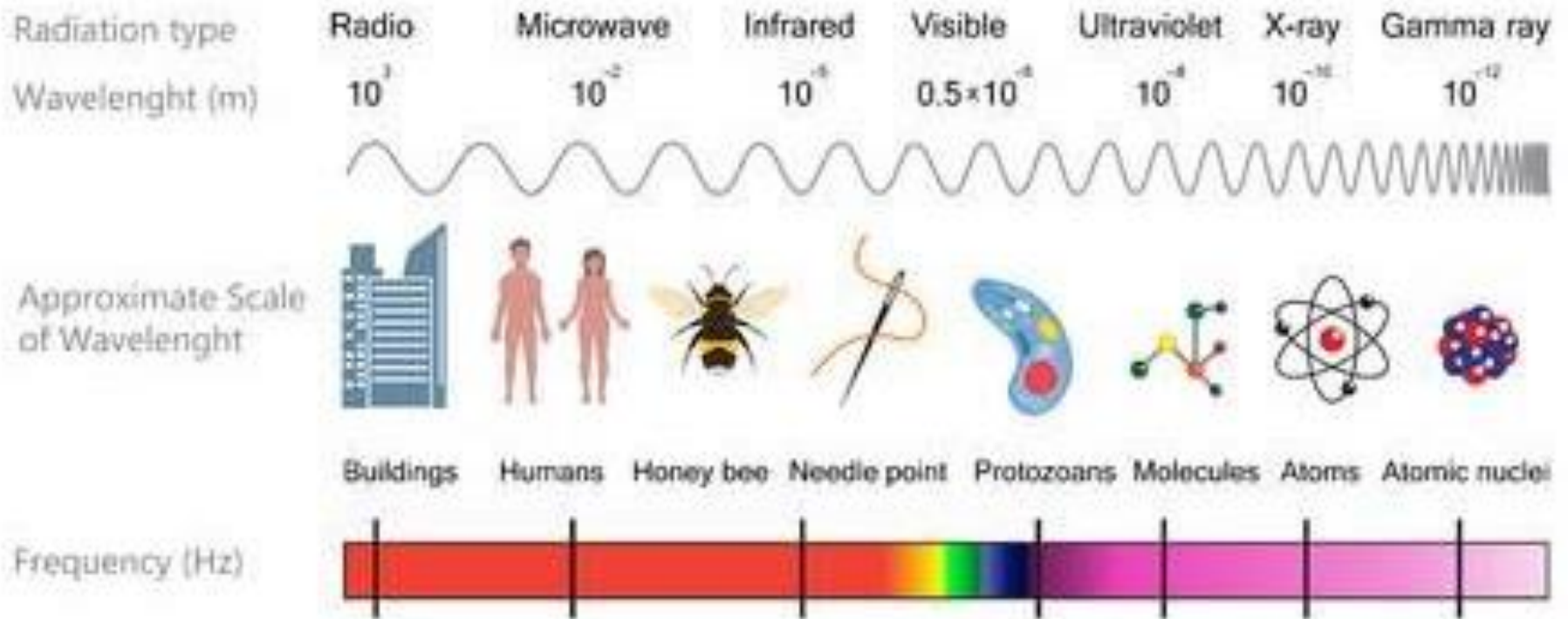


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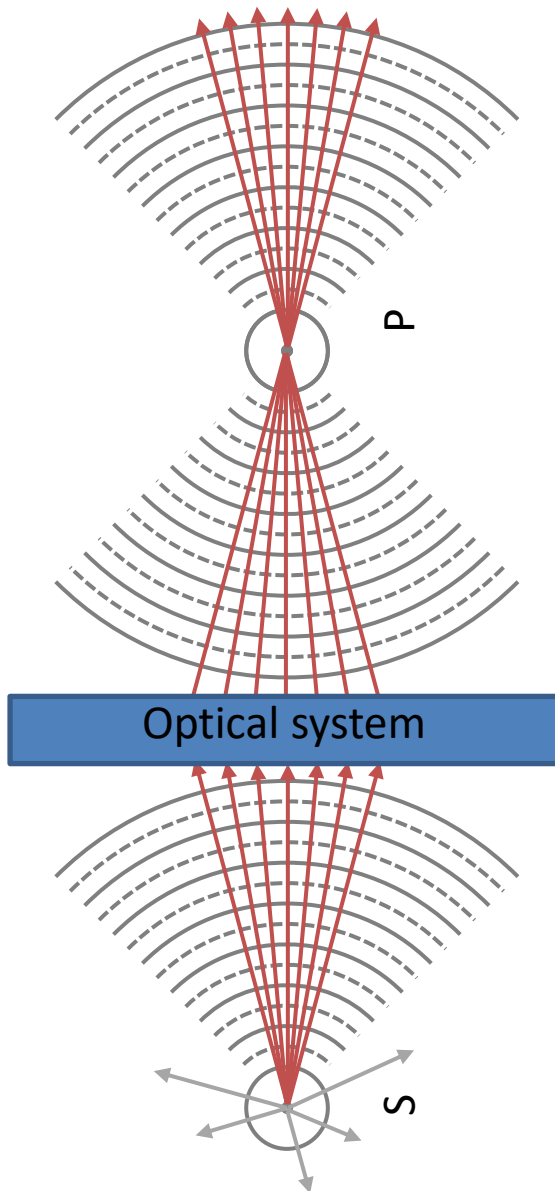
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  - Postulates of ray optics
  - Law of reflection
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# Ray Optics



- Ray Optics – Simplest theory to describe light
- Light is described by rays that obey certain geometrical rules
  - Linear propagation in homogeneous media
  - $\lambda_0 \rightarrow 0$
  - No diffraction and interference
- Useful in description of optical instruments
- Ray Optics is also called Geometrical Optics

# Postulates of Ray Optics -1

- 1) Light travels in the form of **rays** emitted by a light source and observed by an optical detector.
- 2) An optical medium is characterized by its **refractive index “n”** and the speed of light in medium is  $c = c_o/n$ 
  - $c_o$  = speed of light in free space (n=1 in free space)
  - $c$  = speed of light in the medium =  $c_o/n$

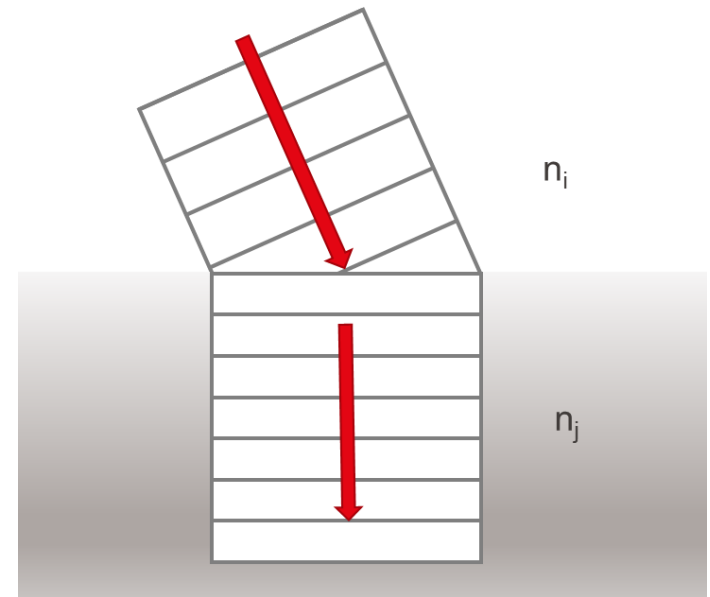
## Optical medium & “n”:

- The medium is called **“homogenous”** when its refractive index is constant,  $n=\text{constant}$
- The medium is called **“inhomogenous”** when its refractive index is position dependent,  $n=n(r)$

# Light Propagation & Homogenous Medium

$$n_{medium} = \frac{velocity_{vacuum}}{velocity_{medium}} = \frac{2.992926 \cdot 10^8 \frac{m}{s}}{velocity_{medium}}$$

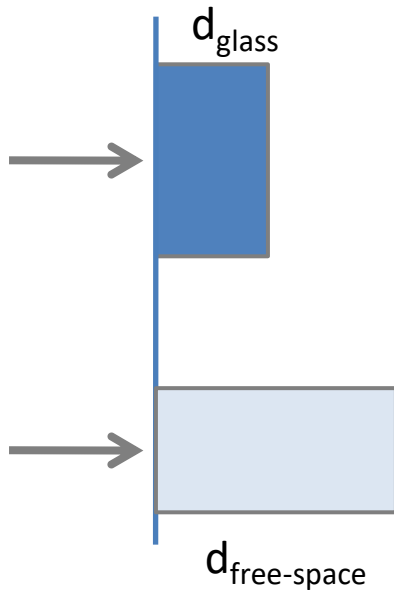
| Medium        | Refractive index n | Velocity in medium / km*s <sup>-1</sup> |
|---------------|--------------------|---|
| Air           | 1.0003             | 299203                                  |
| Water         | 1.33               | 225032                                  |
| Glycerol      | 1.47               | 203600                                  |
| Immersion Oil | 1.518              | 197162                                  |
| Glass         | 1.56-1.46          | 191854-204995                           |



*Speed of light in a material is less than its speed in vacuum*

# Optical Path Length - OPL

$$\text{Optical Path Length (OPL)} = n_{\text{medium}} \times d_{\text{medium}}$$



Example:

For  $n_{\text{glass}} = 1.5$ ,

if  $d_{\text{glass}} = 1.0 \text{ mm}$ , then  $\text{OPL} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$

- *Speed of light in glass is less than in air.*
- *For the same time duration, light will travel less distance in the glass compared to the propagation in free-space.*

# Postulates of Ray Optics - 3

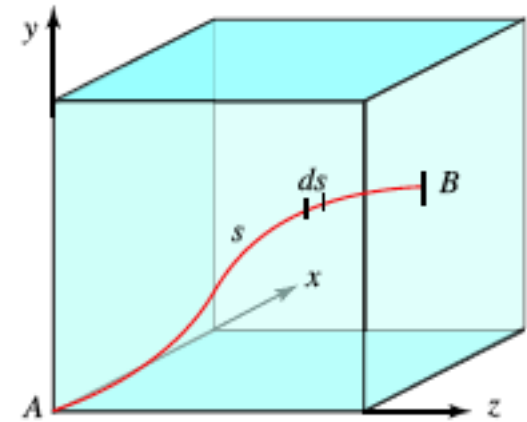
3. In an **inhomogeneous** medium the refractive index  $n(r)$  is a function of  $r$  ( $x, y, z$ ).

Therefore, the optical path length is given as:

$$\int_A^B n(\mathbf{r}) ds$$

$$\Delta OPL(r) = n(r)\Delta S$$

$$\int_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \Delta OPL(r) = \int_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} n(r)\Delta S$$



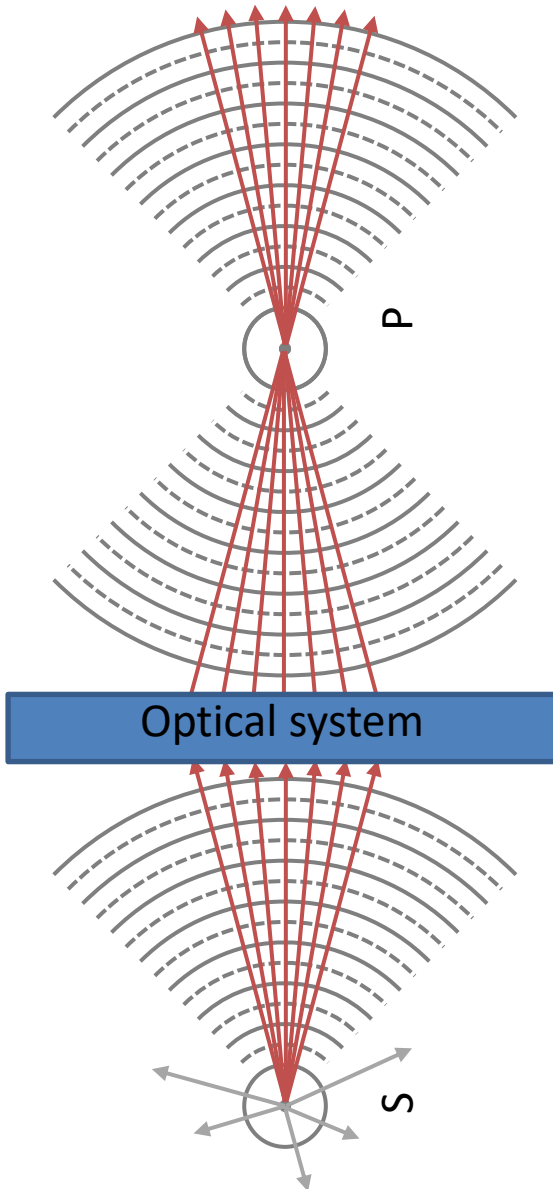
# Fermat's Principle:

Rays traveling between two points follow a path such that the time of travel (or optical path length) is an extremum relative to neighboring paths:

$$\delta \int_A^B n(\mathbf{r}) ds = 0$$

- The extremum is usually a minimum: rays travel along the path of the least time.
- If minimum time is shared by more than one path, all paths are followed simultaneously by the rays.

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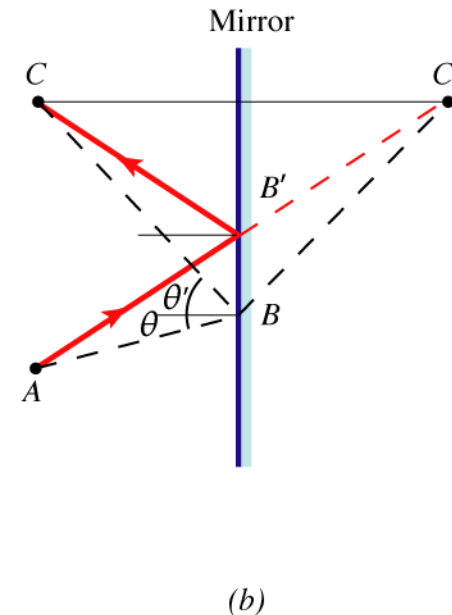
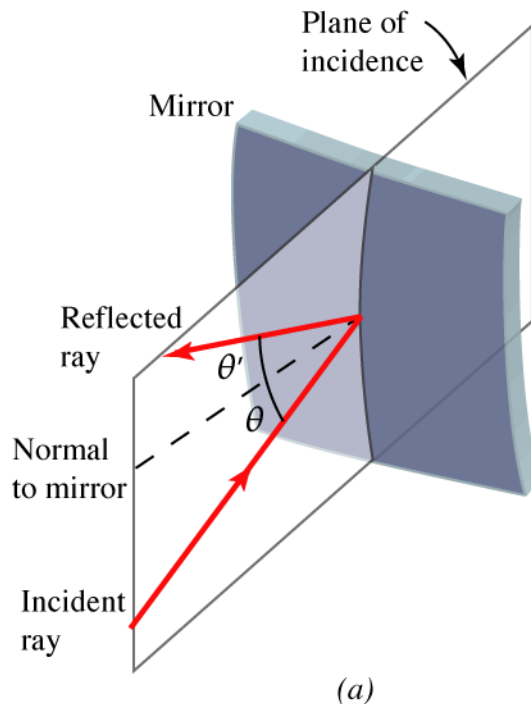
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# The Law of reflection

Reflection from a **mirror** or a **boundary between two different media**:

1- The reflected ray lies in the plane of incidence (this is linked to the conservation of momentum )

2- The angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence :  $\theta' = \theta$

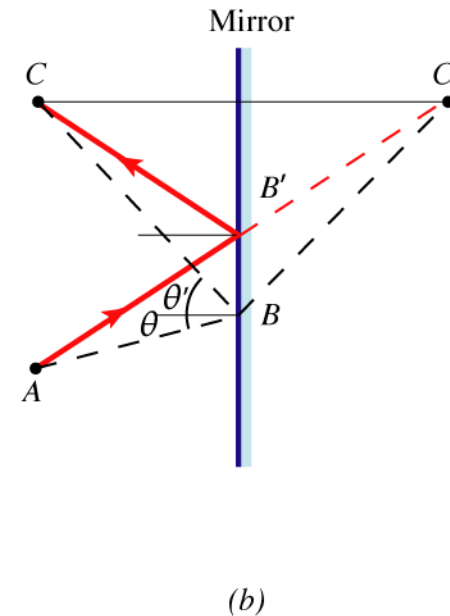
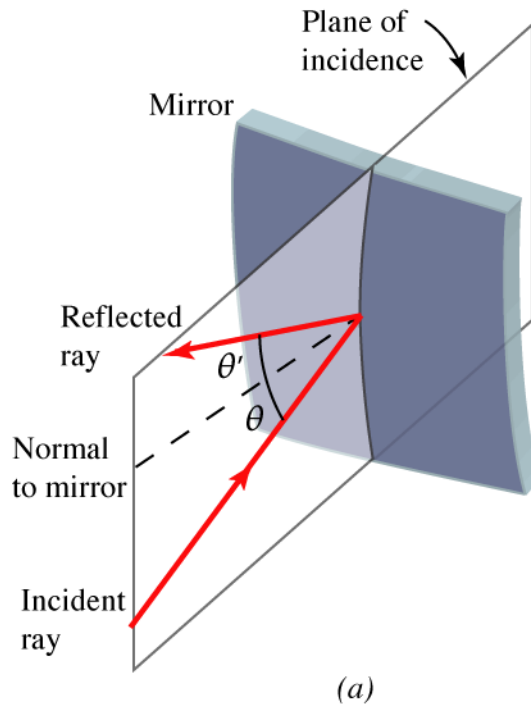


# The Law of reflection

## Proof:

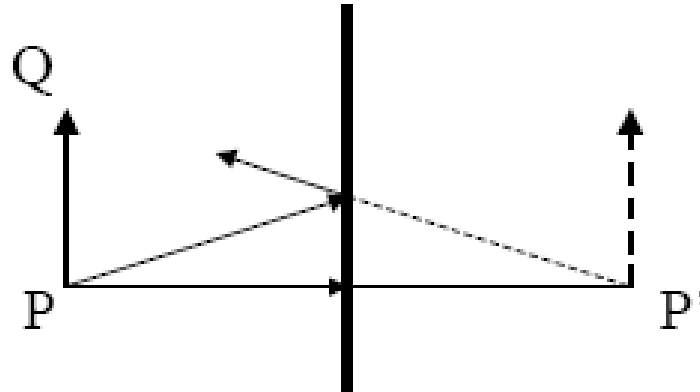
- Let's assume a ray travels from A to C by reflecting from B such that  $\theta \neq \theta'$
- C' is the mirror image of C

- AB+BC will be min when AB+BC' is minimum
- AB+BC' can be minimum if it is a straight line  
Thus, this requires that B=B'  
Thus  $\theta = \theta'$



# Example: Law of reflection for a planar mirror

For an extended object (e.g. the arrow PQ) of height, “**h**”:



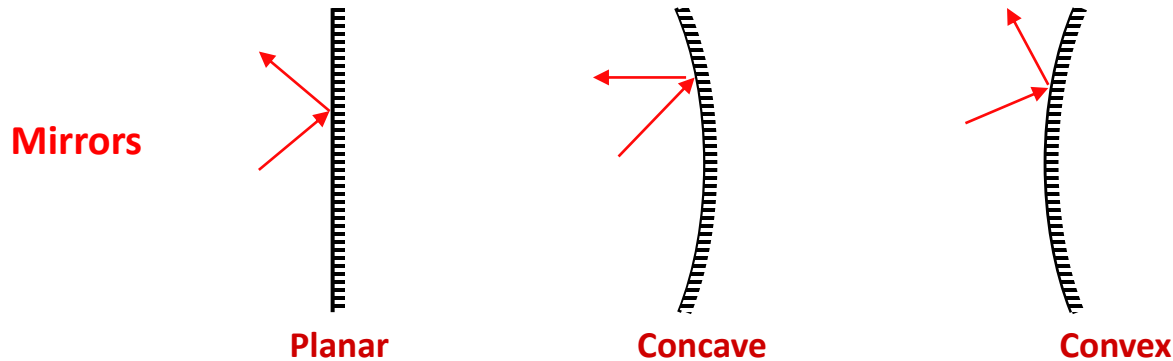
- All points comprising the object (which is an arrow in this case) will produce a virtual image same as the object.
- Hence, the height  $h'$  of the virtual image is same as  $h$ :

We define the magnification  $m$  as,  $m = \frac{h'}{h}$

So, for a plane mirror  $m = +1$

# Components based on reflection: Planar & Curved Mirrors

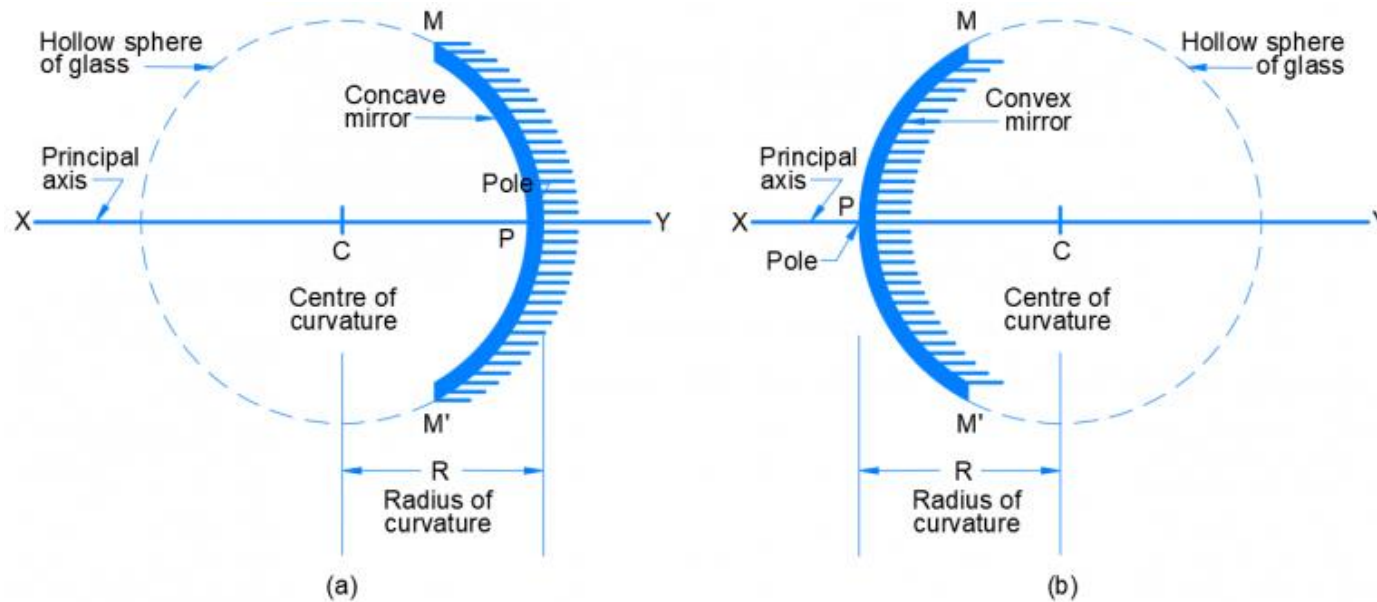
Reflective optical components (mirrors) are used to form an image, focusing and collimating light:



## Imaging Concepts

- Object
- Image
  - Real
  - Virtual
  - Upright
  - Inverted
- Magnification
- Focus/Collimation

# Components based on reflection: Curved Mirrors



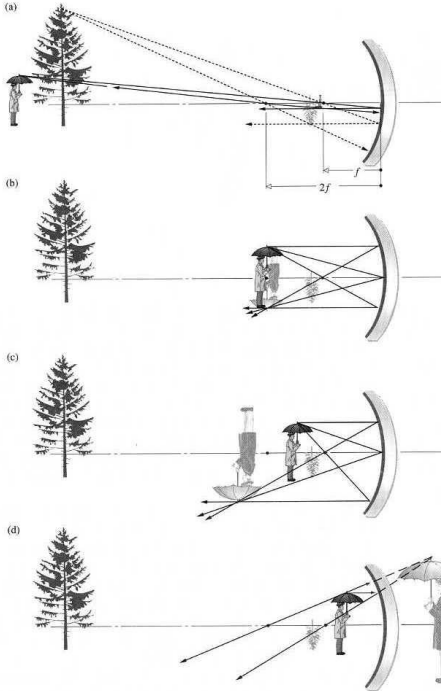
## Key Terminologies:

- **Center of Curvature (C):** The hollow sphere's center, which represents a critical point for comprehending the mirror's behavior.
- **Pole (P):** The spherical mirror's central point. This is different from the center of curvature.
- **The radius of Curvature (R):** The distance between the center of curvature and the pole.
- **Principal Axis:** A straight line from the pole and the center of the mirror.
- **Focal Length (f):** Half of the radius of curvature, defining the focusing ability of the mirror.

For a spherical mirror, we can define its radius of curvature (R) and focus ( $f = R/2$ )

# Curved Mirrors: Magnification

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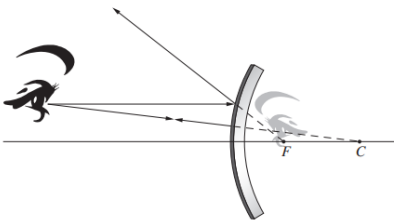


## Concave mirrors

| Object              |         | Image               |             |               |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Location            | Type    | Location            | Orientation | Relative Size |
| $\infty > s_o > 2f$ | Real    | $s < s_i < 2f$      | Inverted    | Minified      |
| $s_o = 2f$          | Real    | $s_i = 2f$          | Inverted    | Same size     |
| $f < s_o < 2f$      | Real    | $\infty > s_i > 2f$ | Inverted    | Magnified     |
| $s_o < f$           | Virtual | $ s_i  > s_o$       | Inverted    | Magnified     |

## Convex mirrors



| Object          |         | Image                          |             |               |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Location        | Type    | Location                       | Orientation | Relative Size |
| <i>Anywhere</i> | Virtual | $ s_i  >  f $<br>$s_o >  s_i $ | Erect       | Minified      |



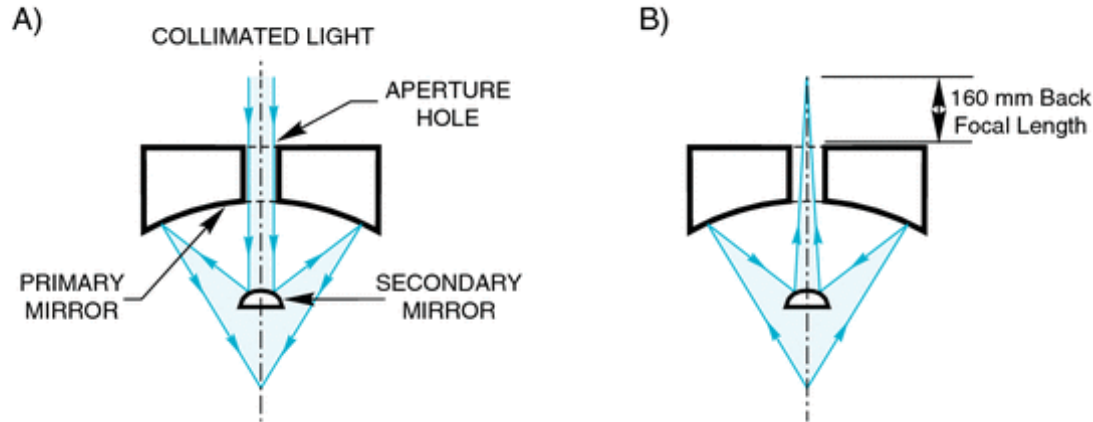
For the **image**:

- If rays re-converge it corresponds to a **real image**
- If rays appear to emanate from then it is a **virtual image**

# Curved Mirrors: Comparison Chart

| BASIS FOR COMPARISON | CONVEX MIRROR   | CONCAVE MIRROR   |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Meaning              | Convex mirror implies the mirror whose reflecting surface is away from the center of curvature. | Concave mirror refers to the mirror whose reflecting surface is towards the center of curvature. |
| Shape                |                |               |
| Center of curvature  | Lies behind the mirror  | Lies in front of the mirror  |
| Type                 | Diverging mirror  | Converging mirror  |
| Image                | Virtual image is formed.  | Real or virtual image is formed.   |
| Used as              | Rear view mirrors in cars and bikes.  | Reflectors in projectors, searchlights etc.  |

# Reflective microscope objective

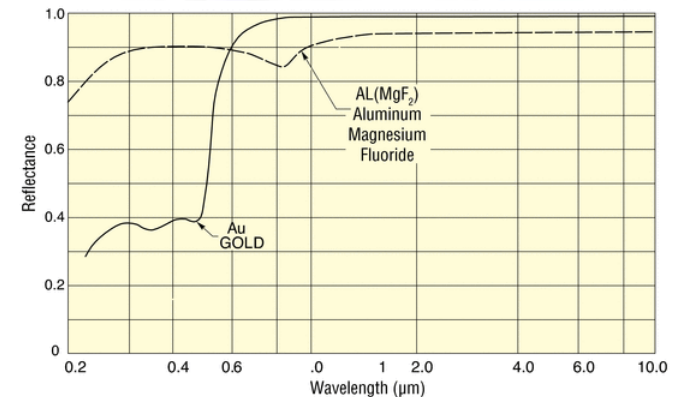


## Application examples:

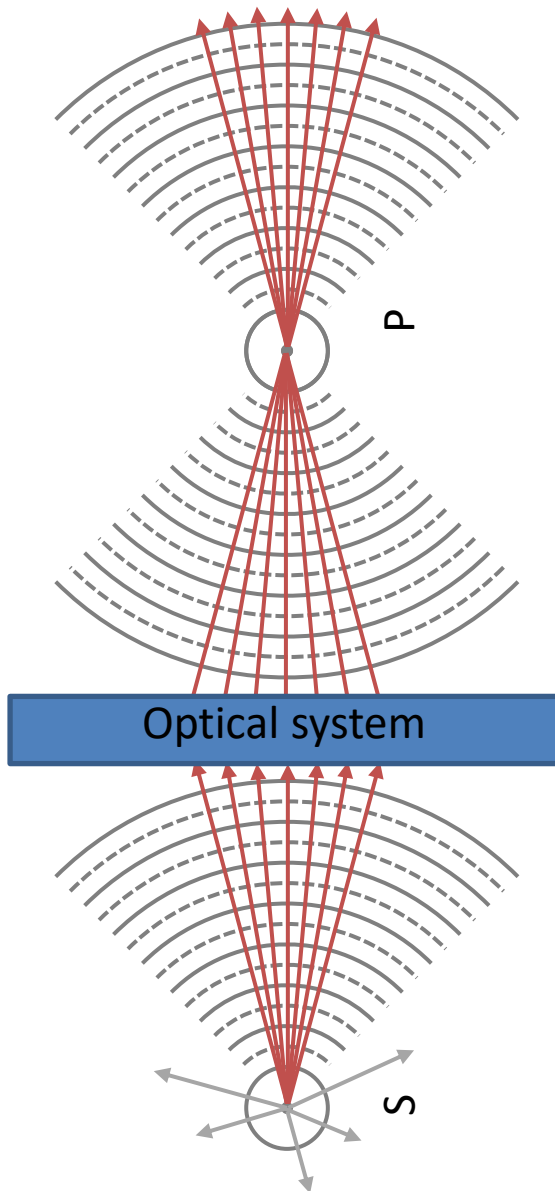
- Microscopy and spectroscopy in infrared is mainly based on reflective optics
- FT-IR Spectroscopy



The 2.4-m-diameter hyperboloidal primary mirror of the Hubble Space Telescope. (NASA)



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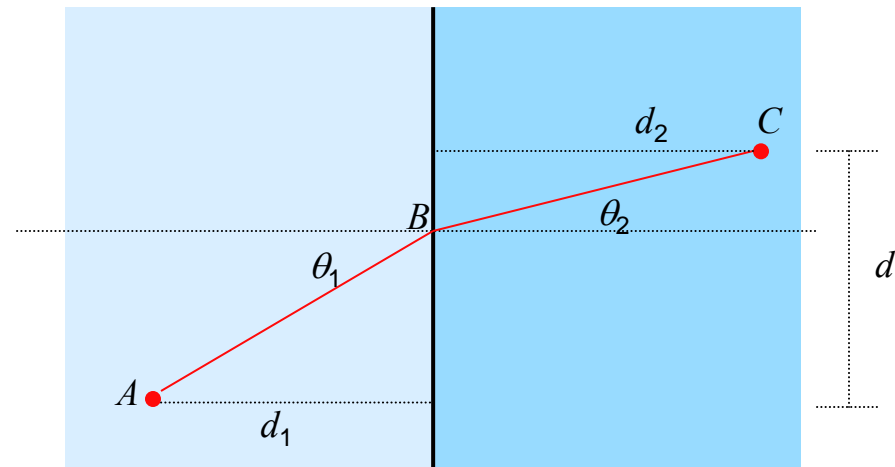
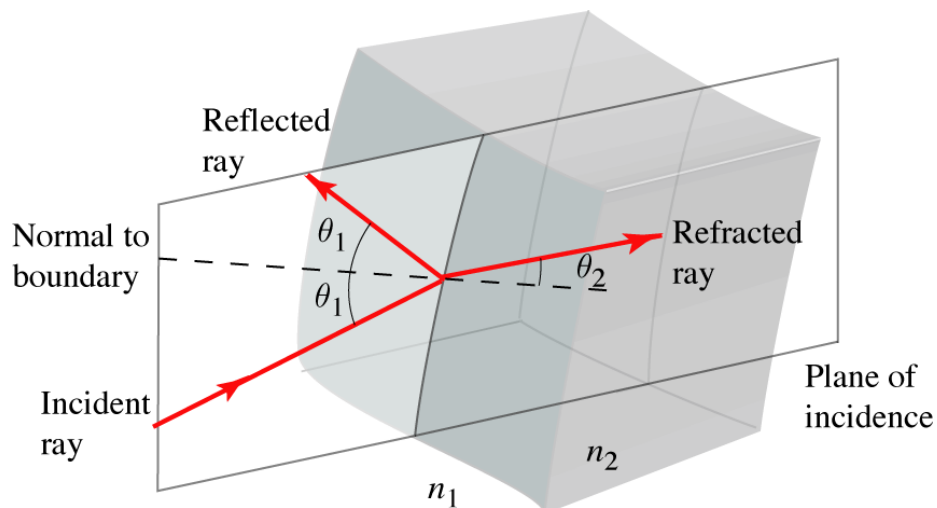
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Refraction occurs at a boundary between two different media:

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**Proof:**

- Minimize **optical path length**  $OPT = n_1 d_1 \sec \theta_1 + n_2 d_2 \sec \theta_2$
- Under the constraint that  $d_1 \tan \theta_1 + d_2 \tan \theta_2 = d$

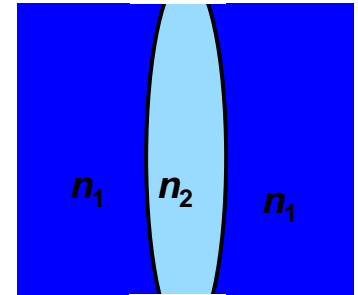
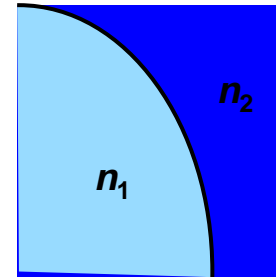
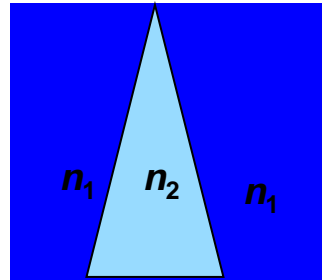
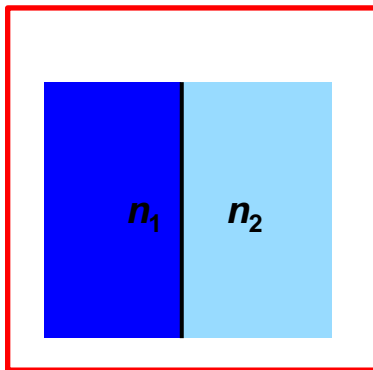
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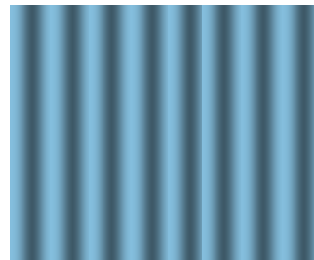
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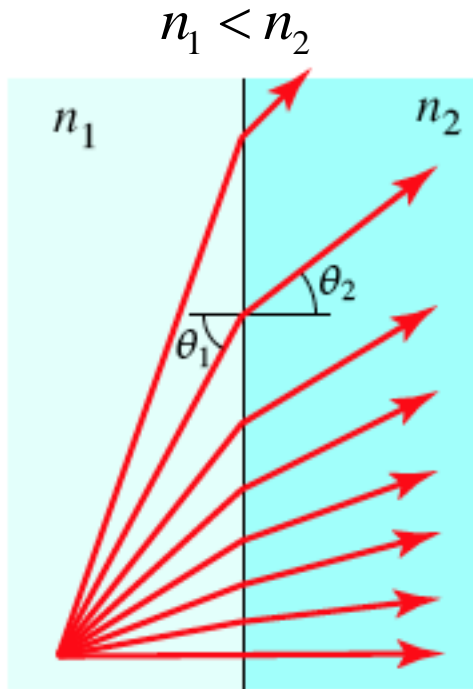
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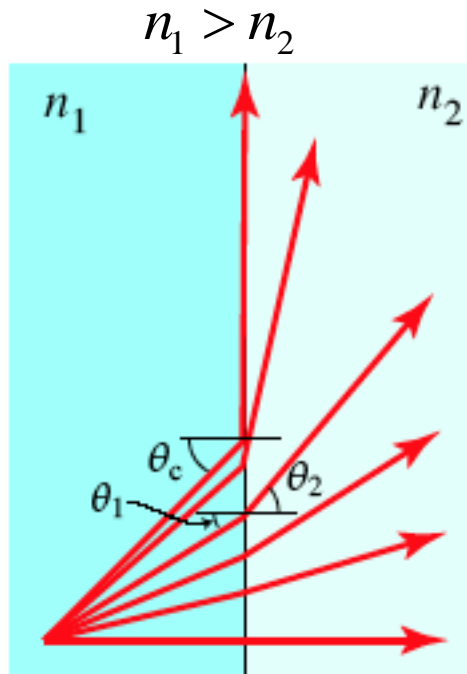
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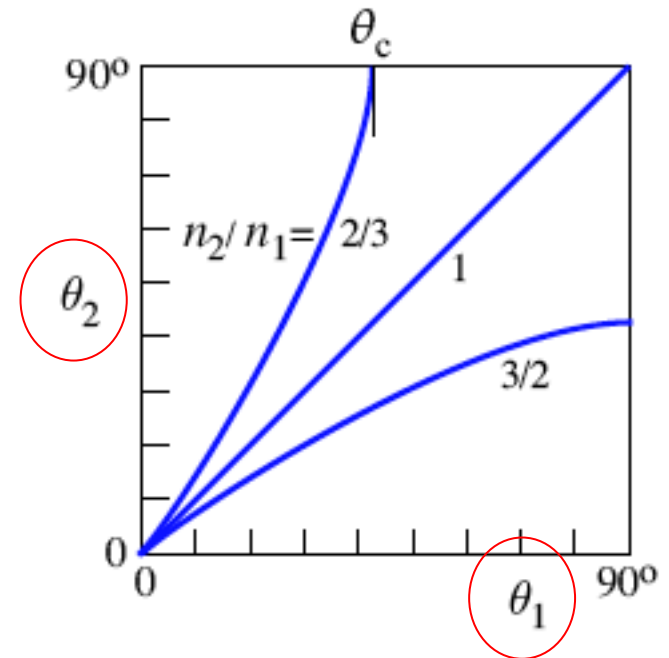
# Planar Boundaries (application of Snell's Law)



External refraction



Internal refraction



Snell's Law:

$$\sin \theta_1 = \left( n_2 / n_1 \right) \sin \theta_2$$

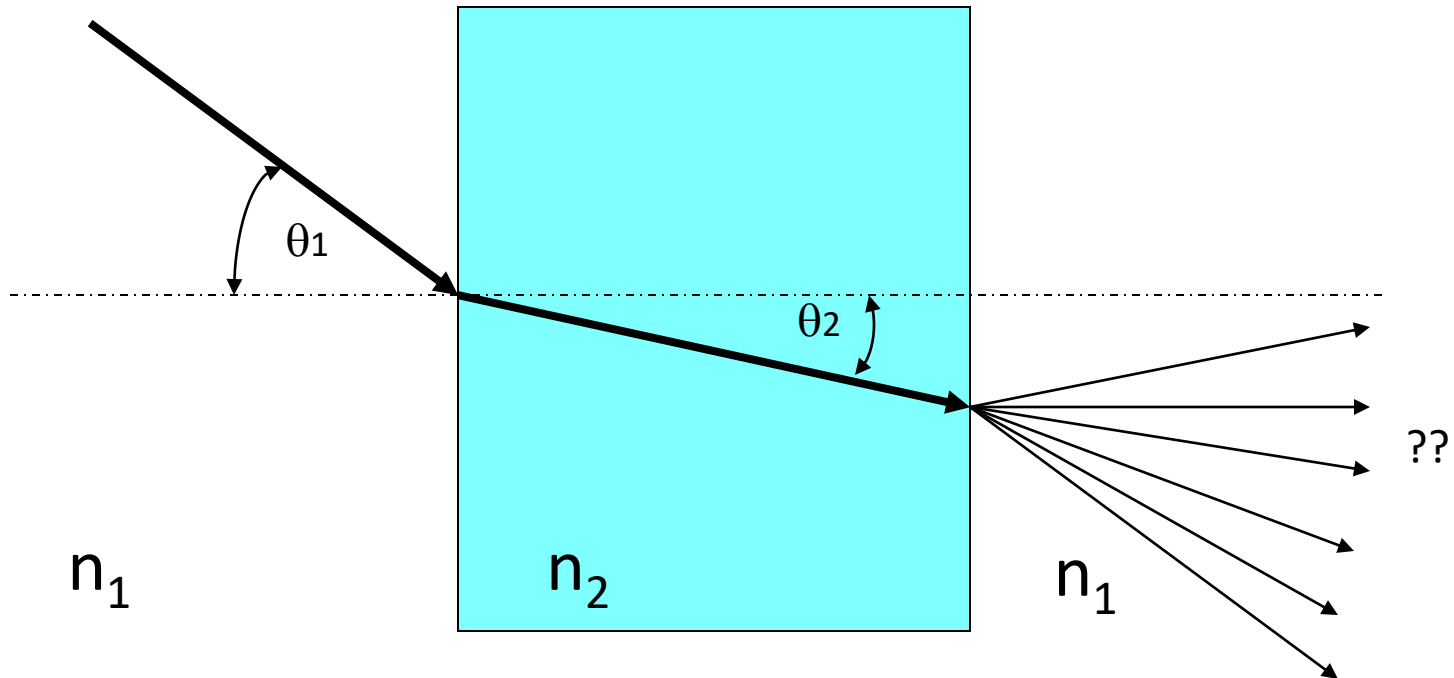
Critical Incidence Angle:

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad \theta_2 = \pi / 2$$

# Refraction:

## light beam through a plane-parallel glass plate

Snell's Law:  $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$

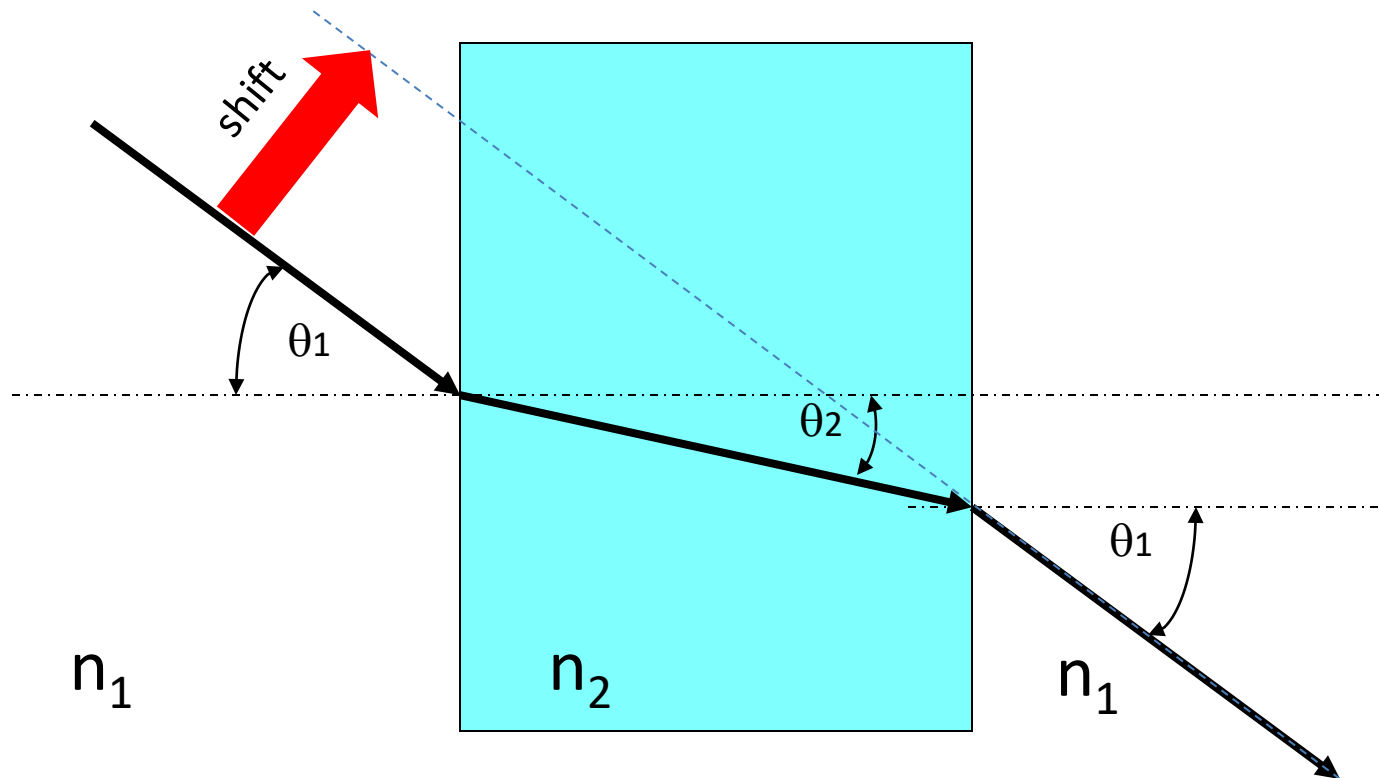


What is the angle of light at the exit of the glass plate?

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## light beam through a plane-parallel glass plate

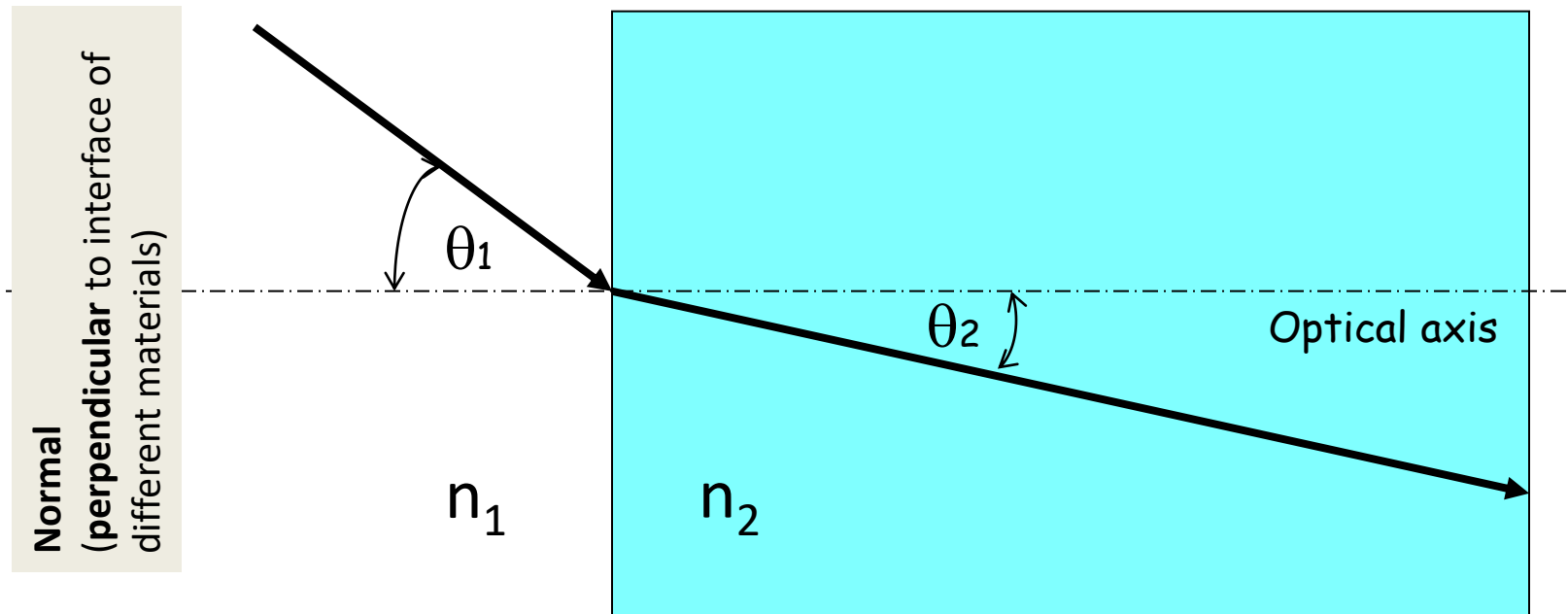
Apply Snell's Law twice  $\rightarrow n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$



“Exit angle” is same as the incident angle  $\rightarrow$  the beam doesn't change deflection angle  
 $\rightarrow$  Thus, a parallel plate only results in a lateral shift in beam path.

# Refraction under paraxial approximation:

- Snell's Law  $\rightarrow n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$
- Under "paraxial approximation" ray propagates close to the optical axis so that  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are very small.
- Snell's Law under paraxial approximation  $\rightarrow n_1 \theta_1 \sim n_2 \theta_2$



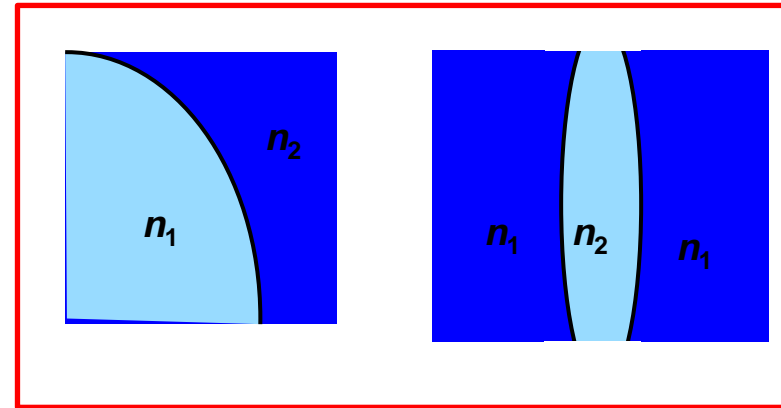
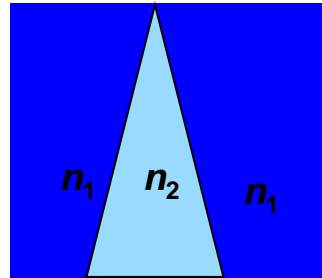
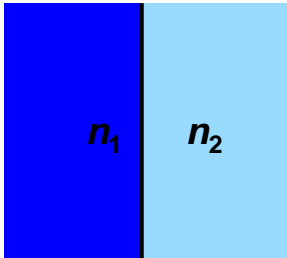
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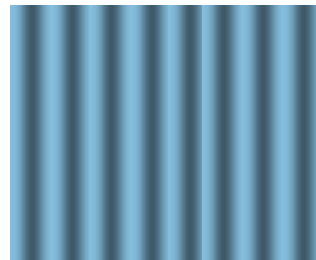
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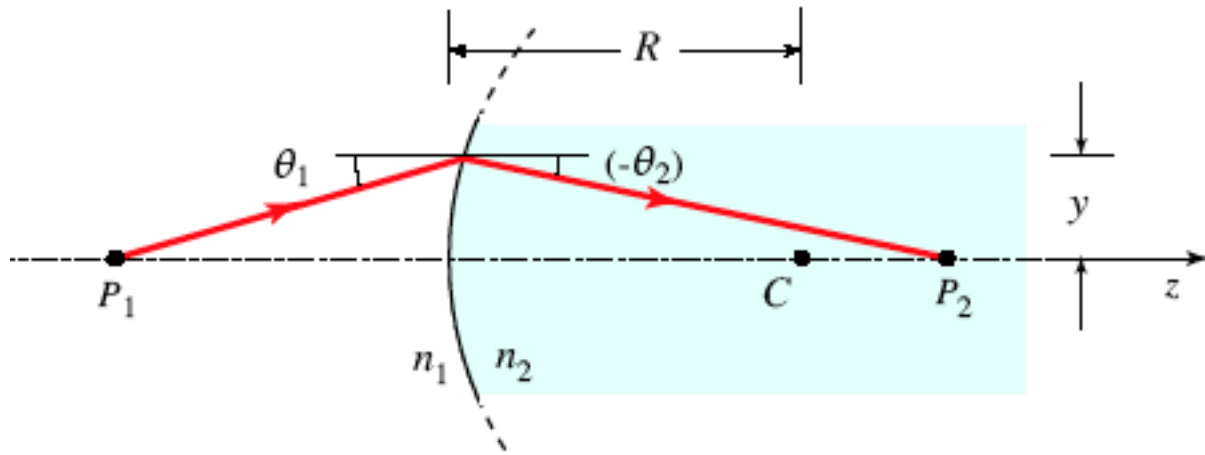
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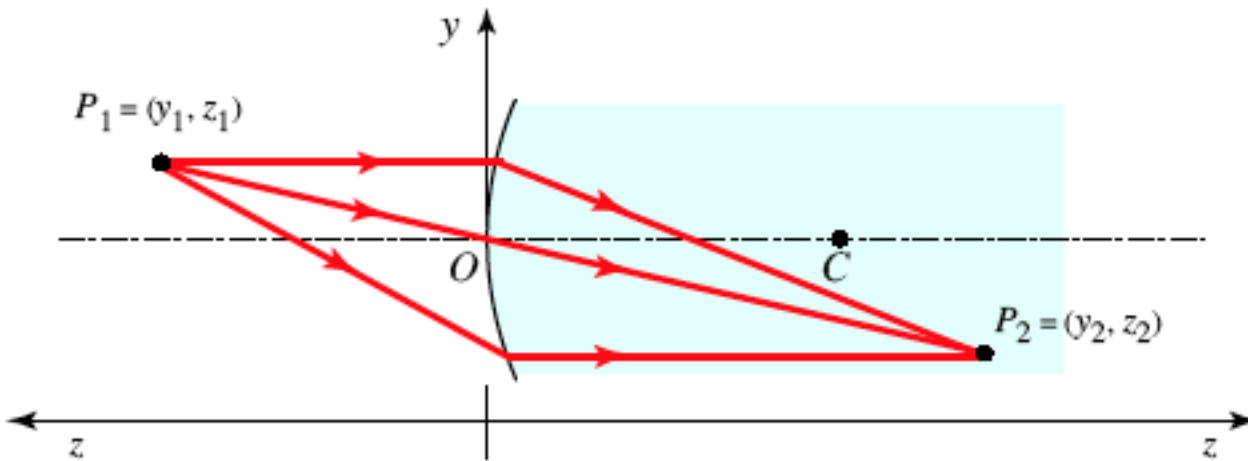
# Spherical Boundary



## Ray Deflection

### Paraxial Ray Approximation

$$\theta_2 \approx \frac{n_1}{n_2} \theta_1 - \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2} \frac{y}{R}$$



## Imaging Condition

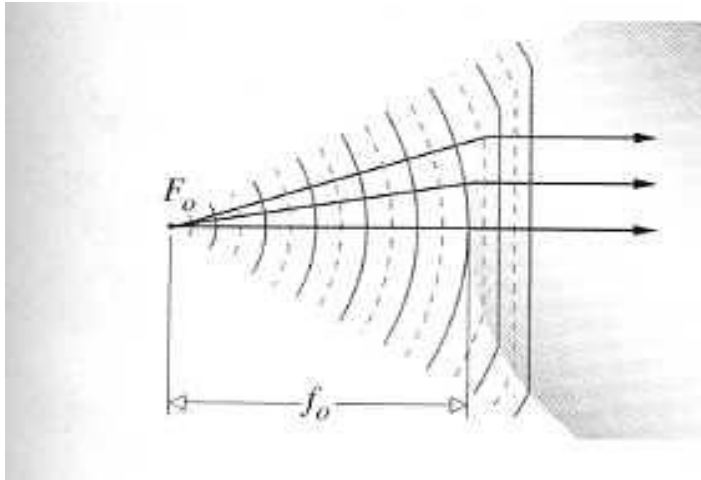
$$\frac{n_1}{z_1} + \frac{n_2}{z_2} \approx \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

## Magnification

$$y_2 = -\frac{n_1}{n_2} \frac{z_2}{z_1} y_1$$

# Object focus / Image focus

$$\frac{n_1}{z_1} + \frac{n_2}{z_2} \approx \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$



If the point  $F_o$  is imaged at infinity:

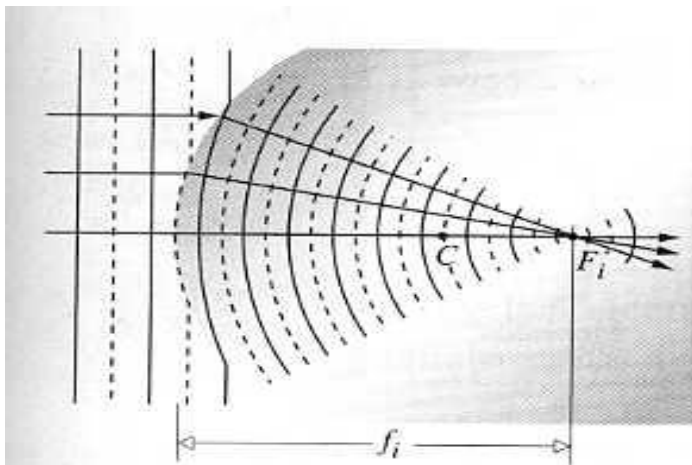
$$z_2 = \infty$$

$$z_1 = s_0 = f$$

$$\frac{n_1}{s_0} + \frac{n_2}{\infty} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

$$s_0 \equiv f_0 = \frac{n_1}{n_2 - n_1} R$$

**Object focal length**  
(first focus)



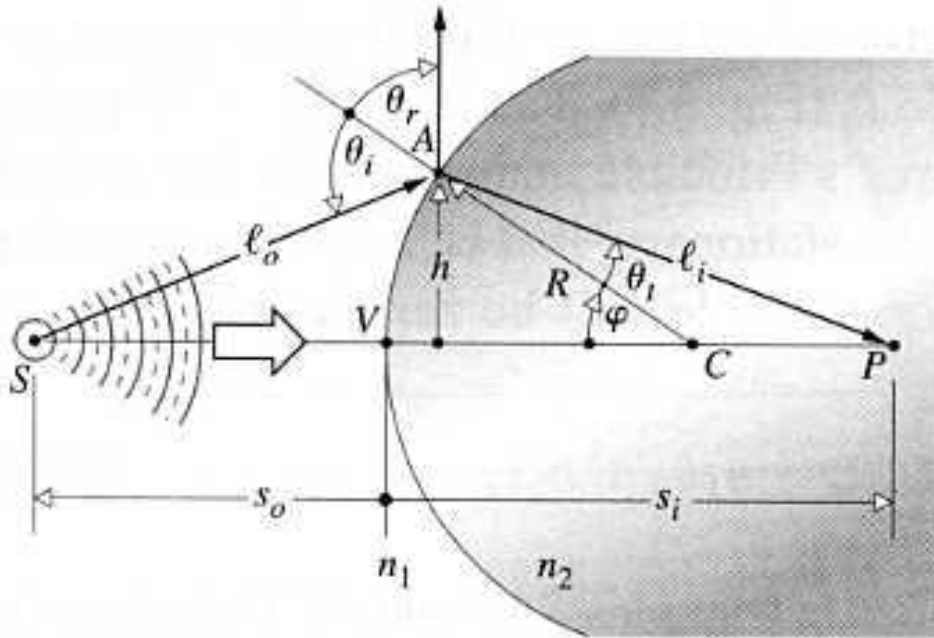
The point where the image is formed when  $s_0 = \infty$

$$\frac{n_1}{\infty} + \frac{n_2}{s_i} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$

$$s_i \equiv f_i = \frac{n_2}{n_2 - n_1} R$$

**Image focal length**  
(second focus)

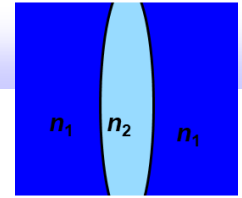
# Sign convention for refractive surfaces



**TABLE 5.1 Sign Convention for Spherical Refracting Surfaces and Thin Lenses\***  
(Light Entering from the Left)

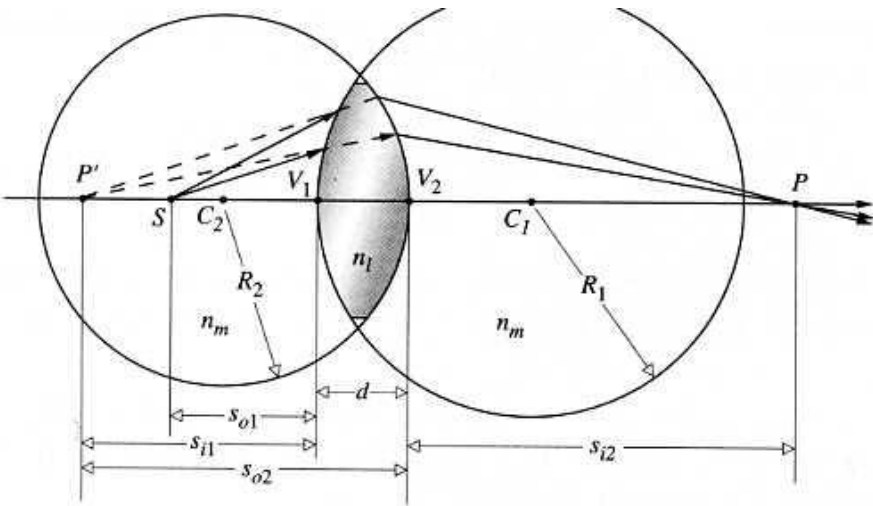
|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| $s_o, f_o$ | + left of $V$            |
| $x_o$      | + left of $F_o$          |
| $s_i, f_i$ | + right of $V$           |
| $x_i$      | + right of $F_i$         |
| $R$        | + if $C$ is right of $V$ |
| $y_o, y_i$ | + above optical axis     |

# Spherical Lens









A spherical lens has **two boundaries**.

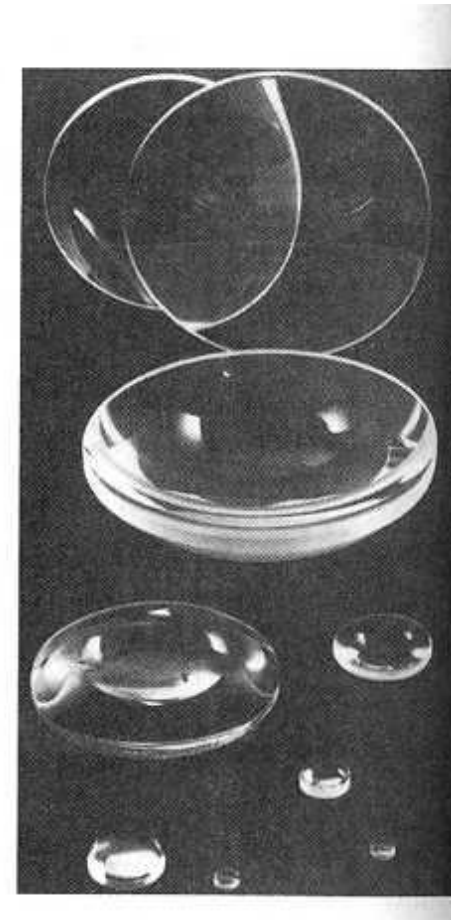
Example: Biconvex spherical lens



In order to find the total deflection angle, apply the following equation twice

$$\theta_2 \approx \frac{n_1}{n_2} \theta_1 - \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2} \frac{y}{R}$$

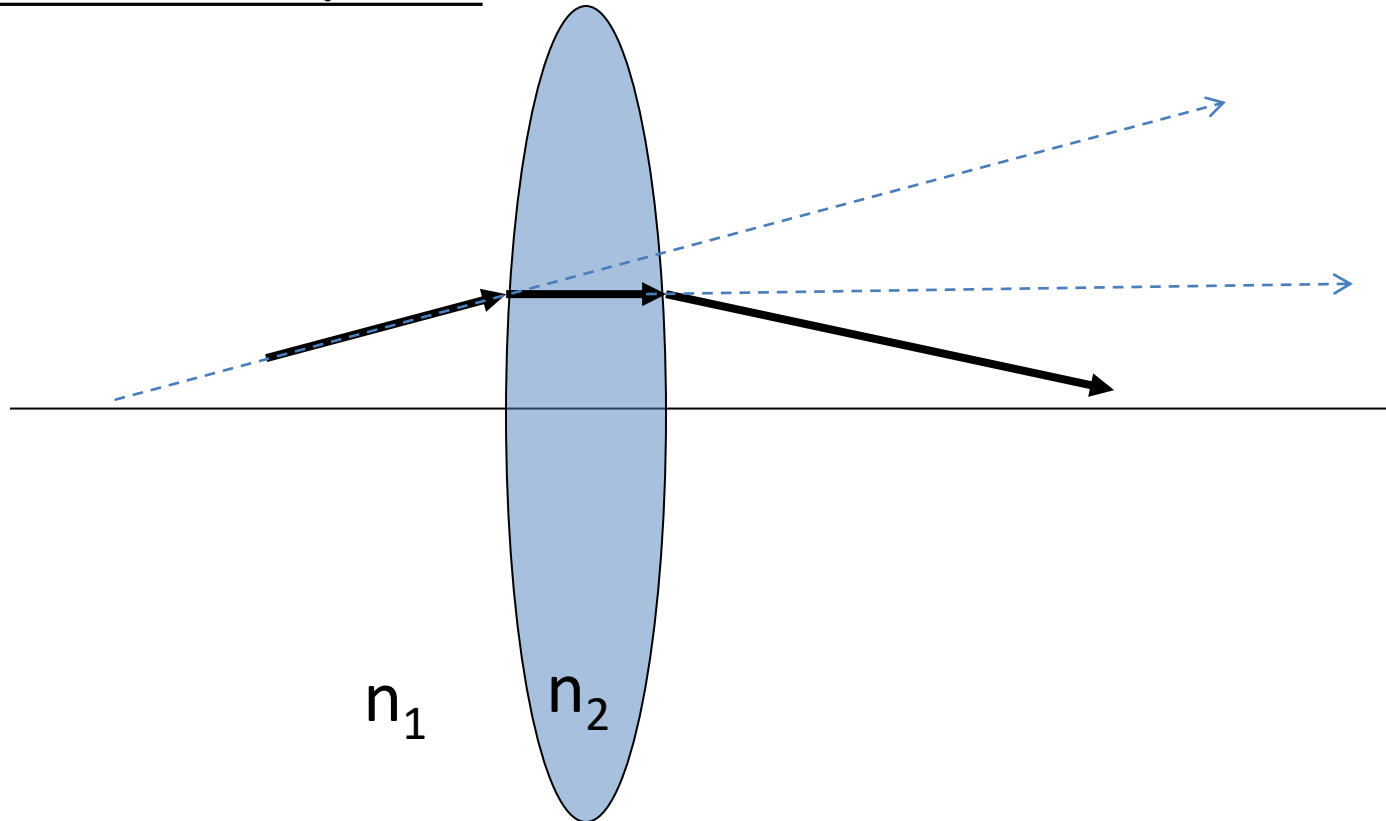
| CONVEX   | CONCAVE   |
|--|---|
|  $R_1 > 0$<br>$R_2 < 0$<br>Bi-convex          |  $R_1 < 0$<br>$R_2 > 0$<br>Bi-concave          |
|  $R_1 = \infty$<br>$R_2 < 0$<br>Planar convex |  $R_1 = \infty$<br>$R_2 > 0$<br>Planar concave |
|  $R_1 > 0$<br>$R_2 > 0$<br>Meniscus convex   |  $R_1 > 0$<br>$R_2 > 0$<br>Meniscus concave   |



# Lenses

Apply Snell's Law to something as complex as a "lens":

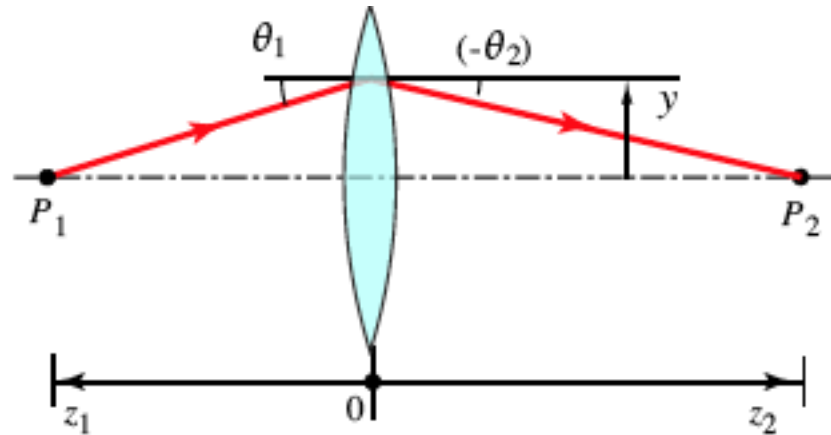
→ It has 2 curved surfaces



A lens changes the beam direction  
→ Results in a beam deflection

# Formulas for Thin Lenses

A thin lens has a thickness that is essentially negligible.



When this thin lens is in free space:

**Ray Deflection**  $\theta_2 = \theta_1 - \frac{y}{f}$ ,

Lens maker's formula (thin lens equation)

**Focal Length  $f$**

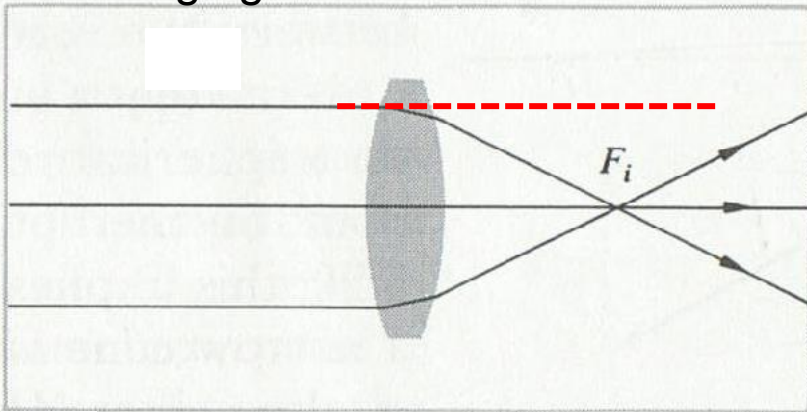
$$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

# Thin Lenses

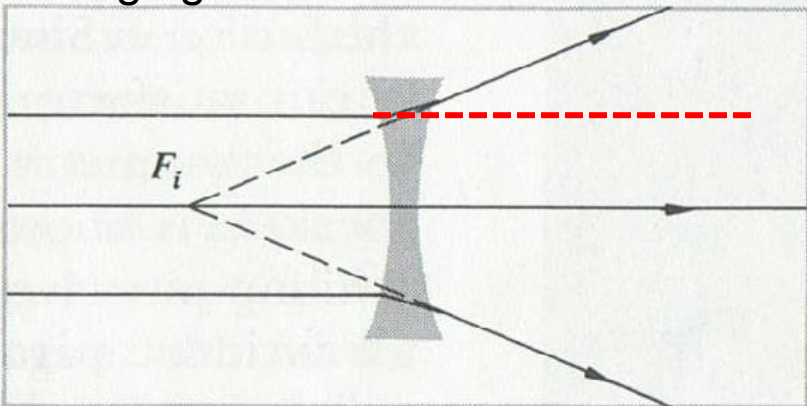
For a thin lens in free space:

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

Converging lens



Diverging lens



f = positive  
converging









f = negative  
diverging



CONVEX

CONCAVE

|   |  |
|---|--|
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|  $R_1 = \infty$<br>$R_2 < 0$ <p>Planar convex</p> |  $R_1 = \infty$<br>$R_2 > 0$ <p>Planar concave</p> |
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# Determining the focal length of a thin lens

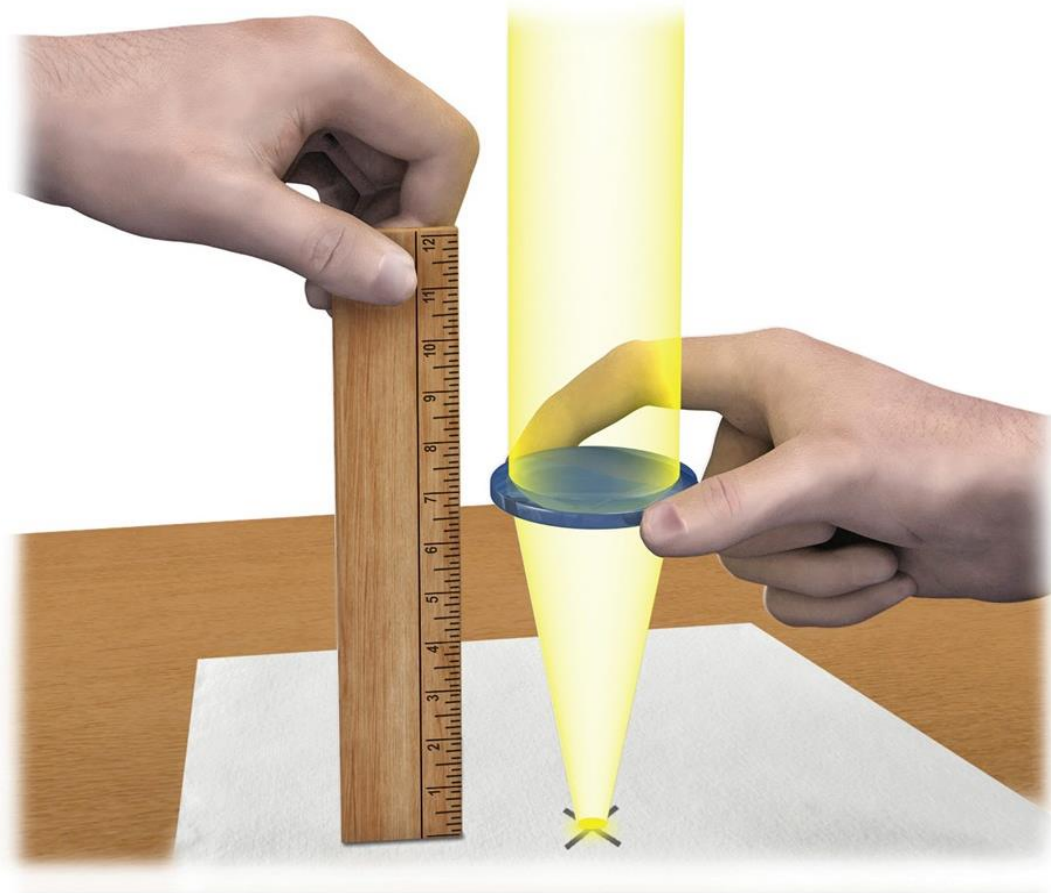



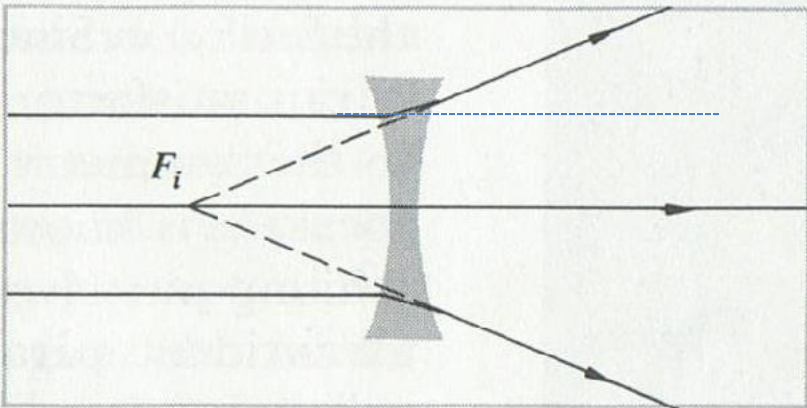
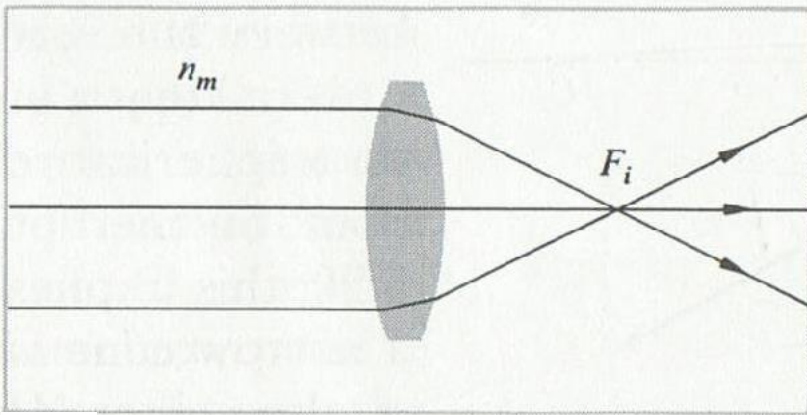
Figure 4.6

Determining the focal length of a simple lens. The image of a distant source is projected by the lens on a viewing surface; the focal length is the distance between the focal plane, and the lens as measured with a ruler.

# Pay attention to medium dependence

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


- Lens is made out of material with index  $n_{\text{lens}}$ , which is bigger than 1
- Outside of lens is air with  $n_{\text{outside}}=1$
- Thus,  $(n-1) > \text{positive}$



These pictures will be valid as long as  $n_{\text{outside}}$  is smaller than  $n_{\text{lens}}$

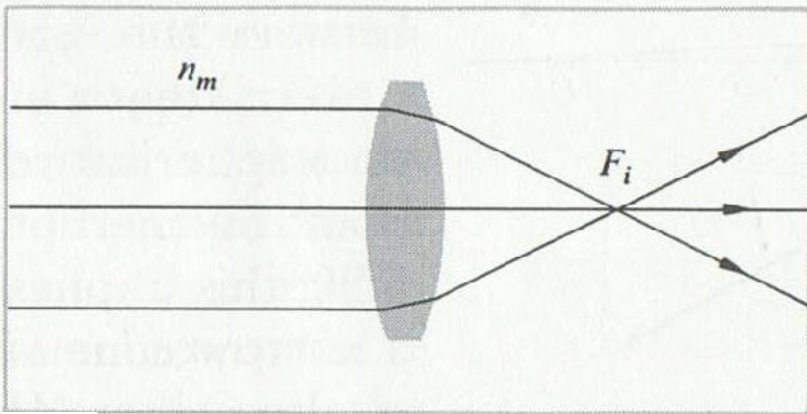
# Pay attention to medium dependence

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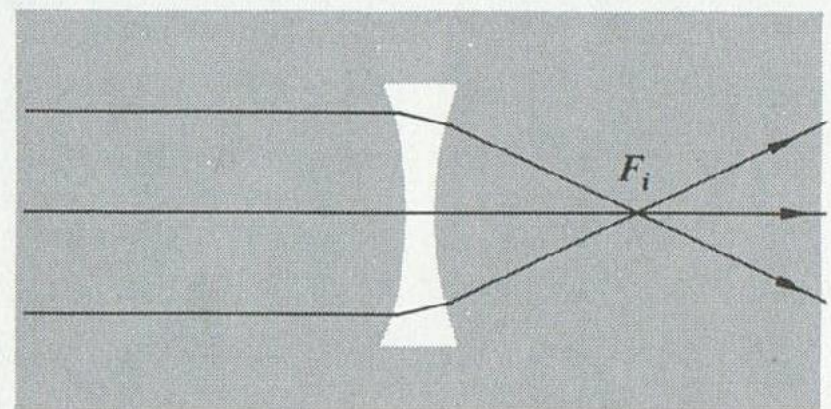
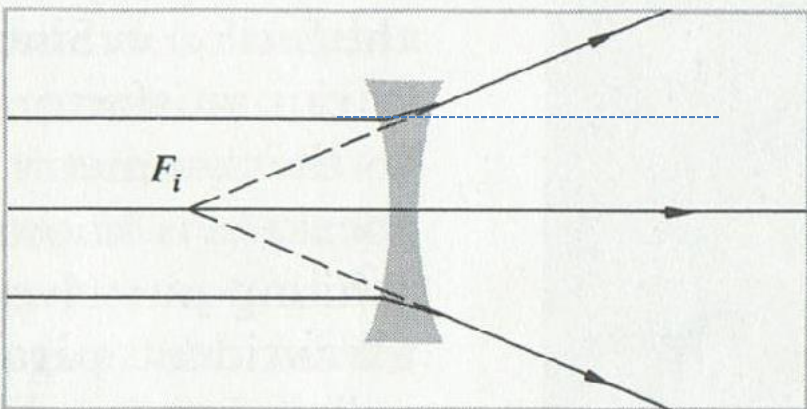
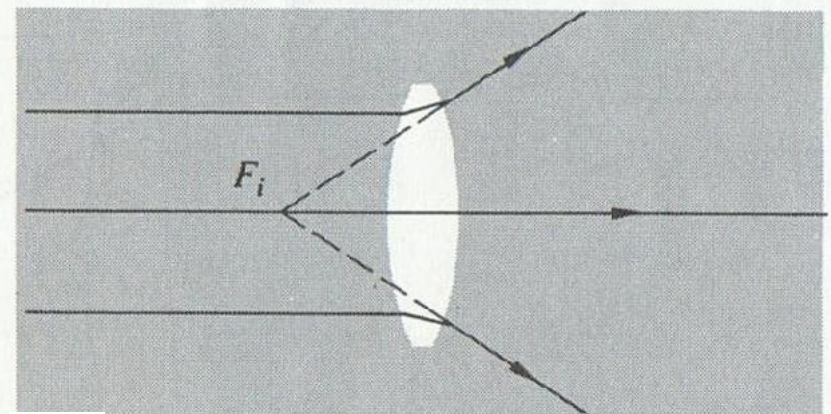
Generalized formula

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{n_{lens} - n_0}{n_0} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

$n_{outside}$  is smaller than  $n_{lens}$



$n_{outside}$  is bigger than  $n_{lens}$



# Pay attention to medium dependence

## Do magnifying glasses work underwater?

Normal magnifying glasses do not work underwater because the refraction index of glass is almost equal to that of water.



**DIVING MAGNIFYING GLASS**

# Medium dependence is important in microscopy

