



CHAPTER – 10 LIGHT REFLECTION & REFRACTION

Light is a form of energy, which gives us the power of vision.

In this chapter we will study the phenomena of reflection and refraction using the property of light i.e. straight line propagation (Light wave travel from one point to another, along a straight line).

Ray of light : It is a line in the direction of movement of light.

Beam of light : It is bunch of rays of light.

Parallel beam : All the rays are parallel.

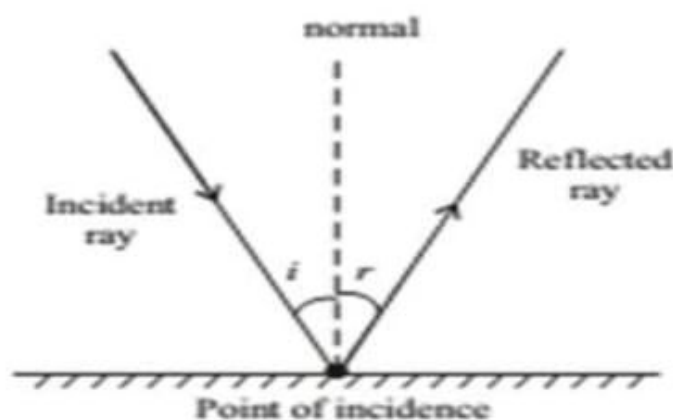
Reflection of Light

When the light is allowed to fall on highly polished surface, such as mirror, most of the light gets reflected.

Laws of Reflection

1. The angle of incidence is always equal to angle of reflection.

$$\angle i = \angle r$$



2. The incident ray, reflected ray and the normal to the reflecting surface at the point of incidence lie in the same plane.





What you have learnt

- Light seems to travel in straight lines.
- Mirrors and lenses form images of objects. Images can be either real or virtual, depending on the position of the object.
- The reflecting surfaces, of all types, obey the laws of reflection. The refracting surfaces obey the laws of refraction.
- New Cartesian Sign Conventions are followed for spherical mirrors and lenses.
- Mirror formula, $\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$ gives the relationship between the object-distance (u), image-distance (v), and focal length (f) of a spherical mirror.
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- The magnification produced by a spherical mirror is the ratio of the height of the image to the height of the object.
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- Light travels in vacuum with an enormous speed of $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. The speed of light is different in different media.
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- Power of a lens is the reciprocal of its focal length. The SI unit of power of a lens is dioptre.



Power of Lens

The degree of convergence or divergence of light ray achieved by a lens is known as power of a lens. It is defined as the reciprocal of its focal length. Represented by P.

If F is given in meter, then

$$P = \frac{1}{f}$$

If F is given in cm, then

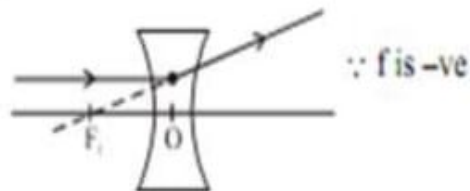
$$P = \frac{100}{f}$$

SI unit of power of a lens is "diopter" denoted by 'D'. 1 diopter or 1D \rightarrow It is the power of lens whose focal length is 1 m

$$1D = \frac{1}{1m} \quad \text{OR} \quad 1D = 1m^{-1}$$



Power of concave lens or diverging lens is always negative



If any optical instrument has many lenses, then net power will be

$$P = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 \dots\dots\dots$$





Lens formula

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u}$$

'O' → optical centre

f • distance between F and 'O'

u • distance of object from 'O'

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

v • distance of image from 'O'

R • distance between centre of curvature & 'O'

Magnification

It is defined as the ratio of the height of image to the height of object.

$$m = \frac{\text{height of image}}{\text{height of object}} = \frac{h_1}{h} = (1) \left\} \frac{h_1 - \text{image height}}{h - \text{object height}} \right.$$

It is also related to 'u' & 'v'

$$m = \frac{v}{u} \quad - (2)$$

From equation (1) & (2)

If magnification

m > 1, then image is magnified

m = 1, image is of same size

m < 1, image is diminished

Few Tips to Remember Sign Convention for Spherical Lens

	f	u	
CONCAVE	-ve	-ve	-ve(virtual image always)
CONVEX	+ve	-ve	+ve(real) -ve(virtual)

h is always +ve

h' -ve for Real and +ve for Virtual & Erect.

Power of Lens





Image Formation by Concave Lens

1. Object
At infinity

Position of Image
At F_1

Nature
Virtual & Erect

Size of Image
Highly Diminished

2. Object
Between infinity and optical centre
(at any point)

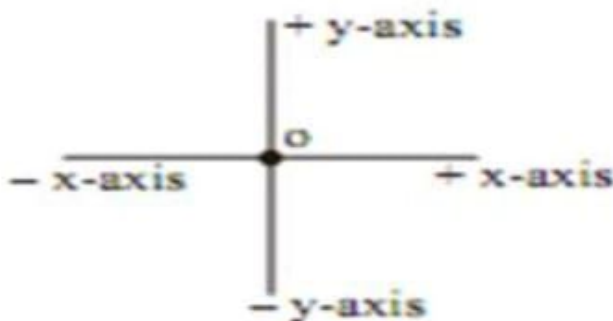
Position of Image
Between F_1 & O

Nature
Virtual & Erect

Size of Image
Very small

Sign Convention for Refraction by Spherical Lens

Similar to that of spherical mirror, only the difference is that all the measurement are made from optical centre 'O'



Lens formula

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{f}$$

'O' → optical centre

f → distance between F and 'O'



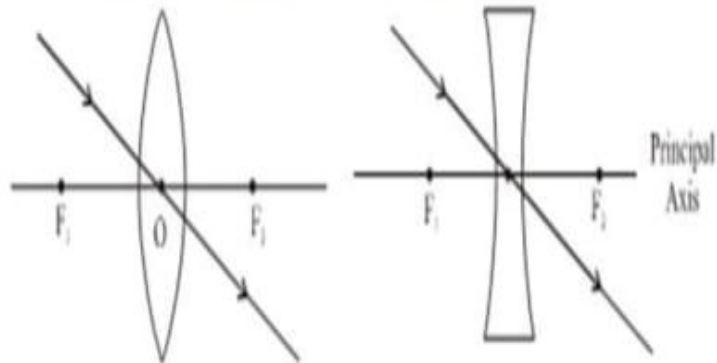


Image formation by a convex lens for various position of object

<p>1. <u>Object</u> At infinity</p>	<p><u>Position of Image</u> At focus F_2</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u> Highly diminished (point size)</p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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<p>2. <u>Object</u> Beyond $2F_1$</p>	<p><u>Position of Image</u> Between F_2 & $2F_2$</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u> Small</p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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<p><u>Object</u> At $2F_1$</p>	<p><u>Position of Image</u> At $2F_2$</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u> Same size of object</p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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<p><u>Object</u> Between F_1 & $2F_1$</p>	<p><u>Position of Image</u> Beyond $2F_2$</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u></p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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<p><u>Object</u> Between F_1 & $2F_1$</p>	<p><u>Position of Image</u> Beyond $2F_2$</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u> Enlarged</p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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5. Object
At focus F_1

<p><u>Position of Image</u> at infinity</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u> Highly Enlarged</p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Real & inverted</p>
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6. (Special Case)
Object
Between F_1 and optical centre 'O'

<p><u>Position of Image</u> On the same side of the object</p>	<p><u>Size of Image</u> Enlarged</p> <p><u>Nature</u> Virtual & Erect</p>
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Image Formation by Concave Lens

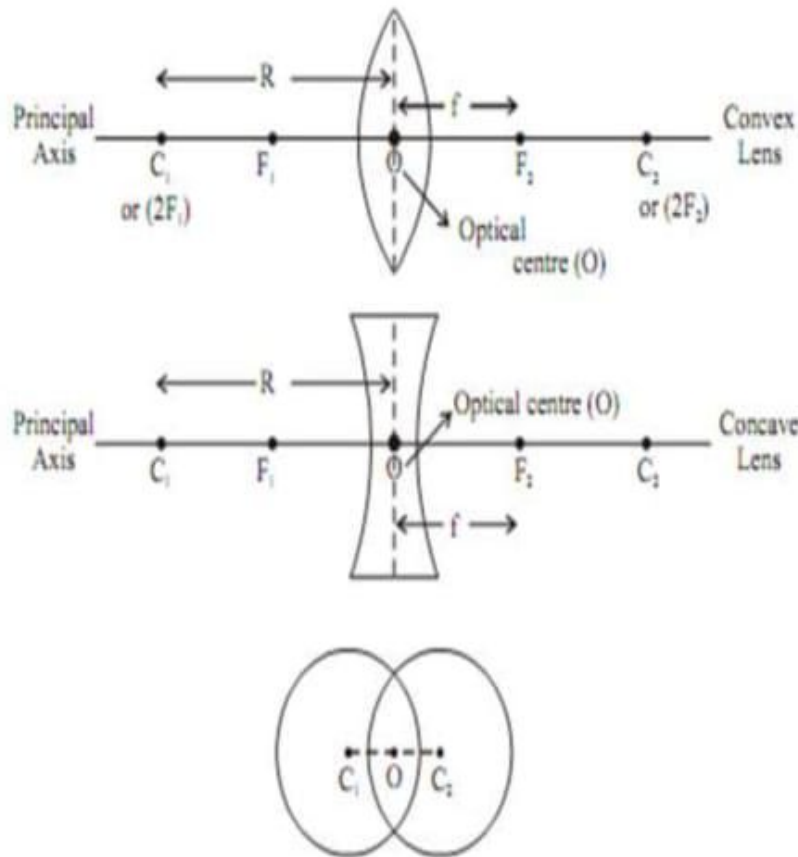
1. Object
At infinity

<p><u>Position of Image</u> At F_1</p> <p><u>Size of Image</u></p>	<p><u>Nature</u> Virtual & Erect</p>
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Few Basic Terms Related to Spherical Lens



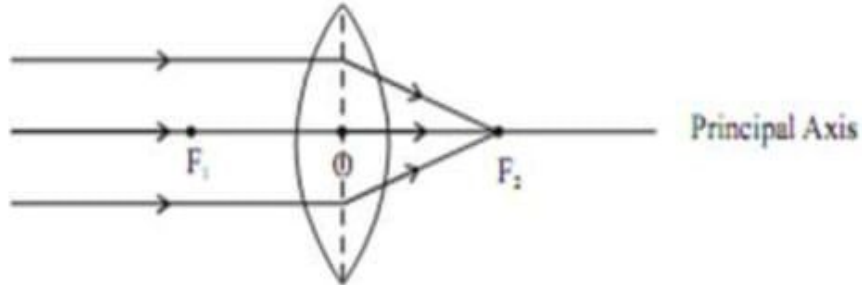
1. **Centre of curvature** : A lens, either a convex lens or a concave lens is combination of two spherical surfaces. Each of these surfaces form a part of a sphere. The centres of these two spheres are called centres of curvature, represented by C_1 and C_2 .
2. **Principal axis** : Imaginary straight line passing through the two centres of curvature.
3. **Optical Centre** : The central point of a lens is its optical centre (O). A ray of light, when it passes through ' O ', remains undeviated, i.e. it goes straight.
4. **Aperture** : The effective diameter of the circular outline of a spherical lens.
5. **Focus of lens** : A beam of light parallel to the principal axis, after refraction from

1. **Convex lens**, converges to the point on the principal axis, denoted by F , known as the Principal focus

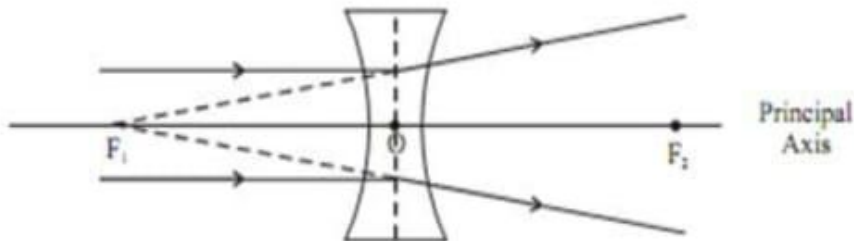




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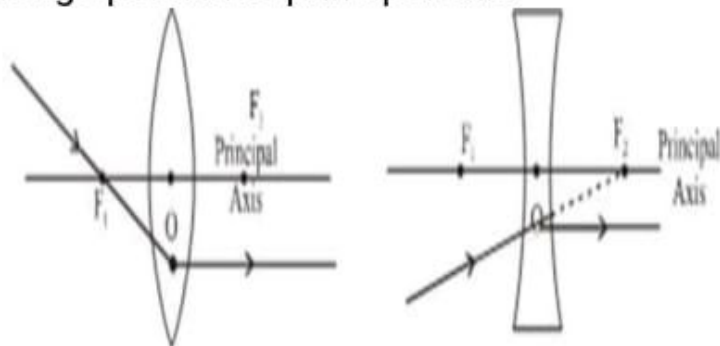
2. **Concave lens**, appear to diverge from a point on the principal axis known as principal focus.



The distance OF_2 and OF_1 is called as focal length

Tips for Drawaomg Ray Diagram

1. After refraction, a ray parallel to principal axis will pass through F .
2. A ray passes through F , after refraction will emerge parallel to principal axis



(c) A ray passes through optical centre 'O', passes without any deviation.





- The ratio of sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction is a constant i.e.

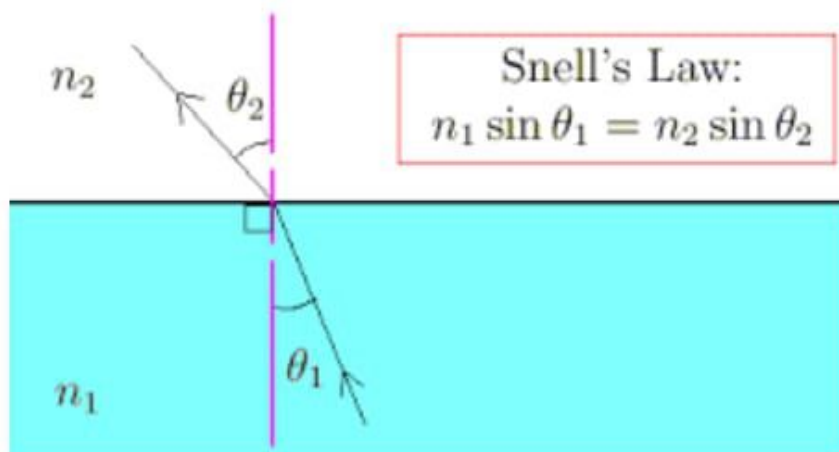
$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \text{constant } (r)$$

For given colour and pair of media, this law is also known as Snell's Law

Constant n is the refractive index for a given pair of medium. It is the refractive index of the second medium with respect to first medium.

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = n_{21}$$

Where 2 is for second medium and 1 is for first medium



Refractive Index

The refractive index of glass with respect to air is given by ratio of speed of light in air to the speed of light in glass.

$$n_{ga} = \frac{\text{speed of light of air}}{\text{speed of light in glass}} = \frac{c}{v}$$

$c \rightarrow$ Speed of light in vacuum = $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
 speed of light in air is marginally less, compared to that in vacuum.

Refractive index of air with respect to glass is given

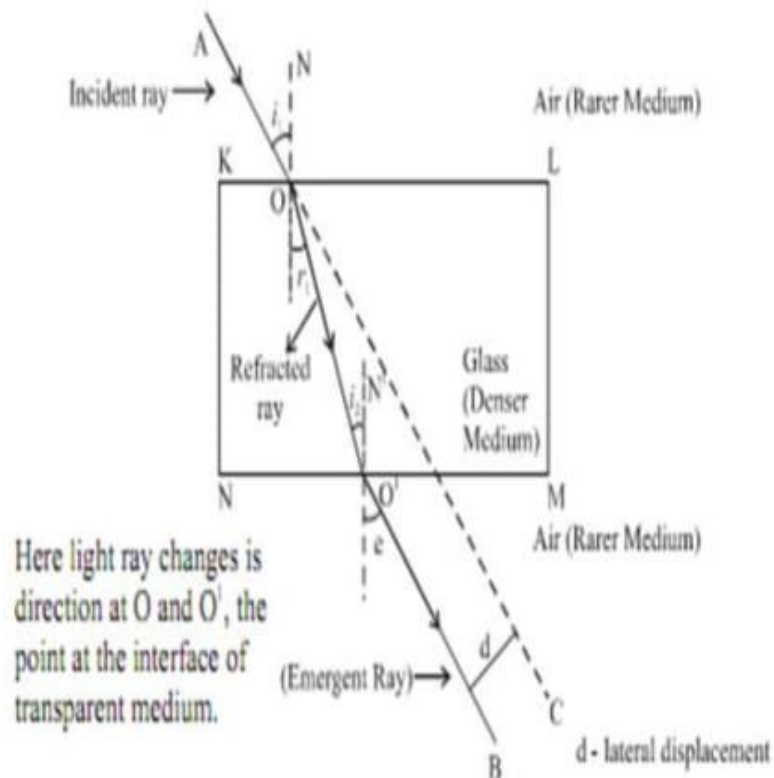




Some Commonly observed phenomenon due to Refraction

- Your eyes.
- Rainbows.
- Light bending in a glass of water.
- Glasses.
- Camera lenses.
- Object dislocation in water.
- Binoculars..

Refraction through a Rectangular Glass Slab



When an incident ray of light AO passes from a rarer medium (air) to a denser medium (glass) at point O on interface KL , it will bend towards the normal. At point O' on interface NM , the light ray enters from the denser medium (glass) to the rarer medium (air); here the light ray will bend away from the normal. OO' is a refracted ray, and $O'B$ is an emergent ray. If the incident ray is extended to C , we will observe that the emergent





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Note : When a ray of light is incident normally to the interface of two media it will go straight, without any deviation.

Laws of Refraction of Light

The incident ray, the refracted ray and the normal to the interface of two transparent media at the point of incidence, all lie in the same plane.

- The ratio of sine of angle of incidence to the sine of angle of refraction is a constant i.e.

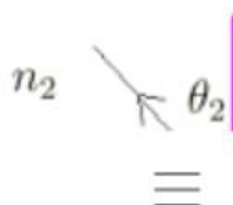
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$$\text{Snell's Law: } n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$





CONVEX	+ve	+ve

h – is always +ve

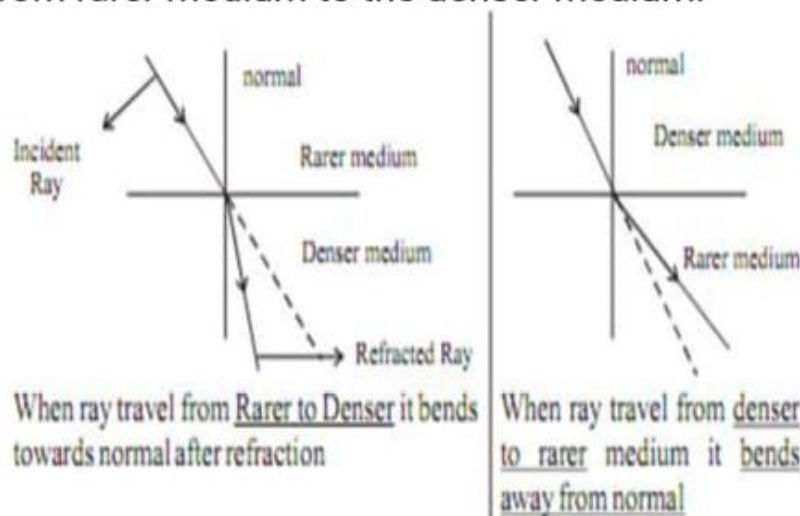
h' – is +ve for virtual , -ve for Real.

Refraction of Light

Refraction of Light : Happens in Transparent medium when a light travels from one medium to another, refraction takes place.

A ray of light bends as it moves from one medium to another Refraction is due to change in the speed of light as it enters from one transparent medium to another.

Speed of light decreases as the beam of light travel from rarer medium to the denser medium.



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$h^1 \rightarrow$ Object height from principle axis

If magnification	$m > 1$	_____	Image is magnified
	$m = 1$	_____	Image is of same size
	$m < 1$	_____	Image is diminished.

Few tips to remember sign convention for Spherical mirror

	f	u
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CONVEX	+ve	+ve

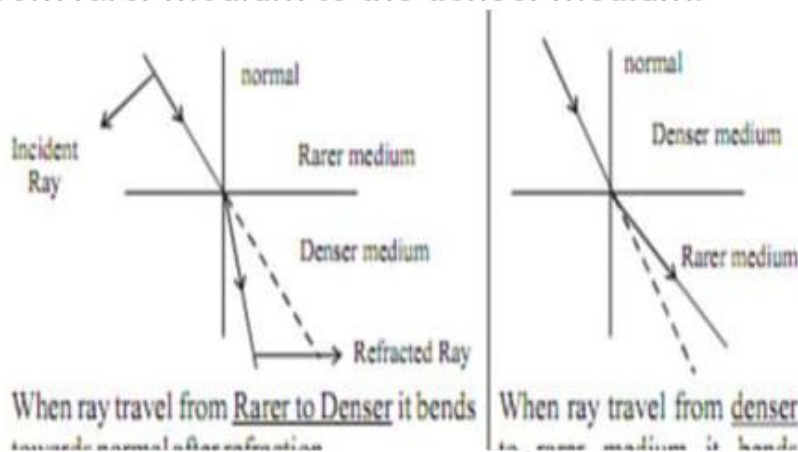
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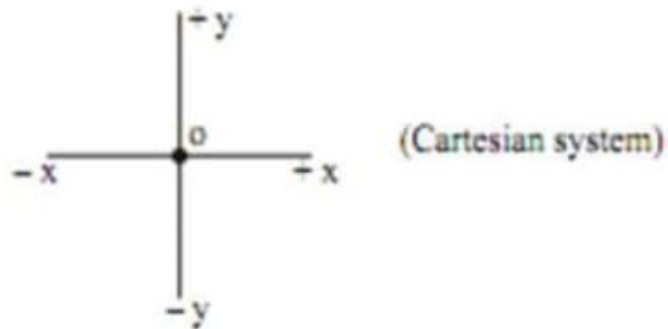
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Mirror Formula

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u}$$

$f \rightarrow$ distance between F and Pole

$v \rightarrow$ distance of image from Pole

$u \rightarrow$ distance of object from Pole

$R \rightarrow$ distance between centre of curvature and pole.

$$\text{Where } f = \frac{R}{2}$$

Magnification

It is expressed as the ratio of the height of the image to height of the object.

$$m = \frac{\text{height of image}}{\text{height of object}} = \frac{h^1}{h} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$m = \frac{-v}{u} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

\therefore From 1 and 2 equation

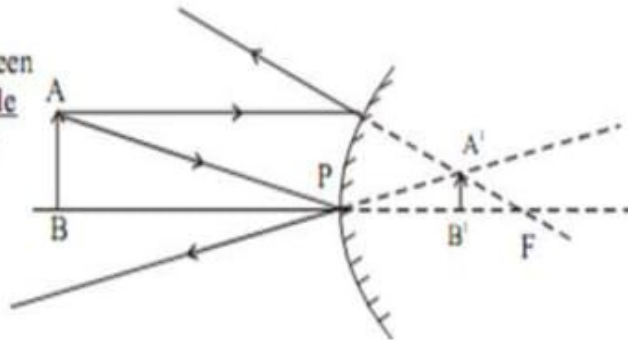
$$m = \frac{h^1}{h} = \frac{-v}{u} \quad \text{When } h^1 \rightarrow \text{image height from principle axis.}$$

$h^1 \rightarrow$ Object height from principle axis





2. Object
Anywhere between
infinity and pole
of the mirror



<i>Position of Image</i>	<i>Size of Image</i>
<i>Between P & F</i>	<i>Very small</i>
<i>Nature</i>	
<i>Virtual & erect</i>	

Uses of Concave Mirror

- 1 Used in torches, search light and headlight of vehicle.
2. Used to see large image of face as shaving mirror
3. Used by dentist to see large images of the teeth
4. Large concave mirror used to focus sunlight (heat) in solar furnaces.

Uses of Convex Mirror

Used as rear-view mirror in vehicles because it gives erect image. It also helps the driver to view large area.

Sign Convention for Reflection by Spherical Mirror

1. The object is always placed to the left side of mirror.
2. All distance should be measured from pole (P); parallel to principal axis.
3. Take 'P' as origin. Distances measured

Right of the origin (+x-Axis) are **taken positive**

Left of the origin (-x-Axis) are **taken negative**

Perpendicular to and above principal axis (+y-Axis) are **taken positive**

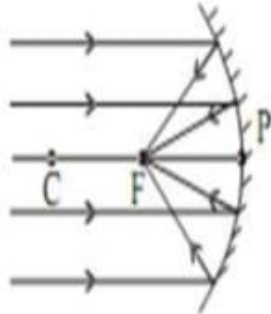
Perpendicular to and below principal axis (-y-Axis) are **taken negative**





Image Formation by Concave Mirror

1. Object
At infinity



Position of Image

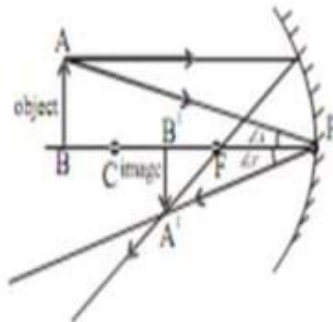
At focus

Nature
Real and Inverted

Size of Image

Highly diminished
(point size)

2. Object
Beyond C



Position of Image

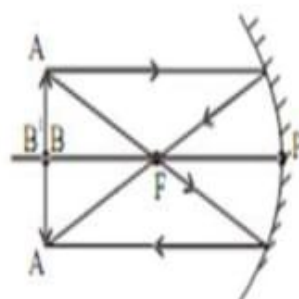
Between F&C

Nature
Real and Inverted

Size of Image

Small

3. Object
At C



Position of Image

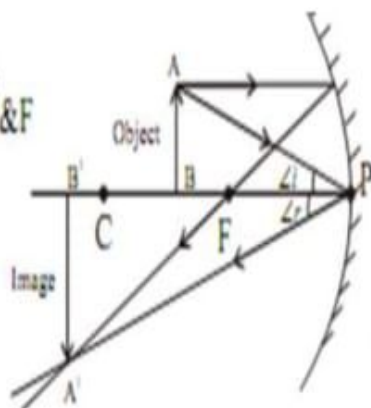
At C

Nature
Real and Inverted

Size of Image

Same Size
of object

4. Object
Between C&F



$$\angle i = \angle r$$

Position of Image

Beyond C

Nature
Real and Inverted

Size of Image
Enlarged

5. Object
At F



$$\angle i = \angle r$$

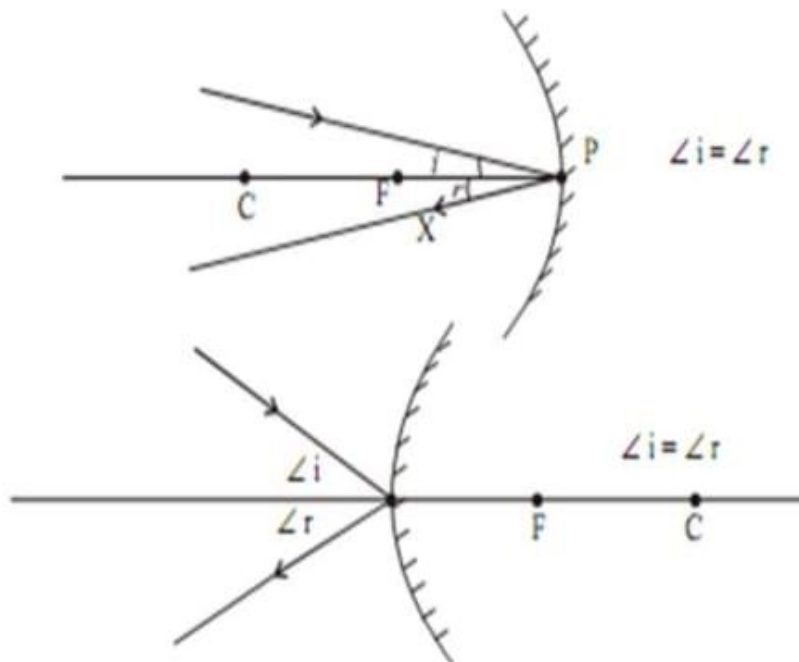
Position of

Nature

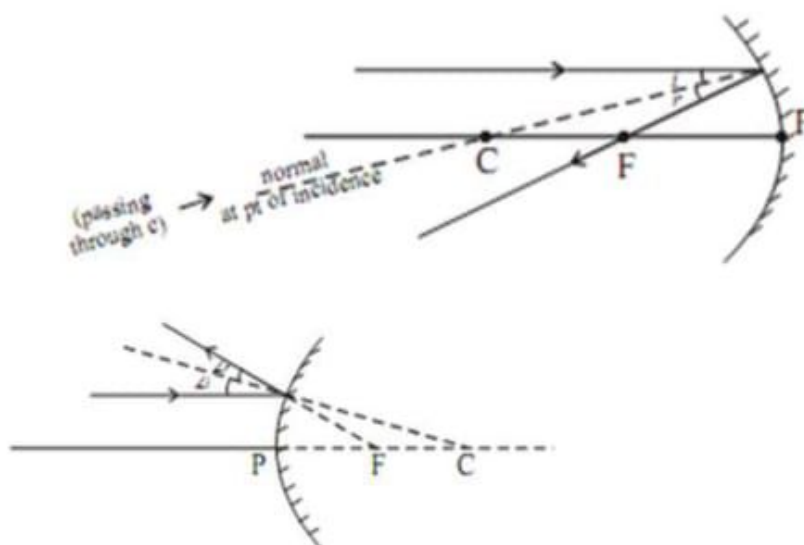




(c) A ray of light falling on pole get reflected at the same angle on the other side of principal axis.



Note : A ray of light passes through centre of curvature of reflecting spherical surface always act as normal at the point of incidence. If we know the normal we can draw angle of incidence and angle of reflection



Note 1 : The image will only form when two or more rays meets at a point. Image formation by a concave

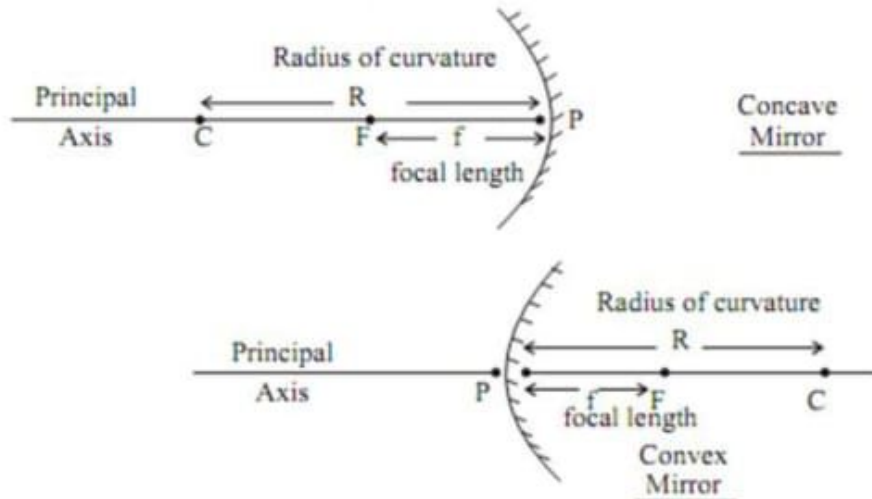




If it is curved inward → Act as concave mirror

If it is curved outward → Act as a convex mirror.

Few Basic terms related to Spherical Mirror



1. **Principal axis** : Line joining the pole and centre of curvature of the spherical mirror.
2. **Pole** : The geometrical central point of the reflecting spherical surface. (aperture), denoted by (P).
3. **Aperture** : The width of reflecting spherical surface.
4. **Centre of curvature** : The centre of the hollow glass sphere of which the spherical mirror is a part is called as centre of curvature.
5. **Radius of curvature** : The distance between the pole and the centre of curvature. i.e. $PC = R$ or The radius of the hollow sphere of which the mirror is a part.
6. **Focus point** : The point on the principal axis, where all parallel rays meet after reflection is called as Principal Focus or Focus. It is denoted by letter 'F'.
7. **Focal length** : The distance between the pole and focus point i.e. $PF = f$
8. Relationship between focal length and Radius of curvature. $f = \frac{R}{2}$

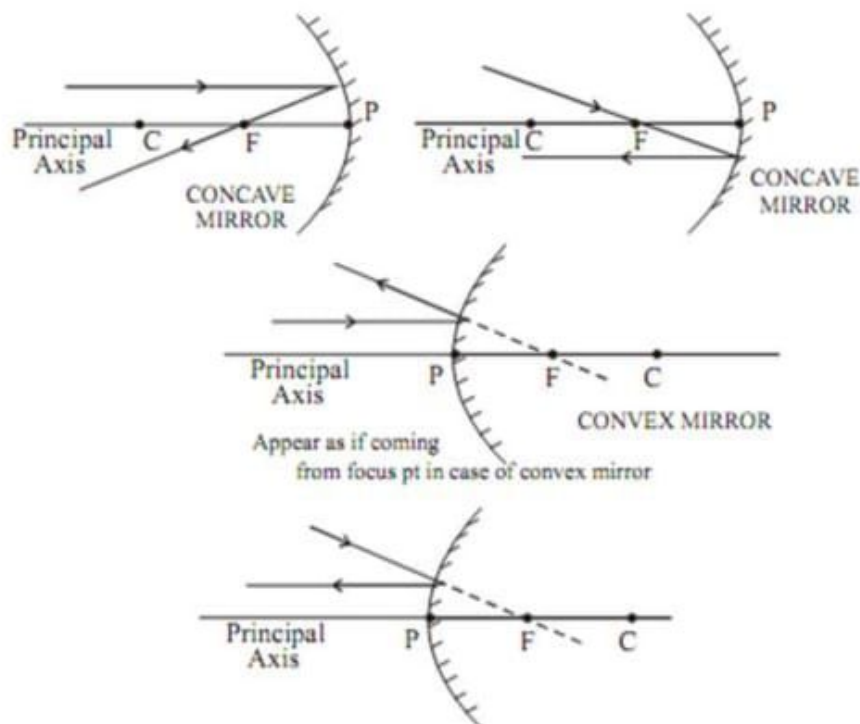




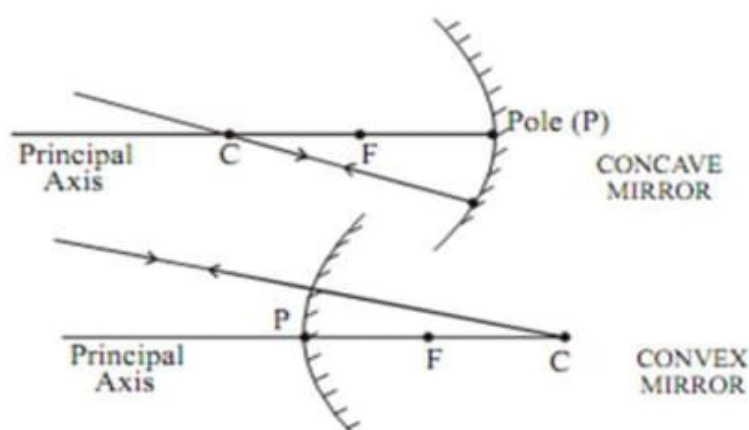
Image Formation by Spherical Mirror

Before we learn the formation of image or ray diagram, let us go through few tips

(a) Remember, a ray of light which is parallel to principle axis always pass through focus (meet at focus) or **vice-versa**.



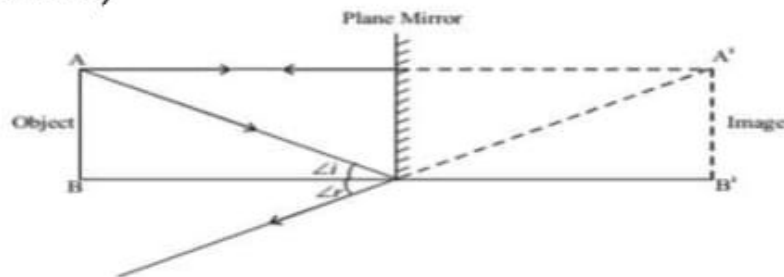
(b) A ray of light which passes through centre of curvature (it is also known as normal at the point of incidence on spherical mirror) will retrace their path after reflection.





2. The incident ray, reflected ray and the normal to the reflecting surface at the point of incidence lie in the same plane.

Image formed by Plane Mirror (Plane reflecting surface)



1. Virtual (imaginary) & Erect : The image that do not form on screen.

Real images can be recorded on the screen.

2. Laterally inverted (The left side of object appear on right side of image)

3. The size of image is equal to that of object.

4. The image formed is as far behind the mirror as the object is in front of it.

Reflection of light by spherical Mirrors

Mirrors, whose reflecting surface are curved inward or outward spherically are called spherical mirror.

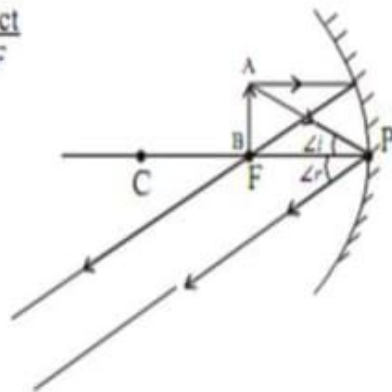
For example - Spoon \rightarrow The curved surface of shinning spoon can be considered as curved mirror.



If it is curved inward \rightarrow Act as concave mirror



5. Object
At F



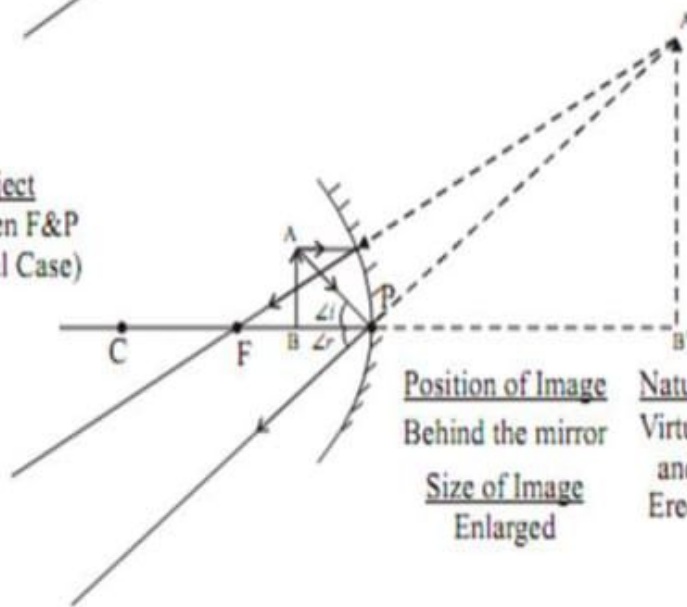
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Position of Image
At (infinity)

Nature
Real and Inverted

Size of Image
Highly enlarged

6. Object
Between F&P
(Special Case)



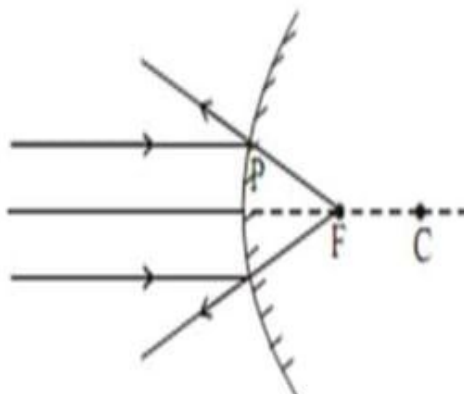
Position of Image
Behind the mirror

Nature
Virtual and Erect

Size of Image
Enlarged

Image formation by Convex Mirror

1. Object
At infinity



Position of Image
At focus
Nature
Virtual & erect

Size of Image
Highly diminished

2. Object





Refractive index of air with respect to glass is given by

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} a \rightarrow \text{air} \\ g \rightarrow \text{glass} \end{array} \right) n_{ag} = \frac{\text{Speed of light in glass}}{\text{Speed of light in air}} = \frac{v}{c}$$

Refractive index of water (n_w) = 1.33

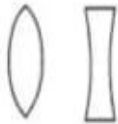
Refractive index of water (n_g) = 1.52

Spherical Lens

A transparent material bound by two surfaces, of which one or both surfaces are spherical, forms a lens.

Convex lens Concave lens

1. Bulging outwards
1. Bulging inwards.
2. Converging lens.
2. Diverging lens.



Concave Lens

A lens bounded by two spherical surfaces, curved inwards is known as double concave lens (or simply concave lens)

It is also known as diverging lens because it diverges the light.



Few Basic Terms Related to Spherical Lens

