

Images with Flat Mirrors

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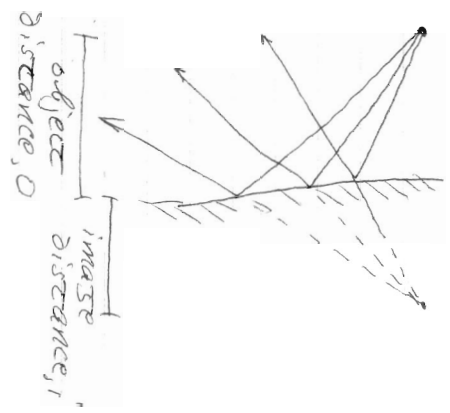
image: point where rays diverge

- or -

where rays appear to diverge.

- real or virtual

but rays actually pass thru image



flat mirrors always virtual image.

- object height = image height

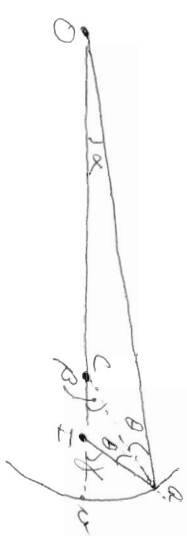
- apparent reversal of image

Spherical Mirrors: Spherical Mirror

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concave: curved in, wraps around incoming light

convex: bends away from source of light



Since we have triangles (Σ angles = 180°)

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \alpha + \theta \\ \gamma &= \alpha + 2\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 2\beta$$

From geometry, for nearly parallel rays (small θ)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &\cong \alpha\theta / \theta \\ \beta &= \alpha\theta / \theta \\ \gamma &\cong \alpha\theta / \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i} = \frac{2}{r}$$

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Focal Length of a Mirror

When light falls on a mirror

$0 \rightarrow \infty$

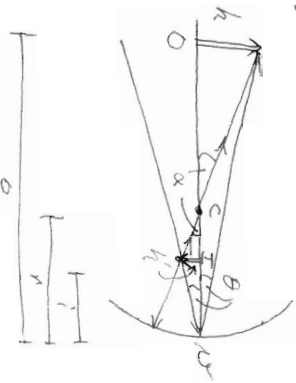
$$\frac{1}{\infty} = \frac{2}{r} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\infty} = \frac{r}{2} = f$$

So

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\infty} + \frac{1}{0} = \frac{1}{f}}$$

- a ray that is // to axis will pass thru focal point upon reflection
- a ray that passes thru focal point will reflect // to axis

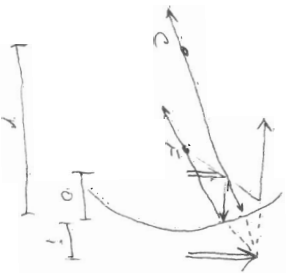
Magnification



$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{v}{u}$$

Virtual Images

When $0 < f$,
see a mirror,
upside virtual
image.

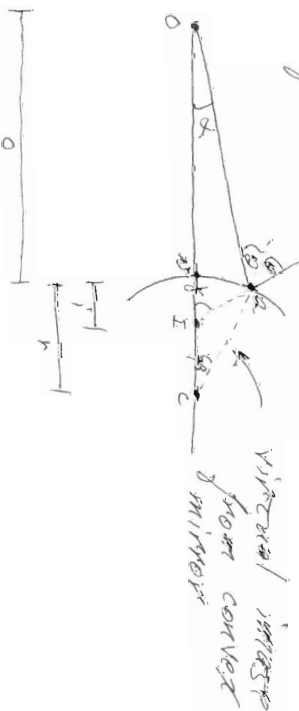


$$M = -\frac{v}{u} > 0$$

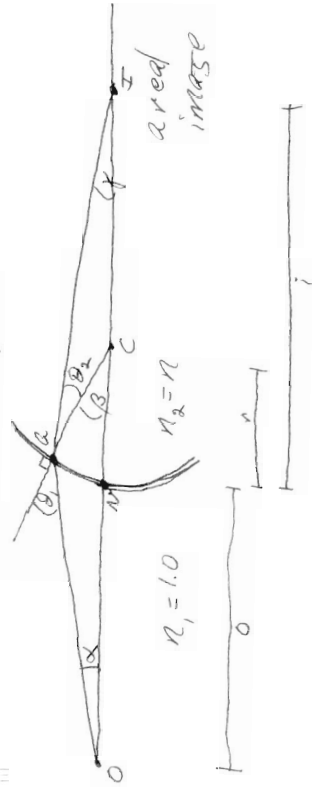
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Sign Conventions

- u and v are positive for real objects, negative for virtual objects & images
- r positive if center of curvature C lies on left side, negative if lies on right side.



Spherical Refractive Surface



Snell's Law gives

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

$$(\sin \theta_1 = n \sin \theta_2)$$

if θ small $\rightarrow \theta \approx \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta_2 = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \theta_1$

Considering triangles

$$\theta_1 = \alpha + \beta$$

$$\beta = \theta_2 + \gamma = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \theta_1 + \gamma$$

$$n_1 \alpha + n_2 \gamma = (n_2 - n_1) \beta$$

These angles are: $\alpha = a \cos \theta$, $\beta = a \cos \theta$, $\gamma = a \cos \theta$

refraction at
at single
spherical surface

$$\frac{n_1}{o} + \frac{n_2}{i} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{r}$$

Example

For previous geometry, where is image?

radius of curvature (r) = 10cm

$$n_1 = 1.0 \quad n_2 = 2.0$$

The object is 20cm to left of v .

We have $\frac{n_1}{o} + \frac{n_2}{i} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{r}$

we already know these

$$\frac{1.0}{\oplus 0.2m} + \frac{2.0}{i} = \frac{2.0 - 1.0}{\oplus 0.1m}$$

note choice of sign

note sign for r on the "real" side of interface

$$\frac{2.0}{i} = \frac{10}{m} - \frac{5}{m} = \frac{5}{m}$$

$$i = +0.4m \quad (\text{image is real as expected})$$