

# Chapter 23

## Mirrors and Lenses

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- The development of mirrors and lenses aided the progress of science.
- It led to the microscopes and telescopes.
  - Allowed the study of objects from microbes to distance planets
- Images can be formed by reflection from mirrors.
- Images can be formed by refraction through lenses.
- Will look at the formation of these images
- Will continue to use the ray approximation

# Notation for Mirrors and Lenses

- The *object distance* is the distance from the object to the mirror or lens.
  - Denoted by  $p$
- The *image distance* is the distance from the image to the mirror or lens.
  - Images are formed at the point where rays actually intersect or appear to originate.
  - Denoted by  $q$
- The *lateral magnification* of the mirror or lens is the ratio of the image height to the object height.
  - Denoted by  $M$

# Types of Images

- Images are classified as real or virtual.
- ***Real images*** are formed at the point the rays of light actually intersect.
  - Real images can be displayed on screens.
- ***Virtual images*** are formed at the point the rays of light appear to originate.
  - The light appears to diverge from that point.
  - Virtual images cannot be displayed on screens.

# More About Images

- To find where an image is formed, it is always necessary to follow at least two rays of light as they reflect from the mirror.

# Magnification

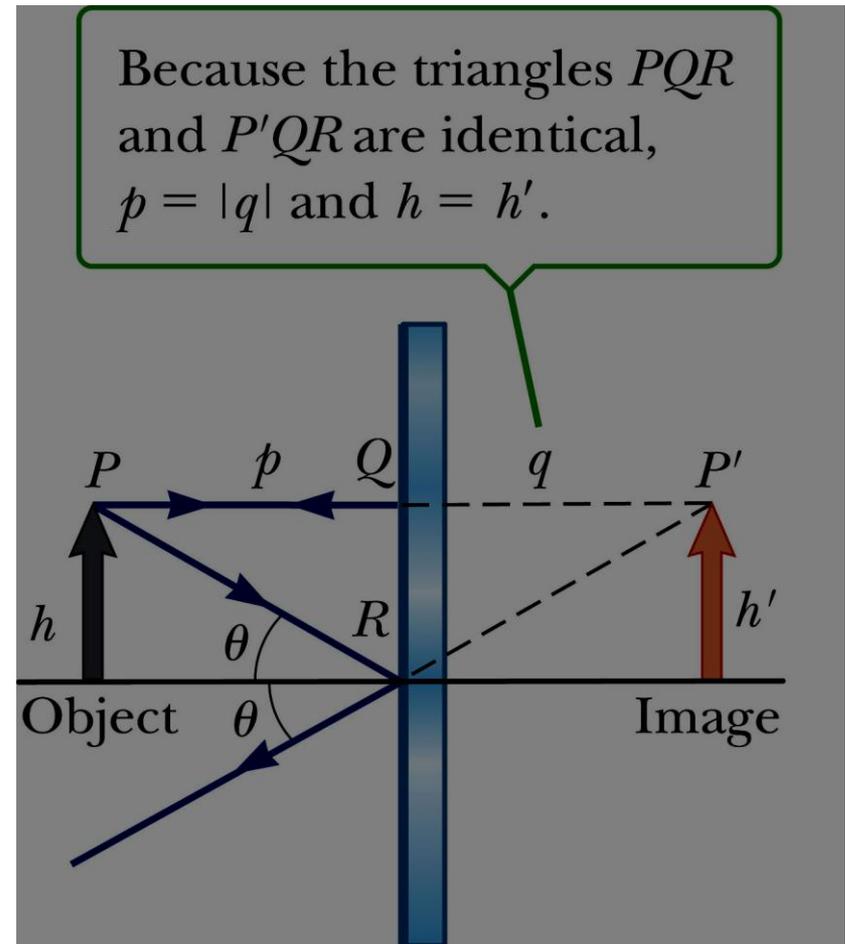
- The lateral magnification is defined as

$$M = \frac{\textit{image height}}{\textit{object height}} = \frac{h'}{h}$$

- Magnification doesn't always mean enlargement.
  - The image can be smaller than the object.

# Flat Mirror

- Properties of the image can be determined by geometry.
- One ray starts at P, follows path PQ and reflects back on itself.
- A second ray follows path PR and reflects according to the Law of Reflection.



# Properties of the Image Formed by a Flat Mirror

- The image is as far behind the mirror as the object is in front.

$$-p = |q|$$

- The image is unmagnified.

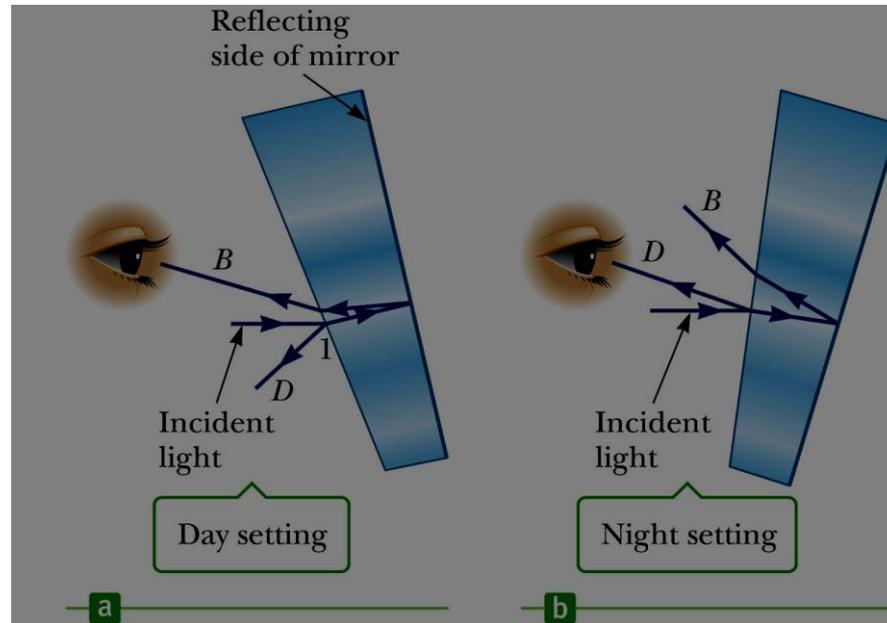
- The image height is the same as the object height.

$$-h' = h \text{ and } M = 1$$

# More Image Properties – Flat Mirror

- The image is virtual.
- The image is upright.
  - It has the same orientation as the object.
- There is an apparent left-right reversal in the image.

# Application – Day and Night Settings on Auto Mirrors



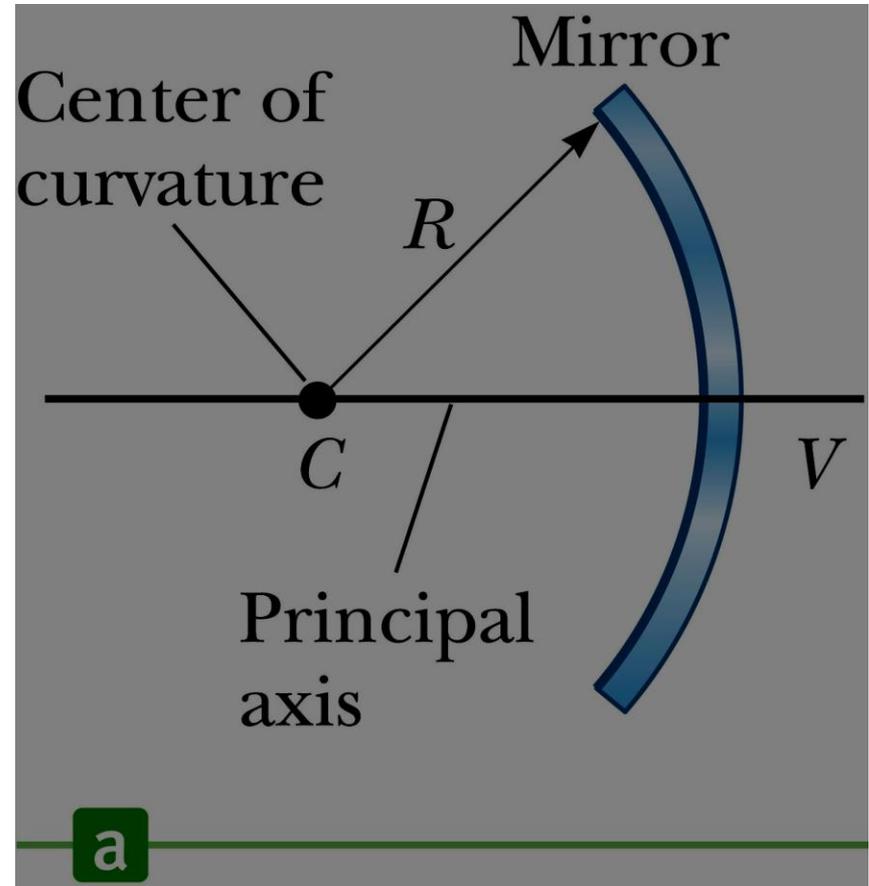
- With the daytime setting, the bright beam of reflected light is directed into the driver's eyes.
- With the nighttime setting, the dim beam of reflected light is directed into the driver's eyes, while the bright beam goes elsewhere.

# Spherical Mirrors

- A *spherical mirror* has the shape of a segment of a sphere.
- A *concave spherical mirror* has the silvered surface of the mirror on the inner, or concave, side of the curve.
- A *convex spherical mirror* has the silvered surface of the mirror on the outer, or convex, side of the curve.

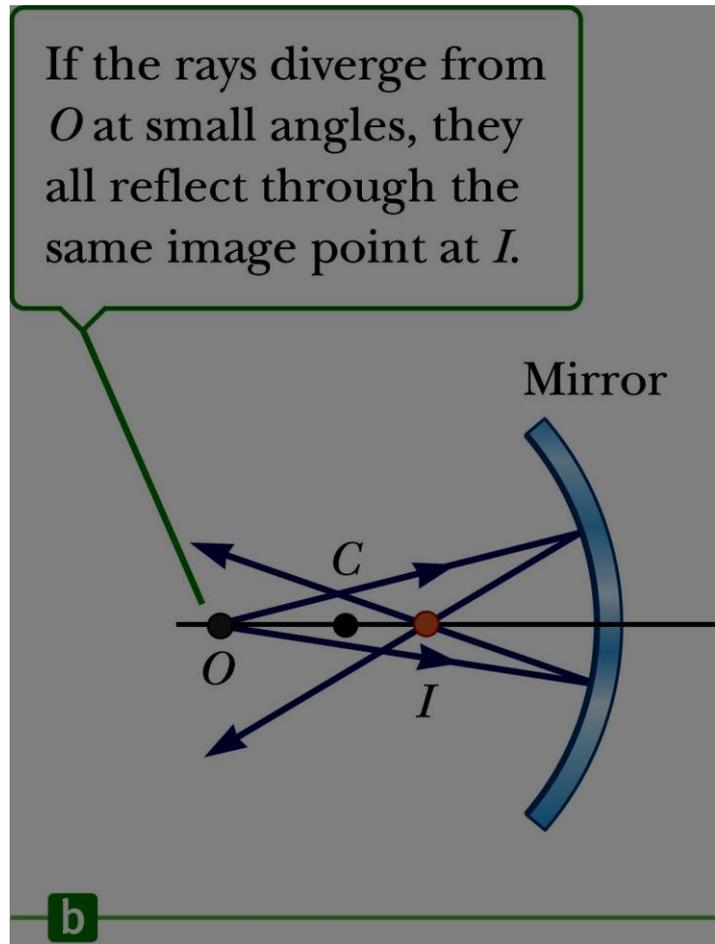
# Concave Mirror, Notation

- The mirror has a *radius of curvature* of  $R$ .
- Its *center of curvature* is the point  $C$ .
- Point  $V$  is the center of the spherical segment.
- A line drawn from  $C$  to  $V$  is called the *principle axis* of the mirror.



# Concave Mirror, Image

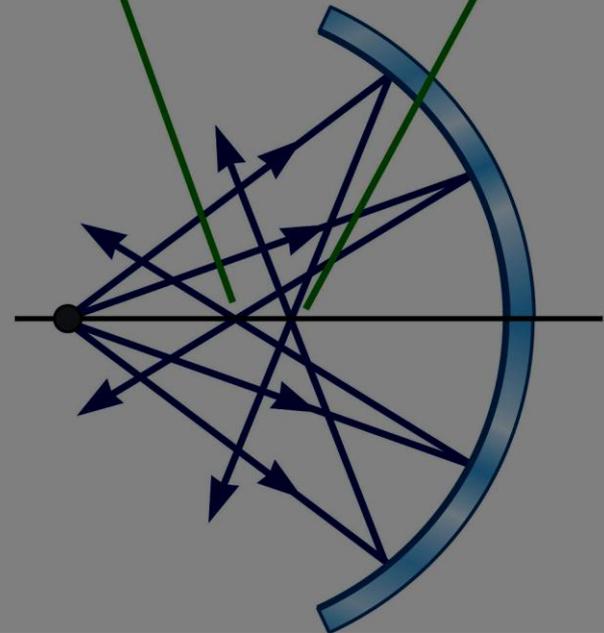
- A point source of light is placed at  $O$ .
- Rays are drawn from  $O$ .
- After reflecting from the mirror, the rays converge at point  $I$ .
- Point  $I$  is called the Image point.
- Light actually passes through the point so the image is real.



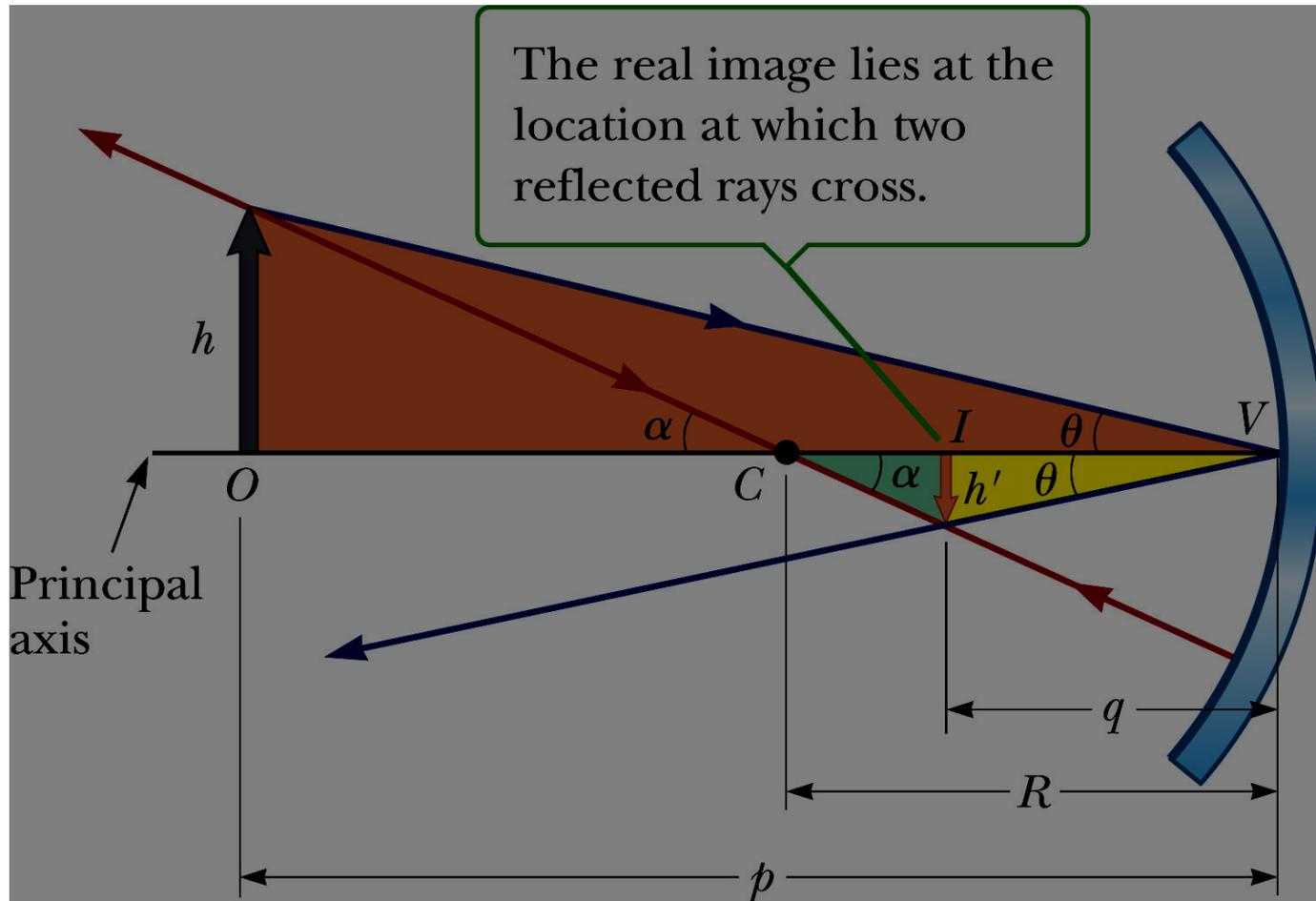
# Spherical Aberration

- Rays are generally assumed to make small angles with the mirror.
- When the rays make large angles, they may converge to points other than the image point.
- This results in a blurred image.
- This effect is called **spherical aberration**.

The reflected rays intersect at different points on the principal axis.



# Image Formed by a Concave Mirror



# Image Formed by a Concave Mirror, Equations

- Geometry can be used to determine the magnification of the image.

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{q}{p}$$

– $h'$  is negative when the image is inverted with respect to the object.

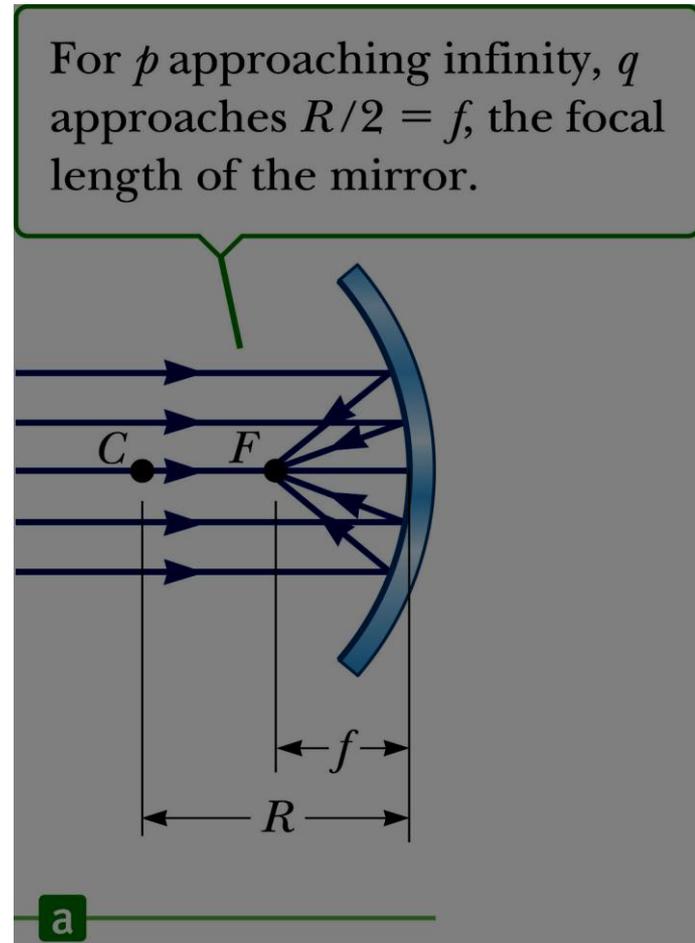
- Geometry also shows the relationship between the image and object distances.

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{2}{R}$$

–This is called the **mirror equation**.

# Focal Length

- If an object is very far away, then  $p = \infty$  and  $1/p = 0$ .
- Incoming rays are essentially parallel.
- In this special case, the image point is called the *focal point*.
- The distance from the mirror to the focal point is called the *focal length*.
  - The focal length is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the radius of curvature.

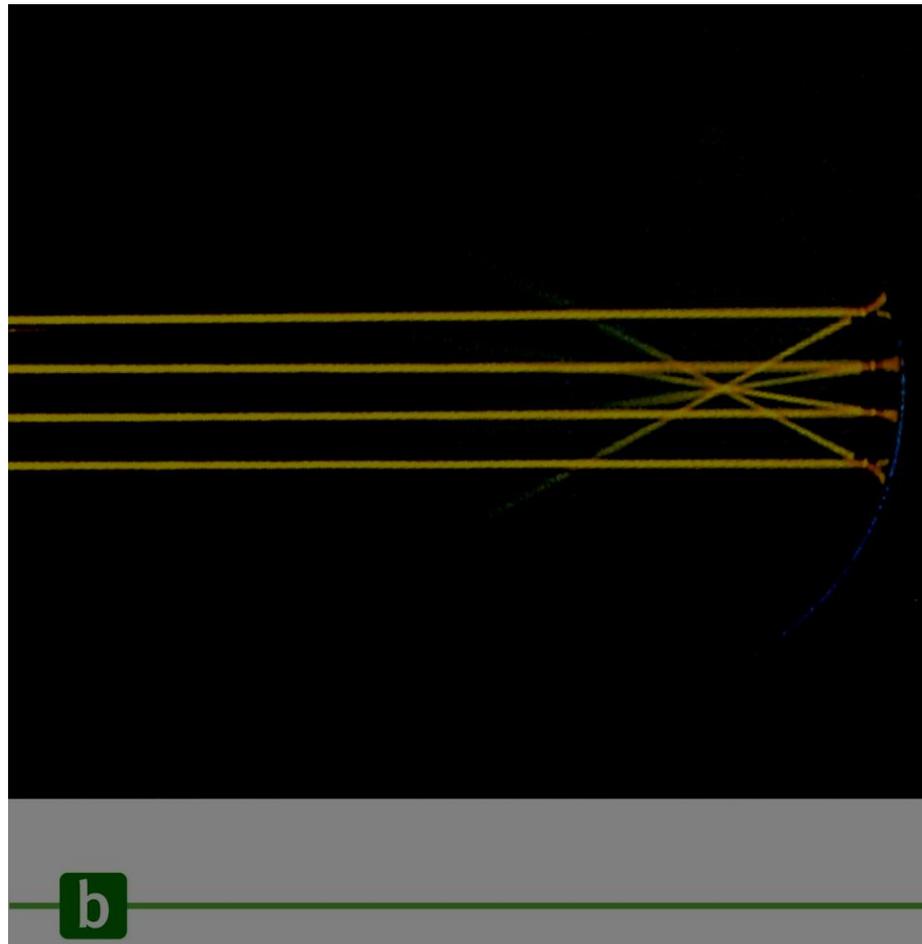


# Focal Point and Focal Length, Cont.

- The focal point is dependent solely on the curvature of the mirror, not by the location of the object.
- $f = R / 2$
- The mirror equation can be expressed as

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{f}$$

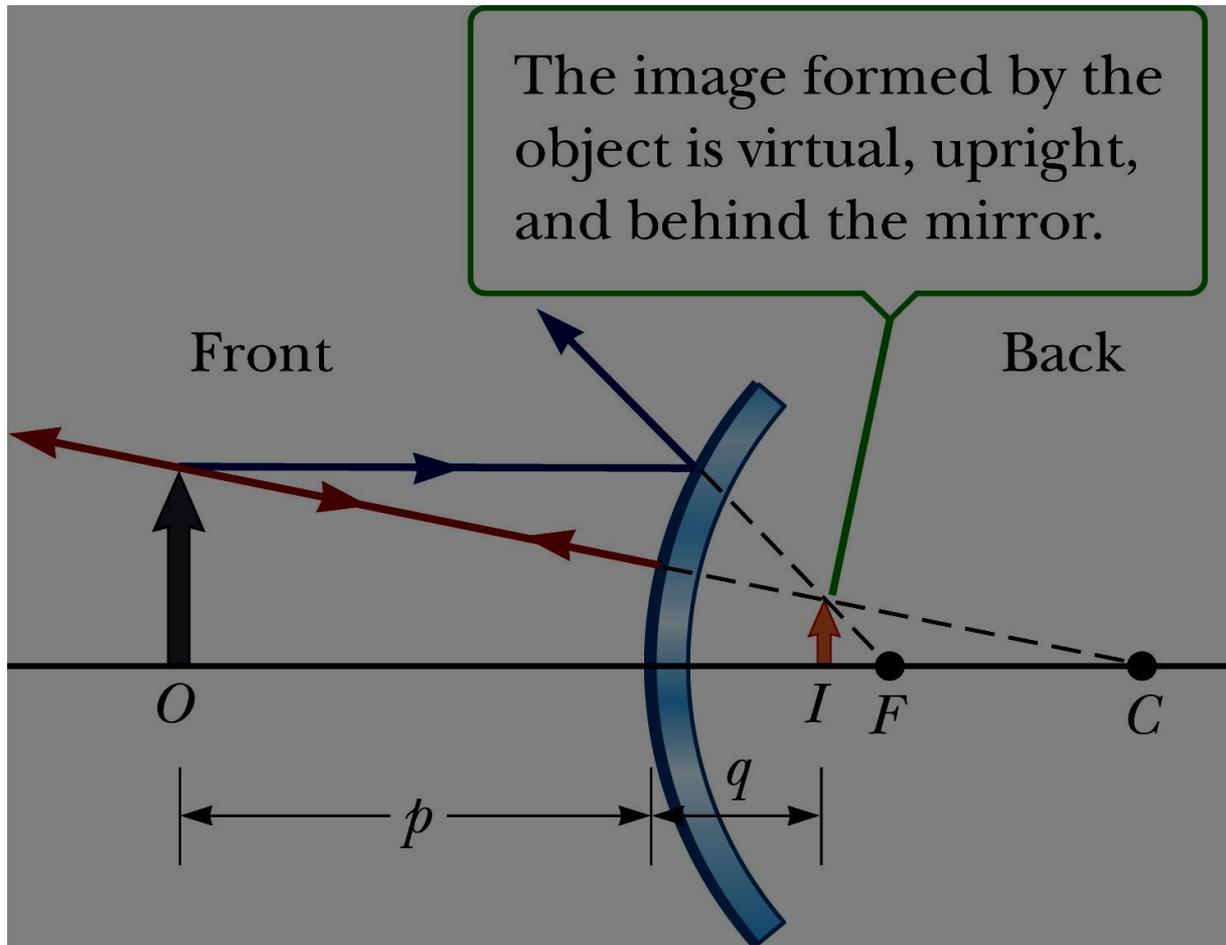
# Focal Length Shown by Parallel Rays



# Convex Mirrors

- A convex mirror is sometimes called a **diverging** mirror.
- The rays from any point on the object diverge after reflection as though they were coming from some point behind the mirror.
- The image is virtual because it lies behind the mirror at the point where the reflected rays appear to originate.
- In general, the image formed by a convex mirror is upright, virtual, and smaller than the object.

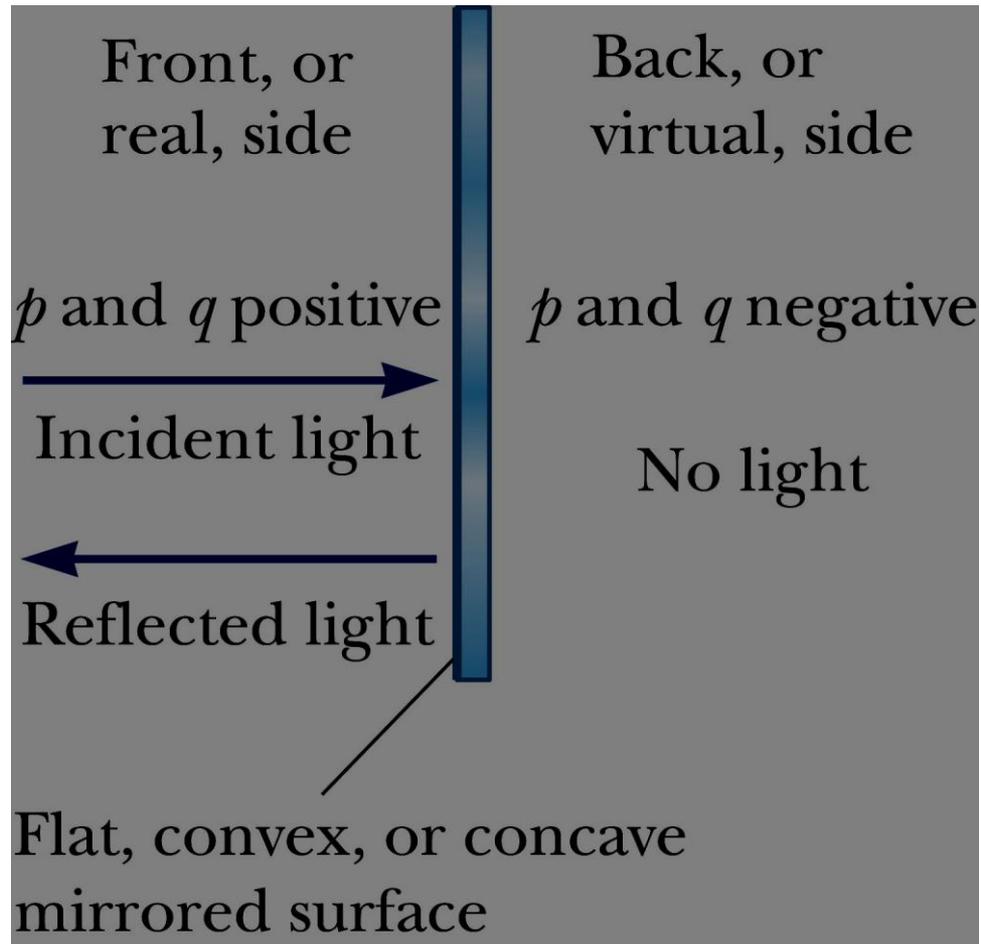
# Image Formed by a Convex Mirror



# Convex Mirror, Equations

- The equations for convex mirrors are the same as for concave mirrors.
  - Need to use sign conventions
- A positive sign is used where the light is
  - In front (the front side) of the mirror
- A negative sign is used behind the mirror.
  - The back side
  - Where virtual images are formed

# Diagram for Signs



# Sign Conventions for Mirrors

**Table 23.1** Sign Conventions for Mirrors

Quantity	Symbol	In Front	In Back	Upright Image	Inverted Image
Object location	$p$	+	-		
Image location	$q$	+	-		
Focal length	$f$	+	-		
Image height	$h'$			+	-
Magnification	$M$			+	-

# Ray Diagrams

- A *ray diagram* can be used to determine the position and size of an image.
- They are graphical constructions which tell the overall nature of the image.
- They can also be used to check the parameters calculated from the mirror and magnification equations.

# Drawing A Ray Diagram

- To make the ray diagram, you need to know
  - The position of the object
  - The position of the center of curvature
- Three rays are drawn
  - They all start from the same position on the object
- The intersection of any two of the rays at a point locates the image.
  - The third ray serves as a check of the construction.

# The Rays in a Ray Diagram

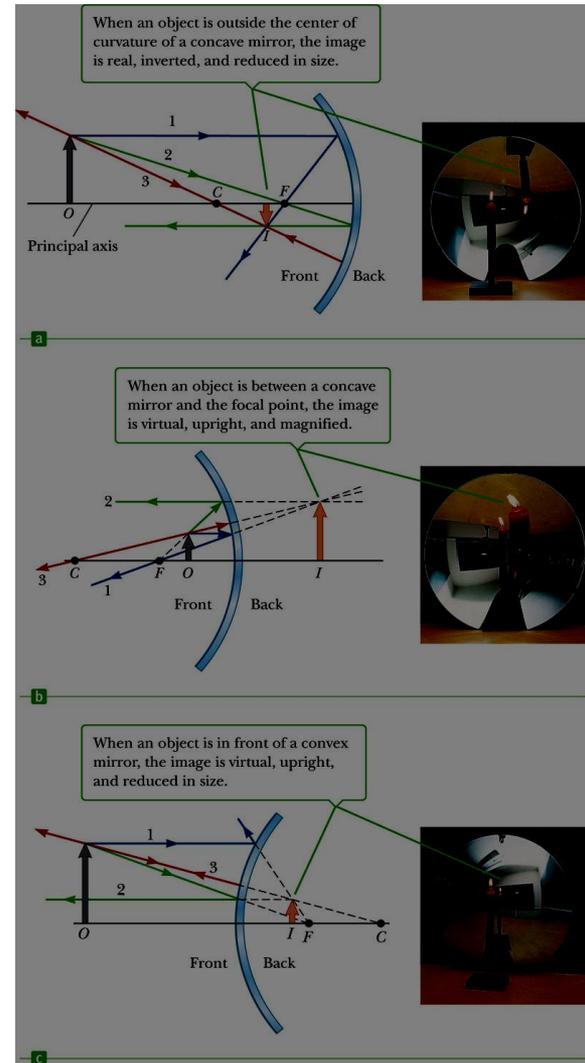
- Ray 1 is drawn parallel to the principle axis and is reflected back through the focal point, F.
- Ray 2 is drawn through the focal point and is reflected parallel to the principle axis.
- Ray 3 is drawn through the center of curvature and is reflected back on itself.

# Notes About the Rays

- The rays actually go in all directions from the object.
- The three rays were chosen for their ease of construction.
- The image point obtained by the ray diagram must agree with the value of  $q$  calculated from the mirror equation.

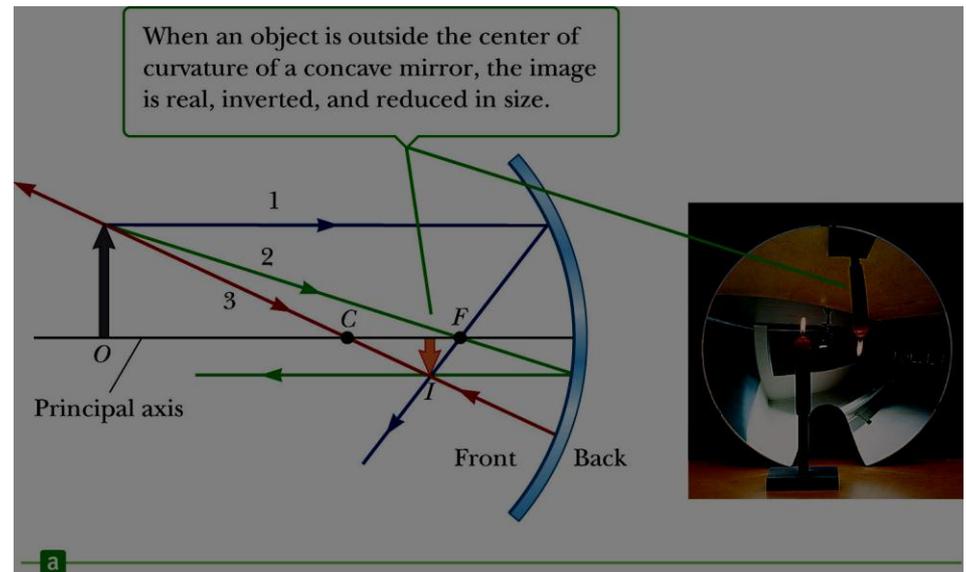
# Ray Diagram Examples

- Note the changes in the image as the object moves through the focal point.



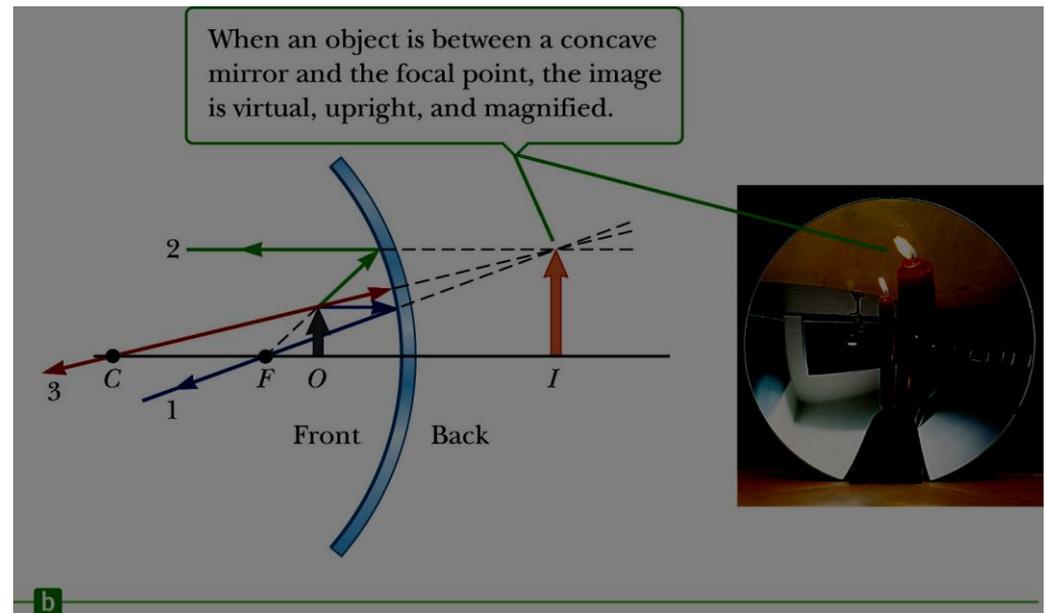
# Ray Diagram for Concave Mirror, $p > R$

- The object is outside the center of curvature of the mirror.
- The image is real.
- The image is inverted.
- The image is smaller than the object.



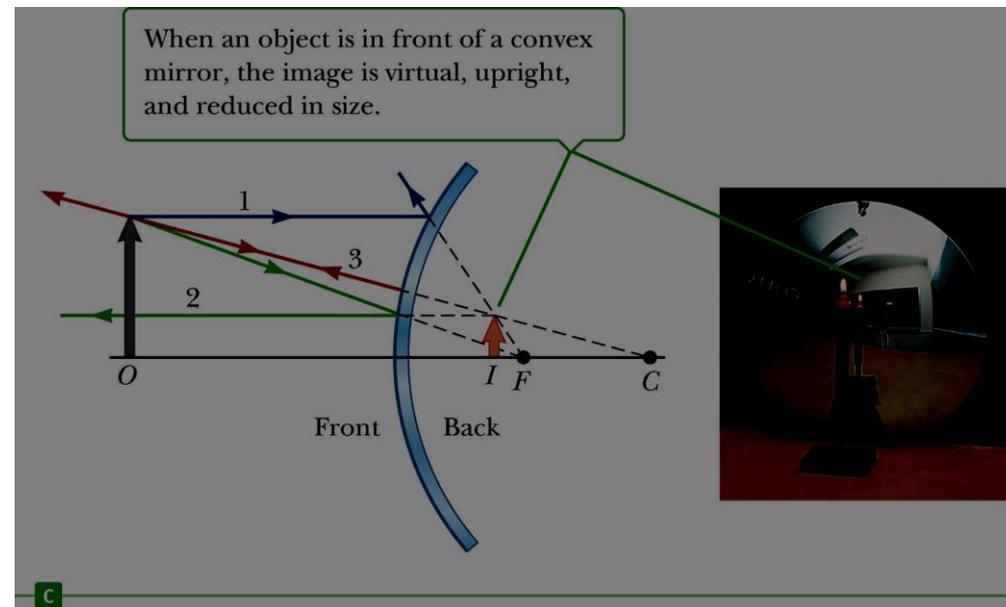
# Ray Diagram for a Concave Mirror, $p < f$

- The object is between the mirror and the focal point.
- The image is virtual.
- The image is upright.
- The image is larger than the object.



# Ray Diagram for a Convex Mirror

- The object is in front of a convex mirror.
- The image is virtual.
- The image is upright.
- The image is smaller than the object.



# Notes on Images

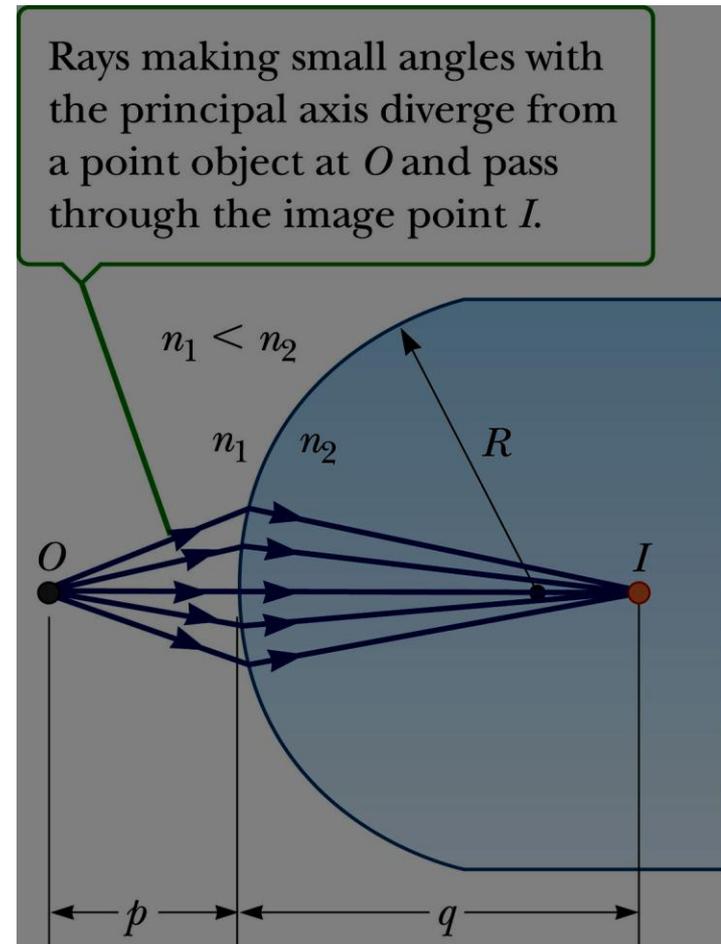
- With a concave mirror, the image may be either real or virtual.
  - When the object is outside the focal point, the image is real.
  - When the object is at the focal point, the image is infinitely far away.
  - When the object is between the mirror and the focal point, the image is virtual.
- With a convex mirror, the image is always virtual and upright.
  - As the object distance increases, the virtual image gets smaller.

# Images Formed by Refraction

- Rays originate from the object point,  $O$ , and pass through the image point,  $I$
- When  $n_2 > n_1$ ,

$$\frac{n_1}{p} + \frac{n_2}{q} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R}$$
$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{n_1 q}{n_2 p}$$

- Real images are formed on the side opposite from the object.



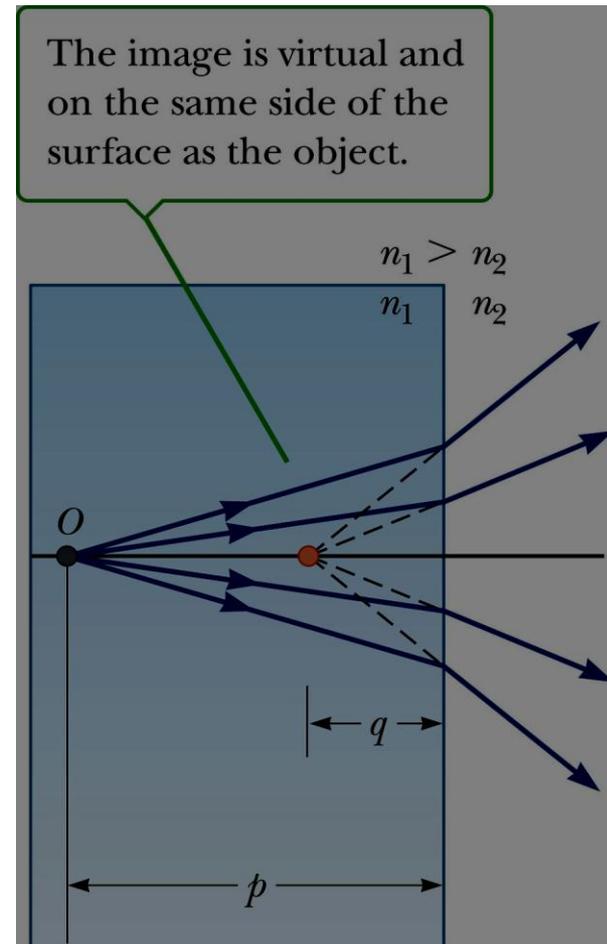
# Sign Conventions for Refracting Surfaces

**Table 23.2** Sign Conventions for Refracting Surfaces

Quantity	Symbol	In Front	In Back	Upright Image	Inverted Image
Object location	$p$	+	-		
Image location	$q$	-	+		
Radius	$R$	-	+		
Image height	$h'$			+	-

# Flat Refracting Surface

- The image formed by a flat refracting surface is on the *same* side of the surface as the object.
- The image is *virtual*.
- The image forms between the object and the surface.
- The rays bend away from the normal since  $n_1 > n_2$

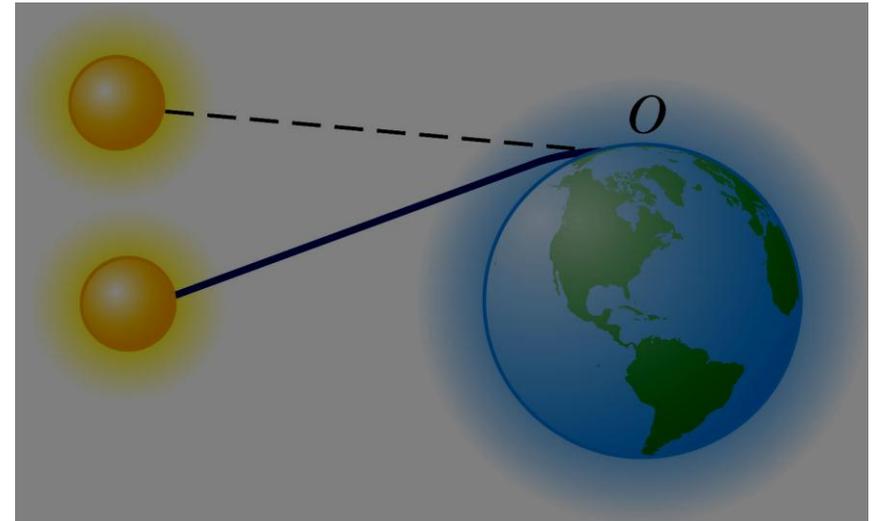


# Atmospheric Refraction

- There are many interesting results of refraction in the atmosphere.
  - Sun's position
  - Mirages

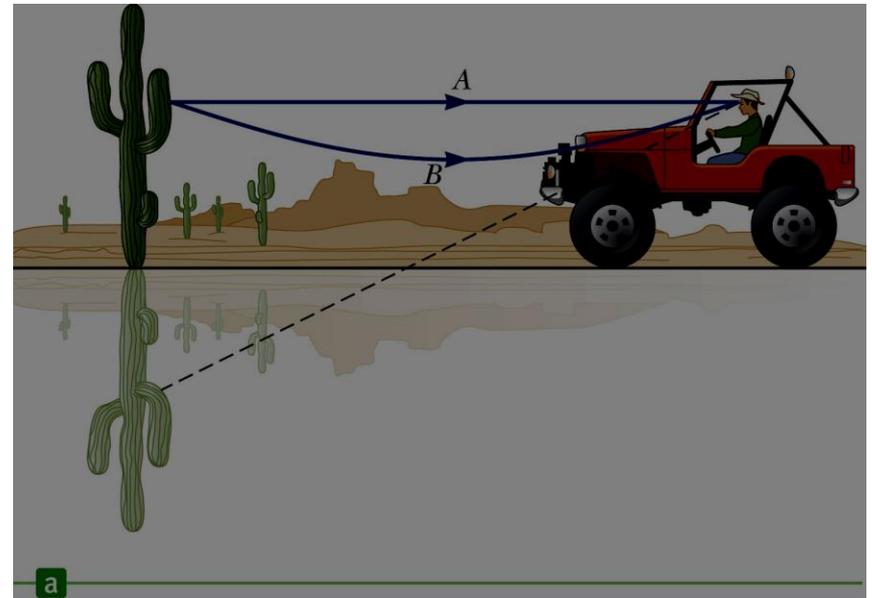
# Atmospheric Refraction and Sun's Position

- Light rays from the sun are bent as they pass into the atmosphere.
- It is a gradual bend because the light passes through layers of the atmosphere.
  - Each layer has a slightly different index of refraction.
- The Sun is seen to be above the horizon even after it has fallen below it.



# Atmospheric Refraction and Mirages

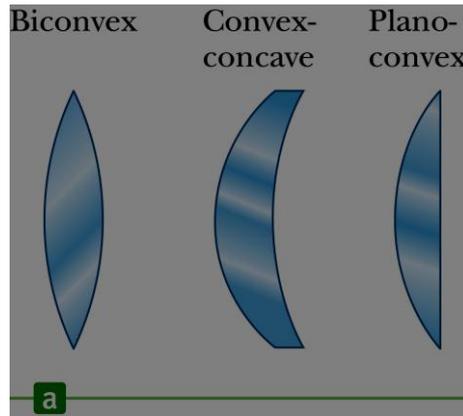
- A mirage can be observed when the air above the ground is warmer than the air at higher elevations.
- The rays in path B are directed toward the ground and then bent by refraction.
- The observer sees both an upright and an inverted image.



# Thin Lenses

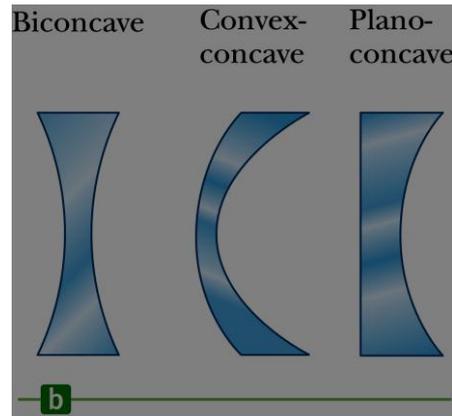
- A thin lens consists of a piece of glass or plastic, ground so that each of its two refracting surfaces is a segment of either a sphere or a plane.
- Lenses are commonly used to form images by refraction in optical instruments.

# Thin Lens Shapes



- These are examples of *converging* lenses.
- They have positive focal lengths.
- They are thickest in the middle.

# More Thin Lens Shapes

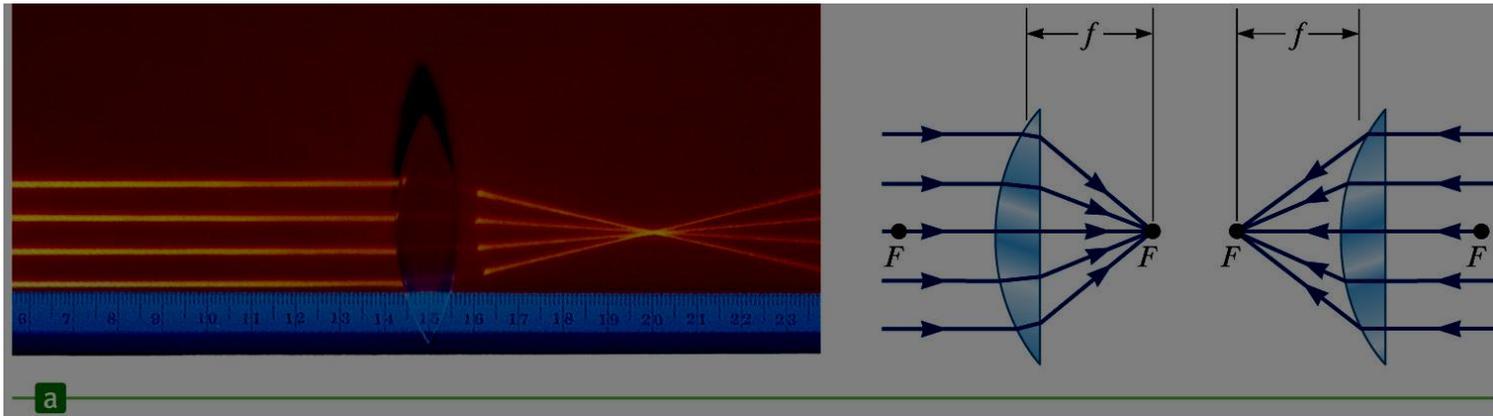


- These are examples of *diverging* lenses.
- They have negative focal lengths.
- They are thickest at the edges.

# Focal Length of Lenses

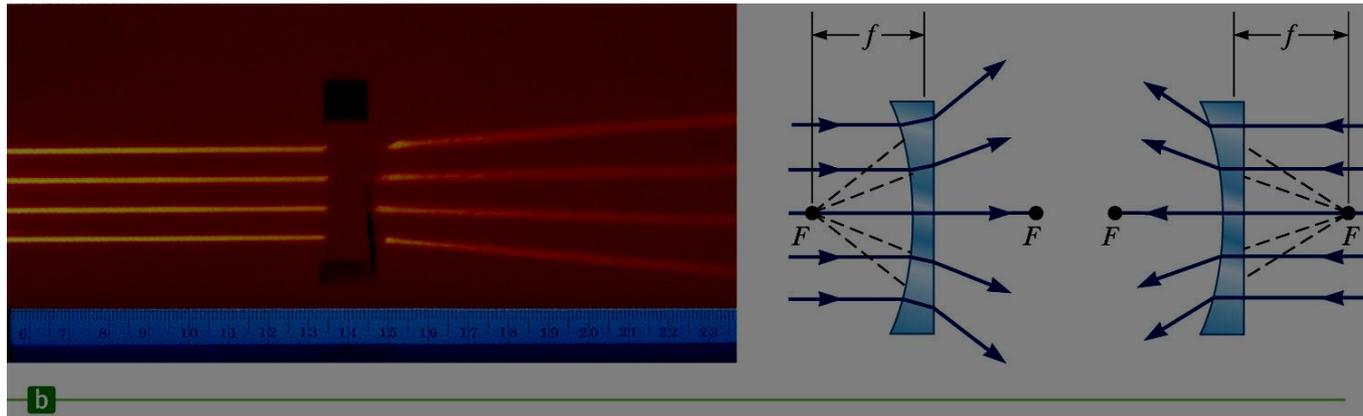
- The focal length,  $f$ , is the image distance that corresponds to an infinite object distance.
  - This is the same as for mirrors.
- A thin lens has two focal points, corresponding to parallel rays from the left and from the right.
  - A thin lens is one in which the distance between the surface of the lens and the center of the lens is negligible.

# Focal Length of a Converging Lens



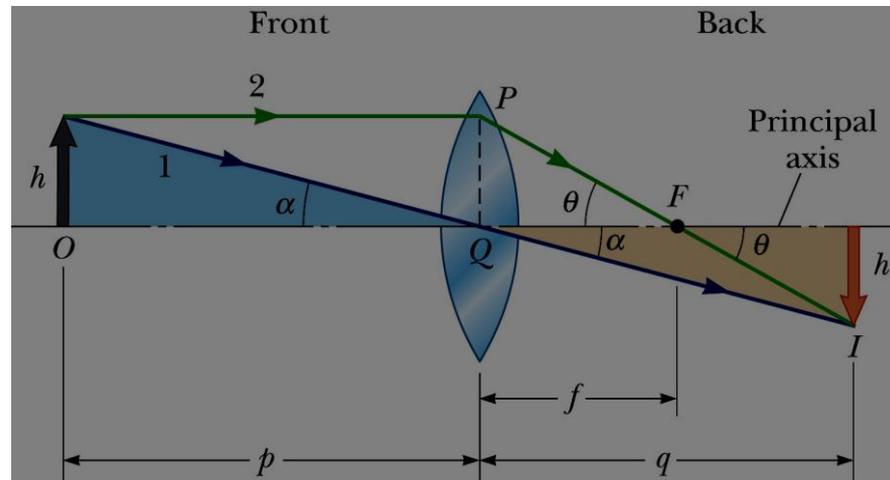
- The parallel rays pass through the lens and converge at the focal point.
- The parallel rays can come from the left or right of the lens.

# Focal Length of a Diverging Lens



- The parallel rays diverge after passing through the diverging lens.
- The focal point is the point where the rays appear to have originated.

# Lens Equations

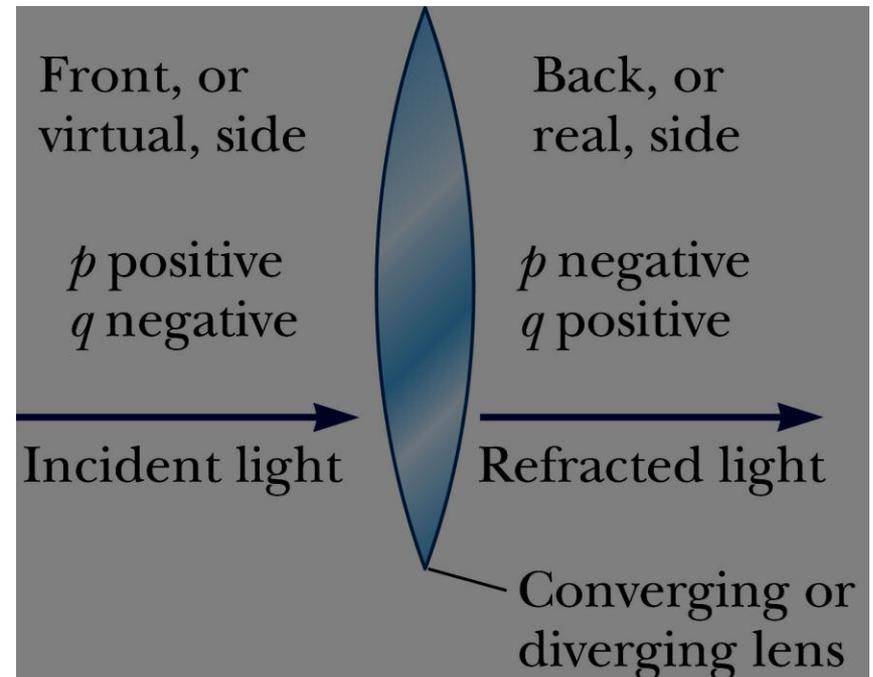


- The geometric derivation of the equations is very similar to that of mirrors.

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{q}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{f}$$

# Lens Equations and Signs

- The equations can be used for both converging and diverging lenses.
  - A converging lens has a positive focal length.
  - A diverging lens has a negative focal length.
- See other sign conventions in the diagram.



# Sign Conventions, Table

**Table 23.3** Sign Conventions for Thin Lenses

Quantity	Symbol	In Front	In Back	Convergent	Divergent
Object location	$p$	+	-		
Image location	$q$	-	+		
Lens radii	$R_1, R_2$	-	+		
Focal length	$f$			+	-

# Focal Length for a Lens

- The focal length of a lens is related to the curvature of its front and back surfaces and the index of refraction of the material.

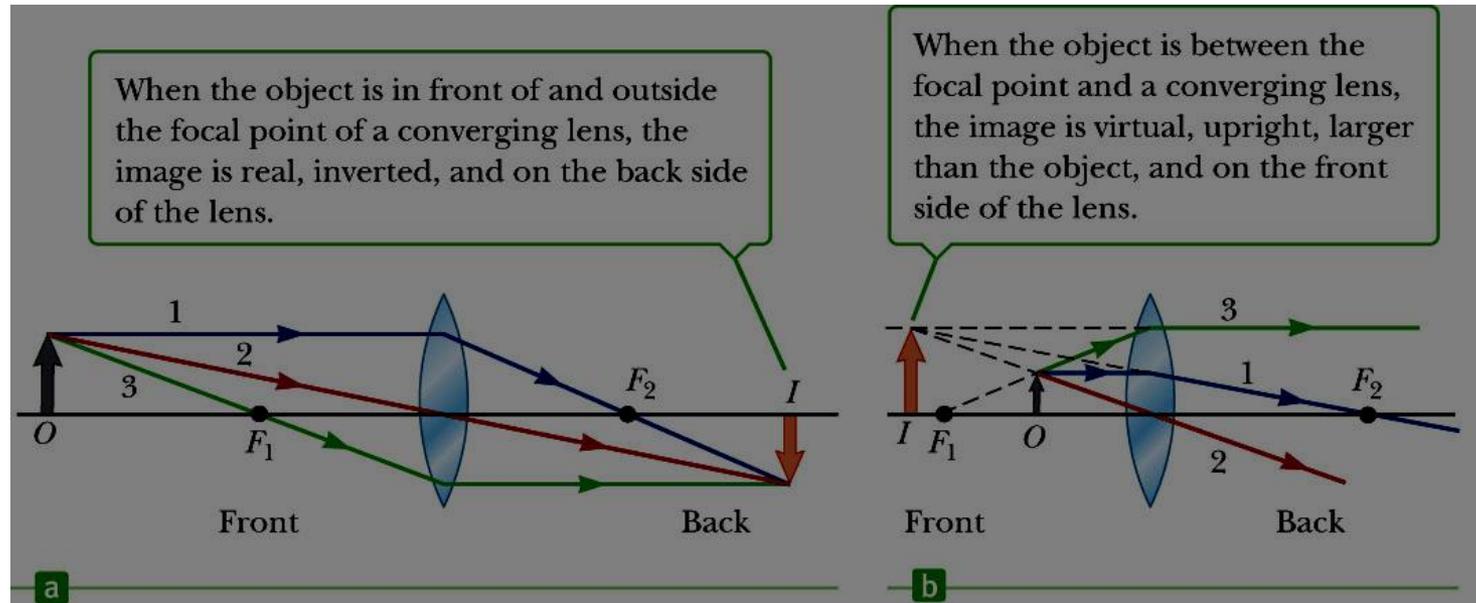
$$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

- This is called the *lens-maker's equation*.

# Ray Diagrams for Thin Lenses

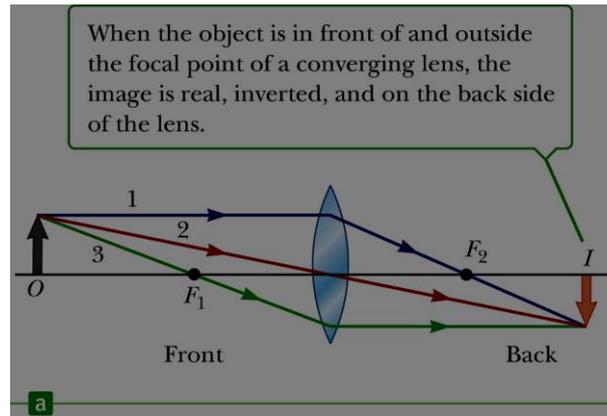
- Ray diagrams are essential for understanding the overall image formation.
- Three rays are drawn.
  - The first ray is drawn parallel to the first principle axis and then passes through (or appears to come from) one of the focal lengths.
  - The second ray is drawn through the center of the lens and continues in a straight line.
  - The third ray is drawn from the other focal point and emerges from the lens parallel to the principle axis.
- There are an infinite number of rays, these are convenient

# Ray Diagram Examples



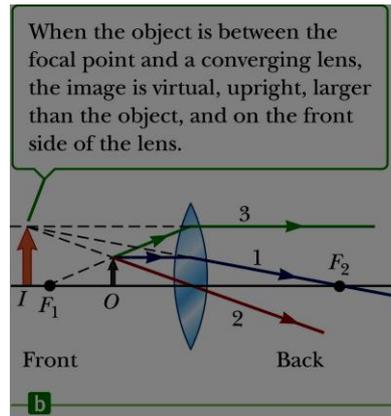
- Note the changes in the image as the object moves through the focal point.

# Ray Diagram for Converging Lens, $p > f$



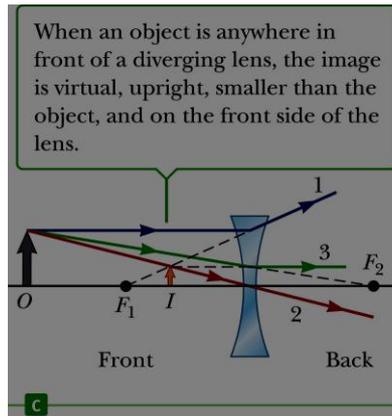
- The image is real.
- The image is inverted.
- The image is on the back side of the lens.

# Ray Diagram for Converging Lens, $p < f$



- The image is virtual.
- The image is upright.
- The image is on the front side of the lens.

# Ray Diagram for Diverging Lens



- The image is virtual.
- The image is upright.
- The image is on the front side of the lens.

# Thin Lens, Final Notes

- The point of intersection of any two of these rays can be used to locate the image.
  - The third ray serves as a check.
- The values of  $p$  and  $q$  are positive where the light is.
  - For real objects, the light originates with the object in front of the lens.
  - So  $p$  is positive
    - If the image is in back of the lens,  $q$  is positive.

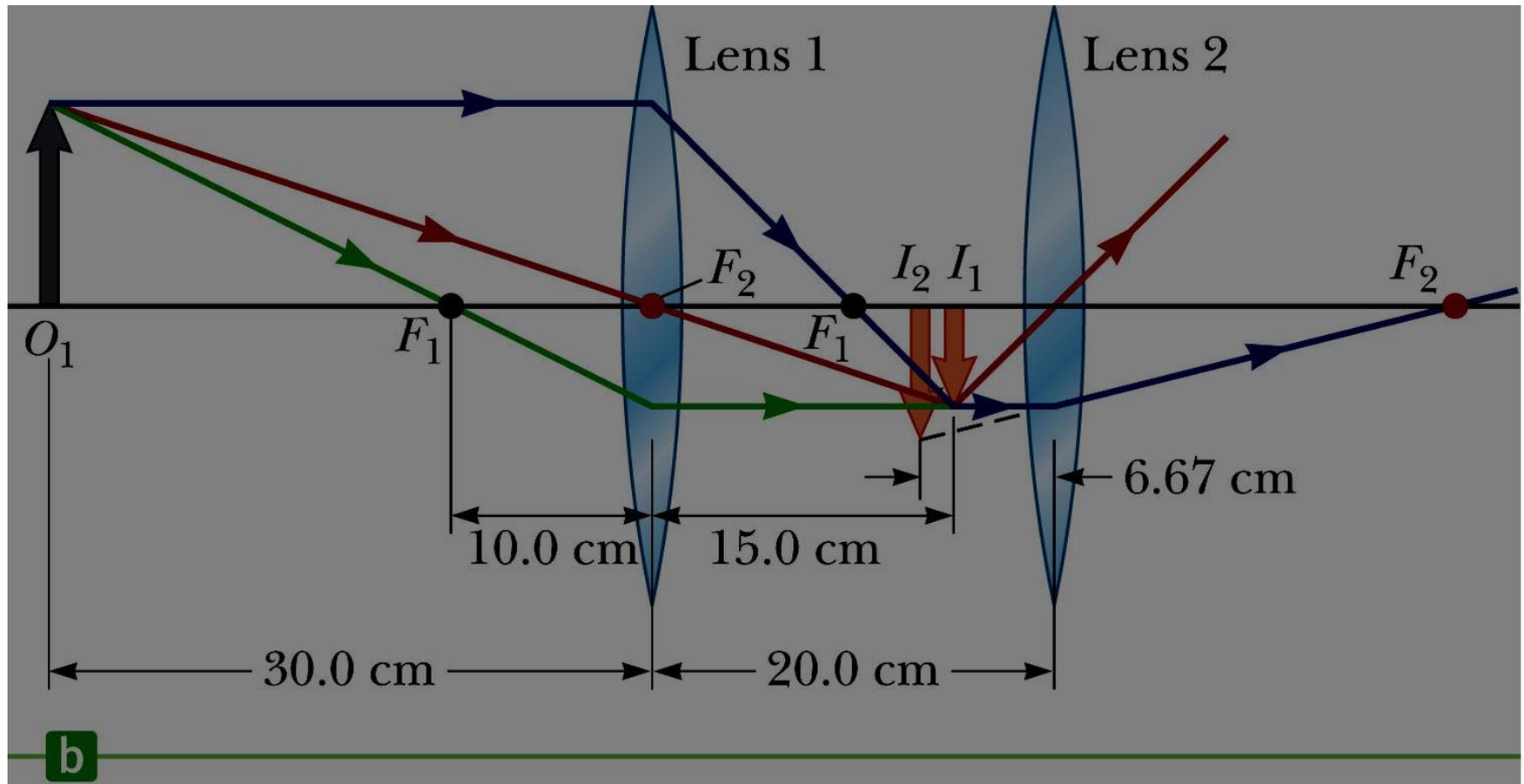
# Combinations of Thin Lenses

- The image produced by the first lens is calculated as though the second lens were not present.
- The light then approaches the second lens as if it had come from the image of the first lens.
- The image formed by the first lens is treated as the object for the second lens.*
- The image formed by the second lens is the final image of the system.

# Combination of Thin Lenses, 2

- If the image formed by the first lens lies on the back side of the second lens, then the image is treated as a *virtual object* for the second lens.
  - $p$  will be negative
- The overall *magnification* is the product of the magnification of the separate lenses.
- It is also possible to combine thin lenses and mirrors.

# Combination of Thin Lenses, Example

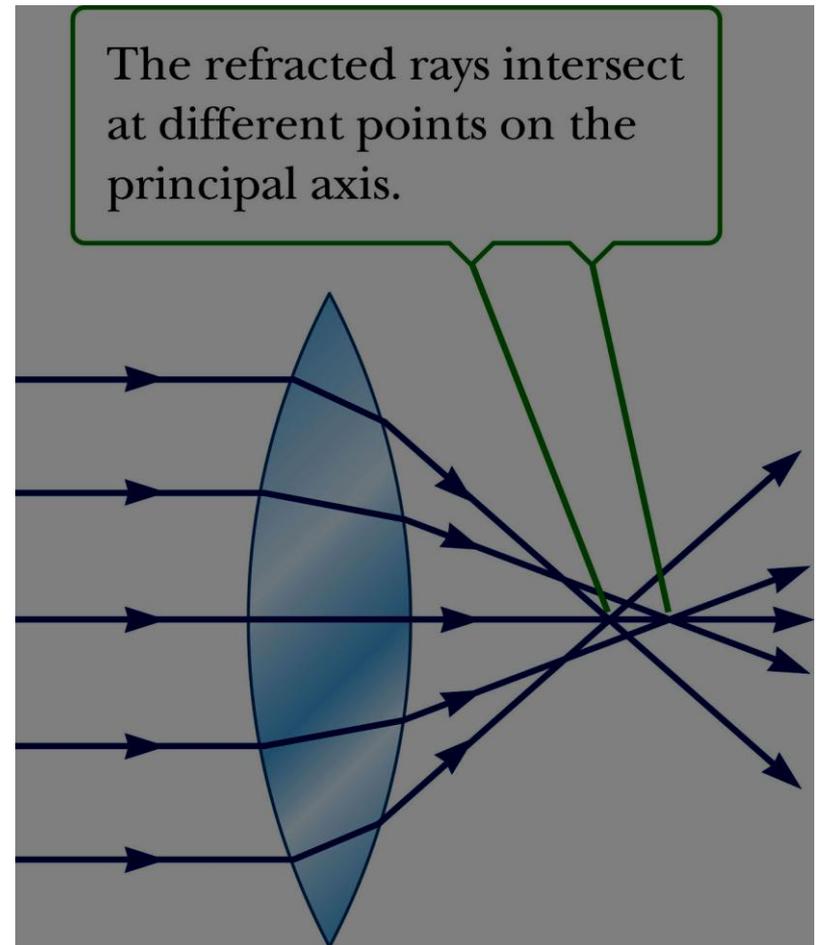


# Lens and Mirror Aberrations

- One of the basic problems of systems containing mirrors and lenses is the imperfect quality of the images.
  - Largely the result of defects in shape and form
- Two common types of aberrations exist
  - Spherical aberration
  - Chromatic aberration

# Spherical Aberration

- Results from the focal points of light rays far from the principle axis are different from the focal points of rays passing near the axis.
- For a mirror, parabolic shapes can be used to correct for spherical aberration.



# Chromatic Aberration

- Different wavelengths of light refracted by a lens focus at different points.
  - Violet rays are refracted more than red rays.
  - The focal length for red light is greater than the focal length for violet light.
- Chromatic aberration can be minimized by the use of a combination of converging and diverging lenses.

