

Lecture 24.

Friday, Nov. 5, 2004

- Refraction.

Snell's Law.

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

- Total internal reflection.

When light is going from a medium with a higher index of refraction to a medium with a lower index of refraction. (e.g., water to air).

There exist a critical angle:

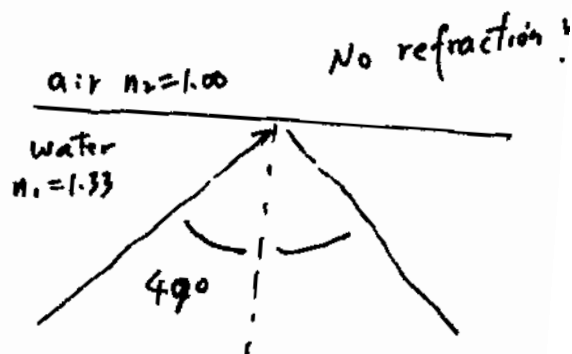
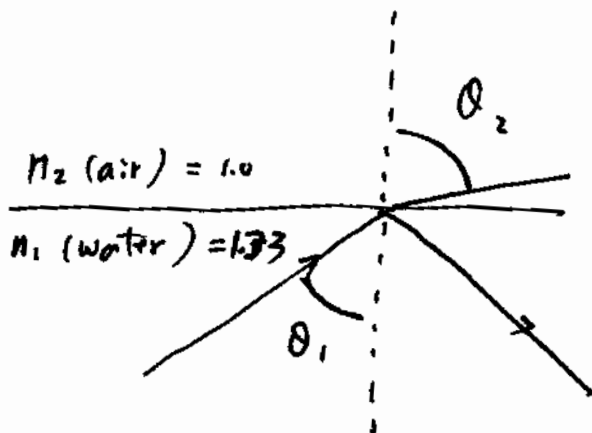
$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

when  $\theta_i > \theta_c$ .

Then, total internal reflection!

No refraction anymore!

e.g:  $\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1.0}{1.33} \right) \approx 48.8^\circ$



• Image

Demo

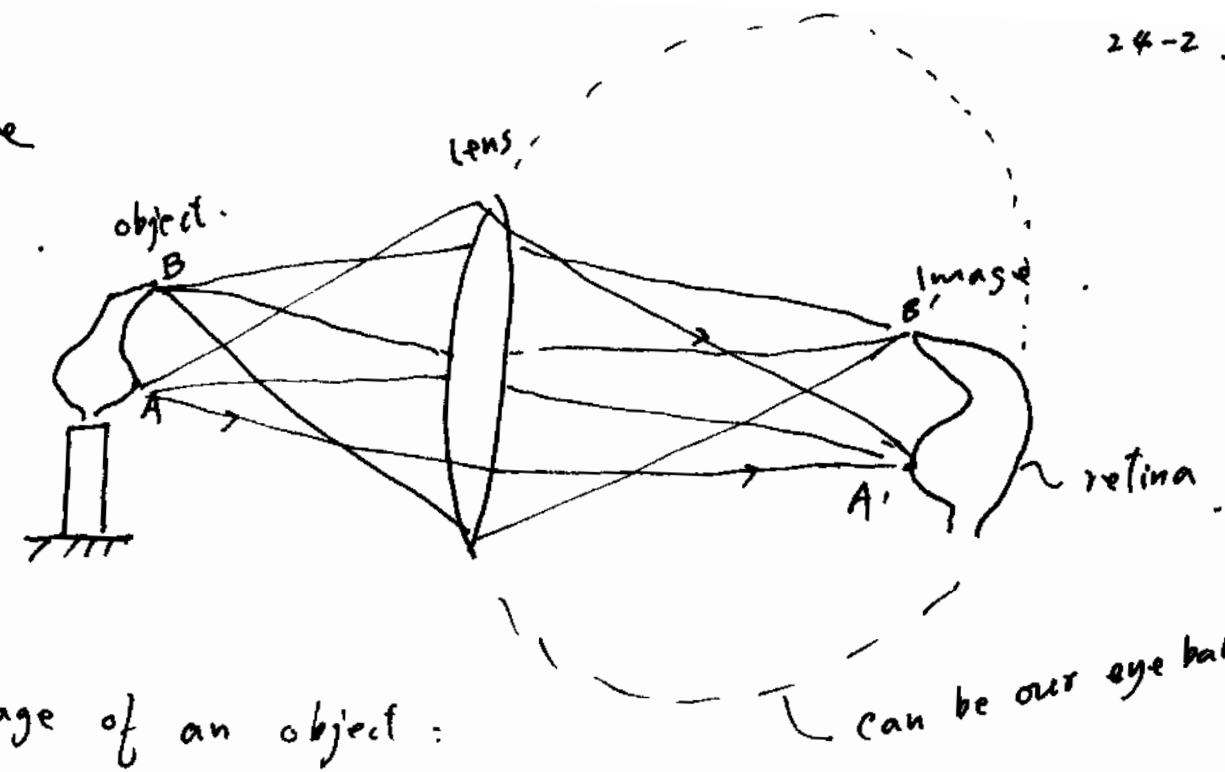


Image of an object :

One-to-one mapping of point sources of light .

$$A \rightarrow A'$$

$$B \rightarrow B'$$

• Real image on the screen .

When the image is formed on the screen, light is reflected (scattered, emitted) at every point of the image, to all the directions .

(Real : light rays <sup>actually</sup> cross there)   
 ↖ image .

• Question :

Can we see the image without the screen ?

• Demo .



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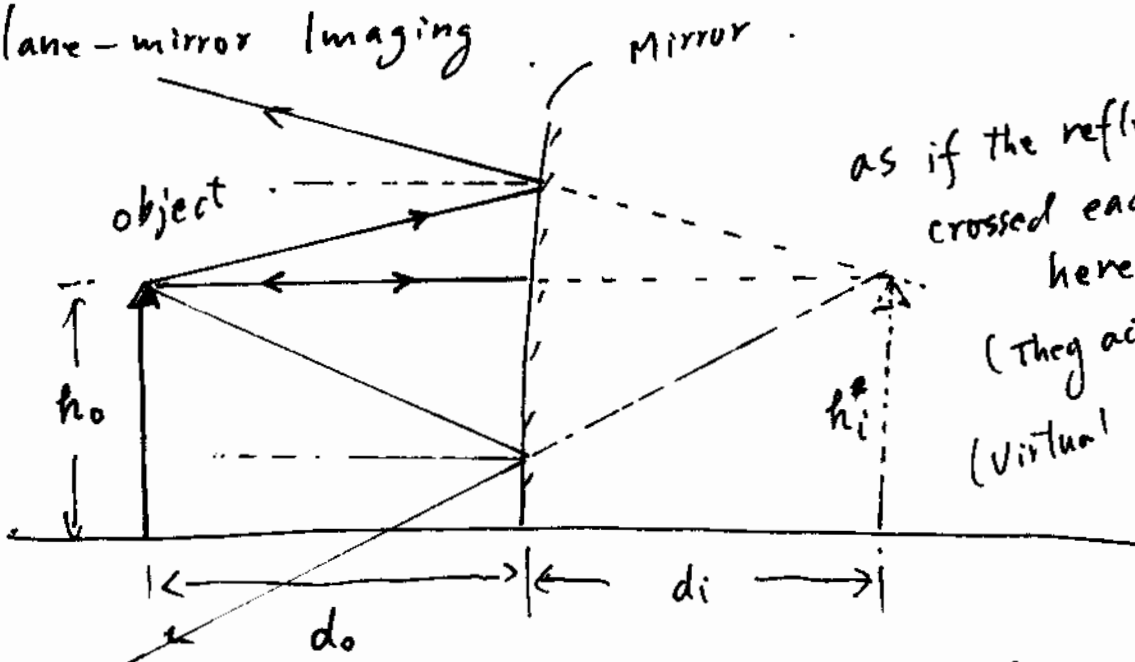
Why do we need a screen

when seeing a movie ?

( More people can see it ) .

Images on the screen are sending lights  
to all ~~the~~ directions .

• Plane-mirror Imaging



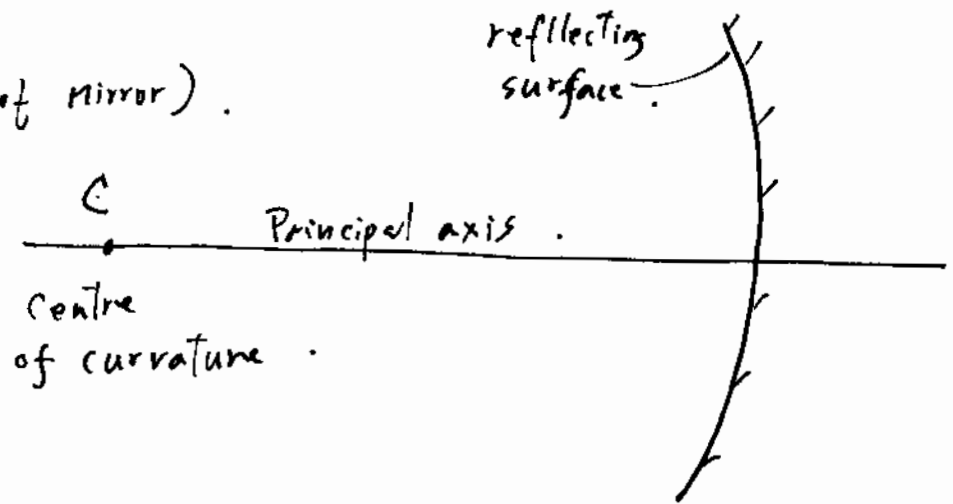
as if the reflected rays  
crossed each other  
here .  
( They actually don't ! )  
( Virtual image .

Use two or three rays to locate the image of a point object.

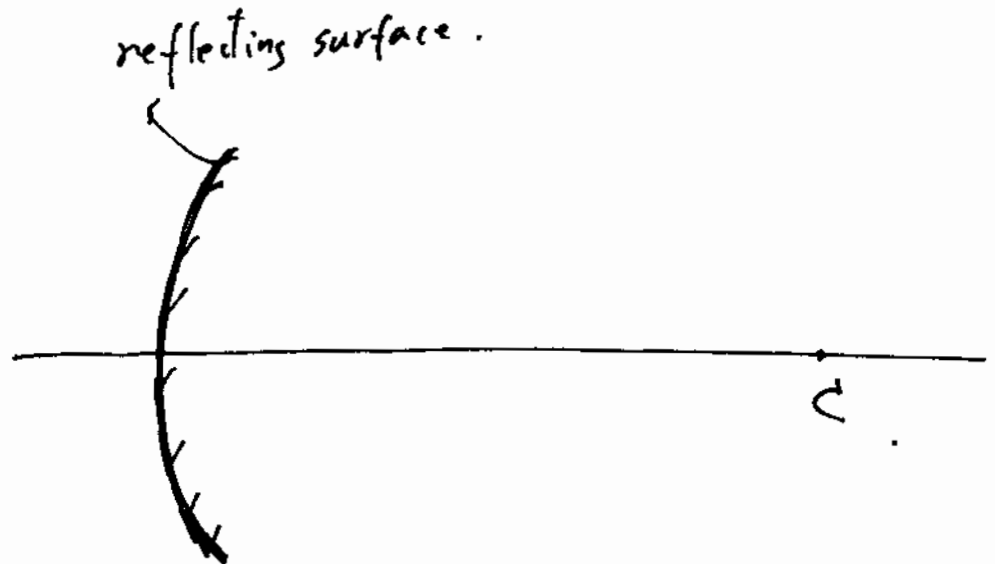
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} h_o = h_i, \quad d_o = -d_i \\ \text{(upright)} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} + \text{ --- in front of mirror} \\ - \text{ --- behind the mirror.} \end{array}$$

• Spherical Mirrors .

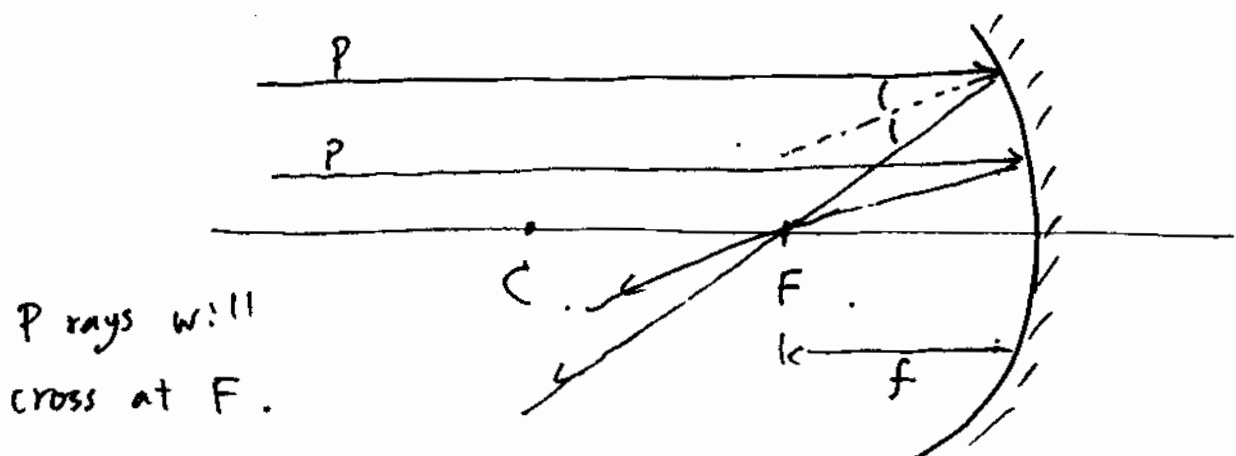
- Concave .  
(C is in front of mirror) .



- Convex .  
C is behind the mirror .



- Small angle approximations . (  $\sin \theta \approx \theta \approx \tan \theta$  )

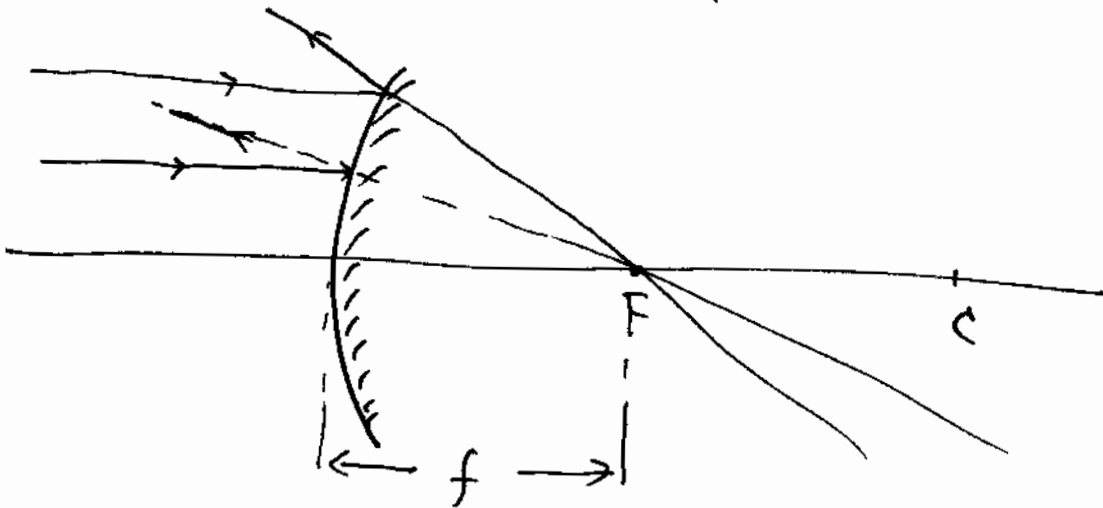


P rays will  
cross at F .

$$f = \frac{1}{2}R . \quad R - \text{radius of curvature .}$$

All the rays parallel to the principal axis will cross  
 (after reflecting from the mirror)  
 a point  $\curvearrowright$  Focal point. (F).  
 (Focus).

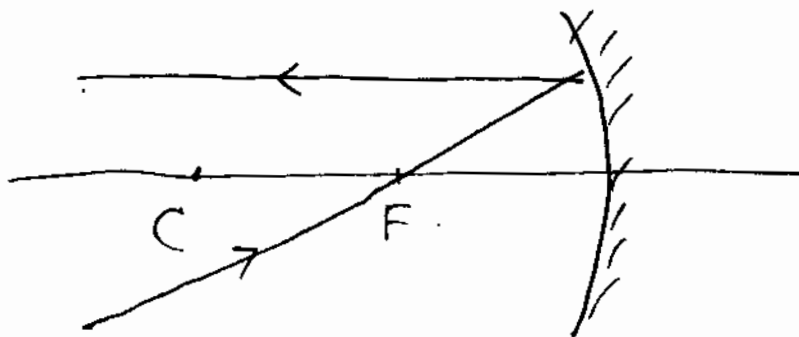
For a convex mirror, The <sup>extension of</sup> reflected rays will meet at F.

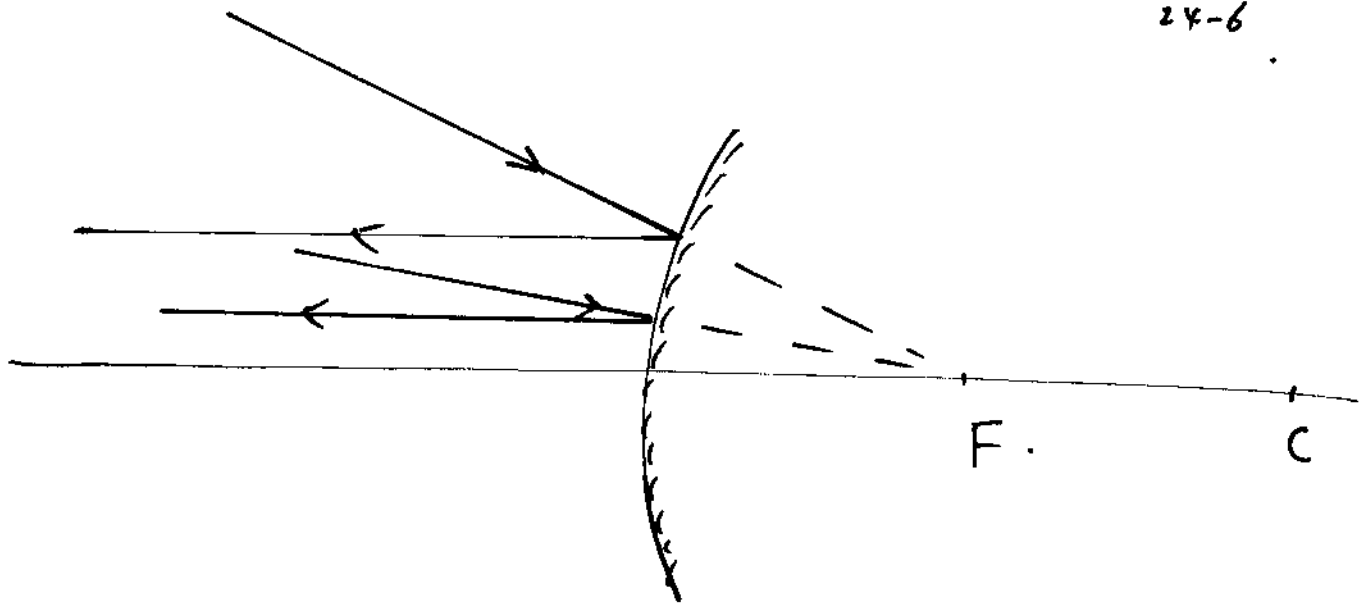


$$f = -\frac{1}{2}R \quad (-) \text{ — behind the mirror.}$$

- Light Rays are reversible.

If a ray passes through the focus of a mirror,  
 the ~~reflected~~ reflected ray will be parallel ~~to~~ to the  
 principal axis





- Find the image of an object by Ray Tracing .  
     ↑ location, size, orientation .

- Representative rays . (Principal rays) .

- ① P ray : The parallel ray reflects through the focal point .
- ② F ray : The focal ray reflects parallel to the axis .
- ③ C ray : The centre-~~of~~-curvature ray reflects back along its incoming path .

Any two of them will determine the image .

We can use the third as a check .