

# Optics for Engineers

## Chapter 2

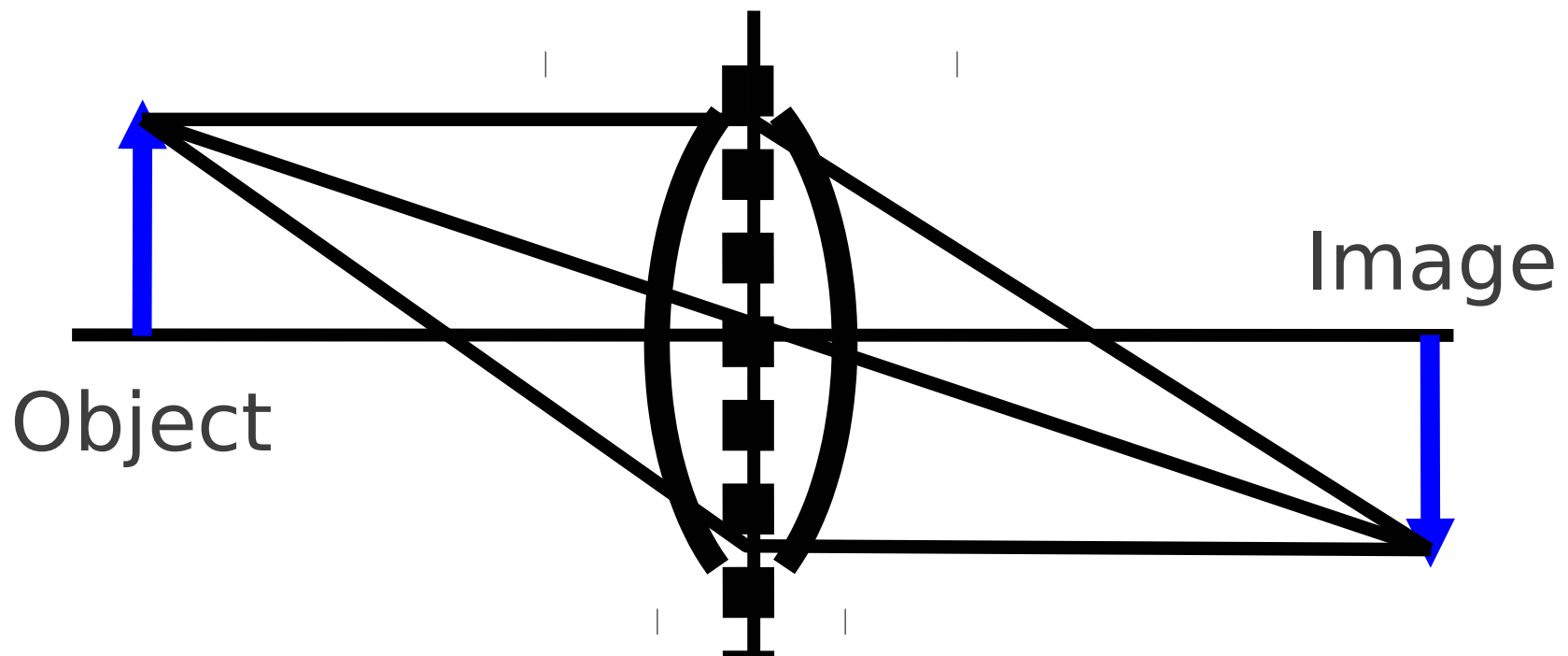
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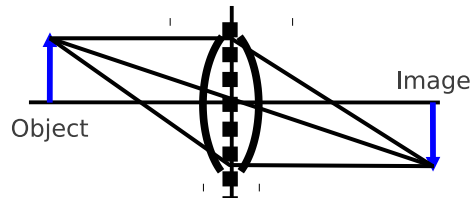
# Outline of Geometric Optics

- Chapter 2
  - Snell's Law from Fermat's Principle
  - Mirrors and Refractive Surfaces
  - Multiple Surfaces: Simple Lenses: The Thin Lens
  - Image Location, Orientation, Magnification
- Chapter 3: Matrix Optics: Principal Planes
- Chapter 4: Stops Limit Light Gathering and FOV
- Chapter 5: Aberrations Limit Resolution
- Later: Wave Optics: Diffraction–Limited Resolution in Ch. 8

# “High-School Optics”

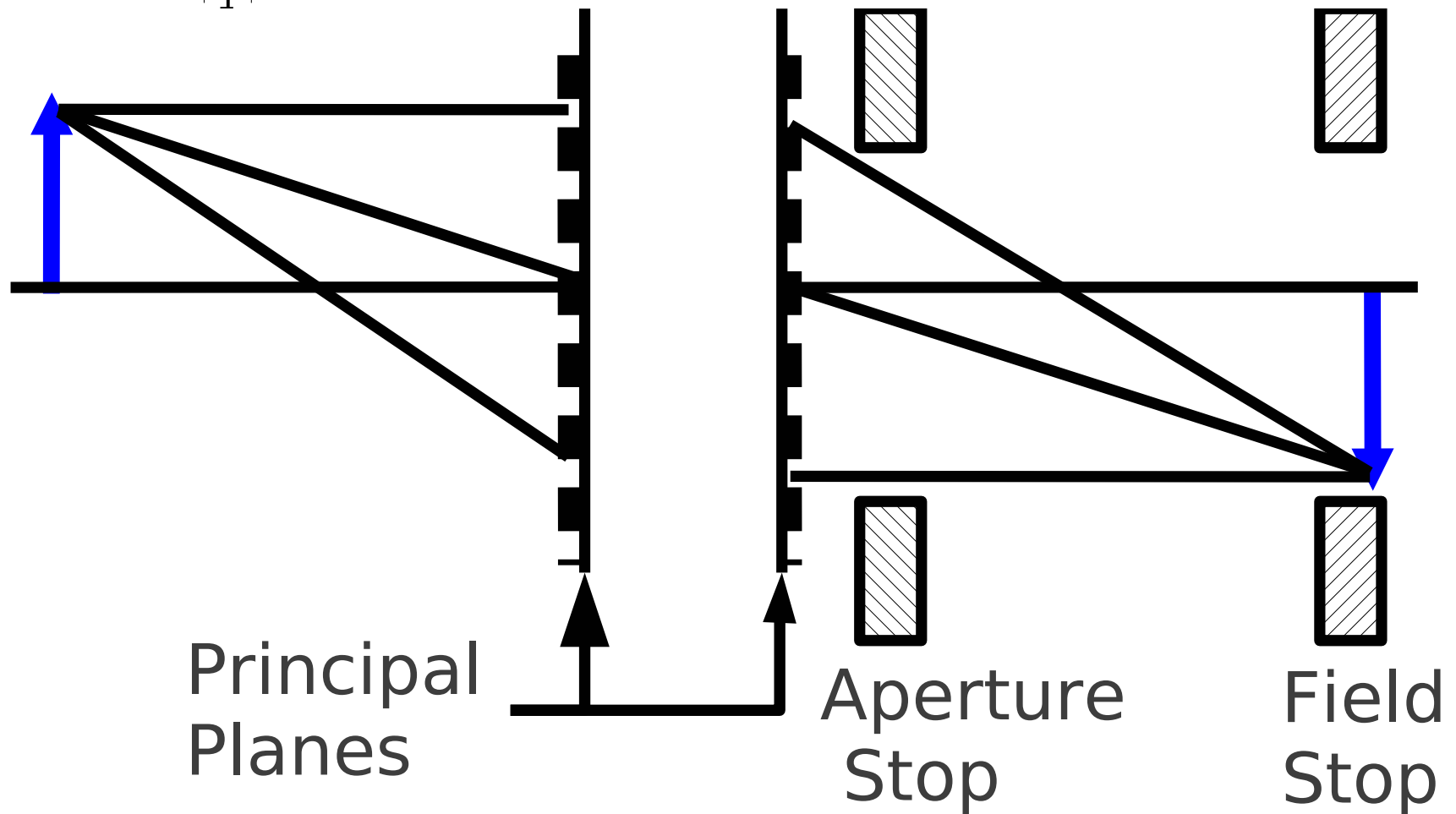


# “The AP Version”



Principal Planes: Ch. 3

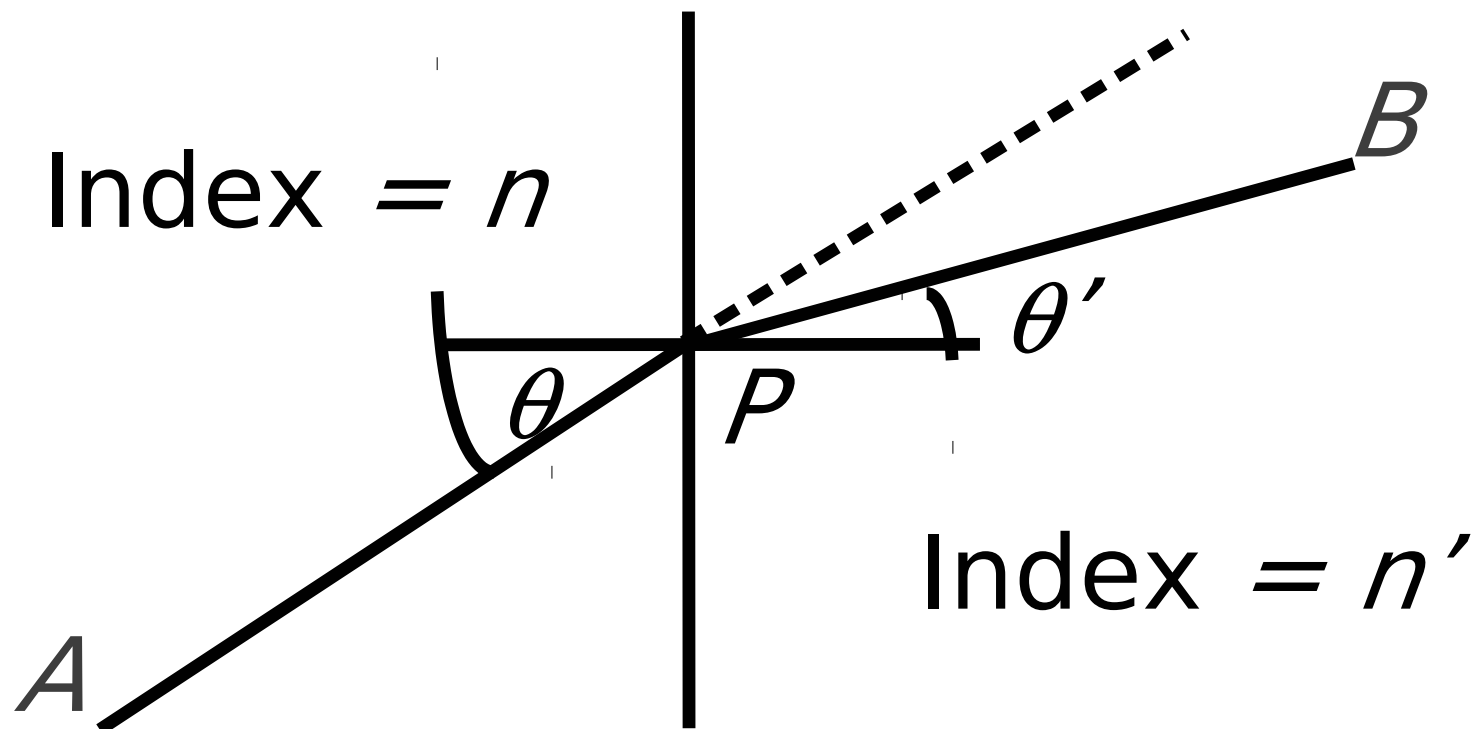
Stops: Ch. 4





# Concepts for Refraction

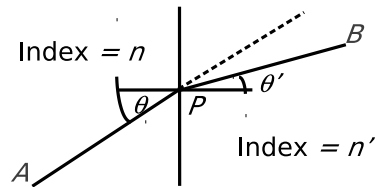
- Plane of Incidence Contains Incident (and Exiting) Ray and Normal (and is the plane of the 2-D drawing)
- Angle of Incidence Is Defined Relative to Normal



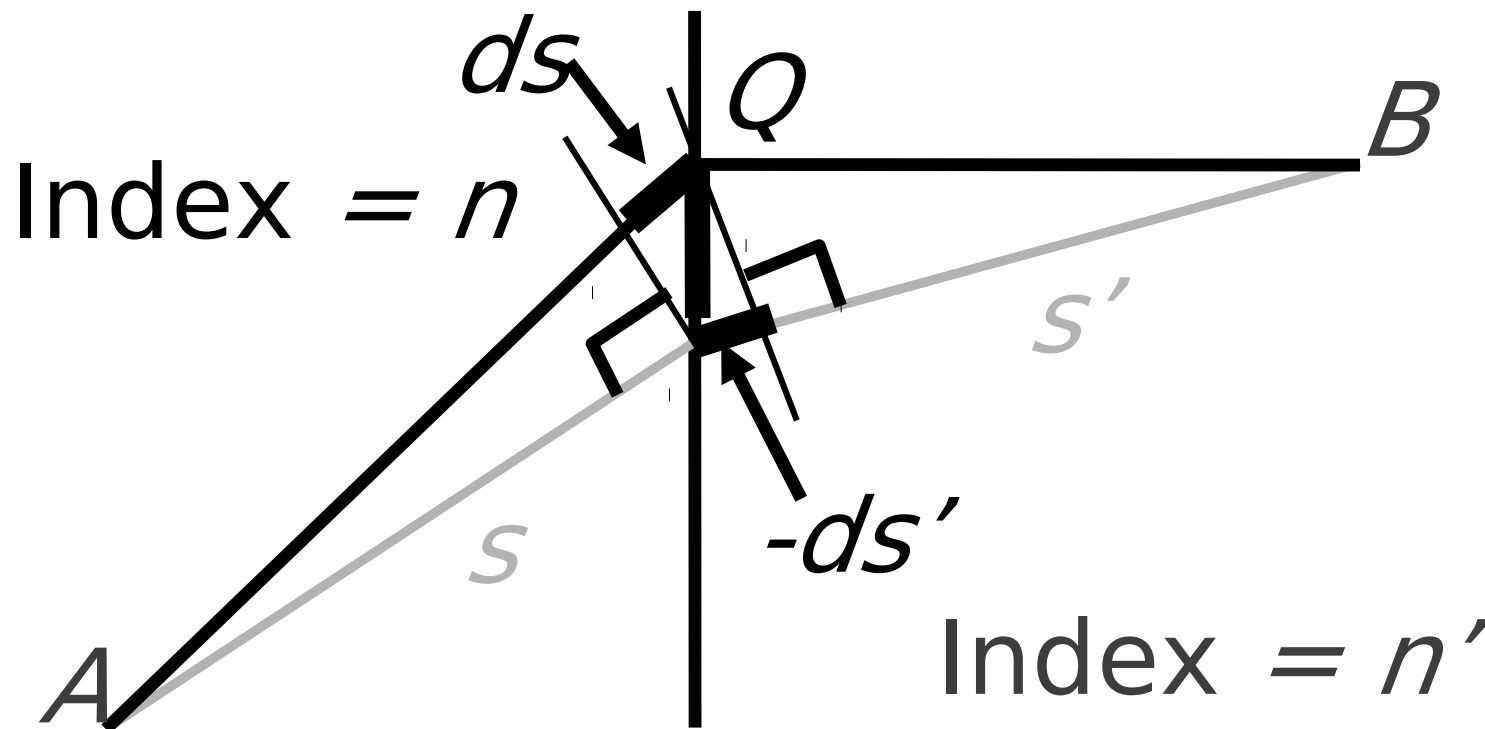
# Snell's Law

Variational Approach from Minimal Path,  $AB$

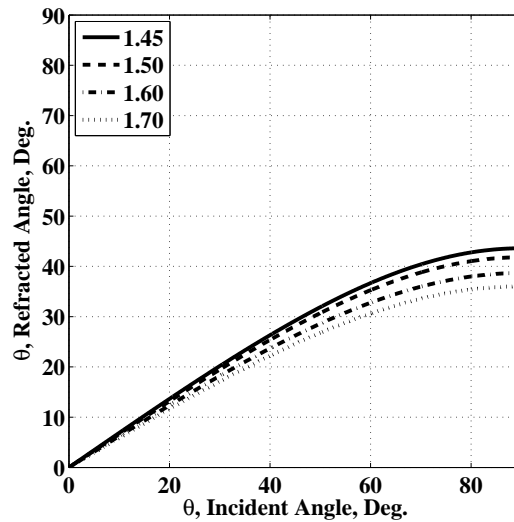
$$nds = n'ds'$$



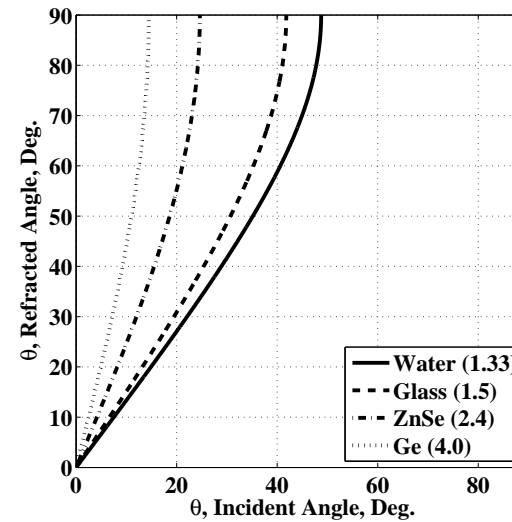
$$n \sin \theta = n' \sin \theta'.$$



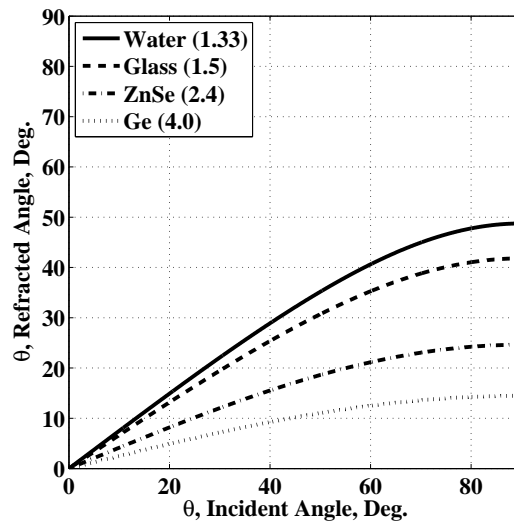
# Snell's Law: Examples



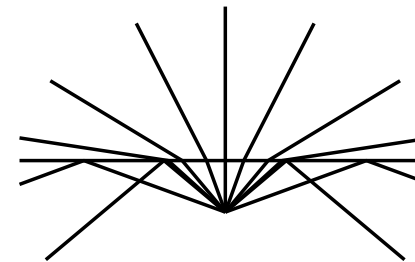
Air to Glass



Air to Material

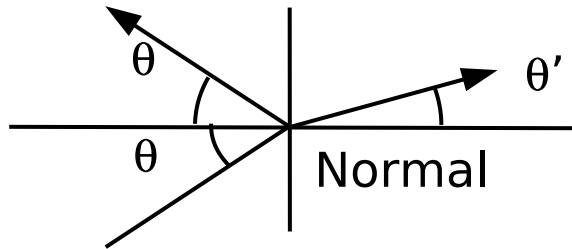


Material to Air



Total Internal Reflection

# Reflection and Refraction



Reflection:

$$\theta_r = \theta.$$



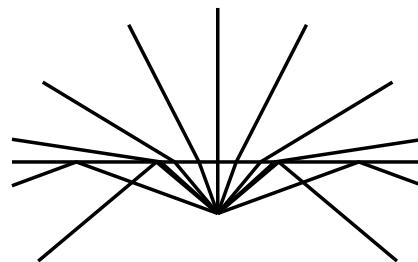
Refraction

# Total Internal Reflection

- Critical Angle (No Solution for  $\theta'$ )

$$n \sin \theta_c = 1$$

- For  $\theta < \theta_c$  Reflection and Refraction
- For  $\theta > \theta_c$  100% Reflection

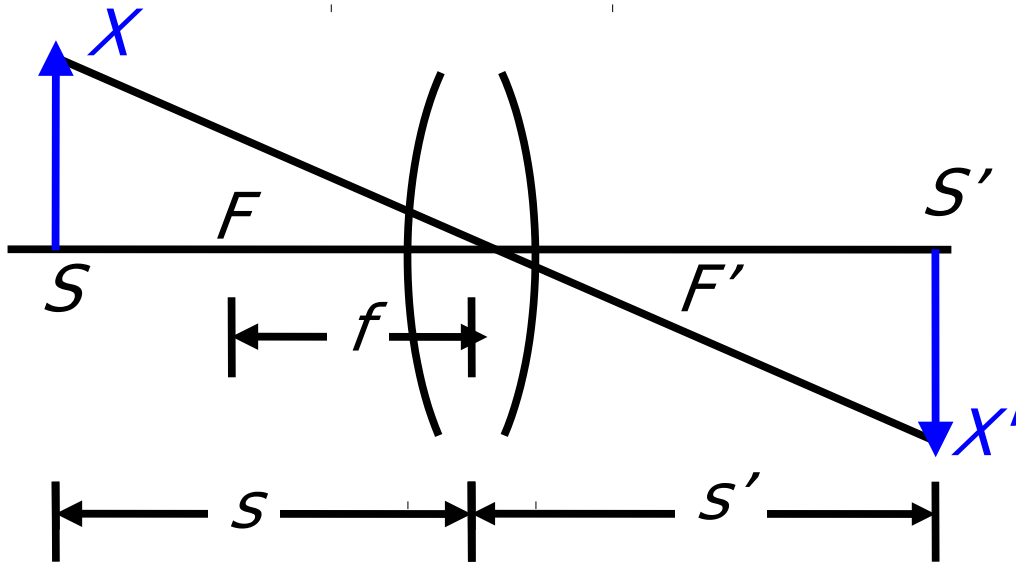


# Snell's Window

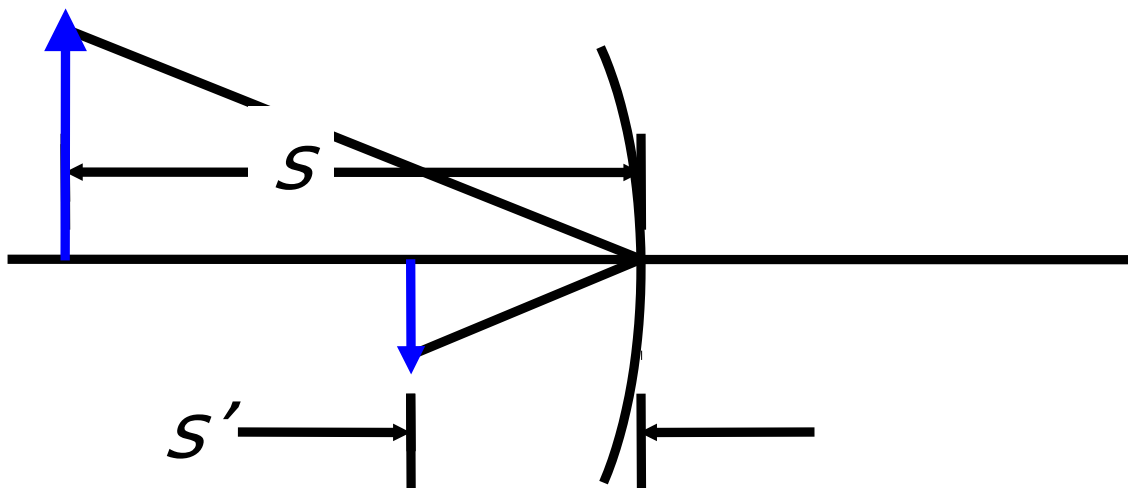


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# Imaging Sign Conventions



- Lens
  - $s > 0$  to Left
  - $s' > 0$  to Right
  - $f > 0$  for Converging



- Mirror
  - $s > 0$  to Left
  - $s' > 0$  to Left
  - $f > 0$  for Concave

# Imaging Terms

We will discuss these in detail later.

The important issues now are the definitions.

Quantity	Definition	Equation	Notes
Object distance	$s$		Positive to the left
Image distance	$s'$	$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$	Positive to the right for interface or lens. Positive to the left for mirror.
Magnification	$m = \frac{x'}{x}$	$m = -\frac{x'}{x}$	
Angular magnification	$m_\alpha = \frac{\partial \alpha'}{\partial \alpha}$	$ m_\alpha  = \frac{1}{ m }$	
Axial Magnification	$m_z = \frac{\partial s'}{\partial s}$	$ m_z  =  m ^2$	



# Reflection at a Plane Mirror (1)

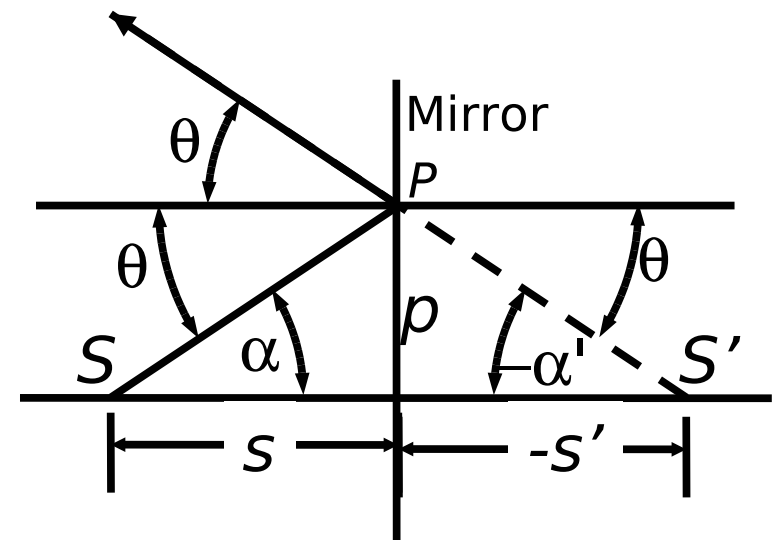
- Narcissus
- "...the looking glasses of the women..." Exodus 38:8

Image Location

Similar Triangles

$s' = -s$  (Planar reflector)

Virtual Image as Shown



- Question: Could we have a virtual object? How?

# Reflection at a Plane Mirror (2)

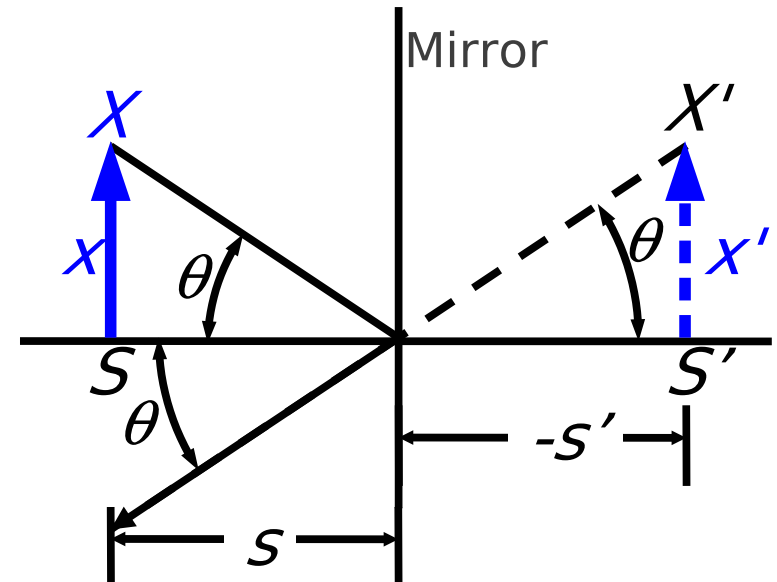
Magnification (Transverse)

More Similar Triangles

$$x' = x \quad m = 1$$

$$m = \frac{x'}{x} = \frac{-s'}{s} = 1$$

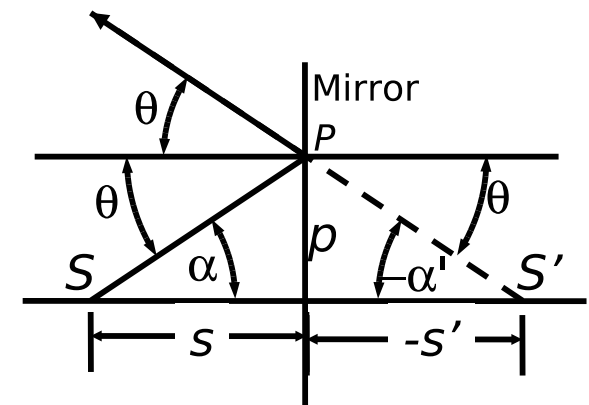
(Planar reflector)



Upright ( $m > 0$ ) & Virtual (Dotted Lines)

Angular Magnification

$$m_{\alpha} = \frac{d\alpha'}{d\alpha} = -1 \quad (\text{Planar reflector})$$



# Reflection at a Plane Mirror (3)

## Axial Magnification

$$m_z = \frac{ds'}{ds} = \frac{s'}{s} = -1 \quad (\text{Planar reflector})$$

## Summary

$$s = -s' \quad m = 1 \quad m_z = -1$$

Upright, Virtual, Perverted\*, but Not Distorted\*\*

\*Right-Handed Coordinate System Imaged to Left-Handed

\*\*Distorted Means  $m_z \neq m$ .

Misconception: Mirror Does Not Reverse Left and Right  
Left is Left, Right is Right, but Front is Back

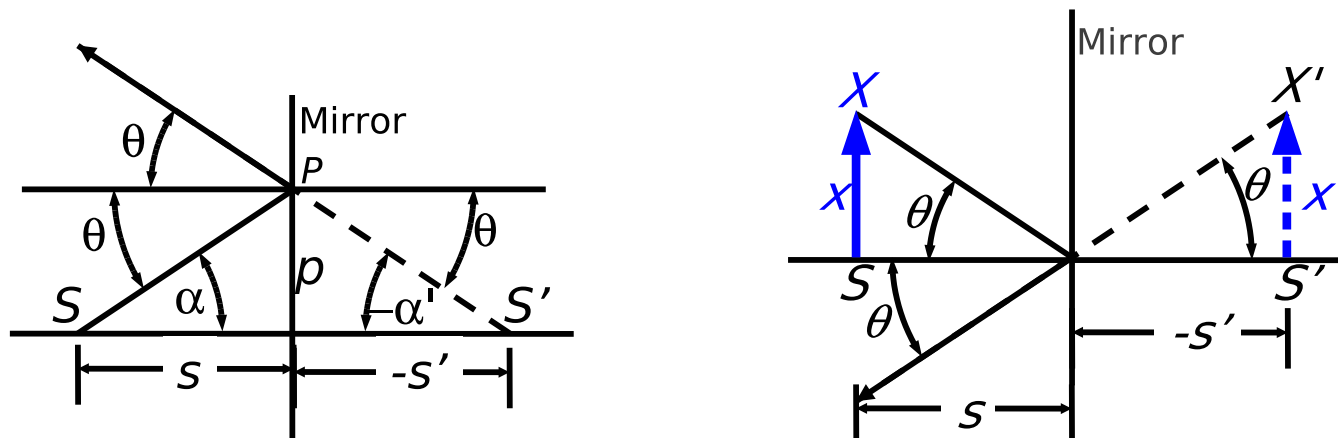
# Imaging Equations

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Curved Refractor $s > f$	$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = \frac{n'-n}{r}$	$-\frac{ns'}{n's}$	-1	$-\frac{n}{n'}m^2$	Real	Inverted	Yes	Yes

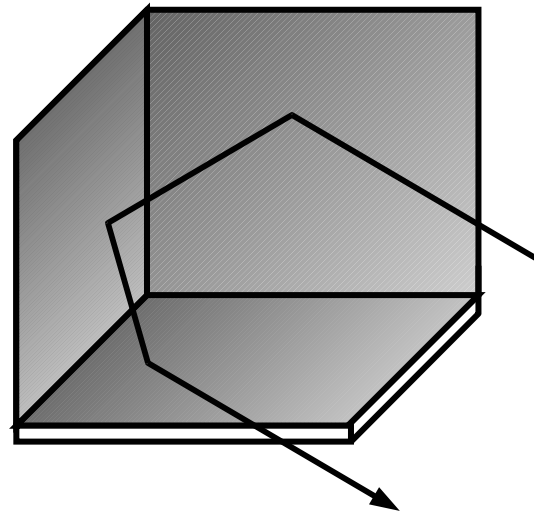
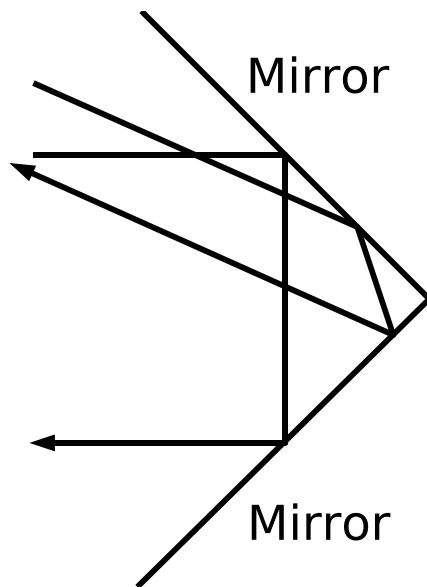
\* "O" mean Orientation, "D" means Distortion, and "P" means Perversion of coordinates.

\*\* The Image is Defined as Real or Virtual for a Real Object

\*\*\* Complete Analysis in green text

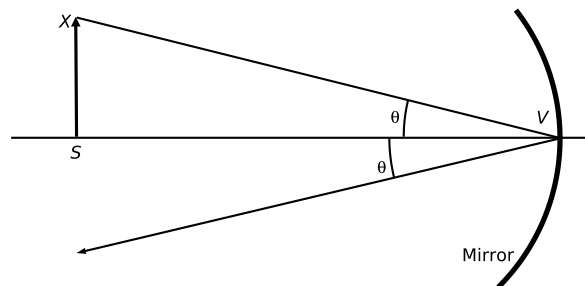


# The Retroreflector

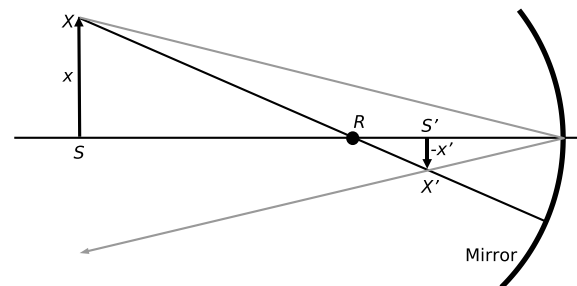


# Curved (Spherical) Mirror (1)

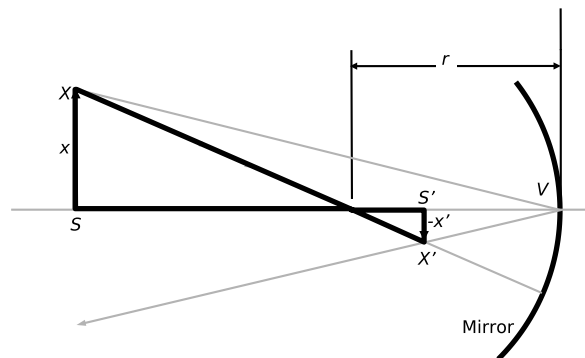
All Rays from the Object Go Through the Image (No Aberrations).  
Work with the Easy Ones.



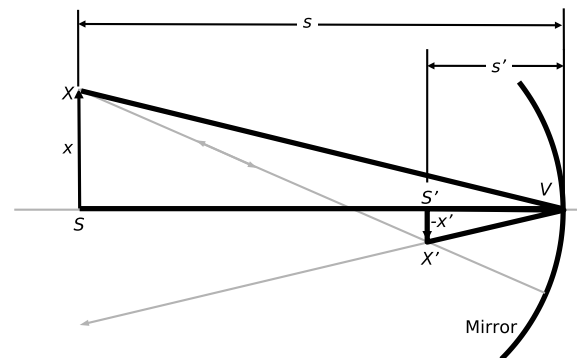
A. Vertex Ray



B. Radial Ray



C. Ray Intersection



D. Similar Triangles

$$\frac{x}{s - r} = \frac{-x'}{r - s'} \quad (D)$$

$$\frac{x}{s} = \frac{-x'}{s'} \quad (C)$$

Image Location

$$\frac{1}{s'} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{2}{r}$$

Magnification

$$m = \frac{x'}{x} = -\frac{s'}{s}$$

# Curved (Spherical) Mirror (2)

- Focal Length Defined in General

$$\frac{1}{s'} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{f}$$

- Specific Result for Spherical Mirror

$$f = \frac{r}{2} \quad (\text{Spherical reflector})$$

- Physical Significance

$$s' \rightarrow f \quad s \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{or} \quad s \rightarrow f \quad s' \rightarrow \infty.$$

# Curved (Spherical) Mirror (3)

- Angular Magnification

$$m_\alpha = \frac{s}{s'} \quad |m_\alpha| = |1/m| \quad (\text{Spherical reflector})$$

- Axial Magnification

$$\frac{1}{s'} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{2}{r}$$

$$-\frac{ds}{s^2} - \frac{ds'}{(s')^2} = 0$$

$$m_z = \frac{ds'}{ds} = -\left(\frac{s'}{s}\right)^2 \quad m_z = -m^2 \quad |m_z| = |m|^2$$



# Curved (Spherical) Mirror (4)

- Imaging Equation

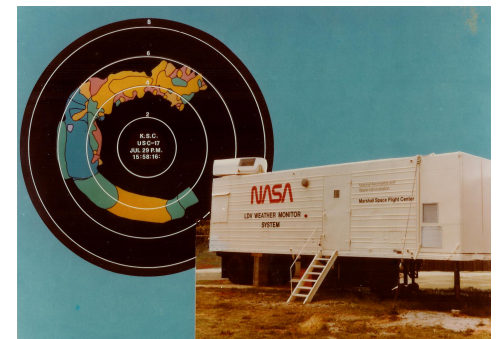
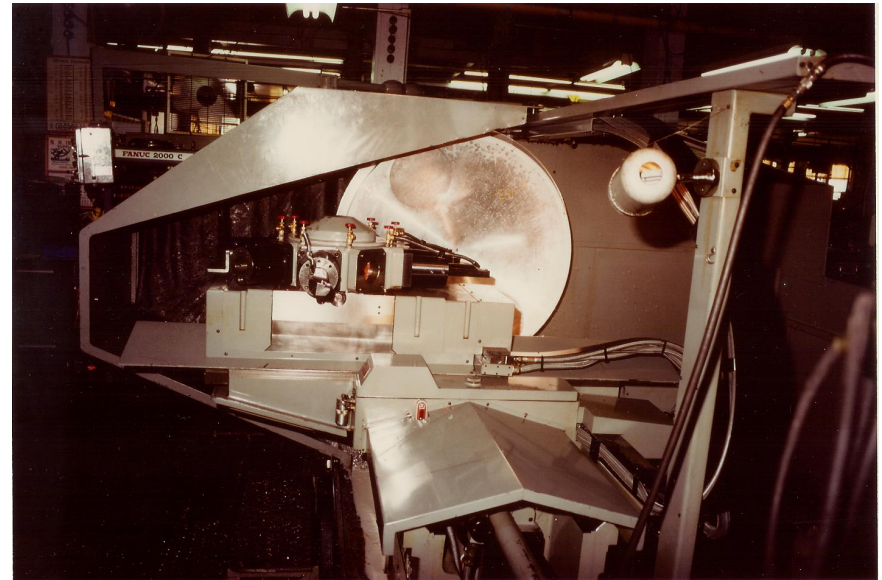
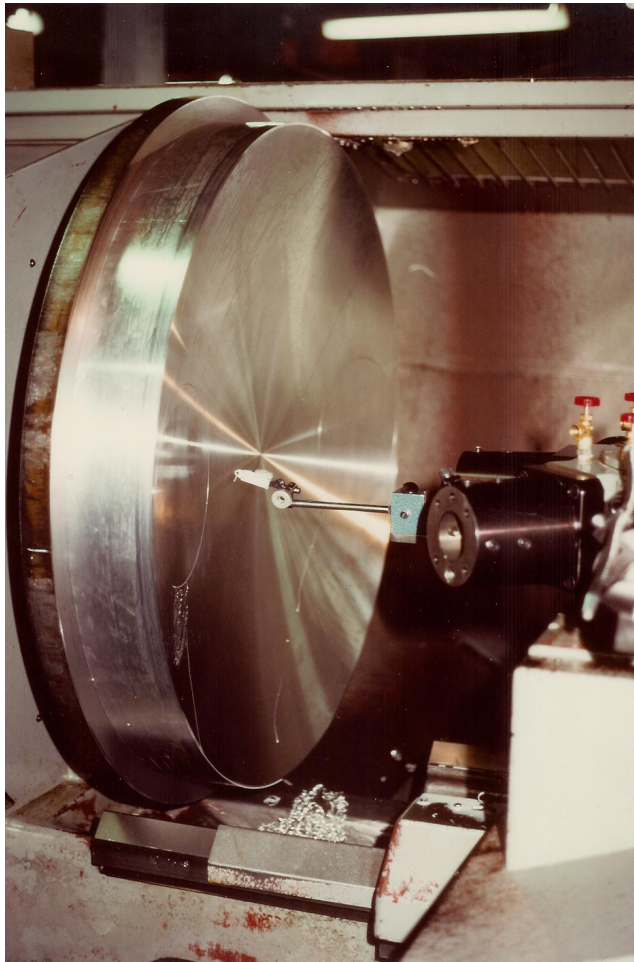
$$\frac{1}{s'} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{f} \quad f = \frac{r}{2}$$

- Magnification

$$m = -\frac{s'}{s} \quad m_\alpha = \frac{1}{m} \quad m_z = -m^2$$

- Summary: The Image in this Case is...
  - Real
  - Inverted
  - Distorted (Unless  $s = s'$ )
  - Handedness–Preserved
- Question: Can a Concave Mirror Ever Produce a Virtual Image of a Real Object? (Hint: What if  $s' = 0$ ?)

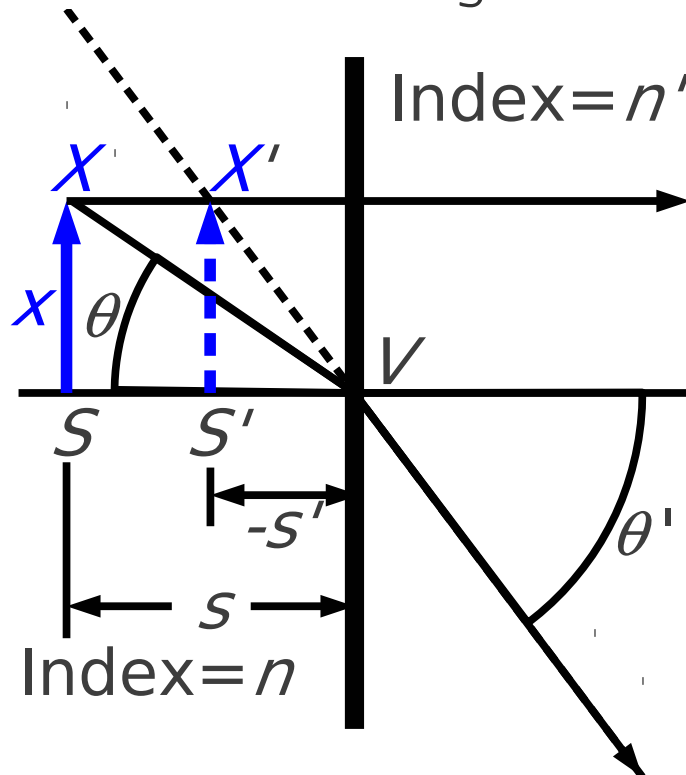
# Large Reflective Optics



“Every Material that Transmits  $10\mu\text{m}$  Light is Expensive.”  
Not Completely True, but Close.

# The Fishtank Problem (1)

- Fishtank Setup
  - Object Inside
  - Viewer Outside
  - Virtual Image



- Geometry

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{s} \quad \tan \theta' = \frac{x'}{s'} = \frac{x}{s'}$$

- Snell's Law (Small Angles)

$$n \sin \theta \approx n \frac{x}{s} \quad n' \sin \theta' \approx n' \frac{x}{s'}$$

- Refraction at a planar Interface

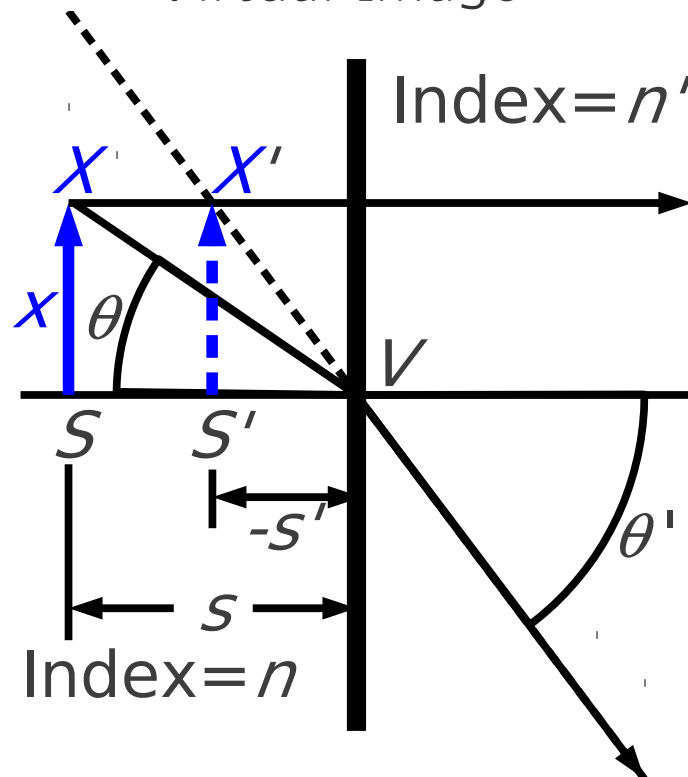
$$\frac{n}{s} = \frac{n'}{s'}$$

- Fishtank from Outside

$$n = 1.33 \quad n' = 1 \quad s' = \frac{1}{1.33}s$$

# The Fishtank Problem (2)

- Fishtank Setup
  - Object Inside
  - Viewer Outside
  - Virtual Image



- Fishtank Paradox
  - Physical Thickness =  $z$
  - Geometric Thickness

$$\ell_g = \frac{z}{n}$$

- Optical Pathlength

$$OPL = zn$$

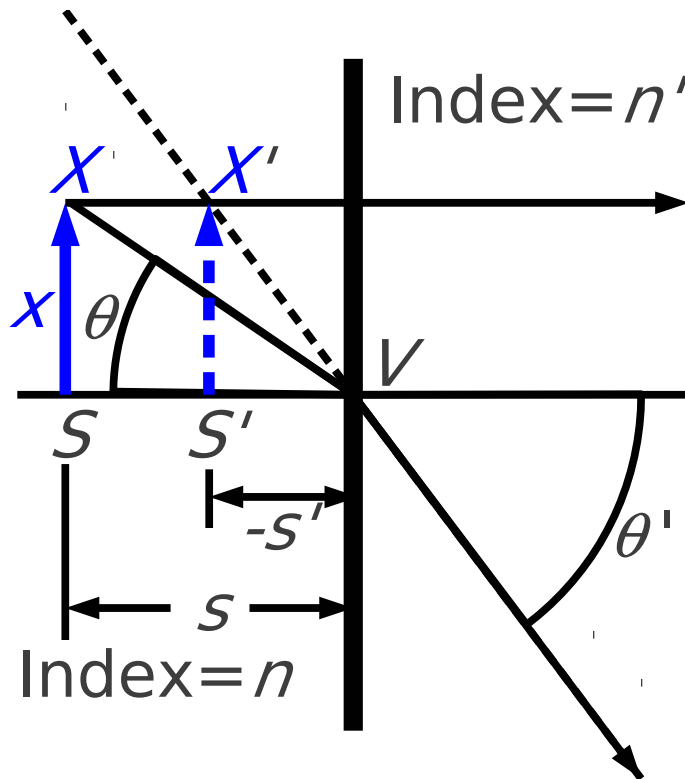
- Magnifications

$$m = \frac{x'}{x} = 1 \quad m_\alpha = \frac{n}{n'}$$

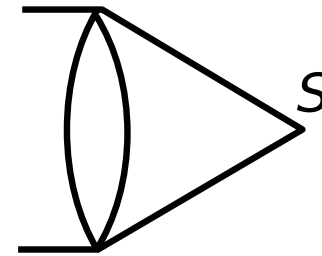
$$m_z = \frac{ds'}{ds} = \frac{n'}{n}$$

- Virtual, Upright, Distorted

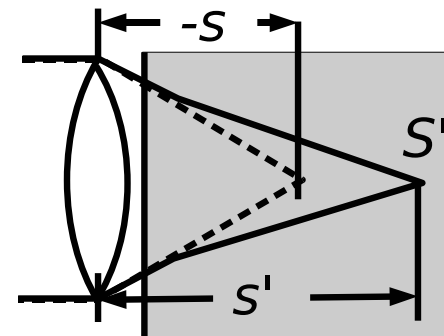
# Practical Example



A. Planar Interface



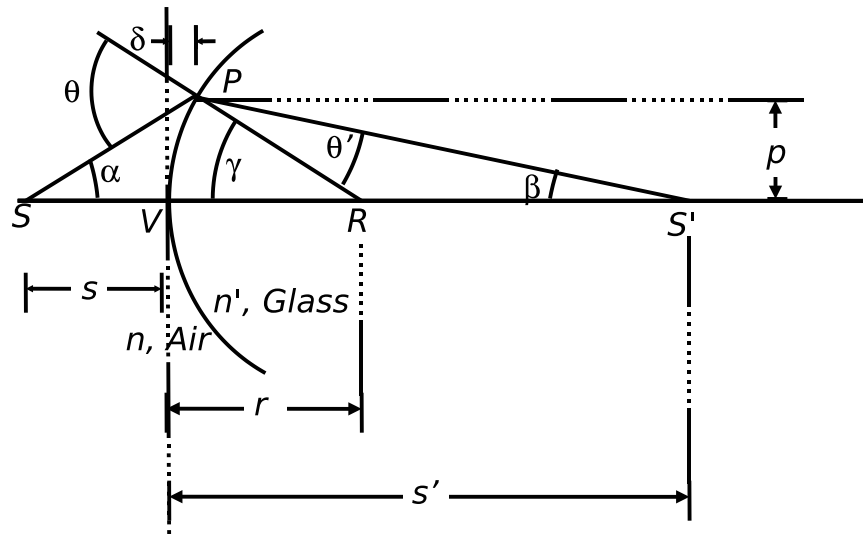
B. Focusing in Air



C. Focusing in Skin

Focusing Depth Decreases, but *OPL* Increases. e.g. Focus to  $100\mu\text{m}$  and image  $75\mu\text{m}$ . Time Gate at  $133\mu\text{m}$  (Optical Coherence Tomography) Together, measure index and depth?

# Refraction: Curved Interface (1)



$$\theta = \alpha + \gamma \text{ from } \triangle S, P, R,$$

and

$$\gamma = \theta' + \beta \text{ from } \triangle S', P, R$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{p}{s + \delta}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{p}{s' - \delta}$$

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{p}{r - \delta}$$

For Small Angles  $\tan ? = \sin ? = ?$  and  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{s}$$

$$\beta = \frac{p}{s'}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{p}{r}$$

$$\theta = \frac{p}{s} + \frac{p}{r}$$

$$\theta' = \frac{p}{r} - \frac{p}{s'}$$

# Refraction: Curved Interface (2)

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$$\theta = \frac{p}{s} + \frac{p}{r} \qquad \theta' = \frac{p}{r} - \frac{p}{s'}$$

- Snell's Law (Small Angles  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ )

$$n\theta = n'\theta'$$

$$\frac{np}{s} + \frac{np}{r} = \frac{n'p}{r} - \frac{n'p}{s'}$$

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = \frac{n' - n}{r} \quad (\text{Refraction at a curved surface})$$

# Refraction: Curved Interface (3)

- Focal Lengths (More Complicated Now)

- Back Focal Length (Refraction at a curved surface)

$$s \rightarrow \infty \quad BFL = f' = s' \frac{n' r}{n' - n}$$

- Front Focal Length

$$s' \rightarrow \infty \quad FFL = f = s = \frac{n r}{n' - n}$$

- Ratio (Calculated for this Example, but Much More General)

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{n'}{n}$$



# Refracting Power

- Definition

$$P = \frac{f}{n} = \frac{f'}{n'}$$

- Units

$$\text{Diopter} = \text{m}^{-1}$$

- Refraction at a Curved Interface

$$P = \frac{n' - n}{r}$$

Q: What combinations of  $n$ ,  $n'$ , and  $r$  yield positive (or negative) refracting power?

# Eyeglass Prescription

**Ophthalmology**

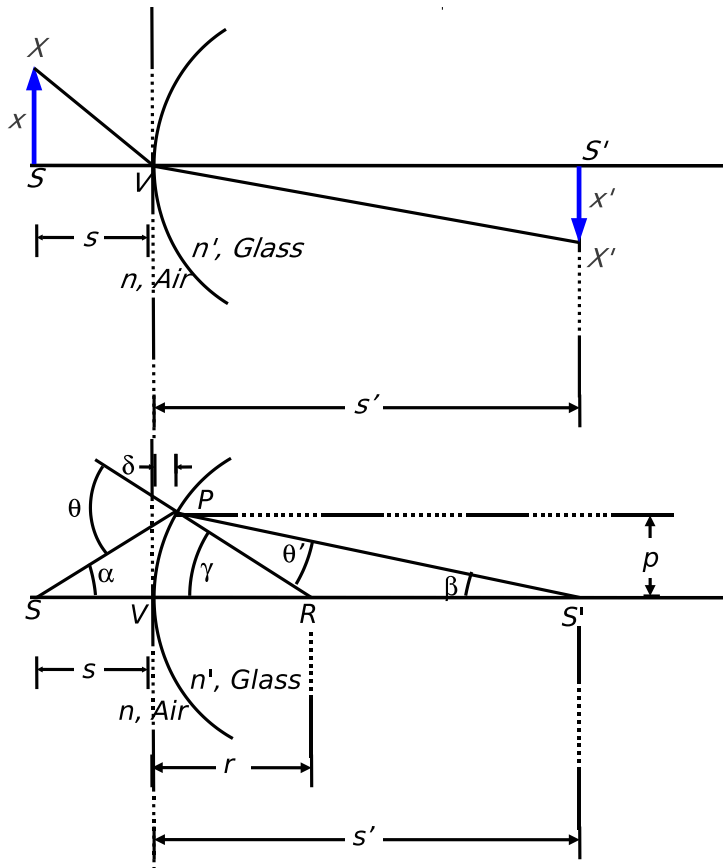
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FOR	SPHERICAL	CYLINDRICAL	AXIS	PRISM	BASE
DISTANCE OD	+0.50	-1.00	96		
OS	+0.25	-1.00	82		
NEAR OD	+1.75				
500 OS	+1.75				

- In Hundreths of Diopters
- Near Values Add to Far

- Left Eye (Oculus Sinister)  
Far:
  - 0.50 diopter  $4^\circ$  from Horizontal
  - $-0.50$  diopter  $96^\circ$
- Left Eye Near (Add 1.75):
  - 2.25 diopter  $4^\circ$
  - $-1.25$  diopter  $96^\circ$
- Right Eye (Oculus Dexter)  
Far:
  - 0.25 diopter  $-8^\circ$
  - $-0.75$  diopter  $82^\circ$
- Right Eye Near (Add 1.75):
  - 2.00 diopter  $-8^\circ$
  - $-1.00$  diopter  $82^\circ$

# Magnifications



Snell's Law at the Vertex

$$m = -\frac{ns'}{n's}$$

$$m_\alpha = \frac{-d\beta}{d\alpha} = -\frac{s'}{s} = -\frac{n}{n'} \frac{1}{m}$$

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = \frac{n' - n}{r} \quad -\frac{n}{s^2} ds - \frac{n'}{(s')^2} ds' = 0$$

$$\frac{ds'}{ds} = -\frac{n}{n'} \left( \frac{s'}{s^2} \right)^2$$

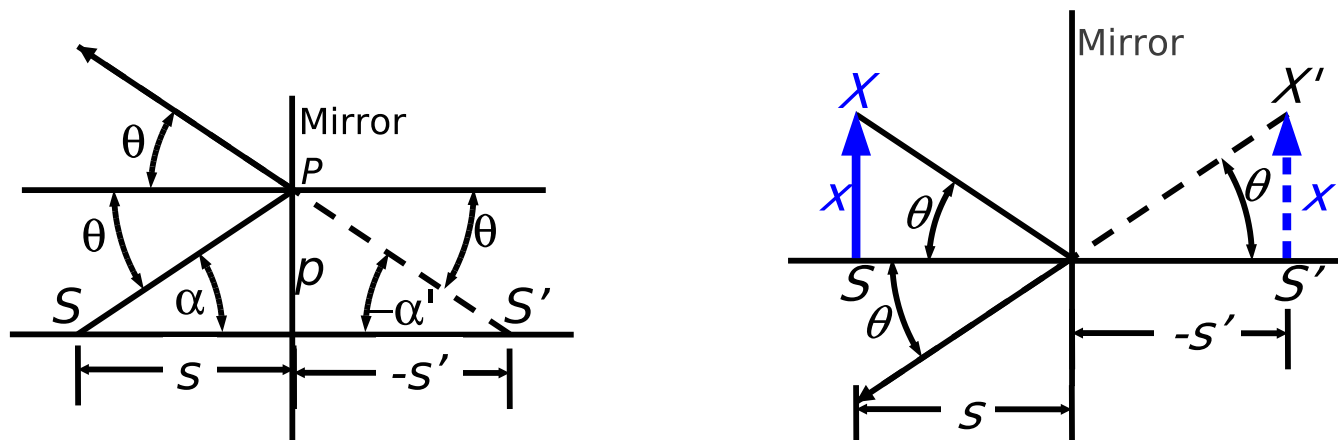
$$m_z = -\frac{n}{n'} m^2$$

# Imaging Equations

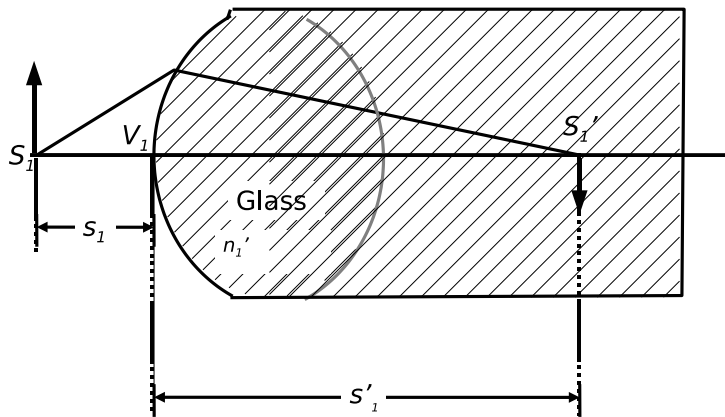
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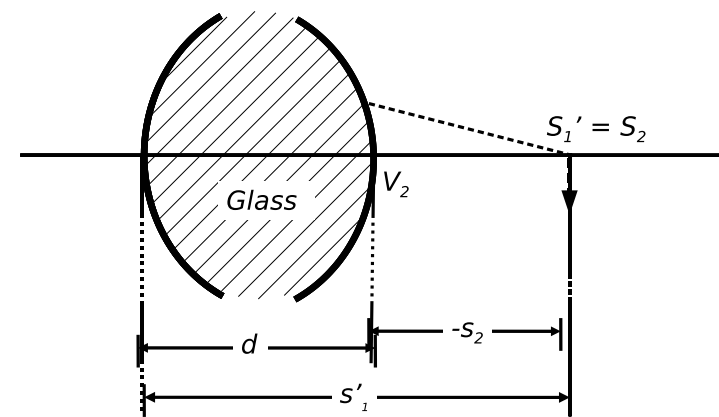
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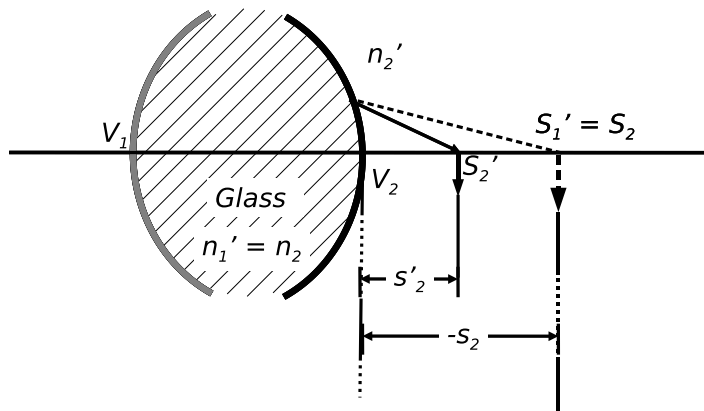
# The Simple Lens



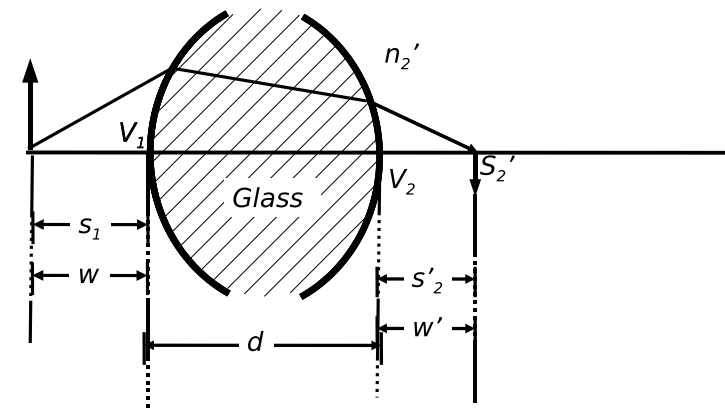
First Surface Object and Image



Second Surface Object

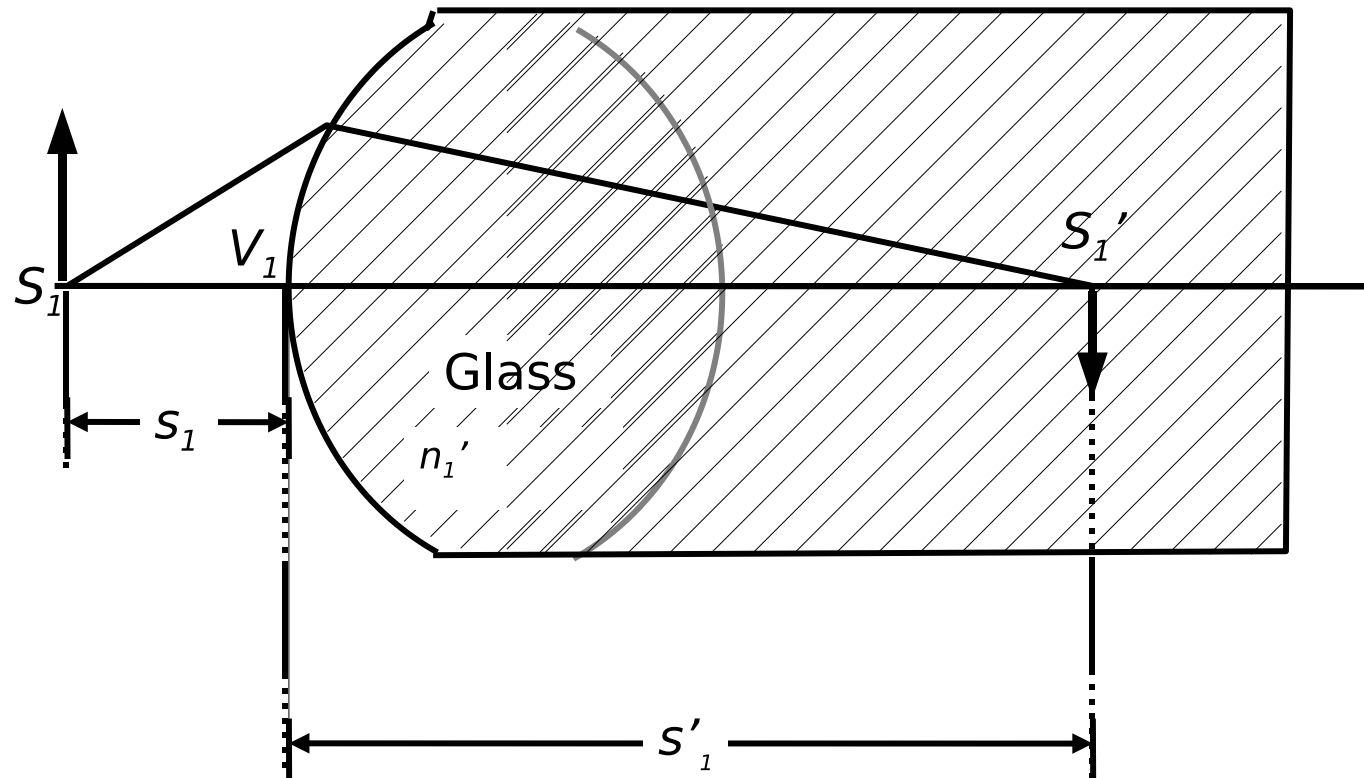


Second Surface Image



Complete Lens

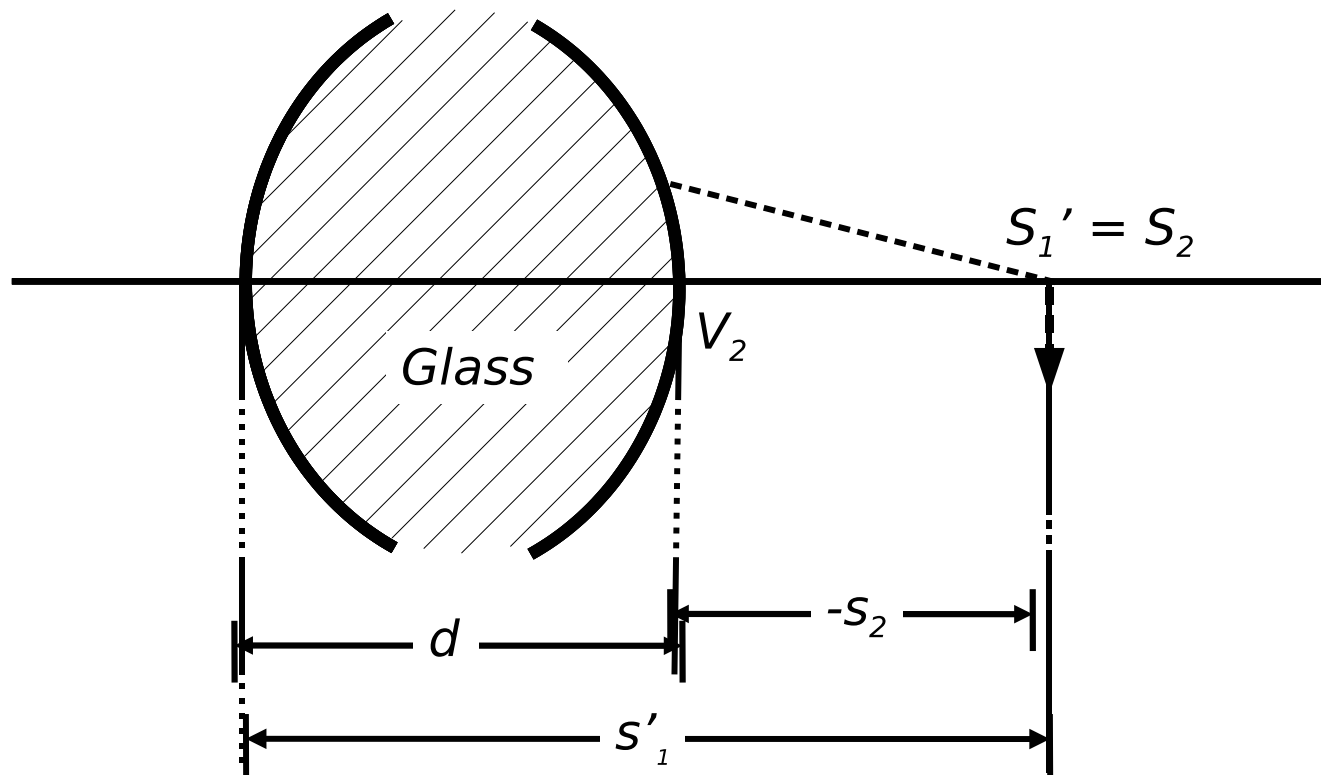
# First Surface Solution



$$\frac{n_1}{s_1} + \frac{n'_1}{s'_1} = \frac{n'_1 - n_1}{r_1}$$

Note Subscript <sub>1</sub>

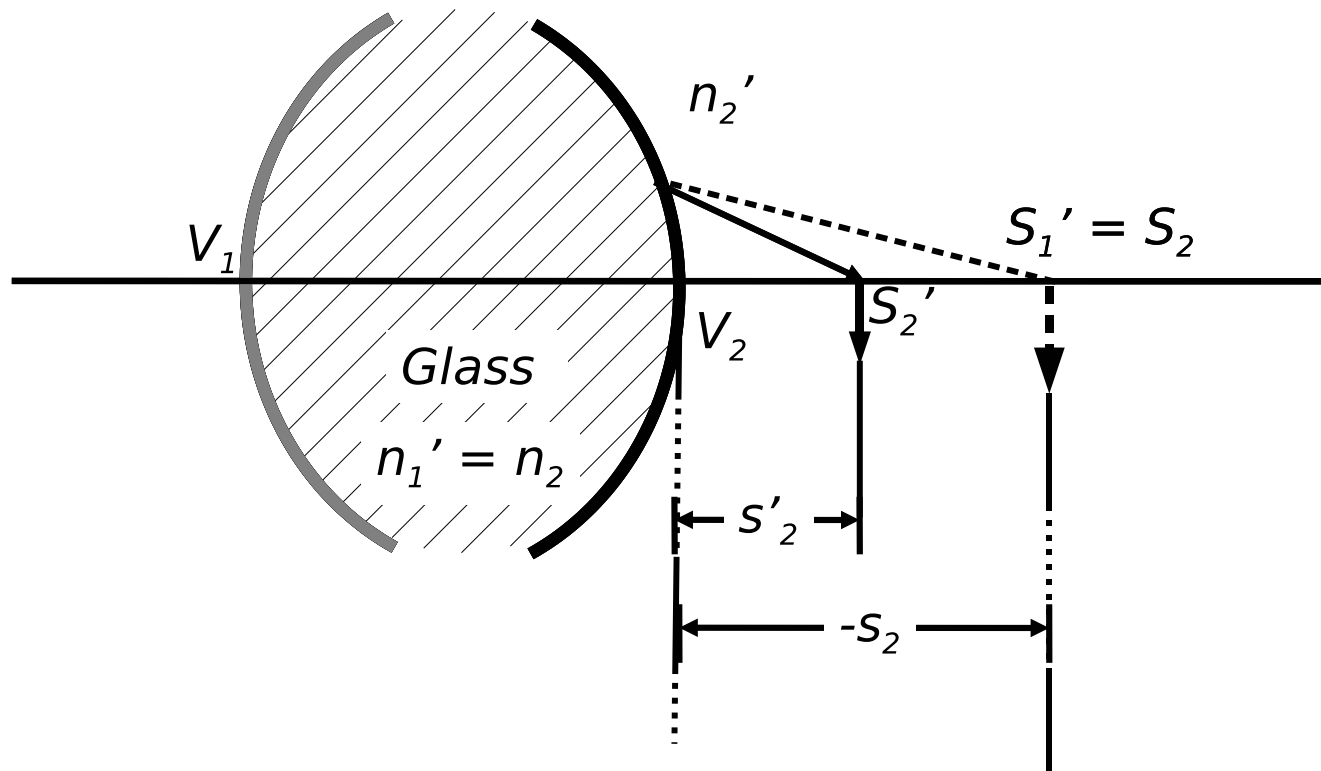
# Second Surface Object



$$s_2 = -(s'_1 - d) \quad n_2 = n'_1$$

Virtual Object in this Case (Often but not Always)

# Second Surface Solution

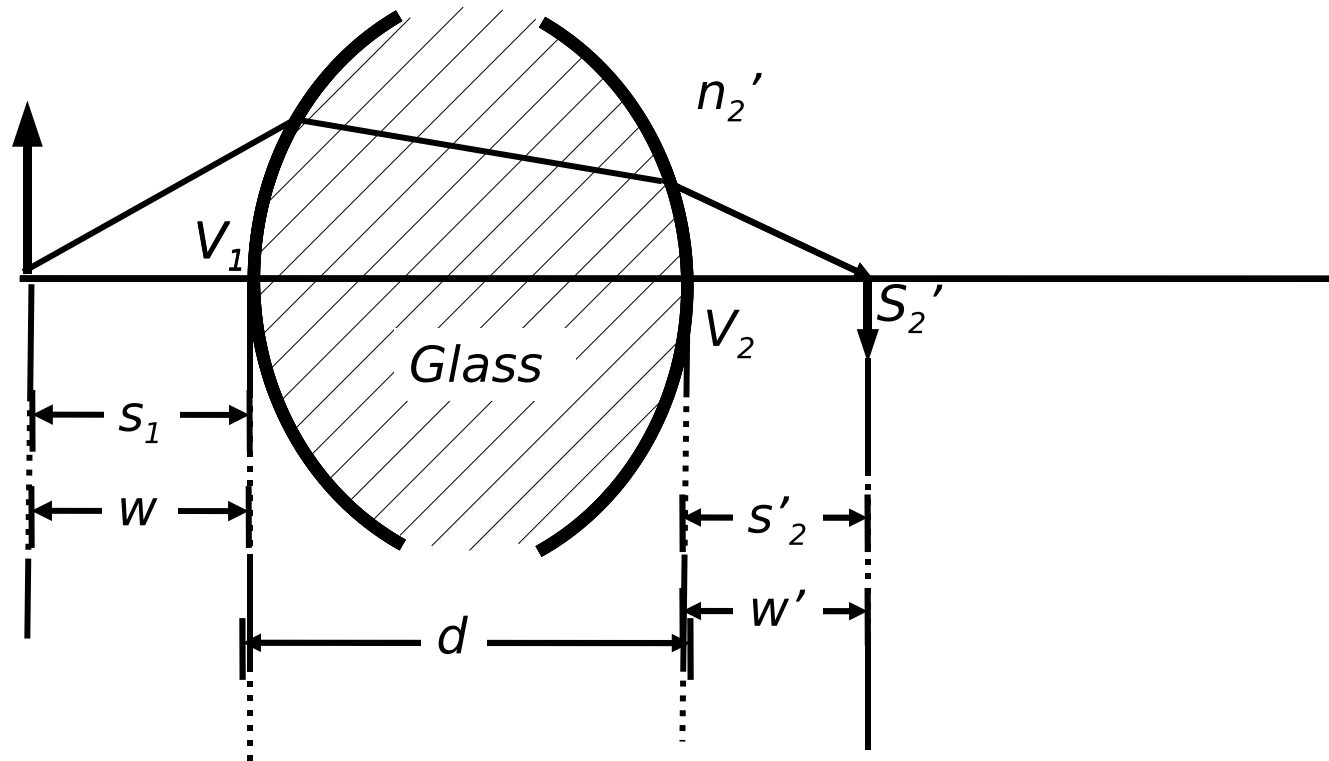


$$\frac{n_2}{s_2} + \frac{n_2'}{s_2'} = \frac{n_2' - n_2}{r_2}$$

$$\frac{n_1'}{d - s_1'} + \frac{n_2'}{s_2'} = \frac{n_2' - n_1'}{r_2}$$



# Complete Simple Lens (1)



$$\frac{n_2'}{s_2'} = \frac{n_2' - n_1}{r_2} - n_1' \frac{n_1' - n_1 - r_1 \frac{n_1}{s_1}}{d (n_1' - n_1) - n_1' r_1 - d n_1' r_1 \frac{n_1}{s_1}}$$

# Complete Simple Lens (2)

$$\frac{n'_2}{s'_2} = \frac{n'_2 - n'_1}{r_2} - n'_1 \frac{n'_1 - n_1 - r_1 \frac{n_1}{s_1}}{d(n'_1 - n_1) - n'_1 r_1 - d n'_1 r_1 \frac{n_1}{s_1}}$$

That's Ugly! Let's Define Some New Notation:

$$w = s_1 \quad w' = s'_2$$

$$n = n_1 \quad n' = n'_2 \quad n_\ell = n'_1 = n_2$$

$$\frac{n'}{w'} = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2} - n_\ell \frac{n_\ell - n - r_1 \frac{n}{w}}{d(n_\ell - n) - n_\ell r_1 - d n_\ell r_1 \frac{n}{w}}$$

# Complete Simple Lens (3)

$$\frac{n'}{w'} = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2} - n_\ell \frac{n_\ell - n - r_1 \frac{n}{w}}{d(n_\ell - n) - n_\ell r_1 - d n_\ell r_1 \frac{n}{w}}$$

That's Still Ugly. Set  $n = n' = 1$ . Not General, but Useful.

$$\frac{1}{w'} = \frac{1 - n_\ell}{r_2} - n_\ell \frac{n_\ell - 1 - r_1 \frac{1}{w}}{d(n_\ell - 1) - n_\ell r_1 - d n_\ell r_1 \frac{1}{w}}$$

Or Even Simpler, Set  $d = 0$ .

$$\frac{n}{w} + \frac{n'}{w'} = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2} + \frac{n_\ell - n}{r_1}$$

# The Thin Lens (1)

$$\frac{n}{w} + \frac{n'}{w'} = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2} + \frac{n_\ell - n}{r_1}$$

Now The  $s$  vs.  $w$  Distinction Doesn't Matter.

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2} + \frac{n_\ell - n}{r_1}$$

$$\frac{n}{s} + \frac{n'}{s'} = P_1 + P_2 = P$$

Back and Front Focal Lengths

$$BFL = f' = \frac{n'}{P_1 + P_2} \quad FFL = f = \frac{n}{P_1 + P_2}$$

$$\text{where} \quad P_1 = \frac{n_\ell - n}{r_1} \quad P_2 = \frac{n' - n_\ell}{r_2}$$

# The Thin Lens (2)

$$BFL = f' = \frac{n'}{P_1 + P_2} \quad FFL = f = \frac{n}{P_1 + P_2}$$

Focal–Length Relationship (Generally True)

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{n'}{n}$$

Specifically

$$f = f' \quad \text{if} \quad n = n'$$

And In Air (Probably the Most–Used Equation in Optics)

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

# The Thin Lens (3)

- The Lensmaker's Equation

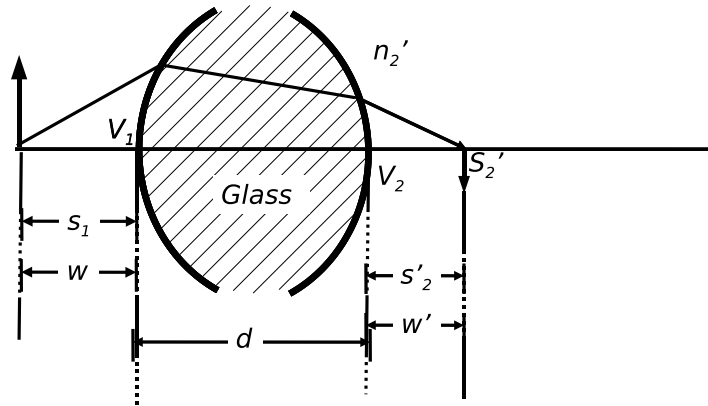
$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f'} = P_1 + P_2 = (n_\ell - 1) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

- Be Careful About Signs (Biconvex Means  $r_1 > 0$  and  $r_2 < 0$ )

$$P_1 = \frac{n_\ell - 1}{r_1} \quad P_2 = \frac{n_\ell - 1}{-r_2}$$

- Powers Add for Thin Lenses

# The Thin Lens Magnification



For  $n = n'$  and  $d = 0$

$$\frac{x'}{x} = \frac{-s'}{s}$$

$$m = \frac{-s'}{s} \quad (\text{Lens in Air})$$

$$m = \frac{-ns'}{n's} \quad (\text{General})$$

Axial Magnification

$$m_z = \frac{ds'}{ds} = \frac{n}{n'} \left( \frac{s'}{s} \right)^2 = \frac{n'}{n} m^2$$

# Thin Lens in Air: Summary

- Making The Lens (We Still Have Some Choices)

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f'} = P_1 + P_2 = (n_\ell - 1) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

- Using the Lens

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f} \qquad m = -\frac{s'}{s}$$



# Eyeglass Prescription Revisited

**Ophthalmology**

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Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/30/12  
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FOR	SPHERICAL	CYLINDRICAL	AXIS	PRISM	BASE
DISTANCE OD	+050	-100	96		
OS	+025	-100	82		
NEAR OD	+175				
807 OS	+175				

- Adding Powers
- Convex Front
- Concave Back
- Cylinder
- Many Options

# Prisms (1)

$$\theta'_1 = \frac{\theta_1}{n}$$

$$(90^\circ - \theta_2) + (90^\circ - \theta'_1) + \alpha = 180^\circ$$

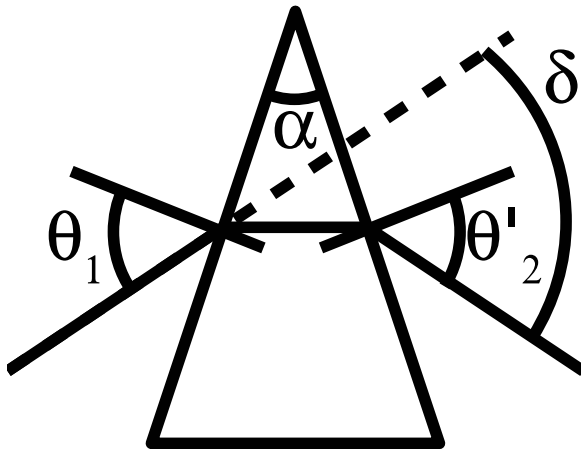
$$\theta_2 + \theta'_1 = \alpha.$$

Applying Snell's law,

$$\sin \theta'_2 = n \sin \theta_2 = n \sin \alpha - \theta'_1$$

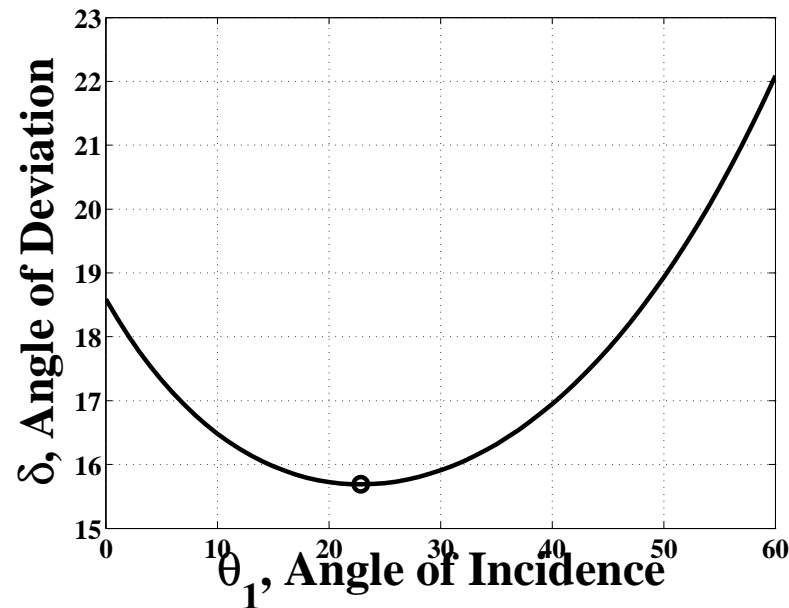
$$\sin \theta'_2 = n (\cos \theta'_1 \sin \alpha - n \sin \theta'_1 \cos \alpha)$$

$$\sin \theta'_2 = \sqrt{n^2 - \sin^2 \theta_1} \sin \alpha - \sin \theta'_1 \cos \alpha$$



$$\delta = \theta_1 + \theta'_2 - \alpha$$

# Prisms (2)



$\alpha = 30^\circ$  and  $n = 1.5$

- Deviation

$$\delta = \theta_1 + \theta_2' - \alpha$$

- Minimum Deviation

$$\delta_{min} = 2 \sin^{-1} \left( n \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \alpha$$

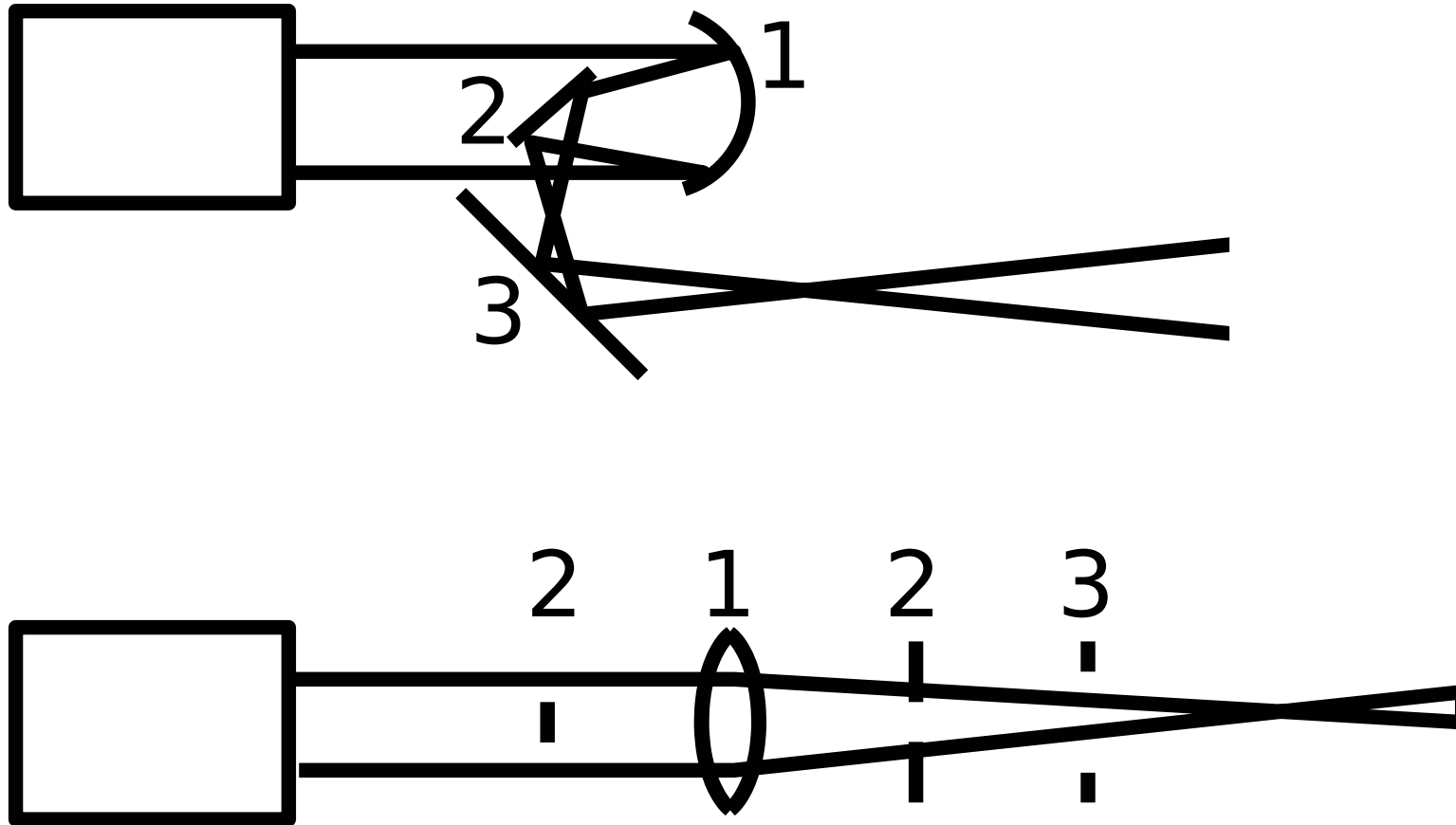
$$\text{at } \theta_1 = \sin^{-1} \left( n \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$$

- Small Prism Angles

$$\delta_{min} \approx (n - 1) \alpha$$

$$\text{at } \theta_1 = \frac{n\alpha}{2}$$

# “Unfolding” Reflective Systems



Top Shows Actual System. Bottom Shows it Unfolded for Analysis