

University Physics 227N/232N

Chapters 30-32: Optics

Homework "Optics 1" Due this Friday at class time

Quiz This Friday

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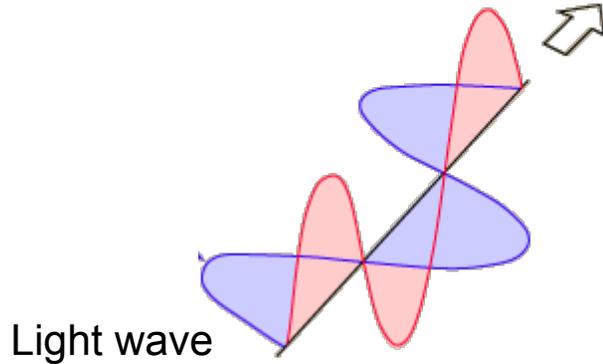
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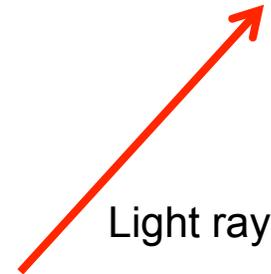


Review: Electromagnetic Waves and Geometric Optics

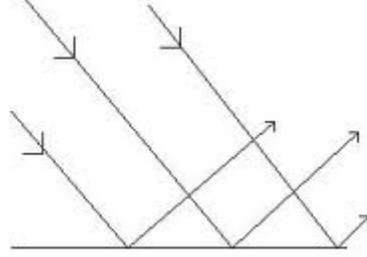
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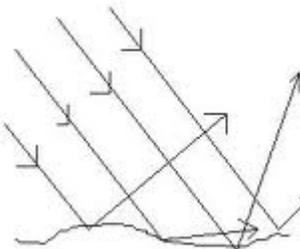
Light ray direction of motion



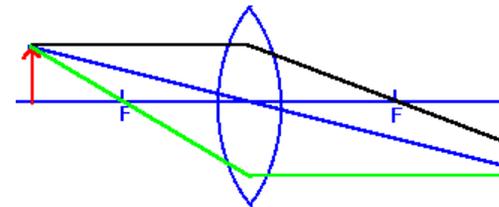
- We'll mostly use an approach to optics called **geometric optics**
 - Waves are complicated, and EM waves are even more complicated.
 - We really just care where the light goes!
 - Light in a vacuum (or close to a vacuum) travels in straight lines
 - So use these straight lines (**rays**) to describe where light rays go
 - This approach of “ray tracing” will let us describe reflection, refraction, lenses, mirrors, and other optical effects



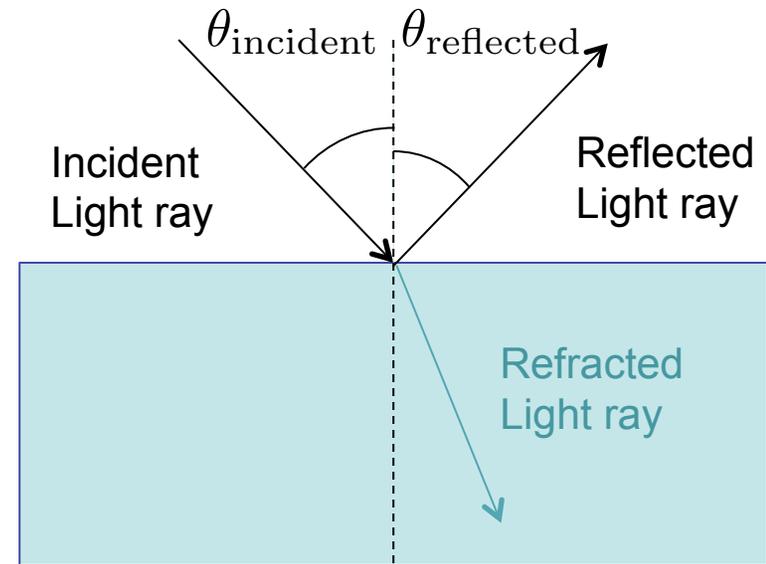
polished surface



irregular surface



Review: Reflection



Dotted line: **normal** to surface

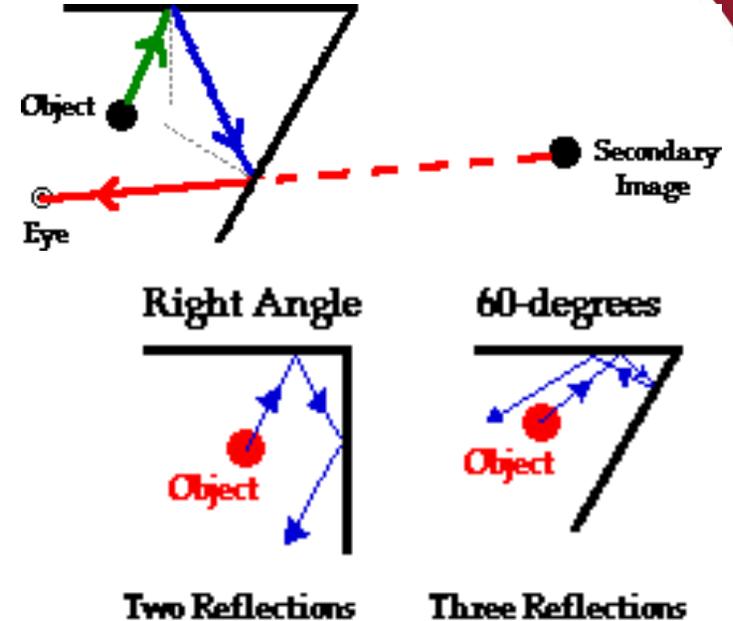
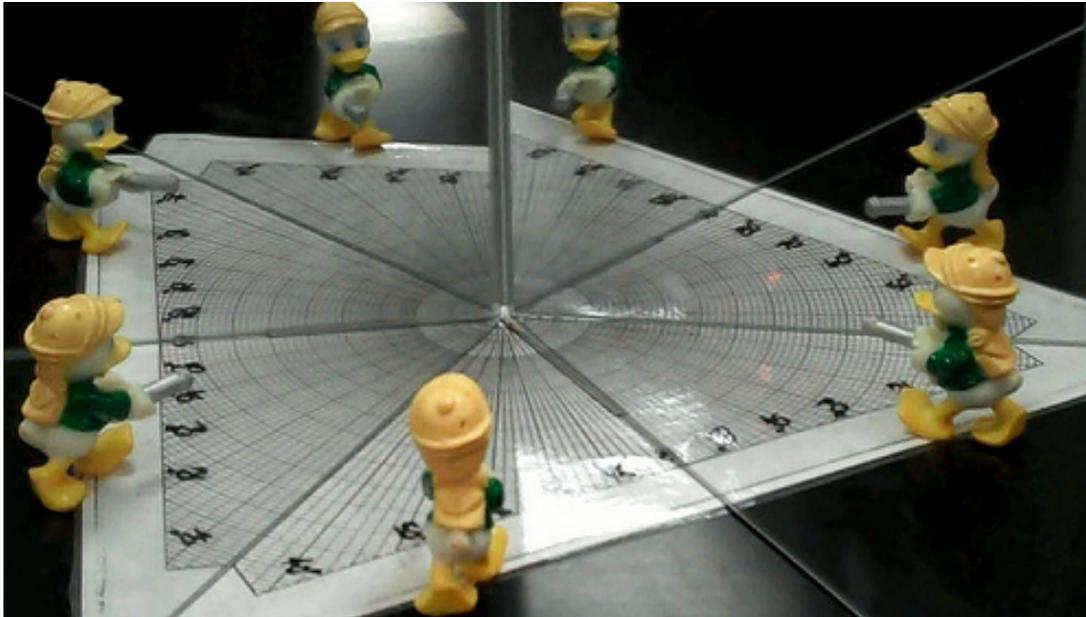
- Let's start optics with **reflection**
- We're pretty familiar with reflection!
 - For smooth surfaces, incident and reflected rays have the same angle **as measured to the normal to the surface**

$$\theta_{\text{reflected}} = \theta_{\text{incident}}$$

- Equal angle reflection is seen in more than just optics
 - e.g. elastic collisions such as billiards



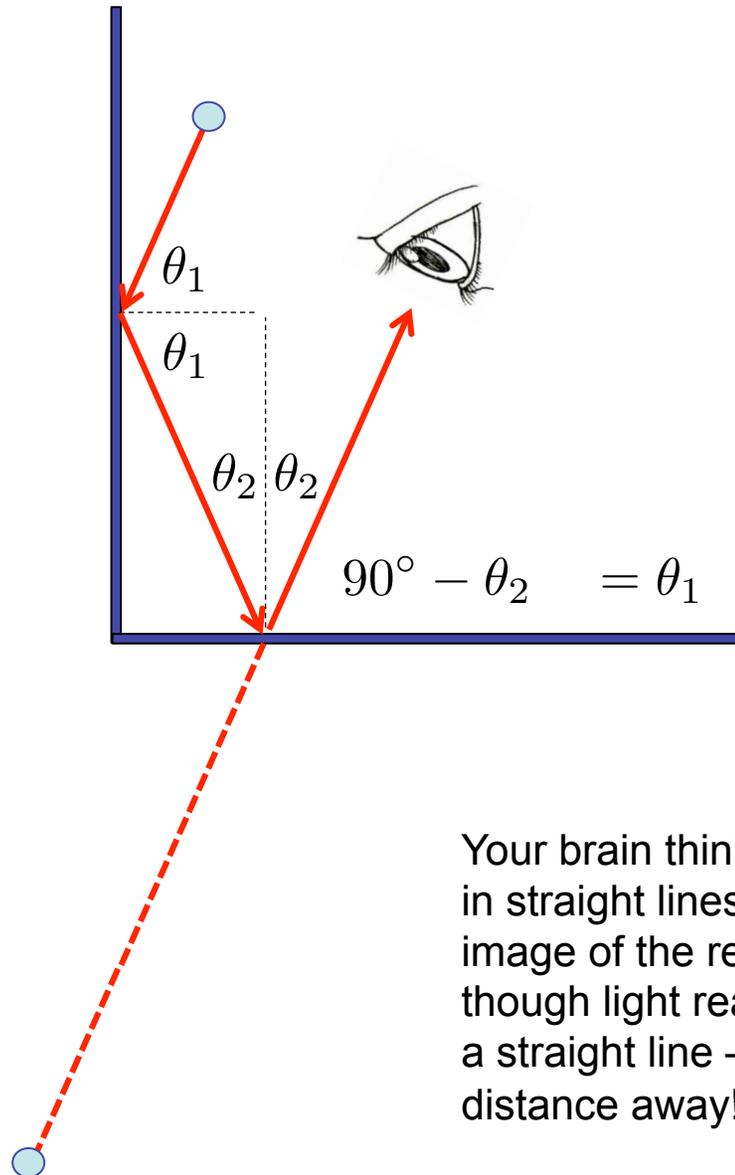
Review: Reflection and Images



- A single mirror produces a single reflection: that's straightforward.
- Multiple mirrors require you to trace multiple reflections.
 - Your brain thinks the light is going straight when it's really reflecting, so you "see" an image of an object as though the light traveled in a straight line the entire time.
 - Two mirrors at a 90 degree angle always reflect light back out parallel to the original incoming rays
 - You can do some geometry to prove that. 😊



90 Degree Mirrors and Images



Reflected angles from normals (dotted lines) are the same

From the right triangle:

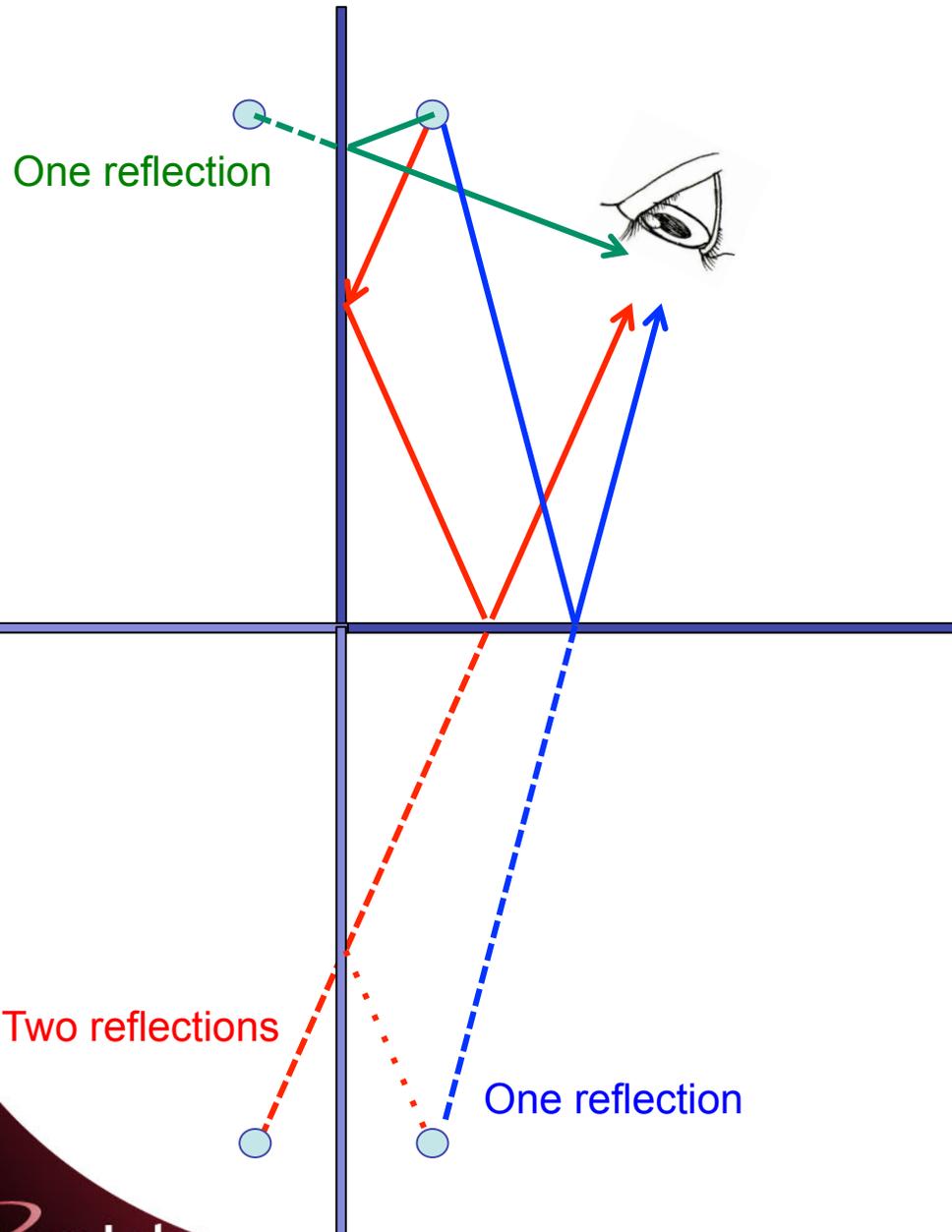
$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 90^\circ$$

We can then see that the incoming ray and outgoing ray are both θ_1 from the horizontal mirror, so they are parallel.

Your brain thinks that light travels in straight lines, so you see the image of the reflected object as though light really had traveled in a straight line – even the same distance away!



How Many Images?



In a corner mirror, you see as many images as your brain can “fit” into normal space, as though the reflections really existed.

So with a 90 degree mirror, you see four areas in total – one real one and three “virtual” ones.

Remember that your brain thinks in visual straight lines, so the locations of the three images that you see here are where your brain thinks the straight line ray of light came from.

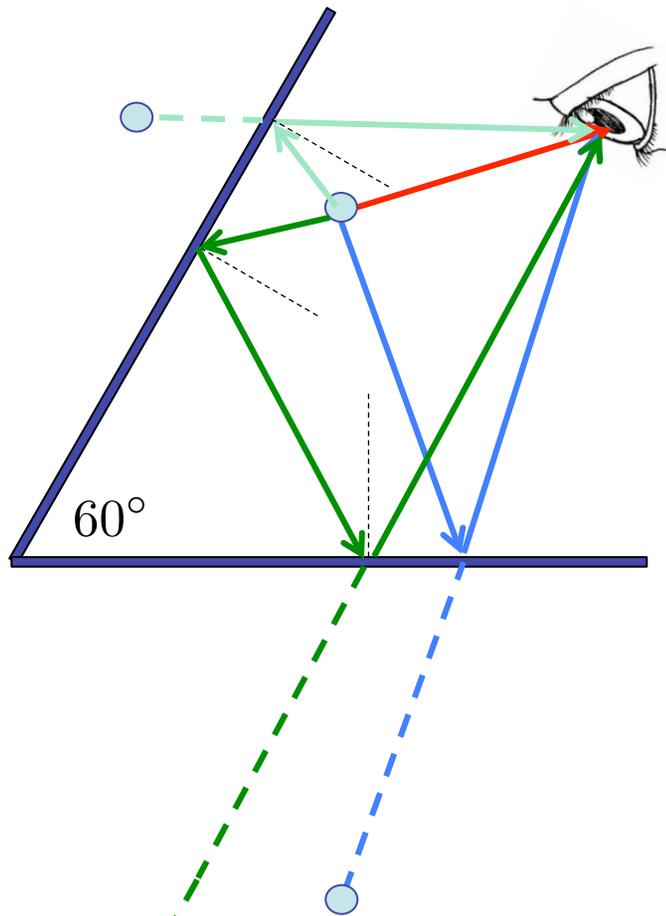
Note that every intervening mirror (or “wall”) must be a bounce, so here two of the images are only one reflection away, and one image is two reflections away.



Other Angles and Images

You can get multiple images from mirrors bent at a smaller angle than 90 degrees. What you see are reflections of the reflections! (And...)

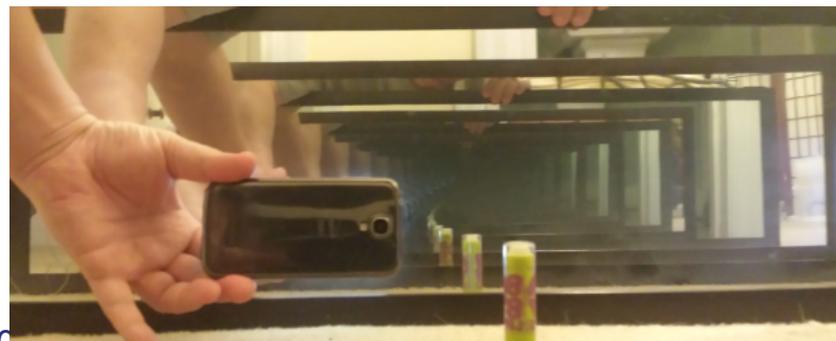
Here the **green** is a single reflection of the **light blue** "image".



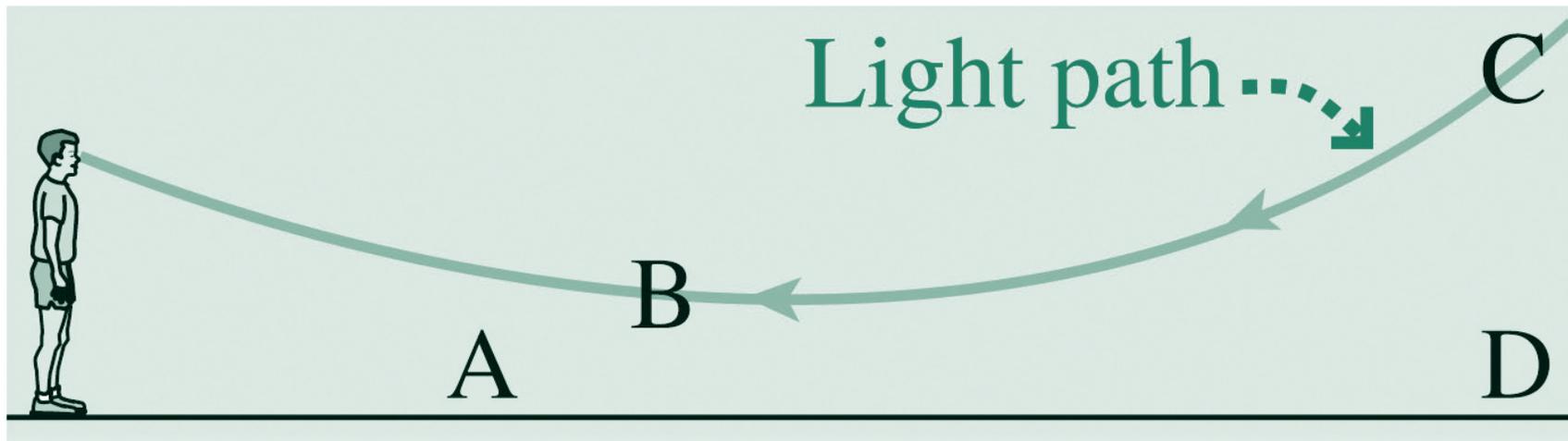
This only shows paths for four of the six images!



The smaller the angle, the more images you have until the mirrors are parallel and you have infinite images stretching off into the distance...



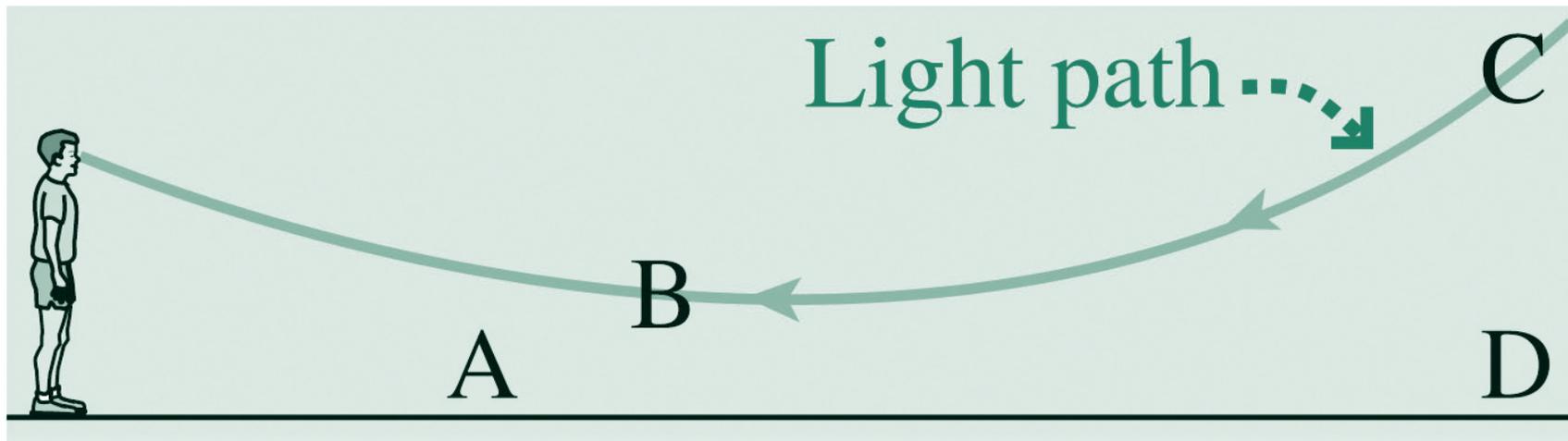
Quick Question



- Mirages are created by air of different density and temperature curving light rays through it. This picture shows an exaggerated path light takes in a mirage. Where does your brain see the light coming from?
 - A
 - B
 - C
 - D

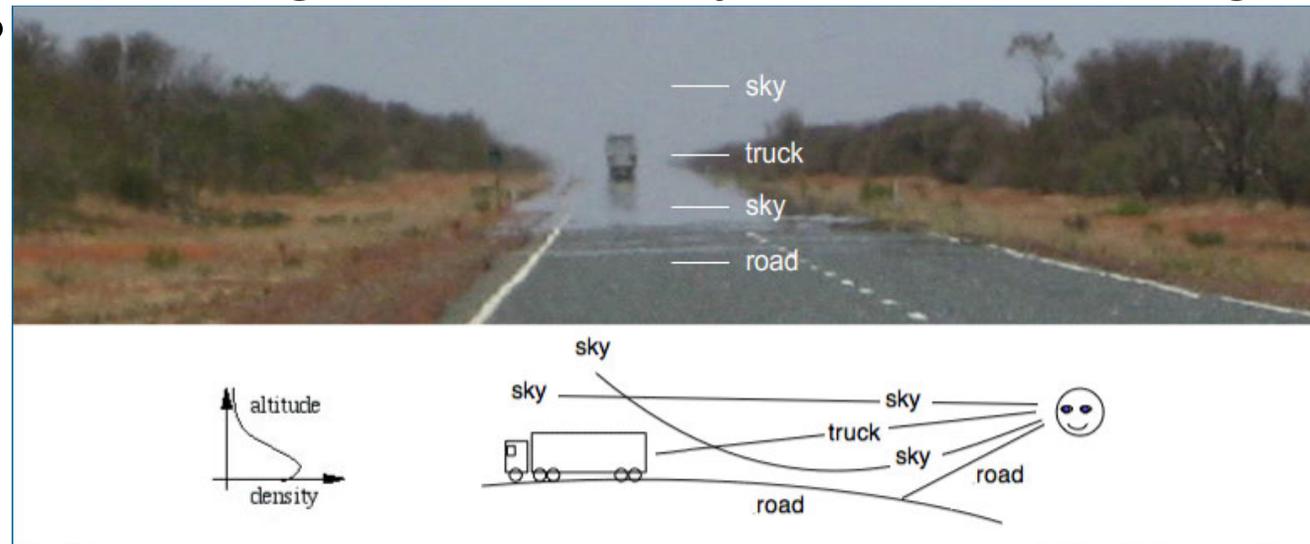


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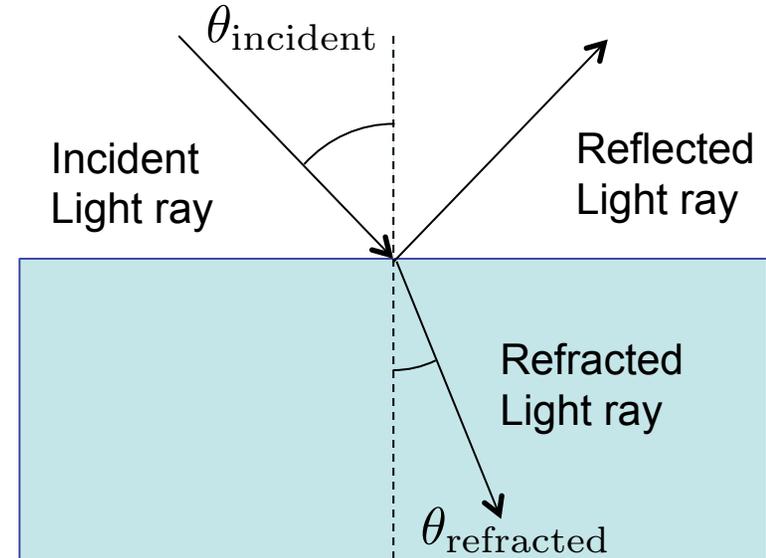
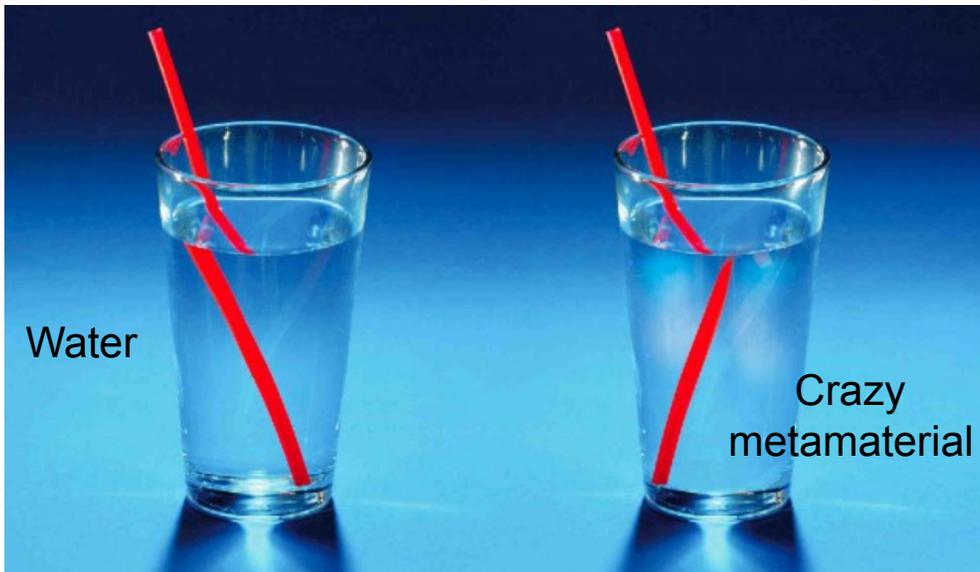


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Review: Index of Refraction

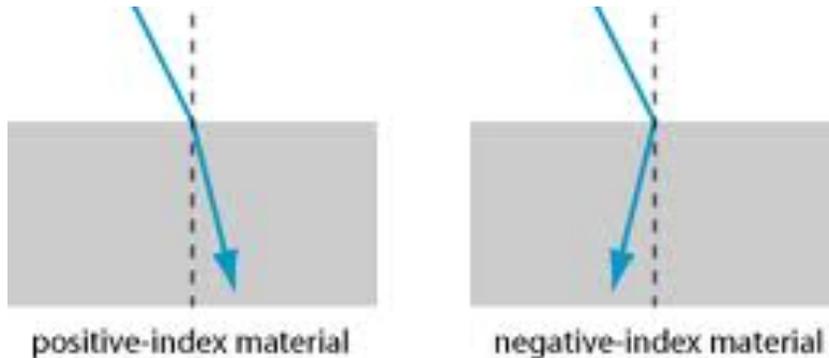


- **Refraction** is the bending of light as it crosses an interface between two different transparent media
 - Occurs because the apparent light wave speed changes between the two media.
 - **Index of refraction n :**
$$n \equiv \frac{c}{v}$$
 - c is the speed of light in a vacuum
 - So $n=1$ for a vacuum, $n>1$ for all other materials



Review: Some Indexes of Refraction

- Index of refraction really depends on many details
 - Temperature and pressure
 - Wavelength of light**
 - Density and composition of material
- New nanotech metamaterials have even been fabricated to have “negative” index of refraction



- We'll mostly discuss air ($n=1.00$), water ($n=1.33$), and glass ($n=1.50$) in this class

Substance	Index of Refraction, n
Gases	
Air	1.000293
Carbon dioxide	1.00045
Liquids	
Water	1.333
Ethyl alcohol	1.361
Glycerine	1.473
Benzene	1.501
Diiodomethane	1.738
Solids	
Ice (H_2O)	1.309
Polystyrene	1.49
Glass	1.5–1.9
Sodium chloride (NaCl)	1.544
Diamond (C)	2.419
Rutile (TiO_2)	2.62

*At 1 atm pressure and temperatures ranging from $0^\circ C$ to $20^\circ C$, measured at a wavelength of 589 nm (the yellow line of sodium).

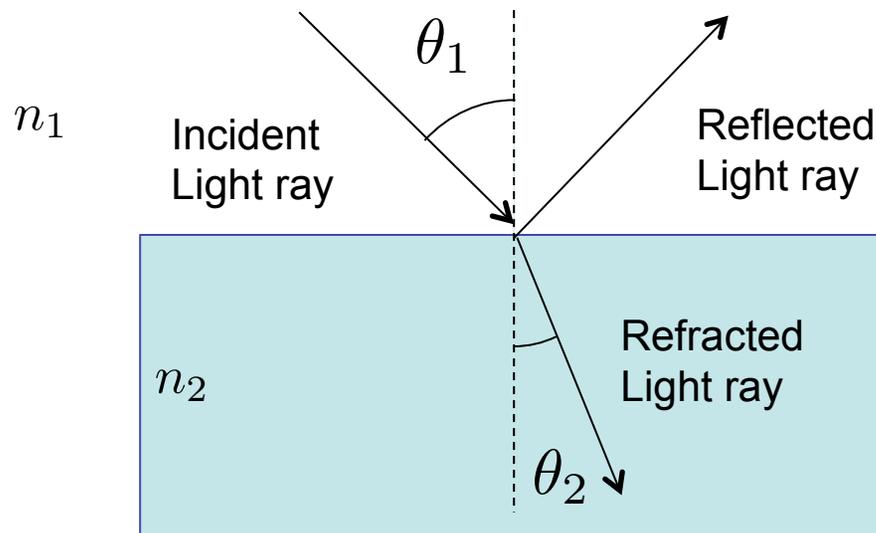


Refraction: Snell's Law

- The angles of incidence and refraction and the indexes of refraction for two materials are related by **Snell's Law**:

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

- Remember that the angles are measured from the **normal** to the surface.
- There is also a reflected light ray from the surface.

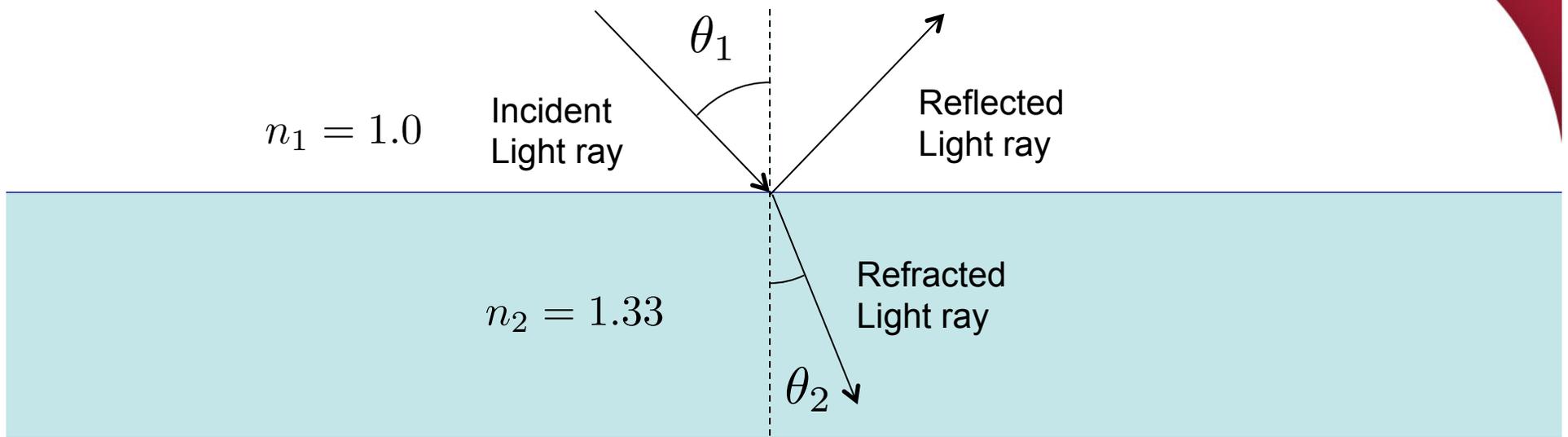


If $n_1 < n_2$ then $\theta_1 > \theta_2$

If $n_1 > n_2$ then $\theta_1 < \theta_2$



Example



- You are looking for a ring you accidentally dropped in your pool, so you shine a laser pointer at the pool surface at an angle of 30 degrees from vertical. What is the angle of the laser ray in the pool?

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

$$(1.0) \sin(30^\circ) = 1.33 \sin \theta_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\theta_2 = 22^\circ}$$



(Refraction Example: Slab Displacement)

- Refraction through a plane slab of glass doesn't change the direction of rays but displaces them slightly

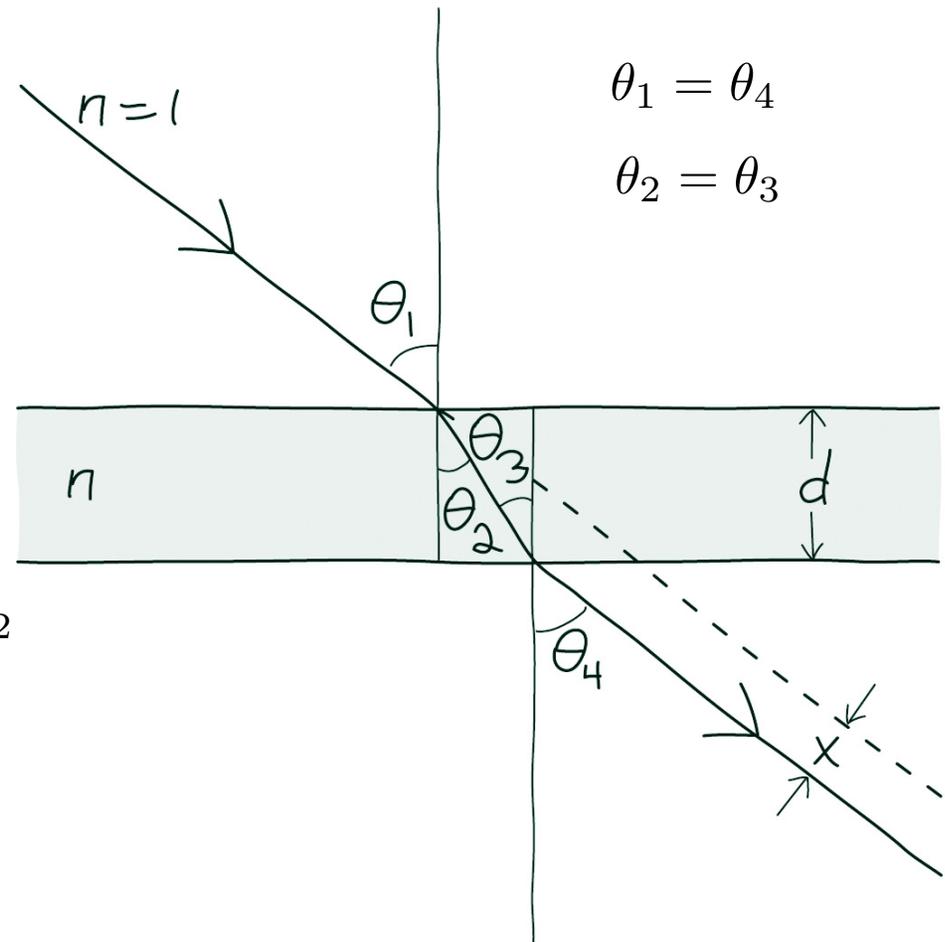
$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{d}{l} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{l} = \frac{\cos \theta_2}{d}$$

$$\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = \frac{x}{l} = \frac{x \cos \theta_2}{d}$$

$$\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\frac{x}{d} = \sin \theta_1 - \cos \theta_1 \tan \theta_2$$

$$\frac{x}{d} = \sin \theta_1 \left[1 - \frac{\cos \theta_1}{\sqrt{n^2 - \sin^2 \theta_1}} \right]$$



$$\theta_1 = \theta_4$$

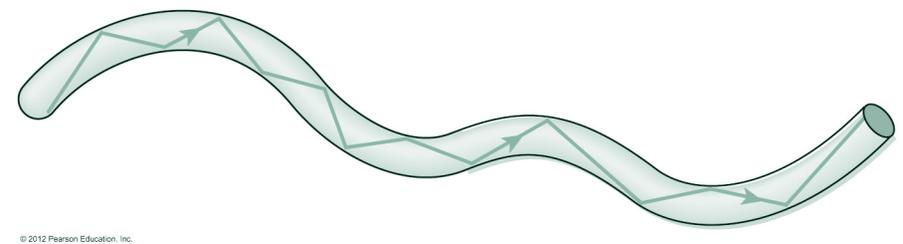
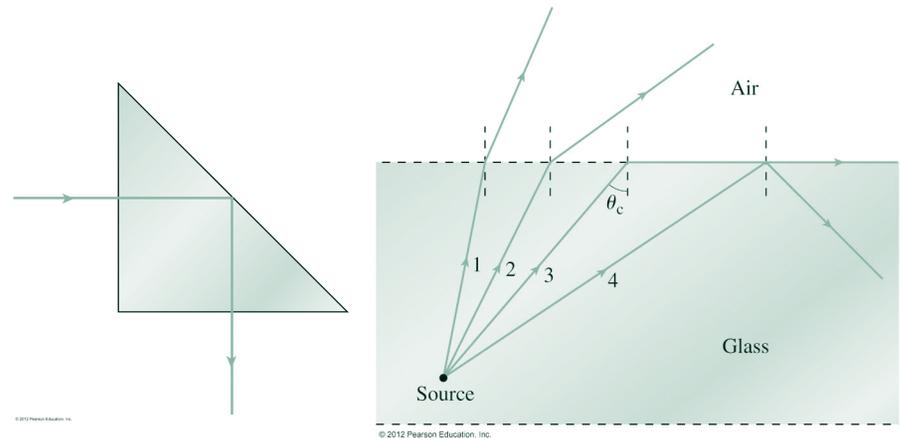
$$\theta_2 = \theta_3$$

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Total Internal Reflection

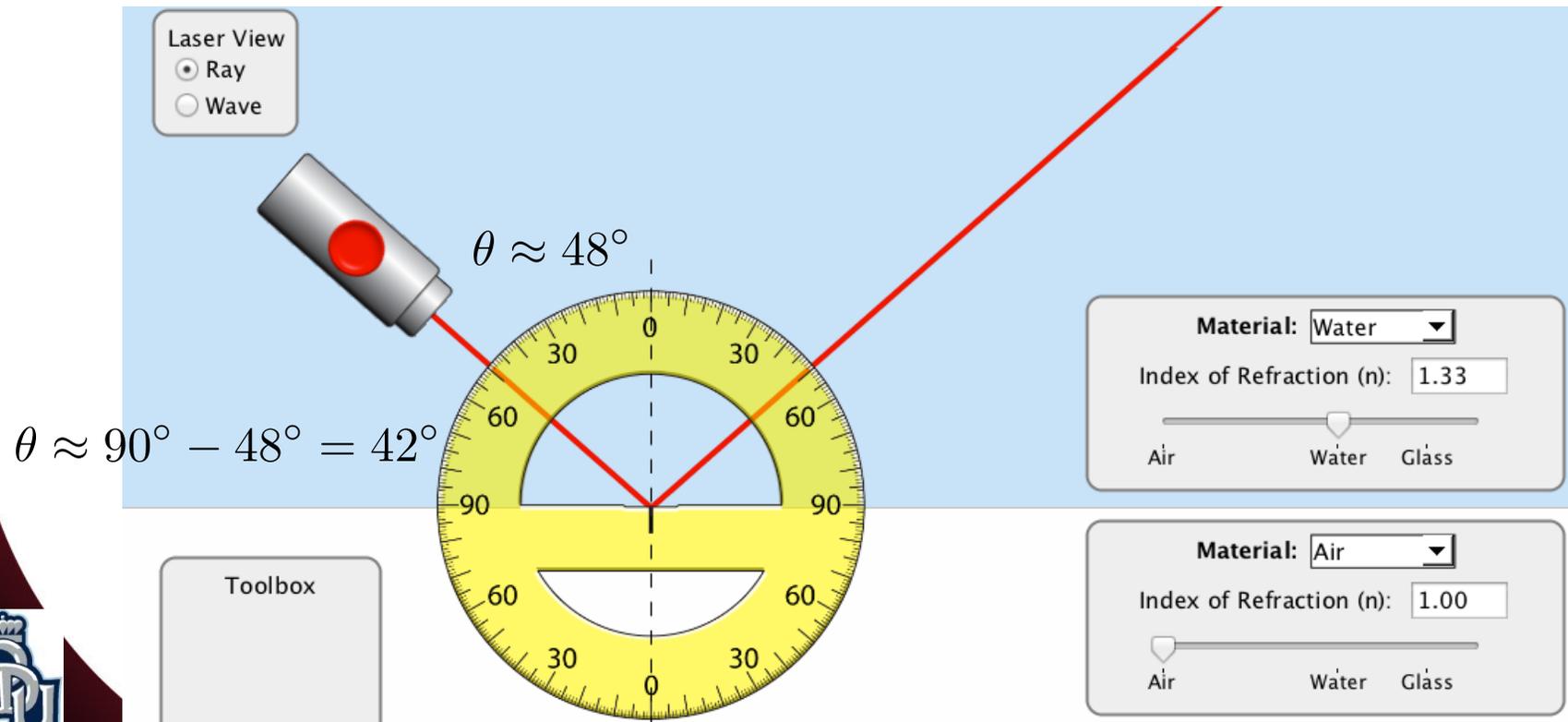
- **Total internal reflection (TIR)** occurs at the interface from a material with greater refractive index to one with lesser refractive index.
 - TIR occurs when the incidence angle is greater than the **critical angle** given by
$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$
 - TIR is used in prism-based reflectors.
 - TIR is the basis of optical fibers, guiding light along the fibers that, among other applications, carry data on the interwebz.



Total Internal Reflection Angle from Water to Air

- For water, $n=1.33$
- For air, $n=1.00$

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_{\text{air}}}{n_{\text{water}}} = \frac{1.00}{1.33} \approx 48^\circ$$



Applet Wednesday: Refraction

<http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/bending-light>

File Help

Intro Prism Break More Tools

Laser View
 Ray
 Wave

Material: Custom
Index of Refraction (n): 1.00
Air Water Glass

Material: Custom
Index of Refraction (n): 1.51
Air Water Glass

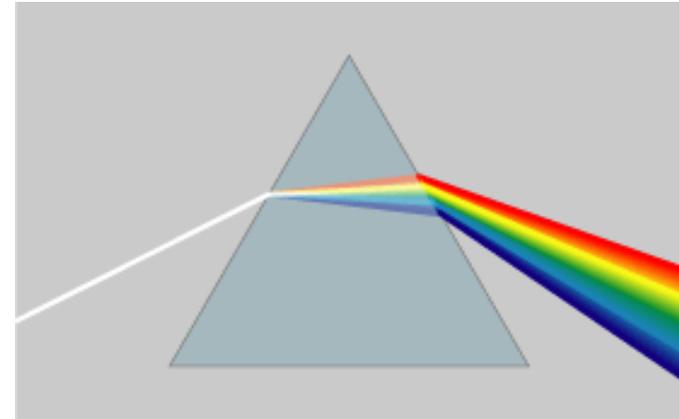
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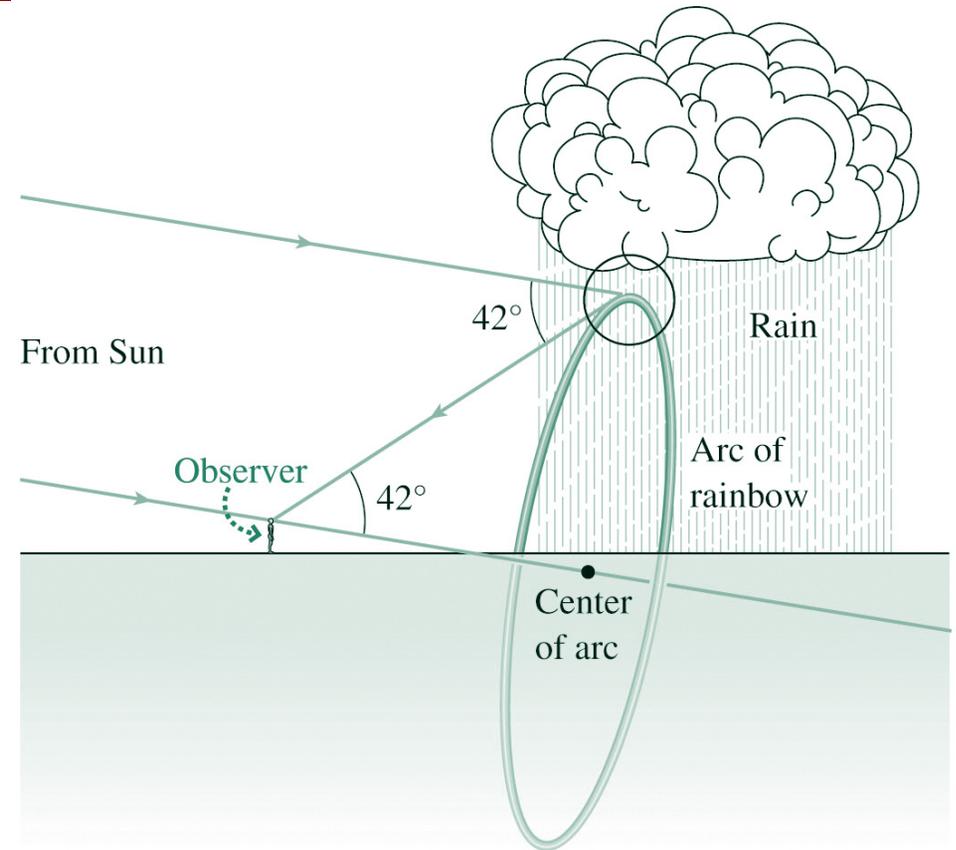
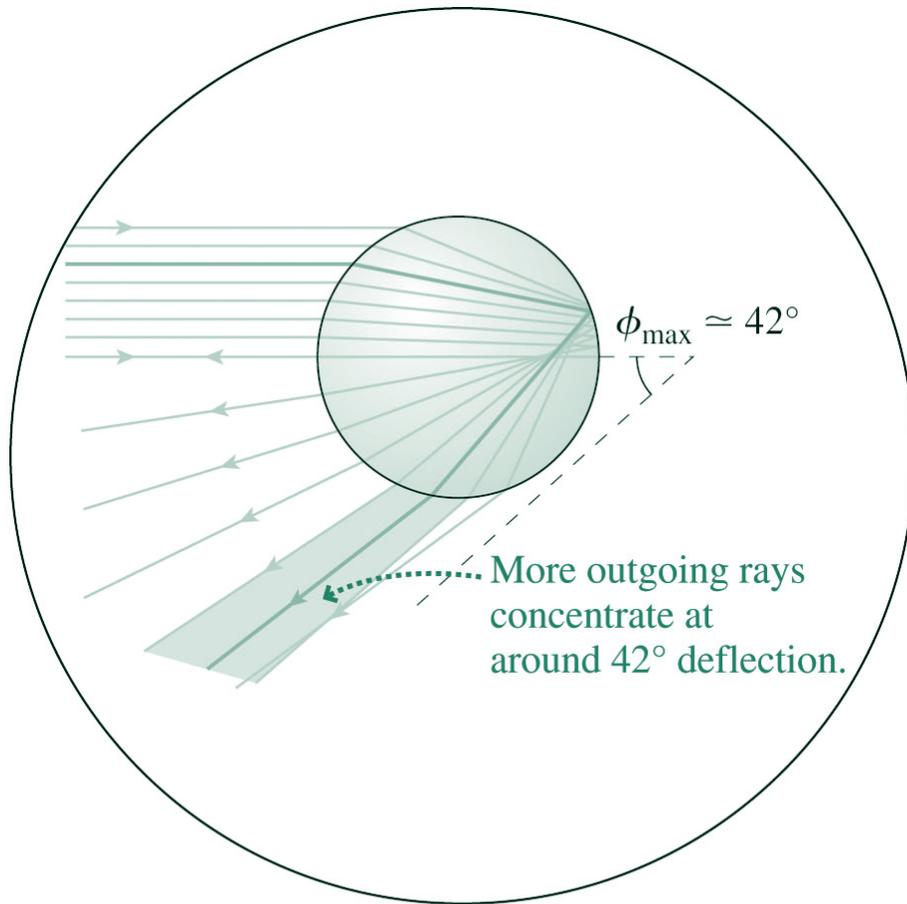


Dispersion

- The refractive index depends on wavelength, and therefore refraction disperses the different wavelengths in slightly different directions.
 - That's why a prism produces a spectrum of color from white light.
 - Dispersion and total internal reflection in raindrops cause the rainbow.



Dispersion: Rainbows

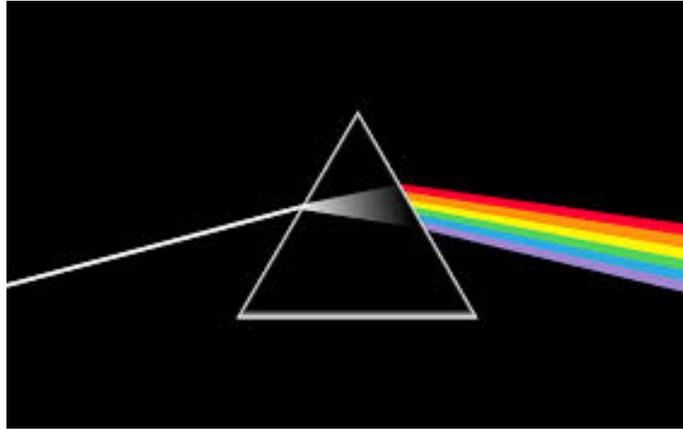


- This reflection and dispersion is why rainbows appear with the sun behind you, and at a certain particular angle in the sky.

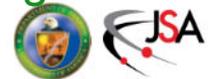


Dispersion and Index of Refraction

- The bending of different wavelengths of light in dispersion is purely due to the dependence of index of refraction on wavelength of light



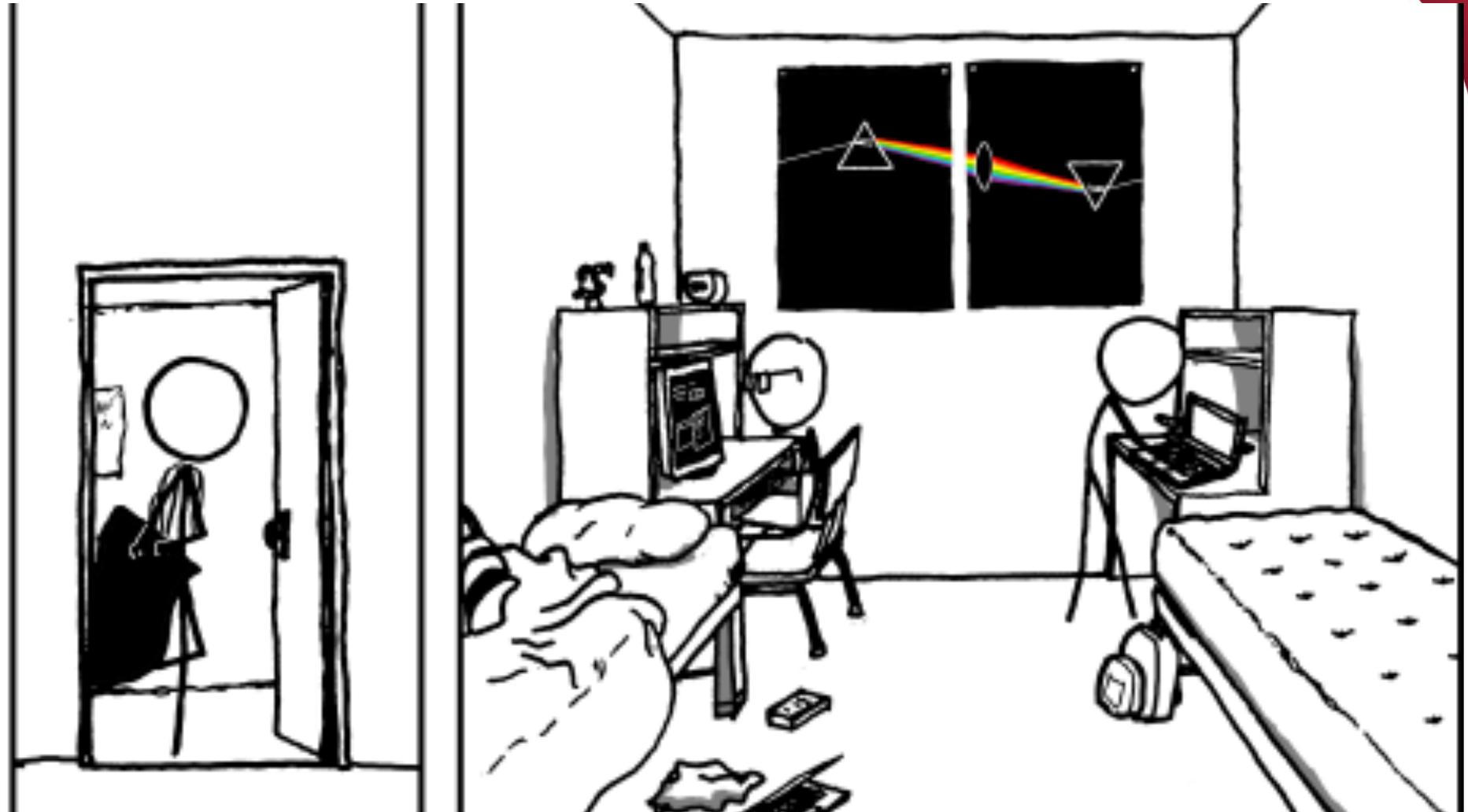
- Some types of glass have indexes of refraction that range from 1.31-1.33 for visible light.
- In visible light and common materials, usually...
 - red light (longer wavelength, lower energy) bends less
 - blue light (shorter wavelength, higher energy) bends more
- This is one of the first indications of the wave nature of light
 - And that white light is not “pure” but the sum of all visible colors together



xkcd: Dorm Poster (part 1)



xkcd: Dorm Poster (part 2)



This is an example of an optical system called an **achromat**

<http://xkcd.com/964/>



Dispersion and Spectra

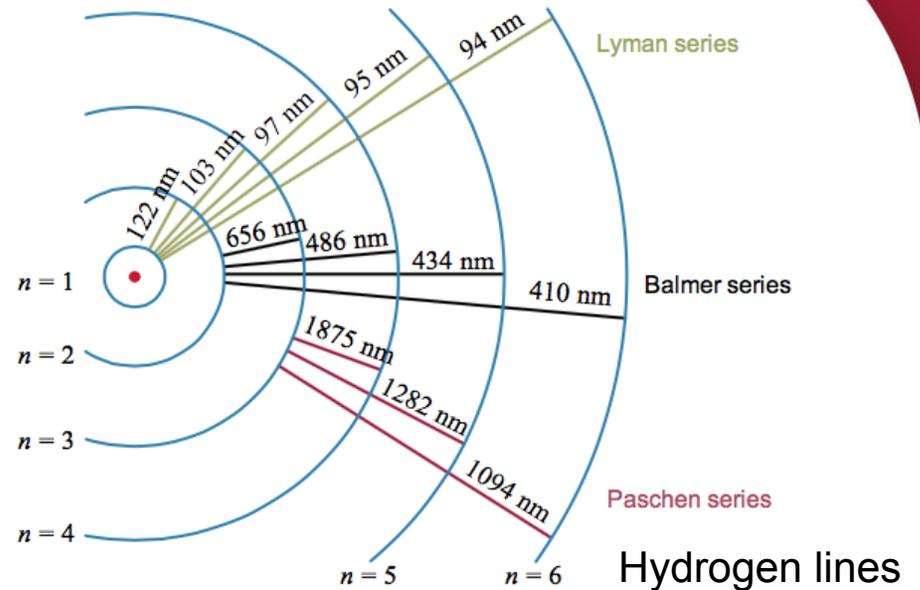
Continuous Spectrum



Emission Lines



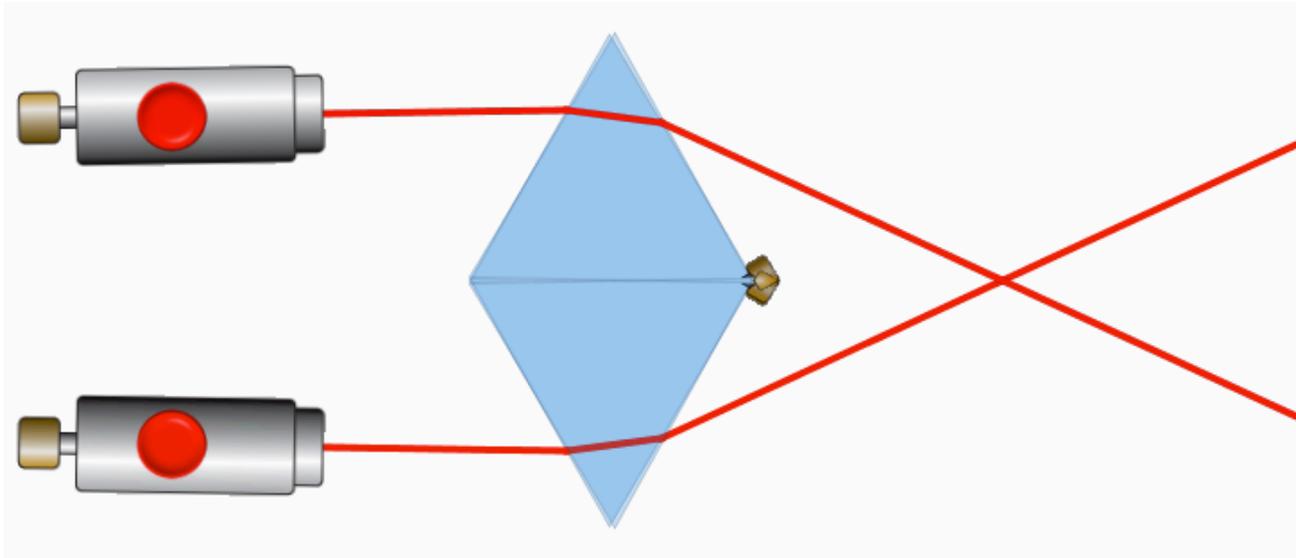
Absorption Lines



- Dispersion provided the first insights into the atomic and subatomic nature of material
 - “White” light (e.g. sunlight) really has dark absorption lines
 - Correspond to absorption of certain light frequencies by gases/plasmas
 - Light from heating or burning different substances shows different emission lines
 - **Spectroscopy** has a myriad of uses on its own
 - Ranging from composition analysis to expansion of the universe



Prisms and Bending Light



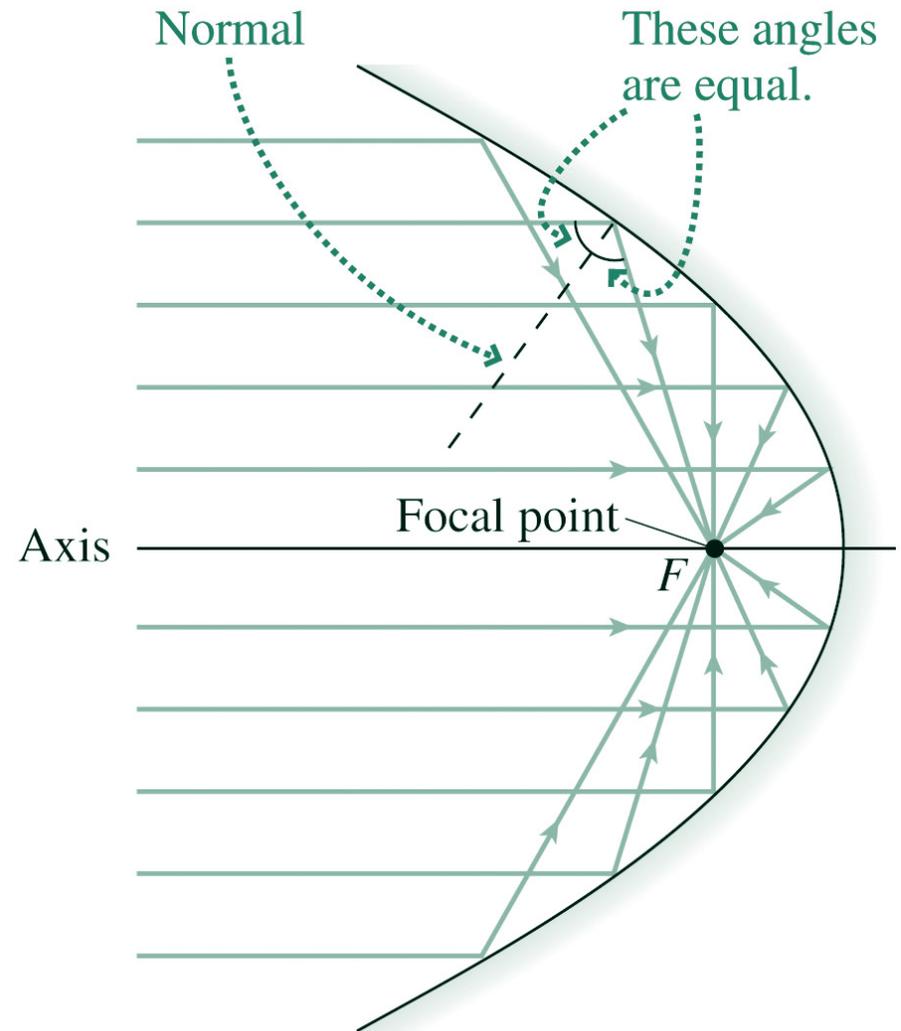
- Prisms nicely bend light twice
 - Once at each interface between materials
- What happens if we stack two prisms on top of each other?
 - Two thin prisms will take two incoming parallel light ray (like those from the sun) and make them meet at a point
 - If we make the surfaces of the prisms curved instead of straight, maybe we can make **all** the incoming rays meet at a point
 - This brings us to reflection and refraction with curved surfaces: **lenses**
 - Let's do this with curved mirrors first



Parabolic and Spherical Mirrors

- A **parabolic mirror** focuses rays parallel to the mirror axis to a common **focal point**.

- A portion of a sphere is a good approximation to a parabola.
 - Then the focal point is at half the sphere's radius.
- In the **paraxial approximation**, we assume that all rays are nearly parallel to the mirror axis.
- Parabolic mirrors are used as light and energy concentrators
 - Solar energy applications
 - Fire starters



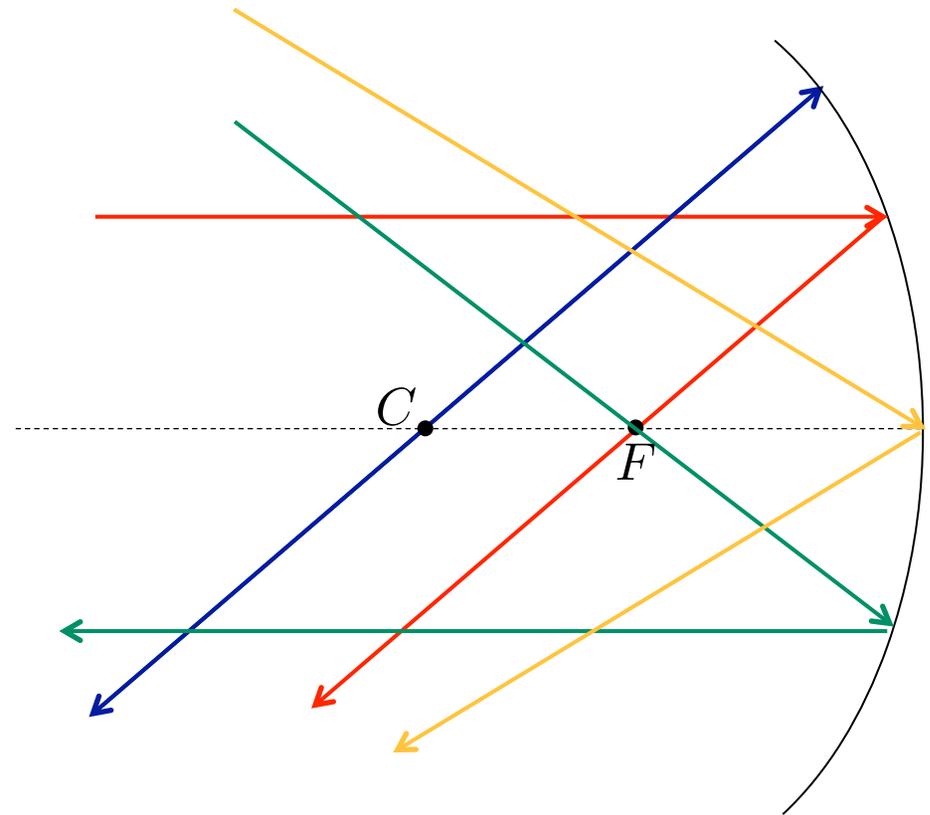
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Ray Tracing with Curved Mirrors

- The image formed in a curved mirror can be found using any two of four special light rays:

- (1) A ray parallel to the mirror axis reflects through the focal point.
- (2) A ray passing through the focal point reflects parallel to the axis.
- (3) A ray striking the center of the mirror reflects symmetrically about the mirror axis.
- (4) A ray through the center of curvature of the mirror returns on itself.

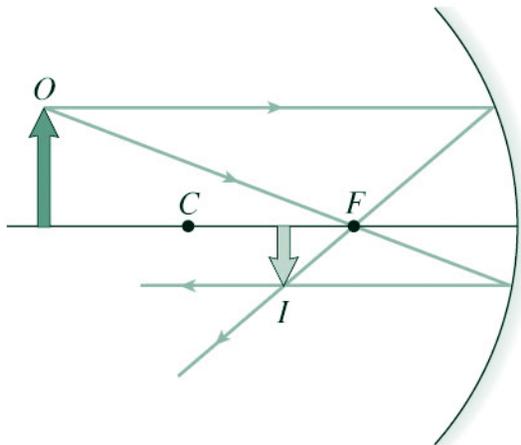


C: Center of curvature (center of the semicircular mirror)
F: Focal point of mirror

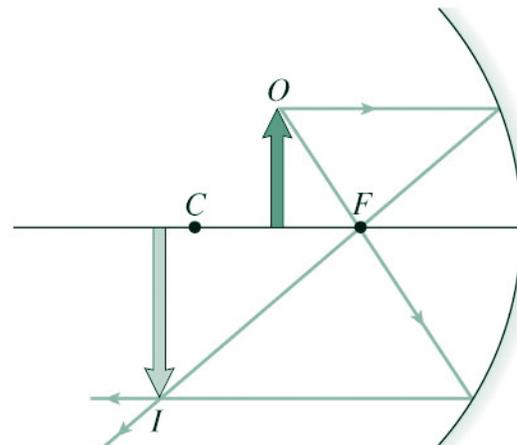


Image Formation with Curved Mirrors

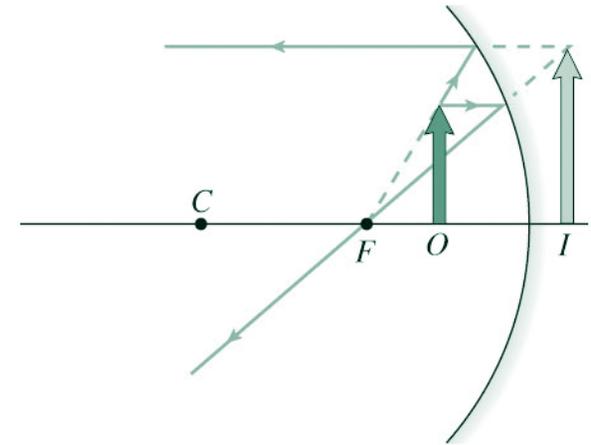
- **Concave mirrors** can form either real or virtual images.
 - If the object is beyond the center of curvature, the image is real, inverted, and reduced in size.
 - If the object is between the center of curvature and the focal point, the image is real, inverted, and enlarged.
 - If the object is closer to the mirror than the focal point, the image is virtual, upright, and enlarged.
 - The diagram below uses rays (1) and (2) of the previous slide to show this point.



Real, inverted, reduced image



Real, inverted, enlarged image

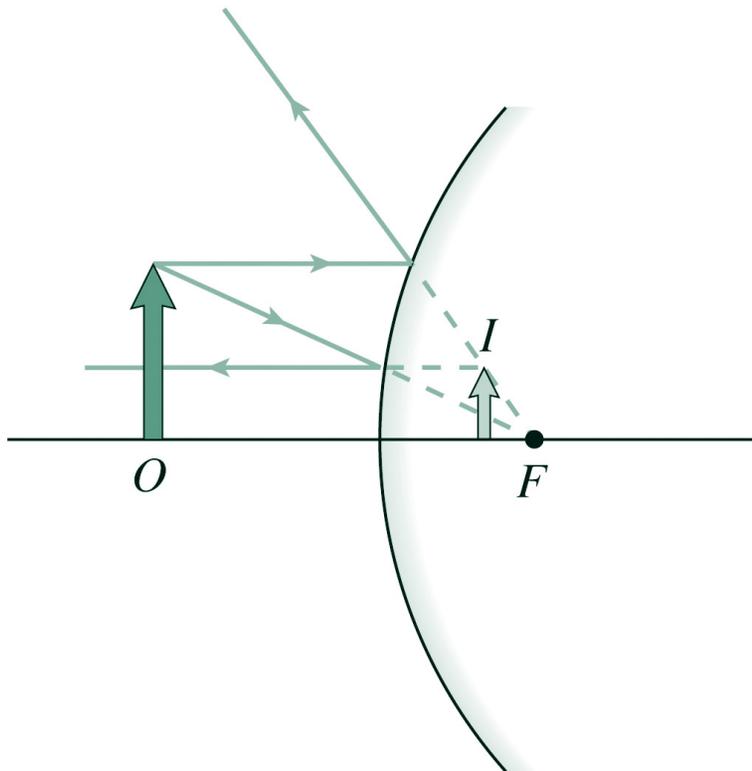


Virtual, upright, enlarged image



Convex Mirrors

- **Convex mirrors** can form only virtual images.
 - The image is always upright and reduced in size.



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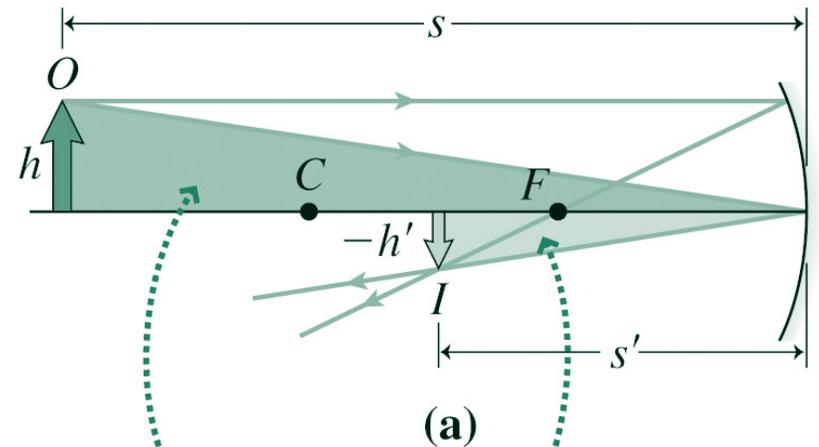
The Mirror Equation

- Analysis using similar triangles yields the **mirror equation**, relating object distance s , image distance s' , and the focal length f :

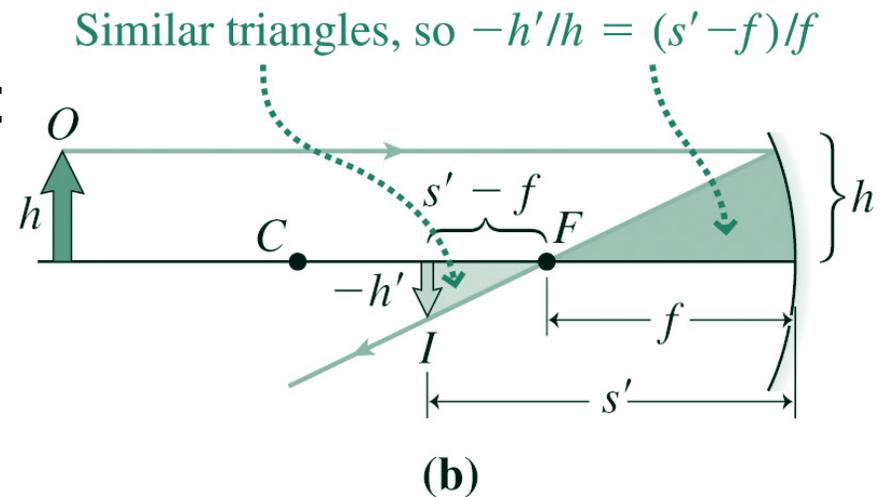
$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

- The image **magnification** M is the negative ratio of image distance s' to object distance s :

$$M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s}$$



Similar triangles, so $h'/h = -s'/s$



Similar triangles, so $-h'/h = (s' - f)/f$



Sign Conventions for Mirrors

- The mirror equation describes all possible cases of image formation, according to the following sign conventions:

Table 31.1 Image Formation with Mirrors: Sign Conventions

Focal Length, f	Object Distance, s	Image Distance, s'	Type of Image	Ray Diagram
+ (concave)	+ (in front of mirror) $s > 2f$	+ (in front of mirror) $s' < 2f$	Real, inverted, reduced	
+ (concave)	+ (in front of mirror) $2f > s > f$	+ (in front of mirror) $s' > 2f$	Real, inverted, enlarged	
+ (concave)	+ (in front of mirror) $s < f$	- (behind mirror)	Virtual, upright, enlarged	
- (convex)	+ (in front of mirror)	- (behind mirror)	Virtual, upright, reduced	

