

Object is source of light. Every point of the object is a source of light.





Object and image distances are positive on side with light rays and negative on opposite side.



Object distance = - Image Distance







Plane Mirror Object Image Plane mirrors produce images that are upright, virtual, the same size as the object and reversed front-to-back.

Example: How tall of a plane mirror is required for a person to see their full image in the mirror from their feet to the top of their head?



Example: How tall of a plane mirror is required for a person to see the full image of a distant object?







Concave Spherical Mirrors



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f = R/2, is the "focus" or "focal point"



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Graphical Determination of Image Location Draw principle rays

• From object to mirror, parallel to principle axis - From there (mirror) through focus



Graphical Determination of Image Location Draw principle rays

• From object to mirror, through focus -From there (mirror) parallel to principle axis



Graphical Determination of Image Location Draw principle rays

• From object to mirror, through center - From there (mirror) through center



Draw principle rays

- From object to mirror, parallel to principle axis -From there (mirror) through focus
- From object to mirror, through focus -
- From there (mirror) parallel to principle axis
- From object to mirror, through center -From there (mirror) through center



Calculation of Image Location





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Example: a dime (height is 1.8 cm) is placed 100 cm away from a concave mirror. The image height is 0.9 cm and the image is inverted. What is the focal length of the mirror.

Convex Spherical Mirrors

Same rules with R < 0 and f < 0.







Convex Spherical Mirrors

Image is virtual, upright, and smaller than object.

Example: a convex rearview car mirror has a radius of curvature of 40 cm. Determine the location of the image and its magnification for an object 10 m from the mirror.

Additional Examples

An additional file is provided on the lecture web page including each possible type of image due to a concave spherical mirror.