

Lenses

Light refracts at both surfaces.  
Non-parallel surfaces results in net "bend".

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Focusing power of the lens is function of

- radius of curvature of each surface and
- index of refraction of lens.

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Converging lenses are thicker in the center of the lens.

Diverging lenses are thinner in the center of the lens.

Symmetric Thin Lens Approximation

Assume all bend occurs along a line through the lens.  
Assume the same focus on each side of the lens.

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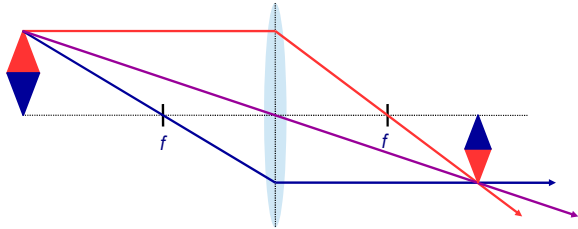
- From the object to the lens, parallel to the principle axis
- From there (lens) through the far focal point

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- From the object through the near focal point to the lens
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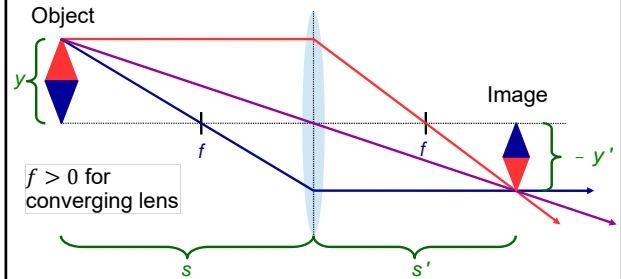
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Calculation

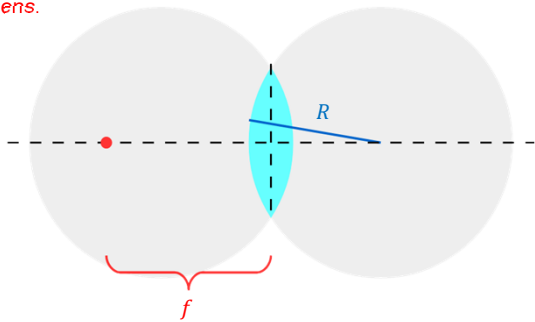
$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

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



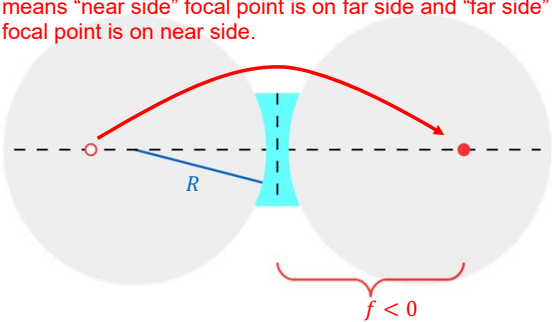
Sign Conventions

Positive  $f$  associated with positive  $R$  on opposite side of lens.

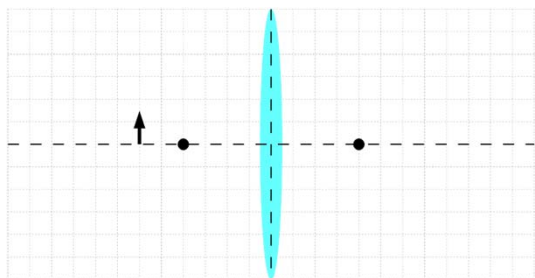


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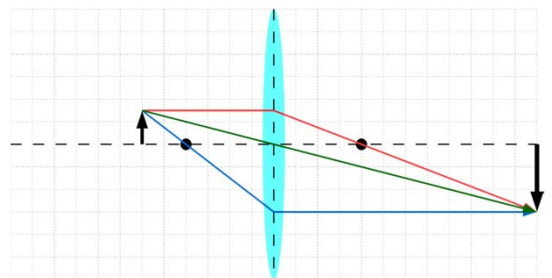
Negative  $f$  associated with negative  $R$ . Negative  $f$  means "near side" focal point is on far side and "far side" focal point is on near side.



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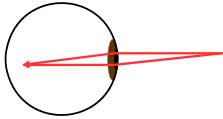
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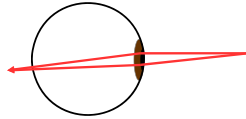
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More Complex Lenses  
Lensmaker's Equation

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

$R_2 < 0$   
 $R_1 > 0$

$f > 0$  for converging     $f < 0$  for diverging

(Surface 1 is first surface hit by light.)

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Calculations (for  $n_b > n_a$ )

$$f = \left( \frac{n_b}{n_b - n_a} \right) R \quad (\text{Note that } f > R)$$

$$\frac{n_a}{s} + \frac{n_b}{s'} = \frac{n_b - n_a}{R}$$

$$m = \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{-n_a s'}{n_b s}$$