

Optical Specification, Fabrication and Testing is designed to unify concepts from ~~you~~ geometrical optics, aberrations, Fourier optics, interference and diffraction. In the real world, a lens designer may provide ~~an~~ an optical design (maybe even with tolerances). How do you go about turning this into a real system? This class hopes to illustrate some of these processes. Namely:

- Creating specifications

- Drawings that someone at an optics shop can ~~under~~ interpret correctly

- Specifying tests to verify the part was made correctly or to within some performance metric

- Fabrication techniques - what's possible, costs, limitations

We will look at

- Performance Metrics

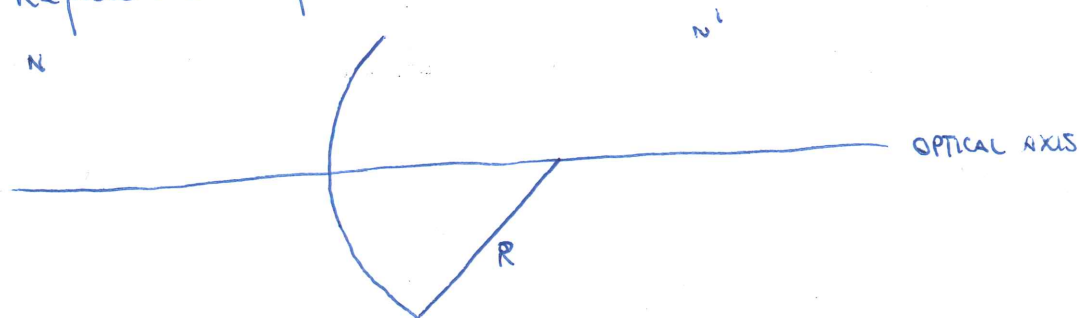
- Simple and Complex tests to verify performance

- Standards for creating drawings.

I Properties of Optical Systems (Brief Review)

I.1 Optical Properties of a single Spherical Surface

I.1.1 Refractive Surface



Spherical Surfaces are Specified by a single value

- R = Radius of Curvature (units mm, m, in.)

Alternatively, we can use Curvature

C = 1/R (units mm⁻¹, m⁻¹)

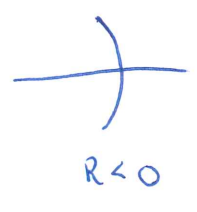
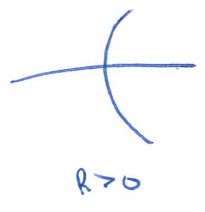
- R = ∞ means C = 0 is a planar or flat surface. Curvature sometimes more useful in computer code since it remains finite

~~Effective Focal Length (EFL)~~

Power of a optical surface φ (Ability of the lens to converge/diverge light)

φ = (n' - n) C = (n' - n) / R (units mm⁻¹, m⁻¹ = Diopters)

sign convention



Example

n' = 1.5
n = 1.0

φ = (1.5 - 1.0) / 80 = 0.00625 mm⁻¹

R = 80 mm

put n = water

φ = (1.5 - 1.33) / 80 = 0.002125 mm⁻¹

power is reduced when difference in n's reduced.

Effective Focal Length (EFL, f_e)

$$f_e = \frac{1}{\phi}$$

For an example

$$f_e = \frac{1}{0.00625} = 160 \text{ mm}$$

$$f'_e = \frac{1.5}{0.00625} = 240 \text{ mm}$$

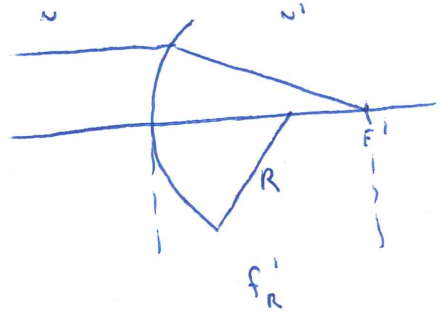
~~Measure~~

Front Focal length (FFL, f_f)

$$f_f = \frac{-n}{\phi} = -n f_e$$

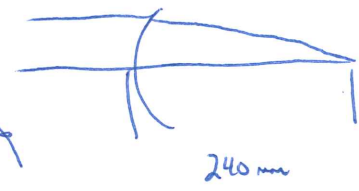
Rear (~~back~~) Focal length (~~back~~, f'_r)

$$f'_r = \frac{n'}{\phi} = n' f_e$$



$$n' > n$$

$$\phi > 0$$

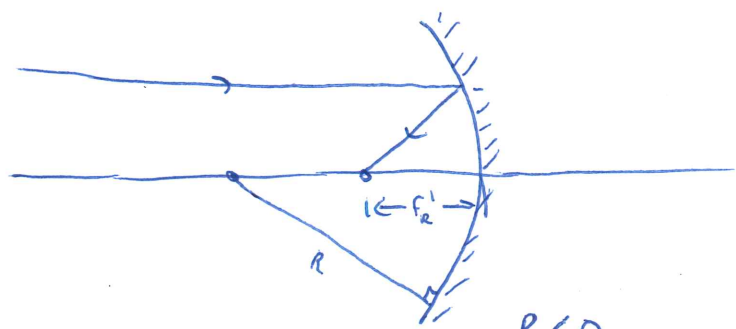


1.1.2 Reflective Surfaces

Special case of above with $n' = -n$

- Power $\phi = -2nC = \frac{-2n}{R}$

$$f_f = f'_r = \frac{-n}{\phi} = -n f_e = \frac{R}{2} = \frac{1}{2C}$$



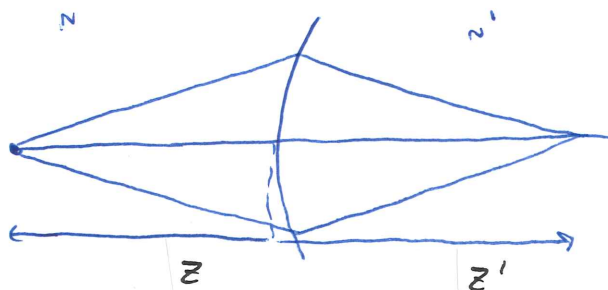
$$R < 0$$

$$n' = -n$$

$$\phi > 0$$

1.1.3 Gaussian Imaging Equation

$$\frac{n'}{z'} - \frac{n}{z} = \phi$$



By convention $z < 0$ and $z' > 0$ in above.

To left of vertex negative

To right of vertex positive

Continuing our example Suppose you have object at 500 mm left of surface, where is image formed?

(Recall $n = 1.0$

$n' = 1.5$

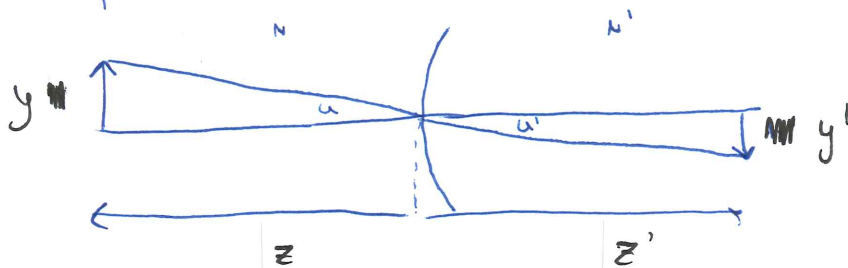
$\phi = 0.00625 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ from $R = 80 \text{ mm}$)

$$\frac{1.5}{z'} - \frac{1}{-500} = 0.00625$$

$$\frac{1.5}{z'} = 0.00425$$

$$z' = +352.94 \text{ mm}$$

We can also look at magnification (transverse or lateral) of the surface for an extended object



$$\text{Transverse magnification } m = \frac{y'}{y}$$

by sign convention up is positive

down is negative

image is

So in this example $m < 0$ meaning ~~object~~ upside down.

Again by our sign convention $u < 0$ $u' < 0$

In paraxial region

$$u = \frac{y}{z} \quad u' = \frac{y'}{z'}$$

Paraxial version of Snell's law

$$n u = n' u'$$

$$\frac{n y}{z} = \frac{n' y'}{z'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{n z'}{n' z} = m$$

We can use this to rewrite the gaussian imaging equation

$$\frac{z'}{n'} \left[\frac{n'}{z'} - \frac{n}{z} \right] = \phi \frac{z'}{n'}$$

$$1 - m = \frac{z'}{f'_R} \frac{1}{n'}$$

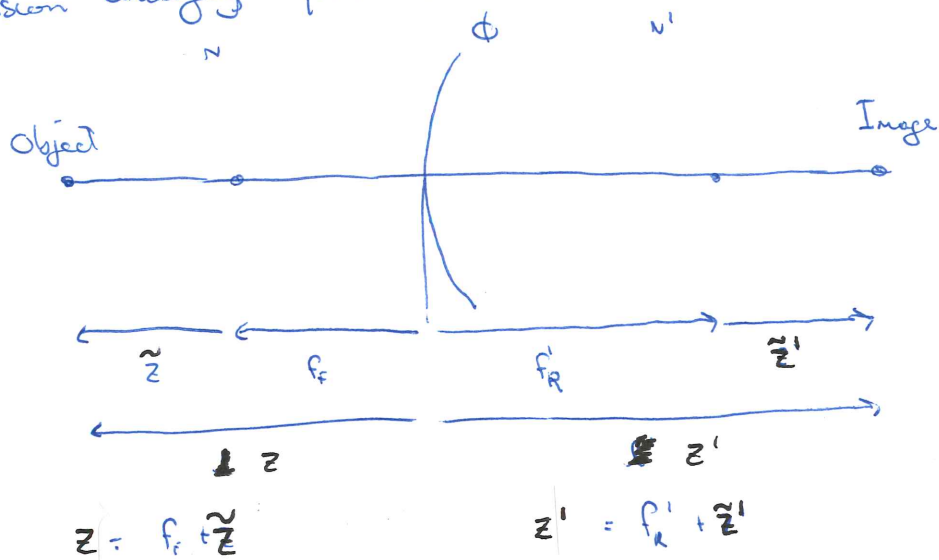
$$\boxed{z' = f'_R (1 - m)}$$

Similarly if you multiply gaussian imaging equation by $\frac{z}{n}$ on both sides you get

$$\boxed{z = - \left(\frac{1 - m}{m} \right) f_F} \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = \left[\frac{m - 1}{m} \right] f_F$$

The point here is that if we know the front and/or rear focal lengths and the magnification, we can predict where the object/image is located.

1.1.4 Newton's Equation is an alternative form of the Gaussian imaging equation



Gaussian imaging Eq.

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$$\frac{n'}{f' + z'} - \frac{n}{f + z} = \frac{n'}{f'}$$

$$\frac{n'}{f' + z'} - \frac{n}{f + z} = -\frac{n}{f}$$

$$\frac{n'}{f' + z'} - \frac{n'}{f'} = \frac{n}{f + z}$$

$$\frac{n}{f + z} - \frac{n}{f} = \frac{n'}{f' + z'}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{n'}f' - \cancel{n'}f' - n'z'}{f'(f' + z')} = \frac{n}{f + z}$$

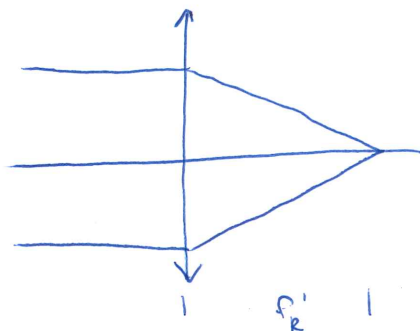
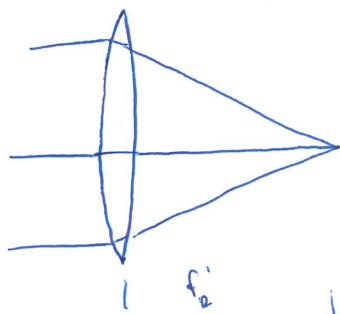
$$\frac{\cancel{n}f - \cancel{n}f - n'z'}{f(f + z)} = \frac{n'}{f' + z'}$$

$$\frac{-n'z'}{f'} \left(\frac{n'}{f' + z'} \right) = \frac{n}{f + z}$$

$$\frac{+n'z'n'}{f'f(f' + z')} = \frac{n}{f + z}$$

$$\boxed{z z' = f f'}$$

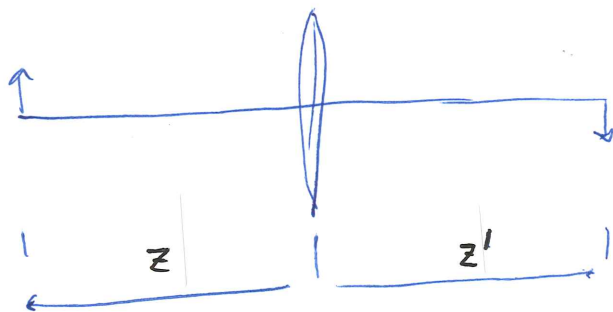
The thin lens



A lens whose thickness is much smaller than its radius and diameter can be approximated as an idealized thin lens that is a plane.

Power of a thin lens in air

$$\phi = (n-1)(C_1 - C_2) \quad \text{where } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ are the curvatures of front and back surface. } n \text{ is index of lens.}$$



z and z' in gaussian imaging equation measured from the plane of the thin lens.