

Curved Mirrors

Source of Parallel Rays: very, very far away source

Method of locating focal point:

Allow light from a distant object to come into focus on a screen.

Principal Axis: diameter of sphere

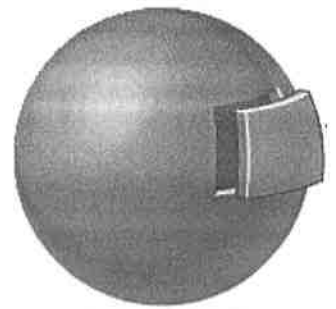
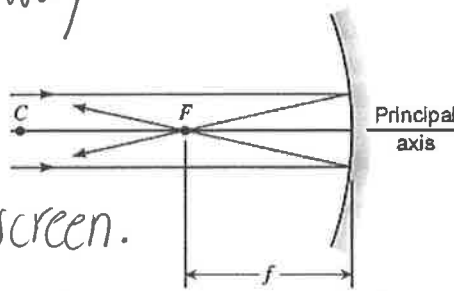
Center of Curvature (C): center of sphere

Radius of Curvature (R): radius of sphere

Focal Point (F): point where rays cross the principal axis

Focal Length (f): distance from focal point to mirror

Concave Mirror



Relationship between radius of curvature and focal length

$$R = 2f$$

Converging Mirror

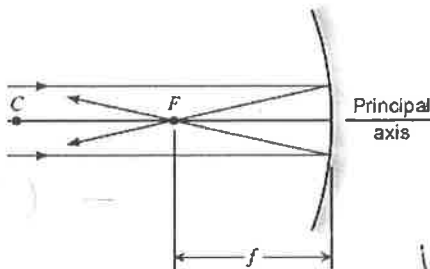
Concave Mirror

Shape: concave
Focal Point: real
Focal Length: (+)

Images: real → smaller
 → same size
 → larger

no image
virtual image - larger

Examples: cosmetic mirror, satellite dish



Diverging Mirror

Convex Mirror

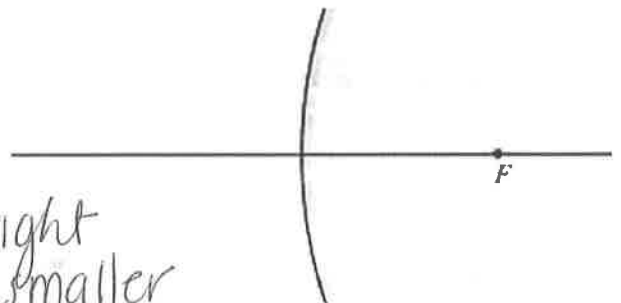
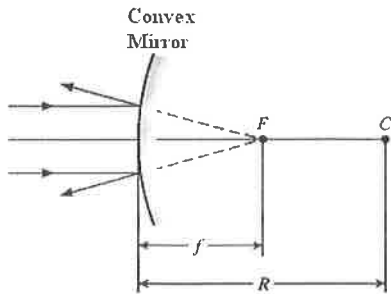
Shape: convex

Focal Point: virtual

Focal Length: (-)

Images: virtual - upright + smaller

Examples: rear view mirror, security mirror



Real and Virtual Images

Real image: Formed where light rays actually converge.

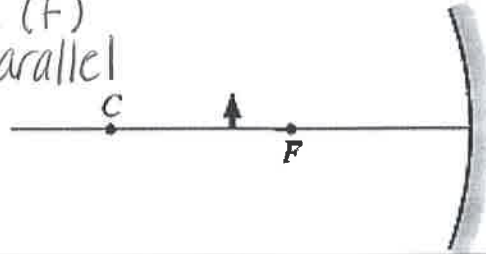
Virtual image: Formed where light rays appear to converge or intersect.

- Properties:
- 1) Can be projected on to a screen.
 - 2) Image is always inverted.

- Properties:
- 1) Cannot be projected on a screen.
 - 2) Image is always upright.

Ray Tracing (3-Ray diagrams) to Locate Images

- Ray #1: In parallel, out through focal pt. (F)
- Ray #2: In through focal pt. (F), and out parallel
- Ray #3: In center of mirror, out at an equal angle.



object beyond center

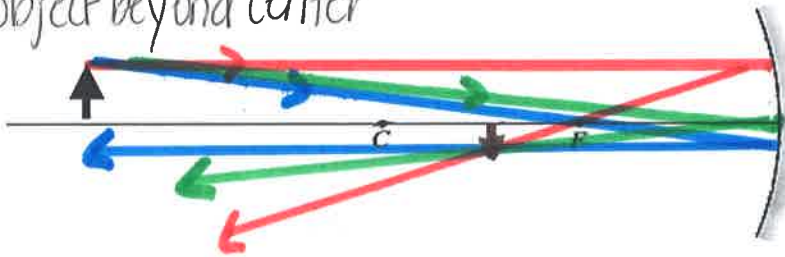


Image Properties

- Case 1:
- real
 - smaller
 - inverted

object at center or at 2f

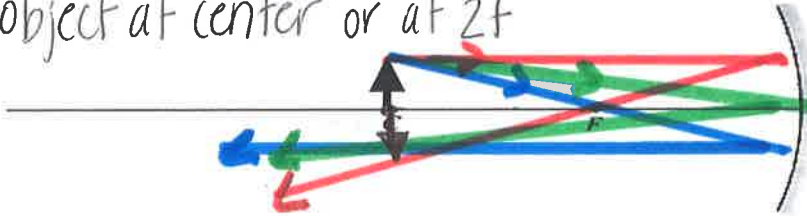


Image Properties

- Case 2:
- real
 - same size
 - inverted

object between "C" and focal pt.

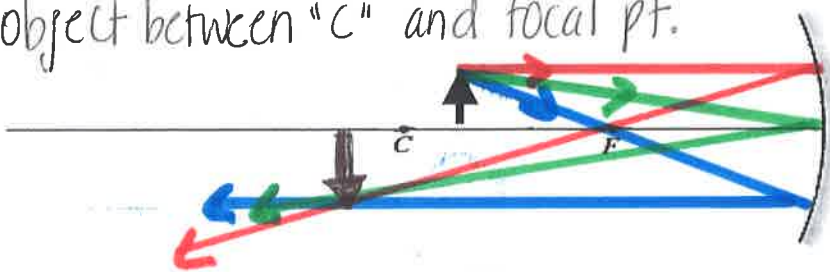


Image Properties

- Case 3:
- real
 - larger
 - inverted

object at focal pt. "F"

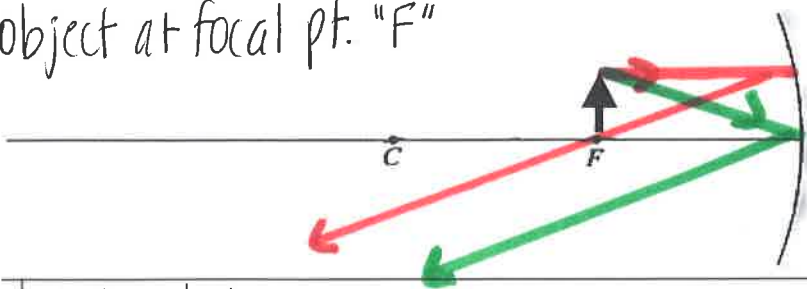


Image Properties

- Case 4:
- no image

object is between focal pt. + mirror

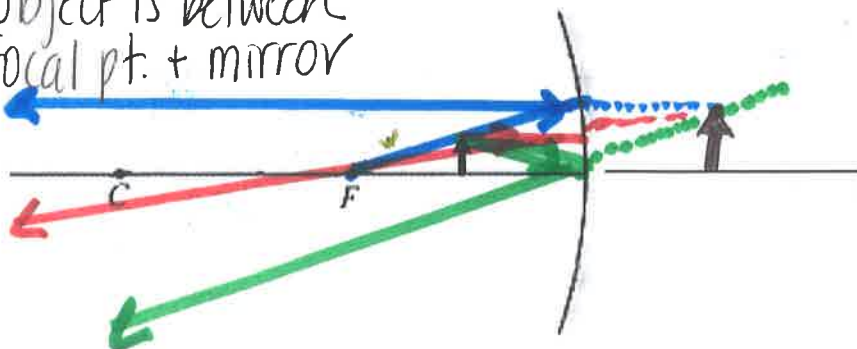


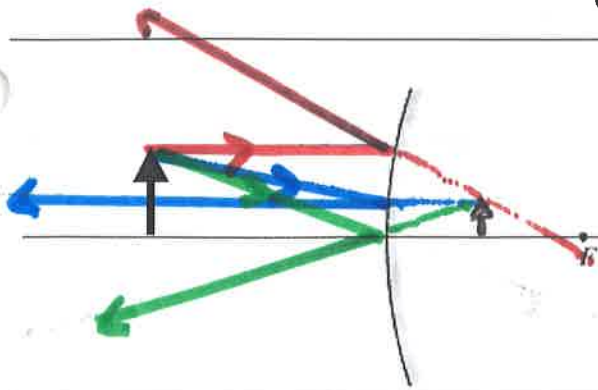
Image Properties

- Case 5:
- virtual
 - larger
 - upright

Application:



Convex Mirror



- virtual
- upright
- smaller

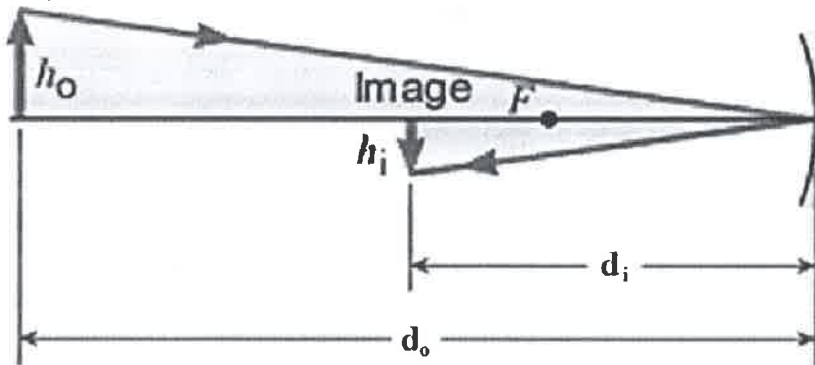
Application:



1. Under what circumstances will a mirror form a real image? *concave, object outside of F*
2. Under what circumstances will a mirror form a virtual image?
convex mirror, plane (flat) mirror, concave (and object inside F)

Calculating Locations and Sizes of Images

Object



d_o (or u) =

d_i (or v) =

h_o =

h_i =

Sign Convention

Mirror Equation

Linear Magnification

1. A 2.0-cm-high object is placed 7.10 cm from a concave mirror whose radius of curvature is 10.20 cm.
 - a) Locate the image by means of a ray diagram.
 - b) Calculate the location of the image.
 - c) Calculate the magnification of the mirror.
 - d) Calculate the size of the image.
 - e) Describe the image.