## Chapter 36 Lenses and Optical Instruments 36.1 Lenses

An optical lens is a sample of some transparent material, such as glass, that usually has spherical or cylindrical surfaces.

**Converging lens**: the central section is thicker than the rim.

**Diverging lens**: the central section is thinner than the rim.



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## **Principal Ray Diagrams**

Ray diagrams are useful in locating images due to lenses.

1. A ray passing through the center of the lens is undeviated.

2. A ray directed parallel to the axis passes through a focal point.

3. A ray directed toward, or away from, a focal point emerges parallel to the axis.



### The Thin Lens Formula



Sign convention: p is positive (real) on the left, negative (virtual) on the right. q is positive on the right, negative on the left. f is positive for converging lens, negative for a diverging lens.

As is the case with mirrors, the **transverse** (or **linear**) **magnification**, *m*, is defined as the ratio of image height to object height.

$$m = \frac{y_I}{y_O} = -\frac{q}{p}$$

#### 36.2 The Simple Magnifier



The **angular magnification**, *M*, of single lens, called a simple magnifier, is defined as the ratio of the angle subtended by the *I* image produced by the lens to the angle subtended when the object itself is at 25 cm.

 $M = \frac{\beta}{\alpha_{25}} = \frac{0.25}{p}$ 

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### The Simple Magnifier

When an object is placed at the focal point of a converging lens, the imagine is at infinity.



$$M_{\infty} = \frac{0.25}{p} = \frac{0.25}{f}$$

## 36.3 The Compound Microscope





### The Compound Microscope

The object just beyond the focal point of the objective ( $P_0 > f_0$ ). The enlarged image produced by the objective ( $q_0 > l + f_0$ ) acts as a real object for the eyepiece.

The final virtual image is produced by the eyepiece.



The Compound Microscope (II)

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The optical system of a modern microscope.

### **36.4 Telescopes**

A **telescope** is an optical instrument used to view object far away.

The image in the telescope subtends an angle  $\beta$ , so the angular magnification of the telescope is

 $M = \frac{\beta}{2}$ Since the angles are small,  $\alpha \approx \frac{h}{f_o}$  and  $\beta \approx \frac{h}{p_E}$ 

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$$M = -\frac{f_0}{p_E}$$

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# **Reflecting Telescope**

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### 36.5 The Eye

The human eye is a wonderfully refined optical instrument.

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# The Eye (II)

The human eye is a wonderfully refined optical instrument.

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# The Eye (III)

Eyeglasses are specified in terms of the **power** of the lens. This is defined as the reciprocal of the focal length in meters:

$$Power = \frac{1}{f}$$

The unit of power is the dioptre (D).

## **Exercises and Problems**

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