Medical Physics Lab

Exp. 3 The focal length of biconvex lens



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Converging lens (biconvex lens):



Converging lens:

- A biconvex lens is called a converging lens because rays parallel to the principal axis converge at the focal point.
- the chief ray (1) through the center of the lens passes straight through. A ray parallel (2) to the principal axis is refracted in such a way that it goes through the focal point on the far side of the lens.
- If the image is formed on the side of the lens opposite to the object, it is real and can be observed on a screen.
- However, if the image is on the same side of the lens as the object, it is virtual and cannot be seen on a screen.



Purpose :

- To determine the focal length of the converging lens by using:
- 1. Far object
- 2. Graph method



Apparatus :

1. Converging lens (Convex lens).

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- 2. Holder.
- 3. Meter scale.
- 4. Mounted pin (object).
- 5. Screen



- 1. Obtain a rough value F' for the focal length of the lens by focusing the image of the window on a screen.
- 2. Measure the distance between the lens and the image (F')
- 3. Repeat two times at different places along the optical bench or scale and take the mean of the results.
- F' = rough value for the focal length of the lens .





1. place an object pin at a distance from the lens equal to 2 F'. Measure the distance between the object and lens , which is called (U).

2. Locate the position of is real image on the other side of the lens, by using a screen .Measure the distance between the image and lens, Which is called (V).

3. Move the object to other position both nearer to and farther away from the lens, locating the new position of the image each time .



Reading :

Distance of object from lens (U) cm	Distance of image from lens (V) cm	1/U (cm ⁻¹)	1/V (cm ⁻¹)

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- 1. Plot a graph of 1/U against 1/V.
- Drow the straight line through the pointed and produce it to intersect both axes.

Theory and calculation :

1/F = 1/U + 1/V

- 1. A straight line inclined at 45° o each axis is obtained.
- The intercept on the 1/V axis is the numerical value for which 1/U =0.

 $\frac{1/F_1 = 1/U + 1/V = 0 + 1/V}{\longrightarrow} F_1 = V \qquad (1)$

- 3. Similarity for the intercept on the 1/V axis . F₂=U
- 4. Take the mean value of the two intercepts .

$$F = \frac{F_1 + F_2}{2} = (\dots) cm$$



Human eye:

