

Optic 7

### The Newtonian Lens Equation

We have been using the "Gaussian Lens Formula;

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$$

An alternate lens formula is known as the Newtonian Lens Formula;

$$X_1 X_2 = f^2$$

Which can be verified by substituting;

$$P = f + X_1 \quad \& \quad q = f + X_2$$

Into the Gaussian Lens Formula, Here,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the distances to the object and image respectively from the focal points. ( $f$  is negative for a diverging lens)

$$X_1 = p - f$$

&

$$X_2 = q - f$$

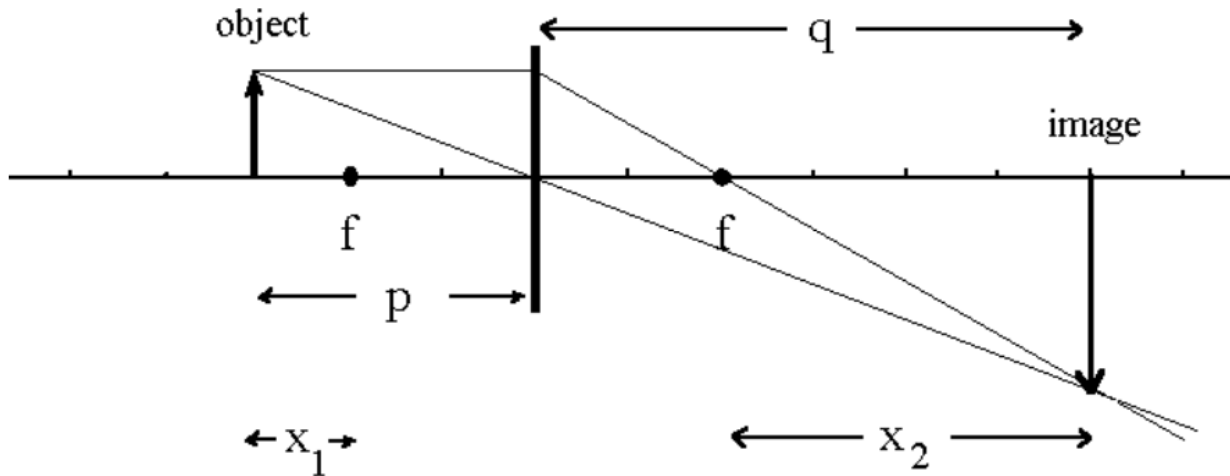


Figure 18. Gaussian & Newtonian Lens Equations Relation

#### Example1:

An object is 15 cm from a converging lens which has a focal length of 10 cm, where is the image?

$$X_1 = p - f = 15 - 10 = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$X_2 = \frac{X_1}{f_2} = \frac{100}{5} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

So the image is  $(10+20) \text{ cm} = 30 \text{ cm}$  to the right of the lens.

### Example2:

An object is 15 cm from a diverging lens which has a focal length of -10 cm, where is the image?

$$X_1 = p - f = 15 - (-10) = 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$X_2 = \frac{X_1}{f_2} = \frac{100}{25} = 4 \text{ cm}$$

So the image is  $((-10) + 4) \text{ cm} = -6 \text{ cm}$  to right of lens, which is 6 cm to left of lens

### Lens maker's Equation

The lens maker's equation is another formula used for giving a relationship between the (focal length, refractive index and radii of curvature of the two spheres) used in the lens. Each face of a lens is part of a sphere where the thickness of the lens must be considered.

For a thin lens,

$$P = \frac{1}{f} = (n_{\text{Lens}} - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right]$$

$P$  is the power of the lens,

$f$  is the focal length of the lens,

$n$  is the refractive index of the lens material,

$R_1$  is the radius of curvature of the face closest to the object

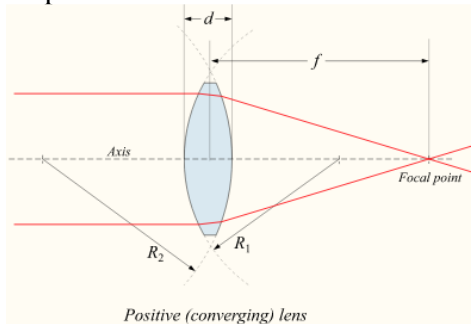
$R_2$  is the radius of curvature of other face

#### For a Convex (converging) Lens

$R_1 = \text{positive}$

$R_2 = \text{negative}$

$f = \text{positive}$

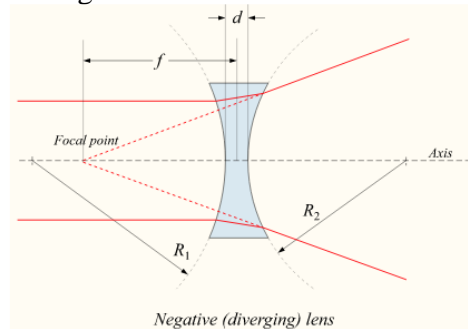


#### For a Concave (diverging) Lens

$R_1 = \text{negative}$

$R_2 = \text{positive}$

$f = \text{negative}$



**Figure 19. Thickness of the lens effect Example:**

The refractive index of a lens is given as 1.5, two curved surfaces have radius of curvature 10cm and -15cm respectively. Calculate the focal length of the given lens?

$n=1.50$ ,  $R_1=10$  cm and  $R_2= -15$

cm Lens maker's formula is

given as,

$$P = \frac{1}{f} = (n_{\text{Lens}} - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right]$$

$$P = \frac{1}{f} = (1.5 - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{15} \right] =$$

$$0.5 \times (0.1 + 0.0666) =$$

$$0.5 \times 0.1666 =$$

$$0.0833$$

$$f = 1/0.0833 = 12\text{cm}$$

