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➤ Lecture 6

Examples and tutorials

• Examples of mirrors and magnification formula

Example 1: An object with a height of 6cm is placed 24 cm from a convex mirror whose focal length is 8 cm. Find the distance and height of the image?

Solution:

$$d_o = 24\text{cm}$$

$$f = -8\text{cm}$$

$$d_i = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} \rightarrow \frac{1}{-8} = \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{d_i}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{-8} - \frac{1}{24} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{-4}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = -\frac{1}{6} \rightarrow \therefore d_i = -6\text{ cm}$$

$$M = \frac{-d_i}{d_o} = -\frac{-6}{24}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{h_i}{6} \rightarrow \therefore h_i = 1.5$$

Example 2: An object is placed in front of a concave mirror whose focal length is 5 cm. Find the distance of the image if the object is located 25 cm away.

Solution:

$$d_o = 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$f = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$d_i = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o} \rightarrow \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{25} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{5 - 1}{25}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{4}{25} \rightarrow d_i = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$\therefore d_i = 6.25 \text{ cm}$$

Example 3: What is the magnification if the object height is 6 cm and the image height is 18 cm above the principal axis?

Solution:

As we know the magnification can be calculated using the following formula;

$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o}$$

Given, height of image $h_i = 18 \text{ cm}$, height of object $h_o = 6 \text{ cm}$

$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{18}{6}$$

$$M = +3$$

The magnification is 3.

Example 4: An object is placed in front of a convex mirror with a radius of 40 cm at a distance of 30 cm. Find the dimension of the image and magnification.

Solution:

As we know from mirror formula,

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o}$$

$$f = \frac{R}{2} \rightarrow f = \frac{40}{2} \rightarrow \therefore f = 20\text{cm}$$

$$\frac{1}{-20} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{3 - 2}{60} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{60}$$

$$\therefore d_i = 60\text{ cm}$$

$$M = \frac{-d_i}{d_o} \rightarrow M = \frac{-60}{-30}$$

$$\therefore M = 2$$

Example 5 : An object is placed 30 cm in front of a concave mirror. If the image formed is virtual, erect, and three times the size of the object, calculate the focal length of the mirror.

Solution:

Object distance (d_o) is = -30 cm (since it's placed in front of the mirror).

The image formed is virtual, erect, and three times the size of the object.

Magnification (M) is = 3

$$M = \frac{-d_i}{d_o} \rightarrow 3 = \frac{-d_i}{-30} \rightarrow d_i = 3 \times 30 = 90\text{cm}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o} \rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{90} + \frac{1}{-30}$$

$$f = -45\text{cm}$$

Example 6: A convex mirror form a virtual image at a distance of 6cm of an object placed at a distance of 30cm, find the focal length of the mirror and the radius of its curvature.

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o} \rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{-30}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{4}{30} \rightarrow \therefore f = \frac{30}{4}$$

$$f = \frac{15}{2} \rightarrow \therefore f = 7.5\text{ cm}$$

$$f = \frac{R}{2} \rightarrow R = 2f$$

$$R = 2 \times 7.5 = 15\text{cm}$$