

# Phys 102 – Lecture 19

Refraction & lenses

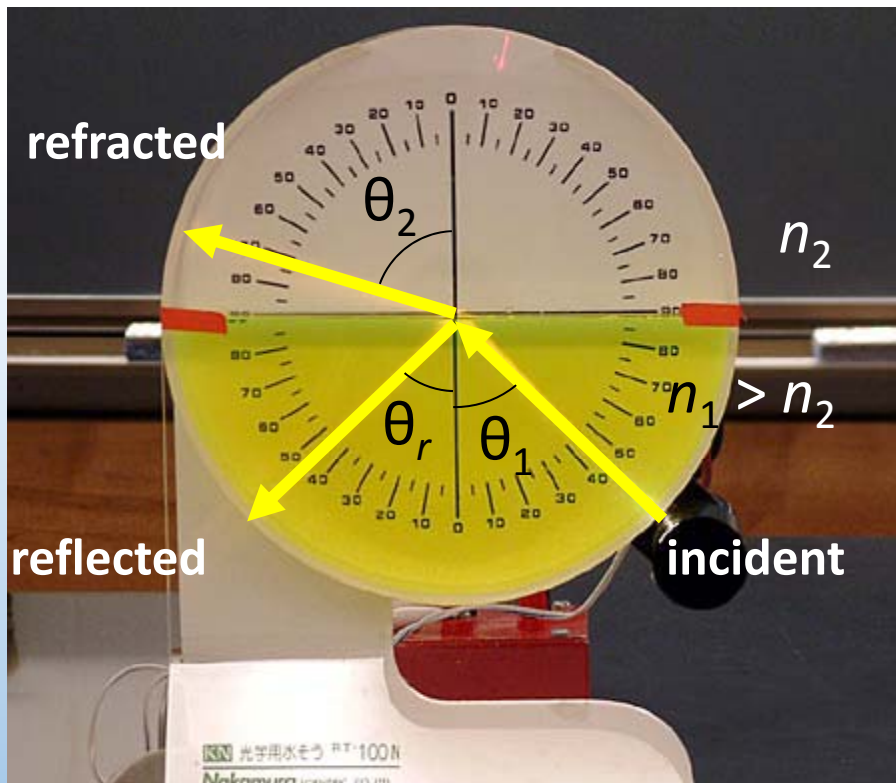
# *Today we will...*

- Review refraction
  - Snell's law
- Learn applications of refraction
  - Total internal reflection
  - Converging & diverging lenses
- Learn how lenses produce images
  - Ray diagrams – principal rays
  - Lens & magnification equations

# Review: Snell's Law

Light bends when traveling into material with different  $n$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$



If  $n_1 > n_2$  then  $\theta_2 > \theta_1$

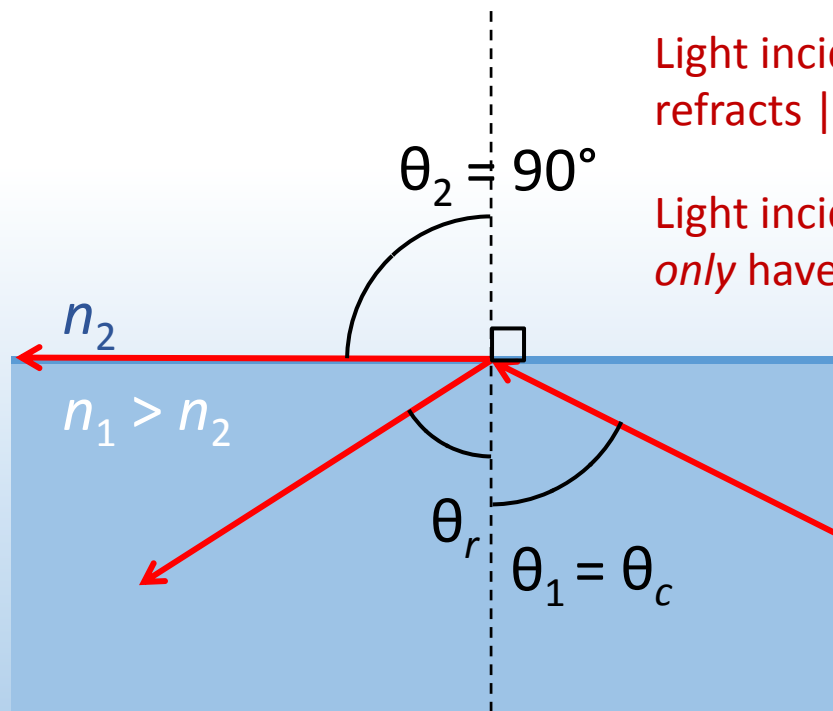
Light bends away from normal as it goes into a medium with lower  $n$



# Total internal reflection

From Snell's law, if  $n_1 > n_2$  then  $\theta_2 > \theta_1$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_c = n_2 \sin 90^\circ \quad \text{so, } \theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$



Light incident at *critical angle*  $\theta_1 = \theta_c$  refracts  $\parallel$  to surface ( $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ )

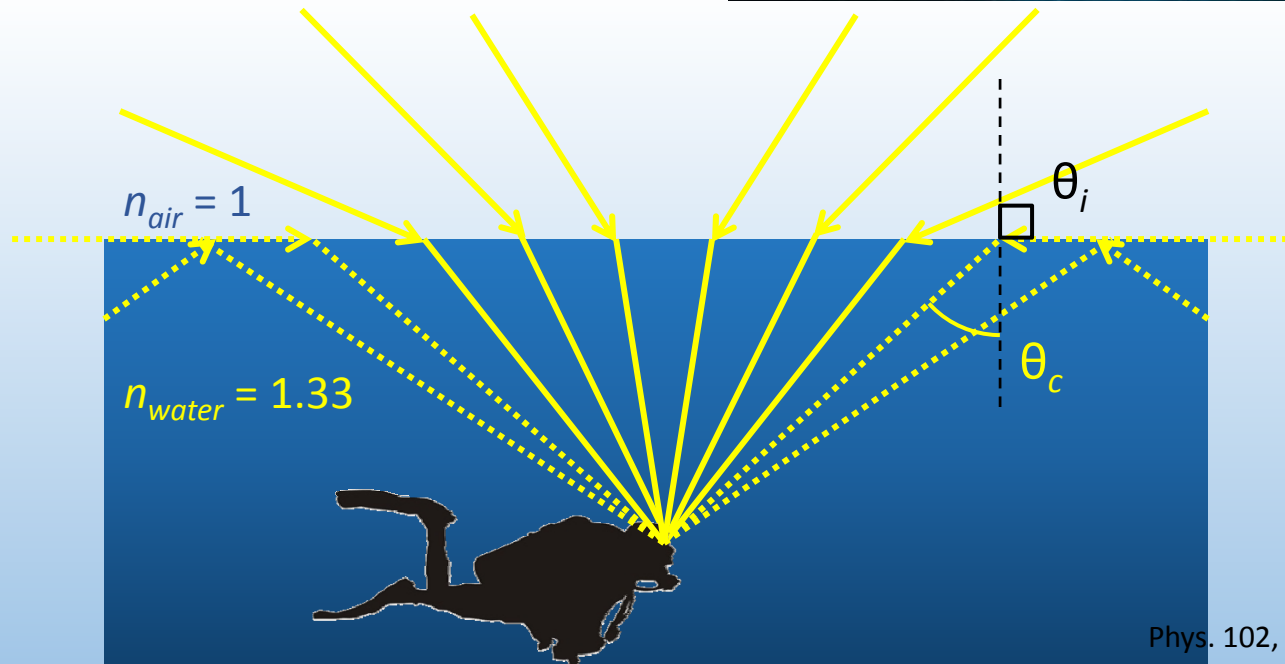
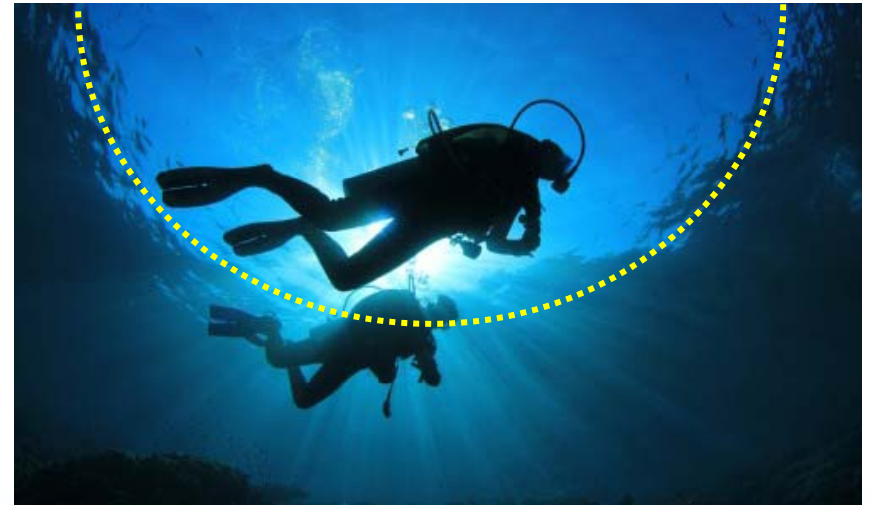
Light incident at angle  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$  will *only* have reflection ( $\theta_1 = \theta_r$ )!



# Calculation: underwater view

Explain why the diver sees a circle of light from outside surrounded by darkness

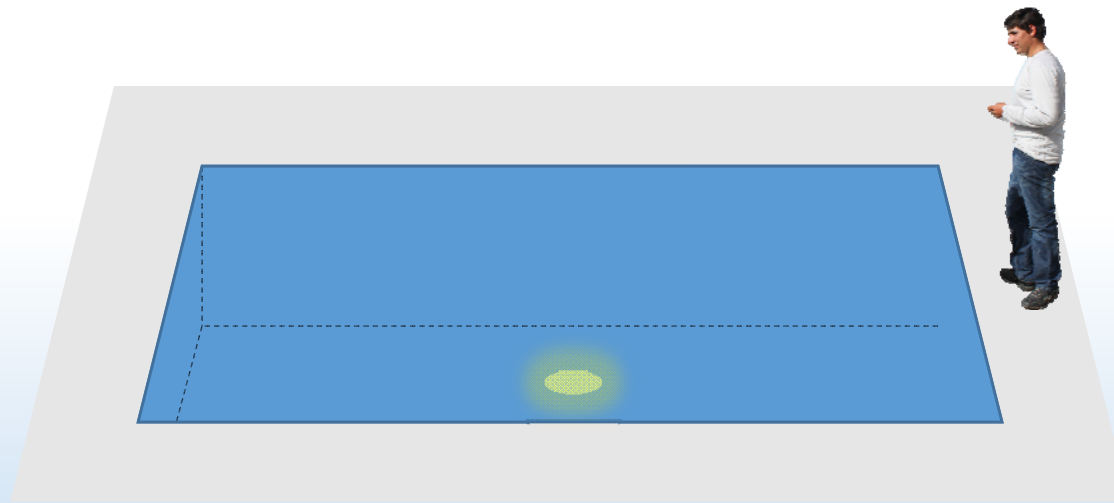
$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_{air}}{n_{water}}$$





# ***ACT: CheckPoint 1.1***

Can the person standing on the edge of the pool be prevented from seeing the light by total internal reflection?

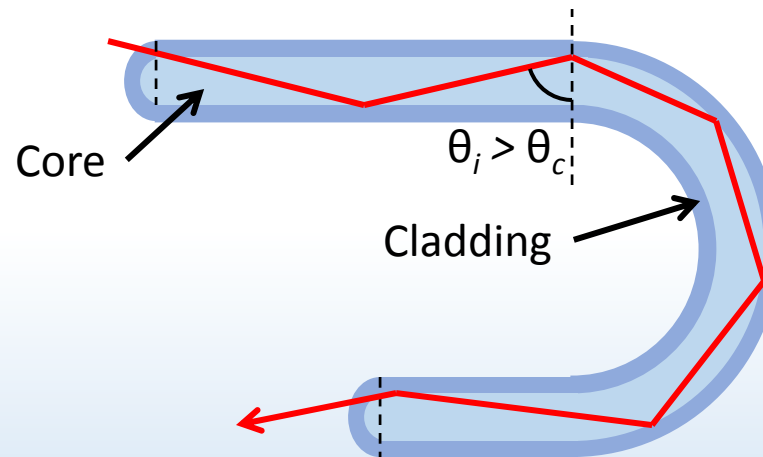
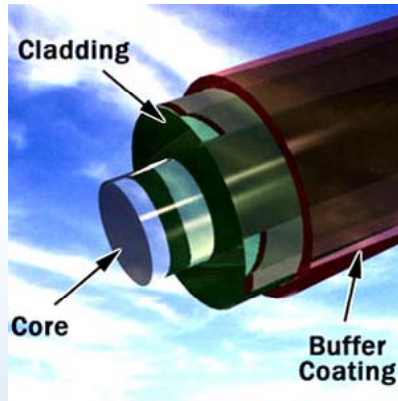


A. Yes

B. No

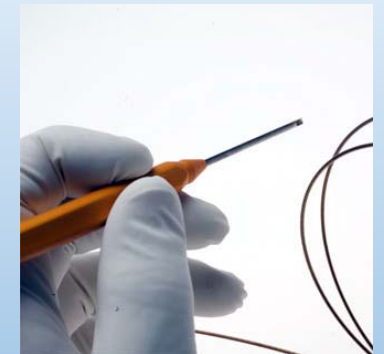
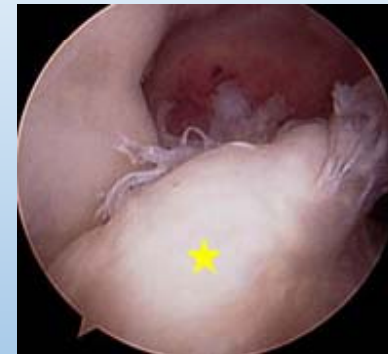
# Fiber Optics

Optical fibers consist of “core” surrounded by “cladding” with  $n_{cladding} < n_{core}$ . Light hits core-cladding interface at  $\theta_i > \theta_c$ , undergoes total internal reflection and stays in the fiber.



Only works if  
 $n_{cladding} < n_{core}$

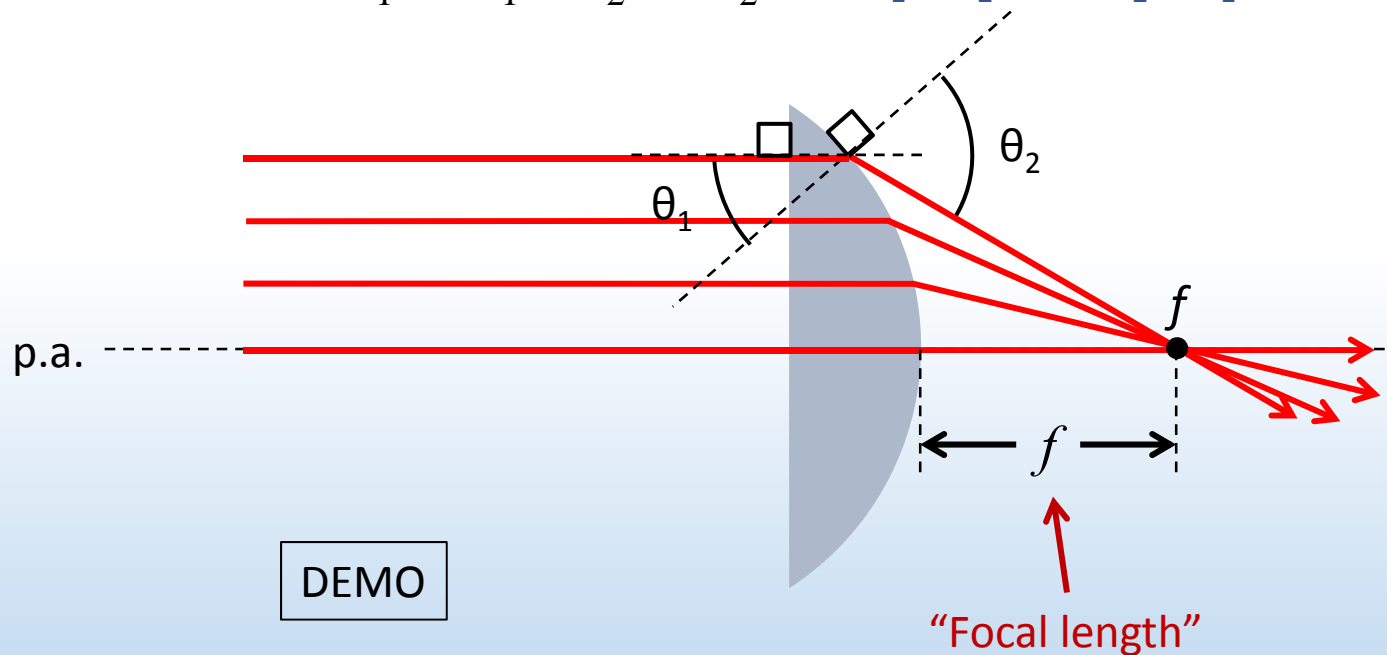
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- Laser surgery



# Converging lens

Lenses use refraction and curved surface(s) to bend light in useful ways

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \text{If } n_1 > n_2 \text{ then } \theta_2 > \theta_1$$



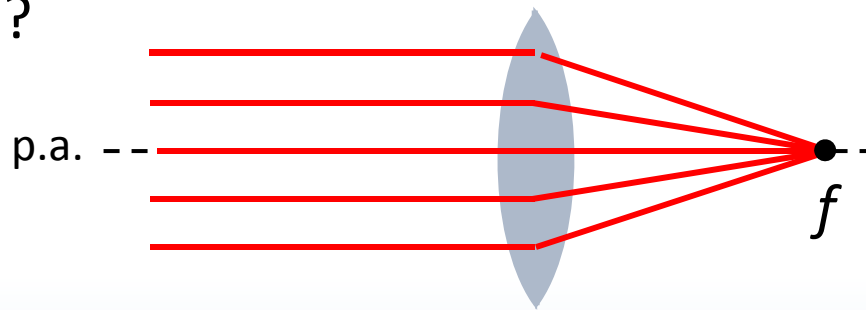
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Converging lens – rays || to p.a. refract through focal point  $f$   
after lens

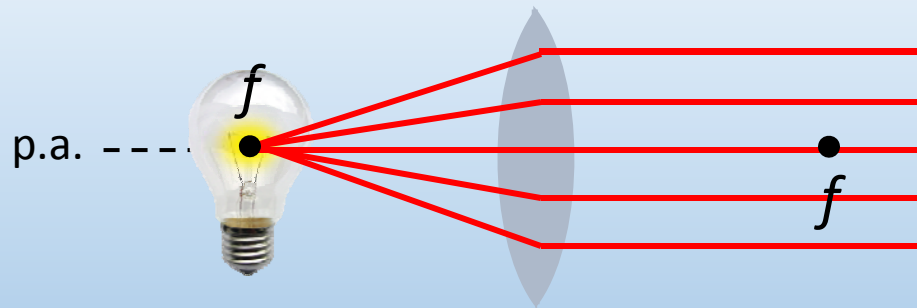


# CheckPoint 2.1

A beacon in a lighthouse produces a parallel beam of light. The beacon consists of a bulb and a converging lens. Where should the bulb be placed?



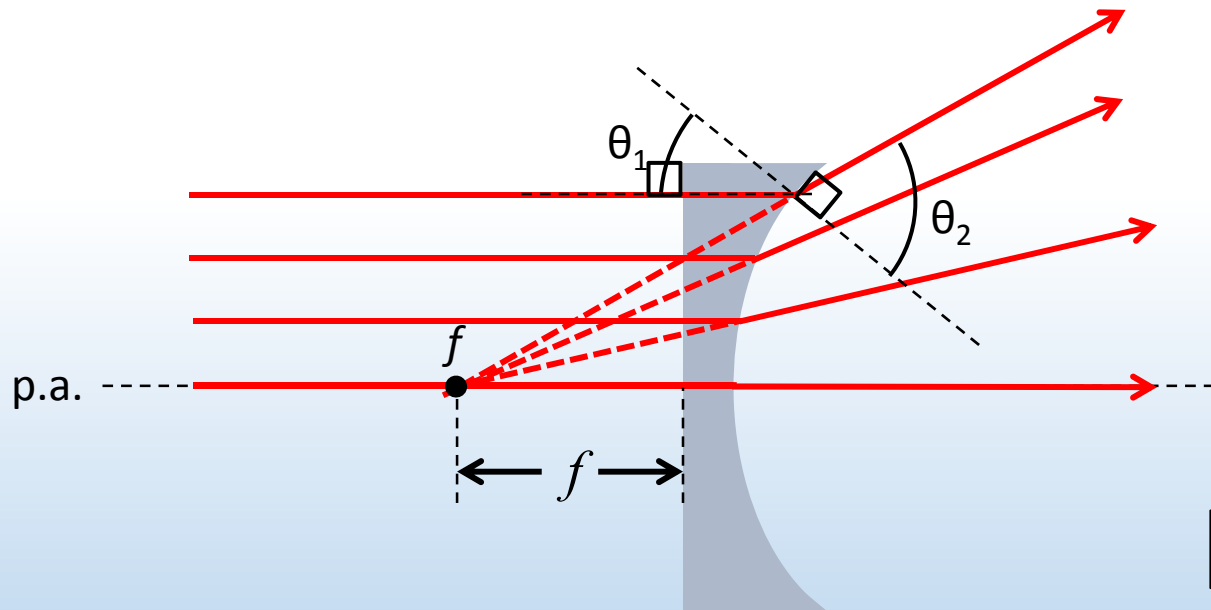
- A. At  $f$
- B. Inside  $f$
- C. Outside  $f$



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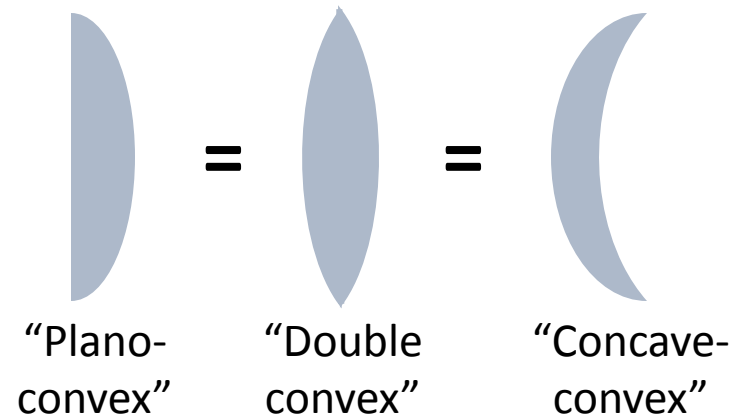
Diverging lens – rays || to p.a. reflect as if they originated from focal point  $f$  before lens

# Converging & diverging lenses

Converging lens:

Rays parallel to p.a. converge on focal point after lens

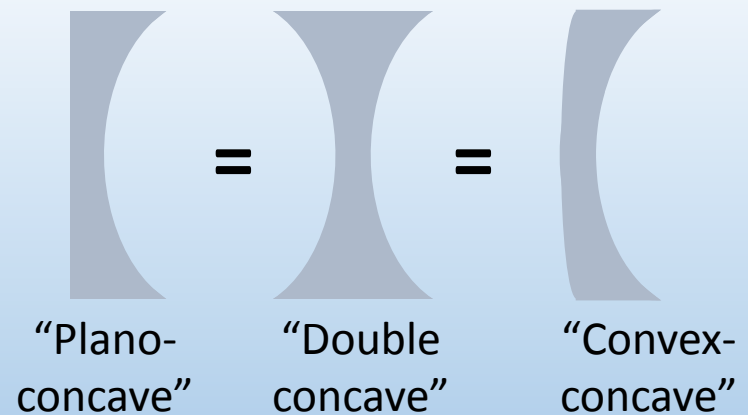
Converging = thick in the middle



Diverging lens:

Rays parallel to p.a. diverge as if originating from focal point before lens

Diverging = thin in the middle





# ***ACT: Lens geometry***

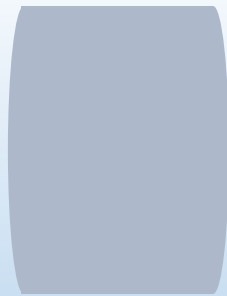
The following lenses are all made from the same material but have different geometry

Which lens has the shortest (positive) focal length?

A.



B.



C.



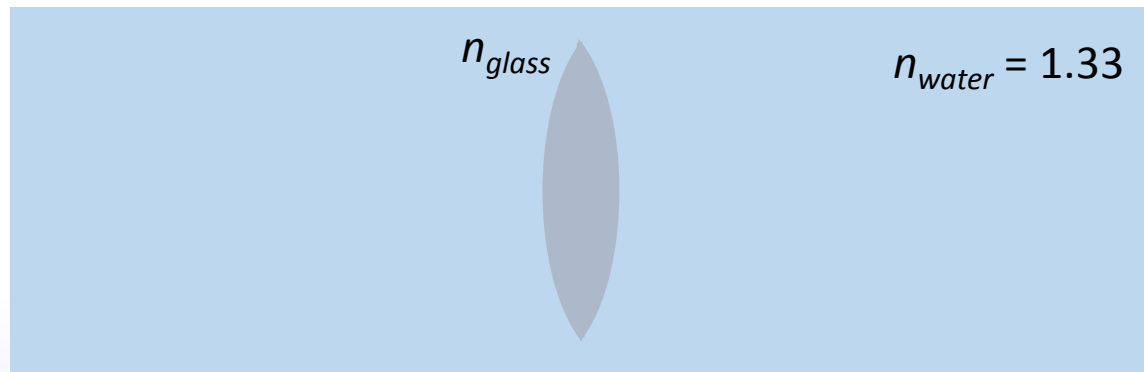
D.





## ***ACT: CheckPoint 3.1***

A glass converging lens placed in air has focal length  $f$ .

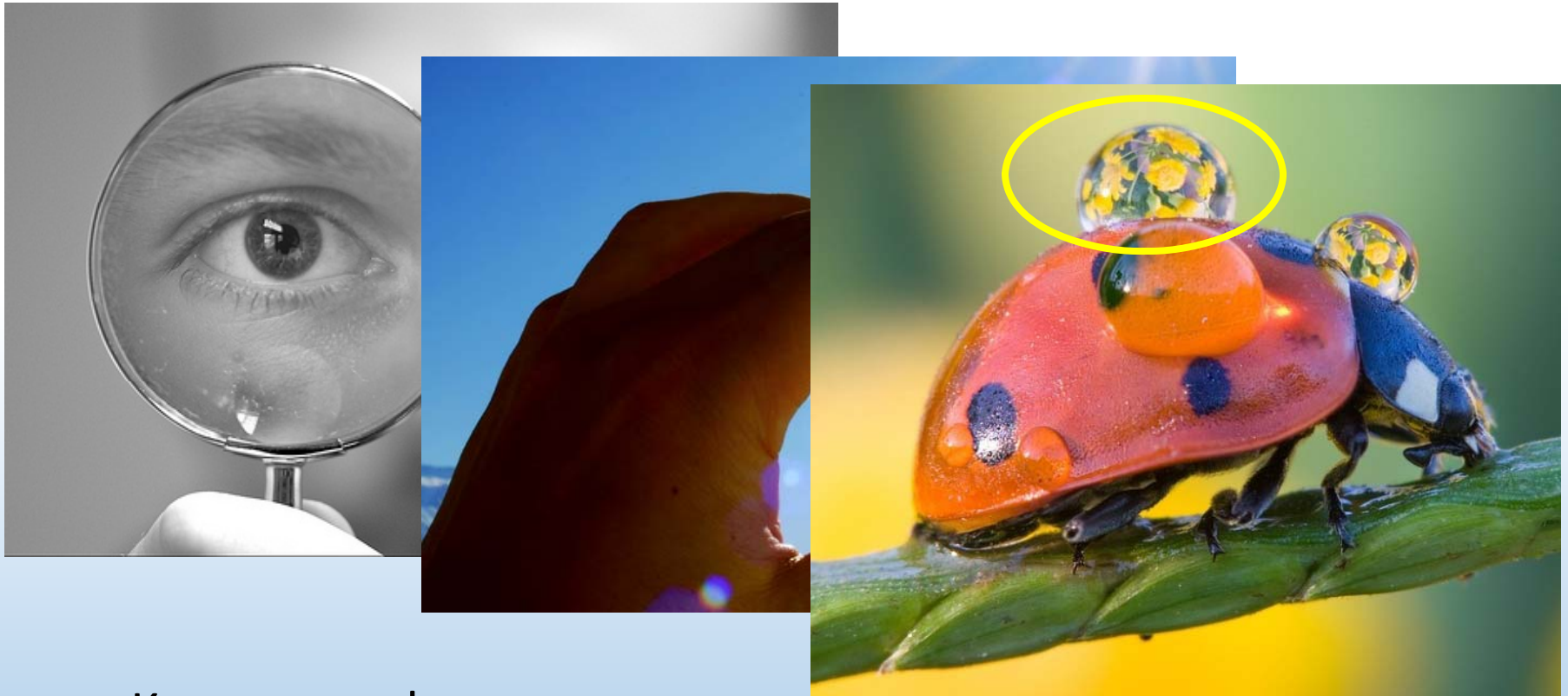


Now the lens is placed in water. Its focal length:

- A. Stays the same
- B. Increases
- C. Decreases

# *Images & lenses*

Like mirrors, lenses produce images of objects



Key approaches:

- Ray diagrams
- Thin lens & magnification equations

# Principal rays – converging lens

Ray from object traveling:

- 1) parallel to principal axis, refracts through  $f$
- 2) through  $f$ , refracts parallel to principal axis
- 3) through  $C$ , travels straight

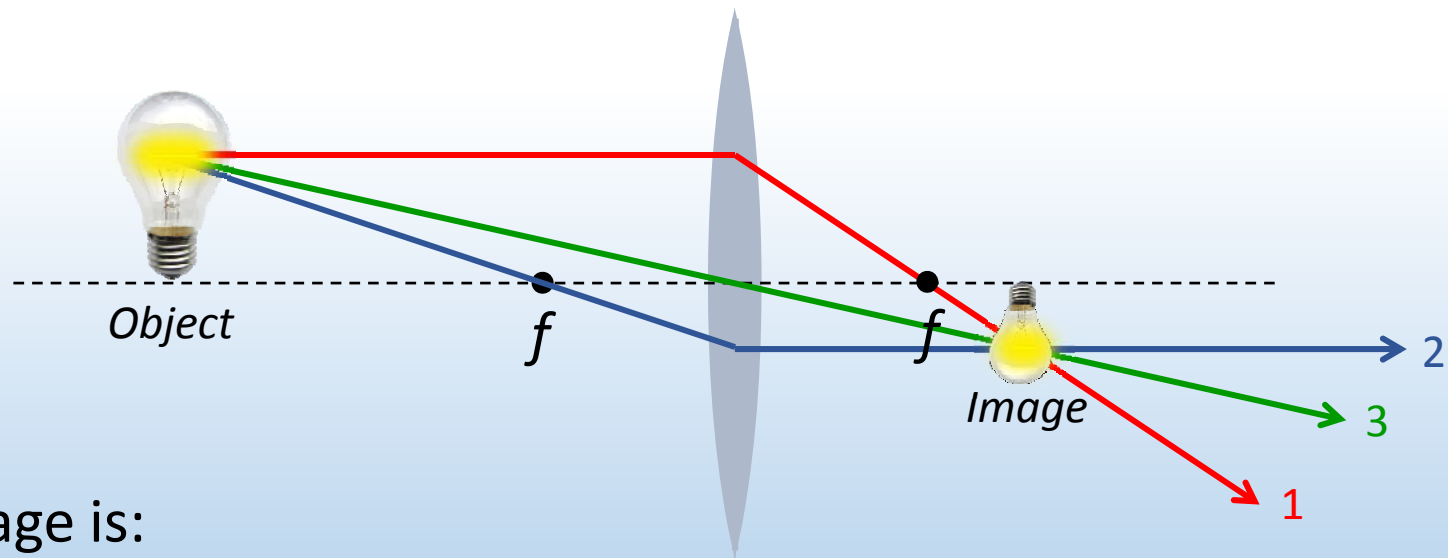


Image is:

Real (light rays cross)

Inverted (opposite direction as object)

Reduced (smaller than object)

# Principal rays – diverging lens

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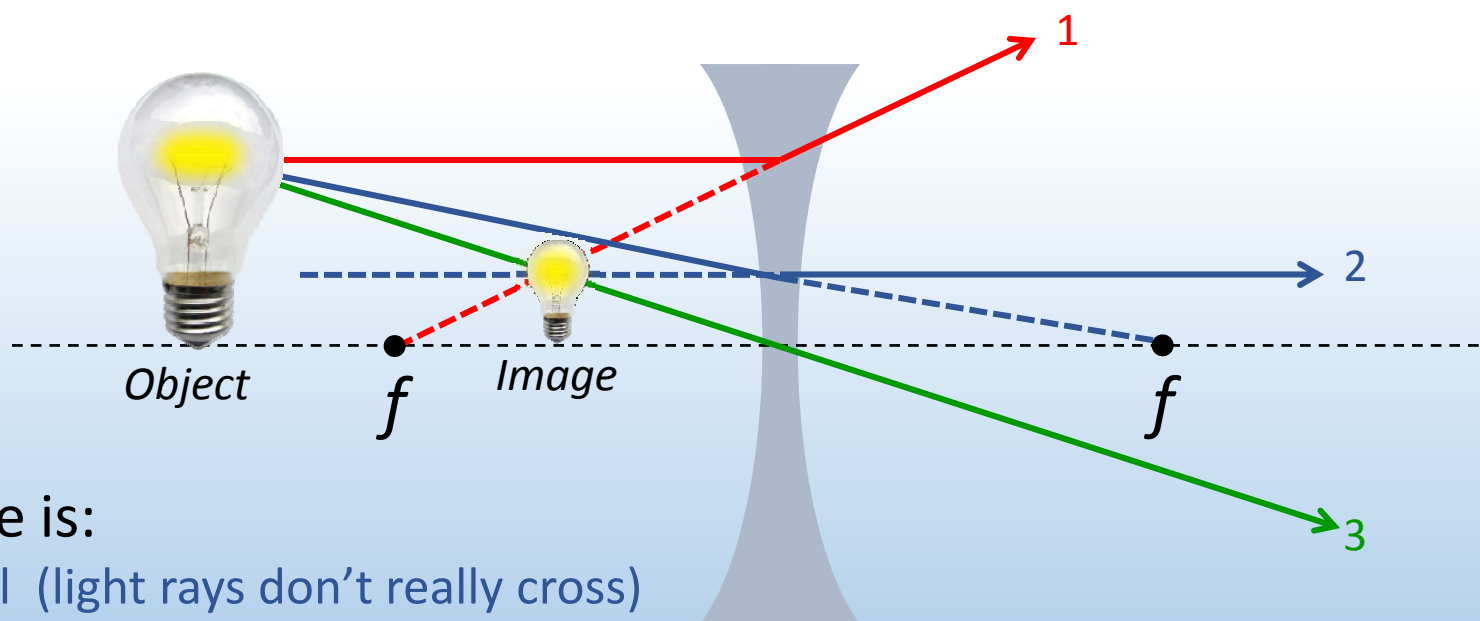


Image is:

Virtual (light rays don't really cross)

Upright (same direction as object)

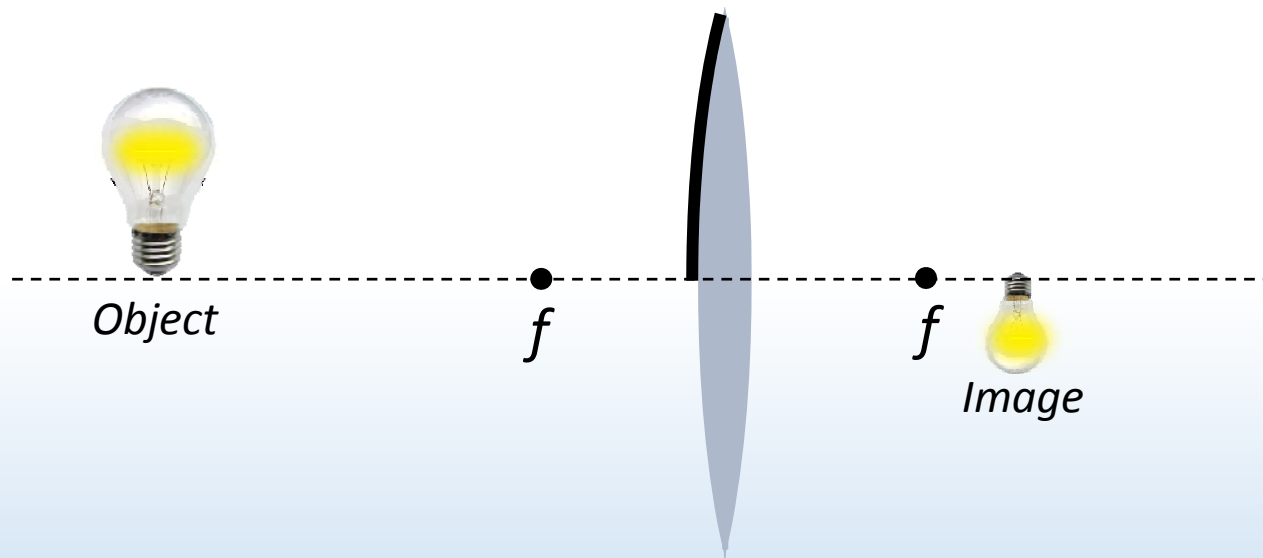
Reduced (smaller than object)





## ***ACT: CheckPoint 4.1***

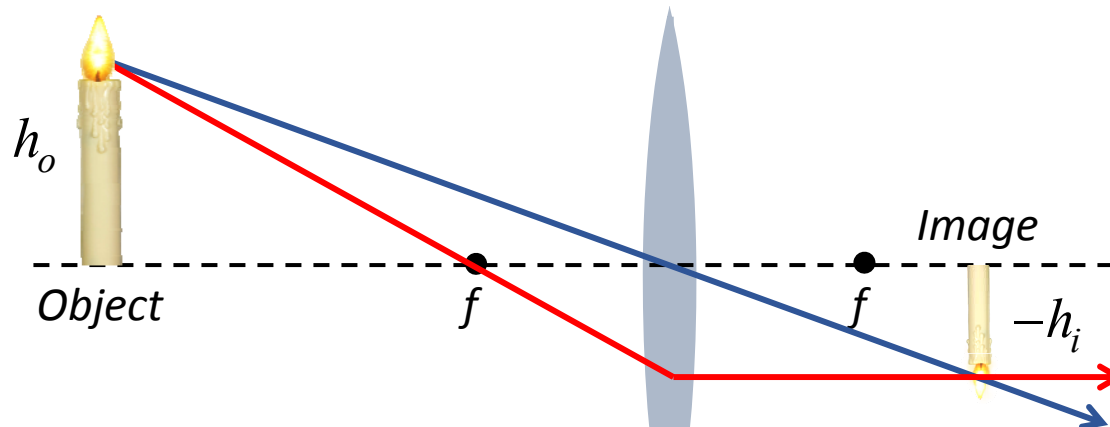
A converging lens produces a real image onto a screen. A piece of black tape is then placed over the upper half of the lens.



Which of the following is true:

- A. Only the lower half of the object will show
- B. Only the upper half of the object will show
- C. The whole object will still show

# Thin lens & magnification equations

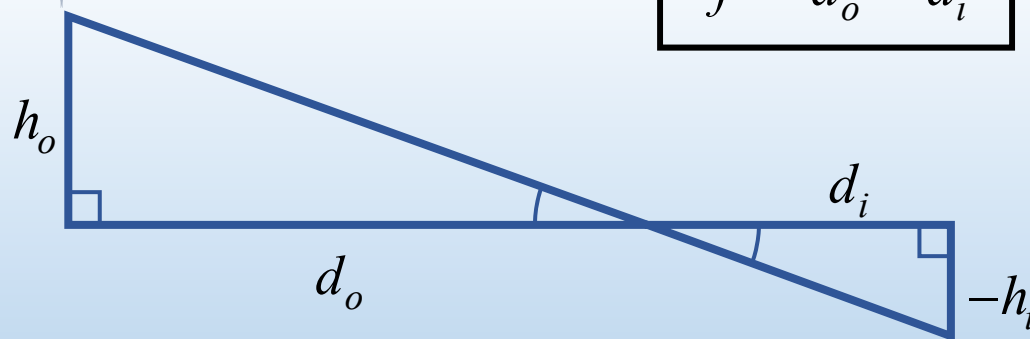
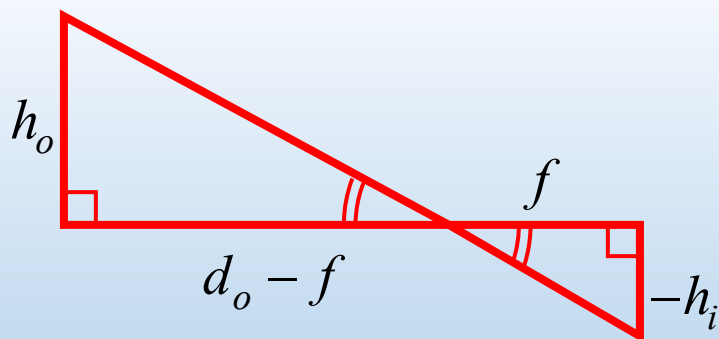


Magnification

$$m \equiv \frac{h_i}{h_o} = -\frac{d_i}{d_o}$$

Thin lens equation

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

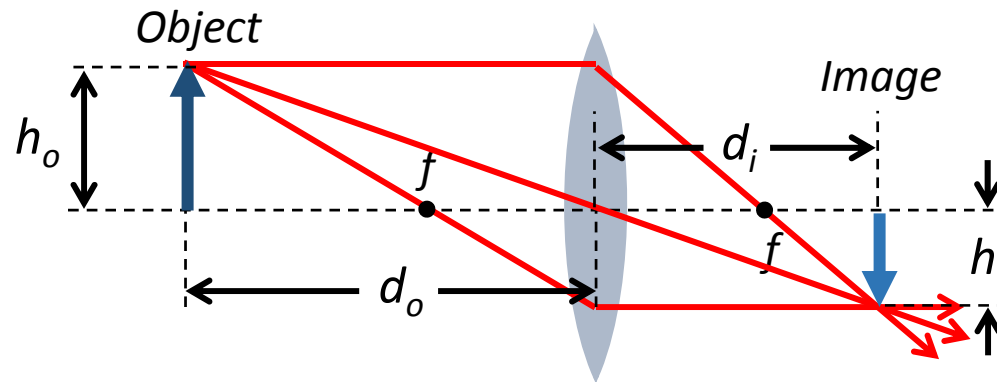


$$\frac{f}{d_o - f} = -\frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{d_i}{d_o}$$

So,  $\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{d_o}$

Same as mirror equations!

# Distance & magnification conventions



- $d_o$  = distance object is from lens:
  - > 0: object before lens
  - < 0: object after lens
- $d_i$  = distance image is from lens:
  - > 0: real image (after lens)
  - < 0: virtual image (before lens)
- $f$  = focal length lens:
  - > 0: converging lens
  - < 0: diverging lens
- $h_o$  = height of object:
  - > 0: always
- $h_i$  = height of image:
  - > 0: image is upright
  - < 0: image is inverted
- $|m|$  = magnification:
  - < 1: image is reduced
  - > 1: image is enlarged

Note similarities to  
mirror conventions

# 3 cases for concave mirrors

Object is:

Past  $2f$ :

$$2f < d_o$$

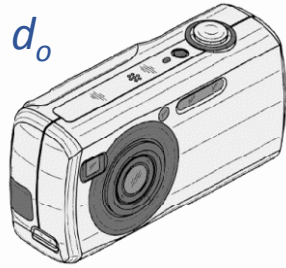
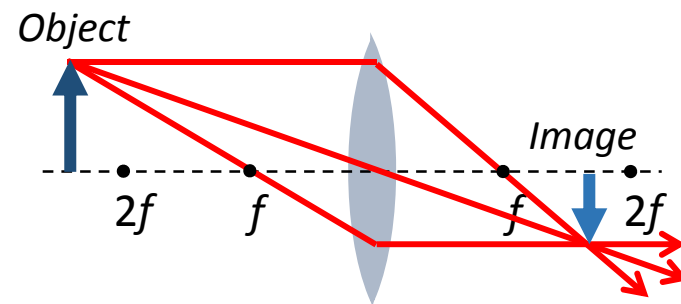


Image is:

Inverted:  $h_i < 0$

Reduced:  $m < 1$

Real:  $d_i > 0$



Between  $2f$  &  $f$ :

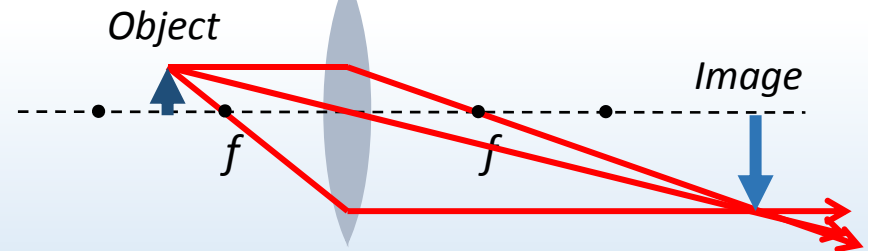
$$f < d_o < 2f$$



Inverted:  $h_i < 0$

Enlarged:  $m > 1$

Real:  $d_i > 0$



Inside  $f$ :

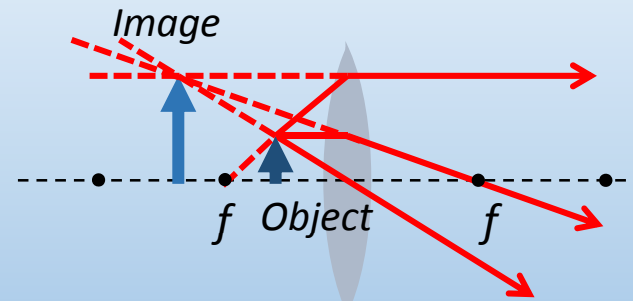
$$d_o < f$$



Upright:  $h_i > 0$

Enlarged:  $m > 1$

Virtual:  $d_i < 0$

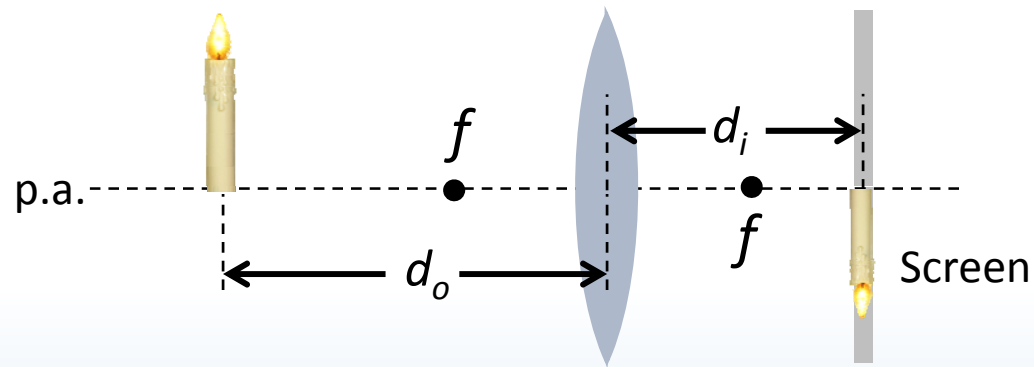


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# ACT: Converging Lens

A candle is placed in front of a converging lens. The lens produces a well-focused image of the flame on a screen a distance  $d_i$  away.



If the candle is moved farther away from the lens, how should the screen be adjusted to keep a well-focused image?

- A. Closer to lens
- B. Further from lens
- C. At the same place

# Calculation: diverging lens

A 6-cm tall candle is placed 12 cm in front of a *diverging* lens with a focal length  $f = -6$  cm. Determine the image location, size, and whether it is upright or inverted

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

$$m = -\frac{d_i}{d_o}$$

$$h_i = mh_o$$

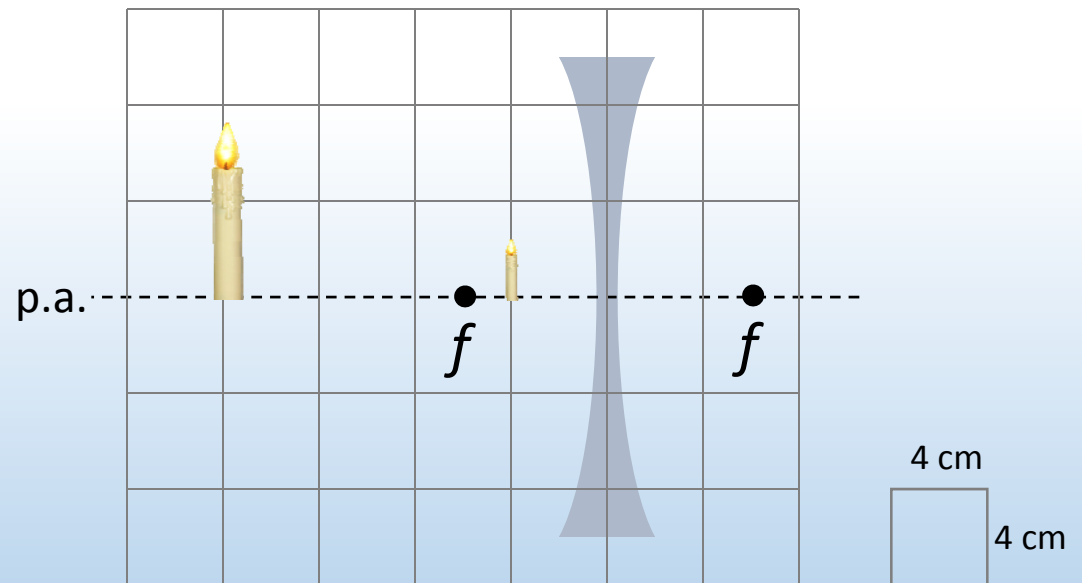
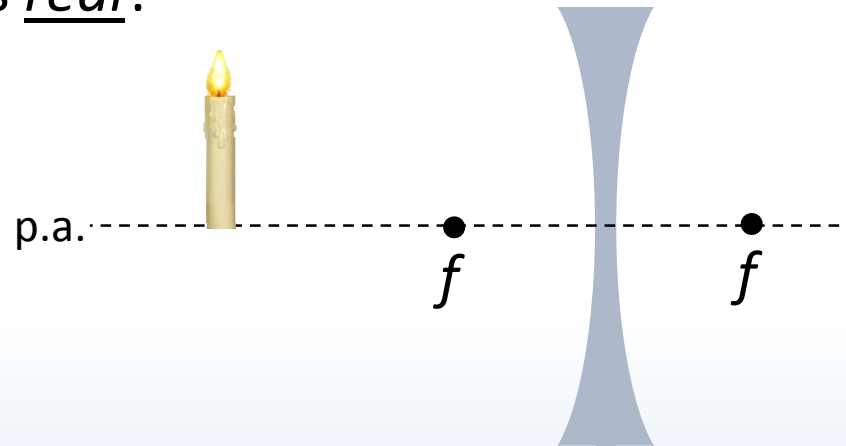


Diagram should agree!



# ***ACT: Diverging Lenses***

Where in front of a diverging lens should you place an object so the image is real?



- A. Closer to lens
- B. Further from lens
- C. Diverging lens can't create real image

# *Summary of today's lecture*

- Total internal reflection

- Lenses – principal rays

Parallel to p.a. → refracts through  $f$

Through  $f$  → refracts parallel to p.a.

Through  $C$  → straight through

- Thin lens & magnification equations

Numerical answer consistent with ray diagram

$$\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} \quad m \equiv \frac{h_i}{h_o} = -\frac{d_i}{d_o}$$