

# Phys 102 – Lecture 19

Refraction & lenses

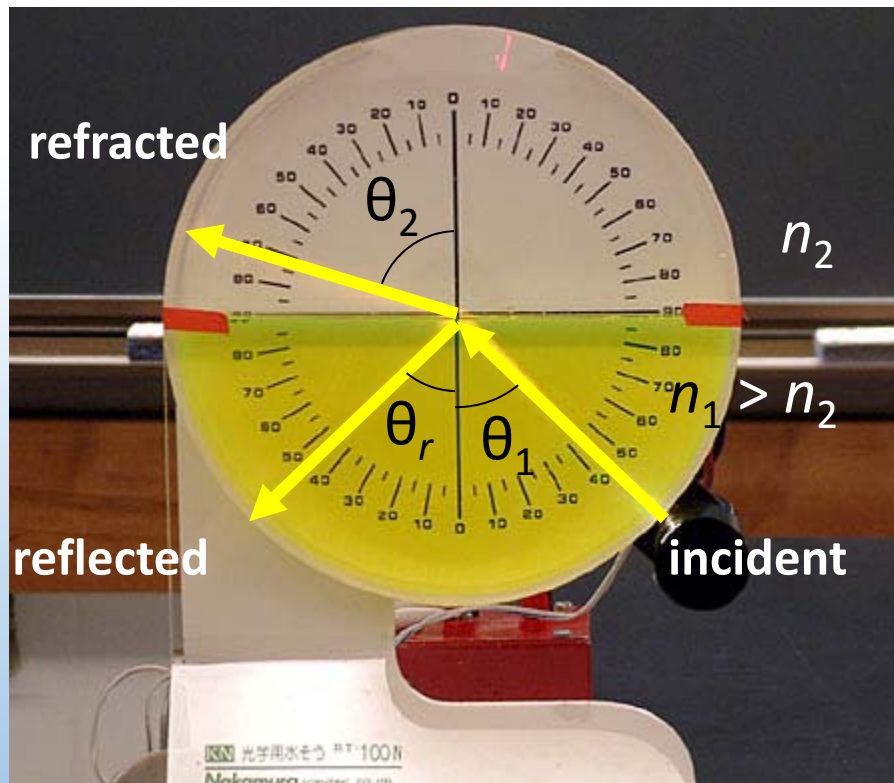
# ***Today we will...***

- 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  $\theta_2 > \theta_1$

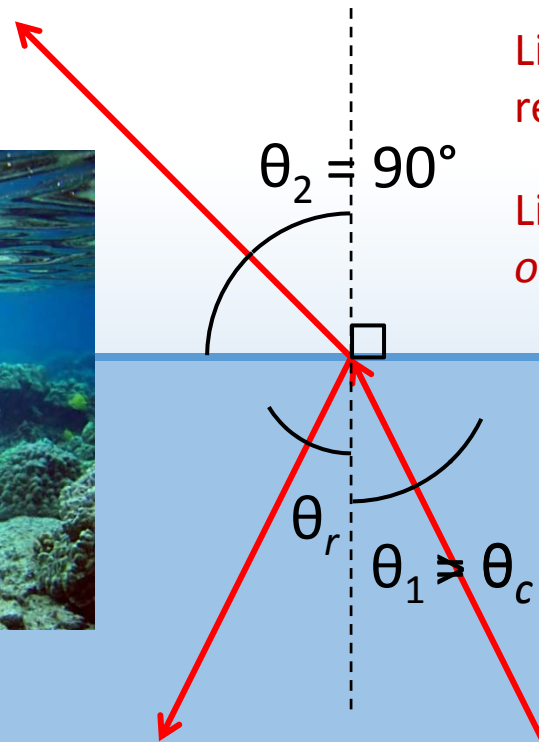
Light bends away from normal as it goes into a medium with lower  $n$



# Total internal reflection

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

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



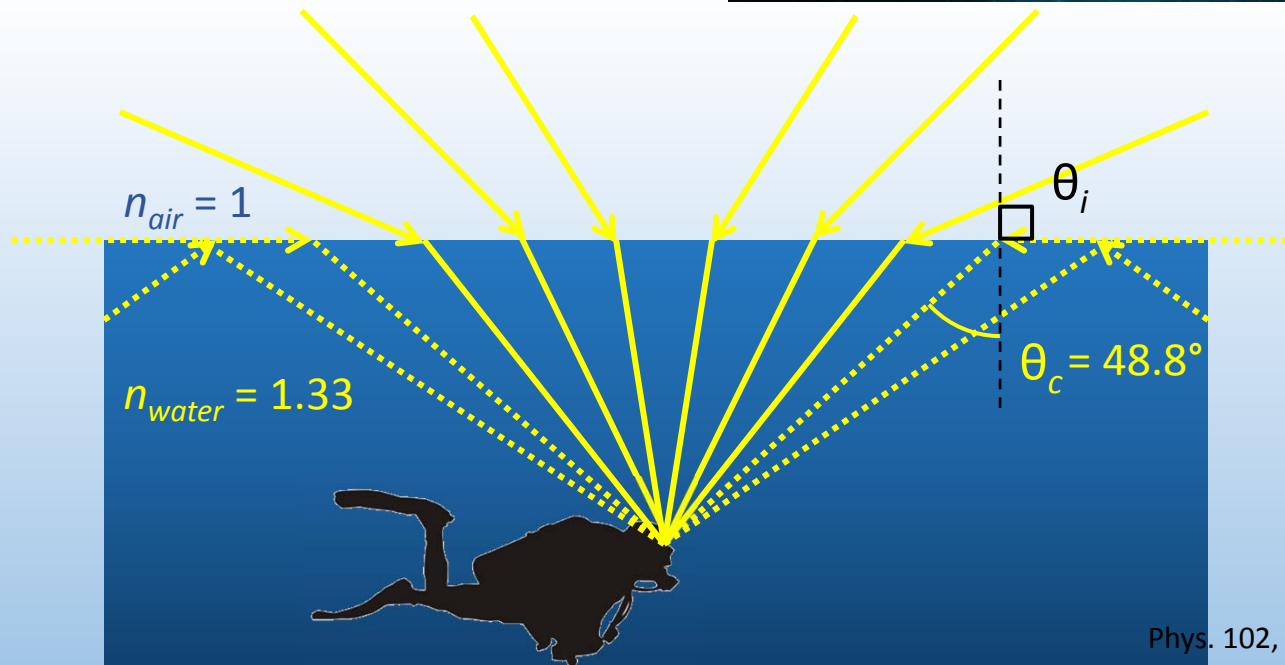
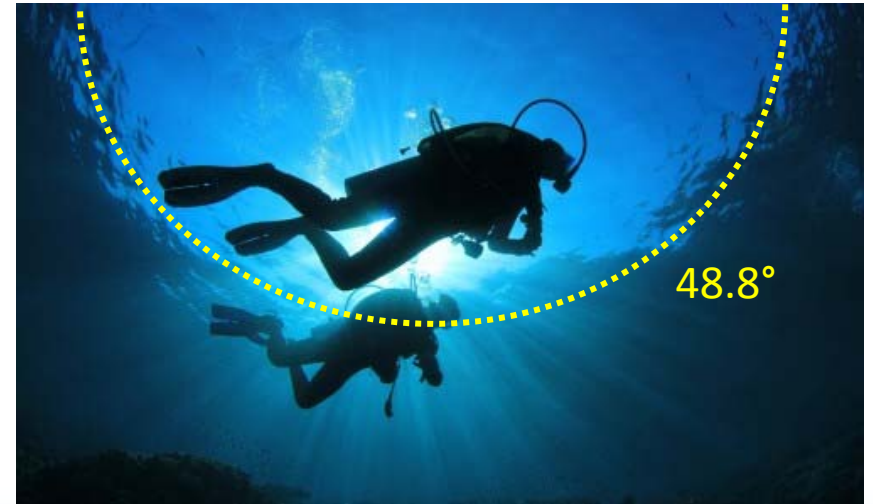
Light incident at *critical angle*  $\theta_1 = \theta_c$  refracts  $||$  to surface ( $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ )

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

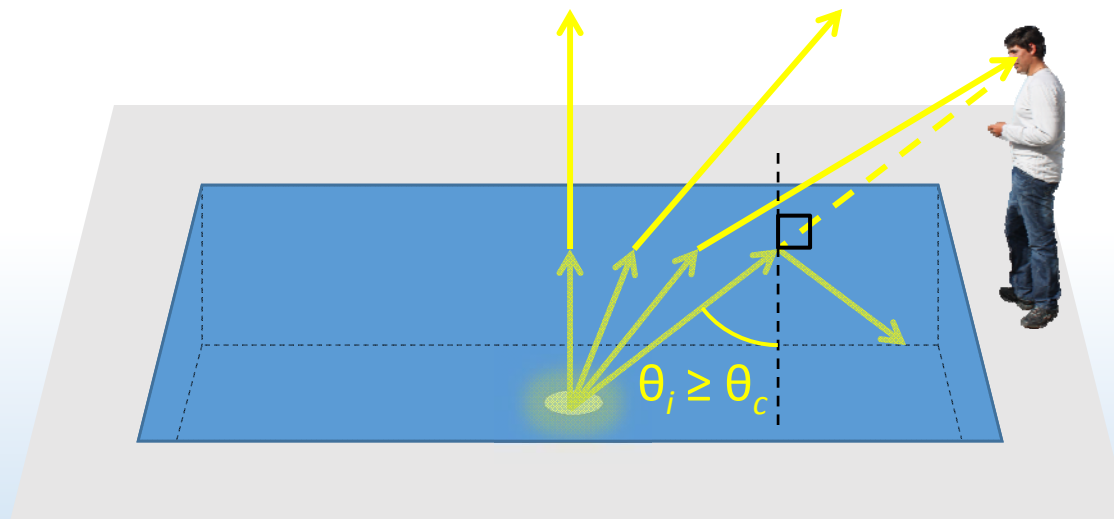
$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{n_{air}}{n_{water}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{1.33} = 48.8^\circ$$





# 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

44%

B. No

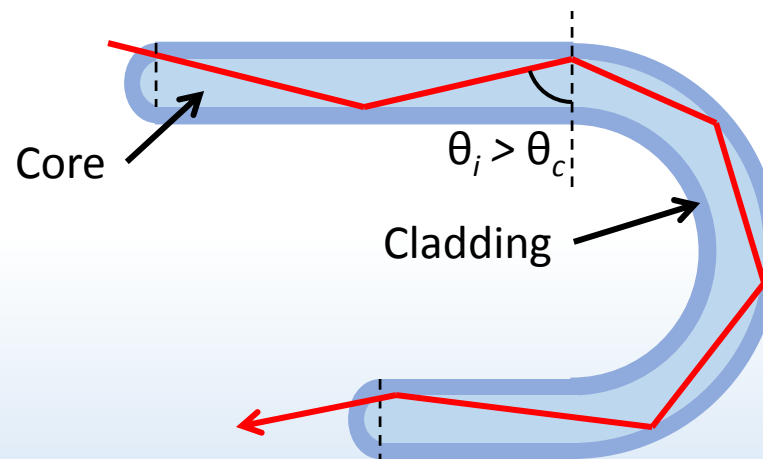
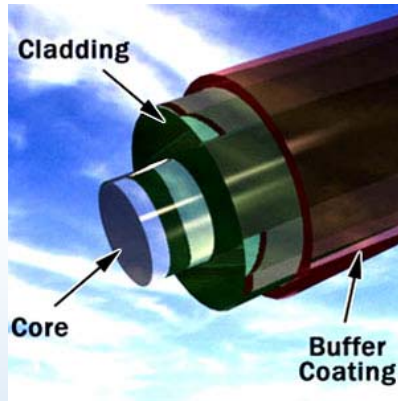
56%

Light emits rays in every direction. Some will be totally reflected back into the water, most will not.



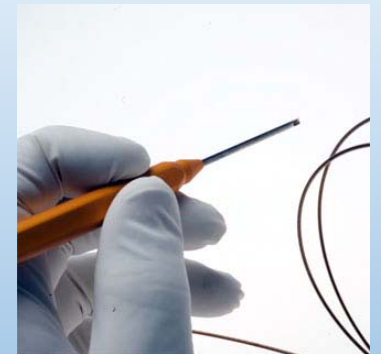
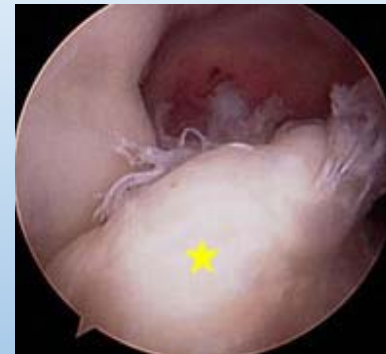
# Fiber Optics

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



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

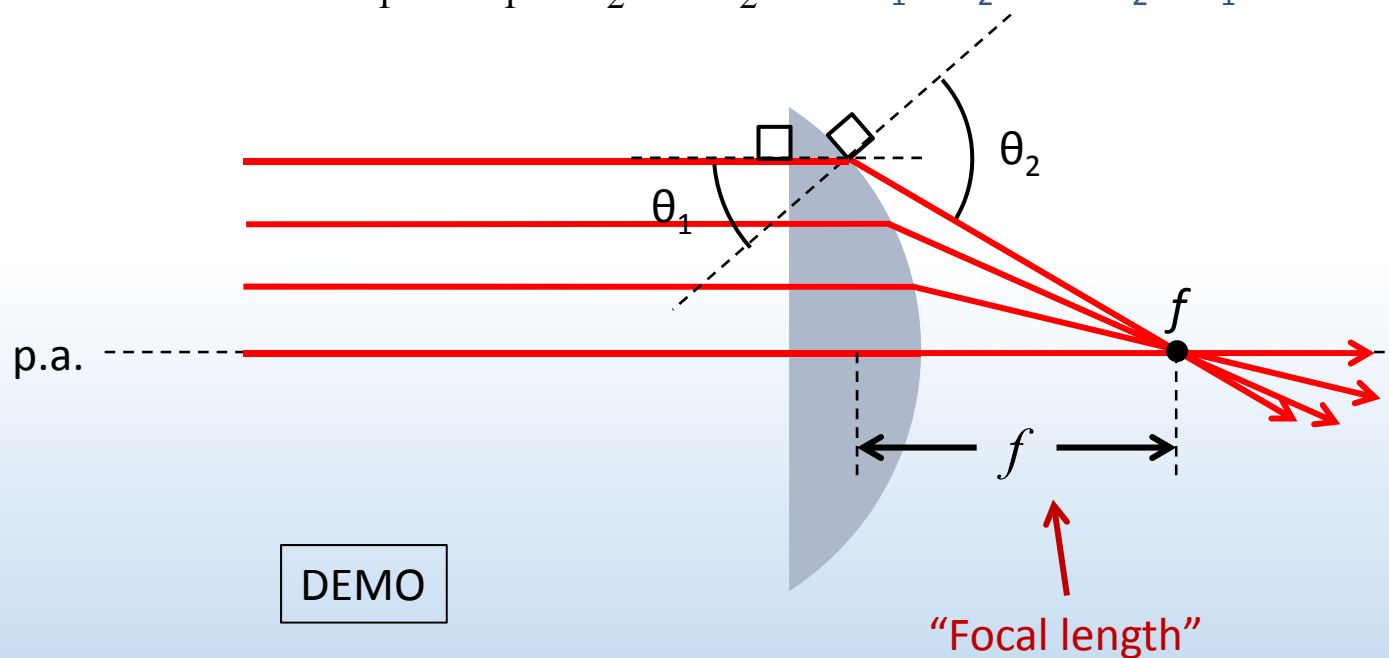
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# Converging lens

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

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

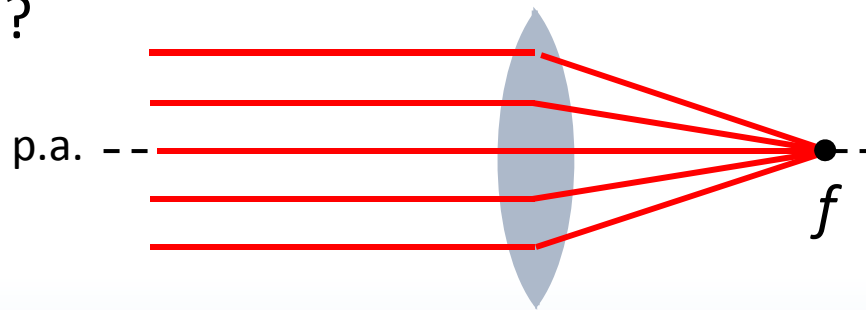


Converging lens – rays || to p.a. refract through focal point  $f$   
after lens



# 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?



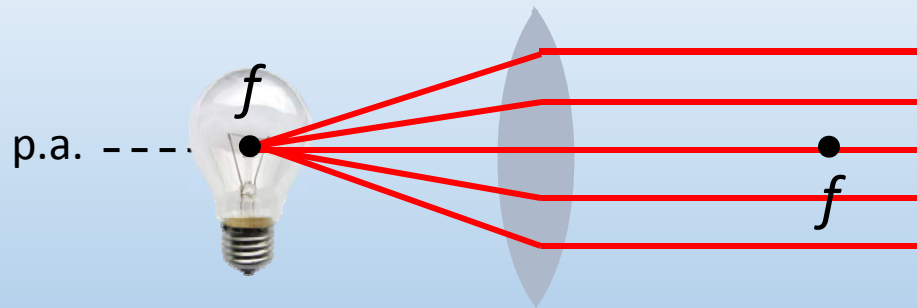
All rays parallel to principal axis refract through focal point  $f$

Reverse light – all rays passing through focal point  $f$  refract parallel to principal axis

68% A. At  $f$

15% B. Inside  $f$

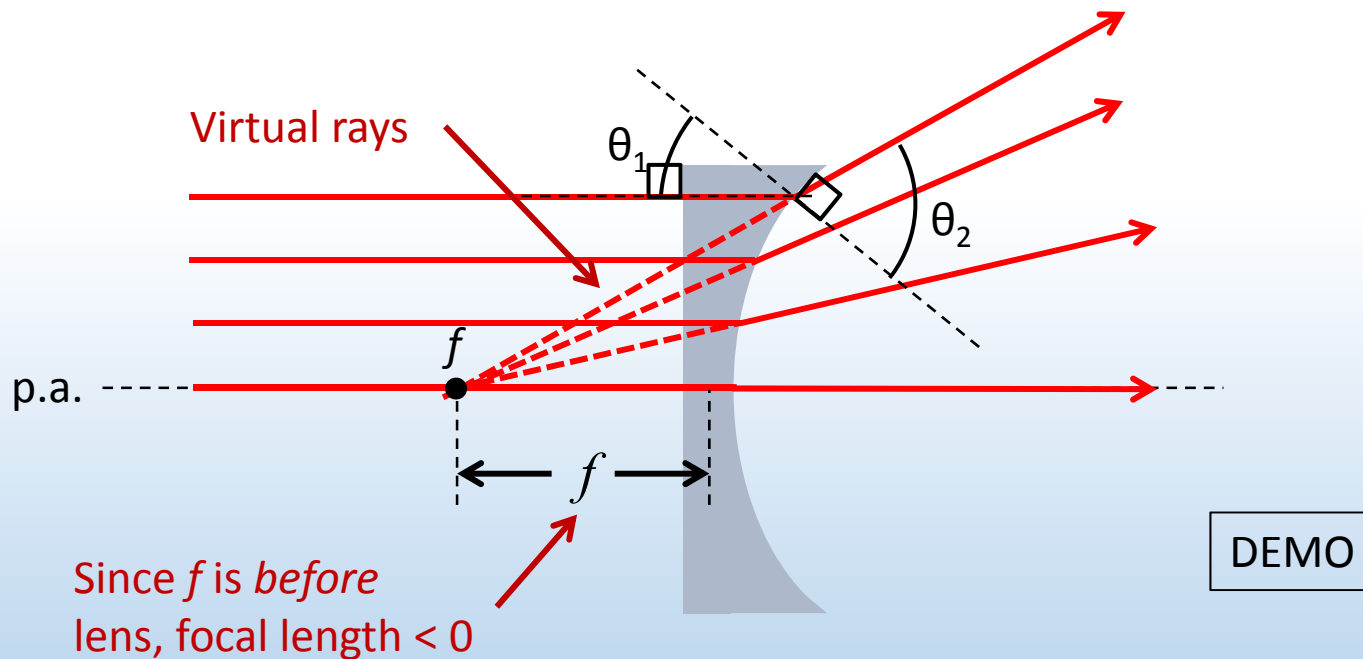
17% C. Outside  $f$



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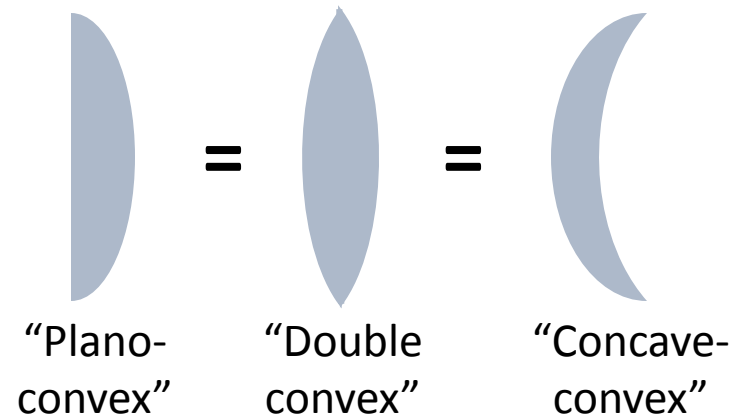
Diverging lens – rays || to p.a. reflect as if they originated from focal point  $f$  before lens

# *Converging & diverging lenses*

Converging lens:

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

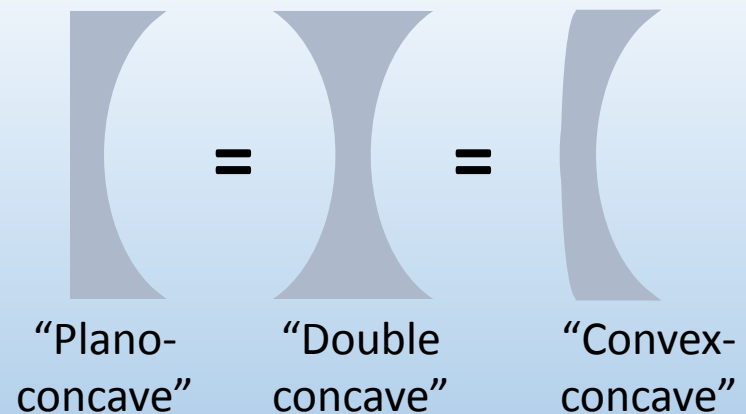
Converging = thick in the middle



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

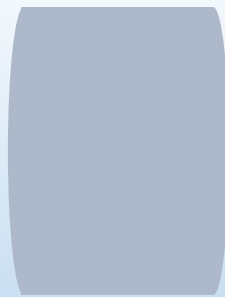
Which lens has the shortest (positive) focal length?

A.



$$f < 0$$

B.



$$f > 0$$

C.



$$f > 0$$

D.



$$f > 0$$

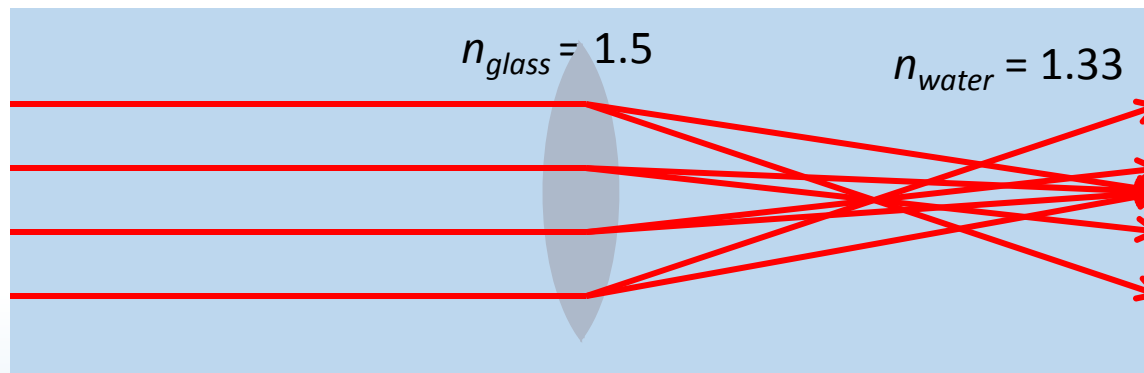
Converging/diverging = thick/thin in middle

More curved = more bending = shorter  $f$



## ACT: CheckPoint 3.1

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



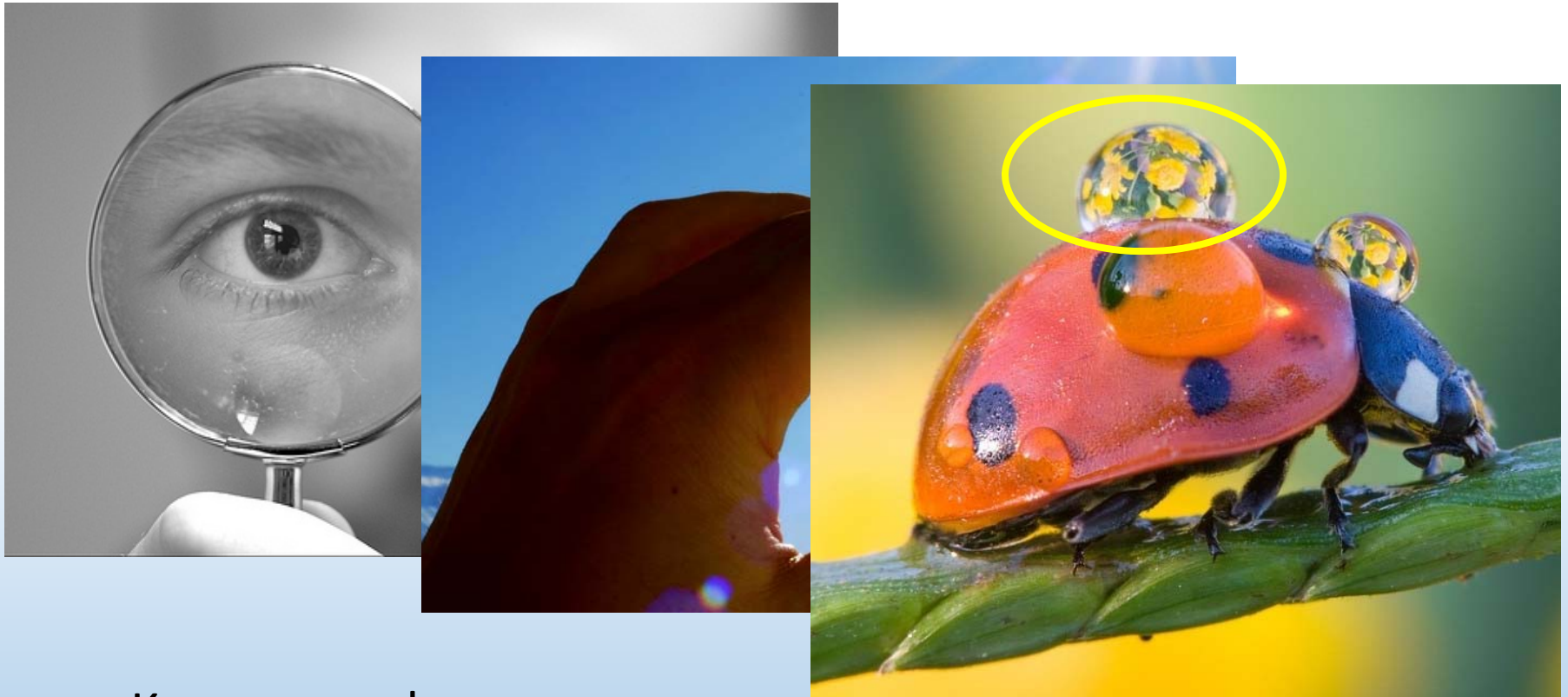
Now the lens is placed in water. Its focal length:

- 32% A. Stays the same
- 51% **B. Increases**
- 17% C. Decreases

Refraction depends on difference in  $n$ .  
The closer  $n_{lens}$  and  $n_{outside}$  are, the less bending and the larger  $f$

# *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

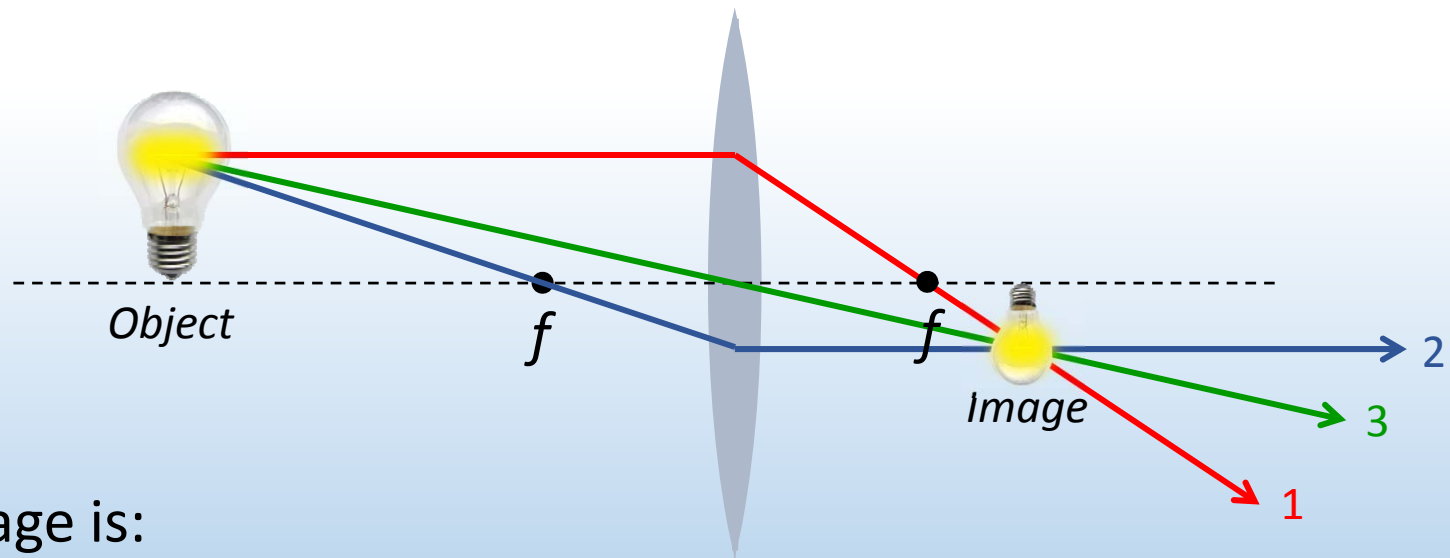


Image is:

Real (light rays cross)

Inverted (opposite direction as object)

Reduced (smaller than object)

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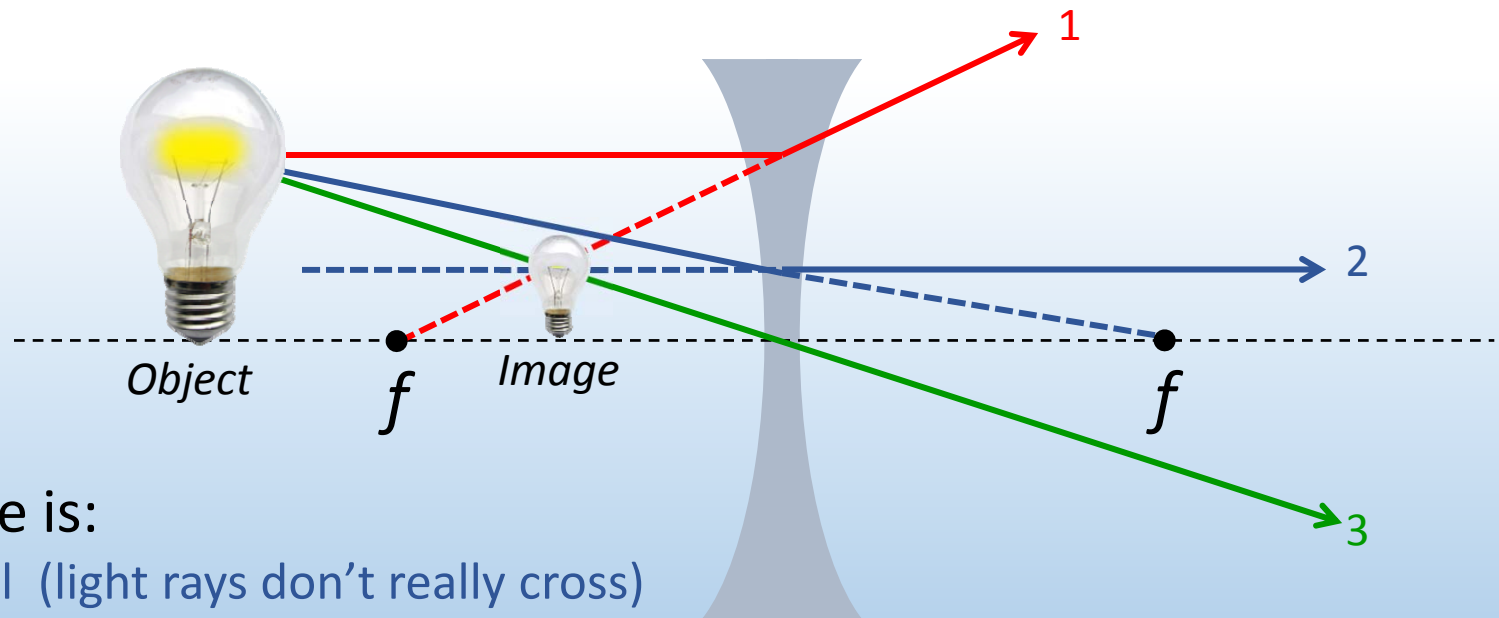


Image is:

Virtual (light rays don't really cross)

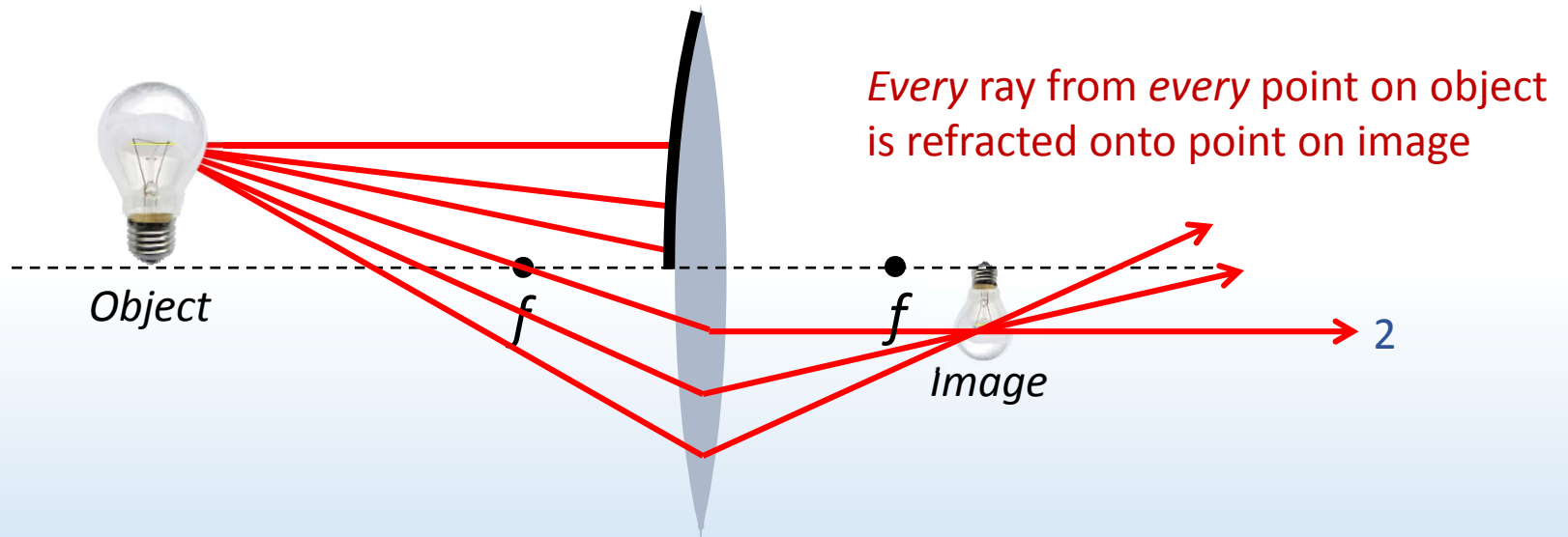
Upright (same direction as object)

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.

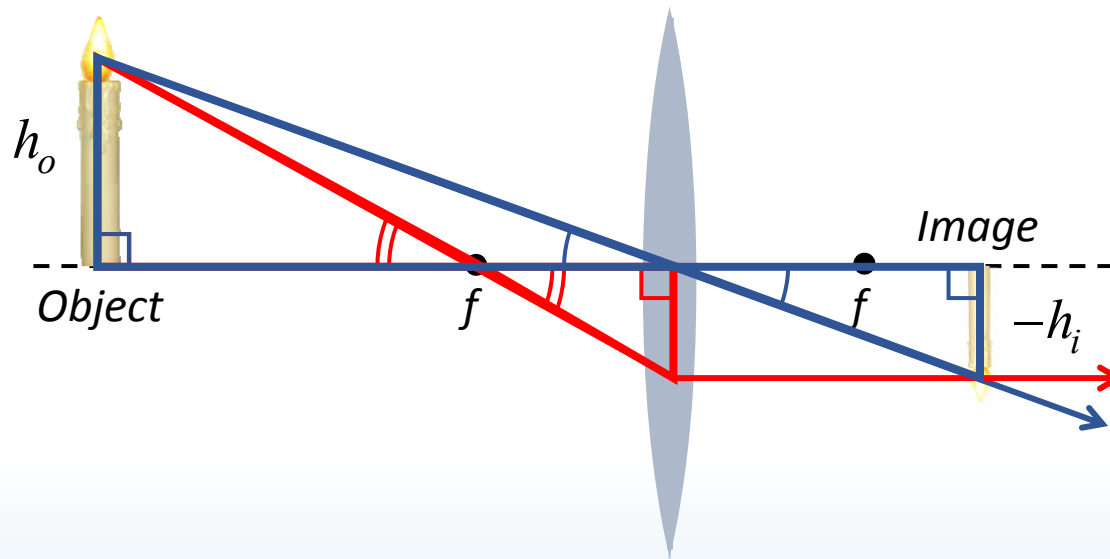


Which of the following is true:

$\frac{1}{2}$  the rays get through,  
so image is  $\frac{1}{2}$  as bright

- 22% A. Only the lower half of the object will show
- 27% B. Only the upper half of the object will show
- 51% 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

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

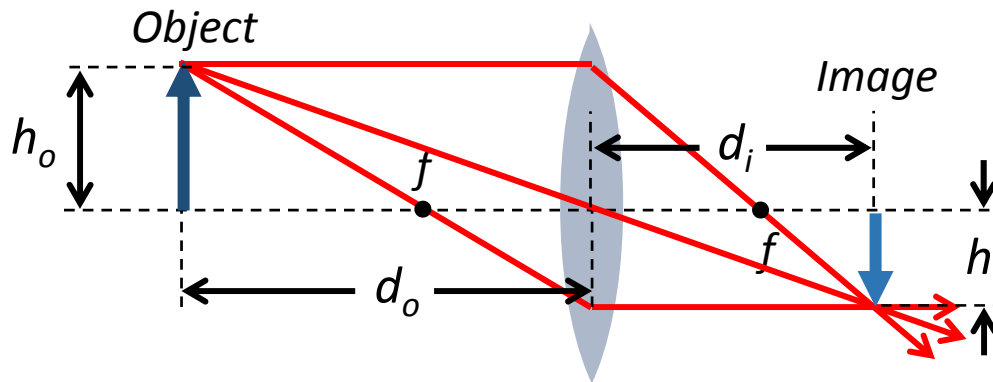
$$\frac{h_o}{d_o - f} = \frac{-h_i}{f} = \frac{h_o}{d_o}$$

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

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

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 converging lens

Object is:

Past  $2f$ :

$$2f < d_o$$

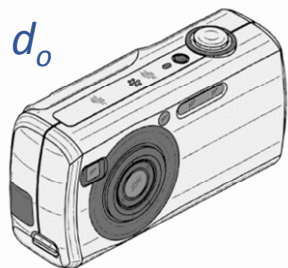
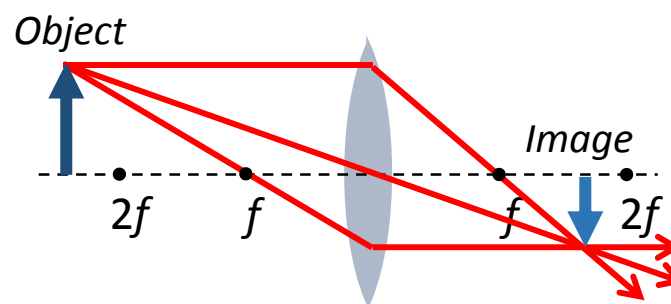


Image is:

Inverted:  $h_i < 0$

Reduced:  $m < 1$

Real:  $d_i > 0$



Between  $2f$  &  $f$ :

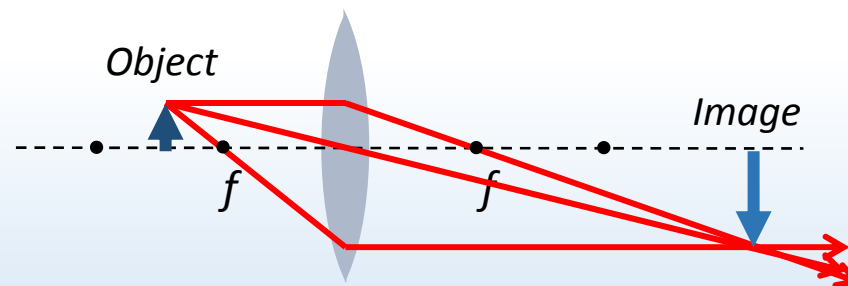
$$f < d_o < 2f$$



Inverted:  $h_i < 0$

Enlarged:  $m > 1$

Real:  $d_i > 0$



Inside  $f$ :

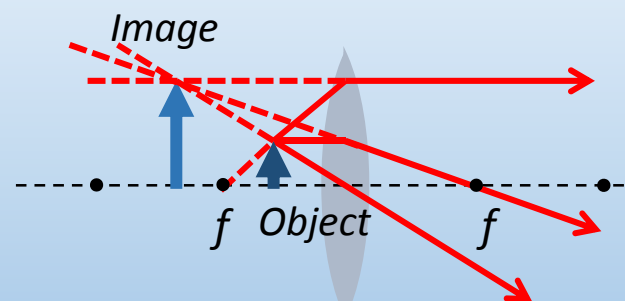
$$d_o < f$$



Upright:  $h_i > 0$

Enlarged:  $m > 1$

Virtual:  $d_i < 0$



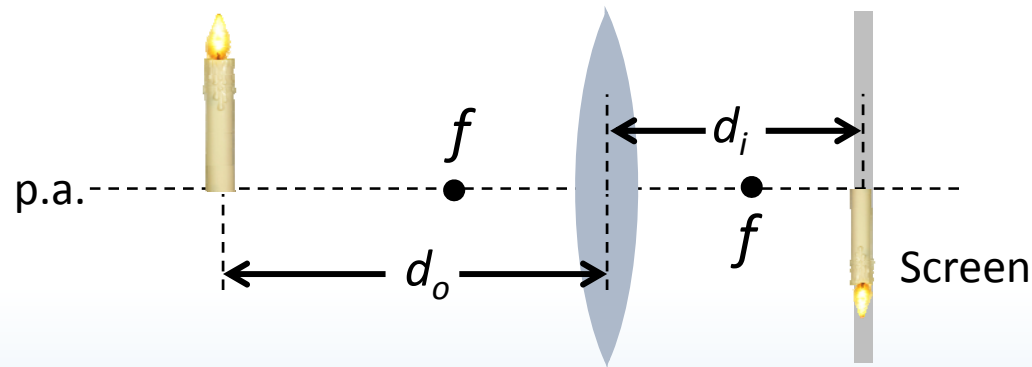
DEMO





# 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

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

If  $d_o$  increases,  $d_i$  must decrease

# 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

$$\frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{d_o} = \frac{1}{-6} - \frac{1}{12} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$d_i = -4 \text{ cm}$$

Virtual image,  
before lens

$$m = -\frac{d_i}{d_o} = -\frac{-4}{12} = +\frac{1}{3}$$

Reduced image

$$h_i = mh_o = +2 \text{ cm}$$

Upright image

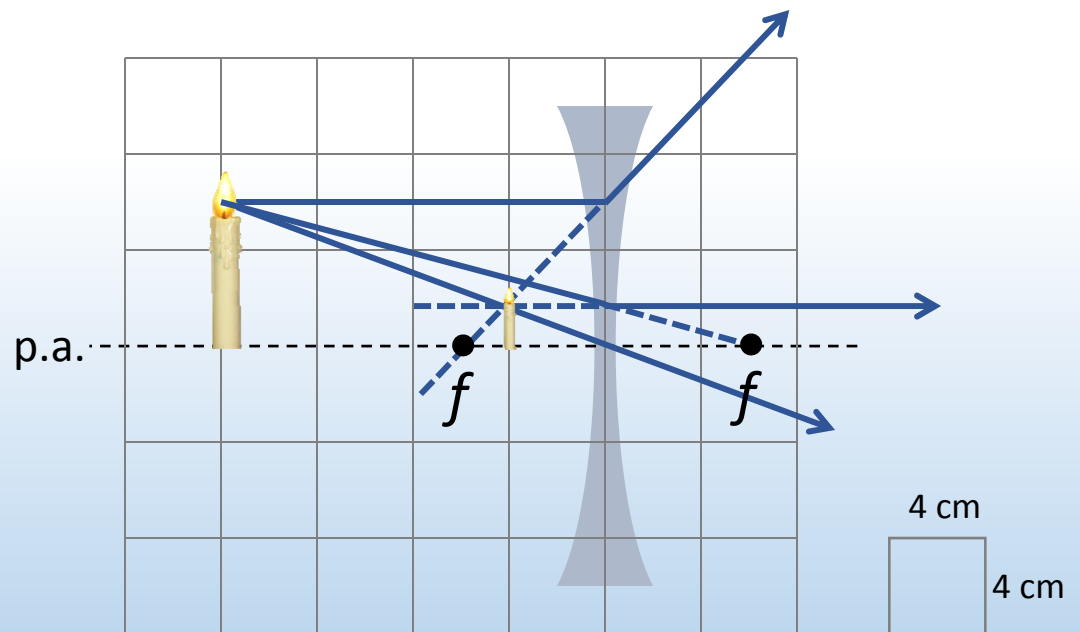
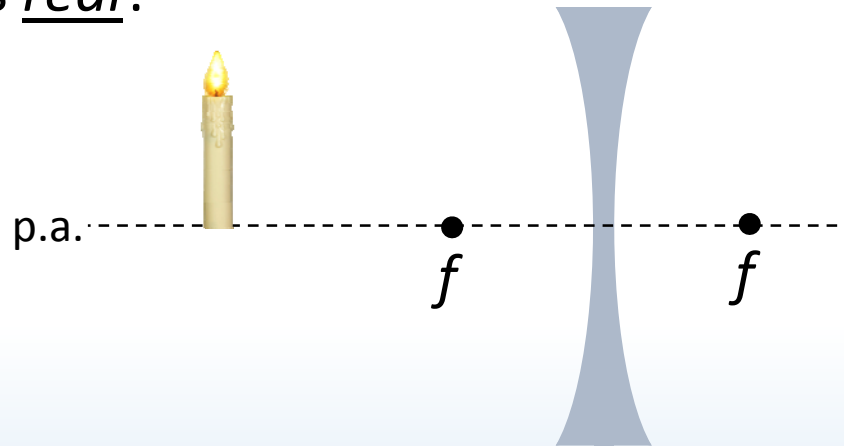


Diagram should agree!



# 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

Diverging lens:  $f < 0$

Object in front of mirror:  $d_o > 0$

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

$f < 0$  for diverging

$d_o > 0$

1 case for diverging lens:

$d_i < 0$  (virtual image) always!

# ***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

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