

Effect of Index of Refraction on Rays Described by Snell's Law

- Relates the angles of incident ray and refracted ray to two indices of refraction
- Ray angles measured from line perpendicular to interface
 - called the "surface normal"

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

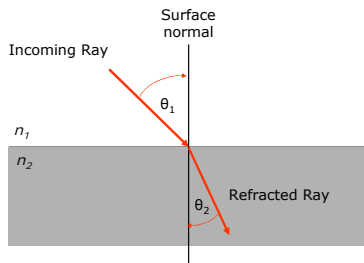
$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2}$$

(complicated expression)

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Angles in Snell's Law

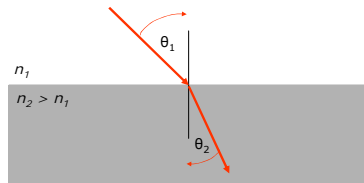


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Snell's Law for "Rare-to-Dense"

- Change in angle of ray after encountering interface between two media



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Snell's Law for "Rare-to-Dense"

- If the speed of light is *slower* in the second medium ($n_1 < n_2$), then the angle of the refracted ray is *smaller* (i.e., the ray moves *towards* the surface normal)

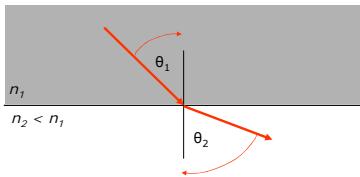
$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} > 1$$

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Snell's Law for "Dense-to-Rare"

If $n_1 > n_2$, then the ray angle *increases* (ray moves away from the surface normal)



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Lenses

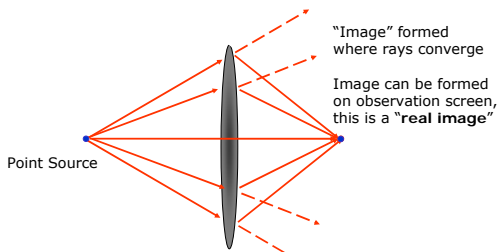
- Shapes of surfaces are selected to make light at particular locations slows down by specified amounts, which is equivalent to changing the angle of refraction by specific amounts

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Ray Description of "Positive" Lens

- Redirect rays to a focus

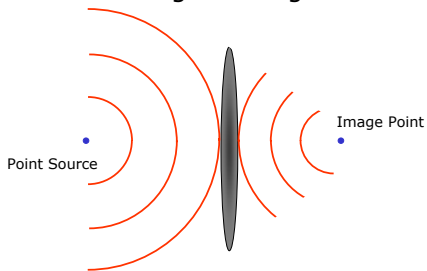


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Wave Description of "Positive" Lens

- Light at center of lens slows down more than light at edges



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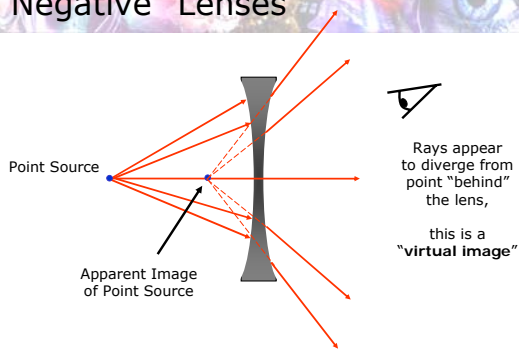
"Negative" Lenses

- Light at center of lens slows down *less* than light at edges
- Makes diverging waves diverge *more* or *faster*

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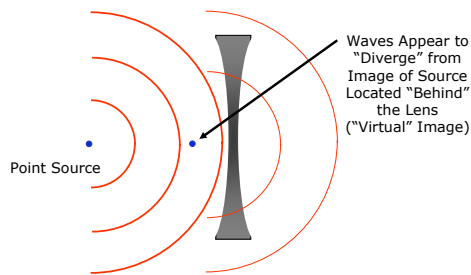
"Negative" Lenses



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"Negative" Lenses



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"Focal Length" of a Lens

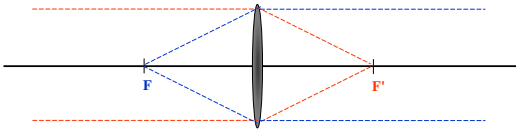
- For an object at an "infinite" distance away, the distance from the lens to the image is the "focal length" f

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Focal "Points" of a Lens

- Located one focal length distant from lens
 - "Object-space" focal point **F**, aka "Front" focal point is "in front" of positive lens
 - "Image-space" focal point **F'**, aka "Rear" focal point is "behind" positive lens



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Word Definitions of Focal Points

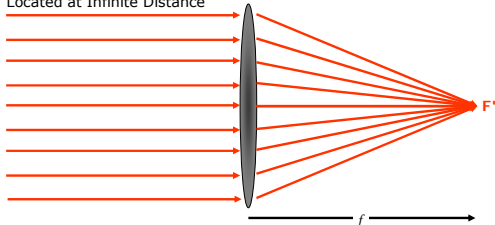
- Light from an object at an infinite distance from the lens converges to the "image-space" focal point
- Light from a source located at the "object-space" focal point propagates to form an image an infinite distance from the lens

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Focal Length of Positive Lens

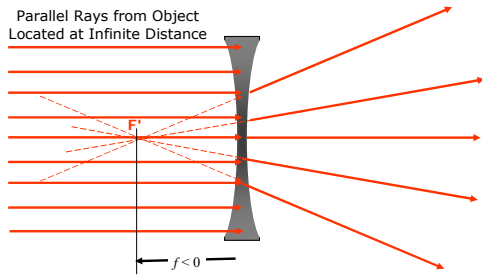
Parallel Rays from Object Located at Infinite Distance



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Focal Length of Negative Lens



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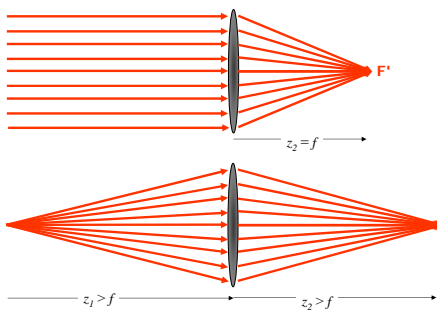
Imaging with Lenses

- Distance from Object to Lens is z_1
- Distance from Lens to Image is z_2
- Relate f to z_1 and z_2 through the *Imaging Equation*

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Imaging with Positive Lens



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Imaging with Positive Lens

