

# SNC2D PHYSICS

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**LIGHT & GEOMETRIC OPTICS**  
 The Curved Lens Equations  
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## Activity: Curved Lens Equations

**ISSUE**  
 As you have learned, you can use ray diagrams to determine the characteristics of an image. However, they are prone to errors and require patience and time. There is another method – a set of quantitative algebraic relationships that are derived using geometry. But in order to use the algebraic method there are some variables and sign conventions that must be defined first.

**INSTRUCTIONS (2DPHYS - WS7)**  
 A. Complete Part 1 (Lens Terminology) and Part 2 (Sign Convention).

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## Activity: Curved Lens Equations (WS7/Part 1)

$d_o$  = distance from the object to the optical centre (O)  
 $d_i$  = distance from the image to the optical centre (O)  
 $h_o$  = height of the object  
 $h_i$  = height of the image  
 $f$  = focal length of the lens (i.e. distance from O to F or F')  
 $M$  = the magnification of the lens

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### Activity: Curved Lens Equations (WS7/Part 2)

$d_o$  = always positive (never negative)  
 $d_i$  = positive for real images, negative for virtual images  
 $h_o$  = positive when measured upward, (never negative)  
 $h_i$  = positive when measured upward, negative when downward  
 $f$  = positive for a converging lens, negative for a diverging lens  
 $M$  = positive for real virtual images, negative for real images

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### Activity: Curved Lens Equations (WS7/Part 2)

Variable	Sign	Condition	Image Type
$d_o$	+	always	n/a
	-	never	n/a
$d_i$	+	image on opposite side as object	real
	-	image on same side as object	virtual
$h_o$	+	always	n/a
	-	never	n/a
$h_i$	+	when measured upward	virtual
	-	when measured downward	real
$f$	+	converging lens	depends on object location
	-	diverging lens	virtual
$M$	+	upright image	virtual
	-	inverted image	real

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### The Thin Lens Equation

Using triangle congruencies with the diagram below, a very useful equation that relates the focal length ( $f$ ), the object distance ( $d_o$ ), and the image distance ( $d_i$ ) can be derived. The equation is called the **thin lens equation**.

$d_i$  is the distance from O to the image

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### Activity: The Thin Lens Equation

**ISSUE**  
As you will discover, the thin lens equation can be used for both converging and diverging lenses. Recall that the focal length and image distance for a diverging lens are negative.

$d_i = \text{negative for virtual image}$   
 $f = \text{negative for diverging lens}$

**INSTRUCTIONS (2DPHYS - WS7)**  
A. Complete Part 3 (The Thin Lens Equation & ...), questions 1 to 5.

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### Activity: The Thin Lens Equation (WS7/Part 3)

1. A converging lens has a focal length of +17 cm. A candle is located +48 cm from the lens. What type of image will be formed, and where will it be located? (real, +26 cm)

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### Activity: The Thin Lens Equation (WS7/Part 3)

2. A diverging lens has a focal length of -29 cm. A virtual image of a marble is located -13 cm in front of the lens. Where is the marble (i.e. the object) located? (+24 cm)

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### The Magnification Equation

Using the same process as before, another very useful equation known as the **magnification equation** can be derived. This equation relates both the heights and distances of the object and image.

$d_i$  is the distance from O to the image  
 $d_o$  is the distance from O to the object

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### Activity: The Magnification Equation (WS7/Part 3)

3. A toy of height +8.4 cm is balanced in front of a converging lens. An inverted, real image of height -23 cm is noticed on the other side of the lens. What is the magnification of the lens? **(-2.7 X)**

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### Activity: The Magnification Equation (WS7/Part 3)

4. A small toy building block is placed +7.2 cm in front of a lens. An upright, virtual image of magnification +3.2 is noticed. Where is the image located? **(-23 cm)**

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**Activity: The Magnification Equation (WS7/Part 3)**

5. A coin of height +2.4 cm is placed in front of a diverging lens. An upright, virtual image of height +1.7 cm is noticed on the same side of the lens as the coin. What is the magnification of the lens? (+0.71)

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