



Stanley  
telescope

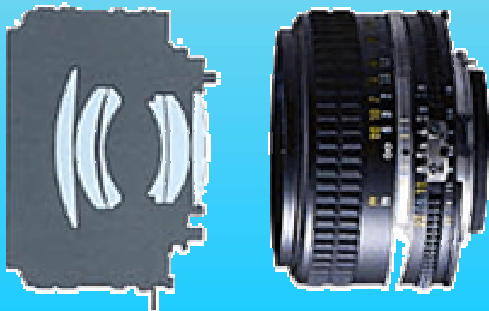
# Imaging



Nikon waterproof  
binoculars

★ This section covers

- ▶ how images are formed
- ▶ imperfect and perfect imaging
- ▶ spherical image-forming surfaces
- ▶ locating images
- ▶ some imaging devices



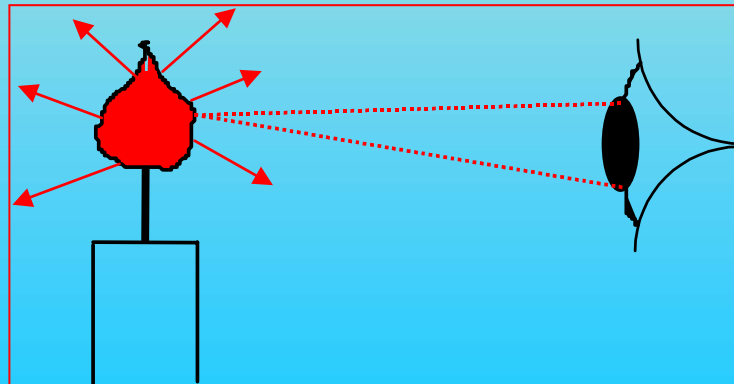
Nikkor 50 mm  
camera lens

Olympus 2100  
digital camera

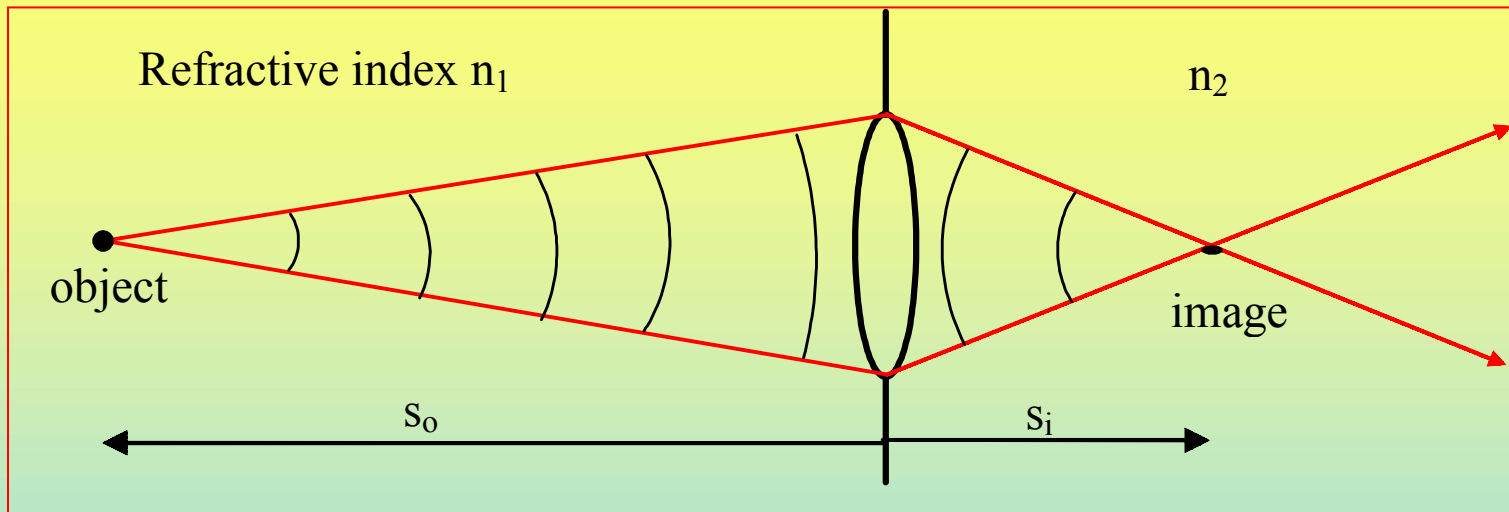


# Forming an image

- ★ Each point of an object sends out light over a range of directions
- ★ Seeing an object point requires intercepting a pencil of light with our eye
  - ▶ the point is located by us at the apex of the pencil
  - ▶ pencils are characterised by their **vergence**

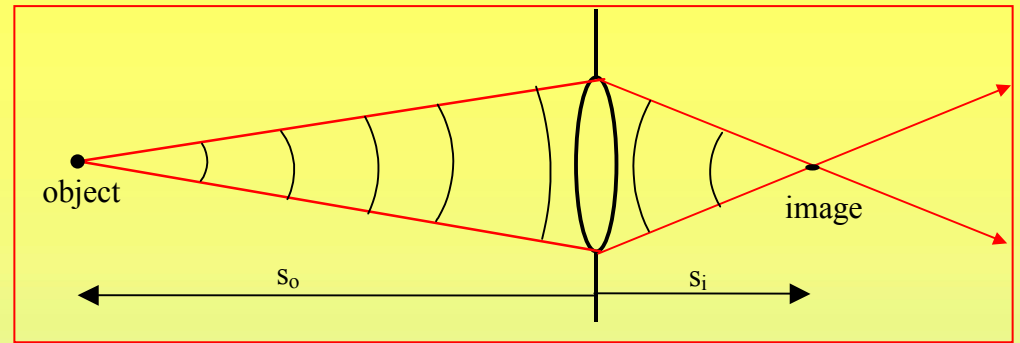


# Vergence



- ★ Vergence measures the convergence (+ve) or divergence (-ve) of a pencil of rays or, equivalently, a small section of travelling wavefront. At the aperture:
  - ▶ vergence of the wavefront forming the image =  $n_2/s_i$
  - ▶ vergence of the wavefront from the object =  $-n_1/s_o$
  - ▶ vergence is measured in **dioptries** ( $\equiv \text{m}^{-1}$ )

# Effect of a lens



- ★ A lens alters the vergence of a pencil by an amount equal to the **power**  $\mathcal{D}$  of the lens

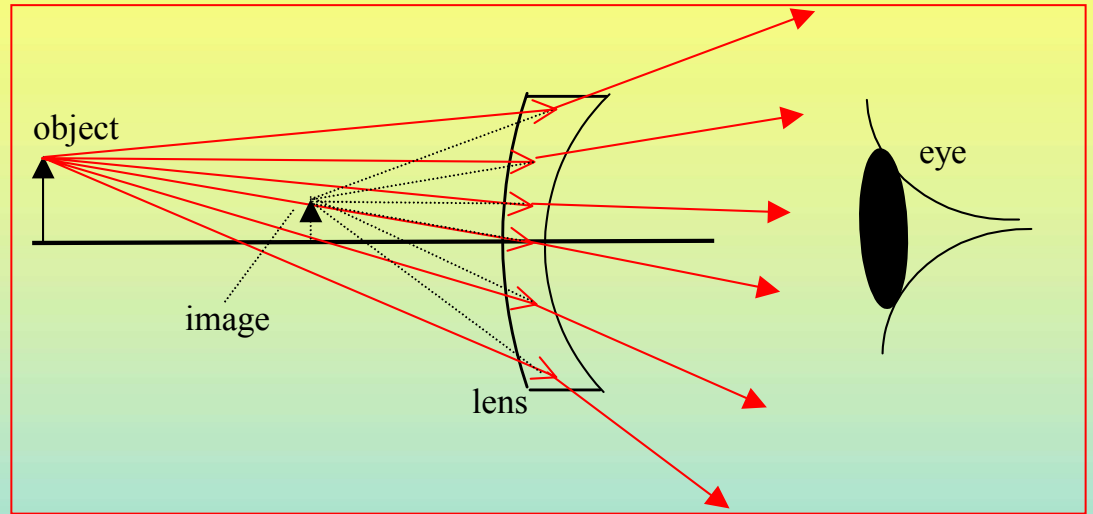
$$\frac{n_2}{s_i} = -\frac{n_1}{s_o} + \mathcal{D} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{n_2}{s_i} + \frac{n_1}{s_o} = \mathcal{D}$$

- ★ **This is the fundamental imaging equation of a lens** (relating object and image distances)
  - ▶ remembering the relationship between rays and wavefronts, this is essentially a wave view of imaging

# Graphic examples of imaging

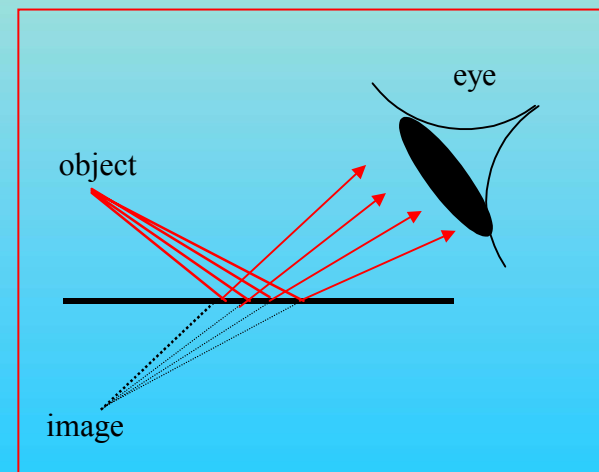
## ★ Imaging by a diverging lens

- ▶ the vergence of the incident pencils is made more –ve by the lens



## ★ Imaging by a plane mirror

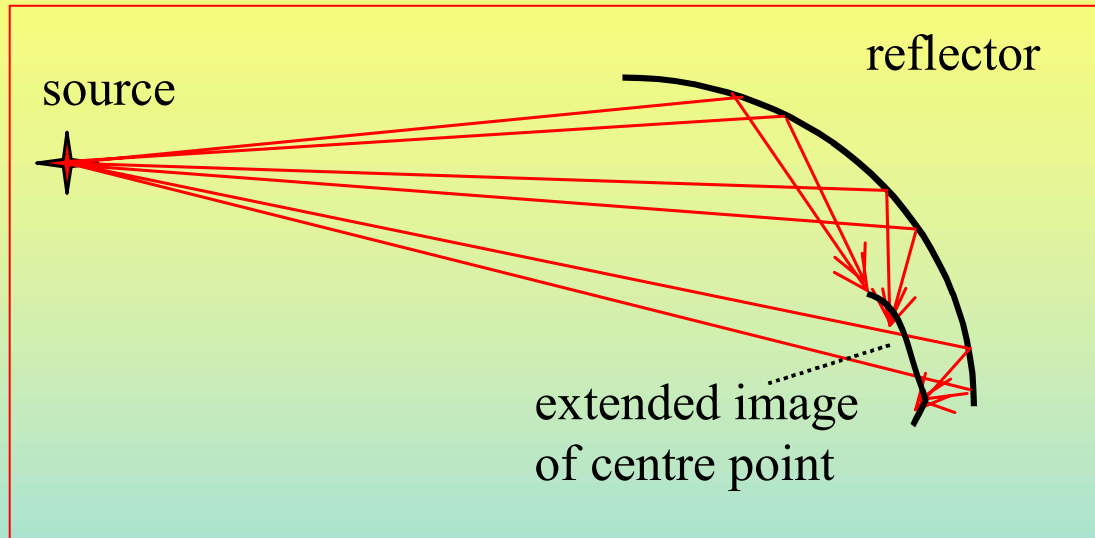
- ▶ there is no alteration of vergence, only a change in direction of the axis of the pencil



# Summary

- ★ Imaging requires the divergence or convergence of a bundle of neighbouring rays from each object point
- ★ The apex of the pencil is the position of the image
- ★ The image of an extended object is the composite image of all its points
- ★ Each imaging surface takes for its object the image from the previous surface
- ★ Simple image forming surfaces alter pencils of light in two ways:
  - ▶ they alter the vergence of the pencil
  - ▶ they may bend the axis of the pencil

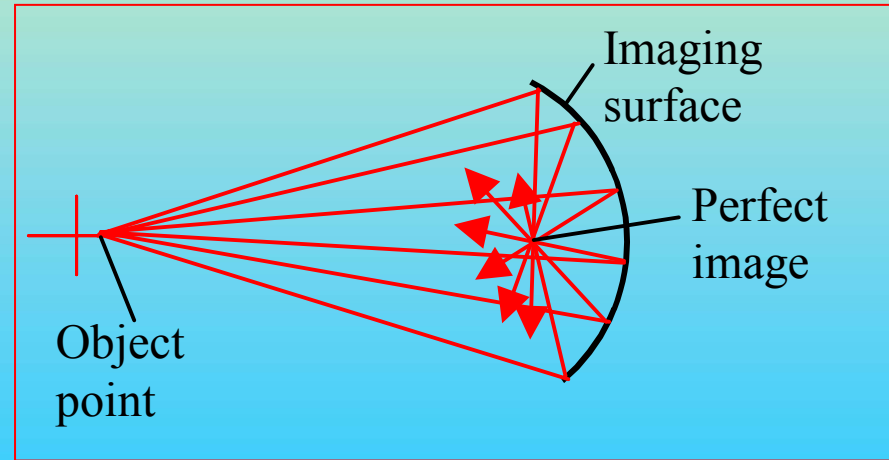
# Imperfect imaging



- ★ Different parts of an imaging forming surface may form images in different places
  - ▶ the result is a blurred image
  - ▶ the blur reduces when a smaller amount of image forming surface used

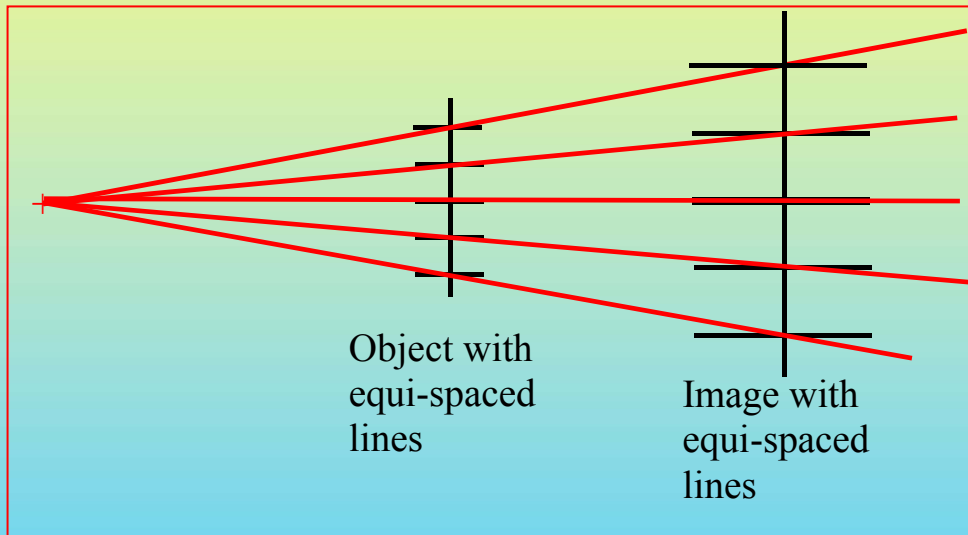
# Perfect imaging - 1

- ★ A perfect image forms when every part of the image-forming surface produces an image at the same place
- ★ Mathematically, a perfect image creates a one-one mapping from **object space** to **image space**
- ★ Image point and object point are **conjugate**

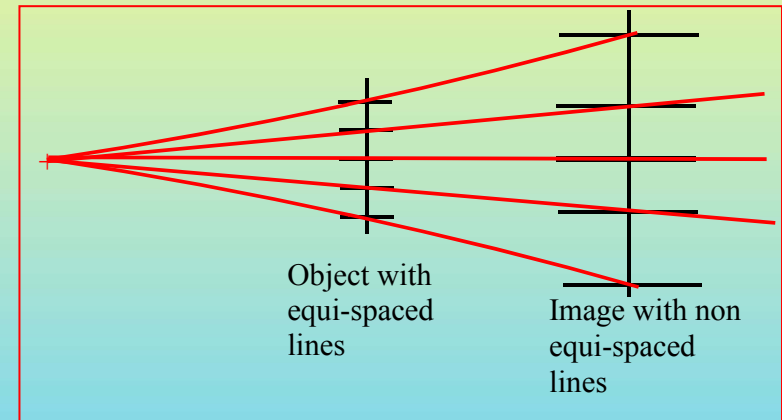


# Perfect imaging - 2

★ A perfect image mapping must be **linear**



Linear mapping

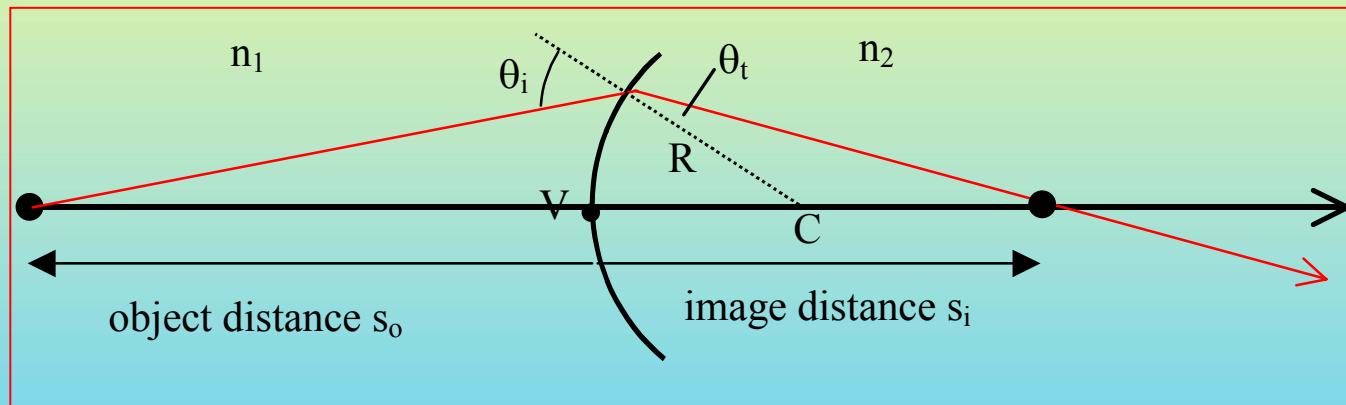


Non-linear mapping

★ Perfect imaging only happens with a plane mirror

# The paraxial approximations

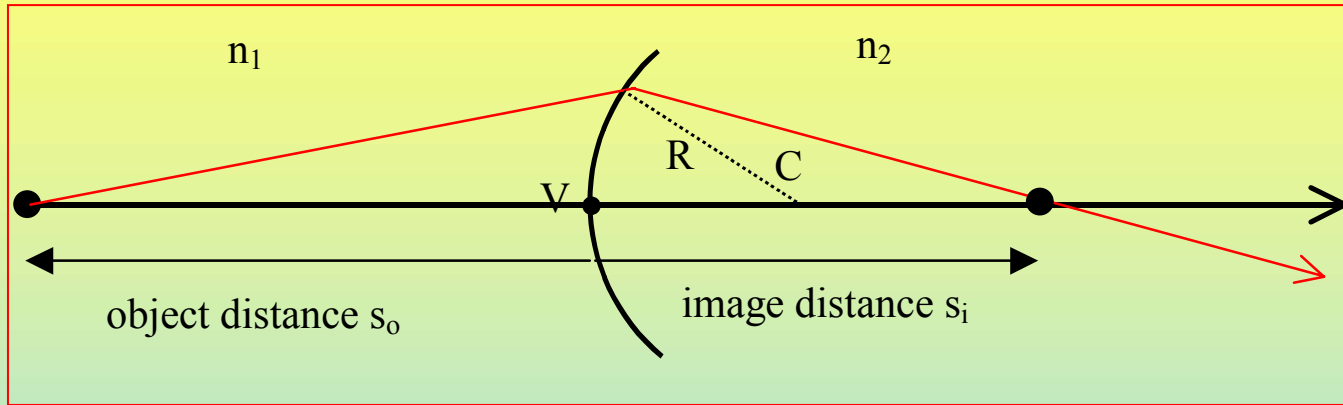
- ★ Angles of incidence,  $\theta_i$ , and refraction,  $\theta_t$ , are small



- ★ Off-axis distances are small compared with the curvature of the refracting surface and with object and image distances ( $R, s_o, s_i$ )



# Spherical surfaces



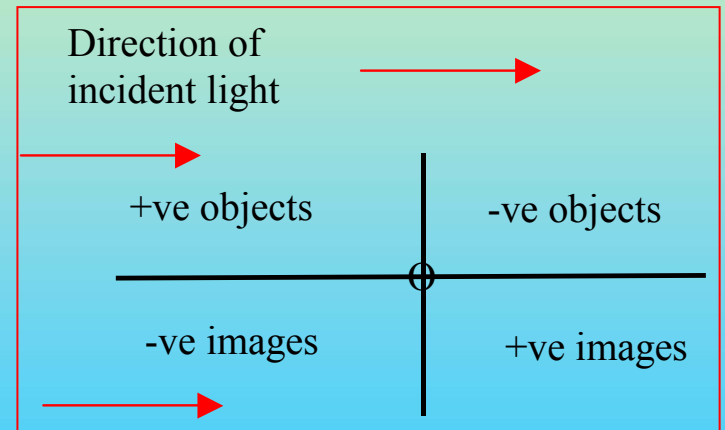
- ★ Under the **paraxial approximations** spherical surfaces form ideal images
- ★ All rays from a single object point pass through a single image point after refraction

$$\frac{n_2}{s_i} + \frac{n_1}{s_o} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R} = \mathcal{D}, \text{ the power of the surface}$$

# Sign convention

★ For an algebraic equation to give the right answer when images (and objects) can be on either side of a lens you need a **sign convention** to determine which quantities are +ve and which are -ve

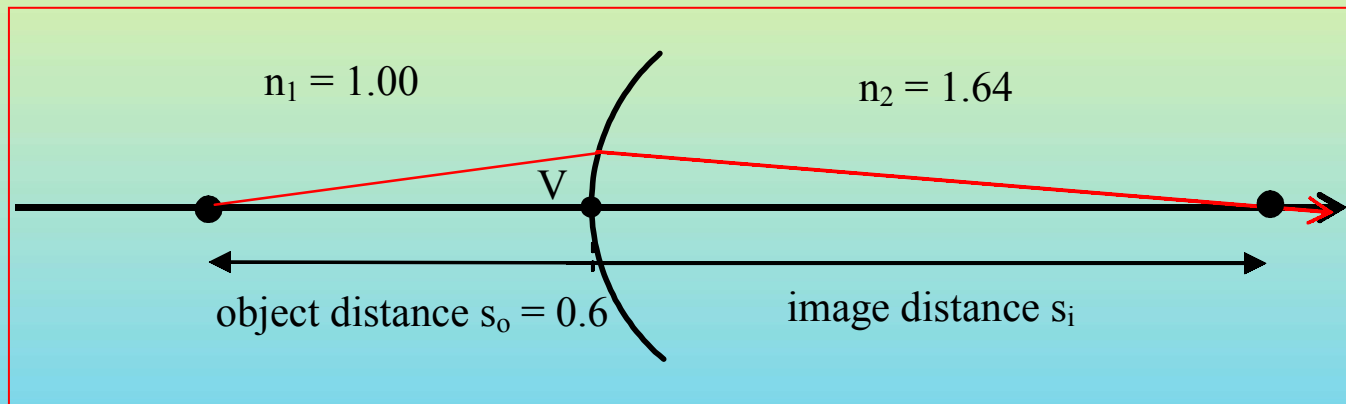
- ▶ **real** objects are those in front of the image forming surface, in front being taken with respect to the direction of incident light
- ▶ **virtual** objects are those after the image forming surface
- ▶ the reverse is true for images



★ The sign convention is known as **real is positive**

# Worked example

- ★ An object is placed on the axis of a refracting surface of radius of curvature 200 mm; the object is 600 mm from the surface in air (refractive index 1.00) and the surface has refractive index 1.64. *Where is the image?*



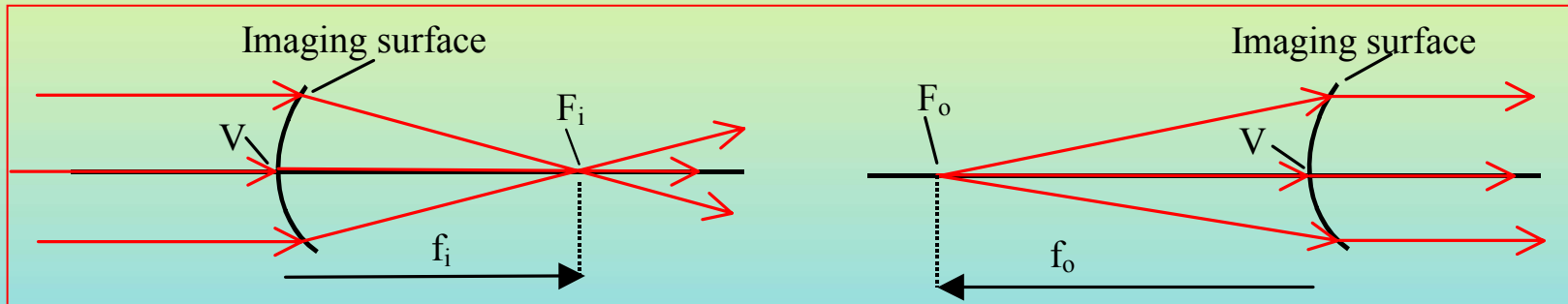
- ★ Given:  $n_1 = 1.000$ ;  $n_2 = 1.64$ ;  $R = 200$  mm;  $s_o = 600$  mm  $\equiv 0.6$  m
- ★ Surface power  $\mathcal{D} = (n_2 - n_1)/R = (1.64 - 1.00)/0.2 = 3.2$  dioptres
- ★ Find  $s_i$  from  $\frac{n_2}{s_i} + \frac{n_1}{s_o} = \mathcal{D}$ . Therefore  $\frac{1.64}{s_i} + \frac{1.00}{0.6} = 3.2$   $s_i = 1.07$  m

# Focal points and lengths



Nikon  
underwater lens

- ★ An imaging surface has 2 focal points
  - ▶  $F_i$  in image space and  $F_o$  in object space



- ★  $F_i$  is the image point of an axial object at  $\infty$
- ★  $F_o$  is the axial object point whose image is at  $\infty$
- ★  $f_i = VF_i$ , the image focal length
- ★  $f_o = VF_o$ , the object focal length

# Where are the focal points?

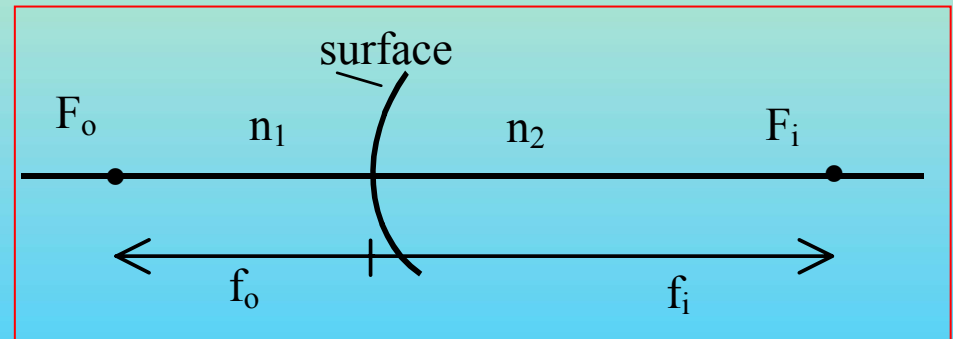
- ★ The imaging equation tells us where the focal points are

▶ for  $F_i$ ,  $s_o = \infty$ ;  $\frac{n_2}{s_i} + \frac{n_1}{s_o} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R} = \mathcal{D}$ , the power of the surface

$$\frac{n_2}{f_i} + \frac{n_1}{\infty} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R} = \mathcal{D} \quad \text{hence} \quad \frac{n_2}{f_i} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R} = \mathcal{D}$$

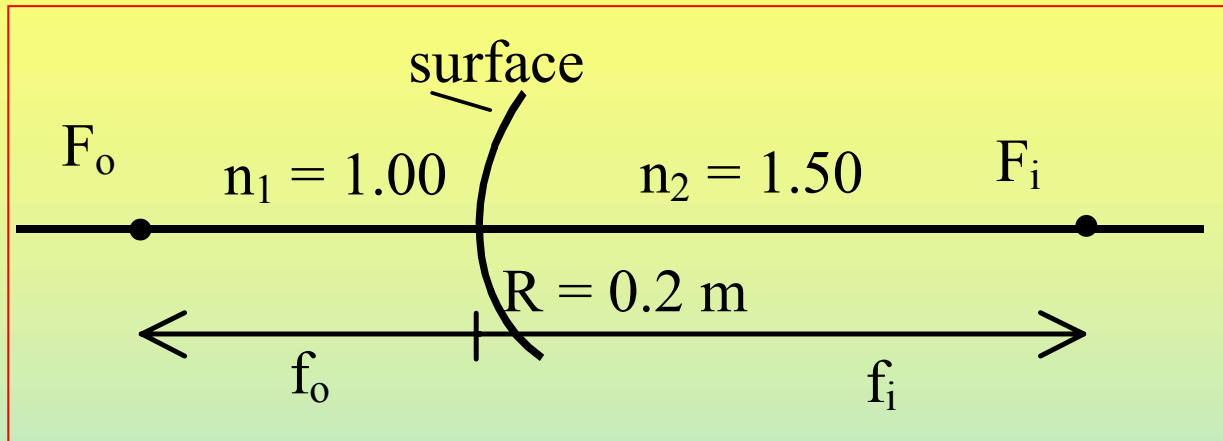
▶ likewise  $\frac{n_1}{f_o} = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{R} = \mathcal{D}$

- ★  $F_o$  and  $F_i$  are on either side of the surface



- ★ For a given power  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $f$  depends on the refractive index of the medium

# Focal point example



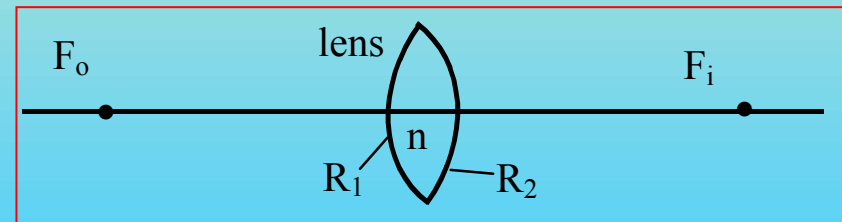
★ An imaging surface between media of refractive indices 1.00 and 1.50 has radius of curvature 200 mm. *What is the power of the surface? What are its focal lengths?*

▶  $\mathcal{D} = (1.50 - 1.00)/0.2 = 2.5$  dioptres

▶  $f_i = 1.50/\mathcal{D} = 0.6 \text{ m}$ ;  $f_o = 1.00/\mathcal{D} = 0.4 \text{ m}$

# The usefulness of focal points

- ★ If you know the focal lengths for a surface, and one other fact about it, e.g. its radius of curvature, you can calculate all its imaging
- ★ Focal points are 2 out of 6 cardinal points that characterise an imaging component
- ★ A lens is simply two imaging surfaces, one after the other



- ▶ a lens is specified by its rear (image) focal length
- ▶ focal points are usually equi-spaced from the centre

# Imaging equation for a thin lens

- ★ Application in succession of the single surface equation to each surface of a thin lens gives

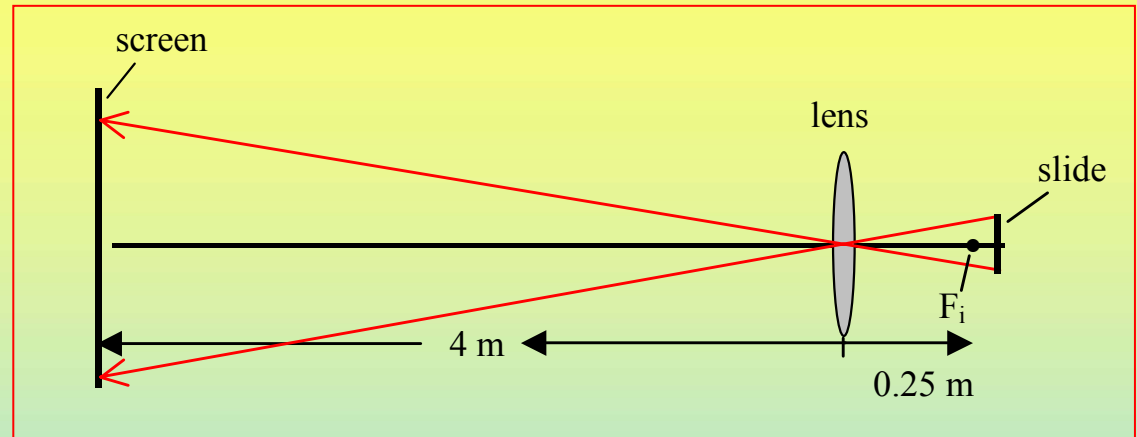
$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \frac{1}{f} = \mathcal{D}$$

- ★ This is known as the ‘**thin lensmaker’s equation**’



Olympus tele-converters

# Lensmaker's equation example



- ★ An image of a slide is to be formed 4 m in front of a lens of focal length 250 mm. *How far from the lens must the object be placed?*

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}, \text{ therefore } \frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{0.25}, \text{ giving } s_o = \frac{4}{15} \text{ m} = 0.267 \text{ m}$$

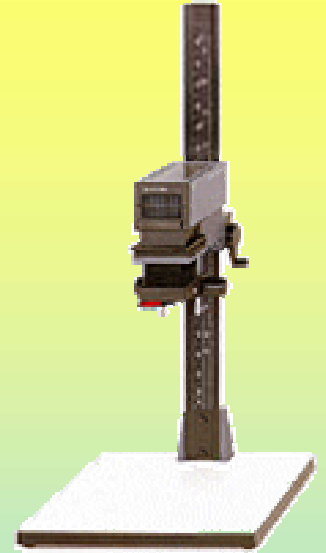
# Example of an enlarger

- ★ An enlarger lens has a focal length of 50 mm and is positioned 60 mm beneath the negative being enlarged. *How far below the lens must the printing paper be placed so that the image is in focus?*

- ★  $f = 50 \text{ mm}$ ;  $s_o = 60 \text{ mm}$ ;  $s_i$  ?

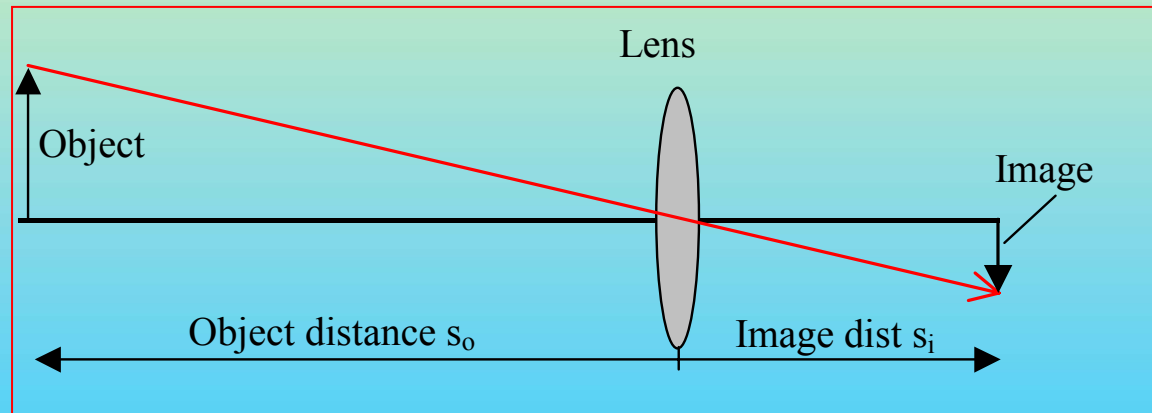
$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}, \text{ therefore } \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{50}, \text{ giving } s_i = 300 \text{ mm}$$

- ★ Notice that so long as the same units are used for all the known distances, the result is in these units



# Transverse magnification

- ★ The fact that a light ray passes through the centre of a thin lens undeviated, makes the magnification simply the ratio of image distance to object distance
  - ▶ remembering the sign convention, that gives image and object heights different signs in the diagram



$$\text{Magnification} = \frac{\text{Image height}}{\text{Object height}} = -\frac{s_i}{s_o}$$

# Examples

Referring back to the previous questions

★ *What magnification did the slide projector give the projected picture?*

▶  $s_i = 4 \text{ m}$ ;  $s_o = 4/15 \text{ m}$ , hence,

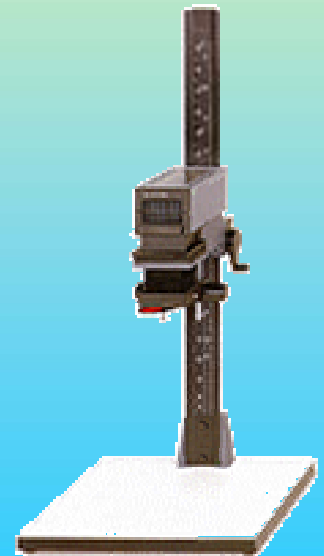
**Magnification** =  $-s_i/s_o = \times -15$

★ *What magnification did the enlarger produce of the negative?*

▶  $s_i = 300 \text{ mm}$ ;  $s_o = 60 \text{ mm}$ , hence

**Magnification** =  $-s_i/s_o = -300/60 = \times -5$

▶ the  $-ve$  signs show that the images are upside down

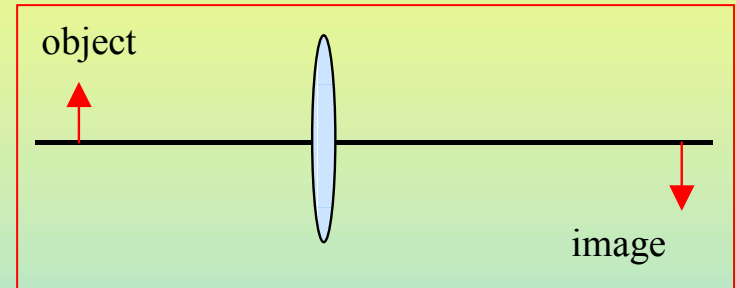


# Recap of sign convention

★ Measurements are in object space and image space

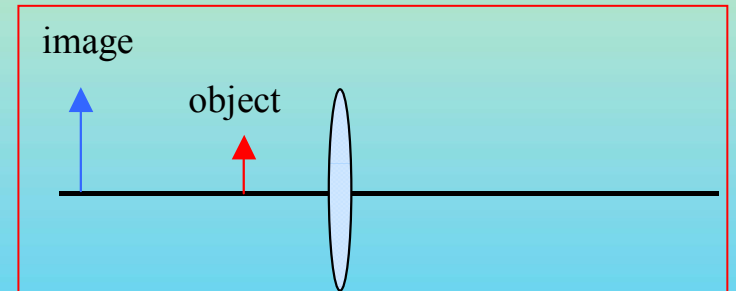
★ **Real** object +ve  $s_o$

★ **Real** image +ve  $s_i$



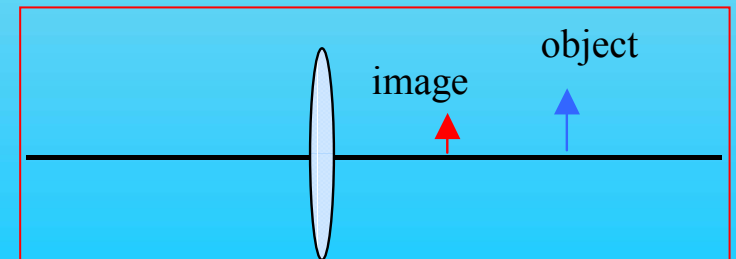
★ **Real** object +ve  $s_o$

★ **Virtual** image -ve  $s_i$



★ **Virtual** object -ve  $s_o$

★ **Real** image +ve  $s_i$





developed 14 element, 11 group 4 X zoom for the E-10,  
very high precision and highly accurate optical system.

## Olympus E-10

Gauss Type Lens Groups

Aspherical Glass Lens

CCD Imager

Beam Splitter

High Index Low Dispersion Lens

ED (Extra Dispersion Lens)



Bushnell

# Telescopes



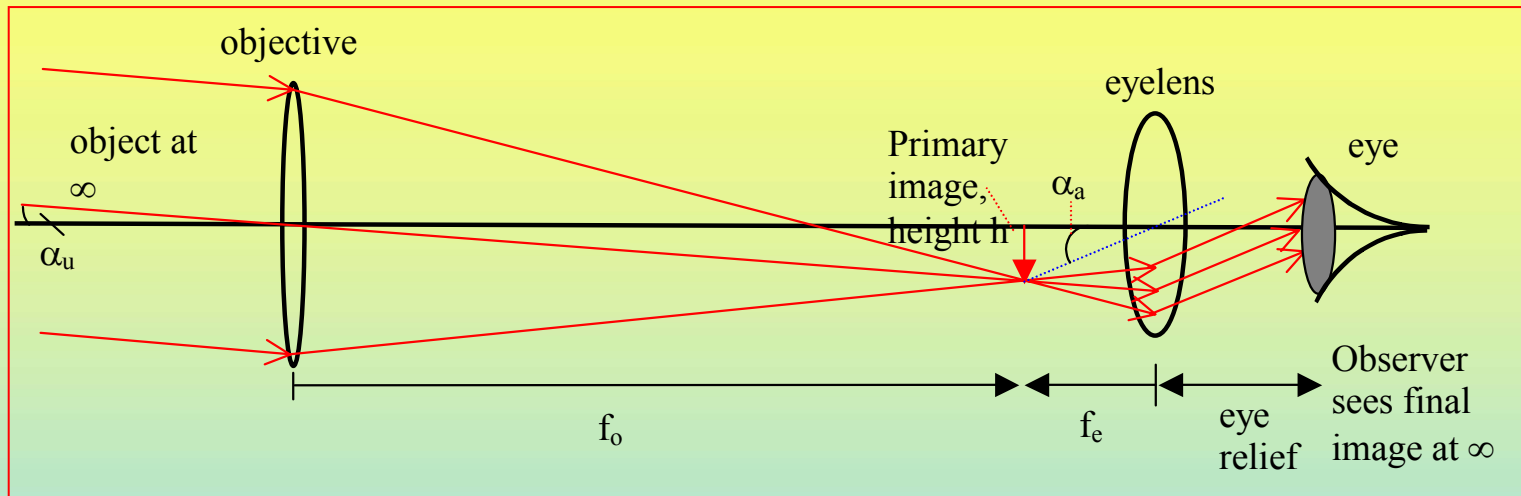
Leica

- ★ Telescopes are the prime instruments of astronomy
- ★ In the form of binoculars, they are used widely by naturalists, sailors and many other groups
- ★ Telescopes are found widely, embedded in other instruments such as theodolites and spectrometers



TV102

# The basic telescope - Kepler

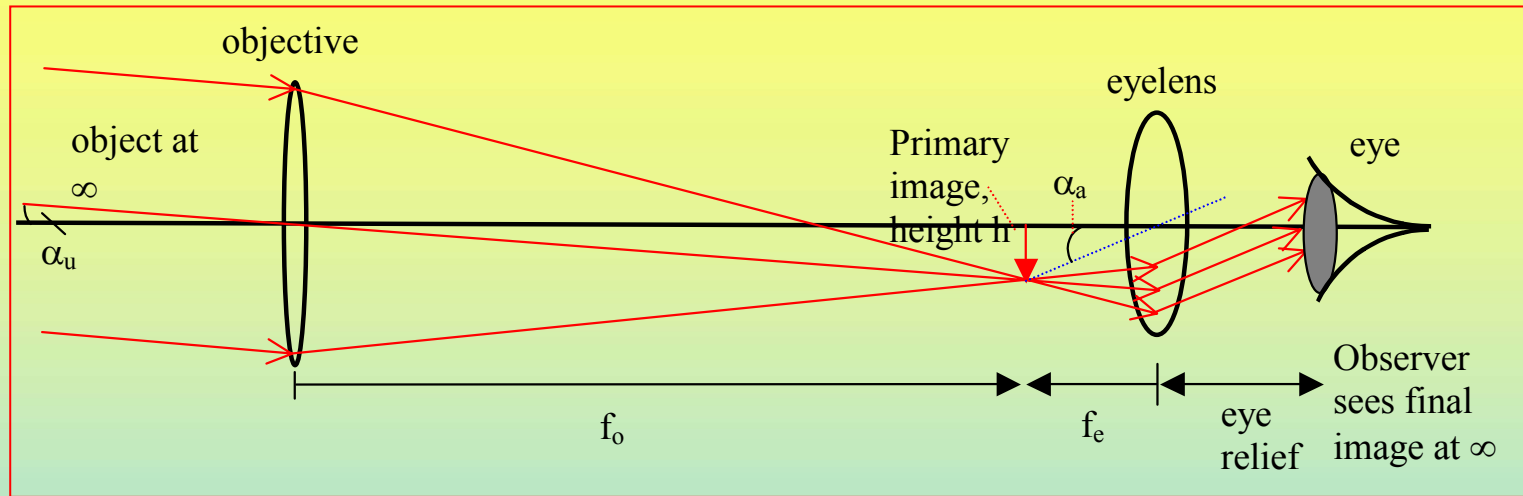


- ★ The **objective** forms an image of an object at infinity
- ★ The **eyelens** forms a virtual image at infinity of the primary image



Griffith Observatory  
refractor

# Telescope magnification



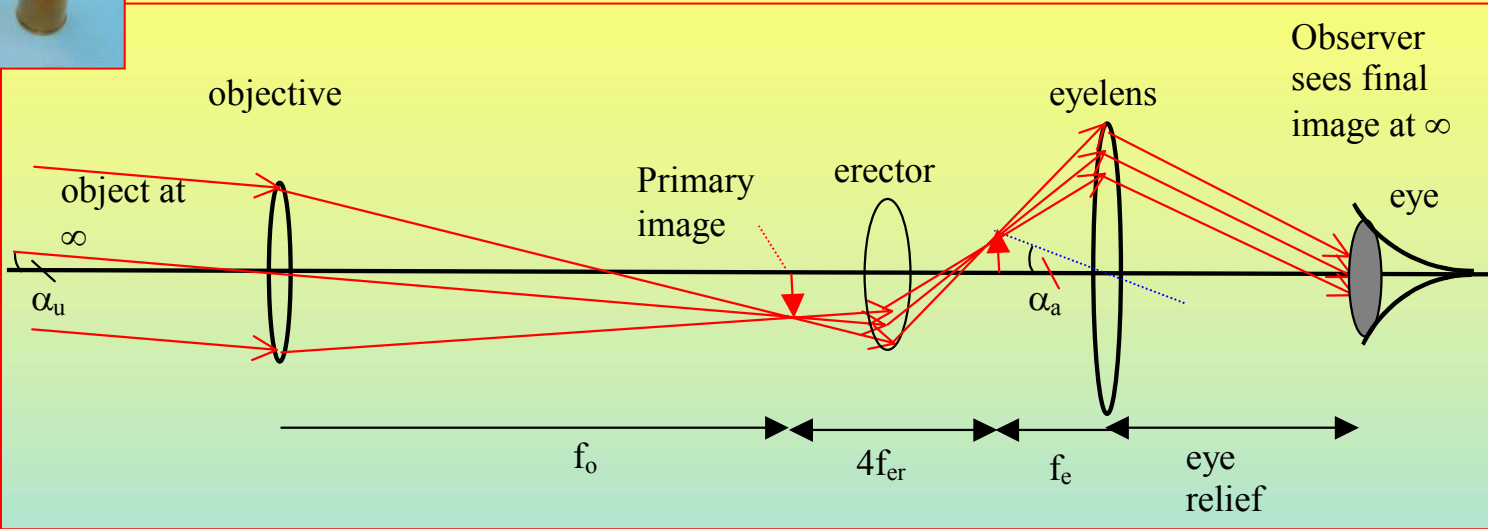
$$\text{angular magnifying power (MP)} = \frac{\text{angle subtended by image at eye } (\alpha_a)}{\text{angle subtended by object at eye } (\alpha_u)}$$

$$\alpha_a \approx \tan \alpha_a = \frac{h}{f_e}, \text{ in the paraxial approximation}$$

$$\alpha_u \approx \tan \alpha_u = -\frac{h}{f_o}$$

$$\therefore MP = -\frac{f_o}{f_e}, \text{ the } - \text{ve sign indicating an inverted image}$$

# Erecting telescope



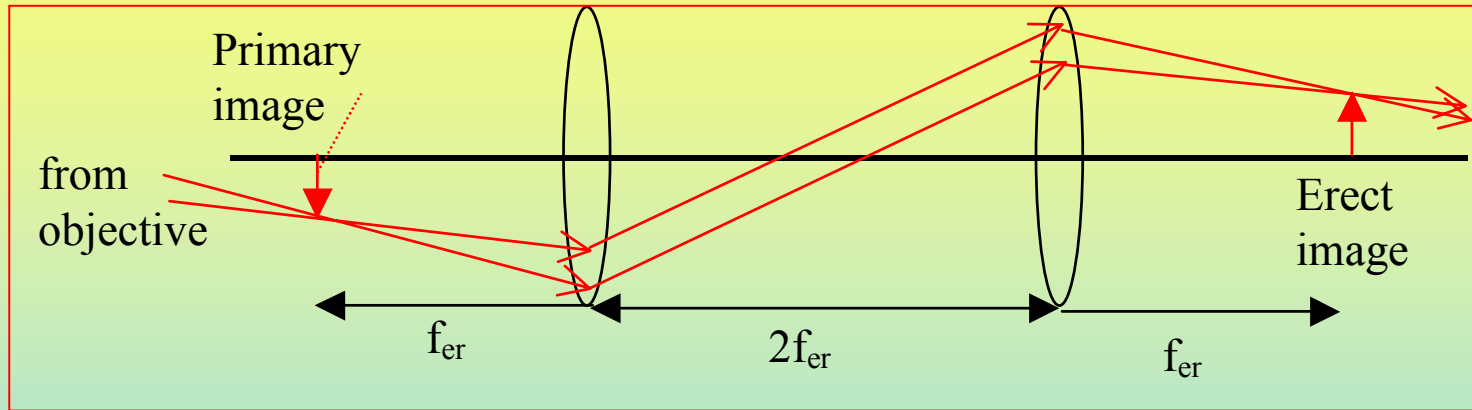
★ In principle, image erection can be provided by a single lens

- ▶ the eye relief has got larger
- ▶ the erector limits the field of view
- ▶ a larger eyepiece diameter is needed



Stanley "spyglasses"

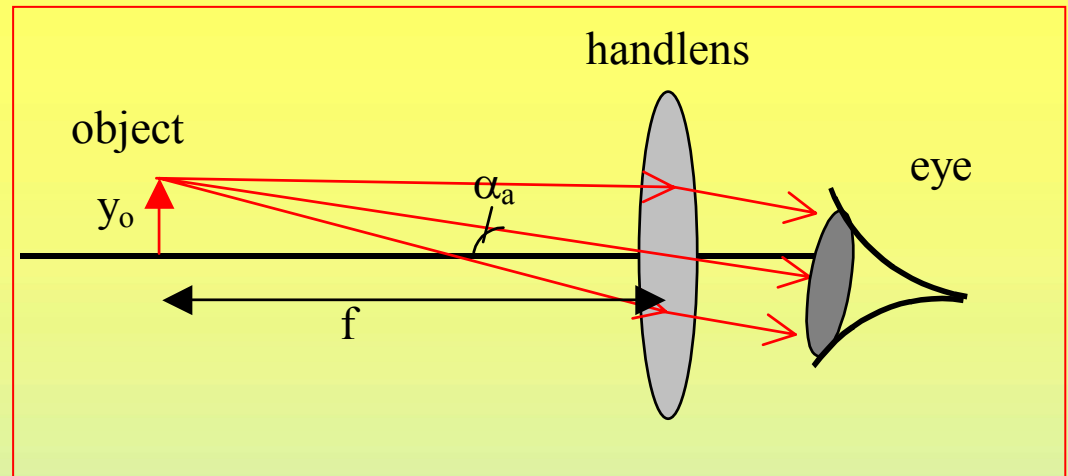
# Rheita's erector; prism erector



- ★ In practice, erection with lenses is achieved using 2
- ★ The arrangement is really a telescope of magnification  $\times -1$  within a telescope
- ★ Even more common is the use of a dual prism erector



# Simple eyepiece



- ★ The closest distance that we can see objects clearly is called **the nearest distance of distinct vision,  $d_o$**  ( $\sim 0.25$  m)
- ★ The simple handlens forms a virtual image at infinity, which a relaxed eye can focus on
- ★ Magnifying power: .....  $\diamond$   $MP = \frac{\alpha_{a(\text{aided})}}{\alpha_{u(\text{unaided})}}$
- ★ Since  $\alpha_a = \frac{y_o}{f}$  ; and  $\alpha_u = \frac{y_o}{d_o}$  ,

$$MP = \frac{d_o}{f} = 0.25 \mathcal{D}$$

# Example of handlens magnification



★ *What is the power of a "×10" eyepiece?*

★ Use:

$$MP = \frac{d_o}{f} = 0.25 \mathcal{D}$$

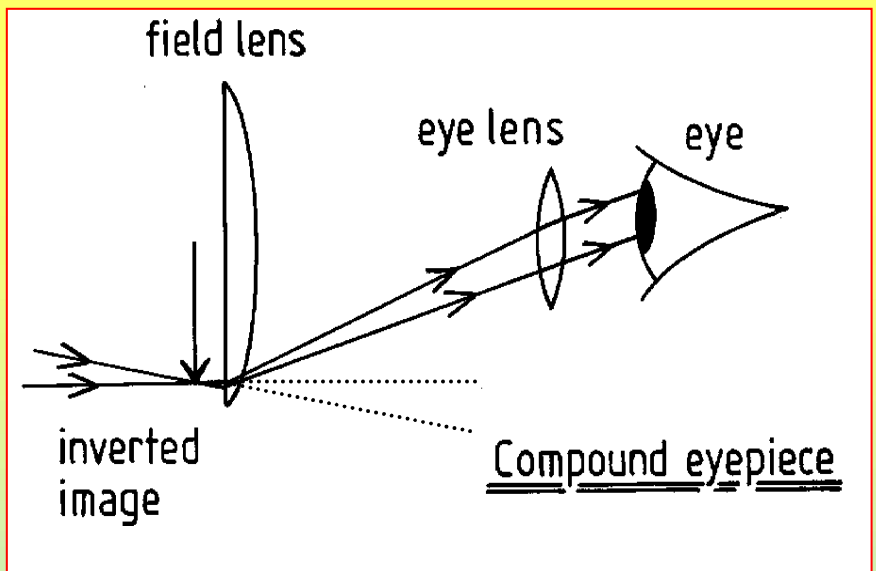
therefore:  $10 = 0.25 \mathcal{D}$

hence  $\mathcal{D} = 40$  dioptries





# Compound eyepiece



- ★ The diagram above, from the first year lab manual, introduces the **field lens**
  - ▶ bends round pencils of image-forming light so that they pass through a smaller following lens
  - ▶ improves image quality
  - ▶ allows control of the eye relief
  - ▶ clearly defines the field of view (“acts as a **field stop**”)
- ★ Real eyepieces contain 2 or more lenses

# Telescope summary

- ★ Telescopic systems are designed to have the object at  $\infty$  and, for an observer, the final image at  $\infty$
- ★ The minimum telescope will have an achromatic objective and a multi-element eyepiece
- ★ A terrestrial telescope will have a 2-lens or a prismatic erector
- ★ The magnification is given by the ratio of focal lengths of objective to eyepiece
- ★ Reflecting telescopes replace the objective lens by a mirror, which leads to a complete redesign of the system