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List of 38 Optics Formulas

Optics

Basics of Optics

1) Angle of Deviation

fx $D = i + e - A$

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ex $9^\circ = 40^\circ + 4^\circ - 35^\circ$

2) Angle of Deviation in Dispersion

fx $D = (\mu - 1) \cdot A$

Open Calculator 

ex $11.55^\circ = (1.33 - 1) \cdot 35^\circ$

3) Angle of Emergence

fx $e = A + D - i$

Open Calculator 

ex $7.5^\circ = 35^\circ + 12.5^\circ - 40^\circ$

4) Angle of Incidence

fx $i = D + A - e$

Open Calculator 

ex $43.5^\circ = 12.5^\circ + 35^\circ - 4^\circ$



5) Angle of Prism ↗

fx
$$A = i + e - D$$

Open Calculator ↗

ex
$$31.5^\circ = 40^\circ + 4^\circ - 12.5^\circ$$

6) Number of Images in Kaleidoscope ↗

fx
$$N = \left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi}{A_m} \right) - 1$$

Open Calculator ↗

ex
$$5 = \left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi}{60^\circ} \right) - 1$$

7) Power of Lens ↗

fx
$$P_1 = \frac{1}{f_1}$$

Open Calculator ↗

ex
$$2.5 = \frac{1}{0.40\text{m}}$$

8) Power of Lens using Distance Rule ↗

fx
$$P = P_1 + P_2 - w \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2$$

Open Calculator ↗

ex
$$1.8125 = 0.75 + 1.25 - 0.2\text{m} \cdot 0.75 \cdot 1.25$$



Coefficient of Refraction ↗

9) Coefficient of Refraction using Boundary Angles ↗

fx $\mu = \frac{\sin(i)}{\sin(r)}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $1.285575 = \frac{\sin(40^\circ)}{\sin(30^\circ)}$

10) Coefficient of Refraction using Critical Angle ↗

fx $\mu = \cos ec(i)$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $1.555724 = \cos ec(40^\circ)$

11) Coefficient of Refraction using Depth ↗

fx $\mu = \frac{d_{\text{real}}}{d_{\text{apparent}}}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $3 = \frac{1.5\text{m}}{0.50\text{m}}$

12) Coefficient of Refraction using Velocity ↗

fx $\mu = \frac{[c]}{v_m}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $1.332411 = \frac{[c]}{225000000\text{m/s}}$



Focal Length of Lens ↗

13) Focal Length of Concave Lens given Image and Object Distance ↗

fx
$$F_{\text{concave lens}} = \frac{u \cdot v}{v - u}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex
$$-0.385714m = \frac{0.90m \cdot 0.27m}{0.27m - 0.90m}$$

14) Focal Length of Concave Lens given Radius ↗

fx
$$F_{\text{concave lens}} = -\frac{r_{\text{curve}}}{2}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex
$$-4.5m = -\frac{9m}{2}$$

15) Focal Length of Convex Lens given Object and Image Distance ↗

fx
$$F_{\text{convex lens}} = \frac{u \cdot v}{u - v}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex
$$0.385714m = \frac{0.90m \cdot 0.27m}{0.90m - 0.27m}$$

16) Focal Length of Convex Lens given Radius ↗

fx
$$F_{\text{convex lens}} = \frac{r_{\text{curve}}}{2}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex
$$4.5m = \frac{9m}{2}$$



17) Focal Length using Distance Formula ↗

$$\text{fx } F = \frac{f_1 + f_2 - w}{f_1 \cdot f_2}$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$\text{ex } 3.541667\text{m} = \frac{0.40\text{m} + 0.48\text{m} - 0.2\text{m}}{0.40\text{m} \cdot 0.48\text{m}}$$

18) Lens Makers Equation ↗

$$\text{fx } f_1 = \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_m} - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$\text{ex } 3.170831\text{m} = \left(\frac{10}{1.3} - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1.67\text{m}} - \frac{1}{8\text{m}} \right)$$

Focal Length of Mirror ↗**19) Focal Length of Concave Mirror ↗**

$$\text{fx } F_{\text{concave}} = -\frac{r_{\text{curve}}}{2}$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$\text{ex } -4.5\text{m} = -\frac{9\text{m}}{2}$$



20) Focal Length of Concave Mirror with Real Image

fx $F_{\text{concave}} = \frac{v \cdot u}{v + u}$

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ex $0.207692\text{m} = \frac{0.27\text{m} \cdot 0.90\text{m}}{0.27\text{m} + 0.90\text{m}}$

21) Focal Length of Concave Mirror with Virtual Image

fx $F_{\text{concave}} = \frac{v \cdot u}{u - v}$

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ex $0.385714\text{m} = \frac{0.27\text{m} \cdot 0.90\text{m}}{0.90\text{m} - 0.27\text{m}}$

22) Focal Length of Convex Mirror

fx $F_{\text{convex}} = \frac{u \cdot v}{v - u}$

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ex $-0.385714\text{m} = \frac{0.90\text{m} \cdot 0.27\text{m}}{0.27\text{m} - 0.90\text{m}}$

23) Focal Length of Convex Mirror given Radius

fx $F_{\text{convex}} = \frac{r_{\text{curve}}}{2}$

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ex $4.5\text{m} = \frac{9\text{m}}{2}$



Magnification ↗

24) Magnification of Concave Lens ↗

fx $m = \frac{v}{u}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $0.3 = \frac{0.27m}{0.90m}$

25) Magnification of Concave Mirror with Real Image ↗

fx $m = -\frac{v}{u}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $-0.3 = -\frac{0.27m}{0.90m}$

26) Magnification of Concave Mirror with Virtual Image ↗

fx $m = \frac{v}{u}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $0.3 = \frac{0.27m}{0.90m}$

27) Magnification of Concave Mirror with Virtual Image using Height ↗

fx $m = \frac{h_{\text{image}}}{h_{\text{object}}}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $2.5 = \frac{0.70m}{0.28m}$



28) Magnification of Convex Lens ↗

fx $m = -\frac{v}{u}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $-0.3 = -\frac{0.27m}{0.90m}$

29) Magnification of Convex Mirror ↗

fx $m = \frac{v}{u}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $0.3 = \frac{0.27m}{0.90m}$

30) Magnification of Convex Mirror using Height ↗

fx $m = \frac{h_{\text{image}}}{h_{\text{object}}}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $2.5 = \frac{0.70m}{0.28m}$

31) Total Magnification ↗

fx $m_t = m^2$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex $0.4356 = (0.66)^2$



Object and Image Distance ↗

32) Image Distance of Concave Mirror with Virtual Image ↗

fx

$$v = \frac{u \cdot F_{\text{concave}}}{F_{\text{concave}} - u}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex

$$-0.225m = \frac{0.90m \cdot 0.18m}{0.18m - 0.90m}$$

33) Image Distance of Convex Mirror ↗

fx

$$v = \frac{u \cdot F_{\text{convex}}}{u + F_{\text{convex}}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex

$$0.252m = \frac{0.90m \cdot 0.35m}{0.90m + 0.35m}$$

34) Object Distance in Concave Lens ↗

fx

$$u = \frac{v \cdot F_{\text{concave lens}}}{F_{\text{concave lens}} - v}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex

$$0.16875m = \frac{0.27m \cdot -0.45m}{-0.45m - 0.27m}$$



35) Object Distance in Concave Mirror with Real Image

fx
$$u = \frac{v \cdot F_{\text{concave}}}{v - F_{\text{concave}}}$$

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ex
$$0.54m = \frac{0.27m \cdot 0.18m}{0.27m - 0.18m}$$

36) Object Distance in Concave Mirror with Virtual Image

fx
$$u = \frac{v \cdot F_{\text{concave}}}{v + F_{\text{concave}}}$$

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ex
$$0.108m = \frac{0.27m \cdot 0.18m}{0.27m + 0.18m}$$

37) Object Distance in Convex Lens

fx
$$u = \frac{v \cdot F_{\text{convex lens}}}{v - F_{\text{convex lens}}}$$

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ex
$$3.375m = \frac{0.27m \cdot 0.25m}{0.27m - 0.25m}$$

38) Object Distance in Convex Mirror

fx
$$u = \frac{v \cdot F_{\text{convex}}}{v - F_{\text{convex}}}$$

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ex
$$-1.18125m = \frac{0.27m \cdot 0.35m}{0.27m - 0.35m}$$



Variables Used

- **A** Angle of Prism (Degree)
- **A_m** Angle between Mirrors (Degree)
- **D** Angle of Deviation (Degree)
- **d_{apparent}** Apparent Depth (Meter)
- **d_{real}** Real Depth (Meter)
- **e** Angle of Emergence (Degree)
- **F** Focal Length of Lens (Meter)
- **f₁** Focal Length 1 (Meter)
- **f₂** Focal Length 2 (Meter)
- **F_{concave lens}** Focal Length of Concave Lens (Meter)
- **F_{concave}** Focal Length of Concave Mirror (Meter)
- **F_{convex lens}** Focal Length of Convex Lens (Meter)
- **F_{convex}** Focal Length of Convex Mirror (Meter)
- **h_{image}** Image Height (Meter)
- **h_{object}** Object Height (Meter)
- **i** Angle of Incidence (Degree)
- **m** Magnification
- **m_t** Total Magnification
- **N** Number of Images
- **P** Power of Lens
- **P₁** Power of First Lens
- **P₂** Power of Second Lens



- r Angle of Refraction (Degree)
- R_1 Radius of Curvature at Section 1 (Meter)
- R_2 Radius of Curvature at Section 2 (Meter)
- r_{curve} Radius (Meter)
- u Object Distance (Meter)
- v Image Distance (Meter)
- v_m Velocity of Light in Medium (Meter per Second)
- w Width of Lens (Meter)
- μ Coefficient of Refraction
- μ_l Lens Refractive Index
- μ_m Medium Refractive Index



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Constant:** **[c]**, 299792458.0 Meter/Second
Light speed in vacuum
- **Function:** **cosec**, cosec(Angle)
Trigonometric cosecant function
- **Function:** **sec**, sec(Angle)
Trigonometric secant function
- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Trigonometric sine function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion ↗
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion ↗
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree ($^{\circ}$)
Angle Unit Conversion ↗



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