Overview: ray transfer matrices



Propagation through uniform space: distance d, index of refraction n_{left}

Refraction at spherical interface: radius R, indices n_{left} , n_{right}

By using these elemental matrices, we may ray trace through an arbitrarily long cascade of optical elements (provided the paraxial approximation remains valid throughout.)



Overview: thin lens and object/image at infinity



Overview: composite optical elements



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Overview: real and virtual images



Overview: apertures, stops, pupils, windows







Today

- Ray optics of mirrors
 - [[Some terminology:
 - catoptric ≡ utilizing mirrors
 κάτοπτρον (kátoptron) = mirror
 - dioptric ≡ utilizing refractive lenses δίοπτρον (díoptron) = lens
 - catadioptric = utilizing both mirrors and refractive lenses]]
- The basic optical imaging systems
 - magnifier lens
 - eyepiece
 - microscope
 - telescope
 - refractive: Keppler (dioptric)
 - reflective: Cassegrain (catoptric)
 - Schmidt (catadioptric)



Sign conventions for catoptric optics

- Light travels from left to right before reflection and from right to left after reflection
- A radius of curvature is positive if the surface is convex towards the left
- Longitudinal distances before reflection are positive if pointing to the right; longitudinal distances after reflection are positive if pointing to the left
- Longitudinal distances are positive if pointing up
- Ray angles are positive if the ray direction is obtained by rotating the $+\chi$ axis counterclockwise through an acute angle





Object/image at infinity with spherical mirror



Recall that to bring a plane wave (object at ∞) to focus, the perfect reflector shape is paraboloidal:

$$s = \frac{x^2}{4f}$$

We seek the sphere that best matches the paraboloidal curvature in the paraxial region:

$$\left(s+R
ight)^{2}+x^{2}=R^{2}\Rightarrow$$

$$s = -R + \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} = R \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{R^2}} \right]$$
$$\approx R \left[-1 + \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2R^2} \right) \right] = -\frac{x^2}{2R}.$$

We can see that the surfaces match if

$$R = -2f$$

Note R < 0 because the surface is concave toward the left. Therefore, f > 0; *i.e.*, this is a positive lens.

$$\Rightarrow$$
Focal length $f = -\frac{R}{2}$



Catoptric imaging formulae



The single lens magnifier



Magnifying power MP $\equiv \frac{\alpha_a}{\alpha_u}$ MP $= \frac{h_i/L}{h_o/d_o} = \frac{h_i}{h_o} \times \frac{d_o}{L}$ but $\frac{h_i}{h_o} = M_T = -\frac{s_i}{s_o} = 1 - \frac{s_i}{f}$ \Rightarrow MP $= \left(1 - \frac{s_i}{f}\right) \times \frac{d_o}{L} = \left(1 - \frac{L - l}{f}\right) \times \frac{d_o}{L}$ \Rightarrow MP $= \left(1 - P(L - l)\right) \times \frac{d_o}{L}$ (1) $l = f \Rightarrow$ MP $= d_o P$ (2) $l = 0 \Rightarrow$ MP $= d_o \left(\frac{1}{L} + P\right)$

Largest MP for smallest permissible L, *i.e.*

 $L = d_o \Rightarrow MP = 1 + d_o P$ (3) $s_i = f \Rightarrow s_i = \infty$

Virtual image at $\infty \Rightarrow$ unaccommodated (relaxed) eye, and

 $MP = d_o P$

Eyepiece

- also known as "ocular"
- Magnifier meant to look at the intermediate image formed by the preceding optical instrument:
 - eye looks into eyepiece
 - eyepiece "looks" into optical system (microscope, telescope, etc.)
- Ideally should
 - produce a virtual image at infinity (\Rightarrow MP= d_oP)
 - the final image is viewed with relaxed (unaccommodated) eye
 - center the exit pupil (eye point) where the observer's eye is placed at 10mm (eye relief) from the instrument



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Microscope

- Purpose: to "magnify" thereby providing additional detail on a small, nearby object
- Objective lens followed by an eyepiece
 - Objective: forms real, magnified image of the object at the plane where the instrument's field stop is located
 - Eyepiece: its object plane is the objective's image plane and forms a virtual image at infinity
 - magnified image can be viewed with relaxed (unaccommodated) eye
 - compound magnifying power is the product of the magnifications of the two elements, i.e.

 $\mathrm{MP} = M_\mathrm{T}^\mathrm{objective} \times M_\mathrm{A}^\mathrm{eyepiece}$

- The distance from the BFP of the objective to the FFP of the eyepiece is known as tube length and is standardized at 160mm.
- The near point used as d_o is standardized at 254mm (10 inches.)

$$\mathrm{MP} = \left(-\frac{160}{f_{\mathrm{objective}}}\right) \times \left(\frac{254}{f_{\mathrm{eyepiece}}}\right)$$



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