

Tutorial 2

Geometrical Optics:

- Laws of reflection and refraction from Fermat's principle;
- Matrix method in paraxial optics-thin lens formula,
- nodal planes, system of two thin lenses,
- chromatic and spherical aberrations.

Q1:

Using matrix method, find out the equivalent focal length for a combination of two thin lenses of focal lengths f_1 and f_2 separated by a distance a .

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Q2:

Obtain the system matrix for a thin lens placed in air and made of material of refractive index 1.5 having radius of curvature 50 cm each. Also find its focal length.

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Q3:

What do you mean by spherical aberration of a lens ? Show that if two plano-convex lenses are kept at a distance equal to the difference of their focal lengths, the spherical aberration would be minimum.

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Q4:

What is axial chromatic aberration ?

A convex lens has a focal length of 15.5×10^{-2} m for red colour and 14.45×10^{-2} m for violet colour. If an object is kept at a distance of 40 cm from the lens, calculate the longitudinal chromatic aberration of the lens.

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Q5:

Prove that when light goes from one point to another via a plane mirror, the path followed by light is the one for which the time of flight is the least.

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Q6:

State and explain Fermat's principle of extremum path. Discuss the cases of rectilinear propagation of light and reversibility of light rays in context of Fermat's principle. Using Fermat's principle, deduce the thin lens formula.

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Q7:

What is chromatic aberration ? Obtain the condition for achromatism using combination of two thin lenses placed in contact to each other. Can this system work as achromatic doublet if both are of same material ? Justify your answer.

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Q8:

Obtain the system matrix for a thick lens and derive the thin lens formula.

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Q9:

Using Huygens' principle for a plane wave travelling from rarer medium 1 to a denser medium 2, show that

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1},$$

where i and r are the angles of incidence and refraction, respectively. v_1, μ_1 and v_2, μ_2 are the velocities and refractive indices in media 1 and 2, respectively.

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Q10:

Obtain condition for achromatism of two thin lenses separated by a finite distance. If the dispersive powers of the materials of the two lenses are 0.020 and 0.028, their focal lengths are 10 cm and 5 cm, respectively. Calculate the separation between them in order to form achromatic combination.

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Q11.

Write down the system matrix for a combination of two thin lenses in paraxial approximation. Hence obtain the focal length of the combination and the positions of unit planes.

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Q12.

Consider a thin lens combination of two convex lenses of focal lengths $f_1 = +10$ cm and $f_2 = +20$ cm, respectively, separated by 25 cm. Determine the focal length of the combination and the positions of unit planes.

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Q13.

Consider a thick lens of thickness t made of a material of relative refractive index n . Let R_1 and R_2 be the radii of curvature of its two surfaces. Obtain the system matrix of the lens.

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