

Lecture # 21

Optics and

Mirrors

Wave comes in with a frequency  $f$ .

Wave length is  $\lambda = c/f$

Is wave length of reflected wave, equal to wave length of incident wave?

(a) yes (b) no

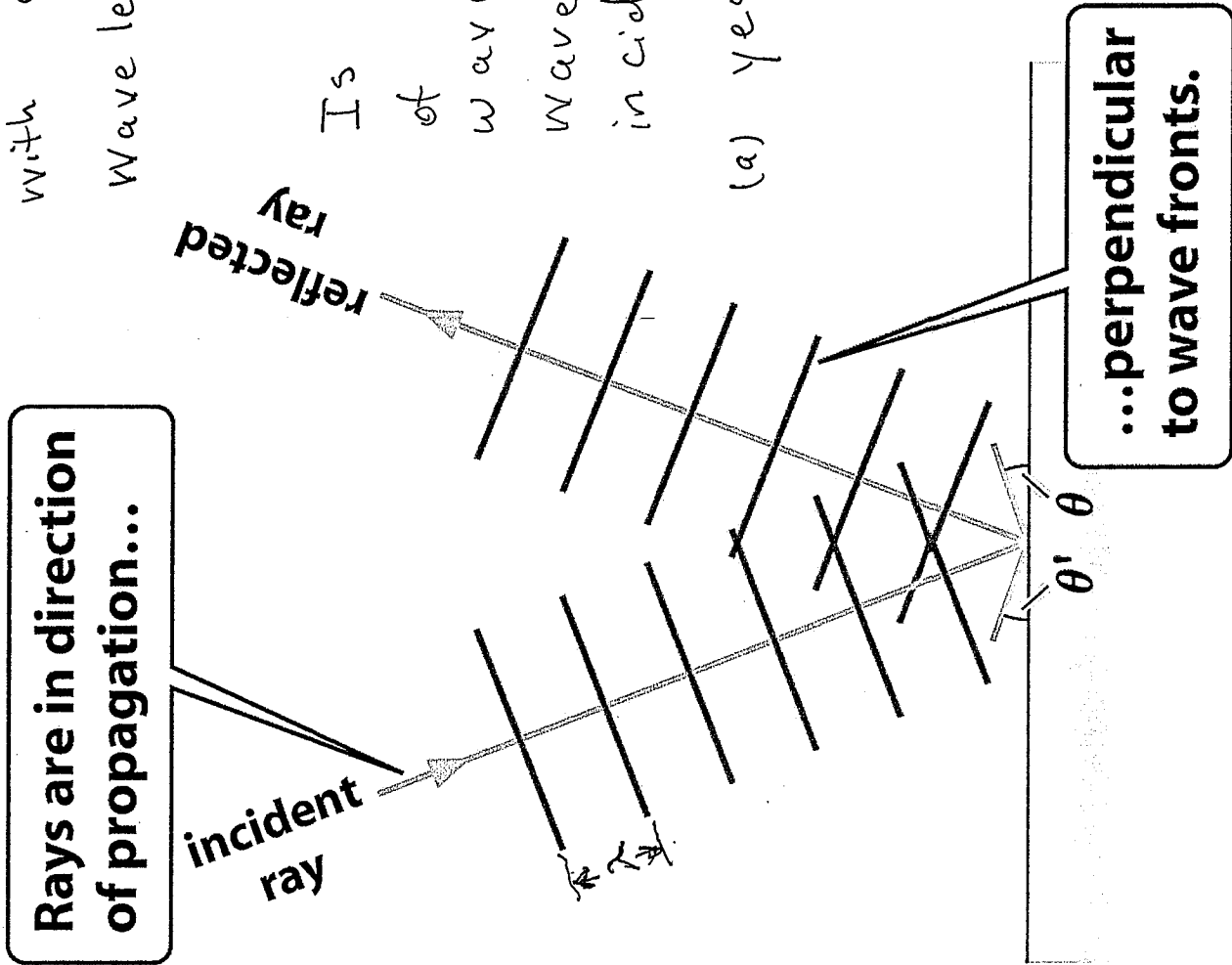


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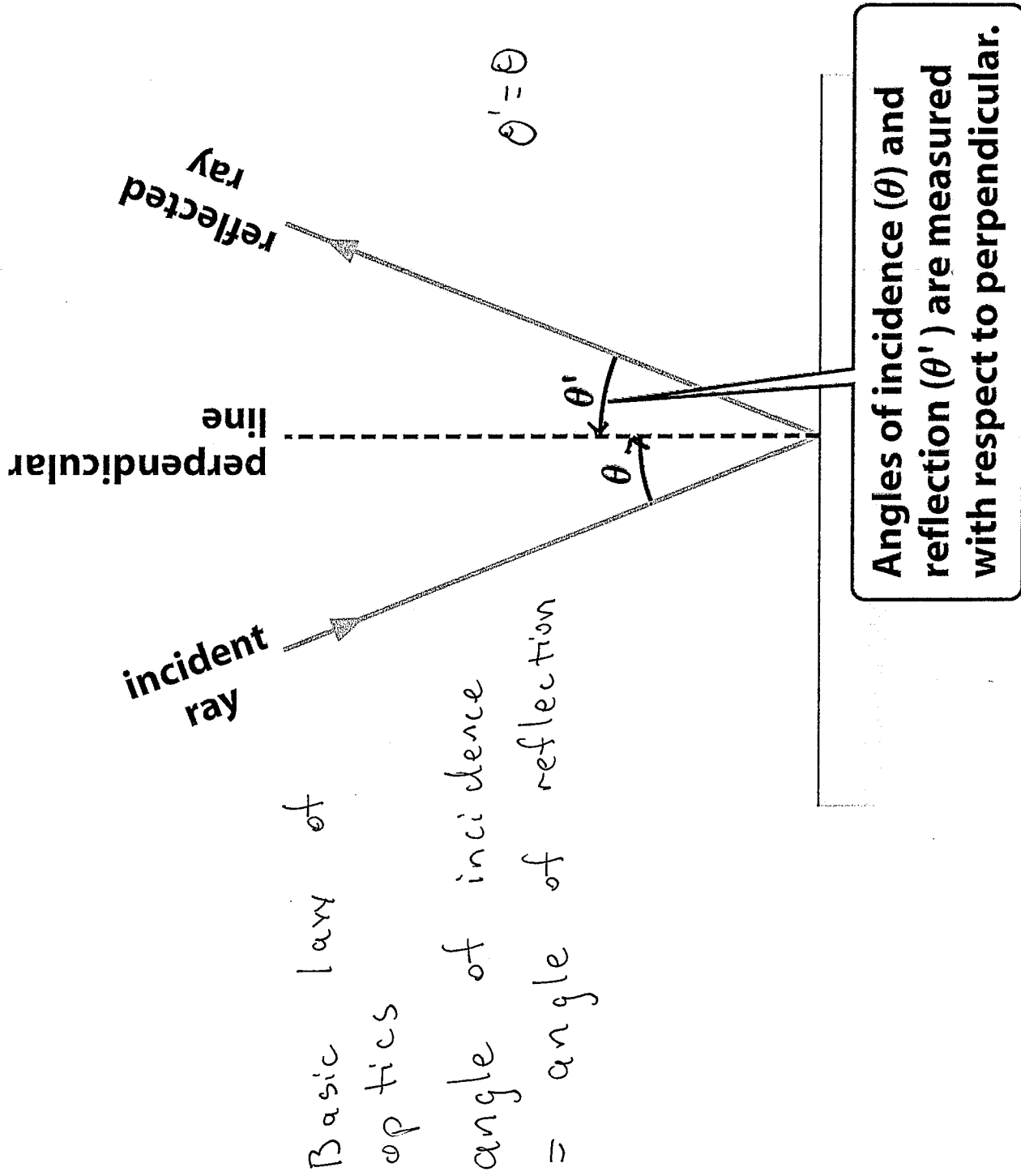


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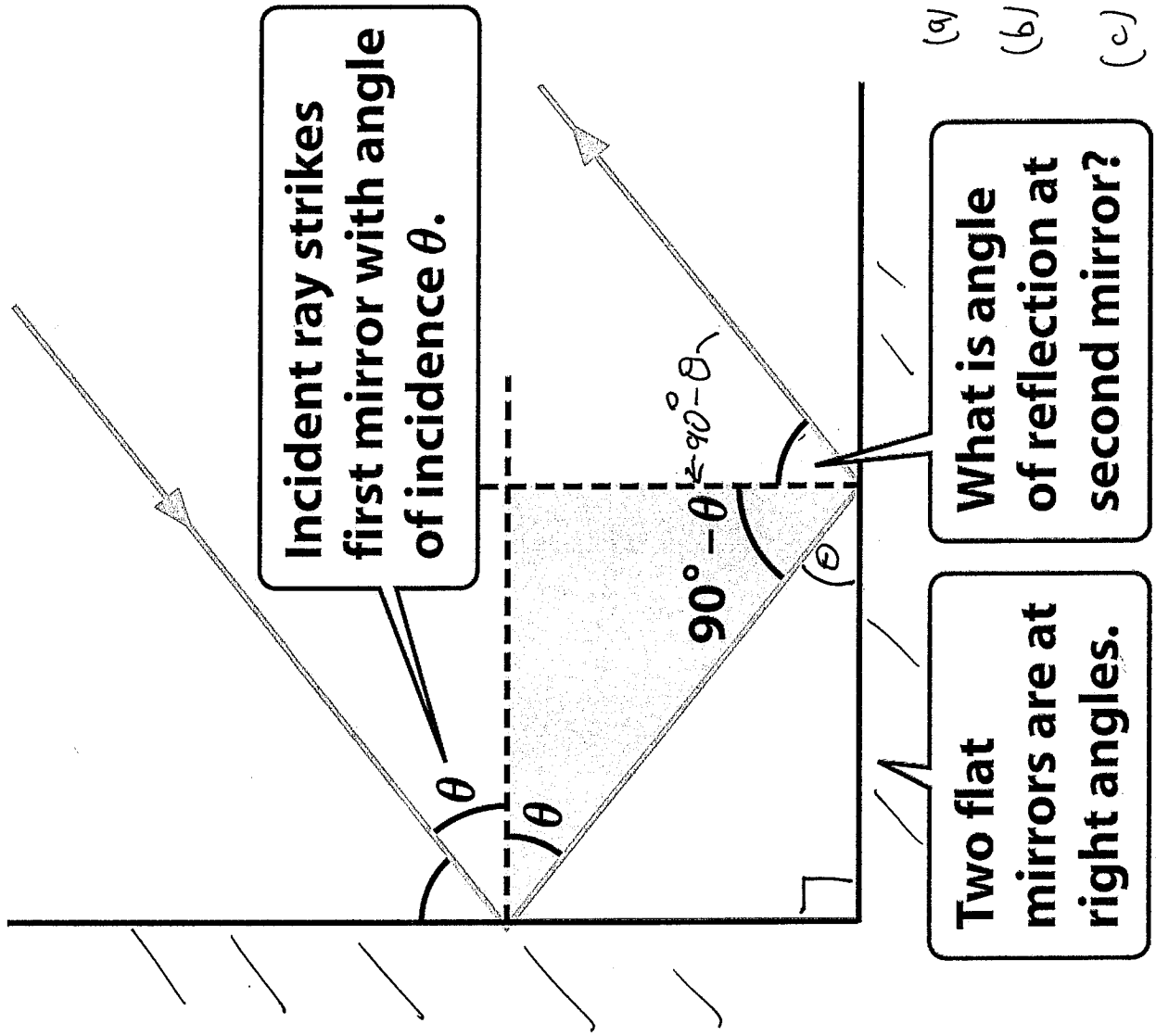


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Image may not be where you think it appears to be.

Virtual image arises from law of reflection

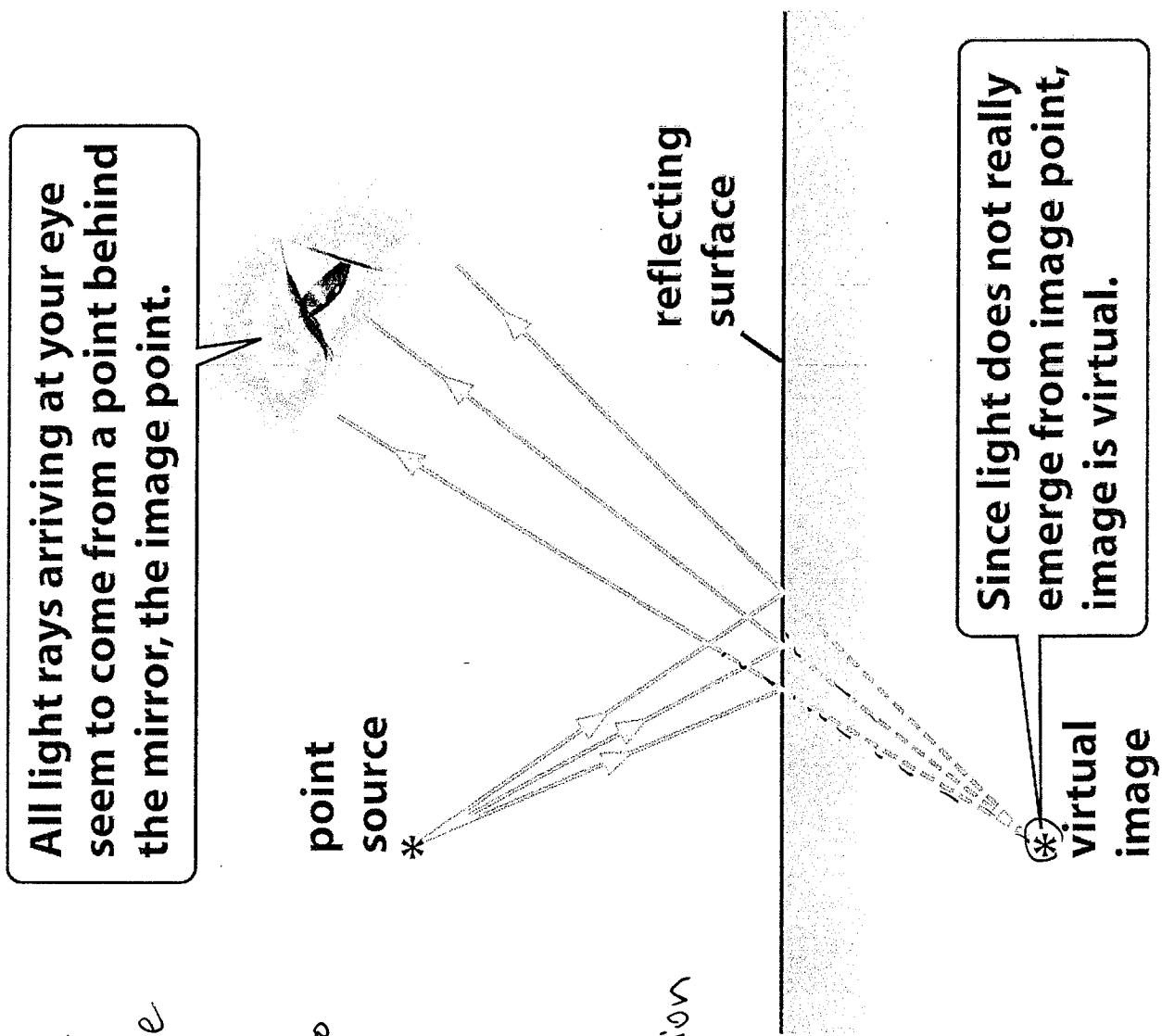
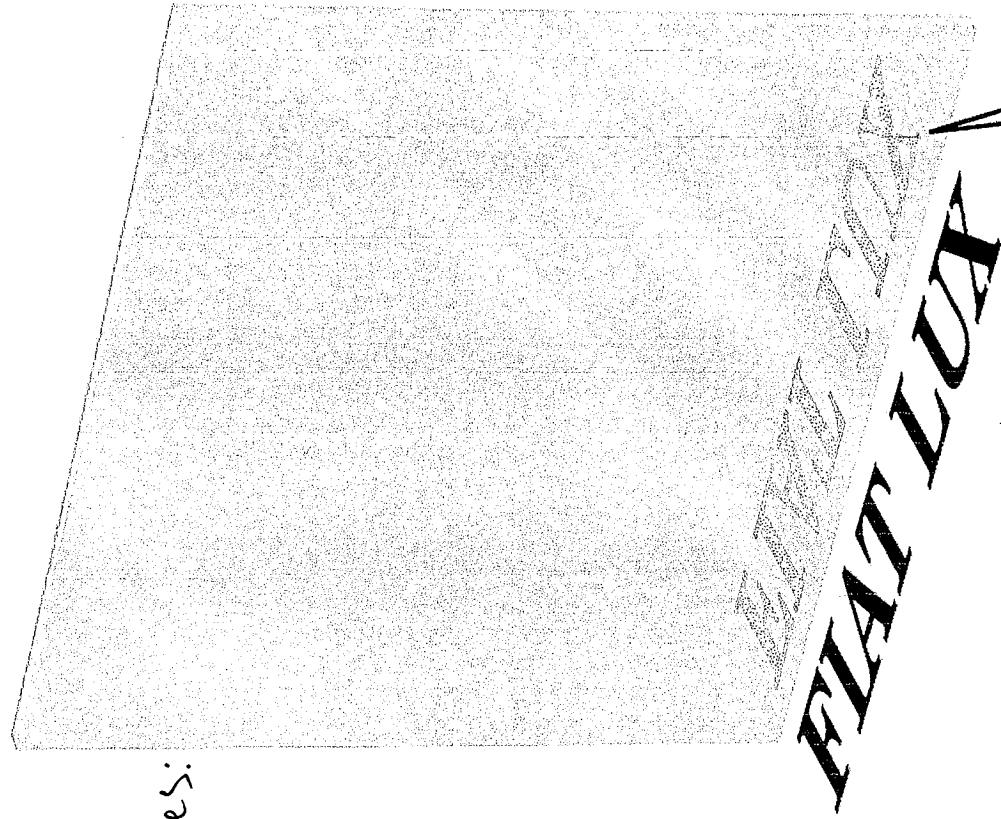


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Mirror  
images from  
plane  
surfaces:

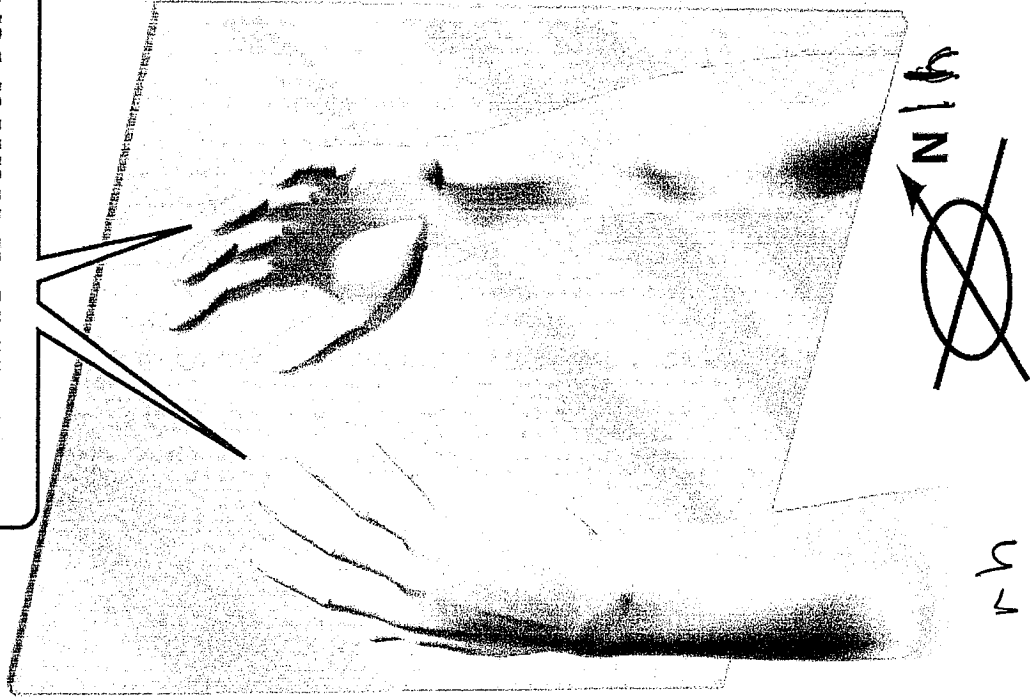
Image is  
erect, but  
image is  
reversed.



**Mirror images of  
letters are reversed.**

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**Front-to-back reversal:  
mirror image of a hand facing  
north is a hand facing south.**



The mirror  
image of a  
left hand is  
a right hand,  
and vice versa

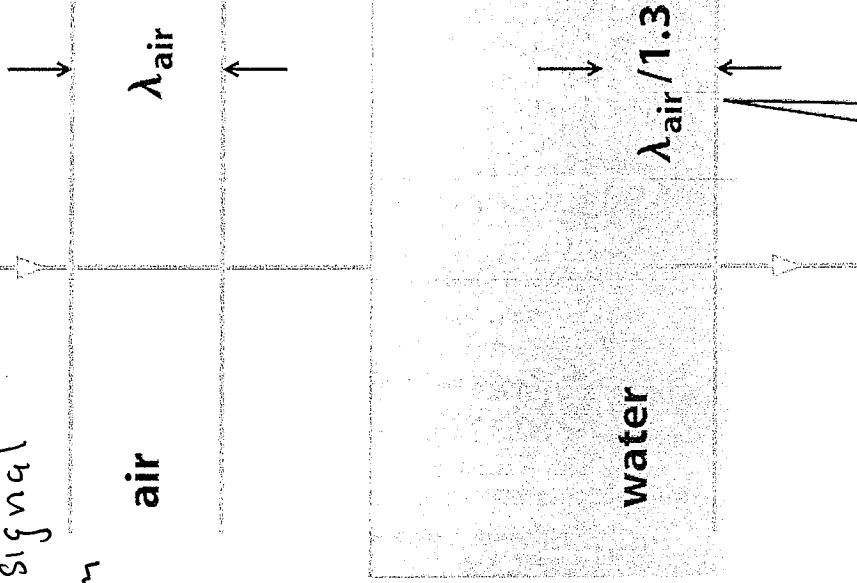
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velocity of light changes in different materials  
 index of refraction  $n \equiv \frac{c \text{ (velocity of light in vacuum)}}{V_m \text{ (velocity of light in material)}}$

frequency of light signal the same in vacuum and material

Wavelength changes from vacuum to material

$$\lambda_m = \frac{\lambda_{vac}}{n}$$



$$\lambda_{air} \approx 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

Slower wave speed in water causes wave fronts to bunch up; wavelength of light in matter is shorter than in air.

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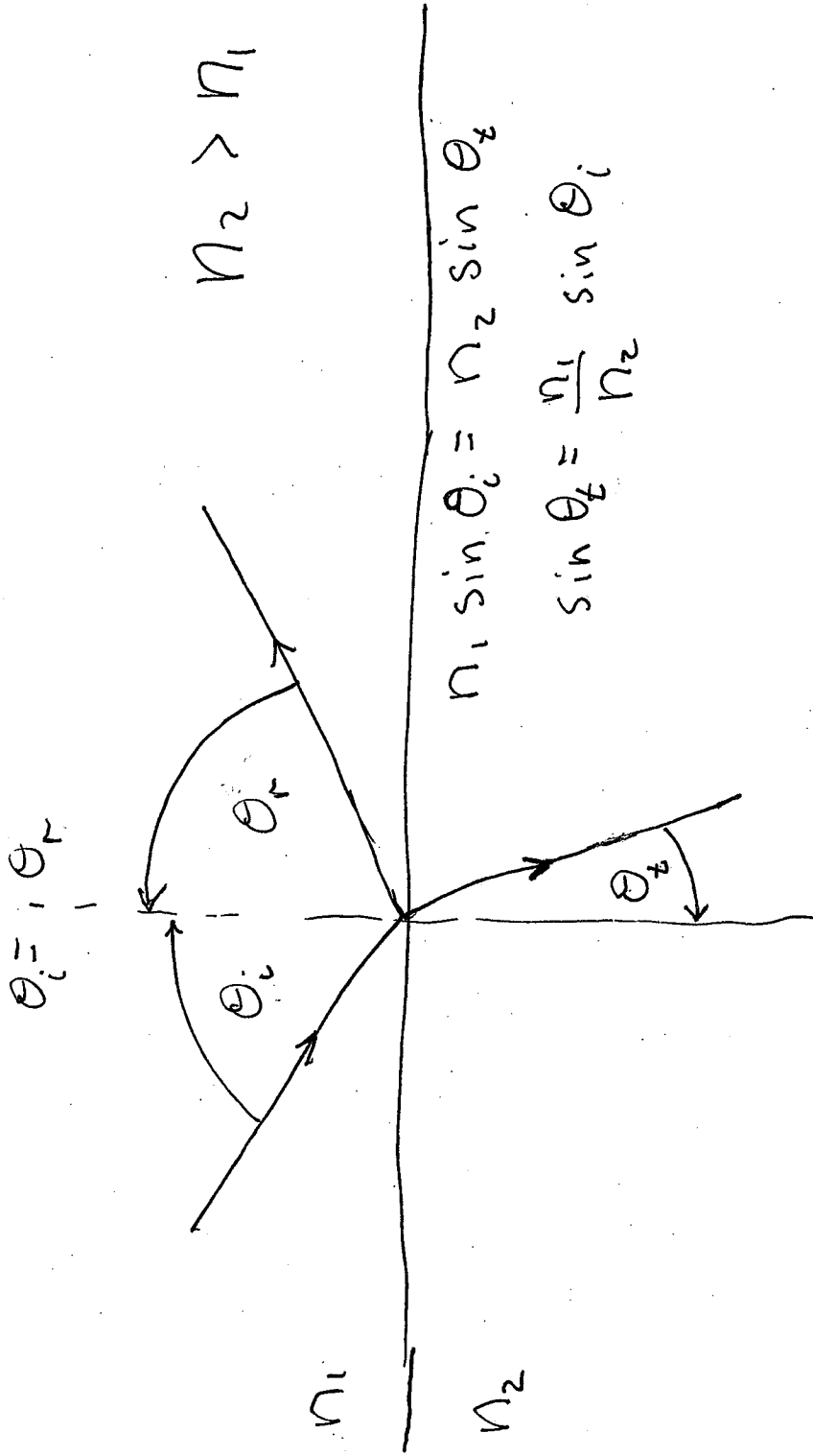


**TABLE 34.1****INDICES OF REFRACTION OF SOME MATERIALS<sup>a</sup>**

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b><math>n</math></b>
Air, 1 atm, 0°C	1.000 29
1 atm, 15°C	1.000 28
1 atm, 30°C	1.000 26
Water	1.33
Ethyl alcohol	1.36
Castor oil	1.48
Quartz, fused	1.46
Glass, crown	1.52
light flint	1.58
heavy flint	1.66

<sup>a</sup>For light of wavelength  $\approx 550$  nm.

# Law of Refraction (Snell's Law)



If  $n_2 > n_1$ , wave is refracted towards normal

Also note: Incident intensity can be partially reflected, and partially transmitted.

Is there any other possibility?

Law of

$$n_2 \sin \theta_i = n_1 \sin \theta_t$$

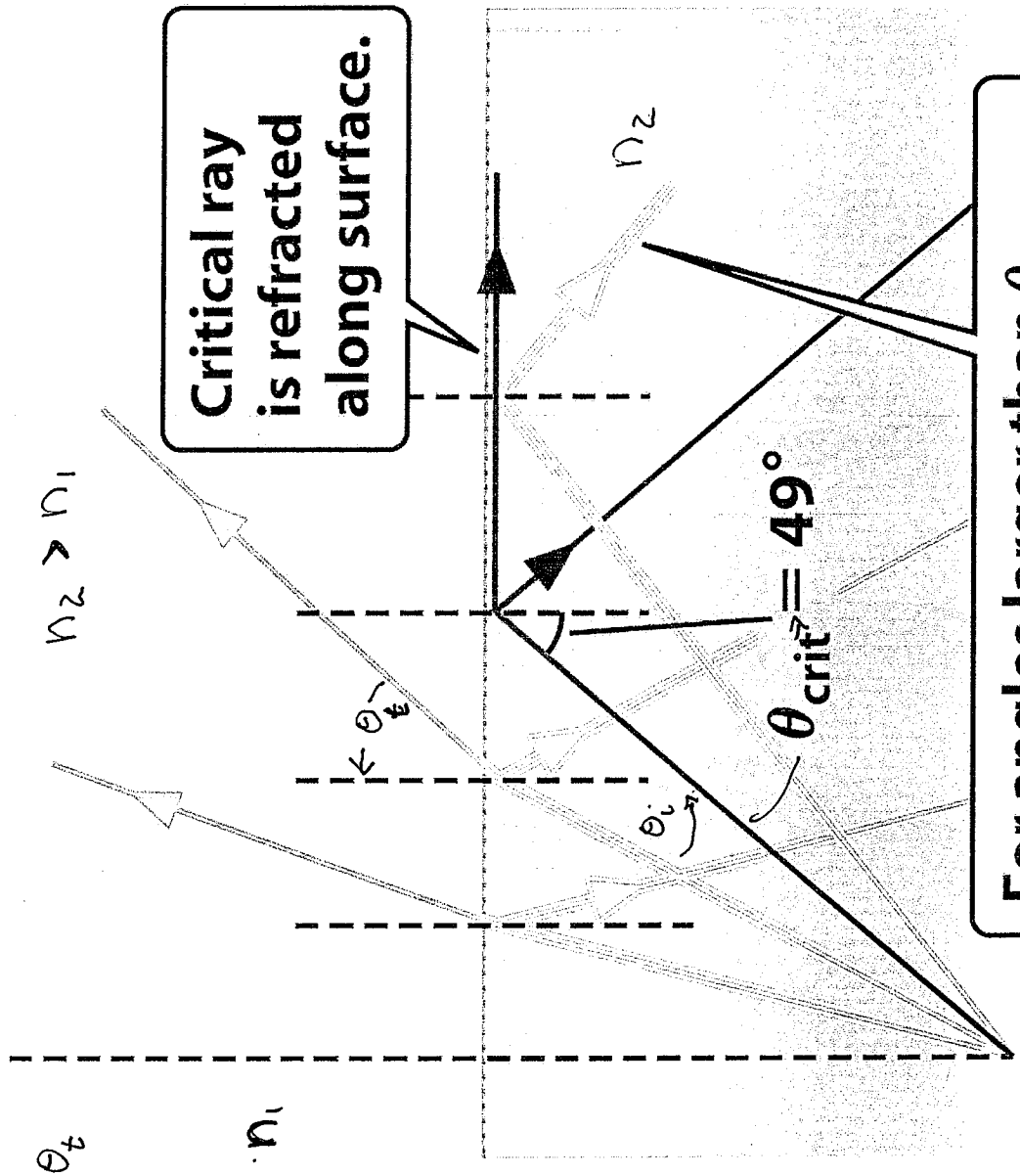
$$n_2 \sin \theta_{cr} = n_1$$

$$\sin \theta_{cr} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

$$n_2 > n_1$$

$$\theta_i > \theta_{cr}$$

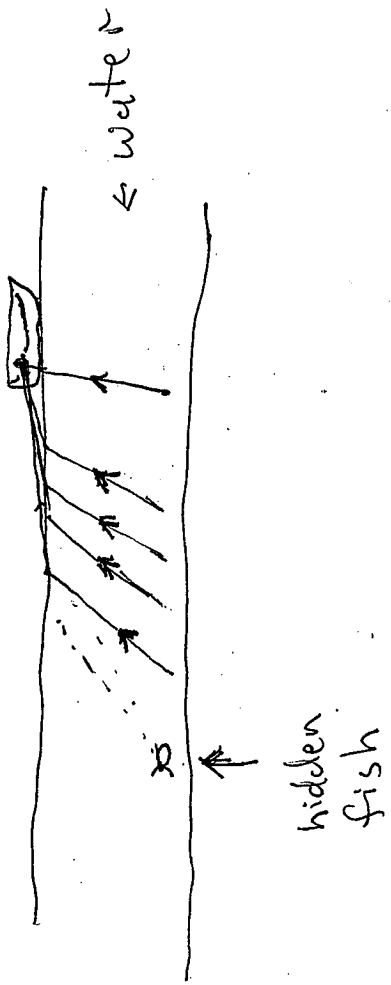
Refraction holds if  $n_2 > n_1$   
Waves refracted away from normal



Critical ray is refracted along surface.

For angles larger than  $\theta_{crit}$  refraction is impossible. Total internal reflection occurs.

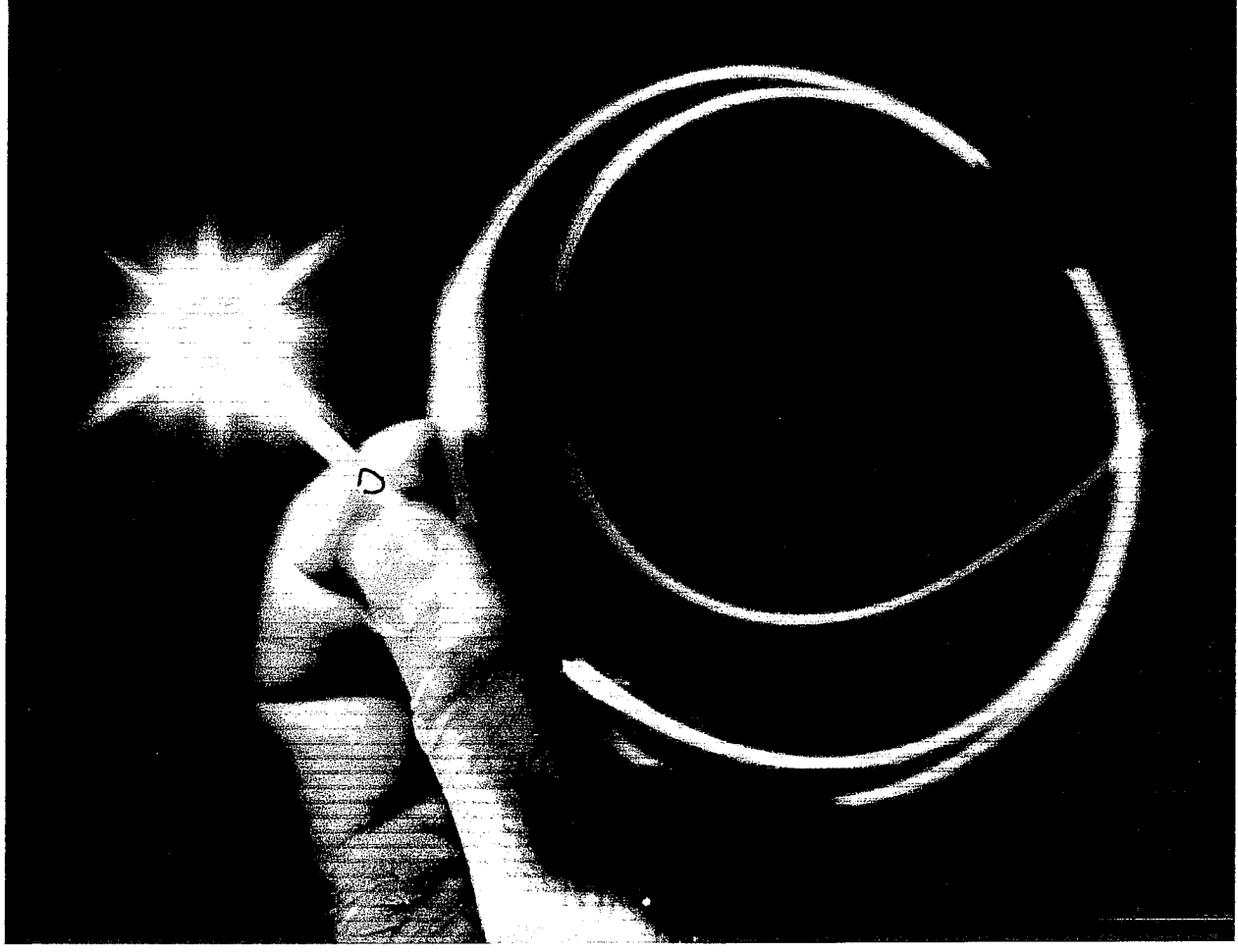
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Light  
(or optical

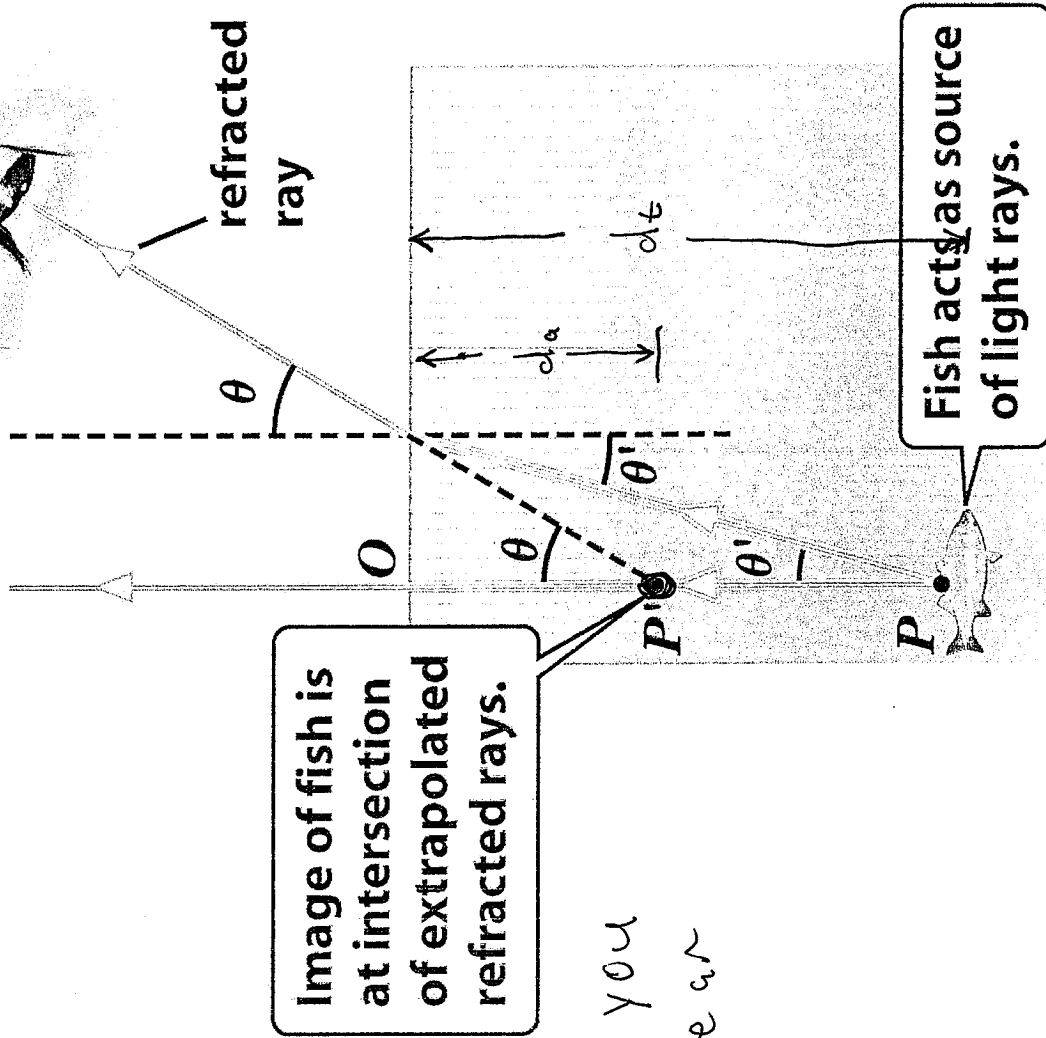
Pipe  
fiber)

(optical communication)



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Refraction also leads to virtual image

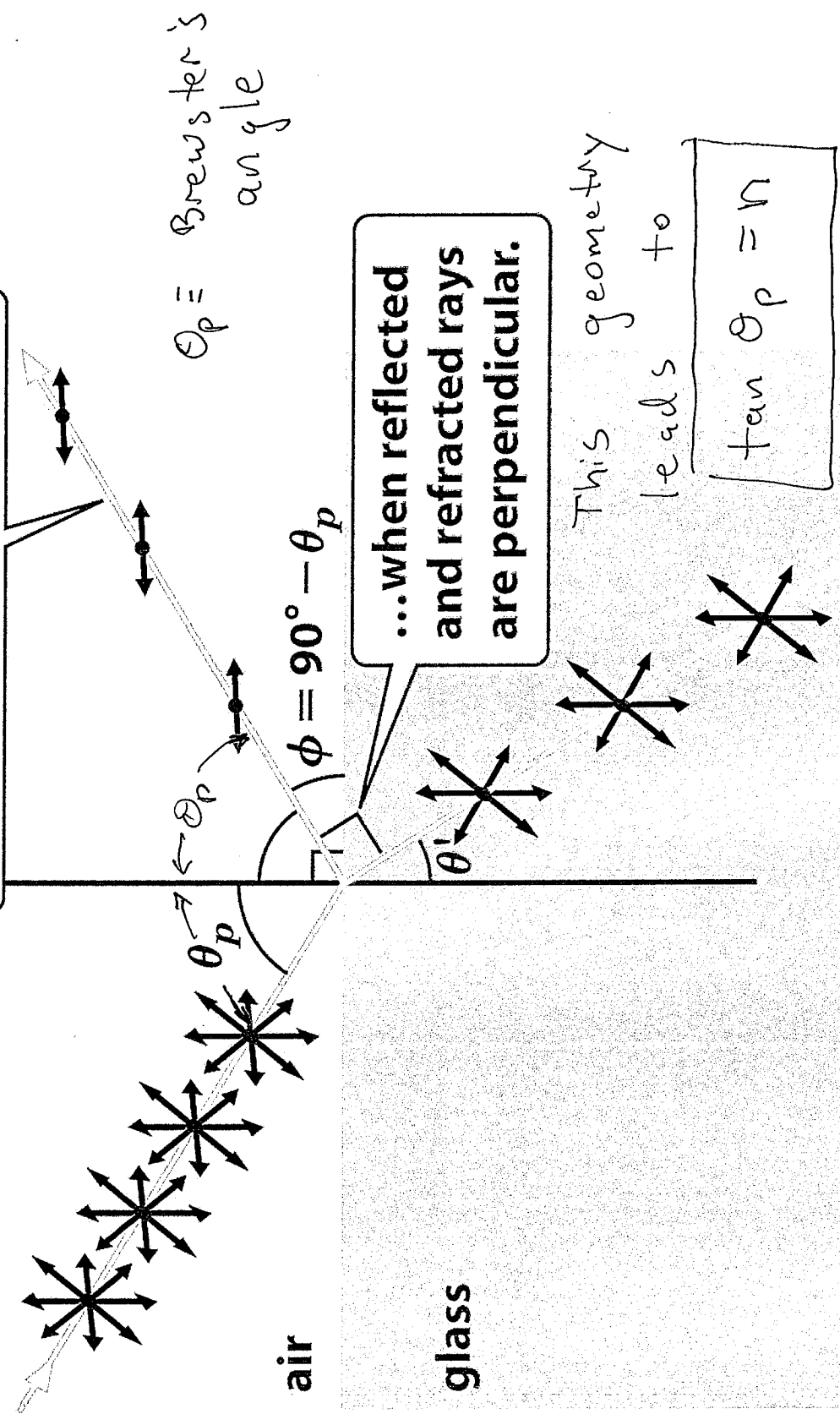


Where do you aim to spear a fish?

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Generally reflected wave is partially and even totally polarized

Reflected light is polarized parallel to surface...



Is the transmitted wave partially polarized?  
 (a) yes  
 (b) no

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velocity of light depends on frequency ( $\frac{c}{v_w} \equiv n$ )

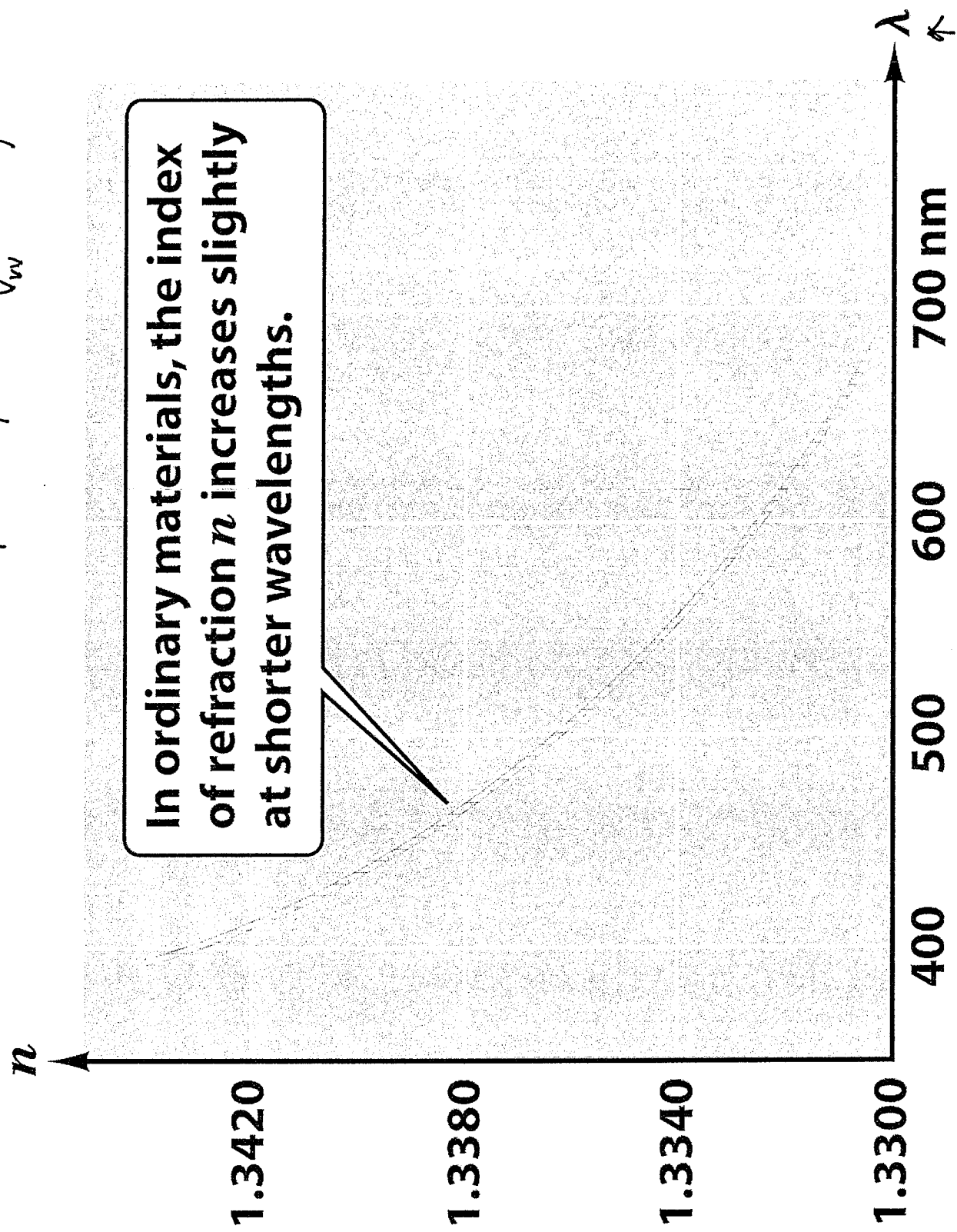
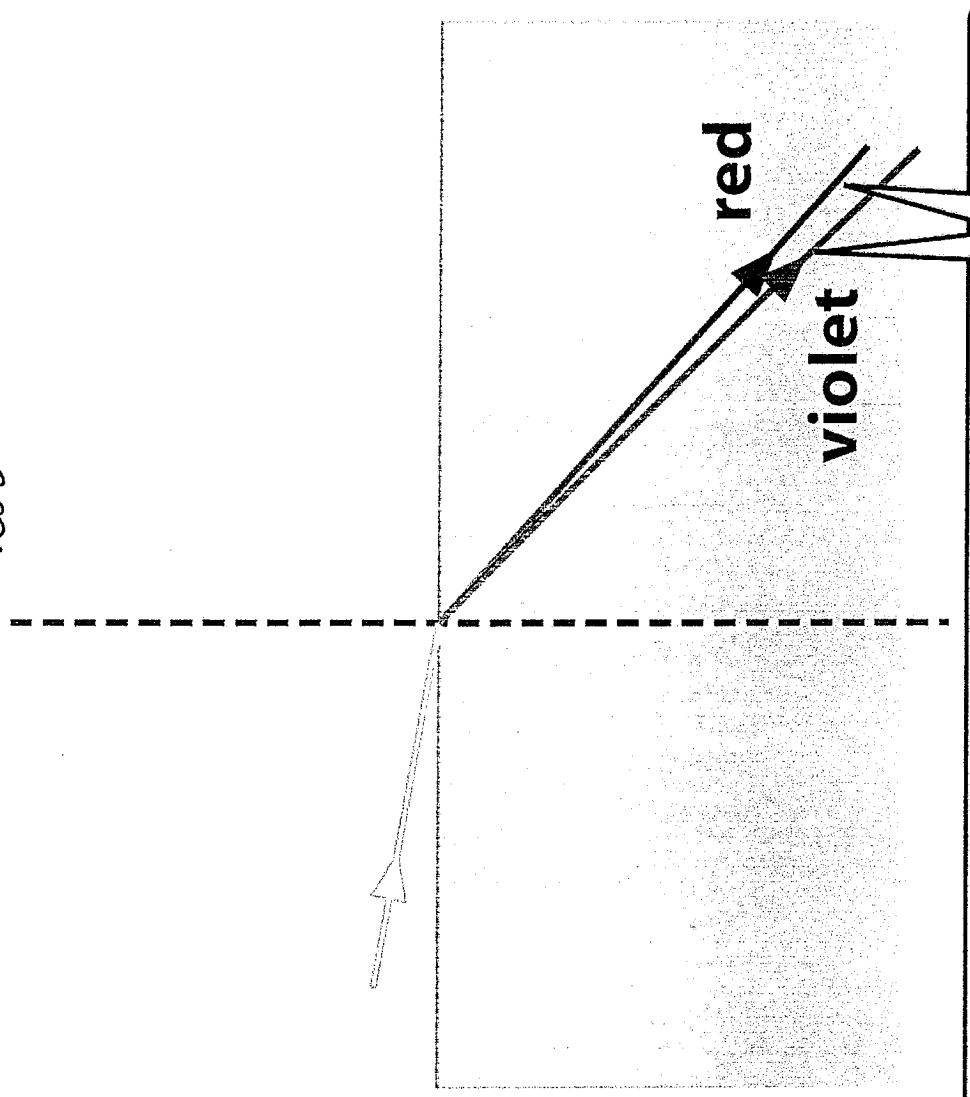


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wavelength in vacuum



Consequence : long wave length refracted less than short wave length



**In ordinary materials, long wavelengths (red) are refracted less than short wavelengths (violet).**

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Refraction can lead to splitting of colors of white light.  
 Identifying frequencies of molecules (a "light print")

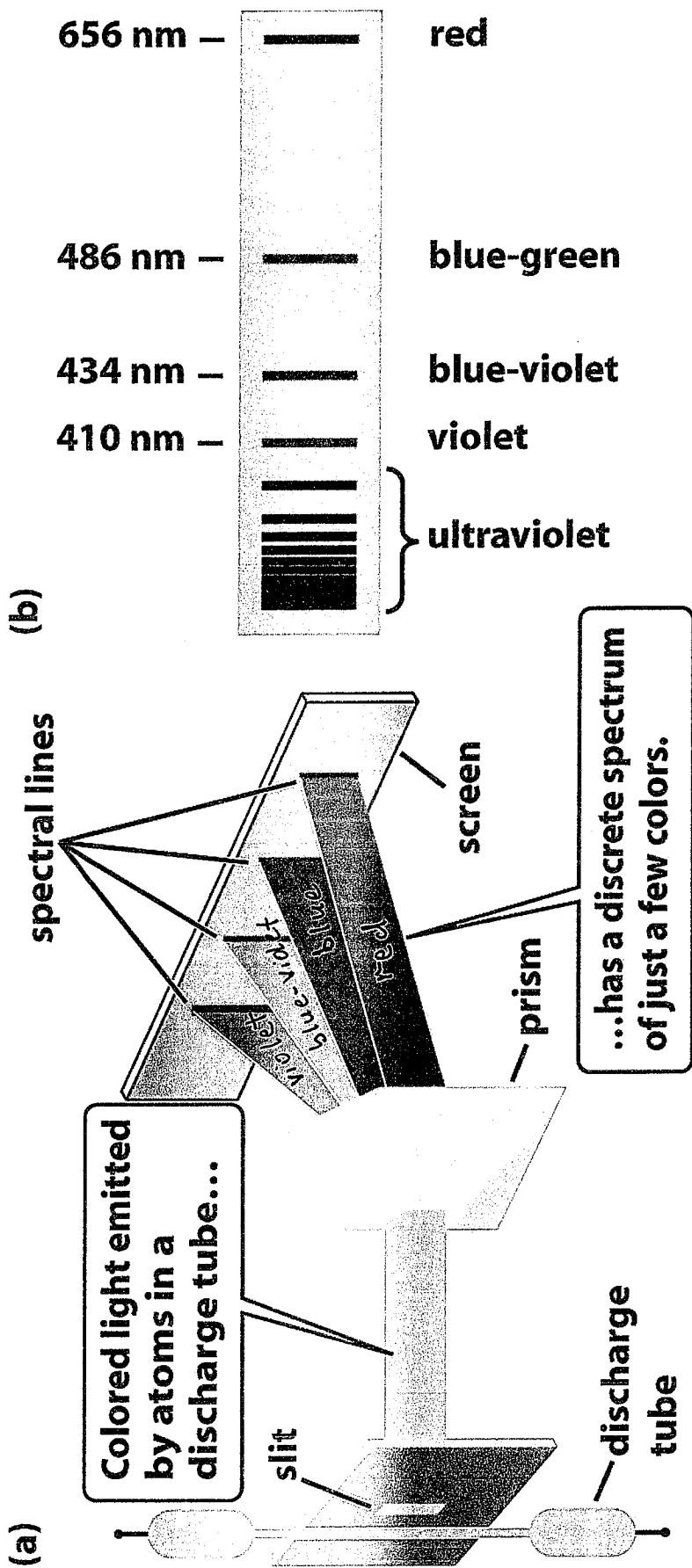
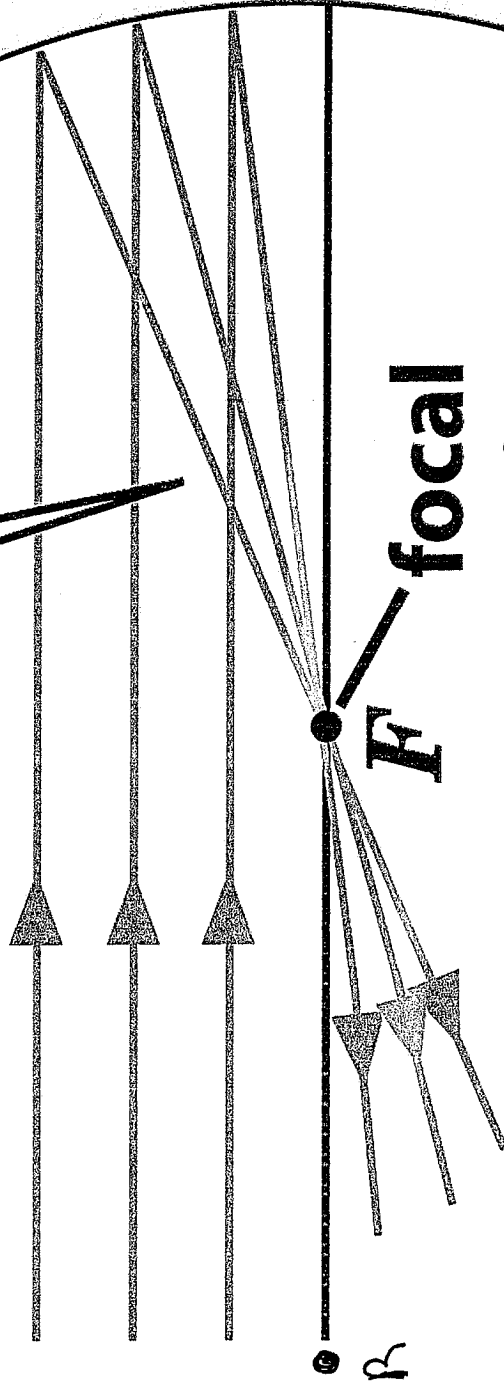


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Focusing of light on concave mirror

**For any incident ray parallel to axis, reflected ray crosses focal point,** at  $F = R/2$

$R \equiv$  radius of curvature of mirror.



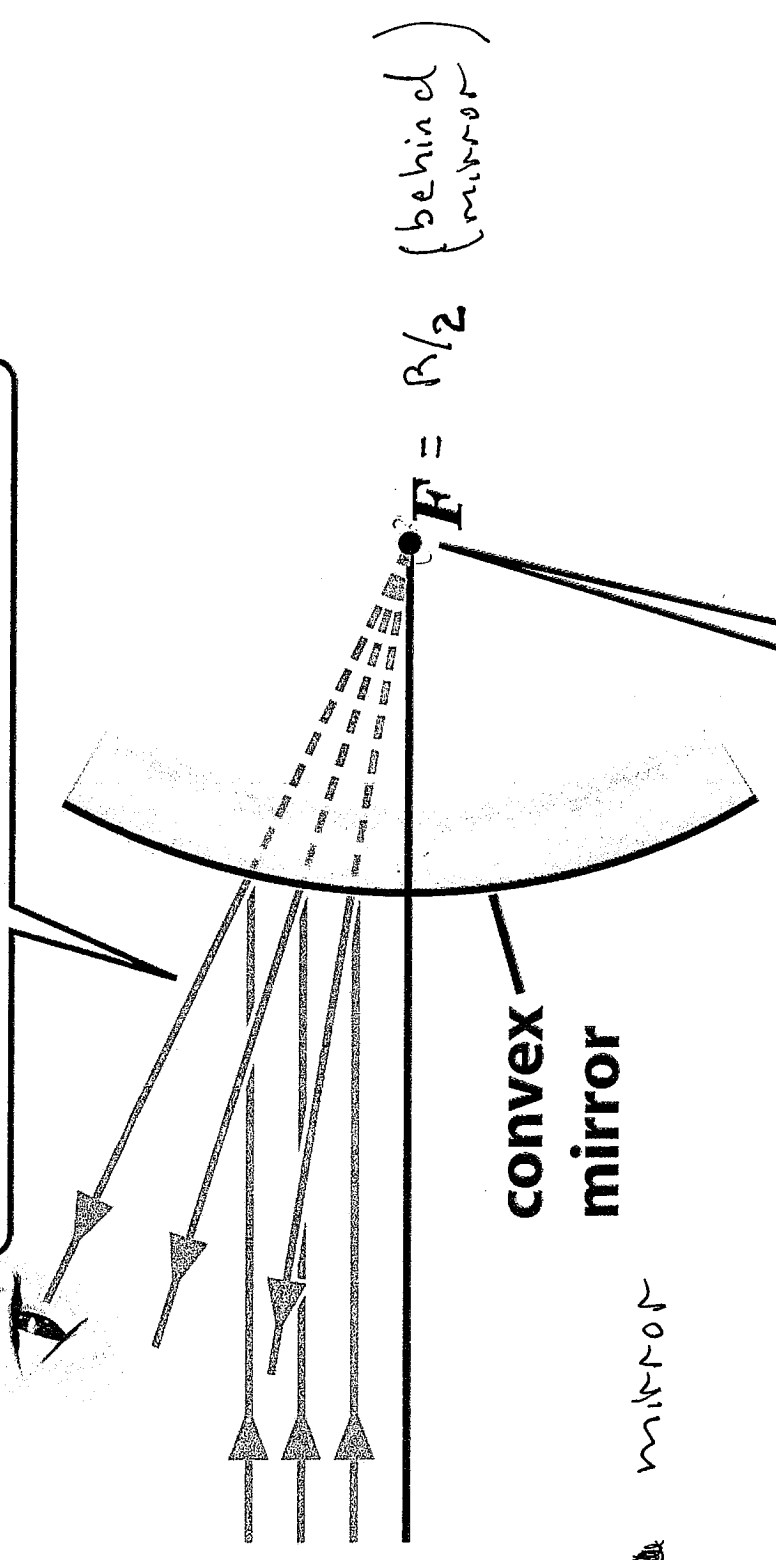
$$F = R/2$$

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For a concave mirror,  $F > 0$  is convention

Convex mirror leads to a virtual focal point

For incident rays parallel to axis, reflected rays diverge.



convex mirror

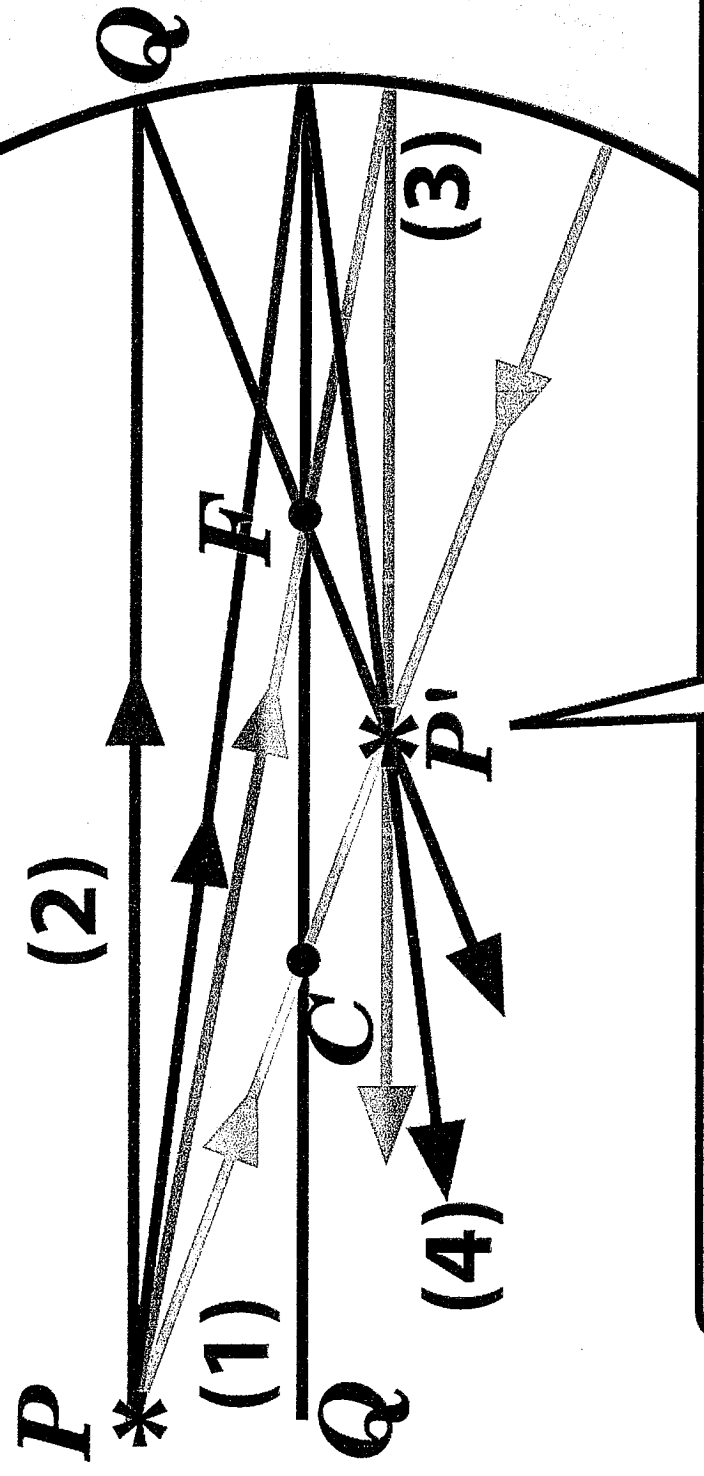
For convex mirror  $F < 0$

Extrapolated divergent rays appear to come from a focal point behind mirror.

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Image of Point P (the source)

All Rays from P focus on P' (the image)

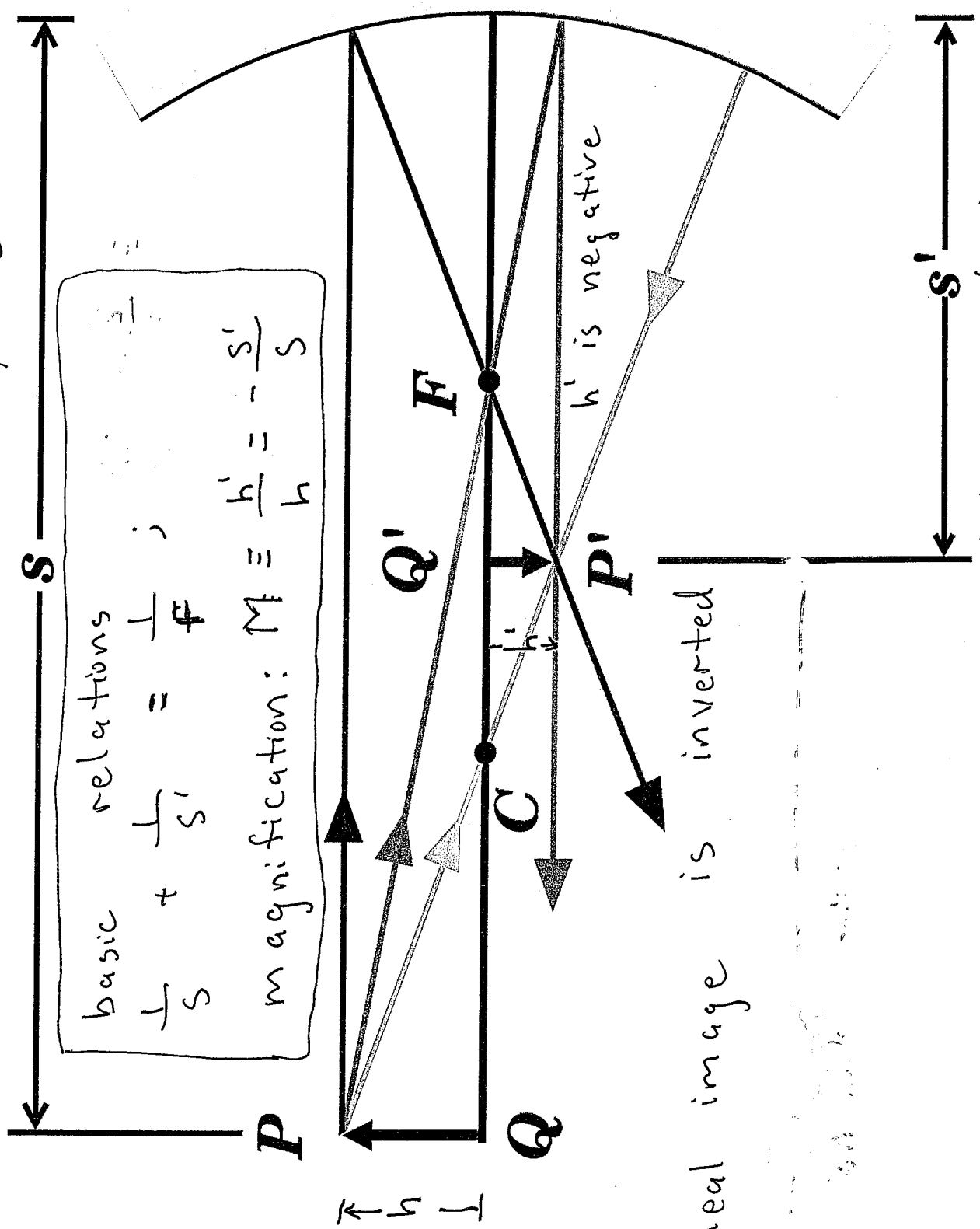


**These and all rays from P converge at P', the image point.**

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$S \equiv$  distance of source to mirror

$$f = R/2$$



basic relations

$$\frac{1}{S} + \frac{1}{S'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

magnification:  $M \equiv \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{S'}{S}$

Real image is inverted

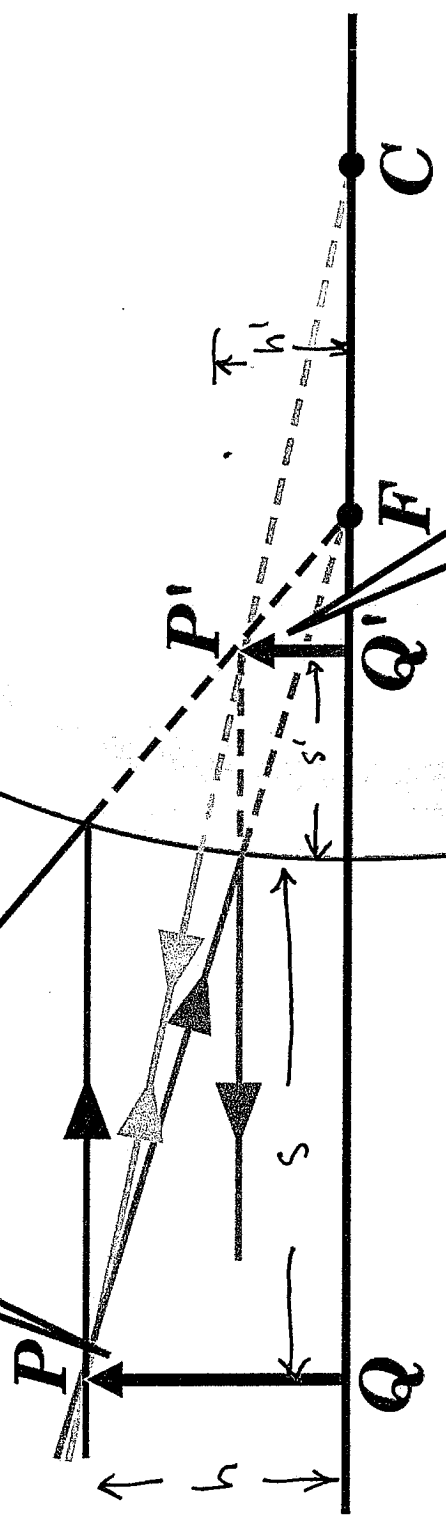
$h'$  is negative

$S' \equiv$  distance of image to mirror

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$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$  ;  $f < 0$  for convex mirror  
 $M = \frac{h'}{h} = -\frac{s'}{s}$  ,  $s' < 0$   
 $0 < M < 1$

**For object near convex mirror...**

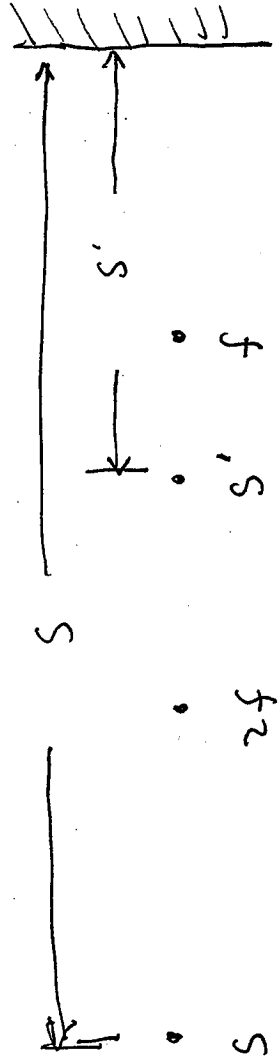


**...image is at intersection of extrapolated of reflected rays.**

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# Conventions for mirrors

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{f}$$



$s > 0 \equiv$  source distance to left of mirror

$s' > 0 \equiv$  <sup>real</sup> image distance to left of mirror

$s' < 0 \equiv$  virtual image distance to right of mirror

$f > 0 \equiv$  focal distance of concave mirror

$f < 0 \equiv$  focal distance of convex mirror



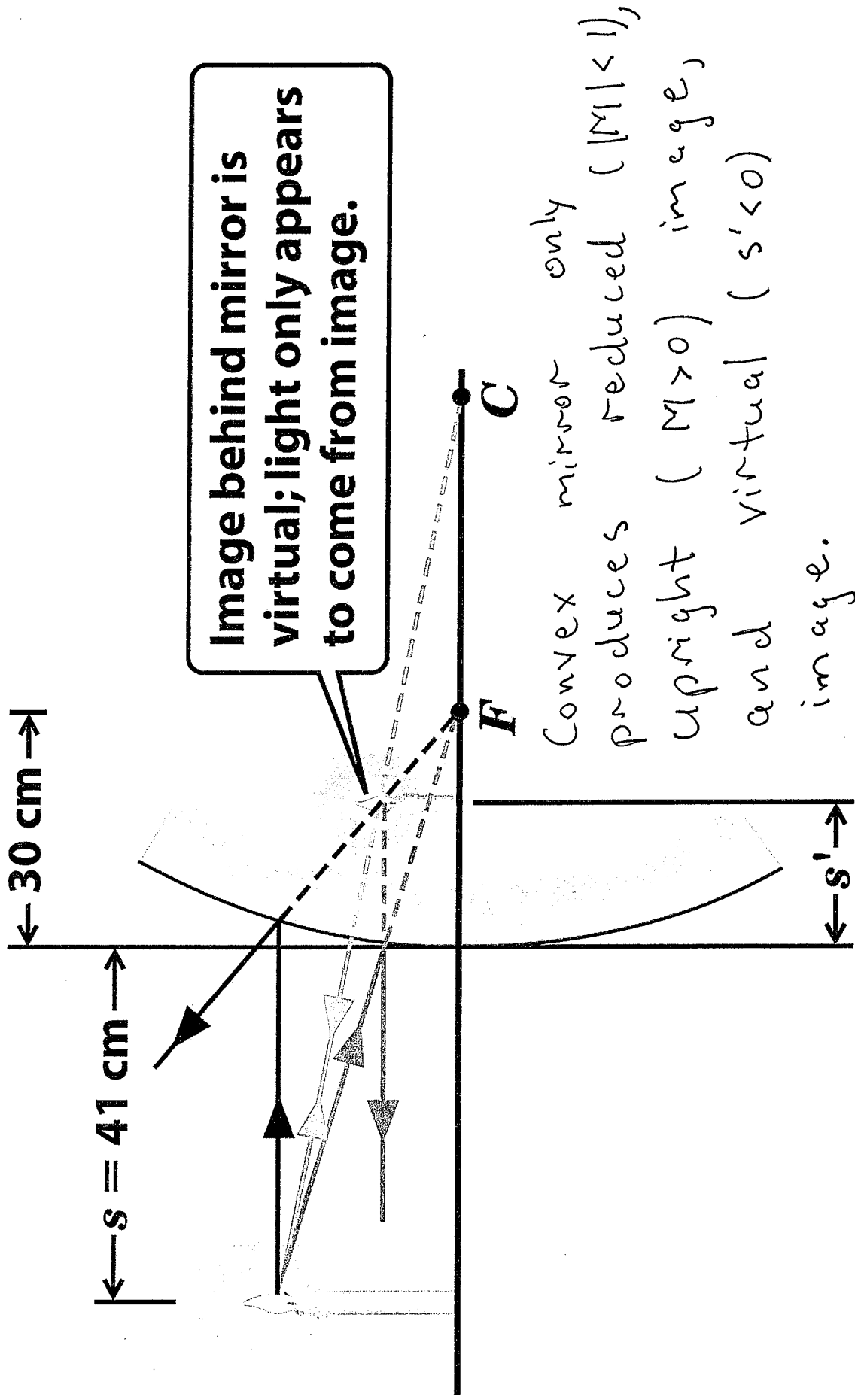


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Concave mirrors can produce

(a) Virtual, upright and magnified ( $|M| > 1$ ) image if

$$0 < s < f$$

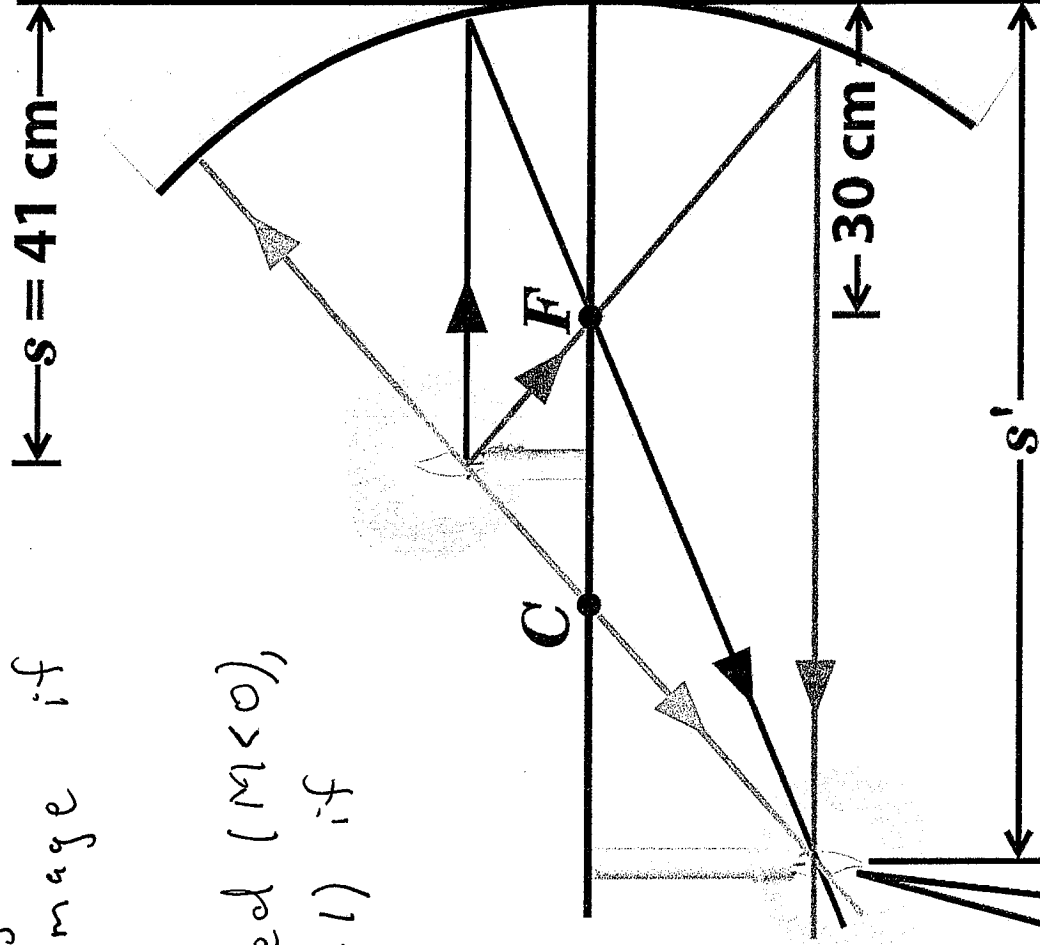
(b) real, inverted ( $M < 0$ ), and magnified ( $|M| > 1$ ) if

$$f < s < 2f$$

(c) real, inverted and reduced ( $|M| < 1$ ) if

$$2f < s < \infty$$

(example: optical mirror telescope)



**Image is real; light rays actually cross and diverge from image point.**

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