

Optics I: lenses and apertures

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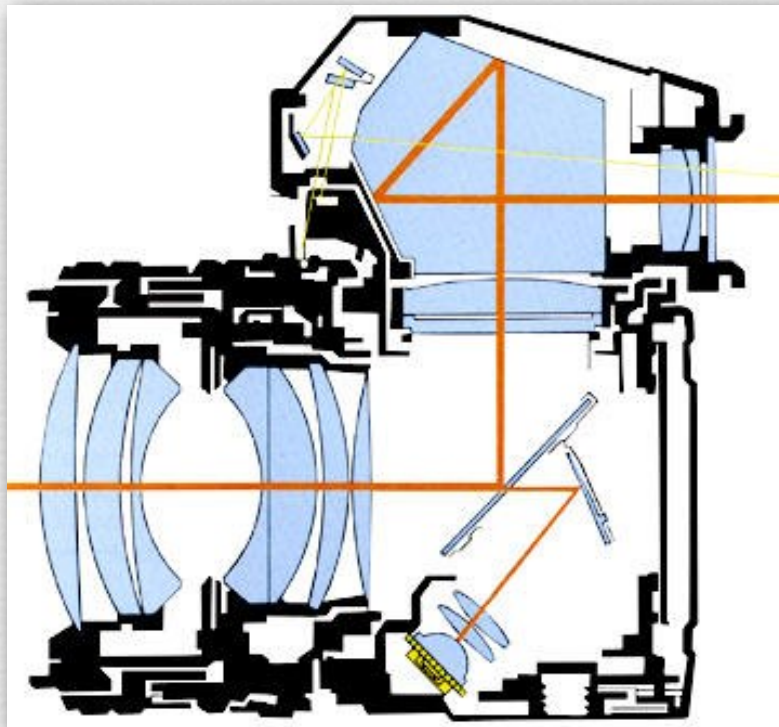


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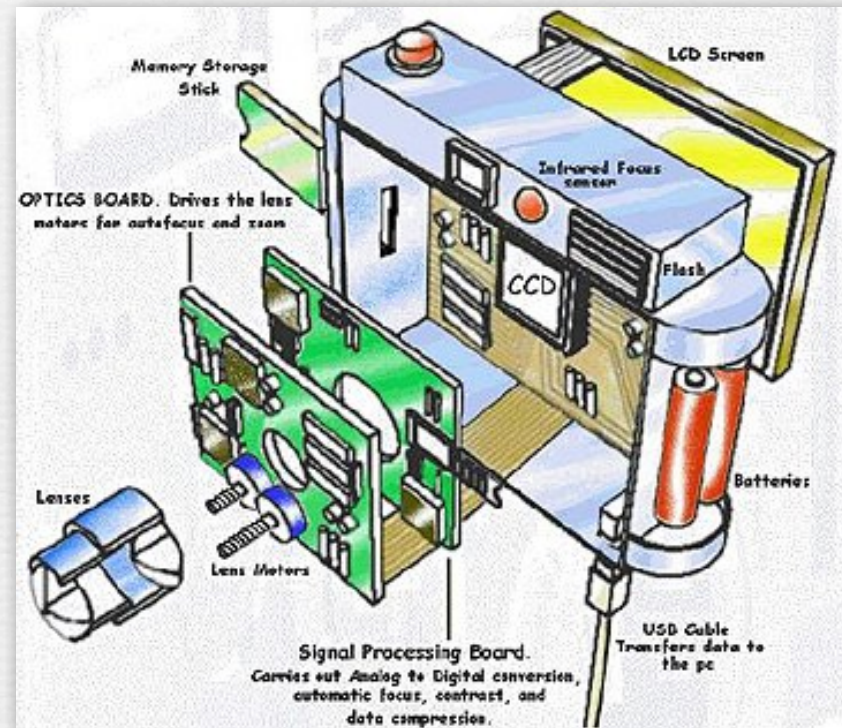
Outline

- ◆ why study lenses?
 - ◆ thin lenses
 - graphical constructions, algebraic formulae
 - ◆ thick lenses
 - center of perspective, lens as $3D \rightarrow 3D$ transformation
 - ◆ depth of field
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- ◆ aberrations & distortion
 - ◆ vignetting, glare, and other lens artifacts
 - ◆ diffraction and lens quality
 - ◆ special lenses
 - telephoto, zoom

Cameras and their lenses

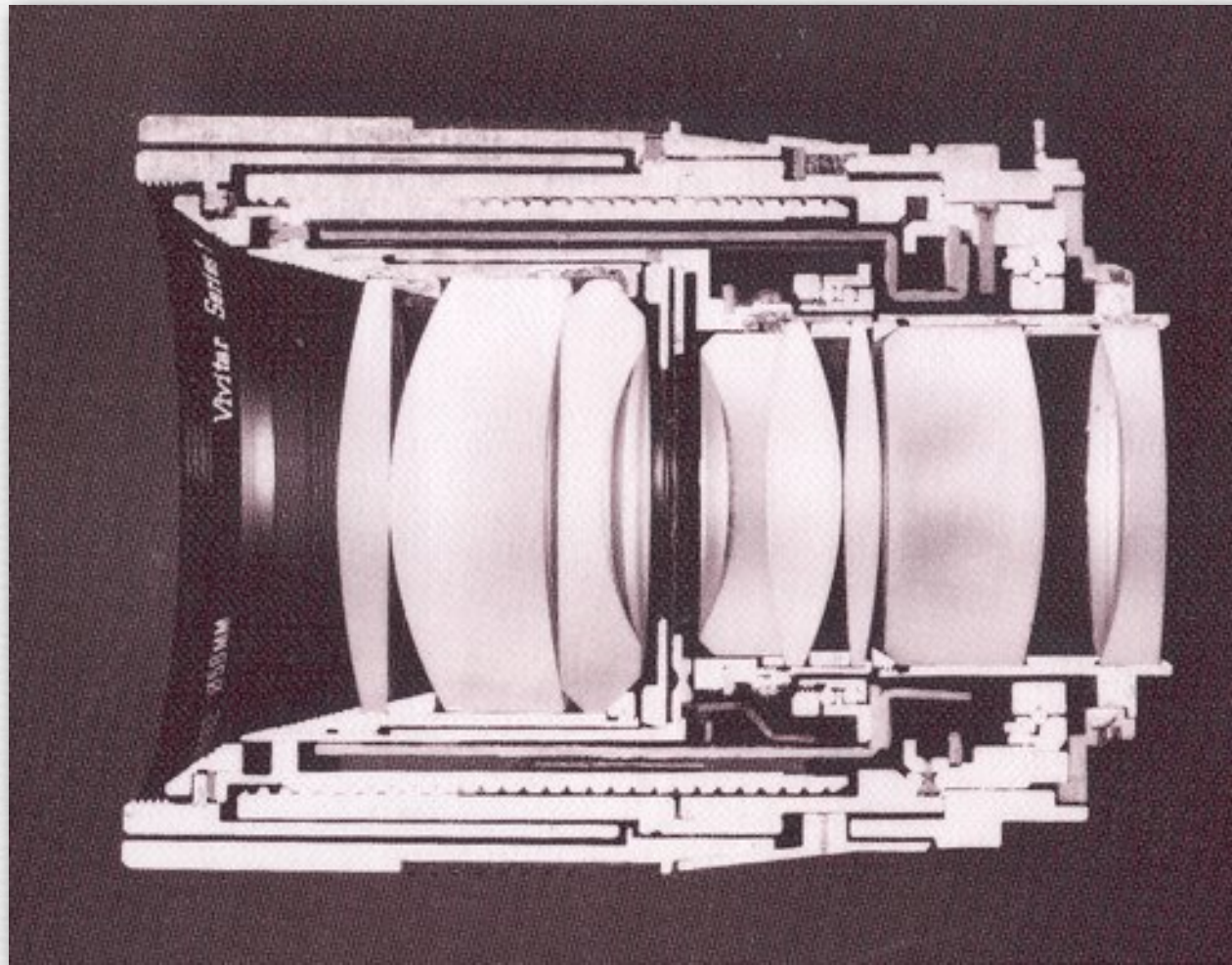


single lens reflex
(SLR) camera



digital still camera (DSC),
i.e. point-and-shoot

Cutaway view of a real lens



Vivitar Series 1 90mm f/2.5
Cover photo, Kingslake, *Optics in Photography*

Lens quality varies

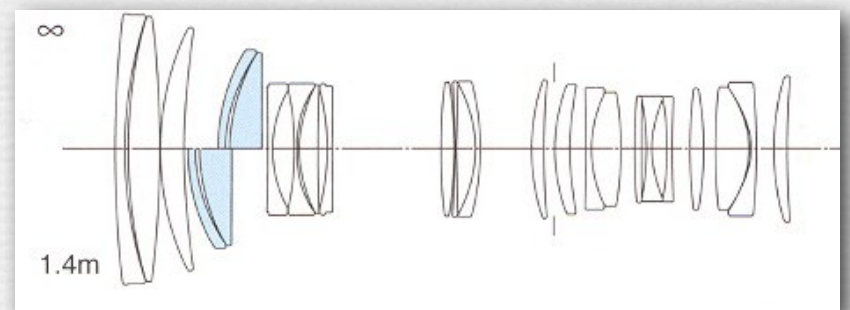
- ◆ Why is this toy so expensive?
 - EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS USM
 - \$1700

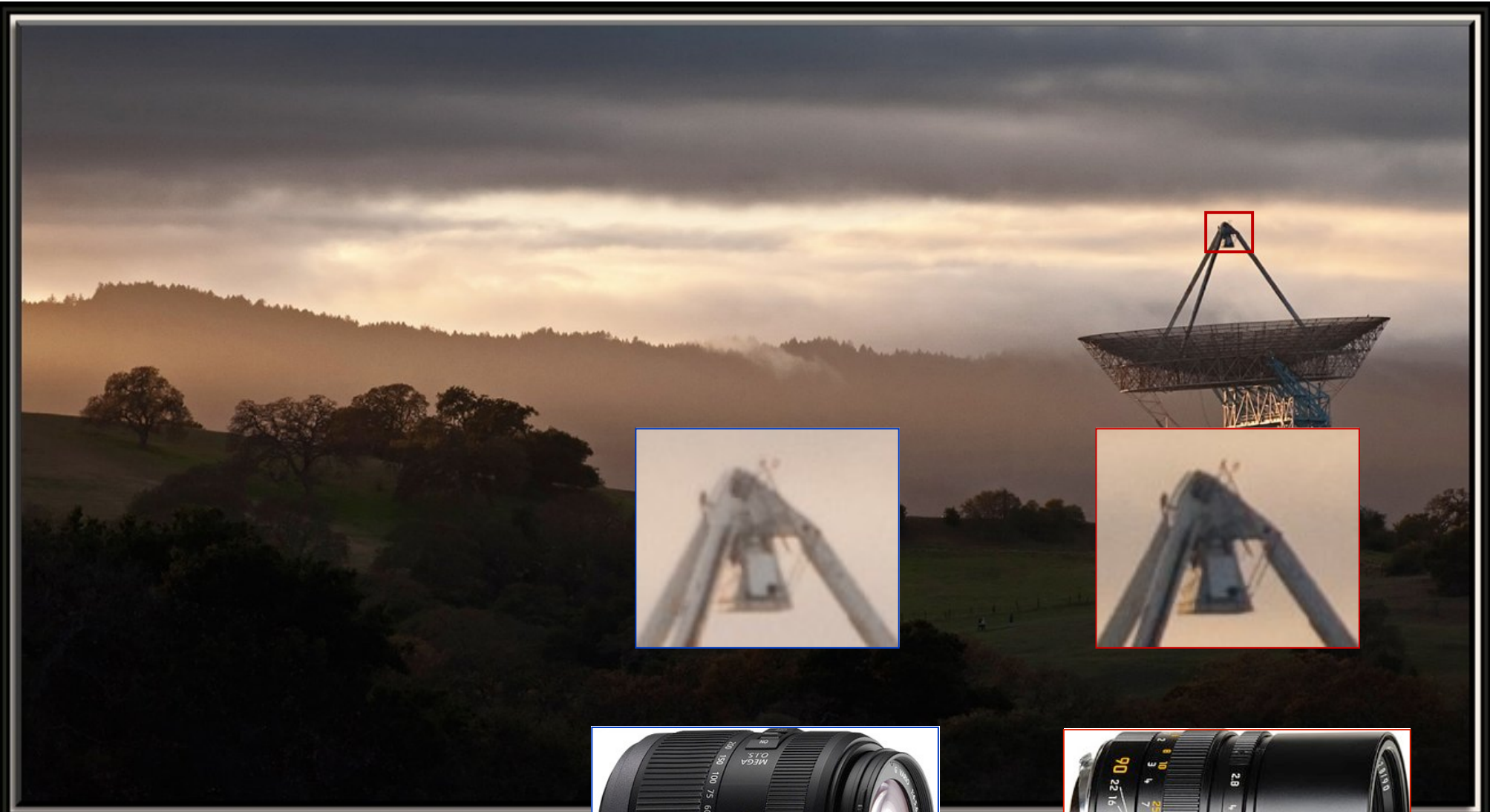


- ◆ Why is it better than this toy?
 - EF 70-300mm f/4-5.6 IS USM
 - \$550



- ◆ And why is it so complicated?





Panasonic 45-200/4-5.6
zoom, at 200mm f/4.6
\$300



Leica 90mm/2.8 Elmarit-M
prime, at f/4
\$2000

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Panasonic GF1

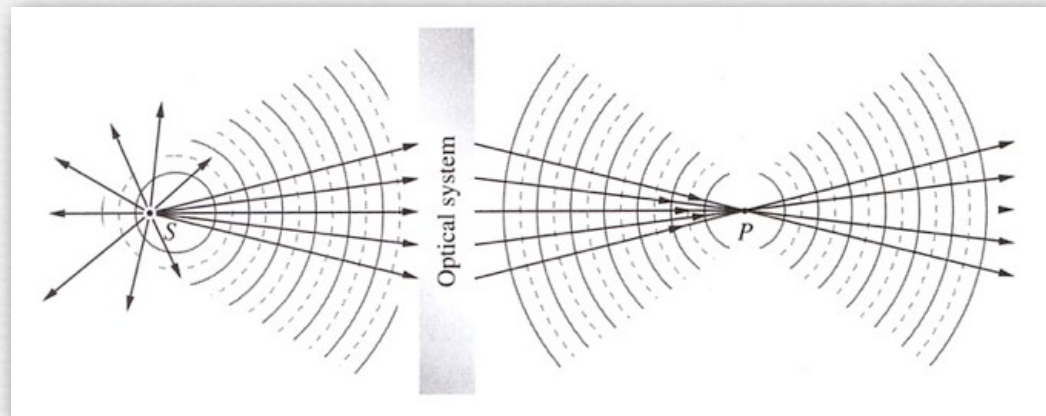
Zoom lens versus prime lens



Canon 100-400mm/4.5-5.6
zoom, at 300mm and f/5.6
\$1600

Canon 300mm/2.8
prime, at f/5.6
\$4300

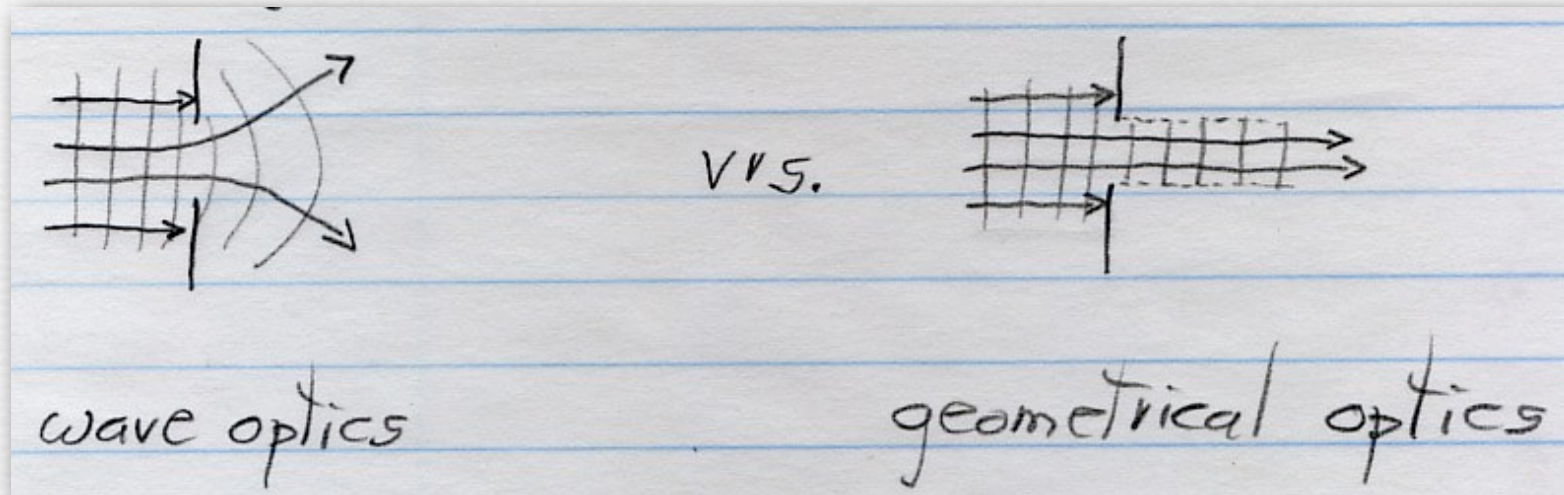
Physical versus geometrical optics



(Hecht)

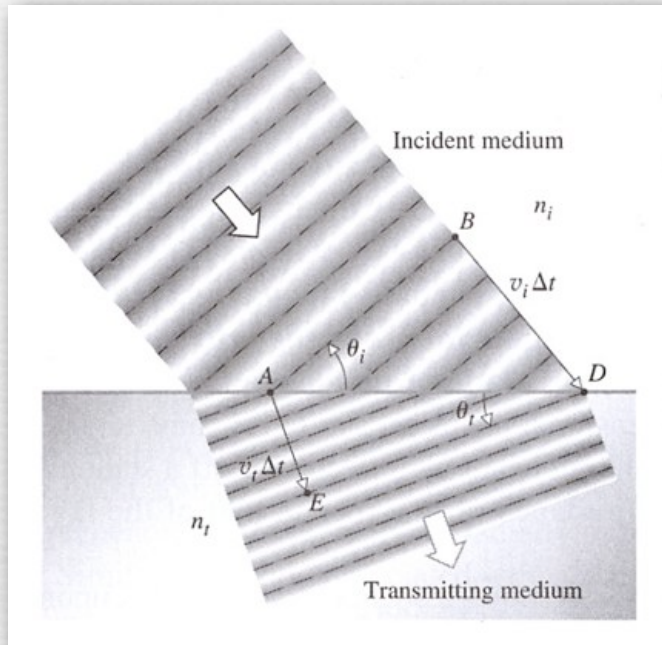
- ◆ light can be modeled as traveling waves
- ◆ the perpendiculars to these waves can be drawn as rays
- ◆ diffraction causes these rays to bend, e.g. at a slit
- ◆ *geometrical optics* assumes
 - $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
 - no diffraction
 - in free space, rays are straight (a.k.a. rectilinear propagation)

Physical versus geometrical optics (contents of whiteboard)

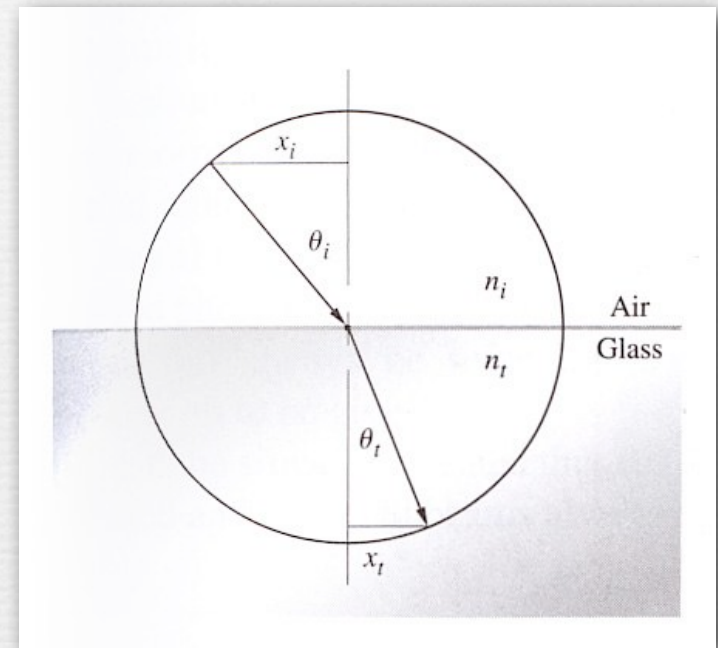


- ◆ in geometrical optics, we assume that rays do not bend as they pass through a narrow slit
- ◆ this assumption is valid if the slit is much larger than the wavelength, represented on the previous slide by the limit $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
- ◆ physical optics is a.k.a. wave optics

Snell's law of refraction



(Hecht)



- ◆ as waves change speed at an interface, they also change direction
- ◆ index of refraction n_t is defined as

$$\frac{x_i}{x_t} = \frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{n_t}{n_i}$$

$\frac{\text{speed of light in a vacuum}}{\text{speed of light in medium } t}$

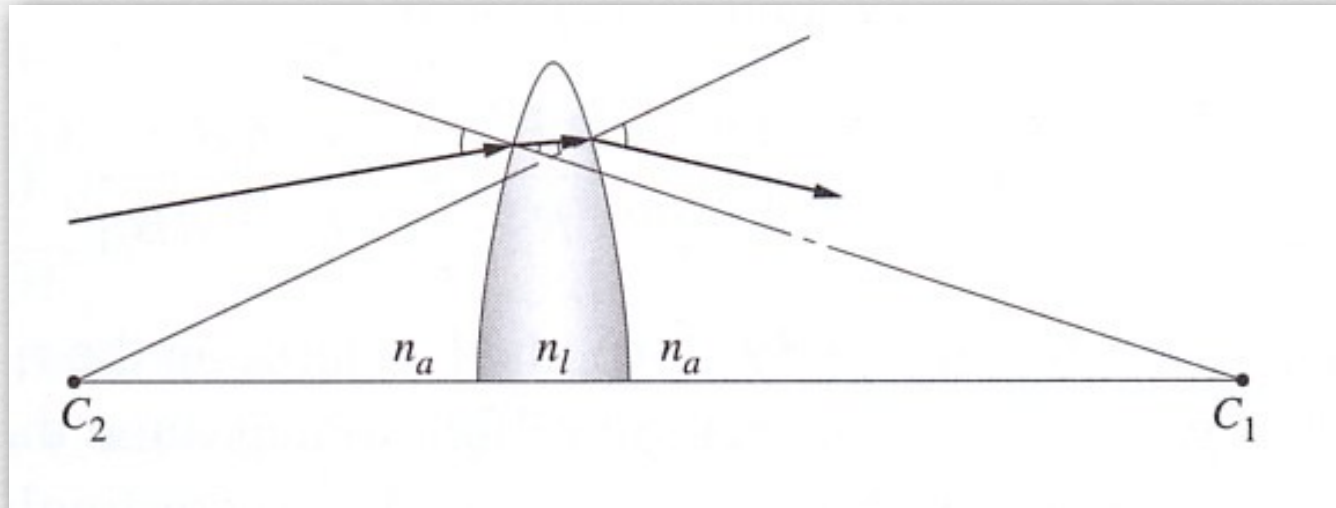
Typical refractive indices (n)

- ◆ air = ~ 1.0
- ◆ water = 1.33
- ◆ glass = 1.5 - 1.8



mirage due to changes in the index of refraction of air with temperature

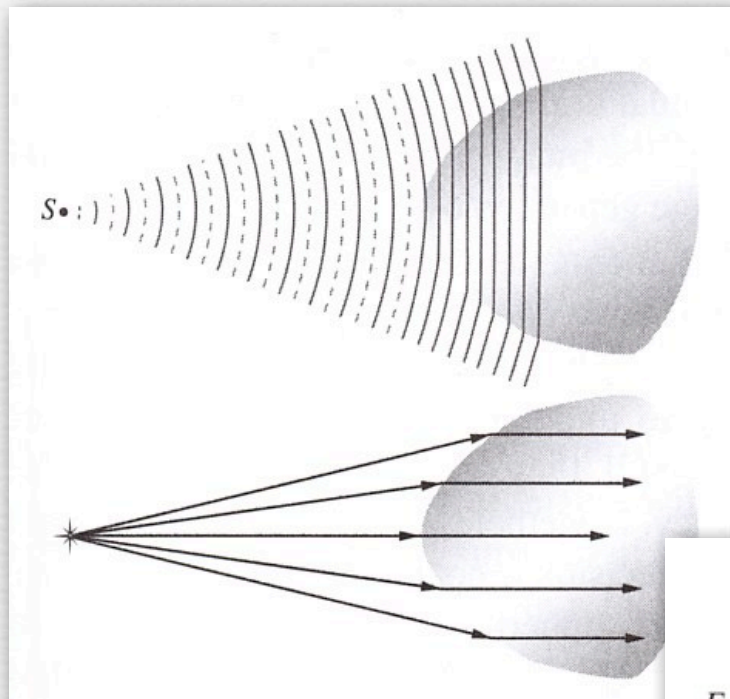
Refraction in glass lenses



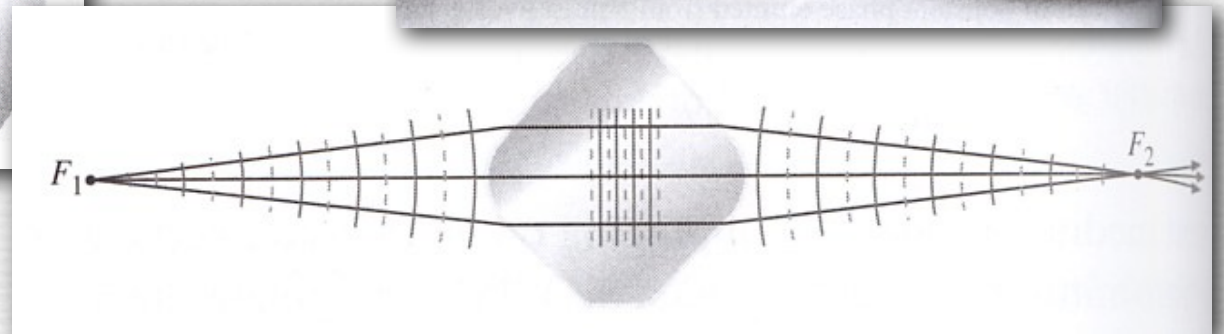
(Hecht)

- ◆ when transiting from air to glass, light bends towards the normal
- ◆ when transiting from glass to air, light bends away from the normal
- ◆ light striking a surface perpendicularly does not bend

Q. What shape should an interface be to make parallel rays converge to a point?



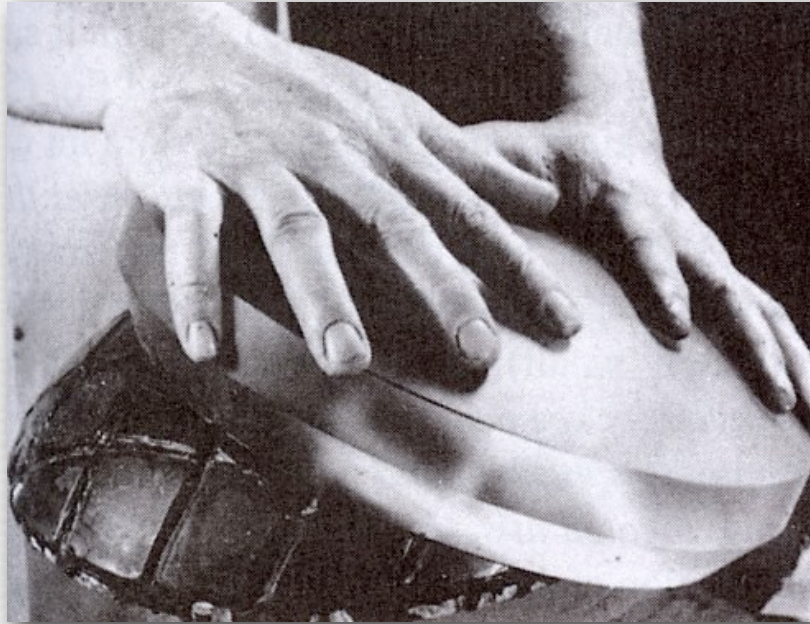
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A. a hyperbola

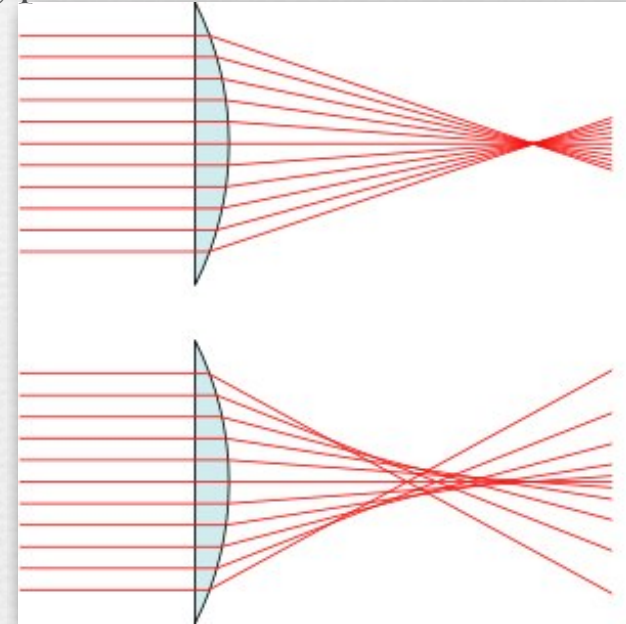
◆ so lenses should be hyperbolic!

Spherical lenses



(Hecht)

hyperbolic lens



spherical lens

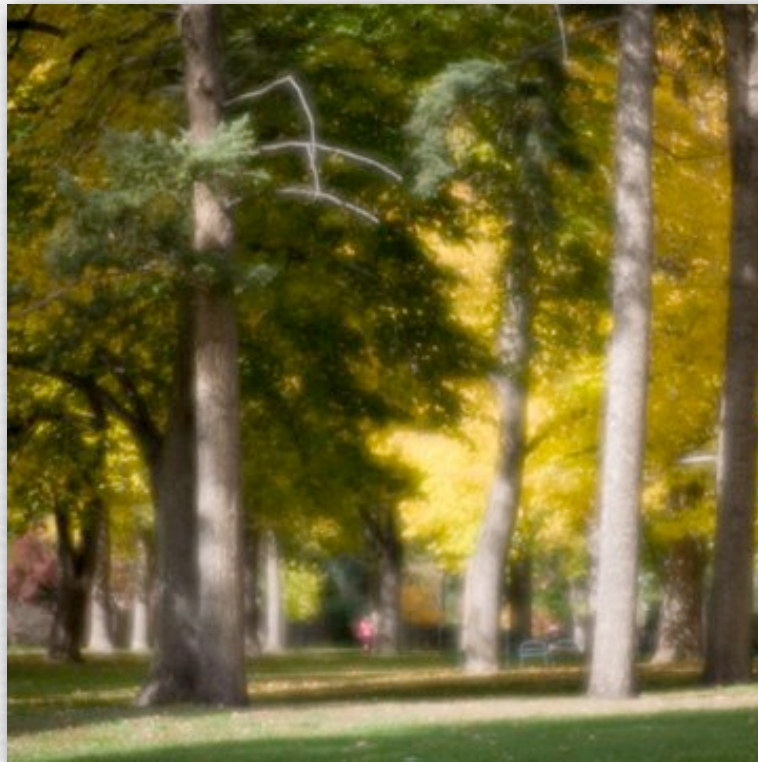
(wikipedia)

- ◆ two roughly fitting curved surfaces ground together will eventually become spherical
- ◆ spheres don't bring parallel rays to a point
 - this is called *spherical aberration*
 - nearly axial rays (*paraxial rays*) behave best

Examples of spherical aberration



Canon 135mm
soft focus lens



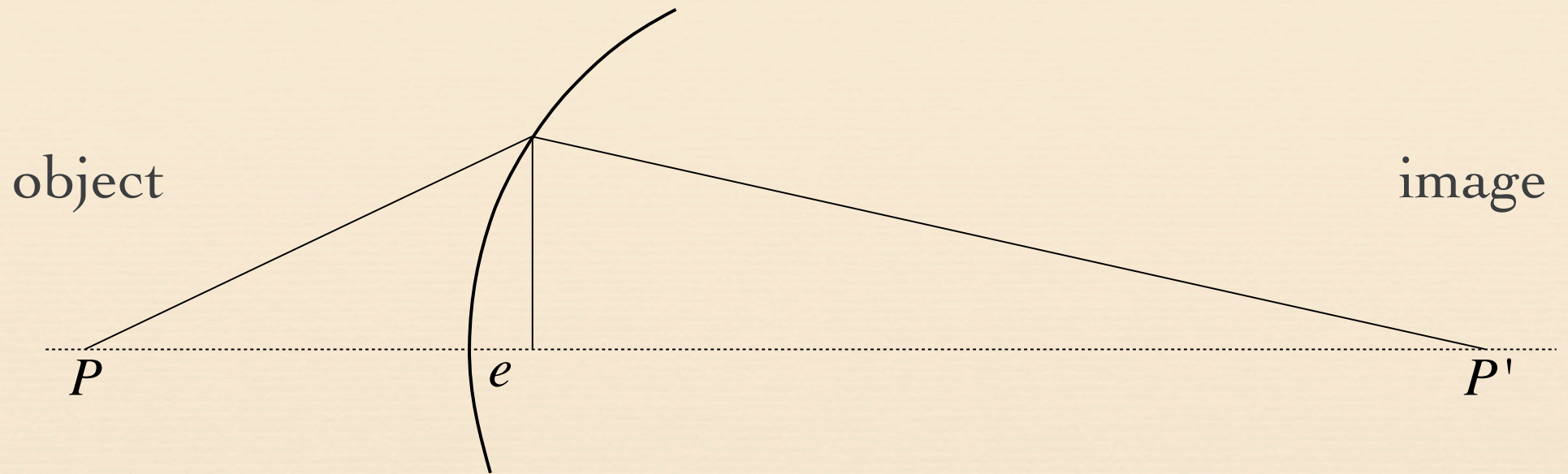
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(Canon)



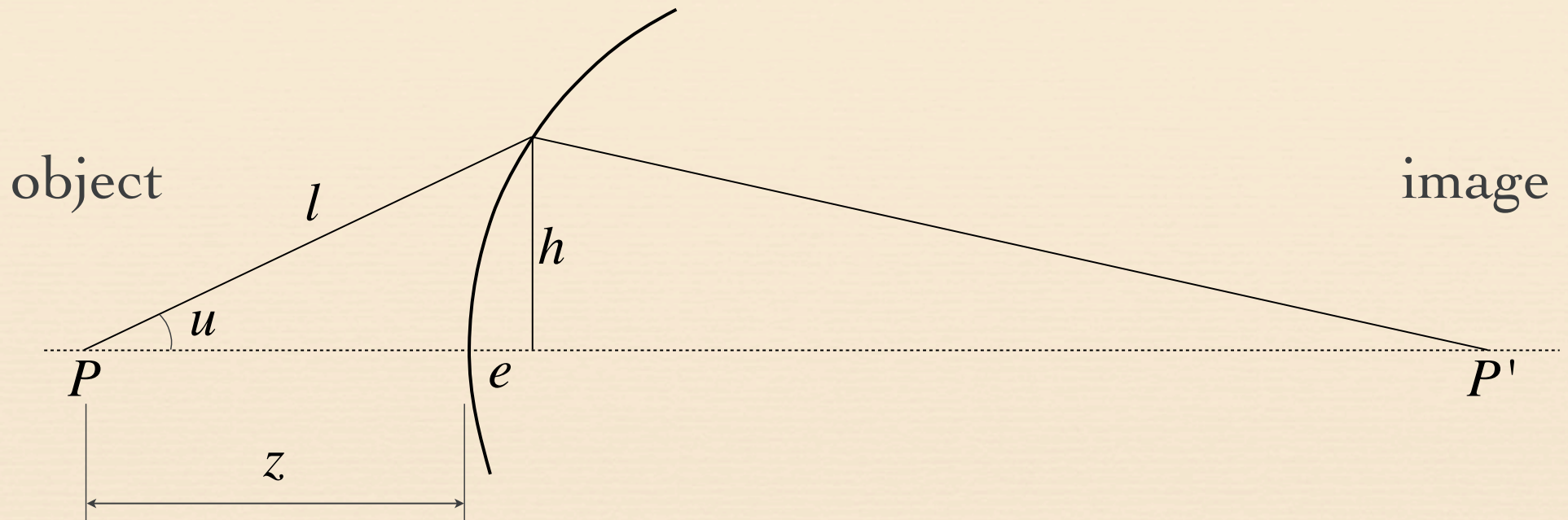
Paraxial approximation



♦ assume $e \approx 0$

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for orange-tinted slides

Paraxial approximation



- ◆ assume $e \approx 0$
- ◆ assume $\sin u = h/l \approx u$ (for u in radians)
- ◆ assume $\cos u \approx z/l \approx 1$
- ◆ assume $\tan u \approx \sin u \approx u$

The paraxial approximation is a.k.a. first-order optics

◆ assume first term of $\sin \phi = \phi - \frac{\phi^3}{3!} + \frac{\phi^5}{5!} - \frac{\phi^7}{7!} + \dots$

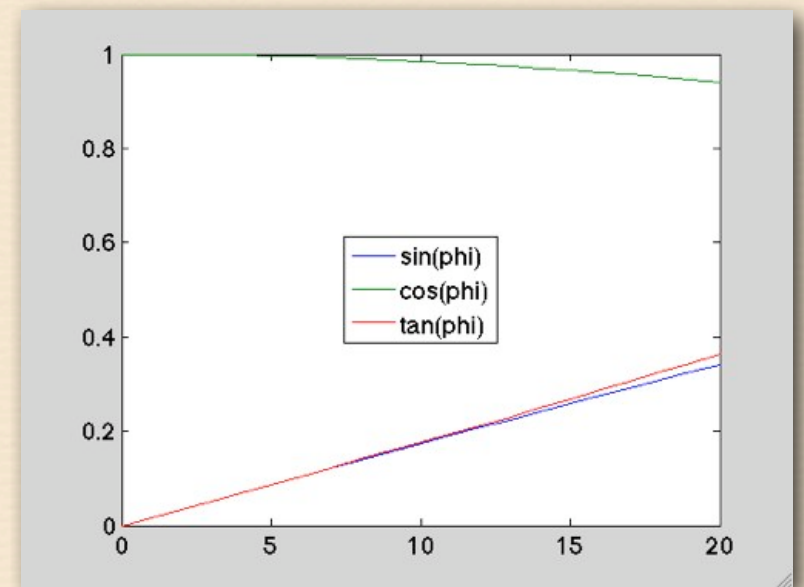
- i.e. $\sin \phi \approx \phi$

◆ assume first term of $\cos \phi = 1 - \frac{\phi^2}{2!} + \frac{\phi^4}{4!} - \frac{\phi^6}{6!} + \dots$

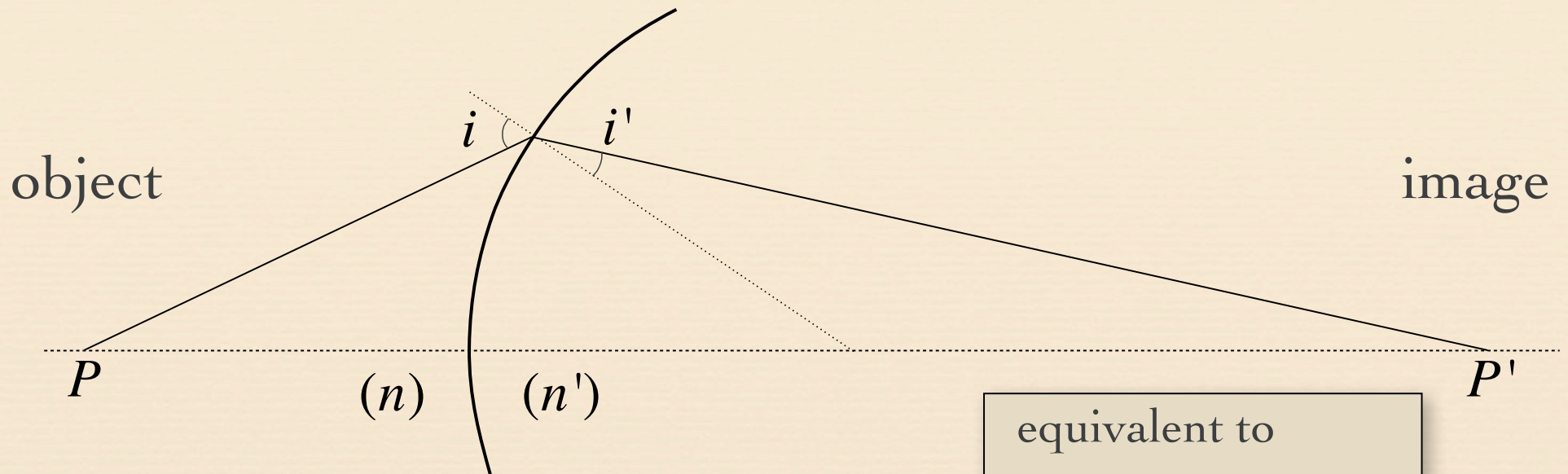
- i.e. $\cos \phi \approx 1$
- so $\tan \phi \approx \sin \phi \approx \phi$

these are the
Taylor series for
 $\sin \phi$ and $\cos \phi$

(phi in degrees)



Paraxial focusing



Snell's law:

$$n \sin i = n' \sin i'$$

paraxial approximation:

$$n i \approx n' i'$$

equivalent to

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{n_t}{n_i}$$

with

$$n = n_i \text{ for air}$$

$$n' = n_t \text{ for glass}$$

i, i' in radians

θ_i, θ_t in degrees

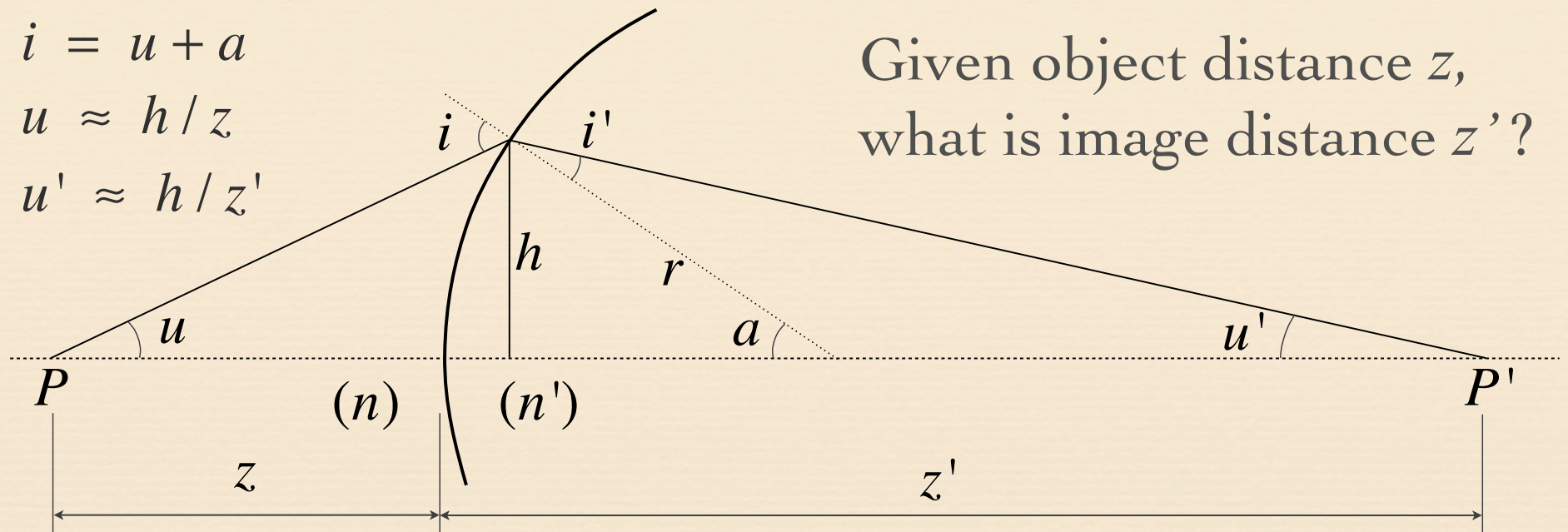
Paraxial focusing

$$i = u + a$$

$$u \approx h/z$$

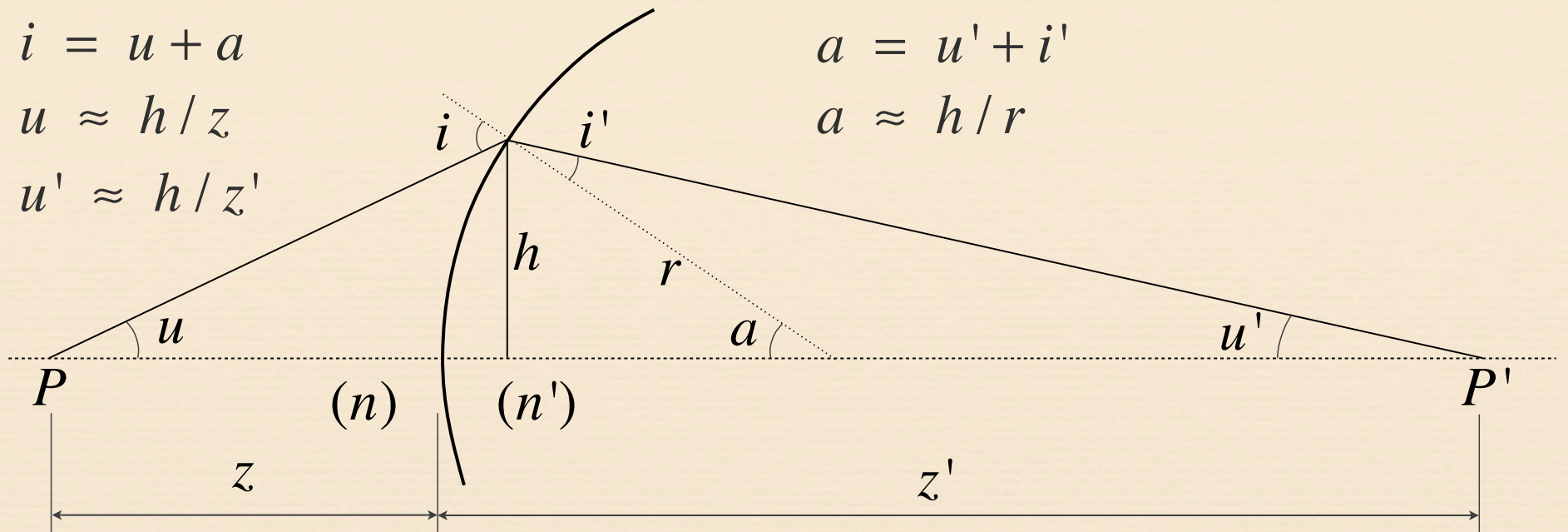
$$u' \approx h/z'$$

Given object distance z ,
what is image distance z' ?



$$n i \approx n' i'$$

Paraxial focusing



$$n(u + a) \approx n'(a - u')$$

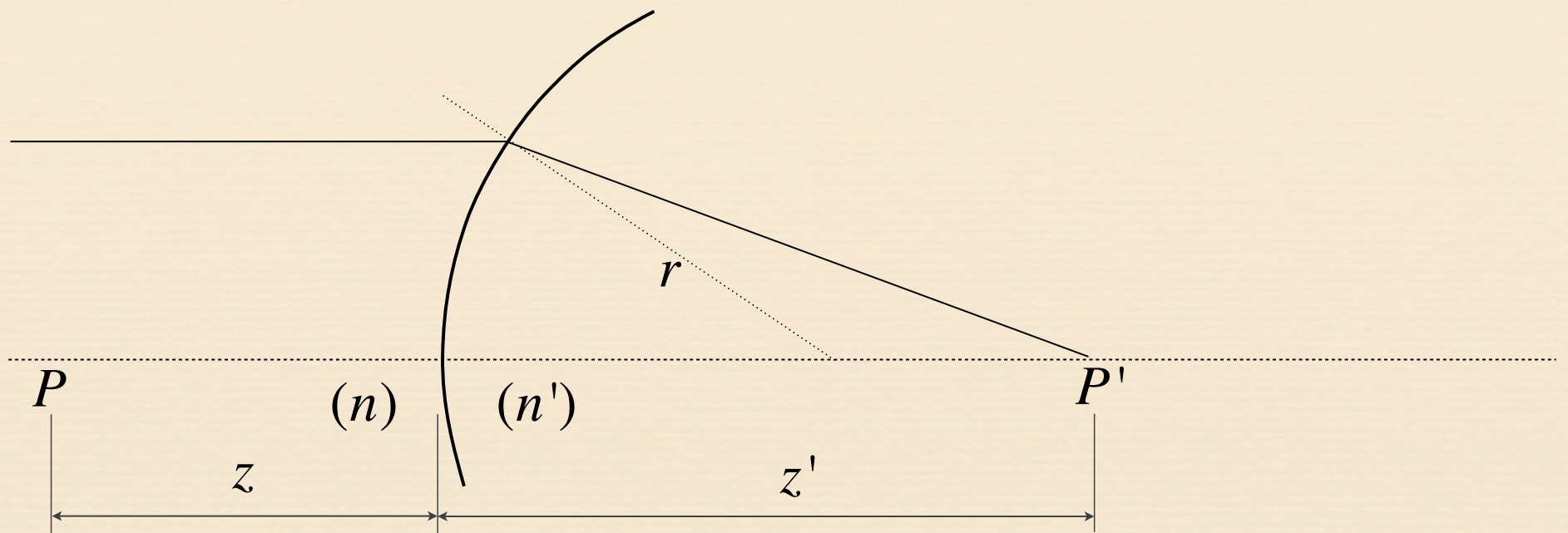
$$n(h/z + h/r) \approx n'(h/r - h/z')$$

$$n/z + n/r \approx n'/r - n'/z'$$

$$ni \approx n'i'$$

◆ h has canceled out, so any ray from P will focus to P'

Focal length



What happens if z is ∞ ?

$$n/z + n/r \approx n'/r - n'/z'$$

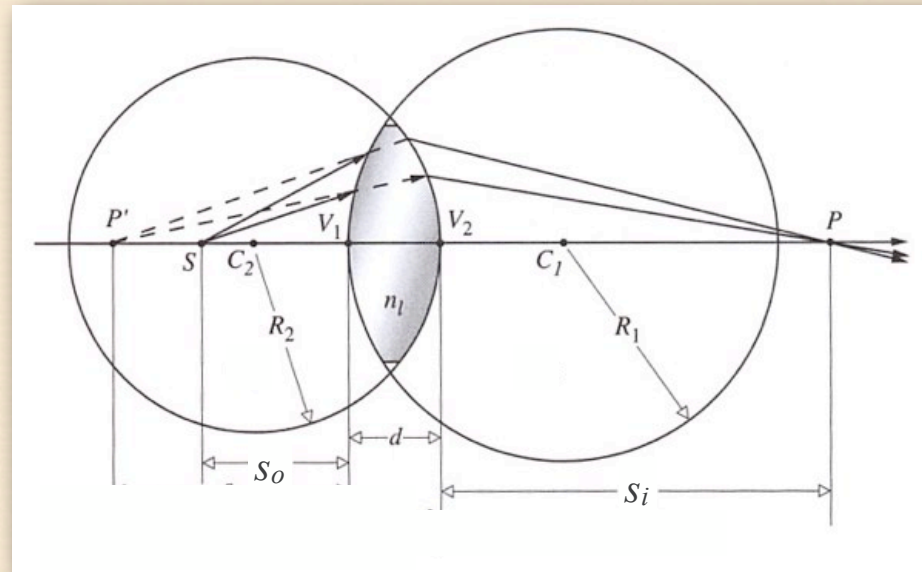
$$n/r \approx n'/r - n'/z'$$

$$z' \approx (r n') / (n' - n)$$

♦ $f \triangleq$ focal length = z'

Lensmaker's formula

- ♦ using similar derivations, one can extend these results to two spherical interfaces forming a lens in air



(Hecht, edited)

- ♦ as $d \rightarrow 0$ (*thin lens approximation*), we obtain the lensmaker's formula

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = (n_l - 1) \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

Gaussian lens formula

- ◆ Starting from the lensmaker's formula

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = (n_l - 1) \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right), \quad (\text{Hecht, eqn 5.15})$$

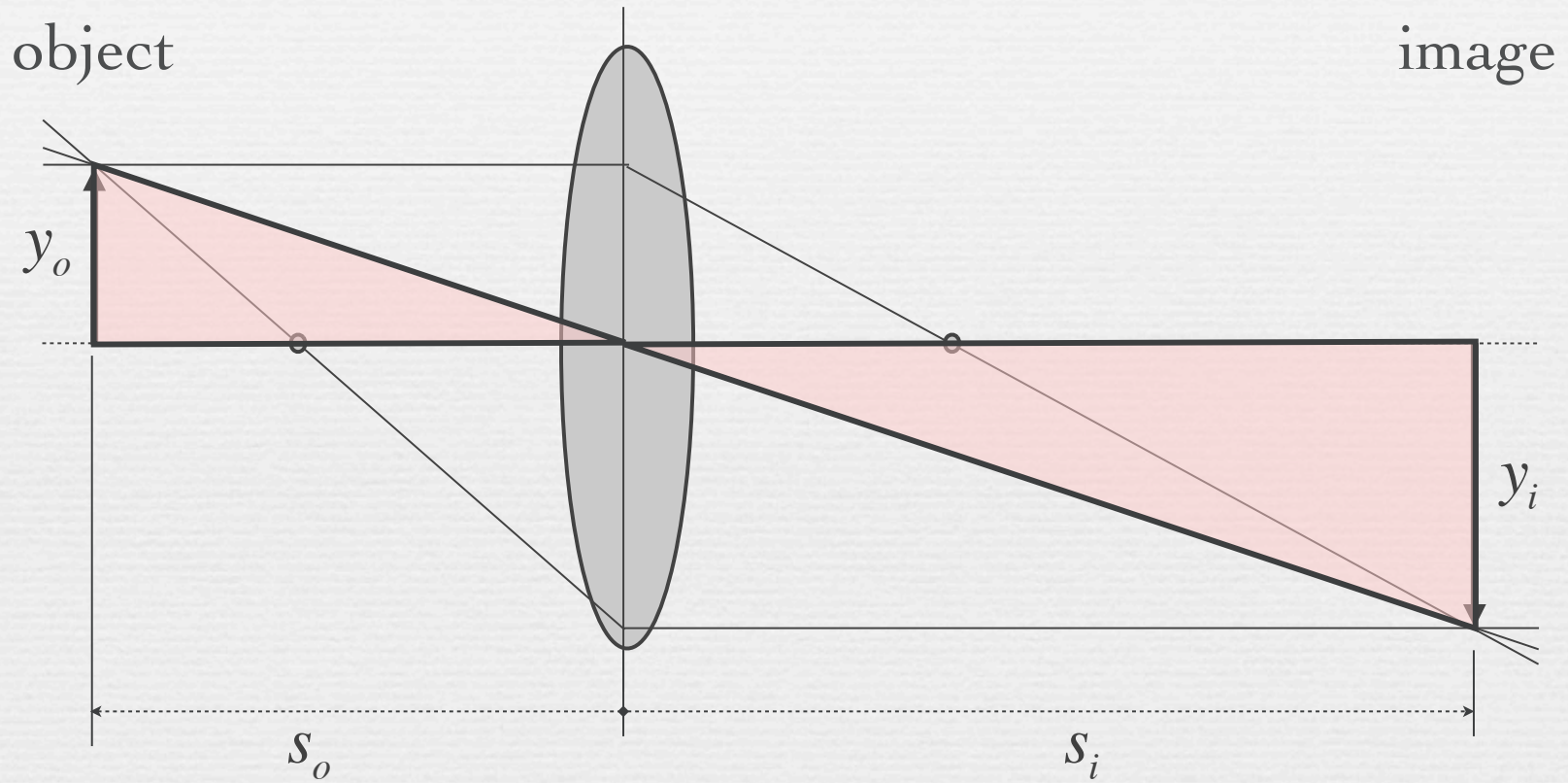
- ◆ and recalling that as object distance s_o is moved to infinity, image distance s_i becomes focal length f_i , we get

$$\frac{1}{f_i} = (n_l - 1) \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right). \quad (\text{Hecht, eqn 5.16})$$

- ◆ Equating these two, we get the Gaussian lens formula

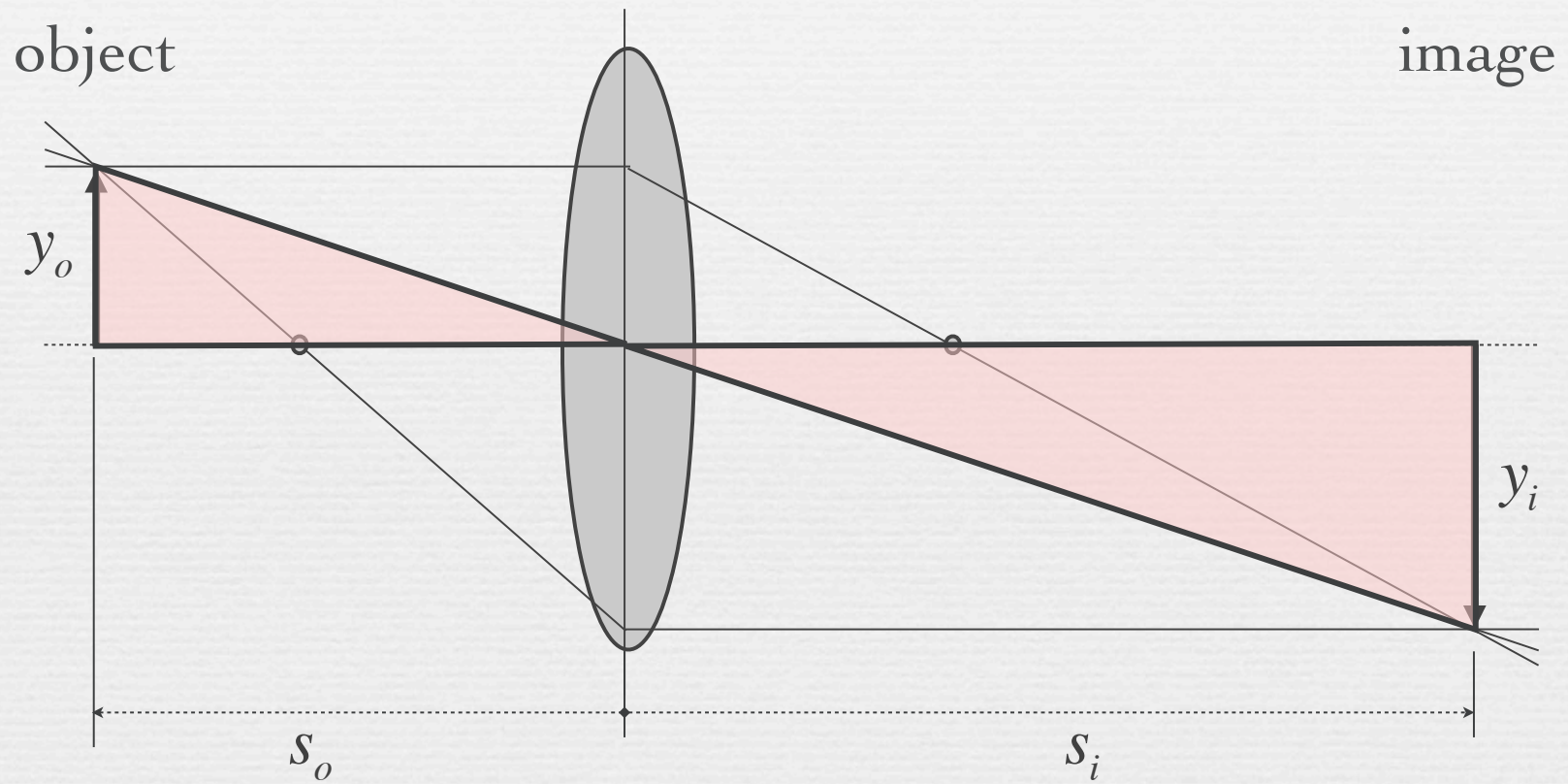
$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f_i}. \quad (\text{Hecht, eqn 5.17})$$

From Gauss's ray construction to the Gaussian lens formula



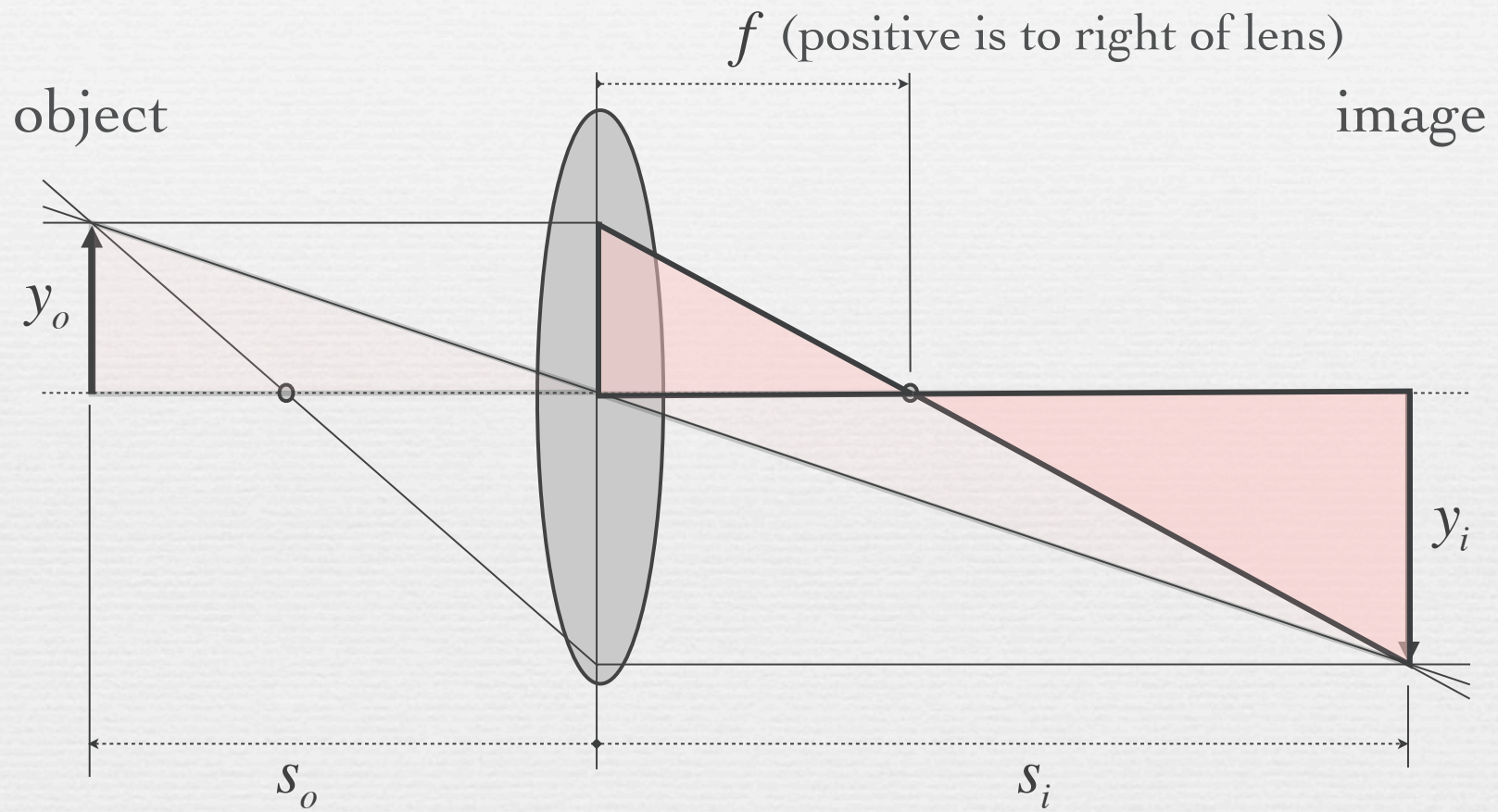
- ◆ positive s_i is rightward, positive s_o is leftward
- ◆ positive y is upward

From Gauss's ray construction to the Gaussian lens formula



$$\frac{|y_i|}{y_o} = \frac{s_i}{s_o}$$

From Gauss's ray construction to the Gaussian lens formula

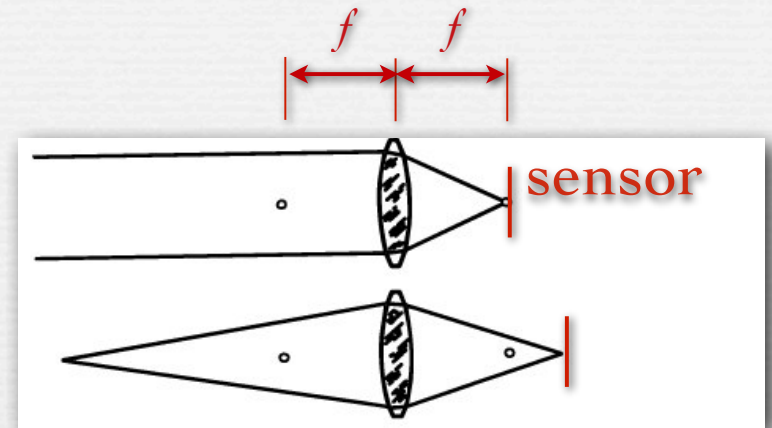


$$\frac{|y_i|}{y_o} = \frac{s_i}{s_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{|y_i|}{y_o} = \frac{s_i - f}{f} \quad \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Changing the focus distance

- ◆ to focus on objects at different distances, move sensor relative to lens



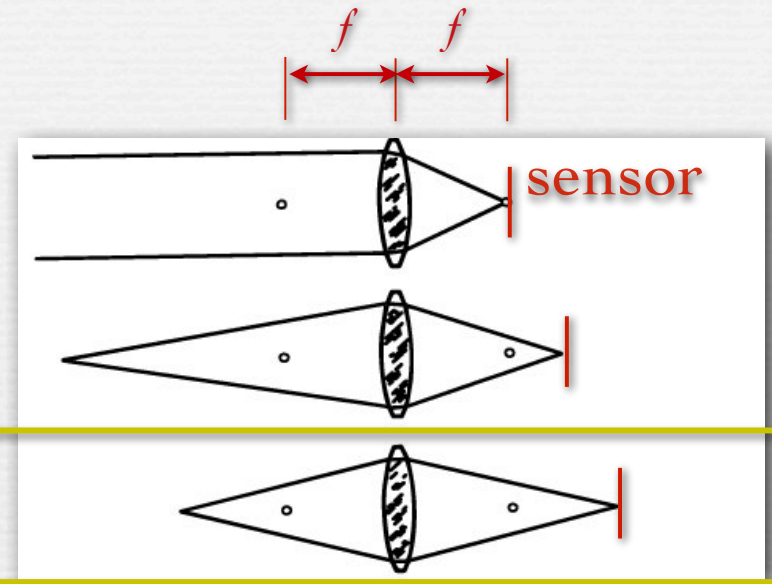
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<http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178/applets/gaussian.html>

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Changing the focus distance

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- ◆ at $s_o = s_i = 2f$ we have 1:1 imaging, because

$$\frac{1}{2f} + \frac{1}{2f} = \frac{1}{f}$$

In 1:1 imaging, if the sensor is 36mm wide, an object 36mm wide will fill the frame.

$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$

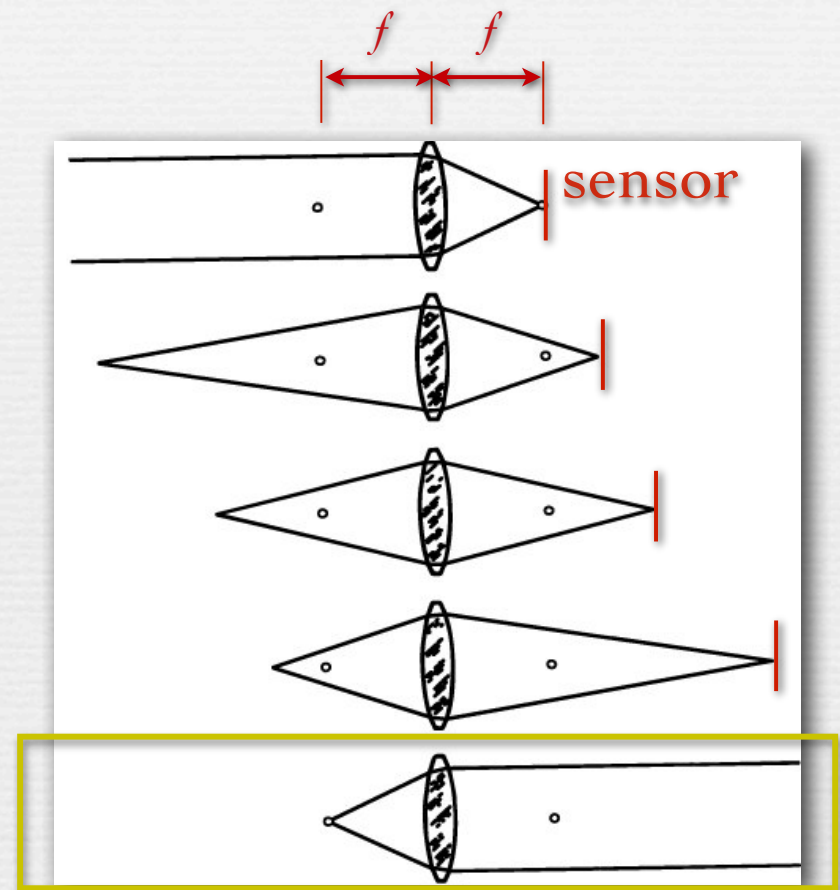
Changing the focus distance

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- ◆ can't focus on objects closer to lens than its focal length f



$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Recap

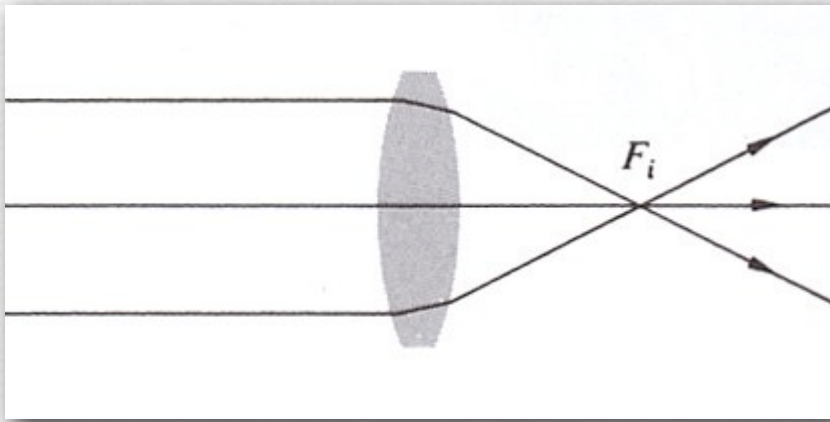
- ◆ approximations we sometimes make when analyzing lenses
 - geometrical optics instead of physical optics
 - spherical lenses instead of hyperbolic lenses
 - thin lens representation of thick optical systems
 - paraxial approximation of ray angles
- ◆ the Gaussian lens formula relates focal length f , object distance s_o , and image distance s_i
 - these settings, and sensor size, determine field of view
 - 1:1 imaging means $s_o = s_i$ and both are $2\times$ focal length
 - $s_o = f$ is the minimum possible object distance for a lens

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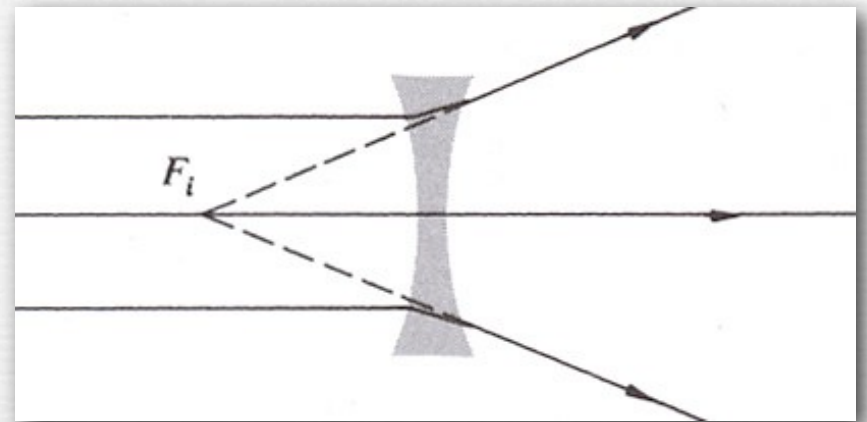
One must be careful applying this last rule in practice, because s_o may not be measured to the front of the barrel of a complex lens assembly, but to a plane you can't see inside the assembly. Also, many lenses can't crank out to the s_i that would enable the theoretically minimum s_o , because it is mechanically difficult or might produce poorly corrected (aberrant) images.

Convex versus concave lenses

(Hecht)



rays from a convex lens converge

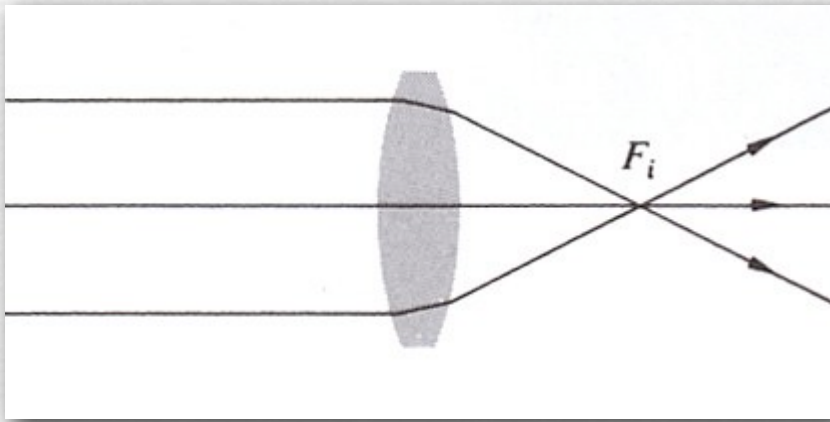


rays from a concave lens diverge

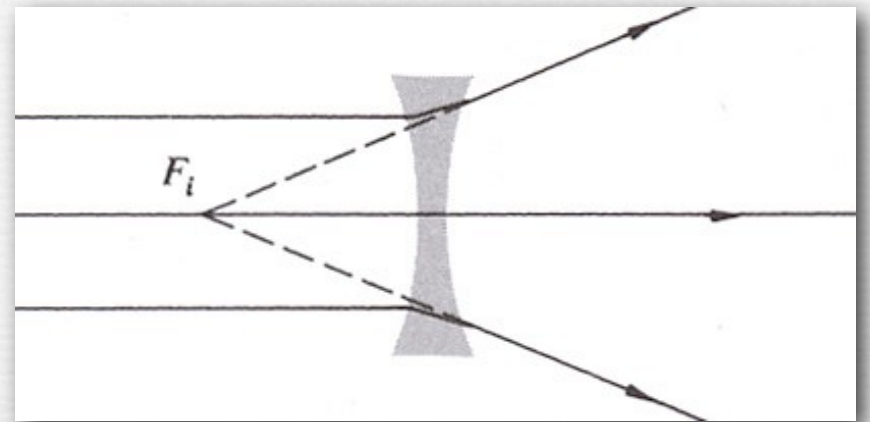
- ◆ positive focal length f means parallel rays from the left converge to a point on the right
- ◆ negative focal length f means parallel rays from the left converge to a point on the left (dashed lines above)

Convex versus concave lenses

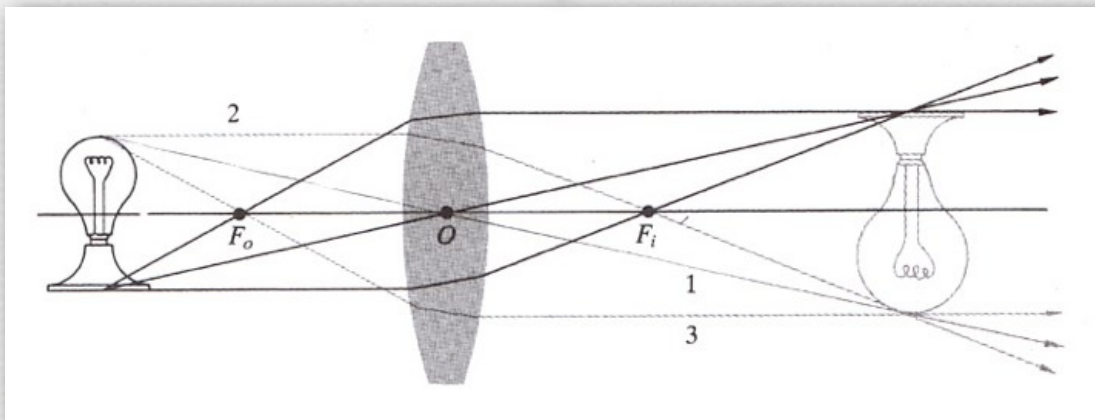
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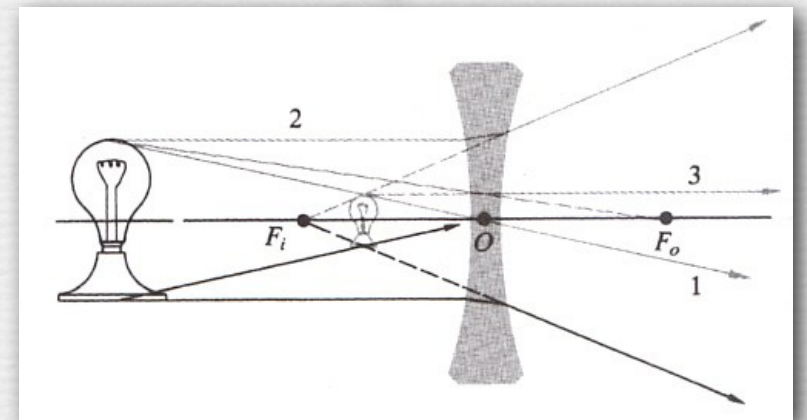
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rays from a concave lens diverge

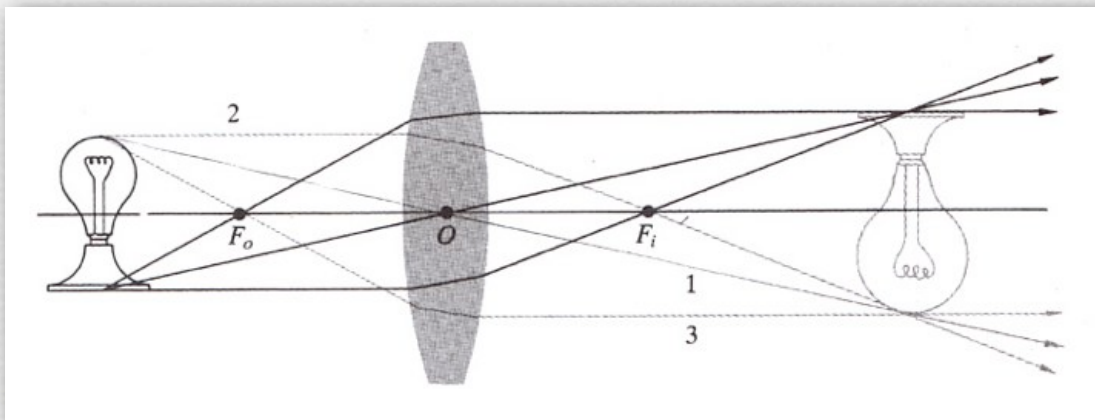
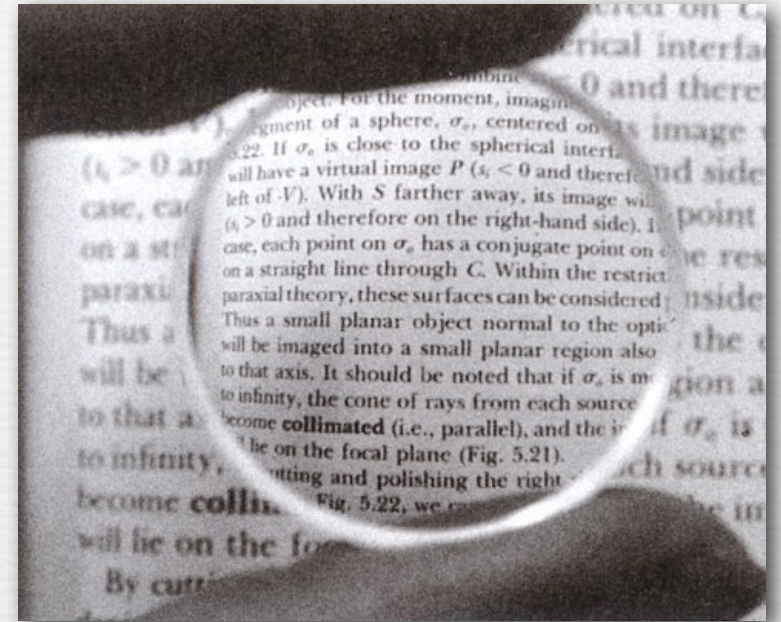
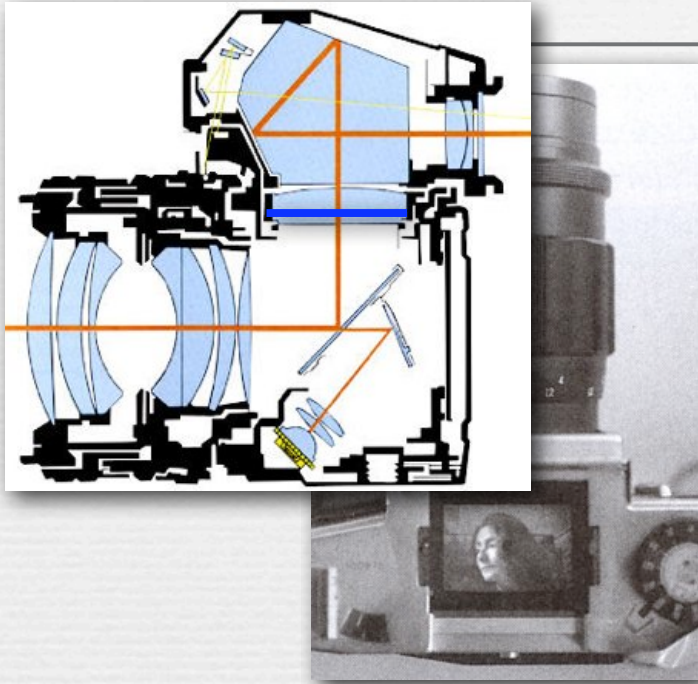


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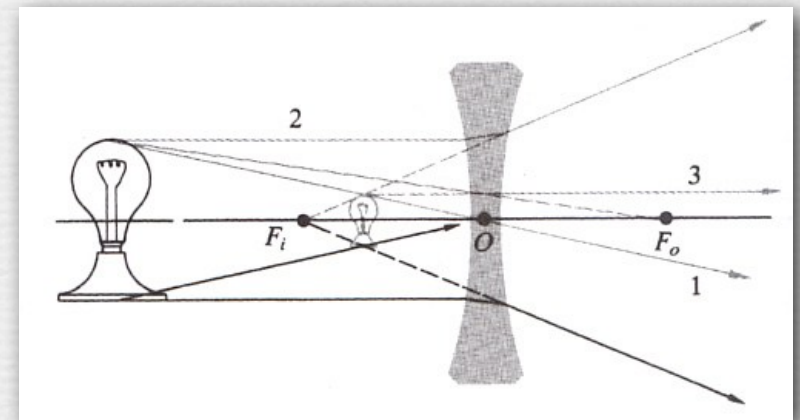


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Convex versus concave lenses



...producing a real image



...producing a virtual image

The power of a lens

$$P = \frac{1}{f}$$

units are meters⁻¹

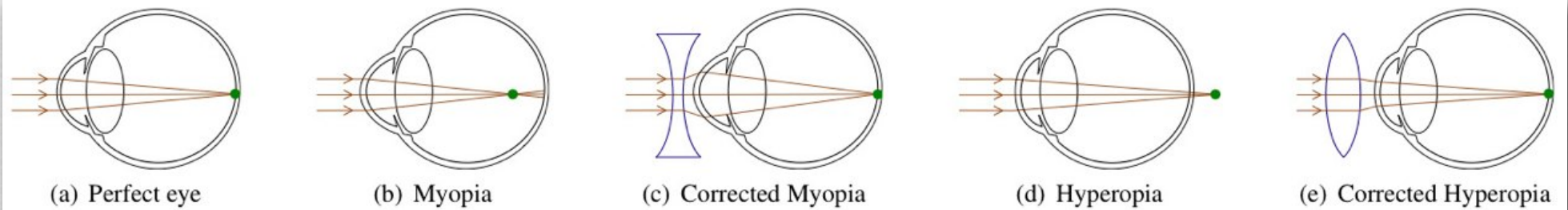
a.k.a. diopters

- ◆ my eyeglasses have the prescription
 - right eye: -0.75 diopters
 - left eye: -1.00 diopters

Q. What's wrong with me?

A. Myopia (nearsightedness)

(Pamplona)



Combining two lenses

- ◆ using focal lengths

$$\frac{1}{f_{tot}} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$$

- ◆ using diopters

$$P_{tot} = P_1 + P_2$$

- ◆ example

$$\frac{1}{200mm} + \frac{1}{500mm} = \frac{1}{143mm} \quad \text{-or-} \quad 5.0 + 2.0 = 7.0 \text{ diopters}$$

The diopters version of this calculation was incorrect when shown in class. It has been corrected here. Thanks to Bryan Huh for finding the error.

Close-up filters



(wikipedia)

- ◆ screw on to end of lens
- ◆ power is designated in diopters (usually)

Close-up filters

Panasonic 45-200



+



◆ changes longest focal length from 200mm to 143mm

$$\frac{1}{200\text{mm}} + \frac{1}{500\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{143\text{mm}}$$

Close-up filters

- ◆ for a fixed image distance, it reduces the object distance
 - at $f=200\text{mm}$, this len's minimum object distance $s_o = 1000\text{mm}$
 - at these settings, its effective image distance must be

$$s_i = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s_o}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{200\text{mm}} - \frac{1}{1000\text{mm}}} = 250\text{mm}$$

- with the closeup filter and the same settings of focal length and image distance, the in-focus object distance becomes

$$s_o = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{s_i}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{143\text{mm}} - \frac{1}{250\text{mm}}} = 334\text{mm}$$

3x
closer!

Close-up filters



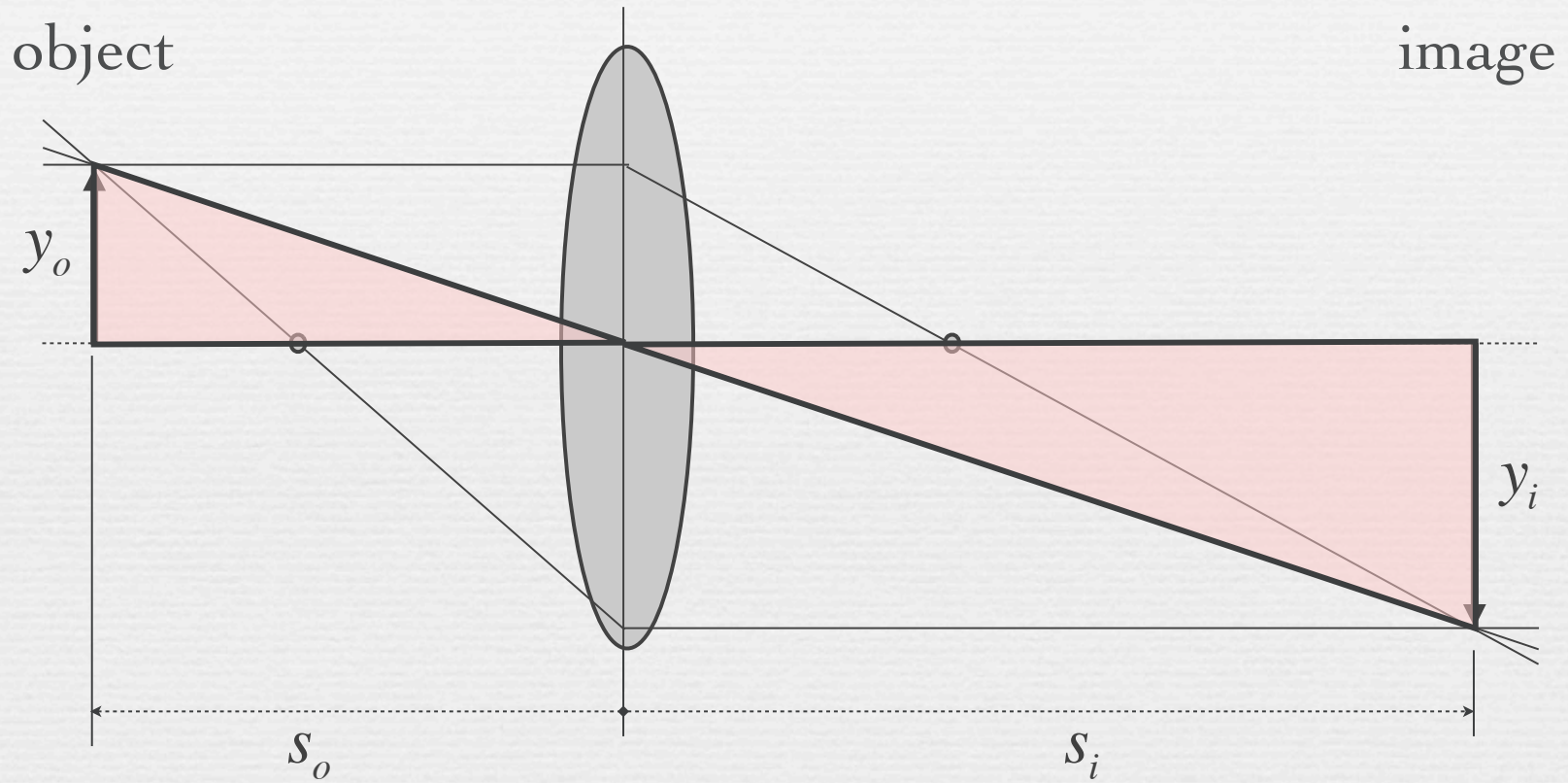
200mm lens
no closeup filter
 $s_o = 1000\text{mm}$



200mm lens
500D closeup filter
 $s_o = 334\text{mm}$

poor man's
macro lens

Magnification



$$M_T \triangleq \frac{y_i}{y_o} = -\frac{s_i}{s_o}$$

Close-up filters



200mm lens
no closeup filter
 $s_o = 1000\text{mm}$

$$M_T = -\frac{s_i}{s_o} = \frac{250}{1000} = -1:4$$

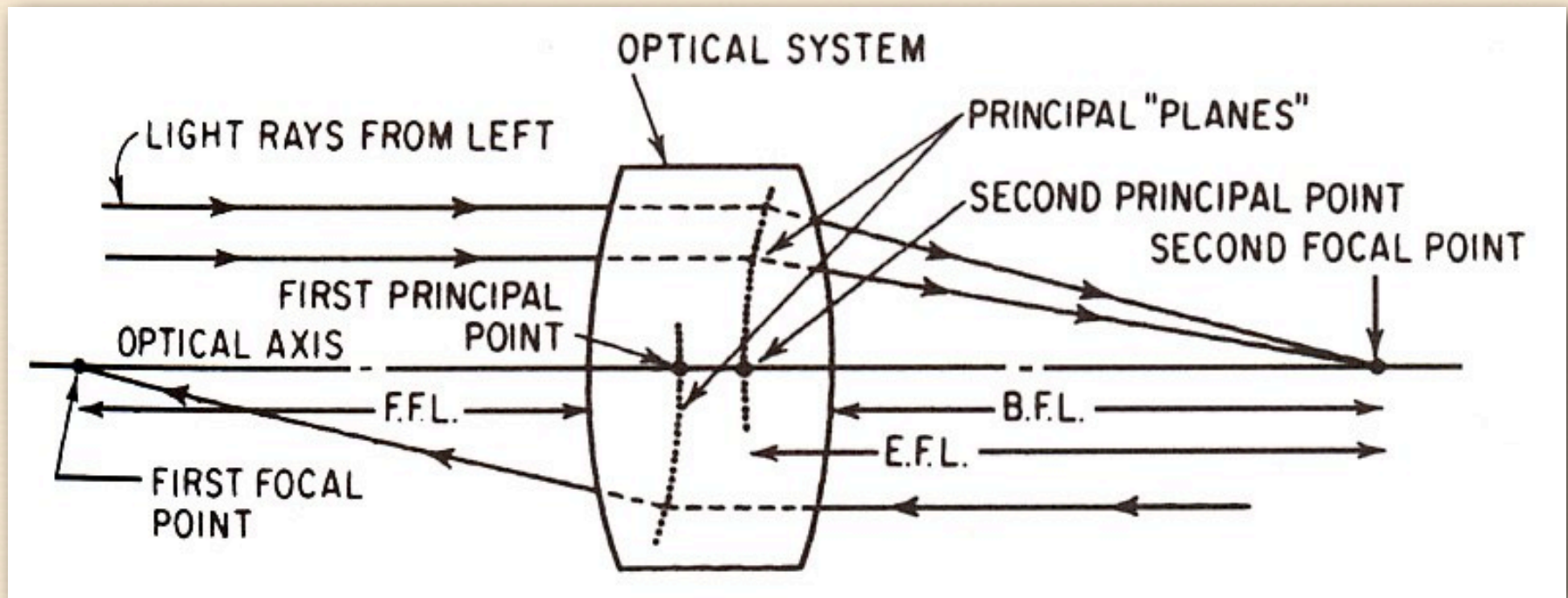


200mm lens
500D closeup filter
 $s_o = 334\text{mm}$

$$M_T = -\frac{s_i}{s_o} = \frac{250}{334} = -3:4$$

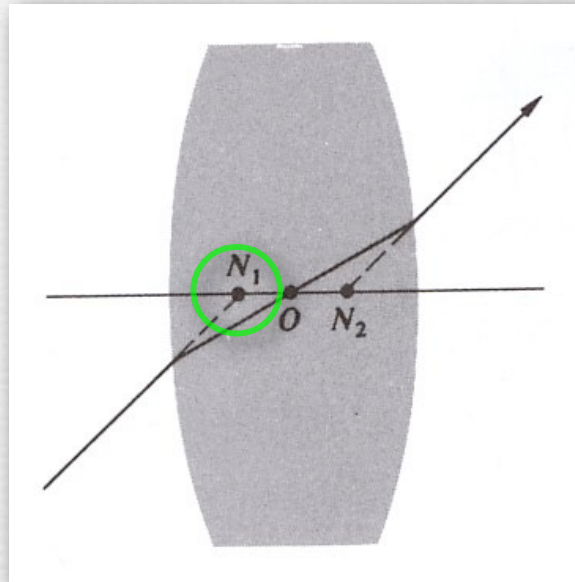
Thick lenses

- ♦ an optical system may contain many lenses, but can be characterized by a few numbers



(Smith)

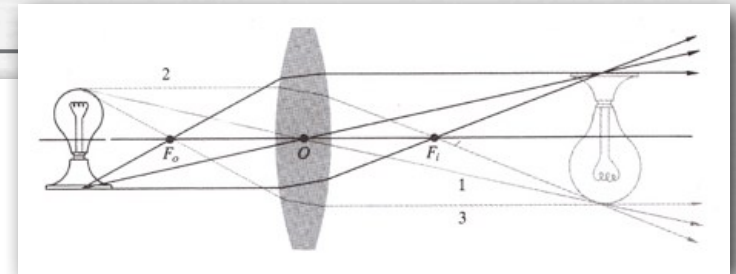
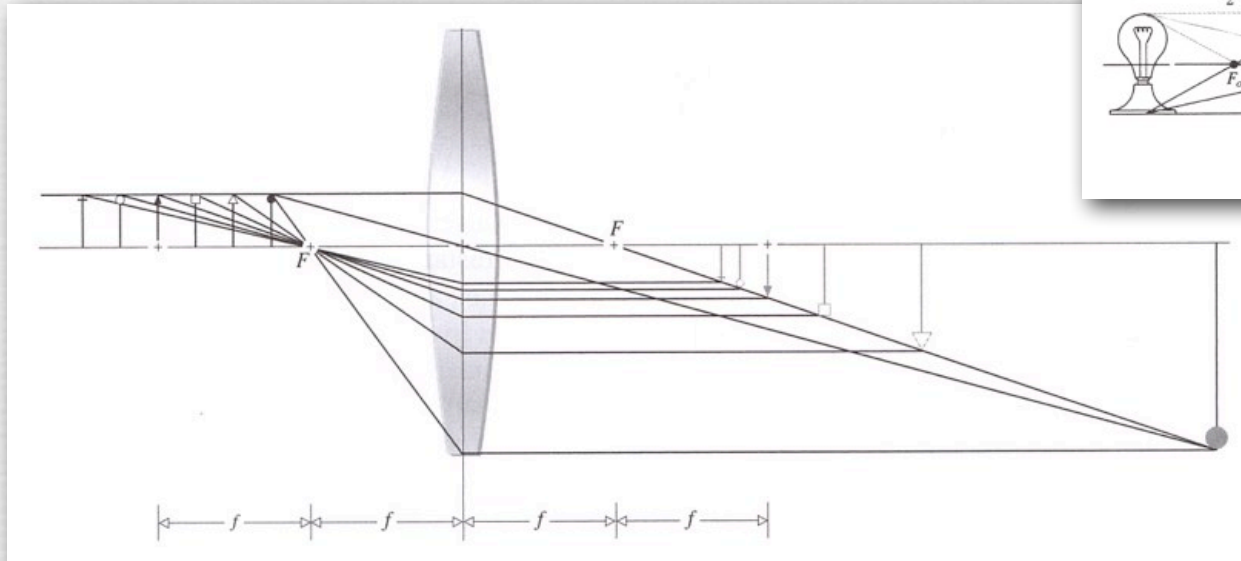
Center of perspective



(Hecht)

- in a thin lens, the *chief ray* from a point traverses the lens (through its optical center) without changing direction
- in a thick lens, the intersections of this ray with the optical axis are called the *nodal points*
- for a lens in air, these coincide with the *principal points*
- the first nodal point is the *center of perspective*

Lenses perform a 3D perspective transform



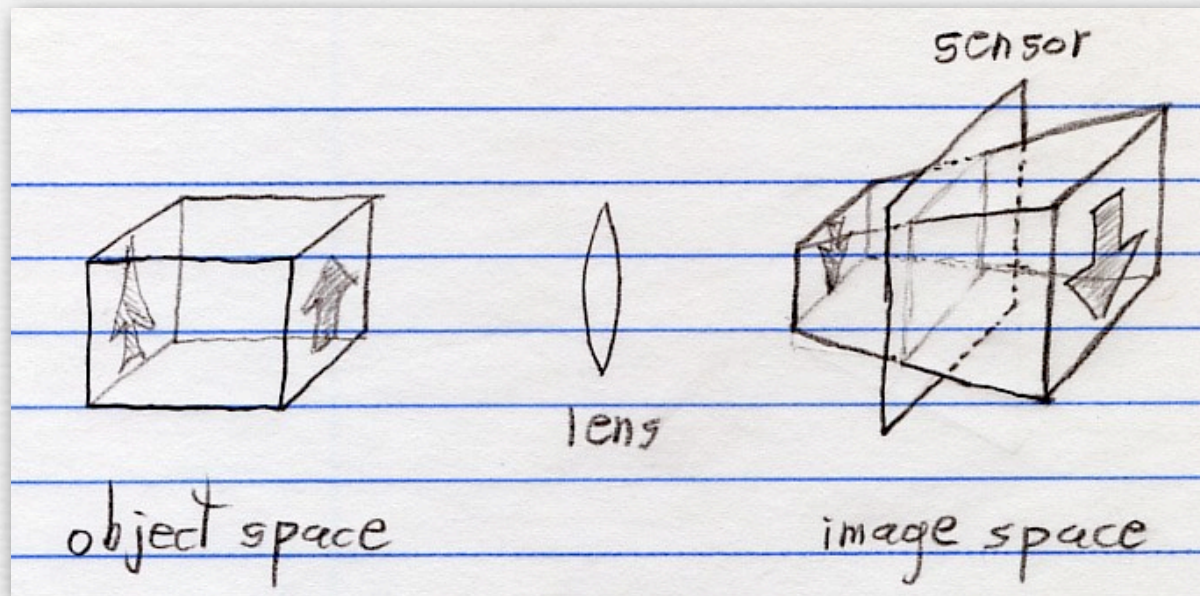
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<http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178/applets/thinlens.html>

(Hecht)

- ◆ lenses transform a 3D object to a 3D image; the sensor extracts a 2D slice from that image
- ◆ as an object moves linearly (in Z), its image moves non-proportionately (in Z)
- ◆ as you move a lens linearly relative to the sensor, the in-focus object plane moves non-proportionately
- ◆ as you refocus a camera, the image changes size !

Lenses perform a 3D perspective transform (contents of whiteboard)



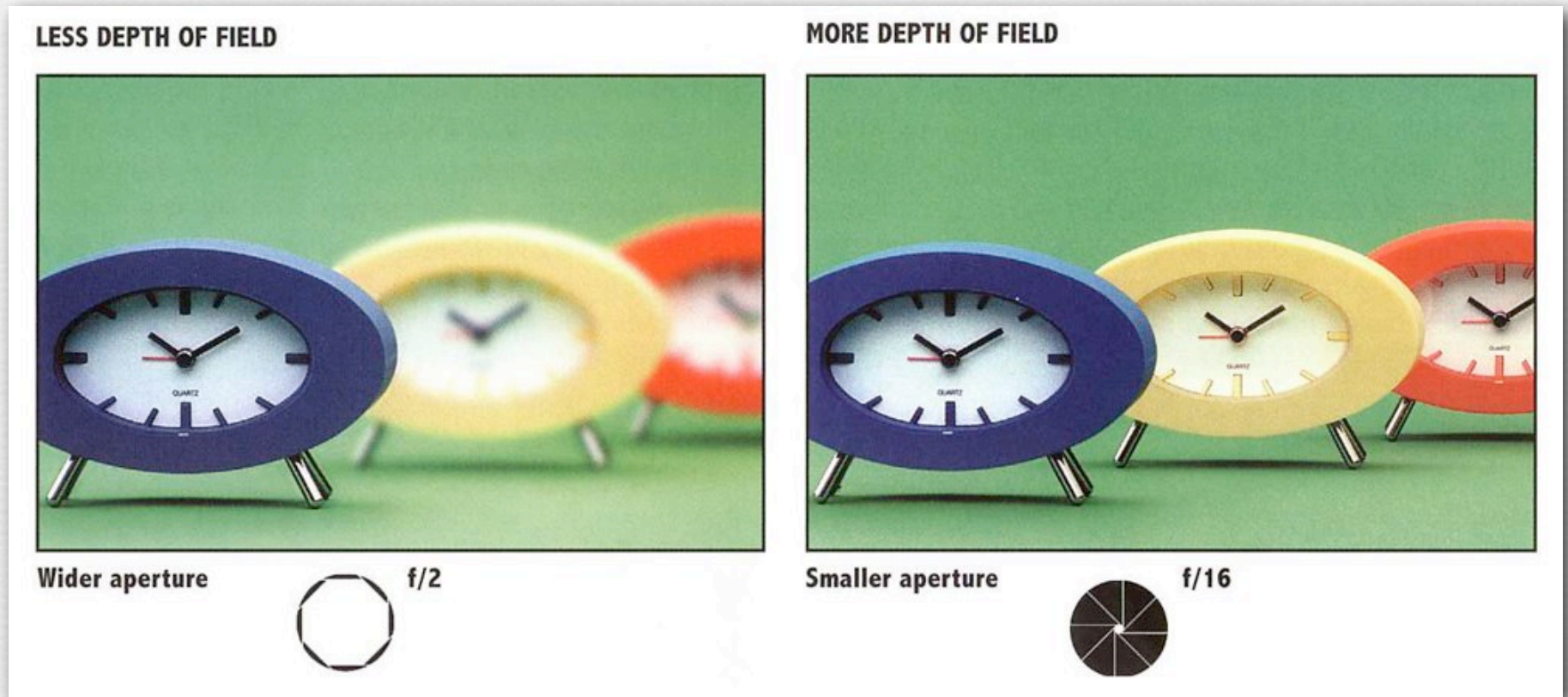
- ◆ a cube in object space is transformed by a lens into a 3D frustum in image space, with the orientations shown by the arrows
- ◆ in computer graphics this transformation is modeled as a 4×4 matrix multiplication of 3D points expressed in 4D homogenous coordinates
- ◆ in photography a sensor extracts a 2D slice from the 3D frustum; on this slice some objects will be sharply focused; others may be blurry

Recap

- ◆ more implications of the Gaussian lens formula
 - convex lenses make real images; concave make virtual images
 - the power of a lens (in diopters) is 1 over its focal length
 - when combining two lenses, add their powers
 - adding a closeup filter allows a smaller object distance
 - changing object and image distances changes magnification
- ◆ lenses perform a 3D perspective transform of object space
 - an object's apparent size is inversely proportional to its distance
 - linear lens motions move the in-focus plane non-linearly
 - focusing a lens changes the image size (slightly)

Questions?

Depth of field

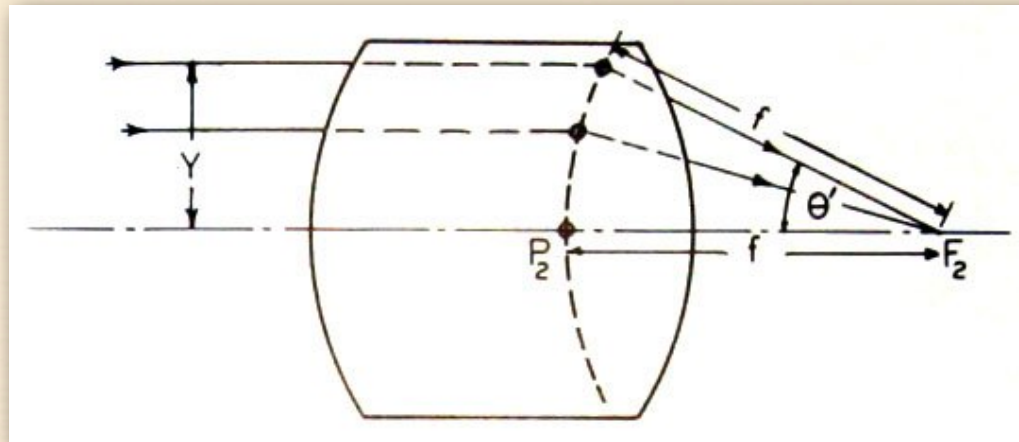


(London)

$$N = \frac{f}{A}$$

- ◆ lower N means a wider aperture and less depth of field

How low can N be?



(Kingslake)

- ◆ principal planes are the paraxial approximation of a spherical “equivalent refracting surface”

$$N = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta'}$$

- ◆ lowest possible N in air is f/0.5
- ◆ lowest N I've seen in an SLR is f/1.0



Canon EOS 50mm f/1.0
(discontinued)

Cinematography by candlelight



Stanley Kubrick,
Barry Lyndon,
1975

- ◆ Zeiss 50mm f/0.7 Planar lens
 - originally developed for NASA's Apollo missions
 - very shallow depth of field in closeups (small object distance)

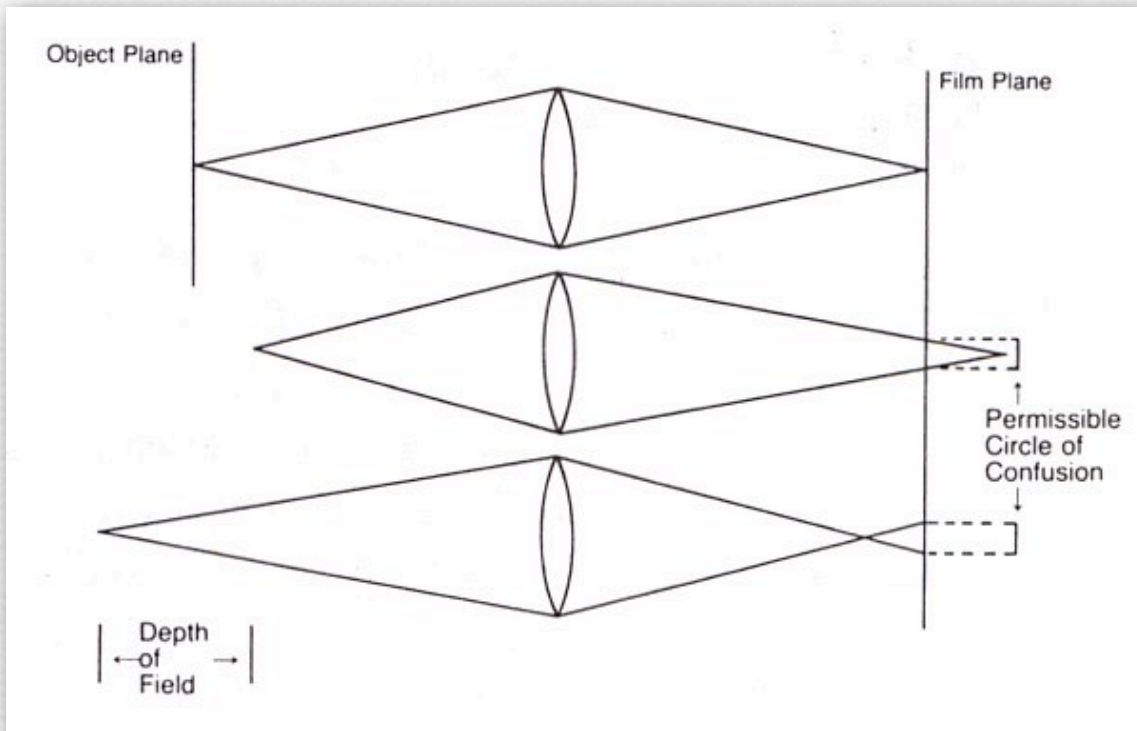
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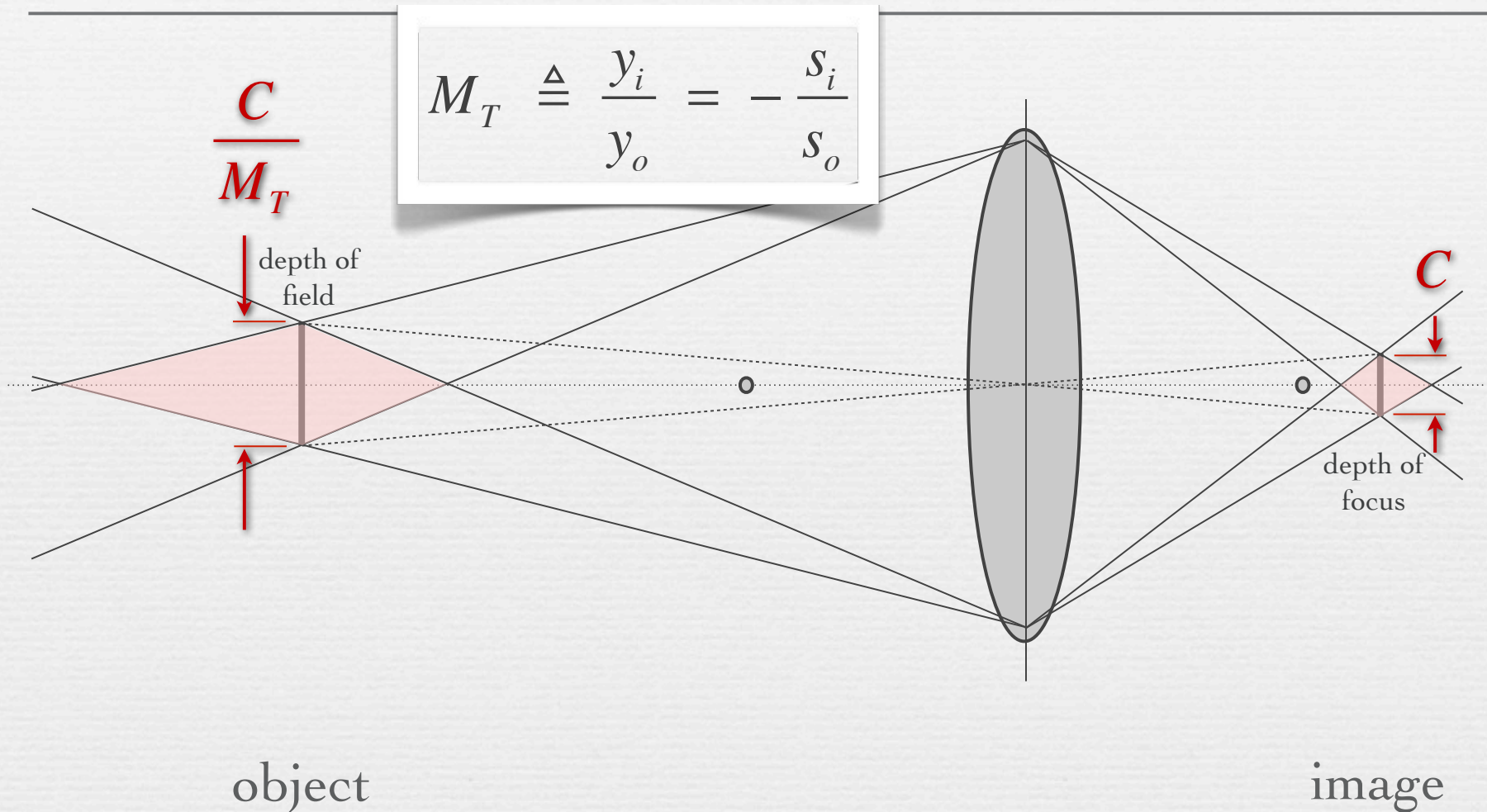
Circle of confusion (C)



the right way to talk about C is in terms of angle subtended in the eye; we'll cover this later in the course

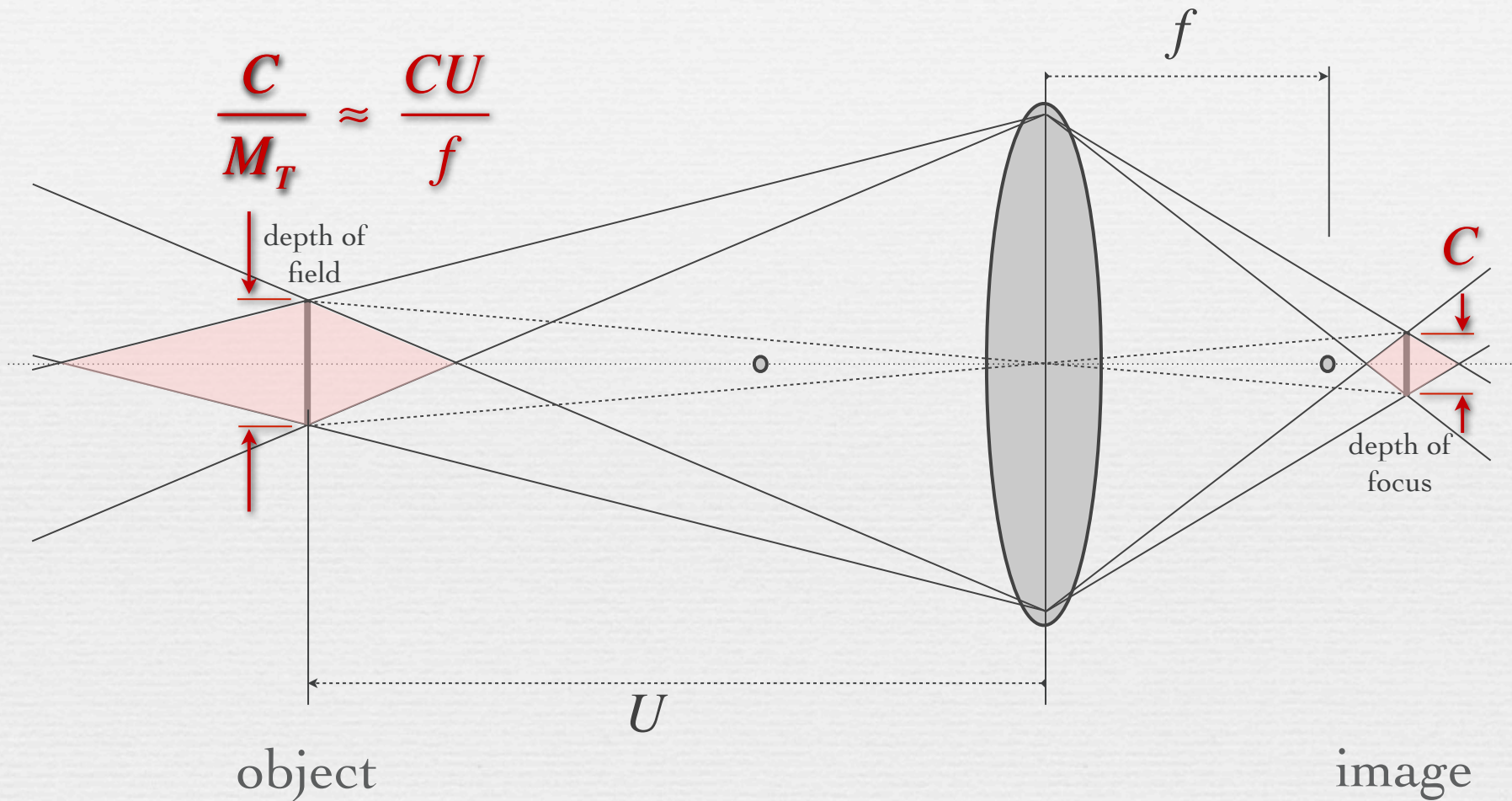
- ◆ C depends on sensing medium, reproduction medium, viewing distance, human vision, ...
 - for print from 35mm film, 0.02mm (on negative) is typical
 - for high-end SLR, 6 μ is typical (1 pixel)
 - larger if downsizing for web, or lens is poor

Depth of field formula



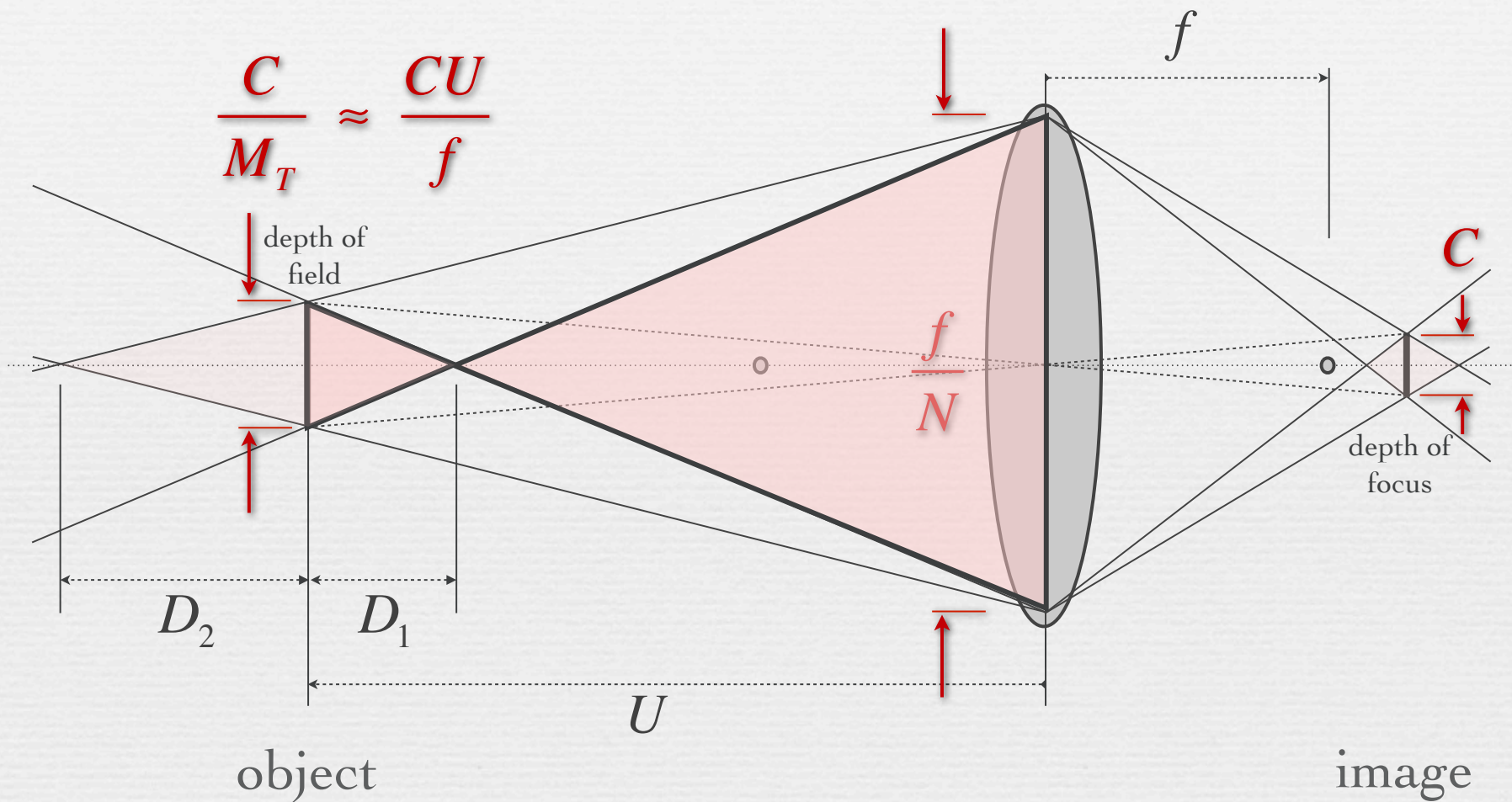
- ◆ DoF is asymmetrical around the in-focus object plane
- ◆ conjugate in object space is typically bigger than C

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Depth of field formula



$$\frac{C}{M_T} \approx \frac{CU}{f}$$

$$\frac{D_1}{CU / f} = \frac{U - D_1}{f / N} \quad \dots \quad D_1 = \frac{NCU^2}{f^2 + NCU} \quad D_2 = \frac{NCU^2}{f^2 - NCU}$$

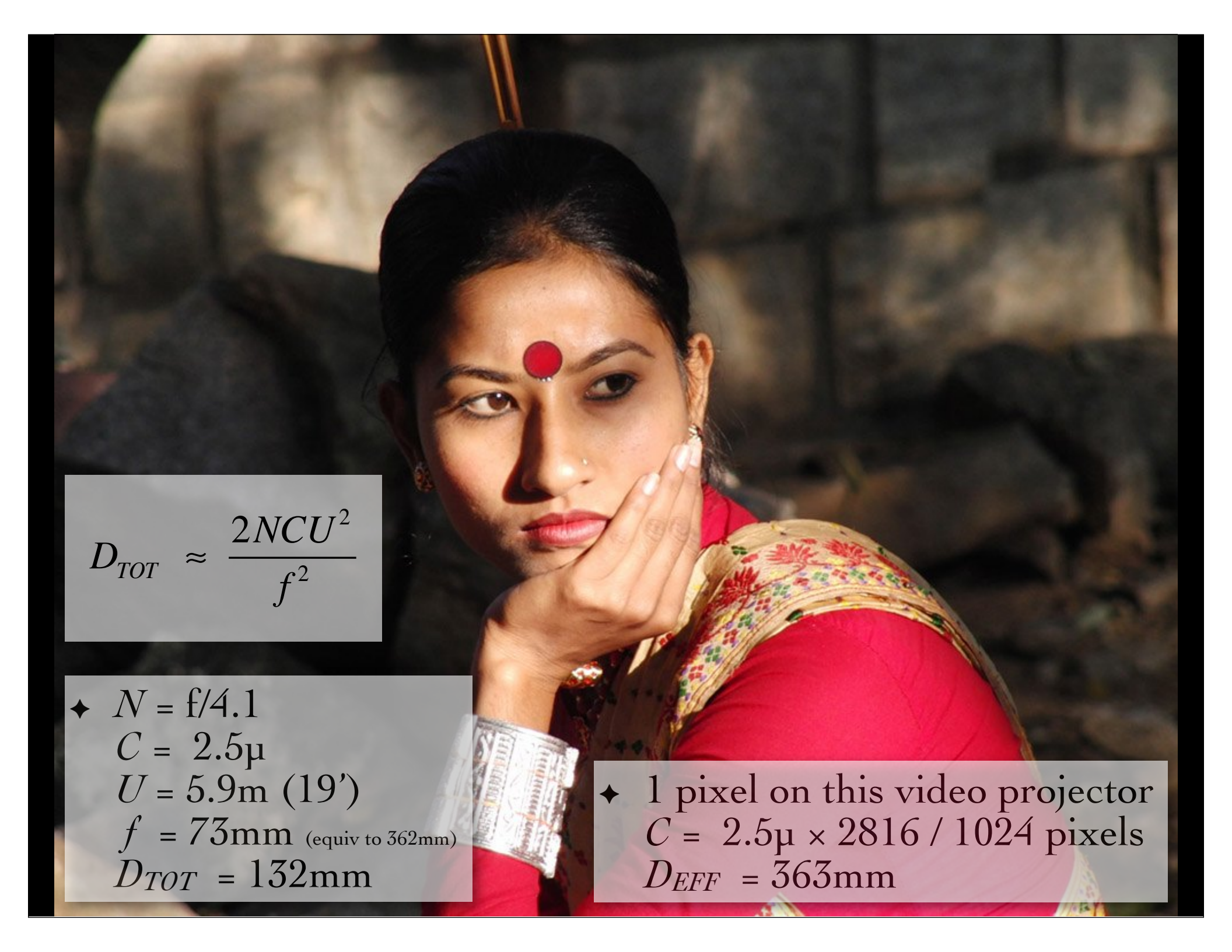
Depth of field formula

$$D_{TOT} = D_1 + D_2 = \frac{2NCU^2 f^2}{f^4 - N^2 C^2 U^2}$$

- ◆ $N^2 C^2 U^2$ can be ignored when conjugate of circle of confusion is small relative to the aperture

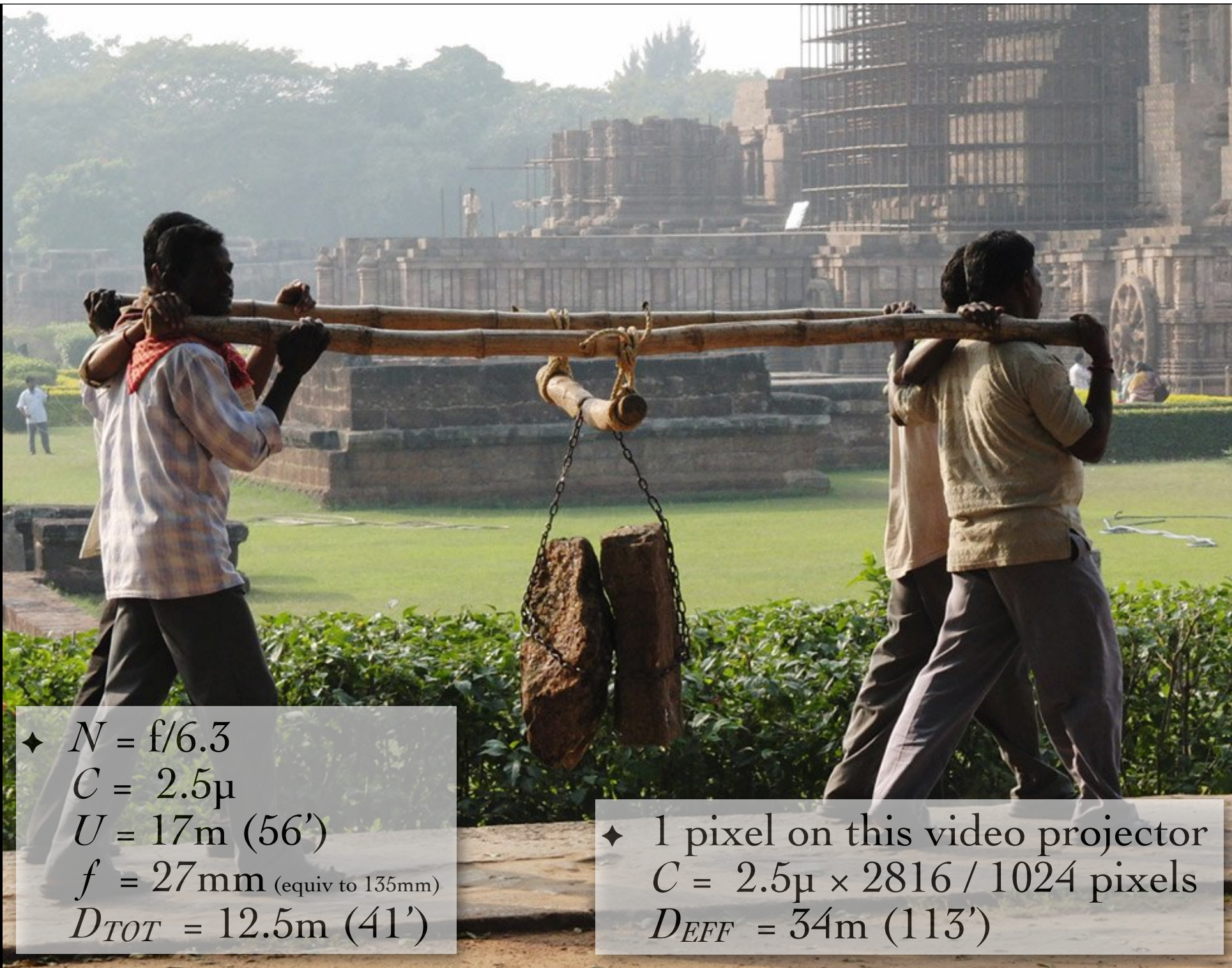
$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

- ◆ where
 - N is F-number of lens
 - C is circle of confusion (on image)
 - U is distance to in-focus plane (in object space)
 - f is focal length of lens


$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$


- ◆ $N = f/4.1$
- $C = 2.5\mu$
- $U = 5.9\text{m (19')}$
- $f = 73\text{mm (equiv to 362mm)}$
- $D_{TOT} = 132\text{mm}$

- ◆ 1 pixel on this video projector
 $C = 2.5\mu \times 2816 / 1024$ pixels
 $D_{EFF} = 363\text{mm}$



◆ $N = f/6.3$
 $C = 2.5\mu$
 $U = 17\text{m} (56')$
 $f = 27\text{mm}$ (equiv to 135mm)
 $D_{TOT} = 12.5\text{m} (41')$

◆ 1 pixel on this video projector
 $C = 2.5\mu \times 2816 / 1024$ pixels
 $D_{EFF} = 34\text{m} (113')$



◆ $N = f/5.6$
 $C = 6.4\mu$
 $U = 0.7\text{m}$
 $f = 105\text{mm}$
 $D_{TOT} = 3.2\text{mm}$

◆ 1 pixel on this video projector
 $C = 6.4\mu \times 5616 / 1024$ pixels
 $D_{EFF} = 17.5\text{mm}$



Canon MP-E
65mm 5:1 macro

◆ $N = f/2.8$
 $C = 6.4\mu$
 $U = 78\text{mm}$
 $f = 65\text{mm}$

(use $N' = (1+M_T)N$ at short conjugates ($M_T=5$ here)) = $f/16$

$D_{TOT} = 0.29\text{mm!}$



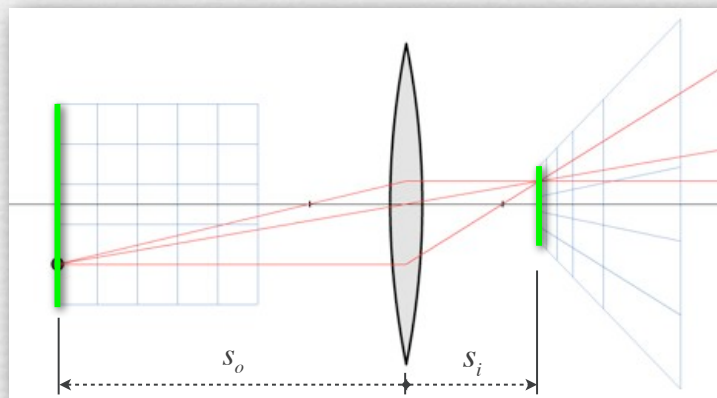
(Mikhail Shlemov)

Sidelight: macro lenses

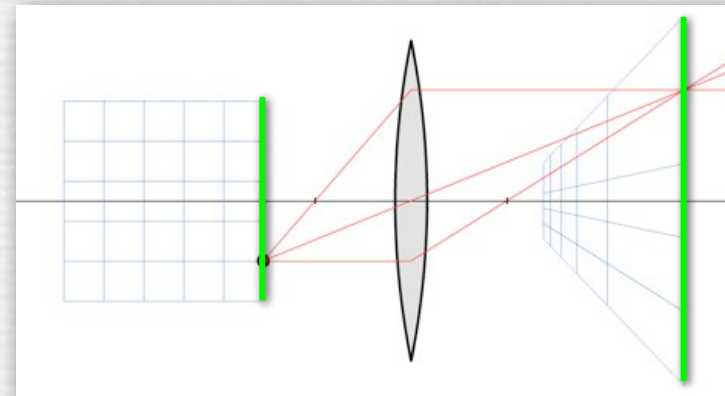
$$\frac{1}{s_o} + \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$



Q. How can the Casio EX-F1 at 73mm and the Canon MP-E 65mm macro, which have similar f 's, have such different focusing distances?



normal



macro

- ◆ A. Because macro lenses are built to allow long s_i
 - this changes s_o , which changes magnification $M_T \triangleq -s_i / s_o$
 - macro lenses are also well corrected for aberrations at short s_o

Extension tube: fits between camera and lens, converts a normal lens to a macro lens



- ◆ toilet paper tube, black construction paper, masking tape
- ◆ camera hack by Katie Dektar (CS 178, 2009)

Extension tubes versus close-up filters



Canon 25mm



Canon $f = 500\text{mm}$

- ◆ both allow closer focusing, hence greater magnification
- ◆ both degrade image quality relative to a macro lens
- ◆ extension tubes work best with wide-angle lenses; close-up filters work best with telephoto lenses
- ◆ extension tubes raise F-number, reducing light
- ◆ need different close-up filter for each lens filter diameter

Extension tubes versus close-up filters versus teleconverters



Canon 25mm



Canon $f = 500\text{mm}$



Nikon 1.4x

- ◆ a teleconverter fits between the camera and lens, like an extension tube
- ◆ they increase f , narrowing FOV & increasing magnification, but they don't change the focusing range
- ◆ like extension tubes, they raise F-number, reducing light, and they are awkward to add or remove
- ◆ see <http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/macro-extension-tubes-closeup.htm>

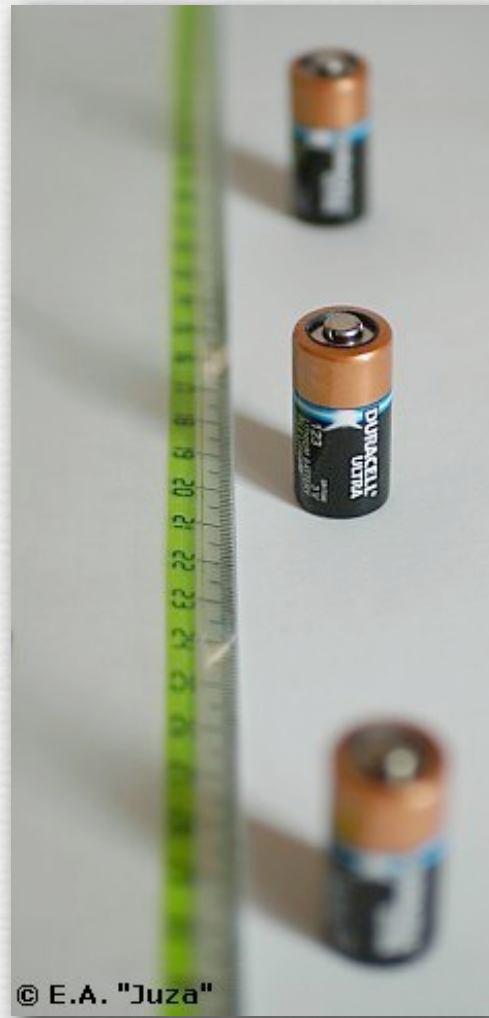
DoF is linear with F-number

(juzaphoto.com)

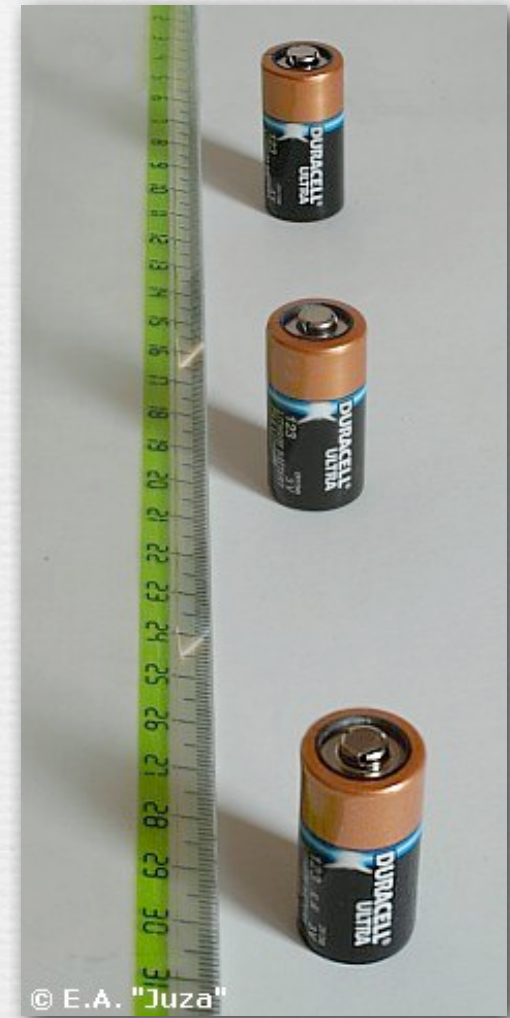
$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NcU^2}{f^2}$$

(FLASH DEMO)

<http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178/applets/dof.html>



f/2.8



f/32

DoF is quadratic with subject distance

$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

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Closer to subject



3 feet



Farther from subject



10 feet

(London)

Hyperfocal distance

- ◆ the back depth of field

$$D_2 = \frac{NCU^2}{f^2 - NCU}$$

- ◆ becomes infinite if

$$U \geq \frac{f^2}{NC} \triangleq H$$

- ◆ In that case, the front depth of field becomes

$$D_1 = \frac{NCU^2}{f^2 + NCU} = \frac{H}{2}$$

- ◆ so if I had focused at 32m, everything from 16m to infinity would be in focus on a video projector, including the men at 17m



- ◆ $N = f/6.3$
 $C = 2.5\mu \times 2816 / 1920$ pixels
 $U = 17\text{m}$ (56')
 $f = 27\text{mm}$ (equiv to 135mm)
 $D_{TOT} = 18.3\text{m}$ on HD projector
 $H = 31.6\text{m}$ (104')

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DoF is inverse quadratic with focal length

$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

(FLASH DEMO)

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Longer focal length

180mm



Shorter focal length

50mm



(London)

Q. Does sensor size affect DoF?

$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

- ◆ as sensor shrinks, lens focal length f typically shrinks to maintain a comparable field of view
- ◆ as sensor shrinks, pixel size C typically shrinks to maintain a comparable number of pixels in the image
- ◆ thus, depth of field D_{TOT} increases linearly with decreasing sensor size on consumer cameras
- ◆ this is why amateur cinematographers are drawn to SLRs
 - their chips are larger than even pro-level video camera chips
 - so they provide unprecedented control over depth of field



Vincent Laforet, Nocturne (2009)

Canon 1D Mark IV

DoF and the dolly-zoom

- ◆ if we zoom in (increase f) and stand further back (decrease U) by the same factor

$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

- ◆ depth of field stays the same, but background gets blurrier!
 - useful for macro when you can't get close enough

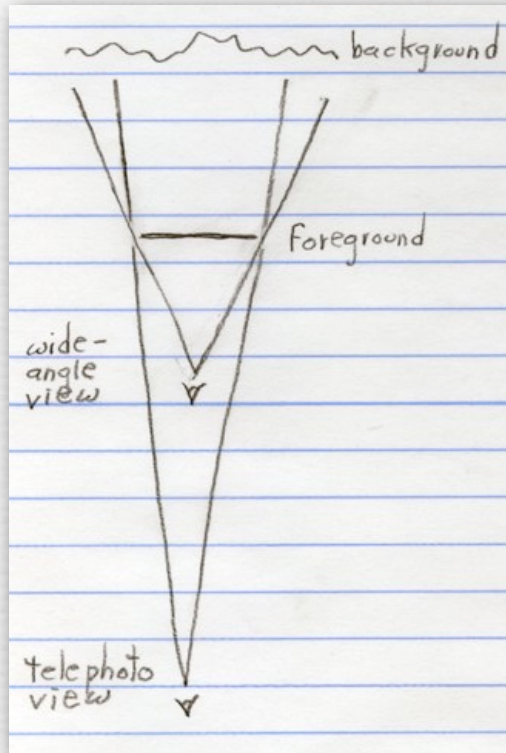


50mm f/4.8



200mm f/4.8,
moved back 4x from subject

Macro photography using a telephoto lens (contents of whiteboard)



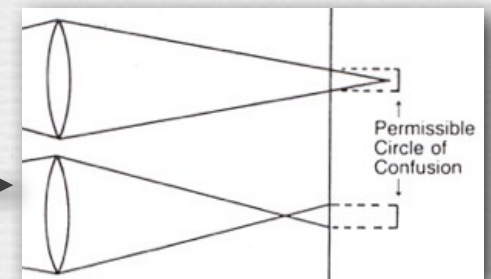
- ◆ changing from a wide-angle lens to a telephoto lens and stepping back, you can make a foreground object appear the same size in both lenses
- ◆ and both lenses will have the same depth of field on that object
- ◆ but the telephoto sees a smaller part of the background (which it blows up to fill the field of view), so the background will appear blurrier

Parting thoughts on DoF: the zen of *bokeh*



Canon 85mm
prime f/1.8 lens

- ◆ the appearance of small out-of-focus features in a photograph with shallow depth of field
 - determined by the boundary of the aperture
 - people get religious about it
 - but not every picture with shallow DoF has evident bokeh...





Natasha Gelfand (Canon 100mm f/2.8 prime macro lens)

Games with bokeh



- ◆ picture by Alice Che (CS 178, 2010)
 - heart-shaped mask in front of lens
 - subject was Christmas lights
 - photograph was misfocused and under-exposed

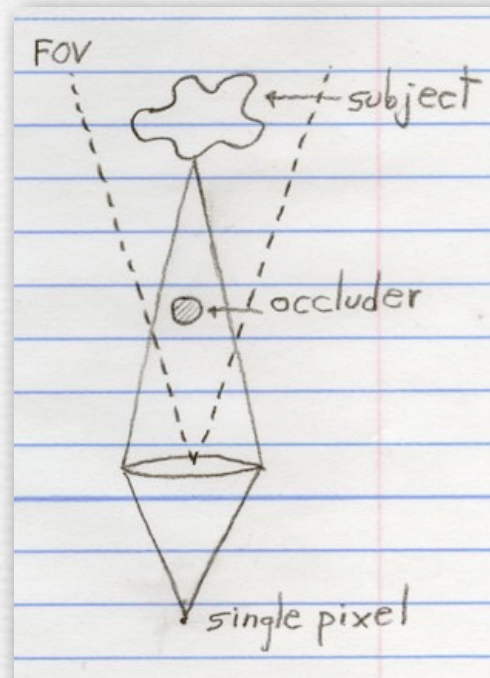
Parting thoughts on DoF: seeing through occlusions



(Fredo Durand)

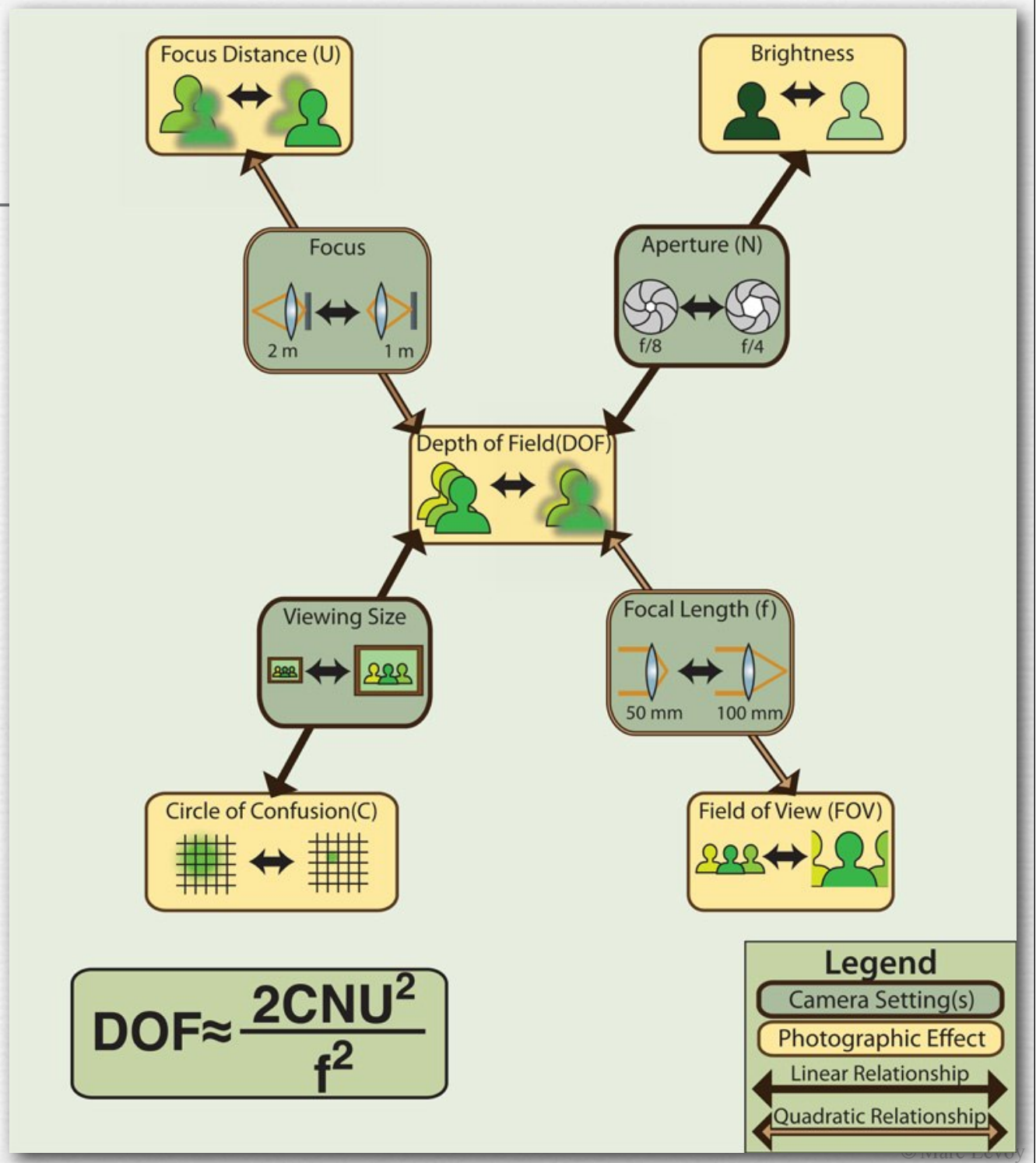
- ◆ depth of field is not a convolution of the image
 - i.e. not the same as blurring in Photoshop
 - DoF lets you eliminate occlusions, like a chain-link fence

Seeing through occlusions using a large aperture (contents of whiteboard)



- ◆ for a pixel focused on the subject, some of its rays will strike the occluder, but some will pass to the side of it, if the occluder is small enough
- ◆ the pixel will then be a mixture of the colors of the subject and occluder
- ◆ thus, the occluder reduces the contrast of your image of the subject, but it doesn't actually block your view of it

Tradeoffs affecting depth of field



Recap

- ◆ depth of field (D_{TOT}) is governed by circle of confusion (C), aperture size (N), subject distance (U), and focal length (f)

$$D_{TOT} \approx \frac{2NCU^2}{f^2}$$

- depth of field is linear in some terms and quadratic in others
 - if you focus at the hyperfocal distance $H = f^2 / NC$, everything from $H / 2$ to infinity will be in focus
 - depth of field increases linearly with decreasing sensor size
- ◆ useful sidelights
 - bokeh refers to the appearance of small out-of-focus features
 - you can take macro photographs using a telephoto lens
 - depth of field blur is not the same as blurring an image

Questions?